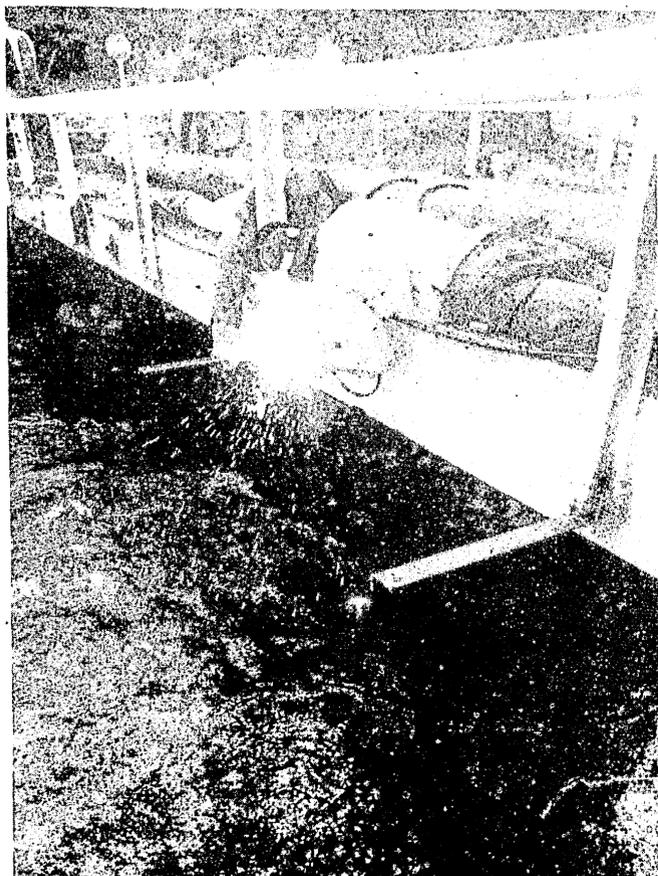


The Ruidoso News

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SPARKS FROM THE WELDING TORCH manned by Bill Hawkins fall into the Rio Ruidoso as brackets are welded onto the Nolsy Water Bridge to hold insulated water mains.

WATER MAIN REPAIRS BEING RUSHED

Flood costs \$1.2 million

The initial survey of flood damages in Ruidoso from the December 19 flood, village manager Jim Hine advised the trustees Tuesday evening, has been pegged at \$1,268,065 to village property and private homes and property.

An immediate problem facing the village is restoring water service to Upper Canyon residents, a project currently underway.

Crews were installing water mains at Nolsy Water Bridge and Ruidoso Cabin Owners' Bridge Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency water service through two fire hoses was providing service to some homes in the Upper Canyon Wednesday.

Restoring sewer lines in the Upper Canyon is another major problem the trustees are wrestling with, though no immediate solution is in sight.

Village officials are exploring every avenue to obtain help in rebuilding the sewer lines and hope that emergency funding will be made available soon to begin this project.

Hine's estimates of flood damage include:

— 15,800 lineal feet of eight inch sewer main at a replacement cost of \$284,400; 80

sewer manholes and/or cleanouts, \$60,000; lift stations, river crossings and other items \$25,000 for a grand total sewer cost of \$369,400.

— A lump sum of \$335,065 for bridges, roads, debris clearance and realignment of the river channel.

— Private home and/or properties, \$460,000.

— Water repairs, including fittings, \$100,000.

— Communication and rescue equipment, private and public, \$3,600.

"The estimate on private home and/or properties," Hine said, "is just that, an estimate. The other estimates of damages, we feel, are pretty close though we want the opinion of engineers and others who will be involved in the restoration of village services."

A Ruidoso Environmental Improvement Division spokesman advised The News Tuesday evening: "Due to breaks in sewer lines along the bed of the Rio Ruidoso, the river water is being contaminated and is unsafe for consumption and body contact."

"Fortunately the water taken from the river to complement the village water supply is taken upstream from the broken

sewer lines.

"Constant monitoring of the water quality, including chlorine concentration, (performed by the village water laboratory) assures a continuing sanitary water supply."

After Hine's report the trustees authorized him to officially represent the Village of Ruidoso in applications for federal and state disaster relief.

In other business the trustees:

- Accepted an \$8,857.53 state grant towards the operational costs of ambulance and rescue units.

- Authorized Municipal Airport manager Tim Morris to meet with village attorney Ron Harris, county officials and other interested parties to make arrangements for more office space at the airport terminal.

- Approved rental of airport terminal lobby space to Hertz Rent-a-Car at \$88 monthly, plus \$5 monthly parking fee for each vehicle.

- Were advised by Hine that all agencies concerned were notified by December 20 of the sewer problem within the village.

- Received notice from Hine that a meeting of all agencies within the village

will be held within a month to review procedures to be followed in the event of another flood or any disaster.

— Established the following holiday schedule for 1979:

New Year's Day, January 1
Memorial Day, May 30
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 3
Columbus Day, October 8
Veteran's Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Day, November 22 and 23
Christmas Day, December 24 and 25

(The extra days at Thanksgiving and Christmas are granted for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays which are not observed due to the state legislature being in session.)

Downs trustees meeting tonight

The Ruidoso Downs Trustees will meet tonight at 7 p.m., in Village Hall. The trustees will hear flood damage and water loss reports as well as a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Action-filled 1978 passes in review

BY GWYN JONES
Staff Writer

January 2 — Ruidoso village trustees set improvements in facilities and services as a major goal for the year, the most noticeable of which will be street improvements under the direction of street superintendent Jack LaMay. Chuck Brown, village building inspector, reports that building permits issued in Ruidoso in 1977 totalled more than \$9.4 million.

January 5 — Manager Roy Parker reports that Sierra Blanca Ski Area is experiencing a "most unusual and atypical winter," with the upper mountain runs still closed because of lack of snow. Sheriff Bill Elliot releases the text of a

Ski report

Sierra Blanca Ski area reports surface conditions as hard packed and icy. All lifts are in operation except the gondola, which was temporarily damaged by a windstorm. Undisturbed snow depth midway on the mountain is 34 inches.

Ruidoso Ski area reports excellent skiing available on two beginner and one intermediate slopes. Snow base at the area is 40 inches. The expert slopes are expected to open in about eight days.

Wednesday's high temperature was 50 degrees; the low Wednesday night, 30 degrees.

For skiing condition reports, call Sierra Blanca Ski Area, 257-9001, and Ruidoso Ski Area, 336-4211.

letter from the office of the attorney general which frees him from the threat of legal action concerning the "Bandidos liquor sale."

January 9 — The Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Commission welcomes Terry Strickland as the commissioner representing the village of Capitan, and meets for the first time with all five members present.

Additional changes in the construction of the proposed Eagle Creek Dam are imposed in a meeting of United States Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service and Farmers Home Administration representatives with mayor Lloyd L. Davis and village manager Jim Hine in Albuquerque.

January 12 — County commission chairman John Sudderth threatens to bring suit against county assessor Marion Schlarb for alleged irregularities in assessment methods.

Oralia Britton, 32, of Ruidoso and Roswell, is found guilty in Alamogordo of "child abuse resulting in the death of a child," in connection with the death of her 17-month old stepdaughter on August 12, 1977.

January 16 — Road grading in Ruidoso is underway to improve drainage in areas troubled with runoff. The project will include cleaning of bar ditches and cleaning and installation of culverts.

A foot of snow falls on Sierra Blanca Ski Area.

January 19 — A pilot fire prevention program for the Ruidoso area will be launched soon, as a cooperative effort involving the United States Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry, Lincoln County and the Village of Ruidoso. The program is designed to become a model for other heavily forested areas in the nation.

January 23 — Ruidoso's Distributive

Education Clubs of America (DECA) students make a sweep of regional competition in Las Cruces, winning 42 of 60 positions.

January 26 — Lincoln County commissioners agree to contact two funding sources for possible grants for acquisition of two ambulances.

The Ruidoso Noon Lions award the contract for the Teen Center and community building to Ace Building and Supply of Hobbs.

January 30 — Village of Ruidoso water superintendent Jim Goodman is named as outstanding water operator of the year by the southwest section of New Mexico Water Supply and Pollution Control Association.

February 2 — The Ruidoso trustees take no action on a bill presented by Toltec International, Incorporated, El Paso, Texas, for a tower erected at Gateway Meadows, Ruidoso Downs, which was used as an officials' and announcers' stand by Lincoln County Mule-O-Rama Association in October, 1977. Trustees say they had never authorized the construction of the tower.

Ezell Clarke, 12, and Paul Bonnell, 14, of Ruidoso, reported lost in heavy fog at Sierra Blanca Ski Area, are found unharmed, but in weak condition by ski area personnel.

February 6 — Local political observers say the Ruidoso Downs municipal election may be unique in New Mexico as the first election to name a mayor and four trustees after long-term incorporation.

February 9 — Chief of Police Paul M. Lukens Jr., says 1977 was "one of the most productive years" for the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Division of the Ruidoso Police Department, with a "crime solved record we can all be proud of."

February 13 — Members of the Ruidoso High School band are anticipating a trip to

Disneyland, California for a series of appearances in May, thanks to a plan being developed by director Jesse Lara.

The Lincoln County Historical Society plans to inaugurate the observance of the Centennial of the Lincoln County War by installing a new steel marker on the spot where John H. Tunstall was killed February 18, 1878.

February 16 — Mayor Lloyd L. Davis breaks a tie vote of the Ruidoso trustees, quashing hopes of the Lincoln County Mule-O-Rama Association for a sizeable amount of Lodger's Tax funds to ease financial woes incurred during Mule-O-Rama in October 1977.

Lincoln County commissioners vote to accept a \$261,000 grant from the State Highway Department to improve approximately 14 miles of school bus route roads.

February 20 — Ruidoso mayor Lloyd L. Davis calls a special meeting of the village

trustees, Architectural Plans Review Committee and representatives of the Noon Lions Club building committee to review plans for the proposed Teen Center.

February 23 — Not one word of opposition to the proposed Teen Center is voiced at a special meeting of the village trustees of Ruidoso.

The Ruidoso High School girls' district championship basketball team heads for competition in the regional semifinals in Jal.

February 27 — A steering committee of concerned Ruidoso residents is planned to promote, with the assistance of state and federal agencies, citizen participation in beautification and fire prevention projects.

March 2 — Two letters of formal request from Ray S. Page, district ranger with the Smokey Bear Ranger District, are submitted to the Ruidoso trustees for village water and sewer service for the proposed

Cedar Creek Campground and at the headquarters site.

A study of the feasibility of a group use campground, to be located in the Cedar Creek area, is being conducted by the Forest Service as a preliminary step before possibly beginning construction in the summer months of 1980.

March 6 — The community Fire Prevention Steering Committee votes to authorize Larry Bandy, state department of Natural Resources, division of forestry, to draw up a proposal for funding of their first project.

The Service Club Council votes to initiate a campaign to have additional traffic control signals installed on Highway 37 through Ruidoso.

March 9 — Ruidoso voters reelect Lloyd L. Davis to a second term as mayor, while Norman Wheeler defeats Jake Harris by

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Cablevision hard hit by rampaging water

BY GWYN JONES
Staff Writer

Those who provide utility service in the Ruidoso area aren't so much "singing the blues" over the recent flood as they are heaving a collective sigh of relief that damages incurred weren't as extensive as they might have been.

Perhaps the hardest hit was Cablevision of Lincoln County. Sales manager Jerry Wright said Wednesday the company lost a total of 15,000 feet of cable and "seven or eight amplifiers."

Most of that equipment was located near the river, Wright said, and was washed out by the water. He added that in some areas the trouble didn't show up immediately.

"We still have trouble spots popping up," he said, but added they "hope to get it whipped in the next week or so." He said he could not estimate the number of customers who were experiencing problems, but agreed it was "a bunch."

Community Public Service (CPS) serviceman Buddy Bundick reported "relatively minor problems" at his company. Two poles were washed into the river on Terrace Drive behind Bennett's

Supermarket he said, and trees fell in some areas, damaging wiring at seasonal homes.

All in all, however, there was "not really much damage at all," he said. "We turned off service to several houses, because water was getting up in them."

He attributed the lack of damage to the fact that most of the lines were located away from the river. "Where they really had a problem was in Silver City," he added, where there were "about 700 customers without service."

Problems in Capitan were minimal as far as flood damage, but residents of that town are still drinking and bathing in muddy brown water.

Doris Engleking reported from the Capitan Village Hall Wednesday that "so much mud was washed into the filtering plant, that it couldn't keep the water clean."

She added that the water is safe, is still being chlorinated and its appearance is beginning to improve. She advised Capitan residents to "just close your eyes" before taking a drink.

G.H. "Shorty" Stoneman reported "no serious problems" at the Keeth Gas Co. Only one tank located below the Bonito

Dam was washed away, he told The News Tuesday. "Other than that, we had very little damage," he said.

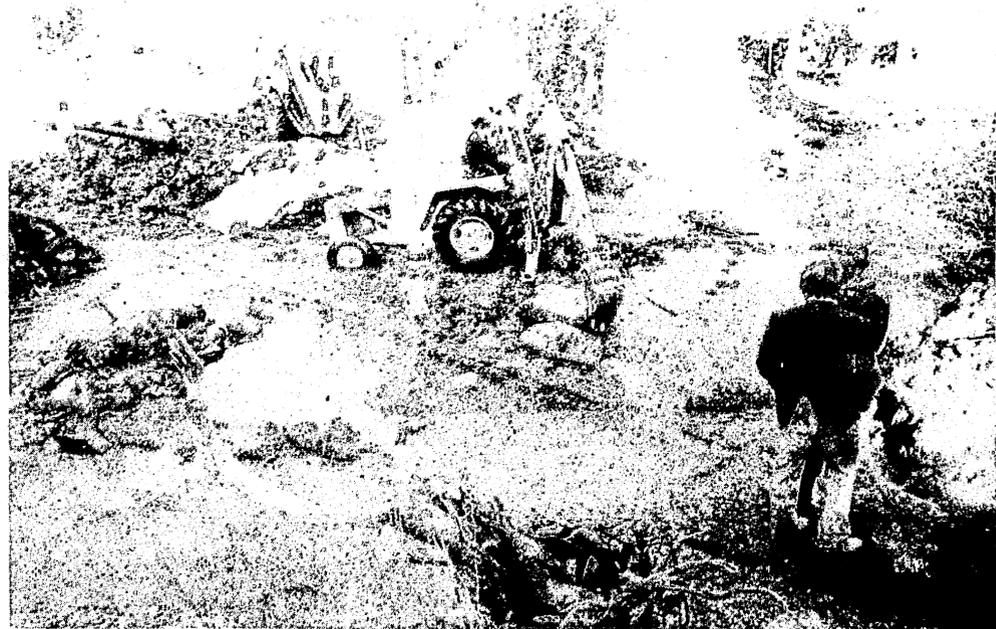
"We had a few floor furnaces with water in them, and some of the trailer courts had problems, but as far as we know, or as far as anyone has reported, it's all under control now," he said.

Unofficial reports from Ruidoso Natural Gas indicate that their company did not encounter any severe problems, either. A spokesman said, "It was just scary, thinking we would (have problems)."

Water damage to a 3,000 pair cable was the only damage incurred to the equipment of Continental Telephone Company of the West in Ruidoso, according to Dean Coons. The damage occurred at the point where the cable cross the river at Fern street, he said.

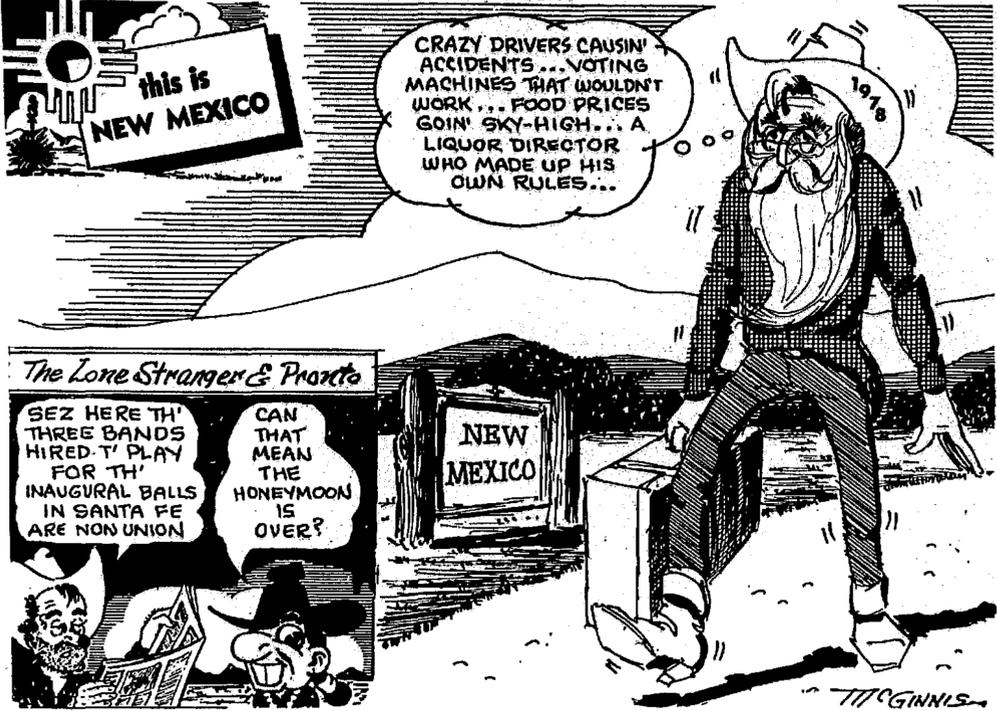
Coons explained that it was "the main cable from the office" and serves "the whole north part of town." About 400 phones were out of service because of the damage, he said.

