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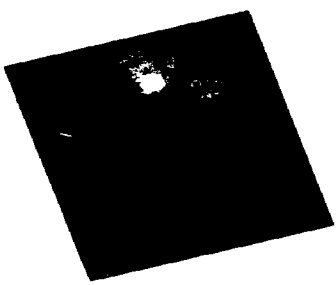
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Commission to meet here on Thursday

Community center, flood plains on county's agenda

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The agenda for a special meeting of the Lincoln County Commission in Ruidoso Thursday was expanded to cover two local issues — flood plain designations and the quest to build a county community center.

The special session, the first in more than a year in Ruidoso, will start at 1 p.m. in the Ruidoso Administrative Center on Cree Meadows Drive.

A third item, a request for an easement for utilities, or to purchase the tract consisting of about .73 of an acre, is scheduled as requested by Realtor Bill Pippin.

The community center issue placed on the agenda by Commission Leo Martinez deals with a request by a group formed to pursue the goal of a community center for the county to apply for a \$25,000 planning grant and to act as fiscal agent in administering the grant.

In his memorandum to the commission, county manager Tom Stewart wrote that to date, commissioners haven't favored pursuing a center with a swimming pool at county expense. Commissioner Earl Hobbs was appointed as the commission's representative on a task force charged with exploring the idea. During the group's Feb. 2 meeting in Ruidoso, members proposed asking for the planning grant from the Southeast New Mexico Economic

Development Council of Governments.

"Since the (commissioners) have not been in favor of the proposed financing of the project to date, is the county the appropriate entity to expend its resources on the planning grant?" Stewart asked.

Martinez said Thursday he expects a crowd to attend the special session which he pushed to be conducted in a location more convenient for those affected, instead of in the county seat of Carrizozo, about 35 miles northwest.

"It's in Ruidoso and these items deal with that area," he said. "There's no excuse for either group not to be there."

Although the village of Ruidoso already operates under rules approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that imposes restrictions on construction in flood plains and allows participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, areas around the village in unincorporated portions of the county are not regulated.

Insurance representatives have warned that lenders may not approve mortgages in flood plains without the FEMA ordinance, and the price of insurance through other avenues may become too expensive for most prospective homeowners.

Commissioners have indicated they don't want to be as restrictive as a model ordinance

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Jorge Meza digs into a pile of snow outside of Michelle's in midtown Ruidoso while Christie Larson answers a cell phone call. This is the first storm to deliver enough flakes to warrant the clearing effort. Thirteen inches fell at Ski Apache. Lower elevations recorded from 4 inches to 6 inches.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

SNOW DAY

Winter storm closes schools, thrills skiers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Ruidoso school classes were canceled Wednesday as 4 inches to 6 inches of snow fell overnight and waves of the white stuff continued to move through the village during the day.

No serious accidents were investigated by the Ruidoso Police Department or the New Mexico State Police, according to their dispatchers.

Officials at Ski Apache Resort operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe reported 15 inches fell on the mountain in 48 hours for a total of 23 inches of snow in one week.

As of Thursday, 54 of 55 trails were open for skiing and the midway depth registered 40 inches.

School classes were delayed for two hours Thursday morning as some roads remained icy after a night of freezing temperatures and a light dusting of snow.

Fort backers pleased in Santa Fe

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Governor Bill Richardson met Wednesday in Santa Fe with members of Lincoln County's Leadership Lincoln program. The governor, who devoted more than half an hour to the meeting, pleased Leadership program participants and directors with commitments to move forward with support for funding programs for Fort Stanton rehabilitation and the planned expansion of the Carrizozo Heritage Museum.

The governor also heard from Ruidoso school board member Susan Lutterman about the effort



Richardson

to build a community center in Lincoln County. According to Leadership board member Brad Treptow, the governor expressed an interest in supporting the center in some way. "He asked us to provide more detailed information about our plans," Treptow said, "and we'll provide that as soon as possible after we return to Lincoln County."

Tony Hoffman, president of Fort Stanton Inc., was not present at the Leadership group's meeting with the governor, but he said he was pleased to learn that the governor has at least expressed an interest in pushing for funding for some critical building repairs at Fort Stanton.

During his campaign for the governor's office, Richardson said he was supportive of preserving Fort Stanton and committed to forming a commis-

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County to Downs: Where's the ETZ

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Before the Lincoln County Commission appoints anyone else to the board governing the extraterritorial zone around Ruidoso Downs, commissioners want to be sure the zone exists.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs asked county attorney Alan Morel last month whether the county should take any action because it hasn't received the documents from the Ruidoso Downs City Council creating the one-mile zone around the city. Morel said bigger problems face the ETZ than the city's failure to present an ordinance in a timely fashion and its statutory construction.

"When they annexed this area (around the city), a lot of the area previously going to be part of the ETZ now is inside the city limits," Morel said. "So

there are a lot of problems to address, including if Ruidoso Downs even intends to continue with an ETZ board. We have to draw new maps showing the one mile zone from the new boundaries."

Hobbs said, "I thought about this quite a bit and it seems to me this whole ETZ thing is becoming very muddled. Before we start reappointing or appointing (ETZ Commission and ETZ Authority members), we need to re-establish that agreement with them and work out all these problems."

To create an ETZ with powers to enforce rules, the city and the county must agree, Morel said.

County manager Tom Stewart said he will invite Ruidoso Downs officials to the regular commission meeting Feb. 17 to discuss the issue.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he disagrees with the concept of the ETZ because residents

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TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Joyce Cardone, an employee of Imports Etc., stands in back of a sign posted outside the business and River's Edge Eatery on Sudderth Drive to let visitors know skiing conditions are great at Ski Apache. Owner Frank Potter said he heard some locals were downplaying ski conditions, but when people came to his shop who had tried the slopes, they raved about the good skiing. The day after the sign was put up, 8 inches of snow fell on the mountain.



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Cheerleaders suspended for 'code violations'

■ Meanwhile, the middle school has hired a campus liaison to "look for problem spots."

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An unknown number of Ruidoso High School cheerleaders are being suspended after interviews between the principal and their parents this week for athletic code violations recently.

"There were some student athlete cheerleaders who self-reported athletic code violations and we are meeting with

parents as we speak," said Paul Wirth, principal of the high school and acting superintendent of schools, on Tuesday.

Wirth refused to state the nature of the violations beyond saying, "They vary." The self-reporting occurred over the last few days, he said, and he has been talking to parents since Wednesday and expected to finish today.

In other school news, Ruidoso Middle School now has a campus liaison who will be "mobile and visible around campus, looking for problem spots and being a source of information from and to students," said Ron Bennett, principal.

Bennett said there had been a lot of

discussion throughout the year with former superintendent Gail Wickstrom and more recently with Wirth.

"Paul has felt it's been a great benefit to them at the high school and authorized me to hire someone and see how it would work over here," Bennett said. "We are set up on a trial basis now, that I hope to prove to be valuable and hope to be able to continue forever."

The high school has two campus liaisons to help monitor the parking lot, halls and lunchtime. The middle school liaison spent his first day on the job training with the high school's veteran liaisons.

Council may give SEAT plane a home

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposal to establish a single-engine wildfire tanker base at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport is on the agenda of the Ruidoso Village Council for discussion Tuesday.

The board meets at 6 p.m. in the council chambers of village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

The plane, owned by Aero Tech, has been parked at the municipal airport for a few weeks and was under contract last year to the state Forestry Division and the village to help during the fire season.

Under the consent agenda, which is approved without discussion unless pulled by a council member, is a proposed award to the Ruidoso Regional

Council for the Arts Inc. for professional services covering advertising, promotion and marketing of Tourism Through the Development of Fine Arts Programs in the village.

Reports are scheduled on water phases, the Community Forest Management Plan, the Neighborhood Fire Smart Program and on the village's Comprehensive Plan.

A public hearing is set on an ordinance amendment dealing with compulsory school attendance. Regular items cover adoption of a resolution in support of the Lincoln County Community-Based Juvenile Justice Continuum of Services and Sanctions grant application and the base at the airport for the fire fighting plane by Ted Stallings of Aero Tech.

GOVERNOR: Support for area projects pledged

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sion to study the facility's needs and planning for its future. "He has followed through thus far on that commitment," Treptow said Thursday.

During the meeting with his guests from Lincoln County, Richardson heard of Senate Capital Outlay Request 827, requested by Rod Adair. In the brief request, Adair asks that funding be provided from the capital program fund in the amount of "\$517,500 for stabilization, repair and improvement of buildings at Fort Stanton in Lincoln county; \$232,500 for renovation to the

museum and visitors center at Fort Stanton in Lincoln county; and \$26,000 for improvements to the restrooms at Fort Stanton in Lincoln county."

Richardson then asked an aide to check into what had actually been pledged by the state thus far. When told that amount was about \$100,000, he said of the full \$517,500 requested for building improvement, "We need to do that," and told the group he would try to push that support through.

Hoffman noted the governor has the ability to allocate on his own one-third of the state's discretionary capital funds, and said he hopes that if the

\$517,500 indeed comes from those funds, that the house and senate — each of which can also spend a third of those dollars — would follow suit and perhaps split the \$258,500 to support the museum renovation and restroom improvements as set forth in Adair's request.

According to Treptow, the governor also said he'd look at water and sewer infrastructure for both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. "He said, 'we really need to focus on that,'" Treptow said.

According to Treptow, the governor said he would provide the Carrizozo Heritage Museum with \$17,500 with which the museum plans to expand into a

neighboring building.

Leadership Lincoln, now in its second year, is a volunteer-driven program that, according to its web site, "has been established to promote the awareness and knowledge of present and future leaders of this region. The purpose of Leadership Lincoln is to identify and motivate emerging leaders and to develop their potential for community leadership by exposing them to the realities, problems and opportunities of this region."

For more information about Leadership Lincoln, call chairman Greg Cory at 257-1240.

Calls to Richardson's office for comment were not returned.

MEETING: FEMA insurance on agenda

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previously reviewed would dictate, and have asked the county attorney to come up with a simpler proposal that is less intrusive. The attorney told the board that FEMA officials may not approve anything less than he has presented previously.

During a county commission meeting last month, Jon Crunk, an All State Insurance agent, asked that he be allowed to invite some experts from the counties of Chaves and Otero to provide information about the issue. He takes no position, but has seen firsthand how the lack of participation mandated by the state and by presidential executive order prevented a worker in his office from obtaining financing for a home. He's not personally affected because although he lives along the river, his land is inside the village and he has insurance coverage, Crunk said.

"I can bring the experts here and let you ask them the questions...not deal (with the issue) based on unfounded facts," Crunk said. "They can tell you how it affected their counties and then

you make your decision based on that information."

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll, who opposes participation, said opinions on either side are just that. Facts are needed.

Greg Cory, president State National Bank in Ruidoso, said he too takes no official position on the issue.

"But from my perspective, I have seen that an inability to get flood insurance does impede a citizen's right to get financing," he said. "Although we will look at it on a case by case basis, our mortgage division is unable to get loans for property in flood areas unless they have flood insurance. That's my interest in the issue."

County attorney Alan Morel said by the special meeting, he will have reviewed Ruidoso's ordinance to see how it might fit the county.

Commissioner Maury St. John said, "I think we all realize we must do something because it's mandated."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson added, "We just keep hoping to find something to fix it."

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Emergency manager details ways to fix problems outage caused

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Several glitches in Lincoln County's ability to provide emergency services and information to its residents surfaced in December during a power outage that lasted six hours or more for many locals and visitors.

"Although the recent outage did not result in any loss of life or damage to property, it did cause significant disruption of public activities, initiated great concern and impacted the delivery of public safety services," county emergency services coordinator Bill Martin observed in a recent report on the black-out caused by the failure of relays feeding the only transmission line from Alamogordo to Ruidoso.

"Had this outage occurred at night during fire season or in the midst of a severe winter storm, public safety would have been in jeopardy," he said.

Beyond the threat to local residents, many tourists were affected, as were

the hotels and restaurants they frequented.

"With hotels and restaurants dark, these visitors had nothing better to do than get in their vehicles and either cruise the streets or leave the county altogether, impacting the economy," Martin said.

He noted that:

- None of the local radio stations, including the newly activated community station, were on air during the outage because they lacked generators.

- Had there been an actual large scale emergency during the power outage, the county would have had no immediate method of disseminating official news and information to the public," Martin wrote in the report. "This should cause great concern and local government needs to become more involved in the ability to disseminate emergency warnings and information. Relying on private enterprise to make unsupported assertions regarding public safety issues poses significant risks."

- The village of Ruidoso activated a digital telephonic warning system, but no calls went out because the system requires power. The auxiliary generator at the Police Department was not tied into the alert system, which surprised everyone when they

found out after the event, Martin said.

- Because of the lack of auxiliary power, neither the county nor any of its municipal emergency operations centers could have been activated during the outage, Martin said. The office was forced to remain mobile and to rely upon the sheriff's dispatch to relay information.

- For a while, Ruidoso police dispatchers were forced to communicate with their field units using a hand-held portable radio while standing outside in some of the coldest weather of the year.

- The Ruidoso Downs radio repeater system went down because the new tower did not have battery back-up. Several county repeaters rely on battery backup, which is limited and may fail during critical communication, he wrote.

- With no power, fuel pumps didn't work and emergency vehicles resorted to driving to the airport to refuel. The public was out of luck, although officials at the Mescalero Apache Travel Center officials say pumps there on U.S. 70 now have back-up power. Drivers of county vehicles faced a similar problem. The Road Department has tanks available, but the ability to access those tanks is not properly coordinated, Martin said. Significant delays could result.

- Many homes rely on commercial electricity to power furnaces and other necessary appliances.
- The ability of local government to

advise the public on shelter sites poses a real concern, he said. Although a temporary shelter was opened at Gateway Church of Christ, the ability to open other shelter facilities remained in question. Without auxiliary generators, the American Red Cross cannot operate a shelter, Martin stated.

- Throughout the evening, Martin monitored situations of individuals on oxygen or other powered medical devices in homes without electricity. No centralized database exists to identify everyone who might require assistance, but oxygen supply companies' officials, home health workers, the sheriff and fire departments have a general understanding of who has special needs, he said. Local power company officials said last month that they maintain a list of electricity-powered, life-sustaining devices in their service areas.

Similar problems will arise in future outages unless specific steps are initiated. Some steps already underway and others to be initiated by Martin include:

- Meeting with local power company and radio station officials to determine why communication failed and to focus on correcting the shortcomings in interagency coordination and ensuring information reaches the public.
- Working with all county public safety

agencies to develop protocols to obtain fuel during commercial power outages and to compile a list of sources.

- Working with the Red Cross to enhance its capability to manage multiple shelters during emergencies. The emphasis usually is on Ruidoso, leaving the rest of the county without a suitable facility, Martin contended.

- Working with the Sheriff's office and emergency 911 coordinator to develop a centralized database of individuals who require special assistance during power outages and other emergencies.

- Establishing an information line for people to call during emergencies that provides recorded directions and instructions.

- Coordinating with Ruidoso officials to find a grant to buy auxiliary generators for critical facilities such as radio stations, selected gas stations and government facilities.

- Developing and circulating an emergency preparedness brochure for residents and visitors to guide them to local resources during extended power outages.

- Developing recommendations for the county commission, possibly to be presented last this month, to strengthen the county's capacity to function during power outages, especially to operate the emergency operations center.

- Preparing all suitable county facilities to receive evacuees during an emergency.

Capitan plans party to mark Smokey Bear's 60th birthday

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The celebration of Smokey Bear's 60th year as a symbol of forest fire prevention is set for May 7-9 in Capitan.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the village of Capitan, the New Mexico State Forestry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are sponsoring the event.

The theme of wildfire prevention will provide the focus for activities planned for children and adults, kicking off at 7 p.m., May 7, (a Friday) with a free street dance and music by the Longhorn Dance Band. The fun will wind down at 11 p.m.

At 10 a.m., May 8, activities will start with an antique and custom car show, and will build with an arts and crafts market place, chainsaw bear carving competition, horseshoe tournament and a chuck wagon demonstration by the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Plenty of Smokey Bear memorabilia will be displayed by the "Hotfoot Teddy" Collector's Association

Memorabilia Exhibition. Local bands will perform at Smokey Bear Historical Park throughout the day.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., two plays featuring Smokey Bear and a rendition of the history of Capitan and Smokey will be presented at Capitan High School. Donna's Dancers also will perform. Street activities will close down about 5 p.m. All of the activities are free.

At 7 p.m., May 8, Jim Raby and The Desert Stars from Alpine, Texas, will open a concert at Tiger Stadium for the multi-award winning country and western group, Highway 101. Admission is \$25. Bring folding chairs or sit in the bleachers. Tickets are being sold at the chamber or through the Web site.

The menu of events for May 9 will mirror the previous day minus the concert. Food and drink vendors will be selling their good May 8 and May 9.

For more information about the concert or other events, contact the chamber of commerce at (505) 354-2273, at 433 W. Smokey Bear Boulevard, or visit the Web site at www.villageofcapitan.com.

ETZ: Annexation may have changed plans

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there live in the county and have no vote on city officials, yet must abide by the rules imposed by city/county agreement.

Commissioner Maury St. John concurred, saying she didn't like the county giving up jurisdiction in the zone.

Although both ETZ boards

would contain representatives from the county, the administration of the zone would be handled by the city, if the Ruidoso model is followed.

"I'd rather see them annex the whole area," Martinez said. "This way they (zone residents) have nothing."


Morel said at this point, no agreement between the county

and the city exists.

"They started the process," he said. "Until they submit an ordinance, there's nothing. If they are not going to go forward, they should let us know now" to beat the two-year time limit governing the ETZ creation under state law. "Everything changed with the annexation."

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OUR OPINION

County Democrats ride with the front runner

Will that enthusiasm hold fast until November?

Lincoln County's Democrats, 15 percent of those registered, participated in the state's first party caucus on Tuesday, going strongly with front-runner Sen. John Kerry, as did the state's Democrats.

Kerry's 289 votes took out the second-place finisher, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, big-time, by 174 votes. Trailing even farther was Sen. John Edwards' 81.

The county's percentage matched the statewide vote, a turnout that thrilled Gov. Bill Richardson, who said on caucus night that it was 50 percent better than expected.

He now sees New Mexico as

a "battleground state" in the general election, because of its high Hispanic population (more than 40 percent), and the effort of both parties to influence that growing minority's vote. (Our governor, by the way, will be the first Hispanic to chair a national party convention.)

The early selection vote was a plus for New Mexico, everybody seems to think — but it is far removed in time from the general election.

The question is whether the enthusiasm of those emboldened party members will carry over to the big dance in November, whoever the candidate.

Fort Stanton supporters make their pitch in Santa Fe

Fort Stanton had its day in Santa Fe on Jan. 28, which was "Culture Day" in the capitol rotunda.

Tony Hoffman and a blue-sweatshirt-clad band of Fort Stanton supporters — about 10-strong — were on hand to hand out brochures about the fort and to answer questions.

The deal, of course, was to plug an appropriations request to the Legislature to keep historic old Fort Stanton alive, productive and economically viable for Lincoln County and all of New Mexico.

Maury St. John, a county commissioner and a Fort Stanton Development Commission member, said the result was worth the trip. "We were able to talk to a lot of legislators, and found them receptive. John Underwood, the village's lobbyist, is fighting for the capitol outlay bill with money in it for fort renovation and roof repair. Some operating funds are in a separate Cultural Affairs budget to operate the commission," she said.

Tony Hoffman, who heads Fort Stanton Inc., the non-profit operator of a small museum at the fort, led the blue-sweatshirt brigade — but his wife, Nisha, the secretary for the development commission, chose to go to the capitol in period attire from the 1860s.

That resulted in an invitation from Sen. Rod Adair, who will be representing Lincoln County after the general election, to be introduced on the Senate floor — which she was — and another opportunity to make a pitch on behalf of the fort.

During the long day in the Round House, Fort Stanton supporters were able to talk with any number of House and Senate members, and development commission members Dave Simon, who heads the State Park Department, and Katherine Slick, the historic preservation officer in the Cultural Affairs division, as well as John Garcia, who heads state veterans affairs, and one who is interested in the nearby

Merchant Marine and Veterans Cemetery, now under state control. St. John said he is focusing on ways to enlarge the cemetery.

The current Legislature will adjourn on Feb. 19, assuming the governor doesn't call an immediate special session; there's a lot on the governor's plate right now.

And there are indications from his office that he's interested in seeing the money for Fort Stanton reach his desk, according to one of his staffers, who acknowledged he couldn't speak for the governor, but...

The commission and Fort Stanton Inc. now is fine-tuning the appropriations request, trying to rank the order of roof repair on those stately buildings surrounding that great parade ground where the Buffalo Soldiers once marched.

Initially, the commission sought almost \$1 million for the project. Right now, they're waiting for what the Legislature will approve.

Presumably, it will be something.

Maury St. John thinks the long day in Santa Fe was valuable indeed, and she's optimistic that something useful, with shades of green, will result.

"Everyone we spoke to was interested in doing what they could to save the fort," she said.

LETTERS POLICY

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

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YOUR OPINION

Start teaching kids about money, please!

To the editor:

I'm having a passion attack at the moment. I've just hit the world Wide Web, something I try to avoid because I'm a mom with an active family. www.cashuniversity.com is the site I needed to read more about. My story is crazy.

For a few weeks, I'd been trying to reach a man on his cell phone. I was given his name by a Ruidoso bank as someone who would be enthusiastic for my (newest) cause: Teaching kids about this money. This man kindly gave me the name of a bank president who could better help me. Tom Rigsby of First Federal Bank agreed to join me as a guest speaker in my daughter's fifth grade class in Capitán.

An hour before I was to meet Mr. Rigsby for our session in school, I dashed into the LCMC Auxiliary Thrift Store (because I'm passionate about thrifting!) As I was heading out the door with my \$5 purchase, I glanced high on a shelf to find an unopened game box. Title: Cash University — Money Management for Kids. I've gotta have it! Price, 25 cents. The game box included a cassette tape for parents. I plugged it into my car tape player as I headed for Capitán.

I pinned dollar bills over my overalls and met Mr. Rigsby at school. Our mission: Simple banking and money management. Some of our key words? Allowance, earnings, teller, account, denomination, consumer. And, of course, synonyms for money: Dough, cash, moolah. Children know there's a direct correlation between money and stuff.

The children were excited to be talking about a subject that is often difficult for adults to talk about. I know you'll agree with me that our country is in huge financial trouble, with a \$5.3 trillion consumer debt. Seems to me if we introduce our young people to money concepts, not to mention important life skills, we could decrease this trillions of dollars debt of ours. Think about it — trillions!

As fifth graders, it's hard to see the future. But if we can teach them to earn money by working, and save money to attain a goal (a bike, a pony, a snowboard), we will be doing them a huge favor. We're talking real-life economics, and the game I found and bought for a quarter deals with investing your allowance.

Do we need a stock broker action figure on the market, who offers a variety of mutual funds to entice kids? I think the subject of earning, buying, saving, needs to be discussed between parents and their kids, and early. Or call me. I'd be glad to be a guest speaker for your school kids.

Cheryl Sullivan
Lincoln

One of the good people

To the editor:

In my 21-year residency here, you

would think that nothing would surprise me. Today, the "Opinion" of the Ruidoso News has certainly done so. During my 10 years of solid proven community service work, I know first hand the struggles these groups and boards I have proudly served on, have to maintain active, constant, and reliable volunteer participation.

I do agree that voter apathy in Ruidoso is in a downward spiral, but as a supposed "voice" in Ruidoso, it is perhaps negligent on your part to criticize rather than encourage the behavior that could possibly make a difference in changing it. Further, how responsible is it of you to diminish those of us who actually did decide to run for public office? Will that further discourage others in the future who might take an interest to run for public office? I would think it would certainly have weight in their decision to serve.

Just as each of the candidates, including myself, have earned the fundamental right to vote, each resident in the Village of Ruidoso have also earned the same right to choose, whether they have a large or small group to choose from is irrelevant. I further encourage all residents to offer to serve in some way their community, for I firmly believe that one person can certainly make a difference, no matter what path they choose to take.

Angel C. Shaw
Ruidoso

With gratitude

To the editor:

In regard to the passing of Doyle Howell, we send our most sincere gratitude to family and friends sharing their support.

We are touched and humbled by your heart-felt expressions of caring and love.

Rachel and Gordon Howell
Ruidoso Downs

A Valentine ditty

To the editor:

Here's a romantic little ditty for Valentine's Day:

*She sat on the bridge in the moonlight,
Tickling his cheeks with her toes;
For she was a lady mosquito
And the bridge was the bridge of his nose.*

John Brinkman
Ruidoso

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Open Meetings

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

All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings ...

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

STREET TALK

QUESTION: What is the most pressing issue facing the United States?



"Declining moral fiber in our country reflected in the politics and everyday life of our families and children."

Barbara Morgan
Ruidoso



"The economy. I don't have as much money as I had before Bush."

Jim Mauritsen
Ruidoso



"To complete the Iraq War with respect for all countries and to get the Axis of Evil to capitulate."

Rollo Hinkle
Ruidoso

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Changes abound at two local banks

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

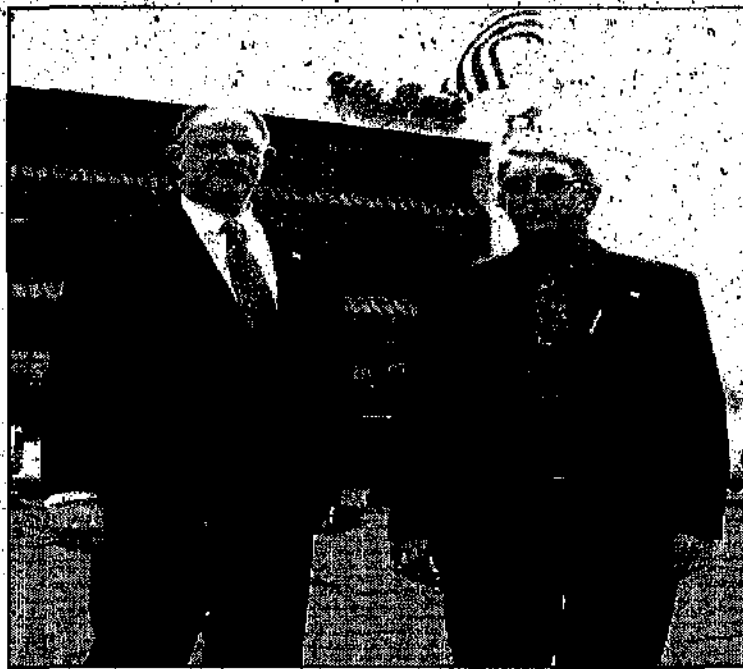
Snow began falling late Tuesday in Ruidoso. Along with the change in the weather came changes at two of the community's banks.

