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'Local hero' fights the wind, saves the horses

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Disasters produce heroes and Mellyn Wells credits her neighbor Bill Thorp with saving not only her life Tuesday during an extraordinary strong wind storm, but also the lives of her two pregnant mares.

And then he stayed around to help her husband, Scott Wells, save their home just outside the settlement of Nogal.

"I was talking on the telephone with Bev Thorp and saying I was

scared because there was firewood blowing around and hitting the house," Mellyn Wells said Thursday. She later found out from another neighbor who monitors the weather that his gauge registered wind gusts of 118 mph.

"I looked out the door and saw my two pregnant mares going nuts," she said. "One could move in and out of her stall, but the other was in a pen on the east side of the barn.

"The barn was groaning and moaning. The roof was trying to come loose."

Mellyn Wells,
Nogal-area resident

under a feed bucket.
"I had never heard anything like that noise before."
She ran to the house, but the telephones weren't working.

Wells went outside to move them to safety.

"The barn was groaning and moaning," she said. "The roof was trying to come loose. The big vigas and I-beam came down inches from my head. I went into the first stall and crouched down

About that time, Thorp came to the door after navigating in his truck through flying sheet metal and other airborne debris.

"I told him we've got to get the pregnant mares out of the pen," Wells said.

Within two minutes after they moved the horses, the roof came off the barn.

"Bill had a black eye and the mares' faces are bruised and they have puncture wounds where things hit them," she said.

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► RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL

Grievance by former coach denied

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Mike Gladden has rejected a grievance filed by ousted boys basketball coach Gary Grahn.

Grahn filed the grievance in mid-December, 1998, less than 10 days after he was fired from his coaching job. He claims the district violated terms in the district's collective bargaining agreement with its employees.

"I just declined the grievance at this level," Gladden said Thursday evening. He then declined further comment.

Grahn said he's prepared to proceed to the next level of the grievance process.

Dean Hood, Ruidoso Education Association president-elect, said the next step after a level II grievance is mediation. For mediation, the administration appoints a representative and so does REA. The two-person committee reviews the facts of the grievance and issues a settlement.

If either party rejects the mediation settlement, then the matter goes to arbitration. An independent arbitrator conducts an investigation and then renders a binding settlement.

"I have no control how this will turn out. All I can do is be honest," Grahn said. "I just feel the truth really needs to come out."

"There are so many rumors that I feel like I was forced to file this grievance to clear my name."

Gladden placed Grahn on administrative leave Dec. 9 when parent Tom Lutterman alleged that Grahn unfairly treated Lutterman's son, Zak, a sophomore, junior varsity basketball player. Lutterman's wife, Susan, is vice president and an incumbent candidate for the Ruidoso Municipal Schools Board of Education.

Some of allegations centered around Grahn's off-season program for the basketball players. Tom Lutterman alleged Grahn unfairly punished Zak for not participating in the summer program.

"I went to great lengths to have everything we did in the off-season approved and I felt like that is what is approved," Grahn said. "The administration knew about it. The parents knew about it. The players knew about it. And then, when the Lutterman kid doesn't play (during a junior varsity game), within 14 hours I'm gone from the program."

Following Gladden's investigation of the allegations — none of which were criminal — he relieved Grahn from his coaching duties Dec. 16, declining to comment further on the "personnel" decision.

Zak Lutterman has since quit the junior varsity basketball, confirmed Billy Page, interim varsity boys basketball coach.

Grahn said he wasn't surprised when he learned that the younger Lutterman quit the team last Thursday.

"It was obvious that the young man didn't want to play in the first place," Grahn said Thursday. "I just felt like he was pressured to play. And it created quite an effect."

Ski school



After a five-year absence, the school ski program returned to the slopes in full force. More than 1,000 area school children participated in Tuesday's inaugural day of skiing at Ski Apache. Mescalero Apache Tribal President Paul Ortega reinstated the reduced-rate skiing program earlier this month. Tuesday's weather didn't blow away the school children's enthusiasm. Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker said, "It was a pretty difficult day wind-wise, but the kids had a wonderful time." Children from Ruidoso, Capitan, Tularosa, Carrizozo and Corona were invited to participate in the program.

photo by Bill Ruggles

School board candidate arrested — again

Ron Lewis said he doesn't remember the outstanding traffic tickets that have got him into trouble

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ron Lewis said Thursday he doesn't remember being pulled over by police on April 4, 1996.

However, the three tickets he received from that traffic stop near Ruidoso led to the school board candidate's arrest Wednesday for the second time in less than a week.

On Jan. 22, Ruidoso police collected him at his home on an Alamogordo arrest warrant, which also had been issued for a batch of unresolved traffic tickets from 1996.

Lewis, an attorney and land developer, attributed the timing of his first arrest to politics. On Thursday, he still pointed to politics regarding the second arrest.

"Yes. I still do ... Just because of

the timing of it," Lewis said.

The police department had learned about the first warrant through an anonymous tip, Police Chief Lanny Maddox said. An anonymous caller also told the Ruidoso News about Lewis's arrest.

However, his arrest Wednesday was not started by an anonymous tip, said Magistrate Judge William Butts, who signed the second bench warrant. He said one of his court clerks saw an article about Lewis's arrest in Wednesday's newspaper.

"And it kind of rang a bell in her mind — 'Hey, I remember a Ron Lewis having traffic tickets in this court,'" Butts said. "And she pulled the file, and it showed that he had never appeared even after (the court sent him) an order to show just cause."

An order "to show just cause," asks a defendant to offer an explanation for not showing up in court. According to court records, at least two notices were sent to Lewis's

home address without any response. The second notice was to notify Lewis that his license had been suspended by the court on Feb. 6, 1997.

Lewis said he does not think his opponent for the school board, Susan Lutterman, had anything to do with tips to the police or newspaper.

Lutterman, contacted earlier this week, said she is unaware and not involved with the information leaks.

Lewis said he intends to file a Freedom of Information Act request about whether a computer search had been done through a law enforcement agency. He believes a search may have turned up the Alamogordo warrant.

"This is good in that these are things that I need to take care of and not have in the background and unresolved," Lewis said. "But the way somebody went about it is what is causing me a real problem."

Butts gave Lewis a larger bond amount, \$1,400, in the second warrant than the first \$500 bond

because of an apparent pattern by Lewis to not resolve traffic violations.

"He just tends to ignore the courts and I don't like that," Butts said.

Lewis's unresolved tickets from the April 4, 1996, traffic stop were for speeding, not having proof of liability insurance and no vehicle registration, according to court records. Lewis, on Thursday, said he does not remember the traffic stop at all.

He remembers the Alamogordo traffic tickets he received on Aug. 8, 1996 on the way to El Paso — driving with a suspended license, no proof of liability insurance and an expired registration for his truck. The suspended license was because of a previous traffic ticket for not having proper registration, Lewis said in an earlier interview.

Regarding what appears to be a pattern of unresolved traffic tickets, Lewis said: "All I can say is I don't know."

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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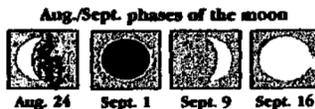
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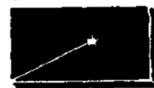
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday	N/A	N/A	N/A

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	48	27	Snow
El Paso, TX	48	28	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	42	31	Snow, rain
Midland, TX	45	30	Snow, rain



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East end of Carrizozo (c. 1916)

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L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 26, 1899

Oranges, lemons, a fresh consignment of the celebrated Ruidoso apples just received at Ziegler Bros.

John J. McCourt and family, Mrs. B. F. Gumm spent Saturday at the Carrizozo ranch.

Mr. McCourt has just returned from a trip to Denver and Cripple Creek, Colo., and says he prefers White Oaks to either of those two places, as to climate and opportunities for money making.

Florencio Vega, a son of Jose Vega of Nogal, was in the city yesterday and gave the Eagle office a call.

Bert Hicks and Jose Aguayo are taking a lay off and rest from ranch work and spending the vacation in the city.

A meteorologist speculates on what caused the winds

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A weather phenomenon called "down-slope wind" may be the reason Ruidoso and some surrounding areas were especially hard hit when a cold front stirred up air currents Tuesday.

Wind gusts clocked as high as 78 mph blew down power lines, leaving about 5,400 customers without electricity, some overnight, spokesmen for Texas-New Mexico Power and Otero Electric Cooperative said Thursday.

Charles Liles, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, speculated the down-slope effect also may have wiped out 70 to 100 trees at West Lake Campground near Bonito Lake during the wind storm Tuesday.

One long-time Bonito resident told Keith Kessler, manager of the campground and Bonito Reservoir for the city of Alamogordo, that it seemed the

wind "came straight down." Liles has camped in the area and knows the topography.

"I suspect (the storm in) that area was enhanced by the terrain in the west and south," he said. "The wind would come over the mountains and then be forced downward and accelerate."

The down-slope effect most often is seen in places such as Boulder, Colo., and the eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Liles said.

At one time, about 4,000 of Texas-New Mexico Power's 11,000 customers in the area were without electricity, said manager Jim Bassett.

"It was so scattered, it's hard to say for sure, but we got together and figured about 4,000 were affected," he said. "We keep a list of all of our customers who are apparatus-dependent — on life support of some type. But the outages were so widespread, it was hard to keep track. So we

called them all to make sure, and those who were without power, we offered to put up at the Holiday Inn Express. We offered the same to some other folks who were without heat."

Although crews from Fort Stockton were on standby, they were not needed, Bassett said. With help from Alamogordo and Silver City, he had 46 people in the field working to repair lines over the last two days.

By noon Thursday, about 90 percent of the affected customers were reconnected, a customer representative said. The remaining trouble spots mostly were individual lines to homes and work was to be cleared by that evening, she said.

Bassett asked neighbors of unoccupied or seasonal residence who notice lines down to call the office at 258-5511.

"We don't want live wires lying on the ground," he said.

The entire settlement of Mescalero, about 20 miles south-

west of Ruidoso, was blacked out during the height of the storm, an Otero Rural Electric Cooperative spokesman said. Lower Eagle Creek, Alto Village and Nogal Canyon also were hard hit, he said. At the peak, about 1,400 of the cooperative's 7,000 area customers lost electricity.

Insurance company officials said it was too early to know the financial impact of the wind storm.

"My adjusters are still out," said Greg Carey of State Farm Insurance. "So far, we've had at least 50 calls and that will keep on going quite a while as seasonal people find out the damage to their homes."

"There was some pretty extensive damage to roofs, not just a few shingles. One home even had the siding blown off in some places and loosened in others. We've had windy days before, but nothing like this."

WINDS: Barn roof pieces were embedded in the ground

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Thorp said he just did what Wells told him to do.

"She made all of the decisions," he said. "It was easier for a 200-pound man than a 95-pound woman. I was just being neighborly. I'm retired and was home. Scott was at work."

At times, Thorp's feet literally didn't touch ground as he struggled to pull the horses into another pen about 100 yards away from the barn. He received the black eye because he had to hold onto their halters and keep them close on the trap down.

"I think I got hit in the head (by the horses) about 20 times. I thought I might not make it a couple of times," Thorp said. "The place is surrounded by barbed wire and the horses were panicky. I had to prepare Mellyn that they might get loose. Rocks as big as thumbnails were peppering us. The horses and I couldn't see where we were going. Mellyn had goggles on, but it still was tough. It was a scary day."

By that time, Beverly Thorp had arrived at the

Wells' property; her husband had been gone a long time.

"She probably figured he was digging out from under debris. She got caught by the wind. It blew her and she had to grab onto (Thorp's) truck," Wells said. "It's a dual cab and the back end was lifting up and the whole thing was bouncing."

The three climbed into the truck, strapped themselves in and huddled.

"Bill said he couldn't say the truck wouldn't blow over, but if we were strapped in, we should be all right," she said. Wells used a cellular phone to call her husband at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

By the time he arrived, the corner of the roof of their 4,000-square-foot straw bale house was beginning to peel back.

"The whole thing was lifting up," Wells said. "Being a cowboy, Scott got a lasso and they lassoed the corner and he and Bill fought with that wind. At one point, they both were upside down. Their feet were above them they were pulling so hard."

They won against the wind and secured the roof and building to the foundation.

"If they hadn't been successful, we wouldn't have a home today," Wells said of the showcase house they constructed and then moved into last June 1.

"I probably would have been killed or injured trying to remove the horses by myself," Wells said. "(Thorp) risked his life to come here and help."

The mare Countess (short for Counterfeit Bid) delivered her foal that night in a barn without electricity, heat or a roof. They are calling the foal Wind Blown Star. Although the other mare, Private Princess, wasn't due for three weeks, she was in labor Thursday and expected to deliver that night.

Wednesday, Scott Wells and some of his stronger friends tried to pull some of the barn roof out of the ground.

"Pieces of it are embedded 4 feet into the ground," Mellyn Wells said, adding that portions with struts, plywood and two-by-fours that probably weigh a ton were blown a quarter mile away.

COMMISSION ADVANCE

A dispute over pay raises for elected officials that has spanned five years, been tried and appealed in court and required several motions to be rescinded, may be close to resolution.

County Attorney Alan Morel will ask Lincoln County Commissioner at a special meeting 4 p.m. Monday to consider an agreement he has negotiated with David Stevens, an attorney representing the county clerk, sheriff, treasurer and assessor.

The commission will meet at the Village of Ruidoso administrative center.

Stevens had asked the county to consider paying his fee for representing the four officials in their effort to resolve the issue of pay raises. The agreement would require each official to pay their own portion of his fee.

They also must agree not to sue the county for issues surrounding the raises. In exchange, each would receive a lump sum of money, as would the five county commissioners and a former commissioner.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Ruidoso, Roswell to join in highway lobbying

Ruidoso will participate in a multi-city lobbying effort to reinstate funding for the Ruidoso-to-Roswell highway improvement project, village leaders said Tuesday.

Roswell city leaders asked Ruidoso to join them in lobbying state legislators on behalf of the project, which recently was dropped because of a projected deficit.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said he would not be able to attend a proposed meeting on the effort, but assured Roswell's Mayor Bill Owen "that we are totally behind what he's trying to do."

Essential air service

A bill before the New Mexico Legislature could pave the way for Ruidoso again to have commercial flights to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Commercial service ended in December, 1997, when Aspen Air took Ruidoso off its route, saying revenues did not support the flights.

The bill would allow a state subsidy of up to 25 percent for commercial service and would allow municipalities to contract with an airline carrier, an action currently prevented by the state's anti-donation law. Cooperative federal legislation, which also is proposed, would allow another 50-percent subsidy match.

Litter grant sought

Ruidoso village councilors Tuesday backed a request to apply for a state grant of \$6,000 for the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful program.

The program, initiated in 1997, has received funding in the past through the New Mexico Litter Control & Beautification Act of 1985. The Ruidoso program, organized through the village's Parks and Recreation Department,

will focus on educating the community on recycling efforts and "waste in place" projects.

New police vehicles

Ruidoso will spend \$65,000 to buy three Chevy Blazers for its police department. The village council approved purchasing the vehicles Tuesday from Wallace Chevrolet Olds Cadillac of Las Cruces; its bid was the lowest of three submitted.

Beer, liquor licenses

A small brewer's license and a separate beer and wine license were approved Tuesday for two establishments on Mechem Drive. No one spoke for or against the licenses during public hearings at the Ruidoso Village Council meeting.

El Camino Nuevo, a Mexican food restaurant on Mechem Drive, received village approval for a beer and wine application. The Sierra Blanca

Brewing Co., Inc., which is located in Carrizozo, received approval for a small brewers license for a pub-styled business to open in a location on south Mechem Drive.

Emergency sirens due

A Ruidoso-wide emergency alert system, which is signaled by sirens located about Ruidoso, should be operative by April, Village Manager Alan Briley said Tuesday.

An effort to fix Ruidoso's four inoperative emergency sirens and add two more was initiated by the village in April at a cost of \$21,500. A new signal controller will afford police dispatchers a reliable way to turn on the sirens during a crisis, such as fire or flood, officials say. Residents, alerted by the sirens, could turn to a designated radio frequency for information and instructions regarding the emergency.

White Mountain plat OK'd

Seventeen acres of the White Mountain subdivision will be divided into three separate tracts, one of which will be purchased by Ruidoso Schools, one by the village of Ruidoso and another kept by the White Mountain Development Company.

The land is just south of the schools bordered by White Mountain Drive and adjacent to the White Mountain recreational playing fields.

Ruidoso councilors on Tuesday approved the request, of which the village was one of the three applicants. The land is where Mayor Robert Donaldson's proposed recreational plaza would be. The plaza would include a \$3 million combination indoor swimming pool/new parks and recreation offices, a recreation center, a playground and more.

Village revenue exceeds budget

Lodgers taxes soar, gross receipts slip

Ruidoso's gross receipts and lodgers tax revenues this year are exceeding projections, Finance Director Lorri McKnight told village councilors this week.

Half-way through the budget year, gross receipt revenues were at \$3.5 million, or 55.8 percent of the projected year's total, McKnight said. Compared to the same period last year, gross receipts revenues are down by about \$74,000, or 2 percent, she said in a memo to the council.

Lodgers tax revenues are "really, really good," McKnight said. Currently, the village has received 38 percent more lodgers tax revenue than pro-

jected, she said. The total so far is \$325,000, an increase of almost \$90,000.

Both property tax collections and debt collections were down slightly by a total of about \$50,000, according to McKnight's budget report.

The village's new Solid Waste Department appears to be right on track, matching expenditures to revenues, she said. Village leaders, when creating a budget for the department, had expressed concern about whether fees would cover the department's costs. The department began operation this fall, taking over garbage collection services from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Patrick Blake Sr.

