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## Commission to consider funding recreation, vocational projects

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Lincoln County Commissioners are willing to look at the possibility of dedicating a portion of the county's existing property tax levy to finance recreation and vocational development.

During a joint meeting of representatives of the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, the Ruidoso School District and the county Wednesday, commissioners said they

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would examine the county budget to determine whether one mill of the existing 6.5 mill levy could be funneled back to school districts, municipalities and the county to use on recreation projects.

One mill would produce about \$277,000 a year, but would grow with the property tax roll. One mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

How much each entity would

receive could be based proportionately on the amount it contributes toward the property base, said Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson. Other methods of allocation could be based on participants in recreational groups or population.

Acting Commission Chairman Wilton Howell said with the right mix of vocational and recreational emphasis, he would favor allowing each entity to determine what projects to finance.

"I think it's important enough to me to be on the next two commission

meeting agendas," he said. "I'm of the opinion that we could dedicate one mill of already existing (tax levy) and our other programs would not miss a beat."

Commissioner Monroy Montes said he would not vote for the tax dedication unless vocational programs are included.

"Recreation is not a cure-all," he said. "Schools and villages already have recreation, but we have kids graduating who can't read or write a check."

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said

he would like to see a plan before before deciding whether to move ahead.

Commissioner Rex Wilson said he's bothered by the prevailing opinion that the county has a lot of extra money, but he thinks the concept of different communities being able to develop their own recreational plans is good. He also would like to see a greater emphasis on vocational training.

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## Survey shows what kids think

### Data give profile of their attitudes

BY JULIE BAXTER  
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What goes on in children's minds?

Knowing how children think and see the world around them is sometimes hard to know, but a survey conducted by the Ruidoso School District last spring may give parents, teachers and community members some insight.

The survey, "Search Institute Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors," included 156 multiple choice questions and was offered to all students in sixth through 12th grade; 84 percent completed the questionnaire.

The results were presented to Ruidoso School Board members at their meeting Tuesday night.

Paul Wirth, district director of instructional support, called the results "a good snapshot, not just for schools, but for the entire community."

The questions centered on 40 internal and external "assets" like self-esteem, integrity, family support and community values. Put simply, the more assets a child possesses, the less likely they are to engage in risky behavior, such as using drugs and alcohol and violence, and the more likely they are to succeed.

The majority of students, 37 percent, possessed 11 to 20 assets, with 35 percent having 21 to 30 assets and 10 percent having 31 to 40. Another 18 percent of students possessed only 10 or less assets.

Terrie Gillespie, district health coordinator, told the board ideally students would possess 31 to 40 of the assets. But the district is hoping for a more realistic goal of 30.

She said it is important not to try to compare Ruidoso students to other students across the state or the country, but to simply use the survey as a tool for examining attitudes in this community.

The results of the survey were reviewed by a steering committee last week, which

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John O'Keefe/Ruidoso News

**Gas prices in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs** took a dip recently, falling from as much as \$1.27 or more a gallon for regular unleaded to \$1.16 at most stations. The opening of a gas station at the new Wal-Mart Super Center may be the underlying cause. When the station opened last week, its price for regular unleaded was \$1.14 a gallon.

Melba Gibbs, manager at the Chevron Pit Stop in Ruidoso Downs, said the prices at her station were lowered to keep pace with the heavy competition of Wal-Mart. Michelle LaPage, an employee at the Ruidoso Diamond Shamrock, where prices also have been lowered to \$1.16, described the price decrease as a "mini gas war." Wal-Mart's new pumps allow motorists to pay by inserting credit cards as well as cash.

### Price war



**Reverge Anselmo is the writer and director of "The Outfitters," a romantic comedy set in Lincoln County.** Anselmo wrote the screenplay in 10 days, basing it on the time he lived in this area years ago. All of the scenes are being filmed on location in the county. Read Dianne Stallings' story on page 5C.

## Contract awarded for Mechem

### 3 miles will be widened, from Sudderth past White Mtn.

• Meadow Valley Contractors of Phoenix has been given the \$8.4 million contract.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
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Construction to widen about three miles of Mechem Drive will begin this March at Sudderth Drive, said the contractor's project manager.

"The way the project is set up, the intersection is the first part. And we won't be able to do that during the winter, so it will probably be March," said Bill Loomis, a manager with the Phoenix-based company Meadow Valley Contractors.

Loomis, speaking Wednesday morning from company offices in San Antonio, N.M., said Meadow Valley has

yet to receive official notice that it received the \$8,399,970 contract to widen state Road 48.

However, employees with the state Highway and Transportation Department on Tuesday confirmed that the company was awarded the contract in late October and that a notice of the award was sent Nov. 6.

Yolanda Roybal, a section engineer for the state, said the company had the lowest of six bids submitted for the project. The state opened bids on Oct. 17.

Loomis said his company will employ about 100 people during the project, which extends from Sudderth to just past White Mountain Drive. A turn lane will be added to

Mechem Drive where the street now has only two lanes. The road would be expanded to five lanes from Barcus Road to the turnoff to the Ruidoso Civic Center, and 5-foot sidewalks would be added on both sides of the road.

While most of the crews working on the project will be from Las Cruces or Albuquerque, some subcontractors will be local, Loomis said. For example, the company will work with Tommy White, owner of Ruidoso Paving, the company of Rio Grande Materials and Bill McCarty, a local land developer, he said.

The company plans to start construction in March, but the

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## Chino rejects state's request for gaming fee

### Issue likely will go to arbitration

• The Mescalero is the only gaming tribe in New Mexico that hasn't paid the state revenue as required by the new gambling law.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
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Mescalero President Wendell Chino rebuffed a state entreaty Tuesday that the tribe pay gambling revenues as required by the new gaming legislation.

"We will proceed to implement the arbitration procedures as outlined in the law," said Lou Gallegos, chief of staff for Gov. Gary Johnson.

Those procedures basically give the tribe 90 days in which to pay 16 percent of its revenue from slot machines before seeking arbitration.

The Mescalero is the only gaming tribe in New Mexico that hasn't paid the state revenue as required by the new gaming legislation.

Gallegos said a letter is

being sent today from the governor's office to notify the tribe that it is being put on notice for failure to pay the revenues. In 30 days, if the tribe still hasn't paid the 16 percent, the state will send out another notice. In 90 days, the issue goes into arbitration. The state will then appoint a representative and the tribe will select a representative, and together they will choose an arbitrator, Gallegos said.

Two attorneys representing the governor's office met with Chino for about 90 minutes Tuesday morning. Neither Fred Ragsdale, a contract attorney, nor David McCumber, a general counsel for the governor, were able to influence Chino, Gallegos said. Gov. Johnson also called Chino shortly before lunch Tuesday.

"Well, I'm told that the president seems to be fixed in his position," Gallegos said of Chino. "And, so, based on that

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## Silver HS wins appeal, then blasts Ruidoso

Silver High School has won its player eligibility appeal to the New Mexico Activities Association, keeping its winning season intact.

The Colts' athletic director then criticized rival Ruidoso High School by contending RHS had a hand in the complaint.

Ruidoso officials have responded.

What's it all mean? Well, the Capitan Tigers will host No. 1-ranked Texico in the Class A semifinals, and the Warriors will visit District 5AAA runner-up St. Pius Sartans in Class AAA playoff action.

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SATURDAY** High ... 32  
Low ... 15  
Snow showers

**MONDAY** High ... 47  
Low ... 15  
Partly cloudy

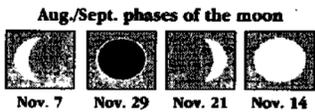
**SUNDAY** High ... 39  
Low ... 10  
Mostly cloudy

## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	46	22	.12"
Wednesday	43	26	.15"
Thursday	46	26	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	46	32	Rain/snow
El Paso, TX	60	44	Light rain
Lubbock, TX	38	32	Light snow
Midland, TX	45	37	Rain/snow



# Festival of Cranes features cast of thousands

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the cornfield seems an uninteresting jumble of toppled cobs and stalks. But an unfamiliar sound sends shock waves through the ground as thousands of snow geese rise in a wave and flutter into the sky.

It's a scene that visitors to the annual Festival of Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Refuge can expect to see this weekend.

They'll also have a chance to meet Kent Clegg, the ultralight airplane pilot who in October led a flight of endangered whooping cranes from Idaho to the bosque east of Socorro.

Clegg will be the featured speaker at the festival, which started Thursday and will run through Sunday.

Clegg will give a program at 8 p.m. today in the Macey Center Auditorium in Socorro. Other speakers during the festival include Peter Stangel, director of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Initiative at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, D.C., who spoke

Thursday, and Dayton Hyde, a rancher, photographer and author of 12 books about wildlife, who will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Macey Center.

Feathered stars of the festival remain the sandhill cranes that winter at the bosque, which was damaged by fire less than two years ago.

Besides the whoopers and six sandhill cranes that followed Clegg, as many as 17,000 more sandhills flew in on their own from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Co-starring are even greater numbers of snow geese and ducks of a dozen species. Other birds at the bosque include herons, hawks, shorebirds and a long list of small birds. Occasionally, even bald and golden eagles are sighted.

Festival visitors can drive a few miles northwest to Socorro to see wildlife displays and art and craft exhibits. They may attend lectures about birds and bird watching, wildlife and the history of the area. Tours will be available to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Water Canyon, Kelly ghost town and Waldo Mines.

Back at the refuge, morn-



Several whooping cranes follow Kent Clegg's ultralight plane from Montana. Courtesy photo

ing and afternoon tours will take visitors through areas usually not open to the public, where they are guaranteed to see thousands of sandhill cranes.

Exhibits and programs at the bosque refuge will involve some live animals.

Staff members and volunteers will answer questions about the refuge and the birds that might be seen there. Books, T-shirts and other sou-

venirs will be on sale at the visitors center.

Many of the festival events are free, but some require a fee and the number of participants is limited.

For more information and a schedule of events, call the Socorro Chamber of Commerce at (505) 835-0424 or the refuge at (505) 835-1828.

Registration will be at the Garcia Opera House in Socorro.

## SURVEY: 'Our kids are feeling good about themselves'

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drew the conclusion that Ruidoso youth "are responsible and demonstrate intrinsic assets while also searching from quality time from others, positive adult role models, worksite mentorships, and the opportunity to demonstrate competence with the assurance of a safety net."

Wirth said existing programs in Ruidoso schools do a lot for helping students succeed. But he expressed hope that the community could also become more involved.

"Our kids are feeling pretty good about themselves and they want to show that to the community," Wirth said. "The kids really do feel very positive about themselves. But a lot of them feel that

they're not welcome in the community. They're not getting positive response from the community."

The board voted unanimously to accept the survey results, but urged Wirth and the steering committee to find a way to share the results with students as well as the community at large.

"It's important for the kids who took the survey to see how it all came about, the results of it," said Board Member Susan Litterman.

Member Karen Anderson said, "The community needs to know kids feel this way."

In other business, the board: • Adopted an Internet policy for the district. The policy, which was read for the second time Tuesday, lays down some ground

rules for appropriate use of technology and punishments for abuse.

• Approved budget adjustments totaling \$11,493.

• Heard updates from Superintendent Mike Gladden on 40th day counts and building projects. Gladden said the district came in 66.5 full-time students below its projected enrollment, but expressed confidence that the final Dec. 1 count would find the district in good shape.

Building projects, paid for by the bond issue passed in February, are coming along nicely, Gladden said. The roof at Ruidoso High School is slated for completion Feb. 1 and the Sierra Vista Primary kitchen is expected to be complete the first of the year.

## State planning big DWI blitz

Local law enforcement agencies as well as others across the state will be conducting a "superblitz" against drunken motorists, Ruidoso police said.

The enforcement campaign begins Nov. 17 and will include DWI checkpoints and seat belt saturation patrols as well as speed limits.

"There has been such good results statewide from Operation DWI and Operation Buckle Down blitzes that we look forward to combining the two into an overall traffic superblitz campaign," said Cpl. Dewayne Goar with the Ruidoso Police Department.

## STARDATE

Full moon, called the Frosty Moon. The Moon will stand just west of Aldebaran tonight, drawing ever closer to the bright star. During the day tomorrow, when Aldebaran and the Moon appear in the eastern sky, the Moon will occult the star, briefly blocking it from view.

StarDate courtesy of McDonald Observatory, Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate



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The main lodge at Ski Apache. Keep your fingers crossed for good snow.

## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

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CORONA ROUND-UP by Mrs. A. E. Mulkey:

The Baptist Church is still without a regular pastor. Brother Shaw of Cedarvale brought a message Sunday morning and Brother George Rodgers of Corona brought the

message Sunday evening.

Meto Lucero from Cedarvale will be Corona's new constable. Mr. Lucero served two terms as a law enforcement officer in Torrance County.

Dr. Tgoland of Albuquerque was a dinner guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Belden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lovelace flew to Albuquerque in their plane Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis made a business trip to Lubbock last week.

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**CRIME OF THE WEEK: ARSON** - At approximately 9:10 p.m. on Monday evening, November 3, the Capitan Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire at a furniture and framing shop owned by Larry Caywood of Capitan. Subsequent to a thorough investigation by the New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office it was determined that the cause of the fire was arson.

Crimestoppers will pay a \$1,000.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and magistrate court bindover or grand jury indictment of the subject responsible for this brutal crime. This arsonist needs to be apprehended quickly and your information may help us achieve that goal.

Crimestoppers will also pay cash rewards for the recovery of stolen property or the solving of other felony crimes. The Crimestoppers phone line is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you do not have to give your name to be eligible for a cash reward.

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# COMMISSION: No decision made because legality of meeting questioned

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Commissioner William Schwettmann said if a special tax is designated, residents should have a chance to vote on the proposal.

Ruidoso Councilor Robert Donaldson agreed with Howell that each community should decide how the money is spent, because they know what suits their towns the best. Providing recreation now could mean fewer jails needed in the future, he said.

"We need to give kids alternatives," he said.

Jackson said the designation should be broad enough to include recreation for all ages, not just young people.

"I think recreation covers

everything from a small child to a senior citizen," Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw said. "We should keep the title simple and non-restrictive."

No action was taken at the joint session, because of a disagreement between attorneys on the legality of the meeting.

While Ruidoso Village Attorney John Underwood said the advertisement of the meeting by Ruidoso listing all of the participants was sufficient public notice, commissioners were told that County Attorney Alan Morel had a different opinion. Although not at the meeting, Morel earlier advised commissioners that they could not take part in the joint session officially as a board, because the

county did not advertise the meeting.

Howell and Montes sat at the table with other government officials. Nunley, Schwettmann and Wilson stayed in the audience, as did the police chief from Capitán.

"We need to give kids alternatives."

Robert Donaldson  
Ruidoso councilor

Representatives from the various entities agreed to attend the next County Commission meeting, Friday, Nov. 21, at the Ruidoso Convention Center and to bring more information about their projects.

Shaw said the session Wednesday was called to discuss parks and recreation "in the hope that all of us can come together and better serve the needs of the

people and children of Lincoln County."

Jackson reviewed an outline roughed out last month in a meeting with the mayor of Rio Rancho, one of the fastest-growing communities in the United States.

"He talked partnerships," Jackson said.

Other points included regionalism, breaking down barriers created by old grudges and personality conflicts, cooperation, pinpointing continuing revenue sources, coming up with specific plans, organizing a citizens grass roots effort and pooling resources.

"With even more entities than are here tonight, it could be even more encompassing," Jackson said.

Instead of each entity decid-

ing on its own projects, another approach would be to form a Lincoln County Recreation Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from the five villages and the county, he said.

Currently, only a cigarette tax is earmarked for recreation in New Mexico, he pointed out. Revenue from that source generated \$9,848 for Ruidoso in 1996-97, but hit a high of \$13,163 in 1994-95. Total park and recreation expenditures in Ruidoso this year are budgeted at \$599,653, but more than \$3.5 million has been spent in the nine years, according to a chart prepared by village staff.

If the county dedicated one mill, commissioners could attach a "sunset" provision that required re-evaluation of the success of the program each year. At

that time, commissioners could decide not to renew the millage dedication, Jackson said. One of the favorable points to the system as proposed is that it would not create a new bureaucracy, but would provide a sustainable revenue source, he said.

Ron Hemphill, Ruidoso school board member, said the need for cooperation became clear, because of repeated requests from people for enhanced facilities.

"The village parks and recreation board knew what it could do and we knew what we and Ruidoso Downs could do, but we didn't know what the county could do," he said. "Without county representatives at previous meetings on recreation, they had no way of properly planning."

## CHINO: Rebuffs request to pay fee

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we are proceeding with the remedies that are provided to us by the law."

Chino, on Tuesday afternoon, declined to say what happened during his meeting that morning with the governor's representatives.

"Well, I'm not ready to divulge it just yet," Chino said. "Call the governor's office. I'm sure they can probably tell you."

Asked if a lawsuit was imminent, Chino said: "We don't know yet. As I just told the (governor's) people, there were just several options, and starting tomorrow there is only one."

Gallegos said Chino has mentioned trying to sign a gaming compact directly with the U.S. Department of Interior, and bypassing the state entirely.

The state's gambling legislation went into effect Aug. 29. Under it, gaming tribes are to pay the revenue share and regulation fees every

quarter, the latest of which ended Sept. 30.

The state has received about \$3 million from the tribes that have paid the revenue share.

Tribal officials as well as the governor have said the 16 percent revenue share is too high. When the Mescalero signed a gaming compact with the state in July, Chino said it was done under protest because of the terms dictated by the Legislature. He described the 16 percent revenue share from gambling machines as being almost extortion.

Gallegos said the appropriateness of the 16 percent is not the issue, because Chino signed the gambling compacts with the state in July.