On Tuesday, David Wiberg left First National Bank, where he had served as president and where he'd worked for the past decade. Along with Wiberg went Lane Adams, Jessie Parks and Jana Lewis. The four former First National bankers begin work Monday, Feb. 9 at City Bank New Mexico in Ruidoso.

"Today we have 16 employees," said City Bank President and CEO Carl Bartley on Thursday. "As of Monday, we'll have 20."

"Carl gave us an opportunity we couldn't pass on," Wiberg said when asked what was behind the sudden change. "This company is forward-looking and very proactive. We're a strong, community-based organization. The four of us are really excited to join this team."

Wiberg will become branch president of a new City Bank branch, planned for construction on a lot just east of the Allsup's on



David Wiberg, left, and Carl Bartley are planning the opening of a new City Bank New Mexico branch in Ruidoso. Wiberg and three others left First National Bank in Ruidoso this week for new positions at City Bank.

Sudderth at Mesalero Trail. The new branch will employ between 10 and 12 people and will be about 9,500 square feet in size. Bartley says he expects the new branch to be open by the end of the year.



Miller

For its part, First National Bank says it will continue on with business uninterrupted.

"Right now I'm the president of the bank," said Vink Miller on Thursday. "We're going to continue on with the same commitment to service that we've had in the past."

Miller had worked for First National Bank in Alamogordo, the holding company that owns First National Bank in Ruidoso, before accepting the appointment as president here in Ruidoso this week.

"The way I see it, it doesn't really affect our bank," Miller said. "The people that really did the work are still here. We're still a locally owned bank. We still have the same people and systems in place that we've had in the past." Miller added he welcomes First National Bank customers to visit him to discuss the bank's products and services.

Bartley, who also serves as chief of the Bonito Fire Department, said City Bank is the only state-chartered independent bank in Lincoln County. City Bank's parent company is South Plains Financial Inc., based in Lubbock, Texas.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Controlled burn

A controlled burn was scheduled to start Thursday and continue today on Cedar Creek Road behind the picnic area.

The wild fire fuel reduction project will concentrate on slash piled from previous thinning work. The burn will be conducted only if conditions are favorable.

For more information, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District at (505) 257-4095 or the Lincoln National Forest dispatch at 877-695-1663.

Woman's Club meeting

Nisha Hoffman, who is active in preservation efforts at historic Fort Stanton, will speak about Susan McSweeney, New Mexico Cattle Queen, during the meeting Feb. 11 at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club.

The session begins at 1:30

p.m. at the clubhouse on Evergreen Street. The public is invited.

Alto group head named

Bill Doyle will head the Alto Lakes Property Owners Association for the next year.

He was elected along with vice president Denton DeWitt, treasurer Paula Allen, and secretary Beverly Reynolds.

New board members are Loretta Barrington, John Morton and Pat Reeves. The three-year terms of two board members, Ernie Rettig and Fred Hansen, expired.

Dave Dawson from the New Mexico Transportation Department and Allen Briley, senior engineer for WW Construction, briefed association members at the quarterly meeting about the State Route 48 construction project from Ski Run Road to the turnoff to Nogal.

PRC board should be elected, member says

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A proposal to make members of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission governor appointees is facing opposition from incumbent regulators.

E. Shirley Baca, one of five district NMPRC commissioners who represents most of Lincoln and Otero Counties, was in Ruidoso Tuesday to lobby against a Governor Richardson-backed initiative circulating in the state legislature.

"Currently public regulation commissioners are elected by districts for staggered terms and for the maximum amount of two four-year terms, so we're term-limited," Baca said. "The initiative in the legislature is to allow the governor to appoint commissioners. There's different variations of it, but the bottom line is do you, the public, do you the elec-

torate want to be able to vote for your commissioner or do you want that commissioner appointed by the governor?"

Baca says the electoral process helps keep special interests out of NMPRC decision-making.

"There is research done by the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners that show that in states where the governor appoints the regulator that often that regulator is from the very industries that we regulate or that it's an individual that has been a very large contributor to the governor's campaign."

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission was created in 1996 and merged the functions of the former Public Utility Commission and the State Corporation Commission. It regulates industries such as utilities, transportation, insurance and fire investigation.

"We regulate most often

monopolies," Baca said, "so the public has to decide if the regulator is accessible to (them) or do they have to go through the governor when they have an issue regarding a rate increase or the quality of services that they're receiving?"

"It's important for us to balance the decisions we make. Our loyalties are to everyone. We don't want our companies to go under. We want them to be able to provide quality service and improve their technology, but we have to balance the costs of those improvements with the realistic pocketbook of the consumer."

"So we have a tendency to bring everybody to the table, and have all the stakeholders and the regulators and the consumers and companies work out comparable decisions when it comes to making rules."

Several bills that would give appointee powers to the governor have been heard in Santa Fe. "They are already

going through committees," Baca said. "It seems as if there's a mixed feeling among legislators. Some think it's a good idea to let the governor appoint regulators; most think it's a good idea to maintain a democracy and to maintain the right to vote for commissioners."

Those wishing to voice their opinion on this issue can contact state representatives or the governor. For either branch of the legislature, email house@state.nm.us or senate@state.nm.us, or call the legislative switchboard at (505) 986-4600.

The governor's office can be reached at (505) 827-3000.

Reward offered in horse shooting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sharon Condon was seeing red Monday, remembering the blood from a neck wound she found on her horse Saturday.

The Bonito Lake Road resident, who's son is a local police officer, is offering a reward for information leading to the conviction of the person who shot Mercy May with a pellet gun either sometime last Friday afternoon or early Saturday.

"This wasn't a hunting accident," she said

Monday. "Someone deliberately shot her with a pellet gun. It could have taken out her eye or hit an artery."

Mercy May is a 2 1/2 year old Appaloosa/Grullia Dunn cross. She was in her corral just off Bonito Lake Road when the incident occurred.

"We were in the corral Saturday and I noticed something shiny in her neck," Condon said. "I dug it out and it left a hole. This is not petty to me. I filed a report with the (Lincoln County) Sheriff's Office and CrimeStoppers is offering a \$200 reward."

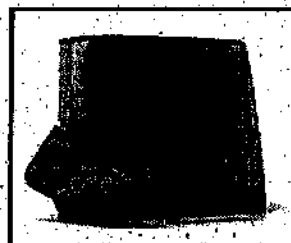
Mercy May is recovering from her wound.

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Growth spells opportunity

Lincoln County is the second-fastest growing county with respect to percent changes in population in New Mexico. That statistic comes from the Dec. 12-18, 2003, issue of the New Mexico Business Weekly magazine. Lincoln County had almost 59 percent growth from the 1990 to 2000 census studies. Torrance County is first with just over 64 percent and Valencia County is third with just over 46 percent.



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

As a business owner or manager, this is incredible news. This means there are more customers to attract to your business with superb customer service, rather than losing them to your competitors.

It also means that there are growth opportunities in your business whether in product/service lines or physical store expansion to additional locations. Finally, it means there is an opportunity to start a business that meets a need currently not being met. Any or all of these opportunities should be sought after with the assistance of expert resources such as Gene Simmons with the Small Business Development Center in Roswell.

The addition of the center's incubator program allows use of resources while any business is meeting that challenge. This includes all services offered by the center, including building space, meeting rooms, utilities, bulk mailing, receptionist services, telephone system access, building maintenance, use of office equipment, janitorial services and use of a full business resource library.

The center also offers information on financing options available for any occasion, start up, or expansion. Their assistance with the documentation of a business plan is available as well. That, of course, helps guide the business as well as providing information for lenders to make any decisions necessary regarding financing.

The bottom line is that as a business owner or manager, you must take advantage of the growth Lincoln County is experiencing to expand your business. Satisfying your customers is the quickest way to do just that.

Next week's column: "Healthcare options for employers."

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

BITTERSWEET OPENING



DAVE PRICE/STAFF

Ruidoso's Cornerstone Bakery played host to the opening of an exhibit of Herb Brunell's photographs on Thursday evening, Feb. 5. The sizable crowd was pleased for Brunell, a founding member of the Lincoln County Photographic Society, yet saddened to learn that the bakery plans to close Monday, Feb. 9. Brunell said the exhibit will be moved to Brunell's department store in midtown Ruidoso after the bakery closes. Brunell is pictured here with Pat Ward. The two were joking about who had lived in Lincoln County longer — both have lived in the area since the early 1960s. Ward's daughter, Sawyer, is standing in the background, on the left.

No sign above roof line, says P&Z

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Cipriano Ramirez drew a sketch of the sign he intended to put on his building before asking for a permit. But Tuesday, members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission told the business owner his rendition failed to show key elements of the positioning.

They denied his request for a variance to allow him to leave the sign on top of Dayz Gone Bye Music at 925 B Sudderth Drive near South Hickory Road.

Ramirez explained that the view of his business is blocked from the road by trees and the double-sided sign on the roof is needed to allow potential customers see his location.

The property is zoned commercial and covers slightly less than a quarter of an acre.

But municipal planner Darrell Bremner pointed out in his report that signs extending above the roof line of a building are prohibited, except on approval by the planning commission. Angle irons or similar supports also must not be visible from the public right of way, he wrote.

Ramirez said there was some discussion of a problem when he took out the permit, but no one followed up to tell him he couldn't put up the sign. After the work was completed, he received a notice on his door in December notifying him he was in violation of village rules, he told commissioners.

Bremner said he couldn't tell from the drawing Ramirez submitted that the business owner intended for the sign to extend above the roof line.

"Typically, signs don't extend above the roof and I didn't think to ask," he said.

Charles Rennick, village planning director, said the code contains no standards to evaluate a sign, but the policy is not to permit signs on top of roofs. A similar request by a Subway restaurant at Fun Trackers was denied, he said.

"If this is approved, I believe you will see that one come back before you," Rennick said.

The Subway sits lower than the bridge on Sudderth that angles past the business.

After looking at the drawing submitted, planners agreed that they couldn't tell much about the design, the size or the placement. They agreed that "crude" drawings no longer should be accepted when permits are requested for signs.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow told Ramirez he can appeal the decision to the village council if he files within 15 days.



COURTESY THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

Retiring street department employees were honored recently. Let to right: Deke LaMay, supervisor, Faustino Miranda, J. R. Baumann, director, and Charles Alston. Miranda and Alston retired on Jan. 31, 2003.

Two village employees retire

Employees of the Village of Ruidoso Street department and Vehicle Maintenance Department contributed to a pot-luck luncheon on on Dec. 31, 2003, to honor the retirement of Faustino Miranda and Charles Alston from the village.

Miranda was hired on Aug. 16, 1973, as a vehicle maintenance mechanic and was promoted to vehicle maintenance foreman on Oct. 11, 1998.

His job as to see that village-owned vehicles and police cars were service, maintained and repaired.

His plans for retirement? Drinking Coca Cola and relaxing, he said.

Alston, a heavy equipment mechanic, was hired on Dec. 1, 1982.

Alston's job for more than

20 years was to repair and maintain heavy equipment for the street department. This ensured availability for snow removal and daily street maintenance operations.

He plans to pursue his gold-panning hobby — and to relax.

Village employees from various departments joined the send-off for Miranda and Alston.

Contributions were made by employees for gift cards, to show appreciation for their years of service.

J. R. Baumann, Street Department director, and Deke LaMay, Street Department supervisor, worked closely with the two for many years.

Both agreed that Miranda and Alston will be missed.

CHAMPIONS OF SERVICE



COURTESY RUIDOSO VALLEY GREETERS

The Ruidoso Valley Greeters, in conjunction with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the *Ruidoso News*, awarded the January Champion of Service certificate on Jan. 28. Comfort Inn's manager Valeri Chavez and front desk clerk John Compton each received a certificate for their commitment to customer service and satisfaction. The award is presented monthly. To nominate someone for the award, or for more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395 or Gail Olson with the Ruidoso Valley Greeters at 336-7717. Brad Treptow, chamber director, presented the award to Chavez. Compton was not available for a photograph.

Focus on Agriculture

Energy bills might push the Energy Bill

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Last summer's East Coast power blackout wasn't enough, but maybe this winter's energy bills will provide the stimulus necessary for passage of energy legislation. Last year, a round of western wildfires helped push the President's healthy forests legislation over the top. Now, heating and fueling costs are keeping public attention on energy policy.

If consumers have anything to say about it, Congress will go ahead and pass energy legislation as soon as possible. Cold weather and higher wholesale prices for natural gas are pushing up heating bills by 20 to 50 percent or more around the country.

Certainly President Bush hasn't forgotten the energy bill, or the fact that reducing the nation's dependence on foreign sources of energy was a

promise he made when he entered office in 2001. He reiterated the need for it in his State of the Union message.

"Consumers and businesses need reliable supplies of energy to make our economy run — so I urge you to pass legislation to modernize our electricity system, promote conservation, and make America less dependent on foreign sources of energy," said the President.

Farmers haven't forgotten the energy bill either. At the American Farm Bureau annual meeting, delegates reaffirmed their policy supporting renewable energy sources such as ethanol, biodiesel, wind energy and biomass.

The 425 delegates unanimously approved a sense of the delegate body proclamation urging Congress to immediately pass an energy bill with a renewable fuels standard.

At the group's general session, Interior Secretary Gale Norton reminded farmers of

what happened to them last year. "Farmers are paying higher prices for fertilizer made with natural gas. Increased natural gas prices make it more expensive to run irrigation pumps, greenhouses, and ironically, even to produce ethanol," said Norton.

Norton has since announced new incentives to boost domestic natural gas production. These new incentives offer developers royalty relief to tap into pockets of natural gas deep under shallow waters in the Gulf of Mexico. Farm Bureau applauded the move.

Since the energy bill died in the Senate by a couple measly votes last December, the energy outlook has progressively worsened. Crude oil stocks in the United States are at their lowest level in 28 years. The price per barrel has been jumping around in the mid-\$30 range, well above OPEC's \$25 target, and there are

reports of world oil reserves being overstated.

According to the Oil Price Information Service Roundtable, this year will bring "volatility and uncertainty" to energy markets. One analyst says \$50-per-barrel crude oil is a possibility by summer.

The havoc that would cause to the farm economy and economy in general is too painful to consider.

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman called on Farm Bureau members to "knock on, or if necessary, knock down" a few Senate doors until an energy bill receives the votes it needs for passage.

Given some of the predictions, they may not have to knock hard at all. A light tap ought to do.

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

RUIDOSO POLICE

Battery arrest

Ruidoso police arrested Fabian B. Francisco, 28, of Ruidoso, charging him with battery against a household member and battery on a child on Jan. 28. Officers had responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at Allsup's Convenience Store, 2820 Sudderth Drive. They were told a battery had occurred across the street and the victim had taken the vehicle to leave the residence.

Repeat DWI charged

Albert Eugene Montoya, 44, of El Paso, was arrested Jan. 29 on Sudderth Drive and charged with fourth or subsequent DWI, open container, no driver's license and littering. A motorist flagged down an officer on patrol and reported that he was run off the road by a large white van that pulled into the 2900 block of Sudderth Drive. The officer found the van with the engine running and the headlights on. Montoya was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Who let the dogs out?

The Ruidoso animal control officer noticed three black Labradors running loose on Spruce Street Jan. 29 and cited the owner, Anna Gent, for allowing dogs to run at large, not having licenses on the dogs and having more than five dogs on the property.

Rain gutter broken

On Feb. 4, police arrested Victor H. Nevarez, 31, of Ruidoso, charging him with

breaking and entry and criminal damage to property on Feb. 1 when he pounded on a door and windows of an apartment in the 200 block of Camelot Drive, breaking a rain gutter valued at \$1,000 from the side of the building and a screen.

Stolen property found

Police arrested Sean M. Demiter, 26, of El Paso, Jan. 31, charging him with receiving stolen property, namely a registration plate valued at \$25. The owner of the registration plate flagged an officer down to file a report, which was entered into the National Crime Information Center database.

Trailer missing

A new 6-foot by 16-foot flatbed trailer belonging to the Village of Ruidoso was reported stolen from Alto Crest Plant between Jan. 12 and Feb. 2. The report did not state the value of the trailer.

CD player stolen

A black and orange Pioneer car CD player valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1000 block of Mechem Drive between 5 p.m. Jan. 29 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 30.

Bikes stolen

Police took a report on the theft of two BMX Redline bicycles valued at \$2,000 each taken from a residence on Rio Street at about 1:39 p.m. Jan. 28. The 18-year-old owner of the bicycles saw a red Chevrolet pickup truck back into the driveway car port

and someone wearing a gray hood left the passenger side, loaded the bikes into the back of the truck and drove west on Rio Street.

Meter mangled

The aluminum tubing to a house water meter was completely pulled out of the ground in the 100 block of Willow Road between Jan. 29 and 31 when an unknown vehicle apparently lost control, slid off the road, struck the meter and fled, a police report states.

Car stereo taken

Someone broke into an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway in the 100 block of Wingfield Drive between 9 p.m. Jan. 29 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 30, taking a Pioneer car stereo valued at \$100, CDs valued at \$300 and four Pioneer speakers valued at \$50.

Earphones gone

Earphones to a cell phone were taken from a vehicle in the 100 block of Larch Drive between 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and 9:30 a.m. Jan. 29, according to police reports.

Cell phone mobile

A Nokia cell phone was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 300 block of La Luz Drive between 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and 9:30 a.m. Jan. 2. The victim believed the vehicle was locked and the security system was on. Police found that the security system was on and there was no sign of forced entry.

Cops make coke bust

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Several law enforcement agencies collaborated on a bust Jan. 30 of a man charged with trafficking cocaine.

Agents of the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, New Mexico State Police, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office arrested Roberto Orozco, 71, and Cathelena Tayaba, 28,

both at 325 Paradise Canyon. Agents found about 24 grams of cocaine in 10 small balloons, a small set of hanging scales, drug paraphernalia and \$105 in cash in the residence.

"We've been watching the place," said Sheriff Tom Sullivan. "There's been a lot of traffic in and out of the street."

Orozco was charged with trafficking cocaine, and Tayaba was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Robert Jack Ivey

Memorial service for Robert Jack Ivey, 69, of Ruidoso will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Peace Chapel, 100 Pinon in the Alto North subdivision.

Mr. Ivey died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at his home, where he had lived for 15 years.

Mr. Ivey was born in Terrell, Okla., in 1934, and was one of seven children that included two sisters and four brothers.

The family moved to Texas, where Jack spent his childhood. He was in the Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; daughters Cathy Cato of Ruidoso, Tina Hearn of Frankfort, Ky.; a son, Robert Jayson Ivey, of Ruidoso; five grandchildren; sisters Connie Webb and her husband, Robert, of Clovis, Calif., and Ann Buse and her husband, Joe, of Gordon, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers J.W. Ivey, Teddy Ivey and Dan Ivey.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation.

Capitan OKs school levy

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Tuesday's vote on the continuation of a tax levy to fund Capitan Public Schools capital improvements was a resounding "Yes."

Capitan Superintendent Larry Miller will get the official report today when he meets with the County Clerk for vote verification. Unofficially, there were 197 votes for, and only 78 against, the

continued funding. The total of 275 votes included absentee ballots.

"We are so pleased to have the support of the community," said Miller. "I think it's a wonderful statement of support of the school and is so important to the ongoing maintenance and growth of the school."

Miller said that the last tax levy election was much closer, with about the same number of voters.

Wilson named commission chair

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rancher Rex Wilson was elected in January to serve his sixth consecutive year as chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs offered the motion, which included that Rick Simpson continue as vice chairman. It was seconded by Commissioner Maury St. John and passed unanimously. Simpson was out of town and did not attend the meeting.

"Thank you for your confidence," Wilson said after the vote.

In other business, the commission:

- Heard County Clerk Tammie Maddox recognize Chief Deputy Clerk Loree Vallejos, for her 22 years with the office. Maddox said Vallejos became a resident of Carrizozo in 1977. "I'm fortunate to have you," she said to her surprised assistant, who wasn't aware she was to receive the plaque. "Lincoln County is fortunate to have you."
- Accepted a donation for

the county courthouse of a photograph taken by Harvey Foster, a Realtor with Century 21. Entitled "A Nogal Afternoon," it was displayed at the Hubbard Museum as part of the 12th Annual Fall American Photographic Exhibition. The photograph will hang in the commission chambers.

- Approved a proclamation proposed by Commissioner Leo Martinez congratulating Mescalero Apache President Mark Chino on his new top position with the tribe. Martinez said Chino has pledged cooperation with his neighbors, a necessary component to solve mutual problems.

The commission recognized Chino and the tribe for their perseverance and contributions to the region.

- Approved a proclamation proposed by Martinez recognizing Robert Brophy as an outstanding volunteer. "A lot of people are not in politics but are involved in self-giving," Martinez said. "I saw him working at the senior center. He's a volunteer five days a week. One of the things that makes America great is people who give of themselves to the community and that we recognize our volunteers' contributions, especially at the age of 83."

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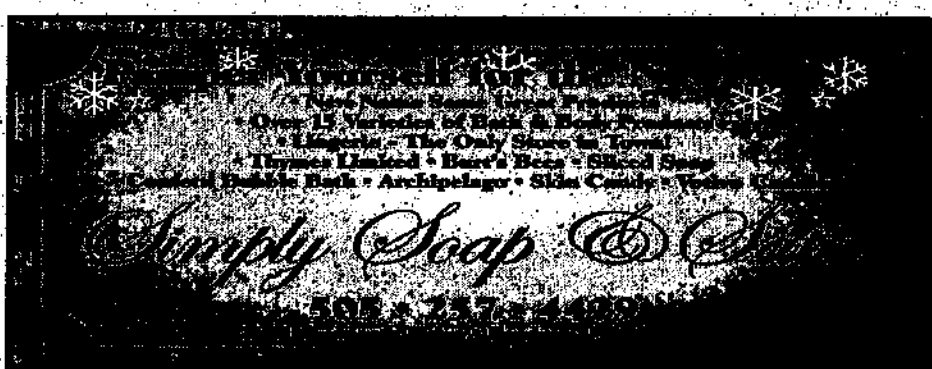
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Editor's Note: Dave Price has attended each meeting of the task force thus far as an audience member. He is a member of the YES Committee, a group supportive of exploring the feasibility of a community center in Lincoln County. Price also is involved in the production of a periodic newsletter distributed by YES Committee volunteers.

The Kiwanis Club sponsors the B.U.G. program in the Ruidoso schools — Bringing Up Grades, — and recently gave out 112 awards to students in second through sixth grades for bringing up at least one grade in school.



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New LCDC boss has years of experience, county hears

Ron Lytle, who took over the detention center in January, comes to Lincoln County from Los Lunas.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The new administrator of the Lincoln County Detention Center was introduced to county commissioners in January.

County manager Tom Stewart said Ron Lytle took over last month and has a long history with the state Corrections Department in lead positions.

Lytle attended Shidler High School in Oklahoma and New Mexico State University. A Vietnam veteran, he served on river patrols with the Navy.

"He's worked in various capacities in construction, but most important, he has more than 21 years of experience with the New

Mexico Department of Corrections, including more than eight years as warden," Stewart said.

Lytle's most recent assignment was as warden of Central New Mexico Facility in Los Lunas, which houses 1,200 inmates.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said that during his 10 years in the corrections department, he worked as administrative assistant for Lytle, who was warden of the Western New Mexico Correction Facility.

"He worked his way up from correctional officer all the way up the system and I think he's been the warden at every state-owned facility in the state," Sullivan said. "He's the best boss I've ever had. All employees and inmates respected him. He's handled some of the wildest (inmates). I think the county is fortunate."

