

Tribe votes 'No' to early election

Administration sees result as 'incentive' to move forward with plans for Apaches

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The new Mescalero Apache administration withstood its first major challenge with a nearly two-to-one victory to leave President Paul Ortega in office until the next general election later this year.

Mescalero voters were asked Tuesday if the tribal Constitution required an immediate special election to pick a new tribal president, or if Ortega as former vice president, should continue to serve in the president's chair. Ortega took over as president when Wendell Chino died in November after leading the tribe for more than 40 years.

Thirty-eight percent of the eligible voters on the reservation turned out — for the first time using electronic machines. The majority, 435 to 245, voted against a special presidential election proposed by Tribal Housing Director Freddie Kaydahzinne and by a petition bearing 473 signatures.

When it came time to cast a ballot in the secrecy of the voting booth, apparently only about half of those who signed the petition thought that a special election was needed. But enough voters showed up at the polls to declare the election valid and reaffirm Ortega's administration.

"A lot of people said don't worry, but you do," said tribal Vice President Oliver Enjady, who was selected by the council to fill the seat left vacant by Ortega's move to president.

"I'd like to say thank you to the

people," Ortega said Wednesday during an interview at his office in Mescalero. "They gave me the incentive to do all of the things we dreamed of — new schools, a home for the elderly, creation of new jobs and new housing.

"They've given us incentives to go do it. We appreciate that they have confidence in us. It feels good. In a way, I didn't know where I was at (before with tribal members)."

Ortega and Enjady responded to points listed by Kaydahzinne in a letter sent to Mescalero residents:

In response to Kaydahzinne's contention that only the signatures of 25 percent of eligible voters were needed to call for the special election, Enjady explained that when the housing director presented the petition, he said it was not for a recall of the president, which under the tribal constitution requires 25 percent. The petition called for a special election, Enjady said. The council concluded that a special election is a referendum and falls under a requirement for the signatures of 30 percent of the electorate. The number of signatures on Kaydahzinne's petition, based on 1,800 eligible voters, fell short of the 540 mark required and was rejected.

However, to give tribal members a voice in the decision, the referendum was set on the question of the constitutional interpretation.

In response to criticism that the administration was late in appointing an election board, Enjady pointed out that the question of a deadline was



Oliver Enjady, left, vice president of the tribe, with President Paul Ortega. The two received a boost of confidence after the tribal members voted "No" to early presidential elections.

moot, because the board already appointed by Chino was used (minus Kaydahzinne as its chairman). The council moved quickly to set up the referendum, because members wanted to settle the question to allow the Tribe to move forward, Enjady said.

Responding to Kaydahzinne's objections to law enforcement officers attending council meetings and escorting his wife out of the room when she was speaking, Enjady said the council was being interrupted

with other issues from spectators while they were trying to make business decisions on the table. Sometimes it is necessary to maintain order in a meeting, he said. Having an officer at a government meeting is not unusual. New Mexico state statutes require either the sheriff or a deputy as his designee to attend all county commission meetings, Sheriff Tom

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Tribal administration devises changes in business

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A different style of administration seems to be settling into place at the Mescalero Apache business offices.

What had become a one-man-directed operation led by President Wendell Chino after 40 years at the tribal helm, is being transformed into decisions primarily by consensus and input from many.

"Restoring order (after Chino's

death in November) was one of the big things, because no one knew what he was about," new President Paul Ortega said Wednesday during an interview in his office.

"During council meetings, people seldom questioned what he put through. The challenge is to give the power back to the people, to the courts and to the programs," Ortega said. "I met with the tribal staff, people who worked for President Chino, and I told them I am not about power.

I am about programs and people. As long as they do their jobs, they don't have to worry.

"And as you can see, everyone still is here."

Ferris Palmer is tribal administrator and Sharon Saenz remains administrative secretary to the president.

Although audits of each tribal enterprise have been conducted annually, they're especially important this year, because "it will ensure that whatever we take over is in good condition," Ortega said. "We are a business company and have to look at the numbers and see where we are and where we want to go. We're in the middle of that now."

The condition of the Tribe's gambling enterprise, Casino Apache, and the future of the Inn of the Mountain Gods are two of the main business concerns. Construction of schools and a home for the elderly are two of the main social projects, Ortega said.

One of the first things his administration did was to assume supervision of the casino and its slot machines from Gaim-Ko Inc. The tribe is moving ahead to manage its own operation.

"We were the only tribe in the state that doesn't own their own machines," Vice President Oliver Enjady said.

In a letter to tribal members

informing them of the changes in management, Ortega and Enjady included a chart showing that under the Gaim-Ko contract that expired at the end of last month, the Tribe received only 6 percent of the revenues generated by gambling.

Gaim-Ko took the lion's share with 35 percent, the state tax (which has not yet been paid by the Mescalero) would take 16 percent, the Inn of the Mountain Gods received 23 percent and casino operating costs were 20 percent.

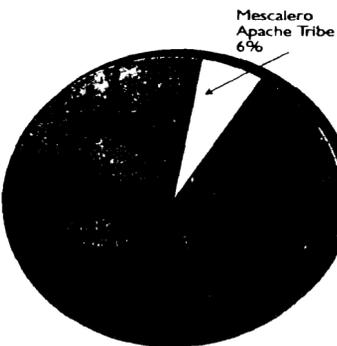
Under the proposed new approach with the Mescalero handling their own machines, 49 percent of the revenues would come back to the tribe, 15 percent would defray the cost of buying the machines, state tax would take 16 percent and 20 percent would go to operating costs.

The Inn would not be included in the division of revenues, because Ortega hopes to re-establish the luxury resort as a top-of-the-line convention center — something that took a back seat to gambling when the casino invaded the convention space.

"It's not so much that we won't subsidize the Inn, but we want it to stand on its own," Ortega said. "The conventions were taken out by the casino and we have to get it back to its original program. The only thing it

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Casino Apache revenue allocation with Gaim-Ko



Source: Mescalero Apache Tribe

Casino Apache revenue allocation with tribal control



by Ana Anglada/Ruidoso News

Public Service Co. of New Mexico shows interest in CCNG

Prominent utility's presence puts new spin on battle between the Carrizozo-Capitan utility and Zia Natural Gas

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Two large gas companies are interested in buying the Capitan-Carrizozo municipal gas operation.

When members of the small gas company and of each village's board of trustees met Tuesday to discuss a purchase offer from Zia Natural Gas, they learned that Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) has expressed an interest in purchasing the company and its some 800 customers.

Brady L. Gist, manager of new business and support for PNM in its

Carlsbad office, wrote LeRoy Montes, gas company board president and a Capitan trustee, about the company's interest.

In that letter received Jan. 5, Gist wrote that he understood the villages were considering selling the gas company.

He stated that PNM (an Albuquerque-based firm) is interested in a possible acquisition and if the village boards also were interested, they should contact him.

The utility serves the areas of Capitan, Carrizozo, Fort Stanton, Loma Grande and Nogal.

That puts a new spin on a situa-

tion that has been boiling between Zia and the two villages since 1992 when Zia purchased a 4-inch transmission line from the gas company.

At that time, the company was a separate entity owned by the two villages. Now, it is a joint municipal operation.

After years of bickering, filing lawsuits and complaints against each other, Zia sent an offer to the villages to buy the gas operation for \$614,000.

Initially, Zia president David Hamilton put a deadline of Jan. 5 to accept the offer, but has moved that forward to Tuesday, Jan. 12.

He has pointed to rate increases that will go into effect in 2001, when a "preferred rate" transportation arrangement with the two villages, tied to the 1992 contract, expires.

But trustees have indicated the feedback from residents of their communities has been to hang onto the utility.

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro said if the boards decide they're interested in a sale, no quick action can be taken no matter who's doing the buying.

"We'd have to have it appraised and have a public hearing to get the reaction of the people," he said. "We

might even have to have a referendum."

Renfro doesn't know if PNM will receive a call back.

"We really haven't had a chance to discuss it," he said. "I really can't say if we'll contact PNM. This was a surprise really. We certainly hadn't put it out for sale. We were just trying to settle the differences between Zia and ourselves."

Zia serves about 8,000 customers in Lincoln County and handles several other areas in the state, including Hobbs.

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SATURDAY High ... 51
Low ... 23



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 47
Low ... 15



Sunny

MONDAY High ... 56
Low ... 19



Sunny

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
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Wednesday	56	19	.00"
Thursday	60	19	.00"

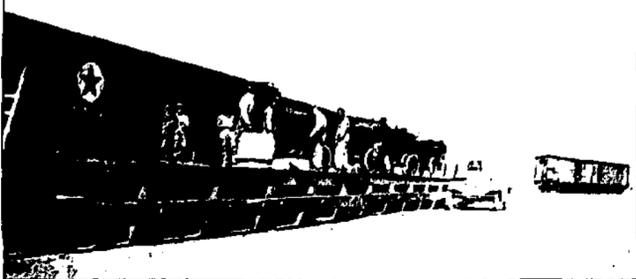
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	45	30	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	65	37	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	59	36	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	68	38	Partly cloudy

Jan./Feb. phases of the moon



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Not available



Unloading Model Ts at the Carrizozo railroad yard

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 12, 1899

A pleasant time is reported by those who attended the dance at Mr. and Mrs. Leslie's Tuesday night.

For the first time in its history, Lincoln County has, with one single exception, a full set of Republican officials, all, save two, being new in the harness.

Each of the new officials gave bond, qualified, taking the oath of office last week, as follows: D. Perea, Sheriff; I. L. Amalla, Clerk; R. Michaelis, Treasurer; B. F. Gumm, Assessor; W. M. Clute, Superintendent of Schools; W. F. Blanchard, Probate Judge; M. Cronin, B. Cleve and Estolano Sanchez, Commissioners.

The new board organized by electing M. Cronin chairman.

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CableVision moves to different owner in association

* No changes in the system's current operation will occur under the new ownership, which still will be managed by Rifkin & Associates, Inc., an executive said.

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Though CableVision soon will have a new owner, any changes to the cable system will be in name only, an executive with CableVision's parent company said Thursday.

"Operationally, there is no change," said Dale D. Wagner, a senior vice president with Rifkin & Associates, Inc., the Colorado-based parent company of CableVision. "There will

be no changes in staffing or in service."

CableVision itself will not change names.

As soon as the sale is effective, CableVision's new legal ownership will be under InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, rather than the current owner, Rifkin Cable Income Partners. Both companies are partnerships managed by Rifkin & Associates, Inc., Wagner said.

"The actual official date (of the sale) will coincide with us obtaining all the franchise consents (from the municipalities where the cable systems are located). We are hoping that will be within the next one to two months," he said.

Both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs village councils are to amend their franchise agreements next week with CableVision. The amendment is to acknowledge the ownership change. Both villages signed 15-year franchise agreements with Rifkin Cable Income Partners in 1997.

CableVision is one of four cable services owned by Rifkin Cable Income Partners to be moved to InterLink, Wagner said. The others are in Missouri, Indiana and Florida.

Rifkin is consolidating its partnership cable systems under InterLink to give the company greater financial leverage, Wagner said.

"What we are doing is

rolling up our partnership structure to make it a more efficient financeable vehicle," he said. "It makes it a larger finance vehicle and is more accessible to capital."

In 1998, InterLink purchased an additional 40 cable systems from outside the Rifkin management umbrella, he said. InterLink now has about 100 cable systems in 17 states.

Wagner said CableVision's recent rate increase to basic cable, effective Jan. 1, is not related to the realignment of ownership.

The company has every intent of providing fine service to CableVision's customers, he said.

Ruidoso Downs, attorneys respond to lawsuit

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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In response to a lawsuit filed against Ruidoso Downs in November, an attorney for the village says the council was within its rights in refusing to pay Robert Beauvais.

Beauvais, a Ruidoso attorney, had submitted about \$13,000 in legal bills to Ruidoso Downs for his work representing Mayor Joe Hayhurst in another lawsuit against the village council. The mayor's lawsuit centered on whether the village council followed policy in firing an administrative clerk in the spring.

When village trustees repeatedly refused to pay Beauvais, he filed his own lawsuit against both the Downs and Village Attorney Dan Bryant for breach of contract among other things.

Thomas Sandenaw, who is representing the village in Beauvais's lawsuit, was not in his Las Cruces office this week and could not be reached for comment. However, in the writ-

ten response filed with the 12th District Court, Sandenaw says the village council was within its rights to reject Beauvais's invoices.

"... Such refusal was based on the lack of compliance with statutory authority and ordinance of the village," Sandenaw said.

Beauvais has said that Hayhurst is entitled to representation just as the council. The issue is one of fairness, he has said.

"And they have paid not only the attorney who was retained to represent them in this dispute, but they have paid their (village) attorney even after he was disqualified to participate in this lawsuit," Beauvais has said. "It's just a question of fundamental fairness."

Sandenaw said the village was warranted in paying its attorney in the mayor's lawsuit, Jeff Rhodes of Alamogordo, because Rhodes was selected by Village Attorney Dan Bryant. The village also was justified in pay-

ing Bryant, who initially made a court appearance to represent the council, but then handed the case over to Rhodes, Sandenaw responded.

He basically said if Bryant had selected Hayhurst's attorney for his lawsuit, then that attorney would have been paid by the village council. As it was, the council refused to endorse Hayhurst's contract with Beauvais.

"The retention of Rhodes was done pursuant to contractual authority granted by the village to Defendant Bryant ... the village refused to ratify (Beauvais's) oral or written agreement with Joe M. Hayhurst, the mayor of Ruidoso Downs, or pay his invoices upon submission," Sandenaw wrote.

An Albuquerque attorney for Bryant responded to the lawsuit by saying Beauvais never had a contract with him; so Beauvais, therefore, could not sue for breach of contract.

Gerald Dixon, Bryant's attorney, filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit against his

client on Dec. 22. Dixon criticizes Beauvais's lawsuit in that it attempts to recover damages from Bryant for advising village trustees.

"There is only one way to interpret such allegations," Dixon wrote. "They must be interpreted to mean that (Beauvais) included Bryant in the complaint because (Beauvais) did not like the advice Bryant gave the village."

Though an initial decision has been made in the mayor's lawsuit, it won't be finalized until after Beauvais's lawsuit is resolved, Beauvais said.

Jerry Ritter, chief judge of the 12th Judicial District, in November came back with an initial decision upholding the village council's right to terminate the clerk. However, Hayhurst, through Beauvais, is allowed to file one last round of written response before the decision becomes final.

Beauvais asked for and was granted a stay on filing that last round until the issue of his unpaid invoices is resolved.

REFERENDUM: 'We're glad it's over, maybe we can get on down the road'

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Sullivan said.

When people interrupt, it shows a lack of respect for the business of the council, Ortega said. Tribal code permits the council to remove someone from the meeting if they are disruptive, he said.

"We're still going through a sad time," Enjady said. "We

just experienced a loss in leadership. It's hard to have gone through this. We're glad it's over and maybe we can get on down the road."

But if new questions arise, President Ortega and he are bound to follow the constitution and to handle issues fairly, he said.

Using voting machines for the referendum that were locked during balloting and

electronically tallied, then rechecked, was a great step forward, he said.

"There always was a question of how come we didn't use machines (when Chino was president)," Enjady said. "Under this administration, we felt we needed to do new things and answer that question. We decided to try it and see how the public felt about it."

"I think it worked out real

well. It saves time and answers a lot of questions."

Assistance and training was provided by the Otero County Clerk's office, whose personnel was on-hand when the machines were unlocked, as were the nine election board members, Enjady said. Previously, paper ballots were marked by hand and were hand counted.

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can do now is sell rooms and it has a hard time standing on its own."

Seeing how revenues from the casino were distributed came as a shock, Enjady said.

"I don't think we were aware of (the revenue distribution under Gaim-Ko) until the National Indian Gaming Commission came to the council and told us about the possibilities," Enjady said. "We all shook our heads in disbelief."

"It took us 1 1/2 months to figure out the (percentages for) the charts," Ortega said. "Now it's in black and white."

The casino's operation has never fully complied with all of the provisions of the National Indian Gaming Act, Ortega said. "So we're looking at that. The gaming regulatory compact (with the state) also ask for a lot of things. We have to learn what it is we have to do. It will take time, but it has to be done."

Although in arbitration, the Mescalero continue to be one of two tribes in the state that have refused to pay any tax at all to the state, saying the 16 percent figure is arbitrary. Other tribes that have been paying the 16 percent tax now are cutting back or asking for the return of money to repair roads and schools, Ortega said.

"You can't just throw a number out there," Ortega said. "There has to be a reason. We're not trying to be better than others, but if we do this (pay the full tax), they could

arbitrarily place a tax on other things. Just a few (at the state level) are making the decisions."

Both men said they will continue to protect the tribe's sovereignty, while at the same time working with agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of Interior that has some power on the reservation.

Sitting in the office where his dynamic predecessor worked, Ortega said he hasn't thought about if he is "comfortable" with the surroundings. Unlike when Chino occupied the office, the walls are bare. Photographs and awards have been removed.

"I think of it as a meeting room of people who need help or I need to talk to about tribal programs. I think of it as a place to meet," Ortega said, motioning to a conference table at one end of the room.

"We spend a lot of time here," Enjady said. "We sit down with staff and discuss what has to be done to hammer out problems. We don't issue orders and send them out and we don't override (program heads' decisions) unless they were big mistakes."

"We probably don't have enough time to think about if we're comfortable."

Building new schools is a high priority for his administration, Ortega said. Avenues of financing and grants are being pursued. The next big step is site selection, then design, Enjady said.

"I'm hoping we'll break ground before the end of the



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
Enjady, Sharon Saenz, Ortega and Ferris Palmer at the Tribal Administrative Office.

year," he said. As an art instructor and program director, Enjady said he's excited about the possibility of a new school complex becoming a reality.

Ortega said he already has authorized Roy Parker at Ski Apache to re-establish a reduced rate skiing program for students in the Ruidoso school system, something that was stopped by Chino when a segment of Ruidoso residents objected loudly about four years ago to the possibility of the Mescalero storing spent nuclear fuel on the reservation.

"The Mescalero already have done their prayers (for more snow)," Ortega said with a grin. "We're waiting for the people in Ruidoso to do the same. They're holding us up. We need to work together."

Rumors that all non-

Indian employees will be fired are untrue, Ortega said, adding that three were fired for cause.

To avoid hiring mistakes in the future, extensive background checks will be done on all who apply for jobs in Mescalero enterprises and they will be asked to take drug tests.

"It will be mandatory throughout our enterprises, because people are dealing with machines and with money. We don't need those kinds of attitudes," Ortega said.

Such precautions are necessary to serve tribal members and ensure programs are run properly, he said.

"Programs will be geared toward the people," Enjady said. "We're here to serve them and no one should forget that purpose."

Blasting continues; one-lane delays on north Mechem



Ben Chrisman/Ruidoso News
Flagmen like Steve Martinez are keeping traffic under control along north Mechem Drive as construction continues.

Traffic delays on north Mechem Drive will continue for the next few weeks, while road crews reroute the village's main water line, project officials say.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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One-lane traffic and delays should be expected by motorists on north Mechem Drive over the next few weeks while road crews lay a replacement water line, a project official said Wednesday.

The new water line's path will move the pipe away from areas where blasting is planned for the state highway project to widen and straighten Mechem. The water line starts at Ruidoso's two 5-million gallon water tanks in Alto and serves most of the village.

A blasting crew is working ahead of the new water line's placement, said Kevin Clower, with Meadow Valley

Contracting, Inc., the company hired by the state for the highway work.

"Right now, it's still the same plan. AMS (American Mining Services) is still out ahead of the water line," Clower said. "So, if they run into rock they can blast it."

The replacement water line is to cross Mechem at four locations, starting the beginning slope of Alto Hill on up to the top, project officials said. So far, the first two designated crossings have been in rock bed, requiring the subcontractor team of American Mining Services to use explosives on the road itself.

Clower said explosives are being used on one lane of the road at a time for the work. Traffic is closed down to one lane while the explosives are laid, and is halted entirely for about 10-minute intervals for the blasting itself.

Meanwhile, dirt work

Zia replacing gas lines along Mechem

Thousands of feet of white pipe on the west side of north Mechem Drive will become a replacement distribution line for Zia Natural Gas Co., a company official said Wednesday.

Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, manager of regulatory affairs, said the line is being moved to the west to be out of the way of highway construction along north Mechem (State Road 48).

About 6,000 feet of the line is being moved. Work began near the beginning of December. The company has purchased easements from property owners, and trees have been cleared for the work, which is being done by Ferguson Construction Co. of Lovington, she said.

Fernandez-Wells did not know when the project would be completed. The line is not an additional extension of gas service, but a replacement of the company's existing distribution line, she said.

on the project continues. Thousands of tons of earth will be moved for the realignment of the road.

On the south section of Mechem Drive, Meadow Valley was to pave a section of Heath Drive Wednesday to alleviate the number of accidents occurring where

the road intersects with Mechem Drive, project officials said. The combination of Heath's steep grade and gravel road had made turning onto Mechem Drive difficult at best for motorists.

Work also continues at the intersection of Mechem and Cree Meadows drives.

AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Monday for the following agenda items:

Closed session:

- Discussion about the threat of litigation or pending litigation, and the possible purchase or acquisition of real estate.

Open session:

- Consider a request from Police Chief David Hightower to hire a new police officer, Steven Dobbs, at \$9.48 an hour. Dobbs, if hired, would fill a vacancy rather than a new position, according to Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht.
- Consider a request from Hightower to purchase NCIC equipment and line connections, which will allow officers to check motorists' drivers licenses. Currently, Downs officers check licenses through neighboring law agencies. The equipment would cost \$5,406, and the line would be \$317.50 a month.

- Consider a request from Hightower to purchase a video camera to be installed in a police car. The camera would cost \$4,275 and would be paid for with money from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Fund.
- Consider a request from Steven Schultz to burn trash.
- Consider a request from the Ramada Inn to burn a hillside next to U.S. Highway 70.
- Consider a lodgers tax request to send a representative to an Arizona race track promotional event.
- Consider a resolution amending the village's cable franchise agreement to acknowledge a change in ownership for Cablevision.
- Hear a presentation from Ronnie Hemphill regarding the village's annual audit report.
- Alan Morel, a local attorney, is expected to rescind an earlier request to the village for a zoning change for land owned by Sierra Blanca Motors, whom Morel represents. The land, located behind the Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership, is to be developed as a government-subsidized apartment complex. The zoning

change is believed to not be needed under Ruidoso Downs village law.

- Consideration of a request for sewer bill relief of \$100 due to a water leak.

- Approval of the 1999 holiday schedule for Ruidoso Downs village employees.

- Windsor Laceywell, owner of condemned property next door to village hall, is expected to protest the council's earlier decision to condemn the property, Weibrecht said.

- Mayor Joe Hayhurst is to appoint a Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Board. Currently, the village does not have a planning and zoning board. The move to create one was discussed earlier by village trustees based on the recent amount of growth.

Preliminary hearing set for Gutierrez

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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A preliminary hearing for a man accused of stabbing an Allsup's store clerk to death has been set for Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Magistrate Court.

Johnny Ray Gutierrez, 39, who was arrested Nov. 25 in Capitan, will be brought before Magistrate William Butts where it will be determined whether or not there is enough evidence to take the case to state district court for trial.

Gutierrez is accused of

murdering Allsup's clerk John Diebler, 48, at the convenience store located on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs last Aug. 29. Some money and beer apparently were stolen from the store as well during the incident.

Ruidoso police investigated Gutierrez, a former Allsup's employee, after a Crimestoppers tip was received. He was arrested at his mother's home in Capitan. Gutierrez has said he actually lives in Albuquerque.

Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell, widely known for his

anti-death-penalty stance and who frequently defends those accused in capital crimes, has been appointed to represent Gutierrez.

Police say an unidentified female suspect who may have been involved in the murder still is under investigation but no charges have been filed against her.

At the time of the murder, a witness reported seeing two people leaving the store.

The Highway 70 Allsup's store is one of four in the Ruidoso area.

BLM seeking seasonal firefighters

The Bureau of Land Management is recruiting seasonal firefighters for southeast New Mexico until Jan. 15. Firefighters will be hired in both Roswell and Carlsbad.

These positions are temporary with the federal government and usually last from three to five months during the spring and summer, according to the BLM. Salaries for an entry level firefighter range from \$8 to \$10 per hour, depending on experience and training.

Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, Jan. 15. Applicants must be United States citizens and at least 18 years of age by the time of appointment. Applicants

must pass a drug test as a condition of employment, and pass a physical fitness test and pre-employment medical exam before beginning work.

Seasonal firefighters will work as a part of a fire engine crew. The work is often done under stressful conditions such as heavy smoke, dust and heat. Hours can be long. Firefighters might be required to carry packs weighing as much as 60 pounds on steep, mountainous terrain.

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OUR OPINION

**Politics and justice
in the halls of the Capitol**

Barring incredible happenings, we now may if we choose sit down in front of our television sets and watch something alleged to be a trial, but isn't; something purported to be the last act of the impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton, but isn't.

So, what is it then?
When the Congress some 130 years ago set out to impeach another sitting president, Andrew Johnson, it was a different sort of world. The united-by-force United States was a much smaller place, even if it did stretch from sea to shining sea.

Members of the House of Representatives hated their former southern-states enemies and wanted to punish them interminably. President Johnson, himself a southerner (the only Secession senator who sided with the north during the Civil War) wanted to follow the unifying approach President Lincoln had espoused before his assassination.

So the House impeached and the Senate conducted a trial, complete with the two-thirds-to-remove as required in the Constitution — and still required in 1999. Reporters were on the scene; casual citizens watched from the gallery of the senate chambers. Johnson was saved by one vote.

Yesterday (Jan. 7), 13 House members — all Republicans — delivered two articles of impeachment to the Senate, with considerable pomp and circumstance — and with television cameras focused on every step, complete with off-camera commentary by famous broadcasters, legal experts and sundry political pundits.

It was all impressive stuff, and may continue to impress. But is it a trial?

It will be up to the 100 members of the Senate to demonstrate that this really isn't anything more than what it has been to date — show-business.

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**Watchful consumer,
animal defender**

To the editor:
On Dec. 15, Dateline aired an investigative trip by the detective for the Humane Society of the United States into China, Thailand and the Philippines. In China and Thailand, they raise domestic dogs (like your German shepherd or your Lab) in their own feces, urine, and in dark holes until grown, only to wire them to a post and skin them alive, starting on a hind leg as the poor thing is still wagging its tail. This is done to provide fur for coats and trimming on jackets.

In Thailand, the cats in cages are noosed one at a time and tied up to hang writhing in front of the others until dead, for the same purpose.

In New York, New Jersey and Maryland, no cat coats were found but dog coats were in Burlington Coat Factory, (which) immediately pulled them and were outraged at the supplier, Acme International.

I didn't have to travel nearly so far; only to (a local store) to find the exact coat label they showed on TV, stating "Mongolian Dog Fur" ... I am totally appalled to have those jackets in this community. Dateline listed their web site for more information:

www.dateline.msnbc.com.
I was unable to raise

YOUR OPINION

(it), but I had really seen enough. How about all of you? Each of us needs to take a better stand against cruelty of all sorts. One way to accomplish this is to really scrutinize what we purchase, because it is obvious we cannot trust the purchasing tactics of large chains...

Susan Carter
Ruidoso Downs

**The '98 music scene
even finer than reported**

We enjoyed reading Joel B. Carothers' excellent "Going Out" article in the Jan. 1 "Vamonos" titled "Arts and entertainment broadened horizons in '98."

We also feel fortunate that our community has the creative people that it does and certainly agree with the assessment that "love music abounded" in our area during 1998.

It is our opinion, however, that an additional musical experience deserving applause should have been included with the other events mentioned in the article. It should be noted that the Community Concerts celebrated their tenth anniversary during 1998! These concerts have provided a very pleasing variety of performers over the years and have been a showcase for outstanding talent presenting quality entertainment. And

they certainly helped broaden our entertainment horizons in '98.

Mary & Roger Parker
Alto

**Not only women
subject to violence**

To the editor:
Read with interest the article by (Dianne) Stallings on domestic violence. Nowhere in the article did I read about violence against the men.

In my 81 years I have seen women tear into their mates and beat the dickens out of them. Bloody heads from flying objects, attacked with sharp knives, clubs and even guns.

Many times the Dad is driven from the home and his children. I have seen this happen, and it's the male who is taken to jail if he resists in any way.

Let's be fair! Many times the Dad is a very caring parent and depriving him of his children is a very bad time for him! I am certainly not approving of big, husky men beating on a female, but no way can a man always be in the wrong! The article, in my opinion, should include both sexes. Give the caring men a break.

Is it any wonder many men simply run away and many dollars are spent looking for them.

H. Higby
Ruidoso

In search of the 'ancient ones'

Richard Wetherill was one of those lucky people who just happen to be at the right place at the right time.

**FOOLS AND
NEWCOMERS**



BY MORROW HALL
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

backtracking a bit — to Missouri, and finally to Colorado, Utah, and back to Colorado.

Benjamin Wetherill wasn't a great success in any of his ventures during this long migration. He worked as a farmer, a rancher, an Indian agent, a prospector, but his children — five boys and a girl — grew up without luxuries. Finally, in 1880, when he was 48 and his eldest son Richard was 22, he picked a place to live where he could stay and succeed.

That place was just outside the fledgling settlement of

Mancos, Colorado, a few miles west of Durango, in the valley below the 15-mile-long prominence of Mesa Verde.

The Wetherills settled on a 160-acre homestead along the Mancos River which before long became a productive, 1,000-acre ranch. A small log cabin soon grew into a big ranch house surrounded by barns and other outbuildings.

It was the era of open range, and Wetherill cattle went where there was grass and water. Benjamin and his sons followed, and soon became familiar with many square miles of the territory surrounding their ranch.

Mesa Verde is a huge chunk of yellow sandstone with many deep canyons clawed out by centuries of rain. The stone is not uniform, and the erosion was erratic, so in many places along the steep canyon walls, natural shelves of harder stone provided places of shelter from the elements and hostile creatures.

Years ago, natives chose to live in these natural caves and amphitheaters, digging out even more of the soft sandstone and building walls and windows. Then, for reasons still unknown, they left, and the walls slowly crumbled.

Prospectors had skimmed the canyons of Mesa Verde looking for precious metals, but they found nothing of in-

terest in the remains of rock walls tucked like swallows' nests high among the cliffs. It wasn't until the Wetherill boys came there, with their cattle and occasional hours of free time, that the treasures of a vanished civilization came to be known.

Starting in about 1884, Richard Wetherill and his brothers spent time — usually in the winter — looking for pots and other relics among the mounds and ruins that littered the area. They started to build a small collection, and their interest grew. For Richard it became a lifelong obsession.

On Dec. 18, 1888, Richard and a friend were tracking stray cattle in a rugged place on the mesa they had never been before. Richard happened to look across the canyon and saw, in a deep hollow near the top of the cliff, what was obviously a huge ruin.

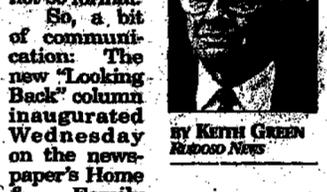
The two men made their way to the place, fashioned a ladder from dead trees and ropes, and climbed into pre-history.

Richard named the ruin "Cliff Palace." Many rooms — enough to house hundreds of people — surrounded a three-story tower in the center of the immense alcove. Inside they found many pottery bowls, cups and jars, and a stone axe

**History...
and black ink**

One of the premises of this column when it was launched a year ago was that it would provide another way of communicating with our newspaper's readers; not so hard-and-fast, perhaps, not so formal.

So, a bit of communication: The new "Looking Back" column inaugurated Wednesday on the newspaper's Home & Family cover page scans the content of the *Ruidoso News*, decade by decade, over the past half-century as the new century approaches. That seems appropriate.



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

It also provides a glimpse of the way the late Dan Storm looked at our mountain and valley paradise over the same half-century. No, it isn't a replacement for Dan's columns; nobody can replace Dan Storm.

It's also an adjunct to another popular feature of the newspaper, the Lincoln County Scrapbook compiled by Carrizo's Polly E. Chavez, that appears on the second page of every issue.

Fans will note that as of this month, Polly has been reporting issue-by-issue what was happening in Lincoln County in 1899, exactly 100 years ago.

Since the *Ruidoso News* was launched only 52 years ago, she has gone back into files at the Lincoln County Courthouse to excerpt news items from one of the liveliest papers in the Territory, the *White Oaks Eagle*. That, too, is appropriate; White Oaks as the last century ended was the largest metropolis in our very large county.

So, between these two columns, the *Ruidoso* history junkie should have a feast.

Also in the communications mode, Terrance Vestal's "Bleeding Black Ink" column, another feature an issue ago, will become a regular Wednesday feature on the Opinion page.

The name of his column harks back to the early days of newspapering. Those infected with the newspaper virus were said to have "ink in their veins."

That's appropriate, too; Vestal in his job as editor of this newspaper does get bloodied once in a while.

with its wooden handle intact. They also found three skeletons.

It was a spectacular find, and was soon followed by many others. Mesa Verde had been home to many people at some time in the distant past.

The Wetherill collection of pottery and other artifacts grew, and so did word of the discoveries. Archaeologists, some just amateurs and others with impressive scientific credentials, came to see the ruins of the "cliff dwellers" — a phrase Richard claimed to have coined.

Even his later "digs" were crudely done by current standards, but Richard was an attentive student of the many experts he guided through Mesa Verde. He constantly refined his methods of excavation and began to keep detailed records and to take many photographs.

Richard Wetherill had discovered the abandoned cities of a people the Navajos call "Anasazi," which means in their language "ancient enemies." Soon he was to discover an even older culture.

Next week: the Basket-Makers.

Elsewhere: Rimsky-Korsakov debuted his symphonic suite "Scheherazade" in 1888, the year Richard Wetherill discovered Cliff Palace.

La Niña hosts a dry, warm winter

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso is experiencing first-hand the effects of a weather phenomenon that delivered a dry December and may mean trouble ahead for Lincoln County's stream systems, a Natural Resources Conservation Service official has said.

"We were strapped last year with El Niño (that brought heavy precipitation) and this year we're strapped with La Niña," said Richard Arrijo with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Albuquerque. "It looks like we will have warmer and dryer conditions."

Greg Haussler, with the Natural Resources office in Capitán/Carrizozo, said after gathering data from local reporting stations, he determined that Ruidoso ended the year with 20.97 inches of precipitation, down about two inches from the 30 year average of 23 inches, and down about an inch from the division's average of 21.85 inches.

Capitan also was about two inches below normal at 14.74 inches, but Carrizozo was about 1.5 inches above normal at 14.53 inches.

"The problem is that a lot of it came in September and October, too late for the plant growing season," Haussler said.

Readings are not taken on the snow course around Ruidoso until Feb. 1.

However, Haussler said Bonito Lake Reservoir, which is fed by mountain run-off and serves the communities of Nogal, Carrizozo and parts of Otero County, is down about four to six feet.

Arrijo said statistics are

not yet available statewide.

"December was a dry month, but statewide, last October was very wet and November was still above average," he said. "In the overall scheme, New Mexico's year-to-date (precipitation) probably is a little above average."

"The problem is that the precipitation arrived in the form of rain, which runs off. Snow has a tendency — if the temperatures are right — to last the season and then we see it as run-off in the spring."

Arrijo didn't have data for the Rio Hondo River Basin, which includes Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Glencoe and Hondo Valley.

But he said that for December, the Pecos River Basin, which covers other sections of the county, appears to have received only 9 percent of its average precipitation.

In comparison, the Mimbres River Basin, primarily in Luna County in the southwest quarter of the state, was at 76 percent of normal for last month, he said.

"This is still preliminary," he emphasized. "We'll look at the precipitation, the snow-pack and the reservoirs and then have a forecaster in Portland (Oregon) office use that data and develop a forecast (for stream flow)."

When strong warm winds blow in from the Pacific, called El Niño; chances increase for more rain and snow in New Mexico. Conversely, if ocean temperatures drop, a sister phenomenon called La Niña could create a high pressure zone over the Southwest, preventing storms from moving into the state.

A spokesman for the Western Climate Center in Reno, Nev., said the monthly average in Ruidoso for October is 1.54

inches of precipitation; for November, .85 inches; for December, 1.63 inches; and for January, 1.17 inches.

Members of the Ruidoso River Association are expecting some low flow this year, said director Ben Mason.

But under a new agreement with the village of Ruidoso, they hope the river can be kept healthy by curbing diversions into Grindstone Reservoir and using a pumping system to capture spillage and put it back into the stream.

"We're hoping (low flow from lack of run-off) won't happen, but if it does occur at least it all will stay in the river," Mason said.

The pump should recover between 600 acre feet of water to 800 acre feet per year spilled from Grindstone Lake, he said. One acre foot equates to 325,851 gallons.

"That's bigger than Ruidoso's entire (478 acre feet) allocation from the river," Mason said. "The village has been really cooperative. (Village manager) Alan Briley is an engineer and has worked with us."

If the flow is anywhere near average, the association plans to have a weir with measuring devices in place to determine exactly how much water courses down the river.

"We'll measure it and know what the flow is and (use that as a basis) to determine with the village when a diversion is possible or not," Mason said. "Finally, we'll have an objective measurement of how much water there is. Fortunately, we seem to be in complete agreement with village that we can handle this, not deprive the village of water and yet, keep the river healthy. If it really gets low, there won't be a diversion and everybody agreed on that."

"Whatever the Lord gives us we'll have in the river system."

AG: Hospital contract civil matter

If someone doesn't like the current contract between Lincoln County and Presbyterian Health Care Systems to manage the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, take it to civil court, New Mexico's attorney general's staff has said.

The staff says it's not a criminal issue.

Dr. Walter Ray Seidel Jr., a long-time critic of Presbyterian business practices, wrote former Attorney Gen. Tom Udall last summer about his concerns, which included:

- The county refused to request management proposals from other companies in July 1997, when Presbyterian decided to exercise its option for an extension of its

contract with the county.

• The county's decision to give up its power to appoint board members to the hospital board appears to violate state statutes.

• That a conflict of interest exists with Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley voting on hospital and health issues, because of his affiliation with Wal-Mart as a chief pharmacist. Seidel pointed out that Wal-Mart has a contract with Presbyterian.

He also noted that the county in January, 1998, signed an agreement with Presbyterian about the operation and expansion of, and improvements to, the Lincoln County Medical Center. Udall contacted County

Attorney Alan Morel, who said Tuesday he shot "a scathing letter" back saying, "One of my commissioners ought to sue for slander and that the contract was perfectly legal."

Shortly after, Udall's staff sent a letter to Morel, saying the issue, if pursued, is a civil matter, not criminal.

Julie Sterchi, acting hospital administrator, is on the agenda of the county commission meeting Tuesday to give commissioners an update on the construction project, including the bid award for the remodeling work. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the commission room of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

VILLAGE AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is to convene at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider items including:

- Consent Agenda items (to be voted on in one motion)
- Approve the renewal of the White Mountain Search and Rescue annual agreement. The non-profit agency will provide Ruidoso with search and rescue services in exchange for a used village vehicle, Village Manager Alan Briley said.

- Adopt a resolution regarding the assignment and transfer of the village's cable television franchise from Riskin Cable Income Partners, Inc. to Inter-Link Communications Partners, LLP.

- Approval to change the village's contract with Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services for a convention marketer. The amendment would add \$10,000 to a previous contract for \$30,000.

- Award a bid for one new loader/backhoe to Rust Tractor, the lowest of two bids, for \$26,165.

- Schedule a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment on how the Ruidoso Planning Department computes building permit fees. The new ordinance is to standardize the method used for computing the fees, Briley said.

- Schedule a public hearing on a zone map amendment for 13 lots next to the midtown shopping district. The proposed amendment would give the lots midtown zoning rather than regular commercial zoning.

Public Hearings

- A zone map amendment and master plan amendment for four lots in the School District subdivision from R-1, single family homes, to R-2 zoning, which applies to denser housing, such as duplexes. Because duplexes are now on the property, the zoning change will bring the development into compliance.

- A zone map amendment and related master plan amendment to change 4.23 acres in the Camelot area from R-4, dense

residential housing such as apartments, to R-1, which is single family homes.

Regular Items (which are voted on individually by the council)

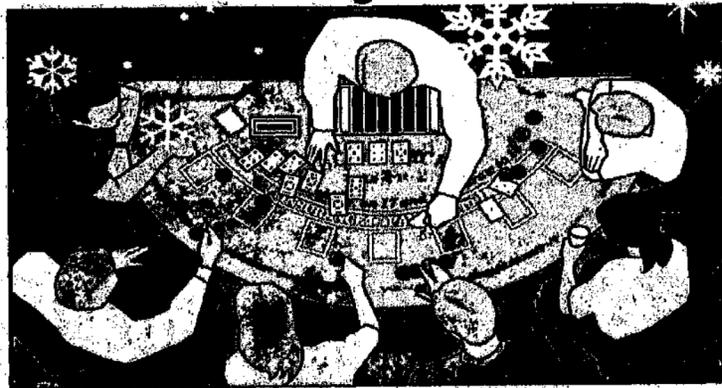
- Consideration of a proposed application with the New Mexico Arts Division for a photographic program to raise awareness of the arts in the area. The grant amount is \$23,275 in which \$1,700 would be contributed, \$2,700 would be the village's match, \$9,200 would be the in-kind services match and \$8,675 would be the grant amount. The village's match would only occur if the Ruidoso Arts Commission received the state grant.

- Discussion and possible action to lease village land to a Midwest company for the construction of a \$4.9 million upscale hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. Possible action includes scheduling a public hearing, a workshop or a town meeting on the issue, Briley said.



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Proposed state legislation to strengthen child restraint law

A bill may be proposed in the 1999 New Mexico legislative session that will strengthen the state's child passenger restraint laws.

Spearheaded by Safer New Mexico Now, the proposed legislation will call for children four years of age and younger, or up to 40 pounds, to be properly secured in a child safety seat and children five and older to be secured in an appropriate restraint.

