

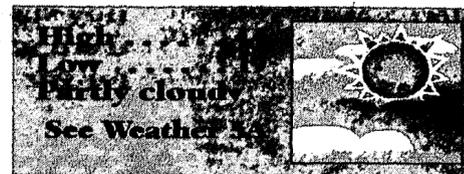
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Ballots in News for Woman of Year

A ballot for the general public to choose Lincoln County's Woman of the Year can be found in today's issue of *The Ruidoso News*.

The ballot also will be published in Wednesday's paper, along with a special section about the 17 nominees submitted by the public.

Ballots must be returned to *The News* by 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. The office has a mail slot by the front door for those who return ballots after business hours. One ballot per person, please.

The Woman of the Year will be announced at the Salute to Working Women luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Luncheon tickets must be purchased at *The News* by 5 p.m. Wednesday, and proceeds benefit the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso women's scholarship fund.

Luncheon speakers include ENMU-Ruidoso director Jim Miller; Dinah Hamilton, GED program director for ENMU-Ruidoso; and Barb Trimble, publisher of *The Ruidoso News*. They will talk about the impact of federal and state welfare law changes on Lincoln County, and take a look at the need for a child development center in this county.

Cabinet secretary hosts town hall meeting Monday

Clinton D. Harden, Jr., Gov. Gary Johnson's cabinet appointee for secretary of the Department of Labor, will be in Ruidoso on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 11 for community meetings.

A "town hall meeting" will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Harden will talk about the governor's "Seven Summits" to guide New Mexico to a "State of Greatness."

Harden also will attend the New Mexico Rural Economic Development Conference Tuesday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

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Jumping to safety

Nogal route bus driver Linda Greer (left) and Capitan route driver Cathy Chapman help students jump out of a bus as fast as they can during a recent bus safety assembly at the Carrizozo Schools.

Marketers stick with ads that attract 'vacationers who ski'

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

"To Ski or Not to Ski" has been a successful winter advertising theme for Ruidoso, the chamber director said.

"This has worked very well for us," said director Joan Bailey, whose group also has the Convention and Visitor's Bureau contract. "What we are noticing is, our ski visitor has translated from a skier to a vacationer who also skis."

Because of this national trend, Bailey told Lodger's Tax Committee members Tuesday the CVB has continued its "ski or not to ski" theme in its advertising plan. LTC members, who advise the Ruidoso Village Council and CVB how to spend lodger's tax dollars, said they'd like to set aside some money to advertise good snow days at Ski Apache. They asked the CVB to use \$5,000 of its 1996-97 budget to advertise snowstorms on the radio, especially before spring break. The idea will go before the village council March 25.

Bailey later said she would look into radio advertising in the Texas cities of Lubbock and El Paso. "Sometimes we need a more immediate message," Lodger's Tax Committee Chairman Mark Doth said. "Whenever Ski Apache gets a good dose of powder, powderhounds need to know on that day, he said."

Whatever Ski Apache does to promote itself is a benefit to Ruidoso, Doth said, but the village can't assume the ski area will advertise enough on its own.

The CVB has \$419,000 in its current 1996-97 budget to promote local tourism and market the Ruidoso Convention Center. Ruidoso has 72 lodging establishments with 2,500 rooms (including condominiums) to fuel the tax.

LTC members meet with the CVB quarterly to review progress on the annual contract and propose budget amendments.

The contract year runs from July 1 to June 30, and Bailey is already preparing next year's budget. Based on a projected drop in lodger's tax collections, the 1997-98 CVB budget will be approximately \$375,000, Village Clerk Tammie Maddox said.

Targeted markets in this year's general tourism part of the contract haven't changed much, Bailey said. The CVB's focus remains on Texas, which has seen a growth in consumer confidence, Bailey said. New Mexico is also seeing a lot of in-state travel, so the CVB is continuing after that market.

New this year, the CVB has included advertising brochures each season in the western edition of USA Weekend for \$3,875, and ads in the spring and summer issues of Journey Magazine (the official magazine of the Automobile Association of America) for \$4,250. And it's advertising in Mature Outlook this spring and summer for \$9,339, something the village hasn't done since 1995, she said.

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First snowpack survey outpaces past three years

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Moisture levels in the mountains above Ruidoso are higher than the past three years, but still not back to normal.

Based on a 10-year average of February snowpacks, the snow depth right now is about 80% of normal and its moisture content is about 92% of normal.

"It's a little bit below the average, but not too bad," said district conservationist Greg Haussler with the National Resource Conservation Service. "It all depends on what happens over the next two months."

The NRCS receives its snowpack information from surveyor Keith Kessler, who hiked up high into the Sacramento Feb. 1 to do his first snow survey of this winter season.

"The amount of water in the snow and the conditions of the snowpack are very good for this time of year — as long as we get more," Kessler said.

The snow depth as of Feb. 1 is about the same level as last year, but this year's snow is a lot heavier and wetter, so its moisture content is 58% higher than Feb. 1, 1996, he said.

Last year, after Kessler completed the Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1 snowpack readings for 1996, he announced it was a mere 2.65% of normal.

The April reading became a harbinger for another dangerously dry spring and summer in the Ruidoso area. Alto Lake and Eagle Creek remained dry, Grindstone Lake dropped several feet, most of the Lincoln National Forest closed because of fire danger, and extreme water restrictions were enforced in Ruidoso.

Conditions so far this year are looking much better, Kessler said of Saturday's reading, which he volunteers to measure for NRCS.

The snowpack surveys for the Hondo Basin and elsewhere help forecast streamflows during spring runoff.

Kessler conducts his surveys along a 100-foot stretch on Buck Mountain on a 10,280-foot ridge that separates the Ruidoso and Bonito rivers. He measures 10 sites 10 feet apart.

"There was almost the exact amount of snow across the snow course," said Kessler, who snowshoed into the site. "But there's a lot more water this year."

The 10-year average snow depth is 30.8 inches. Kessler's average reading Feb. 1 of the snowpack was 24.5 inches, just half an inch more than last year.

Yet the water content is 8.4 inches this year, compared to 5.3 inches last February. The 10-year average is 9.1 inches.

Wetter means heavier, and Kessler measured an average snow density of 34 inches — a 54.5% increase over the February 1996 average.

"When it's less dense, evaporation is quicker, and it blows around," Kessler explained. "Last year we had 5.3 inches of snow, but, Lord, it didn't take very long for that to be gone because it wasn't very dense. It just blew away."

The cold January this year helped preserve the snow, unlike the warm, gusty winds that blasted the area for much of the last winter season.

The ground in the high mountains is frozen right now.

"If it were not, it would mean the water in the snowpack is

absorbed into the ground, and we'd be losing water storage now if the ground absorbs it," Kessler said.

And tucked in the midst of the snow, at depths of 14-23 inches, is a thick layer of ice, Kessler said. That's another good sign.

"So, the water that's in there is in there," Kessler said. "If we get more snow in February and March, the water in the snow will stay there."

Last year, the ground was not frozen at this time of year, there was no ice layer, and there was very little snow on the southern-facing slopes. Conditions right now are the opposite, Kessler said.

"Last year, any time it snowed, it melted immediately," he recalled.

Despite the positive readings, Kessler says we still could use more snow.

About 25 inches of rain was measured at Bonito Lake (managed by Kessler for the City of Alamogordo) between June and October 1996, but much of that moisture never became surface runoff because underground aquifers were dry, and the healthy 20% moisture content of trees had dropped to 5%, Kessler said.

"The river never ran well," he recalled.

The heavy snows of the first part of January 1997 caked the higher levels of the Sacramento Mountains nicely, Kessler said. However, the gauge below Bonito Dam only registered 1.9 inches of moisture from the white stuff.

About 60% to 70% of that snow fell within the first six days of January, he added.

"It's still early in the winter, but we haven't had any precipitation in awhile," he said. "But overall, this start's better than we've had in the last three years."

Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau ads include newer themes like "To Ski Or Not to Ski" and a board game look, as well as long-standing themes like "Seasoned Just Right" and "Playground of the Southwest." The chamber's web site and 800 number are usually included to help gauge the ad's usage.

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Drug suspect uses brother's name

When police called out Ross Powell's name at the Hollywood Bar Jan. 28, the man they suspected of running 40 pounds of marijuana through Ruidoso Downs responded.

The man's claim to the name led to his arrest, because that name was on a driver's license left in a car with the marijuana when the driver ran off from police.

But, as it turns out, the man in jail is not Ross — it's actually his brother Andrew.

"His brother Ross called me from Colorado and said, 'Hey, you've got my brother there and not me,'" Hooper related. "Some of his kinfolk down here saw the paper and let him know."

Ross Powell, 27, has a clean record. Andrew Powell, 34, who police now think resides in Ignacio, Colo., does not. Officers ran his name and date of birth and found a lengthy rap sheet, Hooper said.

Included on Andrew's criminal history record are charges of possession of cocaine, burglary, larceny, breaking and entering, and a habitual offender status for 10 forger charges, Hooper said.

The record also identified several scars and tattoos. Officers checked Andrew in prison and matched the description: a Longhorn steer and a lightning bolt.

Powell now has a new misdemeanor charge of concealing his identification to go along with his felony drug distribution charge and misdemeanor charges of evading a police officer and failing to use a turn signal, Hooper said.

Powell appears in Ruidoso Magistrate Court today.

Powell's wife Rebecca, 29, and Flores Jose Tallawgo, 56, of Chihuahua, Mexico, were arrested for the same marijuana trafficking scheme. They were released on \$10,000 bonds and will appear at Ruidoso Magistrate Court March 6.

Boy suspended from school for carrying knife

A 13-year-old Ruidoso Middle School boy has been suspended from school after being caught with a pocket knife Monday.

The knife was found after the boy was caught scribbling gang graffiti on paper in a classroom.

He may be suspended for the remainder of the school year, or even expelled permanently, principal Sergio Castro said Wednesday. An administrative committee will help Cantalicio determine the length of the suspension.

RC&D group to meet Dec. 2

The Thanksgiving holiday bumped the meeting of the South Central Mountain Recreation, Conservation and Development Council to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

Reports on the state RC&D meeting, the Rails to Trails workshop and an update on Fort Stanton are on the agenda. The group will meet in the commission room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Officials tracking money accounts

More money collected under the auspices of Lincoln County government may be floating around in bank accounts across the county.

County Treasurer Joan Park and County Manager Frank Potter hope groups step forward and declare the money so that it is legally accounted for and legally spent.

"I have tried to emphasize that any time (quasi-governmental groups) solicit money, it becomes the public's money and falls under all the rules governing expenditure of county money," Park said.

Park last month tracked down seven accounts where the county's

federal tax identification number had been used by individuals over several years to start accounts associated with the sheriff's office, plant/city departments and the county detention center.

Some of the accounts had not been audited by the county, but have since been checked and incorporated into the county's banking system and records.

Last week, another fire department notified Park of an account that was opened with an individual's social security number instead of using the county's tax number.

"They signed over the money and deposited it through my office," she said. "I'm certain I know of those accounts that used our tax number, but some were opened under an individual."

Annexation committee talks about 'The Farm'

The Ruidoso Villages Council's ad-hoc Annexation Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at village hall to discuss possible annexation of about a half-mile of U.S. 70 frontage adjacent to the Mescalero Apache Reservation boundary. Most of the land in question is referred to as "The Farm."

Interest Rates

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported Feb. 6 from local banks.

CD Rates (Minimum \$500 balance)	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
3 months	4.25%
6 months	5.10%
1 year	5.35%
New Car Loan Rates	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
48 months	8.50%
60 months	8.75%

All Lincoln County banks are welcome to have their interest rates listed free each Friday on the Business page. Call Joanna Dodder at 257-4001 or fax current rates on Thursdays to 257-7053.

It isn't easy to find lawyers who are Democrats

by DIANNE STALLINGS

Ruidoso Mayor Scott Wynn. By the end of this month, Gov. Gary Johnson is expected to name two attorneys to fill judicial vacancies in the 12th District.

He received six names from the Judicial Nominating Commission to consider for division one in Alamogordo and division three in Carrizozo, although he could choose someone else.

The commission is supposed to represent a balance between Republicans and Democrats. A mixture of lawyers, laymen and judges are appointed to the commission by the governor, the leaders of both legislative houses and the top judges in the state.

But finding lawyers who are registered Democrats is getting harder to do each year, said Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell, who serves on the commission.

"It's getting difficult to get the right Democratic/Republican balance," he said earlier this week.

The six local lawyers picked from the Ruidoso area split 3-3, Republican/Democrat.

Mitchell is a Democrat. Attorney Adam Rafkin and District Attorney Scott Key are Republicans.

The other two local names reviewing nominees were Alan Morel, a Republican, and Dan Bryant, a Democrat. Both are law partners of Karen Parsons, who ended up being one of three local

lawyers recommended to the governor for the district judge seat being vacated by Parsons' father in Carrizozo.

Parsons was recruited to the governor along with former Ruidoso village judge Charles Hawthorn and former assistant attorney general Marc Prelo, formerly of Mescalero and Albuquerque.

Mitchell made the motion for the three recommendations. The vote of Parsons' two associates would have been enough to sway a decision in her favor since a majority of the commission must be needed for a name to be sent to the governor.

The number of recommendations that can be submitted is unlimited, according to a spokesman for the dean of the Law School of the University of New Mexico.

"I can't discuss the selection process, as we all swore an oath of confidentiality," Mitchell said earlier this week. "But I was the one who made the motion during the public portion of the meeting for the three names. Any one of the three could do a good job."

Leo Romero, dean of the University of New Mexico Law School, chairs the commission.

"It's a balance between Republicans and Democrats with three non-lawyers, and one person appointed by the governor, one by the speaker of the (state) House of Representatives and one by the president pro-tempore of the (state)

Senate," Romero said. Romero was voted only in case of a tie.

The three judges serving on the commission were Supreme Court Justice Gene Pranchini, Court of Appeals Judge Lynn Pickard and 12th judicial District Judge Frank Wilson from Alamogordo.

Morel and non-lawyer Manuel Gonzalez were appointed by the governor.

Mitchell and non-lawyer George Elizalde were appointed by Speaker of the House Raymond Sanchez (D-Albuquerque). Attorney Marc Torres and Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino were appointed by the Senate President Pro-Tempore Manny Aragon (D-Albuquerque). Chino was the only member who did not attend the selection session Jan. 28 in Alamogordo.

The president of the State Bar, in consultation with the three judges, selected the remainder of the commission: Ruidoso attorneys Adam Rafkin and Dan Bryant, District Attorney Scott Key and Alamogordo lawyers Helen Downey, Charles Durrett, Tim Chelpey and Anne-Katherine Claassen.

The governor has 30 days until the last week in February to select a successor for Judge Richard Parsons or the job will fall to the Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court.

The following action was taken at the Feb. 4 Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission meeting:

— approved an amendment to a site development allowing construction of a driveway without a concrete dip section at lot 87, block 2, White Mountain Estates Unit 2

Subdivision Mike Martinez, applicant.

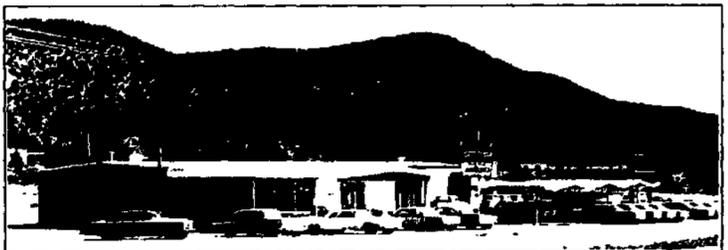
— discussed a goal to clean up planning and zoning ordinances and to change those that are ineffective and don't fit this community;

— and accepted the resignation of [name] [name] [name]

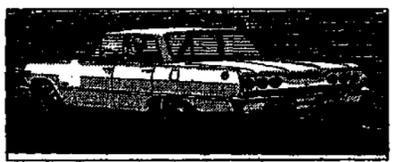
whose term would have expired in March.

Eckerley, who was missing a lot of P&Z meetings, explained the conflicts with his work schedule at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. He found it easier to resign now than wait until the month.

Sierra Blanca Motors Anniversary Celebration Sale

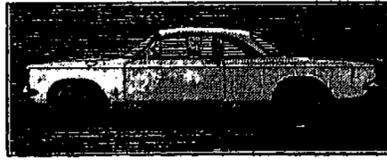


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Ruidoso's ads focus on Texans

Weather affects lodger's tax collections

Lodger's tax revenue took a 9% dip between July and November of this year compared to the same months in the previous year.