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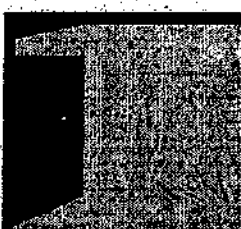
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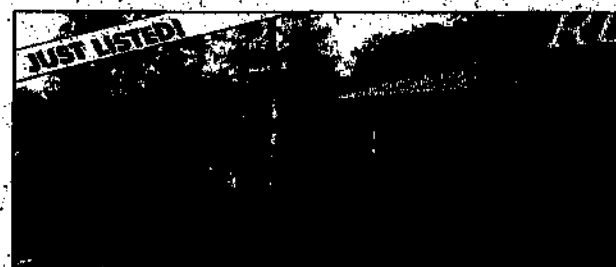
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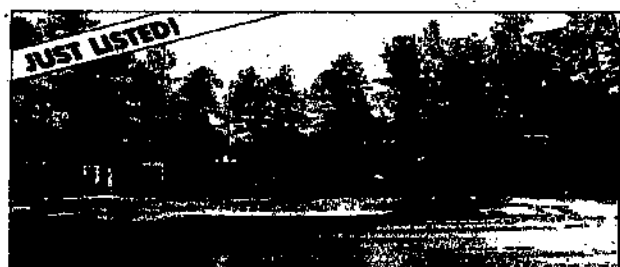
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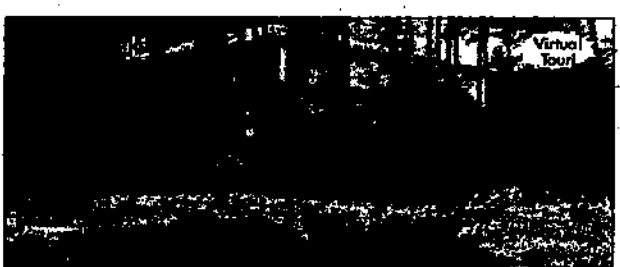
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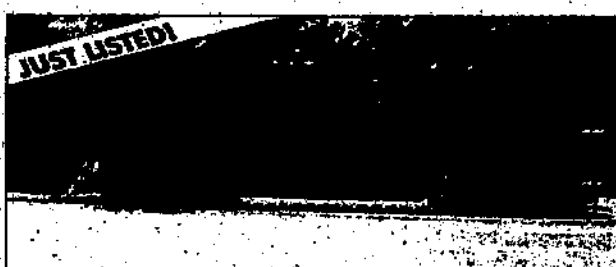


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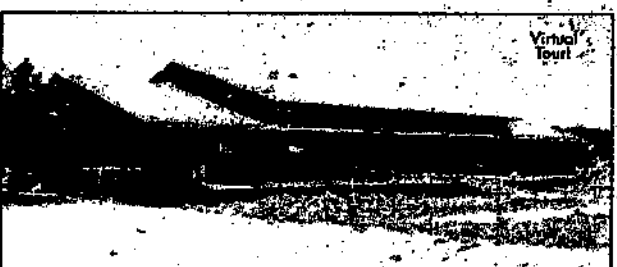
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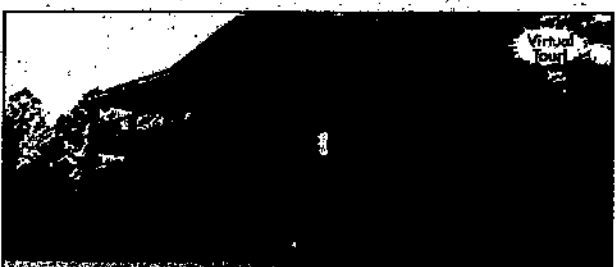
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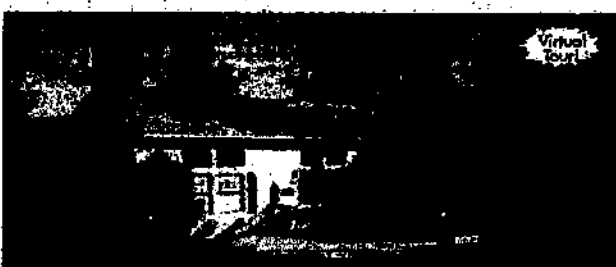
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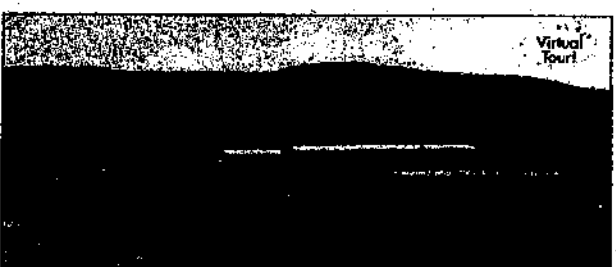
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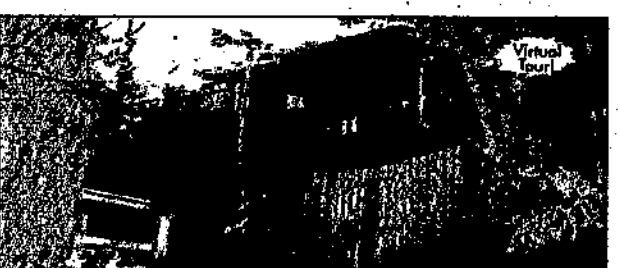
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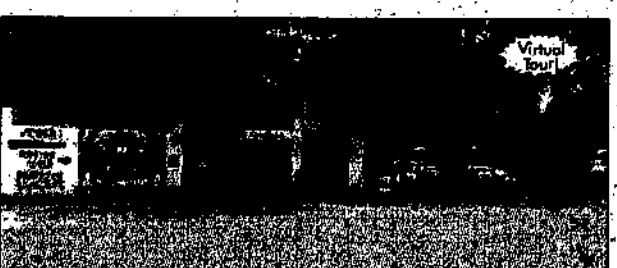
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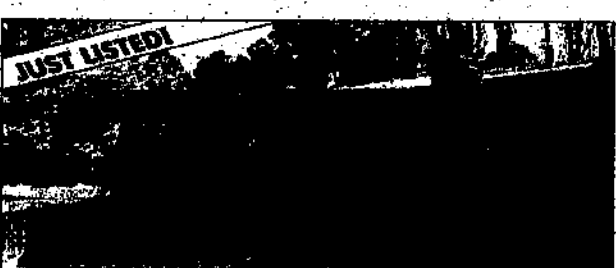
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Ruidoso teams facing tough district tests

Warriors host Lovington Saturday

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Lovington may have lost its opening District 4-3A basketball game against New Mexico Military Institute, proving that — even as good as it is — it's a team that can be beaten.

But don't think it will be easy for the Ruidoso Warriors when they host the Wildcats Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Rather than a short trip down Easy Street at Ski Apache, it will be more like a harrowing descent down a black diamond trail like Screaming Eagle.

Yes, Lovington has lost in the district, but it's still a dangerously explosive team — a fact not lost on Ruidoso coach Billy Page.

"We've got to play hard, smart basketball and take care of the ball," Page said. "In this district, you just have to concentrate on the basics."

Basically, the Wildcats have to keep Lovington players like Jawaan Payne and Tydree Lewis from beating them.

It was Payne's absence from the floor with foul trouble that gave NMMI a shot to win it at the end of their district opener. But it was Lewis who led the Wildcats with 26 points in their win over Portales last weekend.

Jared Swenson also had 15 points for Lovington — both more than Payne's 12 points.

"Any one of them can go off," Page said. "But Payne and Lewis are the team leaders."

Team leaders for Ruidoso include Auston Beier, who is averaging 11.3 points a game, and Patrick Valliant, who has scored 15.3 points per game.

The problem for Ruidoso: Valliant, along with post player Chance Hooper, will still be on the bench Saturday serving out a disciplinary sentence.

Page is the first to say their absence from the floor in the last two losses against Portales and NMMI wasn't that big a deal, but it's hard to overlook the impact of the team's leading scorer.

Several players have performed well on this team, including Dustin Prelo — a star on the junior varsity team and a leader on the varsity with 4.8 rebounds a game.

Page said the key to beating Lovington will be recognizing when the game is going too fast and playing into the Wildcats' hands.

"They have a lot of talent and can run at will," Page said. "We can push the ball, but we can't let them push it. We have to be deliberate on defense."

"We can run with the ball or run our offense with patience," he added. "That's an advantage, that we can do both. We just have to know when to change, that's the key factor."



Ruidoso guard Nick Page (3) goes high for the rebound as teammate Garrett Born looks on during the Warriors' loss to Portales Jan. 27 at RHS. Ruidoso faces Lovington Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in a crucial District 4-3A matchup.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Top-ranked Portales set to clash with Lady Warriors

■ The Lady Warriors won't back down from the Lady Rams tonight.

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

There's no question tonight's 7 p.m. basketball game between the Ruidoso girls and Portales is a challenge for the Lady Warriors.

The Lady Rams are 15-4 on the year and are the top-ranked team in the state.

They've won all three of their District 4-3A games thus far, including a 49-35 victory over Ruidoso last week.

But don't think the Lady Warriors are just going to let Portales run them down.

"Most teams don't think we have a chance," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "They always say they just played a bad game if they lose to us. They have a lot of bad games coming to them."

Marez has good reason to be confident in his team. The Lady Warriors (10-8, 1-1 in district) won their first district game over Lovington last Friday, and have won six of their last seven games — with Portales being their lone stumbling block.

What's more, the Lady Rams have shown they're beatable. It took overtime for them to defeat Lovington, 61-59 on Tuesday.

"Lovington came from behind and Portales made a lot of unforced errors," Marez said. "They didn't run the clock out at the end. They played into what Lovington wanted to do."

Of course, the Lady Rams will be working to correct those mistakes and will play their best tonight against Ruidoso.

"We've got to control the tempo," Marez said. "If we can



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso forward Jessica Gibson, left, looks to the basket as Lovington's Jesika Jamison defends during the Lady Warriors' District 4-3A win last Friday. The Lady Warriors host Portales tonight at 7 p.m.

do that, we'll be OK. We won't win turning the ball over and not rebounding."

The Lady Warriors have relied on a number of different players for scoring, with Christine Brown, Clarissa Silva and even freshman Allison Rigby leading the way. In order for Ruidoso to win, that trio will have to hit its

shots, and the Lady Warriors will have to cut down on turnovers.

It was turnovers that hurt Ruidoso in its last game against the Lady Rams. Portales got numerous steals in the first quarter and held the Lady Warriors to just two points in that period.

If Ruidoso can hold onto the

ball and score, they just have to stop Portales' trio of Roni Gomez, Kassandra Richards and Erika Cook. Three players may be a lot to look out for, but Marez is sure his team can handle it.

"The girls are very confident," Marez said. "They're starting to have an idea of what they need to do to win."

"Most teams don't think we have a chance. They always say they just played a bad game if they lose to us. They have a lot of bad games coming to them."

Greg Marez
Ruidoso girls head coach

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Ski Report

Ski Apache

The 15 inches of fresh snow that fell Tuesday night and Wednesday has allowed all but one trail to open. Apache Bowl opens for the season Thursday and Chair No. 6 is planned to open Friday.

New snow past 24 hours: 2 inches
New snow past 48 hours: 15 inches
New snow past 72 hours: 23 inches

Weather at report time: Snowing
Road at report time: Plowed, chains needed on two-wheel drive vehicles
Midway depth: 40 inches

Surface conditions: Machine groomed and powder

Skiing conditions: Excellent on all open trails

Trails open: 54 of 65 trails

Lifts open: 10 of 11 chairs

Snowmaking past 24 hours: No

Forecast: Cloudy with chance of continued snow Thursday.

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Mesalero 64, Mountainair 63
Temple Baptist 24, Carrizozo 20
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Girls Basketball
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Hondo 64, Lake Arthur 52

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Friday, Feb. 6

Boys Basketball
Gateway Christian at Hondo, 7:30 p.m.
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Gateway Christian at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.
Portales at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso vs. Co-bre, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Boys Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 6 p.m.
Mesalero at Tatum, 6 p.m.
Corona at Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
Lovington at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 4 p.m.
Mesalero at Tatum, 4 p.m.
Corona at Vaughn, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Boys Basketball
Bosque Prep at Corona, 7 p.m.
Mesalero at Emmanuel Baptist, 7 p.m.
Tularosa at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Bosque Prep at Corona, 5 p.m.
Capitan at Tularosa, 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.

On Deck

Headstart benefit tournament

The Mesalero Community Center will host a men's basketball 6-foot and under tournament to benefit the Mesalero Schools Headstart program Feb. 13-15 at the community center gym. Sixteen teams are needed for the double elimination tournament, and the entry fee is \$150 per team with a \$75 non-refundable deposit. All entries are due today. For more information, contact Pascal Enjady at 464-9456 or Angelita Bob at 464-9202 between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mescalero Open

The Mescalero Hospital is hosting an open men's and women's basketball tournament Feb. 27-29 at the Mescalero Community Center gymnasium. Entry fee is \$175 per team, with a \$75 non-refundable fee due by Feb. 16. There will be 12-man and 8-women team brackets with ten players to a team. For more information, call Gleda Bob at 464-8829 or Marcane Kane at 464-3814.

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Carrizozo sees just how good Temple Baptist really is

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

All year long, everyone has been talking about how good the Temple Baptist boys basketball team is this year.

On Tuesday, the Carrizozo Grizzlies got to see for themselves just how good the Roadrunners really are.

"There is nobody that can touch that team," Carrizozo coach Steve Barron said after Carrizozo suffered an 84-20

thrashing. "They could play ball against any 5A school."

This was a game that was decided pretty early, but Barron emphasized that his team wouldn't back down, regardless of the score.

"We didn't give up, we played our heart out," Barron said. "It was a physical game, and we're still getting better each game."

"But when they have a guy who's 6-foot-7 and can drain the threes from the outside,

then get fed the ball inside and dunk on us, how can you guard that guy?"

"That guy" was Temple's Tyler Baker, who had a game-high 28 points. Dustin Bentley added 13 points, while Will Hamlett had 12.

Joseph Samora once more led Carrizozo (7-15, 1-3 District 7-1A) with 10 points. Josh Calvert was the next highest Grizzly with just three points.

"We didn't lay down for them, but they're just tough,"

Barron said of the Roadrunners (20-0, 5-0). "They are the No. 1 team in the state for a reason."

Despite the lopsided score, Barron was encouraged by some of the things his team did defensively.

"We tried a few new things against their big kid — we didn't have anything to lose at that point — and they started to work," Barron said.

Carrizozo plays at Bosque Prep in Albuquerque Feb. 12,

then hosts Temple Baptist Feb. 13. Two more games after that — against Corona and Bosque Prep — and the District 7-1A tournament begins.

Barron believes his team can get out of district and into a regional playoff with a win over Mountainair.

"I have confidence we can beat them the next time we see them," Barron said. "If we can get our shooting down by district playoffs, we'll take care of them. That's our biggest goal."

In the girls game, Carrizozo continued its unbeaten District 7-1A streak alive, but it had quite a scare.

The Lady Grizzlies saw a 21-12 lead at halftime evaporate by the fourth quarter and were able to escape with a 48-46 victory.

Stephanie Brewer scored 22 points to lead Carrizozo (12-8, 4-0), while Adrienne Zamora had 10. Lorie Montoya led Temple (6-11, 2-2) with 19 points, while K.C. Snow had 12.

Mescalero boys earn close win over Mustangs

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Figuring out the Mescalero boys basketball team has been a difficult prospect this year.

The Chiefs have amassed a 7-14 record this season, and were coming off a big 84-60 loss to Hondo in a District 8-1A contest.

But they turned around and faced a tough Mountainair team in a non-district tilt Tuesday and escaped with a 64-63 victory.

"We played pretty well, but hurt ourselves a lot as far as turnovers," said Mescalero coach Kenny Blazer. "We're still playing in spurts."

For the Chiefs (7-14), consistency has been very elusive this year, which is why their victory over Mountainair (13-6) is so valuable.

It was a close game all the way through, as Mescalero would build up a big lead, then relax enough to let the Mustangs back in the game.

"We made bad passes and forced the ball inside," Blazer said. "But we did play good defense, and that's why we won. We stepped it up on defense at the end and that was the deciding part of the game."

Tyrone Cervantes was the leading scorer for Mescalero with 20 points, while Branson Smith and Emmett Botella had 11 points each.

Tuesday's game was a quick break from the rigors of the Chiefs' district schedule, a schedule they get back to tonight against Lake Arthur.

Mescalero defeated the Panthers in another close game on the Chiefs' home floor two weeks ago, but this time the game will be in Lake Arthur. Mescalero's inconsistent play could really hurt the team tonight.

"In the close games, the intensity is there and they're focused better," Blazer said. "If they can figure out what they're doing wrong and times and stop hurting themselves, we'll be all right."

"We just have to stay focused."

Tonight's game at Lake Arthur is the first of a four-game road trip for the Chiefs. They play at Tatum Saturday at 6 p.m., then head to Albuquerque for a game against Emmanuel Baptist at 7 p.m. Feb. 10. They play Gateway Christian in Roswell Feb. 13, then return home for a game against Hondo Feb. 17.

Hondo teams split with Lake Arthur in 8-1A

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After Hondo's big win over Mescalero, Eagle basketball coach Eddie Chavez thought his team had finally figured things out.

Hondo will have to rethink things after Tuesday's 59-30 loss to Lake Arthur.

"We got out there flat and didn't do anything we did against Mescalero," Chavez said. "We didn't hustle and couldn't buy a basket. We didn't have a chance the way our shots were falling."

Eddi Valenzuela was the top scorer for the Eagles (7-11, 1-3 District 8-1A) with 14 points. He

got a lot of those points in during numerous misses on the floor.

Chavez said a lot of different players might have scored more had they just kept shooting the ball like Valenzuela did. A few more points from different players — even if they weren't shooting lights out — might have made a difference.

"The boys tried hard, but when you take five shots inside and not make any, it deflates you," Chavez said. "Soon my better shooters weren't taking the shots."

"I told them they can't lose confidence like that, keep taking the shots," he added. In order to

score, you have to shoot. We did pick it up in the second half, but it's hard to catch up when you spot them 20 points."

Because Valenzuela was the only Eagle scoring consistently, it was easy for the Panther defense to sag on him.

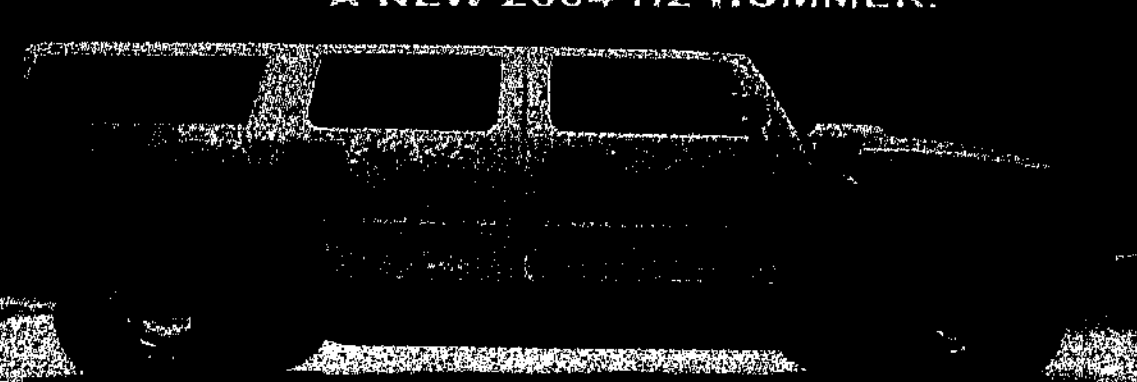
"We needed someone else to step up and score at that point," Chavez said. "We just didn't have anyone else doing anything."

Hondo hosts Gateway tonight at 7:30 p.m., then plays Tatum Feb. 12, also in the Eagles' Nest.

In the girls game, the Lady Eagles won 64-52 to up their record to 8-9 and 2-2 in district play.

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Animal fundraiser features star guest

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An active advocate for the humane treatment of animals, actress Linda Blair will be the big draw for a reception to benefit the Humane Society of Lincoln County on Feb. 20.

For \$60, guests will be able to enjoy the vegan hors d'oeuvres of Myra and Dave Romero of the Greenhouse Café, and talk about the arts or animal issues with Blair from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Hawthorn Suites. That price also buys one ticket to the performance at 8 p.m., Feb. 21, of "Vanities," in which Blair stars with Erin Moran and Jill Whelan at the Spencer Theater of the Performing

Arts

Various organizations throughout the greater Ruidoso community joined forces for the "swanky" reception appropriately called a "Cat Tails" party. Proceeds from the benefit will be directed to the Society's 2004 Spay/Neuter campaign. The society's goal is to help 5,000 animals this year.

Gourmet vegetarian hors d'oeuvres in Blair's honor will include grape leaves stuffed with rice, mint, currants and spices, mushrooms stuffed with vegetables, fresh fruit, vegan cheesecake, fresh pico de gallo, and the Spanokopita, Greek phyllo pastry with spinach & herbs.

Sam Donahue will provide music. Officials of Sierra Blanca Brewery will

bring beer and the End of the Vine will supply wines.

Blair, who won fame as a child star in "The Exorcist," is founder of the WorldHeart Foundation.

"I will go anywhere and do anything for animals," she declared when helping to arrange the Cat Tail party.

Spencer Theater is a world-class performance hall located about 12 miles north of downtown Ruidoso. With 514, with visitor is farther than 67 feet from the 4,770 square-foot stage.

Moran, who appeared on "Happy Days," and Whelan from "The Love Boat," star in "Vanities" with Blair. Tickets are available by calling (505) 336-4800 or try the Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

SCHOOL BOARDS

Capitan

Meeting: Capitan Board of Education, 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Capitan Board Room at the Administration Building

Actions:

- Approval of consent agenda items: athletics, cafeteria, activity; payrolls paid; bills paid; budget transfers and/or increases
- Canvas of Feb. 3 Two Mill Levy Tax Election
- Board Policy Section VI/6.9 - Weapons in school

Informational reports:

- 2003-2004 bus drivers (additions)
- Excellence for Student Achievement Award recipient (review) - Gary Tregembo
- Smokey Bear Festival
- State Forestry - Green House Project

- Staff Development - Reading Renaissance Conference
- Staff Development - Football Coaches Clinic
- Staff Development - National Reading Conference

- Construction update
- Enrollment update
- Utilities comparison
- Other informational reports

- Executive session
- Principals - re-employment

ment for 2004-2005 school year (information)

Ruidoso

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Administration Office

The public is welcome. Discussion:

- Informational items
- All State Band and Choir - Ron Wall
- First reading of revised Student Discipline Policy No. 9.26 - Ron Wall
- Master Facility Plan - Caron Snow and Paul Wirth
- Report on Professional Development Day, Feb. 3 - Patty White
- Report on Lincoln County Community Center - Susan Lutterman
- Legislative update
- Coaching increments study
- Personnel report (information only)
- Action items:
- Second reading of District Code 1.15 - Code of Ethics and Conduct
- Budget adjustments
- Cash transfers
- Closed session - Personnel
- Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., March 9

The public is welcome.

DOWN POLICE

Good samaritan

At about noon, Jan. 31, a shopper from Hereford, Texas, went from Wal-Mart to gas up at the Downs Shamrock station when he realized his wallet was gone. An officer took a report including both stores as possible places where the wallet might have been lost. At 2:25 p.m., someone from Wal-Mart called to say that man by the name of Roberto Gomez had found the wallet and was returning it — with a large amount of cash in it. Gomez is from El Paso and will be at the Ruidoso Downs

City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 to receive an award from the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and a gift certificate from Wal-Mart in appreciation for his good citizenship.

Drug arrest

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Jack Roddy, 23, of Ruidoso Downs on Jan. 29, charging him with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Officers had gone to retrieve a run-away juvenile.

When they entered the residence, they found the juvenile and an adult intoxicated on what appeared to be marijuana. The report states that the officers "saw and found drug paraphernalia and discovered drugs in the possession of Jack Roddy."

Household battery

Police arrested Larry Trujillo, 30, of Ruidoso Downs, on Feb. 2, charging him with assault against a household member and battery against a household member.

Battery arrest

Police arrested Kenneth M. Payne, 46, of Ruidoso Downs, Feb. 1, charging him with battery against a household member and battery on a juvenile.

DWI charged

Police arrested Clark A. Bullock, 24, of Carrollton, Texas, charging him with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, no insurance and no driver's license.

Head Start lives up to its name for Lincoln County pre-school kids

BY MELINA ATENCIA
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County Head Start (LCHS) is a federally funded early childhood program for children 3 and 4 years of age whose families meet federal income guidelines. In Lincoln County, Region IX Education Cooperative is the grantee for the Head Start program that provides services to 125 children and their families at centers located in Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo and Ruidoso.

Health and Wellness

One of Head Start's main goals is to promote school readiness to enable each child to develop to his or her fullest potential. Head Start children receive comprehensive services in the area of health, mental health, nutrition, family services, disabilities, education and transition. Head Start engages parents in their children's learning and helps them make progress toward their own educational and employment goals. The Head Start governance structure involves parents and community members as equal partners in making decisions at the local program level.

While in Head Start, children learn to socialize with others, solve problems, and have other meaningful experiences which help them to become self-confident. Children learn through play and acquire pre-

literacy and pre-academic skills to improve listening, communication, and socialization skills. These skills help children become better prepared for kindergarten.

The LCHS program, in conjunction with local public schools, provides related services to children with disabilities. LCHS collaborates with the local public schools to provide an "inclusion model" setting for children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.

The LCHS program utilizes the "Child Outcomes Assessment" tool that assesses the progress and accomplishments of children in the program. The "Child Outcomes" reports are based on standards

of learning for 3- and 4-year-olds in the areas of early literacy, language, social emotional and numeracy skills.

Children's progress is tracked, analyzed, and shared with parents and later used in the program's self-assessment process to determine effectiveness and assure continuous improvement of the program. The National Reporting System (NRS) is a new assessment tool that is being implemented this year nation wide in all Head Start programs to assess children upon enrollment in the Head Start program and before they transition to kindergarten.

Head Start offers many opportunities for families to become involved in activities and other support services

which can enhance their overall quality of life. Families can participate in training classes on many subjects including: parenting, job training, health and nutrition, and have access and guidance to many resources in the community. When needed, Head Start staff members refer families for assistance with medical services, social services, or employment specialists in the community.

The Lincoln County Head

Start program is fortunate to have community partners with local school districts, clubs, organizations, social services agencies, churches and the local university. Recent donations from the Spencer Guild have ensured children and families will keep warm for the winter. This is just one example of the ongoing community support the program receives. The children and families the program serves benefit greatly from such partnerships.

Head Start works in collaboration with parents, schools, clubs, faith based organizations, higher education institutions, and government and community agencies to provide a variety of services that enrich the quality of life for the children and their families of Lincoln County.

Melina Atencia is the director of Lincoln County Head Start.