"So, in a sense, a deal's a deal," Gallegos said. "Nobody twisted his arm to sign the compact."

However, the tribe's refusal to pay the revenue share does not invalidate the gaming compact, Gallegos said.

## Mescaleros to host conference of more than 2,000 delegates

The Mescalero Apache are one of several tribes hosting the National Congress of American Indian Convention next week in New Mexico.

More than 2,000 tribal leaders and delegates from across the country are scheduled to converge on Santa Fe from Nov. 16 to 21 for the convention at the Sweeney Convention Center. Under the theme of "Native Winds of Change: Perpetuating Our Sovereign Rights and Cultural Identity," the session will open with pageantry of native nations.

The 1997 convention marks the golden anniversary of the first NCAI convention in Santa Fe in 1947. Throughout the weeklong session, issues such as Indian gaming, education, housing and welfare reform will be discussed during nine general assemblies.

Other events include a trade show, specialized youth-track programs for Native American students, the annual

Miss NCAI Pageant and a cultural celebration.

The convention is hosted by the NCAI Albuquerque area tribes that include the Mescalero and Jicarilla Apache, the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain tribes of Colorado, and the pueblos of Taos, Picuris, San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Nambe, Tesuque, Cochiti, Santa Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, Zia, Jemez, Isleta, Laguna, Acoma, Zuni, Isleta del Sue Pueblo of Texas and the Ramah Navajo chapter of New Mexico.

The NCAI is the oldest and largest American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization in the United States. It consists of more than 200 member tribes and more than 2,000 individual members.

Founded in 1944, NCAI was organized as a representative of tribal governments and individuals to examine priority issues at the national level.

## Cases from Magistrate Court

The following cases are taken from Ruidoso Magistrate Court records under presiding Judge William Butts. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, charge and sentence, and the case number.

Sept. 22 - Thomas Damon; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor; 364 days with 364 days suspended, 364 days probation, \$100 fine and 4116 court cost; case number M32-MR97-1828.

Oct. 1 - Travis Ortega; guilty of aggravated battery against a household member, a misdemeanor, and assault against a household member, a petty misdemeanor; sentenced to 364 days with 304 days suspended, 60 days to be served in county jail, 304 days probation, \$1,000 fine suspended and \$41 cost on count one. On count two, 180 days with 150 days suspended, 30 days to be served at county jail, \$500 fine suspended, and pay \$41 court cost. Eligible for time off for good behavior; case number M32-VR97-1738.

Oct. 6 - Josh Neal; guilty of concealing identity, a petty misdemeanor; 180 days with 170 days suspended, 10 days to be served for five weekends at the county jail in Carrizozo. Probation for remaining 170 days, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended, \$41 court cost; case number M32-MR97-1853.

Oct. 8 - Yoland Klaus; Pled no contest to possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor. A charge of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana was dismissed by the state, sentenced to 90 days probation, conditional discharge. If defendant complies with probation, charge will

be dismissed without an adjudication of guilt, must pay \$116 court cost; case number M32-MR97-1777.

Oct. 8 - Dokken Jarvis; guilty of battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor; 180 days with 180 days suspended, 180 days probation, \$500 fine, \$41 cost, victim wanted charges dismissed; case number M32-MR97-1752.

Oct. 8 - Lanny Martinez; guilty of aggravated battery against a household member, resisting a police officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless driving, no driver's license and two counts of possession of a controlled substance (Valium). Charges of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, failure to obey traffic device, placing injurious substance on highway, open container and second count of resisting an officer dismissed by the state, sentenced to 364 days with 313 days suspended, credit for 51 days served in jail, 313 days probation, 20 days at state rehab center in Roswell, \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended, pay \$41 in costs; case number 26-02-97-1588.

Oct. 8 - Charles Klein; guilty of second offense possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, a misdemeanor, and no driver's license and no liability insurance. State dismissed charges of suspended driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia and obedience to a police officer; sentenced to 364 days with 364 suspended, 364 days supervised probation. May have early release after six months if stays in compliance, \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended, \$116 cost, \$300 fine suspended and \$29 cost on both counts two and three.

Oct. 8 - Tommy Trujillo; not guilty of possession of marijuana, second offense; case number 26-02-97-1395.



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**OUR OPINION**

**Too-close encounters**

Close encounters have their place, but not between deer and automobiles. The deer inevitably lose. Part of the appeal of Ruidoso, of course, is the nature of the land and forest that allows people and animals to live in close proximity. Yes, we have lots of bears, but many more deer, and they do like to graze at night — especially now when the breeding season is approaching. Night is most often when they lose their lives to sheet-metal and automobile tires. Probably compounding the problem is that with the coming of standard time, more people are on the way home after the work day when it's already dark.

Official, and unofficial, reports from all over the area tell the tale. The sheriff's office received 10 calls in 11 recent days reporting deer hits. The estimate is that many others have gone unreported; people don't want the hassle, and get repairs without claiming insurance. (Elk, being much larger, also have been hit; and when they do, the vehicle damage is likely to be much greater.)

From Oct. 24 through Nov. 3, the sheriff's office received reports of deer hit by vehicles on Mechem Drive, Airport Road, Angus Hill, U. S. Highway 70, the Arabela Highway, state Highway 37, Alto Village, the Old Fort Stanton Highway, and near Corona.

No pattern; deer are everywhere in Lincoln County, according to Game Warden Ron Moore. His advice is to be very watchful when driving at night, whether in town or in remote areas.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan gets specific: "If you see two deer on one side of the road, there may be another on the other side that decides to join them at the last minute."

Good advice. We recognize it's hard to pin down exactly where "deer crossing" signs might be beneficial. But a few dozen "watch for deer" signs along all main-traveled roads it seems to us would be an excellent reminder for all motorists.

**Enough, already**

On this page is one of many letters from readers taking to task some earlier letter writers whose remarks, published in these pages, were perceived to have cast aspersions on people who ride motorcycles for recreation.

One of those earlier letters was mildly critical of a bike rally as a community event. The other was satire in the purest Jonathan Swift tradition — a sort of "Gulliver's Travels" in which a negative description on close examination actually is positive.

Exaggeration is the soul of satire, and letter writer David Powers of Ruidoso Downs used it very effectively. Neither he, nor we, wish ill of Harley riders, the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, or any other lawful activity occurring in Ruidoso.

Next subject.

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**THE SILVER LINING**

**Honors for the veterans**

Veterans were honored Nov. 10 at a luncheon and ceremony at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club.



BY DAN STORM  
COLUMNIST

Cecile Kennan, vice president of the organization, welcomed those present.

Then the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Bern Edmondson, who gave thanks to God

for the blessings we share as Americans; and also for the men and women who have served in all our wars.

Then Cecile Kennan asked each veteran present to give a brief account of their war-time experience after introductions.

Air Corps, Marine Corps, Navy and Army were included, serving in World War II, the Korean conflict and in Vietnam.

Mrs. Andy Griffith Patterson, president of the "past presidents council" of the Woman's Club, sent me an invitation last year and again on the 10th of November this year to be present and lead the gathering in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

I visited with Paul Patterson, who spent 22 years as

manager of the Diamond-A Cattle Company and is writing a book about his experience.

The Ruidoso Woman's Club is active in many community projects, including scholarships and support for the library. The Ruidoso Public Library was established by the club in the 1950s.

We salute these ladies for the great work they are doing. And it was an honor to be present at the ceremonies observing Veterans Day.

**Flag-raising ceremonies**

A flag-raising ceremony was held Nov. 11 at the Legion Hall in Ruidoso Downs, sponsored by the local American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries.

The memorial flag of Jerome Don Klein, who fell in battle in Vietnam, was raised to full mast and then lowered to half staff by Dan Rivas and Victor Jaramillo.

Romeo Klein lead the salute to the flag while his granddaughter, Katie Armstrong, played "The Star Spangled Banner" on the flute.

Inside the hall, Victor Schaefer, "The Skipper" read a tribute to the American veterans, of which a few lines follow:

"In truth, our veterans are the embodiment of America itself. They reflect the diversity and strength that is the core of our nation. They are of every race and ethnic background. They are men and women."

State Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, in his annual address to this Veterans Day gathering, said that the great strength of America lies in our people — that God has blessed us with freedom-loving people from all over the world; that we are a nation of people who defend our own freedom, and also the liberty of other people in other lands throughout the world.

Williams expressed his high regard for the family of Katie and Romeo Klein, whom he has known for many years. He said that in his years as a teacher he has had every child of the Klein family as his pupil. Romeo Klein stated that all in all New Mexico has been good to its veterans, notably in the matter of tax exemptions.

Romeo has recently received an award signed by the national commander of Disabled American Veterans, for 50 years of helping disabled veterans.

We extend thanks to those who helped out and who attended this year's Veterans Day flag-raising ceremony.

**YOUR OPINION**

The food court made the visit even more enjoyable, with eight local restaurants selling their goods.

Weather also helped this year, with Friday and Saturday gorgeous warm fall days, and the final day more like winter and Christmas time. Residents and visitors enjoyed the event, and merchants said they were having successful sales.

Thanks again, greeters. Keep up this wonderful local event.

Doris Cherry  
Captain

**That's competition**

To the editor:

Well, what do you know; the consortium of gasoline dealers in the Ruidoso area have finally dropped their prices.

But I'll remember that it took competition ... to break their hammerlock.

Paul E. Patterson  
Ruidoso

**That Christmas Jubilee**

Thank you, Ruidoso Valley Greeters, for an enjoyable weekend at the Christmas Jubilee in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

From a great idea, the jubilee has grown to a fun and successful event that kicks off the holiday season in Ruidoso. Visitors to the jubilee were greeted at the Convention Center doors with air perfumed with cinnamon and other smells of Christmas. Inside, Santa took wishes in one room, while in the main exhibit hall there was live music, a fashion show and a special breakfast.

The jubilee was a wonderful way to see and buy what Ruidoso and Lincoln County area merchants have to offer. And what a choice — handcrafted glass rainbow casters, real-feeling dinosaur dolls, cute cowhand puppets, beautiful clothing, gourmet candies, lotions, fine woodwork, saddles, dry flower arrangements, and more. ...

**Helpful bikers, too**

To the editor:

On the letters written by Jim Alston and David Powers: I think that they have been watching too much TV.

My husband and I are from Big Spring, Texas, and we have had a nice time in Ruidoso the last three years, enjoying the time just to relax, and the people; but a year ago when all the cops were standing around in riot gear was just a little too much to handle. I would like for the two guys that wrote the letters to sit back and really remember ... the last time that they had any trouble with the Harley riders.

Most of us that ride are family people who have children. I would take my children around all the Harley riders ... (who are not any different than a bunch

of people who rodeo, play football or even race horses. Do you men have temper tantrums when the horse racers come to Ruidoso?

Your so-called police who protected you, if they weren't all wearing riot gear maybe everyone wouldn't have been tempted. But nonetheless, we were not!

We all wear colors to let you know where we are from. Most of us have more money tied up in our bikes than you do in your own vehicles, or your houses. WE are all working-class people who choose to ride Harleys for enjoyment. It is people like you both who give Harley riders a bad name.

My husband and I belong to the Harley Owners Group-Big Spring Chapter. And we do a lot for other groups and people. We have a MDA run every may; we visit the kids at the MDA camp. We hand out T-shirts that we buy for them, then we take each of them, sit them on our bikes and visit with them and have lunch. We play games with all the kids and have as much fun as they do.

Why don't you talk to the business owners and see how they feel? I have talked to some, and they enjoy having us around.

Mel & Denise Dickerson  
Big Spring, Texas

**A little background**

That movie being made in Lincoln County will be steeped in Lincoln County atmosphere, from churches to ranches to roadside cafes.

Turns out, also, that "The Outfitters" will be filled with real Lincoln County folks looking pretty ordinary.

They, according to the assistant director who handles such things, are "the back-

**MOUNTAIN ASIDES**



BY KEITH GREEN  
Ruidoso News

ground," sometimes called "extras." I got a taste of being background on Wednesday, as the film crew took over the Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan to do a morning coffee scene with Dana Delany, the female lead; Paul Le Mat, in the role of a state trooper; and Ed Bruce, a songwriter ("Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys") and actor.

That "background" during the all-day shooting (to make maybe five minutes of finished film) included more than a dozen people ranging from Capitan High cheerleaders in uniform to old-timers who looked very genuine indeed as they hovered over their coffee cups under big hats.

Turns out that "the background" actually has to act. My breakfast partner was Esther Otero Flanagan (whose family has owned El Paisano restaurant just up the street for almost a half-century). We were served a real, tasty looking Smokey Bear breakfast—but were warned not to eat it, because it would have to last for hours. ...

It did. And we carried on a lengthy conversation without making a sound, with lots of mouthed words and gestures ... and no looking at the camera, please. All the sound was coming from the actors, who got into a scripted argument. (Yes, Dana Delany can throw one fine cinematic hissy fit.)

Part of the background, and more, was a gentleman tooling around on a tractor just outside the window on Smokey Bear Avenue. He's Virgil Hall, a long-time Capitan resident who used to fly a plane and who really does get around Capitan on his tractor, since losing his driver's license sometime ago. (He apparently is playing himself in the film.)

But mostly we and all the others of the background sat around in a couple of Smokey Bear Motel rooms waiting to be called.

We also got to know each other.

Tucked away, waiting, in Room 118 along with Esther Flanagan and me, were David Cummins, who until recently owned a grocery in Capitan; Brad Paul Wenzel, a Ruidoso "Scrimshander;" Sandi Aycock of Alto, a former teacher and now a full-time volunteer; Randy Daugherty, a Lincoln business owner; Ben Leslie and Cliff Macasas, both happily retired in Capitan; and Sue Macfarlane, who headed the Ruidoso Valley Greeters last year and now just calls herself a "volunteer."

A couple of doors down were those cheerleaders and a few more background people. They had their own schedule, which — it turned out — meant they were background for the actors as the camera looked from a different angle.

Presumably, when the scene finally is edited into a completed movie, all us pieces of background will be able to have our own 10 seconds of cinematic fame for friends and family to oh and ah over.

Just call us "the backgrounders" in "The Outfitters."

# Ruidoso Municipal Schools 1997-98 Accountability Report

## GOALS OF THE RUIDOSO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Where Excellence is Expected

**VISION STATEMENT:** The Ruidoso Municipal School District shares with the community the belief that all children can learn. A positive, caring, and safe environment will assist in ensuring the development of cognitive, social, and physical skills to empower all students for the choices and challenges of the 21st Century.

### GOALS

- GOAL 1: Establish a safe and respectful school environment for all with an emphasis on safety, discipline, and respect.
- GOAL 2: Increase positive communication among staff, students, parents, and community with openness and honesty and encourage more attendance at all school sponsored activities.
- GOAL 3: Develop an action plan to implement All Day Kindergarten.
- GOAL 4: Develop an action plan to increase awareness and appreciation of the local environmental outdoor opportunities/educational experiences.
- GOAL 5: Develop an action plan to expand district vocational education program (VET) and support school-to-work transitions for students through community partnerships.

### AREAS OF CONTINUING EMPHASIS

- AREA A: Continue to implement and monitor a discipline/technology management, communication, and networking system.
- AREA B: Continue to pursue technological development and facility planning for future growth.
- AREA C: Provide professional development activities for the staff and continue an intensive and coordinated curriculum to strengthen the delivery and ensure the continuity of the Educational Plan for Student Success. Target areas for the EPSS are: Caring for Self and Others, and Writing Demonstration.
- AREA D: Communicate with area/state legislators, State Board of Education, and community the need for appropriate state funding for salaries, facilities, equipment, and supplies to enhance the excellence and quality of education for our students.

## RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Where Excellence is Expected" EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (EPSS)

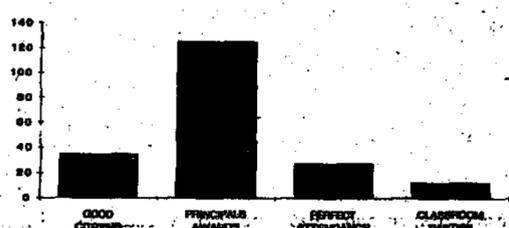
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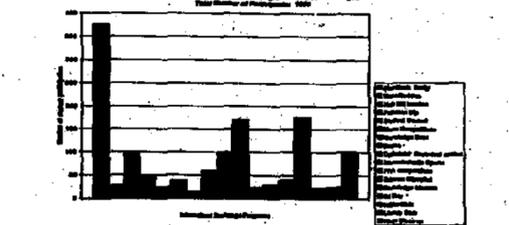
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**DISTRICT TARGET AREA: COMMUNICATION**  
Goal: 1. Students will show improvement in written communication skills across the curriculum.  
All schools in Ruidoso are uniquely accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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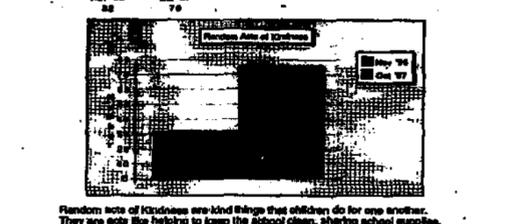
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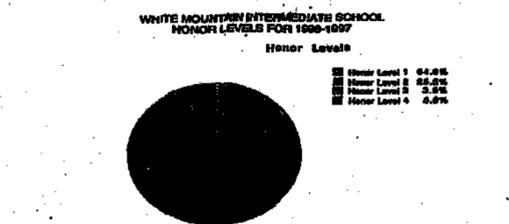
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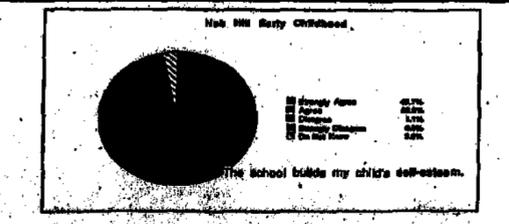
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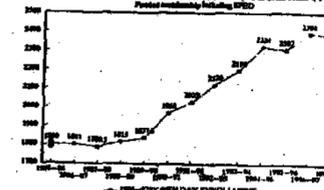
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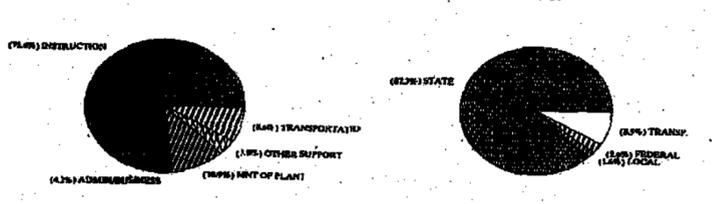
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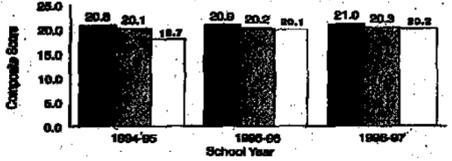
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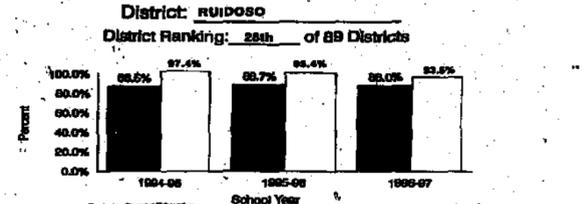
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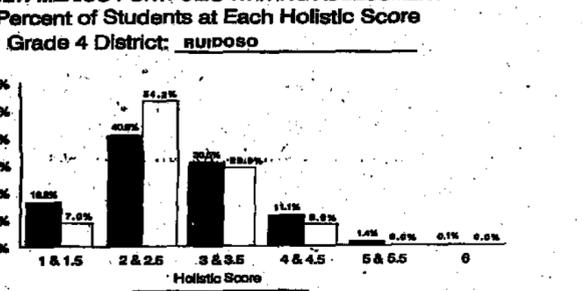
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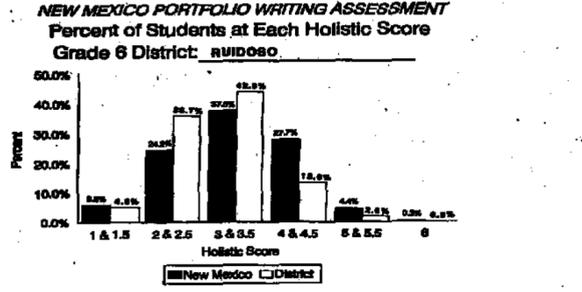
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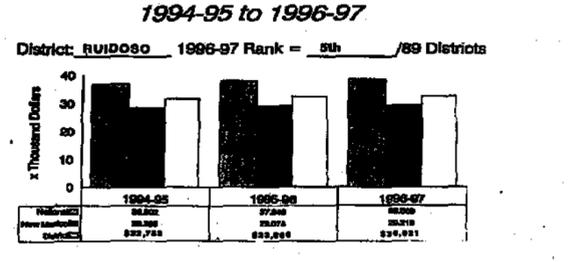
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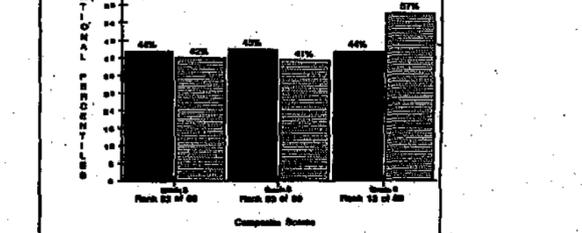
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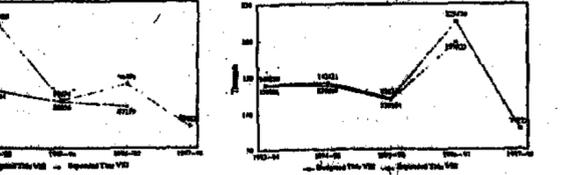
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It is the policy of the Ruidoso Municipal School District to identify and educate students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free appropriate education.

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District contact person: Dr. Paul Wirth (287-6591) 8/97

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 704 and 29 U.S.C. 706

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What languages were used in surveys sent home with students: English

Indicates the total number of responses to each of the following items received district-wide: 372 Elementary, 97 Middle, 118 High School

## NUMBER RESPONDING

Question	Elementary	Middle/High	NUMBER RESPONDING				
			Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
1. My child is safe at school.	106	228	25	4	7		
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.	150	200	9	1	7		
3. My child's school funds high academic achievement.	141	200	10	1	7		
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	131	180	27	6	8		
5. The school often advances ideas to update computers and technologies.	100	121	15	4	21		
6. School staff establish curricula standards which is conducive to learning.	128	125	13	4	9		
7. My child has an advanced class of advanced-level subject matter.	77	180	44	6	20		
8. My child's teacher provides timely and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.	189	158	10	2	5		
9. The school staff employ various instructional methods to meet my child's needs.	121	127	15	2	23		
10. My child takes responsibility for his or her learning.	125	120	22	2	2		

# 'Nifty' 50s' satisfies a hunger for nostalgia

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Remember the days when Elvis was the young King, James Dean made all the girls swoon and a good chocolate soda meant the difference between a good date and a bad one?

Those memories are now closer than that 40-year time span — they're at Long Drug and Soda Fountain in the Sierra Mall, 721 Mechem Drive.

Opened in July, the "Nifty 50s" soda fountain looks like you've just walked into the past. Black and white tile floors, red and white striped walls, antique Coca-Cola and Dr. Pepper signs and an old-fashioned jukebox complete with neon adorn the space, while the faces of Elvis and Jimmy Dean look on.

"Back in the '50s and '60s, this was a place where most of the teens would meet and have a milkshake with two straws, hold hands and fall in love," said Bob Chrisman, who is a partner in the soda fountain with Bill and Linda Long. "We would dance and talk until it was time to go home."

Chrisman said recreating

the '50s feel in the '90s has been a dream come true for the Longs.

"Bill and I have been talking about putting in a 'back to the '50s' soda fountain since 1995," he said.

Bill Long offered up the ice cream bar circa 1932 and a mirror that hung in the first bar in Lincoln. Chrisman offered up his expertise from working as a "soda jerk" for two years in high school and a year in college. And although Chrisman had been retired for 16 years, the thought of making old-fashioned sodas was enough to put him back to work.

Those sodas, which Chrisman stakes his reputation on with a money-back guarantee, come in chocolate, strawberry, pineapple and cherry. The trick, according to Chrisman, is making them by hand and with carbonated water.

"We're getting famous for sodas," he said. "We have people coming from Capitan and Carrizozo asking, 'Are you the man who makes the old-fashioned sodas?'"

And he tells those people if they don't like their soda, he'll give them their money back. "I

haven't had one come back yet," he said.

The malts are also hand-made to be extra thick. Other old-fashioned treats on the menu include banana splits, sundaes and root beer floats.

For those who want to reminisce, but can't take the calories or the sugar in ice cream, the soda fountain has yogurt and fat-free, sugar-free ice cream. The Longs and Chrisman also plan to add soups, sandwiches, hot dogs, popcorn and pie to the menu in the future.

And though the atmosphere hasn't attracted the teen-age set it did in the 1950s and '60s, it is drawing the teens from those years that have since grown up. Chrisman said response has been terrific.

"The crowds tend to be older," he said. "It brings back memories for them."

The soda fountain is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

"Bill and I have been talking about staying open late for the kids," Chrisman added. "So they can have a place to go up until curfew."



Bob Chrisman whips up a banana split at Long's Drug "Nifty 50s" soda fountain.

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# Developer offers a view with room

**Buena Vista Estates**  
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By **JULIE DAXTER**  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Pete Thompson has a great appreciation for the mountain-top views above North Heights Park, but he also appreciates a little "elbow room."

Now he's found a way to offer both to Ruidoso.

Thompson is the developer of a new Ruidoso subdivision called Buena Vista Estates. When he picked the 45-acre parcel of land above North Heights Park, he said, the view caught his attention.

"It really has incredible views," Thompson said. "But rather than break it up into 45 lots, I decided to provide 14 really nice buildable homesites. Each site includes three-quarter to 1 acre for building plus 1.93 acres of common ground."

That common ground is a bit different than most subdivisions in the area, Thompson said, but he thinks it sets Buena Vista apart.

"There are now subdivisions in Ruidoso that I know of with a large common ground," he said. "I felt Ruidoso might be ready for an upscale subdivision such as this."

The common ground is also different than other subdivisions in other towns with similar concepts — instead of a shared green belt area of manicured lawn, the common area in Buena Vista is dotted with trees.

"It's kind of like having a private forest," Thompson said. "A natural green belt."

Also different at Buena Vista is the milong exercise trail Thompson is installing around the neighborhood.

"I've seen people walking



Pete Thompson is the developer of Buena Vista Estates, a new Ruidoso subdivision.

Julie Daxter/Ruidoso News

and jogging all over town, everyday, on city streets," Thompson said of his inspiration to build the trail. "I thought people would like this."

Being different, Thompson said, may be a risky. He's confident in his venture, though.

"There's been a lot of people coming in from other areas and buying \$300,000, \$400,000, \$500,000 and \$600,000 homesites. They're wanting something special," he said. "It's a gamble on my part, but I've

always gambled in the cattle business. This is just a land gamble."

A rancher who came to Ruidoso in 1979, Thompson went to work in ranch sales, added appraisals in 1984 and is now venturing into development.

Thompson said Buena Vista Estates is 80 percent finished, with all the underground utilities laid and the street ready for paving. All that's left is finding the buyers. And once again, Thompson is

confident they will come.

"View lots in the city limits are becoming very limited," he said. "I should have good demand. The Ranches of Sonterra sold out ahead of schedule. My appraisal company appraises at least one house a day and I'm only a part of the appraisal business. I think the town has a very solid base for developing."

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### McFadin reinstated at Ft. Stanton prison

Sandra McFadin is back at work as warden of Fort Stanton minimum security prison for women.

She was removed from the position temporarily in mid-October during an investigation of conditions at the correctional facility about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso. She returned to the job Oct. 25, said state Corrections Department spokesman Michael Toms.

The investigation report on the prison operation from a Grants-based company called SOARS has not been received by department Secretary Rob Perry as of Wednesday, Toms said.

Perry removed McFadin after allegations of violations of state rules covering employee interaction with inmates and of other administrative problems.

In March, a 40-year-old guard from the prison was charged with having sex with an inmate. He later pleaded no contest to the charge. Four other guards also were fired by McFadin, but Perry said last month he was not aware of any more criminal offenses that may have occurred at the prison.

### MECHEM: Intersection will go first

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actual schedule will depend on the outcome of a meeting between company and state officials, Loomis said. That meeting will be sometime either late this month or in early December, he said.

A portion of the work will be to replace village water and sewer lines running next to the street. That work will be paid for by the village as opposed to the state. Ruidoso Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley said Wednesday the village's portion of the contract will be \$1.1 million.

State highway consultants have said the contractor will not work on both the intersection at Sudderth Drive and parts of Mechem Drive simultaneously.

"We realize that that's the worst intersection on the project (for motorists)," said Hal Byrd, a

consultant for the state. His firm, which designed the project, said the contractor will probably spend three months rebuilding the intersection.

The 2.8-mile stretch of Mechem Drive represents the first of the state's three-phased project to widen the road. Based on state projections, traffic along the mostly two-lane road will increase in some areas by as much as 30 percent within 15 years.

The second phase of the project, also scheduled to begin this spring, will widen 2.6 miles of Mechem Drive from White Mountain Drive to state Highway 582 (the turnoff for the ski run). Its cost is estimated by the state at \$7 million.

The third phase, four miles from Highway 582 to Bonito Lake, is to start in 1999. Its cost is estimated at \$5.8 million, state officials say.

### Drilling rig burns, spills 25 gallons of fuel

A well drilling rig caught fire Wednesday, melting hydraulic lines and spilling about 25 gallons of diesel fuel.

The Bonito Volunteer Fire Department received the call about 2:30 p.m. When members arrived at Eagle Creek Canyon Road off Gavilan Canyon Road, they found the fire was confined to the back end of the truck containing the \$180,000 rig.

"It was pretty well burned," said Chief Chris Dennis.

When the hydraulic lines ruptured, they hit an exhaust pipe and really went up, Dennis said.

"Tires were popping," he said. "About 500 gallons of diesel fuel was immediately

threatened and there was about 2,500 gallons stored. We were fortunate no tanks went up or it could have been much worse."

Three units responded from Bonito and Ruidoso. Fire Department brought extra water.

"They showed up with their foam pack unit and it was really helpful," Dennis said. "I'm persuaded."

Most of the fuel spill was absorbed by the surrounding soil and Ruidoso Paving was contacted to scoop up and dispose of the contaminated soil, according to a state police report.

The drilling unit was being used in a new subdivision.

### Capitan decides to run Smokey Bear Museum

Smokey Bear Museum will be operated for the next year by the village of Capitan, instead of contracting with a private operator.

Members of the village Board of Trustees on Monday announced that the museum will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for now, but the hours may be adjusted on snowy days.

Lena White will be working full time at the museum next to Smokey Bear Park and Gloria Aldez will work part time.

Trustees decided to try the arrangement for a year, after rejecting bids from two private entities and because it already had hooked up a telephone and was manning the museum successfully.

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## Runners ready for state meet

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso cross country teams return to familiar territory when they head north to Gallup and the Class AAA State Championships.

At one time or another, nearly all of the Warrior boys and girls have tackled the race course at Red Rock State Park, which, if a movie star, would be Sharon Stone, beautiful and dangerous — beautiful in its setting, dangerous in its challenging hills and sandy terrain.

"It's a great place to run," Ruidoso coach Ronnie Maskew said.

Cross country running is something of a religion in northwestern New Mexico, and that's why the races will be broadcast over the radio and a crowd of 10,000 will watch the state championships.

Ruidoso leaves today for Gallup. The Warriors will walk the course this afternoon and then rest up for Saturday. The Class AAA girls race starts at 10:30 a.m., while the Class AAA boys race begins at noon.

Leading the District 3AAA Champion Ruidoso boys will be sophomore Dabert Comanche. Comanche won the district's individual title Nov. 7.

He'll be joined by senior Roy Hough, junior Kyle Sparks, sophomore Collin May, freshman Eric Flores and eighth-graders Joshua Romero and Ben Smith.

Maskew likes his young team's chances to finish in the top 10, or maybe the top five.

"These kids really get after it and work," Maskew said.

The Warrior girls would work more if their legs allowed it. Sore legs have slowed Ruidoso's efforts in practice for the last month, Maskew said.

"We've been in the whirlpool. We've been on the bicycle. We can't seem to get over it," Maskew said of the Ruidoso rehabilitation efforts. "I think they're having to bite their lips to finish running."

Junior Erica Romero, however, is healthy. The three-time District 3AAA champion just missed the top 10 last year, finishing 11th. Romero has set a personal goal of improving that finish this year.

In order to do that, what must the Warrior runners do? "Like he (coach Maskew) says. It's always best to get out in front," Romero said.

## Nine inches of snow falls at Ski Apache

Back-to-back cold fronts dropped a total of nine inches of snow at Ski Apache earlier this week.

Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker described the snow as "heavy."

"It certainly looks a lot better this morning," Parker said Thursday. "The heavy snow covers so well."

Parker expects more snow by the end of the weekend.

"The jet stream is in the right place," he said.

Snowmaking crews will continue their efforts if conditions are right.

The cold nights and recent storms have Parker optimistic about a Thanksgiving opening for the ski area.

## CLASS A FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Upstart Tigers say they deserve a little respect

BY STEVE BENNETT  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

As the 7-4 Capitan Tigers prepare for their biggest test, a semifinal game against 9-2 and top-ranked Texico, head football coach Ed Davis seeks — besides a victory — respect.

The dust had barely settled on the gridiron after Capitan's 50-8 quarter-final round thrashing of Dulce last Saturday when head football coach Davis told his team, "Boys, we need to prove those newspapers wrong."

Davis was referring to an Albuquerque Journal article

that said, "Capitan and Dulce should be a competitive game but the winner is going to get mauled by Texico."

Indeed. No doubt the Journal put much weight on last year's playoff encounter that saw Texico have its way with Davis' Tigers, 48-0. But as fifth year Texico head coach Barry Partain would probably say, "This is another year."

Unlike the Journal, Partain knows the mettle of his fee having already scouted the Tigers.

"That article was ridiculous," Partain said. "They don't

know what they're talking about. We expect this to be our toughest game of the year."

Partain went on to say, "We have a lot of respect for their offense. We'll have to control the football to keep their offensive unit off the field."

In turn, Davis has nothing but respect for his opponent.

"Texico has three backs they like to get the ball to," he said. "They're a ball control team with a lot of speed. They're the only team we've played this year that has the same kind of speed we do."

Davis was speaking of backs Pecos Chumley, who has

rushed for more than 1,100 yards, tailback Toby Askew, and his cousin, fullback Mel Askew. Together, the trio has proved to be nearly unstoppable on its way to the state's No. 1 Class A ranking.

What will Capitan do to stop the rampaging Wolverines?

Davis said: "Overall, they have about 10 or 11 players that do everything. Defensively, we expect them to slant and stunt to stop our ground game. Their defense is also very fast."