New Mexico's child restraint law was passed in 1983 and amended in 1985, but advocates point out that much has been learned in the past 15 years about proper restraint of children in motor vehicles.

"Neither lap belts nor lap-shoulder belts were designed or fit adequately for children," said Phyllis Agran, an automotive medicine specialist from the University of California-Irvine. Agran, a pediatrician who is national recognized for her

research in automotive medicine, spoke at a child restraint legislation meeting in Albuquerque last month.

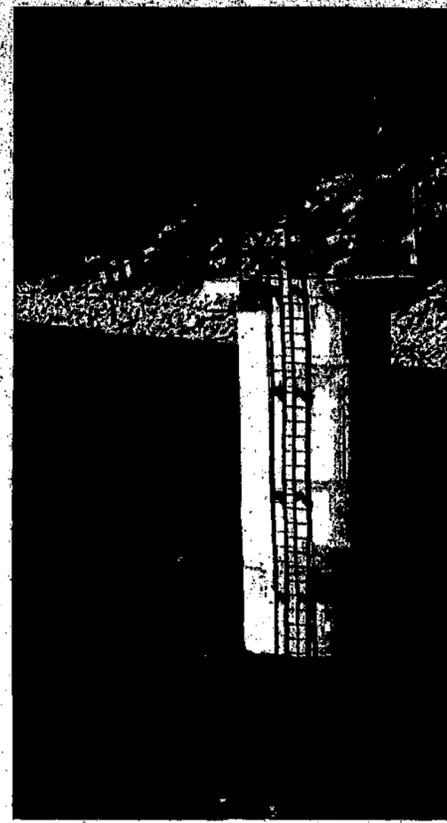
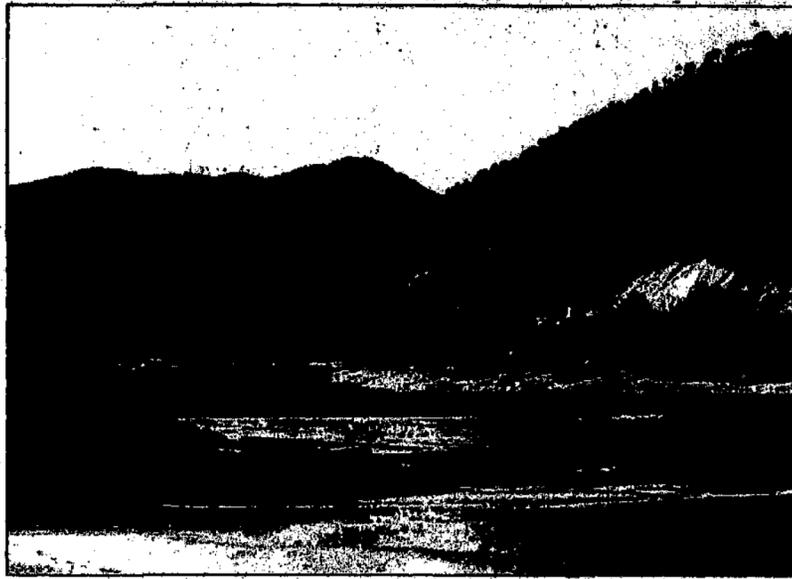
With what she called "safe vehicular packaging for children," the motor vehicle death rate can be reduced by 69 percent for infants under one year of age and by 47 percent for one to four-year-olds. Children under about 10 years of age do not fit into standard seat belts because their hipbones are not developed sufficiently to provide anchor points for seatbelts, Agran said.

In addition to anatomic issues, behavior also contributes to children's safety in cars. For instance, one study found that most children are out of position in seatbelts within 20 seconds, Agran said.

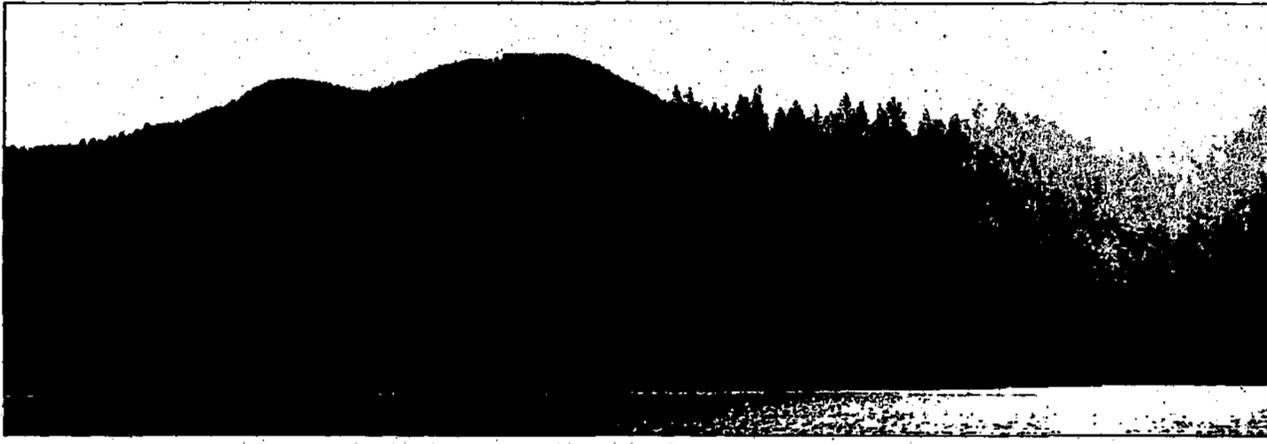
For more information, contact Safer New Mexico Now at 1-800-231-6145.

Source: Traffic Safety Newsletter

Been to Bonito Lake lately?



Ruidoso News intern Ben Chrisman, as a final assignment for the paper, took his camera to Bonito Lake and captured some spectacular views. These are just a few that show while the calendar may say January, it seems to be spring time at Bonito.



RUIDOSO POLICE

Mobile home broken into

A mobile home in the 100 block of Ranier Road was broken into, according to police reports.

The reports state that police went to the mobile home Wednesday and discovered a 2-foot by 3-foot window was broken in the back door, but no additional damage was found and nothing appeared to be missing.

Boy arrested at middle school

Police arrested a 13-year-old boy at Ruidoso Middle School for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The youth was taken to the police station and the Juvenile Probation officer said that he should be released to his moth-

er or aunt, that he is to stay inside his house during school hours and to report to the Juvenile Probation Office when notified.

Missing boy returns home

Jacob Freed, 16, who was reported missing after he got off work at Sierra Cinema at 8 p.m. on Jan. 3 reported back to his family and returned home that night, according to police reports.

Police officer promoted

Officer Wade Proctor was promoted to patrol corporal for the Ruidoso Police Department. He was among three officers testing by oral review exams and personal interviews for the promotion, said Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

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CAPITAN NEWS

Capitan trustees meet Monday

A master plan for drainage and flood plain designations for the village of Capitan is scheduled to be considered for approval Monday by the village Board of Trustees.

The village planning commission will submit its recommendations on that and on possible improvements and repairs to Lavano Road in the village. The meeting begins at the 7 p.m. in village hall on Lincoln Avenue.

Although Albert Padilla Jr. has been working as a police officer for the village for about two weeks, his hiring will become official Monday, said Mayor Norman Renfro. That brings the police force to three with Chief Carrol Durbin.

Other items on the agenda include:

- A recommendation from the water department on which of three bids received to clean out water storage tanks should be selected.

- A report from Trustee Debra Ingle about the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, a board on which she serves as a representative of the village.

- An update by Village Clerk Deborah Cummings on the village's Community Development Block Grant projects.

FEMA warns governments of possible Y2K problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are urging the emergency management, fire and emergency services community and the public to get ready now for Y2K.

"It is very important that counties, municipalities, school districts and other organizations that have not yet begun to work on Y2K issues, start now," FEMA Deputy Director Mike Walker said. "While some failures will be minor annoyances, some may have more serious consequences."

The Y2K issue is worldwide and refers to electronic and computer system problems that may occur because of the inability of date-sensitive devices to compute "2000" when systems move from 1999 to the Year 2000 (Y2K).

Virtually all systems that rely on computers or electronic devices that refer to date and time may be affected by Y2K in one way or another.

This includes power, dispatch and communication systems, 911 systems, microcomputers, and much more, according to information provided by FEMA.

In a recent FEMA survey of state emergency management directors concerning Y2K issues at the state and local

levels, the directors reported that although Y2K fixes are well under way in state-level emergency preparedness offices, the emergency service systems of many counties and municipalities remain untested.

"Generally states and the larger local governments are aware of and making some progress toward resolving Y2K issues, however, many smaller local governments as well as some state and territorial governments seem not to be aware of the problem," Walker said. "Clearly the most serious potential for problems is at the local level, and this is what we are concerned about."

In February and March, FEMA will conduct Y2K Consequence Management workshops around the country to identify critical issues, assess vulnerabilities, review contingency plans and consider policies and decisions that need to be made to deal with possible Y2K consequences.

Participants will include state Y2K emergency coordinators, emergency managers and state fire marshals as well as regional representatives of FEMA's Federal Response Plan partners.

Many states also reported that they have not developed

contingency plans specifically for Y2K problems; instead they plan to address problems under existing emergency plans or they expect to have their systems Y2K compliant in time. Most states expressed some level of concern about the possibility of power failures, especially where power is provided by small utilities.

Other areas of concern cited by the states include limited or a lack of resources to

assess, test and validate systems and fixes for Y2K problems.

"Every community, every organization and every individual has an obligation to learn more about the vulnerabilities and take action to prevent potential problems before they occur," Walker said. "Potential problems need to be identified and addressed now."

As chair and coordinator of the Emergency Services Sector

(ESS), FEMA is one of 34 sector coordinators working with the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, headed by presidential advisor John A. Koskinen.

The ESS group is working to make sure that all segments of the nation's emergency management community operate normally through the cross-over period from 1999 to the Year 2000 and beyond.

Funds available for emergency food, shelter

Lincoln County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The county has been chosen to receive \$6,830 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and United Way of America, which will provide the administrative staff and function as the fiscal agent.

The Board was charged to

distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of interested persons will determine how the funds awarded to Lincoln County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: be non-

profit, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Lincoln County has never distributed emergency food and shelter through this program.

To join the board or obtain more information, contact Arthur Hoopes at 257-4381 no later than Monday.

The deadline for applications to receive funding consideration Wednesday.

Consumers do not have to settle for poor products and services

LAS CRUCES - Consumers don't have to settle for products that fall apart, or accept unsatisfactory service. They can contact the company involved, says a New Mexico State University consumer education specialist.

"Most merchants are willing to help resolve complaints, which can save you money on repairs and replacements," said Susan Wright with the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service. "It gives merchants a chance to keep a satisfied customer."

Before making a complaint,

Wright recommends the following:

- Identify the problem, what's been done to resolve it and what would be a fair settlement — money back, the product repaired or exchanged.

- Gather documents regarding the complaint.

- Sales receipt, repair orders, warranties, canceled checks or contracts will help the company solve the problem.

- Contact the person who sold the item or performed the service.

- Calmly and accurately explain the problem and what

action should be taken. If that person is not helpful, ask for the supervisor or manager and repeat the complaint.

Allow each person a reasonable period of time to resolve the problem before contacting another source for assistance.

- "If you are not satisfied with the response, don't give up," Wright advised.

- "If the company operates nationally or the product is a national brand, write a letter to the customer service department or direct your letter to the president of the company."

Consumers who contact the person who sold the product or performed the service still need to write a letter of complaint. Companies that are not listed in local directories may be found

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Susan Wright, NMSU consumer education specialist

in Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives. It lists more

than 45,000 American business firms and can be found in most libraries.

"If you don't have the name of the product's manufacturer, check your local library for the Thomas Register," Wright suggested. "It lists the manufacturers of thousands of products."

Letters should include the complainant's name, address and home and work phone numbers.

They should be specific and brief. Include all the important facts such as the date and place of purchase and information

about the product or service — serial or model numbers or specific type of service.

Send copies, not originals, of all documents regarding the problem. Keep a copy of all letters.

"State what you think should be done about the problem," Wright advised. "Be reasonable. Avoid writing an angry, sarcastic or threatening letter. The person receiving your letter probably was not responsible for your problem, but may be very helpful in resolving it."

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Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:
Trails open: 50 of 55
Lifts open: All lifts (10 of 11) except Chair 6, which serves the Apache Bowl
Snow depth on open trails: 24 inches
Surface conditions: Packed powder
Skiing conditions: Good on upper mountain and excellent on lower mountain
Snowmaking: Yes, on the Elk Ridge trails
Expert trails Ringtail, Oscar's and Bear opened Thursday

This week

TODAY
Girls basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
2 p.m. & 6 p.m. winner's bracket semifinals in Cummins gym
2 p.m. & 6 p.m. loser's bracket semifinals in Taylor gym
Mescalero at Hondo 4:30 p.m.

Boys basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
3:30 & 7:30 p.m. winner's bracket semifinals in Cummins gym
3:30 & 7:30 p.m. loser's bracket semifinals in Taylor gym
Ruidoso at Portales, 4 p.m.
Mescalero at Hondo, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Saturday
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Girls basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
9 a.m. Seventh-place game
10:30 a.m. Fifth-place game
1 p.m. Third-place game
6 p.m. Championship game
Vaughn at Hondo, 4 p.m.

Boys basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
9 a.m. Seventh-place game
10:30 a.m. Fifth-place game
2:30 p.m. Third-place game
7:30 p.m. Championship game

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 4 p.m.
Capitan at Hagerman, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.

Scoreboard

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Girls basketball
Socorro 65, Ruidoso 38
Socorro.....22.....12.....22.....9-65
Ruidoso.....4.....10.....12.....12-38
Leading scorers: S - M. Iron 13, D. Valentine 12, M. Chavez 10, C. Haley 10, R - M. Spence 15, S. Fromknecht 10
Records: Socorro 7-2; Ruidoso 1-7. JV - R 36, S 34.

Hondo 69, Gateway Christian 24
Gate. Christ.2.....0.....9.....13-24
Hondo.....19.....13.....26.....11-69
Leading scorers: H - J. Candelaria 13, R. Gomez 12, K. Gomez 12. GC - J. Gazdek 23. Records: Hondo 6-1.

Boys basketball
Hondo 77, Gateway Christian 35
Gate. Christ.7.....8.....10.....10-35
Hondo.....13.....23.....30.....11-77
Leading scorers: H - J. Candelaria 26, A. Ontiveros 17, J. Greer 12. GC - J. Ogilvie 9
Records: Hondo 5-5.

On deck

Knights of Columbus FT Contest
Free-throw contest for girls and boys, ages 10-14, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Entry blanks are available at the schools or at Richard Mound's office, located at the ReMax Center. For more information call Dick Mound at 258-5526.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Bonito, Hondo, Peñasco
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - stimulators, elk hair and goddard caddis, blue winged olive, daves hoppers, ants and beetles.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's and gold ribbed hairs ears. Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis, and some action on beats.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.
All waters on the reservation are closed except Lake Mescalero.
Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

DISTRICT 3A GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young Eagles flying high with 6-1 start

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo girls basketball team ran its record to 6-1 after a 69-24 thrashing of Gateway Christian Tuesday in Hondo. The Eagles' early season successes have caught coach Julie Montoya by surprise. Montoya didn't know what to expect after losing three starters off last year's 16-9 team.

"We were really a whole new team from last year. So I'm real happy that we're hanging in there," Montoya said.

The Eagles complete their pre-district campaign with a 4:30 p.m. game against Mescalero today in Hondo. Then, they open District 3A play at 4 p.m. Saturday with Vaughn, a team the Eagles have beaten once already this season.

Competing in the 3A is new to Hondo,

which won District 1A's crown last year with a 7-1 record. Montoya expects Corona to challenge for the District 3A laurels. Carrizozo was another preseason favorite in the coaches poll.

Montoya will put a young team on the floor again this weekend. Three freshman, a sophomore and a junior start for the Eagles.

Guard Christina Sanchez, a freshman guard, leads the Hondo scoring attack with nearly 15 points a game. Sophomore point guard Chriselda Acosta averages about 13 points per game, while freshman post player Kalyn Gomez chips in 12 a contest for the Eagles. Rounding out the Hondo starting five are junior Kristen Romero

GAME DAY

Hondo opens the District 3A campaign Saturday
Where: Hondo
When: 4 p.m.
Where: Hondo gymnasium

and freshman Sarah Sanchez. So far those young Eagles have defeated every opponent except one, the Ruidoso junior varsity squad.

Montoya is cautiously optimistic.

"The only thing with freshmen is you never know what kind of state of mind they're in," Montoya said.

Although the team usually scores in the 60s, Montoya would like opponents to fear her team's play without the ball.

"I love defense," said Montoya, noting the Eagles still have to work on defending the ball.

"I'm not real happy with us yet," the second-year coach admitted.

Local boxer wins bout

Local Amateur Boxer Mario Portillo won the third match of his career Saturday in Alamogordo, defeating his opponent by a decision.

The two tangled for three rounds with Portillo recording the win. Portillo is now 3-0 overall with two knockouts.

Portillo, who boxes for the Downs Boxing Club, said he'll be back in the ring again soon, this time as a professional.

Portillo, 26, is trained by Tony Bolden.

HORSE RACING



At left, the architect's rendering of the 15,000-square-foot Billy the Kid Casino, located adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grandstands. The facility, which is scheduled to open in mid to late April, will house 300 slot machines, a restaurant and a simulcast facility.

Illustration courtesy of Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Below, Paul McClendon (right) makes measurements that will set the height of the footing of the new casino. Assisting him is Adam McClendon.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



New year promises more than slot machines

• Slot machines, professional bull riding and vintage motorcycles on the 1999 racing card for Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The new year marks a new era for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, and soon a new place for gamblers to try their luck at the slot machines.

By the end of April, the track's 15,000 square-foot casino should be open with its 300 video gambling machines operating, said Rick Baugh, Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager.

Work on the casino, which will be located east of the grandstand, started in November. The winter season hasn't slowed construction of the facility, named Billy the Kid Casino, by general contractor Arroya Development out of Phoenix, Ariz.

The exterior and interior of the casino will pay homage to one of Lincoln County's more notorious historical figures, Billy the Kid.

"We are the Old West. That's what people expect when they come to this area, and that's what we're going to give them," Baugh said. "We've taken our interior design person out to Lincoln. We want a theme. We want the entire casino to be an experience."

The facility will house the casino, a gift shop, a restaurant and a simulcast facility. The casino's administrative offices will move to the first floor of the grandstand, bumping the race-track's administrative offices to the second floor which used to stable the Race Horse Hall of Fame (now at the Hubbard Museum of the American West).

In addition to a casino, the race-track will host two new events and become the home of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

Baugh said Thursday that he has confirmed a flat track motorcycle race sanctioned by the Vintage Dirt Track

Racing Association for Sept. 18 and 19, the weekend of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

The Professional Bull Riders Tour will make a stop as well, Sept. 24 and 25. The ring will be located on the quarter horse strip.

"You'll be up close and personal with this deal," Baugh said.

Fall of 1999 at the track culminates with the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Symposium organizers elected to move the event from the Glencoe Rural Events Center to the racetrack's grounds.

"It's just pretty simple that they had outgrown the Glencoe center," Baugh said of the move.

1998 proved to be a Superior season for the Downs

• In 1998, Ruidoso Downs posted its largest combined betting handle since 1990.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

By the end of this decade, Ruidoso Downs Race Track could come full circle.

The track closed the books on one of its most successful years of the '90s when the clock struck midnight Dec. 31. Total handle for 1998 hit the \$18.5 million mark, the largest combined handle since 1990, said racetrack general manager Rick Baugh.

Baugh attributed the increase the fans' faith in the track.

"Everybody knows were here to stay. It's just going to get bigger and better," Baugh said.

It also didn't hurt that Ruidoso Downs was the only New Mexico track to have a summer race meet. The Downs at Santa Fe, which in the past ran in the summer, didn't offer a 1998 race meet,

and has not requested race dates for 1999.

"We were the only track. We had the full fields, which in turn leads to better handles," Baugh said.

For the 1998 meet, Ruidoso Downs posted increases in live handle and simulcast handle over 1997's numbers. The track's live handle was up \$2.7 million from \$9.2 million in 1997 to \$11.9 million in '98. Simulcast wagering increased from \$5.3 million in 1997 to \$6.5 million in 1998, a growth of \$1.2 million.

Total handle in 1998 outdid 1997 by nearly \$4 million. The track's total handle in 1997 was \$14,584,125. In 1998, that number rose to \$18,501,407.

Baugh points to Ruidoso's 1998 numbers as evidence which supports circuit racing.

But the New Mexico Racing Commission didn't see it that way when it approved a spring meet for the Downs of Albuquerque. The Albuquerque meet will have overlaps with Sunland Park and Ruidoso. Ruidoso's meet starts May 28 and runs through Sept. 6.

"I think it's going to show once and for all what we've been saying all these years, there needs to be circuit racing in the state," Baugh said.

New spirit of cooperation

Buoyed by the state Legislature's approval of video gambling, the state's four racetracks have formed the New Mexico Racing Association.