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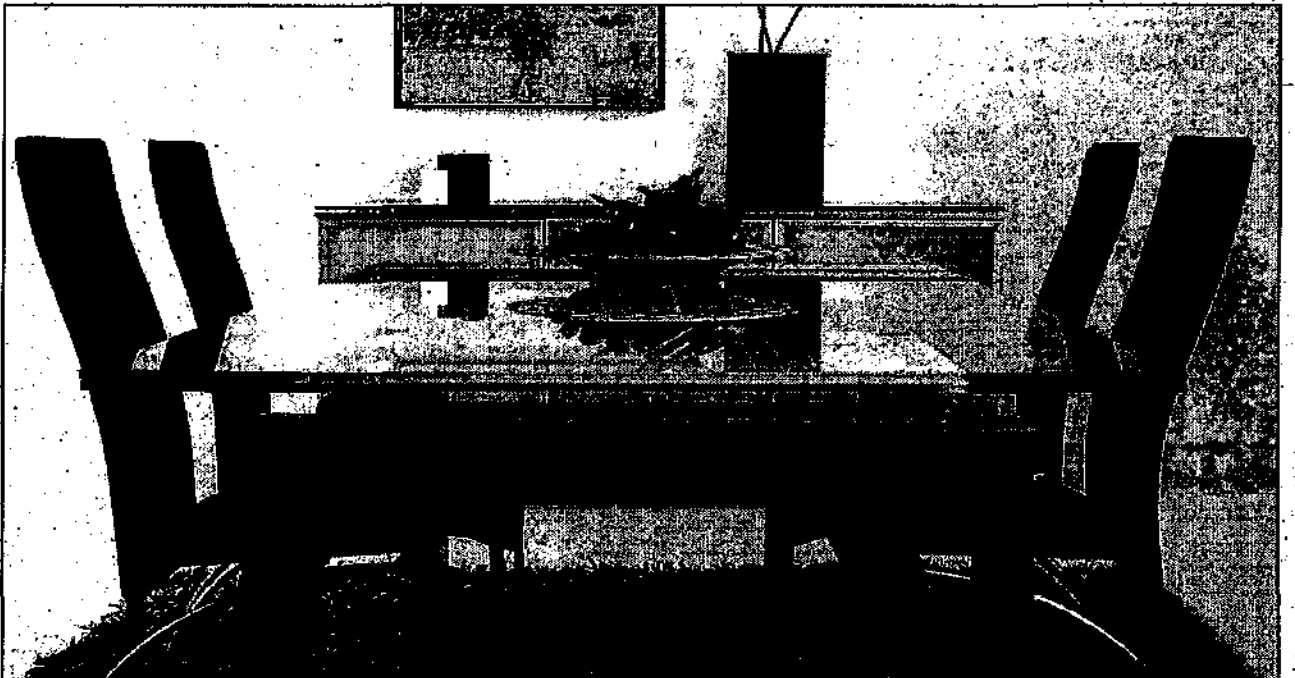
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Love in Bloom

How often we hear this phrase when the subject turns to love and romance. The poets have compared love to ripened fruit and fragrant flowers. In the Song of Solomon 4:16, we read, "Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat its pleasant fruits." As in a garden, a seed is planted... perhaps the first date. If the relationship is a well matched one the seed grows in fertile soil. The couple discovers each other's interests and points of view as the "garden" is tended and watered. Weeds may try to push through, but they are uprooted and thrown away and forgotten as the two learn to negotiate. As their relationship flowers, delicate buds give way to fragrant petals and mature love is born. As Valentine Day approaches, may we remember that true love is strong and enduring. Yet, weeds will try to encroach. God is the Master Gardener. With Him our love will remain vital. Won't you reinforce that love in worship this week?

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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 Capitan, 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, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group (JYOC, CIA) 1:30-3:30. Wednesday: Daughters of King at noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
FULL GOSPEL
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l. K-Rob's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso, Dinner at six Mondays. Special Priced Menu. Women Welcome! Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail: rgfml@ruidoso-online.com
Mission Fountain of Living Water San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall-1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk-10:00 a.m.; Watchtower Study-10:50 a.m.; Monday: Book Study-7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Theocratic Ministry School-7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting-8:20 p.m.
Congregation Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd. 336-4147, 378-7093. Don: Reunión Publica-1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia-1:50 p.m.; Mart.: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico-7:00 p.m.; Reunión 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, 257-3296. Kevin L. Knier, 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
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Bob Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.; 10:35 a.m.
PENTECOSTAL
Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Eternal Life Ministries, Minister: Harry A. Payton, call for your personal Home Bible study: 430-9640. (Web page) http://www.DoctrinesOfChrist.com
The Apostles of Lincoln County, UPC Remax Center, 1009 Mechem Dr., Unit #1. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sunday afternoon, 4:30 PM, Adult, childrens & youth classes. Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.
PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church: 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Rev. Cathy Caule Anderson. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.
Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church Antho. 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.

NOGI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Reverend Bill Sebring. 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) 5:30.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso, 257-4161. Pastor Earl Robertson. 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meets at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce 720 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4161. Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Potluck Brunch: 10:30 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m. Children's program. Call 336-2170. www.mtunitarian.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 Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Plaza Hui, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at CHRM Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@amermissionary.org
Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5913. Pastor John Marshall, Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.
Caixa de Oração Comunidade Cristã, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor Carlos & Gabby Carmon. Martes - Oração 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio General 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 Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun. am. 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, 257-5265. John & Joy Wynn, 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 p.m. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.
Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, 11:00 a.m. welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.
Grace Harvest Church Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Sun. morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.
Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna" Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo, 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: rrobledo@vsn.com
Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail: miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com
Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075. Joanne Price, Pastor. Morning chapel, 6:30 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.
Racedruck Chapel
Horseshoe's Entrance, Hwy 70, 305-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter. Services 10:30 am to 11:15 am. Enjoy the music & old hymns with friendly people.
NON-SECTARIAN
Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. Sundays 1 p.m. 257-1569

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.C. 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.
FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
METHODIST
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 Hutchison 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.
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 "B" 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
Santa 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 Zurwalt, 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, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.
Carrizozo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kansewiah III, Pastor. 36 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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"Early Morning" by Dorothy Leslie.

PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Leslie is Carrizozo artist for February

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At the spry age of 87, there isn't much in life that Dorothy Leslie enjoys more than her painting, except maybe teaching people to paint. This month her own art is featured in the board room at Carrizozo Schools.

Twelve years ago Dorothy began giving painting lessons at the Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo. She started with seven students in her first class and has taught countless more since then. Today, she meets twice a week with those wishing to learn to paint.

Dorothy came to Carrizozo with her parents as a young girl. She married Robert Leslie and 35 of their years were spent on an Alaskan homestead. When they thought they'd had all they wanted of the cold winters, they came back to Carrizozo. That was 25 years ago.

Her students say she has a great sense of humor and "she never lets us paint with black paint." Dorothy explains, "A great artist in Alaska showed me that. I use what looks black,

but it's actually got a little color mixed in so on the canvas it gives a warm color of black, not a flat harsh black."

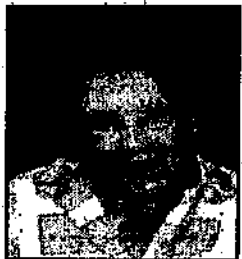
Dorothy's current project demonstrates that concept very well. A large wolf indeed has a warm black look to the fur around his neck and on his face.

Last summer, Dorothy made the trip back to Alaska in a camper. "Three people and five dogs," she said. "It was a wonderful trip."

Dorothy's work is mostly oils with a few pastels. Of the wide variety of things she paints, she likes portraits the most. She is a self taught artist and picked up hints and ideas along the road from other artists.

Teaching painting wasn't something she had thought much about, but many people encourage her to "show someone else what you know." So she did and she does. She keeps most of her work for herself, but does give it to family as gifts.

The work of Dorothy Leslie will hang in the board room through the month of February. The public is encouraged to stop by and see the display.



Leslie

OUT WITH THE OLD...



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

John Ward and Levi Boble work on the demolition of the interior of the old Carrizozo City Hall. Upon completion of the interior demolition, the building will be moved in one piece off the premises.

First loves are always the most special

I remember my first love as if it were yesterday. He was tall and handsome. He gently taught me all those firsts with the patience his 20 years of living had given him.

He gave me unconditional love for more than two years. He loved me like he loved no one else. I would call his name and he was mine and mine alone. But then he died suddenly one early summer morning. At the tender age of 7 I learned the reality of losing a love that could not be replaced.

His name was Ranger. He was a dark sorrel gelding that, for whatever reason in his golden years, took a liking to a scrawny little girl. I rode him everywhere. I thought he was the greatest horse in the world, never knowing then what good care he took of me. He jumped logs and ditches slowly and carefully enough that I thought I was National Velvet.

And the best part was, he'd let me catch him out in the meadow with a small rope

and a can of grain. And only I could catch him. I'd call and call and finally he would come.

My dad would try to catch him and he'd run 'til my dad was mad enough to shoot him. If Ranger needed to be caught for anything, I had to do it. I'm sure it was the very foundation of any self confidence I was to gain in life. He made me feel very special.

As I grew up, I had many other horses, but none as special as the first one, Ranger. He found a place in my heart and soul that will never leave me.

Last week those emotions were stirred again when I watched my son grieve the loss of his first horse, Hoot, another fine old warrior who had raised a couple other little boys and then came to raise mine. He apparently liked little boys, as he did such a good job letting them think they were in charge.

Little cowboys are pretty big in their minds at a very young age. You'll see a 3-year-old pull his hat down tight, buckle up

his chaps and insist that he can rope anything that needs roped. If Dad can do it, so can he, just ask him.

Hoot had been a calf roping horse in his younger years. When an adult rode him and took down a rope, they'd better have a deep seat because Hoot was going to work and do it at full speed. Crossing rough country with ditches and deadfall, Hoot took care of himself, and the adult rider better just settle in for the trip.

But not with the little cowboys. He almost tiptoed through the brush, gently stepped over the washouts and if a rope showed up in the hand of a kid, it was like he didn't even notice. He nurtured a little boy's confidence with every ride. And he did it until his age no longer let him safely travel the pasture miles.

When old age finally took the old guy, it was a blessing for him, but a sad day for the cowboys, big and little. Hoot, you won't be forgotten. Little cowboys growing up to be big cowboys will always remember their days in the saddle with you. Adios old friend.

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



County Views
BY JULIE CARTER

4-H'ers get learning experience at leadership retreat

Members from three county clubs were at the Albuquerque event.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County 4-H members representing three different clubs attended the Senior Leadership Retreat at the Wyndham Hotel in Albuquerque Jan. 23-25.

The 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat is sponsored annually by the state 4-H ambassadors and diplomats. Workshops are designed to enable participants to gain leadership skills that they can use in their clubs, communities and later in life.

4-H members participating in the retreat were Kendal Wilson and Jennifer Shafer, from Carrizozo 4-H, Randa Hutcheson and Quirt



COURTESY

Lincoln County 4-H leaders who attended a statewide conference in Albuquerque recently were, left to right, Kendal Wilson, Jennifer Shafer (Carrizozo 4-H), Randa Hutcheson, Quirt McDaniel (Corona 4-H) Keith Sultemeier and Danielle Mills (Capitan 4-H).

McDaniel, from Corona 4-H, and Keith Sultemeier and Danielle Mills, from Capitan 4-H. Also attending were 4-H leaders Kristin Sultemeier, Kim Beauvais and Leanne

Hutcheson. The 4-H youth development program is a dynamic informal education program. It provides opportunities to learn life skills, gain knowledge

while having fun and make contributions in such areas as environmental education, community service and current youth issues.

The program is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to develop positive self-esteem, leadership and management skills, effective communication skills, a solid sense of personal responsibility and the ability to make sound decisions. The life-skills learned in 4-H enable youth to become productive, well-informed, self-reliant responsible adults.

The 4-H program is administered by the Cooperative Extension Service of New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture also cooperated.

Extension office offers e-commerce workshop

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

NMSU-Extension Economics Department is hosting a workshop focusing on using the internet for marketing and business promotion.

The workshop will be held in Farmington April 15-16. Called the Four Corners Workshop, the business agenda is titled "The Internet: Your Business Partner."

Trainers and facilitators will lead attendees through the trends and research of e-commerce, as well as the four ways of doing business. Success stories will be shared and small business web site marketing will be discussed.

The information will target particular types of businesses, including agriculture, retail, artisans and tourism. Individualized, special one-on-one consulting will be available through a pre-conference sign-up by participants.

Goals for the workshop are to help businesses increase profits through the use of technology and to generate a number of exemplary pilot projects of businesses using technology as a result of Extension efforts.

Registration is \$20, which includes breaks and lunch. For more information or registration forms, contact the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311.

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County funds Senior Olympic insurance

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Senior Olympics creates an opportunity for socializing, keeping fit and for competition.

Showing their support for the program, Lincoln County commissioners voted unanimously in January to budget \$930 to pay for liability insurance coverage for the activity overseen by the Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

Bart Young, in his eighth year as coordinator for the county Senior Olympics program, thanked commissioners for years of support, sponsorship and insurance.

Giving them background on the program, he said this is the 26th year for Senior Olympics in New Mexico, which is one of oldest programs in the United States. All 50 states now have programs, he said.

Thirty-three units operate in New Mexico through cities, counties and some pueblos, Young said. Participants must be at least 50, with no upper age limit.

The majority range from 60 to their 80s, he said.

"I started when I was 61 and I find it very rewarding," said Young. "It takes dedication, time and a little money, and an interest in participating in sports."

"Not all (events) are exactly athletics, although all (participants are) referred to as athletes."

New Mexico lists 26 events, including tennis, cycling, horseshoes, table tennis, swimming, volleyball, shuffleboard and dancing.

The Lincoln County program runs from April through May. The results go to the state organization in Roswell. As many as 1,800 people compete at the state level, he said. An individual can compete in up to 10 events at state.

"It's a fun thing and good for your health and mental state."

Bart Young
program coordinator

Every other year, a national meet is scheduled.

To compete, a person must live in New Mexico three-quarters of the year. Competition is divided up into age groups and by sex, except for mixed competitions such as shuffleboard.

"It's a fun thing and good for your health and mental state," Young said.

County manager Tom Stewart pointed out that Young competes in 10 events and won four first places in the past year.

Young said more than 40 locals participated last year and 36 went to the state meet, winning 87 ribbons and medals including 22 first places.

One man went on to win first in cycling for his age bracket at the national event.

On a motion by Commissioner Maury St. John, seconded by Commissioner Leo Martinez, the commission agreed to spend \$930 for liability insurance coverage. St. John said she would like the item automatically budgeted each year.

For more information, contact Young at (505) 257-3193.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Pilgreen-Girven

Karen and Sam Pilgreen, formerly of Ruidoso and now of Albuquerque, announced the marriage of their daughter, Wendi Diane Pilgreen, to Charles Benjamin "Ben" Girven, son of Mary and Chuck Girven, also of Albuquerque.

The couple was married Jan. 3, 2004, and reside and work in Albuquerque.

Wendi was born in Ruidoso and attended Ruidoso schools.



Wendi Pilgreen and Ben Girven

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

Joy 50th

Friends and family are invited to help celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Tom and Mary Joy on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan.

A dessert and dance reception will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tom Joy and Mary Norton were married in Artesia on March 10, 1954.

Guests are asked to bring a written memory of the couple.



Tom and Mary Joy

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hebrew conference

Uri Harel, founder of the Center for Biblical Hebrew, will do a conference on secrets of the Hebrew Bible at Hosanna's Glassworks, 2204 Sudderth.

Events start at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with Sabbath dinner;

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, seminar, with potluck noon-1 p.m.; 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Havdalah service (closing ceremony).

Cost of the conference is \$45 for individuals, \$75 for couples, includes workbook and CD. Make reservations by Feb. 18 by calling Sonia Loya at 257-0122.

Federal highway bill would send N.M. \$2.2 billion

■ Senators hope to take action on the measure this month.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A six-year formula for transportation money proposed last month by the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee contains an increase of more than \$578 million for New Mexico.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici said under the formula passed by the committee as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act, the state would receive more than \$2.2 billion in federal highway funds for a six-year period running from 2004-2009.

That amount represents an increase of more than 34 percent from the previous six-year period, the Republican from New Mexico pointed out.

"Funds contained as part of the SAFETEA bill are used for federal highways and bridges, improved traffic flow, developing safer routes to schools and keeping our roads safe and well-maintained," he said. "I look forward to beginning debate on transportation reauthorization shortly, and I am committed to its passage."

In the previous transportation reauthorization known as the Transportation Equity Act

for the 21st Century, New Mexico received \$1.62 billion. That legislation, known as TEA-21, was to expire in October 2003, but Congress passed and the President signed a six-month extension, which expires Feb. 29.

The Senate is expected to start floor debate on SAFETEA in early February and senators hope to conclude the reauthorization by the end of the month, Domenici said.

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Communicating with teens tries everyone's patience

QUESTION: I hear so much about communicating with our children and making sure we stay on the same wavelength. How can I do that during the teen years?

DR. DOBSON: You can expect communication to be very difficult for several years. I have said that adolescence is sometimes like a tornado. Let me give you a better analogy. This time of life reminds me in some ways of the very early space probes that blasted off from Cape Canaveral in Florida. I remember my excitement when Col. John Glenn and the other astronauts embarked on their perilous journeys into space. It was a thrilling time to be an American.

People who lived through those years will recall that a period of maximum danger occurred as each spacecraft was re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. The flier inside was entirely dependent on the heat shield on the bottom of the capsule to protect him from temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. If the craft descended at the wrong angle, the astronaut would be burned to cinders. At that precise moment of anxiety, negative ions would accumulate around the capsule and prevent all communication with the Earth for approximately seven minutes. The world waited breathlessly for news of the astronaut's safety. Presently, the reassuring voice of a man named Chris Craft would

break in and say: "This is Mission Control. We have made contact with Friendship Seven. Everything is A-OK. Splashdown is imminent."

Cheers and prayers went up in restaurants, banks, airports, and millions of homes across the country. Even CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite seemed relieved.

The application to the teen years should be apparent. After the training and preparation of childhood are over, a pubescent youngster marches out to the launching pad. His parents watch apprehensively as he climbs aboard a capsule called adolescence and waits for his rockets to fire. His father and mother wish they could go with him, but there is room for just one person in the spacecraft. Besides, nobody invited them. Without warning, the mighty rocket engines begin to roar and the "umbilical cord" falls away. "Lift-off! We have lift-off!" screams the boy's father.

Junior, who was a baby only yesterday, is on his way to the edge of the universe. A few weeks later, his parents go through the scariest experience of their lives: They suddenly lose all contact with the capsule. "Negative ions" have interfered with communication at a time when they most want to be assured of their son's safety. Why won't he talk to them?

This period of silence lasts much longer than a few minutes, as it did with John Glenn and friends. It may continue for years. The same kid who used to talk a mile a minute and ask

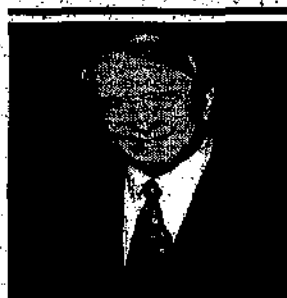
a million questions has now reduced his vocabulary to nine monosyllabic phrases. They are: "I dunno," "Maybe," "I forget," "Huh?", "No!", "Nope," "Yeah," "Who me?" and "He did it." Otherwise, "only static" comes through the receivers—groans, grunts, growls and gripes. What an apprehensive time it is for those who wait on the ground!

Years later, when Mission Control fears the spacecraft has been lost, a few scratchy signals are picked up unexpectedly from a distant transmitter. The parents are jubilant as they hover near their radio. Was that really his voice? It is deeper and more mature than they remembered. There it is again. This time the intent is unmistakable. Their spacey son has made a deliberate effort to correspond with them! He was 14 years old when he blasted into space and now he is nearly 20. Could it be that the negative environment has been swept away and communication is again possible?

Yes. For most families, that is precisely what happens. After years of quiet anxiety, parents learn to their great relief that everything is A-OK onboard the spacecraft. The "splashdown" occurring during the early 20s can then be a wonderful time of life for both generations.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers.

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Dr. James Dobson
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Mudslinging gets tiresome

The Apostle Paul writes in II Corinthians 10:12, "We dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." KJV

Here we are again in the middle of political races where the rule is "He that tooteth not his own horn, has no toots." And another rule is "If you can make some other candidate look bad, it makes you look good." These are worldly rules, and they run afoul of the biblical rule that those who follow the worldly rules are not wise.

I remember when I was coaching, and we would scrimmage against ourselves in the preseason, we would look good! But, all we were doing was measuring ourselves and comparing ourselves with ourselves. We would commend ourselves and predict a victorious season. Then, we would have a scrimmage against another team. In that scrimmage, all our shortcomings that we could not see, as we measured and compared ourselves with ourselves, would be revealed. What a rude awakening. And we had to correct our shortcomings or

experience a losing season.

I know that, in a democracy, political campaigns and candidates are a necessity, but why does it have to be a "put down" circumstance? And it is not just candidate against candidate, it is also party against party.

As far as I am concerned, no party or candidate that belittles or puts down another will get my vote. Let them tell me, honestly, what they have done, what they are doing, and what they will try to do, if elected. That requires telling the truth, which brings up another rule for me... any candidate or party, which lies to further itself, will not get my vote. The ninth of the Ten Commandments covers that — "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

I suspect that God is not allowed in or considered in the political process, but isn't it strange that candidates campaign in churches. I thought that was against man's law.

Without Him, there is not much help for today or hope for tomorrow.

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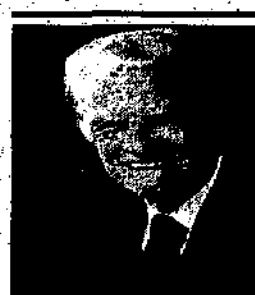
Clary's fictions
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Wondering, can dead loved ones see us?

QUESTION: Do you think people who've already entered heaven can look down and see

us if people in heaven are able to observe what happens on earth — although there are some

hints that they do. In the book of Hebrews, for example, the writer recalls the great men and woman of faith who have gone before us and are now in heaven. Then he adds, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1). Like spectators in an arena, he seems to suggest, they are watching and cheering us on as we seek to follow Christ.



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ANSWER: Yes, heaven is a place of total happiness and peace, and we can be confident that our loved ones who have gone before us into heaven are not disturbed or upset over the evil things that happen here on earth.

The Bible doesn't clearly tell

those in heaven see some of what happens here, they now see it from God's point of view. And they know that some day "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

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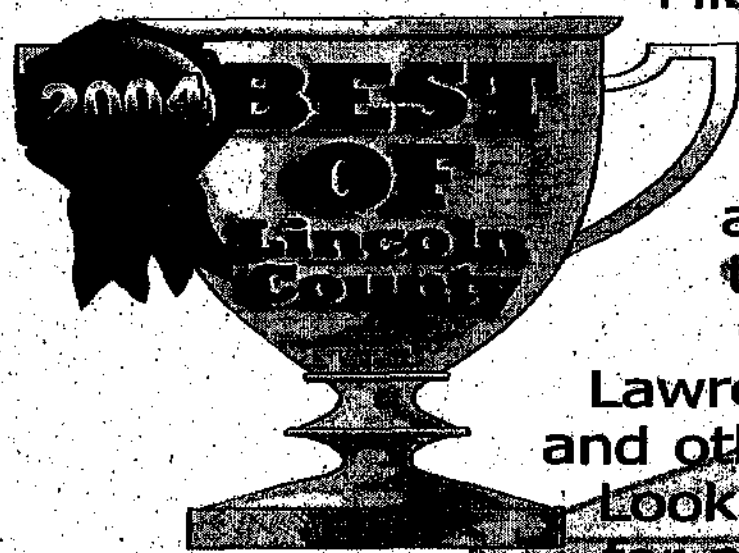
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Legislature talks bully prevention

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — Exactly when does an aggressive child cross the line and become a bully?

That question had temporarily stalled legislation introduced by Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Las Cruces, to fund a bullying prevention program in New Mexico schools.

Eventually they found their answer on the White House Web site — "intentional, repeated, hurtful acts or words committed by one or more students against another student."

With that issue settled, and with the removal of the \$350,000 appropriation that had originally been in the bill, the Senate Education Committee unani-

mously agreed to give the bill a do-pass recommendation.

The money for the program is included in Gov. Bill Richardson's executive budget as part of his education reform package, Garcia explained.

"The only thing that will reform a bully is a bigger bully."

Sen. Kent Cravens
R-Albuquerque

"The only thing that will reform a bully is a bigger bully," Sen. Kent Cravens, R-Albuquerque, said. "As long as the biggest bully is the principal, that will get it done."

The bill requires the state Public Education Department to establish guidelines for bullying prevention programs and that each public school have a bullying prevention program in place by August 2007.

"We should have been doing this all along, especially after Columbine," Garcia said.

Sam Howard of the state Education

Department said each school would create a "schoolwide positive behavior support model." He said that model would include "behavioral intervention for students who need it."

Sen. William Sharer, R-Farmington, said most teachers could handle one disruptive student, but the real problem was with gangs of disruptive students.

"What I don't want to do is create laws that punish one kid a lot and ignore the gang," he said.

Bill Jordan of New Mexico Voices for Children said the program was designed to be preventative and not disciplinary.

Garcia said that 32 states and the District of Columbia have enacted some sort of bullying or harassment prevention program or legislation, and that they have been shown to not only reduce bullying behavior by 50 percent, but also to reduce other school crimes, improve grades and give a boost to school attendance.

Official: WSMR tax exemption wouldn't create jobs

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — State Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans said Wednesday that the 100 new jobs and \$180 million in new investment that they had believed would result in removal of the state compensating tax on Department of Defense testing projects has turned out to be a false promise.

Early in the legislative session, Gov. Bill Richardson called a press conference to announce his support for a bill sponsored by Rep. Terry Marquardt, R-Alamogordo, to remove the compensating tax. Richardson said at the time that if the compensating tax were removed, Boeing would bring an airborne laser weapons testing program to White Sands Missile Range, resulting in 100 jobs and a \$180 million investment.

Homans reported Wednesday that Boeing officials have said they will not bring the program to New Mexico, and even if they did, it would have nowhere near the 100 new jobs advertised.

"Boeing has informed me that they have already made their commitments to do their advanced tactical laser testing at China Lake in California," Homans said. "They have also told me that the testing program involves only six temporary Boeing jobs, not the 100 permanent jobs that Rep. Marquardt thought would come to New Mexico."

Marquardt said he believes there is still an opportunity to

bring the testing project to White Sands if the compensating tax is removed by March, which he said is the "drop-dead date."

"Because of New Mexico's compensating tax, the airborne laser project decided not to come to New Mexico and to go to California," Marquardt said. "Officials at White Sands Missile Range have indicated that if the impediment of the compensating tax is removed, and if we can remove it by March, that there would be no reason for an airborne laser project not to come to New Mexico."

He said there were never any written assurances from Boeing that they would come to New Mexico if the tax were removed. "No one has ever known for certain what the ultimate result of this legislation or what the ultimate result of the airborne laser project would be," Marquardt said. "What's important is that we do everything we can to make New Mexico as attractive as possible."

Boeing spokesman Dan Beck said he was unfamiliar with the laser project, and couldn't say if the commitment to California was final or if there was a chance New Mexico could win the project back. He also said he was unaware if it would mean six jobs or 100.

"Right now we can't speculate how many jobs would be created," he said.

Marquardt said he was told that 100 jobs would be involved in the project, but he didn't

know if all of those jobs would be new.

"Officials at White Sands Missile Range tell me that this is a 100-job project," he said. "How many are new and how many are old — how many are civil services or military or government contractors or local labor, nobody has been able to pin that down."

He said some researchers who are now at WSMR would have to go to California while the tests are being conducted.

Marquardt said he and Richardson agree on the need to remove the compensating tax.

"If we don't build it, they won't come," he said. "I am excited about removing the compensating tax and attracting Department of Defense contracts to New Mexico, and I believe the governor and his

staff share that."