The winner will advance to the Class A championship game.

### Class A Semifinals

- Who: Capitan (7-4) vs. No. 1 Texico (9-2)
- When: 1 p.m. Saturday
- Where: Tiger Stadium in Capitan
- At stake: A trip to the Class A Championship Game. Texico is the defending state champ, while Capitan last played for the title in 1994.



Corey Saenz



Adrian Herrera



Josh Varnadore

# TRIPLE THREAT

Ruidoso's new offense will be a key to the Warriors' success in preplayoff game against St. Pius

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warrior football team left Ruidoso this morning, on its way to Albuquerque for a pre-playoff showdown with St. Pius X.

District 3AAA runner-up Ruidoso (5-5) meets the Sartans (8-3) for a 2 p.m. game at Wilson Stadium, located behind Manzano High School.

It's been a distracting week in the Warrior football camp. When it started Monday, Ruidoso was the District 3AAA champ by virtue of a New Mexico Activities Association ruling. (See related story below.) Twenty-four hours later, the Warriors were pushed back to runner-up when a Silver High School appeal of the ruling was successful.

Tuesday, before the appeal was heard, Ruidoso head coach Les Carter said he was preparing his team for the Sartans. The Ruidoso coach staff, meanwhile, scrambled around for game film and hotel rooms.

Despite the early week distractions, Ruidoso offensive coordinator

John Roberts said the Warriors remained focused for the week of practice.

"I don't think there is any effect. The kids are probably a little more resilient than adults about this," Roberts said.

"We've been able to practice just like we wanted."

That's a good sign for Ruidoso fans. Another is that the Warriors are ready to unleash their triple option offense against their Saturday opponent.

The going was slow at first for the new offense which Ruidoso coaching staff implemented this fall. That's because it's rather complicated, but once it catches on...



It's taken awhile, but Ruidoso's triple option offense has developed into a potent attack for the Warriors. Junior quarterback Corey Saenz must read the defense and take what's open: the handoff to the fullback, to the wingback, or carry it himself.

Roberts said the triple offense is used by some of the military academy football programs such as Army.

"Generally they (Army) are pretty limited personnel," Roberts said. "Typically we don't have a lot of size. That's the reason that we did it."

"It's been a good offense for us. I think it's given us a chance to exploit some of the talents of the people we have."

One of those people is junior quarterback Corey Saenz, who has the brains to read defenses and shiftiness to escape many a would-be tackler.

"He's made an awful lot of good decisions this year," Roberts said of Saenz.

Complementing Saenz in the backfield is junior fullback Adrian Herrera.

Herrera's backup is the equally talented Brett Meyers.

When Saenz is handing off to either of them, he has the option of giving the ball to slotbacks Juan Warner or Cesar Legaspy.

And when Saenz reads pass, he has junior receiver Josh Varnadore, who leads the team in receptions, or junior receiver Garvin Grant.

St. Pius will counter with a 5-2 or 5-3 defense, which means as many as eight Sartans will be "in the box" or near the line of scrimmage.

All of which leads to a point Roberts said will be key to the Warriors' success on Saturday.

"I think we're going to have to throw the ball well. Particularly when they are in this 5-3 defense," Roberts said.

Ruidoso and St. Pius share two common opponents this season — Hot Springs and Socorro. The Sartans blanked Hot Springs in their opener,

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### FOLLOW-UP FROM WEDNESDAY

# Silver wins appeal, but fires shots at Ruidoso officials

BY STEVE BENNETT  
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The Warriors were champs, at least for a day or two.

On Tuesday, in a decision marked by controversy and hints of personal animosity, the New Mexico Activities Association placed the Silver City High School athletic program on probation, but will permit the team to compete in the playoffs as the District 3AAA champion.

While the judgment — in language — sustains executive director Dan Salzwedel's original decision made a week ago, it reverses a penalty requiring their football team to forfeit seven of its eight victories.

Had Salzwedel's original judgment stood, Silver City would have been eliminated from postseason play, and Ruidoso would have been declared the District 3AAA champion with Santa Teresa the runner-up. Ruidoso will now play Albuquerque St. Pius in the open-

ing preplayoff round of the Class AAA playoffs.

The drama began in October, 10 days after Ruidoso lost a hard-fought game, 37-25, to Silver City. An unnamed source in Bayard contacted head football coach Les Carter and informed him that Silver City receiver, Israel Jacquez, was not eligible to compete.

In turn, Carter informed Ruidoso Superintendent Mike Gladden and Principal Ron Hodges. Jacquez had attended Cobre High School in Bayard for two years where his father, David, was principal. Last June, David Jacquez was fired and Israel, who had always lived in Silver City, decided to attend Silver.

With this information, Gladden told the Ruidoso News: "I called the Cobre superintendent. He checked into it and told me that, to his knowledge, Israel Jacquez had not been given the required release from Cobre."

"After that I contacted the NMAA. They informed me that nothing was on

file in their office that said this young man was eligible to compete for Silver. Moreover, it was the NMAA that told me to file an inquiry which I did."

Gladden then sent letters of inquiry to the NMAA and the Silver City Superintendent Elna Stowe.

In response to the inquiry, Salzwedel traveled to Silver City and met with both parties involved, Silver and Cobre. After several days of testimony and fact-finding, last Friday, Salzwedel ruled that Silver City would forfeit all seven games that Jacquez had competed in.

Silver lost that round and the District 3AAA title, but round two was close at hand. As expected, Silver City appealed to a newly formed, five-member board of superintendents. The board ruled that Silver did not properly petition in advance the participation of Jacquez. But because the student did not personally violate any NMAA rules, he could compete and Silver could keep its victories and district

title. Then at the appeal proceedings in Albuquerque last Tuesday, Silver made a few points (and took a few shots) of its own.

Silver City Superintendent Stowe told the committee that Ruidoso was obligated to inform them of suspected wrongdoing, something Ruidoso failed to do.

She told the Ruidoso News: "There are two places in the NMAA handbook that apply here. Under section 4.24 it states, 'If a school suspects another of competing with an ineligible player, it is the responsibility of that school to call such observations to the attention of the offending school.' Under section 1.10 it says, 'A school calling into question such and allegation shall offer such evidence in writing to the offending school and executive director.'"

Stowe said Ruidoso failed to do

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# REACTION: Ruidoso officials explain their part in the Silver investigation

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his. However, she went on to praise Gladden, who addressed this oversight.

"Mike Gladden made an apology to me in front of the committee. I really appreciated that," Stowe said Wednesday.

However, Silver City Athletic Director Frank Ogas was not so diplomatic.

Ogas told the Albuquerque Journal on Tuesday, "I found it interesting that Principal Ron Hodges was running the chains (at the Silver-Ruidoso football game). Maybe his intent was to monitor our kids and gain information."

On Wednesday, Ogas was out of his office in Silver and unavailable for comment. However, Stowe chose to clarify the words of her athletic director.

"I felt badly for Ron Hodges," Stowe said. "No one doubts that he is a professional, a super guy. I think what Frank was getting at was perceptions. As administrators a lot of what we do is based on perception. Unfortunately, with Ron on the sideline that night, it left him open for a bad perception."

This did not square things with Gladden.

"I thought his (Ogas) remark was really a cheap

"I think what Frank (Ogas) was getting at was perceptions. As administrators a lot of what we do is based on perceptions."

Elma Stowe, Silver superintendent

"Well, I have lost no respect for Frank Ogas because I never had any to begin with."

Ron Hodges, RHS principal

shot," he said.

So what was Hodges doing on the sideline that night in October?

As it turns out, being an administrator, Hodges said.

"When we hosted Portales, one of their radio commentators complained to me about our sideline chain gang (used to measure first downs)," Hodges said. "He claimed they were signaling plays in to our players. I thought that was nonsense but I began to look more closely at the chain gang."

"During the Carlsbad game, their coaches insisted that our chain gang be removed from the field. And

the officials did just that. We had to replace the entire crew during the game. This was brought to the attention of the Activities Association and I informed Dan Salzwedel that, in the future, I would personally supervise and train the chain crew. So the executive director was aware of my decision and approved it."

Hodges is a former coach, and NMAA regulations state that chain crews are to remain neutral and unbiased during a game.

Hodges went on, "At the Silver City game their principal (Frank Quarrel) approached me and asked why I was on the chain crew. I explained the situation and he was OK with it."

"Our intent was never to hurt the Silver City kids. We're happy that they're in the playoffs. I'd also like to say that Dr. Stowe and Frank Quarrels handled themselves professionally. But there are rules that we all agree to abide by. We had a responsibility to our kids to at least make an inquiry."

What about Ogas' remarks?

"Well, I have lost no respect for Frank Ogas," Hodges said, "because I never had any to begin with."

# TRIPLE: Defense match-up against St. Pius looks good

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28-0, and then fell to No. 1-ranked Socorro, 36-6. Ruidoso slipped past Hot Springs, 21-7, last week, and lost to Socorro, 39-6, on Sept. 12. But the Warriors' loss to Socorro came when Saenz was sidelined with a concussion.

"Well, they've had a pretty successful season," Roberts said of St. Pius. "They are basically a wing-T team. They are

predominantly a running team."

Leading the Sartans is sophomore quarterback Jeff Grady, who Roberts described as "quite a physical specimen."

Senior fullback Ryan Morris, senior receiver Joe Menicucci and junior lineman Tom Catnach are the other Sartan leaders for second-year coach San Juan Mendoza.

The Warriors saw that offensive formation last week in Truth or Consequences.

"Defensively, our base defense match-up real well against this offense," said Roberts, noting that Hot Springs crossed the Warrior 50-yard line just twice last week.

Leading the defensive charge for Ruidoso will be nose-guard Jason Leasingham and linebackers Meyer and Arthur Miller.

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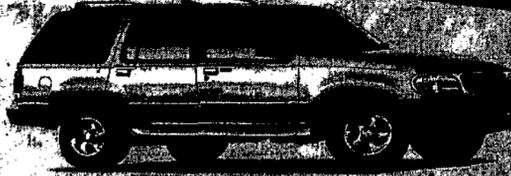

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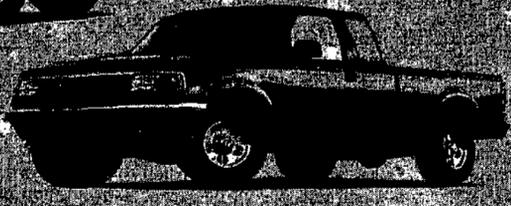
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**AFFORDABLE & ADORABLE!** Neat, clean, well maintained, nicely furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile in great location with year-round access. Completely fenced on large lot with city utilities. \$60,000.



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**CREE MEADOWS** Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath fireplace, garage, W/D, microwave, \$825 mo plus deposit, utilities. LEASE

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 TWICE REDUCED PRICES!! \$9,500, 1982 Ford Explorer, 4X4, fully loaded. All leather interior. 378-9191

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 Owner forced to sell at "below cost". Brand new 1,500 sq ft 3/2 doublewide. Tape & textured thru-out. FF, carpet, appliances, decks on secluded cul-de-sac. I will help with financing. 336-4959

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 FLETCHER COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CAPITAL PROJECT LINCOLN COUNTY NEW MEXICO

DATE OF PUBLICATION: November 13, 1997  
 EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

The Lincoln County Commission is considering various improvements that include compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act provisions regarding entry ways, doors, restrooms and other ADA requirements. The proposed project has been determined to be adjacent to flood plain areas, but will have no adverse affect on the area located in the flood plain based on the flood plain resource map, effective March 28, 1978.

Written comments will be received by the Lincoln County Commission, Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carlsbad, NM 88301-0711, until 5:00 P.M., Friday, November 28, 1997.

A more detailed description of the project is available for review at the Lincoln County Courthouse, County Manager's Office, 300 Central Avenue, Carlsbad, NM 88301, (505)646-2365.

FRANK POTTER, LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGER, CERTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

1303 1T(1)1717

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on December 2, 1997 at Village Hall, 313 Cone Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #FV97-034 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 11A, Block G, White Fir Sub. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Christus R. Richards  
 Planning Administrator

1301 1T(1)1714

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
 The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold their next two (2) regularly scheduled Board meetings at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meetings are open to the public and agendas are available 24 hours prior to the meetings. Auxiliary agendas are available upon request; please contact: Martha Guevara at 648-2356 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

9:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997

9:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1997

MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

1308 1T(1)1714

**LEGAL NOTICE**

A public hearing shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 1997, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the application of V. Salem and Lane L. Guevara to obtain a Restaurant License No. 25-025 to be located at Highway 280, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, November 21, 1997, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The following proposed ordinance will be considered:

(1) Proposed Amendments to the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance No. 1997-4

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Ruidoso, New Mexico, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA  
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

1308 1T(11)14

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on December 2, 1997, at Village Hall, 33 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 8:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Cause #97-035 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 22, Block G, White Fir Sd., Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
/s/ Cleatus R. Richards  
Planning Administrator

1309 1T(11)14

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
WILLARD C. ANDERSON,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
VIRGINIA A. ANDERSON,  
Respondent

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**  
TO: VIRGINIA A. ANDERSON

**GREETINGS:**

YOUR ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Willard C. Anderson is the Plaintiff and you are the Respondent, the same being Cause No. DM-97-185, Division III.

The object and purpose of the said suit is for dissolution of marriage.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file the pleadings herein on or before January 15, 1998, the Plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the petition.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is Richard A. Hewitson, P.A., Richard A. Hewitson, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 86345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 6th day of November, 1997.

/s/ Elizabeth Laurs  
Deputy Court Clerk

1304 (11)14.21

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on December 2, 1997, at Village Hall, 33 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider #97PVC033 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 15, Block A, Navajo, Sd., Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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/s/ Cleatus R. Richards  
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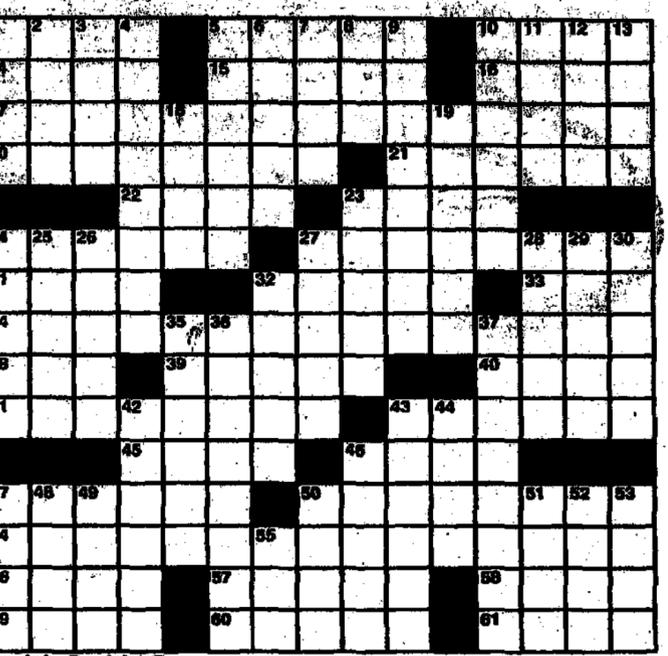
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  - 50 Not go out

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Puzzle by Randolph Ross

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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**Ruidoso,  
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Fri. Dec. 5th, 7-10 pm  
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Saturday evening

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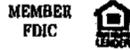
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Reverge Anselmo has returned home to direct "The Outfitters." Find out what he's done to pull off the production of his first movie. **See page 5C**

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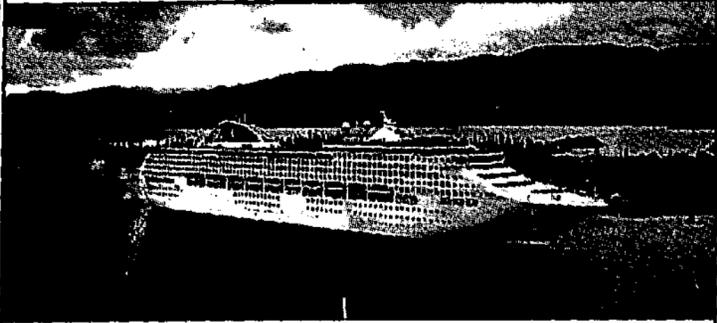
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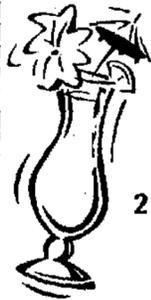
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### Duncan Studio Gallery

Downtown White Oaks, (505) 648-2253.

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### Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

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For November, Debra Smith Wills' "Poozar" is featured. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

### Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza,  
Ruidoso 258-9071.

The gallery features a continual display of original art by Gaylon Gillem, Barbara Diehl Westbrook, Bernice Landrum, Billie Long, Bruce Chapman, Patti Mayes, Teresa Hughes, Flora Hatfield Buchanan, Red Moore, Marcia Bizeau, Buddy Godinez, Monty and Barbara Jones, and Earthfolk clay pieces by Adrian Henry Also showing antiques from various Texas and N.M. vendors. Open Tuesday through Saturday.

### Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio,  
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### The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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### Lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-1056.

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### L.C. Mercantile & Trading Post

320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316.

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### Museum of the Horse

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# The arts

## Filming the familiar

### Anselmo brings the movies home

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
ruidoso news staff writer

When Reverge Anselmo says he's going to do something, you can bet on it, say friends and family members.

He always told his grandparents he was going to write a novel.

He did.

He said he was going to direct a movie.

He is.

Toss in building his own adobe home, already completing his second screenplay and formulating a half dozen other projects, and the picture becomes clear.

He means what he says.