A prayer service for Patrick Blake Sr., 72, of Mescalero will be today at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Mission. The funeral Mass will be Saturday at 11 a.m., also at St. Joseph's Mission with the Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiating.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mr. Blake died Wednesday, Jan. 17, at his home. He was born April 11, 1926, in Mescalero and lived there all his life. He served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War and retired from the maintenance department of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Survivors include sons Michael Blake Sr., Charles Blake, Vincent Hubbard, Gerald Blake Sr., Aldo Blake and Garth Johnson, all of Mescalero; daughters Francine Kanseah, Elsa Marden, Debra Coonie, and Annalene Blake, all of

Mescalero; a sister, Ursula Little, and a brother, Albert Cojo, both of Mescalero; 26 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Bonnie J. Staples

The funeral for Bonnie J. Staples, 99, was on Jan. 18 in Brush Prairie, Wash.

Mrs. Staples, who lived in Ruidoso for many years before moving to Washington in 1985, died Thursday, Jan. 14, of cancer.

She was born May 13, 1899, in Hope, Ark. as Bonnie Taylor. She was a homemaker and a member of Five Corners Baptist Church in Orchards, Wash. Her husband, Carlton, died in 1980.

Survivors include her daughters, Evesa E. Winston of Vancouver, Irma L. Gohlke of Woodburn, and Bonnie Iris

Ball of Sequim, Wash.; sons Carlton W. of Yorktown, Texas, Perry F. of Cleveland, Texas, Donald L. of Alamogordo, and Royce of Vancouver; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests remembrances to a favorite charity. Arrangements were by Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel, Vancouver, Wash.

Marlin Hosetosavit

The funeral for Marlin Edwin Hosetosavit, 36, of Mescalero, will be at 11 a.m. today at the Mescalero Reformed Church with Rev. Bob Schut officiating.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mr. Hosetosavit died Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Alamogordo.

He was born Nov. 6, 1962, in Mescalero and lived in Alamogordo all his life. He worked at

Ski Apache on the lift line.

Survivors include his mother, Cecelia Hosetosavit of Mescalero; brothers Arden of Mescalero, Arvin of Whiteriver, Ariz., Harley and Ritchie, both of Mescalero; sisters Brenda Kanseah of Boston, Mass., Clarinda Hosetosavit of Mescalero, and LaVeda Hosetosavit of Bernalillo; an aunt, Elenor Kanseah; nine nieces; and six nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Eva Hill Perteet

A memorial service is pending for Eva "G.G." Hill Perteet, 87, of Las Cruces and formerly of Ruidoso.

Mrs. Perteet died Friday, Jan. 22, at her home. She was born April 26, 1911, in Buckholts, Texas to Irving and Zoie Pitt-Hill. She was a homemaker.

Juanita Behne of Austin, Texas; a sister-in-law, Vernie Hill of Denton, Texas; grandsons Scott, Todd and Gregg Perteet; great-grandchildren Brittany, Kristen and Ashton Perteet, all of Ruidoso; nieces Sheryl and Barbara Behne, Virginia Larkin and her husband Cecil, and Sherry Rylander, all of Austin, Texas; Dixie Barton of Waco, Texas, and Jimmie Lou Nichols of Dunedin, Fla.; nephews Bomer McMillon and his wife, Virginia, of Austin, Texas; Hill Rylander of San Marcos, Texas, and J.E. Ross of Lott, Texas; caregivers Bob and Joan Lueras of Las Cruces; and a host of friends in Vallecito Lake, Colo., and Ruidoso.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, and Baca's Mimbres Crematory.



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OUR OPINION

Voting, schools and debt for same

New Mexico, says one longtime observer of state government, is a "land of disenchantment." Maybe yes, maybe no; a territorial governor named Lew Wallace once did say rules that apply anywhere else in the nation don't pertain in New Mexico.

So is it any wonder that people get confused about how public schools are financed in our state? Along about World War II the Legislature passed an "emergency school tax" to finance public education. That became the state's just-short-of-unique gross receipts tax, and a chunk of it still goes to the schools.

The Legislature actually divvies out funding to all public school districts from the general fund, on a "weighted" basis that does a pretty good job of equalizing spending per student, regardless of the size or wealth of the district.

When it comes to new school buildings, it's generally up to each district to go into debt by selling construction bonds. Property owners pay off those bonds through their real estate taxes. The state does, however, chip in for construction when a district's growth demands, and when a district is bonded to its capacity.

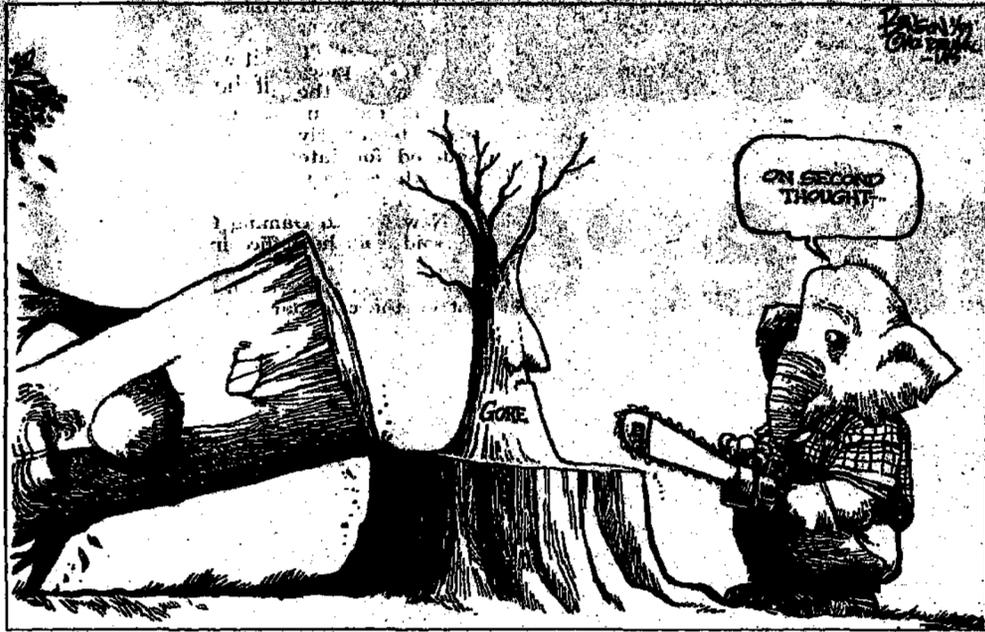
Thereby does the Ruidoso Municipal Schools district (as with all the others) get operating money and construction money.

But that doesn't really take care of the other costs of operating a district. Local school boards can't legally use operating money to buy playground equipment, activity buses or computers. Nor can they easily justify doing a bond issue for a few thousand dollars to fill some of those needs.

To resolve that dilemma, the state has provided another avenue — the "2-mill levy" that, if voters approve on Feb. 2, will continue as a part of the taxpayers' annual bill for another four years. It will generate (depending on future property tax valuations) some \$400,000 per year to help the district keep buildings in repair and equipment current or at least in serviceable condition.

Yes, many people around New Mexico have wondered for years why everybody can vote for school debt, but only the property owners pay for it. That goes back to our ubiquitous gross receipts tax, that everybody pays on nearly everything they purchase, and that finances much of state government. The schools (K through college) get about 62 percent of total state spending.

Confused enough now? Just remember that the school districts do need the 2-mill levy to fill that operations-capital spending gap, and we urge all voters to support it on Feb. 2.



YOUR OPINION

Kids on skis again

To the editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank (President Paul) Ortega, (Vice President Oliver) Enjady and any other members of the (Mescalero Apache) Tribal Council for their decision to reinstitute the school ski program.

For the last six years our "ski town" has been anything but for the majority of the local youth. Anyone who was at the ski area Tuesday realized what a great thing it is to have affordable skiing for the locals.

Even though the weather was not very cooperative, it was obvious that everyone was having a great time. Roy Parker, Denny Grover, Riker Davis, Scott Goehler, Fred Pavlovic and the entire staff of Ski Apache deserve our thanks for starting the program again so smoothly, and for doing such a great job maintaining good to excellent skiing conditions in a low-snow season.

Support your local ski area!
Mike, Janet, Selina and Skye Steed
Ruidoso

Enough school taxes

To the editor:
Two years ago a new \$8.5 million school mill levy was ap-

proved by the meager amount of voters who ventured out to vote. Now we are asked to extend one of the existing school mill levys for another two years.

Folks, enough is enough! Please take time out of your schedule to vote on this important issue. I'm certain that if enough voters will get out and vote, we can stop this outrageous escalation of our business and property taxes.

Lloyd W. Kenyon
Ruidoso

Editor's Note: The \$8.5 million Mr. Kenyon noted was a bond issue for capital construction. The 2-mill levy question on Feb. 2 is for a four-year period and is for miscellaneous maintenance and equipment use.

The Y2K problem

To the editor:

Alan Greenspan has revealed that earlier in life he was a mainframe computer programmer. He also told the Senate Banking Committee that the two-digit year date (Y2K) posed a serious threat to international banking and commerce and could snowball into a very large problem.

If any group in Lincoln County would like to discuss the Y2K problem, I would be glad to address a group of three

or more people. This presentation would be especially valuable to our senior citizens. (Call 648-9805).

Norman Vagorder
Carrizozo

Sex and perjury

To the editor:

I found Mr. Nordland's letter...in the Jan. 20 edition to be very interesting. I wish Mr. Nordland would please advise where in the Constitution...there is separation of Church and State.

If Mr. Nordland has a daughter, I assume that if she were sexually harassed in the workplace, he would be opposed to the aggressor being questioned in a sexual harassment trial...Mr. Nordland must also believe that it therefore would be acceptable for men to sexually harass his daughter and that they have the right to lie under oath...

Simply put, Mr. Nordland, this is not about sex but about lying under oath. Most Republicans and Democrats acknowledge that (the President) lied under oath. The only difference is the punishment to be handed out to the President...

Ed DeConcini
Ruidoso

More words about music

News is whatever we don't know, no matter the source.

By reading a press release this week from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, I learned that the current issue of "Per-simmon Hill," the Cowboy Hall's beautiful magazine, contains an article titled "A Celebration of the Cowboy Way of Life."

Written by western swing music promoter Karen Bell, the article describes the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium — which, she wrote, has it all, "the richest chuck wagon cook-off anywhere, trail rides, cowboy poetry, cowboy singing by some of the most renowned in their field, western swing music by the legends themselves..."

More fascinating is a just-received mail order catalog published by Guy Logsdon, one of the regulars at the Symposium (and the 1998 All-Around American Cowboy Culture Award winner at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock, Texas). The latest catalog — loaded with books, tapes, CDs, whole collections about cowboy musicians — on its cover page has a folksy newsletter from Logsdon.

From that I learned that Logsdon had visited with our own Ray Reed at Elko, Nev., last February, a couple of days before Ray died as he was driving back to Ruidoso Downs. I was reminded that both Roy Rogers and Gene Autry crossed the Great Divide in '98, and that folklorist-musician Owen Blanton died in a plane crash in Washington State.

Sadly, I learned that Eldon Shamblin, rhythm guitarist and one of the western music legends honored (and present) at the 1997 Symposium at Glencoe, had died. Logsdon eulogized him at his Oklahoma funeral.

I was most pleased that recordings by both Eldon Shamblin and Ray Reed still are available from the Guy Logsdon Catalog, P. O. Box 520982, Tulsa, Okla. 74152-0982.

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BY KEITH GREEN
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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Tackling youth driving accidents

• The following "legislative issues" report was obtained from a New Mexico state government web site — www.legis.state.nm. The site also contains the text of bills introduced in both House and Senate, and their status. It is updated daily.

SANTA FE — A graduated driver's licensing bill for teens has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Dede Feldman, D-Albuquerque.

"As recent crashes have made abundantly clear, too many teens are dying on New Mexico roads," said Feldman. "Teen drivers do not have the behind-the-wheel experience and skill level of more mature drivers. For the safety of teens and those who share the roads with them, teens need more time and practice to gain experience and skill before they receive an unrestricted license."

The proposed legislation outlines three stages to getting a full license.

The first instructional permit stage will be extended to six months to ensure that teens gain experience in how to drive safely, before moving on to the next step in obtaining an unrestricted license.

The instructional permit stage requires additional parental/adult supervision of

actual driving practice. The teen would be required to drive 50 hours, including 10 at night, with a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older and who has had a license for three years.

After successful completion of the instructional permit stage, the teen would move on to the second stage, a provisional license. The teen could drive unsupervised with two restrictions designed to avert high-risk situations for young drivers:

• The number of teen passengers would be limited to one passenger who is not a member of the minor's immediate family.

• Driving would be prohibited, with some exceptions, between midnight and 5 a.m.

According to the traffic safety bureau of the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department, 86 percent of all teens injured or killed in crashes last year in New Mexico were occupants of a vehicle driven by a teenager. "Teen passengers are a tremendous distraction for teen drivers," said Feldman.

After completion of the provisional license stage, the teen would "graduate" to an unrestricted license if he or she has had no traffic convictions or alcohol-related offenses.

Feldman said that 26 states and countries have similar elements of graduated driver licensing in place. Evaluations show a reduction in crash involvement of young people. For example, late-night driving restrictions in these areas resulted in 25 percent to 69 percent reductions in crashes.

New Zealand's graduated licensing system showed an eight percent reduction in crashes for drivers aged 15-19 years. Preliminary data from Ontario shows a 55 percent reduction in fatalities involving 16-year-olds and a drop in the annual probability of collision among 16-year-olds from about

one in seven to one in 20.

The legislation has support from New Mexico organizations, including AAA New Mexico, New Mexico Council on Crime and Delinquency, New Mexico Medical Society, New Mexico Pediatrics Society, New Mexico PTA, New Mexico Statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

National organizations backing the bill include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the International Association of Police Chiefs and the National Sheriffs Association.

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be 300 words or less in length, be of public interest and must avoid name-calling and libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to edit letters, so long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

Letters may be hand-delivered to the News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

State arbitrator's resignation delays work on Mescalero gaming dispute

The state's arbitrator, in his resignation letter, cited back injuries, potential litigation against arbitrators and the belief that the process could stretch into years.

BY TONI K. LAYSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Fred Ragsdale believes the Indian gaming arbitration process between Mescalero and the state isn't going to conclude anytime soon and could possibly turn him into a lawsuit defendant.

Citing these reasons as well as a painful back condition, Ragsdale

resigned as one of three arbitrators to consider Mescalero's dispute with the state regarding a mandated 16-percent share from casino slot machines.

"Even if my reasoning is flawed, I nonetheless believe an expensive and long process will ensue which I no longer wish to tolerate," Ragsdale wrote in his resignation letter to the New Mexico Gaming Control Board.

His resignation creates another in a series of delays for the arbitration process, which was initiated last March.

It's been more than a year, since September 1997, that the tribe has refused to make the payments, saying

the state take is too high to be legal under federal guidelines for states gaming compacts with tribes.

A preliminary arbitration hearing was to take place today at the Mescalero Inn, but has been tentatively rescheduled for late March at the earliest, Janice McCrary, chair of the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, said from her office in Albuquerque.

"And that, of course, will be contingent on the calendar of the new

arbitrator we get," McCrary said. The panel is "in the midst of searching for Ragsdale's replacement," she said.

"We don't have a name yet. We hope to have one by the end of this week or the end of next week," she said.

McCrary wouldn't mind if the state Legislature addressed the disputed gambling revenue share in the meantime.

"Well, it would certainly help us if the Legislature would take a look at

this," she said. "We have some underlying problems, and it would help if they take a look at those problems."

Ragsdale, a Corrales attorney, cited several problems in his resignation letter, including possible litigation against the arbitrators themselves depending on their eventual ruling.

Glenn Feldman, the arbitrator chosen by the Mescalero tribe, said Thursday from his Phoenix, Ariz. office he did not think the arbitration process was dragging out an unusually long time compared to other similar cases.

Students gain experience while 'shadowing' workers on Groundhog Day

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While the groundhog decides whether to cast a shadow Feb. 2, Ruidoso students will shadow employees all over the county.

Students will shadow restaurateurs, bankers, lawyers, doctors, village officials, morticians, ranchers, herbalists, veterinarians, firefighters, at least one judge and many others all day Tuesday.

In all 196 students will be visiting 110 businesses, said teacher Dean Hood.

National Groundhog Job Shadow Day is in its second year, but Ruidoso Middle School's eighth graders have been shadowing business people and employees every year for ten years Hood said.

"Kids fill out an application form listing what types of jobs they're interested in and we try to place them in," Hood said. "Parents transport their kids, sometimes the businesses do, and if they can't, we do."

Then the students call contact people at the businesses they've been hooked up with and ask when they should show up at work and what kind of clothing they should wear.

Jean Zagone of the Ruidoso

Valley Chamber of Commerce and Gary Cozzens, School to Work coordinator for Region IX Education Cooperative teamed up and asked the community to volunteer to sponsor students during job shadowing day.

Zagone said she heard from business people and students that in past years students didn't always get to go where they wanted to, so she divided their choices into categories by students' interests to team them up better with their choices.

"I'm hoping that the business community really takes advantage of this day," Zagone said, "because we are really looking at future employees."

Some of the students' experiences will be hands-on, Hood said, such as in restaurants where they'll be put to work preparing or serving food, but he doubted students would be operating on patients, at the hospital or embalming people in the mortuary.

"We have had some of them watch operations," Hood said. "And we had one at the mortuary last year when they did the embalming, and with the vets, they watched operations on the animals. But it's more showing them what types of skills are used."