Homans said the governor has included in his legislative package to protect New Mexico's military bases, bills sponsored by Rep. Jose Campos II, D-Santa Rosa, and Senate President Pro Tem Richard Romero, D-Albuquerque, that would remove the compensating tax, but are not as narrowly focused as Marquardt's bill.

Beck said Boeing has several projects at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, and has lobbied to have the tax removed.

"Boeing's position is that we're in New Mexico to stay," he said. "We think it's a great place to do business and we would certainly like to work with the governor and the Legislature on eliminating the compensating tax."

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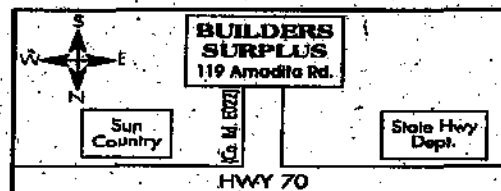
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Senate OKs bill to let State Engineer veto well permits

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The Senate passed a bill Wednesday to give the State Engineer's Office the authority to deny new permits for domestic water wells in areas where the aquifer has been depleted.

The 22-20 vote came after a lengthy debate and after Democrats successfully beat back numerous Republican-sponsored floor amendments to place additional conditions and restrictions on the bill.

The bill's sponsor, Carlos Cisneros, D-Quetta, said that as the law stands now, anyone with \$5 for a permit can drill a new well, even in areas where the water source has nearly run dry.

"Obviously, it is of no value to issue a permit when there is no water," Cisneros said. "This gives the state engineer the authority to deny a permit when the area of the well is in critical management circumstances. This

is a property rights issue, to protect the rights of senior users."

Republicans said the bill would pit one resident against another and would unfairly penalize small property owners. They questioned the constitutionality of the bill, and said it changes a law that has been in effect since the state was first declared.

"I hope this body knows what we're doing, changing a New Mexico law that's been in place since 1912. It's something that's been very sacred to the people of New Mexico, and we're changing it," Sen. Carroll Leavell, R-Jal, said.

He and other Republicans objected to the fact that there was no specific definition in the bill as to what would allow the state engineer to declare a critical management area, which would give him authority to deny permits in that area.

"It's like we passed a bill where we said we're going to raise the speed limit, but we don't know what we're

going to raise it to and we don't know where," Sen. Don Kidd, R-Carlsbad, said. "This is the first bill I can remember where we said we're going to do something, but we don't know where or how."

Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces, expressed similar fears. "I'm just concerned that we don't have a solid definition," he said.

He said he was worried that it could develop into a no-growth bill.

Cisneros replied that the state engineer would determine critical management areas "with sound science and hydrology," and "when resources are inadequate to sustain wells."

Sen. William Payne, R-Albuquerque, questioned why the bill covered just domestic, and not municipal wells.

"We'll deny a permit for a little guy who owns a house, but a municipality can drill in the same aquifer," he said. He said the result would be that

homeowners who had been denied permits would be forced to ask to be incorporated into the city so that they could have a water supply.

"The state (water supply) is already overappropriated," Payne said. "It gives the state engineer the authority to say one overappropriated area is a critical management area and another one isn't."

He said there were serious "equal protection" problems with the bill. "The rich will buy water rights and transfer them. This hits the poorest residents of our state," he said.

Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort, D-Albuquerque, said the bill pits urban areas against rural, and said far more water is wasted through inefficient irrigation practices than with domestic wells.

She said it penalizes urban areas, while Leavell said he thought the bill was "an attack on rural New Mexico."

Democrats argued that the bill was needed to give the state engineer

authority to manage the state's shrinking water supply.

"If we're not going to give the state engineer the tools to manage this, we're going to be in trouble," Senate Majority Floor Leader Manny Aragon said. "If we don't pass this bill, we're saying we don't have a problem with water in New Mexico."

"If there's not problem, why are we buying water for the Pecos River? Ruidoso doesn't have any water. They've got all kinds of water rights, but they don't have any water."

Sen. Leonard Tsosie, D-Crownpoint, called it a "reasonable bill."

"This puts economic management and the need for water management together and tries to square it up," he said.

The bill passed on nearly a party-line vote, although Democrats John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, and Michael Sanchez, D-Belen, joined Republicans in voting against it.

State wants to restore federal IHS funding

BY JIM SNYDER
SANTA FE BUREAU

SANTA FE — The House voted 57-0 Wednesday to pass a joint memorial asking Congress to restore \$16 million in funding for the Indian Health Service hospital in Albuquerque and the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute Dental Clinic.

Surrounding area pueblos have redirected the federal money with contracts for their clinics, leaving the IHS facility and the dental clinic in peril, said Rep. Ray Begaye, D-Shiprock, the memorial's sponsor.

The IHS facility and dental clinic were set to close in 2000 for lack of funding, the memorial reads. It adds that urban Indian representatives, with the support of

tribes from the surrounding area and New Mexico Congressional representatives, managed to keep them open with a special \$1 million Congressional appropriation.

The memorial asks Congress to appropriate \$16 million in new funding for the IHS facility and dental clinic while not affecting the pueblos' clinics.

The necessary federal health care funding for urban Native Americans off the reservation is lacking, Begaye said.

"There are 33,000 (Native Americans) living in Albuquerque and we don't have adequate medical funding for them. They go to IHS but are given limited care. (There are) a lot of referrals to other hospitals," he said.

Committee recommends Hispanic curriculum bill

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — A program that is designed to reduce the dropout rate among Hispanic students by creating a curriculum that is based on Hispanic culture and history has won the approval of the Senate Education Committee.

The committee gave a do-pass recommendation to a bill by Senate Majority Floor Leader Manny Aragon, D-Albuquerque, that would provide \$1.8 million to fund the first two years of what is expected to be a five-year program. After the fifth year, the program is designed to be self-supporting.

The program, Cada Cabeza Es Un Mundo (Each Mind is a World) was originally developed in California, and has the backing of actors Edward James Olmos and Rita Moreno and musician Carlos Santana.

"I think it fits right into what we're calling reform in the state," Aragon said. "We're try-

ing to find subject material for these young kids to show them that they do have a culture. We want to show them what their predecessors have faced to get them to where they are today."

Hispanic students have the highest dropout rate in the nation, said Marine Dominguez, a Cobre High School graduate

who is now president of the Hispanic Education and Media Group in California.

Margot Segura, executive director for the Hispanic Education and Media Group, said the curriculum involved in the program has been collected over eight years, and would be designed to relate specifically to

Hispanic students in New Mexico.

"It's New Mexico-based, so they're learning about their food, their language, their history and their culture to try to reach them," Segura said. "The curriculum is not just a feel-good curriculum. It uses culture to challenge students."



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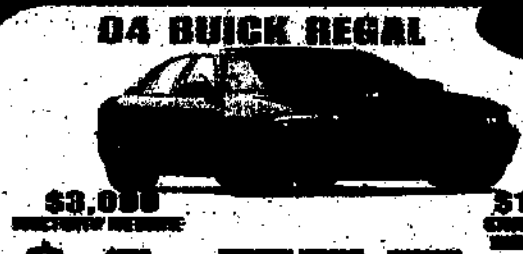
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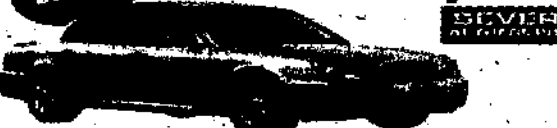
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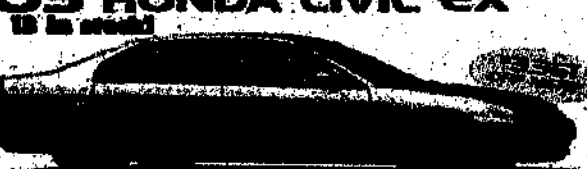
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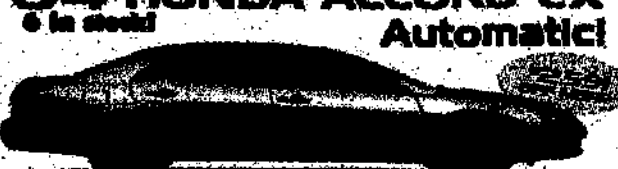


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Automatic! \$14,999

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'04 HONDA ACCORD LX Automatic



Price includes \$2,301 dealer discount from \$20,800 MSRP. TT&L extra. Stk. #W039720. Mkt. #0307640V.

\$17,999

No Hidden Fees

'03 HONDA ELEMENT EX 4x4



Price includes \$2,301 dealer discount from \$21,810 MSRP. TT&L extra. Stk. #W039720. Mkt. #0307640V.

Automatic! \$17,999

No Hidden Fees

'04 HONDA ODYSSEY LX



Price includes \$2,451 dealer discount from \$24,400 MSRP. TT&L extra. Stk. #W039720. Mkt. #0307640V.

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Virginia Burrow
Rhonda VincentTraductor en los Recintos
Consolidados 10, 11 y por-
ción de 8B

Faye Randolph

2. Juez en el recinto del
votante absentista:

Barbara Green

Escribanías en el recin-
to del votante absentista:Faye Randolph
Bonnie Richardson
Jane BiddleSuplentes en el recinto del
votante absentista:Virginia Burrow
Rhonda VincentTraductor en el recinto
del votante absentista:

Faye Randolph

D. Por medio del presente
se da noticia que se ofe-
cerá una "Escuela" so-
bre la Elección del Cuerpo
Directivo del Recinto el día
26th de febrero de 2004
City Hall, Hubbard Room,
Ruidoso Downs, Nuevo
México. La "Escuela" em-
pezará a las 10:00 DE LA
MANA. La "Escuela"
está abierta al público. Fe-
chado este día 27th de en-
ero de 2004/S/Escribana Municipal,
Carol Virden#5941 2T (2)6,20
LEGAL NOTICENOTICE OF NAMES OF
CANDIDATES FOR OF-
FICE: DESIGNATION OF
POLLING PLACES; PRE-
CINCT BOARD MEM-
BERS; AND NOTICE OF
ELECTION SCHOOL FOR
THE PRECINCT BOARDSCity of Ruidoso Downs in
connection with the regular
municipal election to be
held on March 2, 2004 and
pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA
1978:A. Notice is hereby given
that the following qualified
electors are candidates for
public office of the City of
Ruidoso Downs. The can-
didates' names are listed
in the order that they will
appear on the ballot as de-
termined by the drawing
by lot.1. For the office of May-
or for a four year term.Bob A. Miller
Joe M. Hayhurst
Rene G. Olivo

Mya- Write-In-Candidate

2. For the office of Two
(2) Councilors for a four-
year termL. Dale Perry
Virginia A. Armstrong
Corena M. Baca
Thomas E. Chavez
Susan J. Garrett
Sally Turner
George S. McCasland
Judy R. Miller

LEGAL NOTICES

3. For the office of Muni-
pal Judge for a four-year
term.Edwin N. Ciekler
Camille Johnson
Harold R. Mansell
Charlie J. BagleyB. Notice is hereby given
that the following polling
places shall be used for the
conduct of the regular mu-
nicipal election to be held
on March 2, 2004:1. Voters in Consoli-
dated Precincts 10, 11 and
a portion of 8B within the
municipal boundary shall
vote at City Hall, Hubbard
Room, Ruidoso Downs, NM.2. Voters in the absent
voter precinct will vote at
the Office of the Municipal
Clerk, 122 Downs Drive,
Ruidoso Downs, NM.C. The following Precinct
Board members have
been appointed:Consolidated Precincts 10, 11
and portion of 8B, Barbara
GreenClerks in Consolidated
Precincts 10, 11 and portion
of 8BFaye Randolph
Bonnie Richardson
Jane BiddleAlternates in Consolidated
Precincts 10, 11 and portion
of 8BVirginia Burrow
Rhonda VincentTranslator in Consolidated
Precincts 10, 11 and portion
of 8B

Faye Randolph

2. Judge in Absent Voter
Precincts 10, 11 and portion
of 8B

Barbara Green

Clerks in Absent Voter
Precinct: 10, 11 and portion
of 8BFaye Randolph
Bonnie Richardson
Jane BiddleAlternates in Absent Voter
Precinct: 10, 11 and portion
of 8BVirginia Burrow
Rhonda VincentTranslator in Absent Voter
Precinct: 10, 11 and portion
of 8B

Faye Randolph

D. Notice is hereby given
that a Precinct Board Elec-
tion School will be held on
the 26th day of February
2004 at City Hall, Hubbard
Room, Ruidoso Downs,
New Mexico. The school
will begin at 10:00 A.M.
The school is open to the
public. Dated this 27th
day of January 2004./S/Carol Virden, Municipal
Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

#5946 4T (2)6,13,20,27
LEGAL NOTICETWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURT COUNTY
OF LINCOLN STATE OF
NEW MEXICOALTO LAKES GOLF &
COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a
New Mexico corporation,
CV-03-210
Division III

Plaintiff

vs.

ROBERT BOYD, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUITTO: Robert Boyd,
Marihelen Boyd, and
Charles D. Rundles

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NO-
TIFIED that there has
been filed in the District
Court of Lincoln County,
State of New Mexico, a
certain cause of action
wherein, Alto Lakes Golf &
Country Club, Inc. is the
plaintiff and you are de-
fendants, the same being
Cause No. CV-03-210, Di-
vision III. The object and
purpose of the said suit is
to have your lots in Alto
Village declared a public
nuisance.YOU ARE NOTIFIED that
unless you enter your ap-
pearance or file pleadings
herein on or before April 1,
2004, the plaintiff will
make application to the
Court for a decree by de-
fault, and decree by de-
fault will be rendered
against you as prayed for
in the complaint.The name of the plaintiff
attorney is RICHARD A.
HAWTHORNE, P.A., Ri-
chard A. Hawthorne, whose
address is 1221
Mecham Suite 2, Ruidoso,
New Mexico, 88345.WITNESS my hand and
seal of the District Court of
Lincoln County, New Mexi-
co, this 29th day of Janu-
ary, 2004./S/Elizabeth Yaasi
Deputy Court Clerk
Lincoln County, New Mexi-
co#5943 4T (2)6,13,20,27
LEGAL NOTICESTATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT

No. CV-03-268

MORTGAGE ELECTRON-
IC REGISTRATION SYS-
TEMS, INC., as nominee
for Flagstar Bank, FSB,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF GREG-
ORY BRAM NUNNALLY
aka GREGORY B. NUN-
NALLY, Deceased, TRINA
NUNNALLY, as mother
and guardian of the minor
child, SKYLER NUNNALLY,
DONA R. NUNNALLY, JEF-
FREY R. NUNNALLY, in-

LEGAL NOTICES

dividually and as Co-Person-
al Representative of the
Estate of Gregory
Bram Nunnally, Deceased,
SANDIE NUNNALLY, AL-
BER D. SHAFFER, Indi-
vidually and as Co-Person-
al Representative of the
Estate of Gregory
Bram Nunnally, Deceased,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEE OF GREGORY
BRAM NUNNALLY, De-
ceased, JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT STATE OF NEW
MEXICO to the above-
named Defendants,
GREETINGS:You are hereby notified
that the above-named
Plaintiff has filed a civil
action against you in the
above-entitled Court and
cause, the general object
thereof being to foreclose
a mortgage on property lo-
cated at 109 Course View
Drive, in the City of Ruidoso,
County of Lincoln, New
Mexico, more particularly
described in the Complaint
in said cause.That unless you enter
your appearance in said
cause on or before March
19, 2004, judgment by de-
fault will be entered
against you. Name and
address of Plaintiff's attor-
ney: Susan C. Little & As-
sociates, P.A., 4501 Indian
School NE, Suite 101,
Post Office Box 3509, Al-
buquerque, NM 87190-
3509.WITNESS the Honorable
JERRY H. RITTER, JR.,
District Judge of the
Twelfth Judicial District
Court of the State of New
Mexico, and the Seal of
the District Court of Lin-
coln County, this 30th day
of January, 2004./S/JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURTBy Mickie Vega
(COURT SEAL)
Deputy#5944 1T (2)6
LEGAL NOTICE:INVITATION TO SUBMIT
BIDSNOTICE is hereby given
that competitive sealed
bids for the following three
road resurfacing projects
will be received by the
County Manager's Office
at the Lincoln County
Courthouse, 300 Central
Ave. (P.O. Box 711), Carri-
zo, NM 88301 until 2:00
p.m., Local Time, Tues-
day, March 9, 2004 at
which time and place the
bids will be opened and
publicly read aloud. Bids
received by the time
and date indicated above
will not be accepted for
consideration and will be
returned unopened.SEALED BID NO. 03-04-
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LEGAL NOTICES

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ext. 105. The Lincoln
County Board of Commis-
sioners will review the bids
and make their final deter-
mination during the County
Commission meeting on
Tuesday, March 18, 2004,
at the Lincoln County
Courthouse./s/Jane Williams
Purchasing Agent#5947 2T (2)6,13
LEGAL NOTICETWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURT COUNTY
OF LINCOLN STATE OF
NEW MEXICOIN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF FRANK M.
ROMERO, Sr., deceased.PB 04-06
Div. III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the under-
signed has been appoint-
ed personal representative of
this estate. All persons
having claims against this
estate are required to
present their claims within
two months after the date
of the first publication of
this Notice or the claims
will be forever barred. Claims
must be presented either
to the undersigned personal
representative at 1221
Mecham, Suite 2, Ruidoso,
NM 88345, or filed with the
District Court of Lincoln
County.

DATED: February 2, 2004.

John J. Romero
Personal RepresentativeAttorney for the Personal
Representative: RICHARD
A. HAWTHORNE, P.A.Richard A. Hawthorne
1221 Mecham Drive,
Suite 2, Ruidoso, New
Mexico 88345
(505) 258-3483#5948 2T (2)6,20
LEGAL NOTICENOTICE OF NAMES OF
CANDIDATES FOR OF-
FICE: DESIGNATION OF
POLLING PLACES; PRE-
CINCT BOARD MEM-
BERS; AND NOTICE OF
ELECTION SCHOOL FOR
THE PRECINCT BOARDS

Town of Carrizozo

In connection with the reg-
ular municipal election to
be held on March 2, 2004
and pursuant to 3-8-30
NMSA 1978:1. Notice is hereby given
that the following quali-
fied electors are candidates
for public office of the Town of

LEGAL NOTICES

Carrizozo. The candidates'
names are listed in the or-
der that they will appear
on the ballot as deter-
mined by the drawing by
lot.1. For the office of Trustee
for a four year term. (two
positions)Wesley B. Lindsay
David LaVave
Tommy R. Guevara2. For the office of Judge
for a four year term.
Lee Roy Zamora
C. O. "Chuck" Rominger2. Notice is hereby given
that the following polling
places shall be used for the
conduct of the regular mu-
nicipal election to be held
on March 2, 2004.1. Voters in Consolidated
Precincts 2A and 13 within
the municipal boundary
shall vote at Town of Carri-
zo Council Chambers,
105 6th St. Carrizozo, NM2. Voters in the absent
voter precinct will vote at the
Office of the Municipal
Clerk Town of Carrizozo
City Hall, 105 6th St. Carri-
zo, NM.3. The following Precinct
Board members have
been appointed:1. For Judge in Consoli-
dated Precincts 2A and 13:
Lucy VegaFor Clerks in Consolidated
Precincts 2A and 13:
Doug Jarrard
Cheryl Smith
Kay CochranFor Alternate in Consoli-
dated Precincts 2A and 13:
Margaret LaBelleFor Translator in Consoli-
dated Precincts 2A and 13:
Lucy Vega
Doug JarrardFor Translator Absent Voter
Precincts 2A and 13:
Lucy Vega
Doug Jarrard2. For Judge in Absent
Voter Precinct 2A and 13:
Lucy VegaFor Clerks in Absent Voter
Precinct 2A and 13:
Doug Jarrard
Cheryl Smith
Kay CochranFor Alternate in Absent
Voter Precincts 2A and 13:
Margaret LaBelleFor Translator Absent Voter
Precincts 2A and 13:
Lucy Vega
Doug JarrardNotice is hereby given that
a Precinct Board Election
School will be held on
Tuesday, February 26,
2004 at the Lincoln County
Commissioners Room in
Carrizozo, New Mexico.
The school will begin at
10:00AM. The school is
open to the public.

Dated this 6th day of Feb-

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ruary, 2004.

/s/Leann Weinbrecht
Municipal Clerk#5949 2T (2)6,20
LEGAL NOTICEAVISO DE NOMBRES DE
CANDIDATOS PARA
CARGO PUBLICO: DES-
IGNACION DE LOCALES
PARA VOTAR: MIEM-
BROS DE LA JUNTA DI-
RECTIVA DE RECINTO:
Y AVISO SOBRE LA ES-
CUELA DE ELECCION
PARA LA JUNTA DIREC-
TIVA DEL RECINTOPueblo de Carrizozo, Nue-
vo MexicoCon respecto a la eleccion
municipal regular que se
llevara a cabo el 2 de marzo
de 2004 y de acuerdo
con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:
1. Por medio de la pre-
sente se da noticia que los
siguientes electores califi-
cados para puestos publicos del
Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo
Mexico.1. Para el puesto de Fidu-
ciario por un termino de
cuatro años. (two posi-
tions)Wesley B. Lindsay
David LaVave
Tommy Guevara2. Para el puesto de Juez
Municipal por un termino
de cuatro años.Lee Roy Zamora
C.O. "Chuck" Rominger2. Por medio de la pre-
sente se da noticia que los
siguientes locales para
votar se usaran para la
eleccion municipal regular
que se llevara a cabo el 2
de marzo de 2004.1. Votantes en los Recintos
Consolidados 2A y 13
dentro del lindero munici-
pal votaran en la oficina de la
Escritbana de la Municipal-
idad.2. Votantes en el recintos
del votante absentista vo-
taran en la oficina de la
Escritbana de la Municipal-
idad./S/Leann Weinbrecht
Escribana Municipal

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Town of Carrizozo City
Hall, 105 6th Ave. Carrizo-
zo, NM3. Los siguientes miem-
bros del Cuerpo Directivo
del Recinto han sido
nombrados:1. Para el juez en los Re-
cintos Consolidados 2A y
13: Lucy VegaPara escribanas en los
Recintos Consolidados 2A
y 13:
Doug Jarrard
Cheryl Smith
Kay CochranPara la suplente en los
Recintos Consolidados 2A
y 13:
Margaret LaBellePara el traductor en los
Recintos Consolidados 2A
y 13:
Lucy Vega
Doug Jarrard2. Para el juez en el recin-
to del votante absentista:
Lucy VegaPara las escribanas en el
recinto del votante absen-
tista:
Doug Jarrard
Cheryl Smith
Kay CochranPara la suplente en el re-
cinto del votante absen-
tista:
Margaret LaBellePara la traductor en el re-
cinto del votante absen-
tista:
Lucy Vega
Doug Jarrard4. Por medio de la pre-
sente se da noticia que se
llevara a cabo una "Escue-
la" sobre la Eleccion del
Cuerpo Directivo del Pre-
cinto el día 26th de Febero
de 2004 en el Cuarto de
los Comisionado, 300
Central Avenue, Carrizo-
zo, Nuevo Mexico. La "Es-
cuela" empezara a las
10:00AM. La "Escuela"
esta abierta al publico.Fechado este día 6th de
Febero, 2004./S/Leann Weinbrecht
Escribana MunicipalAlmanac of Record
from the
New York TimesToday there are
over 350 endangered
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to 600 endangered
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#4290	'03 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS Leather, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$18,888	#4304	'03 FORD FOCUS ZX5, 6 Disk, Sunroof	Wholesale	\$11,555
#4321	'02 FORD F150 SC, 4x4, Flare Side	Wholesale	\$22,988	#4312	'03 FORD EXPLORER SPORT XLT, 4x4, 4 Dr, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$18,998
#4302	'03 LINCOLN TOWN CAR Sig., Leather, Sunroof, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$29,898	#4294	'03 FORD RANGER XLT, 4 Dr, 4.0 V-6, Auto, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$15,727
#4255	'03 FORD FOCUS ZTS Leather, 6 Disk CD, Loaded, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$10,499	#4298	'03 FORD SPORT TRAC XLT, 4x4, CD/CS	Wholesale	\$23,727
#4258	'03 FORD FOCUS 4 Dr, Auto, A/C, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$10,455	#4194	'03 FORD WINDSTAR Dual A/C, 4 Dr	Wholesale	\$15,999
#4232	'03 FORD MUSTANG V-6, Auto, Loaded, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$13,888	#4229	'03 FORD WINDSTAR Dual A/C, 4 Dr, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$16,988
#4307	'03 CROWN VICTORIA Leather, Traction Control	Wholesale	\$17,888	#4195	'03 FORD WINDSTAR Dual A/C, 4 Dr, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$16,988
#4257	'01 TOYOTA CAMRY 4 Dr, Auto, Moonroof	Wholesale	\$10,977	#4264	'02 FORD SUPER CREW XLT, 4 Dr, Loaded, CPO✓4.9%	Wholesale	\$20,225
#42381	'97 FORD RANGER Flare Side, A/C, One Owner	Wholesale	\$4,995	#9D0841	'01 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4x4, 6 Disk	Wholesale	\$18,888
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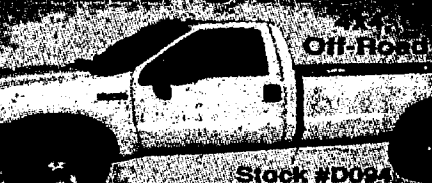
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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

All but six trails were open after Tuesday's snowfall and midway depth was 30 to 39 inches as of press time Wednesday. For those who don't know how to put on a ski or who want to improve their skills, Ski Apache's Ski School has 120 enthusiastic instructors available to teach five levels of classes and private lessons. To learn more on Ski School, turn to page 8.