When Circle Films pulled out of the filming of "The Outfitters," based on a script written by Anselmo in 10 days earlier this year, instead of waiting for someone else to do the film, he decided to pull it together himself.

"I'll cowboy the wing-ding," Anselmo said, quoting from a line in the script.

He had never directed before or attended film school.

But for the past month, he's been in the director's chair on the filming of "The Outfitters" in Lincoln County.

Last weekend, the crew was shooting in a remote section of Lincoln County, which Anselmo said has its advantages.

You can shut down the highway for a few minutes at a time and no planes hold up scenes, he said.

With about 12 more days of filming left, Anselmo said the production is ahead of schedule and on budget.

#### Writer first

Anselmo was born in Mexico City, where his father produced theater and television shows. In 1963, his father brought the family back to the United States and started Spanish International Network, now known as Univision. He later also created PanAmSat, the world's first privately owned global satellite network.

At 18, Anselmo enlisted in the Marines and in 1982 was sent to Lebanon, where a quarter of his unit died.

His experience in Beirut moved him to write a novel, "The Cadillac of Six-By's," an eight-year labor. He rewrote it six times before it was published by Harper Collins last spring.

Enlisting "was just something you do as a child," he said. "I wanted to go to war."

He translated memories of the city falling and high Marine casualties into a love story, to allow the reader to experience the loss more intimately.

"Someone once said, 'All sorrows are similar,'" he said.

Anselmo considers himself a writer first, although he has worked in the satellite business and now films.

When he returned from the war, he attended St. Johns College in Santa Fe and forged a close relationship with his grandparents, Edward and Dorothy Morton, who retired in 1974 and moved to Capitan.

He bought a piece of land next to their property and put up the adobe.

"He always said he was going to write," Dorothy Morton said Monday, adding that his gift extended to personal correspondence "He sent the most wonderful letters to us when he was in Europe."

Anselmo also sent the first draft of "The Outfitters" to his grandparents and told them he was going to film it in Lincoln County.

"I came out on a trip with my ex-fiance and had bought a pair of binoculars," Anselmo said. "As we were driving along, she never took off the binoculars. I said what if a girl lived in Capitan who never took off her binoculars and from that character, the story took form."

"And then what if (the lead character) wound up in Capitan and had to make a go - with one hitch - he had to make a go with his brother."

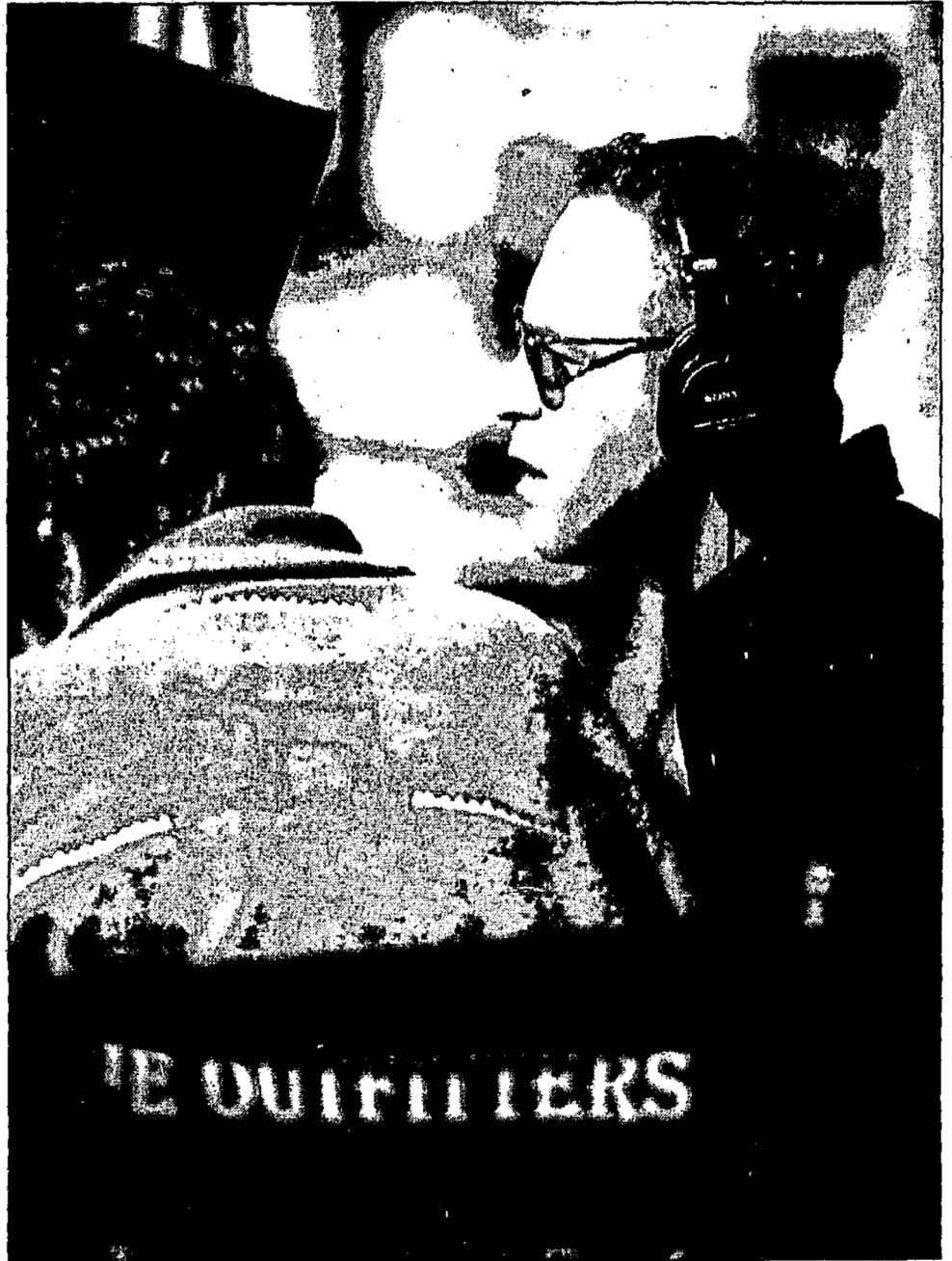
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Anselmo

"The script went all over the city (Hollywood) and everybody wanted to work on it."

Reverge Anselmo,  
Writer and director



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Reverge Anselmo wrote the dialogue for the script the way he heard it.

# Director: Anselmo means what he says

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Although this is his first experience as a director, Anselmo has been associated with the entertainment business and in 1984 he enrolled at the Erv Malnarich Outfitters and Guild School in Hamilton, Mont., which later provided the lingo he needed for his movie characters.

He worked for his father at the network and promoted World Cup Soccer telecasts. He started with PanAmSat in 1988, serving as European general manager in Paris, then later a vice president for the company's operations in Latin America.

"It took me a long time to get to this and only because Circle Films pulled out and I decided to do it myself rather than wait for someone to do it for me," Anselmo said. "Two months ago, I had never even talked to a director."

Working on a \$2 million budget, he figured he'd end up hiring anybody willing to do the project. But he attracted some top talent, partly because of his timing and partly because he has talented friends ready to work on the project, such as Penny Fearon, a respected producer and director of documentaries.

Casting took place in Los Angeles.

"The script went all over the city and everybody wanted to work on it," Anselmo said. "There wasn't a single decent script out when I came in" as a headline in Variety declared the week he arrived.

Del Zamora and Danny Nucci, who play the two brothers in the film, responded to a casting call. The minute Anselmo saw them, they had the jobs.

Dana Delany, who gained fame in the "China Beach" television series and more recently the movie "Tombstone," was on the list to play the female lead character Cat Bonfaim.

"She is Cat," Anselmo said. "She's writ-

ten as someone who likes to graze dictionaries and Dana likes that.

"She's so warm and kind, not a prima donna, a real trooper. She never complains. It would be difficult shooting this with a different kind of temperament."

The cast works together as an ensemble, creating a special type of intimacy that translates well to film, he said.

All of the characters are composites of different people he has met.

The dialogue sounds real, because it is.

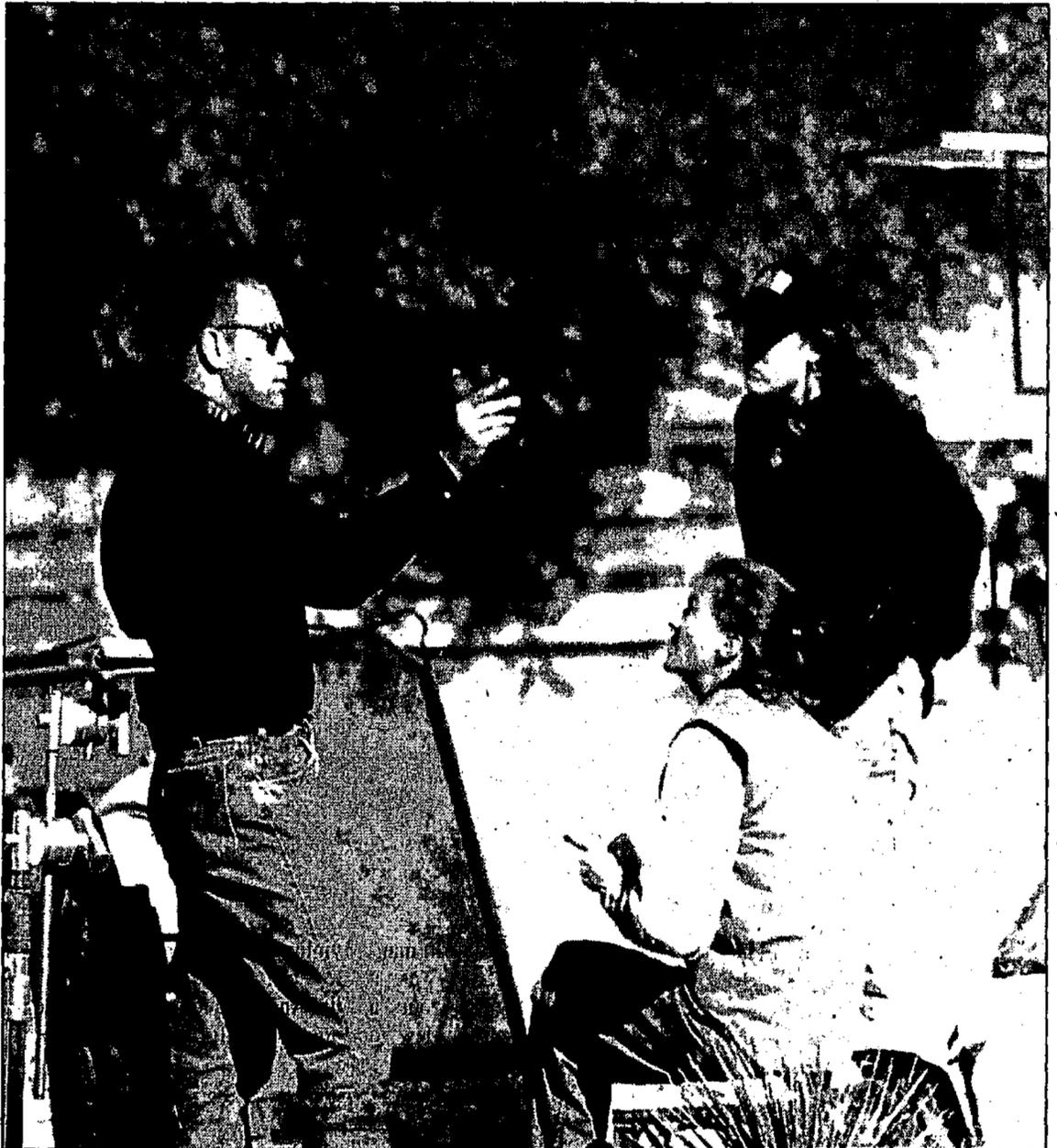
"I remember the dialogue and I repeat it," Anselmo said.

Many local people have been cast as extras, stand-ins or used in other capacities.

Shooting in Encinosa last weekend, Anselmo used a deserted school house and the home of Agatha Long for scenes. A former Capitan school district secretary, Long has known Anselmo for 10 years and describes him as "very caring, very intelligent and sweet."

"He was working on another project when my friend, Esther Otero Flanagan, introduced us," Long said. "His visits to Capitan usually are short, but when he was writing his book, he spent the summer."

Anselmo is equally as glowing in his admiration for Long, but added the character of Cat is not modeled after his friend.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

First-time movie director Réverge Anselmo came home to film his first feature motion picture.

He's using her home about 13 miles north-east of Capitan, because he had it in mind from the story's inception.

Long's daughter will appear in the movie and will sing a song Anselmo bought the rights to called "One More Time." It will be part of the movie sound track.

While finishing up filming on the Outfitters, Anselmo already is looking at

new projects.

"I have another script in my bag called 'China House,'" he said. "I wrote it in December."

It plays against the backdrop of Paris, where Anselmo lived for five years. And after that, he has six other projects, all already titled.

## Enjady painting selected for promotional poster

Mescalero Apache artist Oliver Enjady's work depicting the Mountain God spirits has been selected as the promotion poster for the 21st Annual Indian Market sponsored by the Pueblo Grande Museum and City of Phoenix.

Enjady said he was sent an application packet by the museum for the competition and returned it with a slide of his work in August.

"They told me I was one of the top three," he said. "Then I had to send five more paintings and wait some more. Then they said I was one of the top two and I waited some more."

When his painting was selected, Enjady also learned he had been named Emerging Artist of The Year by the museum.

The Indian market is scheduled for Dec. 13-14 at the city's South Mountain Park Activity Complex.



# patti brimberry

## violinist and teacher

Patti Brimberry, who recently opened the Dancing Bear Music Studio in Ruidoso, left behind the big city and a big-time job to follow her dream of teaching violin and piano in the town where she was born.

She has completed a master's degree in music in violin performance at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

**Q: How did you get started in music - was it a family thing?**

A: Kind of yes and no. My grandfather played the fiddle and I have his violin in there (she indicates another room in the studio). My dad played saxophone when he was a young man, but not once when we were around. It was long before we were born. So, there wasn't that influence.

My mother loved music and the arts, so we, my sister and I, got started young. My sister, she was older and started before I did. So, she taught me violin. She started

teaching me when I was 8 or 9.

**Q: How long have you been playing?**

A: Ever since, well, I'm 42, so that's 33 years, really. Unlike doctors, musicians start when they are 3, so by the time you are 30, you can have 27 years in.

Then I started piano lessons. And that was really my main instrument at first ... So, then I went to college and studied piano and ended up in paralegal work and actually getting a degree in paralegal studies. And that's because you have to pay the rent.

And I was taught while I was working and would do recitals and would study with teachers and would just keep it up, but I finally had to do something to make a living. Not that you can't from teaching, you can. But I didn't see a way to do it back then.

Then I became a law firm manager ... And my last job was in Dallas and I worked 18 hours a day, seven days a week, flew to

Houston two to three times a week ... It was just so stressful. They paid me lots of money and I had this great big office on the 49th floor and it was supposedly all these glamorous things.

So, I said I just can't do this any more, it's too stressful. If I'm going to do this much work, I might as well do something that I love, I might as well do music. So, in 1990, I came here.

**Q: And what happened then?**

A: I took a minimum wage job doing secretarial work. From my \$60,000 salary down to that — I was in shock for a while. I started practicing on my own — you know, to see if I could go back and do this, because I hadn't played violin as much during that time.

So, I really wanted to play violin. And I had to get over a tremendous stage fright, because I was

insecure about it because I hadn't played. And I really hadn't had that much instruction of violin so it took a while to get settled into it.

And then there were some people, who are still here, who started doing a whole series of pop concerts. And they wanted me to play in a public forum with a forgiving audience, which this community is.

And I heard about this really good teacher in Flagstaff (Dr. Louise Scott). I auditioned for her and they offered me a scholarship. They didn't have any violin schol-

arships left when I went, so I got a scholarship accompanying in piano ... but I was a violin major, which was excruciatingly difficult.

**Q: How old were you at this time?**

A: Thirty-nine. Which was very hard. Most schools don't let you in without the undergraduate degree (in music).

(Brimberry will have an open house and violin teaching demonstration will be 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday at the studio, located behind the First National Bank off of Sudderth Drive. For more information, call 257-0239.)



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If you're pining for a pint of Old English Ale look no further than Bentley's. The Ruidoso brew pub serves up European and domestic micro brews and fine wines, along with some fabulous food. House specialties include fish and chips and steaks hand cut on the premises.

**Price Range:** \$\$  
**Phone:** 258-4232  
**Address:** 1133 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso  
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## Billy the Kid's Original Hard Rock Cafe

Hide out where Billy did and rustle up some good grub. Serving certified Black Angus steaks and lobster daily, the Cafe offers the most unique dining experience in the Southern Rockies.

**Price Range:** \$\$  
**Phone:** 378-8401  
**Address:** in historic Fox Cave, six miles east of Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70.  
**Hours:** Fri.-Sun. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.

## Cafe Mescalero

Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food with a Southwestern flare, the Cafe has "edible art" by chef Anthony Carpenter for breakfast, lunch and dinner and fajita specials all weekend.

**Price Range:** \$\$  
**Phone:** 257-6893  
**Address:** one mile south of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero  
**Hours:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.; Dinner 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun.