"All the racetracks in New Mexico are coming together," Baugh said. "We're working on everything from color coordinations in post parades being the same ... to purse pooling, to organizing simulcast coordination to go to other states."

New Mexico's racetracks also are working with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association in hopes of securing a cable TV network for New Mexico's races.

What does that mean to race fans?
"You'll be able to sit at home and wager on races off your TV," Baugh said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Grocers, restaurants get break on insurance

Small businesses that are members of the Food Industry Self Insurance Fund of New Mexico will receive a record high divided payment for last year and record low rates for worker compensation in 1999, according to a press release.

The fund, an association of 317 member businesses, is designed to provide food related businesses with affordable workers' compensation insurance rates.

The fund will give members dividends for the fourth year in a row, and a record \$823,000 for 1998, according to the release.

Business forum to be held in Santa Fe

Rural economic development, tourism and work force training are among the issues to be discussed at a statewide forum called Business Day, to be held Jan. 25-26 in Santa Fe. The forum is sponsored by the Association of Commerce & Industry of New Mexico, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Economic Forum, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce Executives Association, Tourism Association of New Mexico, according to a press release.

Cost of the reception is \$15. Registration deadline is Jan. 20. For more information, contact Peggy Baca at (505) 842-0644.

Making a 'carpet connection' in Ruidoso is easier

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Customers coming into the Carpet Connection have actually pointed out the holes they made in posts, walls or cabinets while testing the merchandise when the business was still a gun shop.

As it was, Melva and Ray Pack have done a tremendous amount of work changing the appearance of the store at 1509 Sudderth Drive from when it was a gun shop/mechanic shop/pawn shop, she said.

"I wish we had taken before and after photos," she said, looking around the back of the store where rolls of carpet, vinyl flooring and padding are now kept.

Besides the physical transition, the store represents a business transition for the Packs, a couple from Abilene, Texas. They own a construction company in Ruidoso and have in the past owned and operated a restaurant and a club. But the carpet store, which opened Nov. 23, is a new venture for them.

The idea started as a suggestion from Lupe Gallegos,

► New business

- What: The Carpet Connection
- Who: Melva and Ray Pack
- Where: 1509 Sudderth Drive
- When: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
- Telephone: 420-5862 - Ray Pack; 420-3816 - Melva Pack

owner of Chef Lupe's restaurant, where Ray Pack was doing some remodeling work. Gallegos, who owns the Packs' building, urged Ray Pack to lease the store as a carpet shop.

As a building contractor for more than three decades, the idea appeared sound to him.

"There are three carpet suppliers (in the Ruidoso area) but with as much construction as is going on now, we felt like this town could handle another one,"

he said.

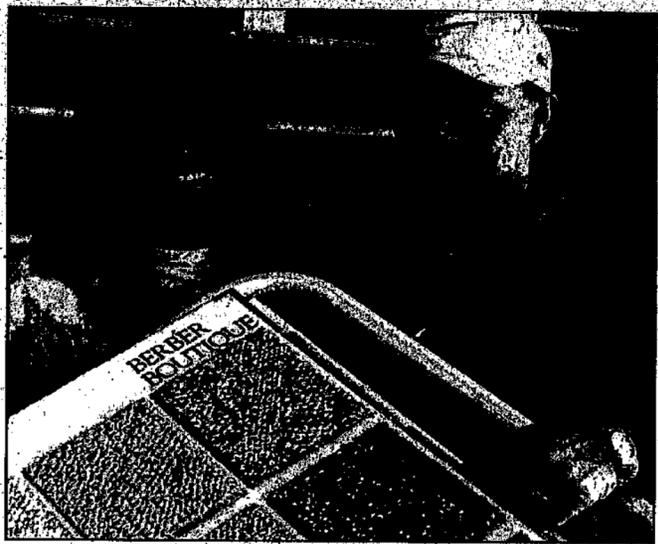
Melva Pack said business has been surprisingly good, despite opening the store at the start of winter when the construction industry typically slows down. They have received a dozen or so purchase/installments along with several other jobs, she said.

"And people are looking for spring," she said.

Besides carpet, the Carpet Connection offers tiles, vinyl flooring and even hard wood floors. What they don't have in stock, the couple can order, they said. Orders typically take one to five days to arrive, though orders for one line of carpet can take a few more days.

The Packs offer two prices on their carpet, which ranges in price from the expensive to inexpensive, Ray Pack said. One price includes the cost of installation, and the other, called "cash and carry," leaves the installation up to the purchaser to arrange.

Eventually, the Packs intend to augment their carpet selection with a line of southwestern furniture from an El Paso outlet.



Melva Pack and Ray Pack at Carpet Connections on Sudderth.

Moving to Ruidoso has been a longtime dream for Ray Pack, whose family has been a part-time visitor to the village for decades.

"It's just some place Ray has always wanted to be," Melva Pack said. "And he said I would love Ruidoso."

MARKET GLANCE

Global Economy: Not out of the woods yet

How would you like to be paid in video games and cameras? In addition, employees may have to sell company products to keep their jobs. These are some of the ways Japanese and Korean companies are dealing with excess capacity, which is the Achilles' heel of the global economy. Is Asia recovering? Outside of Japan, lower interest rates, massive government spending and capital inflows from abroad have resuscitated local currencies and stocks. But,

the heavy lifting of structural changes is yet to be made. Japan is getting sicker. Two key indicators - bank lending and consumer confidence - are not improving. The stronger you threatens exports. Budget deficits are mushrooming; the resulting higher bond yields are sapping what little vigor the economy has. Without Japan, which accounts for 70 percent of East Asia's GDP, Asia cannot be revived. In short, Asia is stabilizing at depressed levels.

The U.S. Economy: Profit squeeze could mean more

layoffs

Labor shortages from sea to shining sea, fatter paychecks, the vibrant stock market, mortgage market refinancings and low energy prices have stoked consumer spending.

All told, consumers provided almost all of the economic growth in the economic growth in 1998. This positive economic momentum will carry into 1999.

Later this year, however, shrinking corporate profits and an ensuing correction in the stock market could sap consumers pocketbooks. Corporate profits have been falling and more dips are expected this year.

The deflationary pressure and higher labor costs will chip away at margins. A global economic slowdown will make volume gains more difficult. Business will cut capital spending and accelerate layoffs, eventually moderating gains in consumer spending.

The much anticipated economic slowdown in 1999 will not come with a bang, though. The Federal Reserve has been accommodating. The vibrant stock market will have a lagging effect on the economy. The effect of low energy prices is like a big tax cut for consumers. Using annualized rates, economic growth should average 2.5 percent during the first half of the year followed by 1.5 percent during the second half of 1999.

This market column is provided by Sung Won Sohn, a veteran economist for Wells Fargo.

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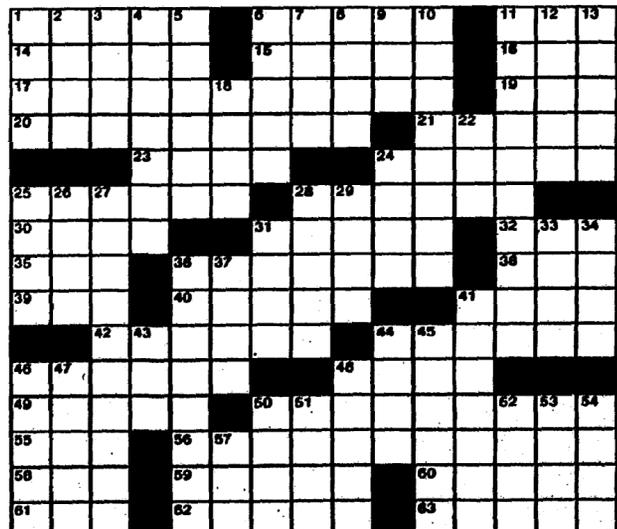
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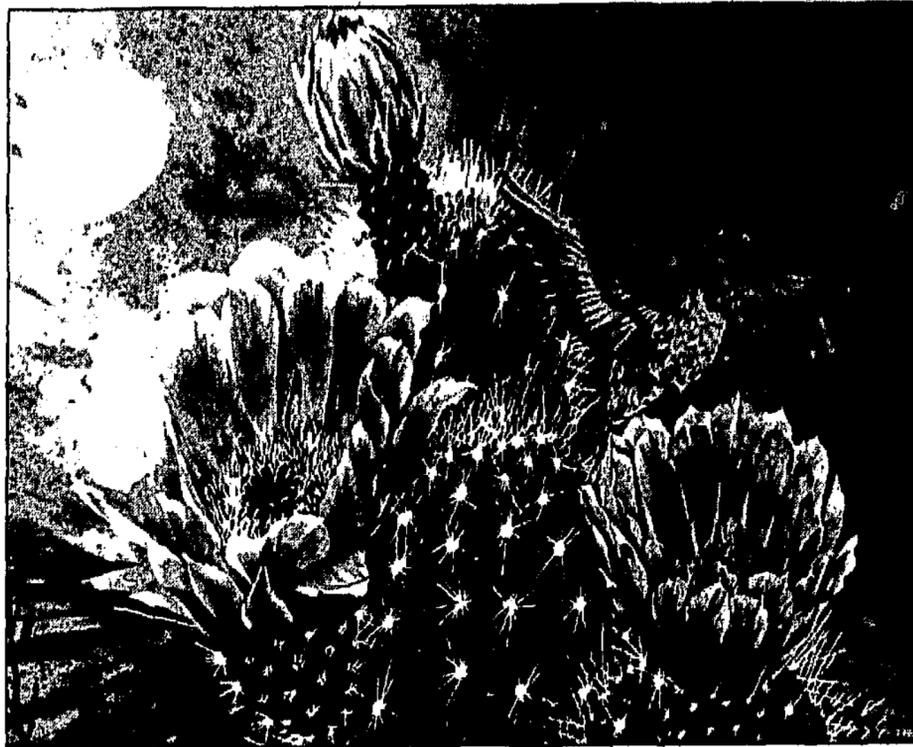
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Ben Chrisman

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Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.

Now through Jan. 31, the scratchboard art of Las Cruces artist Kathy Morrow. Winter hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

ON Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.

Solo show of Michael Hurd's latest works opened Aug. 16. The gallery also includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the traffic lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-1036.

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Lincoln County Artists Co-op

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Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.

The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burlwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892

Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic 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.

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4303.

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White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

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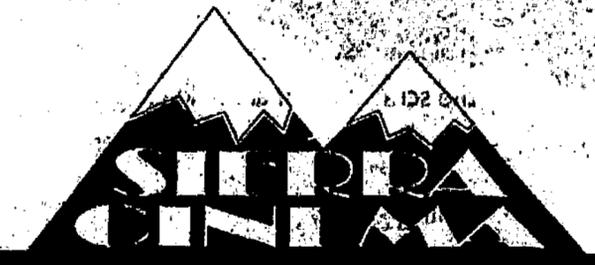
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The scratchboard art of Kathy Morrow

Story and photos by Ben Chrisman
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

KATHY MORROW works on one of her scratchboard pieces in her Las Cruces home.

If you look at Kathy Morrow's age-old style scratchboard art, which is filled with Native American imagery and southwestern themes, you would think she grew up with the subjects she created.

And you would be right. Morrow was raised on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona and the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota where her father organized and trained Indian forces.

Growing up, she earned money for the picture show by learning the art of making beaded necklaces and dresses that were sold on the reservations, a form of art she continues and adds to her paintings today.

At age 15 Kathy painted her first oil painting. From there she went on to graduate from Northern Arizona University in

Flagstaff and then took classes and taught at the Maryland School of Art.

Morrow discovered her first scratchboard while living in Oklahoma. She had heard of scratchboard before, but did not know what to do with the Chinese clay board. In addition, she thought scratchboard was black, while her piece was white.

The only reply from the saleslady about the problem was, "I think you put ink on it." And so she did.

This was in 1974. Now, 25 years later, she earns a living working in her Las Cruces home, spending up to 14 hours a day making

precise cuts that will eventually form a scratchboard painting.

Morrow's work is often easy to spot. Besides her distinctive style, there is often a beaded circle in the sky made up of hundreds of tiny ovals that she individually draws with a knife. She said she draws the shapes just like she would if she were using real beads.

"If it was perfect, it wouldn't look like real beadwork," Morrow said. "Sometimes a mistake is the best part of the piece and sends you on a new direction."

Morrow's newest direction is a style of scratchboard she calls kinetic art. She describes kinetic art as "your movement."

Morrow's kinetic pieces are a combination of three paintings where she cuts and pastes narrow strips together, forming a single multidimensional work. As a viewer walks alongside the piece, the images change on the painting.

"Before the art work is cut, it is deformed and until I put it in its angles it is proportionally wrong," Morrow said.



NATIVE AMERICAN culture has played a significant part in Kathy Morrow's art.

Because of the three-dimensional approach to the work, it can not be reproduced.

Morrow said she is able to make 40 scratchboard paintings a year. She doesn't like to be interrupted, and she even pays her daughter to run errands for her.

"Errands screw up my momentum from the morning," Morrow said.

Morrow has shown her work in Germany, France and all over the United States. She said her customers range between many types of people, but added that many of her customers have bought from her for many years.

Morrow oftentimes uses Native American models, but because she paints owls in her paintings which are considered bad omens in Native American culture, does not sell many paintings to Native Americans.

Morrow said though, she paints for herself, and not for her customers. She said she

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makes the art out of a love for the subjects and the personal expression they allow her to create.

"The people and animals in my work are real and their life stories inspire me," Morrow said. "I'm doing what I enjoy, and I enjoy the fact that people like it."

Morrow's painting range in price from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Her pieces can be viewed on the Internet at www.zianet.com/ffg.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will display Morrow's work beginning today through Jan. 31. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Morrow will demonstrate her techniques and talk with the public. On Jan. 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. she will again demonstrate her work on incomplete pieces. For information, contact the museum at (505) 378-4142 or (800) 263-5929.



REVERGE ANSELMO on the set of 'The Outfitters,' filmed primarily around Capitan and Carrizozo in the summer of 1997.

'The Outfitters' makes the Sundance marquee

story and photos by
Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the Sundance Film Festival opens Jan. 21, some names familiar in Ruidoso will attend the screenings and parties.

Reverage Anselmo, who wrote and directed, "The Outfitters," which he filmed in Lincoln County in 1997, will be there with the principal actors in the movie to watch the festival screening of their product.

"We were practically the first show they picked," Anselmo said, speaking from his Southern Hills Pictures office in Los Angeles. "They did a very complimentary review of the show (in the festival brochure). We were delighted.

"We're going to take all the principal cast members. It will be the first for Dell Zamora and Paul La Mat."

Zamora, originally from Roswell, plays one of two brothers around whom the film is centered. Le Mat plays a state trooper and the live-in lover of the character portrayed by Dana Delany. The talented actress received four Emmy nominations and two Emmy awards for Best Actress when she starred as Army nurse Colléen McMurphy in the television series

"China Beach."

The other brother in the film is played by Danny Nucci, who was cast as the immigrant friend of Leonardo DiCaprio in "Titanic."

Being picked for the Sundance Festival "changed the whole economic world for the picture," Anselmo said. "It has a distributor and it's already started to sell in territories overseas, but they're holding off until we find out what happens at Sundance.

"The actors are delighted. We're going up with all the confidence in the world that we have the best show up there."

As soon as the film goes into distribution, it will be shown in Ruidoso, Anselmo said.

Anselmo and his cast and crew spent the fall of 1997 in the county filming primarily around the Capitan and Carrizozo areas. Several locals were cast in minor parts and in background shots.

The glowing review written for the Sundance Festival by Trevor Groth complimented both the technical and artistic sides of film, calling the sound track "uttering amazing" from diverse artists such as Ennio Morricone, Squirrel Nut Zippers and Tommy James and the Shondells.

"The driving force behind the film is Anselmo's knowledge and insight about this world and his ability to weave minute details

seamlessly into every scene, creating a multilayered cornucopia of comedy," Groth wrote. "The chemistry between Nucci and Zamora authentically captures the love and frustration between two brothers.

"By combining these elements with a majestic regional setting seldom described so accurately, 'The Outfitters' writes a delightful page in the western genre."

Anselmo already is working on a new production.

"I'm working on a new movie called 'One Fell Swoop,' shooting in Prague starting May 1," he said. "Right now, I'm in the middle of pre-production. We have the production designer, we have the cinematographer, who shot 'Out of Africa,' the casting director is on board, the sound man and the line producer. We're casting now."

Using a novella called "First Love" by author Ivan Turgenev, Anselmo created a screen play.

"It was short, only 63 pages, so I developed it from there," Anselmo said. "We have some parallel stories that I'll dovetail together in the screen play. It's a very high quality material. You can't ask for better. (Turgenev) said the first and last words on the subject of first love.

"If we don't miss our tone - it's a very intolerant script, whereas 'The Outfitters' was very tolerant - we have to be right on target. If we

do that, it will be a real jewel."

After that project is finished, Anselmo may be back in New Mexico.

"I have a meeting with Fred Roos, a well-known, longtime Hollywood producer, Jan. 17, to talk about doing some movies together in New Mexico," he said. "He has house there. He saw 'The Outfitters' and loved it. We haven't met, but he's interested in doing it."

Roos currently is the producer of "Town and Country," a film starring Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn. Dell Zamora worked on that movie for four months, Anselmo said.

"It's a bear," he said. "They're months over schedule."

That could be one of the things that attracted Roos to Anselmo in addition to liking his first feature-length film.

"I delivered two days short (of his deadline)," Anselmo said. "This probably will lead to other things in New Mexico."

"The Outfitters" will play at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Holiday Village Cinema, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Prospector Square and at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, in the Sundance Screening Room in Sundance.

Its press screening is set for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 29.



TOP, a soon to be completed kinetic work; bottom, Morrow's first scratchboard piece



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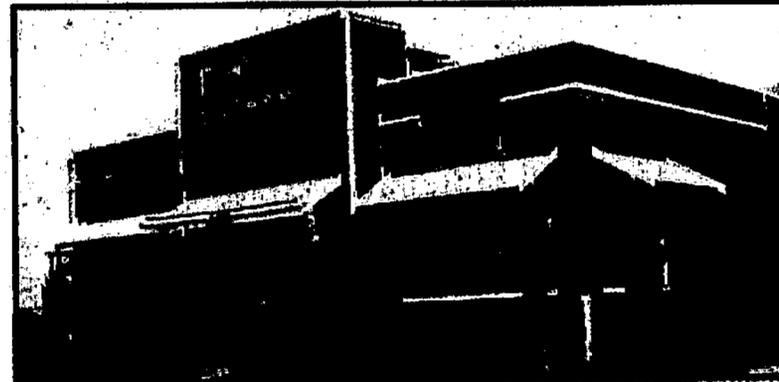
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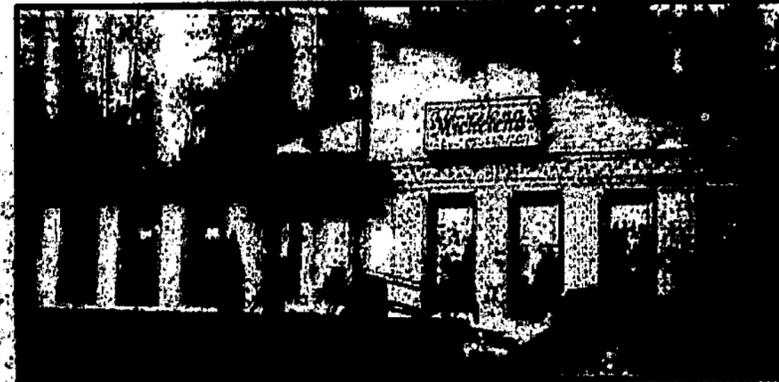
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THE HORNHEADS, from left: Kathy Jensen - alto/baritone sax, flute, clarinet; Dave Jensen - trumpet, flugelhorn; Michael B. Nelson - trombone, euphonium/leader, arranger; Steve Strand - lead trumpet, flugelhorn; Kenni Holmen - tenor/soprano sax, flute, piccolo.



the Hornheads blow into town

review by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

The versatile Hornheads have a treat just for community concertgoers, featuring a medley written specifically for the series and four of the favorite composers of leader-arranger-trombonist-euphoniumist Michael B. Nelson.

"I spent the summer writing some extra music so that we would have a variety of music for the community concerts," Nelson said, "just because they have a wide variety of people that come."

Pieces by Duke Ellington, Leonard Bernstein, Stevie Wonder and Miles Davis are the core of the 7 p.m. Monday performance at the First Christian Church, with Nelson's "West Side Story Medley" and other originals interspersed. The concert is the third performance in the Ruidoso Community Concert Association series.

The Hornheads first formed in 1991 when they played the horn parts for

Prince. They began working together as an acappella group and acquired their name in 1994. Prince inadvertently gave them their name when they played and toured with him.

"The horn section was kind of known to goof around and laugh a lot," said Nelson, "particularly Kathy Jensen, our saxophonist who has quite an infectious laugh, and (Prince) came walking into the rehearsal room while we were really laughing quite loudly."