"As far as unusual jobs to

shadow, Hood said they have one student going to a ranch in Capitan and several going to the Spencer Theater.

The list of participating businesses includes the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, the Mescalero Fish Hatchery, the Twelfth Judicial District Court, the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, as well as many retailers and businesses related to recreation and tourism.

Cozzens said his involvement is due to his work with Region IX's School-to-Work, which involves exposing students to the world of work.

New Mexico's secretary of labor, Clinton D. Harden Jr., will kick off National Groundhog Job Shadow Day by speaking to the students during an assembly at 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Then he plans to eat lunch with students and some of the business people sponsoring student shadows, Cozzens said.

Zagone said she felt National Groundhog Shadowing Day is important and exciting because it gives the community a chance to reach out to kids and offers kids a chance to have mentors.

"Any opportunity that we

as a community can capitalize on that will help our students and, even more importantly, let them know that we are paying attention to them (we should take)," said Zagone. "Maybe we don't act like we're listening, but we really are."

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Mechem Drive traffic halted by debris

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tons of dirt and rock covered north Mechem Drive Wednesday afternoon following a highway construction work explosion and took hours for crews to clear.

Traffic on Alto Hill was stopped for about 40 minutes immediately after the blasting work at about 2 p.m. on the west side of the road, Jim Dickerson, project manager with Meadow Valley Construction, said Thursday.

After that, one-lane traffic resumed with waits of up to 20 minutes until crews, working under lights, cleared both lanes of debris between 7 and

8 p.m., he said. "This time we had more material on the roadway than expected," Dickerson said, adding that usually the amount of debris from the explosions can be predicted. "But you don't always know how far the material will be carried."

Meadow Valley Contractors has been hired by the state for a \$7.6 million project to realign and widen about 2 miles of north Mechem Drive from White Mountain Drive to Ski Run Road.

Much of the blasting is to break up rock beds in the new road's path. About twice as much blasting will be needed than had been anticipated by the engineers who designed

the project for the state, a Meadow Valley official has said.

"This is going to happen about four more times between now and the end of February," Dickerson said.

He added that the other planned explosions will not be as close to the current roadway as Wednesday's blast and should not result in as much debris on the road.

The deadline to complete blasting work is March 1, when the spotted owl, an endangered species, begins its nesting season. Under federal law, the contractor cannot do work, such as using explosives, that would disrupt the owls nesting season.

Assistance available for brush control

Financial help for ranchers who want to curtail the invasion of undesirable plants into grasslands is available under a new program being offered to land owners in portions of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District.

Sections of the watershed of the Tularosa Basin have been approved as a Geographic Priority Area for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

The approval makes those agricultural lands eligible for cost-share arrangements to carry out accelerated conservation measures through a long term contracting process.

The primary objective of

the Priority Area is to emphasize brush management by eliminating woody plants and other invading species, according to District Conservationist Greg Haussler.

Historic photographs as well as personal accounts of people who have lived in the area for a long time document the increase in those plants, he said.

Contracts could include a 75 percent cost-share for the major types of brush control. Erosion structures, noxious weed control and prescribed burning also are being cost-shared at a 75 percent rate.

The average cost for the brush management practices

will be based on the actual cost of installation with a predetermined limit.

The program involves five to 10 year contracts offering a maximum of \$10,000 per year and a maximum of \$50,000 per contract.

Applications for the program are at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Carrizozo or the Farm Service Agency in Alamogordo until March 15.

Proposals will be developed with each producer who applies, then ranked according to the anticipated benefits.

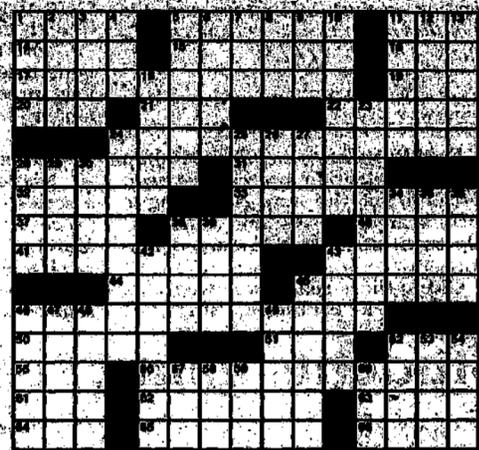
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 - 3 Finger paint
 - 4 Body of troops
 - 5 The general
 - 6 Peepholes for one
 - 7 Toothpicks' grip
 - 8 Coffee-loving "Star Wars" character
 - 9 Singing syllables
 - 10 Unlocks, in poetry
 - 11 First
 - 12 Muslim leaders
 - 13 Actor who demands frothy coffee on the set?
 - 14 Granny Smith
 - 15 1989 A.L. MVP
 - 16 Doors
 - 17 Like "Aida"
 - 18 Aldrich Ames, for one
 - 19 Subdued
 - 20 Japanese soup
 - 21 Endorsement
 - 22 More national
 - 23 Fairy
 - 24 Football play
 - 25 50's comedienne with a taste for flavored coffee?
 - 26 Imposing residence
 - 27 Small dog, for shot
 - 28 Veteran
 - 29 Grenfell, to some
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 - 31 Fond of coffee with milk?
 - 32 Actress Boia
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 - 10 Lorelei
 - 11 _____ Lama
 - 12 Rhett's last words
 - 13 One who sings the part of Menelaos
 - 14 Yarns
 - 15 60's Defense Secretary
 - 16 Sidekick
 - 17 Stumper
 - 18 Vicar of Christ
 - 19 Worn
 - 20 _____ mater
 - 21 Mind's-eye view
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Puzzle by Jonathan Schmitz

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MILITARY NEWS

Capitan native completes basic Air Force training

Air Force Airman Monica Gonzalez recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Gonzalez is the daughter of

Sara Gutierrez of Capitan High School.

She is a 1998 graduate of Capitan High School.

RHS grad helps out in Romania

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Girls basketball
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Saturday
Boys basketball
Hondo Valley at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
Hondo Valley at Carrizozo 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 2
Girls basketball
Hondo Valley at Vaughn, 6 p.m.
Captain at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.
Boys basketball
Hondo Valley at Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
Captain vs. Dexter, 7:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Wednesday
Wrestling
Ruidoso 42, Roswell 35
103-4 Roswell wins by forfeit. 112 - E. Flores (R) pins J. Collins (Ros), 1st. 119 - J. Torres (Ros) pins J. Gray (R), 1st. 125 - C. Hall (R) pins Pulaski (Ros), 1st. 130 - J. Rye (R) pins R. Torres (Ros), 1st. 135 - J. Tubbs (Ros) def. Steven Schmid (R), 12-5. 140 - L. Jimenez (Ros) def. E. Miguez (R), 21-6. 145 - R. Gray (R) pin T. Williams (Ros), 1st. 152 - R. Rodriguez (Ros) pins K. Reidhead (R), 1st. 160 - A. Flores (Ros) pins G. Brumlow (R), 3rd. 171 - B. Meyer (R) pins A. Carranza (Ros), 1st. 189 - J. Leedingham (R) pins R. Archeluta (Ros), 1st. 215 - J. Irish (Ros) def. Remy Reidhead (R), 6-5. Hwt. - Hodges (R) pins Paul Gallegos
JV - Ruidoso 23, Roswell 18

Tuesday, Jan. 26
Boys basketball
Ruidoso 77, Santa Teresa 70
STHS20.....14.....13.....23 -70
Ruidoso17.....10.....20.....30 -77
Halftime: Santa Teresa 34; Ruidoso 27.
Leading scorers: R - C. Saenz 21; A. Gillespie 18; S. Barnett 13; G. Grant 10; STHS - J. Aragon 27; A. Archeluta 18. Records: R - 8-8, 1-0 in 3AAA; STHS 3-12, 0-1 in 3AAA.

Girls basketball
Ruidoso 57, Santa Teresa 35
Ruidoso14.....15.....8.....20 -57
STHS8.....4.....15.....8 -35
Halftime: Ruidoso 29, Santa Teresa 12.
Leading scorers: R - M. Spence 15, B. Castañon 9, S. Fromknecht 9, J. Daniels 9; STHS - M. Martinez 16. Records: R - 5-13, 2-1 in 3AAA. STHS - n/a overall, 0-3 in 3AAA.

Capitan 61, Tularosa 44
Capitan15.....18.....11.....17 -61
Tularosa0.....8.....19.....17 -44
Halftime: Capitan 33, Tularosa 8. Leading scorers: C - E. Autrey 13, L. Bush 11, B. Holland 11; T - J. Veorbach 16, C. Castle 12. Records: Capitan - 8-9, 1-0 in 6AA; Tularosa n/a overall, 0-1 in 6AA.

Pecking Order

AP Boys Basketball Top 10	Record	Pts.	Pct.
1. Thoreau (6)	12-1	100	.3
2. St. Michael's (3)	7-5	97	.5
3. St. Pius (1)	8-4	96	2
(tie) Tacos (2)	9-5	96	1
5. Los Alamos (1)	10-5	86	2
6. Robertson (1)	6-3	69	4
7. Socorro	8-5	65	6
8. Silver	7-7	34	7
9. Pojoaque	8-6	20	-
10. Shiprock	7-6	19	10

On deck

Senior Olympic Sports Training Clinic
New Mexico Senior Olympics will offer a sports training clinic for Ruidoso seniors interested in learning a new sport or refining current skills to help prepare them for their local senior Olympic games. The clinic is free of charge and will be Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Roswell High School and Yucca Youth Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Roswell High School gym lobby. For more information, call (505) 623-5777.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Bonito, Hondo, Peñasco
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone
Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - elk hair caddis, some beetles and some midges.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's, gold ribbed hairs and green tick worms.
Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.
Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis and some action on Beatts.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

Denver Bronco
FANatics

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Tap into Kathy
Osborne's artery and you will draw blood - Denver Bronco blue and orange blood.

Osborne will watch Sunday's Super Bowl game between the Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons with the fervor of an evangelist.

She converted from a Dallas Cowboy fan to a Bronco fan when Dan Reeves left the Cowboys to coach the Broncos. Quarterback John Elway's arrival in Denver sealed her allegiance.

"I just changed in '83. I'm an Elway nut," claims the Ruidoso resident. "I'm a total John Elway fan."

Osborne and her husband, Richard, started attending at least one Denver game a year beginning in 1989. The Broncos lost that game. But since then, every time Osborne is in the stands, the Broncos deliver a win.

"We just make it one of our vacations," says Osborne, who can recall the score of every game she's attended.

A fluke meeting at a game last year with Sharon Parrish, cousin of Denver standout Shannon Sharpe, resulted in a dream come true for Osborne. Parrish and Osborne discovered, through conversation, that they shared the same hometown, Amarillo.

After the game, Parrish invited Osborne to the "family room" where the Broncos' family wait for them. It was there that Osborne met Elway and asked for his autograph. Well, she didn't really ask for his autograph.

"I froze. I just stood there. My husband took the program out of my hand and handed it to him and snapped a picture of us," Osborne recalls.

She collected a number of other Bronco signatures that day, and is forever thankful to Parrish.



Self-proclaimed Broncomaniac Kathy Osborne cradles her favorite collectible, a Denver program autographed by a number of Broncos, including John Elway.



Jessie Montoya has three rooms in his home dedicated to the Broncos - his bathroom, his office (pictured at left) and the computer room. His memorabilia includes autographed helmets, posters and trading cards, along with a Bronco telephone, Bronco carpets, blankets and lamp shades.

Laura Clymer
Ruidoso News

"She had no idea that she made my year," Osborne says.

Ruidoso native Jessie Montoya is no stranger to Broncomania, either.

"I've got anything and everything that's the Broncos," Montoya says.

If he had it his way, every room in Montoya's Brady Canyon house would be decorated in blue and orange. "I'd have all of it done, but my wife won't let me," Montoya says.

That's why he's more than just a fan. He's a fanatic.

WRESTLING



Warrior Brett Meyer's pin swings the match in Warriors' favor.

Warriors test progress against the AAA's best

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Warrior freshman Patrick Hodges responded like a veteran at Wednesday's wrestling match between Ruidoso and Roswell.

With the match hanging in the balance, Hodges tipped the scales in Ruidoso's favor by pinning the Coyotes' Paul Gallegos in the heavyweight class.

It was a win not only for himself but also for Hodges' teammates.

Ruidoso's held a 36-35 lead going into the final match of the evening. The outcome of the heavyweight match determined the team winner.

Hodges shook off the pressure and pinned Gallegos in the third period to the delight of teammates and the boisterous Ruidoso crowd. It delivered a 42-35 Warrior win over the Class AAA Coyotes.

"He's a baby," Ruidoso wrestling coach Jerrett Perry said of his 263-pound, 6-foot, 4-inch freshman.

Hodges is 3-0 in matches that determine whether or not the Warriors' win as a team. He's 8-3 overall.

"He has all the tools to be a state champion," Perry said.

Ruidoso and Roswell battled back and forth throughout the night, but the turning point came when Ruidoso's Brett Meyer (171 pounds) pinned Angel Carranza in the first period. That cut the Coyote lead from 32-24 to 32-30.

"Brett had a huge win. Brett used his strength and his hips and got him on the back," Perry said.

Senior Jason Leedingham followed Meyer's pin with one of his own in the first period, sticking Roswell's Rudy Archeluta.

Only a point separated the two teams after Ruidoso's Remy Reidhead lost a 6-5 decision to

Jeff Irish in the 215-pound division.

That left the heroics to Hodges, who delivered.

Wednesday's dual-meet win coupled with a sixth-place showing last weekend at the St. Michael's Tournament has Perry speculating that the Warriors could finish in the top five at the Class AAA state meet.

Twenty-two teams competed at the St. Michael's tournament, which featured the top AAA teams in the state such as Cobres and Aztec.

"We're starting to come around, finally. We believe in our motto and people are taking note," Perry said.

Saturday, 12 teams, including District 3AAA foes Cobre, Silver and NMMI, join the Warriors at the Ruidoso Invitational.

The wrestling begins at 9 a.m. with finals and consolation finals tentatively set for 9 p.m.

Teams scheduled to compete are Cobre, Ruidoso, Moriarty, West Las Vegas, Silver, NMMI, St. Mike's, Tucuman, Goddard, Roswell, Deming, Santa Teresa and Las Cruces.

"There's going to be some excellent wrestling," Perry said. "We feel like we should place in the top five in this tournament."

DRUMBEATS

Senior Richard Gray (145 pounds) was Ruidoso's top finisher at the St. Michael's tournament. Gray, who is 12-4 overall, finished second in the defending state champion from Las Vegas Robertson. Gray lost a 10-5 decision. "We're just extremely proud of how he wrestled. Richard was being very aggressive," Perry said. Three other Warriors made it to the third-place round at St. Michael's. They were Leedingham, Hodges and Reidhead. All three finished fourth in their respective weight classes. Perry recently learned of some good news for the Warriors and their fans. Ruidoso will host the district wrestling tournament Feb. 13. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ruidoso 57, Santa Teresa 35

A disciplined, deliberate offense proved effective for the Warrior girls basketball team Tuesday against Santa Teresa.

Ruidoso built a 29-12 half-time lead and didn't let up for a 57-35 victory over the Desert Warriors in girls District 3AAA basketball.

The Warriors upped their record to 5-13 overall and 2-1 in district play.

Mandin Spence scored 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to pace Ruidoso. Three other Warriors scored nine points. Sarah Fromknecht also collected 11 boards for Ruidoso.

Jeannine Jackson's team travels to Truth or Consequences to play Hot Springs Saturday, where the Warriors will attempt to win their third district game in a row.

Shooting, blocking out and breaking the press will be the keys to the game, Jackson said.

"Presses have always killed us, but we're starting to pass it to the middle and not panic," Jackson said.

Capitan 61, Tularosa 44

The Tigers blanked the Wildcats early on to win the first District 6AA game of the season.

Capitan's Erin Autrey had the hot hand in the early going, while Tularosa struggled with the Tigers' press. The Tigers raced to a 15-0 first-quarter lead and were never threatened after that.

Bryan Masse's Tigers were coming off a poor shooting performance in a 40-30 loss to Hatch last Saturday. They shot a meager 16 percent from the field against the Bears.

"Our confidence was down a little from the Hatch game because we shot so poorly from the field," Masse said.

Tuesday in Tularosa was a different story where Capitan connected on 45 percent of its shots.

The Tigers (8-8, 1-0) return to action today against Cloudcroft's Bears. The Bears fell 40-21 to Dexter Tuesday.

"We're hoping defense will pull us through," Masse said.

Tigers next on Warriors' slate

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A 30-point, fourth-quarter outburst capped off a Ruidoso rally as the Warriors defeated visiting Santa Teresa, 77-70, in boys District 3AAA basketball Tuesday.

The win was Ruidoso's second in a row and first district triumph. The Warriors are 8-8 overall, while Santa Teresa fell to 8-12 overall and 0-1 in districts.

Ruidoso travels to Truth or Consequences today for another district game, this time with Hot Springs. The Tigers knocked off Silver in overtime Tuesday, 52-50. Tip off for the varsity contest is 7:30 p.m.

The Warriors' come-from-behind win over Santa Teresa gave Ruidoso a good start for the district race, said interim coach Billy Page.

"You've got to start off on top. It's too hard to come from behind," Page said.

Santa Teresa took control of the game early behind the hot shooting of Jesus Aragon

Aragon propelled the Desert Warriors to a seven-point half-time lead with 20 first-half points.

But foul trouble benched Aragon in the second half, and the Warriors took advantage of it.