## Cattle Baron

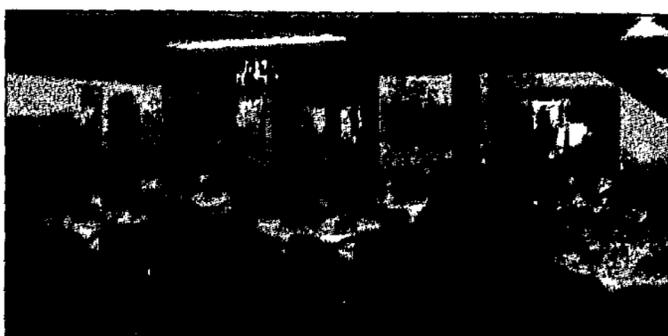
Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

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**Address:** 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso  
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## Che Bella

Take a tasteful trip to Northern Italy at Che Bella with its selection of pastas, gourmet pizza, veal, poultry, steaks and fish. And once you've finished your meal, stay a while in the cigar and martini bar for a cosmopolitan way to cap off your evening.

**Price Range:** \$\$  
**Phone:** 257-7540  
**Address:** 2823 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso  
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## Dan Li Ka Dining Room

Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

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**Address:** 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

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### K Bob's Steak House

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**Price Range:** \$-\$\$

**Phone:** 378-4747  
**Address:** West Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs

**Hours:** Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.

### La Lorraine

Established in 1985, La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Chef Rick Vashina's pepper steak and creme brulee are bound to make your mouth water. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

**Price Range:** \$\$-\$\$\$

**Phone:** 257-2954  
**Address:** 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso

**Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; 5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thur.; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



### Southern Accent

Emily White and crew are cooking up some home cooking at Southern Accent. White said her goal is to make her customers feel like they're having dinner at her house. Dine outdoors among the cool pines as the smell of the smokehouse wafts through the air.

**Price Range:** \$

**Phone:** 258-3856  
**Address:** 1028 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

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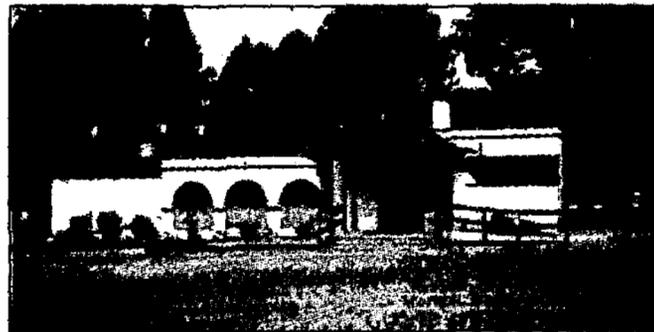
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**Phone:** 258-3325  
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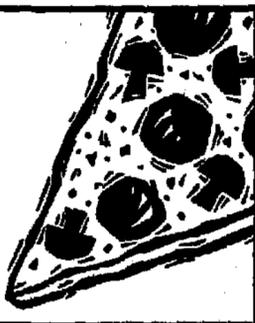
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# Going out

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## Christmas Market, Art and Health Fair in Capitan Nov. 28-29

Capitan will play host to a Christmas Market, Art and Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 28 and 29 at the Lincoln County Mercantile, 320 S. Lincoln Ave.

The event will offer a large selection of gifts and holiday decor, as well as live music, free refreshments and demonstrations by alternative health specialists. Admission to the fair is free.

For more information call Virginia Jones at 354-2316.

## 'Steel Magnolias' at The Castle

The Alamogordo Community Theater will present "Steel Magnolias" this weekend at the Castle.

The story centers on five southern women and their ability to cope with the everyday tragedies of life. Although they may look as fragile and sweet as magnolias, these flowers are as strong as steel.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for adults. For more information, call The Castle at 257-5190.

## 'A Shot in the Dark' at Roswell theater

"A Shot in the Dark," a comedy with a dash of mystery, is the next production of the Roswell Community Little Theater.

Directed by Betty Lou Cheney, the play is set in a magistrate's examining room in the heart of Paris where suspects are interviewed for the murder of a man with a colorful past.

Evening performances are scheduled for 8:15 p.m. today and Saturday and at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22. Sunday matinees are set for 2 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 23. No reservations are needed for the matinees. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students.

For more information or reservations, call (505) 622-1982.

## Annual art sale in Roswell this weekend

The Pecos Valley Potter's Guild will hold its annual art sale this weekend at the Sally Port Inn, 2000 N. Main St., in Roswell this weekend.

The event will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. There will be a silent auction and a wreath give-away. Admission is free.

"I don't know where we'd go. We've been everywhere. We now have a permanent home. If we don't get to keep it, I don't know where we'll go."

Larry Wimbrow  
Ruidoso Little Theater



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso Little Theater is asking for community support to help save its home at The Castle.

## SOS: 'Save Our Stage'

# RLT needs \$100,000 to keep curtains rising

BY JULIE BAXTER  
Vamonos Staff Writer

A mainstay in the community, the Ruidoso Little Theater has brought laughter, tears and suspense to audiences for more than 15 years. Now RLT is asking the community to rally around it while a drama of a different type unfolds.

The community theater needs to raise \$100,000 by March to keep its home in The Castle on Highway 70.

"RLT has been here for over 15 years in every conceivable location," said Larry Wimbrow, RLT manager. "We finally have a theater that is perfect."

But that perfect home is in danger of being lost. Wimbrow said RLT owns the building, but a \$100,000 balloon mortgage payment is coming due in March - a payment that RLT is struggling to make.

To raise money, RLT will kick off a bond drive Dec. 1. The bonds will be available in \$500 and \$1,000 amounts and will pay 5.5 percent interest. The bond drive will last until Feb. 28.

If the \$100,000 goal is met,

Wimbrow said, the bonds will be redeemable in five years. If the \$100,000 goal isn't met, the money will be returned to investors.

"This is the community's theater and right now we need the community to save it," said RLT board member Jay Silverman.

The Texas House is also rallying around the cause, staging the "Mountain of Blues" concert at The Castle on Nov. 21 to help raise money. The concert will feature blues bands Lou Ellison and Cold Shot, the KGB Blues Band and The Jelly Roll Kings.

Silverman said RLT is putting out an SOS - "Save Our Stage" - to keep RLT alive and well in Ruidoso. The theater, he said, is an important venue not only for actors and directors, but the community as well.

"RLT is complete community access," Silverman said. "Anybody who wants to act, direct, work on a set ... we welcome them with open arms. It's open to adolescents. We

### MOUNTAIN OF BLUES

The Texas House Cafe will hold its Mountain of Blues concert from 8 to 11 p.m., Nov. 21 at The Castle. Performers slated for the jam are Lou Ellison and Cold Shot, the KGB Blues Band, and The Jelly Roll Kings. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Texas House, Candle Power and the Ruidoso Vally Chamber of Commerce.

have a number of fine kids who do literally everything. There's so little for teenagers to do in Ruidoso.

"Theater is supposed to entertain and educate. I believe we're really doing quite a bit. I believe theater is the perfect art form, it embodies

everything."

The Castle is also open to other community groups for performances, meetings, lectures and more.

"Anybody that wants to use The Castle for any of their productions, all they have to do is call

me," Wimbrow said.

He said the fee for use of the building is negotiable and "doesn't cost that much."

"We're working to bring in a lot of community activities. What we want to do with The Castle is make it community based - dinner theater, concerts, we have five plays scheduled for next year.

"What we're trying to do with the bonds is get people interested in investing in community theater. If they can't afford a bond, we'll welcome anything that they can give."

Anything includes old furniture, clothes, makeup, money and time - anything that can help RLT keep going.

Wimbrow said he's hoping the community will rally to rescue RLT.

"I don't know where we'd go," he said. "We've been everywhere. We now have a permanent home. If we don't get to keep it, I don't know where we'll go."

For more information on the RLT fund-raising effort, call Wimbrow at 257-5190.

BRIDGETACTICS

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NORTH

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As proof of my prowess while I am in the Land of Nod, I cite this hand, which I played last night. I was West and had to lead against four hearts.

It may seem impossible to defeat the contract, but I accomplished the feat without even batting an eyelash. I did not fall into the trap of leading the jack of

spades, which most players would have done. Instead, I led the queen of clubs!

Now imagine, if you will, being in declarer's shoes at this moment. He naturally thought I had the Q-J, so he made the normal play of ducking in dummy. When I then led the deuce, he ducked again, reasoning that with the ten in his own hand East would have to win with the ace.

But my partner won the trick with the jack and returned a club to my ace. I then administered the coup de grace by leading the five of clubs. South discarded a diamond from dummy and my partner, bless him, trumped with the jack. As a result, declarer could not avoid losing a trump trick to my ten and went down one. Cordially yours, John E. Doe.

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Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta star in "Mad City" now showing for the second week at Sierra Cinema.

'The Jackal' spreads murder and mayhem on Sierra screen

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. Debuting today is "The Jackal" starring Bruce Willis, Richard Gere and Sidney Poitier. For more information call 257-9444.

The Jackal

Rated R

Show times: 1:30 p.m.\*, 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:05 p.m.\*

Plot: There are forces in the world as powerful as nations. They have the ability to declare war and the resources to carry it out. Their motives may be political, financial or personal, but the goal is always the same - deliver a public message, soaked in blood, to their enemies.

A ruthless assassin (Willis) has been hired by international cutthroats to eliminate someone at the very top of the U.S. government. His price: \$70 million. Constantly on the move, changing his identity and location, everything about this man is a mystery - including his sinister timetable. He is known only as the Jackal.

Aware of the Jackal's presence but uncertain of his purpose, the deputy director of the FBI (Poitier) faces the biggest challenge of his career. He must find a way to track down the killer. Reluctant but desperate, he realizes the only way to stop an assassin is to hire a man who thinks like one - an imprisoned underground operative (Gere) who has his own history with the Jackal.

Mad City

Rated PG-13

Show times: 1:15 p.m.\*, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.\*

Plot: Max Brackett (Dustin Hoffman) was one of the network's

best investigative reporters, until a network anchorman asks him, on the air, to describe and even show carnage in the aftermath of an airline crash. Max exploded to audiences coast to coast and then found himself working in tiny Madeline, Calif.

Sam Baily (John Travolta) grew up in Madeline. After high school he joined the Air Force so he could fly planes, but his lack of education made that dream unachievable. Sam returned home, married and got a job as a security guard at the Museum of Natural History. He had an uneventful life until he got fired.

Max and Sam - their worlds collide on national television, when Sam goes to ask his boss for his job back and ends up drawing a gun. Max doesn't see the events as an imminent tragedy, but rather a chance to regain his network favor. Within minutes, Max is broadcasting live from the museum and within a few more minutes the entire nation is watching.

Starship Troopers

Rated R

Show times: 1 p.m.\*, 3:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.\*

Plot: In the future, a group of idealistic young volunteers enlist in Earth's ultimate battle to save mankind. These men and women travel to distant planets to meet the challenge of intergalactic warfare with a brutal race of gigantic alien insects. In a horrendous, terror-filled war, the troopers battle these ruthless creatures who have only one mission - survival of their species no matter what the cost

\* Show times for Friday and Saturday only.

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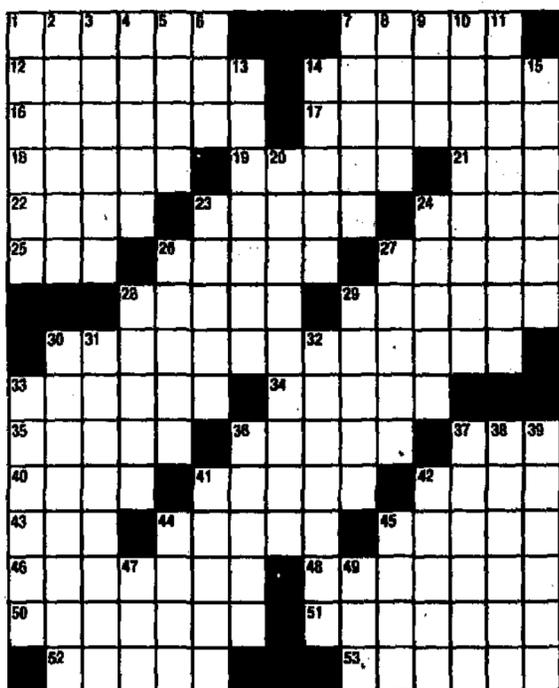
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**GOING OUT**

**Father of the blues**

Tracing the history of the blues has proven to be a difficult task for many people. Blues came from the South, and even before that it could be traced to its African roots.

People have associated the word "blue" with a feeling of melancholy or depression since the Elizabethan era in the 16th century. Washington Irving, an American author, was credited with coining the term "the blues" in 1807. An interesting note, it was about this same time when Irving's fiancée died. He remained a bachelor the rest of his life.

Additionally, when people had problems in their lives, these troubles were said to be caused by "the blue devils."

W.C. Handy (1873-1958) is generally known as the father of the blues. His son, "St. Louis Blues," is probably the most popular and well-known blues song written. It was published by Handy in 1914.

As a traveling minstrel show musician, Handy because

acquainted with the blues in the late 1800s. But he told of a chance encounter in 1903 that was a turning point of his career. Handy was stranded at a train station when he heard an itinerant bluesman playing a slide guitar.

Handy called it, "The weirdest music I had even heard." Handy was responsible for many standard blues compositions. He is honored today with the W.C. Handy awards, the blues equivalent to the Grammy's.

The blues may not have a specific birthdate or birthplace, and we may not know who the first blues artist was or what the first blues song was, but we do know the blues was born in the South and was common to all people.

*Gary Stamper is a longtime fan of the blues. When he's not teaching third-graders, you can find him spreading the blues around town as a guitarist and founding member of the KGB Blues Band.*

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# The other guys

If you ask the average man on the street who the most famous sheriff of Lincoln County was, he would, in all probability, tell you "Pat Garrett" (apologies to Tom Sullivan!). After Garrett, you

## PAST TENSE



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After Garrett, you would probably hear the names of John Poe, Wm. Brady, or even Jim Brent.

Nobody ever mentions Ham Mills or George Peppin.

Alexander Hamilton Mills, of whom no photograph has ever come to light, was sheriff

of Lincoln County in the early 1870s. When John Tunstall first came to Lincoln County, his host on the trip here was Juan Patron. Juan was the owner of a small, but successful store in Lincoln, which, as a matter of fact, is still in operation as a charming bed and breakfast.

### "He Gets Mad Quick"

During the long hours of the ride here, Tunstall was treated to descriptions of many of Lincoln's inhabitants by the outgoing Patron. After hearing a few stories about Mills, Tunstall observed that Mills was apparently "rather bad medicine." Patron felt otherwise: "No! Not a bit!" he replied. "You never saw a better fellow than Ham anywhere, he gets mad quick and shoots quick, but he's a good shot and never cripples, none of his men have ever known what hurt them and I really think he is sorry afterward when he cools off."

When you think about it, this description is fairly symptomatic of the casual attitude that Lincoln residents had toward violence. In 1878, when the Lincoln County War broke out, this same attitude did not help quell any of the violence that became rampant.

More than a year before this conversation between Patron and Tunstall took place, Mills had shot and killed one Gregorio Valensuela for calling him a "damned gringo." It does seem as though Ham had a bit of a problem controlling his temper.

Realizing after shooting

Valensuela that he had, in fact, been naughty, Ham decided that a Texas vacation was in order and left for that place immediately.

In October 1876, however, he returned, ready to stand trial. He was defended by Alexander McSween, and after being convicted of manslaughter, Ham drew a whole year in the county jail.

And he didn't even have to serve the time. First, he was bailed out by L.G. Murphy. Then a group of 107 citizens petitioned the territorial governor for clemency in Ham's behalf and he was given a full pardon. Obviously, despite Ham's murderous tendencies, he was extremely popular.

### Mill's Beginnings

But who was Ham Mills?

He was born Alexander Hamilton Mills in Arkansas about 1837. He came to New Mexico, probably in 1868, and married Maria Jaramillo in 1870. According to the 1870 census, Maria was 13 at the time.

He has been described as a "lumbering hulk of a man," and "a great strapping hulk." "Hulk" seems to be the operative word in these descriptions, so it is safe to assume that Mills was not only tall, but muscular, too.

Mills first became sheriff in December of 1873. Lawrence Murphy appointed him to that position, without benefit of an election, after the death of the previous sheriff, Jacob L. "Jackcito" Gylam, during the Horrell War of the same year.

The reasons for this appointment are obscure, but the fact that Ham was personable and one of the best shots in the county (when he was sober), might have had something to do with it.

In those days there was no real jail in Lincoln, and Mills would, on occasion, use his own home for that purpose. His home, incidentally, was located near the confluence of the Ruidoso River and Eagle Creek.

### Life was Cheap

One of the more famous stories about Mills has to do with a *baile*, or dance, that he was apparently quite anxious to attend. On the night of the dance, Ham was duty bound to guard a black prisoner whose crime and name have been lost to history. Looking at the prisoner and wondering just how he

was going to both guard this man and go to the dance, Ham came up with a solution to his dilemma.

Telling his prisoner that he wanted to go to this dance so much that he was prepared to let the man go free, Mills instructed the man to start walking away and when there was a little distance between them, to start running. When the man followed Ham's instructions, Ham shot him dead and went to the dance.

What a guy. He was later, in 1878, a member of the posse that was responsible for the death of John Tunstall.

The ultimate fate of Alexander Hamilton Mills has itself become obscure. But available evidence seems to indicate that after abandoning his wife and infant daughter he was killed near Georgetown, N.M., around the end of October 1882.

### George Peppin

The origins of George Warden Peppin are even more obscure than those of Ham Mills. He is thought to have been born in Mountville, or Montvale, Vt., in October 1841, but there are no records of his birth. To compound this confusion, the 1870 census for Lincoln County gives his birthplace as being Ohio and his age as 37.

Peppin was one of many men who would leave their mark on Lincoln County who arrived here with Carlton's Column. This famed unit of Union soldiers came to New Mexico to do battle with Confederate troops during the Civil War.