Repair of the cable should be finished "by the end of the week," he added. He said he knew of no other damage in the surrounding areas. "We were lucky — very lucky."



DAM OF BOULDERS is being laid on the downstream side of this new eight inch ductile iron pipe, installed Wednesday in the Rio

Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Cabin Owner's Bridge, to protect the pipe from freezing or damage from floating debris.



WORKMEN ARE PREPARING to lay new sections of eight inch ductile iron pipe, that is break resistant, across the Rio Ruidoso Wednesday at the Ruidoso Cabin Owner's Bridge, to restore service in the upper reaches of the Upper Canyon.

Volunteer units busy during flood

BY MARY WORMLEY
Staff Writer

Now that the flood waters have receded and daily life in Ruidoso is nearly back to normal, groups which quietly, smoothly performed their duties December 19 may have been overlooked and under praised.

In addition to numerous individuals, three groups immediately became active and assisted with the "disaster period," White Mountain Search and Rescue, Ruidoso Volunteer Fire Department and Ruidoso's Civil Defense chapter.

WHITE MOUNTAIN Search and Rescue (WMSR) members put in a total of 504 man hours during the flooding period, assisted with searches for the body of Dean Luker, who washed away in the Rio

Bonito, kept an all night vigil directing traffic away from closed bridges and did other jobs, including baby sitting.

Some members who assisted families in evacuating their homes and moving possessions were Mark Mulholland, Tim Wierwille, Jon Denny and John Kluthe Jr. Bridges were patrolled by WMSR members and volunteers including C.R. Patterson, Alden Deyo, Wayne Rupe, L.Z. Tate, Nick Griffin, Richard Saldin, Greg Surrnick, Joe Tullis, Tim Wierwille, Jerry Bertramson, Joe Kenmore, Rex Skellett, Jon Denny and Herb Brunell.

Assigned as "baby sitters" for school children residing in the Upper Canyon were C. R. Patterson and Joe Tullis, who sat with children from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dave Wilson, WMSR, served as the media liaison December 19 and Saldin and Surrnick served as "water patrol"

regulating the tanks of potable water in the Upper Canyon December 24.

WMSR members assisted in two searches for Luker's body, December 19 and 20.

Assisting on Tuesday's search were 10 members of the Socorro Search and Rescue team, who were students at New Mexico Tech facing finals the next day. They, along with individuals and sheriff's deputies, searched until 1:30 a.m., walking from Salazar Canyon to one mile upstream of the Angus bridge.

Searching Wednesday were Sheriff's Department representatives Bill Elliott, Chris Volquardsen, Danny Watson, Jim Paxon, Wayne McGuffin, Charlie Engleking and Randy Spears; WMSR members Dave Travis, Nick Griffin, Jon Denny, Richard Saldin and Greg Surrnick; Socorro Search and Rescue members

George McCloud, John Goff, Lincoln Colwell, Doug Gadowski, and Ray Garis, and county road department crews Guy Henley, Ernest Archuleta, Steve Ortiz, Robert Nava, Jojo Vega and Jake Lureas.

"A lot of people did a lot of things and we just don't remember them all," a WMSR spokesman said.

RUIDOSO VOLUNTEER Fire Department has used numerous feet of hoses to get water to cut off areas.

On December 18, crews were up all night to pump water from the Mechem system to the Upper Canyon.

Christmas Eve the same volunteers ran 2,000 feet of line to the Upper Canyon from the high pressure system to the low pressure system.

Christmas Day they placed additional lines in the Upper Canyon.

The crews presently are working on a system to provide water from the Noisy Water Lodge area across the river to cut off subdivisions.

"The guys have put in a lot of hours," fire chief Bill Seelbach said.

RUIDOSO'S CIVIL Defense Chapter was active during the flood period with preplanning measures.

The group made arrangements for sandbags, heavy equipment with extra personnel, potable water, bedding and blankets and other necessities which may have been needed if the flood conditions worsened.

"The main function of the office is to coordinate personnel and resources, so if someone needs something we can get it to them or if someone needs help we can help them," Ruidoso coordinator Ross Schwarz

said.

Under the direct control of the mayor, village council and their representatives, Civil Defense assisted with the communications center in the police department and village hall.

Offices contacted by Civil Defense during the period include State Civil Defense headquarters, Civil Defense in Roswell, flood control of the Roswell Civil Defense, National Guard, Corps of Engineers, emergency services, Las Cruces Civil Defense, State Forestry, United States Forest Service, Federal Marshal's office and Federal Disaster Assistance Agency.

SEVERAL OTHER groups and individuals too numerous to mention also participated in facets of the flood situation.

Action-filled 1978 passes in review

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four votes to win that office in Ruidoso Downs.

March 13 — Ruidoso Planning and Zoning commissioners hear Tim Collins of Winton Enterprises request rezoning of 31 lots in the Golf Course Estates Subdivision, and a complaint from businessman R. A. Bennett about use of his off-street parking by patrons of neighboring businesses.

The State Highway Department scheduled a public hearing on the Angus Road paving project.

March 16 — Lincoln County Mule-O-Rama Association president Bill Ward charges "misuse of \$10,000 in futurity funds," during a "last request" to Ruidoso trustees for financial aid to pay outstanding obligations incurred during the 1977 event.

March 20 — Construction of a new ski area near Eagle Creek Lodge is scheduled to begin in 45 days.

The Ruidoso High School DECA chapter sweeps state competition, winning 15 of 52 places.

March 23 — Construction continues on the more than \$1 million Eagle Creek Water Treatment Plant which will serve the village of Ruidoso. The plant is scheduled to go into operation by summer.

March 27 — Charlie Mook, fire prevention officer with the Smokey Bear Ranger District, warns Ruidoso residents to be on guard against forest fires caused by improperly dumped fireplace and charcoal ashes.

A six-hour power outage during the weekend is discovered to be caused by vandals who shot a high voltage power line between Tularosa and Ruidoso in half.

March 30 — United States Senator Pete Domenici speaks to 75 Ruidoso Rotarians, their wives and guests, telling them federal, state and local governments must stop chipping away at the monetary rewards of a free society.

Six handicapped skiers from the Ruidoso area are bound for six days of international ski competition in British Columbia, after \$6,700 was raised through the efforts of the Ruidoso CBers Club, a KRRR telethon, Sierra Blanca Ski Resort and other local businesses and residents.

April 3 — The State Highway Department has committed itself to the installation of two traffic signals, several pedestrian crosswalks and raised, snow-plowable centerline markers on Sudderth Drive.

Acknowledgement of a \$2.3 million operational budget and approval of an 18 percent salary hike for certified teachers highlights a special session meeting of the Ruidoso School board.

April 6 — The high density zoning request of an El Paso based developer is voted down by the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission after about 40 residents representing nearly 100 lot owners at Golf Course Estates voice objection to the change.

Lincoln County's various political races began to take shape as political hopefuls

from around the area file for election.

April 10 — The Service Club Council requests that the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs proclaim the last two weeks in April for an annual cleanup drive.

April 13 — A possible solution to sewage/septic tank problems plaguing Ponderosa Heights and Brady Canyon residents surfaces at a Ruidoso trustee meeting as Mark Finley of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHa) says money from that agency in the form of loans and grants may be available to the village.

Ninety students at White Mountain Middle School stage a walkout to protest the firing of coach and physical education instructor Tom Culbertson.

April 17 — Ruidoso's Sierra Handicapped Skiers Association wins four divisions and two second place slots in international competition in British Columbia, led by a world championship win by Guy Stuart, a student at Alamogordo's School for the Visually Handicapped.

F. Lynn Willard, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, is elected president of the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association.

April 20 — The spring trash cleanup drive gets underway in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The drive is sponsored by the Service Club Council.

A community fund drive is begun to assist cancer victim Richard Devara, 25, a member of the maintenance staff at Ruidoso High School.

April 24 — A 280 acre tract of land located about four miles from Alto on the Ft. Stanton Road is selected as the site of a sanitary landfill for the village of Ruidoso, county manager Les Olson announces.

A red flag alert system for days of extreme fire danger is adopted by the fire prevention steering committee.

April 27 — Bill Morrison, president of the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club appears before the Ruidoso Downs trustees, criticizing the Ruidoso Architectural Plans Review Committee for "giving us a lot of problems" on the construction of the proposed teen center, and making a tentative offer to place the center in the racing community.

May 1 — The Architectural Plans Review Committee (APRC) submits figures to The News detailing actual increases in cost of the proposed teen center, occasioned by conformance to the APRC requirements.

The Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Commission authorizes members to obtain resolutions from local government bodies involved to facilitate the commission's applications on the proposed airport.

May 4 — The Ruidoso Noon Lions Club votes to abandon the Teen Center project after two years of fund raising activities and planning.

Lieutenant Governor Bob Ferguson makes a tour of Ruidoso and speaks before a meeting of the Rotary Club, saying New Mexico must find a way to stimulate "clean, light manufacturing industries" in the state.

May 6 — The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning commission votes to change procedures pertaining to acceptance of agenda items from local citizens. The new ruling requires the submission of agenda items seven days in advance of a regular meeting.

Harla Webb, Ruidoso High School sophomore, sets a record of 2:21.8 in the 800 yard dash at the state track meet in Albuquerque.

May 11 — A district court tax protest suit filed by Lincoln County commission chairman John Sudderth, as a private citizen, against the county is dismissed by district judge Thomas A. Sandenaw.

A proposal for a shortened school day and policies regarding search and seizure and release of student information are approved by the Ruidoso Board of Education.

May 15 — The fire prevention steering committee outlines problem areas in Ruidoso and discusses enforcement of existing regulations to eliminate the problems.

Seco Mia, a chestnut filly ridden by Jackie Martin, wins the Top Deck Stakes at Ruidoso Downs.

May 18 — In approving a record high budget for the sheriff's department, county commission chairman John Sudderth stipulates to the department that:

— all vehicle equipment purchase orders be recalled and all future purchases be

cleared by the commission.

— four surplus sheriff's vehicles be parked and sold at auction.

— as board chairman, Sudderth would sign no "in-the-red warrants."

Owners of property located in the area between Ruidoso and Capitan are receiving a Lincoln County sponsored survey form, the results of which will be used in the development of a master plan for the area.

May 22 — Easy Move, off at nearly 13-1, mows down some classy competition while flashing to a decisive victory in the fourth edition of the Kansas Quarter Horse Derby at Ruidoso Downs.

May 25 — Representatives of the state Division of Forestry and Forest Service meet with the village Planning and Zoning commission at a recent work session to discuss adoption of ordinances aimed at fire prevention.

Hector Aguilar is named "Warrior of the Year" at the Ruidoso High School All Sports Banquet, at which 1980 Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson is the featured speaker.

May 29 — The Memorial Day Handicap at Ruidoso Downs is won by The Drake, a 6-1 shot and Freeman M., a 12-1 outsider, in their respective divisions.

Mike Collier, Ruidoso High School junior, becomes the first person in the school system to qualify nationally in individual sports, with his time in a recent

bicycle race.

June 1 — The Ruidoso trustees receive two proposals for refunding \$3.9 million in General Obligation Water Bonds, issued for construction of Eagle Creek Dam and a new distribution system to handle the water.

June 5 — Sixteen candidates for county and district offices will have free rides through tomorrow's primary election, and four of the candidates can rest easy because they are running unopposed through both the primary and general elections.

Gentleman's Feature, a 19-1 outsider, comes on in the final strides and pulls out a brilliant nose win in the grand finale of the Kansas Quarter Horse Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

June 8 — Voter turnout in the primary election just exceeded 50 percent (645 of 1,280 voters) in Ruidoso and 48 percent (181 of 378 voters) in Ruidoso Downs.

June 12 — Bionic Babe, a 9-2 shot piloted by Richard Bickel, rallies from just off the pace for a convincing victory in Sunday's seventh running of the Aspen Stakes at Ruidoso Downs.

Residential and commercial building permits issued in Ruidoso in May set an all-time record high for a single month, exceeding two million dollars.

June 15 — Requests for street improvements, sewer service, street lighting and enforcement of zoning ordinances in

exclusively residential subdivisions presented to the Ruidoso trustees, prompt the council to authorize a survey of potential sewer districts by Boyle Engineering.

The Brown Edwards family is selected as Altrusa Club's Family of the Year.

June 19 — Final approval of all aspects of construction of the 1,100 million gallon water impoundment on Eagle Creek, to be known as Tom Jones Lake, is expected tomorrow from Soil Conservation Service offices in Portland, Oregon.

Ruidoso residents are prohibited from using village water for all outdoor purposes from car washing to lawn watering, as village manager Jim Hine reports that current usage of two million gallons daily is the maximum that can be treated in the two plants.

June 22 — A special public meeting to discuss motorcycle gangs and possible methods of restraining them while in this area, is set for Monday, June 26 in Ruidoso Downs.

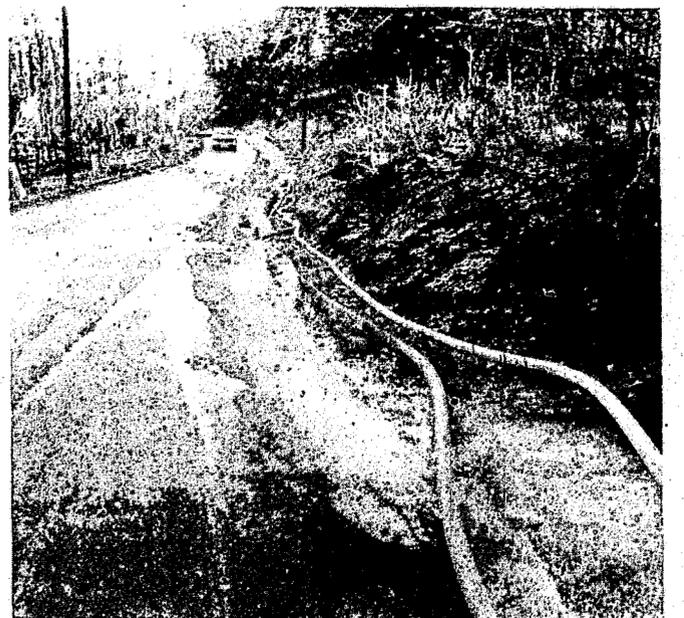
June 26 — The Lincoln County sheriff's department comes under fire from county commissioners after documented spending of nearly \$28,000 over the fiscal year budget is revealed.

June 29 — Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs trustees approve budgets of \$2,949,040 and \$283,485 respectively for the 1978-1979 fiscal year.

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24 INCHES OF FROZEN GROUND impedes digging to install a new water main across the Noisy Water Bridge.



FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSES were pressed into service to provide water to some Upper Canyon residents Wednesday.



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PEOPLE

Off the Book Shelf

by Herb Seckler



LEON TROTSKY by Irving Howe
The Viking Press, New York, 1978

In the life and death of Leon Trotsky are all the elements for a major Hollywood production. It is a story of revolution, political struggles, tragedy and mystery. Trotsky chose to become a professional revolutionist at age 18 and never turned back. In 1897 he was arrested and spent more than a year in an Odessa prison before being sentenced to four years in Siberia. In 1902 he managed an escape and headed directly for London and the home of Lenin.

At the age of 26 he was one of the leaders in the Rebellion of 1905. With that rebellion put down and tsarism once more in control, Trotsky faced trial and again deportation to Siberia this time "for life." He managed to escape before reaching the arctic. In the 1917 revolution Trotsky joined Lenin's party and became the popular spokesman for Bolshevism. He spoke everywhere and was a familiar voice and face to almost every soldier and peasant. When civil war broke out in 1918, it was Trotsky who created an army to defeat the Whites.

Expelled from Stalinist Russia, Trotsky and his wife spent eight years driven from one European capital to another. Finally in 1936, the Norwegian government, bowing to Stalin's pressure, expelled the Trotskys. They left Europe, the sole passengers on an oil tanker for Mexico.

In 1940 two assassination attempts were made on Trotsky, at his home just outside Mexico City. The first attempt was led by Mexican painter David Siqueiros who with twenty armed men fired into Trotsky's bedroom. Three months later in August 1940, Ramon Mercader, who had become a family acquaintance killed Trotsky with an ice axe. Mystery still surrounds these

events.

In his brief, yet searching, examination of this constant revolutionary, Irving Howe is concerned with these events only as they form the backdrop for Trotsky's intellectual development. Howe examines this towering man — who was Lenin's accomplice and Stalin's arch foe — by tracing the changes in Trotsky's thinking.

Trotsky saw early the conflict between the individual and society and in his lifetime found himself on both sides. After the Bolshevik triumph of 1917, Trotsky, the most effective Bolshevik speaker, took the platform to shout down an old friend who was in disagreement, "your role is played out; go where you belong — to the dustbin of history."

Later Trotsky turned back to the participatory socialism of the early Lenin. From 1923 to his death in 1940 he carried on a critique of Stalinism for which all scholars of totalitarianism owe him a large debt. He did this while suffering the scorn of fellow travelers and myopic liberals. No matter with what political lens one views this remarkable man it should be understood that it was Trotsky who first struggled with the problems of Stalinist totalitarianism.

Irving Howe, now a professor of English at the City University of New York, has written a number of books on political and literary subjects. Howe was himself influenced by Trotsky's views as were many Socialists of the 1930s. But although Howe remains a Socialist to this day, he found himself moving steadily away from Trotsky's views.

In this very brief examination of Trotsky, Howe has not scripted the Hollywood epic, nor was that his intent. What he has done is to put down the essentials for understanding the life of this extraordinary man.

Jeanne Brown on dean's list

Jeanne Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Brown, Ruidoso, was named to the dean's honor list for the 1978 spring semester at Abilene Christian University.