Ruidoso also took much better care of the ball in the final two periods. Page said the Warriors pushed the ball up the floor too aggressively in the first half. The Warriors, who committed 14 first-half miscues, cut that number in half.

Four Warriors finished in double figures: Senior guard Corey Saenz had 21, followed by Aaron Gillespie's 18 and Garvin Grant's 10. Sophomore guard Solomon Barnett had his best scoring night of the season with 13 points.

Hot Springs will bring a new look to the hardwood, in part because of first-year coach Doug Anderson, who took over for Tommy Morrow.

The Tigers have plenty of talent, but it's young talent. Six-foot, three-inch junior post player Cody Coll anchors the

inside for the Tigers. He scored 20 against Silver.

Senior point guard Jason Cumba directs the Hot Springs' offense. Cumba pitched in 16 points in the Tiger win over Silver.

Page said he will stick with the three-guard lineup he has used since Ruidoso's win over Lovington Saturday.

"It gives us some opportunities to get some shooters open for us, like Corey," Page said.

The Warriors' probable starters are Saenz, James Adams, Barnett, Gillespie and either Grant or Josh Varadore.

Ruidoso reserve forward Adrian Herrera will miss today's game for violating a team rule. Herrera picked up a technical foul in the Santa Teresa game and must sit out the Hot Springs game.

"We can't loose our cool, especially in a district game," Page said.

Career expo examines telecommunications

Job opportunities in the telecommunication services industry are the focus of a free, three-day career expo this weekend in Roswell, according to a news release.

The Career Expo will be at the Physical Education Center of Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell. Hosts of the expo include both the college and the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. It will feature exhibits and industry representatives as well as free computerized skills assess-

ments for those who would like a career in the telecommunication services industry.

Residents' participation at the expo will help Roswell attract new businesses and jobs, coordinators said.

"Telecommunications is one of the fastest growing, high tech industries in North America," said Charles Walker, director of economic development at the chamber. "Roswell is ideally positioned to be a site for several of these

customer service centers. But first, we need to demonstrate that we have the potential labor force to support these centers.

"That's what this expo is all about, and we need to have a large turn-out for this to be a successful economic development effort for our community."

The Career Expo, which started Thursday, will be 9 a.m.-8 p.m. today, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

MARKET GLANCE

Deflation: Fanning the Globe

Deflationary pressure around the globe is intensifying. Simply put, supply exceeds demand.

Supplies have ballooned as a result of the rapid technological change combined with the availability of cheap labor in emerging markets.

As margins are under pressure, businesses rely more on labor-saving technology, further depressed global demand. Alarmed, central banks everywhere have been creating liquidity.

The liquidity cannot be absorbed into the real economy; instead, much of it has flowed into the financial markets, creating bubbles in the stock market and slashing risk premiums in the bond market.

Brazil: More problems than solutions

The real has not reached bottom and debt restructuring is not out of the question. Capital flight is continuing. In January alone, Brazil will have lost about \$8 billion in reserves reducing the level to \$26 billion, down from \$70 billion last year. Once reserves fall below \$20 billion, the IMF could cut off additional funding for a violation of the covenant.

Due to the free float, the debt-service burden in reals has soared. One-third of Brazil's \$229 billion external debt is owed by the govern-

ment. In addition, the government has \$44 billion of dollar-linked debt. The current account deficit in 1998 shot up to \$85 billion, 4.4 percent of GDP, failing the IMF agreement of 4.2 percent. It is uncertain how Brazil will finance the current account deficit this year.

On top of the external debt, the Brazilian government has domestic debt of R\$320 billion.

Capital flight and uncertainties are boosting interest rates, raising the debt-service burden. A deeper recession cuts into tax revenues, exacerbating budget deficits.

The combination of the currency depreciation, higher interest rates and ballooning budget deficits is spiking inflation. In January, the price of cars shot up by 12 percent; the price of rice and coffee rose by 10 percent.

Now the R\$28 billion of fiscal belt-tightening in exchange for the \$41.5 billion IMF rescue package is not enough. A lot more pain is ahead south of the border.

China: Brewing economic problems rattle Asia

Brazil's problems have rattled Asia. Interest rates in Asia have risen, and the stock markets have suffered.

Everyone is watching China, where the black market rate of the yuan has risen to about Y\$9, 8.4 percent above

the official rate of Y\$8.3.

An economic slowdown and the weak banking system are the two major problems.

Exports are flat and foreign investments have slowed down to a trickle. Consumers have been shell-shocked by rising unemployment; five million jobs at state-owned enterprises in addition to one million government employees are slated to be axed this year. Further more, the government has been withdrawing subsidies on housing, healthcare, and education, sapping consumers buying power.

Devaluation, however, is not imminent. The yuan is pegged to the dollar, which has been depreciating.

For example, over the last six months, the yuan has fallen 24 percent against the Japanese yen, 12 percent against the Thai baht and 10 percent against the Korean won.

The trade surplus has actually risen and the country has \$145 billion in reserves.

Politics is another reason. In 1998, the Chinese trade surplus with the United States approached \$60 billion, fanning protectionism here.

Chinese premier Zhu Rongji is visiting Washington in April; he does not want to make new waves before his trip.

This column was provided by Sung Won Sohn, a veteran economist with Wells Fargo Economics.

DOWN'S BRIEFS

Water line extension planned for Highway 70

A Ruidoso Downs' water line will be extended along the east side of U.S. Highway 70 from the Ruidoso Downs Baptist Church to Parker Road.

On Monday, the Ruidoso Downs Village Council allocated \$7,000 for the project.

House demolition given extension

The owners of a condemned house in Ruidoso Downs on Monday gained a six-month deadline before the house must be torn down.

David Thomsen, a local attorney representing the couple who owns the house, said the Lacewell family intends to raise the house and build a

shop-type structure on the site. However, they wanted three months to remove items from the house, which has numerous code violations, before having to level it, Thomsen told the council.

Trustee Judy Miller said she didn't see any need to hurry the process and suggested additional time be given to the couple.

Sean Baker, an attorney for the village, recommended the six-month deadline.

Surplus items to be sold

Surplus items ranging from 1991 Chevy Blazers to computer keyboards will be sold by the village of Ruidoso Downs through either an auction or by sealed bids.

Village trustees on Monday approved categorizing a list of

20 items as surplus village property, which legally allows the village to sell the items.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht said the larger items, including two Blazers and two Chevy Caprices, will be sold by bids and the smaller items by auction.

Fire equipment purchase approved

Ruidoso Downs Fire Chief Nick Herrera received permission this week to purchase four new nozzles for fire hoses at a total cost of \$1,196.

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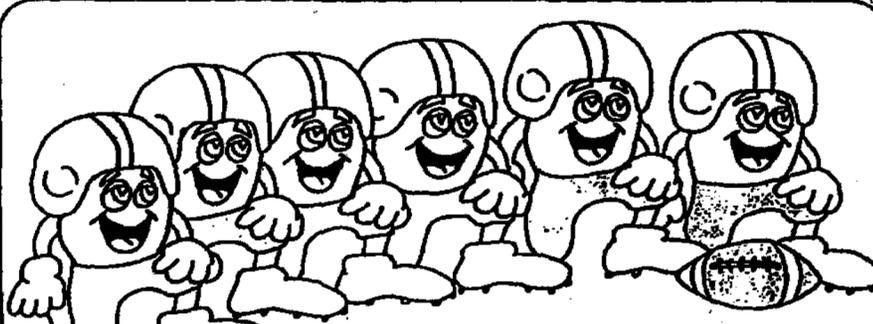
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Saturday, January 30 9:00a - 4:00p

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Career Expo hosts and sponsors include: ENMU-Roswell, Chaves County Career Center, Roswell Chamber of Commerce, N.M. Dept. of Labor, Chaves County Income Support Division, U.S. Department of Labor Tech Training Program, City of Roswell, Chaves County, Roswell Independent School District, N.M. Rural Payday (U.S. Senator Pete Domenici), U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Kaplan@Work

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State labor secretary plans visit to Ruidoso

Cabinet officer will visit with students, workers

Clinton D. Harden Jr., New Mexico's secretary of labor, is scheduled to make several stops in Ruidoso on Monday, including a tour through a local "one-stop" employment services office, officials said.

Harden is expected to first visit with children at Ruidoso Middle School as a part of Tuesday's Groundhog Job Shadowing Day.

On this day, children will go in area businesses instead of school to learn about different professions.

At 2:30 p.m., Harden is to tour the Lincoln County Works Center, located in the Ruidoso State Bank building at the Sierra Mall.

The center houses several different entities that offer employment opportunity services.

It is the first "one-stop" facility of its type in the state, said Gary Cozzens, whose school-to-career office is part of the center. Cozzens's office as

well as an apprentice program are part of the Region IX Education Cooperative, but the center also contains a local welfare-to-work program, an adult basic education program and a vocational rehabilitation program — all which are sponsored by other entities, Cozzens said.

The center will be proposed to Harden as a state pilot for how "one-stop" employment services can be organized, Cozzens said, adding that Congress mandated the creation of such "one-stop" centers with passage of the Work Force Investment Act in October.

At 8 p.m., Harden is to meet in the center with local business owners and answer their questions about labor issues, Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said.

Publishing couple starts new page with ski rentals



David and Cathi McIntosh at Action Ski & Snowboard.

Cathi and David McIntosh have diversified their magazine publishing business with Action Ski & Snowboard.

BY TOMI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

La Niña may be a factor in the less-than-impressive snowfall this winter, but David McIntosh accepts part of the blame, too.

"I always told everybody that if I bought a ski shop it would never snow again," McIntosh said with a laugh. "So, I've apologized to all the other ski shops."

Together with his wife Cathi, McIntosh recently became the owner of Action

Ski & Snowboard at 860 Sudderth Drive. Besides renting a full line of skis and snowboards, the couple sells new equipment.

The store also houses the couple's longtime business of publishing the Ruidoso Lifestyle magazine.

They had moved their magazine offices from their home to the building about four years ago and for some time considered adding another business at the Sudderth Drive storefront.

They found that business about a year ago. Dave Anderson, who had a ski shop off U.S. Highway 70, sold them his ski rental business just before the three-day holiday

for Presidents' weekend, McIntosh said. But then it snowed so hard that weekend skiers could not get up the mountain, he said.

"So, that was my first experience with a ski shop," he said.

After the ski season ended, they basically stored the equipment at the other shop before moving everything to the Sudderth store, he said. To make room for the ski shop, McIntosh pushed the magazine's offices into two back offices, where everything has become rather crowded, he said.

The couple as first held off buying new ski equipment until McIntosh could get a better sense of the business.

"I was just scared I didn't know what I was doing," he said, adding that other ski shop owners, such as Ron Anderson, have been generous in lending advice.

They have since purchased new shaped skis, some snowblades — which are basically short skis — and a lot of snowboarding equipment, he said.

"We have made a really heavy investment in snowboards this year," McIntosh said. "I just feel very strongly that we would like to capture some of the younger market."

They offer both the "step-in" snowboard bindings, such as Switch and UPS, and traditional "strap-in" bindings.

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- Website: www.ruidoso.to/actionski

sophisticated snowboarder," McIntosh said.

McIntosh makes a point of saying the store isn't trying to take away customers from existing ski shops.

"Basically, we opened this shop to serve the lodging industry on this side of town," he said. "So, we are not trying to steal anybody's business and that's the main thing."

Besides allowing the couple to diversify their publishing business, the ski shop will benefit McIntosh in another way.

"I spent so much time behind the desk that I had gained weight," he said. "So, I really looked at this as an avenue to getting outside ... I really enjoy skiing and hope to get up there more often now."

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Crews work to reduce fire dangers around Ruidoso

Tree thinning has begun along the boundary between private land and the Lincoln National Forest within the Smokey Bear Ranger District in an attempt to reduce the risk of a "catastrophic wildfire," according to a release by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service has contracted out the work to a crew that has been busy cutting trees and piling slash to create defensible space between private land and the forest. Piling the slash makes it easier to

back later to burn, therefore, reducing the fuel loading in the forest. A reduced fuel load will provide an area for possible defense against wildfires. The contractors are planning to work until March as part of an ongoing project to complete a 600-foot wide fuel break between many areas of Ruidoso and the forest.

A fuel break in the Upper Canyon area has been completed and the crew is currently working on the Grindstone and Black Forest areas. The next

phase that is planned for treatment is Cedar Creek down to Brady Canyon.

The reason behind this thinning is the high density of trees in comparison to historic conditions in the Southwest. The type of trees that are not being cut are the healthier, larger diameter trees. These healthier trees will be more resistant to disease and pine beetle infestation. Now, if a fire were to start on either National Forest or on private land, the firefighters would have an easier time suppressing fires, thus making it safer for the firefighters to work. These fuel breaks also thin the canopy of the trees so that fire retardant that is dropped out of planes

will be more useful. Without the obstruction of the thick tree canopy, the retardant that is dropped will then be able to reach the ground. These thinning and burning projects were first started in 1996 with thinning done around the Smokey Bear Ranger district office and the Cedar Creek fitness trail as a demonstration.

Those interested in how to make property more defensible, may go to these areas and see what has been done as well as go into the District office and see Mathew Reidy, fire management officer, or P.J. Pearson, the assistant fire management officer.

BLM plans burns in area

The Bureau of Land Management plans to conduct three prescribed burns at Fort Stanton this spring. The largest of the burns will be in the Salado Creek area north of Highway 890. This project covers approximately 1,500 acres. BLM fire crews already have completed fireline preparation on this project. Depending on weather conditions and other factors, this prescribed burn would take place by the end of March.

Signs will be posted the day of the burn along main roads to alert the public of the burn. Smoke from these projects will be visible from the surrounding area.

Two smaller prescribed burns are scheduled to occur on the west end of Fort Stanton. Both of these burns will be 150 acres or less and would occur in April.

BLM uses prescribed fire to help reduce fuel loading and improve habitat for wildlife. The burns will be done under precise weather conditions in order to be done safely and to meet project objectives. Any questions regarding these projects should be directed to BLM Fire Management Officer Jim Desmond at 505-827-0223.

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Appointment times are limited so the division encourages people to call as soon as possible.

Longer hours set for Roswell IRS Office

The Roswell IRS Office, located at 500 N. Richardson, Room 113, has changed its hours for walk-in service. Effective Jan. 4, the office has been open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday through April 30. On May 1, the walk-in service hours will change to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

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2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath in Alto North, unfurnished, quiet area, \$525 plus bills. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath in Carrizo Canyon, part of duplex, unfurnished, fenced yard, \$500 plus bills. Please call Pat at the Prudential L&S, Easter Realtors 257-7313 for information.

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LONG TERM RENTAL, fantastic mountain view. Clean 2 bedroom, 2 living or 3 bedroom, 1 living; 2 1/2 baths. End unit. Good neighborhood. \$700 per month plus utilities. 338-9922.

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FEBRERO 1999, EN FE DE LO CUAL PONGO MI FIRMA Y SELLO DEL CON- DADO LINCOLN. /s/ Martha McKnight Proctor Escribana Da Condado de Lincoln 1999 2T(1)22,29

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION WHEREAS, Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-18, N.M.S.A. 1978 may be cited as the "School Election Law", AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 22, School Election Law, provision is made for the holding of School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given of a School District Election to be held in the Ruidoso School District Number 03, on Tuesday, February 2, 1999, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on said day, in the manner provided by law for holding such election. This School District Election shall be held for the purpose whereby voters may vote upon duly certified candidates to the positions hereinafter named. SCHOOL BOARD POSITION NUMBER

TERMS OF OFFICE 4 years CANDIDATES NAME Ron Lewis Susan Marie Lutterman SCHOOL BOARD POSITION NUMBER #2

TERMS OF OFFICE 4 years CANDIDATES NAME Franklin D. Saylor Robert M. "Mike" Lynch SCHOOL BOARD POSITION NUMBER #3

TERMS OF OFFICE 4 years CANDIDATES NAME Ronnie L. Hemphill At such Election, the follow- ing public school capital im- provements tax question shall also be submitted to the qualified, registered electors of the District:

"Shall the Board of Education of Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 03, Lincoln County, New Mexico, be au- thorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000 of net taxable value of the property allocated to the Dis- trict under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 for the purpose of the following capital improve- ments in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for or furnishing public school buildings; purchasing or improving pub- lic school grounds; purchas- ing computer hardware and software for student use in public school classrooms; and maintenance of public school buildings or public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employ-

ees of the District, and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to ex- tra-curricular school activities? IT IS FURTHER PRO- CLAIMED AND NOTICE IF- HEREBY GIVEN that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School Dis- trict and Public Notice is hereby given of the place de- signated where the said elec- tion is to be held: CONSOLIDATED PRE- CINCT: Consisting of all Lin- coln County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 03. POLLING PLACE: Ruidoso Civic Events Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. ABSENT VOTERS PRE- CINCT: For voters who are absent from any precinct within Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3. POLLING PLACE: Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County Lincoln County Courthouse Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. CONSOLIDATED PRE- CINCT: Presiding Judge: Gayla J. Pearson Election Judge: Janet E. Harcrow Election Judge: Judy H. Shaw Election Clerk: Patsy A. Bode Election Clerk: Peggy Mc- Clellan Election Clerk: Michele Taylor. ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT: Presiding Judge: Gayla J. Pearson Election Judge: Janet E. Harcrow Election Judge: Judy H. Shaw Election Judge: Michael D. Hyman Election Clerk: Patsy A. Bode Election Clerk: Peggy Mc- Clellan Election Clerk: Michele Taylor. DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 13TH DAY OF FEB- RUARY 1999. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY. /S/MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK 1999 2T(1)22,29

LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Friday, February 12, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tesuque Room of the Hotel Loretto at 211 Old Santa Fe Trail in Santa Fe. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in executive session. Agendas for the meeting are available at the Information Center of the University Relations office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administra- tion Building. The public is in- vited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexi- co University is an EEO/AA in- stitution. 2007 1T(1)29

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<p>'98 Suzuki Sidekick</p> <p>4x4, A/C, cassette, only 7,400 miles</p> <p>Was \$19,000</p> <p>Now \$13,995</p>	<p>'96 Ford Explorer</p> <p>4x4, Eddie Bauer, leather, CD & cassette, full power equipped</p> <p>Was \$23,650</p> <p>Now \$19,675</p>	<p>'97 Ford F-150</p> <p>Casper, A/C, cassette, extra clean, 4x4, only 18,000 miles</p> <p>Was \$19,960</p> <p>Now \$17,995</p>	<p>'95 1/2 Isuzu Rodeo</p> <p>4x4, 100,000 miles, power windows, power locks, power seats, moon roof, cassette & CD</p> <p>Was \$14,900</p> <p>Now \$14,995</p>

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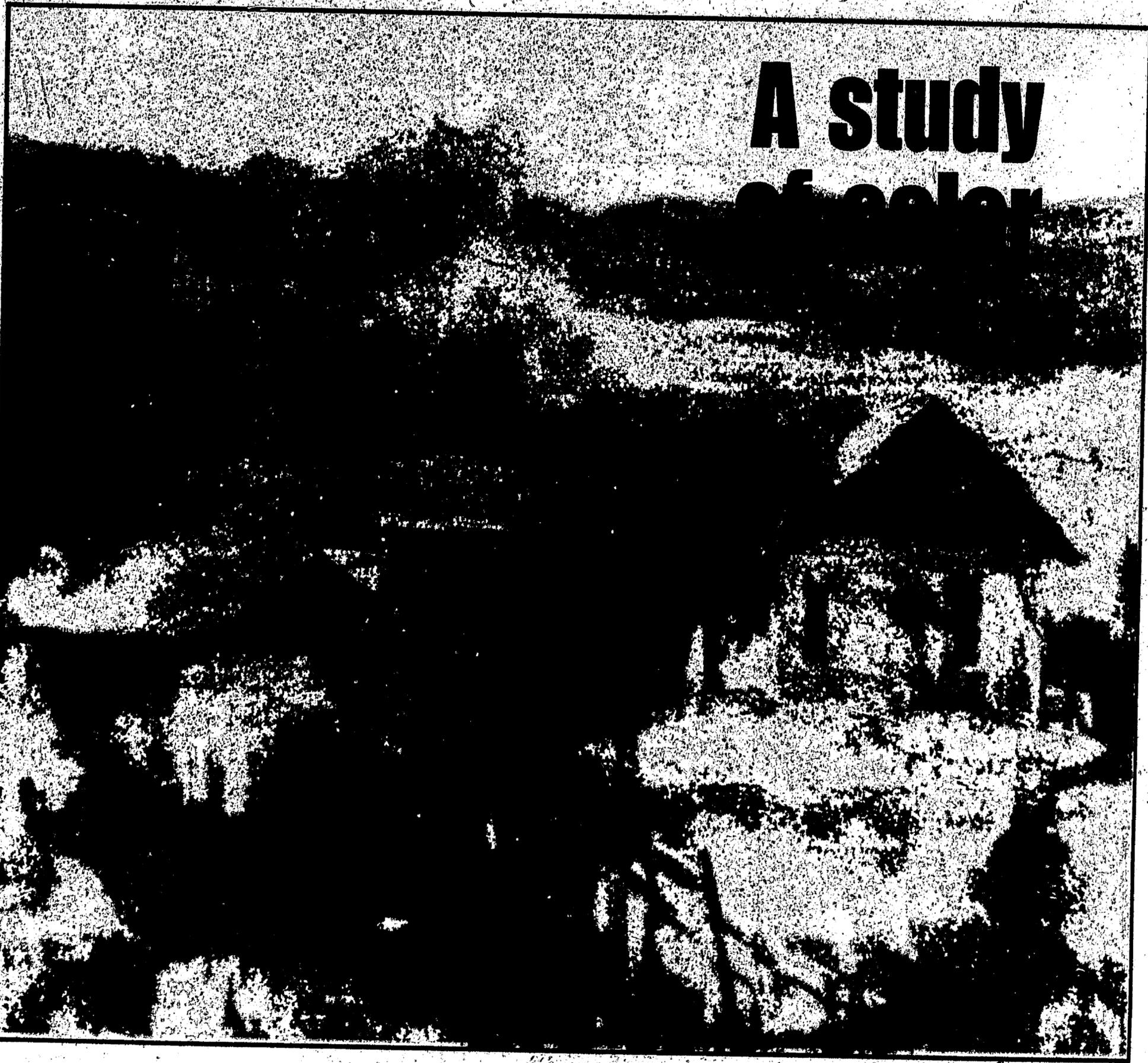
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Storyteller,
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Dianne Stallings

ANN TEMPLETON started painting later in life than most artists, but that hasn't slowed down her career. For a brush with the Glencoe artist, see page 4C.

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Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Arctic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206.
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DETAIL OF A Beate Steinebach painting

German artist featured at Eagle Ranch

February is blooming with color at the Eagle Ranch Art Gallery. Beate Steinebach, a German artist residing in Alamogordo, presents a bright, delightful array of color, form and rhythm in her paintings.

An internationally known artist, Steinebach began her studies at the Ottawa School of Arts in Canada, and has since studied in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the United States. She has conducted workshops in Germany, Greece and Morocco.

Landscapes, portraits, flowers and figures, as well as true abstracts, are featured in the show. Framed and unframed original paintings and notecard prints are available to buy.

A reception to meet the artist is set for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the gallery located at 7288 Hwy 54/70.

The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. The Steinebach show runs throughout the month of February.

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ANN TEMPLETON relaxes in one of her favorite spots on her back porch in front of a "nicho," a built-in shelf for religious statues and objects.

A late bloomer

story and photographs by *Dianne Stallings*
RUIDOSO NEWS-STAFF WRITER

*A*nn Templeton started her art career a little later in life than most professionals. She raised her children first.

"Then a friend talked me into taking some art classes. When I finished my first painting, I knew it was pretty good and that I had the knack," Templeton said. "I started playing with it. Pretty soon, my career was off and running. It didn't take long to become an obsession."

Six years after that, Templeton was teaching art and five years after that, graduated to on-location, one-week workshops.

"That's been a major part of my development," she said during an interview at her 6,000-square-foot home along the Rio Ruidoso in Glencoe. "I learn more than the students do. They're only learning from one person, but I learn from all of them."

She spends about 15 weeks a year on the road conducting 10 workshops, another 10 weeks a year painting with friends, and the rest in her studio or handling the business end of her career.

"A lot of artists start painting each day at 8 a.m., and continue until 4 p.m. I'm not that disciplined," Templeton said. "I can paint 50 (pieces) in one month when I have deadline or not any. Sometimes a painting will dwell in my mind a long time before I approach the canvas with it."

Templeton says she needs a burst of inspiration and high energy when painting, something difficult to maintain when sitting in front of an easel four to six hours every day.

But that doesn't mean she's not productive. Templeton sold 316 paintings last

year, about 10 percent pastels, the rest oils.

"I love the pastels," she said. "I've just been working with them four years and I have to fight not to do them all the time. They're very immediate. Nothing adulterates the color. They're very fast for me."

When Templeton first moved to Ruidoso about 10 years ago, she painted in a converted barn, but now she has the luxury of her own studio, created from a 30-foot by 50-foot swimming pool room at one end of her home.

Templeton and her husband, Doug, moved into the former 1920 ranch headquarters about eight years ago and the renovation work still is underway.

Their master bedroom was an old bunkhouse. The glamorous bathroom with outstanding tile work was once a one-hole inside outhouse. The living room was a drive-through area for unloading supplies.

One of the original objects remaining in the house is the unusual dining room fireplace with sculpted cherub faces against a background of musical notes.

An enclosed breakfast nook with a curtain-draped ceiling looks out over the patio the couple built. Guests are treated to an old brass bed and a pedestal bathtub, plus



TEMPLETON at work.

a collection of artwork that includes some of Templeton's oils and pieces by many of her friends

Her studio, filled with plants and arranged with several "stations" for working in different art media, is airy and bright with skylights and banks of windows.

It is perfect for workshops, but Templeton limits classes at her home to one each year for about 20 painters.

"Over the years, I've had a drive for something different," Templeton said. "I take classes occasionally from others, but I'm careful who. They can take you in a different direction."

"In very beginning, my work was very detailed and representational. The motivation was to exactly reproduce color and as I saw it - classic realism."

Although she now does more on-site painting, Templeton still relies primarily on photographs for her basic material.

Since studying for seven years with another artist in Houston, "whose motivation was to take you above and beyond into a personal statement, I've had the drive to make it more and more personal," Templeton said. "Now when I look at (a canvas), I don't see abstract or realism, I see an image projected by the whole, a series of patterns that fit together like a puzzle. It's a big step - one a lot of artists never understand. It's another level of vision and painting expertise."

Templeton describes her work as becoming more abstracted and colorful, but still representational.

"A lot of people are afraid of



PART OF THE ORIGINAL house, these sculpted cherub faces decorate the dining room fireplace.

the word abstract. They think it denotes weirdness," Templeton said. "But it just means simplification of subject, not without a subject like much of the contemporary work."

Templeton's subjects mostly are landscapes, but she also paints florals and some still life.

"I'm getting more into figures this year," she said. "I'm taking a quick figure study class. I've been pushing color my whole career, but now the color is even more vibrant and intense."

She attributes some of that growth to four years of study with Wolf Kahn, an artist based in Connecticut.

"He's a very abstract, profound colorist, but he's teaching the use of grays and textural effects to create images," Templeton said. "It's a big change, but I'm still after the pattern, the abstraction and the color, I've introduced a little more reality while hanging onto to both concepts. People who know my work point it out to me. They see the change. I don't always."

Templeton enters five to six



ABOVE, an untitled oil still life, below, Templeton's studio.

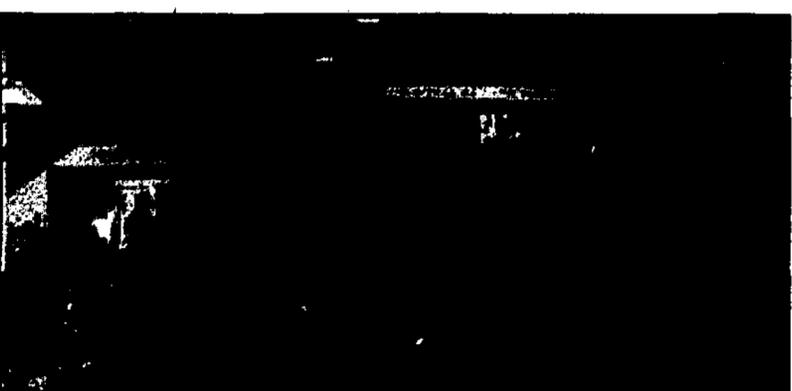
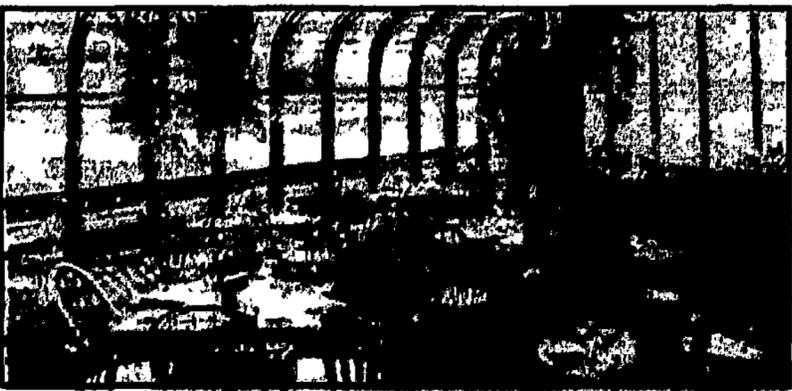


major international or national shows each year and usually wins two or three awards. One of her most recent wins of which she is especially proud was at the

National Pastel Society Show. She also paints outdoors with a group of 35 women under the name of Alla Prima International.

"One or two times a year, we

get together for intense painting sessions morning and evening," Templeton said. "Production is very high. Our next session is a week in Tucson in February."



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Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

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 Address: West Highway 70
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 Hours: . . . Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.

Cafe Mescalero

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Price Range: \$\$
 Phone: 257-6693
 Address: One mile south of the
 Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
 Hours: Dinner 5-9 p.m.
 (Closed Mondays)

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

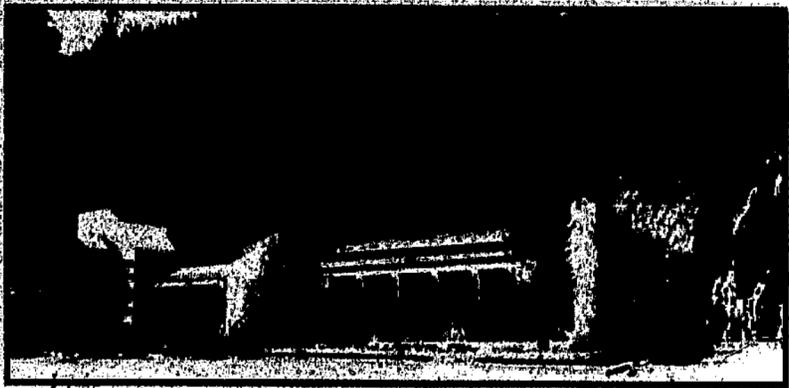
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

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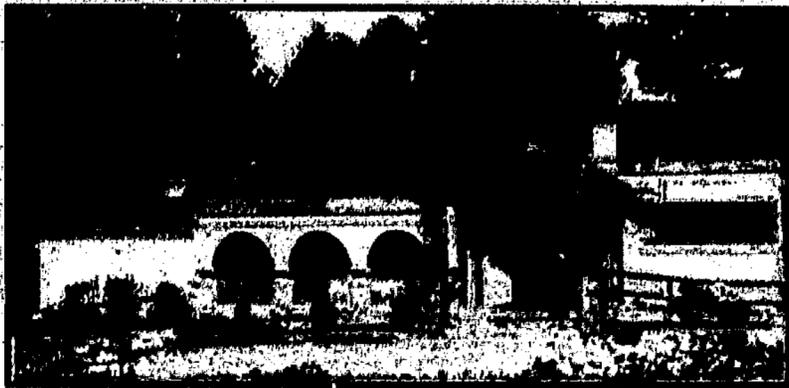
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La Lorraine

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 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
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dining guide

GOING OUT



Singing the songs of life

story by *Sandy Suggill*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER



BALLADEER CARL PETERSON

He wears a kilt and sings with a lilt.

Carl Peterson, the next performer in the Ruidoso Community Concert Series, hails from Greenock, Scotland, where he mingled with descendants of Scottish Highlanders and the Irish.

There he learned traditional songs of Scotland, Ireland and England, and after learning to play guitar and banjo, he added American folk songs and storytelling to his repertoire.

Peterson will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the First Christian Church.

This balladeer, who now has more than a dozen recordings to his credit, came to Canada as a dental technician, but that career didn't last long.

"I found I was doing folk clubs and was in the right place at the right time," Peterson said. "I teamed up with others in groups, but groups tend to break up and I continued."

Peterson performed in concerts, festivals and even pubs, but didn't much care for the latter.

"I think most of the people are aliens there. The work is a different presentation and attitude of the people who come to a concert or festival," he said.

Peterson performed on Canadian television variety shows before moving on to the United States five years ago. He performs at Scottish and Irish festivals and concerts in 48 states.

Now living in Montgomery County, Pa., he's on his fifth and last year of touring for community concerts.

"I've got a lot of festivals, and rather than sign on with anybody else, I think I'm going to do a little more in the studio," he said. "It wears you down; you're on the road so much."

Peterson has recorded with Capitol Records of Canada, London Records, Nesak International and Music Minus One, but currently is recording for his own label, Darach Recordings.

The repertoire he's planned for his tour of New Mexico will include storytelling and jokes. Many of the songs will sound familiar.

"I give quite a bit of the history of the songs that I'm doing," he said, "which I find that people really enjoy - songs people have been singing for years and people like them but they don't know the history on them, and I've done research on them."

The storytelling and jokes reflect some of Peterson's real-life experiences, and the

audience is encouraged to participate in the singing. He says it's not very difficult to sway people to join in and then to challenge them with something harder.

"Some of (the repertoire) dates back to years ago," he said. "Some songs were written in this century; some are oldies and traditional. I pick some that are Scottish, but are familiar, like 'The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond' and 'Annie Laurie.'"

Peterson won't perform much of what he has written himself, although other artists perform and record some of his songs.

"What I write tends not to sound very Scottish; it sounds more contemporary. I'm doing a couple of albums, and after I finish them I'm thinking of compiling a few of my own, maybe with different instrumentation," he said.

Peterson fools around with a bagpipe at home but doesn't figure he's good enough yet to play on stage, so he'll play his 12-string Guild guitar, which adds a little more body for solo stuff, he said.

"It's a '70s model, old and very sweet sounding. These guitars, when they get older, the wood sweetens and it sounds great."

music

Win, Place & Show
The Red Hot Road Dogs play nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

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Blue Midnight plays through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club
Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Texas House
Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Galloping Tortoise
Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn.

performances

'Exit the Body'
A rollicking comedy, titled "Exit the Body," is the next play of Roswell Community Little Theatre, located at 12th and Virginia in Roswell. When a writer rents a New England home for her vacation, she finds that many "problems" seem to come with the property. Evening performances are scheduled at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations should be made by phoning 622-1982. Sunday matinees at for 2 p.m. No reservations are required.