### The Builder

Peppin was mustered out at La Mesilla in November 1864. After this he drifted up to Lincoln County, where he pursued the trade of builder. He was a good one, too. Despite his activities during the Lincoln County War, George Peppin's real contribution to Lincoln County was in the sturdy

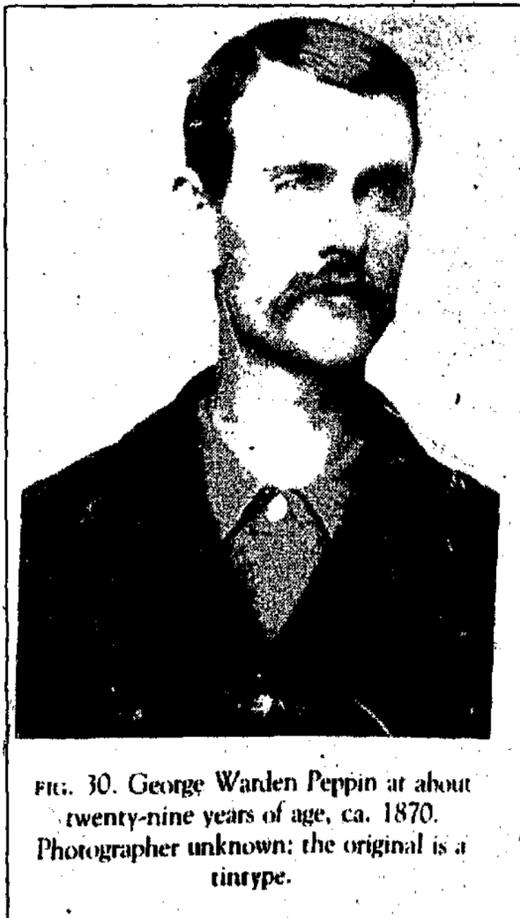


FIG. 30. George Warden Peppin at about twenty-nine years of age, ca. 1870. Photographer unknown; the original is a tintype.

George Pippen

buildings that he built in Lincoln itself, many of which are still standing. Peppin's home is the partial ruin that stands immediately northwest of the courthouse in Lincoln. Despite years of neglect, it still stands.

George Peppin was also employed at Fort Stanton during the extensive renovations there in the years 1868 and 1869. He built houses in Roswell, and in addition, Alexander McSween's home in Lincoln, which, of course, Peppin helped burn to the ground during the Five-Day Battle in July 1878. One wonders how he felt about that.

### An Affair of the Heart?

In 1877, Peppin became embroiled in an affair that was worthy of the old TV show "Peyton Place."

It was in 1877 that Jimmy Dolan killed one Hiraldo Jaramillo. According to the Dolan version, 20-year-old Jaramillo had "put up a job to kill him" (Dolan), and what could poor Jimmy do but defend himself? In the Dolan story, Jaramillo grabbed Jimmy by the arm and began cutting him with a knife, despite the fact that Dolan was "defending" himself with a pistol. Jimmy claimed that he first shot Jaramillo in the hand, then the arm, and when Jaramillo refused to stop slashing at him, the heart.

Yeah, right. If this is true, it was the first and only time in his life that Dolan exhibited such forbearance.

Of course, everyone in Lincoln knew the real story: George Peppin, Dolan's friend, had been having a torrid affair with Jaramillo's 16-year-old wife, and Jimmy was simply helping his pal out by removing the "competition." Shortly after Jaramillo's death, his young widow married George Peppin.

John Henry Tunstall didn't, but should have taken note of the way that Jimmy Dolan solved problems. ...

During the Five-Day Battle in July of 1878, it was George Peppin who was serving as sheriff of Lincoln County. To say that he showed partiality to the Dolan cause would be gross understatement.

### Aftermath

After the Lincoln County War, Peppin, along with John Kinney and Nathan Dudley, commander of Fort Stanton, was indicted for arson. Dudley, however, was the only one who stood trial.

In the days after the war, Peppin worked for a while as a butcher at Fort Stanton before returning to Lincoln and resuming his former trade as a builder in partnership with his son, Juan. He remained a respectable citizen - more or less - to the end of his days. In 1885, he was elected to the school board of District 1. In 1893 he served both as Sheriff George Curry's deputy and as city jailer.

To the end of his days, George Peppin steadfastly refused to discuss the Lincoln County War, telling friends that he wanted to "let sleeping dogs lie."

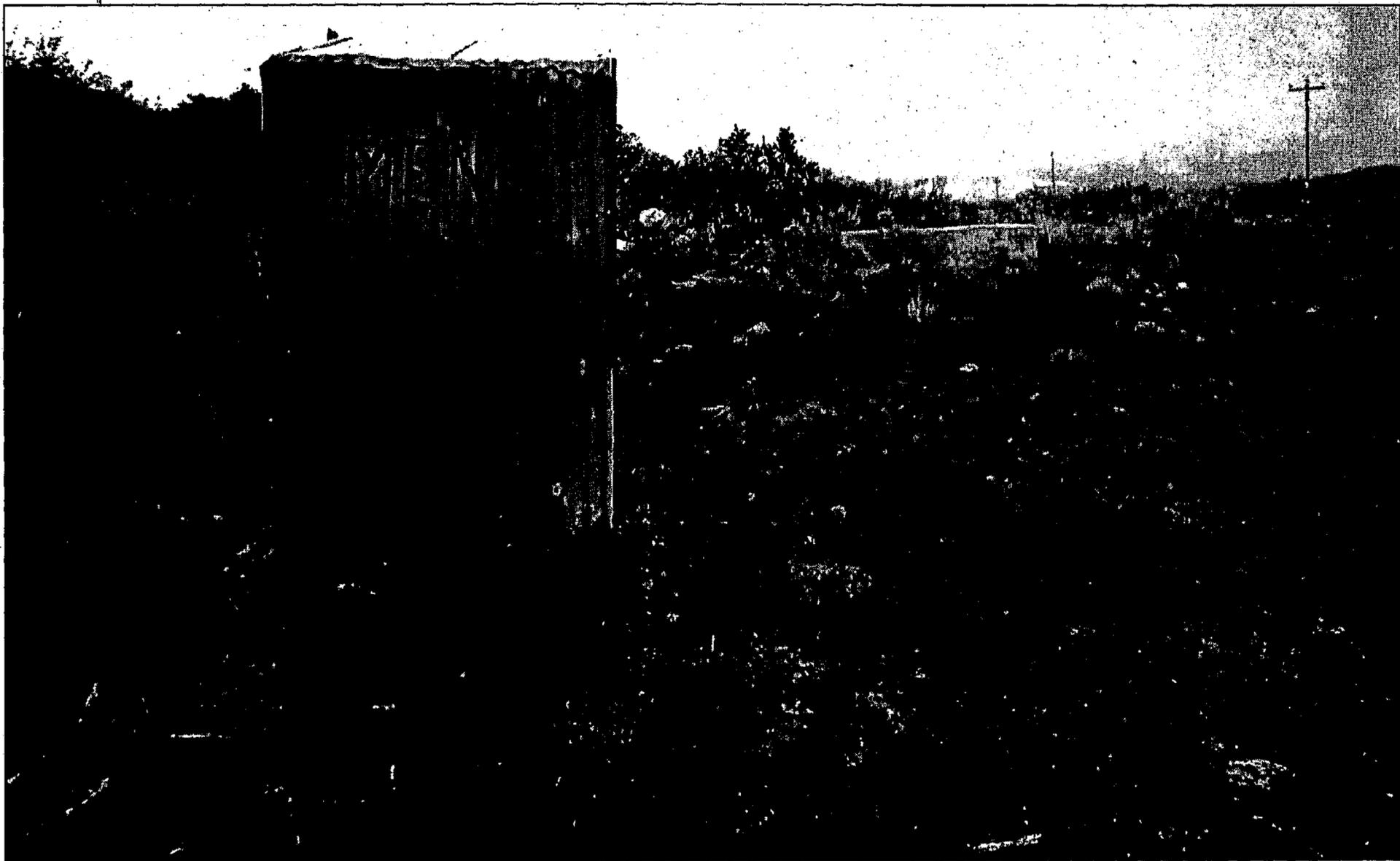
Which is not to say that George led a particularly quiet life: in 1901 he was charged with "assault with a deadly weapon." No true bill was found, however, so history did not record the details of this incident.

On Sept. 18, 1904, George Warden Peppin died of "bowel trouble" at his home in Lincoln.

And any secrets he knew about the Lincoln County War died with him.

(This column would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of researcher Sabrina Vocke, to whom I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks.)

## PARTING SHOT



Photographic Society of Lincoln County member Leland DeFord III captured this shot near the Three Rivers Petroglyphs area. His thoughts on it were that "women's fight for equality has gained them much since the 1920s. However, girls, if you're planning a trip to the church at Three Rivers, it is advised to make a trip to the toilet first."



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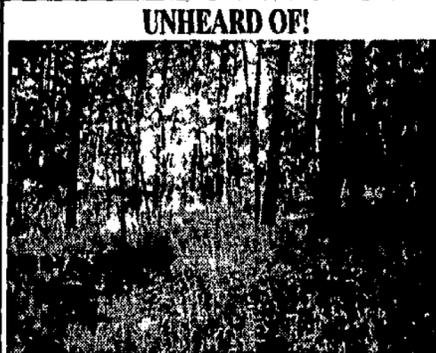


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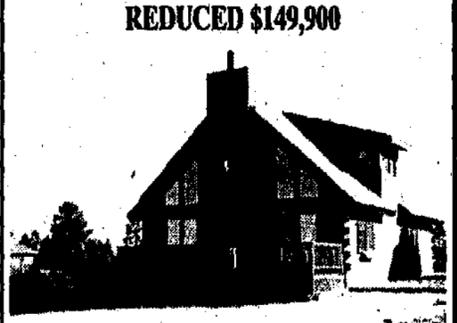
**Alto**

Allen • 2 Lots For \$32,500  
One is full golf, the other is social. All for one price. Buildable.



**Ft. Stanton Rd.**

Vianna • \$28,000 • 604 Ft. Stanton Rd.  
Alto, full golf membership. View of Sierra Blanca. Lot size is 238 x 328 x 25 x 174!



**REDUCED \$149,900**

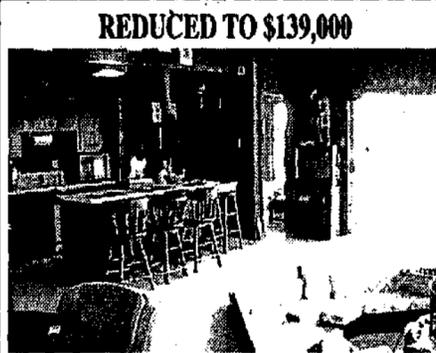
**Alto**

Stevens • \$155,000 • 423 Sunrise  
3/2 log home. Full golf membership. Owner wants offer!



**Alto**

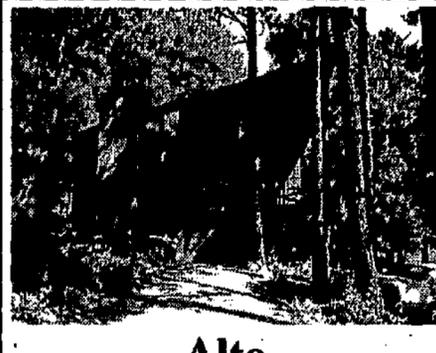
Rae • \$125,000 • 234 Mira Monte  
3/2, full golf membership. Unfurnished.



**REDUCED TO \$139,000**

**Alto**

Seidel • \$149,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.  
3/3, furnished, full membership.



**Alto**

Bates • \$154,500 • 211 Brentwood  
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Garage, large deck, Sierra Blanca view, full golf, easy access.



**SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!**

**Alto**

Goode • \$219,500 • 305 Broadmoor  
4/3 1/2, full golf. Fully furnished. Fairway home.



**Alto**

Raman • \$156,500 • 107 Brentwood  
3/2, fully furnished. Full golf membership.



**REDUCED TO \$179,500**

**Alto**

Below • \$189,500 • 409 Sunrise  
3/2 with full golf membership. Sierra Blanca view.



**Alto**

Twyford • \$175,000 • 105 Capitan Court  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership.



**NOW \$350,000 - FULLY FURNISHED**

**Alto**

Lemaster • \$382,500 • 728 Deer Park Dr.  
3/3, full golf membership! Classy!



**Alto**

Kennedy • \$210,000 • 101 Midiron Dr.  
4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, fully furnished, full golf, Sierra Blanca view.



**Alto**

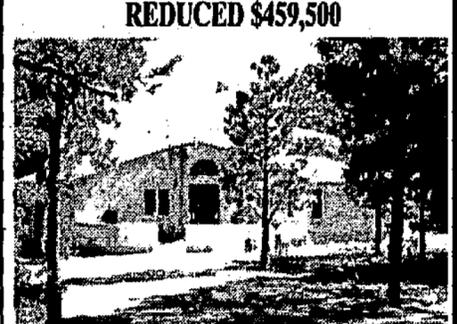
Shackelford • \$280,000 • 100 Quail Run Ct.  
3/2 with full golf membership. Very nice!



**REDUCED TO \$350,000**

**Alto**

Kirby • \$375,000 • 917 Deer Park Dr.  
4/3, fully furnished. Owner financing. Full golf. \$5,000 allowance being offered!



**REDUCED \$459,500**

**Alto**

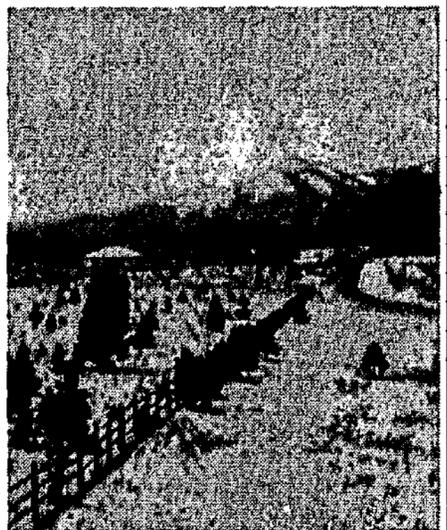
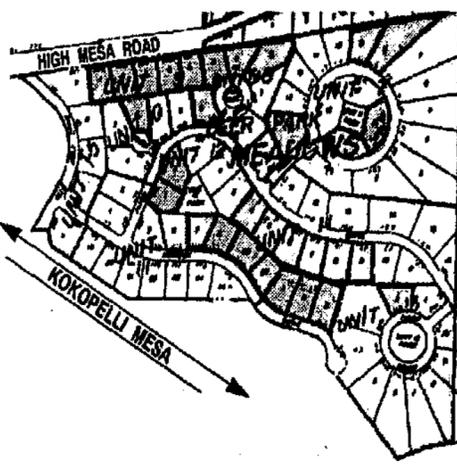
Crawford • \$479,000 • 113 Raccoon Court  
4/3.5, full golf membership. Unfurnished.

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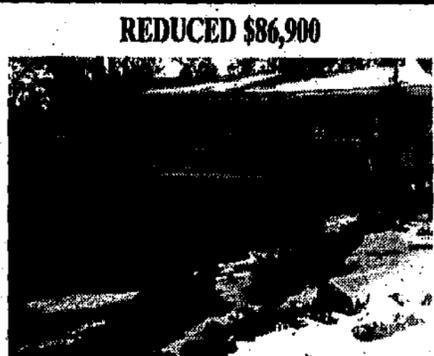
1. Owner financing
2. No membership transfer fee
3. No paving assessment
4. Underground utilities
5. All are large and level
6. Good investment for future resale

**Prices starting at \$19,800**  
Will sell entire block! Call for prices!





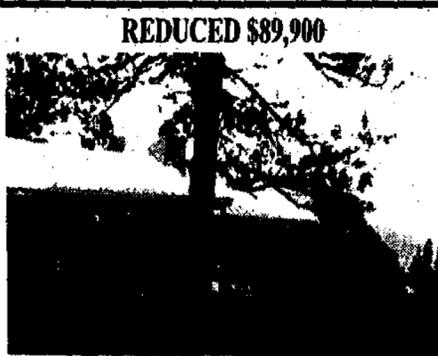
**Village Homes at Chase Forest**  
Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keyes Dr.  
Units 46C and 46E. 2 bdr, 2 bath units.  
New! Great downtown location!



**REDUCED \$86,900**  
**Pine Top Hills**  
Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Doll house, cute!

**Our summer season has ended and I have motivated Seller's who are looking for offers!**

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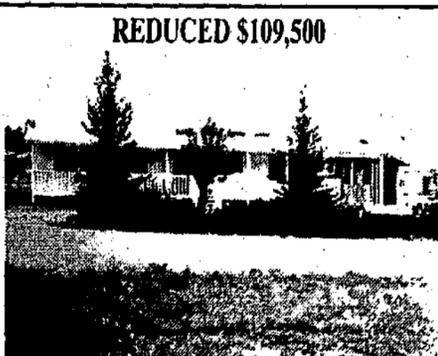
**REDUCED \$89,900**  
**Palmer Gateway**  
Proctor • \$99,500 • 116 Pippin St.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, Knotty Pine, very clean! Carport. VACANT.



**REDUCED \$104,000**  
**Western Hills**  
Adams • \$109,900 • 112 Bridle Dr.  
2/1.5, 2-car garage. New with owner financing. Secluded.