Brown, a sophomore business administration major, was one of 554 students who qualified for the dean's list by enrolling in at least 12 semester hours and achieving a grade-point-average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

Post, Unit hosting New Year's dance

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary will host a public New Year's Eve western disco dance December 31, beginning at 8 p.m.

Admission price will be three dollars per couple. The dance will be held at the American Legion Hall, located two miles north of the traffic signal at Sudderth and Mechem.

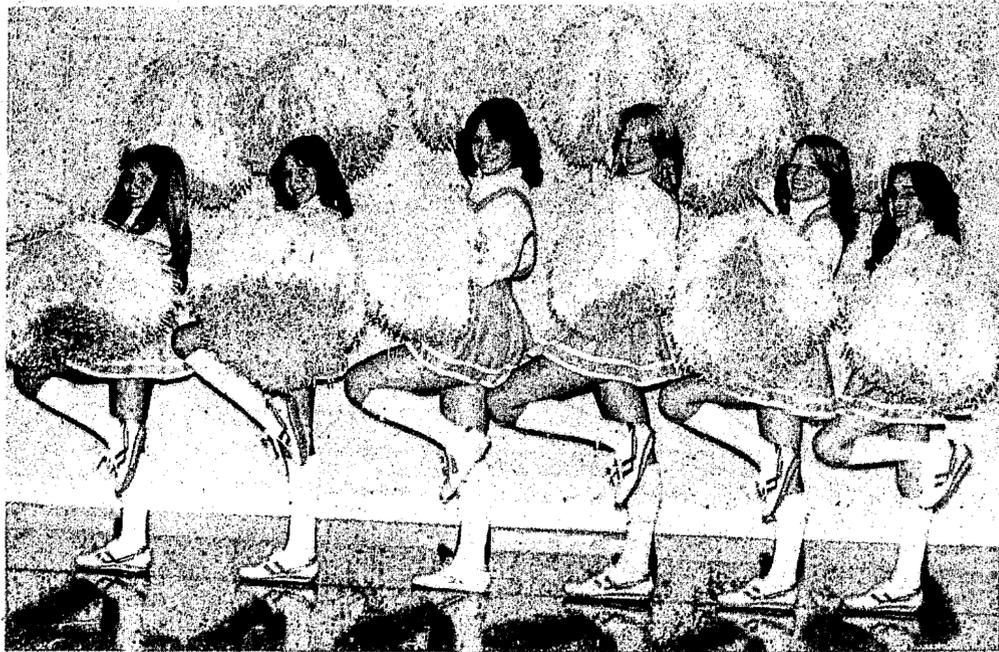
In the Service

Navy Fireman Jeffrey E. Langford, son of Larry Langford of Ruidoso, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 65 basic occupational fields.

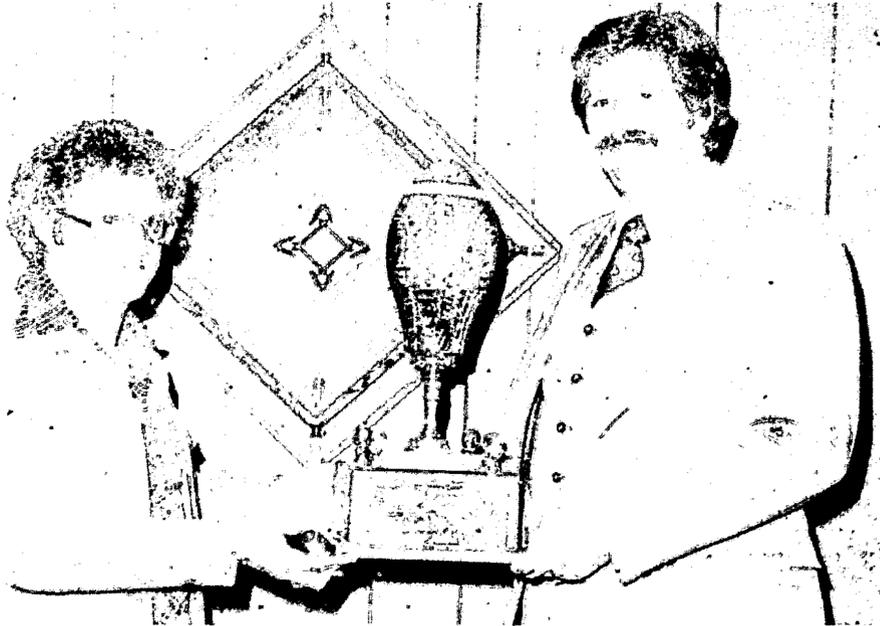
Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in February, 1978.



THIS GROUP OF WHITE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL lovelies should keep the crowd on its feet cheering during Braves' games. From

left to right, they are—Shamle Doak, Rachel McCoy, Lois Covill, Angie King, Jeannette Weems and Kelly Foster.



LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL COACH Ronnie Taylor (left) presents this year's Super Bowl trophy to Security State Bank President John Maloney. Taylor, coach of the Colts, is making quite a habit of presenting the trophy to the

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Bosque Del Apache Refuge

The photography students of Frank Cannella and the outdoor living class of Bob Palko went on a field trip to Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge on Dec. 12, 1978. The students observed and photographed the wildlife they saw.

Deann Keith said, "The trip was fun and interesting."

Refuges were started in Florida, and this refuge has a special project to save the whooping crane.

It started in 1940 when there were only 21 of these rare species in the whole world.

Now there are approximately 100. These birds are about four or five feet tall and their wing spread is seven feet wide. To protect them, laws were passed and are enforced.

Another bird which we saw at the refuge was the Golden Eagle.

It was much larger than anyone expected. Its wing spread is over six feet and it stand almost five feet tall.

The project with the whooping crane works like this. The refuge takes one egg of the two eggs the whooping crane lays and gives it to a sand hill crane. This way they can raise two whooping cranes and they will both live.

If conservationists did not do this half of the whooping crane chicks would probably die of hunger.

Bosque Del Apache is a Spanish name for forest of the Indians and many of them still live here. Many work with the animals such as deer, fox, fish and thousands of birds at the refuge. There is something for every outdoorsman. Deer and rabbit hunting are permitted and fishing is allowed in season.

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The Ruidoso News SPORTS

JOHN NEYLAND Sports Writer

Eighth grader demonstrates attachment for basketball

BY JOHN NEYLAND
Sports Writer

Dion Salas sat next to me, making me believe everything he said was true. Not once during the entire conversation did he put the basketball he was playing with down. He twirled it on his fingertips. He practiced shooting the ball into the air. There wasn't any doubt in my mind what this kid wanted to be. But when I asked the four and a half footer who his idol was, I never expected him to say:

"Wilt Chamberlain. I like him because he is tall. I want to be at least six feet so I can play basketball. I like him because he's tall."

Dion, who is 13 years-old, attends White Mountain Middle School where he plays football as well as basketball. Although he wants to play professional basketball, he likes both sports equally.

"Both of them are my favorite sports," he says. "I play guard and tackle in football. That's my favorite position."

Dion's favorite position on the basketball court is the one closest to the basket. Or the farthest. It doesn't matter to Dion as long as he has a chance to score some points.

"I like to score points more than I like to play defense," he said.

That explains Dion's favorite sports star. He idolizes Marvin Johnson of New Mexico University.

"He can shoot real good," Dion said. "He's the highest scorer in basketball."

Some of Dion's favorite activities, other than basketball, are messing around with his friends.

"I have a lot of friends," he said. "They're fun to have around. We just walk around. We go outside and play football or something."

If Dion could spend one day doing exactly what he wanted, he would — you guessed it — play basketball.

"If I could do whatever I wanted all day, I'd play basketball all day probably," he said.

When he stopped to take a break for food, he'd go with his favorite, steaks.

"They're good."

Some things that aren't always good, Dion says, are officials. Usually, they call



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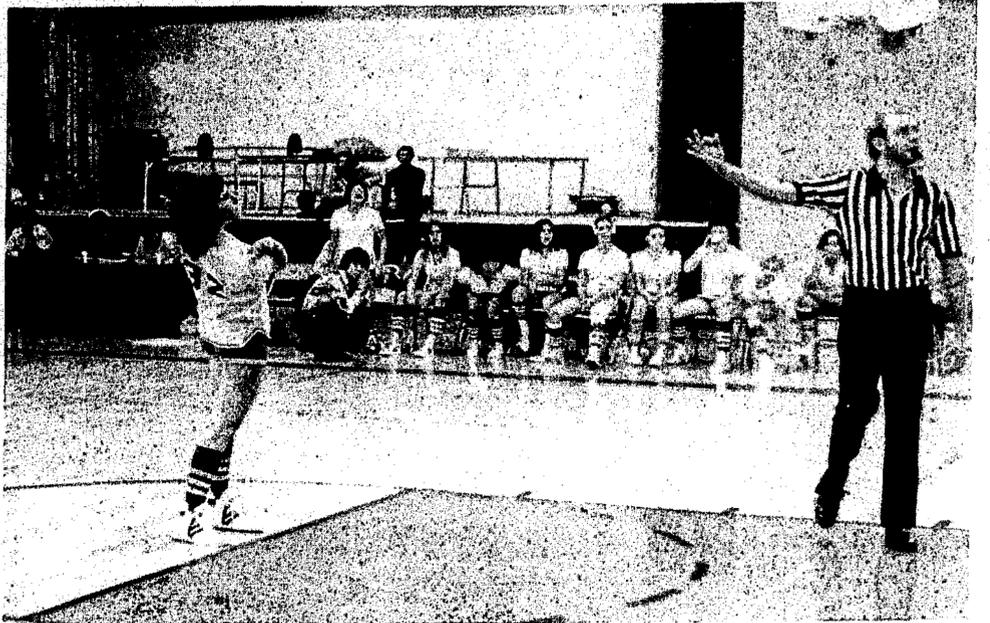
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LORI SWAIN USES SOME BODY ENGLISH TO TRY TO COAX the ball into the basket as teammates, coaches, spectators and the official look on. Swain used body English of a different

kind to lead the Warriors to a 49-38 win over Tularosa Friday. Swain scored 19 points as the Warriors recorded their second win in four starts.

Giving best effort Swain's goal on basketball court

BY JOHN NEYLAND

Lori Swain is not a nut. The girl who runs around the basketball court with a grin all the time while her teammates wear frowns as often as not, is not a nut.

"I am not a nut," Swain said in defense. "Everyone thinks I am."

The reason observers of Swain might think she is a nut is the way she handles herself on the basketball court. Whether she is on the long end of the score or the short, there is always a grin on her face. To be sure, Swain prefers winning to losing, but having fun is a top priority to her also.

"I like to win," she said. "I went out for the team to have fun. It's hard to have fun when you lose. I try my best to have fun, but you can't always have fun."

Swain is not a native Ruidosoan. She moved here from Lubbock, Texas five years ago. Although she has made the transition smoothly, there was a time when she first arrived that she wanted the life of the big city.

"When I first moved here I didn't like it at all," she said, "but now I like it. When I first moved here I didn't know many people and there wasn't much to do. I thought it was boring. Now that I know more people there's more to do."

One of the things she found that she liked about Ruidoso was the crime rate. Or rather, the lack of it.

"In a big city, there's so much crime," she said. "But here it's not like that."

Bankers don't like crime. That is what Swain has her sights set upon when she finishes high school in 1980. She only has one reason for wanting to become a banker, but it is a good one.

"It just kind of turns me on," Swain said. "I don't know why."

Basketball is the only sport that turns Swain on enough to play on an organized basis. She likes to watch football but when it comes to playing a sport, basketball is the one for Swain.

"When I was in about the fifth grade,"

Swain said, "I lived in a small town and they had little dribblers and there wasn't much to do then so I did it."

school and I work and I play basketball and that's about all."

And she has been at it ever since. Swain has one brother who played basketball at Ruidoso High School and she can remember that they would often spend time in the backyard shooting baskets.

Her extracurricular activities usually consist of going to the Disco and parties with her friends. Although she knows a lot of people, Swain would rather have a few close friends than a ton of acquaintances.

"He played basketball here," Swain said. "We used to shoot baskets all the time when we were little."

"I'd rather have a few good friends than a lot of acquaintances," she said. "I'd rather have close friends."

That practice has paid off in big ways for Swain, and also for Ruidoso's girls' basketball team. Swain is the leading scorer on the team. Although she doesn't set goals for herself before the season, she goes into each game trying to do the best she can.

No, Lori Swain is not a nut.

"Everybody has a goal to do good," she said. "I try to give it all I've got. It's challenging to go out and see if you can give it all you got. It's not really an individual sport but it is."



LORI SWAIN

"Before a game, I want to see if I can make a certain amount of points," she added. "It doesn't really matter how many points you make. It's if you win or lose."

Swain would rather win a game and play badly than lose and play great. But since she sets such a high standard for herself prior to the game, she is upset when she plays poorly.

"It's always nice to win," she said. "But I'm upset if I didn't do well."

Besides basketball, Swain doesn't have many hobbies to occupy herself with.

"There's not many," she said. "I go to



WITH THIS GROUP OF JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS, Ruidoso athletes won't have to look far or long for motivation down the wire of a close ball game. Providing inspiration and cheers for the Warrior teams are: (clockwise from top) — Dolores Herrera, Shawna Holly, Mickie Padilla and Lorie Heckman.

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Strassburg proving grappling challenge for the little man

BY JOHN NEYLAND

If there ever was a sport invented for Ruidoso High School's Dirk Strassburg, it was wrestling.

Strassburg is not a big man, but wrestling is for the little man as well as the big. Strassburg wrestles for the Ruidoso team in the 98 pound class, where his small size is not a disadvantage. Strassburg, in fact has an advantage over the wrestlers he opposes.

Strassburg has been in a wrestling uniform for Ruidoso for four years, not all of them in the 98 pound class. Dirk's older brother convinced him that he should become a wrestler. At the time, Dirk was playing basketball, a big man's game.

"My brother got me started," Dirk said. "He told me how much it takes to wrestle. I like the personal satisfaction."

It didn't take a lot of convincing for Dirk to change his mind and leave basketball for wrestling.

"Everybody was growing and I wasn't," he said. "My brother told me I was a natural for wrestling. I hope to follow in his footsteps. He finished second in state."

Dirk is not a liar, but he really hopes to do more than follow in his brother's shadow. Dirk's goal is to finish number one in state. Although Dirk has lost some matches already this season, he is confident that he can take the title. That confidence stems from a match he had four years ago, in his first year of wrestling.

"My first year when I wrestled the state champion in district and he only beat me by two points, it gave me confidence," he said. "It gave me confidence that I knew I could win the state championship. That's what I'm hoping for. My chances look pretty good right now. I haven't met anybody yet that I couldn't beat at the end of the season."

Yes, Dirk is confident in himself. But he is not cocky. Generally, he likes to keep a low profile. He defines himself as an easy going type of person.

"I believe in myself," he said. "I don't think I'm cocky. I'm pretty quiet usually. I try to stay easy going. I try to get along with everybody."

When he gets on the mat for a match, he doesn't try to keep an easy going attitude. He wants to beat his opponent. He doesn't only want to win for himself, but being the leadoff wrestler, he thinks he can set the tone for the rest of his team.

"I like to get things started," Dirk said. "If I do good, it seems like the rest of the team does good. That's the way I felt when I wrestled second last year. If the guy

ahead of me won, it made me think I could win too. If he lost, it made me think that these guys are tough."

Dirk takes his leadership role seriously. Being one of a few seniors on the team, he thinks it is his responsibility to aid the younger guys whenever possible.

"I'm expected to lead," he said. "There are only three people on the team who have wrestled before. The beginners look up to us to help them out. All the seniors helped me out."



DIRK STRASSBURG

Although Dirk is a veteran on the Warriors' wrestling team, there is nothing he would like better than to be a rookie next year. He hopes to wrestle in college next year. He plans to be at the University of New Mexico.

"Sports has made my life," he said. "I'd like to continue playing sports next year. Wrestling is the best chance I have."

Even if it wasn't, Dirk would probably want to keep playing it. He likes the individualness of the sport.

"I like it because it is an individual sport," he said. "If I win, I like the feeling that I did it. I know for sure that I did it on my own. It is a test for myself."

Dirk likes to test himself in wrestling. But if he loses because he failed to give 100 percent, he thinks he failed the test.

"I don't get mad when I lose unless it is because I didn't try 100 percent," he said, "or if I made a mistake. As long as I know I tried my best, I don't feel bad when I lose."

More than the opponent he is facing, making a mistake is what Dirk fears most prior to a match.

"I get awfully nervous before a match sometimes," he said. "I hope I don't make a mistake. I just hope I wrestle good. I want to keep my cool. I have never lost my cool in a match. I do get mad at myself. But I've never lost my cool at the opponent."

Dirk is too easy going to lose his temper.