'The Odyssey'
Innovative Greek drama by the Aquila Theatre Company of London. One performance at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$12, \$20 and \$25 and are available at Furr's supermarket or call 800-905-3315.

'Comedy of Errors'
Aquila Theatre Company's second performance at the Spencer Theater, this time William Shakespeare's romantic farce. Curtain is 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The performance features live music and a cast of award-winning British actors. Tickets are \$12, \$20 and \$25 and are available at Furr's supermarkets, or call 800-905-3315.

what's brewing

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Honor choir to entertain county

Area choir students' voices will come to a crescendo at a public performance Wednesday in Capitan.

The Sierra Blanca Honor Choir, made up of students from across the state, will rehearse all day and then perform in the Capitan gymnasium. Capitan choir director Du Wayne Shaver expects about 60 to 75 students from schools in the area to participate.

Guest clinician Carol Rethmel from Hobbs High School chose seven songs for the students to rehearse during the all-day practice and will conduct the concert that evening.

Shaver said the students will have had the music for a week or so by the time they show up for rehearsal at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3.

"We take the kids who are the best in the class as far as singing and have good grades, from all the schools, and then put those best students together," he said.

From then on, they'll be singing for their suppers - as well as their lunches - all the way to the time of the concert.

"Last year it worked out very nicely," Shaver said. "We had four schools show up in Truth or Consequences. This year I'm hosting it. We're just trying to make a go of it."

This is the second year for the Sierra Blanca Honor Choir, he said. Band student have had the opportunity to participate in honor bands for years.

"We find these students actually become very close and know each other through high school," he said.

One of the songs will be sung by an all-boys' choir ("Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore"), one by an all-girls' choir ("Good News") and the rest by the mixed choir: "The Musicians," "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho," "Dry Your Tears Africa" (from the movie "Amistad"), "The Cloths of Heaven," and "Agnus Dei."

The concert is free and the public is invited.

SILVERSCREEN

Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema For more information call 257-9444. *Indicates Friday and Saturday only

Stepmom

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Julia Roberts stars as Isabel, the career-minded, unwelcome stepmother to her boyfriend Luke's (Ed Harris) two children. When the children's mother (Susan Sarandon), the ideal supermom who is fiercely devoted to her kids, discovers that she has a terminal illness the two women must put aside their difference to save a family.

Patch Adams

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2:15 p.m.*, 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Robin Williams stars as a medical student who believes that laugh-

ter is the best medicine. While dangerous to his career prospects, his funny antics also challenge the industry to consider the healing powers of humor. Based on a true story, the film co-stars Michael Jeter, Monica Potter, Bob Gunton and Harold Gould.

A Civil Action

Rated: PG-13

Show Times: 2:30 p.m.*, 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.*

Plot: Attorney John Travolta gets in too deep when he and his small law firm are hired to sue industrial giants accused of contaminating two water wells in a small Massachusetts town. Kathleen Quinlan stars as a mother who son died of leukemia and spearheads the efforts of eight families. Robert Duvall defends the interests of the industrial conglomerates, at any cost.

Books & Literature

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS

Fiction Hardcover

1. *A Man In Full*, by Tom Wolfe. Life in Atlanta on the cusp of the millennium as Old South values collide with a new world.
2. *Seize The Night*, by Dean Koontz. A man who can live only at night tracks children who have mysteriously disappeared in a California town.
3. *Billy Straight*, by Jonathan Kellerman. A 12-year-old boy, trying to survive on Los Angeles's mean streets, witnesses a brutal murder.
4. *When The Wind Blows*, by James Patterson. A young girl helps a widow and an F.B.I. agent uncover a deadly plot.
5. *Charming Billy*, by Alice McDermott. At a party to celebrate a man's memory, many secrets from the past come to life.
6. *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Five female characters, a missionary's family, narrate this novel set in the Belgian Congo during that country's fight for independence.
7. *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone*, by J.K. Rowling. A Scottish boy finds his fortune attending a school of witchcraft.
8. *The Simple Truth*, by David Valdacci. The appeal by a man serving a life sentence for murder creates chaos in Washington's legal community.
9. *Angels Flight*, by Michael Connelly. Harry Bosch, a detective with the L.A.P.D., investigates the murder of a lawyer whom the police hated.
10. *Memoirs Of A Geisha*, by Arthur Golden. The life of a young woman growing up in Kyoto who has to reinvent herself after World War II begins.

Nonfiction Hardcover

1. *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw. The lives of men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II.
2. *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom. A sports-writer tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
3. *The Century*, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster. An account of the 20th century, complete with photographs and first-person narratives.
4. *Blind Man's Bluff*, by Sherry Sontag and

5. *The Professor and The Madman*, by Simon Winchester. How a murderer helped compile the Oxford English Dictionary.
6. *Conversations With God: Book 3*, by Neale Donald Walsch. Discussions of moral questions.
7. *The Endurance*, by Caroline Alexander. The story of Ernest Shackleton's 1914 Antarctic expedition.
8. *Conversations With God: Book 1*, by Neale Donald Walsch. The author addresses questions of good and evil, guilt and sin.
9. *The Death Of Outrage*, by William J. Bennett. The former Secretary of Education takes a critical view of the Clinton presidency.
10. *A Walk In The Woods*, by Bill Bryson. A journalist finds beauty and humor while hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Nonfiction Paperback

1. *A Civil Action*, by Jonathon Harr.
2. *The Seat Of The Soul*, by Gary Zukav.
3. *Into Thin Air*, by Jon Krakauer.
4. *The Perfect Storm*, by Sebastian Junger.
5. *The Millionaire Next Door*, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko.
6. *The End Of The Dream*, by Ann Rule.
7. *A Child Called "It"*, by Dave Pelzer.
8. *Under The Tuscan Sun*, by Frances Mayes.
9. *Into The Wild*, by Jon Krakauer.
10. *The Man Who Listens To Horses*, by Monty Roberts.

Fiction Paperback

1. *The Street Lawyer*, by John Grisham.
2. *Inner Harbor*, by Nora Roberts.
3. *Where The Heart Is*, by Billie Letts.
4. *Divine Secrets Of The Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, by Rebecca Wells.
5. *Tom Clancy's Net Force*, by Tom Clancy and Steve Piecznik.
6. *Midwives*, by Christ Bohjalian.
7. *Fear Nothing*, by Dean Koontz.
8. *Message In A Bottle*, by Nicholas Sparks.
9. *Sweet Anger*, by Sandra Brown.
10. *Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Ruthless.Com*, by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg.



JACKIE TOBIAS

BOOKWORM

Name: Jackie Tobias

Occupation: High school English teacher

Most recently read book: "Time Quake," by Kurt Vonnegut. "It's very funny but it's not really a novel. Not as much as some of his other ones anyway."

Favorite books and authors:

John Grisham, Mary Higgins Clark and "Jitterbug Perfume," by Tom Robins. "I laughed a lot reading 'Jitterbug Perfume.' All my favorites are fast reading with intrigue and good plots."



It wasn't always a bed and breakfast



Drew Gamber
LINCOLN HISTORIAN

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These days, Lincoln, N.M. is a pretty quiet place. Route 380 now covers what was once a dirt street, but other than that, the place has changed little since the days of Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War. Many of the buildings from those trying times still remain, mute testimony to the Lincoln that once was.

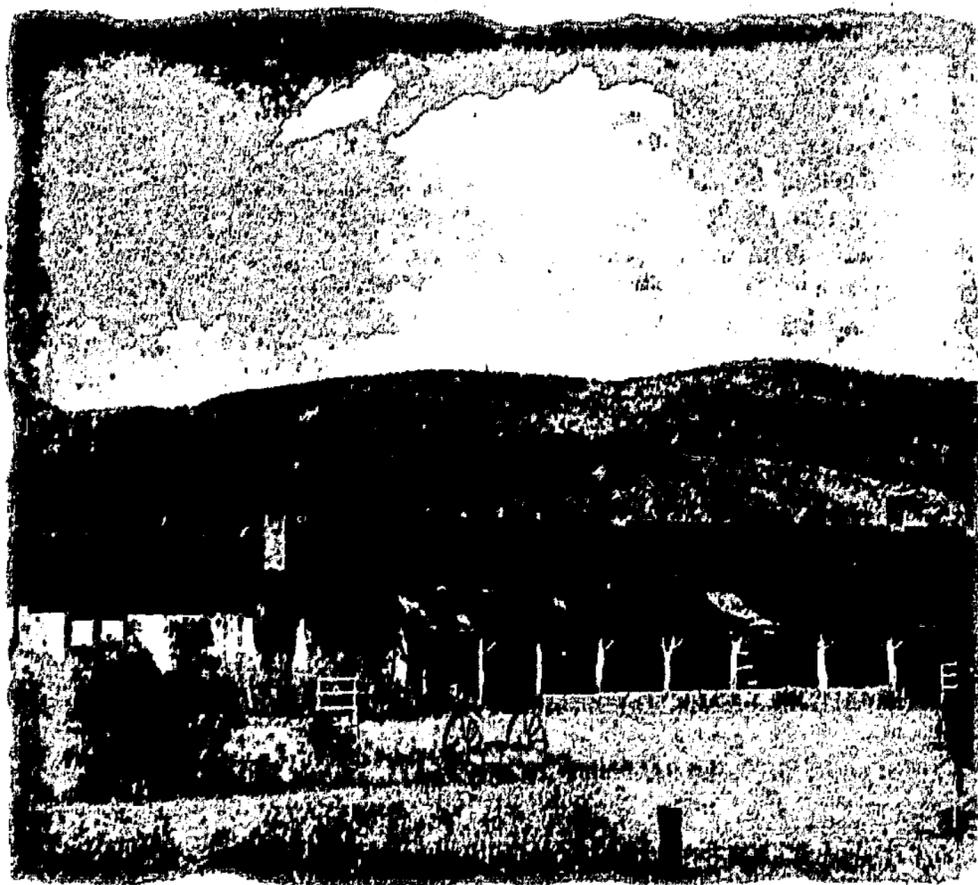
One of those buildings is the Ellis Store, at the eastern end of town. The Ellis Store is presently a bed and breakfast run by David and Virginia Vigil, who pamper their guests with mouth-watering gourmet food. But back in 1878, it was something else — something else entirely.

Beginnings

The Ellis family originated in Missouri, but by 1873 it had settled in Kansas. In that year, the Ellis' fell in with the Coe family who was headed west on the Santa Fe Trail. For a time in Colfax County, the two families were neighbors. And they were destined to be associated with one another to an even greater degree down in Lincoln County after the talking had stopped and the Lincoln County War had begun.

After John Tunstall's murder in February of 1878, Ben Ellis was one of the men who served on the coroner's jury. Interestingly, two others who served on the same jury were Frank Coe and George Barber. Coe was destined to be riding with McSween's Regulators in the very near future, which was a dangerous proposition. Barber, was destined to be married to the widow Susan McSween in 1882 — also a dangerous proposition.

When John Tunstall returned to Lincoln from a business trip in the fall of 1877, he was distressed to hear that, in addition to his other competition in town, the Montano Store and (most notably) the Murphy/Dolan establishment, or the "House," as it was then known, there was now Ike Ellis, who had bought the Dow property at the east end of town and now doing a thriving business.



THE ELLIS STORE in days gone by.

Nevertheless, there was no personal enmity between the two, because after Tunstall's sudden death late in the afternoon on February 18, 1878, Ike Ellis was one of a delegation of respected citizens who confronted Sheriff Brady and asked why Brady had arrested the constable and deputies, who were sent to arrest the killers of Tunstall. (One of those deputies was the youthful "Kid Antrim," who the world now knows as Billy the Kid.)

Brady's response was, in the opinion of the delegation, inappropriate and less-than-gracious: "Because I had the power" was his reply. Clearly, Brady had not become county sheriff on the strength of his oratorical abilities.

War

As the war heated up, the Ellis Store became the commissary for the Regulators. Many years later, in his autobiography, "Frontier Fighter," George Coe spoke almost lovingly of the Ellis' — particularly "Uncle Ike."

At any rate, on April Fool's Day 1878, the Regulators were planning a joke to play on Sheriff Brady — one that would leave very few people laughing, and the Ellis Store became part of that plot. There is an abiding tradition in Lincoln that when Sheriff Brady began his fateful walk down the street that morning, he was headed for the Ellis Store where he believed Alexander McSween to be, and where he intended to arrest him.

PAST TENSE

As anyone remotely familiar with the Lincoln County War will tell you, Brady never made it. When he and his four deputies drew abreast of the Regulators' position at the back of the alley on the east end of the Tunstall Store, the half dozen Regulators who had concealed themselves behind the gate rose up and perforated the sheriff in many, many places that God had not intended. He was dead when he hit the ground with some 16 bullets in his body.

Ambush

On the evening of April 29, 1878, Regulators Frank Coe and Frank MacNab, in the company of Coe's partner Ab Saunders, rode east out of town after dining in Lincoln. When they reached the Spring Ranch, some eight miles or so east of Lincoln, it was the Regulators' turn to fall victim to an ambush. Some of the men known as the "Seven Rivers Warriors" (Murphy/Dolan adherents) had spied the trio approaching and lain in wait. When the gunsmoke cleared, Frank MacNab was dead, Ab Saunders seriously wounded and Frank Coe had been taken prisoner. And that wasn't the end of it, either.

Riding triumphantly into Lincoln with their prisoner, the Seven Rivers men split their forces, with some of them making ready to attack the Ellis Store. They had been informed a number of Regulators were present at that place, and they hoped to be able to add to their total of dead and wounded enemies.

Gunfire erupted early the next morning, with the Regulators, in their well-fortified position in the Ellis Store, fighting off the men who had surrounded the place during the night. According to witnesses, the firing continued all day, with George Coe making an incredible shot from the roof of the Ellis Store and actually hitting his quarry (Dutch Charlie Krullig), some 1500 yards away.

By the end of the day, it was the Regulators who declared a victory for themselves. As darkness crept across the hills surrounding Lincoln, both sides could see that there were four dead Seven Rivers Warriors lying in and around the road in front of the Ellis Store. An additional two were wounded. The Regulators suffered no casualties.

At about 5 p.m., the cavalry

arrived from Fort Stanton (at the request of Sheriff-of-the-moment Copeland, who was sympathetic to the Regulators) and arrested "30 or 40" of the Murphy/Dolan faction and incarcerated them back at the fort.

The big battle

The war sputtered on for months. The fact that Murphy and Dolan had formally dissolved their company the day after the battle at the Ellis Store made little difference to the men fighting the war. By this time, the thing had taken on a life of its own. Revenge killing followed revenge killing with no end in sight.

Finally, on Sunday July 14, 1878, things came to a head. Alexander McSween, who had always been much more comfortable carrying a bible as opposed to a gun, led his little army of gunmen — the Regulators — back into Lincoln.

There was no real tactic here, although it worked out well (at first) for the Regulators. When they thundered back into town 40 or 50 strong, it was just by coincidence that the Murphy/Dolan men were even then out scouring the hills for them. The few adherents to Jimmy Dolan's cause who were still in town decided to see if it was possible to become invisible and virtually all of them vanished into thin air — well, out of sight, anyway.

I would like to be able to tell you that McSween had waited for the right moment and seized it, but that just wasn't the case. McSween, ill-equipped for leading men into battle, had simply grown weary of the constant tension and had decided that he wanted to go home — regardless of the consequences.

On their own, his men had elected to take position in what they considered to be various strategic places around the town. One of these was the Ellis Store. A dozen or so Regulators manned that place, such stellar lights of the war as Charlie Bowdre, Doc Scurlock, John Middleton, and "Dirty Steve" Stephens among them.

Among the other positions that the Regulators took that day was the Montano Store. Jose Montano was on a buying trip in Santa Fe, not that he would have objected to their presence, as he had been a McSween supporter all along.

A large number of Regulators — the Kid, Ygnio Salazar, Jose Chavez y Chavez, and Tom O'Fol-

lard among others, followed McSween into his home and fortified themselves there.

Only three men — George Coe, Sam Smith and Henry Brown — took position in the Tunstall Store. God only knows why it was only those three. Tunstall had built the place like a fort — almost as if he had been aware of the coming storm that his own death would precipitate. Nevertheless, for whatever reasons of their own, the Regulators chose to leave the most fortified structure at their command nearly unoccupied.

The Army

On Friday, the U.S. Army joined the party. Colonel N.A.M. Dudley, the commander of Fort Stanton, had been given explicit instructions not to take sides in this civilian war, and he completely disregarded these orders. The fact that he was drunk the entire time just may have had something to do with this. (On the 9-mile ride from Fort Stanton to Lincoln, Dudley had managed to fall off of his horse no less than three times — he was that drunk.)

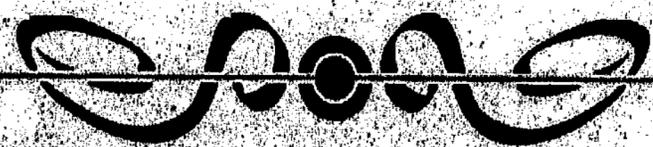
Once he had safely dismounted in Lincoln, Dudley took his mountain howitzer and began going around town pointing it at the various Regulator positions — including the Ellis Store — until they were all evacuated by the defenders inside.

This maneuver swung the balance of the battle so decisively that there was no doubt in anyone's mind as to the outcome.