But December's revenues of \$46,285 are up 22% over the \$38,454 collected in December 1995-96. That growth boosted collections in the second half 1996 to a 16% growth rate.

Ski Apache was open throughout December this season, unlike the last year.

When most of the Lincoln National Forest was closed last spring, it cut local tourism awards to lodger, Bailey said.

That realization prompted the

CVB to bring back the "Ruidoso Playground of the Great South-west" theme, as well as continuing its "Seasoned Just Right" theme. Both run 12 months of the year and reflect the idea of fun, family, relaxation and recreation. Bailey said later.

Those themes, as well as the winter "To Ski or Not to Ski" promotion and the "Game Board" ad showing year-round activities, appear in the following publications:

Magazines — New Mexico Magazine; Texas Monthly; Ski; New Mexico; New Mexico Vacation Guide; Santa Fe Visitors Guide; New Mexico Golf Guide 1996-97; Mature Outlook; Gateway Magazine; Journey; and USA Weekend Travel Service.

Newspapers — special sections of newspapers in Lubbock, Mid-

land, Odessa, Amarillo, Plainview and El Paso, all in Texas, and Ruidoso Globe and Las Cruces, plus the main sections of The Ruidoso News, Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Houston Chronicle, Fort Worth Star Telegram, Albuquerque Journal, Roswell Daily Record, Carlsbad Current, Alamogordo Daily News, Rio Rancho Observer, Arizona Daily Star and the Arizona Republic.

The CVB also participates in 16 trade shows, advertises the convention center in eight Texas and New Mexico publications, and belongs to 11 professional organizations.

The CVB has also put together a five-minute video about Ruidoso and the convention center, and is creating a sales presentation diskette of the convention center.

It has its own web site on the Internet, too.

Legislators to hear all sides of racing debate next week

Four legislative committees will hear Monday and Tuesday from all the players in the racing gambling debate before the New Mexico Legislature delves into any bills.

State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) said Thursday the two-day forum will set the stage for review of Gov. Gary Johnson's proposed gambling bill that Williams introduced.

The bill would allow video gambling at racetracks including Ruidoso Downs.

"From (this forum) it will go to the committees for review under the title of House Bill 389," Wil-

liams said. The committees are Business and Industry, Taxation and Revenue, Judiciary and Appropriation and Finance.

"I put the bill out there (as drafted by the governor's staff) to get the process started and so we don't wind up running out of time," Williams said. "It was the governor's bill and I didn't want to amend it before it was submitted."

Now that the process is underway, some portions of the bill may be changed, including the percentage of payment to the state and operating hours for casinos, he said.

Until legislators decide what type of gambling to allow in the state, Indian gaming compacts cannot be signed.

Teacher sabbatical bill under review

A bill that would allow school districts to approve sabbaticals for teachers to earn advanced degrees or gain additional training has been sent back to the legislative appropriations committee.

Introduced by State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe), the bill was sent to the Education Committee for review and was recommended 10-0. But since taxpayers' money would be needed, the bill has to go back for review by the second committee, Williams said Thursday.

To qualify for a sabbatical, a teacher would have to work six consecutive years in New Mexico.

Ads

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New to this year's budget are the spring ads in Journey Magazine, smaller ads in Texas Monthly, the USA Weekend insert, and participation in three trade shows — the Dallas Ski Fest, the ITB Germany (with Alamogordo and Las Cruces), and the Dallas Morning News Vacation Show.

Most of the 10 magazines and 15 newspapers the CVB advertises include 800 phone numbers and mailings so the CVB can gauge where it's getting "good bangs for its bucks," Bailey said.

For example, after seeing poor

responses to ads in Fly Fisherman Magazine, the CVB decided to cancel its \$1,500 advertising. Bailey told the LTC.

The money for the radio ads will be taken from savings in magazine ads. Some of the CVB's largest savings in this budget were made by pulling 1/4 and 1/3-page four-color ads in Texas Monthly and placing display ads in the classified section instead, Bailey said.

"Texas Monthly is a big magazine and we were finding our ads getting lost in it," she said. "We ended up with more exposure for less money."

Doth, Draper, and committee members Morgan Clough, Don Dut-

son and Desiree Turner also told Bailey to consider tying into one of the three services making ski reports on radio, CNN and the Weather Channel programs across the U.S.

They also suggested the CVB look into joining a fax broadcast service that will send faxes out to all radio and TV in the area when needed. Doth also suggested the CVB do a phone survey of radio programs in a 200-mile radius to find out how they learn about snow conditions at Ski Apache.

"Beyond the faxes, we need to get on the good side of the (TV) weathermen, especially in Albuquerque," Doth said. "We've got to schmooze."

Glencoe Center rental terms on Tuesday's commission agenda

Rental contract terms for the Lincoln County Rural Events Center in Glencoe will be hashed out Tuesday during the county commission meeting in Carrizozo.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the commission room of the county courthouse.

Last month, commissioners approved a rate schedule, although County Manager Frank Potter said figures can be changed as the county gets a better handle on costs in similar facilities elsewhere.

Commissioners told County Attorney Alan Morel and Glencoe director Linda Wallace to revamp the rental contract terms and lan-

guage and bring back a new draft.

It costs \$250 a day for non-profit and non-commercial groups to rent the exhibit hall, or \$350 for commercial and non-profit if an admission or participation fee is charged.

The fee to rent the grounds is \$100 and \$250 for those same groups, and the complete facility would rent for \$450 and \$750.

A \$200 cleaning and damage deposit is required. The kitchen rents for \$50 a day with a \$100 cleaning deposit. Alcohol vendors pay 10% of the revenue earned.

Set-up days will be charged at \$50 and \$100 a day.

Other items on the commission agenda include:

- setting road project priorities;
- appointing a new member to the county Public Land Use Advisory Council;
- a public hearing on changes to the lodger's tax law;
- awarding a purchase contract on a passenger van;
- review of the county's annual audit;
- approval of a resolution to establish new accounts;
- and approval of a budget adjustment for the county sheriff's drug enforcement unit.

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How many times do you miss before you're out of the game?

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, that conglomeration of representatives from all the area's incorporated municipalities responsible for waste removal as required by federal regulations, has undergone an audit. It's disturbing, to say the least, to find:

- no adequate internal accounting;
- no observance of state purchasing regulations;
- and uninsured bank accounts in excess of \$100,000.

But most disturbing of all is the auditor's comment that in most instances these inadequacies had been pointed out in prior audits, and the errors are continuing.

The good news, we'd guess, is that the authority is continuing to operate in the black. Authority Chairman Frank Cummins noted that revenues exceeded expenses during the year ending June 30, 1996, by some \$50,000. And cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year was some \$139,000.

But considering the lack of internal accounting, there has to be some question about the accuracy of those figures. Cummins noted that an inadequate computer system was at the heart of the problem, and he's no doubt right: Any time an agency goes through three managers in 12 months there's going to be problems.

When the authority was formed six years ago to collect and dispose of garbage countywide, representatives were chosen from Ruidoso, Capitan, Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo, Corona and the county itself. That 11-member group without question has a huge job. By its very nature, the Solid Waste Authority is a lightning rod.

Look around: is garbage being picked up regularly in your neighborhood? As often as not, in Ruidoso at least, the answer is "no."

Once upon a time, in a mysterious land far away, there was a game called baseball. A simple game, on the face of it; someone throws a ball at you and you get three chances to hit it, or you're out.

Hasn't the Solid Waste Authority had its three times at bat?



Mayor's comment not too helpful

TO THE EDITOR:

Did our mayor of Ruidoso open her mouth and insert foot? No, she finally inserted both feet! I am referring to statements she made in publication of Ruidoso News on Jan. 24.

I would wager a large bet, if Sam Walton were alive today, he would not be leaping over 5-strand barbed wire fences to stumble into her open arms or see her happy face.

Maybe her phone calls to corporate heads of Wal-Mart fell on deaf ears because they by some chance had heard that all this tax revenue the Village had received from them sure had not benefited the Village to improve much, such as roads and water supply...I do think Jerry Shaw should take out a full page ad...telling us not to complain about paved roads and lack of water. (Just remember to pay for this ad out of her pocket book, not us taxpayers'.) Our requests have fell on deaf ears of mayor and council for years, when we were receiving half a mill revenue from Wal-Mart per year. So what's the difference now?

I truly believe people who live in Ruidoso Downs have shopped at Wal-Mart in Ruidoso for many years, generating tax dollars for the village. Let's not alienate these fine people just because Ruidoso Downs got Wal-Mart. We may, in the future, need to buy a bucket of water from them.

Myrna Fritsch
Ruidoso

Solid waste not in balance

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been reading with interest the readers remarks by Alston, Deal, and Gardiner (The Ruidoso News, Opinion pages 1-17-97 and 1-24-97) in reference to the activities of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. As a member of the Board of Directors, delegated from the Village of Capitan, my interest is more than casual. The collection territory the three authors refer to are the County (represented by two board members) and the Village of Ruidoso (five(!) board members). Certainly, as with any activities done by humans, in governmental projects and in private enterprise, there are

Sandra Townsend
El Paso, Texas

occasional problems. But why does Capitan not have such, or very little problems? The majority of our streets are just gravel roads, much more difficult to negotiate in inclement weather. Sure, there were delays in the waste collection during the last snowstorm. Is Capitan then more favored by the Authority? I don't think so. Remember the Board composition. But our attitude here in Capitan is to be reasonable. If there is an unusual amount of snow or otherwise inclement weather we do understand. And a village ordinance requires that household waste is bagged. That makes things easier. Padlocked dumpsters found only on those which belong to someone specifically have been picked up in the past by appointment. Of course, we don't have a bear problem here in Capitan, we don't feed wildlife, perhaps we are somewhat closer to nature here. And we don't have the seasonal population increases which Ruidoso has. But we do pay for our services.

Recently, a statistical survey by Dr. Miller, Eastern New Mexico University, and Mr. Simmons, Small Business Development Center, has been conducted with interesting results. If the average monthly fees for solid waste during a period of three years is divided by the number of residential customers, the result is for the County for customer/month \$5.25, for Ruidoso, \$7.52, and for Capitan \$9.25. Of course both the County (average 3,293 accounts) and Ruidoso (average 6,371 accounts) contribute the highest amount of revenue, in terms of raw income. But the fact exists that what is paid individually is in Ruidoso 22%, in the county 43% less than what is individually paid by smaller communities.

Bernhard E.F. Reimann,
Capitan

Ruidoso people make visit perfect

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly recognize some outstanding citizens of your community. I recently visited your city over the holidays for

Lane V. Jones remembered at graveside service

Funeral Service for Lane V. Jones

Graveside services were held Feb. 4 at the Paul Jones family cemetery for Lane V. Jones, who was called home by our Lord on Jan. 31.

The Reverend Canon John W. Penn prayed, "O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Lane. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us with mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we can continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone on before, through Jesus Christ our Lord."



The Silver Lining
DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

Lay reader Sterling Spencer read from the Book of Revelations. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple, and he that siteth on the throne shall dwell among them. The Rev. Arma Gaddy read Psalm Number 121. "I to the hills will lift mine eyes, from whence cometh my help. Lay reader Sterling Spencer read the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. In his homily Father John Penn spoke of his friendship with Lane

through the years, and said that he was a man who was always giving something; sometimes advice, sometimes brass casings for re-loading projects, and sometimes the loan of guns. He told of how Lane loaned him some muzzle-loading rifles to use on presenting a demonstration of guns of the Old West to school children in Lincoln. Referring to the scripture read by Sterling Spencer, Father John said, "It may seem a long way from the Hoopla Valley to the throne of God, but thanks to Jesus

Mountain Asides

KEITH GREEN
EDITORIAL ADVISER

Yes, very gross receipts

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to come clean, the wise individual stands up and admits it.

Yep, *The Ruidoso News* goofed in an editorial recently when it was implied that Wal-Mart might make a bit of extra money after it relocates to Ruidoso Downs. Because the tax rate would be somewhat lower than has been the story in Ruidoso.

Wrong. Mayor Jerry Shaw of Ruidoso noted that a merchant in New Mexico merely collects the gross receipts tax from the ultimate purchaser and passes it along to the state. Had the editorial suggested that Wal-Mart's patrons might save a bit, they would have been correct. Purchasers would pay the lower tax rate, saving something less than a penny of each dollar.

Not something to write home about, of course, but worth correcting...especially, perhaps, when we consider that Ruidoso has the highest gross receipts tax in the state, at 6.9375%.

Our gross receipts tax, interestingly enough, doesn't seem to bother some of our Texas friends, and Gov. George Bush would like to see something like it in his state.

What's bugged many Texans for years? We gather, is the tendency next door to put the burden on middle-income people by a combination of income and sales taxes (not GRT).

Last summer the Citizens for Tax Justice and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy determined that Texas was among the top 10 in the country for its comparatively regressive tax policies, hitting the poorest 20% of the state's people with a burden of state and local taxes totaling 13.8% of income. Meanwhile the top 1% paid just 4.3% of income.

So where does that leave New Mexicans? Good question. The Institute says we hit the rich a bit harder, but the total impact on our poor is 15% of income.

Well, maybe a smidgen less if you buy at the new Wal-Mart in the Downs after it opens.

So where did we get that esoteric stuff about Texas taxes? Off the Internet, of course.

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Low 15
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High 42
Low 22
Rain/snow showers

MONDAY High 43
Low 24
Mostly cloudy

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Tuesday	46	19	.00"
Wednesday	44	22	.00"
Thursday	45	23	trace

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	43	22	Partly cloudy
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Lubbock, TX	40	28	Mostly cloudy
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Sewer line work enters second phase

Councillors award contract this Tuesday

By KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso's cracking sewer lines will undergo the second phase of repair late this month to reduce inflow of groundwater in the sewer system, village officials say.

The inflow and infiltration (I&I) reduction project is being awarded to a contractor at 4 p.m. Monday by village councillors.

Councillors are holding their regular meeting a day early because of schedule conflicts Tuesday, and Mayor Jerry Shaw might be attending a legislative party put on by the state racetracks and horsemen's association Tuesday.

The first phase of replacing Ruidoso's old water lines along Sudderth Drive — stretching from Paradise Canyon Road to Carrizo Canyon Road — was completed last month, with some work continuing down along the river. The new lines are larger, too. That work cost about \$415,287.

The upcoming phase has three segments. It will run along the river parallel to the Main Street area and into the Upper Canyon. It will also run from Hull Road to Meander Drive in Paradise Canyon. The total 33,570 feet of line work will be funded by a \$1.2 million voter-approved bond issue.

The work will use trenchless technologies on Sudderth Drive won't be torn up, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley said. Workers will insert a seamless tube inside existing water lines.

Otherwise, only small, isolated areas of road lanes will be blocked off in Paradise Canyon and possibly parts of the Upper Canyon, Briley said.

This phase of the work should be completed in May, but it will continue further into the Upper Canyon if funding allows, Briley said.

Also at Monday's meeting, councillors will:

- consider a resolution amending the village investment policy;
- consider scheduling a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission;
- appoint a new P&Z Commission member;
- consider bids to demolish an unsafe building;
- and hold a closed session to discuss pending and threatened litigation against the village.



Presenting the AAA award to Sierra Mesa Lodge owner Lia Goodman are (left to right) AAA Advisory Board member Jerry Danziger, Gov. Gary Johnson and Charlie Runke, N.M. Hotel and Motel Assn.

Sierra Mesa Lodge rated tops

AAA New Mexico has awarded its prestigious Four Diamond rating to Sierra Mesa Lodge in Alto.

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DiAnne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Jim Stoddard of the F.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation celebrates a challenge met with Capitan School Supt. Diana Billingsley. The foundation and the Museum of the Horse pledged \$2,500 to the wiring of the district for computer network access if the school system could match the grant. The district hit the mark, plus \$200.

Hubbard Foundation boosts Capitan's Netday97 project

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The effort to wire the Capitan school district classrooms for computer network access received a big boost Wednesday from the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation.

Representing the foundation and The Museum of the Horse, Jim Stoddard handed over a \$2,500 check to the school district.

The foundation had pledged the money as a challenge for the district to raise a like amount.