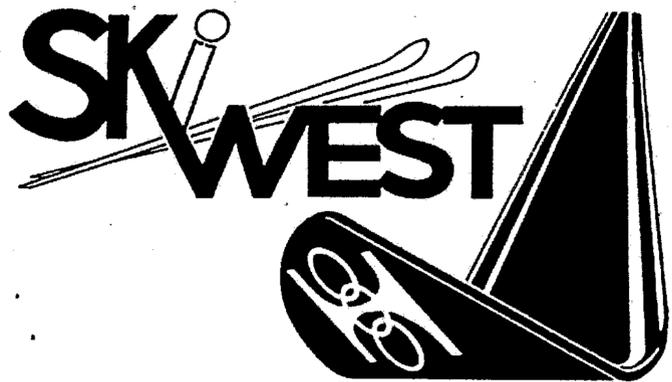
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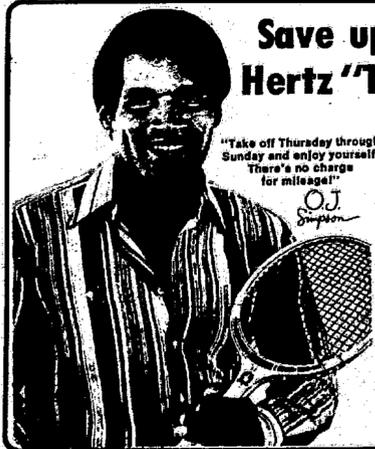
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named
Respondent:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named
Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in
the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof
being an absolute Divorce.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you
serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said
cause on or before the 25th day of January, 1979,
judgment will be rendered against you in said cause by
default.
/s/ Catherine Altye Jacobs, Pro Se
Post Office Box 463
Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346
#1055-31 (12) 25 (1), 1, 8, 15

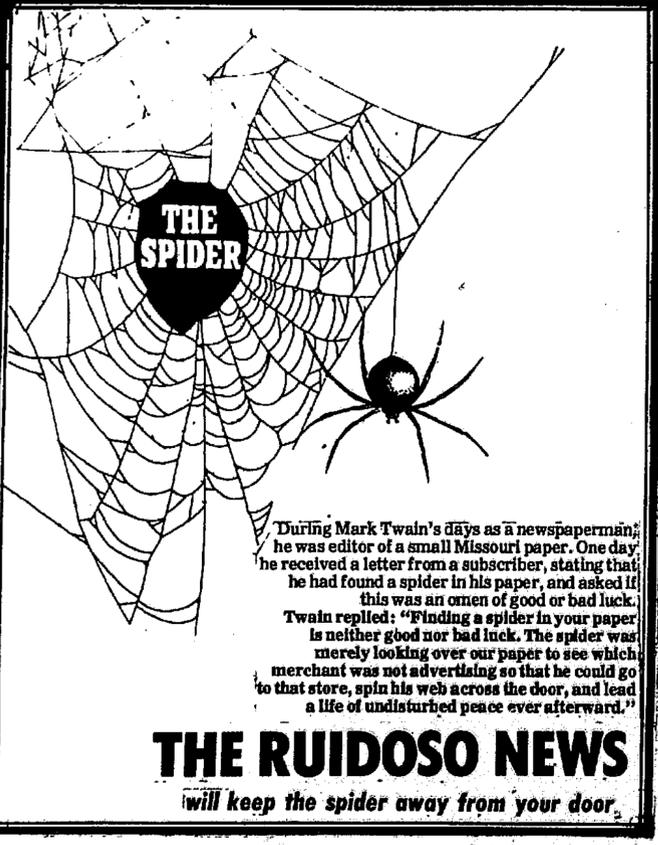
LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST
WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
NANCY JANE CARROLL,
deceased
No. PB-11-78
Div. II

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION
To: Bobby Joe Carroll, Nannette Cox, Angela Sue
Herdson, J. B. Carroll, and to all unknown heirs of Nancy
Jane Carroll, deceased, and all unknown persons who
have or claim any interest in the Estate of Nancy Jane
Carroll, deceased, or in the matter being litigated.
A hearing on the Petition filed by the undersigned
personal representative, setting forth the adjudication of
the testacy of the decedent, the adjudication and judicial
finding of the Final Account, the distribution of the
estate, and discharge of the undersigned from the claims
and demands of any interested persons will be held at the
District Court of Lincoln County in Carrizozo, New
Mexico, on the 10th day of January, 1979, at 9:30 o'clock
A.M.
Pursuant to Section 32A-1-401, N.M.S.A., 1953 Com-
pilation, notice of the time and place of hearing on said
Petition is hereby given you and publication, once each
week, for two consecutive weeks.
WITNESS our hands and the seal of this Court on the
15th day of December, 1978.
/s/ Margie E. Lindsay
Clerk of the District Court
By: /s/ Joy Leslie
Deputy
/s/ J. B. Carroll
3311 B 79th Street
Lubbock, Texas
Personal Representative

For Classified
Reader Ads Only
Deadline for Thursday
Paper is Wednesday
morning at 8:30 a.m.
Deadline for
Monday Paper is Friday
morning at 8:30 a.m.
Dial 257-4001 and
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at the
Artisan's Shop
One Day Service
Phone 257-2626



THE SPIDER

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was editor of a small Missouri paper. One day he received a letter from a subscriber, stating that he had found a spider in his paper, and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck. Twain replied: "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

THE RUIDOSO NEWS
will keep the spider away from your door.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that there will be an election held on January 9, 1979 to elect one member of the Board of Directors of SUN VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT, to serve a term of six (6) years.
Eligible to vote are all taxpayers of the District. "Taxpayers of a District" means a person, qualified to vote at a general election in this State, who has paid a general tax on real or personal property owned by him within the district in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election.
The Polling Place for voters is the Alto - Argus - Benito Community Hall (Alto Sub-Station, Benito Volunteer Fire Department), Alto, New Mexico. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on January 9, 1979.
Results of the election will be reported to the Board of Directors at a special meeting immediately following the closing of the Polls on January 9, 1979. The meeting will be held at the Alto - Argus - Benito Community Hall, Alto, New Mexico.
/s/ Donald L. Resch
Secretary-Treasurer
Sun Valley Sanitation District
#1045-31 (12) 18, 25, (1) 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Every Saturday Night
8 - 10 p.m.
American Music Post 79
Proceeds to Charity**
NEED TO LEASE — 3 or 4 bedroom house on yearly basis, for family and housekeeper. 257-2950. C-63-tfc

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Grooming - Bathing
257-2782
257-4410 after 5
CASA LOMA CTR.

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REMODELING**
SPECIALIZING IN ALL
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Comm. Lic. 15077

SMITH BROS. — Auctioneers, Bob and Neil, complete auction service, "We sell anything," 915-581-7498. 65-8tp

ADKINS APPAREL — is having its annual after Christmas dress clearance. Every dress in stock is 1/3 off. Other items up to 1/2 off. Adkins Apparel-4 Seasons Mall. A-65-tfc

HELP WANTED:

OPENINGS — for experienced secretaries, experienced bookkeepers and general office help. The Job Center, 257-2300. J-61-tfc

PART TIME — help needed at Big T Family Restaurant. No phone calls please, apply in person to Gary. B-65-4tc

VERNON GOODWIN present this ad at the box office of the American Star Twin Theatre and receive two free tickets to see GREASE. 65-1tp

DOUG BASS — & Associates, Realtors, is taking applications for full time licensed New Mexico real estate salesmen. Experience in Ruidoso area market preferred. Call Richard Cothran, Sales Manager at 257-7386. B-25-tfc

POSITION OPEN — legal secretary, full time, experience on Mag Card II or memory typewriter and shorthand is desirable. Call 257-2202 or 257-4034. P-64-2tc

OPENINGS — for maids immediately, must work holidays. Apply in person at Pinecliff Village. P-62-4tc

DO YOU WANT — to learn a trade? The Ruidoso News is looking for an exceptional young person to train as an offset pressman. You must have mechanical aptitude and ability. No seasonal work. We work a 40/hr, five-day week, indoors. Paid vacation, partially paid group insurance. Contact Mr. Green at the News for an interview.

FULL TIME MAID — will furnish nice apartment. Cree Manor Inn. 257-4058. 62-4tp

WORK WANTED:

PRITCHETT CONSTRUCTION
— Licensed —
Remodeling, New Construction,
Repairs and Add-Ons
Box 1682, Ruidoso, N.M.
PHONE 257-5389

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HOMES - CABINS
REMODELING - ADDITIONS
LICENSED - BONDED
INSURED
OVER 25 YEARS
EXPERIENCE
257-5468

Walt's Paint & Body Shop
Free Estimates - Expert Work
Walt Harrelson - Owner
1 block behind Downs Motel
Home - 338-4451

LAWN CARE — 336-4561. P.O. Box 73, Alto, New Mexico. W-21-4tc

DESERT MOUNTAIN HOME REPAIR — repairs of all types. Fast service. Reasonable rates. Quality work. Emergency repairs. Call 336-4834. 63-4tp

DUTCH BORMAN CONSTRUCTION
Remodeling - New Homes - Repairs
257-2710
P.O. Box 781 Ruidoso, N.M. 88345

ENERGETIC — young Ruidoso man qualified in sales and management looking for career opportunity. Resume available. Please call 257-4967 and leave message. T-63-2tc

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION CO.
General Contractors-Backhoe Service
License No. 14474
Distributor for
Senco nailguns and nails
Box 2218, Ruidoso Phone 257-7086

SIGNS — commercial art work, automotive pin striping, and custom paint jobs. Reasonable. Leave message, Bob Hudson, 257-4010. H-59-tfc

WE DIG DITCHES — do excavating, driveways. United Rent All, 115 Overlook Drive. 257-4320. W-9-tfc

PAINTS & STAINS
Highest Quality Pittsburgh Brand
Interior & Exterior, Primers,
Large Quantity of Stains, Polyurethane
FOR INFORMATION 257-4058

PERRY'S REPAIR — and Maintenance. Service, washers, dryers, refrigerators and electrical, ranges repaired. 257-2189. 646 Sudderth. P-1-1tc

MISCELLANEOUS:

RINSE AND VAC — Shampooer. \$12 a day at Mint Mart Food Store. 257-2307. M-41-tfc

PUPPIES — ready to take home. Hondo Valley Kennels, call 378-4047. Boarding for dogs and cats. C-63-3tc

MOBILE HOME SUPPLIES — licensed and bonded for mobile home repairs and set ups. Warranty NMB, 1-623-4552. W-9-tfc East Tilden Roswell, NM.

BIRD'S-EYE MAPLE — dresser, chifonier, rocking chair. Antique value, excellent condition. Beautiful. 257-2817, 257-4838. 63-3tp

DR. J.R. KUHN CHIROPRACTOR
Mechem Dr. — Ruidoso
X-Ray — Acupuncture
Physiotherapy
257-2028 Day or Night

FIREWOOD — pine, \$65 plus tax, 257-5296 except Sundays, Jim Wooldridge. W-47-tfc

CUSTOM ORNAMENTAL IRON — serving Ruidoso/surrounding area, for all wrought iron needs, free estimates, 257-4609, days, 257-2258, nights. T-49-tfc

CUSTOM MADE — Draperies, pillows, bedspreads, accessories. We measure and make to order. Select from hundreds of beautiful fabrics at Gambles. G-23-tfc

TEXAS TRADER AND PAWN SHOP
We loan instant cash, buy, sell and trade. Real bargains in unredeemed furniture, appliances, radio, TVs, tape decks, recorders, guns and many more misc. items. Located 1 block west of Old Mill.
Steve Etter, phone 257-4310

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL — several rebuilt vacuum softeners for sale. Reasonable. Culligan, 378-4150. C-59-tfc

MARY KAY COSMETICS
Bobbie Abel
257-5656

FOR SALE — one pair men's San Marco ski boots, size nine, high back, excellent flow liners, full cant and lean adjustments. One pair K2-four comp skis, 200 cm, Look Nevada bindings, anti-friction plates. One pair Kneissl Short Star skis, 180 cm, Look Nevada bindings, anti-friction plates. Boots and skis in excellent condition. K2's terrific hard pack ski. Kneissl's great short, soft powder ski. Always skied on only pure white snow, down gentle mountain sides, by third newspaper publisher. Contact Ken Green at Ruidoso News to see and make offer. 61-tfc

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SALE AND REPAIR
WESTERN OFFICE
EQUIPMENT
ACROSS FROM SAFEWAY

PINON OR CEDAR — firewood, \$75, full cord, delivered in or near Ruidoso. Call 378-4585 or pick up in yard, \$65 a cord. 65-1tp

BOWL GAMES SPECIAL — two 23" used color TV's, excellent condition. Call 257-7512. S-65-tfc

UPRIGHT PIANO — for sale, best offer, 2 miles west of Ruidoso. First big yellow house inside reservation. Laverne YBarra. 65-4tp

LOST - Black Labrador
retreiver, male, friendly,
w/ canvas collar - 1978 Mo. tag
REWARD OFFERED
Any info? - call 257-2827

AUTOMOTIVE:

1957 CHEVY — 2 ton, good tires, V-8, 8x8 bed, good shape, \$650. 257-4075, ask for Mary Lou, after 5:30, 257-7570. B-63-3tp

1975 FIAT — good condition. \$1795. 257-5718. W-63-tfc

1975 SCOUT II — automatic transmission, air, power, 345, V-8, lockout hubs, custom interior, towing package, new tires, \$600 below retail. See at State Farm Insurance 257-5472 nights. C-63-3tc

1960 MERCEDES 190 B — 4 door, black, white interior, excellent condition. Must sell. \$3,500. 257-7544. B-48-tfc

FOR SALE — 1974 Ford pickup, new motor, new wide tires. Complete with CB and tape deck. Best offer, over \$3000. Call 257-2966 or 257-5328. C-63-4tc

1976 PLYMOUTH — Trail Duster, 4x4, full power, AM-FM 8 track stereo, roll bar, fully loaded with extras. Have ordered new vehicle and must sell. Priced at \$8950. Phone 257-4686 days, and 257-5690 evenings. W-84-tfc

410 SUTTERTH-ACROSS FROM SAFEWAY
Custom Vans-Custom Trucks
New And Used Cars and Trucks
Ralph Bellon-257-2090, 7-5509
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White/blue one-owner sedan with automatic transmission, radio, air conditioning, radio, power steering and new tires, snow tires on rear. A smooth running quiet automobile priced below book value for your consideration. May be seen at FRONTIER EXXON at the stoplight. Offers and trades considered, \$1950. Call 257-4122; days, 257-4153.

1976 DODGE — Maxi van, low mileage, bay window, excellent condition. \$4000 or best offer. 257-5628. 65-3tp

1977 SUBARU — station wagon, 4 wheel with air. \$3750; 1959 Ford pickup with 4 wheel drive. 257-2928. H-65-tfc

'78 T-BIRD Loaded
Like new, will trade also
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Bill Uthlein 257-2090-7121
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Across From Safeway

RENTALS:

EFFICIENCY APARTMENT — no pets, Pines Motel, 620 Sudderth. P-57-tfc

THREE BEDROOM — 2 bath, carpeted, refrigerator, w/d, stove, dishwasher, furnished, by day, week or month. Phone 817-738-6303 H-61-tfc

LARGE FOUR BEDROOM — four baths, fireplace, dishwasher, double garage, three story, in beautiful subdivision, by week or month. Call 378-4905 D-3-tfc

FOR RENT — very nice furnished apartment, no children, no pets. All bills paid including cable. Phone 257-2355 or 257-7689. 59-7tp

3 ROOM — furnished apartments. No pets. Call 257-2276. B-39-tfc

SMALL TRAILER — suitable for 1 or 2 people. 257-7697. K-57-tfc

1 BEDROOM — small house, furnished, no children, no pets, behind Western Office Equipment. Bills paid. Phone 257-2089. W-56-tfc

WANTED TO RENT — unfurnished house, cabin or apartment for responsible permanent single person with small dog. Call 257-4001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ask for Gwyn. 61-tfc

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE — furnished, \$225. All utilities paid. Call 257-4542. S-63-tfc

FOR THE SEASON — 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, utilities furnished in Alto Village. Alto Realty, 257-4625. A-63-4tc

SKIERS — have we got a cabin for you! Located just off Highway 37 on the way to ski area. Fireplace, fully furnished, 2 bedrooms, \$40/day, weekly rates available. 257-5565. B-62-4tc

LOOKING FOR A PLACE — to lease with an option to buy, will lease one to five years. Need house, corrals and barns on 5, 10, or 20 acres, will consider more than 20 acres, any place in or within 100 miles of Ruidoso. Please write or call Jim French, P. O. Box 261, Glenwood, NM 88039, 1-539-2371. F-62-4tc

TWO BEDROOM — furnished and unfurnished apartments. Call after 2 p.m. 257-5461. V-64-tfc

FOR RENT — one bedroom furnished house. One or two adults. No pets. \$100 a month. Water paid. Located 638 Sudderth Drive. Phone 257-2004. A-64-tfc

ASPEN LODGE APARTMENTS — overlooking Cree Meadows, 1 and 2 bedrooms, furnished, utilities and cable paid. Adults. No pets. 257-2978. A-34-tfc

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST MOST LUXURIOUS APARTMENTS
Renting nightly, monthly, yearly. Spacious, furnished or unfurnished. 2-3 bedroom, washers, dryers, dishwashers. 257-2879.

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SEVERAL NICE SPACES — for 50, 60, and 70 ft. trailers. Holywood area, River Front Mobile Park. 378-4836. C-65-tfc

BEAUTIFUL MOBILE HOMES — on river front near Gibson's 14X70 Town and Country. Three bedrooms (one king size), breakfast bar, dining table, two full baths, carpeted, side by side refrigerator, dishwasher/dryer, \$250. C-64-tfc 915-779-7771

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FOR RENT — 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, in Cherokee Mobile Village. \$200 month plus electricity and gas. Call 257-4665. T-65-2tc

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On The River
In Walking Distance of Shopping Center
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OPEN DAILY 3:00 TO 5:30 P.M.
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At WAREHOUSE Next Door To
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FOR SALE OR RENT
SPACE HEATERS
USED CHAIN SAWS

FOR SALE - Minibike, 60 Lincoln Continental, 4 door good shape. Nice poker table.