It was only a matter of time. Of all the positions that the Regulators had taken, only the McSween house remained. And it was there, later that night, that Billy the Kid and several others would escape through a hailstorm of bullets to fight another day. McSween and four others were not so lucky. They were slaughtered in McSween's own back yard in what one eyewitness described as "The Big Killing."

So, if you come to Lincoln and stay at the Ellis Store, remember that it may be comfortable and beautiful now, but in 1878 it was an entirely different story.

Sources: "A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War" by Frederick Nolan; and "High Noon in Lincoln" by Robert Utley.

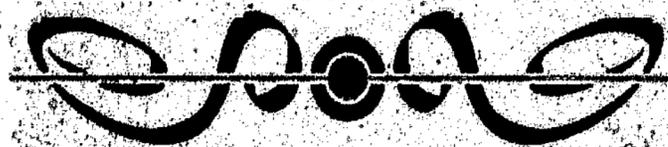


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Score and local status

- 0-21 Texas transplant
- 22-41 Groom - jockeying to fit in
- 42-61 Apprentice cowboy/cowgirl
- 62-81... Card-carrying member of the Regulators or the Murphy-Dolan gang.
- 82-101..... FOB (Friend of "Billy")

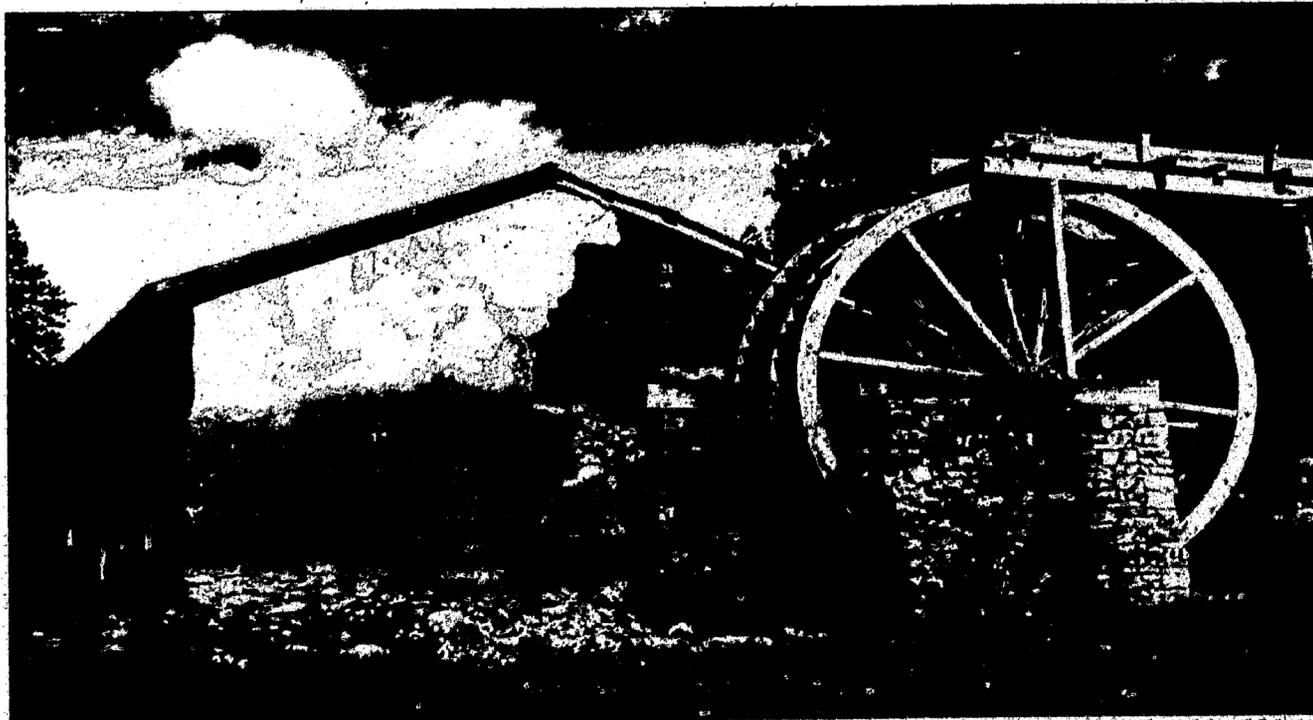


Bustling mid-town Ruidoso in the 1940s.

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1. What year did the Central Bar and the Mint Bar burn down? — **May 31, 1953. A total of 10 buildings were destroyed.**
2. Where were the first high school classes held in Ruidoso? — **The Carrizo Lodge in 1947**
3. Where was the first golf course in Ruidoso? — **Palmer's Gateway**
4. When did Ruidoso win its first state football championship? — **1955. Ruidoso defeated Kirtland for the Class A state championship.**
5. How many state football championships has Carrizozo won? — **Nine**
6. What is the "new" name of the Dowling Mill? — **The Old Mill**
7. Who is the owner of that mill? — **Carmon Phillips**

8. Who started the disabled skiers program at Ski Apache? — **Diana Person**
9. Where was the first Ruidoso High School football home game played? — **The infield of the Hollywood Park Race Track (now the site of Ruidoso Downs Race Track).**
10. When was the first White Oaks Post Office established? — **June, 4 1880**



The Dowling Mill - now called the Old Mill is owned by Carmon Phillips.

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11. Who is this? — **Albert J. Fountain, victim of the most mysterious murder in, what was at the time, Lincoln County.**
12. When was the Dawson Disaster in White Oaks? — **Oct. 31, 1913. Some 284 men were trapped in Dawson Coal Mine No. 2. Only 23 survived.**
13. Where was the first Lincoln County Hospital located? — **Carrizozo**
14. Why were the gambling machines in Ruidoso on rollers? — **So they could be turned toward the wall and owners could claim they did "not offer gambling to the public."**



The Tunstall Store in Lincoln is now a museum that features some of the same items that could be purchased in the late 1800s.

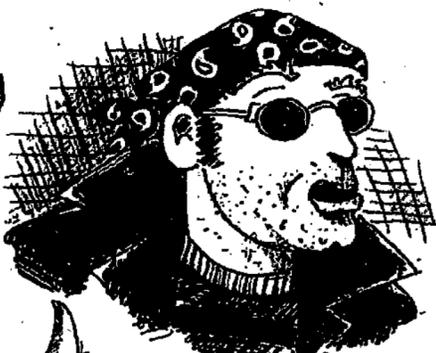
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- 15. How many men did Billy the Kid really kill? — While his legend boasts of killing 21 men, one for each year of his life, the Kid only killed four people.
- 16. Who were the two cousins who rode with Billy the Kid and then settled in the Hondo Valley? — George and Frank Coe

- 17. What was the date of John Tunstall's murder and why is it significant? — Feb. 18, 1878 — the start of the Lincoln County War.
- 18. Who was James J. Dolan's mentor? — L. G. Murphy
- 19. Who was John Tunstall's partner? — A. A. McSween
- 20. Why was lawyer Huston Chapman hired by Susan McSween? — He was hired to prosecute those she felt were responsible for her husband's death.
- 21. What was the date of Huston Chapman's murder and why is it significant? — Feb. 18, 1879 — the last official death of the Lincoln County War.

- 22. What were the Warrior sports teams almost named? — The Snowballs
- 23. How many cabins were washed away in the Flood of 1941? — About 43
- 24. What is the Cherokee Bill? — It is a canyon that runs from Dark Canyon to Apache Summit.
- 25. Where was the first Catholic Church located? — Behind what is now the Chevron car wash on Sudderth. The church is now owned by the Ruidoso Lions Club.
- 26. Where was the first beauty salon located? — Above Bob's Bar, which is now the Wild Snail.

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Sweaty Lady
Mrs. Neighbor



Scratch
The Cat



Inspiration
The Old Mule



Harley Dude
Mr. Neighbor



Darl'n Deca Therm
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- 27. **Who would a \$25 subscription to the El Paso Herald Post also get you? — A down payment on a 20-foot lot in the Skyland Subdivision.**
- 28. **In what county was Sheriff Pat Garrett murdered? — Dona Ana County**
- 29. **When was the "great underground fire" in White Oaks? — July 1, 1891**
- 30. **When was the town of Carrizozo founded? — It was founded 1899 with the railroad and was incorporated as a village in 1917.**
- 31. **When was the county seat moved from Lincoln to Carrizozo? — 1909**
- 32. **Who was the first mayor of Carrizozo? (The scope of the original question "How many mayors has Carrizozo had and who were they?" has been narrowed because the Village of Carrizozo could not provide the information.) — Henry Lutz**
- 33. **Where was the "Jail Tree" located in Ruidoso? — On the southwest corner of Sudderth and Center.**
- 34. **Why was it called the "Jail Tree"? — The town marshal would handcuff those arrested around the tree because there was no jail.**
- 35. **What store was completely filled with hail in the early 1940s? — The Self-Serve Grocery store owned by O.W. McElhaney. A horse-pulled fresno was used to remove the hail.**



The Pioneer Parade, precursor to the Aspencade Parade

courtesy The Piñon Branch Collection

- 36. **Who was the chief of the Mescalero Tribe in 1942? — Percy Bigmouth**
- 37. **Where was the first First Baptist Church located in Ruidoso? — Just south of the "traffic circle" on Sudderth.**
- 38. **What school was built on an old marsh? The new Ruidoso High School**
- 39. **What was the precursor to the Aspencade Parade? — The Pioneer Parade**
- 40. **How did Flume Canyon get its name? — Ike Wingfield built a flume through the canyon to carry irrigation water to his produce.**
- 41. **Who tried to move the Ruidoso Post Office to Skyland? — The Dixon Brothers**
- 42. **Who prevented the post office from being moved? — Ike Wingfield**
- 43. **Who built the Monjeau Lookout and the Ruidoso Lookout? — The Civilian Conservation Corps**
- 44. **When was Highway 70 paved? — 1931**
- 45. **Who did Fort Stanton house during World War II? — Detained German sailors as prisoners of war**
- 46. **What was built to supply water to a railroad? — Bonito Lake**

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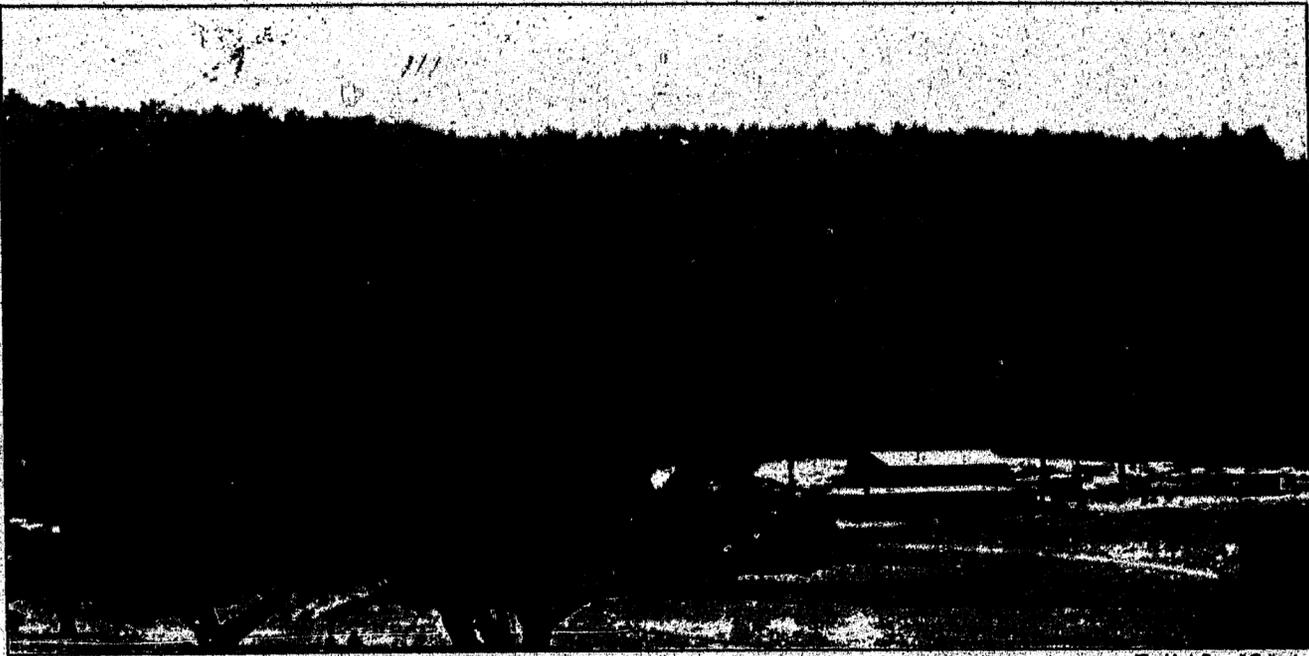
Who would take the deposit into the bank while his friend waited in the truck — just for a cookie?





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Cree Manor before the fire.

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- 47. What town marshal didn't drive a car? — "Pop" Ivy. The marshal would often take a taxi to where he needed to go.
- 48. Approximately how long has the Bonito Valley been settled? — About 500 years
- 49. When did fire torch the Grindstone Mesa? — 1942
- 50. When did fire start at the Cree Manor and burn to the top of Moon Mountain? — 1977
- 51. How did College Drive get its name? — Sam Montgomery donated the land to New Mexico State University for a research station.

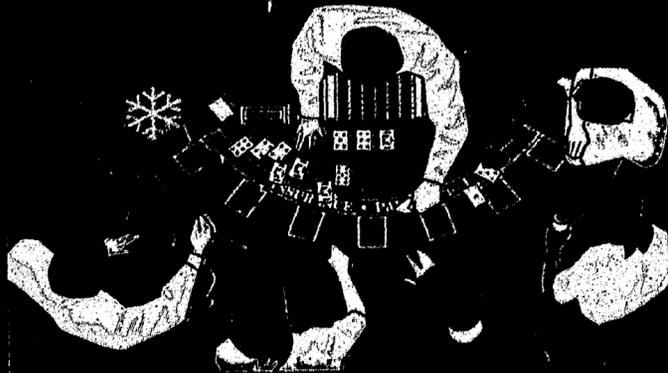
- 52. What was the first movie filmed in the Ruidoso area? — "Tiger By The Tail"
- 53. What was the second movie filmed in the Ruidoso area? — "Casey's Shadow"
- 54. Name five TV/movie stars were known to have come to the Ruidoso area? (We'll give you eight). — Audie Murphy, Dale Robertson, Slim Pickens, Jack Elam, Robert Mitchum, Denver Pyle, Walter Mathau, and Debra Winger
- 55. What film stars played liars poker at the Hideout? — Jack Elam and Walter Mathau
- 56. Where was the Hideout? — Ruidoso Ski Shop, across

the street from Win, Place and Show

- 57. Who would often be seen hopping through town during a snow storm dressed as a pink bunny? — Pat Healy
- 58. Where was Wattie's? — It was a restaurant at what is now Terraza Campanario Restaurant on Sudderth.
- 59. What was the first skating rink in town? — Hoover's
- 60. What's the oldest hotel in the Ruidoso area? — The White Mountain Inn
- 61. Who built the Carrizo Lodge? — The New Mexico Military Institute
- 62. What doctor fell out of an ambulance in the 1950s? — Dr. D. E. Snyder
- 63. Who are the Dan Dee Cabins named after? — Dan D. Swearingin
- 64. What do all the streets around Farely's have in common? — They are all named after former Ruidoso mayors.
- 65. What All America football player from TCU coached Ruidoso High School football from the third game of the 1947-48 season to the 1959-60 season? — Cy Leland Sr.
- 66. Who was the first Ruidoso High School coach? — Paul Vance.
- 67. Who was the first banker in Ruidoso? — R. A. Bennett



Winter Luan

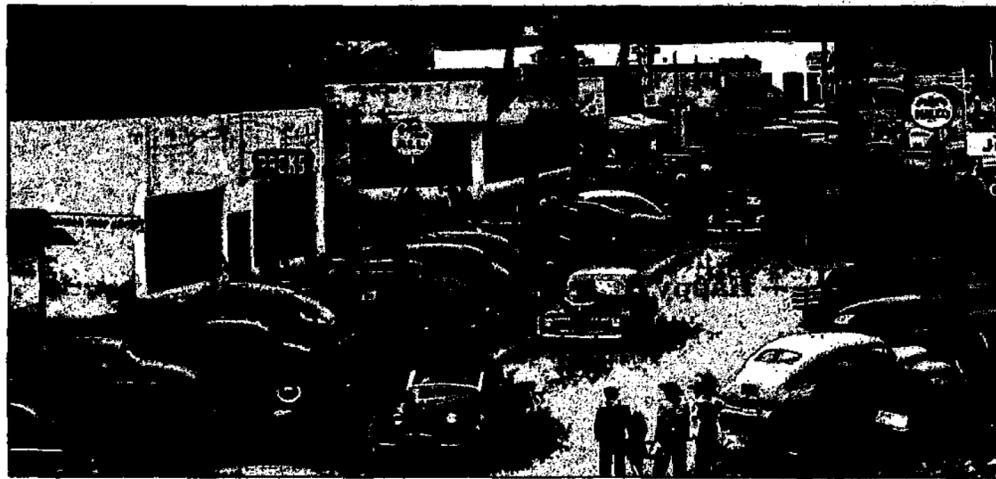


Decorative border with snowflakes and stars surrounding the Casino Apache logo and Winter Luan text.



The Ruidoso Store c. 1890s.