But the district brought in even more, at \$2,700.

The money will be used for a

massive wiring project that starts April 13 called Netday97, a grassroots volunteer effort to pull computer cable into classrooms. The project will give students access to on-line card catalogs, full texts of magazines, encyclopedias, as well as word processing, databases and spreadsheets, said Becky Borowski, Capitan school librarian.

Lincoln Cablevision will be part of the project, donating cable and labor. Manager Paul Crown estimated he needs 20 miles of fiber to tie the district in with the community of Alto Lakes and the Museum of the Horse.

The school district needs volunteers to work with Jim Abbott, Region 13 technology director, to pull the cables on Saturday, April 12 in what Borowski prepared to a modern-day barn-raising collaboration.

"Thanks is given to all who are making this exciting event happen," Billingsley said. "It's heartwarming to see and feel the support from area residents and businesses. The possibilities this project will lead to the education of our students should be inspiring to all."

Student gardeners win \$700 grant

A Capitan elementary school class has been selected out of 2,000 applicants to receive a 1997 Youth Garden Grant.

David Young, director of Youth Gardening Grants Program of the National Gardening Association, wrote 5th grade teacher Tiffany Menix that her "exemplary" children's gardening program soon will receive \$700 worth of useful tools, seeds, plants and garden products to help the program grow.

Twenty-seven companies, in-

cluding Ames Lawn & Garden Tools, Park Seed Co., Seeds of Change and Opus Birdfeeders, will ship 25 packages directly to the school, he said. Those companies recognize children are the gardeners of the next century, he said.

The program was selected based on strong leadership, community service, quality educational features and "their dedication to prepare America's young to appreciate and understand our natural environment through garden-

ing," Young wrote.

Menix said the grant application was a three-way effort. She worked with classroom volunteer Beverly Wilson, a Lincoln County master gardener, and with elementary school principal Becca Ferguson.

The association is based in Burlington, Vt.

One of Menix's class projects was to clean up and plant flowers in Veterans Park on Smokey Bear Boulevard.

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Seventh and eighth grade teams from Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Cloudcroft are competing in the tournament, which started Thursday.

Today's games begin at 4 p.m. at Ruidoso Middle School. The consolation and championship games will be played Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. The girls title game will be played at 5 p.m. Saturday and the boys championship is set for 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Little league meeting for baseball season scheduled for Feb. 25

Ruidoso Little League will have a baseball organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria.

All previous volunteers, officers and directors are invited to attend. Newcomers are welcome also.

SKI REPORT

The snow report for Ski Apache for February 7, 1997:

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Regular, non-holiday ticket pricing is in effect. Half-day tickets are sold for afternoon skiing beginning at 1 p.m. Call (505) 257-9001 for the latest conditions at Ski Apache.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Basketball

Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Cloudcroft at the Knights of Columbus Middle School Basketball Tournament, 4 p.m., Ruidoso Middle School. Ruidoso boys at Silver, 7:30 p.m., Ruidoso girls at Cobre, 7:30 p.m., Tularosa boys at Capitan, 7:30 p.m., Capitan girls at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m. Hagerman girls at Hondo Valley, 5 p.m., Hagerman boys at Hondo Valley, 7 p.m., Carrizozo girls at Vaughn, 4:30 p.m., Carrizozo boys at Vaughn, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Basketball

Consolation and finals of the Knights of Columbus Middle School Tournament, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Middle School. Ruidoso boys at Cobre, 7:30 p.m., Ruidoso girls at Silver, 7:30 p.m., Hondo Valley girls at Corona, 2 p.m., Hondo Valley boys at 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

Bowling

Amy Miller Memorial Bowling Tournament at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 2 p.m. Sign-up at the lanes. Cost is \$12 for three games.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Goddard for a dual meet, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

Basketball

Santa Teresa boys at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m., Dexter boys at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.

Warrior coach likes team's chances in Silver

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

As far as Ruidoso coach Ben Sanchez is concerned, there's no time like the present for his Warriors.

Ruidoso visits the far reaches of the District 6AAA today (Friday) and Saturday when it travels to Silver City and Cobre for a district doubleheader.

"We are very capable of going down there and getting two (wins)," Sanchez said Thursday.

Sounds ambitious, considering 1995 was the last time the Warriors earned so much as a split against the Colts.

"Why does the second-year Warrior coach believe his team can accomplish at least that?"

In part because Silver's Colts — usually the class of the district — aren't as dominating as they have been in the past.

"I don't think they are going to go through our district undefeated," Sanchez said. "Somebody is going to knock them off, and it might as well be us."

Gone from last year's Class AAA state championship is 6-foot, 8-inch Andrew Wolthers, who graduated to the college ranks. Point guard Jason Marroja transferred to Tularosa, where he's playing for the Wildcats.

Don't get Sanchez wrong; he has plenty of respect for the Colts.

It's just that Silver is not as powerful in size and quickness as it has been in the past. The Colts are 10-6 overall and 2-0 in the district.

But while Silver's record indicates it's not as dominating as in the past, you wouldn't know that by state rankings. The Colts hold the No. 3-spot in the Class AAA polls.

Ruidoso, which lost to Hot Springs Saturday, sits at 8-9 and 1-1.

The Colts return three key letterwinners from last year's team. They are led by 6-6 Andrus Guerra, who played sixth man off the bench last year.

Ruidoso's Adam Windham at 6-4 will match up with Guerra. That suits the

Warrior junior just fine, Sanchez said. Windham defends players his height better than a smaller, perhaps quicker post player.

Rounding out the Silver trio are Tyson Castillo, who plays the off-guard position, and Justin Whetten at small forward.

Whetten is the Colts' best all-around player, Sanchez said. Ruidoso's defensive stopper, Scott Sebastian will try to contain Whetten.

The Warriors will try to extend the court on the Colts with some full-court press and man-to-man pressure. Sanchez thinks his Warriors might have quickness advantage, plus the size is as close to equal as it has been in awhile.

"Hopefully our players are going in with the attitude that they have as good a chance as any in beating Silver City," Sanchez said.

Ruidoso turns around the next day to play a 5-12 Cobre team. The Indians have yet to win a district contest this season in two tries.

The Warriors' point guard, Corey Saenz, will draw the defensive assignment on the Indians' best player, Eric Villegas, who has been playing varsity since his freshman year.

Windham will get his second consecutive key defense assignment at Cobre. The junior post player will guard 6-7 Ernest Olea. Sanchez describes Olea as a "nice all-around player, with finesse, who runs the floor well."

Probable starters for the Warriors are Saenz, Windham, Sebastian, Arthur Rojas and Erik Padilla.

Tipoff both nights is set for 7:30 p.m.

Hot, hot, Hot Spring

The Warriors dared the Hot Springs Tigers to beat them with someone other than Justin Ruiz or Randy Walker.

The Tigers did just that Saturday.

After a fairly even first half, the Tigers' Jason Cumba, who couldn't hit the ocean from the beach, warmed up from three-

point range. Cumba nailed 3-pointer after 3-pointer, exploding for 18 second-half points.

Hot Springs extended its three-point halftime margin to eight, but Ruidoso responded each time. Twice, the Warriors' Matt Blank hit "treys" to tie the game in the final stanza, and both times the Tigers answered with a 3-pointer of their own.

The Warriors, who played a triangle-and-two defense most of the game, kept Walker and Ruiz in check for most of the game. But when Ruidoso was forced to go man-to-man, that's when the Hot Springs' leaders took charge. Ruiz scored 13 in the final period to finish with 17 for the game, as the Tigers held on for the win.

But despite scoring 50 second-half points and having four Warriors in double figures, Ruidoso couldn't defeat the Tigers.

Saenz finished with 18 to lead the Warriors, followed by Padilla and Sebastian with 15 and Rojas' dozen.

"They had a much better all around team than we had given them credit for," Sanchez admitted.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News
Junior post player Adam Windham draws two tough defensive assignments this weekend as Ruidoso heads to Silver City and Bayard for a District 3AAA doubleheader.

Tigers, Tulie tangle on the hardwood

By LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The first of what could be two showdowns takes place tonight (Friday) in Capitan, when the Tigers host Tularosa in a shootout for control of the boys District 6AA race.

Capitan enters the game with an 8-10 mark and 1-1 district record. The Wildcats are ranked No. 9 in the Class AA Top 10, and hold a 13-6 overall record and 2-0 6AA slate.

Gerald Montes' Tigers are coming off an impressive win on the road. Capitan downed Dexter 59-47 Tuesday, taking an early 10-point lead and never relinquishing it.

"We went out and jumped on them early, and we just kept after them," Montes said.

"Hey, we did a good job down the stretch. We started strong and finished strong. We haven't been doing that."

The Tigers' inside duo of Kris Davis and Eric Ferguson had their way with the Demons. The two combined for 27 points to pace Capitan. Ferguson has made his presence known of late, Montes said.

"Eric has really stepped it up the last two district games," he added.

Capitan balanced its attack with solid perimeter play versus the Demons' Guards Garydon Silva, Cody Turboby and Jason Montes scored nine, nine and eight points respectively.

In fact, it was hard for Montes to find something anything wrong with the Tigers' play Tuesday.

Capitan, contested shots, rebounded well, pushed the ball up the court and then knocked it inside to Ferguson or Davis.

"Any time we get our two big

kids in double figures, we win. That should tell us to pound it inside," Montes said.

Capitan and Tularosa met in the Cloudcroft tourney before Christmas. The Tigers lost 70-50, but trailed by just three points at the half, 27-24.

This time, Capitan will face a Tularosa team that has become deeper with the new year. Jason Marroja, a transfer from Silver High School, is eligible to play. He adds depth and experience to Tularosa coach Johnny May's already solid team.

The Wildcats' other threat is Cameron Sanchez. Sanchez and Marroja give May a deadly backcourt.

Tulie stayed undefeated in the 6AA with an 83-58 drubbing of Cloudcroft Tuesday.

If Capitan plays as well as it's capable, Montes' bunch can give Tularosa a run. But the Tigers have proven to be inconsistent at times this season.

"It's hard to predict with this bunch. We practiced hard for Tulie Wednesday.

I don't know which team is going to show up. I just hope it's the team that comes ready to play," Montes said.

"If we don't handle the press, it's going to be a long night. You know Johnny. He's going to throw everything at you, even the kitchen sink if he has it," he said.

TIGER TRACKS: Montes learned senior Raymond Harris might miss the rest of the season, recovering from a viral infection. Harris didn't play against Cloudcroft, nor against Dexter.

"That's like losing 10 points a game and four or five rebounds a game," Montes said.

Cold-shooting Warriors look to rebound against Silver and Cobre this weekend

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Warriors did not win their third straight District 3AAA game following poor shooting and a slow start Tuesday.

Santa Teresa survived a second half Ruidoso rally to post a 54-50 over the Warriors, who have played 500 ball since the start of the new year.

The Warriors slipped to 5-12 overall and 2-2 in the 3AAA. They head to Cobre and Silver for a district doubleheader tonight (Friday) and Saturday.

"We've just got to play some ball," Ruidoso coach Wayne Rogers said of the upcoming weekend.

Playing some ball includes shooting the basketball and

Ruidoso had trouble doing that Tuesday in Goddard.

The Warriors shot a miserable five-for-32 from the field in the first half.

In basketball slang, one might say they were "shooting bricks" or "laying bricks."

In coach's slang, the Warriors "built a gymnasium," Rogers said.

Santa Teresa took advantage of Ruidoso's misfirings and entered the lockerroom at halftime with a 31-13 advantage.

Rogers told the Warriors to attack the offensive rebounds, and his girls listened.

Ruidoso pounded the glass

and by the end of the third quarter trailed by just eight points. Apryl Figueroa led the Warrior charge, scoring seven of her team-high 17 points in the third frame.

The Warriors continued their comeback in the fourth period, eventually taking a four-point lead. But their aggressive play to get back in the game cost them foul trouble in the closing minutes.

Four Ruidoso players fouled out, and unlike its first meeting between the two, Santa Teresa shot better from the free-throw line. The Desert Warriors converted 10 of 19 charity shots in the fourth period.

"We just had some possessions late in the game when we didn't execute," Rogers said.

RUIDOSO GIRLS

Capitan girls search for winning formula

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Twelve points separates the Capitan girls basketball team from a perfect 3-0 district record and its imperfect 0-3 District 6AA mark. That's the combined number of points the Tigers have lost by to district foes.

With the first half of district play complete, Dionne Lewis' Tigers find themselves up against the proverbial wall as they head to Tularosa tonight (Friday) for a battle with the much-improved Wildcats.

"We've backed ourselves into a corner, but we're going to come out fighting," Lewis said of the Tigers' Friday meeting with Tulie.

The Tigers found themselves in the corner with they fell to Dexter 46-42 Tuesday, dropping their overall slate to 5-12.

Capitan nearly broke its district goose egg against Dexter. The Tigers led by five points with 1:30 to go in the game. Lewis had her team slow down its offense and run some clock. It would've worked had the Tigers hit a shot when they needed it. Instead, Capitan missed, and then compounded its problem with fouls at the end of the game, allowing the Demons to score with the clock stopped.

"We had every opportunity, but we couldn't stick it in the hole," Lewis said.

Fouls have been a problem the last two games for the Tigers, who play aggressive full-court pres-

sure and man-to-man defense.

In Tuesday's contest, officials blew 24 fouls on the Tigers compared with 11 on the Demons. Capitan never made it to the one-and-one bonus either half.

The same thing happened Jan. 31 versus Cloudcroft. In that game, the Bears scored 10 of their last 12 points from the free-throw line in their come-from-behind win over the Tigers, 60-57.

"We have not adjusted to the way the refs are calling it (the game)," Lewis said.

The Tigers are thin after Lewis' nine varsity players, especially at the post. It doesn't look like senior inside player Mandi Aldaz will return. Aldaz underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in early December. Even though there was no significant damage, it's still too painful for Aldaz to play on the knee. Additionally, Ruidoso transfer Tawyna Reynolds, a reserve guard, turned in her uniform to Lewis earlier in the week.

In the meantime, Lewis searches for an answer to stopping Capitan's seven-game losing streak.

Tularosa is no longer the doormat of the district. The Wildcats have split with a solid Carrizozo team and split with Class AAA Ruidoso this season. Tularosa has a 1-2 district mark.

Even with their 0-3 6AA record, the Tigers still have a legitimate shot at finishing 3-3 in the district. Anyone can beat anyone in the wide-open 6AA.

"It's going to be tough. We have to be ready to play. We don't have a choice," Lewis said.

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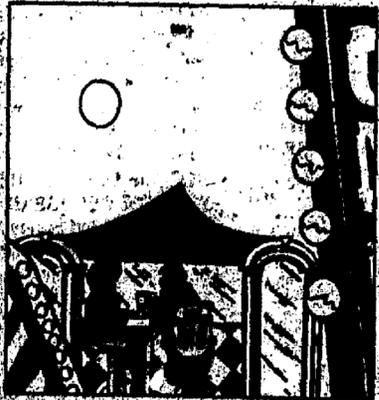
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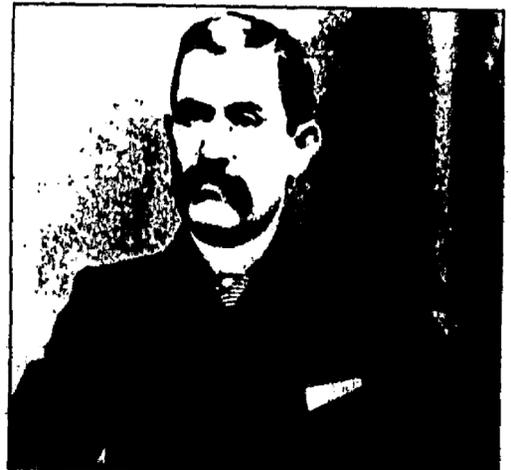


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THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St., Tularosa, (505) 585-8262 — Saturday evening, music and dinner. 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

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GALLOPING TORTOISE, 682 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends perform rock 'n' roll, country and blues.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs, 378-9911 — Live music 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE HOUSE, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 and 15 music by Jay Silverman.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Dan Li Ka Dining Room — Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Apache Tee — Mark Remington 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 5-8 and Feb. 12-15.

INCREDIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 338-4312 — Live music on weekends.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8 come rock with No Excuse.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6695 — 9 p.m.—close Friday and Saturday dance music with DJ. No cover.