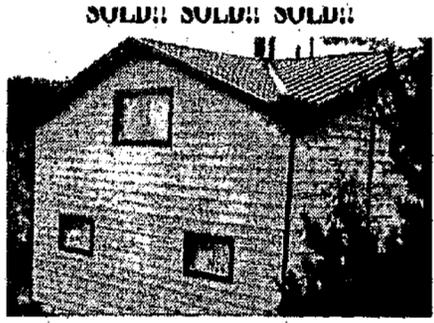
**Green Meadows**  
Vestal • \$113,900 • 112 Clover Dr.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. All one level. Nice fenced yard.



**REDUCED \$109,500**  
**Golf Course Estates**  
Christian • \$119,950 • 404 Barcus Rd.  
3/2, 1 level w/carport, nicely furnished, sunny lot, golf membership.



**On The River**  
Valliant • \$125,000 • 142 Meander Dr.  
3 bdrm., 1.5 baths. Cute older cabin on 1/2 acre river lot. Awesome yard!



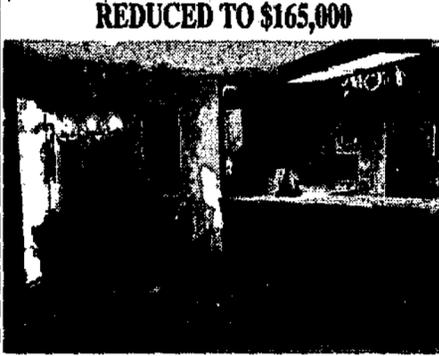
**SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!**  
**Alpine Village**  
Caldwell • \$129,900 • Corner of Alpine Village Rd. and Aspen Dr.  
4/2, 2-car garage, furnished. Sierra Blanca view. On 2 lots!



**Town & Country North**  
Barbee • \$101,400 • 301 Otero Dr.  
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Appliances only + new washer & dryer. A must see!



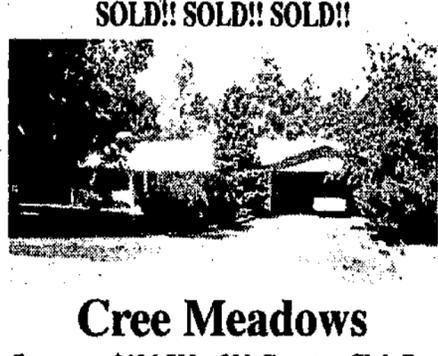
**SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!**  
**Cree Meadows**  
Faulk • \$174,900 • 137 Rowan.  
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home - level. Cree Meadows stock being offered as bonus to purchaser.



**REDUCED TO \$165,000**  
**Cree Meadows**  
Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan  
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home. Fenced yard, well maintained.



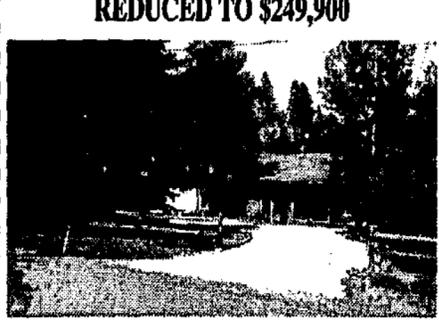
**AWESOME MOUNTAIN VIEWS!!**  
**Cedar Creek**  
Duran • \$179,900 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.  
Bedrooms 3, baths 2 1/2, jacuzzi tub, deck, on 1 acre. 2 car garage.



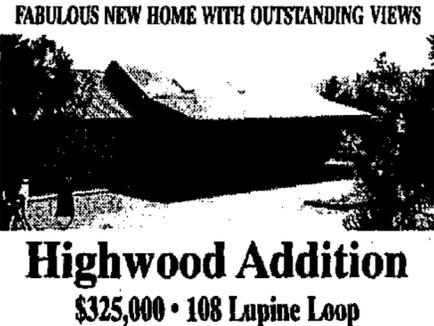
**SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!**  
**Cree Meadows**  
Stevens • \$196,500 • 320 Country Club Dr.  
3 bdrms., 2 1/2 baths, Large sun room off of kitchen & bedroom. Creek frontage, all one level home! Fireplace in living & dining room.



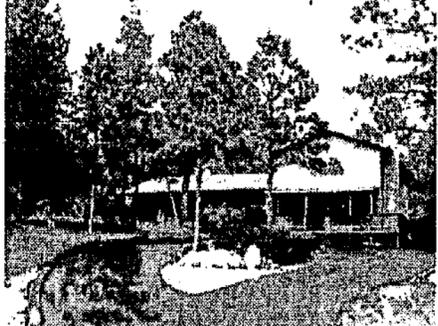
**REDUCED \$179,900**  
**White Mt. Meadows**  
Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Court  
Bedrooms 3, baths 3. Trade considered.



**REDUCED TO \$249,900**  
**Cree Meadows**  
Daulton • \$259,900 • 306A Country Club Dr.  
3 bdrms., 3 1/2 baths. The interior is styled like a log cabin home with hardwood floors! Creek frontage.



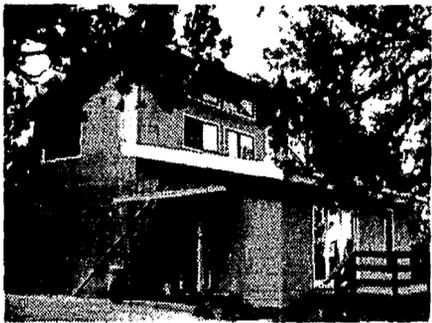
**FABULOUS NEW HOME WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS**  
**Highwood Addition**  
\$325,000 • 108 Lupine Loop  
3 bdrm, gameroom, workshop. Must see! Jacuzzi tub, cherry wood cabinets, hard wood floors, operable remote sky lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress yourself ... check it out! **INFO ON SIGN!**



**White Mtn. Estates**  
Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.  
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage. Owner/agent.



**Upper Canyon River Home**  
Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main  
3 bdrms, 3 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car carport! Large game room!



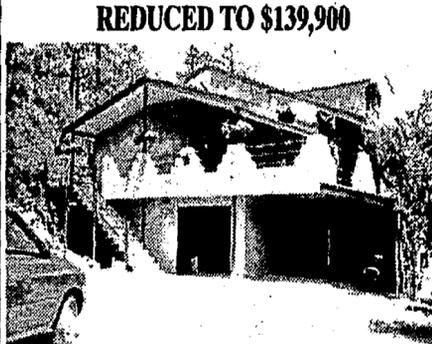
### Alpine Village

117 Iron Mountain Rd. • \$99,500  
2/2 nice home on 2 lots with small barn, 2 horses allowed. Appliances only. NOW VACANT.



### White Mtn. Meadows

577 - 583 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.  
4 nice patio homes \$96,500 each. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 level, 1 car garage!



REDUCED TO \$139,900

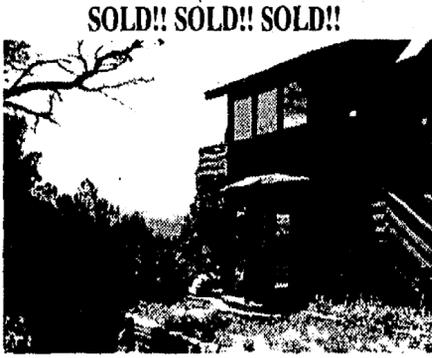
### Upper Canyon Area

Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.  
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop. Master shower. Wow!



### Lake View Estates

Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully furnished. Breathtaking views!



SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!

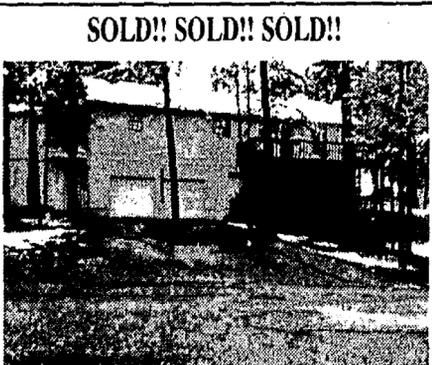
### Indian Hills

211 High Loop • \$149,500  
3/3 appliances only. Very well kept home with Sierra Blanca View!



### Lake View Estates

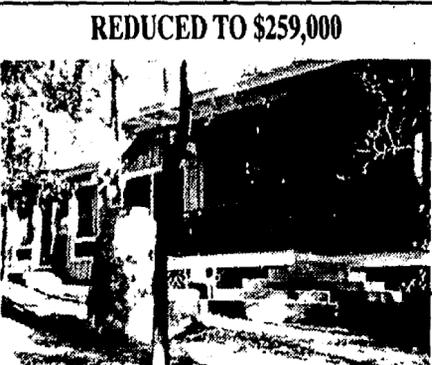
Landsheft • \$169,500  
#19 Excalibur Road  
Outstanding Townhome with enormous views! 3 bdrm., 2 ba.



SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!

### White Mt. Estates

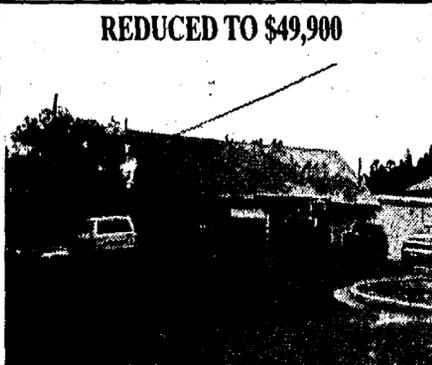
Madera • \$170,000 • 220 White Mt. Meadows  
5/3, 2-story, wooded corner lot, 2 car garage, den w/wet bar. Owner terms.



REDUCED TO \$259,000

### River

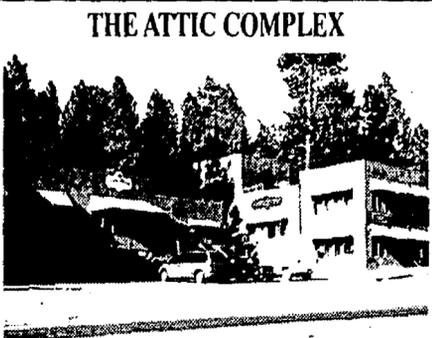
Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river. Two fireplaces.



REDUCED TO \$49,900

### Commercial

Robertson's Hams Restaurant  
(business only) • 2064 Hwy 70 West  
Name. Inventory. Equipment.



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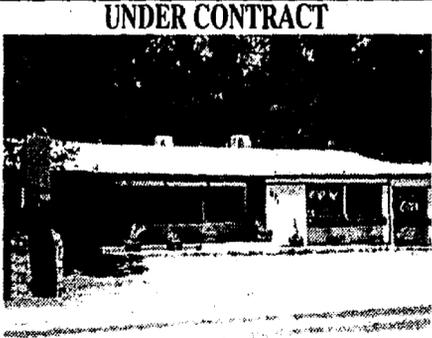
### Commercial

Now available in three separate parcels.  
#1-\$125,000 #2-\$239,000 #3-\$299,000  
Possible owner financing!



### Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza  
Last unit for sale - new - finished!



UNDER CONTRACT

### Commercial

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



### Commercial

McMahon • \$62,500 ea. • 1121 Mechem Dr.  
3 street-to-street commercial lots!  
Very buildable.



### Business Only!

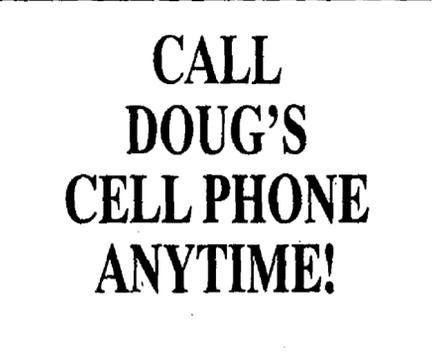
Jack's T.V. & Appliance  
Call Doug for current price  
Name, inventory, and equipment.



REDUCED TO \$325,000

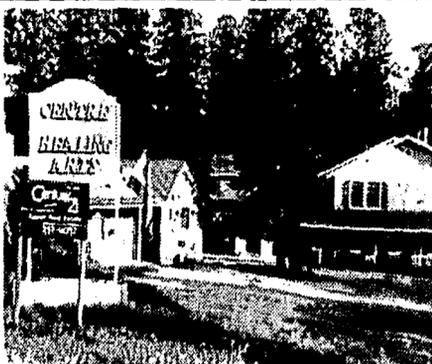
### Commercial

Wild Bunch Gallery • \$375,000 • 2408 Sudderth  
Land & building only! Location, location, location.



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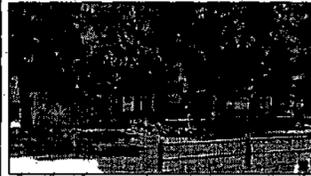
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Two Alto golf membership lots priced to sell \$16,500 and \$18,900



**COUNTRY SETTING IN TOWN - FOUR BEDROOMS!** Large home with level access, 3-car garage, new interior paint and carpet, Jacuzzi, more. Great views of Sierra Blanca. Very nice, must see! \$239,000.

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**ALTO-SIERRA BLANCA VIEW** - Quiet seclusion with level access, 4 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath. Super location and value. Now only \$229,000.

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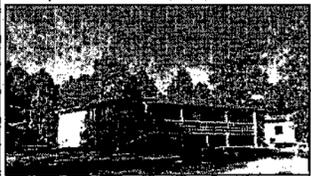
**ALTO** - Newly listed off the 16th tee box. Beautiful cedar exterior. Four bedroom, 3 bath, recently remodeled, lots of light and Sierra Blanca view.

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**GREAT ACCESS** and super neighborhood. Formal dining and remodeled kitchen. Now only \$107,000. Owner moving and ready for offers!!!

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**LOTS FOR SALE**

Lot in Tall Pines SD	\$10,000
Lot on Brentwood Dr.	\$7,495
2 lots on Pinon Ln.	\$3,500 ea
Lot on Crestview Dr.	\$6,000
Lot on Marble Dr.	\$15,000
Lot on Stable Rd.	\$10,000
Lot on Mesa Dr.	\$15,000

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**BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW** - from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating and insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$85,500.

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**MOUNTAIN GETAWAY!** Outstanding location with views. 3 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with nice decks, good parking and seclusion. A great deal! \$158,500.

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**CHARMING MOUNTAIN HOME** - Split-level, really neat floor plan-beautiful kitchen with custom cabinets, big decks, hot tub, fenced yard, 2-car garage with studio or hobby room. Very interesting place. \$110,000

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**119 MORGAN DRIVE** - Pride of ownership shows. Delightful home with 2 big bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2-car garage, RV parking with hook-ups. Street-to-street lot. City utilities plus garden well. \$149,500

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**QUALITY HOME - SUPERB LOCATION** - Permanent fairway view from the courtyard of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Heated 2-car garage, sprinkler system, seamless gutters, whirlpool tub, city utilities, more! Country club membership. \$165,000.

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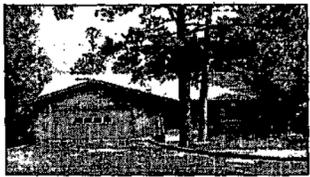
**MINI-RANCH ON CREEK** - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths home on 5 acres. Spaciously designed, lots of windows with really great view of the mountains. Horse facilities. \$131,000.

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**POSSIBLE SELLER FINANCING** - Upper Canyon location, 4 bedroom, 4 bath. Fully furnished, 4 bedroom, 4 bath. Lots of living space (over 2600 sq ft!) 2 fireplaces, sun-room, carport, more. Must see! \$174,900.

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Lot on Deer Valley Ct.	\$4,000
Lot on Sun Valley TL.	\$10,000
Lot on Iron Mountain	\$13,500
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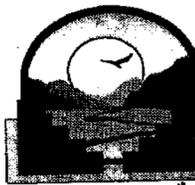
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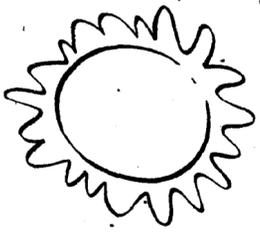
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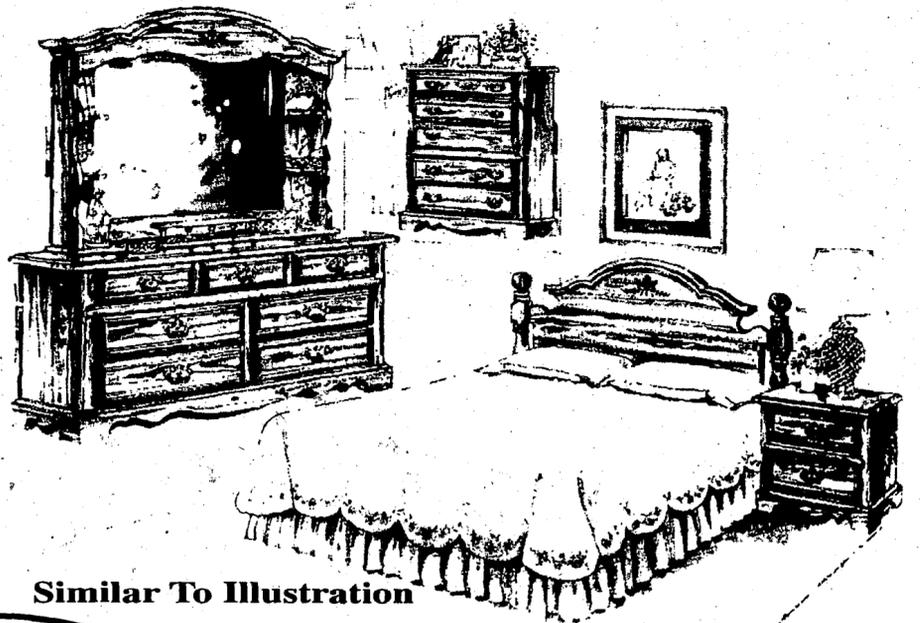
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