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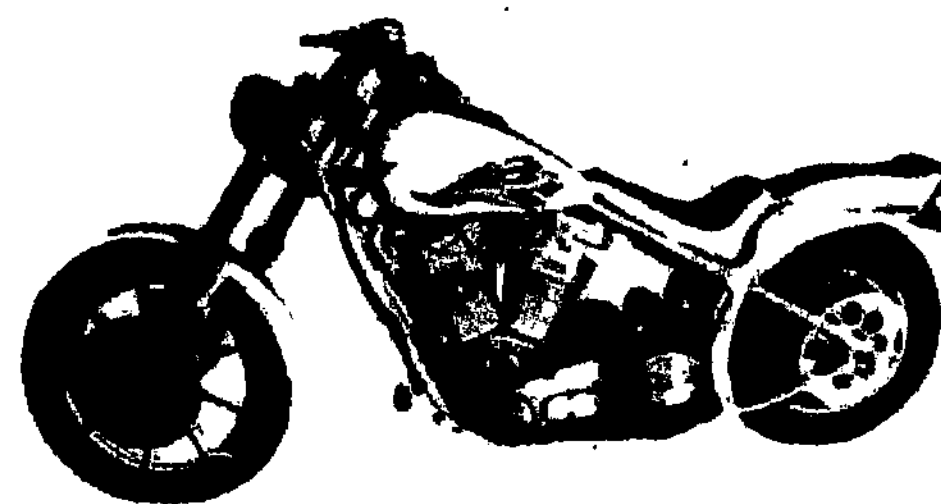
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At 66, orchestra still a 'work in progress'

BY SANDY SUGGITT
VAMOS EDITOR

Talk about one-night stands. The 19-member Glenn Miller Orchestra does about 300 one-night-stands a year, and it's been doing that since 1938 — with only two breaks.

The first break was when Miller disbanded in 1942 to join the Army and lead the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band overseas. Then, in 1944, he took off in a single-engine plane from England and disappeared — declared officially dead by the Army a year later. Ray McKinley took over as the unofficial leader after



O'Brien

Miller's disappearance, until 1950. The band tried to die, but was revived in 1956, again under the direction of McKinley, when the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present orchestra.

The first Glenn Miller Orchestra was a flop, but his second band, launched in 1938, saw hit after hit, and the Swing Era tunes of the 1930s and '40s are still popular with audiences all over the world.

If you go

what: The Glenn Miller Orchestra, presented by the Ruidoso Concert Association

when: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12

where: Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center at Ruidoso High School on Warrior Drive

cost: \$25 from Candle Power (257-9508), Clinton Smith (258-5702) or at the door.

"Casino de Paris" orchestra at the time. He led the Glenn Miller Orchestra from 1981-83 and then from 1988 on. Before that he'd performed with the orchestras of Sammy Kaye, Buddy Morrow, Ralph Marterie, Ray Eberle, Billy May, Les Elgart and others, and in 1962 was the featured soloist/lead trom-

bonist with the Sam Donahue/Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. He also led a group backing Frank Sinatra Jr. in live appearances, recordings and television shows for about 16 years.



COURTESY

The Glenn Miller Orchestra has been playing since 1938, and will stop in Ruidoso Thursday. Tickets are available.

O'Brien calls the orchestra "a work in progress." It's not resting on its laurels but continuing to expand. The band was originally a dance band, not a concert band, so they've modified some of the tempos for concerts, he said in a telephone interview.

"Most of the things were dance-oriented. Some of the things we play a little bit faster or slower because we want to create a mood instead of something we can dance to."

"We added Latin because today people want to dance to all kinds of dances. It's not the same as when dancing was the main activity that a lot of couples used to enjoy instead of movies, TV, video; people actually used to go out — and they used to dance together up close."

Other adaptations O'Brien has made include giving female vocalist Julia Rich something substantial to sing.

In bygone years, the female vocalist sang only novelty songs: "bits of nonsense supposed to put a smile on your face and a skip in your step that wouldn't have too much relevance today ... so I have made the male vocalist, Nick Hilscher, sing Frank Sinatra tunes, and I always give the female vocalist a quality standard ballad and also a subtempo, too. She's got some music to

sing and isn't just stage decoration like a lot of the earlier singers were."

Instead of the Modernaires, the current band has the two featured vocalists and "added three 'fellas' from the orchestra and they form a vocal group, the Moonlight Serenaders, doing all the old songs.

"We do a different show every night, a different opener, but we always close with the same thing, 'Moonlight Serenade,'" O'Brien said. "We have so many different tunes to choose from we can do five different shows and never repeat a tune."

With more than 1,700 compositions, including the original charts from the Swing Era-band and the Army Air Force Band, the orchestra manages to give fresh performances with some of the old favorites in

each show. O'Brien said he doesn't plan the show ahead of time, but waits to see what the audience looks and sounds like, and what the place sounds like.

"We've been getting quite a few younger generation folks in the audience, too, and that gladdens my heart," he said.

Will the Glenn Miller Orchestra continue forever? O'Brien, who recently signed a contract for the next two years, thinks it will.

"When I played in it in 1960, I played as a side man, and I remember saying back then to myself, 'How long are they going to whip this old dead horse?' And here I am some 45 years later leading it. The longevity and the continued popularity of the Glenn Miller Orchestra is astounding."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Friday, Feb. 6**Line dancing**

Ruidoso Downs Senior Center line dancing, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Arts reception

Reception for Art in Public Places, 5-7 p.m. Village Hall: Ruidoso High School art students' two-dimensional work; Ruidoso Public Library: Cheryl Sullivan from Lincoln with photographs and floor cloths; three-dimensional work of RHS art students.

First Friday Lecture

First Friday Lecture at the Capitan Public Library, 101 East Second St., is 7-8 p.m. on book clubs, presented by Susan Weir-Ancker and Mary Jo and Porter Smith. Refreshments will follow. Free of charge.

Pastel workshop

Pastel workshop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with Michael Chesley Johnson; cost is \$40 plus \$30 for supplies. To sign up, call Elizabeth Becker at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 378-4142.

Spencer musical

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., tickets \$36-\$45. For information, call 336-4800.

Saturday, Feb. 7**Rec Center fundraiser**

The Carrizozo Recreation Center will have a fundraising Pancake Feed at 7 a.m. to raise money for a machine that oils and dresses the lanes of the bowling alley. Breakfast is bacon, sausage, all the pancakes you can eat, and beverages for \$5 per person. A sanctioned singles bowling tournament follows at 10 a.m. and then at 2 p.m. Those who would like to make a donation can contact Jim Mack at 648-4220.

Quilling demonstration

Carrizozo quiller Barbara Culler will demonstrate her craft and have materials for visitors to try it at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum from 10 a.m.-noon.

Movie night in Carrizozo

Carrizozo Joe's will be host to a movie-night fundraiser at 7 p.m., with "It Happened One

Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert starting at 7:30 p.m., to raise money for Ariel Burr, a Carrizozo High School student for her volunteer stint in Africa to work with children whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness about transmission and prevention among rural youth.

Monday, Feb. 9**Line dancing**

Line dancing at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11**Cross Your Heart Cup**

The 18th Annual Cross Your Heart Cup Race will be held at Ski Apache from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to the American Heart Association and everyone is welcome to participate in several events.

A \$12 entry fee entitles participants to race and win prizes based on this year's theme, Hollywood: "It's about fun and fashion!" Medals will be awarded in several categories. Festivities will feature an after-race party at Cree Meadows Country Club beginning at 6 p.m. The auction will feature items from local merchants and those who wish to donate may call 336-4356, extension 211. More information about the event is also available by calling the above number.

Thursday, Feb. 12**Glenn Miller Orchestra**

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center, 100 Warrior Drive. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 258-5702.

Friday, Feb. 13**Line dancing**

Line dancing at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Valentine dance

Valentine Dance with snack potluck at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Drive, 6-9 p.m., eating from 6-6:30 p.m. and dancing until 9 p.m. to the tunes of Kerry Northover.

Dinner dance

The community is invited to a Valentine's Dinner Dance sponsored by the First Christian Church from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Dinner will be between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and the Graham Brothers will provide music for dancing and listening from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$20 each and are available at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. For information, call the church at 258-4250.

Coming soon**Humane Society benefit**

Join screen star Linda Blair and friends for "Cat Tails," a special cocktail party at the Hawthorn Suites, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, for the Humane Society of Lincoln County's 2004 Spay & Neuter Campaign. The society's goal is to help 5,000 animals this year alone.

Tickets are \$60 and include a ticket to attend the coming-of-age comedy "Vanities" starring Linda Blair, Erin Moran, ("Happy Days") and Jill Whelan ("The Love Boat") at the Spencer Theater Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

Hebrew conference

Uri Harel, founder of the Center for Biblical Hebrew in Israel, will present a conference on secrets of the Hebrew Bible at Hosanna's Glassworks, 2204 Sudderth Drive. Events start at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with Sabbath dinner; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, seminar, with potluck noon-1 p.m.; 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Havdalah service (closing ceremony). Cost of conference is \$45 for individuals, \$75 for couples, includes workbook and CD. Make reservations by Feb. 13 by calling Sonia Loya at 257-0122.

Alcohol server training

Alcohol server training will be offered through Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso on Fridays Feb. 27, March 26, April 30, May 21, June 25 and July 30, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Pre-registration at least one day prior to class is required at the university office, 709 Mechem Drive. For more information, call 257-2120.

Local artist honored for quilt

Karen Smith of Nogal won third place in the Art Small category at the recent International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas.

The quilt, "Labyrinth: One Step at a Time," was entered in the International Quilt Association's annual judged show, "Quilts: A World of Beauty."

Smith was among 408 finalists in the competition that attracted a record of 826 entries from around the world. The quilt was on display at the 29th International Quilt Festival in November at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The festival, Houston's largest convention, attracted more than 53,000 people.

Ongoing Events

Art in Public Places

Art in Public Places exhibits for February: at Village Hall, Ruidoso High School art students' two-dimensional work; at Ruidoso Public Library, Cheryl Sullivan from Lincoln with photographs and floor cloths; and three-dimensional work of RHS art students; in the Children's Library, photographs of third- through sixth-graders from a photography workshop taught by the Photographic Society of Lincoln County at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in October.

Photographic exhibit

At Cornerstone Bakery and Cafe, 359 Sudderth Drive, a photographic display of the work of local photographer Herb Brunell, "Some Things I've Seen and Places I've Been," will be up February and March.

Schuetz featured in Capitan

The featured artist at the Capitan Public Library for January and February is landscape and seascape artist David Schuetz of Ruidoso.

Johnson's work at Hubbard Museum

Timberon artist Michael Chesley Johnson's solo exhibition of pastel paintings continues at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs through February 22. All paintings are for sale and 25 percent of the price goes to support the non-profit Museum. For more information, call the museum at (505) 378-4142 or visit www.HubbardMuseum.org.

Information about ongoing exhibits in Lincoln County should be e-mailed to ssuggitt@ruidosonews.com or faxed to Sandy Suggitt at the RUIDOSO NEWS at 257-7053.

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Hints to make days easier, interesting

Art, Craft and Such

Practical, creative ways to include fun in everyday living
by Polly E. Chavez



I enjoy thinking up creative ways to make my days easier, yet interesting. After raising six children, I learned early on to think creatively regarding my time and household budget. My kitchen became a laboratory of

sorts, with experimentation or adaptation of ideas that I came across. The children have all grown up and are out of the nest. I continue to experiment and to find creative ways to make my hectic days more enjoyable.

For an instant weight control strategy sew buttons on pants and skirts with elastic thread. The waistband will expand as you enjoy your second helping at the dinner table. To make a sponge cake borrow one cup of sugar from the next door neighbor, borrow four eggs from the neighbor across the street, borrow flour from the neighbor down the street, etc... Now let's get on to hints of a more serious nature:

- If a pencil eraser is too dirty or too smooth, roughen it with an emery board or nail file.
- Cut your soap pads in fourths with scissors. You get the same cleaning job out of them and you'll buy fewer pads.

- Use less hamburger meat by adding dry oatmeal. Add to hamburger for making tacos, spaghetti, burritos, etc. The oatmeal cooks up like hamburger.

- For faster cleanup, keep a spray bottle with a mixture of water, baking soda and vinegar handy.

- Make your own baby vegetable food and freeze into ice cube trays. Once frozen, remove and store in plastic bags.

- Simple kitchen objects can make stimulating playthings for toddlers: plastic bowls, bottles, mugs, measuring cups and lids.

- Give canned tomato soup a homemade flavor by adding a bay leaf to the soup while heating it. Remove the bay leaf before serving.

- Hang a large cup hook near the sink to hold rings, watches and bracelets while you do the dishes or prepare food.

- Dice up green peppers or celery and freeze on a cookie sheet. When frozen, store in plastic bags. Use as needed for casseroles and other dishes.

- The night before, hang heavy wet clothes from the washer on doorknobs, then toss in the dryer next morning to complete the drying.

- Fry one egg, breaking yolk. Place strips of cooked bacon and a slice of cheese on top of egg. Cover until cheese melts. Remove from pan and place between slices of toast.

- A muffin tin makes a great bed tray. Place food and a small glass of beverage in the compartments.

- When a recipe calls for self-rising flour and you don't have any, add one-teaspoon baking powder and one-fourth teaspoon salt per cup of regular flour.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Miracle

Drama, 2 hrs. 15 min.
Rated PG for language and some rough sports action.

This is the true story of coach Herb Brooks (Russell), who in 1980 had the distinction of having been the last player cut from the U.S. hockey team the last time the team won the Gold at the Olympics (in 1960). Brooks got his chance at being part of a medal-winning team, however, when he led the U.S. hockey team to victory over the Soviets (who had won the medal the last four times: 1976, 1972, 1968, and 1964 since that 1960 U.S. win) at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid despite overwhelming odds. For a country still entangled in a decades-long "Cold War" with the U.S.S.R., the sports victory was seen as patriotic and symbolic of "our side" beating "their side."

Starring: Kurt Russell, Eddie Cahill, Patricia Clarkson, Noah Emmerich, Patrick O'Brien Demsey

Directed by: Gavin O'Connor
Produced by: Debra Martin Chase, Mark Ciardi, Gordon Gray
Showtimes: Noon*, 3 p.m.**
6:10 p.m., 9 p.m.

*Saturday and Sunday only
**Friday through Sunday only

Catch That Kid

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Crime/Gangster, 1 hr. 42 min.

Rated PG for some language, thematic elements and rude humor. 12-year-old Maddy (Stewart) and her father (Robards) have always shared a love for mountain climbing. Their hobby, however, has a disastrous effect when an accident on Mount Everest injures his spine, paralyzing him forever unless he gets a very expensive operation. Determined to raise the money to pay for it, Maddy decides to recruit two of her friends to help her break into the super-high-tech bank (which includes a vault suspended 30 feet off the floor) that her mother (Beals) works at as the security chief, in an attempt to rob the funds her father needs using the amazing climbing abilities he taught her.



COURTESY

Sara Foster and Owen Wilson in Warner Bros.' *The Big Bounce*.

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, Jennifer Beals, Max Thieriot, Sam Robards
Directed by: Bart Freundlich
Produced by: Andrew Lazar
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m.*, 2:45 p.m.**
5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

*Saturday and Sunday only
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Cold Mountain

Romance and Drama, 2 hrs. 35 min.

Rated R for violence and sexuality.

Directed by Academy Award-winner Anthony Minghella ("The English Patient", "The Talented Mr. Ripley") and based on Charles Frazier's best-selling Civil War novel of the same name, *Cold Mountain* tells the story of Inman (Jude Law), a wounded confederate soldier who is on a perilous journey home to his mountain community, hoping to reunite with his pre-war sweetheart, Ada (Nicole Kidman). In his absence, Ada struggles to survive, and revive her father's farm with the help of intrepid young drifter Ruby (Renee Zellweger).

Showtimes: 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
*Friday through Sunday only

The Big Bounce

Crime/Gangster, Romance and

Thriller, 1 hr. 48 min.

Rated PG-13 for sexual content and nudity, violence and language.

Jack Ryan is a likeable drifter whose talents lie just outside the law. Hoping a change of scenery will bring him luck, Jack heads for Hawaii. He takes a job working construction for Ray Ritchie, a shady real estate developer who is building a resort despite protests by local Hawaiians. Almost immediately, Jack has a run-in with Ray Ritchie's foreman and Bob Jr., Ritchie's right-hand man, warns Jack to get off the island if he knows what's good for him. Enter Nancy Hayes, a thrill-loving local who specializes in good looks and petty crime. When Nancy tries to seduce Jack into helping her double-cross Ray Ritchie and steal \$200,000 of his payoff money, Jack is intrigued, but hesitant. This could be the perfect score, or the perfect setup. Starring: Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman, Sara Foster, Gary Sinise, Bebe Neuwirth
Directed by: George Armitage
Produced by: Steve Bing, George Armitage, Jorge Saralegui
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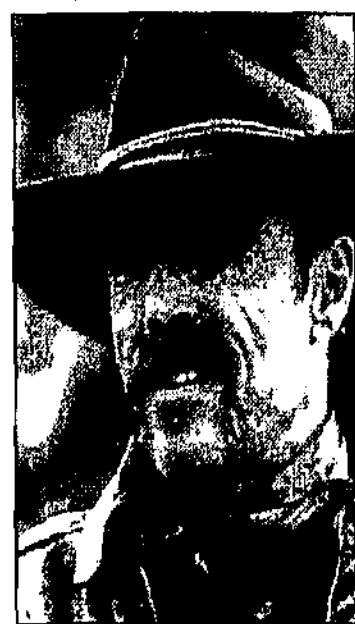
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Bass: '...The world is bobbing around'

Past Tense

by Drew Gomer
Historian, The Hubbard Museum of the
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Much has been made of the "Last Ride of the Dalton Gang," including a made-for-TV movie with the same title. Which is too bad, really. The Daltons were a bunch of boobs who routinely rode horses to

death and finally met their Waterloo when they inadvisedly attempted to rob two banks in their home town (duh) of Coffeyville, Kansas, simultaneously.

Now, the last ride of the Sam Bass Gang is another story. It involves a traitor, and great courage on the part of at least one of the desperadoes.

On July 19, 1878, (coincidentally, the same day that the Lincoln County War's climactic battle took place and Billy the Kid began shooting his way into the history books), the Bass Gang rode into Round Rock, Texas.

On that day, there were four men in the gang: Bass, his chief lieutenant, Seaborn Barnes, Frank Jackson and Jim Murphy. However, what the other three did not know was that Murphy was an informant, a "snitch," and had already informed the Texas Rangers of the Gang's plan to rob the bank at Round Rock on the next day, Saturday, the 20th.

On this day, Friday, the 19th, they were riding in to "case" the place one more time. Murphy stopped at a store on the way into town, supposedly to ask the local folks about the possible presence of lawmen in the town. Of course, both Murphy and the Texas Rangers didn't expect anything to happen until the next day. They were in for a big surprise.

The Ball opens

It was around 4 p.m. when the three outlaws, Bass, Barnes and Jackson, dismounted and began walking west on the north side of the street. They wanted to check the town out one final time before the robbery planned for the next day. Two of them were carrying saddlebags when they crossed the street and entered Koppel's Mercantile to purchase some tobacco.

While local lawmen had been warned

about the presence of the Bass Gang, it appears that someone dropped the ball somewhere. Local lawmen Maurice Moore and "Caige" Grimes noticed that the three strangers entering Koppel's appeared to be armed and walked over to investigate. Whether or not they actually suspected the three men of being members of the Bass Gang, we will never know.

The three desperadoes had been standing at the counter, engaging the clerk in conversation for only a few seconds when Grimes walked in. The officer stepped up to Bass and put his hand on him – the beginning of a "frisk" – at the same time inquiring of Bass if he was armed. Amazingly, Bass actually replied, "Yes." Poor Grimes never had a chance when the three outlaws spun around and all opened up on him. Hit five times as he staggered back toward the door, crying "Boys, don't!" Grimes never even got his gun out.

Moore, who was standing in the doorway, did better. One of the bullets fired by the bandits struck him in the chest, but he managed to jerk his pistol and, as he staggered back, fired a round into the cloud of smoke that engulfed the outlaws. Moore continued on up the sidewalk, and away from the gunfight to safety. His bullet had found a mark, though. Sam Bass was no longer sporting five fingers on his left hand, the middle and ring fingers had been torn off by Moore's shot.

Dick Ware

Meanwhile, Texas Ranger Dick Ware, who had expected the Gang, but not until the next day, heard the gunfire from the barbershop where he was getting a haircut and a shave. Racing out into the street, Ware made a quick assessment, and joined the fight. He snapped off a shot at the three outlaws, who were just then crossing Georgetown Street. In return, the desperadoes sent a fusillade his way. Ware ducked behind a hitching post just as the outlaw bullets splintered it.

The desperadoes were trying to get back to their horses, tethered in an alley, but it was tough going. When a saloon-keeper fired at them from a doorway, they slowed down, their advance more circumspect – still desperate, but more careful. When they finally reached their horses at the end of the alley, all hell broke loose.

Highsmith's Livery Stable backed onto the alley and the owner, Albert Highsmith, along with Texas Rangers

George Herold and Chris Connor, opened up on the outlaws, although Highsmith's rifle jammed at the crucial moment. At the same time, Dick Ware and two other men, possibly Rangers, too, entered the alley behind the outlaws. The bandits were trapped and they knew it.

And that, of course, made them more dangerous.

Just as Sam Bass, grimacing in pain, reached his horse, Ranger George Herold stepped out of the stable with a Winchester leveled at him. When Bass heard Herold order him to surrender, he brought his pistol up. Bass pulled the trigger and the gun just clicked, out of bullets. Herold's rifle roared and Bass called out "Oh Lord!" as the bullet slammed into him from a mere 15 feet away. Bleeding profusely, Bass slumped against the stable fence.

Seaborn Barnes had just swung into the saddle, unaware that Dick Ware had drawn a bead from the other end of the alley. Ware's bullet hit Barnes just behind the left ear and exited through his right eye. He was dead when he hit the ground.

Frank Jackson

Frank Jackson was the only one not hit, and it was at that point that he did something that even amazed the Texas Rangers. Instead of leaping into the saddle and getting out of there as quickly as possible, Jackson turned and, firing with one hand, helped his wounded leader into the saddle. Then, he vaulted onto his own horse, and amidst a veritable hailstorm of bullets, the two desperadoes thundered out of town.

They managed to go about three miles before Bass insisted that Jackson leave him. Propping Bass up against a tree, Jackson rode off and into the mists of time – or did he?

Meanwhile, back at Round Rock, the Rangers were having problems of their own. Despite the fact that a major portion of the gunfight had taken place at the mouth of a stable, there was only "one plug" in that stable and the Rangers wasted valuable time trying to round up enough horses for a decent posse.

Not that it made that much difference, as Bass was, for all practical purposes, waiting for them anyway. He was still propped up against that tree when they found him the next day. They loaded the dying outlaw into a wagon and brought him into Round Rock where he was told that he would not survive.

Hoping – in vain, as it turned out –

that Bass would make a confession, a stenographer was brought in. He did confess to the Union Pacific Robbery in Nebraska – which had made him famous and netted him \$60,000 – but everyone knew he did that one, anyway. When pressed for further details, the outlaw simply stated that "It is against my profession to blow on my pals." After telling the Rangers that, "If I killed Grimes, it was the first man I ever killed," Sam uttered his last words: "Let me go... the world is bobbing around." It was 3:55 p.m., Sunday, July 21, Sam Bass' 27th birthday.

Epilogue

Maurice Moore survived the bullet he took in the chest during the gunfight, only to be killed nine years later in still another gunfight.

Deputy Grimes' widow was given one of the outlaw horses and \$250 from the grateful Union Pacific, even though the robbery had nothing to do with the railroad.

Jim Murphy died about a year later after "inadvertently swallowing" some "toxic belladonna." It was claimed for years that he committed suicide in a fit of remorse, but it appears to have been an accident, pure and simple.

And Frank Jackson? Well, one story has him living out his years quietly on a New Mexican ranch. But seminal historian Eugene Cunningham claimed to have met a man he thought was Frank Jackson in South America in the 1920s. About Frank, at least, we will never know for sure. But what happened to the Bass Gang at Round Rock, Texas, on July 19, 1878, is a matter of historical record.

Sources: *Bad Day at Round Rock* by Bob Boze Bell and *Sam Bass and Gang* by Rick Miller.



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Flag Day (June 14)

The first observance of Flag Day was in 1877, which adopted the design of the American flag flown today. President Truman signed the Flag Day Bill in 1949.

SCHOOL ARTS

RHS kids to act up at Drama Fest

BY CHARLI KRAUSE
VAMONOS CORRESPONDENT

While most people try to avoid too much drama in their lives, some people can't get enough. To the devoted and enthusiastic Ruidoso High School thespians, nothing could be more exciting than being knee-deep in drama for three days. It's lights, camera and action for the theater students as they depart this month for the annual Drama Fest at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Drama Fest is an event hosted by the theater department at Eastern New Mexico University every February for high school drama groups. Ruidoso has been attending for 14 years, and hopes to continue the tradition in years to come.

"It's an amazing experience because we get to be around a ton of kids who have the same interests."

Jessica Lookingbill
RHS second-year
Drama Fest participant

"One year there was a class in belly dancing and our guys took it. It was hilarious. They loved it, just loved it," McIntosh said.

The students usually take two or more workshops per day, along with watching many plays performed by the schools in attendance.

"There are all kinds of plays that deal with so many issues. Some are really serious and others are comedy. They can deal with anything from drugs to family issues and violence. Last year there was a play about Iraq. We see everything there," said McIntosh.

The typical day at Drama Fest begins at 8 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. On the last night, the ENMU drama department performs a show for the participants.

"Last year it was 'Arsenic and Old Lace' and it was to die for. It was just wonderful," McIntosh said.

"It's a wonderful learning experience because so many high schools from New Mexico and from Texas participate. Usually there's about 30 to 35 schools there," said Cathleen McIntosh, RHS drama teacher.

The festival was created to immerse students in drama for three days, honing their theater skills and exposing them to a variety of theater styles. The students who attend are required to participate in workshops that range from playwriting to improvisation, directing and theater tech.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Ruidoso High School drama students will get a chance to revive their fall play, "How the West Was Dun," in abbreviated form at Drama Fest in Portales.

Only the advanced drama class will go this year, along with anyone from the fall play, since that is the play that Ruidoso will perform at Drama Fest.

"Every school does a one-act play. We're going to be doing How the West was Dun, the melodrama we did in the fall. We're limited to 45 minutes from set up to strike, so we really had to condense the play. The kids have been working on that, since they needed to learn how to cut and splice a play anyway. We've basically taken a two and a half-hour show and condensed it to 45 minutes," McIntosh said.

"I'm way excited," said Christa Fredrickson of her first year to attend. "We get to go back again and redo the show and it was just so much fun. I'm really excited about the improv workshops. It will be really helpful to know how to do improv properly. Drama is really a great way to get out of your box. Being the Schizophrenic Kid in the show really has forced me out of my comfort zone. Drama is a challenge, but I love it," Fredrickson said.