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 west, Ruidoso, 378-4061 — 8 p.m.—close Thursday through Saturday, Kerl plays a variety of music from the 1930's forward.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3505 — 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday live music.

WIN, PLACE & SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9082 — Live country music 7 nights a week, 8:30 p.m.—1:30 a.m.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday-Sunday DJ, no cover.



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PARENTING SEMINAR — Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Guest speaker Scott Talley of Waco, Texas. 9:30 a.m. "Teaching children responsibility," noon potluck; 1 p.m. "Nurturing the parent/child relationship," 6 p.m. "Building faith in our children," 7:30 p.m. "Helping our teens to be sexually pure."

COMMUNITY CPR CLASS — 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, north of Ruidoso. Cost is \$5 per person; minimum age 13. For reservations call Lance Hill or David Wheeler at 257-8290. Class limited to 20 participants.

PARENTING THE YOUNG CHILD, "Building self esteem in the early years," Public Meeting Room, Ruidoso High School — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. The third of seven sessions led by Dr. Brigit LaMothe, geared to those who deal with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

SPEND AN EVENING WITH BETTY FRIEDAN — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Dinner, presentation and book signing. Cost \$35 per person, \$20 for UNM students, tables of 10 \$350. To reserve your place call 505-277-2525 by Monday, Feb. 10.

BEEF CATTLE STANDARD PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS WORKSHOP — Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12-13 at the Tucumcari Convention Center. Registration is \$150 per new ranch; \$50 for returning ranches. For more information contact Ron Parker at 505-646-1709.

RUIDOSO SENIOR CENTER VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK — noon Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center behind the public library on Junction Road. Valentine's celebration at the golden age potluck to include a special dessert from TCBY and a sweetheart punch. Three people will win hearts of candy.

"CHOCOLATE AFFAIR," Villa del Rey Retirement Village, 2801 North Kentucky Avenue, Roswell, 505-625-8428 — 2 p.m.—4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. An indulgence of the sweet tooth with chocolate delights of all sorts. Music provided by Tergetelli Sisters. Tours of the village will be available. Reservations would be appreciated, 505-622-1658 or 505-625-8426.

OPERATION BUCKLE DOWN BLITZ — Now through Feb. 15. Ruidoso police and police agencies throughout the state will step up enforcement of adult and child restraint laws. Unbuckled motorists can expect to pay \$42 for violating the seat belt law and \$67 for violating the child restraint law.

SANTA FE OPERA YOUTH POSTER and T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST — deadline Saturday, March 1. Students of New Mexico schools may submit entries in any media which reflect the current theater location or ideas for a new theater. One winner will be chosen for the poster and one winner for the t-shirt. For more information contact Andrea Fellows Walters at the Santa Fe Opera, 505-666-5828.

"DANCING IS SILENT POETRY," Ballet New Mexico School of Dance, 1204 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-4889 — Ballet classes now starting. Pre-ballet, 3-6 year olds; beginning and advanced ballet; ballet fitness for adults. A spring performance is in the works with dances from Snow White, a ragtime dance and Pas de Quatre. AARP TAX AID VOLUNTEERS — 2-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday afternoons until April 11. Volunteers will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center behind the public library on Junction Road, to help elderly and low-income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. Taxpayers should bring a copy of their 1996 tax returns and federal/New Mexico income tax packets. For more information call 257-4525.

CASINO APACHE, Cantazo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-6141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SPORTS THEATER, half-mile west of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.



Clubs & Meetings

DONA ANA DOWNSERS — noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at the social center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Jim Crisp of El Paso will talk about "Demystifying NLP." Mini-workshops on Learning to Downsize, Personal Downsizing and Map Downsizing follow the presentation. A donation of \$5 per person is requested. For information call Tony and Jean Gehringer at 505-525-1071.

NATURAL FOODS CO-OP MONTHLY ORDER MEETING — 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the First Christian Church, 1st and Gaylan Canyon roads, Ruidoso. No membership fee. Inexpensive whole foods. For more information call 338-4518 or 257-3418.

SCENIC BYWAYS COMMITTEE (RESCHEDULED) — 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

ANNEXATION AD HOC COMMITTEE — 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

CAPTAIN FCE CLUB — 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Captain Senior Citizens Center, Phyllis Zimmick will present the lecture, "Taking care of Lizzy" (care of your car).

LIBRARY BOARD — noon Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

EAGLE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Captain Village Hall.

ART AND FILM BOARD — 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

PLAY GROUP MEETINGS, Lincoln County Parents of Teachers, Region 10 office, 1400 Sudderth Drive — 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Bring your baby for an hour of group play and information exchange. Group play for 1-year-olds, 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds. Each group has a facilitator. Healthy snacks will be served. Call 257-2368 for additional information.



Library

RURAL BOOKMOBILE EAST, New Mexico State Library, 505-461-1295 — Stops at the following locations: Tuesday, Feb. 11; 4-6:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric, Wednesday, Feb. 12; 8:45-10 a.m., Nogal P.O.; 10:30-noon, Captain Smokey Bear Cafe; 2-3 p.m., Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-5 p.m., Hondo Store; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Captain Smokey Bear Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric.

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, and creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.



Theater

"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU," Roswell Community Little Theater, 12th and Virginia streets, Roswell — 8:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 7-8. An amusing Depression-era play which provides an evening of entertainment for the whole family. Reservations are required for all performances except Thursday, Feb. 8. Reservations may be made by phoning 505-622-1882. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for full-time students.

"MKADO," Fiddler Center for Performing Arts, New York Avenue, Alamogordo — 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10. Gilbert and Sullivan's hilarious romp is set in Medieval Japan. Admission \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 505-437-2202 for more information.

"SQUARE ROOT OF LOVE," Alamogordo Community Theatre at the Cree Meadows Country Club, Ruidoso — Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 and Feb. 21-22. Dinner theatre featuring an adult romantic comedy. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the performance starts at 8 p.m. Call 257-2733 for reservations.



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "Dance's Peak," "Star Wars," "Lone Star." Call theater for show times and rates.



Museums & Galleries

THE ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM, 2000 Mountain Road NW, near Old Town, Albuquerque, 505-243-7285 — Common Ground exhibit through mid-September. A unique section features a series of wood art landscapes by Albuquerque artist Wilson Hurley, on exhibit through May 11. Admission is free. Museum hours: 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, closed Monday and holidays.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7288 Hwy. 64/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0699 — 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, reception to meet the artists of Mountain Measles Workshops whose works are on display throughout February. The show features a variety of media from watercolor and oil to stone sculpture and Ukrainian eggs. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.—9 p.m. seven days a week.

FECHN ART WORKSHOPS, Donner Ranch, San Cristobal, 505-776-2622 — Five-day workshops May through October. The series includes workshops in oil painting, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, drawing and sculpture. Contact the ranch for further information and booking details.

JONSON GALLERY, UNM campus, 1008 Las Lunas NE, Alamogordo, 505-277-4667 — "One if by land, two if by sea, three if by air..." on exhibit through Feb. 14. Features works which deal creatively with the elements of land, sea and air.

"Javier Carreras' remake" on exhibit through Feb. 14. Photographic images that animate places visited and friends absent. "Raymond Jonson: the value of light" on exhibit Feb. 7-March 21. Examples of Jonson's light explorations from throughout his 70-year career. Museum hours: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, closed weekends. Free admission.

KIMO THEATRE GALLERY, 423 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, 505-246-1370 — "Art for the next millennium" on exhibit Feb. 12-March 16. Highlights new ideas and media experiments in the area of visual arts. Admission is free (except during evening and weekend performances).

MANN STREET GALLERY, Magdalena 505-854-3422 — "Casa del sol: a house made by women." Opening 8-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. The exhibit reflects contributions of 25 Magdalena women — grandmothers, mothers, daughters, teenagers and girl children. Gallery hours for the exhibit are 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16 and Feb. 22-23 or by appointment by calling Paula Davis 505-854-3262.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-9040 — 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pouring and tour of the foundry.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — Showing through March 31, "200 years of horses"

plus plaques and commemorative from the collection of C.L. "Boss" Wright. Regular admission. Museum hours: 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday-Sunday.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE, Dynamic Theater, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, 505-841-2828 — 10 a.m.—5 p.m. every hour on the hour through Friday, Aug. 23.

"Whales," a 41-minute film documenting the migration of the world's largest mammals. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, \$2 for children age 3-11; combination ticket to theater and museum is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, \$3 for children.

SPACE CENTER, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — "Electric space: exploring the creation of the world's largest theme park." The exhibit takes a closer look at the sun and how it can cause Earth's largest light show, the polar aurora, and examines key concepts in space physics. Through interactive exhibits visitors can explore the realms of our plasma universe.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM, UNM Center for the Arts, Albuquerque, 505-277-4001 — "Mythology: JJ Jack Lieberman and friends" on exhibit through March 9. Street photographs and the poems they inspired.

"Sequences and series: prints and photographs from the permanent collection" on exhibit through March 23. Artists explore the modular quality of prints and photographs to construct a series or sequence of images. "French oil sketches and the academic tradition" on exhibit through May 18. Historically significant works of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries from a private collection. Museum hours: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM DOWNTOWN, 516 Central SW, Albuquerque, 505-242-8244 — "Landscapes: tapestries by Olga de Amaral" on display until March 1. "The School of the U" on display until March 25. The exhibition features the works of UNM Fine Arts Department alumni, who were graduated between 1940 and 1960. "Cupid and Other Winged Creatures" on display until April 12. Museum hours: 11 a.m.—4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission.



Parks & Recreation

PRENATAL AEROBICS — 5:15-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Class taught by certified aerobics and prenatal fitness instructor. Six-week course is free for RAC members, \$40 for non-members. Contact Ruidoso Athletic Club, 415 Wingfield, Ruidoso, 257-4600 for registration information.

SANTA FE CELEBRITY SKI CLASSIC — 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 ski classic team racing at the Santa Fe Ski Area, lower Gay Way Slope at the NASTAR course, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 VIP lunch at Toomoff's Bar & Grill, Santa Fe Ski Area, mid-mountain. 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 open skiing, Santa Fe Ski Area. For more information call 505-642-4022 or 214-752-1625.

"THE WOLF: REAL OR MAGINED?" Fiddler Center for Performing Arts, New York Avenue, Alamogordo — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Slide presentation by Patricia Tucker, wildlife biologist and educator, depicting the natural history of wolves. This presentation is the adult version of similar presentations given to schoolchildren in the Alamogordo area. Admission is free. For more information call 505-434-4494.

BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BIRDING TOURS — Saturday and Sunday tours and workshops in February. Outings are free, but are limited to 20 participants. For more information or to make reservations call 505-235-1889. The refuge is located eight miles south of San Antonio on Hwy. 1. **Beating the Blues** — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22, three-hour session. General refuge tours — 1 p.m. every Sunday in February, two-hour tour.



Neighbors



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Randolph holds a photo of himself and his late wife Dulcinea, taken on the night of their wedding in 1918. He was 18 and she was 16.

Willie Randolph's shoot-em-up roots from Lincoln County

Memories from a life well lived for 97 years

By KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When asked about his life, the people he loved and those he befriended, Willie Randolph drifts into cherished memories.

The deep-set eyes on the 97-year-old great-great-grandfather become misty, and his head nods by degree.

These days speaking almost exclusively in Spanish, he calls to life his late family, a mostly Irish and Mexican breed deeply entwined in the history of Lincoln County and San Patricio.

His story unfolds with some of the well-known characters of the Lincoln County War. Randolph's maternal grandfather was the legendary Sheriff William Brady, murdered during the war, and his father's step-mother was a gun-slitting lady who liked saloons.

But, more personally, Randolph's memories relate a life experience full of struggles for love and independence. He tells of enchantment with

his late wife Dulcinea, and hard work as a sheepherder and mailman who delivered by horse and buggy.

As he relates the stories of his 97 years, sometimes Randolph breaks into song — light-hearted tunes like "Oh Suzanne," or yodles, making a whimsical transition from one stubborn memory to another.

Other times he cries ever-so-softly, because he misses those he's asked to remember.

"Mi yida," he whispers, his

hazel eyes wet with tears.

"My life," his granddaughter Dora Montofo translates from Randolph's Spanish. "He says he's sentimental. Lonesome — this has brought back memories."

And he has a lot of those.

Randolph was born Jan. 25, 1900, just after the reinauguration of William McKinley, the first president to ride in an automobile. Activist Carrie Nation was busy denouncing saloons and liquor, and the life expectancy of males was 48 years, 51 for females.

New Mexico wasn't an official state when Randolph was a babe, and people still traveled by horse and buggy. The Lincoln County War was barely 22 years past, and there was mostly pasture covering these gold and green hills.

Seated beneath a reproduction of da Vinci's "The Last Supper," he shares his long life from his daughter Viola Montofo's Inspiration Heights apartment in Ruidoso Downs.

Randolph's long, calloused fingers warm against a cup of hot coffee as Viola, Dora, and great-grandson Joseph Monto call questions into his deafened ears.

He has favored Spanish above English in his older age, Dora explains.

"Everybody down valley speaks Spanish," she adds.

Stories about Sheriff Brady are few, because Randolph's mother Catarina wasn't born until a couple of months after Brady's death.

"The only thing they told him was (Sheriff Brady) would throw six cans of tomatoes in the air, and before they hit the ground he'd shoot them all," Dora relates. "And they told his mother he was a very honest and good man."

Randolph's first-born Frank found the shackles Billy the Kid shook loose in the Hondo River near Randolph's former San Patricio home. Randolph's brother Andy later sold them to a collector for \$25. Andy gave Frank \$1.50.

"So he gypped him out of that,"



Randolph relaxes with his late wife Dulcinea, who died in 1901.



in PROFILE

Willie Randolph

Birthdate: January 25, 1900

Hometown: San Patricio

Occupations: mailman by horse and buggy; shepherd

Favorite food: chiles

Family: married to the late Dulcinea Polaco for 73 years. They had eight children, 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Notable: grandson of Sheriff William Brady of Lincoln County War fame.

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Randolph: Brady descendant

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Dora says with a chuckle.

It was an Andy sort of act, she adds.

Billy didn't take Brady's life as many think, Randolph says.

"Pat Garrett killed him. It's what his mom used to say," Dora translates. "It was not Billy the Kid that killed him. He was opening the door to the jail house when Pat Garrett killed him."

The family once had scores of Brady belongings, like old photographs and a smoothing iron, lining the walls. But Catarina wasn't too crazy about the valuable mementos.

"Mother got rid of all the Brady stuff," Randolph recalls. "She said, 'I don't want pictures of all these ugly men with long mustaches all over — I don't even know them!'"

So, into the dustbin they went.

Rigid upbringing

Catarina Duran Brady was a strict mother, as was her husband Frank Randolph, a San Patricio fruit farmer with his own Lincoln County War heritage. He was the step-son of Jose Chavez y Chavez, a cohort of Billy the Kid who was an accused hired assassin and who allegedly reformed while in jail.

Frank's mother, Lenor Lucero, was once known to "fight men and chew tobacco," Dora relates. "She liked to booze it up a lot, went to bars like men and wore two guns strapped to her."

Randolph was the second son after Andy, the favored boy who was a conspirator in mischief, but traitorous when they got caught. Andy often blamed things on Randolph and Randolph would get the beating.

But Randolph loved his parents, simply "because they were my parents," he says in Spanish.

They had two younger sisters, Frances and Josephine, both whom died at the age of 24.

It was Randolph's success at being an honorable son, he says, that's the secret to his long life.

"God gave me long life because I was a good son and never disobeyed," he relates. And he eats lots of chiles.

Little rascal

Randolph first met the green-eyed Dulcinea Polaco at their one-room schoolhouse in San Patricio. The popular girl just looked the other way.

"When he started to go to school, my mother would have nothing to do with him," Viola relates. "She called him 'Booger face' and 'the dirty Randolphs.'"

He had chapped hands and fin-

gers full of dirt, like his brother Andy. He was also incredibly mischievous, whipping rocks at people riding by, and spooking their horses.

One time, when Randolph and Andy were filling buckets of water from the Hondo River for their schoolmates to drink, they decided to spice the liquid.

"They used to haul water from the river," Viola says. "One day my mother cussed Daddy out and said 'You're filthy,' so he and Uncle Andy peed in the buckets and gave it to her to drink first."