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REAL ESTATE:

THIS BUSINESS - we are offering in Ruidoso is pledged to God's work for the City of Faith in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We have the top employee in Ruidoso go to work for you and we will show you how to manage. The price is \$15,000 lower than today's Ruidoso asking price. Fully equipped and loaded with supplies. Beautiful business to own. Call collect if interested, Ms. Ayla, AM, 437-0402, PM, 437-0998. (Alamogordo) U-63-12tc

20 ACRES - near Ruidoso Downs. Phone 378-4938. G-38-1tc

FOR SALE - new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 14x72 mobile home. Low equity, assume loan. Call 378-4804. G-82-4tc

IN LAS CRUCES - 2 lots, at a bargain by owner. Call H.T. Fillingim, 1-354-2413 or 257-4671. F-51-1tc

HOME FOR SALE BY BUILDER - just finished, this beautiful house has over 2100 sq. ft. with deck all around. A fabulous view, must see, truly outstanding house. Reasonably priced at under \$61,000. Call 257-7718, 257-5487, or 378-4982. C-2-1tc

NEW THREE BEDROOM - 2 bath, fireplace, super kitchen, no qualifying, assumable loan, only \$48,000. Alex Adams, 257-7733 or 338-4581 A-59-1tc

BY OWNER - 2 bedroom home in center of historic La Luz, with 1 bedroom guest house. Carpeted throughout, fireplace, fruit trees, irrigation water, rock wall and more. Ideal for retirees. \$31,500, cash. Call 585-2922 or 585-2366. 63-3tp

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Two Prime Businesses in Ruidoso, NM
One 140 Acre Ranch in La Luz, NM
FOR IMMEDIATE SALE 505-257-4078
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HOLIDAY HOME SALES MOBILE HOMES

TWO BEDROOM - 1 bath, choice location. \$42,500.
14'x80' CAMEO - fireplace, furnished, washer, dryer, choice lot. \$31,500.
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PLENTY OF TREES on level 70'x110' lot, ready for building for only \$4,250 Accessible all year.

ALTO GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB lot near fairway #4, with full membership. 80'x190' level lot with view of all mountain ranges. Priced to sell.

TWO LOTS WITH WELL and trees in Valley Heights near Bonito River, priced to sell, \$8,000.

TWO BEAUTIFUL LOTS: 77' and 80' front, facing south and averaging 110' deep, located near Bonito River. Both for \$5,500.

32 LOTS - on Bonito River subdivision from \$2,250 to \$3,500 each.

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 239 E. SUDDERTH AL STALCUP
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10 BEAUTIFUL ACRES near NOGAL - HAS WELL!!!
 ON SUDDERTH - 1478 Sq. ft. OFFICE or APT. Has fireplace, carries good loan - \$53,500 furn. or \$52,500 Un. Furn.

LUIGI'S PIZZARIA - IF YOU WANT A BUSINESS THIS IT IT - ALL FOR \$4,000 - BOOKS OPEN TO BUYER!

NICE ACREAGE IN AND NEAR CAPITAN - 10 acre tract with commercial frontage on Highway, 7 acre tract 360 view - FINANCING!

GOOD MOBILE LOTS - call me about them.

AGUA FRIA - 2 lovely lots on paving, natural gas, near Lake!

UNFINISHED - 2700 Sq. Ft. 4 BR, 2B, Den-Lr-Dining Room upstairs; Downstairs Den, utility and fireplace, money can be made on this!

WOODED LOT IN ALTO - near 15th green, 29% down, balance 10 yrs.

MOBILE-1BR, 1B, new couch, new stove, corner lot. \$8,000

COMMERCIAL IN WINGFIELD - 6 lots, paving, 25% down - OWNER FINANCING WITH TERMS TO SUIT YOU!!!

LET THE OLD GOLFER SHOW YOU ONE OF THESE

Business - 257-4884 Residence - 378-4745

OPEN DAILY
10:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

NEW 2 BR-FURNISHED \$5890 PARK MODEL
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MANY TO CHOOSE FROM
FREE DELIVERY AND SET UP
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SLAP YOUR OWN BRAND ON SOME RUIDOSO LAND

WE HAVE JUST LISTED such a good lot in PINECLIFF, quite a large lot with some view and with a street on two sides.

WE ARE OFFERING a very attractive lot in RIVER PARK, flat and with trees. Glory be, it didn't flood.

SIDE BY SIDE lots in Glen Grove, close in and flat.

WE STILL HAVE a few 10 acre tracts of flat land only a very short distance west of TULAROSA.

ATWOOD REALTY
 SHERMAN ATWOOD - BROKER

HIDEWAY HILLS - 1-5 plus acre tract with 10X50' mobile, \$23,500. 1-4 acre tract with 10x45' mobile, \$18,500. These are adjoining tracts, can be bought separately or as 1 package. City water, cable.

GOLF COURSE ESTATES - new 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, fenced yard, fireplace, carpeted. Priced in upper 50's.

COMMERCIALLY LOCATED - and remodeled - 2 bedroom, split log cabin in upper canyon entrance.

14 X 70 3 BDRM., 2 BATH MOBILE. Completely furnished - All you need is groceries.

NO GARAGE, JUST A NICE CARPORT - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 20'x60' double wide, completely covered with roof, deck. Access no problem here.

PHONE: 257-4029 - 301 MECHEM - NIGHTS: 257-2651
 ARCHIE CORLEY, SALESMAN - NIGHTS: 257-2533
 GLADENE LaGRONE, SALESMAN - NIGHTS: 257-7988
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ALTO Realty

SPECIAL AT \$1599.00! Includes assumable 8% mortgage of approximately \$600.00. Beautiful large tree covered gentle sloping lot containing 1.14 acres. Ideal building site in restricted subdivision with water & electricity at lot line.

CARRIZOZO
ALL FOR \$80,000.00. A fine 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 fireplaces, 2320 sq. ft. living area, attached garage, fenced and landscaped, together with 7+ acres level commercial property with 787 feet frontage on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo with all utilities available.

ALTO VILLAGE
YOUR CHOICE of 2 large 2 story condominiums on 9th fairway. Each has 1977 sq. ft. living area with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and all major appliances, including washer-dryer. Each condo is priced at \$89,500.00 (\$45.27 sq. ft.) One is completely and beautifully furnished. Price on furnishings is negotiable. LET US SHOW YOU. Full Country Club membership included.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! Your choice of 3 separate fairway lots. Gentle sloping building sites with mountain view and full golf memberships. Easy ingress and egress.

COMMERCIAL
INVESTORS' OPPORTUNITY 49 lots in approved subdivision adjoining Village of Ruidoso, with over 850 ft. commercial frontage on highway 37. Priced for speculation.

JOE MORRIS (505) 257-4625 M
 Associate L
 Res. 257-3381 S
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 1030 MECHEM DRIVE
 Lincoln Cedar Homes
 Chuck Neel, Realtor-Broker

SPECIALIZING IN PROPERTY EXCHANGES

NICE LARGE LOT - located in Enchanted Forest - Good terms - \$8,500.00.

TWO BEAUTIFUL TRACTS - in Eagle Creek Acres, side by side. Perfect building site. \$19,500.00 and \$20,300.00.

FANTASTIC VIEW - from this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in White Mountain Estates, U-2. Many extras. Perfect for entertaining.

SECLUDED HOME WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR? - Let us show you this lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath, furnished home - 2 car garage - \$90,000.00.

2-STORY HOME - in Upper Canyon - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, furnished - easy living - \$70,000.00.

PROPERTY TO TRADE - Call our office for property exchange consultation.

Denny Loverin & Associates
Realtors
 P.O. BOX 1255 RUIDOSO, N.M. 88345
 ARMSTRONG CENTER
 257-5155
 GEORGE MIZE RES.: 257-4373
 DIXIE EGBERT RES.: 257-4991

DEVON DEVELOPMENT, INC. 257-5511

THIS SMALL 2-BEDROOM house is ideal for a summer home or a retired couple. It's on a level lot on a paved street with sewer available. Close to post office and stores. Some furniture goes with the house. Carport and Christmas trees in front; the back of the house has a storage room and utility room. Zoned commercial and should be looked at for \$17,000. Call us for showing.

SUE G. REAVES, BROKER - 257-4834
 PHIL WALIZER, ASSOCIATE & CONTRACTOR
 AUSTIN PRITCHETT, ASSOCIATE - 257-2056

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

RICHARD COTHRUN
SONJA HARTRONFT
BETTY PATTON
MARGE WOODUL

RIVER! Completely restored beautiful old river cabin. All new plumbing, heating, insulation and appliances. Large deck directly above river. Very private, at the end of Upper Canyon. Shown by appointment only - Call Peter Strobel.

NEW 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home, one block from road to ski area. Good access year 'round. Really worth your time to let Sonja Harttronft show it to you, owner wants to sell now. \$68,500.00.

ON GOLF COURSE DRIVE, you won't find a buy like this, \$59,500. All knotty pine walls and ceiling and a lot that goes all the way back to Cedar Creek. All you have to do is call Betty Patton and we'll put a deal together on this.

LET ME SHOW YOU this big old log cabin with a knockout fireplace located on a secluded Town & Country North lot. This may be the mountain home you have always wanted. \$45,000.00 for 1500 sq. ft. Call Dick Woodul.

IN THE CENTER of the high traffic area on Sudderth Drive, 310 ft. perfect for a new business. Owner will look at all offers; let's get started for the new year. Call Marge Woodul.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, 3 cabins in the preferred Upper Canyon, for the "handy man" to remodel, only \$38,500. Let Richard Cothrun explain this deal.

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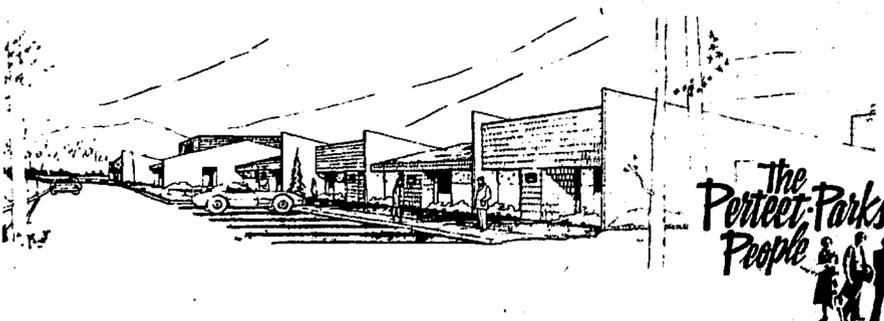
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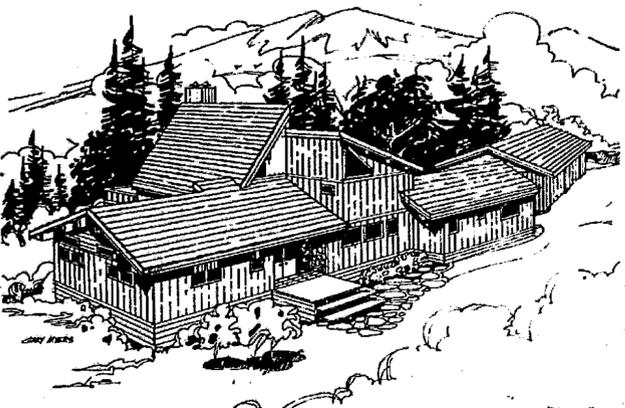
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Jockey Lovell ends riding career to take up training

When Willie Lovell first started working with horses, he was told he was "too small to do anything but ride."

Lovell took that advice and turned it into a highly successful 20-year jockey career. But now the slight helmsman has retired his silks and set his sights on a new course.

He and his wife, LaRae, are teaming up in the training business. "I don't know just yet how many horses we'll have," Lovell said. But he adds, jokingly, "We may be better off if LaRae trains them and I just groom."

Lovell, who's ridden at Sunland Park since it opened in 1959 and at Ruidoso Downs since 1969, has won numerous jockey championships at both tracks and has always been known for having the most mounts.

The well-liked jockey's retirement a few weeks ago resulted from chest pains suffered during morning workouts which were later diagnosed as caused by a faulty heart valve.

"The doctor ran some tests," Lovell

said, "and said the valve won't cause problems if I don't exert myself too much. So to avoid a real heart condition, I've quit riding."

Lovell, who recently celebrated his fortieth birthday, comes off one of the most successful years of his remarkable riding career.

Last spring, he became the first rider in the history of Sunland Park to string together victories in all three of the major stakes events.

Lovell rode The First Edition to triumph in both the \$139,853 West Texas Quarter Horse Futurity and the \$159,824 Sun Country Quarter Horse Futurity, and later garnered a victory aboard Johnny Mito in the \$291,950 Riley Allison Thoroughbred Futurity. The combined winner's purses for the trio of victories totaled to the huge sum of \$238,808.

But looking back over the years, Willie

considers his victory in the All-American Futurity of 1969 aboard Easy Jet as the highlight of his career. "Winning the All-American was the best thing that ever happened to me," Lovell said. "And I didn't even ride Easy Jet when he started racing."

"I went to Raton on Special Dunc, though futurity trials on Special Dunc," Lovell said, "and there were some quarter horse trails going on at the same time. The rider for Easy Jet didn't show up and Walter Merrick asked me to ride him."

"But I already had another obligation in the race and couldn't ride, so Ray Spencer rode him to a victory in the trials and a second in the finale of the Oklahoma Futurity."

"Then when Merrick went to Ruidoso, he asked me to ride Easy Jet again. I thought he was going to be a really good colt, especially since he'd already started. But I wasn't sure how good."

Easy Jet not only won the 1969 All-American for a winner's share of \$159,840, but went on to become the current leading quarter horse sire.

Still, Lovell had another horse that was equally his favorite. "Easy Jet was the most consistent horse I ever rode, but he only ran fast enough to win," he says. "Truckle Feature was the fastest." Lovell rode Truckle Feature to a world record for 440 yards in the amazing time of 21.03 seconds in 1973.

Then in 1976, he was aboard Norgor when he established the world record for four furlongs at Ruidoso Downs in a time of 44 3/5 seconds.

"My career really started rolling after I

won the All-American in 1969," Lovell said. "I never had any trouble getting good mounts after that and my weight always stayed the same."

He figures the best advice he can give new riders from his years of experience, typified by his easygoing manner, is "work hard and listen, don't talk."

Oddly enough, Lovell suffered relatively few injuries in his many years of riding.

The worst spill came five years ago aboard Big Profit when the horse tossed him off, then stepped on him and broke his shoulder.

But his present physical setback has left him undaunted and he said philosophically, "I was lucky to ride as long as I did. Now I'll just have to try training." And new successes could easily be in store.



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Capitol Comment

by Ernie Mills

Santa Fe—It's moving week at the Merry Round House we call the Capitol—which means the Fourth Floor staff of Governor Jerry Apodaca will be moving personal effects, from the gubernatorial offices and clearing the way for Governor-elect Bruce King to move in.

In case you missed it, this reporter, along with one of our favorite colleagues, interviewed incumbent Governor Jerry Apodaca at what we still call the "mansion" and which he corrected us again to refer to as the "residence."

In a very relaxed manner, the Governor fielded our queries in a straight-forward manner, indicating he would move the family this week to a temporary home not far from the rather ostentatious house he is building in the Northern part of the Capital City.

It's obvious, Apodaca is going to assess his business priorities and determine which gets first call on his time—and that includes service on the President's Physical Fitness Council, the racket court investment and probably several other speculative ventures.

We asked the Chief Executive whether he would accept a Cabinet appointment at this late date from President Jimmy Carter if the President were able to break away Education from the huge Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Apodaca said it would be almost impossible to turn down, although he hoped the President would never offer it to him.

Then... very simply... Gov. Apodaca said some day he would like to run for President. He said that it was not very likely anyone could get the kind of exposure necessary to become a presidential candidate by running for office in New Mexico unless it were for a United States Senate seat.

So, you can almost make bet that if and when Jerry Apodaca decides to enter the political arena again, it will be for the United States Senate. And he'll give the prospects plenty of thought before he takes hasty action.

But... don't forget our items in this column weeks and weeks ago about the size of the Spanish-American minority growing in this country. And... if Apodaca does get elected to the United States Senate, you can make bet he'll be looking for all the national exposure he can get.

A neat interview to wrap up a four-year administration and a very candid one from the outgoing Chief Executive.

Details are Unavailable But: Reliable sources say a story is brewing in the area of Search and Rescue in New Mexico.

A comprehensive S & R plan has been implemented, and some segments of the search community have publicly voiced support of the procedure.

But birdies say an informational related position to be located within the State Police might cause some Search and Rescue waves. And our lighthouse will be watching as the waves roll in.

A Real Need: Birdies say one of the most urgent needs in the state is for short or long term emergency housing. Some social workers acknowledge situations in which young men and women leave the hospital and have no where to go.

There's been an undecurrent of interest in the social service circle to get some legislation to address the problem. And while no answers to the situation are forthcoming, some money might be... if the legislature sees fit to consider the problem.

But like the emergency 911 number, emergency housing provisions can be expensive. And the social workers of the state tell us people just aren't interested in those kinds of issues - until they are personally affected.

A Housing Tale: The high cost of housing is affecting every American, and it seems compounded in Santa Fe where costs and the lack of housing units are at the critical stage.

Incoming State Treasurer Jan Hartke is one of those so affected.

Hartke paid a visit to the governor's transition office and complained that he couldn't find a place to live. Hartke commented that he couldn't find a \$20,000 home anywhere.

Big Bruce King laughed and jested that Jan might want to look for a "garage" at that price-range.

Toxic Tractor Incident Postscript: State Health and Environment Department personnel worked well during the recent incident near Clines Corners involving a toxic chemical fire on a hauling truck.

Insiders were pleased with the way the situation was handled, but commented that the state really got off easy on that potentially dangerous chemical problem - and warned that the government should get a clear plan ready to attack any such incident (or worse one) in the future.

Birdies said the State Health and Environment Department needs trained personnel and adequate equipment to properly tackle such matters. And that, of course, takes money. Reportedly, the Environmental Improvement Division's expansion budget contains monies to fulfill the training and equipment needs.