"He just kind of looked out of the corner of his eyes, rolled his eyes and said 'hornheads' and walked away. We decided it was appropriate to call ourselves that."

The group did about 15 different album projects with Prince of all different styles, from pop and funk to jazz and orchestral, including a ballet Prince wrote for his own wedding.

"As far as exciting goes," Nelson said, "besides our own music, that was certainly the most exciting - recording and touring with him."

The Hornheads have recorded with Janet Jackson, Rod Stewart, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Louie Bellson, Ray Charles, Sammy Davis Jr., Dizzy

Gillespie and Doc Severinson among many others.

While Nelson said it's exciting to work with contemporary artists and tour with them, they also enjoy going into schools and communities and performing just as the horn section.

"This also leans more to our interest in jazz," Nelson said. "We all studied it and probably had major interests in jazz music going through high school and college, so that's where our root is."

As an acappella jazz group, the Hornheads combine virtuosic improvisation with sizzling ensemble work to delight audiences with their artistry, versatility, musical range and precision.

Their first CD, "Hornheads," is all original compositions of Nelson. Their second one "Five Heads Are Better Than One," is about half originals, with a Duke Ellington medley and pieces by Miles Davis. This fall Hornheads finished a jump-swing album for Target Store's Lifescapes series.

They worked on nine album projects this year and are working with keyboardist-organist Ricky Peterson for a Windham Hills jazz album.

performances

The Hornheads

An exhilarating horn quintet performs a wide variety of music at 7 p.m. Jan. 11. The third performance in the Ruidoso Community Concert Series. Call 336-4015 for details.

Blues and BBQ

Sistah Blue, an all-woman band from Phoenix, is the feature band at the Jan. 23 Blues and BBQ concert. From 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

what's brewing

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Maynard Ferguson to toot his horn at Flickinger Center

Jazz legend Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau band take to the Flickinger Center stage Saturday, Jan. 23, in Alamogordo. New Mexico State University's Top Big Band will open the show at 7 p.m. followed by Ferguson and his band. Tickets are available through the Flickinger Center or at Outdoor Recreation on HAFB. Call 505-437-2202 for information.

Ferguson's innate musical talents were evident at an early age. Encouraged by his parents, he played piano and violin. At the age of 9, he discovered the trumpet and never looked back. Since that time, he has become one of the greatest trumpet and brass players in the world. In recognition of four decades as a jazz band leader, he was given the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1997. He is also a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

An important aspect of Ferguson's career is his dedication to teaching and sharing his talent with students. He travels all over giving clinics to interested students.

At the age of 70, Ferguson is

busier than ever. One of his new projects is "Maynard Ferguson Presents." He is producing jazz albums spotlighting young members of his band. It is his way of spreading his vast musical knowledge to the next generation. Throughout his career Ferguson has worked with many talented young musicians that have gone far and enjoy successes of their own. Some include Don Ellis, Chuck Mangione, Peter Erskine and Chick Corea.

Ferguson and his bands have been pushing the envelope of powerful, contemporary jazz since the twilight of the big band heyday. He blends straight-ahead jazz and swing with elements from the latest musical trends. Ferguson's trademark is his ability to reach high notes and still keep the sound true. He recorded music for films such as "The Ten Commandments" and "Gonna Fly Now," the theme from Rocky. Ferguson is also known for his 1974 hit MacArthur Park and his version of Star Wars.

Tickets are available now and cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.



courtesy photo

MAYNARD FERGUSON will perform and give an instructional clinic to students in Alamogordo Jan. 23.

SILVERSCREEN

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

You've Got Mail

Rated: PG
Show times: 2:30 p.m.*, 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*
Plot: Once upon a time there were two bookstore owners. One was a passionate young woman who ran a small children's bookstore. The other was the owner of Manhattan's largest book superchain, a man whose enterprise could put every independent bookstore out of business. The man and the woman were natural enemies. But when they coincidentally - and anonymously - met in cyberspace, they accidentally fell in love.

Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star as Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly, two booksellers who face off against each other in real life even as they unwittingly romance each other via modem.

Mighty Joe Young

Rated: PG
Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.*
Plot: Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton) is exploring the remote Pangani Mountains in Central Africa when he comes upon an incredible discovery - an awesome 15-foot gorilla. Fearsome and dangerous when provoked, he is tame in the hands of Jill (Charlize Theron), the 21-year-old orphan who raised the gorilla and named him Joe. When Joe's life is threatened by poachers,

Gregg and Jill rescue Joe by moving him to a California animal preserve. However, Joe is not safe for long. His newfound notoriety makes him a target for an enemy of his past ... a ruthless poacher who is eager to steal Joe for his unique value in the endangered species black market. Feeling threatened and confused in his manmade confines, Joe escapes and attempts to navigate the modern metropolis of Los Angeles, leaving a trail of destruction and chaos in his wake.

Star Trek: Insurrection

Rated: PG
Show Times: 2:15 p.m.*, 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*
Plot: The battle for paradise pits members of the Star Trek crew against each other.

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new December and January video releases

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January 12
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Buffalo 66
Return to Paradise
Good Cop, Bad Cop

January 26
Rush Hour
Cube

Top Rentals for Jan. 1- Jan. 8
Out of Sight

How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Disturbing Behavior
The Avengers
Blade
Lethal Weapon 4
Madeline
Six Days, Seven Nights
Mask of Zorro
The Parent Trap

Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.

Artist presents unique tour of musical history

In a uniquely artistic and historical program, instrumentalist Lauren Pelon will present her performance, The Living Roots Of Music at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. The Living Roots Of Music traces the story of music and instruments from the first to 20th centuries.

Pelon, who performs and explains instruments such as the lute, guitar, lyre, recorder, gemshorns, cornamuse, electronic woodwinds and many more in her program, has toured throughout the world. Incorporated in her pro-

gram are more than 20 ancient instruments with modern and historical arrangements and quotes from early Greek philosophers, medieval theologians and contemporary scholars and performers. An informational pamphlet and program notes are distributed at each performance to further the explanation of the roots of music throughout the ages.

Pelon's one-night performance is presented by the Territorial Theater. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information call 354-2316.

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VAMONOS!

Bronco Bill was no circus performer



Drew Gamber
LINCOLN HISTORIAN

They felt that because they had never got around to actually robbing anyone, their indiscreet use of firearms would simply be overlooked by everyone.

In 1888 or 1889, a young man showed up at the Diamond A Ranch in the New Mexico Territory. It was noted at the time that he was on foot and came from the direction of nearby Mexico. However, in keeping with the tradition of the times, no one asked him any questions about where he had come from or what he had been doing.

He was hired on as a hand and proved to be a good one. At some point that has become lost to history, the young man, William Walters, became known as "Bronco Bill," a nickname that stayed with him until his death.

In 1890, Bronco Bill had his first brush with the law near Separ, N.M. (Some years later, a group of outlaws descended on Separ, and according to newspaper reports of the time, "took everything available in sight," which pretty much ruined the town. Today, it is a convenience store and a gas station next to a railroad track. But in 1890, it was a thriving little mining community.)

At any rate, Walters and a confederate named Mike McGinnis decided to relieve a miner named Jackson of \$480 he was carrying. The plot was to discharge their pistols in and around the rooming house where their intended victim was staying. When the supposedly panicked Jackson fled in terror, Walters and McGinnis would then simply enter his room and pick up his money.

Unfortunately for the two would-be thieves, when they entered Jackson's room, they discovered that he had taken his money with him.

"The best laid plans ..."

This seemed to enrage the crime-bent duo almost to insanity. They began running about Separ, shooting at anything that moved



BRONCO BILL WALTERS as he appeared on entry into the New Mexico territorial prison on Dec 14, 1899.

courtesy New Mexico State Records Center

and many things that didn't. A wire was sent to Grant County Sheriff Harvey Whitehill, who happened to be in Lordsburg. Whitehill, in the company of one friend, hopped a train for Separ. When the lawmen arrived in Separ, all was quiet. Bronco Bill and Mike McGinnis had wearied of shooting at people, and had gone back to the rooming house and gone back to bed.

Apparently, they felt that because they had never got around to actually robbing anyone, their indiscreet use of firearms would simply be overlooked by everyone. They were mistaken.

The pair was lodged in Whitehill's Silver City jail, where they remained until February 16, 1891, at which time they released themselves on their own recognizance — they escaped. By May 26 of the same year, Bronco Bill had been recaptured and was being sentenced to one year in prison for his naughtiness.

Bill was a model prisoner and was released on April 13, 1892. For the next four years, he appears to have worked honestly as a cowboy. But in 1896, he returned to his former vocation — outlaw.

On February 28, 1896, while awaiting arraignment on the charge of larceny, Bill and several other prisoners, again left on their own recognizance — this time through a hole in the wall they had made in their spare time. On March 31, Bill showed up in Deming where he traded shots with two lawmen. No one was hit and Bill left town

PAST TENSE

rather hurriedly.

The first train

Late on the night of March 29, 1898, two men attempted to rob a train near Grants, N.M., but were driven off by alert and heavily armed employees.

Two months later, the pair was more successful. On May 26, a daring robbery of a mail train was perpetrated by two unmasked bandits at Belen. Within hours, two local lawmen, Francisco Vigil and Daniel Bustamente, took up the chase. The next day, the two lawmen, along with two trackers, caught up with Bronco Bill and his confederate, later identified as William "Kid" Johnson. When the gunsmoke cleared, both lawmen lay dead, as did one of the trackers. Things had gotten serious — it wasn't just a robbery charge anymore.

The two outlaws were spotted near Holbrook, Arizona, both sporting minor wounds from their encounter with the law. Word of their identities spread and this time two other lawmen took up the chase. And these two lawmen were among the most efficient that the Old West ever produced: Jeff Milton and George Scarborough. Both men were veterans of numerous gun battles.

Milton, when he was El Paso chief of police several years before, had backed down the West's deadliest killer: John Wesley Hardin — even though he knew that if Hardin were to choose to draw, he (Milton) wouldn't have a chance. And it was George Scarborough that had killed Hardin's assassin, the ever-dangerous John Selman. In other words, neither Scarborough nor Milton was anyone with whom to fool.

Identified

In July of 1898 Bronco Bill and Kid Johnson, dressed to the nines, appeared at a dance in Geronimo, Arizona. When one woman refused to dance with Bronco Bill, the less-than-gallant outlaw began firing his pistol hither and yon, and "cleared the hall." However, the bandits were identified and Milton and Scarborough were sent for.

The lawmen organized at Deming. In addition to Milton and Scarborough there was a young man named Eugene Thacker who wanted experience in hunting outlaws. Then there was a Diamond A cowboy named Martin who professed to be able to identify Bronco Bill.

From Deming, the quartet took a train to a place called Buttermilk Point, about 15 miles southeast of Geronimo. Figuring that the outlaws would head for Hampton's

Double Circle Ranch on the Black River where they had friends, the posse got there first, disarmed everyone in camp, and settled in to wait.

The gunfight

On July 30, young Thacker had left camp to search for some horses and Milton and Martin went down to the river to do a little fishing. George Scarborough was left alone to watch the camp. He was just sitting there when he noticed three horsemen on the trail on the canyon ridge that led into camp. Instantly, they had Scarborough's rapt attention. Two of the riders stopped on the trail and began shooting at a rattler. The third man kept coming.

The third man dismounted and began conversing with one of the employees and Scarborough heard him announce that, "I guess I don't want to stop here." Milton, who by this time had joined Scarborough, called out, "Hold on there, Cap. I want to talk to you for a minute!" The rider immediately opened fire with his revolver and Milton and Scarborough returned fire with their rifles. The out-gunned outlaw toppled off of his horse and lay still.

With this, the two other outlaws jerked their own pistols and opened fire on the lawmen. Both Milton and Scarborough dropped to the ground and began shooting back. In short order they killed both horses, putting the outlaws afoot. When the two outlaws, Kid Johnson and a man later identified as Daniel "Red" Pipkin bolted into the brush, they apparently felt that they were well concealed. Not quite. Johnson's (apparently rather large) posterior was still in full view. Scarborough and Milton treated it as though there was a bull's-eye painted on it. One of their bullets went through both of Johnson's hips and lodged in his lower intestines.

Pipkin, seeing this, decided that he had pressing business elsewhere, and vanished into the brush.

Aftermath of the gun battle

Deciding to go after Pipkin another day, the possemen first carried the badly wounded Kid Johnson down into camp and made him as comfortable as possible. Then they went to retrieve the body of the first outlaw — the one they had shot out of the saddle — who they had assumed was dead. They wanted to get his body out of the sun and into the shade (Arizona in July, remember?). The cowboys in camp had identified this man as

Bronco Bill. When Milton grabbed the ankles of the "corpse" and gave a violent jerk, blood gushed from Bronco Bill's mouth and nose. He suddenly started breathing. Milton had unintentionally saved the outlaw's life.

Milton sent a brief, but to the point message to Fort Apache. Figuring that Kid Johnson was not long for this world, and that Walters' future was also in question, the message read: "Send a doctor and a coffin." Milton was correct. When the doctor arrived, Johnson had already departed for a possibly warmer clime even than Arizona, and Walters was in bad shape. One of the lawmen's bullets had shattered his right arm, passed through at least one lung and then lodged just under his left armpit.

Aftermath

Bronco Bill survived and secured famed lawman-lawyer-gunman Elfege Baca to defend him. Elfege eventually retired from the case, possibly because of Bronco Bill's impoverished state.

On November 26, 1899 Bronco Bill Walters was sentenced to life imprisonment. Bill's wounds finally healed while he was in prison, but he never fully recovered the use of his right arm. In 1911, he attempted to escape, but was captured within a few days.

In an interview with the Albuquerque Evening Herald, Bill announced that he had "quit the bad game for good." He wasn't kidding — he never again committed another crime.

Pardoned in 1917, Bronco Bill returned to the Diamond A Ranch where he worked under the name of William Brown. His true identity was an open secret.

The end finally came in an unexpected way. Bronco Bill Walters, train-robber, killer and all-around bad man, was knocked from a windmill on June 16, 1921 and died of his injuries within hours.

He was buried in an unmarked grave in the Hachita Cemetery. Bronco Bill had gotten into crime gradually: larceny to train robbery to murder. His crimes had escalated with time, and once you start, it's hard to stop.

"Those who shake hands with the devil often have trouble getting their hands back."

— old Irish proverb

Sources: "The Gunfight at Black River" by H. Edwards; "Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal

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Tribe votes 'No' to early election

Administration sees result as 'incentive' to move forward with plans for Apaches

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The new Mescalero Apache administration withstood its first major challenge with a nearly two-to-one victory to leave President Paul Ortega in office until the next general election later this year.

Mescalero voters were asked Tuesday if the tribal Constitution required an immediate special election to pick a new tribal president, or if Ortega as former vice president, should continue to serve in the president's chair. Ortega took over as president when Wendell Chino died in November after leading the tribe for more than 40 years.

Thirty-eight percent of the eligible voters on the reservation turned out — for the first time using electronic machines. The majority, 435 to 245, voted against a special presidential election proposed by Tribal Housing Director Freddie Kaydahzinne and by a petition bearing 473 signatures.

When it came time to cast a ballot in the secrecy of the voting booth, apparently only about half of those who signed the petition thought that a special election was needed. But enough voters showed up at the polls to declare the election valid and reaffirm Ortega's administration.

"A lot of people said don't worry, but you do," said tribal Vice President Oliver Enjady, who was selected by the council to fill the seat left vacant by Ortega's move to president.

"I'd like to say thank you to the

people," Ortega said Wednesday during an interview at his office in Mescalero. "They gave me the incentive to do all of the things we dreamed of — new schools, a home for the elderly, creation of new jobs and new housing.

"They've given us incentives to go do it. We appreciate that they have confidence in us. It feels good. In a way, I didn't know where I was at (before with tribal members)."

Ortega and Enjady responded to points listed by Kaydahzinne in a letter sent to Mescalero residents:

- In response to Kaydahzinne's contention that only the signatures of 25 percent of eligible voters were needed to call for the special election, Enjady explained that when the housing director presented the petition, he said it was not for a recall of the president, which under the tribal constitution requires 25 percent. The petition called for a special election, Enjady said. The council concluded that a special election is a referendum and falls under a requirement for the signatures of 30 percent of the electorate. The number of signatures on Kaydahzinne's petition, based on 1,800 eligible voters, fell short of the 540 mark required and was rejected.

- However, to give tribal members a voice in the decision, the referendum was set on the question of the constitutional interpretation.

- In response to criticism that the administration was late in appointing an election board, Enjady pointed out that the question of a deadline was



Oliver Enjady, left, vice president of the tribe, with President Paul Ortega. The two received a boost of confidence after the tribal members voted "No" to early presidential elections.

moot, because the board already appointed by Chino was used (minus Kaydahzinne as its chairman). The council moved quickly to set up the referendum, because members wanted to settle the question to allow the Tribe to move forward, Enjady said.

- Responding to Kaydahzinne's objections to law enforcement officers attending council meetings and escorting his wife out of the room when she was speaking, Enjady said the council was being interrupted

with other issues from spectators while they were trying to make business decisions on the table. Sometimes it is necessary to maintain order in a meeting, he said. Having an officer at a government meeting is not unusual. New Mexico state statutes require either the sheriff or a deputy as his designee to attend all county commission meetings, Sheriff Tom

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Tribal administration devises changes in business

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A different style of administration seems to be settling into place at the Mescalero Apache business offices.

What had become a one-man-directed operation led by President Wendell Chino after 40 years at the tribal helm, is being transformed into decisions primarily by consensus and input from many.

"Restoring order (after Chino's

death in November) was one of the big things, because no one knew what he was about," new President Paul Ortega said Wednesday during an interview in his office.

"During council meetings, people seldom questioned what he put through. The challenge is to give the power back to the people, to the courts and to the programs," Ortega said. "I met with the tribal staff, people who worked for President Chino, and I told them I am not about power.

I am about programs and people. As long as they do their jobs, they don't have to worry.

"And as you can see, everyone still is here."

Ferris Palmer is tribal administrator and Sharon Saenz remains administrative secretary to the president.

Although audits of each tribal enterprise have been conducted annually, they're especially important this year, because "it will ensure that whatever we take over is in good condition," Ortega said. "We are a business company and have to look at the numbers and see where we are and where we want to go. We're in the middle of that now."

The condition of the Tribe's gambling enterprise, Casino Apache, and the future of the Inn of the Mountain Gods are two of the main business concerns. Construction of schools and a home for the elderly are two of the main social projects, Ortega said.

One of the first things his administration did was to assume supervision of the casino and its slot machines from Gaim-Ko Inc. The tribe is moving ahead to manage its own operation.

"We were the only tribe in the state that doesn't own their own machines," Vice President Oliver Enjady said.

In a letter to tribal members

informing them of the changes in management, Ortega and Enjady included a chart showing that under the Gaim-Ko contract that expired at the end of last month, the Tribe received only 6 percent of the revenues generated by gambling.

Gaim-Ko took the lion's share with 35 percent, the state tax (which has not yet been paid by the Mescalero) would take 16 percent, the Inn of the Mountain Gods received 23 percent and casino operating costs were 20 percent.

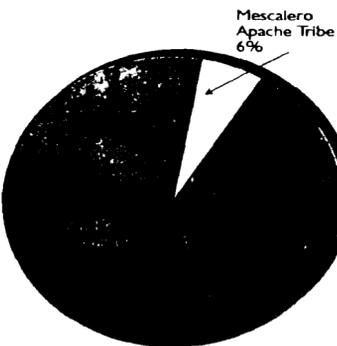
Under the proposed new approach with the Mescalero handling their own machines, 49 percent of the revenues would come back to the tribe, 15 percent would defray the cost of buying the machines, state tax would take 16 percent and 20 percent would go to operating costs.

The Inn would not be included in the division of revenues, because Ortega hopes to re-establish the luxury resort as a top-of-the-line convention center — something that took a back seat to gambling when the casino invaded the convention space.

"It's not so much that we won't subsidize the Inn, but we want it to stand on its own," Ortega said. "The conventions were taken out by the casino and we have to get it back to its original program. The only thing it

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Casino Apache revenue allocation with Gaim-Ko



Source: Mescalero Apache Tribe

Casino Apache revenue allocation with tribal control



by Ana Anglada/Ruidoso News

Public Service Co. of New Mexico shows interest in CCNG

Prominent utility's presence puts new spin on battle between the Carrizozo-Capitan utility and Zia Natural Gas

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two large gas companies are interested in buying the Capitan-Carrizozo municipal gas operation.

When members of the small gas company and of each village's board of trustees met Tuesday to discuss a purchase offer from Zia Natural Gas, they learned that Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) has expressed an interest in purchasing the company and its some 800 customers.

Brady L. Gist, manager of new business and support for PNM in its

Carlsbad office, wrote LeRoy Montes, gas company board president and a Capitan trustee, about the company's interest.

In that letter received Jan. 5, Gist wrote that he understood the villages were considering selling the gas company.

He stated that PNM (an Albuquerque-based firm) is interested in a possible acquisition and if the village boards also were interested, they should contact him.

The utility serves the areas of Capitan, Carrizozo, Fort Stanton, Loma Grande and Nogal.