Being such rascals, their antics didn't last long, however. By the age of 8, Randolph's teacher threw the naughty brothers out of school. His father arranged for a tutor for Randolph, but that soon halted because Andy missed playing with his younger brother. Randolph's reading and writing skills are limited mostly to what he taught himself, he says.

"It's a miracle he grew up to be such a straight man," Dora concludes.

"We're very proud of him," Viola adds. He never drank or smoked, and never received so much as a speeding ticket.

He must have improved early in his adult life, because 10 years after being expelled from school, Randolph and Dulcinea married. Randolph used to tease her that the spiked water was his secret aphrodisiac. If so, it worked on Andy's wife Virginia Sanchez, too.

Hard work helps

The hard work that resulted from his antics helped build Randolph's character, too. Soon after he was kicked out of school, his father sent him to work for the Frescas, a rich sheep ranching family in Picacho. Randolph would roam the range with 1,500 sheep, putting up with all kinds of weather and little sleep, against the hard ground. There were other shepherds with him, but all much older.

Randolph recalls those seven years as a shepherd as "lonesome and wet" — and sometimes painfully dry.

"He told me one time that he got so thirsty his tongue was hanging out," Viola recalls. "He was in the Picacho mountains and thought he was going to die."

But he did make the best of the situation. The older shepherds taught him tall tales with fantastic images of kings and magic heroes. He developed a gift for storytelling that he further mastered when he returned to his family, picnicking with relations and friends by the Lake of the Burras (called the Blackwater until a notorious murder during the Lincoln County War.)

"Everyone would get up to tell a



Randolph's uncle Robert, above left, claimed he was shot by Billy the Kid, the same gunman who killed his father. But Randolph says Robert lied for posterity and shot himself in the mouth. The bullet exited the side of his mouth and Robert survived. At right is Randolph's late son Frank, holding his step-son Sport Rue. Frank bore a striking resemblance to his great uncle Robert.



story. If it was a good story, they (Randolph and his siblings) could stay. If it was bad, his father would make them go grind coffee," Dora translates.

Randolph's colorful stories were put into writing by Hondo Valley neighbor and *Ruidoso News* columnist Dan Storm, whom they affectionately call Stormy.

"He would tell him beautiful stories, like fairy tales," recalls Dora, who sat and listened as a child. "They'd start at 5 p.m. and Dan would still be there — click, click, click on that machine — in the morning."

Hauling the mail

Randolph took on his all-time favorite job when his father took a contract to deliver the mail from Hondo to Ruidoso. He paid Randolph \$5 a month to do the job, upping the salary to \$80 a month after Randolph married.

For 20 years he delivered the mail, for most of the years by horse and buggy, and later with a Model-T car. Because he had a large family to feed, he would still herd sheep on the weekends, leaving home with a bedroll, Dora recalls. But during the week, he had his route and his family.

"I used to meet up with all the people I knew and get to visit," Randolph says of his mail job. "There was no traffic — I'd travel two hours and not see anyone."

The horses knew the route so well that they would nudge to a stop at each mailbox without commands. Randolph would slip out

from his warm wool blanket, deposit mail and chat with friends.

The approximately 50-mile round trip took all day. Although Randolph carried a gun in his buggy, he never had to use it.

The real danger was the floods — this was back in the days when Highway 70 was dirt and Hondo River tributaries crossed over it. The river itself often swelled onto the road, too.

"I had to stay in Devil's Canyon and wait for the water to go down," he says of many of his trips.

Another time when crossing the rising water in the buggy, "We fell into the river and the bolts on the horse came loose, but I held on to the horse, which pulled me out of the river," Dora translates.

"Otherwise, he would have drowned," she adds.

Around 1935 the mail job ended, as Frank lost the contract to a lower bidder. Randolph went to work for the state highway department, plowing dirt with a disc and horses to build roads. He also took over his father's apple stand in San Patricio, which he ran for about a decade, and did yard work for valley neighbors like Willie Coe and Peter Hurd.

Willie gets the girl

Ten years after being booted from school, Randolph strolled before Dulcinea's gaze as a honky 18-year-old man.

He had just returned from Texas when Dulcinea saw him at a San Patricio dance looking masculine, spiffed and polished. Dulcinea

gawked.

"Oh he was handsome, all clean and with a tie," Viola says. "My mother was praying to God Daddy would dance with her. He wouldn't 'cause of the way" she had been before.

But a short time later, Dulcinea and her mother were traveling down the valley and their horse became injured. They stopped at the Randolphs' to borrow a horse, and Randolph couldn't resist her any longer.

"When he went to get the horse, he asked her to go steady, and she said yes because she was doing for him," Viola relates.

Dulcinea was wearing another man's tie pin, and Randolph took it off and threw it away.

His fondest memory is of the day 15-year-old Dulcinea said yes to his marriage proposal — or, rather, her parents said yes.

"His mother and father went and asked her mother and father for her hand in marriage," Viola says.

Years later, Randolph and Dulcinea's affections infected their parents as well. Dulcinea's mother Arophas Polaco and Randolph's father, both widowed, were married to each other.

"Frank was afraid to be alone," Viola explains of her grandfather, who was in his 70s at the time.

"Might as well keep it in the family," Dora adds.

Love never dies

Willie and Dulcinea had eight

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Mothia Torres loves visiting with Randolph, her great-great grandfather, to hug and kiss him and polka.

Randolph: still singing and dancing at 97

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children and stayed together 73 years, until her death. But Willie's love for his wholesome, gracious wife — who as an adult could never say a bad word about anyone — has never died.

When Dulcinea died of a brain tumor in 1991, Randolph insisted on razing their Ruidoso Skyland area home and moved in with his daughter.

Ironically, Willie and Dulcinea had moved to Ruidoso in 1954 for a similar reason. They left San Patricio after their son Billy died in a car accident.

"When he got killed, Mom couldn't stand it and wanted to leave," Viola says.

So they sold their ranch and bought a place near the present-day Sudderth Drive Pizza-Hut, where they lived for a good 30 years.

Three of their four late children died before Dulcinea, including their 2-year-old boy named Kister, who died mysteriously the day after Randolph's sister Frances died.

About 11 years Randolph's junior, Frances ran the San Patricio Post Office, playfully enchanting the men who came to her counter to flirt, Viola and Dora say.

One day she was invited by a woman to a friend's cafe, and after eating she became deathly ill. She was taken to the doctor but died the same day. The doctor said whatever she ate cut up her stomach.

"Glass was found grinded in the food," explains Dora.

Although there was no investi-

gation, everyone knew Frances was murdered by a "witch who lived down the valley," Dora says. The witch moved away when Frances died, she adds.

"I guess it's the same today," Viola concludes. "They never find those guilty of murder in Lincoln County."

Dulcinea and Frances were very close, and Frances had a special affection for Dulcinea's 2-year-old son Kister.

Soon after Frances was taken to the doctor, Dulcinea saw "a shadow go through the house and knew he was dead," Dora relates.

The very next day, baby Kister suddenly died. He was buried at Frances' feet in San Patricio.

Still singing and dancing

Today, Randolph often talks of how he wants to be with his beloved wife.

"He sits there and tells God, 'I've lived a good life, I'm old, and I'm ready to go home,'" Dora relates. "He says he feels very tired, God has given him a long life, but he wants to go home to be with his wife. They were never separated for anything."

But his tears dry when his great-great-granddaughter, 16-year-old Mathiah Torres, makes her daily visit to hug and kiss and dance with Randolph.

Randolph loves to dance, especially the polka. Just last month when cutting the living room rug with little Mathiah he fell and broke his arm, but the bone is healing nicely, Dora says.

Randolph still sings out Mexican and American tunes his mother Catarina taught him many, many years ago. Then he remembers how he used to sing similar tunes to his donkey, a gift from his neighbor when he was 12 years old, and he laughs.

"I used to sing from San Patricio to Hondo to my burro," Randolph relates.

He has so many memories.

Randolph was a teller of tales

Ruidoso News columnist Dan Storm, a longtime friend of Willie Randolph, jotted down some of Randolph's folktales years ago, feeling they should be preserved.

"A lot of them were handed down among Hispanics, folk tales," Storm said.

One of the stories, which is still in a notepad at Storm's Hondo Valley home, is called "Piri Quillo De La Burra."

"It's a story about a man, a foundling. A child is found and raised by a poor family that had no cows, so they raised him on a female donkey's milk," Storm says. "He becomes a superman who has a lot of adventures."

Randolph is an excellent storyteller, Storm says, and is full of folktales and fairytales. He also knows dozens of proverbs that Mexicans frequently use in daily life.

One that Storm recalls is "Dios tarda pero no olvida," God waits, but he never forgets.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

Ruidoso News February 7, 1947

New Mexico state authorities this week assured a delegation of Ruidoso citizens at Santa Fe of their fullest cooperation in working out plans for the establishment of a high school here by September of this year. Members of the Ruidoso committee were Emmett Reese, Albert Vaughn, Jack Hull, Herbert Smith and Dewey Gann, Sr. Three departmental groups

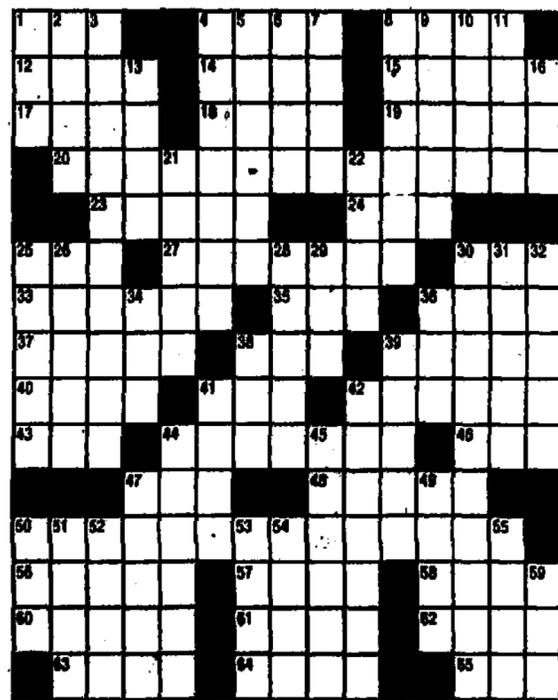
promised the Ruidoso delegation that they would go out of their way to assist this community of more than 1500 population now, in obtaining a high school, a civic improvement which has been badly needed for several years. This will bring an end to the present necessity of having Ruidoso school children travel more than 100 miles daily to attend high school classes in Capitan. Judge Hudspeth of Carrizozo has been asked by the committee to handle all legal matters connected with the new petition, and any bond elections the new trustees might find necessary to call.

NY TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0528

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sixth sense
 - 4 Suit part
 - 8 Fr. holy women
 - 12 Donjon
 - 14 River of Hesse
 - 18 Author Gardner et al.
 - 17 Suffix with cigar or major
 - 19 Hawaiian goose
 - 19 Della or Pee Wee
 - 20 English writer who applied Darwinian principles to philosophy
 - 23 Mill output
 - 24 Football lineman
 - 25 Coll. senior's test
 - 27 Bridge support
 - 30 Moses, e.g.
 - 33 "Speed" star
 - 35 Ott or Gibson
 - 36 It helps build character
 - 37 Broadway conductor
 - 38 Bewitch
 - 39 Defeats
 - 40 Borscht ingredient
 - 41 Select number
 - 42 Olympian Jackie Joyner
 - 43 Poetic contraction
 - 44 Bedroom furniture piece
 - 46 Be at fault
 - 47 Certain intersection
 - 48 "Thou shalt not covet" Commandment
 - 50 ABC sitcom star
 - 52 Playboys' looks
 - 57 "Only Just Begun" Actress
 - 58 Sommer
 - 60 Inuit
 - 61 1974 hit "Tu"
 - 62 Govt. agents
 - 63 Suffix with pun
 - 64 Monthly due
 - 65 Match part



Puzzle by Janet R. Bender

- DOWN**
- 1 Just make, with "out"
 - 2 Thomas of timepieces
 - 3 "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" songwriter
 - 4 Surfaces
 - 5 First woman swimmer of the English Channel
 - 6 Mailed
 - 7 Uno y dos
 - 8 Placid
 - 9 Polling news
 - 10 Util. power
 - 11 Zaire's Mobutu Seko
 - 12 Saucy
 - 13 Sun. speech
 - 14 Kind of palm
 - 22 Clabonne of Rhode Island
 - 25 Diving bird
 - 26 Newswoman
 - 28 Small ducks
 - 29 1982 Matt Dillon movie
 - 30 Southern senator
 - 31 Reply to a knock
 - 32 Bremen's river
 - 34 Certain doc
 - 36 Neighbor of Lux
 - 38 TV's "Haw"
 - 39 "Games People Play" author Eric
 - 41 Basset of the comics
 - 42 Most acute
 - 44 More compact
 - 45 Director Spielberg
 - 47 Concise
 - 49 Weight
 - 50 allowance
 - 50 Chicago transports
 - 51 Wine sediment
 - 52 Spring time
 - 53 Juice server
 - 54 "Primal Fear" star
 - 55 Ball (arcade game)
 - 56 Tolkien creature

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BALL PARK DAD
ALAI ADAMS BELA
BUZZALDRIN OMEN
AMY PALE EROICA
RACE DEEM
DESIRE PERSONAL
IDONT EXTRA ROBE
MING TENET BITE
ETAL THERET MUSED
SHREWISH LOSERS
ARCH PORT
TIEDYE SICA BAH
IDLE POPCULTURE
LEAR SACKS ARVD
TAN FAST XRAY

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.



Going out

Local musicians in concert with need to form community orchestra

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Some of their bows haven't touch strings since their college or high school days.

But they never stopped loving classical music and hoping that some day, an opportunity would come by to play again.

Now it has.

Through the auspices of the Ruidoso campus of Eastern New Mexico University, a community orchestra recently formed and is scheduled to make its public debut in mid-April.

Dr. Arlene Brown, who started playing the violin at age 9 and continued through her medical residency, was one of the first to volunteer to fill a chair in the string section.

"I waited 12 to 14 years in this town to get something," Brown said. "It's about time."

Marilyn Trotter has joined her, along with cello and viola musicians.

"I started in grade school and took orchestra through high

school, but that's where I left off my formal training," Trotter said. "But my husband and I are fiddle players and I've played here and there with orchestras. I love classical music."

The orchestra will be conducted by Nate Kruse, who is music director at Ruidoso High School.

At the once-a-week practices each Thursday evening, he started the group out on Handel's Concerto in D for Orchestra. He picked out more selections Tuesday, including some chamber music for strings and piano, brass and woodwinds.

"I was excited that finally something was being added to the community's fine arts," Kruse said.

He also was surprised to find a number of adult musicians who had been looking for an outlet for years, including Debbie Myers, a first-grade teacher at Sierra Vista Primary on flute, mechanic Wes Campbell on violin, Sabrina Awalt on clarinet and Phil Taylor, who has sung with the Santa Fe Opera.

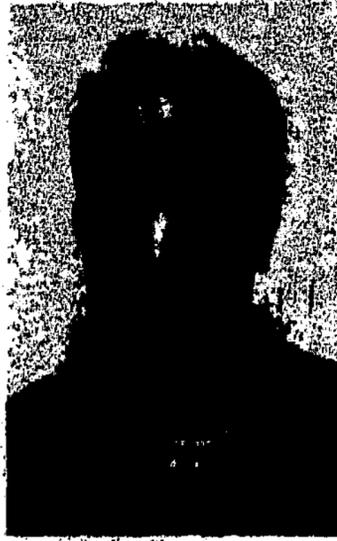
Ten students from his own high

school classes and three from Capitan also joined the orchestra.

Bringing all those styles and varying skill levels together has been an interesting experience, Kruse said. Selecting the right arrangements will be crucial, he added.

The idea for an orchestra grew from a request from a few people last fall, said Jim Miller, administrator of ENMU's Ruidoso campus.

He and others began recruiting players and registered 19 in early December, most from the Capitan, Alto and Ruidoso areas. But he hopes to see more communities in the county represented as the orchestra grows.



Nate Kruse

"This is very much a beginning effort," Miller said. "I thought we might only find eight or nine (musicians) for the first year and was surprised by the response."

Sponsoring the orchestra effort is just one of the college's efforts to expand the offering of arts locally, he said. "Theater is back and doing well," he said.