OPINION PAGE

Yours and Ours

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

A few days ago I saw the proposed new ordinance mentioned wherein the Animal Control Officer would have the right to kill any dog running loose that was not under the direct control of its owner.

Several weeks ago while down by Two Rivers Park, a dog came out of a yard on the other side of the street and bit me. Even though I was on the opposite side of the street next to the wooden railing, I was still severely bitten. After looking at \$70 in medical bills and lost wages, I think this law is a good one and should be passed as soon as possible.

Although it happened in broad daylight, and I can certainly identify the dog, I am still unable to take any action... at least, not legally. Even though Police Department records back up my side of the story, I can do nothing.

The dog's owner, a young ??lady?? who is a member of a well-known minority group here in New Mexico thinks the whole incident is a big joke because I am an Anglo and because I am \$70 down the drain. She should remember that Anglo's have rights too, and one of them should

Chuckle Note: There's been and will be plenty of kidding about the King family relationships as they pertain to State Government. Some reader found a calling card on the ground of the Capitol that said "Sid King, Half-Brother... office hours by appointment only."

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have the right to walk down the street without being bitten by a dog owned by an irresponsible owner. The dog in question was running loose over Aspencafe Weekend (and a couple of days afterward) right next to Two Rivers Park which had dozens of people in it over the holiday weekend.

The dog's owner makes quite a bit out of the fact that it took me a long time to contact her about the matter. That is because the doctor who treated me was out of town for three weeks afterward. She also thinks it is funny that I waited for a few hours before deciding to get medical attention from the hospital emergency room. This is because I am a working Anglo and am not eligible for all the free medical goodies that seem to be showered upon our "less fortunate"?? citizens.

Judging by the way the dog's owner talked to me over the phone, it wouldn't surprise me any if she ran out into the street and bit someone. Since she is a minority group member, she could probably get away with it.

Again, I say the law should be passed as soon as possible to keep ordinary citizens from taking the law into their own hands if they can't get satisfaction legally.

Steve Tappan,
 Box 1017
 Ruidoso, NM 88345

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A NEEDED CHANGE

Governor-elect Bruce King took what could be the first step in getting the state liquor problems on the road to solution this week when he fired State Liquor Director Carlos Jaramillo. Jaramillo had been in the job too long and had too many friends in the liquor industry.

Jaramillo's bitterness at losing the job is understandable since he had survived two governors. However, he got the job through a political appointment and lost it the same way and certainly should be mature enough to realize that is the way the game is played.

King's choice of Jim Baca as Jaramillo's successor might raise a few eyebrows, but to our thinking the only qualifications needed for the job are common sense and a sense of fairness, with a determination to see that the liquor laws are enforced.

Obviously Baca's background for the job can be challenged and we hope Bruce isn't just paying off a political debt to a longtime political supporter.

Baca's initial comment that he wants to "beef up the organization" indicates he is aware that ten inspectors cannot patrol the entire state. This is patently ridiculous. Unless the legislature gives the department the people and funds necessary to enforce the squirrely liquor laws we now have, they might as well eliminate the department.

Another Baca comment that "I want to make sure the laws are being obeyed and I have no reason to think that they aren't" causes us some worry. All Baca has to do is spend a Sunday in Espanola to see Sunday sale violations and spend Saturday night here to watch the booze peddlers showing it across the counter to teenagers without bothering to ask for an ID.

This will be Baca's big challenge and we expect him to cope with it better than his predecessor.

King commented that if Baca "works out" he may name him on a permanent basis. Baca's comments on what he wants to do in the department indicate the appointment is already permanent. — The Rio Grande Sun, Espanola

TAXATION TO MOVE BY

Last week's Wall Street Journal carried a tax report which would encourage rich people to move out of New York State and advise poor people to leave Massachusetts. The tax burden falls heaviest on those groups by the choice of those states. A professor at Western Kentucky University figured out the tax burden state by state for a family of four in different income groups ranging from \$7,500 to \$50,000 annually. If you are rich you should live in Florida and if you make around \$7,500 move to Louisiana. Everybody who wants less burdensome taxes should avoid most of the eastern states — but all of us in New Mexico should be thankful that for all income groups we have relatively low taxes. Our state is third, after Florida, Louisiana. Then come Nevada, Texas and West Virginia. Most states are not raising taxes these days. Legislators fear they won't get re-elected. — Defensor Chieftain, Socorro

editorial

An amazing thing has happened in the aftermath of the December 19 flood. The Ruidoso office of the Environmental Improvement Division, as of Tuesday, had taken no drastic action to safeguard the health of residents living within the area of the village in which thousands of feet of sewer lines were demolished. An office spokesman said to The News: "We haven't been able to drive around the Upper Canyon." They could have contacted the village sewer department or they could have walked through the disaster area to determine if health problems exist. Apparently they never thought of that. Amazing. —CD

Stuph & Junk

... by

Cale Dickey



DISASTER HAS STRUCK

The rains of December 18 and 19 didn't produce flood damage in Ruidoso approximating the havoc caused by the Johnstown, Pennsylvania flood in 1889 or the 1972 flood in Rapid City, South Dakota resulting in 228 deaths and \$120 million in damage... but in the wake of the flood, we have a disaster on our hands... and need all of the help we can get.

First and foremost, in potential health hazards, is the loss of thousands of feet of sewer mains... mostly in the Upper Canyon area. This could have lethal results.

Next... there's the water problem... with new breaks in the service lines... again especially in the Upper Canyon vicinity... likely to cause problems... and as new water main breaks are discovered, the effective date for repairs will have to be extended... extended... extended.

Then there are urgent matters... damage to residences and businesses... the erosion of private lands... the road and bridge losses... all of which will require untold thousands of dollars to rectify.

Now, be it understood that the village officials are doing everything in their power to expedite having Ruidoso declared a disaster area... to obtain relief from state/federal coffers as soon as possible... to make every effort to arrive at a loss figure.

What with the Congress in recess... and employees of federal disaster aid agencies more than likely enjoying an extended Christmas vacation... chances are help won't be on the way tomorrow... or next day.

However... to stimulate a little interest in our plight... those individuals suffering extensive losses as a result of the flood... no matter their nature... could spend a few nickles contacting our Congressional delegation... to apprise them of the seriousness of the situation here.

What you do is... telephone Senator Domenici at 623-6170... Senator Schmitt at 622-7113... Congressman Runnels at 396-2252... and spell your problems out... in detail... and ask for their help.

Chances are none of these elected officials will be in their New Mexico offices... but, by jinkies, it's the responsibility of those answering the phones to tell "Pete, Jack and Harold" that "Joe Blow or Mary Smith" called from Ruidoso... and, by jinkies, that they have a problem as a result of that big flood... and that perhaps they could sneak off for a day to

come up and look around... and see for themselves that we're in trouble.

It's this way... when emergencies arise... it's people like these three that carry a lot of clout... who can cut through red tape... who can get relief (that's funding) action started... who can get help on the way.

Three phone calls... that's one to each... outlining your woes... just might be the most productive money you ever spent on phone calls.

And... if you impress the office help answering these calls that there's flood trouble in Ruidoso... it's a cinch that "Pete, Jack and Harold" will return your calls... politicians are like that.

Back to the sewer problem... that raw sewage might be good fertilizer... and make your newly seeded grass and posies grow... but it could cause health problems... ever remembering, it's smallpox as has been eliminated from the world... typhoid could be closer than you think.

It's not that anyone should panic... it's just that possible health problems could be lurking within the village... and one realistic approach, as a constituent, is to get on the horn to our Congressional delegation.

You know... they gotta know... to do anything... you know. There's the possibility that the Small Business Administration might have loan monies at an interest rate you can live with... to help solve your residential/business flood problems.

Congressman Runnels, with Senators Domenici and Schmitt, might be able to elicit some direct action from Our Jimmy. After all, Our Jimmy wants to help home folks... and this would give him the opportunity.

No doubt about it... it'll be a month of Sundays... or six months of them... before things are again ship-shape in the wake of that flood.

The situation is... quite a few people in a restricted area have been hurt by that flood... hurt badly. But it's not the time to mope... it's the time to take any and all action available... to spur the release of funding and direct assistance to get our flood losses taken care of.

You... we didn't have the Eastern Seaboard flood of 1972... 129 dead, \$3.5 billion in damage, 115,000 homeless... but it's a disaster... and it's going to get worse before it gets better.

BRIEF BIT: If you've driven in the Upper Canyon lately, you know North Dakota isn't the only place where you can stand knee deep in mud and have dirt blow in your eyes... CD

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D.C. PROGRESS SLOW

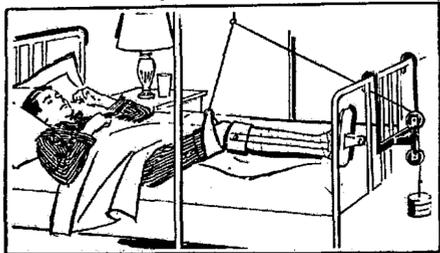
The proposed constitutional amendment to give District of Columbia residents full representation in Congress ought to be sailing through the state legislatures on the winds of liberty. That is not happening. On the contrary, thus far the legislators of three states, California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, have risen up in their wisdom and declared that Americans who live in the nation's capital merit only second-class citizenship.

It might be argued that this is not a fair description of their reasons for declining to

ratify the amendment. Yet when all the verbiage and sophistry have been thrust aside, the acknowledgement or denial of rights emerges as the central issue at stake.

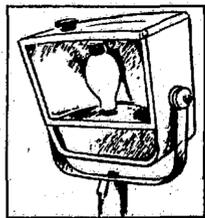
There are some 700,000 people in the District of Columbia, more than in several states. District residents pay taxes and bear arms; they are subject to federal law like the rest of us. They are rightfully entitled to a voice in Congress, no more and no less so than the rest of us. That is what the amendment is all about, and that is why it ought to be swiftly ratified. — Alamogordo Daily News

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ROTARY CLUB

Ruidoso Hondo Valley Rotary Club meets each Tuesday noon at Whispering Pine Restaurant.



AMARANTH

Ponderosa Court No. 6, Order of the Amaranth, Inc., meets 4th Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. in Eastern Star Building.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Meets each first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., place to be announced.

WOMEN'S WORKDAY AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the Gateway area every first Wednesday of the month at the church.



LIONS

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Troop 59, Boy Scouts, meets at 7 p.m., each Wednesday, under Carpet Warehouse. Paul Holcombe, Scoutmaster.

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SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The County Corners Square Dance Club meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Doug Perreau, president; Ted Clements, caller. All Square dancers welcome.

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D.A.V.

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CARRIZOZO A-A

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GARDEN CLUB

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Fr. Eugene Dolan Council No. 6597 meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in St. Eleanor's Hall. Special meetings to be announced will be held at St. Jude's Center in San Patricio. Modesto Chaves, G.K., George P. White, F.S.

ST. ELEANOR'S GUILD

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Thursday, December 28: 10 a.m.-Noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-4 p.m. - "Show and Tell" Time - The Most Special Christmas Gift I Received; 7-10 p.m. - New Year's Dance.

Friday, December 29: *Escort-Shopping - Transportation - call 257-4565 for assistance; 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30-5 p.m. - "Whatever You Want To Do" Day.

Monday, January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Center will be closed).

Tuesday, January 2: 10 a.m.-noon: Social Security Representative Gordon Lunsford; 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. - Tax Aid (NM Rebate); 2-4 p.m. - Lapidary-Silversmithing-Ceramics-Whatever.

Wednesday, January 3: 9 a.m. - Bowling Holiday Bowl; 10-11 a.m. - Exericycle; 10-11:30 a.m. - Blood Pressure - Weight Screening; Noon - Golden Age Club Luncheon - MPR; 2-4 p.m. - Games; 4 p.m. - Staff Meeting; 5:30 p.m. - Intermediate Belly Dance - Exercise Class; 7 p.m. - Beginning Belly Dance and Exercise Class - Sayieda, Instructor.

Thursday, January 4: 10 a.m. - Noon - Pool; 10 a.m. - Noon - Ceramics; 2-4 p.m. - Pattern Dancing; 7-10 p.m. - Dance.

Friday, January 5: Escort-Shopping-Transportation - Call 257-4565 for assistance; 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 p.m. - "Whatever You Want To Do" Day.

Monday, January 8: 10 a.m.-noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-5 p.m. - "42" and Other Games; 7:30 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge.

Tuesday, January 9: 10 a.m.-noon - Social Security; 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. - Tax Aid (NM Rebate); 2-4 p.m. - Lapidary-Silversmithing-Ceramics-Whatever; 2-4 p.m. - Blood Pressure - Weight Screening.

Wednesday, January 10: 9 a.m. - Bowling - Holiday Bowl; 10-11 a.m. - Exericycle; 2-4 p.m. - "Shooting the Breeze"; 5:30 p.m. - Intermediate Belly Dance - Exercise Class - Sayieda, Instructor.

Thursday, January 11: 10 a.m. - noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-4 p.m. - Historical Lincoln County - Orby Neatherlin; 6:30 p.m. - Chili Supper - Games; Contest: Best Chili and Best Cornbread Brought.

Friday, January 12: Escort - Shopping - Transportation - Call 257-4565 for assistance; 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30-5 p.m. - "Whatever You Want To Do" Day.

Monday, January 15: 10 a.m.-noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-5 p.m. - "42" and Other Games; 7:30 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge.

Tuesday, January 16: 10 a.m.-noon - Social Security; 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. - Tax Aid (NM Rebate); 2-4 p.m. - Lapidary - Silversmithing - Ceramics - Whatever.

Wednesday, January 17: 9 a.m. - Bowling - Holiday Bowl; 10-11 a.m. - Exericycle; 10-11:30 a.m. - Blood Pressure - Weight Screening; Noon - Golden Age Club Luncheon - MPR; 2-4 p.m. - Games; 4 p.m. - Staff Meeting; 5:30 p.m. - Intermediate Belly Dance - Exercise Class; 7 p.m. - Beginning Belly Dance - Exercise Class - Sayieda, Instructor.

Thursday, January 18: 10 a.m.-noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-4 p.m. - Historical Lincoln County - Kathy Moore; 7-10 p.m. - Birthday Party.

Friday, January 19: Escort-Shopping-Transportation - call 257-4565 for assistance; 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30-5 p.m. - "Whatever You Want To Do" Day.

Monday, January 22: 10 a.m.-noon - Pool; 10 a.m.-noon - Ceramics; 2-5 p.m. - "42" and Other Games; 7:30 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge.

Tuesday, January 23: 10 a.m. - Noon - Social Security; 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. - Tax Aid (NM Rebate); 2-4 p.m. - Blood Pressure - Weight Screening; 2-4 p.m. - Lapidary - Silversmithing - Ceramics - Whatever.

Wednesday, January 24: 9 a.m. - Bowling; 10-11 a.m. - Exericycle; 2-4 p.m. - Junk Food Junkie - Charlotte C. Jarratt; 4 p.m. - Staff Meeting; 5:30 p.m. - Intermediate Belly Dance - Exercise Class; 7 p.m. - Intermediate Belly Dance - Exercise Class - Sayieda, Instructor.

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Mobiles gain in popularity

Over 54,000 families in New Mexico are choosing mobile homes as an economical housing alternate. This could be a wise choice for new New Mexico residents, Suzi Holder, extension housing specialist at New Mexico State University, said.

Although mobile homes may be the solution to many housing problems, the consumer should be careful making the purchase.

Before buying, remember its what's underneath that counts, Holder said. Attractive interiors and flashy design often hide the root of concern — construction.

Reputable mobile home manufacturers furnish specification information with the home. If this "spec sheet" is really specific, it can help you evaluate some of the hidden qualities, the specialist said.

Before you buy a new mobile home try checking the floor inside a used model by the same manufacturer. Can you trace the seams of the subfloor showing through the kitchen tile? Is the tile buckling? Are there squeaks when you walk from end to end?

If so, then this is perhaps what you will encounter if you choose a home with a shoddily built bottom. A sound floor is usually built with six to eight inch joists

crisscrossed with shiplap or tongue and groove subflooring 5/8 to 3/8 inch thick.

Don't be afraid of looking underneath the mobile home. Check lag bolts, I-beams and axles.

With your hand or elbow push against the walls and ceilings. The amount of "give" denotes the difference between sturdy and poor construction.

However, a slight degree of springness does not always mean the wall is flimsy. A mobile home is built for mobility and needs some resiliency or it would break up when moved, Holder said. Better mobile homes have wall studs every 16 inches, using regular two by four inch studs at least in the outside walls.

In quality ceilings there are no molding strips, no rosettes, no obvious nails and no visible means of support. Press at random places to see how solid the ceiling feels.

Make sure the truss rafters are placed 16 inches apart, not just over the living areas but throughout the house.

To check trussing, ask to climb on the roof. If the dealer says "no", chances are the roof is not well trussed.

Whether your heaviest energy costs are for heating or air conditioning, insulation can help cut them, the specialist said. A

chart of insulation values can be found in most homes.

Check the finishing touches for quality construction. Place a yardstick along the bottom or top row of cabinet doors to check if they are hung evenly. Make sure doors are of solid wood with reinforcement against warping. Check that the countertop and its edge will not wear.

Drawers should move on roller glides. Run a finger along the edges of drawers, checking for splinters or roughness.

Closets should be at least 22 inches deep and fitted with sturdy rods and shelves.

All doors should be at least 1 3/8 inches thick with a hollow core. Exterior doors may have attractive wood finishes but should be made of metal unless sheltered.

Look under the kitchen sink, bath lavatories and other places where water pipes protrude through the floor. There should be a plate sealed to the floor around each pipe to cover spaces that let in not only drafts but insects and rodents.

Better-built mobile homes are well caulked and weatherstripped around windows and doors, and sealed against roof leaks. It will also have adequate guttering.