Previous attendants are also looking forward to another fun-filled festival.

"Drama Fest is just a ridiculous amount of fun," said Jessica Lookingbill, a second year participant. "It's an amazing experience because we get to be around a ton of kids who have the same interests. You learn all kinds of new techniques from dancing to sewing. They have a dance for all of the kids one night and it's great."

Rehearsals began this week, and will continue until the departure for Drama Fest on Feb. 26. The students will have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 25, and the public will be able to buy tickets and attend. The price hasn't been set just yet, but it will be in the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. The proceeds will help pay for the cost of attending Drama Fest.



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Higher learning

Ski school instructors teach for the fun of it

BY SANDY SUGGITT
VAMONOS EDITOR

About 120 instructors teach all levels of skiing and snowboarding at Ski Apache, part- or full-time, but it's not the pay that keeps them there.

"The fun factor is built in," said Scott Goeller, director of the Ski School, who's been working at Ski Apache for 27 years.

Carla Grover, head of Kiddie Corral — a ski program for children ages 4-6 — has been an instructor at Ski School for 29 years. Finding instructors who've been around a couple decades is easy.

Grover likes the work because it's healthy and fun.

"And I like teaching because at the beginning they're all scared and by the end of the day, they're smiling and skiing and happy. It's instant gratification," she said.

"Who else can have an office like this?" asked Andrea Davis, a first-year instructor.

Annie Williams, who just started teaching skiing this year, has attended other ski schools and has nothing but praise for this one.

"For me it's been really rewarding to teach skiing," Williams said. "The ski industry has evolved so in the last 10 years, it's so easy now. You can take somebody who doesn't know how to put a ski on or fasten their boots and by afternoon they're skiing — besides learning a skill they can use for life."

Dave Anderson started teaching in 1975. At one time he owned Wild West Ski Shop and Action Ski. He quit teaching a few years to work in the Ruidoso schools, but is back on skis again.

Snowboarding has grown in popularity, and Scar Ward is one of the snowboarding and training instructors who's been around the school for 15 years.

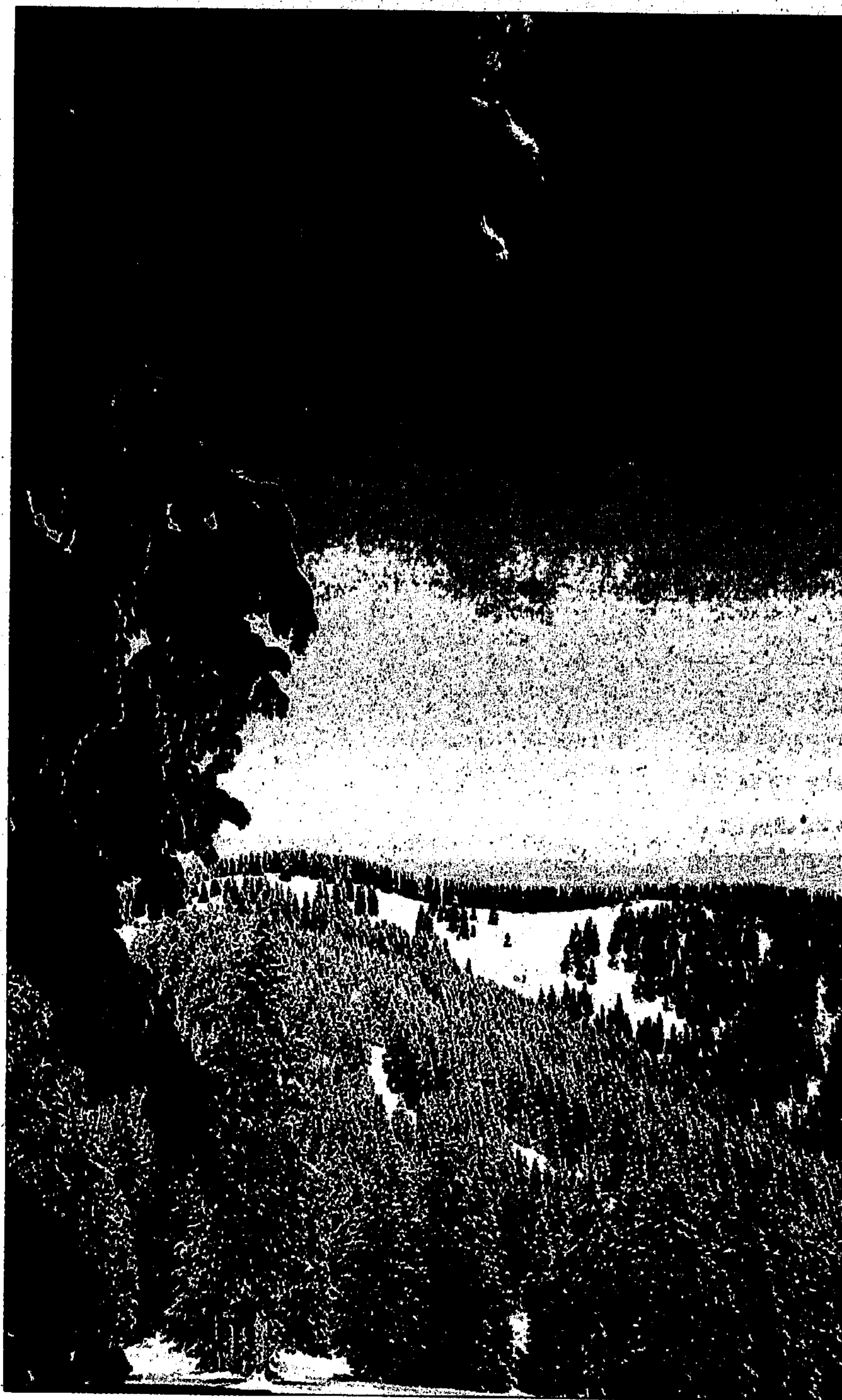
He competes in races around the state but is proud of the five natural half pipes at Ski Apache.

"Apache Bowl was formed with crevices or ravines," he said. "They fill in with snow and people come from California to ride that."

Ward moved to Ruidoso in 1963 when he was 10. He took his first skiing lesson as part of the School Ski Day program four Tuesdays in the ski season.

Since his early days of skiing, Ward said he's seen a lot of changes: Chairs have replaced surface lifts and many more user-friendly trails have opened.

Gabriel Jones, who teaches snowboarding, became certified as an instructor by taking a three-day course and exam; it took him about a month before he could teach classes, including shadow time with another instructor. There are three levels of certification, and he's certified to



Winter has blanketed Sierra Blanca, making conditions that much better to learn to ski at Ski Apache's school.

SANDY SUGGITT



PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

This is the beginning of a very-beginning class. First students learn to make their boots fit and put their skis on, then they do some exercises to get comfortable with the skis. Lessons are available for many levels at the same price as a lift ticket.



Above: The Gazebo was built in 1964 by ski instructor Rick Hall's grandfather, as well as the upper section of the Gondola. The Mescalero Apache Tribe bought the resort in 1963 from oil magnate O.L. Anderson. Left: Youngster Rebecca Shiloff of El Paso, does a "pizza wedge" with her skis to stop on command, while instructor Hal Walker looks on.

teach the first three levels of classes, which include "never ever" been on skis before through intermediate levels.

"A lot of people are wanting to board because they think it's cool," Jones said. "I've asked them. I think it's more difficult to learn boarding. It's a lot more physical and requires more strength."

One of the perks of being an instructor is the free classes and certification by the Professional Ski Instructors Association, allowing instructors to improve their own skiing and riding.

Adding international spice to the mix of instructors is a group of Germans from Holloman Air Force Base or Fort Bliss who work for trades of equipment. Instructors also come from Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, New Zealand, Mexico — and

even from El Paso.

Goeller, who directs the Ski School, went to Steamboat, Colorado, to ski for a week but, lacking snow, he came to ski in Ruidoso — and ended up staying.

Goeller is proud of the Ski School and the private and class lessons for all ages and levels of experience.

"We try to separate adults from children because children learn and move differently, and we have child-specific instructors. We offer a myriad of products from private lessons to class lessons at various times during the day, and guests can get going pretty much any time during the day," he said.

Lessons are not only for beginners; five different levels of instructions are offered, including upper-level lessons, with terrain

everyone feels comfortable skiing on.

"Our goal as a ski school is to make everything easier and more fun."

A tour of the beginner's area revealed a 3-year-old skiing with her family and several classes of beginners learning to use their equipment and move around on skis. For children ages 4-6, the Kiddie Corral has its own terrain, with carpets set up to get children walking, climbing up the hill and turning circles. Once they're familiar with the feel of the skis and can glide, they can use the rope tow to start turning circles, then take the chair lift to Easy Street. This is an all-day program that includes lunch and rest time in a facility that handles more than 100 children at times.

"This is one of the highlights of Ski

School," Goeller said. "It gives parents of a young kid an opportunity to leave kids in a safe and fun haven and go off and ski themselves."

Lessons for the little ones are from 10 a.m.-noon, with an 11-o'clock cookie break, then lunch, a cartoon and naps, if they like, followed by lessons again from 2-3:30 p.m.

"It's a happy place — run on chocolate chip cookies," said Cindy Jacoby, the No. 2 person at Kiddie Corral.

Besides getting lessons for the price of a lift ticket, skiers can join the Apache Spirit Club and, by showing their one-day lift ticket, receive \$5 at the tribal casinos and other deals at the Casino Apache Travel Center and Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course.

SPENCER THEATER

'Molly' at Spencer tonight

The Spencer Theater presents "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," the story of a larger-than-life lady who proved tougher than the Titanic.

Featuring a cast of 23 professional singers and dancers and a score by "The Music Man's" Meredith Willson, the musical opened here Thursday and will run today at 8 p.m.

Born in 1867 as Margaret Tobin, Molly was a bold and feisty lady determined to rise above her impoverished beginnings in the backwoods of Hannibal, Missouri, and Leadville, Colorado, saloons. Triumph she

did, especially when falling in love and marrying a miner, "Leadville Johnny Brown," who struck it fabulously rich. Molly became part of the social set of Parisian society and a pal of princes in Europe.

Her legendary "unsinkable" fame came via one of her many trips home — on one of the lifeboats that escaped the sinking of the Titanic.

For ticket information, call the Spencer box office toll free at (888) 818-7872, locally at 336-4800 or go on-line at www.spencertheater.com.



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Varying weather in wonderful Whitby

On the Go with Hank & Ellen

by Ellen Barone
Travel Writer and Photographer
Part 2 of 2



My 3-day stay in Whitby, England, was mostly spent beneath a spongy sky and viewed through a misty veil of rain. Occasionally,

though, the clouds rolled back to reveal another Whitby, sun-dappled and dazzling where red-tiled rooftops glistened and the sea turned from a ominous steel-grey to an appealing Windex-blue.

During these sunny respites I'd wander off into the maze of narrow, labyrinthine backstreets, stroll the wharf, or clamber up the 199 13th century stairs that lead to Whitby Abbey, the cliff-top ruined abbey set high on a promontory lording over town and sea. The current abbey, founded by Benedictine monks, dates from 1220. However, an abbey has been on the site since the 7th century.

When threatening clouds brought rain again, I'd retreat back into a cozy pub, nap at the hotel, or browse the town's

numerous art galleries and shops. I spent a couple of enjoyable, rainy hours in the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, an informative collection on exhibit in the former home of the town's most famous inhabitant, the great circumnavigator Captain James Cook, whose maritime career started in Whitby.

Although Whitby's maritime heritage can be adequately gleaned within the confines of the land-based museum, it's best complimented by a tour aboard the replica ship HM Bark Endeavour, a frequent visitor to Whitby harbor. With a sea breeze flapping across heavy canvas sails, wind whistling through salty rigging, and the gentle creak of tarred wood, 18th century life on board the legendary explorer ship comes alive.

Once below deck, however, any romantic notions of life at sea quickly vanished. Endeavour, a converted collier (coal ship), was obviously chosen for its reliability and strength - rather than comfort. Claustrophobic living quarters with 4-foot ceilings meant that crew spent their time in a painful bent-backed position - one I found maddening for the 20 minutes or so necessary for the tour, let alone for several years as required for the ship's epic voyages of exploration and discovery.

It was another Endeavour, though, that provided the best glimpse into Whitby - the Endeavour Pub. At the Endeavour I met Chris, David, Rex and his wife, Moira, a diverse collection of Whitby residents. Their professions ranged from artist and



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A sunny day offers a chance to explore Whitby, England, but being driven inside by the rain isn't so bad either.

thespian, to accountant and ship's captain. Proving that the whole standoffish-Brit reputation is hogwash, this gang was warm and welcoming. Although they aren't all native to the region, they seemed to have passionately adopted the Yorkshire reputation for being outspoken and uninhibited. We discussed literature, politics, music, art and religion. We ate, drank and laughed our way to closing time.

Thanks to Endeavour, I was no longer an outsider looking in, nose pressed to the pub window, so to speak.

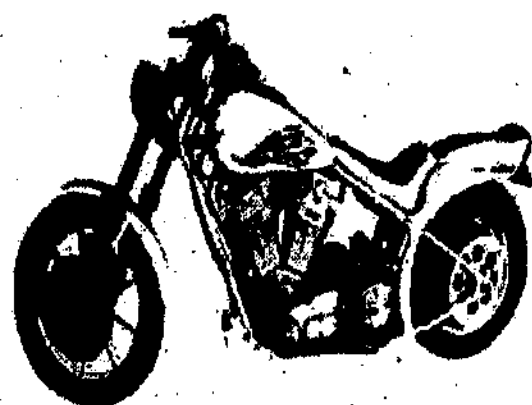
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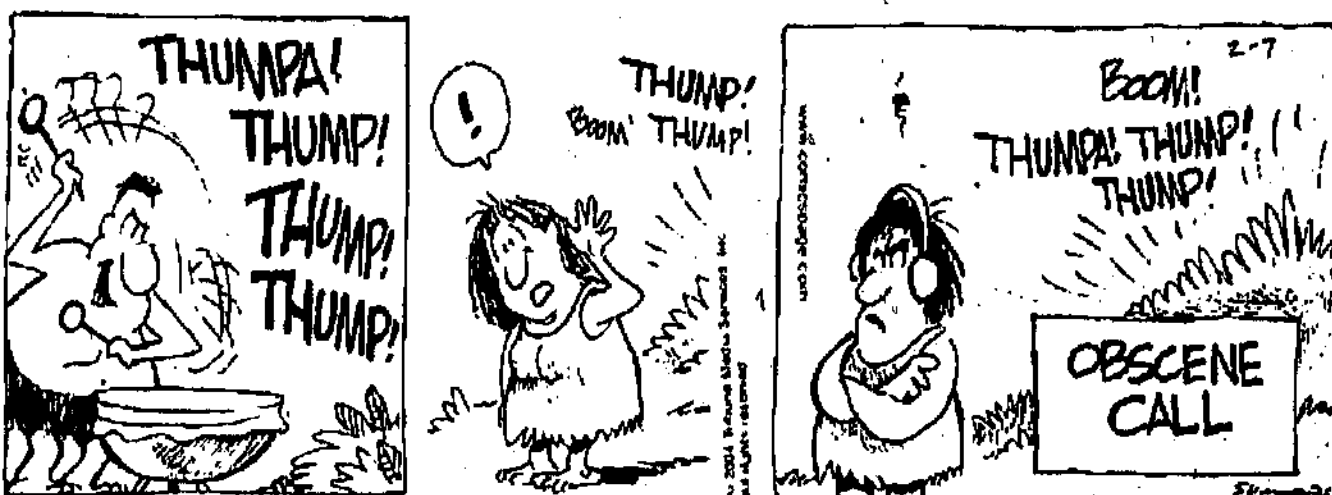
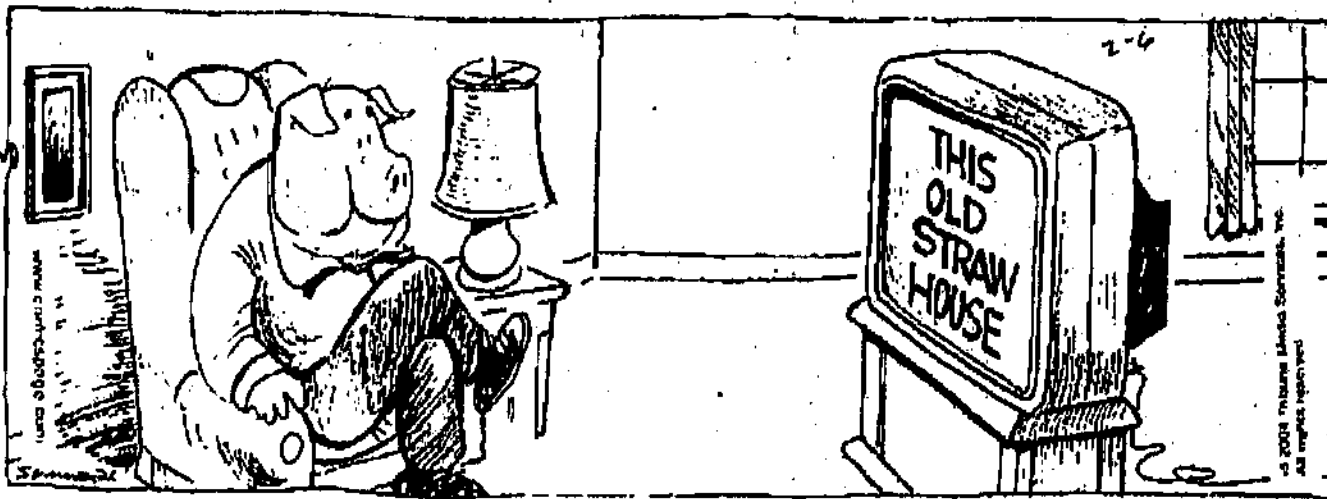
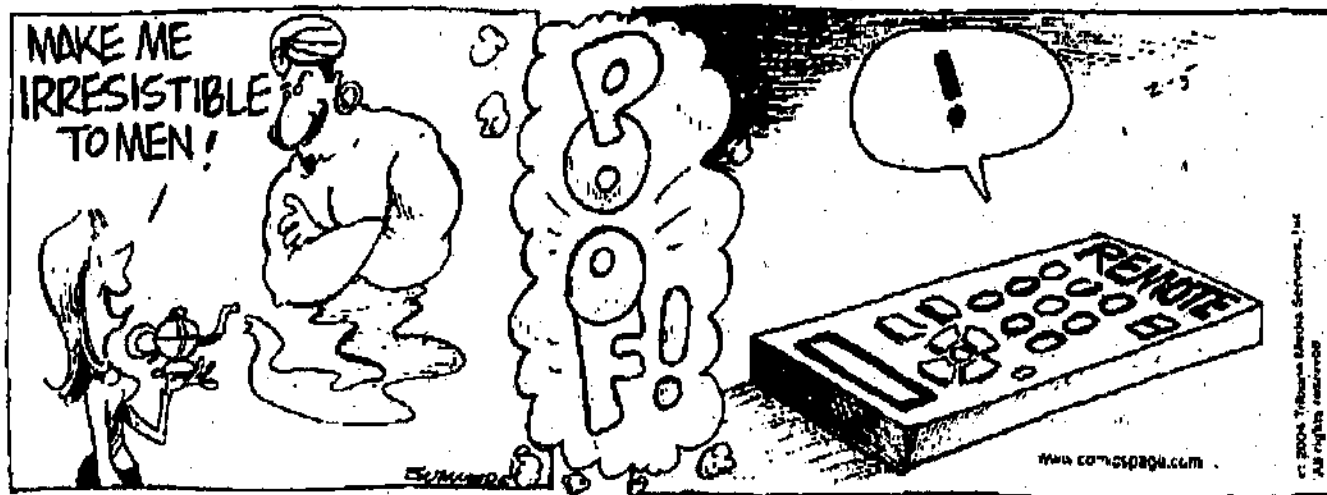
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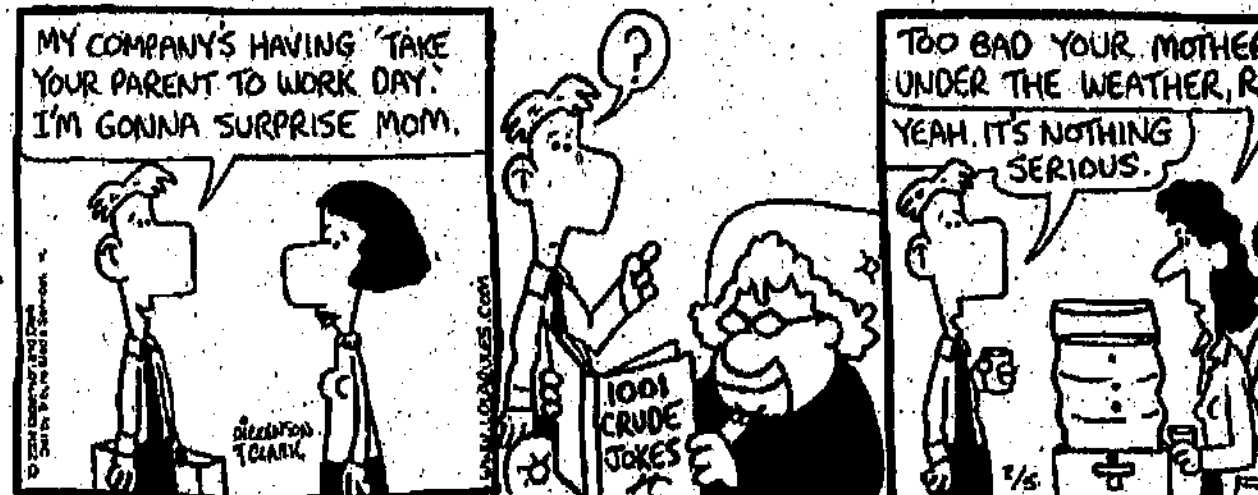
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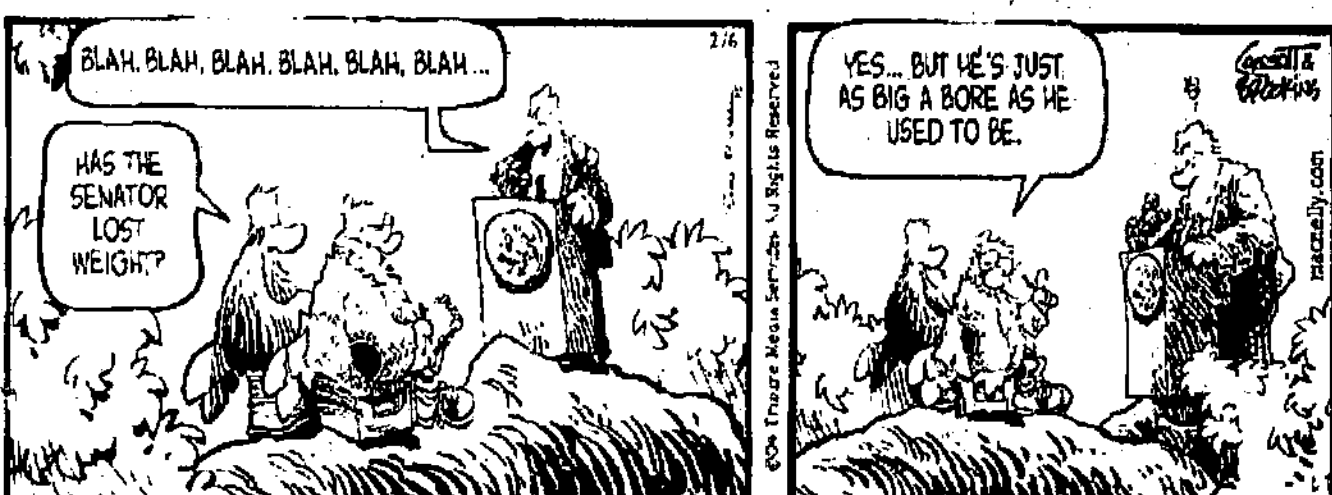
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- 112 Fire starter?
- 113 Total
- 114 Went on violently

DOWN

- 115 P's on frat jackets
- 116 Melodramatic cry
- 117 Drove member
- 1 Muscovite, e.g.
- 2 Open of worms
- 3 Katie's "Today" cohost
- 4 Disguised, briefly
- 5 Natives
- 6 "Later"
- 7 Mil. training inst.
- 8 Luau food
- 9 Richards of Texas
- 10 Luthor, to Superman
- 11 Manages
- 12 Box score blemish
- 13 A Cyclops has one
- 14 Vent

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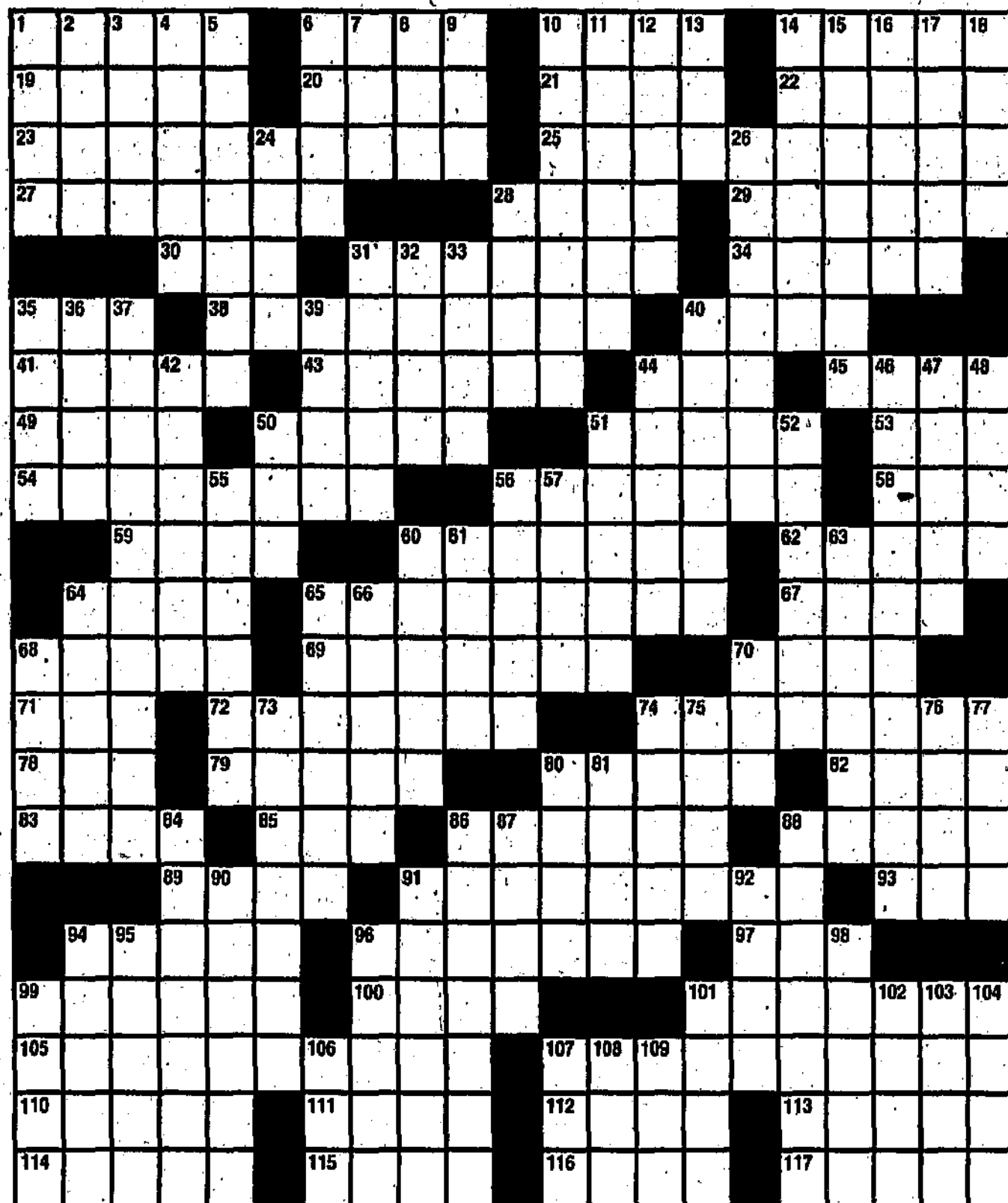
- 15 Surf in a restaurant?
- 16 "We're the Days"
- 17 Obeyed the coxswain
- 18 Belt maker's tools
- 24 Honey candy
- 26 Breadbasket, so to speak
- 28 Elemental unit
- 31 Baptism et al.
- 32 Phil of folk music
- 33 One of the reeds
- 35 Speed-of-sound ratio
- 36 It could be a lot
- 37 Virginia Clemm, to Poe
- 39 Bleats
- 40 "The Long Hot Summer" actress
- 42 Verve

DOWN

- 44 Reddish purple
- 46 Wedding ringer
- 47 Conventions
- 48 Confined
- 50 Stall in church
- 51 Flier's weapon
- 52 "No need to explain"
- 55 Lulls
- 56 Accounting entry
- 57 Scat queen
- 60 Stations
- 61 Promo overkill
- 63 Male companion
- 64 Crude carrier
- 65 Didn't go straight
- 66 "I knew along"
- 68 Hit or miss, e.g.
- 70 Barnyard home
- 73 Most breezy
- 74 West Point rookie
- 75 It parallels a radius

DOWN

- 76 Actor Morales
- 77 Trade-in factor
- 80 Lamp type
- 81 Part of a list
- 84 Hectic lifestyle
- 86 Range parts
- 87 Proof word
- 88 Gulls, at times
- 90 Wobbled
- 91 Tenor Enrico
- 92 Unassisted
- 94 Gay leader?
- 95 Ferber novel
- 96 Cambrian
- 98 First appearance
- 99 Battle line?
- 101 Eerie sightings
- 102 Surrealist
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- 104 "off?"
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Getting completely fed up with life at sea

Dave's World

by Dave Barry
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In my family, we are nautical people. We have the sea in our veins. I do not speak metaphorically: Sometimes we find actual eels in our underpants. That's how nautical we are.