"We have courses in ceramics, college chorus, the show chorus and now the orchestra. The show chorus is available for community events and performed at the municipal league conference last fall."

Contact Kruse at the high school for more information about joining The Community Orchestra. Call 258-4910.

Cellist performs with Las Cruces Chamber

The Chamber Players de Las Cruces and Marianna Gabbi conductor will present the fourth pair of concerts in the 1996-97 subscription series at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Music Center Recital Hall.

The concerts will feature cellist Nathaniel Rosen, winner of the 1977 International Naumburg Competition. The following year he became the first American cellist ever to win the Gold Medal at the Tchaikovsky International Competition. Since then, he has been the esteemed guest soloist with the world's foremost orchestras.

At age 6, Rosen began studying the cello with Eleonore Schoenfeld in his native California, and later studied with the legendary Gregor Piatigorsky. He made his New York debut in 1970 as winner of the Piatigorsky Award of the New York Violoncello Society.

Other career highlights include two seasons as principal cellist of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, principal cellist of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, principal cellist of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and associations with Music from Marlboro and the popular "Monday Evening Concerts in Los Angeles." He records on the John Marks label.

Rosen will be performing the Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme" and Faure's "Elegie Op. 24." The orchestra will play "Nocturne from String Quartet No. 2" by Borodin, Tchaikovsky's "Serenade in C" and "Pavane Op. 50" by Faure.

Tickets are on sale at the Pan Am Box Office or Dillards starting at \$11. For other information, call the Symphony Office, 505-646-3709.

Welsh choir sings in Portales

The Black Mountain Male Choir of Wales will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in Buchanan Hall at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Choral excellence in Wales has for thousands of years been delivering a distinctive sound distinguishing it from all others. Earthy and sometimes boisterous, yet gentle and deeply harmonious, the sound produced by the hand-picked, 40-member Black Mountain Male Choir will showcase why Wales is, indeed, the "Land of Song — A Nation of Singers."

A Welshman sings when others would pray or cry, because singing for the Welshman is akin to breathing. Wales is famous for its abundance of male choirs — nearly 200 of them in a nation smaller than New Jersey. The Black Mountain Male Choir takes its repertoire from classic traditions, but also performs selections from opera, folk and popular music.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Carol Brock at (505) 562-2227.

THE MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB

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THURS	<h2 style="margin: 0;">LADIES NIGHT</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">DJ Mike B. spinning the latest in dance, house, techno, hip-hop, old school, retro and even country! Drink specials. 9 p.m. to midnight. No cover.</p>
FRI	<h2 style="margin: 0;">DJ MIKE B.</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Spinning the latest in dance, house, techno, hip-hop old school, retro and even country! 9 p.m. to close. No cover.</p>
SAT	<h2 style="margin: 0;">STAND-UP COMEDY SHOWCASE</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">DJ Bush after show til close 9 p.m. to ? \$3 cover for show. No cover after show.</p>

Guitarist performs Spanish classics

Recently returned from a seven-city European concert tour, New York guitarist David Burgess will perform some of Spain and Latin America's finest solo guitar music at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs.

Praised by critics for his polished technique and flamboyant style, Burgess has performed throughout North and South America, Europe and the Far East. He has recorded for CBS Masterworks, Musical Heritage Society, Camerata and Athena Records. Formerly a student of Andres Segovia, he has won prizes in international guitar competitions in New York, Mexico City, Toronto and Munich.

The program will include works by some of the finest Spanish composers of all time: Isaac Albeniz (1860-1909), whose compositions vividly portray his adventurous youth — running away with the gypsies, stowing away on a ship across the Atlantic and performing in bars throughout Latin America, all before he was 14 years old; Joaquin Turina (1882-1949), whose works typify the fiery flamenco style of Andalusia; and Enrique Granados (1876-1916), whose haunting melodies describe Madrid at its most colorful and romantic. Burgess will also perform a variety of Latin American works collected during his travels in South America, including melodies of the Inca Indians, Argentine tangos and Brazilian sambas.

Tickets for the program will be available at the door. Admission will be \$8 general, \$6 students and seniors, and \$5 for members. For further information call (505) 378-4142 or 1-800-263-5729.



Classical guitarist David Burgess performs Saturday at the Museum of the Horse.

Courtesy photo

Deadline to enter art show is March 1

This is the last call for entries for the Roswell Fine Arts League's 15th Annual National Show (Juried), scheduled for May 22-26 at the Museum and Art Center. Art will be juried by slides or 4x6" photos. All fine art media is acceptable (no photography or crafts). The deadline for entries and slides or photos is March 1. The show includes \$2,000 cash and purchase awards, plus other awards and ribbons.

It is also the last call for entries for the New Mexico Miniature Arts Society's Ninth Annual National Show (juried) May 22-26, held concurrently at the Museum and Art Center. Miniatures will be judged on original art. Deadline for entries and original art is also March 1.

Interested artists should send a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope for both prospectus to: Richard Cibak, PO Box 2928-NR2, Roswell, New Mexico 88202, 505-625-8648 or to Dorothy Doffing, 505-625-0952.

Elders asked to share stories in contest

The New Mexico Agency on Aging is sponsoring an essay contest titled "Don't Call Me a Little Old Lady." The contest, according to Director Michelle Lujan Grisham, will counteract the tendency of the general population to infantilize older people.

"Everyone has heard the story of the family who did not want to tell Grandma about a family crisis. The family says the shock would kill Grandma." Lujan Grisham explained. "But I say to them, Grandma, in her 86 years, has weathered many similar family crises. There is no need to protect her." To the contrary, families should respect elders and seek their counsel.

The purpose of the essay contest is to show that older women and men live dynamic lives, full of challenges, successes and failures. Older New Mexicans have homesteaded, emigrated from distant countries, and survived wars and holocausts. Older New Mexicans contribute significantly to the community. Simply looking at greying hair or wrinkling skin does not show the depth of elders' life experience.

The essay contest invites older people to share their experiences and life stories by writing a short essay. The essays should be under five pages in length and should be submitted before Mar. 15 to: Essay Contest, NM Agency on Aging, 228 East Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501-2013.

Explore the fourth state of matter — plasma

An exciting new exhibition, "Electric space: Exploring our Plasma Universe," opened at the Space Center in Alamogordo on Feb. 1. The exhibition, developed by the Space Science Institute and the American Geophysical Union in collaboration with the Franklin Institute Science Museum, was brought to the Space Center through a grant from the International Space Hall of Fame Foundation.

A few hundred miles above earth, the atmosphere gradually ends and space begins. Is space just an empty void? We earthlings once thought so, but our first tentative steps off our home planet proved otherwise.

Space is filled with high-energy particles, magnetic fields, and rarefied gas, not enough to conduct electricity. These hot conducting gases are called plasma, the fourth state of matter. Most people are familiar with the three states of matter on Earth: solid, liquid and gas. The most common form of matter in the universe, however, is plasma. Our sun and the surrounding solar

wind are comprised entirely of plasma, which can interact with Earth's magnetic field in powerful and awe-inspiring ways. Solar flares, magnetic storms and electrical disturbances are all dramatic examples of how the plasma state of matter manifests itself in nature.

"Electric Space: Exploring our Plasma Universe" takes a closer look at the sun and how our closest star can cause Earth's largest light show: the polar aurora. The exhibition examines key concepts in space physics, illustrated by current research in the field. Through engaging, interactive exhibits, visitors of all ages are invited to explore the many realms of our plasma universe — from lightning discharges in Earth's atmosphere to galactic jets millions of light years away.

As an introduction to the exhibition, visitors will be able to examine the four states of matter by comparing the unique properties of each. Using an interactive audio device, visitors can listen to three types of plasma waves and dis-

cover where the waves were generated in the Earth's magnetosphere, or they can experiment with a Geiger counter, which detects and measures radiation. An interactive video program features spectacular imagery of the sun, allowing visitors to freeze, reverse and fast-forward footage to inspect patterns and motion in greater detail. Other exhibits explore plasma conditions that occur not only in our solar system, but throughout the universe as well.

Funding for the exhibition was provided by the National Science Foundation, NASA, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, the United States Air Force, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Applied Physics Laboratory.

"Electric Space: Exploring Our Plasma Universe" will be on exhibit at the Space Center in Alamogordo through Apr. 27. The exhibition is on a national tour.

For more information about the exhibition, contact the Space Center at 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

The 'blues' from the top of Ski Apache

Six intermediate trails offer scenic views and a variety of challenges for all levels of skiers

When you exit from your Gondola ride to the top of Ski Apache, the first trails you see are some of the best cruisers on the mountain. Intermediate skiers, who want to improve their skills, will find the progressively steeper terrain of each trail a good challenge.

More advanced skiers, needing a break from the thigh burning bumps, will enjoy the scenic views these six trails have to offer.

TRAIL TALK



Jim Secor
Ski Apache

Most or all of these trails are groomed daily.

This is a great place to spend a whole morning. Start with Chino and finish with Ambush before stopping at the Moonshine Burger Stand for one of the best green chili cheeseburgers

in New Mexico. Most skiers prefer to ride the Gondola for their first run then drop into Moonshine Gulch for an easy glide to Chair 1 and the return trip up the mountain.

A turn through the cut between the trees and the Chair 1 off ramp puts you at the top of the Ambush, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows group. I've left Ambush for our last run of the morning. Although it is the shortest of these trails, it is the steepest and can be a little tricky for intermediate skiers, if ungroomed.

Chino

Stay to the left until you pass the first group of trees below you. You are now skiing Chino, in my estimation, the most scenic trail at Ski Apache. Lined with often snow-laden trees, the upper part of Chino is fairly narrow but with ample turning room. This part of the trail begs the skier to make short rhythmic turns down an easy fall line before spilling out onto a wide open, slightly steeper ending. You will be tempted to stop and take in the view.

Meadows

Head down the center. Wider than Chino with plenty of room for some big 'GS' turns. About halfway down is a little slot in the trees on

the left, a nice, narrow diversion. This is a great run for developing that big 'S' turn shape. Joins East Meadows near the bottom.

East Meadows

Splits off of Meadows to the right of the trees. This trail is not groomed as often as Chino and Meadows. If you are working on becoming an 'all terrain, all conditions' skier, East Meadows is a great place to get into the powder and crud.

East of East

To get there go past Chair 1 to where the catwalk splits, take the low road. East of East is easily distinguished by the snow fences on the upper right side of the run. These snow fences cause a build up of powder snow, on the upper part of the trail. Since it is not very steep this is perfect for skiers developing powder techniques. After the fences the trail widens out for an easy cruise to the bottom.

Geronimo

Accessible from either the upper or lower catwalk. Wide, long and a little steeper than the rest. Practice your big, wide turns and traversing. You need to maintain speed control here, it's easy to get going a little too fast. You can take a left on Sierra Blanca Trail to get down to Moonshine or take the quick little bump run which finishes Geronimo.

Ambush

Keep going left instead of dropping into Chino. A little speed here to make it across the flats to the beginning of this short, somewhat steep run that is often ungroomed with good intermediate moguls.

Be sure and ski at least some of these trails on your next trip to Ski Apache. They are some of my favorite runs and you will be suprised at the number of expert skiers you will find enjoying these slopes.

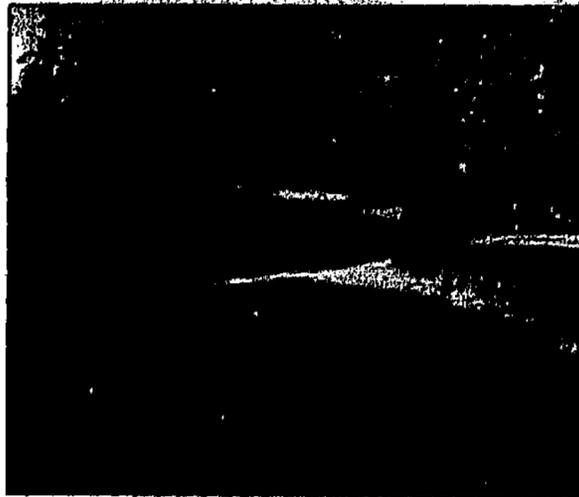
Next Week - The easier black diamond trails.

(Jim Secor is a former Ski Apache Ski Instructor. He now serves as webmaster for the Ski Apache web site. www.skiapache.com and is the systems manager for the ski area.)



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

A snowboarder enjoys the scenic trip down the East Meadows and Meadows trails group.





Church calendar

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero
Donald Petley, pastor
Telephone: 671-4747
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso
Rev. Bill Leonard, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday morning worship-10:45 a.m.
(includes children's church)
Sunday evening praise-6 p.m.
Wednesday family night-7 p.m.

BAPTIST

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

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
D. Allen Cearley, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs
David Jordan, Pastor
General Assembly-9:30 a.m.
Worship hour-11 a.m.
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Evening worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie
Bill Jones, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive
Luis F. Gomez, Pastor
Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion Gg.m.
Miercoles: Escuela Biblica 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Rev. Tim Dilligard, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Training class-6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday services-6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive
Palmer Gateway
Wayne Joyce, Pastor
Randel Widener, Associate Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Capitan (south on Highway 48)
Floyd Goddard, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
AWANA Wed-6:30 p.m.
For information, call 354-3119

BAHAI FAITH

Bahai Faith
Meeting in members' homes.
For information, call 257-3967 or 336-7739.

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso 257-2330
Reverend Richard Catnach
Sacrament of Penance - Sat. 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment.
Saturday Mass - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday-4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio-8 a.m.
Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday
Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan 354-9102
Saturday Mass-5 p.m.
Sunday Mass-9 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo 648-2853
Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.
Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona
Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Saturday Mass-6 p.m.
Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road
Bill Kennedy, Pastor
Sunday School-K-12/Adult-9:30 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
Capitan
Highway 48
Les Burwood, Minister
Sunday Bible study-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48 on east side
between mile posts 14 and 15.
336-4359 or 257-9691
Sacrament meeting-10 a.m.
Sunday School-11:10 a.m.
Priesthood Relief Society-12:10 p.m.
Primary & Young Women-11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch
Marvin Hansen, President
434-0098
Sunday: Priesthood & Relief Soc. 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & primary-noon
Sacrament meeting-10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso
Father John W. Finn, Rector
Sunday Eucharist-8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Daughters of King-noon
Eucharist & healing-5:30 p.m.
Choir practice-7 p.m.

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

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glendon
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

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

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Capitan
Harold W. Perry, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water Full Gospel
San Patricio
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Evening services-7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, Highway 48
258-3659, 257-7715
Sunday public talk-10 a.m.
Sunday Watchtower-10:50 a.m.
Tuesday Bible study-7:30 p.m.
Thursday ministry school-7:30 p.m.
Thursday service meet-8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
Alpine Village Road, Highway 48
258-3659, 336-7076
Reunion publica Dom.-1:30 p.m.
Estudio de la Atalaya Dom.-2:20 p.m.
Estudio de libro Lun.-7 p.m.
Escuela del ministerio secundario
Mier.-7 p.m.
Reunion de servicio Mier.-7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Hull Road
258-4191, 257-5296
Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m. Bible Study
A member of the Missouri Synod

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road
Behind Daylight Donuts
Craig Cockrell, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan
648-2893, 257-5614
Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,
Capitan/Carrizozo
Carrizozo
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.
Wednesday choir-6:30 p.m.
Capitan
Sunday worship-9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School-8:30 a.m. 2nd
Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle
Capitan, Lincoln Ave.
(2/10 mile past fairgrounds heading toward the business district)
257-6864
Allan M. Miller-Pastor
Bible Study-7 p.m. Tuesday
Sunday School-10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Services-6 p.m.
Ladies fellowship-6 p.m. last Thursdays

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus
at Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48
Charles Hall, Pastor
336-8032
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
Ruidoso, Nob Hill
257-2220
James Hovland, Pastor
Church school-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.
Practical fellowship lunch after worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday, women's Bible study at noon bag lunch at noon the second Sunday.