The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL AGNEW STORM

Between Christmas and New Year
This is being sent to you on the day after Christmas. It is a clear day, with a blue December sky. The sun is bathing the mountain world in its mellow light here in the mid-afternoon.

The north wind moves gently through the vale, with a cool breath of frost from the Rocky Mountains to the north. And yet the golden sun casts its benediction on the earth so that there is a warm wave of air breathing up from the ground from the sunlit mountain fields.

There is no snow in sight this sixth day in the winter season, so that the weather seems more like Indian summer.

All the world is in a dreaming, peaceful lull, a quiet thoughtful time between Christmas and New Year. We feel as though we are in a little season between the two years. Already you are looking back over this year and at the same time looking forward to the new year.

The creek has gone down a great deal, although the water still shows the amber color from the melting snow on the mountain. Even after all the snow melts, the mountain still shows sparkling white against the blue sky.

I have not begun crossing the creek yet, but the old road has dried out so that I can get to the highway.

During this peaceful and sacred little interlude between Christmas and the New Year, I want to thank you for making this a blessed Christmas season. We will be in the Christmas season until twelfth night the sixth of January. So you see, we will be celebrating the Christmas and New Year's season together. Our hearts are filled with joy, charity, hope and faith. Let us thank God for all our blessings.

House hunters need priorities check list

"If you are in the market for a house, it will pay to do some planning before you look," Suzi Holder, extension housing specialist at New Mexico State University said. "Sit down and assess your family's needs. Then list your priorities."

The size and make-up of your family will determine your basic space requirements, including the number of bedrooms.

Also consider your family's lifestyle. What type of entertaining do you do? Do you want to provide for overnight guests? Do you need to be close to a good school?

If you have children, a recreation room may be important. Or if there is a gardener in the family, a large back yard may be one of your top priorities.

Don't hesitate to call a realtor for help. A realtor's knowledge of available houses and other market conditions can help you find the right house at the right price, Holder said.

Look beyond the monthly payments. They are only part of your housing cost. There are also the costs of insurance, taxes, utilities and upkeep.

When you look at a house, ask the owner or the realtor lots of questions, the specialists says. After all, buying a house

is the largest investment that most families ever make — do make it a wise one.

Holder lists a few things you should ask:

— How much are the real estate taxes? Are there any special assessments yet to be paid?

— What do utilities cost? Get costs for each month of the year, if you can, so you will know what the peak monthly cost likely will be.

— What are the neighbors like? — How close are shopping centers, schools, churches?

— Does the house need repairs? If it does, get cost estimates on things you can't fix yourself or on major repairs such as roof, plumbing or heating system.

— How does the house compare with others in the neighborhood?

— Is the property on the city sewage system?

— Is there an adequate and safe water supply?

— Are good fire and police protections available? — Is the neighborhood likely to increase or decrease in value?

Dream home may be just that

Your dream home may be just that — a dream. The recent higher interest rates coupled with rapidly rising costs for land, construction, energy and higher tax make building the "4-bedroom home with a fireplace and family room" only a dream.

In light of the new developments, other housing options may suit a couple or family and be well within the housing budget constraints, says Suzi Holder, Extension housing specialist at New Mexico State University.

Townhouse — or rowhouses — have been an alternative to the single-family detached house for many years. Houses

share side walls, occupy less land, and offer identical construction, thereby cutting building time and saving material purchases.

More compact, single-family houses are being built. Although not popular with all home buyers, they offer the first-time buyer multi-functional space with few frills.

Mobile homes — doublewide, singlewide or expandable units — now offer a range of placement possibilities. Triple section units can be positioned into an L-shaped structure or into a spacious H-plan.

Singlewide mobile units offer crisper exterior and interiors than in past years, with energy efficiency packages, heat pumps, wood burning fireplaces, sliding glass doors, and the other extras as some of the options. Units are priced according to space and extras.

For others, apartments offer alternative housing. Renting usually does not make sense for 10 or more years, Holder says. Then the owner of the apartment takes the benefit of inflation. However, more middle-age singles, couples without children, "empty nesters" or young couples with small children look at apartment renting as a viable choice.

Condominiums are another way to achieve living — with less. High-rise, townhouse, or small apartment house — all offer clients the advantages of buying and owning property, while reducing maintenance costs on the area outside of the confines of the dwelling unit. A separate payment covers the services used by the entire living complex and for its upkeep.

"Before bemoaning the prospect of financing a first-time home or larger living quarters, seriously consider all housing options before making a final decision," Holdersays.

Housing specialist has apartment hunting tips

Let's face it — apartment hunting isn't fun! But making the right choice can be more important than you realize, Suzi Holder, Extension housing specialist at New Mexico State University, said.

You'll spend a lot of time in your apartment, the rent will take a big bite out of your monthly income. A lease imposes legal obligations that can be enforced in court. So don't be in a hurry to make up your mind, the specialist said.

First, establish your basic needs and wants. If the apartment is to be shared, pay particular attention to provisions for privacy and storage space.

Remember, housing costs include more than just rent. You must also plan on utilities, telephone, maintenance and other expenses. Establish a housing budget with an upper limit on rent, then stick to it, Holder said.

Compare the relative importance of your living quarters in contrast to other expenses and goals such as a new car, travel or recreation.

When you actually start looking for an apartment, remember that location is important. Take into account the following:

— Is the area safe? Are streets well lighted? Is police and fire protection reliable? Can people come and go day and night without fear?

— Is the neighborhood well maintained, clean, attractive?

— What types of people live in the area? Will it be a good place to meet people and make new friends?

— Will it be easy to get to work and other places you visit frequently?

— Is the area convenient to stores and services?

— Will neighborhood noise and activity be a problem?

Apartment rent is based on the services, facilities and equipment provided, such as air conditioning, kitchen appliances, laundry equipment, tennis courts, swimming pools, golf course. Don't pay for more of these than you'll use.

Since you'll probably have to sign a lease, study it carefully, including the fine print, Holder said. Don't sign until you agree with everything in it.

All agreements between you and the landlord should be written into the lease. It's a mistake to rely on verbal promises regarding decorating, repairs, equipment, subletting, security deposit or liability.

A lease is a legal document, the housing specialist said. It obligates you for a long

time and a sizeable amount of money. It should contain:

— Name of tenant.
— Name and address of landlord.
— Beginning and expiration dates of the lease.

— Address and description of rented property.
— Amount of rent, when and how it is to be paid.

— Requirements for a security deposit: the amount, when it is to be paid, conditions for refund or forfeit, and whether interest will be paid.

— Conditions for renewal, termination and subletting.

— Items covered by the rent, such as utilities, decorating, cleaning, building services, parking space, appliances or furniture.

— Responsibility for repairs and maintenance.

— Rules applying to use of the property. Can tenants decorate, keep pets, install carpeting or equipment? What rules apply to use of storage areas, laundry room, guest parking?

Finally, size up all the available apartments in the area. Visit each one armed with a checklist of your requirements and preferences.

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\$1,000	12	12	24	\$24,000	1 in 490,000	1 in 36,923	1 in 18,461
\$500	130	130	260	\$26,000	1 in 44,307	1 in 3,408	1 in 1,704
\$100	100	100	200	\$10,000	1 in 57,600	1 in 4,430	1 in 2,215
\$50	400	400	800	\$8,000	1 in 14,400	1 in 1,107	1 in 553
\$10	3,000	3,000	3,000	\$15,000	1 in 3,840	1 in 295	1 in 147
\$5	8,000	8,000	8,000	\$16,000	1 in 1,440	1 in 110	1 in 56
\$2	8,000	8,000	8,000	\$16,000	1 in 151	1 in 11.6	1 in 5.8
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Serving Suggestion



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The Sierra Blanca Airport Commission's response to BLM's rejection of the FFA's airport site request

Mr. Bill J. Howard
Chief, Airports District Office, FAA
P. O. Box 9253
Albuquerque, N. M. 87119

Dear Mr. Howard:

Reference is made to the letter, dated October 26, 1978 from the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, USDI, Santa Fe, New Mexico to the Director, Southwest Region FAA, Fort Worth, Texas. The enclosed comments and attachments are forwarded as a protest of the BLM denial of the FAA Airport Application NM 33980, Proposed Sierra Blanca Airport.

Reference is made to the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission letter, dated November 8, 1978 to the Secretary of Interior, Washington, D.C., which informed him an appeal would be prepared and forwarded concerning the BLM denial of land use on Fort Stanton reservation for the purpose of developing the Fort Stanton airport.

The SBAC strongly believes that multiple use of the Fort Stanton public land is justified to include developing a modern airport at the existing airport site. We recognize that the New Mexico State University is conducting agriculture research projects on some of the Fort Stanton Airport mesa. These projects have coexisted with the existing airport for many years. We believe the phased development over the years can be accomplished in close coordination with NMSU and will have very little adverse affect on their on-going research projects. A separate Memorandum of Understanding can be negotiated between the SBAC and NMSU to allow continuing research projects on airport land.

The SBAC believes that an on-site visit by the Secretary of Interior or his designated representative would accomplish much toward seeing the conditions and needs of air operations and the locations and types of agriculture experiments. The official could then talk with both NMSU and SBAC representatives to determine the compatibility of both programs. If the suggested on-site visit cannot be made by the Secretary or his representative, the SBAC can send representatives to Washington, D. C., to meet with the Secretary to answer any questions or to discuss issues.

The SBAC is ready and willing to participate in discussions which will lead the way to a favorable decision on the airport land application. We firmly believe that cooperation with NMSU will reveal the compatibility of the land use. The fact is the Fort Stanton airport was in existence

long before the agriculture experiments commenced. Please advise of any need for further information.

Very truly yours,
Richard C. Hall
Chairman
Sierra Blanca Airport Commission

SUMMARY: PROTEST OF BLM LAND USE DECISION ON FAA AIRPORT APPLICATION NM 33980

We present the following summary of the attached comments in rebuttal of the BLM Land Use Decision on FAA Airport Application NM 33980:

1. The decision exaggerates the amount of land requested by a factor of more than one-half. Two thousand acres are all that is needed.

2. A valid easement of 1,200 acres for an airport exists on the requested site, an easement that currently holds an FAA recognized airport and has been acknowledged by officials of the BLM, indicating a prior acceptance of an airport facility as a legitimate feature of the lands in question. This easement was ignored in the BLM's rationale regarding their Land Use Decision.

3. The airport plan was generated out of a cooperative effort of federal, state, local and tribal entities, thereby requiring the closest attention by the Secretary.

4. The airport plan is designed to fit the needs for air transportation and to fit multiple use of lands in the public domain but faces determined opposition by forces led by the New Mexico State University to retain an exclusive franchise for use of the land for range research projects.

5. The proposed airport would serve the national interests by improving interstate air transportation into a major tourist and recreation area and by significantly improving airport safety in the area.

6. A prior unfavorable decision by the state BLM Multiple Use Advisory Board was made despite an obvious lack of complete facts and may be part of a larger pattern of obstruction organized by supporters of NMSU's exclusive franchise for range research.

We believe the need for a new airport and the overwhelming suitability of the Fort Stanton airport site are apparent. We believe that the issue hinges on whether airport could be compatible with existing

range research projects on all of Fort Stanton. We know the issues of compatibility can be resolved through cooperative efforts and the goals of multiple use can be achieved. We are relying on the objectivity of the Secretary in this matter to bring reason to an issue that is being clouded by special interests that would deny a decision in the best interest of the nation.

PROTEST OF BLM LAND USE DECISION ON FAA AIRPORT APPLICATION NM 33980

The following comments are intended to establish the basis for our appeal of and to rebut the Land Use Decision on FAA Airport Application NM 33980, and particularly to take exception with the rationale expressed by Mr. Art Zimmerman, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, N.M., in his letter of October 26, 1978 to Mr. H.L. Newman, Director, Southwest Region FAA, Fort Worth, Texas.

We would begin by pointing out that Mr. Zimmerman describes lands of 3,072.63 acres, an amount exceeding by more than one-half the application for lands amounting to some 2,000 acres upon which we request to develop a modern, jet capable airport. The 2,000 acres requested would meet the criteria that all surfaces of land utilized for airport purposes be under absolute control of the airport owner: such uses include: runways, taxiways, ramp areas, clear and approach areas, hangers, terminal building and so forth. Figure 29, the Airport Land Use Plan shows the total acquisition area for the ultimate proposed development of the airport and the internal airport land requirements. A calculation of the airport lands to be encompassed within the boundary lines shows a total of 1,716 acres. A land survey with metes and bounds would undoubtedly confirm a figure of less than 2,000 acres required for development of the ultimate plan for the airport. In practical reality, the proposed airport will be developed in phases, with Phase I perimeter fencing to enclose less than 300 acres. Phase I is expected to occupy a time span of approximately ten years. Phase I includes 8,600 feet of primary runway, 6,500 feet of crossing runway, taxiways, parking apron, and fixed facilities. The perimeter fencing of the airport operational areas would be required for airport safety and security, including the exclusion of livestock and unauthorized persons and vehicles; it does not need to include clear zones. In Figure 1 is illustrated the Phase I Development Plan.

In paragraph 1 of his Rational for Decision, Mr. Zimmerman cites the

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Section 102(a) to the effect that "...public ownership, unless as a result of the land use planning procedure... it is determined that disposal of a particular parcel will serve the national interest..." In pursuit of the land use planning procedure, Section 202(c)(1) of the Act requires the Secretary to observe the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. Section 202(c)(4) requires that he rely, to the extent it is available, on the inventory of public lands, their resources,

and other values. We would like to make several points through the remainder of these comments regarding our airport proposal's place in the inventory of public lands, in multiple land use planning and in the national interest.

The inventory of public lands as it relates to the Fort Stanton Reservation would have to show that an easement for airport purposes was granted and is valid for some 1,200 acres at a site that coincides with a large portion of the land requested for the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

(ref., Topographic Map, Figure 2). The Fort Stanton airport is described in a recorded deed (Record of Lincoln County, Book 16, Page 298) as an easement for use by the State of New Mexico and as consisting of 1,200 acres. As a matter of interest, this easement is identified in a letter dated August 27, 1969, from the BLM State Director, Santa Fe, N.M., to the FAA Area Manager, Albuquerque, N.M. The existence of this easement would seem to indicate that the BLM has historically

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BLM's Land Use Decision letter rejecting airport

Mr. Henry L. Newman
Director, Southwest Region
Federal Aviation Administration
Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1689
Forth Worth, TX 76101

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is a Land Use Decision that we have prepared pursuant to your application for conveyance of certain public lands in Lincoln County, New Mexico, for development under the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 219). The application was received in the BLM Director's Office on June 28, 1978, and was filed by your office in behalf of the Mescalero Apache Tribe; the County of Lincoln, New Mexico; the Village of Capitan, New Mexico; the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and the Village of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, for development of a proposed Sierra Blanca Airport.

The Land Use Decision is designated as Enclosure 1. Copies of the decision are being sent to the parties listed in Enclosure 2. The decision responds to Section 23(b) of the above-cited Act as to "... whether the requested conveyance is inconsistent with the needs of the Department..." The official Bureau of Land Management Land Report sets out the facts upon which the decision is based. A copy of the Land Report and supporting documents may be reviewed in the State Director's Office, Bureau of Land Management, Post Office and Federal Building, Federal Place, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Anyone wishing to comment on, or protest the Land Use Decision, may do so by writing to the Secretary of Interior, LLM 320, Washington, DC 20240, by close of business December 29, 1978. If comments adverse to the decision are received, they will be evaluated and a final decision will be issued by the Secretary. If no adverse comments are received, it will become the final decision of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur W. Zimmerman
State Director

LAND USE DECISION FAA Airport Application NM 33980, Proposed Sierra Blanca Airport.

The following described lands and the programs of the Secretary of Interior relative to those lands have been examined pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration application for airport development under Section 23 of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 219).

T. 10S., R. 14E., NMPM
Sec. 1: Lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 2: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 10: Lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 11: N $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 12: N $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, T. 10S., R. 15E., NMPM
Sec. 5: Lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 6: Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 7: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 18: Lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 3,072.63 acres

Pursuant to Section 23(b) of the above-cited Act, it has been determined that the proposed conveyance for airport development is inconsistent with the needs of the Department of the Interior. Therefore, the lands cannot be conveyed and the application is hereby rejected.

Rationale for Decision:

1. Section 102(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743) declares it to be the policy of the United States that "... public lands be retained in Federal ownership, unless as a result of the land use planning procedure ... it is determined that disposal of a particular parcel will serve the national interest..." Land use plans mandated by Section 202 of the 1976 Act provide for retention of the above-described public land in Federal ownership for use as a range, wildlife, and watershed research area. Consideration of the national interest criteria imposed by the Act of 1976, and used in evaluating the proposal as versus sustaining the planning document decision, is summarized as follows:

a. Ongoing research efforts on livestock grazing systems, vegetative responses, watershed, wildlife, and numerous related subjects have been conducted by New Mexico State University on the lands applied for since 1964. The need to continue long-term research studies on an existing data base is critical to providing accurate information and arriving at correct conclusions.

The University has shown that the proposed airport development would remove lands from the very heart of the research area and would thus eliminate or disrupt several important ongoing research programs, including several years of research data base.

b. Data and conclusions provided by the University research programs can be directly applied to 90 million acres of range land in the western United States including 4 million acres of public lands upon which managing agencies will be instituting and modifying livestock grazing systems.

c. The research data being developed is used by universities, land managing agencies, private companies, and individual ranchers throughout the western United States. The data is critical for utilization in numerous court mandated environmental statements being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management.

d. Interests to be served by the airport would be more of a local than a national interest as compared to the NMSU research programs.

2. Research by NMSU is conducted under a 20-year cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the University. A 20-year agreement was deemed necessary as tenure to obtain required funding for the research projects. The agreement constitutes a contractual obligation through 1990 which can only be terminated by mutual agreement.