That puts a new spin on a situa-

tion that has been boiling between Zia and the two villages since 1992 when Zia purchased a 4-inch transmission line from the gas company.

At that time, the company was a separate entity owned by the two villages. Now, it is a joint municipal operation.

After years of bickering, filing lawsuits and complaints against each other, Zia sent an offer to the villages to buy the gas operation for \$614,000.

Initially, Zia president David Hamilton put a deadline of Jan. 5 to accept the offer, but has moved that forward to Tuesday, Jan. 12.

He has pointed to rate increases that will go into effect in 2001, when a "preferred rate" transportation arrangement with the two villages, tied to the 1992 contract, expires.

But trustees have indicated the feedback from residents of their communities has been to hang onto the utility.

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro said if the boards decide they're interested in a sale, no quick action can be taken no matter who's doing the buying.

"We'd have to have it appraised and have a public hearing to get the reaction of the people," he said. "We

might even have to have a referendum."

Renfro doesn't know if PNM will receive a call back.

"We really haven't had a chance to discuss it," he said. "I really can't say if we'll contact PNM. This was a surprise really. We certainly hadn't put it out for sale. We were just trying to settle the differences between Zia and ourselves."

Zia serves about 8,000 customers in Lincoln County and handles several other areas in the state, including Hobbs.

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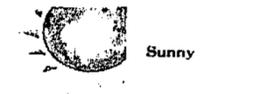
RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 51 Low ... 23



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 47 Low ... 15



Sunny

MONDAY High ... 56 Low ... 19



Sunny

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	57	22	.00"
Wednesday	56	19	.00"
Thursday	60	19	.00"

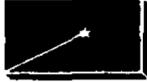
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Albuquerque	45	30	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	65	37	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	59	36	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	68	38	Partly cloudy

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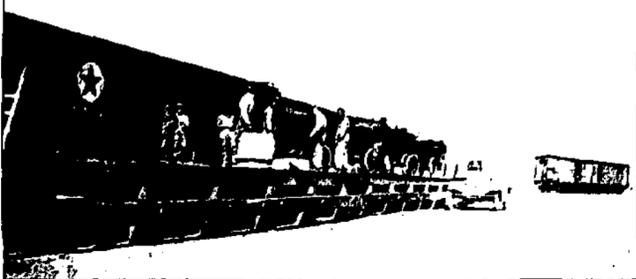


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Unloading Model Ts at the Carrizozo railroad yard

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 12, 1899

A pleasant time is reported by those who attended the dance at Mr. and Mrs. Leslie's Tuesday night.

For the first time in its history, Lincoln County has, with one single exception, a full set of Republican officials, all, save two, being new in the harness.

Each of the new officials gave bond, qualified, taking the oath of office last week, as follows: D. Perea, Sheriff; I. L. Amalla, Clerk; R. Michaelis, Treasurer; B. F. Gumm, Assessor; W. M. Clute, Superintendent of Schools; W. F. Blanchard, Probate Judge; M. Cronin, B. Cleve and Estolano Sanchez, Commissioners.

The new board organized by electing M. Cronin chairman.

CableVision moves to different owner in association

No changes in the system's current operation will occur under the new ownership, which still will be managed by Rifkin & Associates, Inc., an executive said.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Though CableVision soon will have a new owner, any changes to the cable system will be in name only, an executive with CableVision's parent company said Thursday. "Operationally, there is no change," said Dale D. Wagner, a senior vice president with Rifkin & Associates, Inc., the Colorado-based parent company of CableVision. "There will

be no changes in staffing or in service."

CableVision itself will not change names.

As soon as the sale is effective, CableVision's new legal ownership will be under InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, rather than the current owner, Rifkin Cable Income Partners. Both companies are partnerships managed by Rifkin & Associates, Inc., Wagner said.

"The actual official date (of the sale) will coincide with us obtaining all the franchise consents (from the municipalities where the cable systems are located). We are hoping that will be within the next one to two months," he said.

Both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs village councils are to amend their franchise agreements next week with CableVision. The amendment is to acknowledge the ownership change. Both villages signed 15-year franchise agreements with Rifkin Cable Income Partners in 1997.

CableVision is one of four cable services owned by Rifkin Cable Income Partners to be moved to InterLink, Wagner said. The others are in Missouri, Indiana and Florida.

Rifkin is consolidating its partnership cable systems under InterLink to give the company greater financial leverage, Wagner said.

"What we are doing is

rolling up our partnership structure to make it a more efficient financeable vehicle," he said. "It makes it a larger finance vehicle and is more accessible to capital."

In 1998, InterLink purchased an additional 40 cable systems from outside the Rifkin management umbrella, he said. InterLink now has about 100 cable systems in 17 states.

Wagner said CableVision's recent rate increase to basic cable, effective Jan. 1, is not related to the realignment of ownership.

The company has every intent of providing fine service to CableVision's customers, he said.

Ruidoso Downs, attorneys respond to lawsuit

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In response to a lawsuit filed against Ruidoso Downs in November, an attorney for the village says the council was within its rights in refusing to pay Robert Beauvais.

Beauvais, a Ruidoso attorney, had submitted about \$13,000 in legal bills to Ruidoso Downs for his work representing Mayor Joe Hayhurst in another lawsuit against the village council. The mayor's lawsuit centered on whether the village council followed policy in firing an administrative clerk in the spring.

When village trustees repeatedly refused to pay Beauvais, he filed his own lawsuit against both the Downs and Village Attorney Dan Bryant for breach of contract among other things.

Thomas Sandenaw, who is representing the village in Beauvais's lawsuit, was not in his Las Cruces office this week and could not be reached for comment. However, in the writ-

ten response filed with the 12th District Court, Sandenaw says the village council was within its rights to reject Beauvais's invoices.

"... Such refusal was based on the lack of compliance with statutory authority and ordinance of the village," Sandenaw said.

Beauvais has said that Hayhurst is entitled to representation just as the council. The issue is one of fairness, he has said.

"And they have paid not only the attorney who was retained to represent them in this dispute, but they have paid their (village) attorney even after he was disqualified to participate in this lawsuit," Beauvais has said. "It's just a question of fundamental fairness."

Sandenaw said the village was warranted in paying its attorney in the mayor's lawsuit, Jeff Rhodes of Alamogordo, because Rhodes was selected by Village Attorney Dan Bryant. The village also was justified in pay-

ing Bryant, who initially made a court appearance to represent the council, but then handed the case over to Rhodes, Sandenaw responded.

He basically said if Bryant had selected Hayhurst's attorney for his lawsuit, then that attorney would have been paid by the village council. As it was, the council refused to endorse Hayhurst's contract with Beauvais.

"The retention of Rhodes was done pursuant to contractual authority granted by the village to Defendant Bryant ... the village refused to ratify (Beauvais's) oral or written agreement with Joe M. Hayhurst, the mayor of Ruidoso Downs, or pay his invoices upon submission," Sandenaw wrote.

An Albuquerque attorney for Bryant responded to the lawsuit by saying Beauvais never had a contract with him; so Beauvais, therefore, could not sue for breach of contract.

Gerald Dixon, Bryant's attorney, filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit against his

client on Dec. 22. Dixon criticizes Beauvais's lawsuit in that it attempts to recover damages from Bryant for advising village trustees.

"There is only one way to interpret such allegations," Dixon wrote. "They must be interpreted to mean that (Beauvais) included Bryant in the complaint because (Beauvais) did not like the advice Bryant gave the village."

Though an initial decision has been made in the mayor's lawsuit, it won't be finalized until after Beauvais's lawsuit is resolved, Beauvais said.

Jerry Ritter, chief judge of the 12th Judicial District, in November came back with an initial decision upholding the village council's right to terminate the clerk. However, Hayhurst, through Beauvais, is allowed to file one last round of written response before the decision becomes final.

Beauvais asked for and was granted a stay on filing that last round until the issue of his unpaid invoices is resolved.

REFERENDUM: 'We're glad it's over, maybe we can get on down the road'

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Sullivan said.

When people interrupt, it shows a lack of respect for the business of the council, Ortega said. Tribal code permits the council to remove someone from the meeting if they are disruptive, he said.

"We're still going through a sad time," Enjady said. "We

just experienced a loss in leadership. It's hard to have gone through this. We're glad it's over and maybe we can get on down the road."

But if new questions arise, President Ortega and he are bound to follow the constitution and to handle issues fairly, he said.

Using voting machines for the referendum that were locked during balloting and

electronically tallied, then rechecked, was a great step forward, he said.

"There always was a question of how come we didn't use machines (when Chino was president)," Enjady said. "Under this administration, we felt we needed to do new things and answer that question. We decided to try it and see how the public felt about it.

"I think it worked out real

well. It saves time and answers a lot of questions."

Assistance and training was provided by the Otero County Clerk's office, whose personnel was on-hand when the machines were unlocked, as were the nine election board members, Enjady said. Previously, paper ballots were marked by hand and were hand counted.

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can do now is sell rooms and it has a hard time standing on its own."

Seeing how revenues from the casino were distributed came as a shock, Enjady said.

"I don't think we were aware of (the revenue distribution under Gaim-Ko) until the National Indian Gaming Commission came to the council and told us about the possibilities," Enjady said. "We all shook our heads in disbelief."

"It took us 1 1/2 months to figure out the (percentages for) the charts," Ortega said. "Now it's in black and white."

The casino's operation has never fully complied with all of the provisions of the National Indian Gaming Act, Ortega said. "So we're looking at that. The gaming regulatory compact (with the state) also ask for a lot of things. We have to learn what it is we have to do. It will take time, but it has to be done."

Although in arbitration, the Mescalero continue to be one of two tribes in the state that have refused to pay any tax at all to the state, saying the 16 percent figure is arbitrary. Other tribes that have been paying the 16 percent tax now are cutting back or asking for the return of money to repair roads and schools, Ortega said.

"You can't just throw a number out there," Ortega said. "There has to be a reason. We're not trying to be better than others, but if we do this (pay the full tax), they could

arbitrarily place a tax on other things. Just a few (at the state level) are making the decisions."

Both men said they will continue to protect the tribe's sovereignty, while at the same time working with agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of Interior that has some power on the reservation.

Sitting in the office where his dynamic predecessor worked, Ortega said he hasn't thought about if he is "comfortable" with the surroundings. Unlike when Chino occupied the office, the walls are bare. Photographs and awards have been removed.

"I think of it as a meeting room of people who need help or I need to talk to about tribal programs. I think of it as a place to meet," Ortega said, motioning to a conference table at one end of the room.

"We spend a lot of time here," Enjady said. "We sit down with staff and discuss what has to be done to hammer out problems. We don't issue orders and send them out and we don't override (program heads' decisions) unless they were big mistakes."

"We probably don't have enough time to think about if we're comfortable."

Building new schools is a high priority for his administration, Ortega said. Avenues of financing and grants are being pursued. The next big step is site selection, then design, Enjady said.

"I'm hoping we'll break ground before the end of the



Enjady, Sharon Saenz, Ortega and Ferris Palmer at the Tribal Administrative Office.

year," he said. As an art instructor and program director, Enjady said he's excited about the possibility of a new school complex becoming a reality.

Ortega said he already has authorized Roy Parker at Ski Apache to re-establish a reduced rate skiing program for students in the Ruidoso school system, something that was stopped by Chino when a segment of Ruidoso residents objected loudly about four years ago to the possibility of the Mescalero storing spent nuclear fuel on the reservation.

"The Mescalero already have done their prayers (for more snow)," Ortega said with a grin. "We're waiting for the people in Ruidoso to do the same. They're holding us up. We need to work together."

Rumors that all non-

Indian employees will be fired are untrue, Ortega said, adding that three were fired for cause.

To avoid hiring mistakes in the future, extensive background checks will be done on all who apply for jobs in Mescalero enterprises and they will be asked to take drug tests.

"It will be mandatory throughout our enterprises, because people are dealing with machines and with money. We don't need those kinds of attitudes," Ortega said.

Such precautions are necessary to serve tribal members and ensure programs are run properly, he said.

"Programs will be geared toward the people," Enjady said. "We're here to serve them and no one should forget that purpose."

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Blasting continues; one-lane delays on north Mechem



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Flagmen like Steve Martinez are keeping traffic under control along north Mechem Drive as construction continues.

Traffic delays on north Mechem Drive will continue for the next few weeks, while road crews reroute the village's main water line, project officials say.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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One-lane traffic and delays should be expected by motorists on north Mechem Drive over the next few weeks while road crews lay a replacement water line, a project official said Wednesday.

The new water line's path will move the pipe away from areas where blasting is planned for the state highway project to widen and straighten Mechem. The water line starts at Ruidoso's two 5-million gallon water tanks in Alto and serves most of the village.

A blasting crew is working ahead of the new water line's placement, said Kevin Clower, with Meadow Valley

Contracting, Inc., the company hired by the state for the highway work.

"Right now, it's still the same plan. AMS (American Mining Services) is still out ahead of the water line," Clower said. "So, if they run into rock they can blast it."

The replacement water line is to cross Mechem at four locations, starting the beginning slope of Alto Hill on up to the top, project officials said. So far, the first two designated crossings have been in rock bed, requiring the subcontractor team of American Mining Services to use explosives on the road itself.

Clower said explosives are being used on one lane of the road at a time for the work. Traffic is closed down to one lane while the explosives are laid, and is halted entirely for about 10-minute intervals for the blasting itself.

Meanwhile, dirt work

Zia replacing gas lines along Mechem

Thousands of feet of white pipe on the west side of north Mechem Drive will become a replacement distribution line for Zia Natural Gas Co., a company official said Wednesday.

Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, manager of regulatory affairs, said the line is being moved to the west to be out of the way of highway construction along north Mechem (State Road 48).

About 6,000 feet of the line is being moved. Work began near the beginning of December. The company has purchased easements from property owners, and trees have been cleared for the work, which is being done by Ferguson Construction Co. of Lovington, she said.

Fernandez-Wells did not know when the project would be completed. The line is not an additional extension of gas service, but a replacement of the company's existing distribution line, she said.

on the project continues. Thousands of tons of earth will be moved for the realignment of the road.

On the south section of Mechem Drive, Meadow Valley was to pave a section of Heath Drive Wednesday to alleviate the number of accidents occurring where

the road intersects with Mechem Drive, project officials said. The combination of Heath's steep grade and gravel road had made turning onto Mechem Drive difficult at best for motorists.

Work also continues at the intersection of Mechem and Cree Meadows drives.

AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Monday for the following agenda items:

Closed session:

- Discussion about the threat of litigation or pending litigation, and the possible purchase or acquisition of real estate.

Open session:

- Consider a request from Police Chief David Hightower to hire a new police officer, Steven Dobbs, at \$9.48 an hour. Dobbs, if hired, would fill a vacancy rather than a new position, according to Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht.
- Consider a request from Hightower to purchase NCIC equipment and line connections, which will allow officers to check motorists' drivers licenses. Currently, Downs officers check licenses through neighboring law agencies. The equipment would cost \$5,406, and the line would be \$317.50 a month.

- Consider a request from Hightower to purchase a video camera to be installed in a police car. The camera would cost \$4,275 and would be paid for with money from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Fund.
- Consider a request from Steven Schultz to burn trash.
- Consider a request from the Ramada Inn to burn a hillside next to U.S. Highway 70.
- Consider a lodgers tax request to send a representative to an Arizona race track promotional event.
- Consider a resolution amending the village's cable franchise agreement to acknowledge a change in ownership for Cablevision.
- Hear a presentation from Ronnie Hemphill regarding the village's annual audit report.
- Alan Morel, a local attorney, is expected to rescind an earlier request to the village for a zoning change for land owned by Sierra Blanca Motors, whom Morel represents. The land, located behind the Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership, is to be developed as a government-subsidized apartment complex. The zoning

change is believed to not be needed under Ruidoso Downs village law.

- Consideration of a request for sewer bill relief of \$100 due to a water leak.

- Approval of the 1999 holiday schedule for Ruidoso Downs village employees.

- Windsor Laceywell, owner of condemned property next door to village hall, is expected to protest the council's earlier decision to condemn the property, Weibrecht said.

- Mayor Joe Hayhurst is to appoint a Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Board. Currently, the village does not have a planning and zoning board. The move to create one was discussed earlier by village trustees based on the recent amount of growth.

Preliminary hearing set for Gutierrez

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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A preliminary hearing for a man accused of stabbing an Allsup's store clerk to death has been set for Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Magistrate Court.

Johnny Ray Gutierrez, 39, who was arrested Nov. 25 in Capitan, will be brought before Magistrate William Butts where it will be determined whether or not there is enough evidence to take the case to state district court for trial.

Gutierrez is accused of

murdering Allsup's clerk John Diebler, 48, at the convenience store located on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs last Aug. 29. Some money and beer apparently were stolen from the store as well during the incident.

Ruidoso police investigated Gutierrez, a former Allsup's employee, after a Crimestoppers tip was received. He was arrested at his mother's home in Capitan. Gutierrez has said he actually lives in Albuquerque.

Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell, widely known for his

anti-death-penalty stance and who frequently defends those accused in capital crimes, has been appointed to represent Gutierrez.

Police say an unidentified female suspect who may have been involved in the murder still is under investigation but no charges have been filed against her.

At the time of the murder, a witness reported seeing two people leaving the store.

The Highway 70 Allsup's store is one of four in the Ruidoso area.

BLM seeking seasonal firefighters

The Bureau of Land Management is recruiting seasonal firefighters for southeast New Mexico until Jan. 15. Firefighters will be hired in both Roswell and Carlsbad.

These positions are temporary with the federal government and usually last from three to five months during the spring and summer, according to the BLM. Salaries for an entry level firefighter range from \$8 to \$10 per hour, depending on experience and training.

Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, Jan. 15. Applicants must be United States citizens and at least 18 years of age by the time of appointment. Applicants

must pass a drug test as a condition of employment, and pass a physical fitness test and pre-employment medical exam before beginning work.

Seasonal firefighters will work as a part of a fire engine crew. The work is often done under stressful conditions such as heavy smoke, dust and heat. Hours can be long. Firefighters might be required to carry packs weighing as much as 60 pounds on steep, mountainous terrain.

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**Politics and justice
in the halls of the Capitol**

Barring incredible happenings, we now may if we choose sit down in front of our television sets and watch something alleged to be a trial, but isn't; something purported to be the last act of the impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton, but isn't.

So, what is it then? When the Congress some 130 years ago set out to impeach another sitting president, Andrew Johnson, it was a different sort of world. The united-by-force United States was a much smaller place, even if it did stretch from sea to shining sea.

Members of the House of Representatives hated their former southern-states enemies and wanted to punish them interminably. President Johnson, himself a southerner (the only Secession senator who sided with the north during the Civil War) wanted to follow the unifying approach President Lincoln had espoused before his assassination.

So the House impeached and the Senate conducted a trial, complete with the two-thirds-to-remove as required in the Constitution — and still required in 1999. Reporters were on the scene; casual citizens watched from the gallery of the senate chambers. Johnson was saved by one vote.

Yesterday (Jan. 7), 13 House members — all Republicans — delivered two articles of impeachment to the Senate, with considerable pomp and circumstance — and with television cameras focused on every step, complete with off-camera commentary by famous broadcasters, legal experts and sundry political pundits.

It was all impressive stuff, and may continue to impress. But is it a trial?

It will be up to the 100 members of the Senate to demonstrate that this really isn't anything more than what it has been to date — show-business.

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**Watchful consumer,
animal defender**

To the editor:
On Dec. 15, Dateline aired an investigative trip by the detective for the Humane Society of the United States into China, Thailand and the Philippines. In China and Thailand, they raise domestic dogs (like your German shepherd or your Lab) in their own feces, urine, and in dark holes until grown, only to wire them to a post and skin them alive, starting on a hind leg as the poor thing is still wagging its tail. This is done to provide fur for coats and trimming on jackets.

In Thailand, the cats in cages are noosed one at a time and tied up to hang writhing in front of the others until dead, for the same purpose.

In New York, New Jersey and Maryland, no cat coats were found but dog coats were in Burlington Coat Factory, (which) immediately pulled them and were outraged at the supplier, Acme International.

I didn't have to travel nearly so far; only to (a local store) to find the exact coat label they showed on TV, stating "Mongolian Dog Fur" ... I am totally appalled to have those jackets in this community. Dateline listed their web site for more information:

www.dateline.msnbc.com.
I was unable to raise

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(it), but I had really seen enough. How about all of you? Each of us needs to take a better stand against cruelty of all sorts. One way to accomplish this is to really scrutinize what we purchase, because it is obvious we cannot trust the purchasing tactics of large chains...

Susan Carter
Ruidoso Downs

**The '98 music scene
even finer than reported**

We enjoyed reading Joel B. Carothers' excellent "Going Out" article in the Jan. 1 "Vamonos" titled "Arts and entertainment broadened horizons in '98."

We also feel fortunate that our community has the creative people that it does and certainly agree with the assessment that "love music abounded" in our area during 1998.

It is our opinion, however, that an additional musical experience deserving applause should have been included with the other events mentioned in the article. It should be noted that the Community Concerts celebrated their tenth anniversary during 1998! These concerts have provided a very pleasing variety of performers over the years and have been a showcase for outstanding talent presenting quality entertainment. And

they certainly helped broaden our entertainment horizons in '98.