And so a few weeks ago, we set

out on a sea voyage from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., knowing that it would be five days, and roughly 153 meals (included), before we would reach our destination: Fort Lauderdale.

We sailed aboard a cruise ship, which had one of those cruise-ship names, like the Majestic Vagabond Restaurant of the Seas. She is a fine vessel, a tad larger than Connecticut, boasting (really) an onboard shopping mall. Leaving port, she weighed 75,000 tons, at least half of which was food. Here's a log of our voyage:

DAY ONE

"We arrive at the ship and meet our fel-

low voyagers, most of whom are wearing brand-new sneakers, as though they're about to compete in the decathlon, as opposed to spending the next five days chewing.

We begin our cruise with a lifeboat drill, lining up in neat rows, wearing our lifejackets, calmly awaiting instructions. In a real emergency, of course, we'd fight for the lifeboats like wild dogs battling for meat. Our sneakers would squish with blood. We have all seen "Titanic."

Speaking of meat: It's time for dinner! In the dining room, we engage in sparkling intellectual repartee with our fellow voyagers ("What are you having?" "I'm having the salmon." "Really? That's what I'm having!" "Really?" etc.).

After dinner, it's time to engage in the vast array of shipboard activities, by which I mean: drinking, gambling and shopping. By midnight, everybody is weary from a long partial day at sea, and it is time to: Eat more! There's a midnight buffet. Plus, if you pay a little extra, your cabin attendant will come around and stuff food into your mouth while you sleep.

DAY TWO

When we wake up, the Restaurant of the Seas has docked at the exotic island of Key West. This is four hours from our house by car. By ship, we made it in just 13 hours.

Before going ashore, we eat a buffet-

style breakfast. We are issued enormous plates; they look like small wading pools. It is not easy to cover every square foot of plates this size with food. But we manage, because we know we must soon cross, on foot, several hundred feet of barren, commerce-free no-man's-land between the ship and the Key West shopping district.

While we're ashore, disaster strikes: The power goes out. For 45 agonizing minutes, the cash registers in the stores and restaurants do not work. Unable to buy or eat anything, some cruise passengers become disoriented and begin to have non-shopping-related conversations. Fortunately, it passes quickly.

Carrying our purchases, we return to the ship in time for more intellectual give-and-take ("Really? I'm having the prime rib, too!"). In our cabin, we find chocolates on our pillows. Clearly, they want us dead.

DAY THREE

We arrive in Cozumel, Mexico. After a hearty breakfast, we go ashore and experience Mexico, which consists of souvenir stores and restaurants where everybody speaks English and accepts dollars. Travel is a good way to learn about other cultures.

That night, back on the ship, we go to a piano bar, where the piano player gets everybody in a festive mood by playing - I am not making this up - "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," a song about a ship

that sank, killing all aboard. Party time!

DAY FOUR

We spend this entire day at sea, eating and shopping. I think some passengers are secretly throwing their new purchases overboard to make room in their luggage for even newer purchases.

The ocean is rough; some waves even the massive bulk of the Restaurant of the Seas. At breakfast, there's a moment when I'm watching maybe two dozen passengers going through the buffet line, each carrying a wading pool heaped with food, the deck shifts, and the cruisers, in unison, all lurch to the right, then back left. Nobody drops so much as a waffle. Nobody is so proud to be serving with this

DAY FIVE

We arrive, at last, in Fort Lauderdale. We are tired, but we are also, because of experience, something more: fat. We go on the South Beach Diet, or even Beach Diet, where all you eat is sand.

But some day, we will return to the beach. Because we know that it's a big world out there, there are many more adventures awaiting us, out there on the vastness of the ocean.

For example, we have yet to try the shrimp scampi.

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Hebrew conference features foreign art

BY SANDY SUGGITT
VAMONOS EDITOR

The secrets of the Hebrew Bible are the focus of a conference Feb. 20 and 21 at Hosanna's Glassworks in Midtown.

Uri Harel, founder of the Center for Biblical Hebrew in Israel, will present the workshop beginning with Sabbath dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. The seminar resumes on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a potluck lunch from noon to 1 p.m., and closes with a Havdalah service (closing ceremony) from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, Hosanna's Glassworks will display the large fabric collages of Bat-Zvi, Harel's wife, and Harps of Lorient made by Raphael Weisman, that have been "blessed and prayed over in the making, sanding and finishing."

Weisman was born and raised in South Africa and now lives in Questa. His harps, lyres, lutes, bandoras, orpharions, Renaissance guitars and vihuelas have won awards for craftsmanship in shows in Europe, Israel and the United States.

Sonia Loya, owner of Hosanna's Glassworks, said she arranged the conference so people will understand the Bible for themselves, since it was written in Hebrew originally, not in English, Latin or Greek.

Harel will reveal some of the 70 layers



COURTESY

A fabric collage by Bat-Zvi, wife of Uri Harel, from Israel; these tapestries are 8 feet by 12 feet and will be displayed and for sale.

of the Hebrew Bible, including the Gematria, or numbers, Loya said.

"I found out five years ago that I'm a Sephardic Crypto," she said. "My family was forced into Catholicism during the Spanish Inquisition and after 500 years of

losing my Hebraic identity, I'm the first one in my family line to go back to being observant. This is a crucial time in history for us — Jews and people who don't know they're Jewish."

Loya said she's always had a magnetic

connection to the Jewish people without knowing why, and has had dreams about living in Israel since she was 18. The recent release of documents from the Vatican in Rome naming Jewish families who had been forcibly baptized and subsequent revelations such as Loya's is prophesied in the Bible, she said, citing Ezekiel 37:15-28.

"I think it's really important for us to go back to our roots," she said.

The cost of conference is \$45 for individuals, \$75 for couples, includes workbook and CD. Space is limited so please make reservations by Feb. 13 by calling Sonia Loya at 257-0122.



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Student artists display at village hall

BY SANDY SUGGITT
VAMONOS EDITOR

Abstract art makes a splash for February's Art in Public Places exhibits at Ruidoso Village Hall and the Ruidoso Public Library, with Cheryl Sullivan's bold acrylic paintings and photographs on canvas and the eclectic two- and three-dimensional work of Ruidoso High School students.

Public receptions for these exhibits will be at both places from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, with refreshments available and music provided by multi-instrumentalist Tradd Tidwell.

In the Children's Department of the library is an exhibit of children's photographs created during a workshop taught by Photographic Society of Lincoln County members Herb Brunell, Frederic Mora, Judith Gouch and Julia Brogan. A reception for that exhibit will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"Bugged" by Katelynne Wenner, chalk crayon, Spring High School Art Exhibit, See EXHIBIT, page 16 Ruidoso Village Hall.

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Works that are part of this month's Art in Public Places exhibit include, clockwise from above: "Color Theory" by Christi Gonzalez, digital collage, Spring High School Art Exhibit, Ruidoso Village Hall; "Easy Skater Recliner" by Jake Henson, mixed media, Spring High School Art Exhibit, Ruidoso Public Library; "Chinese Character" by Michael Begay, colored pencil, is one of the two-dimensional artwork of the Spring High School Art Exhibit on display at Ruidoso Village Hall; "Baboon Chair" by Cheryl Sullivan, canvas and acrylic, Ruidoso Public Library.

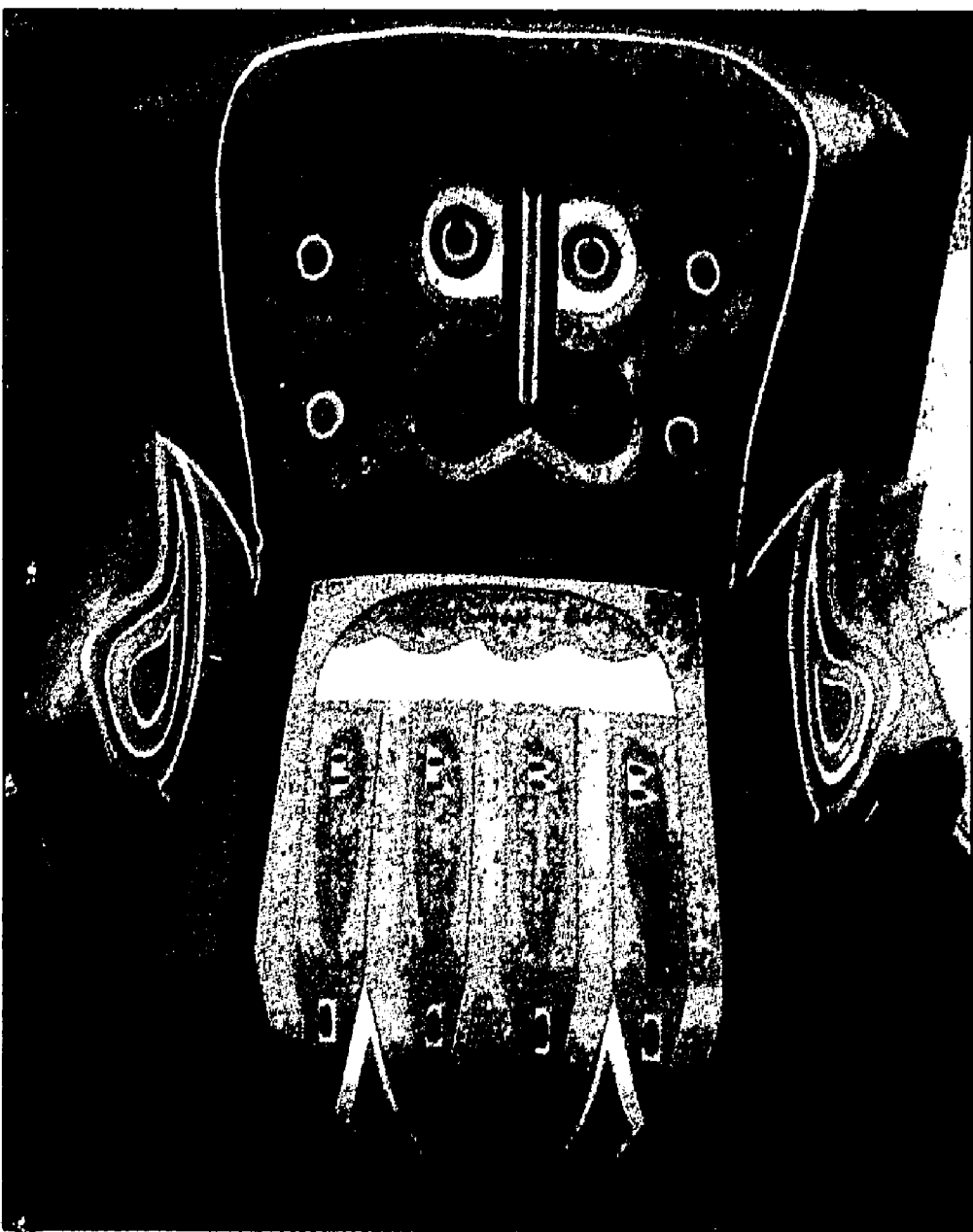


EXHIBIT: Artists at library, village hall

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In the main section of the library are the floor cloths, and photographs of Cheryl Sullivan — and a chair done in a similar manner as the floor cloths. Photography often inspires her color combinations and designs, as it did the woven floor coverings she created after she began harness loom-weaving 20 years ago. These floor coverings are made on heavy, tightly-woven, unprimed canvas with a two-inch border all around and can be cleaned up with a damp cloth.

The Spring High School Art Exhibit includes two-dimensional work at Ruidoso Village Hall and three-dimensional work at the Ruidoso Public Library — both are exhibits not to be missed.

The two-dimensional design portfolio and drawing portfolio includes photography, digital manipulation of media with and without text, drawing in various media, still life and self portraits. The three-dimension design portfolio students exhibit sculptural compositions in wood and string, found objects, wire, and the work of beginning students in slotted matboard and rolled scrap paper.

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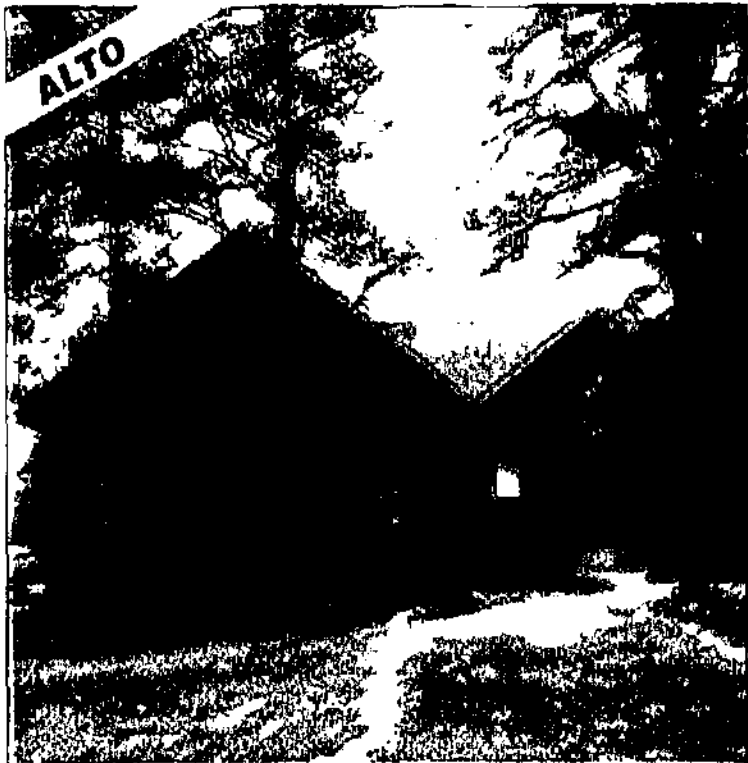
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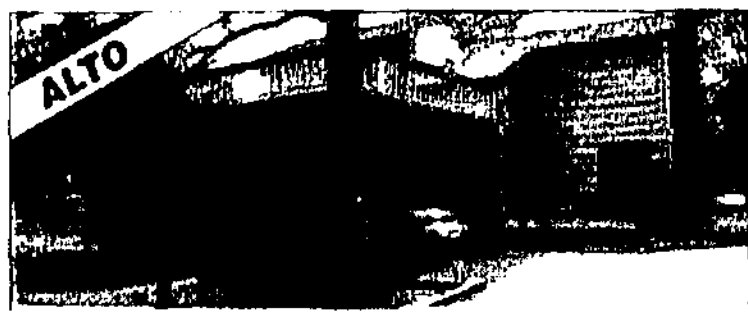
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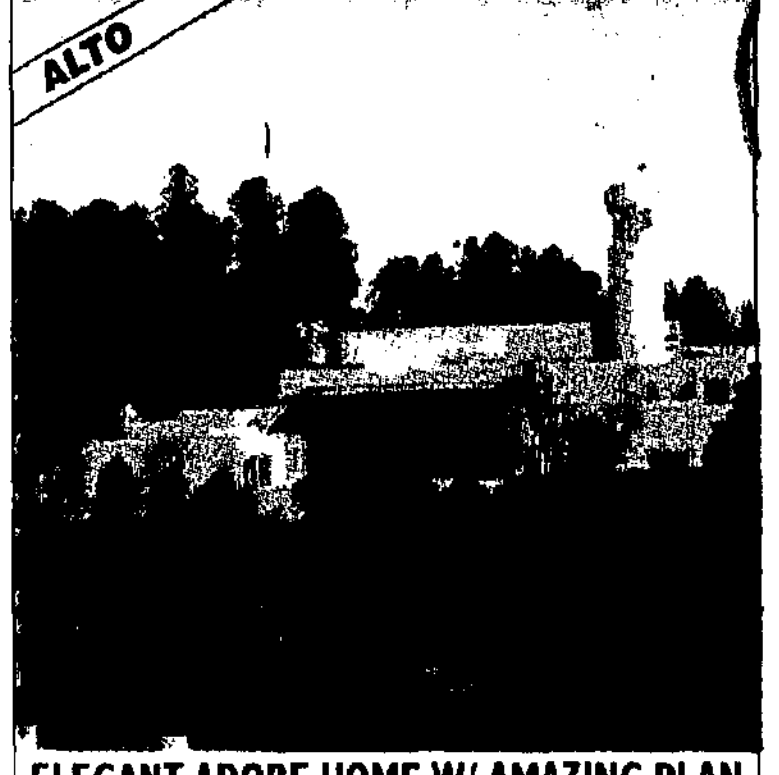
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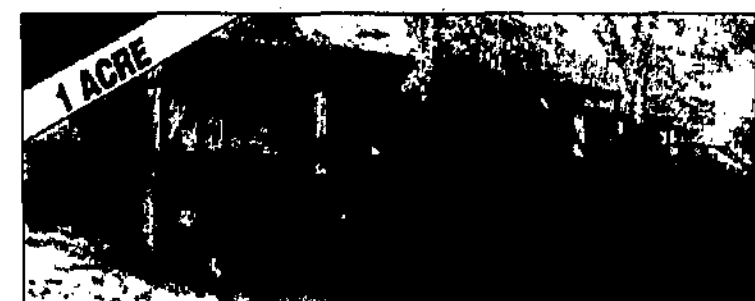
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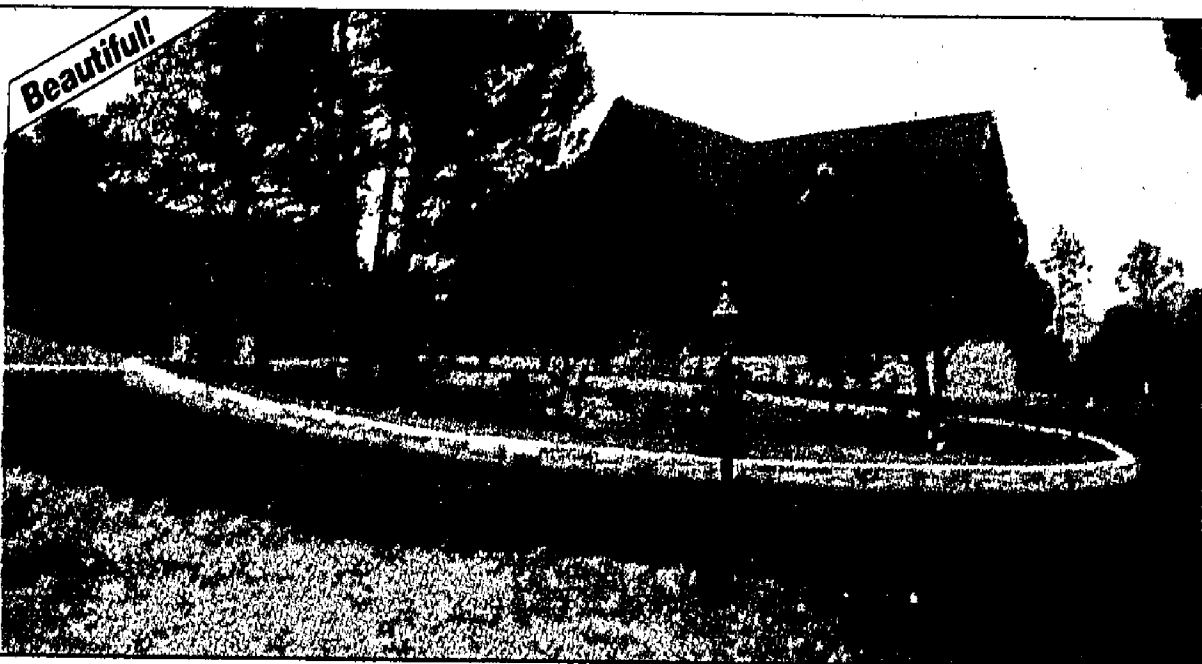
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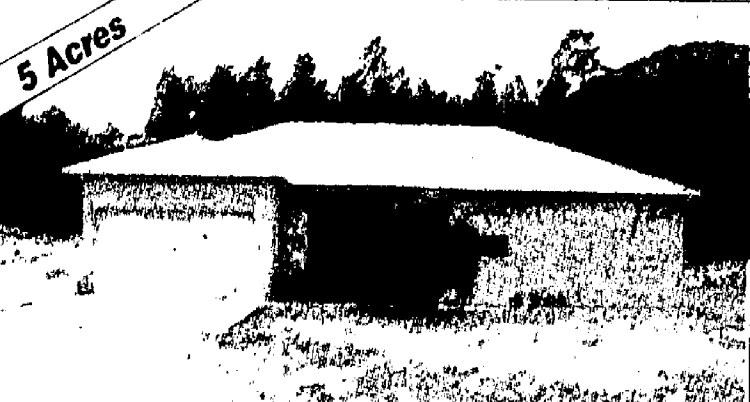
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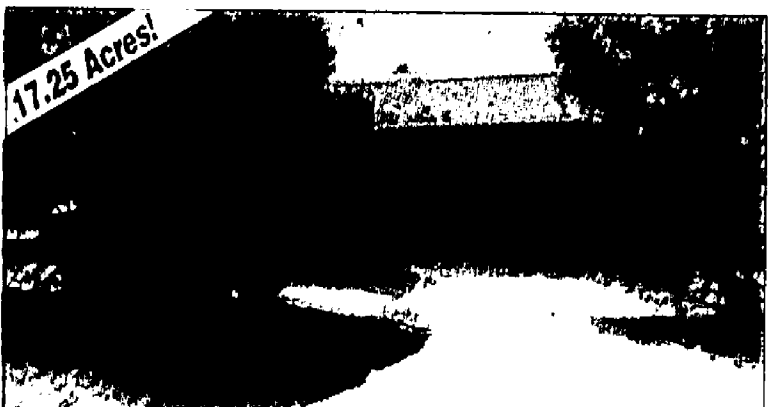
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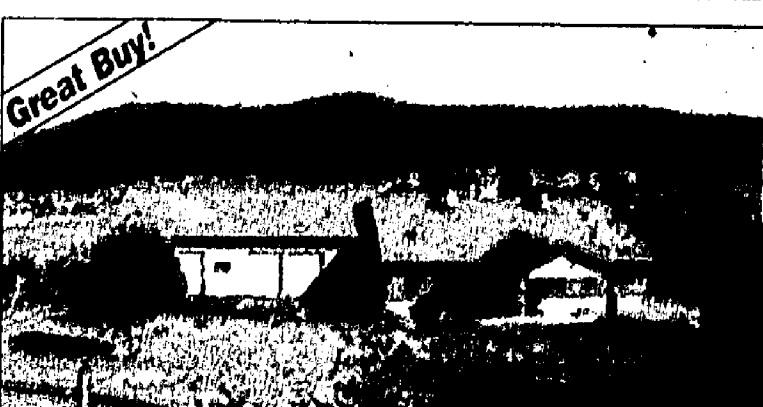
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