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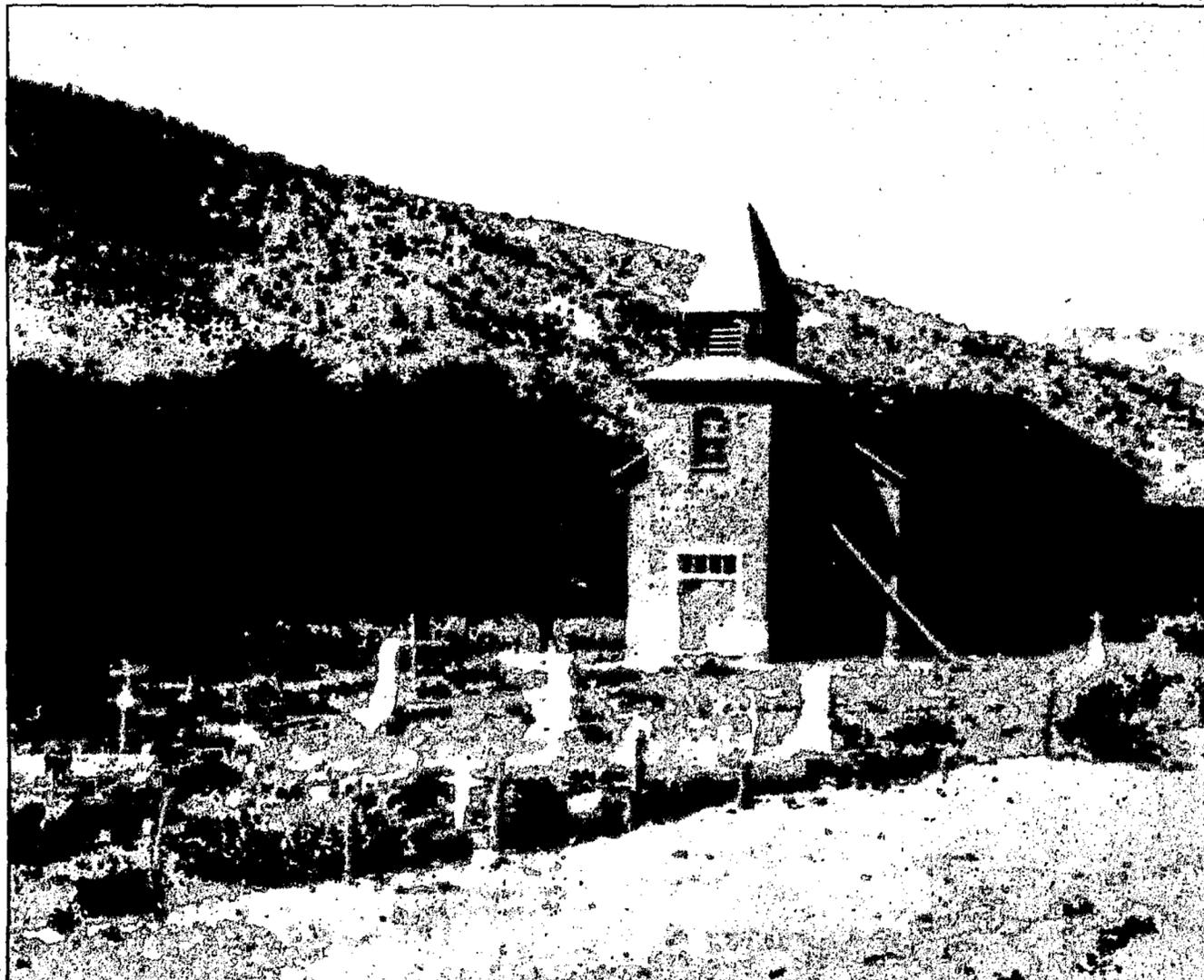


Downtown Ruidoso in the late 1940s - early 1950s.

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The faces and places of the Ruidoso area

Ruidoso may have been incorporated in 1941 but it's history prior that year and since then has been rich. You can still hear stories from the 'old timers' and still catch a glimpse of the past through some keepsake photos. The Ruidoso News owes a great deal of gratitude to Dave Parks, Betty Bennett, L. Ray Nunley, Mary Nunley, Wilton Howell, and Frank Potter for coming up with some trivia questions for us and Herb Brunell for lending us some photographs.



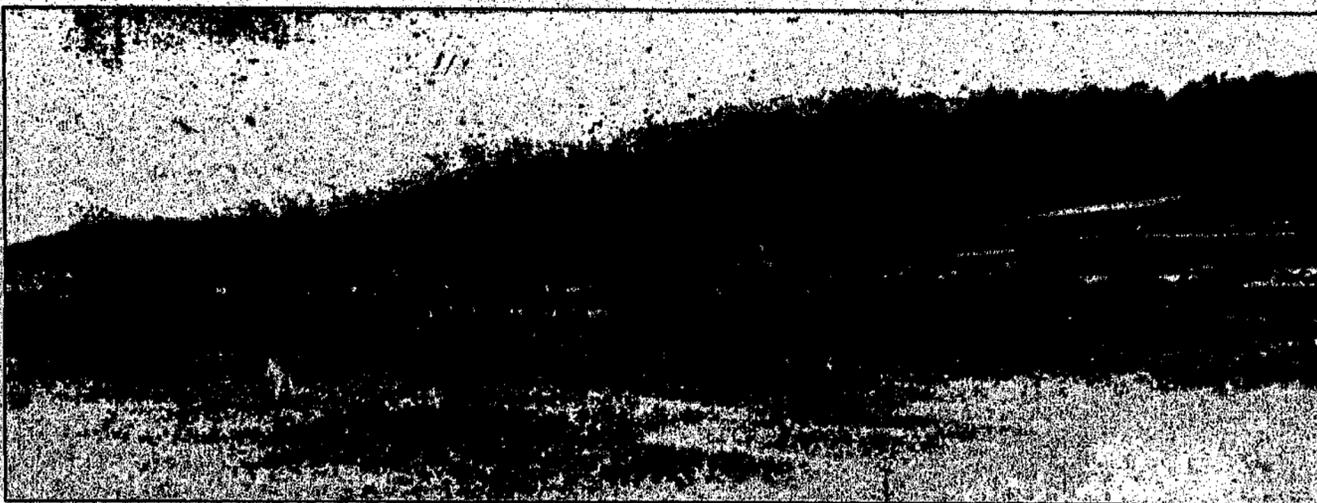
The church in San Patricio c. 1925.

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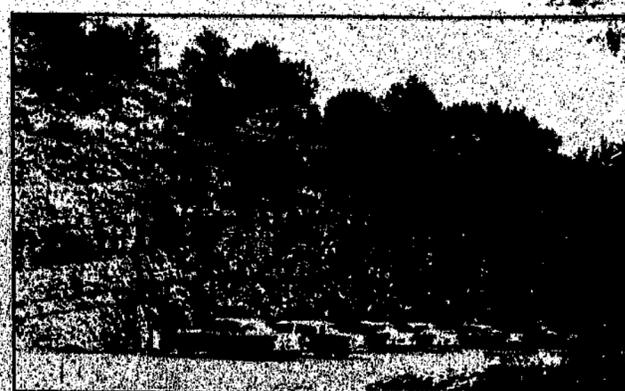
Ladies take up the golf club in the early days of Ruidoso.

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The Ruidoso Downs Race Track in the 1940s

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Fox Cave

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- 68. What drug store had a dance hall? — Moore Drug Store
- 69. What was the first "power company" in Ruidoso? — Ruidoso Light and Power owned and built by Bill Hart. The system was run off of a generator and at about 8:45 p.m. Hart would flash the power on off and few times to alert those on the system that the power was about to go down for the evening and they would have to get out their fuel lamps if they wanted any more light.
- 70. What stopped the reconstruction of Highway 70 in 1970? — The discovery of an ancient Native American dwelling
- 71. Who decorated the Tinnie Mercantile and the Silver Dollar in the 1960s? — Johnny Meigs
- 72. What famous movie actress lived in San Patricio? — Linda Darnell

- 73. What famous sculptor's studio is located where a riding academy used to be? — Dave McGary
- 74. Where was the first commercial swimming pool? — Carrizo Lodge
- 75. Where was the first theater in Ruidoso? — The Apache Theater at what now is the Aspen Tree Bookstore
- 76. What famous hotelier's father once delivered supplies by wagon to White Oaks? — Conrad Hilton
- 77. Who founded the Ruidoso Downs Race Track? — Ted Johnson and Tommy Hicks
- 78. What was Wendell Chino's first profession? — Preacher
- 79. What was the name of the minister who helped Wendell Chino in finding that profession? — Happy Graves

- 80. Who built Fox Cave? — George Fuchs
- 81. Where was state Rep. Dub Williams' wife, Katherine, born? — Fort Stanton
- 82. What Oklahoma University All America now lives in Ruidoso? — Bronko McGugan
- 83. Where was the first bath tub in Lincoln County installed? — White Oaks
- 84. Where was the American Legion Post in Ruidoso? — White Dove
- 85. What notorious Louisiana governor was a regular guest of Gene Hensley? — Earl Long
- 86. What well-known racetrack owner coached football in Ruidoso? — Ken Newton
- 87. What two local druggists went to the University of Oklahoma Pharmacy School? — Mike Delhotel and Don Swalender

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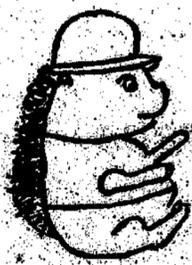



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- 88. Where is the site of Blazer's Mill? — **Mescalero**
- 89. What is the significance of Blazer's Mill? — **Buckshot Roberts was murdered there.**
- 90. Who was the perennial "Buckshot Roberts" for the Lincoln Pageant? — **Dan Storm**
- 91. Who played the "original" Billy the Kid in the Lincoln Pageant? — **Artist Peter Hurd**
- 92. What was the name of the first ski area in Ruidoso? — **Cree Meadows**

- 93. What was the name of "oldest bird in Ruidoso?" — **"Joe the Parrot," who was first spotted in town in about 1943. He passed on three years ago.**
- 94. What was the dog's name that could sing "How Much is that Doggy in the Window?" — **Mutt, who was owned by Joe Reinhardt, proprietor of the Ponderosa Courts.**
- 95. When was the Mescalero Reformed Church founded? — **1909**
- 96. Which restaurant, while remodeling, discovered a river flowed under it? — **K-Bob's**

- 97. Where was state Rep. Dub Williams born? — **Bogalusa, La.**
- 98. Who started the Hondo Fiesta and when? — **S. Montes, 1948**
- 99. Who was the first and only (so far) Hispanic Chief of Police in Ruidoso? — **O. S. Montes**
- 100. Who was the first and only (so far) female mayor of Ruidoso? — **Jerry Shaw**
- 101. What were the titles of the two columns that Dan Storm wrote for the Ruidoso News? — **"The Dreamer" and "The Silver Lining"**

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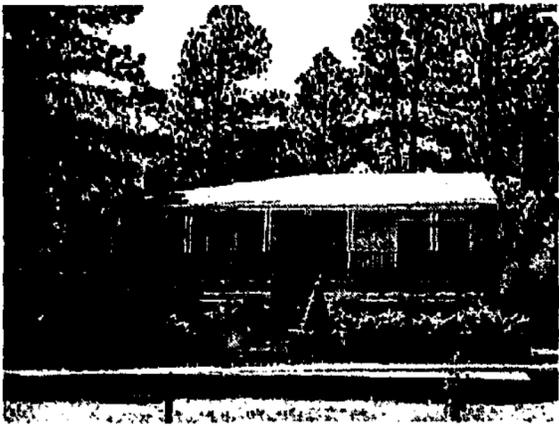
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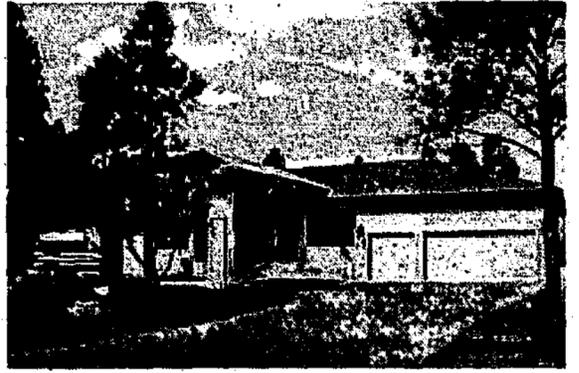


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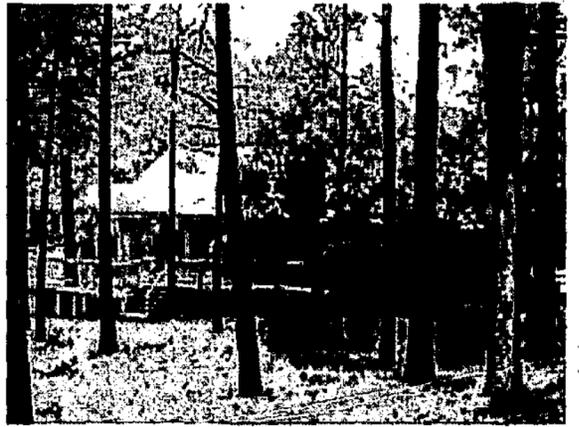
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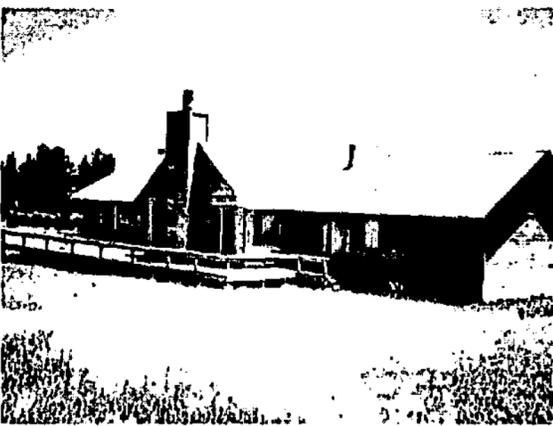
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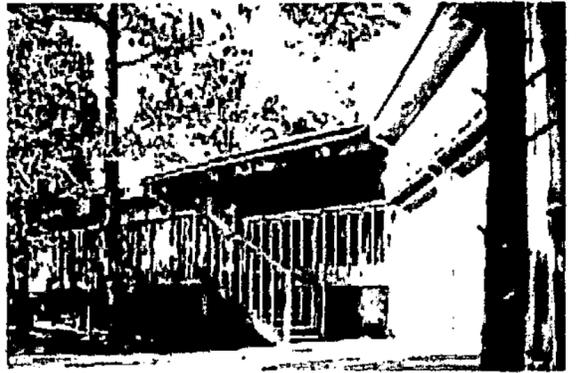


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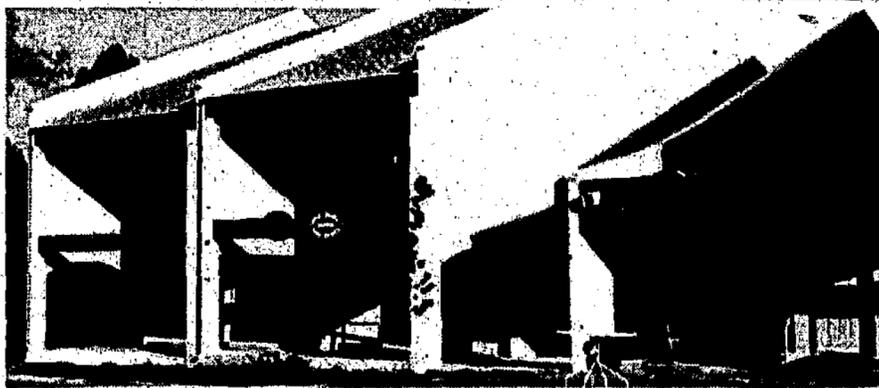
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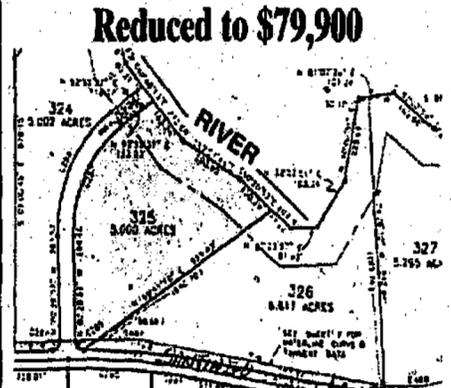
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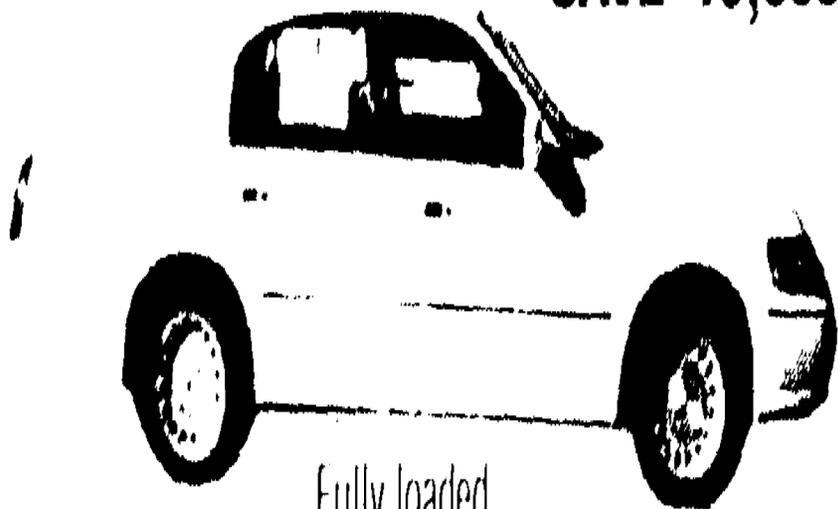
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