Mary & Roger Parker
Alto

**Not only women
subject to violence**

To the editor:
Read with interest the article by (Dianne) Stallings on domestic violence. Nowhere in the article did I read about violence against the men.

In my 81 years I have seen women tear into their mates and beat the dickens out of them. Bloody heads from flying objects, attacked with sharp knives, clubs and even guns.

Many times the Dad is driven from the home and his children. I have seen this happen, and it's the male who is taken to jail if he resists in any way.

Let's be fair! Many times the Dad is a very caring parent and depriving him of his children is a very bad time for him! I am certainly not approving of big, husky men beating on a female, but no way can a man always be in the wrong! The article, in my opinion, should include both sexes. Give the caring men a break.

Is it any wonder many men simply run away and many dollars are spent looking for them.

H. Higby
Ruidoso

In search of the 'ancient ones'

Richard Wetherill was one of those lucky people who just happen to be at the right place at the right time.

**FOOLS AND
NEWCOMERS**



BY MORROW HALL
REVISED COLUMN

— backtracking a bit — to Missouri, and finally to Colorado, Utah, and back to Colorado.

Benjamin Wetherill wasn't a great success in any of his ventures during this long migration. He worked as a farmer, a rancher, an Indian agent, a prospector, but his children — five boys and a girl — grew up without luxuries. Finally, in 1880, when he was 48 and his eldest son Richard was 22, he picked a place to live where he could stay and succeed.

That place was just outside the fledgling settlement of

Mancos, Colorado, a few miles west of Durango, in the valley below the 15-mile-long prominence of Mesa Verde.

The Wetherills settled on a 160-acre homestead along the Mancos River which before long became a productive, 1,000-acre ranch. A small log cabin soon grew into a big ranch house surrounded by barns and other outbuildings.

It was the era of open range, and Wetherill cattle went where there was grass and water. Benjamin and his sons followed, and soon became familiar with many square miles of the territory surrounding their ranch.

Mesa Verde is a huge chunk of yellow sandstone with many deep canyons clawed out by centuries of rain. The stone is not uniform, and the erosion was erratic, so in many places along the steep canyon walls, natural shelves of harder stone provided places of shelter from the elements and hostile creatures.

Years ago, natives chose to live in these natural caves and amphitheaters, digging out even more of the soft sandstone and building walls and windows. Then, for reasons still unknown, they left, and the walls slowly crumbled.

Prospectors had skimmed the canyons of Mesa Verde looking for precious metals, but they found nothing of in-

terest in the remains of rock walls tucked like swallows' nests high among the cliffs. It wasn't until the Wetherill boys came there, with their cattle and occasional hours of free time, that the treasures of a vanished civilization came to be known.

Starting in about 1884, Richard Wetherill and his brothers spent time — usually in the winter — looking for pots and other relics among the mounds and ruins that littered the area. They started to build a small collection, and their interest grew. For Richard it became a lifelong obsession.

On Dec. 18, 1888, Richard and a friend were tracking stray cattle in a rugged place on the mesa they had never been before. Richard happened to look across the canyon and saw, in a deep hollow near the top of the cliff, what was obviously a huge ruin.

The two men made their way to the place, fashioned a ladder from dead trees and ropes, and climbed into prehistory.

Richard named the ruin "Cliff Palace." Many rooms — enough to house hundreds of people — surrounded a three-story tower in the center of the immense alcove. Inside they found many pottery bowls, cups and jars, and a stone axe

**History...
and black ink**

One of the premises of this column when it was launched a year ago was that it would provide another way of communicating with our newspaper's readers; not so hard-and-fast, perhaps, not so formal.

So, a bit of communication: The new "Looking Back" column inaugurated Wednesday on the newspaper's Home & Family cover page scans the content of the *Ruidoso News*, decade by decade, over the past half-century as the new century approaches. That seems appropriate.

It also provides a glimpse of the way the late Dan Storm looked at our mountain and valley paradise over the same half-century. No, it isn't a replacement for Dan's columns; nobody can replace Dan Storm.

It's also an adjunct to another popular feature of the newspaper, the Lincoln County Scrapbook compiled by Carrizo's Polly E. Chavez, that appears on the second page of every issue.

Fans will note that as of this month, Polly has been reporting issue-by-issue what was happening in Lincoln County in 1899, exactly 100 years ago.

Since the *Ruidoso News* was launched only 52 years ago, she has gone back into files at the Lincoln County Courthouse to excerpt news items from one of the liveliest papers in the Territory, the *White Oaks Eagle*.

That, too, is appropriate; White Oaks as the last century ended was the largest metropolis in our very large county.

So, between these two columns, the *Ruidoso* history junkie should have a feast.

Also in the communications mode, Terrance Vestal's "Bleeding Black Ink" column, another feature an issue ago, will become a regular Wednesday feature on the Opinion page.

The name of his column harks back to the early days of newspapering. Those infected with the newspaper virus were said to have "ink in their veins."

That's appropriate, too; Vestal in his job as editor of this newspaper does get bloodied once in a while.

with its wooden handle intact. They also found three skeletons.

It was a spectacular find, and was soon followed by many others. Mesa Verde had been home to many people at some time in the distant past.

The Wetherill collection of pottery and other artifacts grew, and so did word of the discoveries. Archaeologists, some just amateurs and others with impressive scientific credentials, came to see the ruins of the "cliff dwellers" — a phrase Richard claimed to have coined.

Even his later "digs" were crudely done by current standards, but Richard was an attentive student of the many experts he guided through Mesa Verde. He constantly refined his methods of excavation and began to keep detailed records and to take many photographs.

Richard Wetherill had discovered the abandoned cities of a people the Navajos call "Anasazi," which means in their language "ancient enemies." Soon he was to discover an even older culture.

Next week: the Basket-Makers.

Elsewhere: Rimsky-Korsakov debuted his symphonic suite "Scheherazade" in 1888, the year Richard Wetherill discovered Cliff Palace.

La Niña hosts a dry, warm winter

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso is experiencing first-hand the effects of a weather phenomenon that delivered a dry December and may mean trouble ahead for Lincoln County's stream systems, a Natural Resources Conservation Service official has said.

"We were strapped last year with El Niño (that brought heavy precipitation) and this year we're strapped with La Niña," said Richard Arrijo with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Albuquerque. "It looks like we will have warmer and dryer conditions."

Greg Haussler, with the Natural Resources office in Capitán/Carrizozo, said after gathering data from local reporting stations, he determined that Ruidoso ended the year with 20.97 inches of precipitation, down about two inches from the 30 year average of 23 inches, and down about an inch from the division's average of 21.85 inches.

Capitan also was about two inches below normal at 14.74 inches, but Carrizozo was about 1.5 inches above normal at 14.53 inches.

"The problem is that a lot of it came in September and October, too late for the plant growing season," Haussler said.

Readings are not taken on the snow course around Ruidoso until Feb. 1.

However, Haussler said Bonito Lake Reservoir, which is fed by mountain run-off and serves the communities of Nogal, Carrizozo and parts of Otero County, is down about four to six feet.

Arrijo said statistics are

not yet available statewide.

"December was a dry month, but statewide, last October was very wet and November was still above average," he said. "In the overall scheme, New Mexico's year-to-date (precipitation) probably is a little above average."

"The problem is that the precipitation arrived in the form of rain, which runs off. Snow has a tendency — if the temperatures are right — to last the season and then we see it as run-off in the spring."

Arrijo didn't have data for the Rio Hondo River Basin, which includes Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Glencoe and Hondo Valley.

But he said that for December, the Pecos River Basin, which covers other sections of the county, appears to have received only 9 percent of its average precipitation.

In comparison, the Mimbres River Basin, primarily in Luna County in the southwest quarter of the state, was at 76 percent of normal for last month, he said.

"This is still preliminary," he emphasized. "We'll look at the precipitation, the snow-pack and the reservoirs and then have a forecaster in Portland (Oregon) office use that data and develop a forecast (for stream flow)."

When strong warm winds blow in from the Pacific, called El Niño, chances increase for more rain and snow in New Mexico. Conversely, if ocean temperatures drop, a sister phenomenon called La Niña could create a high pressure zone over the Southwest, preventing storms from moving into the state.

A spokesman for the Western Climate Center in Reno, Nev., said the monthly average in Ruidoso for October is 1.54

inches of precipitation; for November, .85 inches; for December, 1.63 inches; and for January, 1.17 inches.

Members of the Ruidoso River Association are expecting some low flow this year, said director Ben Mason.

But under a new agreement with the village of Ruidoso, they hope the river can be kept healthy by curbing diversions into Grindstone Reservoir and using a pumping system to capture spillage and put it back into the stream.

"We're hoping (low flow from lack of run-off) won't happen, but if it does occur at least it all will stay in the river," Mason said.

The pump should recover between 600 acre feet of water to 800 acre feet per year spilled from Grindstone Lake, he said. One acre foot equates to 325,851 gallons.

"That's bigger than Ruidoso's entire (478 acre feet) allocation from the river," Mason said. "The village has been really cooperative. (Village manager) Alan Briley is an engineer and has worked with us."

If the flow is anywhere near average, the association plans to have a weir with measuring devices in place to determine exactly how much water courses down the river.

"We'll measure it and know what the flow is and (use that as a basis) to determine with the village when a diversion is possible or not," Mason said. "Finally, we'll have an objective measurement of how much water there is. Fortunately, we seem to be in complete agreement with village that we can handle this, not deprive the village of water and yet, keep the river healthy. If it really gets low, there won't be a diversion and everybody agreed on that."

"Whatever the Lord gives us we'll have in the river system,"

AG: Hospital contract civil matter

If someone doesn't like the current contract between Lincoln County and Presbyterian Health Care Systems to manage the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, take it to civil court, New Mexico's attorney general's staff has said.

The staff says it's not a criminal issue.

Dr. Walter Ray Seidel Jr., a long-time critic of Presbyterian business practices, wrote former Attorney Gen. Tom Udall last summer about his concerns, which included:

• The county refused to request management proposals from other companies in July 1997, when Presbyterian decided to exercise its option for an extension of its

contract with the county.

• The county's decision to give up its power to appoint board members to the hospital board appears to violate state statutes.

• That a conflict of interest exists with Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley voting on hospital and health issues, because of his affiliation with Wal-Mart as a chief pharmacist. Seidel pointed out that Wal-Mart has a contract with Presbyterian.

He also noted that the county in January, 1998, signed an agreement with Presbyterian about the operation and expansion of, and improvements to, the Lincoln County Medical Center. Udall contacted County

Attorney Alan Morel, who said Tuesday he shot "a scathing letter" back saying, "One of my commissioners ought to sue for slander and that the contract was perfectly legal."

Shortly after, Udall's staff sent a letter to Morel, saying the issue, if pursued, is a civil matter, not criminal.

Julie Sterchi, acting hospital administrator, is on the agenda of the county commission meeting Tuesday to give commissioners an update on the construction project, including the bid award for the remodeling work. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the commission room of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

VILLAGE AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is to convene at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider items including:

• Consent Agenda items (to be voted on in one motion)
• Approve the renewal of the White Mountain Search and Rescue annual agreement. The non-profit agency will provide Ruidoso with search and rescue services in exchange for a used village vehicle, Village Manager Alan Briley said.

• Adopt a resolution regarding the assignment and transfer of the village's cable television franchise from Riskin Cable Income Partners, Inc. to Inter-Link Communications Partners, LLP.

• Approval to change the village's contract with Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services for a convention marketer. The amendment would add \$10,000 to a previous contract for \$30,000.

• Award a bid for one new loader/backhoe to Rust Tractor, the lowest of two bids, for \$26,165.

• Schedule a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment on how the Ruidoso Planning Department computes building permit fees. The new ordinance is to standardize the method used for computing the fees, Briley said.

• Schedule a public hearing on a zone map amendment for 13 lots next to the midtown shopping district. The proposed amendment would give the lots midtown zoning rather than regular commercial zoning.

Public Hearings
• A zone map amendment and master plan amendment for four lots in the School District subdivision from R-1, single family homes, to R-2 zoning, which applies to denser housing, such as duplexes. Because duplexes are now on the property, the zoning change will bring the development into compliance.

• A zone map amendment and related master plan amendment to change 4.23 acres in the Camelot area from R-4, dense

residential housing such as apartments, to R-1, which is single family homes.

Regular Items (which are voted on individually by the council)

• Consideration of a proposed application with the New Mexico Arts Division for a photographic program to raise awareness of the arts in the area. The grant amount is \$23,275 in which \$1,700 would be contributed, \$2,700 would be the village's match, \$9,200 would be the in-kind services match and \$8,675 would be the grant amount. The village's match would only occur if the Ruidoso Arts Commission received the state grant.

• Discussion and possible action to lease village land to a Midwest company for the construction of a \$4.9 million upscale hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. Possible action includes scheduling a public hearing, a workshop or a town meeting on the issue, Briley said.

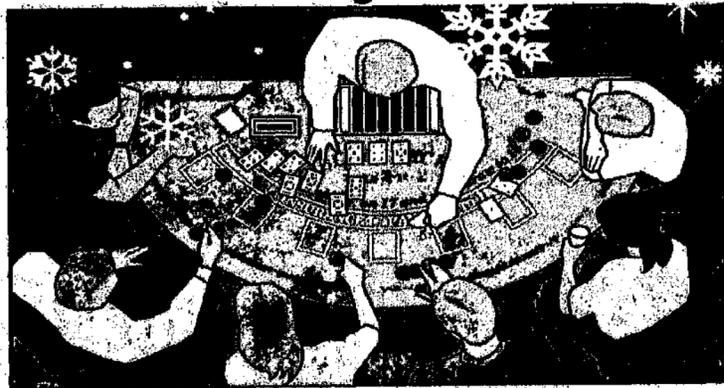


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Proposed state legislation to strengthen child restraint law

A bill may be proposed in the 1999 New Mexico legislative session that will strengthen the state's child passenger restraint laws.

Spearheaded by Safer New Mexico Now, the proposed legislation will call for children four years of age and younger, or up to 40 pounds, to be properly secured in a child safety seat and children five and older to be secured in an appropriate restraint.

New Mexico's child restraint law was passed in 1983 and amended in 1985, but advocates point out that much has been learned in the past 15 years about proper restraint of children in motor vehicles.

"Neither lap belts nor lap-shoulder belts were designed or fit adequately for children," said Phyllis Agran, an automotive medicine specialist from the University of California-Irvine. Agran, a pediatrician who is national recognized for her

research in automotive medicine, spoke at a child restraint legislation meeting in Albuquerque last month.

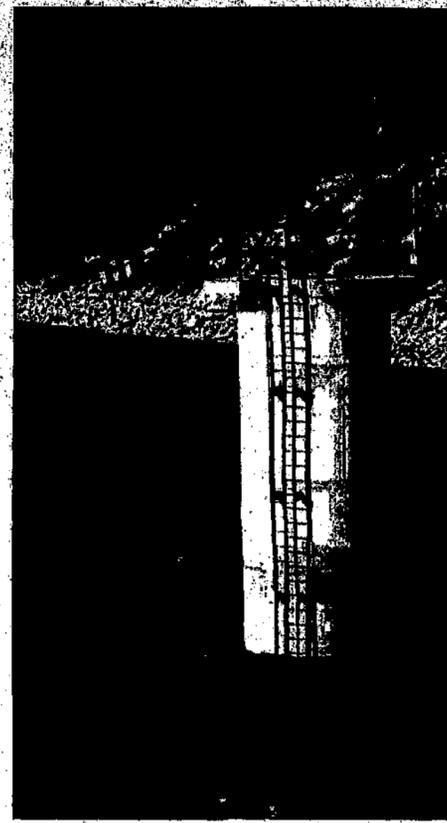
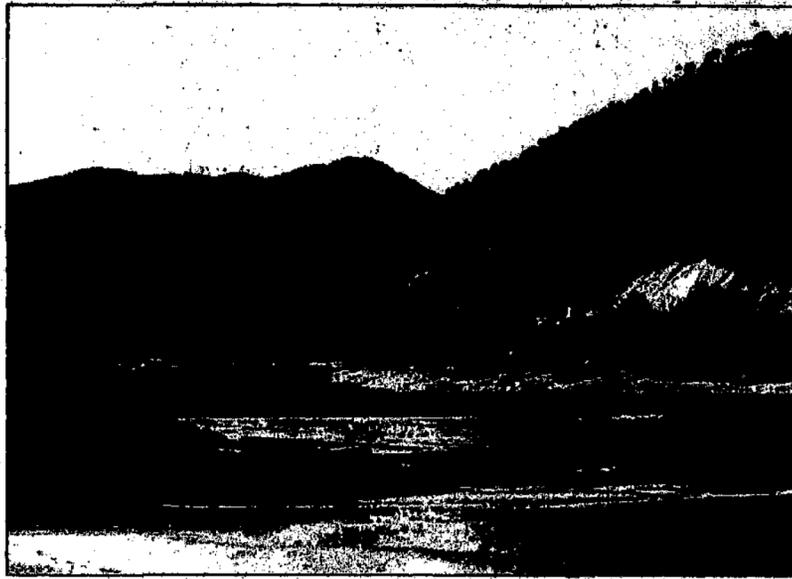
With what she called "safe vehicular packaging for children," the motor vehicle death rate can be reduced by 69 percent for infants under one year of age and by 47 percent for one to four-year-olds. Children under about 10 years of age do not fit into standard seat belts because their hipbones are not developed sufficiently to provide anchor points for seatbelts, Agran said.

In addition to anatomic issues, behavior also contributes to children's safety in cars. For instance, one study found that most children are out of position in seatbelts within 20 seconds, Agran said.

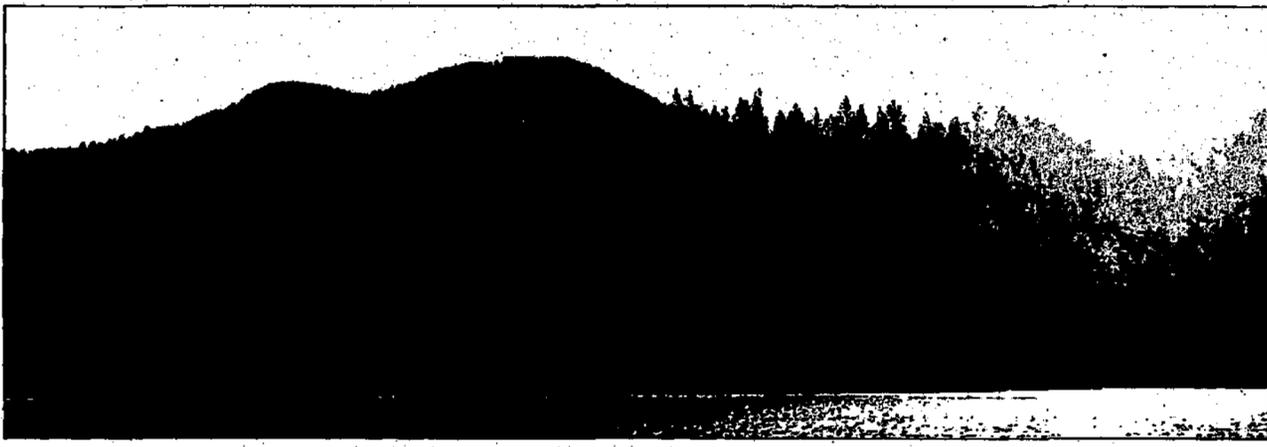
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Source: Traffic Safety Newsletter

Been to Bonito Lake lately?



Ruidoso News intern Ben Chrisman, as a final assignment for the paper, took his camera to Bonito Lake and captured some spectacular views. These are just a few that show while the calendar may say January, it seems to be spring time at Bonito.



RUIDOSO POLICE

Mobile home broken into

A mobile home in the 100 block of Ranier Road was broken into, according to police reports.

The reports state that police went to the mobile home Wednesday and discovered a 2-foot by 3-foot window was broken in the back door, but no additional damage was found and nothing appeared to be missing.

Boy arrested at middle school

Police arrested a 13-year-old boy at Ruidoso Middle School for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The youth was taken to the police station and the Juvenile Probation officer said that he should be released to his moth-

er or aunt, that he is to stay inside his house during school hours and to report to the Juvenile Probation Office when notified.

Missing boy returns home

Jacob Freed, 16, who was reported missing after he got off work at Sierra Cinema at 8 p.m. on Jan. 3 reported back to his family and returned home that night, according to police reports.

Police officer promoted

Officer Wade Proctor was promoted to patrol corporal for the Ruidoso Police Department. He was among three officers testing by oral review exams and personal interviews for the promotion, said Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

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CAPITAN NEWS

Capitan trustees meet Monday

A master plan for drainage and flood plain designations for the village of Capitan is scheduled to be considered for approval Monday by the village Board of Trustees.

The village planning commission will submit its recommendations on that and on possible improvements and repairs to Lavano Road in the village. The meeting begins at the 7 p.m. in village hall on Lincoln Avenue.