3. Public comments solicited by BLM and submitted by interested parties would tend to indicate that more of a local than national interest would be served by airport development. Generally, support was indicated by business, real estate developers, chambers of commerce, locally elected officials, etc., that would benefit from the additional influx of visitors that a jet capable airport would bring. The livestock interests, wildlife groups, conservation organizations and other research oriented institutions both in-state and out-of-state all opposed the development because of the need for the data produced by the research programs. The majority of individuals responding were opposed to the proposal and expressed concern about the research programs, possible effects of increased taxes, and disruption of the peaceful rural atmosphere.

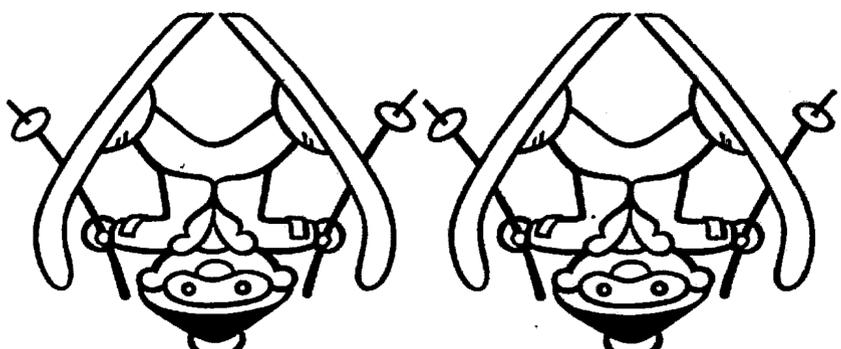
4. In summary, the Bureau of Land Management is not opposed to airport development, but since the proposal is not compatible with the existing uses, must decide in favor of the greater national interest as required by law. The information provided firmly supports the ongoing research program as being in the greater national interest, which use is provided for by a legally binding agreement. In addition, the specific question of the proposed airport development was addressed by the state BLM Multiple Use Advisory Board as early as July of 1976. The conflict was clearly pointed out at that time, and the decision of the Multiple Use Advisory Board was unanimous. The Board's recommendation states,

"Based on the record before us, the Board recommends to the State Director that the Fort Stanton Resource Lands not be made available for use as a jet capable airport for the reasons that use for such purpose would be incompatible with and too disruptive of other present and planned uses more beneficial to national public interests."

Arthur W. Zimmerman
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
Date: October 26, 1978

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considered an airport to be consistent with the concept of multiple land use, and incidentally, not at odds with the research currently being conducted in the area. Mr. Zimmerman's decision was certainly defective in that this factor was not addressed.

In developing the land use plan, Section 202((c)(9) requires the Secretary of Interior to...coordinate the land use inventory, planning and management activities of such lands with the...programs of other Federal departments and agencies and of the States and local, and Tribal plans that are germane in the development of land use plans for public land... The proposed regional airport master plan was developed by joint efforts of Lincoln County, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and the Villages of Capitan, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs with the active assistance of the New Mexico State Aviation Department, the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and the Federal Aviation Administration. Surely the plans of these Federal, state, local and tribal entities to develop a modern airport on the site of an existing airport deserve the Secretary's close and considered attention.

The obvious intent of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 is that federal lands held in the public domain should be utilized in the manner that provides maximum benefit to the maximum number of American citizens. The act recognizes the limited benefits of exclusive franchises for the use of large tracts of land and admonishes federal administrators of such lands to strive for multiple land use whenever possible and whenever such multiple uses are not mutually exclusive. The crux of the decision regarding the use of Fort Stanton Reservation land lies in the claims for an exclusive franchise made by the New Mexico State University on behalf of certain range research projects conducted in cooperation with the BLM.

In an unfortunate error, a chart in the Master Plan shows the proposed airport drawn to a scale that is more than twice the scale of the land area it overlays. This out-of-scale depiction seems to have led NMSU officials to conclude that the airport development would remove land from "the very heart" of their research area. This is not the case. The attached corrected chart, Figure 4, Sierra Blanca Airport Layout, shows the compatibility of the ultimate airport layout with the experimental rotation pastures. This compatibility is underscored by emphasizing that the "new airport" is actually to be a modernization of an existing facility on this same site, and also by pointing out that this chart depicts the "ultimate plan" which is much greater than the 300 acre Phase I plan that will be in place for the first ten years of the project. We believe the NMSU research facilities and the airport can co-exist if the NMSU and BLM representatives will enter into a cooperative relationship to resolve any conflicts in the two programs. The Sierra Blanca Airport Commission has pledged to cooperate in such an effort from the very beginning; the others have taken a "cannot do" stance.

The 20-year cooperative agreement between the BLM and NMSU is a Memorandum of Understanding and not a contract. This document does not mention the existence of the Fort Stanton airport or the easement for its continued use. The fact that the airport existed long before the cooperative agreement was consummated in 1970 should demonstrate that the airport and NMSU's research projects can coexist. As a matter of fact two runways are still useable. The cooperative agreement can be altered by mutual acknowledgement. No one has suggested that it be terminated. The situation does not have to be "either/or". The NMSU should be willing to negotiate mutually acceptable, arrangements whereby both projects can be successful. As previously indicated, there is every reason to believe that developing a modern airport on the Fort Stanton airport mesa and continuing the agriculture research projects on or near the airport mesa are compatible.

The approximate 2,000 acres requested for the regional airport is to assure positive control of land surrounding the air operations area in order to preclude any adverse structure or activities detrimental to safety. The perimeter fence to exclude livestock and to provide some security will be established to meet minimum setback criteria from runways, taxiways and facilities. This means that a large portion of the 2,000 acres will become available for other uses not adversely affecting safety of air operations. Cooperation and close coordination between NMSU and SBAC could result in a Memorandum of Understanding to allow on-going research projects to continue near the developed runways. This cooperative approach is

both feasible and practical. We are talking about 2,000 out of some 26,000 acres of land in which we can find room to coexist and the benefits of the research program can continue to be available along with the benefits of the airport - thus achieving the objective of providing maximum benefits through true multiple land use.

In the matter of serving the national interest, we would point out that air transportation to the Lincoln County area is interstate commerce and is of national interest. The great majority of aircraft operations at the present Ruidoso airport are aircraft not based locally. On major holiday weekends the present airport is saturated with incoming aircraft from several states as well as New Mexico. We expect this traffic to increase in future years. Reference is made to the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, Section 12 of the AADA provides for preparation and revision of the National Airport System Plan (NASP). Section 16.1 of the AADA provides for inclusion of general aviation airports in the NASP "which the Secretary determines have a significant national interest". The proposed modernized airport on Fort Stanton is already included in the FAA NASP as "Ruidoso New" (see attached NASP 1978-1987), meaning that the new airport is "necessary to the national system." This new facility qualifies for federal funding because of its importance to the national air transportation system and its involvement in interstate commerce.

The economic impact of developing a modern airport is obviously of local interest as well as national. We consider this local and regional interest to be a part of the national interest, rather than some form of special interest as implied by Mr. Zimmerman. The Lincoln County and Mescalero Apache Reservation are ideal tourist/vacationer areas. People come here from all parts of the country to enjoy the four seasons of the year. Recreational interests and activities have greatly increased in recent years. People are willing and able to travel on vacation to wherever the recreational activities are the best. We have the best in the southwest. A new regional airport will accommodate more aircraft and more air travelers will greatly boost the economy of the area. The economic impact assessment forecasts the number of tourists and tourist days spent here as increasing by an average of 14% per year over the next fifteen years due to the new airport. This increase equates to gross receipts of about 75 million dollars more over the same fifteen years. (See page 2, Volume II Supplement of the Sierra Blanca Airport Master Plan). The number of employees and the amount of personal income are directly proportional to the increasing tourist business. The secondary effects of passing along these revenues will spread far beyond the local area. It is inconceivable that a serious statement can be made that the tourist business is other than national interest. Many of the ranchers, state and federal employees who supposedly benefit from NMSU research projects are the tourists and business people who travel to and from this area. Most of them prefer to travel by air as a matter of saving time and of convenience.

Another factor in the national interest is the critical need in this area for a safer airport. We can see no possible way to address the national needs of airport safety except by replacing local facilities. Let us consider the need of a new modern airport to replace the present Ruidoso airport. (1) The present airport is surrounded on all sides by steep-sloped terrain making night and adverse weather operations totally unsafe. (2) Population growth in the high valley where the airport is situated has greatly increased the risk of aviation accidents involving many people on the ground. (3) The rapid growth of air operations over the past five years has more than doubled, reaching a saturation of aircraft for parking spaces resulting in some pilots being asked to land

elsewhere. (4) The Ruidoso airport is situated between mountain ridges and has only one runway which imposes limits to safe operation when gusting crosswinds are prevalent. (5) Because of the ridges the airport cannot be safely used when clouds are low or at night, therefore, there is no night or bad weather capability at Ruidoso airport. (6) The only feasible site location to develop a new airport is the Fort Stanton airport. This airport is situated on a mesa top central in a broad valley and would provide safe air operation both day and night. The Fort Stanton airport will provide an all weather capability with approved instrument approaches which will enable commuter and scheduled airline types of air service. A most recent personal experience becomes a real example and comparison of flight operations between the two airport sites. A demonstration flight was made from Ruidoso airport to show a visiting official, who is a qualified pilot, the Fort Stanton airport. The weather conditions were sky clear, winds were westerly and gusting 10 to 25 knots. Flight conditions in the traffic pattern at Ruidoso were moderate to strong air turbulence. A simulated approach to land at Fort Stanton airport was made into a steady wind to the Southwest runway in air turbulence rated as slight. On returning to land at Ruidoso airport on the only runway (N-S) the air turbulence was moderate in a crosswind from the west. (Landings to the north are not considered safe due to a high ridge that literally prohibits a go-around following a balked landing. High performance jet aircraft must use a shallow angle approach and cannot land to the south. Therefore, pilots of jet aircraft must assume the higher risks of landing to the north.) The initial approach to land was made to the south and a balked landing was initiated because of the severe wind conditions. The second approach and attempt to land was successful. It required considerable "old pilot" skill to execute a safe landing. There were no doubts by either pilot or visiting official that a landing at Fort Stanton airport would have been much simpler and safer. It is a proper conclusion that the many people who fly in and out of the Ruidoso area believe it is of utmost importance to their safety to provide a new airport. This consideration alone is of national interest.

There are several advantages to modernizing the existing Fort Stanton airport. The airport was established during World War II by the Army Air Corps as a suitable site to conduct flight training, it being a sufficient distance away from steep sloped, high terrain to allow safe air operations night or day and during adverse weather; the mesa land is economically suitable to develop the runways, taxiways and other facilities needed for a modern airport; the airport is surrounded by federal or state-owned land that protects it from population encroachment, thus minimizing noise and other environmental impacts; the airport operation will contribute significantly to the economy of the surrounding area. The Fort Stanton airport is the ideal location for developing a modern jet-capable airport. It is surrounded by the remainder of the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital on three sides and the Lincoln National Forest on the fourth side (see Figure 3, Location Map). These publicly owned lands should provide a buffer zone for many years to ward off population encroachment. The predicted community noise exposure caused by aircraft landing and takeoff operations is shown in the attached Figures 26 & 27, Aircraft Sound Description System. It shows the total time that the sound level exceeds 85db(A) as a means of depicting the noise exposure for the area. The 85 db(A) approximates the threshold between judgments of acceptability and noisiness for intermittent single-event noises. It should be noted that the populated areas consisting of the Fort Stanton hospital and training school and the Camp Sierra Blanca correctional facility are well away from the predicted zones of noise levels exceeding 85db(A).

No communities will be adversely affected by air operations noise levels.

Mr. Zimmerman made the statement that "the specific question of the proposed airport development was addressed by the state BLM Multiple Use Advisory Board as early as July of 1976". A grave error was made because the Board met on March 4-5, 1976 to consider this specific question. At that time the engineering and technical (environmental impact) studies of the proposed airport were only preliminary. These airport Master Plan documents were completed at a later date: Volume III, Airport Plans (April, 1976); Volume IV, Financial Plans (July, 1976); and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (September, 1976). Any serious questions concerning compatibility of the modernized airport and the on-going research projects could not be intelligently discussed in March, 1976. The Board concluded at that time to oppose the airport proposition without waiting for the completion of planning and applying for airport land. This premature action by the Board appears to violate due-process of land use planning for multiple use. It has the appearance of trying to preclude any other consideration of multiple land use even before the application has been prepared or submitted. Does this action conform to the intent of the federal legislation providing for multiple use of public lands?

In addition to apparent obstructions from range use interest groups, including in all probability the BLM, we believe there was a major effort made by NMSU to solicit a flood of negative written testimony from distant states. No effort of such magnitude was even attempted by the airport interests. This important proposal should not be decided on the merits of a popular contest based on a major write-in campaign. Coincidentally, Congressman Harold Runnels initiated his own survey among the citizens of Lincoln County to learn of their desires for a modernized airport on Fort Stanton. The results of his survey showed better than two-to-one ratio in favor of the new airport. We believe this survey more properly expressed the public interests and desires than the out-of-state responses without any knowledge of the need of a new airport. This important decision must be decided objectively on sound analysis of the benefits vs. costs of the proposals with appropriate consideration given to advantages of multiple land uses and the minimal adverse affect caused by those multiple uses. Again, the national interest in the establishment of an adequate air transportation system is well recognized by the U.S. Congress in the continued financial support of such a system through the Airport and Airway Development Act. The proposed airport is a part of this system and qualifies for such funding.

The BLM has developed no significant support for its conclusion that "the proposal is not compatible with the existing uses" and that the research program is of "greater national interest." Both program needs are very sincere and we would hesitate to put anyone in the impossible position of quantifying their importance so they can be ranked.

In conclusion, the BLM decision should be reversed and a favorable recommendation made to approve the FAA

Airport Application NM 33980.

(A) A new modern airport is badly needed to replace the Ruidoso Municipal Airport for reasons of providing safer air operations and better service to the growing numbers of travelers from all parts of the United States. Both premises are certainly of national interest.

(B) The planning efforts of the citizens of Mescalero Apache Tribe, Villages of Capitan, Ruidoso, and Ruidoso Downs, and the remainder of Lincoln County have concluded that the best site location for a modernized airport is the existing airport on Fort Stanton Marine Hospital Reservation.

(C) There is a valid easment for 1,200 acres of public land on Fort Stanton for use as an airport. This existing airport land is largely the land requested for a modern jet-capable airport.

(D) The new airport will be developed in phases with Phase I runways essentially overlaying the existing runways.

(E) Phase I development and operation is expected to endure about ten years before growth of air operations will justify the economics of expanding the airport in

Phase II and years later in Phase III. This phased development provides ample opportunities for the NMSU to make adjustments in their research projects.

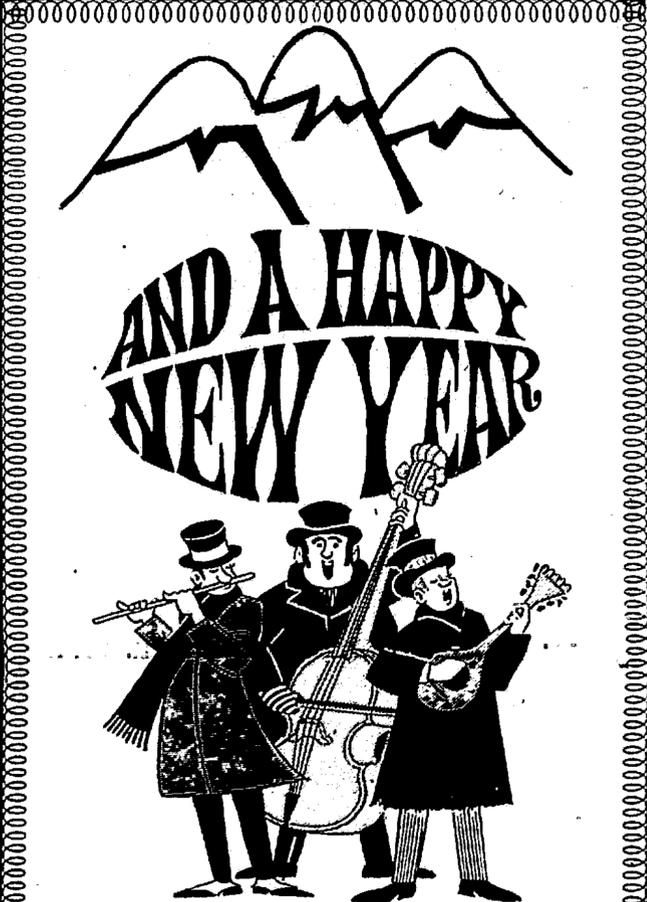
(F) Careful consideration was given to the present use of the Fort Stanton public land as an agriculture experimental ranch and the fact that the existing airport has coexisted with the types of research projects going on or near the airport landing area.

(G) Phase I development and operation will have very little affect on research projects presently conducted by NMSU.

(H) A Memorandum of Understanding between NMSU and SBAC can be coordinated and consummated which will allow agriculture research to continue on airport land for years in the future.

(I) Actions must be taken now to develop the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in order to meet the growing requirements for air service to and from this area and before costs rise beyond the limits of feasibility.

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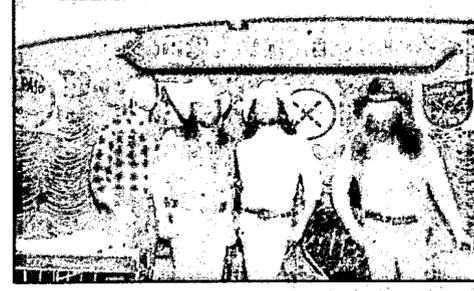
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