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ahoq
Sunday worship-9 a.m.
Sunday School-10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Worship-11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School-10 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed Mescalero
Bob Schut, Pastor
Church school-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.
Mon. Junior high youth-6:30 p.m.
Wed. high school meeting-7 p.m.
Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5)-3:30

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
Ruidoso Downs, Agua Fria
207 Parkway • 378-4661
Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904
Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206
Sabbath school-9:30 a.m.
Church services-11 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday-7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

American Missionary Fellowship
Gregg Horst
354-2307
Ruidoso men's Bible study-noon, Monday,
Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive
Capitan youth group-7 p.m. Wednesday at the
fair building
Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays
Adult Bible Study-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Calvary Chapel
433 Gateway Center
Pastor Ben Slaboda
257-5915
11 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study
& Kids' Adventure Club

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

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square
613 Sudderth Drive
257-9265
B.A. Thurman, Pastor
Sunday services 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Iglesia Hispana Casa de Oracion
(nos reunimos en Calvary Chapel)
433 Gateway Center, 257-9265
Pastor Carlos Carrero
Martes 5 p.m. predicacion
Domingos 3 p.m. predicacion

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3967
Pastors: Terry and Sylvia
Regular services:
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday noon - 12:30 p.m. prayer
7 p.m. - mid-week prayer

Peace Church Interdenominational (JLC)
Ahoq
Jeannie Price, Pastor
336-7075
Service Schedule:
Morning chapel - 6:50 a.m. (Sept thru June)
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.

Ruidoso Word Church
Ruidoso Downs
Al and Marty Lane, Pastors
378-8464
Children's Ministries-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m.
Thursday services-7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship
Gavilan Canyon Road
336-4213
Sunday Worship
9:45 a.m. Prayer
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30-12 Noon Service
For our weekly schedule call
378-8391.

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A frontier classic — buffalo hunter becomes executive

John William Poe was one of the two deputies that Pat Garrett had with him on the night of July 14, 1881, in Ft. Sumner. The other man was Tip McKinney. While Garrett would garner the fame that hot summer's night, both McKinney and Poe were destined to carve out their own destinies on the New Mexican frontier.

However, on that particular sultry summer's eve, their destiny was only to serve as witnesses when Garrett insured his own place in history by unceremoniously gunning down Billy the Kid in Pete Maxwell's darkened bedroom.

If Poe had gone to Hollywood during its early, silent days, he could have gotten a job playing a heavy, rather than an officer of the law.

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

Typecasting called for "bad guys" to be neanderthal in appearance. "Good guys," of course, were beautiful and virtuous.

Nothing brutish about Poe's intellect

While Poe fit the former description — his appearance was rather brutish — there was nothing brutish about his intellect. As John Poe proved throughout his life, appearances can be deceiving.

Poe was born in Kentucky sometime in 1850. As a teenager, his love of the adventurous novels of Sir Walter Scott inspired him to go west. After running away from, and subsequently returning to, his home several times, Poe finally left for good in 1871. He intended to become a buffalo hunter.

On Christmas Day of 1874, a man named Joe McCombs led the first of what would eventually become hundreds of buffalo hunts out of Fort Griffin, Texas. With him, McCombs brought two skinners, one of whom was John Poe.

After serving this apprenticeship, Poe spent the next four years as a hunter. But by 1878, the Texas buffalo herds had been nearly exterminated and Poe found himself at loose ends.

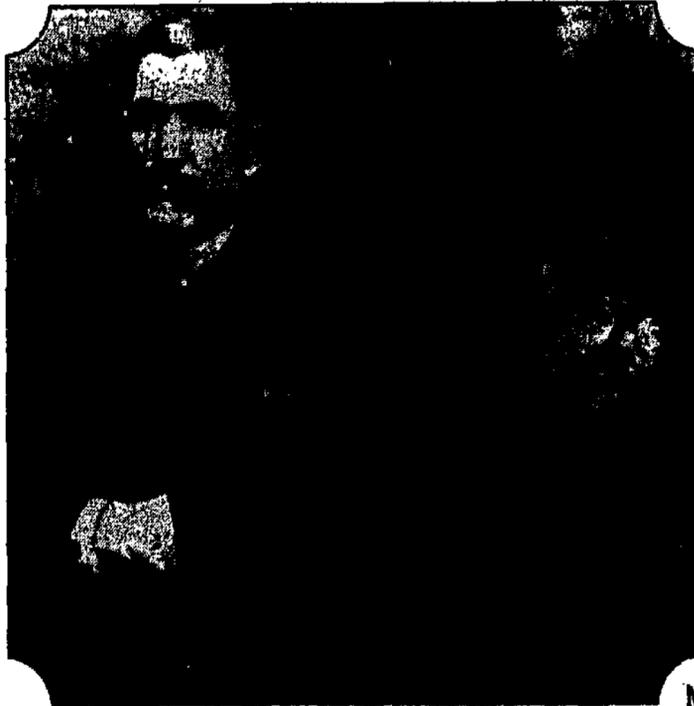
The marshal of Fort Griffin

At this time, Poe made his first excursion into law enforcement, becoming the town marshal of wild and woolly Fort Griffin.

Absolutely no one expected one lone man to keep the lid on a town such as Fort Griffin. And Poe had all the assistance he needed in the form of the Shackelford County vigilance committee (the vigilantes) and the tough young county sheriff, John Larn.

Both Poe and Larn, the town marshal and the county sheriff, were members of the vigilante committee, which technically, was strictly illegal. As things turned out, Larn was a member simply to provide himself with a good cover.

It seems that Larn and his deputy, the ever-nefarious John Selman, had been dabbling in some criminal activities themselves. Actually, "dabbling" is gross understatement.



John and Sophie Poe

Selman is chiefly remembered today as the courageous fellow who shot John Wesley Hardin in the back of the head in 1895. But back in the 1870s, in Fort Griffin, Selman had taken note of the fact that there was a lot of money to be made in rustled cattle. And he and his boss, Larn, were making money by the bushel — until the roof caved in.

On June 23, 1878, Larn was arrested and placed in his own jail in Albany, Texas. Selman had been quicker and had left the county one jump ahead of the vigilantes. One of the three men assigned to guard Larn was John W. Poe.

The citizens of Shackelford County were understandably outraged. Their sheriff had been leading a double life — that of respectable, law-abiding family man and that of rustler and cold-blooded killer. There was some speculation that Larn's membership in the vigilantes was to eliminate the competition in his rustling business.

The death of John Larn

Between one and two on the morning of June 24, 1878, about 35 heavily-armed men entered the jail and overpowered the guards, including Poe. Many felt later that Poe and the other guards were overpowered altogether too easily.

At any rate, after the guards were taken care of, the vigilantes turned their attention to Larn. The sheriff had no illusions about his fate. He smiled grimly as the men in the front of the group raised their rifles. His riddled body was left where it fell in the jail, and everyone, including the guards, went home.

The Texas Rangers investigated the Larn killing, taking a particular interest in John W. Poe, but no one was ever brought to trial. Ultimately, the case was dropped.

Poe became a local hero in Fort Griffin about a year after Larn's death when he saved a woman from drowning during a flash flood.

In the autumn of 1879, Poe moved to Mobeetie, Texas, where he became a deputy sheriff. Not long after this, he was hired as a stock detective by the local cattlemen's association to stop the rustling of their herds by a youthful desperado from New Mexico called

Billy the Kid

At this juncture, Poe moved to White Oaks, where he set up headquarters and began looking into the activities of the outlaws.

In March of 1881, despite the fact that they had both been buffalo hunters in the same place at the same time, Pat Garrett and John Poe apparently met for the first time. Garrett commissioned Poe as a special deputy so Poe would have some real authority in New Mexico.

After Billy the Kid's spectacular jail break from the Lincoln County Jail in April of 1881, Garrett and Poe sat down and "brainstormed," trying to figure the best way to reacquire the Kid.

The hunt for Billy the Kid

Because Poe was a stranger to New Mexico, Garrett planned to send him into Fort Sumner, one of the places Billy was known to frequent, to see what information he could gather. They didn't really expect the Kid to be there, figuring the youthful outlaw would be expecting the law to be watching the place and would therefore, avoid it.

However, before they got to Fort Sumner, Garrett, Poe and Garrett's other deputy, McKinney, went to some elaborate lengths not to alarm the Kid. They had decided to work on the assumption that he was, in fact, in the area.

First, they announced that they were leaving on a business trip to Arizona. Then they rode to Roswell where they turned up the Pecos and headed for Fort Sumner, traveling by night on little-used trails.

The three lawmen pitched camp five miles south of Fort Sumner, at a place called Taiban Arroyo.

On the morning of July 14, Garrett sent Poe into Fort Sumner to see what he could see.

He didn't see much. Garrett later wrote that "Poe's appearance at Fort Sumner had excited no particular observation, and he had gleaned no news there." The lawmen were in a quandary. On one hand, their informants had told them Billy was indeed in the area. On the other, they simply couldn't believe Billy would risk being seen around his old haunts.

Love kills

But it seems love drew Billy to Sumner, and of course, where love is concerned, you may as well forget things like logic and common sense.

Finally, Garrett decided to go and ask well-known rancher Pete Maxwell, whose sister had been romantically linked with Billy, if he had any information concerning Billy. Taking an obtuse route, Garrett, Poe

and McKinney approached the Maxwell residence. Leaving his two deputies on the porch, Garrett entered Maxwell's darkened bedroom... and the annals of history.

Shortly after Garrett went inside, Poe noticed a man approaching the house. The man appeared to be hitching up his pants with one hand and holding a knife in the other. Figuring correctly that the fellow was heading for the side of beef that was hanging on Maxwell's porch, Poe got up to speak with him, assuming that the fellow was some friend of Maxwell's, or perhaps Maxwell himself.

It was Billy the Kid.

As Poe rose from his sitting position, one of his spurs caught on a loose board and he began to stumble about. The Kid, seeing him, leapt back and pulled a revolver with his free hand. "Quien es?" demanded the Kid. "Who is it?"

Poe, still unaware of who he was facing, held his hands up in front of his chest. "Oh, you needn't be afraid," he smiled, "we're not going to hurt you."

The Kid, keeping his pistol leveled at the two deputies, began to back into Maxwell's bedroom. Poe didn't want this potential stranger to intrude on Garrett and Maxwell, but there was nothing he could do. Then Poe heard the young fellow speak from inside the house. "Pete, who are those two fellows out there on the porch?" he asked. They were his last words.

The roar of a pistol shot reverberated from inside the darkened room, followed immediately by another. Poe and McKinney sprang back, jerking their own pistols. First a flushed Pat Garrett raced out of the room, followed by Pete Maxwell, clad in a night-shirt. If Garrett hadn't stopped them, his two deputies might well have gunned down Maxwell in the heat of the moment.

Life after Billy

To Poe and McKinney's amazement, Pat Garrett had just shot Billy the Kid.

John Poe never returned to Texas. He succeeded his friend Pat Garrett as sheriff of Lincoln County. He married Sophie Aberding, to whom he remained devoted for the rest of his life, and she to him.

In 1893, John Poe helped organize the Bank of Roswell and served as president until he retired in 1899. He also helped organize the Citizen's Bank of Roswell, and after New Mexico became a state, he was president of the state's first tax commission. During World War I, he served as fuel administrator for New Mexico.

By the time he died in 1923, John W. Poe had become one of New Mexico's most respected citizens.

He had come a long way from buffalo hunter to executive. He had come west as a youth, seeking adventure and little else. Somewhere along the way he had grown up, become respectable, and almost incidentally, made history.

That was the way of things on the American frontier.

"I believe that we are lost here in America, but I believe we shall be found."
— Thomas Wolfe



VAMONOS

Club calendar

Adult Singles Group

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas House, Ruidoso. The group has a no-host dinner with speakers and discussions to follow. Activities are also planned throughout the month. All adult singles are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. For further information call 258-4680 or 257-5077.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.
Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon Noon meeting.
Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.
Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.
Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.
Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open Noon meeting.
Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.
Birthdays, last Saturday.
Phone number 258-3643

ALL AMERICAN

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Open game. Novice players welcome. For information, call Joe Ranne at 257-9228.

ALSO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Also Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

ALTRIA CLUB

Meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch. President Karen Morris.

ALZHEIMER'S MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. Call 257-9071 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. President, Bart Young.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. For more information contact memorial Chairman Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4066.

AMERICAN LEGION

ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

AMERICAN SWINE GELD OF NEW MEXICO

Neighborhood group meeting. Call Jennie Powell at 258-3896.

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Elk's meets in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70, 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month.

B.P.O. OOM

Open meet in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70, 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

BRA SAMA FIA

Four chapters meet in members' homes. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of every month. For more information call 257-5368.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Scoutmaster Steve Norbury, 258-3417. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

CHOR GROUP

Meets Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. at 1089 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces. Call locally for possible carpool and information at 258-5621.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

Volunteers serving the less fortunate in the area. 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at 120 Junction Road (Church of Christ building). President Rick Osborne, 257-7162.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Meets at Texas-New Mexico Power Company. Step study meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

COUNSELING CENTER

Stress management group every Monday at 4 p.m. at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5038 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4006.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COE-CURY CHAPTER 23

DAV meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

24-hour crisis line answered by the Ruidoso Police Department. Call 257-7365 and ask for the Family Crisis Center volunteer. Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Free women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Birgit LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Bobbie Milburn at 257-4402 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5164.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meets at the Ruidoso Public Library at 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Library at noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month for covered dish lunch and games.

HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Other Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 257-2236 or 1-800-573-AIDS.

HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Texas-New Mexico Power community room.

KIWANIS CLUB

Meets at K-Bob's in the American Room at noon on Tuesdays. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

Meets in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Fred C. Knapp, grand knight.

LA JUNTA F.C.E.

(FORMERLY HOME EXTENSION CLUB)

Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. For more information call 653-4912.

PREPARED CHILDREN CLASSES

Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m. Mondays, at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors. Ask your doctor or call 257-7381 for information or to register for classes.

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. For more information call Anita Powell at 257-5352.

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meets once a month. Call Cece Griffin, chairperson at 257-7558 for date and place.

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 257-5823.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 7 p.m. President Jerry Bertramson.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the hospital conference room at 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE!

Meets the first Sunday of each month at various locations. Call Judy at 336-1006 for meeting times and more information. Lincoln County Pride! is a social and political action group for Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual community and its heterosexual allies.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Meets the third Thursday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 mechem, Ruidoso at 12 p.m. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. President Tom Carter, 354-2132.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry on Tuesdays for supper.

MASONIC LODGE #73

Meets in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Jim Matler, 336-9699; S.W. - Marshall Conover, 258-3446; J.W. - Walt Argall, 257-7190. All visiting Brethren welcome.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

Meets at K-Bob's Restaurant at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month. For more information call 258-5464; 258-4980 or 258-4023.

NOBY WATERS SENTOMA CLUB

Every Wednesday at noon at the Enchantment Inn. For more information call 257-2021.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m. For information call Emmett Hatch, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Visiting members welcome.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Perfect Health Therapeutic Massage, 1204 Mechem, Suite 11. New group now forming. For more information call 378-7018.

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building.

QUINTING GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Judy at 336-8064 or Diana at 257-2446.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Bob Nys at 258-4372 or Pat Hume at 354-2382.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests. Everyone welcome.

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

7 p.m. (or later) every Wednesday at Pizza Hut on Mechem. No dues or fees. Beginners welcome. For further information call Alan at 258-4757 or Tony at 336-4219.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Meets in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirlene Roberts at 378-4184 or Ida Hal at 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. For more information call Margaret Bowden at 258-4678 or 257-2452.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, at 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May. For more information call 257-2309.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Meets in various locations at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month. For information call 258-5509 or 25-2877.

RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Meets at the Gateway Church of Christ, east entrance.
Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church Hall. For more information call Diana at 257-2446 or Judy at 336-8064.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125.

RUIDOSO VALLEY MOON LIONS

Meets at Cree Meadows Country Club for breakfast at 7:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

SIERRA BLANCA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information call Dusty Rhodes at 257-2135.

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library for weekly open and novice games. 1 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 257-9228.

SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

Meets at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information call 257-2135 or 257-2883.

TENS

A weight-loss group. Meets at K-Bob's at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

THURSDAY BRIDGE

11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. For more information call 258-3631.

UNITED WE STAND

For information and meeting time, call Roy Proppner at 257-6600.

VFW POST 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday at American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

Don Klein VFW Women's Auxiliary Unit 7072 meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month at American Legion Hall, US 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer. Betty Beachum, President; John Liefinck, Secretary. For more information call 258-5441 or 336-9669.

YOUR HELPING HANDS

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The organization raises money for equipment and supplies for White Mountain Search and Rescue. For more information call Susan at 257-9704, Sherry at 257-4787 or Katie at 257-2295.

ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

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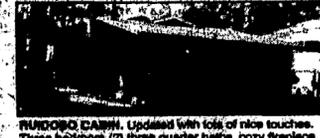
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SUPER SALE New 16 wide overstocked 3BDRM/2BA. Loaded, stereo's, dish-washers, coolers & skirting. \$23,900, payment under \$180.00 per month, set up and delivery. Quality & lowest prices guaranteed. 1-800-632-2884.

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MOBILE HOME New, 16x80, 3BDRM/2BA, must see to believe offer. Contact Eric or Tina 384-2178

7 Houses for Rent
AVERAGE 2BDRM/1.5BA townhouse in Sunnyslope \$575/Mo. No smoking, please. 258-5833 WAS

FOR RENT: \$1,400/Mo. 1st & last, \$1,500 deposit, 4BDRM/3BA deck, home on river, 3000 sq. ft. Call 258-9223 or 257-5783 ask for Lisa

COUNTRY LIVING furnished house; responsible, quiet couple preferred. \$575/Mo. utilities/cable paid. Deposit, references. 378-4923/257-6891.

LONG TERM RENTAL 3BDRM/2BA with garage, \$750 plus deposit or sell with owners financing with good down. 258-1004

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 Drive, Ruidoso
 505-257-5711 or 800-626-9218

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3 bedroom/2 bath house unfurn. \$750 + util.

3 bedroom/2 bath house unfurn. \$750 + util.

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3 bedroom/2 bath home unfurn. \$795 + util.

3 bedroom/2 bath home furn. \$900 + util.

2 bedroom/2 bath large home unfurn. \$400 + util.

2BDRM/2.5BA with hot tub room, carport and large yard. References and credit check required. \$800/Mo. + bills. Call Marcia Guynes, Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD SEVERAL NEW RENTALS added to our rental pool. Both houses & apartments \$325 to \$550/Mo. Furnished or Unfurnished. Call Kerrie Ruidoso Properties 257-6603.

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COUNTRY HOME for rent. \$600.00 monthly. \$400.00 deposit. Electric and water paid. Phone 378-6345.

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LAUREL 1/2 BA, 1st floor, no pets, \$450/mo. Call 257-7786

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MIDTOWN Unfurnished 3BDRM/1.5BA mobile, close to Girardstone Lake, \$450/Mo. plus utilities. Call 378-5612

FURNISHED 3BDRM/2BA Furnished 2BDRM/1BA, water paid, easy access, HUD welcome; 378-4498/378-4467.

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Salute to Working Women Luncheon & Style Show

Ruidoso Civic Events Center
Thursday, Feb. 13
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

STARTS FRIDAY 2-7-97

1	STAR WARS (PG) *12:30 3:30 6:15 *8:45
2	DANTE'S PEAK (PG13) *1:00 3:15 6:00 *8:15
3	LONE STAR (R) *12:15 3:00 5:45 *8:30

Friday and Saturday Only
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Valentines Day

Love Notes

Send your Valentine a special message and have a chance to win:
a dinner for two at Che Bella and a 1/2 dozen roses from Ruidoso Flower Shop!
All love notes will appear on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14, 1997

14 words for 14¢ per word.
Each additional word 25¢.
All "Love Notes" must be at The Ruidoso News no later than Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997 at 5 p.m.

Please use the form below.




Valentine's Day Love Notes

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing shall be held at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the application of C.K. Stirling, D/B/A Whiskey Hole, Post Office Box 730, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88345, to lease a new beer and wine license to C.K. Stirling, D/B/A Whiskey Hole and the location where the new license will be located is State Highway 350, Town of Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

/s/ Monty Montes, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Friday, February 14, 1997 at 1:30 PM in the Regents' Room of the Administration Building on the Portales campus. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in executive session. Agendas for the meeting are available at the University Relations Office in Room 108 of the ENMU Portales Campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees will meet on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1997 AT 8:00 P.M.

In the Hospital Conference Room. The agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Monday, 24, 1997

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LEGAL NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, beginning at 9:00 AM, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 - Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting is open to the public and agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 646-2285 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

ALPINE VILLAGE SANITATION DISTRICT

Monthly meeting — 9:00 AM Saturday, February 8, 1997 at First Baptist Church, 400 Mechem Dr. The agenda will include presentation of current bills and reports on the loan progress, legal services and delinquent accounts. A question and answer session is included in the meeting. Area residents are welcome to attend. Call 257-5783 for more information.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY As Trustee for **HOLM Mortgage Acceptance Corp.** Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates,

Plaintiff,
v.
JULIO CEBAR BOUTERREZ AVILA,
Defendant.

No. CV 98-163

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 14th day of February, 1997, at 10:00 AM on the front steps of the Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and further described, to wit:

Lot 28 of VALLEY EAST ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on July 9, 1988, in Tube No. 318.

The Property is more commonly described as Gavilan Canyon Rd., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

This sale is made pursuant to an Order of Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause of action in order to foreclose and satisfy said Judgment and any and all liens and encumbrances said realty may be subject to, and in the proper priority of same as set forth in said Judgment.

The Judgment for the Plaintiff in the above-entitled and captioned action was entered on or about January 2, 1997, in the approximate amount of \$59,663.10 plus pre-judgment interest from December 27, 1996 to January 2, 1997 at the rate of 18.50 per day, plus post-judgment interest on said judgment from January 2, 1997 at the rate of 13.25% per annum until the date of the foreclosure sale, plus costs of sale and notice of publication.

Said sale shall be completed to the highest and best bidder for cash and the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid all or part of their judgment said Judgment shall be applied to the purchase price. "Cash" for the purposes of this sale shall mean cash or other immediately available funds. Said sale shall be subject to property taxes, easements and restrictions and covenants of record and liens not foreclosed in the aforesaid Judgment and rights of redemption of the Defendants. The Special Master shall have all rights and powers pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, including the power to postpone said sale in her discretion.

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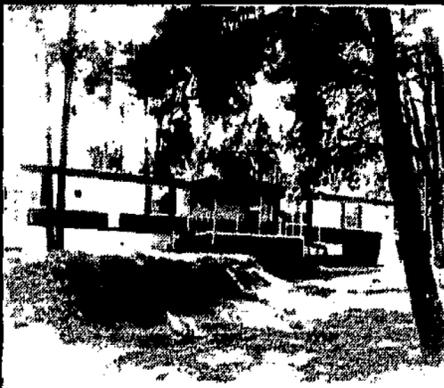
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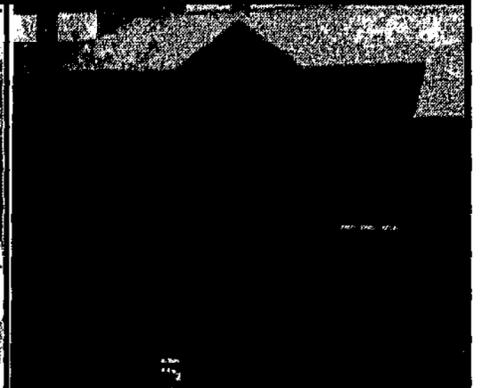
Midway Townsite

Hunsaker • \$32,500 • 204 Ridge
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Cabin-Fixer Upper



Airport West

Lazenby • \$47,500 • 119 Bonanza
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Nicely remodeled.



The Springs Condo

Davis • \$69,500 • #21 The Springs.
Bdrms 2, Baths 1 3/4, Nice condo.

Reduced



Unrestricted

Whipple • \$89,900 • Hwy. 48. Nice.
2250 Workshop, well on 9 acre tract.



Racquet Ct. Condos

Turner • \$99,500 • 205 Racquet. Unit D
Furnished Racquet Condo, very nice.



Pinecliff

Campbell • \$119,000 • 113 Cardinal
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, large open room



Capitan

Eckland • \$124,000 • 103 East Grandview
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, level on 1.7 acre tract



Agua Fria

2 New Homes • \$148,000 & \$152,000 •
439 Canyon Rd. Finished 3/2, great views.



Juniper Hills

Cronin • \$149,500 • 201 University
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Jacuzzi room!



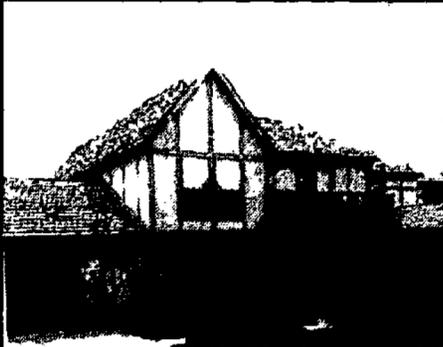
Midway Townsite

4-Plex • \$150,000 • 206 Ridge Road
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Owner financing!



Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home.



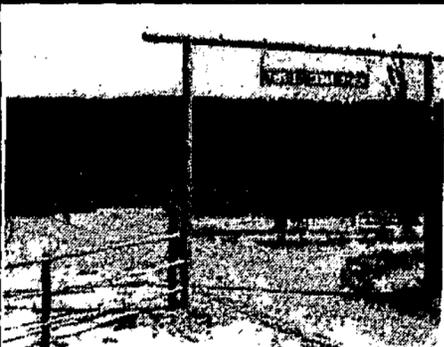
Townhome

Ebener • \$169,900 • 132 Geneva
Bdrms 4, Baths 4, Innsbrook Village.



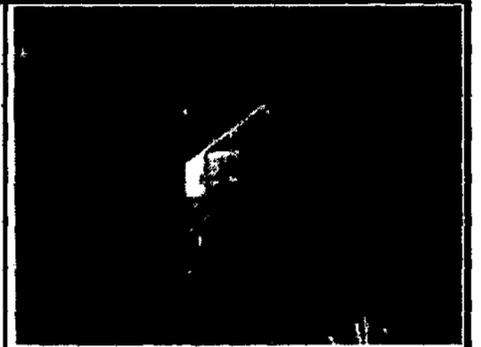
Cree Meadows

Faulk • \$174,900 • 137 Rowan.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home - level



Mini-Ranch

Bartley • \$178,500 • Ft. Stanton Rd.
3/2 on 3.6 acres, 20x35 barn - fenced



Cedar Creek

Duran • \$179,900 • Spring Canyon Rd.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, Very secluded.



White Mtn. Estates

Ebener • \$189,900 • 504 Snowcap
Bdrms 4, Baths 4, Sierra Blanca view



White Mtn. Meadows

Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Ct.
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Trades considered.



Indian Hills

Spires • \$214,000 • 101 Rim Road
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, The ultimate view



Highwood

Odom • \$249,500 • 102 Wildwood Dr.
Bdrms 4 Baths 3 1/2, furnished, big view



River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Upper Canyon on river



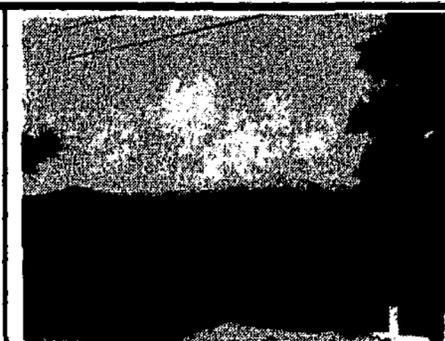
New & Different

Owen • \$269,000 • 333 Wht. Mtn. Meadows
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, large, unusual, new.



River

Scott • \$290,000 • 358 River Trail
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, plus guest quarters.



Professionally Decorated

Duncan • \$298,000 • Coronado
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Awesome view!



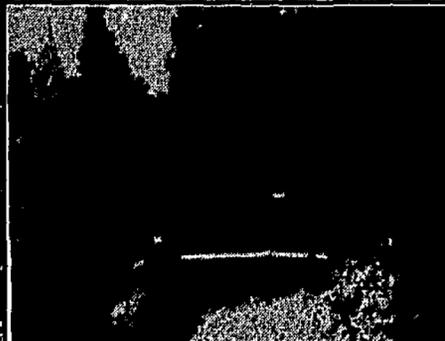
White Mtn. Estates

Owner/Agent • \$349,500 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
Bdrms 5, Baths 5 1/2, private apt. 3 car garage



River

Armstrong • \$425,000 • 1030 Main - Upper Canyon
Large river home with seperate guest house.



River

Holt • \$439,000 • 146 North Loop
Prestigious Upper Canyon River Home



River

\$469,000 • 1026 Main
3/2 on river - seperate apt. - very prestigious



Elegant Estate

Mountain View • \$950,000 • 211 McBride Dr.
Estate 7 bdrm, 7 bath, elegant and grand.



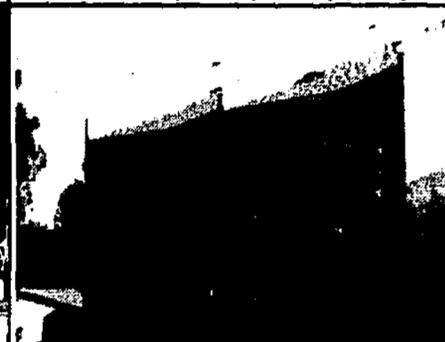
Commercial

Scott • \$145,000 • 1690 Hwy. 70 East
Nicely finished offices & workshop.



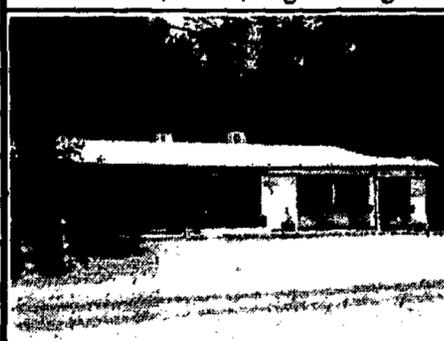
Commercial

Land & Building • \$165,000 • 714 Mechem
Land & building only, 2000 sq. ft. space.



Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza
Last unit for sale - new - under construction



Commercial

Whispering Pines • \$195,000 • 428 Main Rd.
Below appraisal - land - building - equip.



Commercial

Blitz • \$229,000 • 2800 Sudderth
Land & bldg. 2400 sq. ft., drive thru potential



Commercial

Hunsaker • \$260,000 • 100 Walnut
10,000 sq. ft. leased - owner financing.



Commercial

The Attic Complex • \$599,500
Land & building - Attic Fashion &
Emily's \$225,000. Lease Space Available.



Commercial

Rainbow Lake Fun Park • \$395,000
806 Carrizozo Canyon Rd.
5.763 acres. Sell all or part



Commercial

Center for the Healing Arts
\$598,000 • 100 Lower Terrace. Lots
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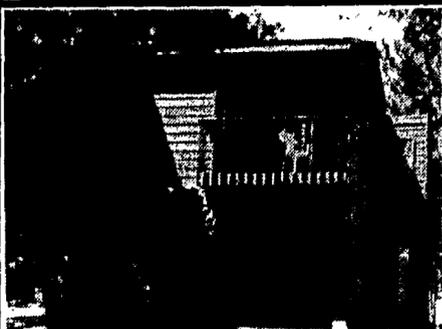
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Doug Siddens and Susan Miller



Alto

O.D.D.E • \$119,500 • 103 Mira Monte
Furnished. Full golf membership.



Alto

Holdridge • \$130,000 • 105 Sunrise
3/2 1/2 furnished, full golf membership

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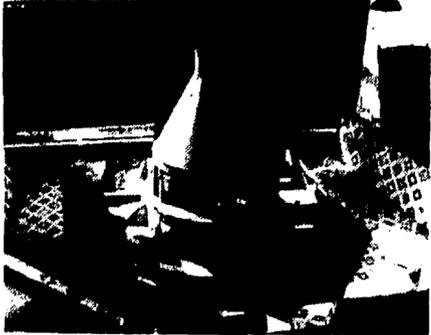
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Alto

Herring • \$142,500 • 433 Lakeshore Dr.
3/2. Full golf. Big flat lot.



Alto

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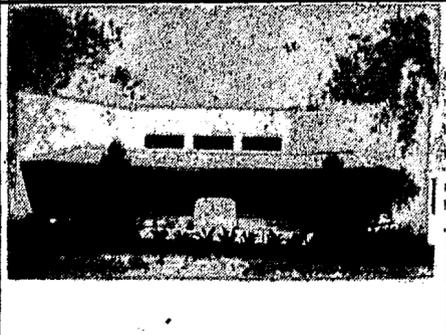
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