Although Albert Padilla Jr. has been working as a police officer for the village for about two weeks, his hiring will become official Monday, said Mayor Norman Renfro. That brings the police force to three with Chief Carrol Durbin.

Other items on the agenda include:

- A recommendation from the water department on which of three bids received to clean out water storage tanks should be selected.

- A report from Trustee Debra Ingle about the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, a board on which she serves as a representative of the village.

- An update by Village Clerk Deborah Cummings on the village's Community Development Block Grant projects.

FEMA warns governments of possible Y2K problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are urging the emergency management, fire and emergency services community and the public to get ready now for Y2K.

"It is very important that counties, municipalities, school districts and other organizations that have not yet begun to work on Y2K issues, start now," FEMA Deputy Director Mike Walker said. "While some failures will be minor annoyances, some may have more serious consequences."

The Y2K issue is worldwide and refers to electronic and computer system problems that may occur because of the inability of date-sensitive devices to compute "2000" when systems move from 1999 to the Year 2000 (Y2K).

Virtually all systems that rely on computers or electronic devices that refer to date and time may be affected by Y2K in one way or another.

This includes power, dispatch and communication systems, 911 systems, microcomputers, and much more, according to information provided by FEMA.

In a recent FEMA survey of state emergency management directors concerning Y2K issues at the state and local

levels, the directors reported that although Y2K fixes are well under way in state-level emergency preparedness offices, the emergency service systems of many counties and municipalities remain untested.

"Generally states and the larger local governments are aware of and making some progress toward resolving Y2K issues, however, many smaller local governments as well as some state and territorial governments seem not to be aware of the problem," Walker said. "Clearly the most serious potential for problems is at the local level, and this is what we are concerned about."

In February and March, FEMA will conduct Y2K Consequence Management workshops around the country to identify critical issues, assess vulnerabilities, review contingency plans and consider policies and decisions that need to be made to deal with possible Y2K consequences.

Participants will include state Y2K emergency coordinators, emergency managers and state fire marshals as well as regional representatives of FEMA's Federal Response Plan partners.

Many states also reported that they have not developed

contingency plans specifically for Y2K problems; instead they plan to address problems under existing emergency plans or they expect to have their systems Y2K compliant in time. Most states expressed some level of concern about the possibility of power failures, especially where power is provided by small utilities.

Other areas of concern cited by the states include limited or a lack of resources to

assess, test and validate systems and fixes for Y2K problems.

"Every community, every organization and every individual has an obligation to learn more about the vulnerabilities and take action to prevent potential problems before they occur," Walker said. "Potential problems need to be identified and addressed now."

As chair and coordinator of the Emergency Services Sector

(ESS), FEMA is one of 34 sector coordinators working with the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, headed by presidential advisor John A. Koskinen.

The ESS group is working to make sure that all segments of the nation's emergency management community operate normally through the cross-over period from 1999 to the Year 2000 and beyond.

Funds available for emergency food, shelter

Lincoln County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The county has been chosen to receive \$6,830 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and United Way of America, which will provide the administrative staff and function as the fiscal agent.

The Board was charged to

distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of interested persons will determine how the funds awarded to Lincoln County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: be non-

profit, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Lincoln County has never distributed emergency food and shelter through this program.

To join the board or obtain more information, contact Arthur Hoopes at 257-4381 no later than Monday.

The deadline for applications to receive funding consideration Wednesday.

Consumers do not have to settle for poor products and services

LAS CRUCES - Consumers don't have to settle for products that fall apart, or accept unsatisfactory service. They can contact the company involved, says a New Mexico State University consumer education specialist.

"Most merchants are willing to help resolve complaints, which can save you money on repairs and replacements," said Susan Wright with the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service. "It gives merchants a chance to keep a satisfied customer."

Before making a complaint,

Wright recommends the following:

- Identify the problem, what's been done to resolve it and what would be a fair settlement — money back, the product repaired or exchanged.

- Gather documents regarding the complaint.

- Sales receipt, repair orders, warranties, canceled checks or contracts will help the company solve the problem.

- Contact the person who sold the item or performed the service.

- Calmly and accurately explain the problem and what

action should be taken. If that person is not helpful, ask for the supervisor or manager and repeat the complaint.

Allow each person a reasonable period of time to resolve the problem before contacting another source for assistance.

- "If you are not satisfied with the response, don't give up," Wright advised.

- "If the company operates nationally or the product is a national brand, write a letter to the customer service department or direct your letter to the president of the company."

Consumers who contact the person who sold the product or performed the service still need to write a letter of complaint. Companies that are not listed in local directories may be found

"If you are not satisfied with the response, don't give up."

Susan Wright, NMSU consumer education specialist

in Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives. It lists more

than 45,000 American business firms and can be found in most libraries.

"If you don't have the name of the product's manufacturer, check your local library for the Thomas Register," Wright suggested. "It lists the manufacturers of thousands of products."

Letters should include the complainant's name, address and home and work phone numbers.

They should be specific and brief. Include all the important facts such as the date and place of purchase and information

about the product or service — serial or model numbers or specific type of service.

Send copies, not originals, of all documents regarding the problem. Keep a copy of all letters.

"State what you think should be done about the problem," Wright advised. "Be reasonable. Avoid writing an angry, sarcastic or threatening letter. The person receiving your letter probably was not responsible for your problem, but may be very helpful in resolving it."

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Here is a partial list of events which may cause your will to be out of date:

- You have changed your state of residence.
- You or your heirs have gotten married or divorced.
- Your named personal representative is unable to serve.
- You have acquired or disposed of major assets.
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December 21, 1998

Mayor Manuel Hernandez
Town of Carrizozo
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Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:
Trails open: 50 of 55
Lifts open: All lifts (10 of 11) except Chair 6, which serves the Apache Bowl
Snow depth on open trails: 24 inches
Surface conditions: Packed powder
Skiing conditions: Good on upper mountain and excellent on lower mountain
Snowmaking: Yes, on the Elk Ridge trails
Expert trails Ringtail, Oscar's and Bear opened Thursday

This week

TODAY
Girls basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
2 p.m. & 6 p.m. winner's bracket semifinals in Cummins gym
2 p.m. & 6 p.m. loser's bracket semifinals in Taylor gym
Mescalero at Hondo 4:30 p.m.

Boys basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
3:30 & 7:30 p.m. winner's bracket semifinals in Cummins gym
3:30 & 7:30 p.m. loser's bracket semifinals in Taylor gym
Ruidoso at Portales, 4 p.m.
Mescalero at Hondo, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Saturday
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Girls basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
9 a.m. Seventh-place game
10:30 a.m. Fifth-place game
1 p.m. Third-place game
6 p.m. Championship game
Vaughn at Hondo, 4 p.m.

Boys basketball
Smokey Bear Invitational at Capitan
9 a.m. Seventh-place game
10:30 a.m. Fifth-place game
2:30 p.m. Third-place game
7:30 p.m. Championship game

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 4 p.m.
Capitan at Hagerman, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.

Scoreboard

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Girls basketball
Socorro 65, Ruidoso 38
Socorro.....22.....12.....22.....9-65
Ruidoso.....4.....10.....12.....12-38
Leading scorers: S - M. Iron 13, D. Valentine 12, M. Chavez 10, C. Haley 10, R - M. Spence 15, S. Fromknecht 10
Records: Socorro 7-2; Ruidoso 1-7. JV - R 36, S 34.

Hondo 69, Gateway Christian 24
Gate. Christ.2.....0.....9.....13-24
Hondo.....19.....13.....26.....11-69
Leading scorers: H - J. Candelaria 13, R. Gomez 12, K. Gomez 12. GC - J. Gazdek 23. Records: Hondo 6-1.

Boys basketball
Hondo 77, Gateway Christian 35
Gate. Christian.....7.....8.....10.....10-35
Hondo.....13.....23.....30.....11-77
Leading scorers: H - J. Candelaria 26, A. Ontiveros 17, J. Greer 12. GC - J. Ogilvie 9
Records: Hondo 5-5.

On deck

Knights of Columbus FT Contest
Free-throw contest for girls and boys, ages 10-14, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Entry blanks are available at the schools or at Richard Mound's office, located at the ReMax Center. For more information call Dick Mound at 258-5526.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Bonito, Hondo, Peñasco
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - stimulators, elk hair and goddard caddis, blue winged olive, daves hoppers, ants and beetles.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's and gold ribbed hairs ears. Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis, and some action on beats.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.
All waters on the reservation are closed except Lake Mescalero.
Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

DISTRICT 3A GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young Eagles flying high with 6-1 start

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo girls basketball team ran its record to 6-1 after a 69-24 thrashing of Gateway Christian Tuesday in Hondo. The Eagles' early season successes have caught coach Julie Montoya by surprise. Montoya didn't know what to expect after losing three starters off last year's 16-9 team.

"We were really a whole new team from last year. So I'm real happy that we're hanging in there," Montoya said.

The Eagles complete their pre-district campaign with a 4:30 p.m. game against Mescalero today in Hondo. Then, they open District 3A play at 4 p.m. Saturday with Vaughn, a team the Eagles have beaten once already this season.

Competing in the 3A is new to Hondo,

which won District 1A's crown last year with a 7-1 record. Montoya expects Corona to challenge for the District 3A laurels. Carrizozo was another preseason favorite in the coaches poll.

Montoya will put a young team on the floor again this weekend. Three freshman, a sophomore and a junior start for the Eagles.

Guard Christina Sanchez, a freshman guard, leads the Hondo scoring attack with nearly 15 points a game. Sophomore point guard Chriselda Acosta averages about 13 points per game, while freshman post player Kalyn Gomez chips in 12 a contest for the Eagles. Rounding out the Hondo starting five are junior Kristen Romero

GAME DAY

Hondo opens the District 3A campaign Saturday
Where: Hondo
When: 4 p.m.
Where: Hondo gymnasium

and freshman Sarah Sanchez. So far those young Eagles have defeated every opponent except one, the Ruidoso junior varsity squad.

Montoya is cautiously optimistic.

"The only thing with freshmen is you never know what kind of state of mind they're in," Montoya said.

Although the team usually scores in the 60s, Montoya would like opponents to fear her team's play without the ball.

"I love defense," said Montoya, noting the Eagles still have to work on defending the ball.

"I'm not real happy with us yet," the second-year coach admitted.

Local boxer wins bout

Local Amateur Boxer Mario Portillo won the third match of his career Saturday in Alamogordo, defeating his opponent by a decision.

The two tangled for three rounds with Portillo recording the win. Portillo is now 3-0 overall with two knockouts.

Portillo, who boxes for the Downs Boxing Club, said he'll be back in the ring again soon, this time as a professional.

Portillo, 26, is trained by Tony Bolden.

HORSE RACING



At left, the architect's rendering of the 15,000-square-foot Billy the Kid Casino, located adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grandstands. The facility, which is scheduled to open in mid to late April, will house 300 slot machines, a restaurant and a simulcast facility.

Illustration courtesy of Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Below, Paul McClendon (right) makes measurements that will set the height of the footing of the new casino. Assisting him is Adam McClendon.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



New year promises more than slot machines

• Slot machines, professional bull riding and vintage motorcycles on the 1999 racing card for Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The new year marks a new era for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, and soon a new place for gamblers to try their luck at the slot machines.

By the end of April, the track's 15,000 square-foot casino should be open with its 300 video gambling machines operating, said Rick Baugh, Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager.

Work on the casino, which will be located east of the grandstand, started in November. The winter season hasn't slowed construction of the facility, named Billy the Kid Casino, by general contractor Arroya Development out of Phoenix, Ariz.

The exterior and interior of the casino will pay homage to one of Lincoln County's more notorious historical figures, Billy the Kid.

"We are the Old West. That's what people expect when they come to this area, and that's what we're going to give them," Baugh said. "We've taken our interior design person out to Lincoln. We want a theme. We want the entire casino to be an experience."

The facility will house the casino, a gift shop, a restaurant and a simulcast facility. The casino's administrative offices will move to the first floor of the grandstand, bumping the race-track's administrative offices to the second floor which used to stable the Race Horse Hall of Fame (now at the Hubbard Museum of the American West).

In addition to a casino, the race-track will host two new events and become the home of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

Baugh said Thursday that he has confirmed a flat track motorcycle race sanctioned by the Vintage Dirt Track

Racing Association for Sept. 18 and 19, the weekend of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

The Professional Bull Riders Tour will make a stop as well, Sept. 24 and 25. The ring will be located on the quarter horse strip.

"You'll be up close and personal with this deal," Baugh said.

Fall of 1999 at the track culminates with the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Symposium organizers elected to move the event from the Glencoe Rural Events Center to the racetrack's grounds.

"It's just pretty simple that they had outgrown the Glencoe center," Baugh said of the move.

1998 proved to be a Superior season for the Downs

• In 1998, Ruidoso Downs posted its largest combined betting handle since 1990.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

By the end of this decade, Ruidoso Downs Race Track could come full circle.

The track closed the books on one of its most successful years of the '90s when the clock struck midnight Dec. 31. Total handle for 1998 hit the \$18.5 million mark, the largest combined handle since 1990, said racetrack general manager Rick Baugh.

Baugh attributed the increase the fans' faith in the track.

"Everybody knows were here to stay. It's just going to get bigger and better," Baugh said.

It also didn't hurt that Ruidoso Downs was the only New Mexico track to have a summer race meet. The Downs at Santa Fe, which in the past ran in the summer, didn't offer a 1998 race meet,

and has not requested race dates for 1999.

"We were the only track. We had the full fields, which in turn leads to better handles," Baugh said.

For the 1998 meet, Ruidoso Downs posted increases in live handle and simulcast handle over 1997's numbers. The track's live handle was up \$2.7 million from \$9.2 million in 1997 to \$11.9 million in '98. Simulcast wagering increased from \$5.3 million in 1997 to \$6.5 million in 1998, a growth of \$1.2 million.

Total handle in 1998 outdid 1997 by nearly \$4 million. The track's total handle in 1997 was \$14,584,125. In 1998, that number rose to \$18,501,407.

Baugh points to Ruidoso's 1998 numbers as evidence which supports circuit racing.

But the New Mexico Racing Commission didn't see it that way when it approved a spring meet for the Downs of Albuquerque. The Albuquerque meet will have overlaps with Sunland Park and Ruidoso. Ruidoso's meet starts May 28 and runs through Sept. 6.

"I think it's going to show once and for all what we've been saying all these years, there needs to be circuit racing in the state," Baugh said.

New spirit of cooperation

Buoyed by the state Legislature's approval of video gambling, the state's four racetracks have formed the New Mexico Racing Association.

"All the racetracks in New Mexico are coming together," Baugh said. "We're working on everything from color coordinations in post parades being the same ... to purse pooling, to organizing simulcast coordination to go to other states."

New Mexico's racetracks also are working with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association in hopes of securing a cable TV network for New Mexico's races.

What does that mean to race fans?
"You'll be able to sit at home and wager on races off your TV," Baugh said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Grocers, restaurants get break on insurance

Small businesses that are members of the Food Industry Self Insurance Fund of New Mexico will receive a record high divided payment for last year and record low rates for worker compensation in 1999, according to a press release.

The fund, an association of 317 member businesses, is designed to provide food related businesses with affordable workers' compensation insurance rates.

The fund will give members dividends for the fourth year in a row, and a record \$823,000 for 1998, according to the release.

Business forum to be held in Santa Fe

Rural economic development, tourism and work force training are among the issues to be discussed at a statewide forum called Business Day, to be held Jan. 25-26 in Santa Fe. The forum is sponsored by the Association of Commerce & Industry of New Mexico, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Economic Forum, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce Executives Association, Tourism Association of New Mexico, according to a press release.

Cost of the reception is \$15. Registration is \$15. Checks should be mailed to the Association of Commerce & Industry (ACI), P.O. Box 9706, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9706. Registration deadline is Jan. 20. For more information, contact Peggy Baca at (505) 842-0644.

Making a 'carpet connection' in Ruidoso is easier

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Customers coming into the Carpet Connection have actually pointed out the holes they made in posts, walls or cabinets while testing the merchandise when the business was still a gun shop.

As it was, Melva and Ray Pack have done a tremendous amount of work changing the appearance of the store at 1509 Sudderth Drive from when it was a gun shop/mechanic shop/pawn shop, she said.

"I wish we had taken before and after photos," she said, looking around the back of the store where rolls of carpet, vinyl flooring and padding are now kept.

Besides the physical transition, the store represents a business transition for the Packs, a couple from Abilene, Texas. They own a construction company in Ruidoso and have in the past owned and operated a restaurant and a club. But the carpet store, which opened Nov. 23, is a new venture for them.

The idea started as a suggestion from Lupe Gallegos,

► New business

- What: The Carpet Connection
- Who: Melva and Ray Pack
- Where: 1509 Sudderth Drive
- When: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
- Telephone: 420-5862 - Ray Pack; 420-3816 - Melva Pack

owner of Chef Lupe's restaurant, where Ray Pack was doing some remodeling work. Gallegos, who owns the Packs' building, urged Ray Pack to lease the store as a carpet shop.

As a building contractor for more than three decades, the idea appeared sound to him.

"There are three carpet suppliers (in the Ruidoso area) but with as much construction as is going on now, we felt like this town could handle another one,"

he said.

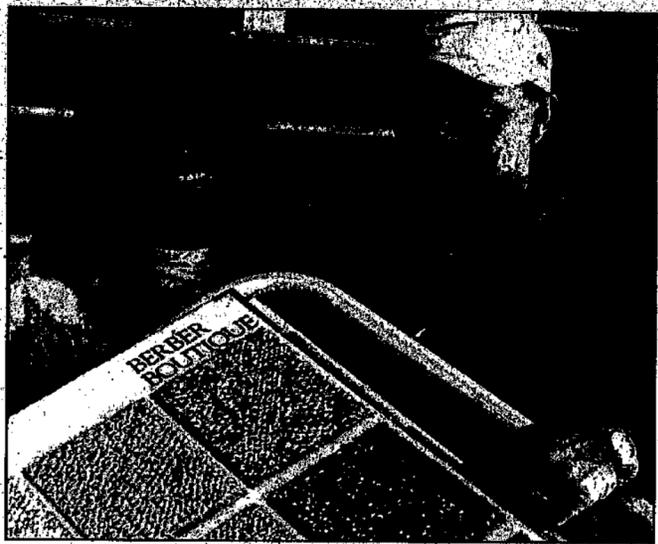
Melva Pack said business has been surprisingly good, despite opening the store at the start of winter when the construction industry typically slows down. They have received a dozen or so purchase/installments along with several other jobs, she said.

"And people are looking for spring," she said.

Besides carpet, the Carpet Connection offers tiles, vinyl flooring and even hard wood floors. What they don't have in stock, the couple can order, they said. Orders typically take one to five days to arrive, though orders for one line of carpet can take a few more days.

The Packs offer two prices on their carpet, which ranges in price from the expensive to inexpensive, Ray Pack said. One price includes the cost of installation, and the other, called "cash and carry," leaves the installation up to the purchaser to arrange.

Eventually, the Packs intend to augment their carpet selection with a line of southwestern furniture from an El Paso outlet.



Melva Pack and Ray Pack at Carpet Connections on Sudderth.

Moving to Ruidoso has been a longtime dream for Ray Pack, whose family has been a part-time visitor to the village for decades.

"It's just some place Ray has always wanted to be," Melva Pack said. "And he said I would love Ruidoso."

MARKET GLANCE

Global Economy: Not out of the woods yet

How would you like to be paid in video games and cameras? In addition, employees may have to sell company products to keep their jobs. These are some of the ways Japanese and Korean companies are dealing with excess capacity, which is the Achilles' heel of the global economy. Is Asia recovering? Outside of Japan, lower interest rates, massive government spending and capital inflows from abroad have resuscitated local currencies and stocks. But,

the heavy lifting of structural changes is yet to be made. Japan is getting sicker. Two key indicators - bank lending and consumer confidence - are not improving. The stronger you threatens exports. Budget deficits are mushrooming; the resulting higher bond yields are sapping what little vigor the economy has. Without Japan, which accounts for 70 percent of East Asia's GDP, Asia cannot be revived. In short, Asia is stabilizing at depressed levels.

The U.S. Economy: Profit squeeze could mean more

layoffs

Labor shortages from sea to shining sea, fatter paychecks, the vibrant stock market, mortgage market refinancings and low energy prices have stoked consumer spending.

All told, consumers provided almost all of the economic growth in the economic growth in 1998. This positive economic momentum will carry into 1999.

Later this year, however, shrinking corporate profits and an ensuing correction in the stock market could sap consumers pocketbooks. Corporate profits have been falling and more dips are expected this year.

The deflationary pressure and higher labor costs will chip away at margins. A global economic slowdown will make volume gains more difficult. Business will cut capital spending and accelerate layoffs, eventually moderating gains in consumer spending.

The much anticipated economic slowdown in 1999 will not come with a bang, though. The Federal Reserve has been accommodating. The vibrant stock market will have a lagging effect on the economy. The effect of low energy prices is like a big tax cut for consumers. Using annualized rates, economic growth should average 2.5 percent during the first half of the year followed by 1.5 percent during the second half of 1999.

This market column is provided by Sung Won Sohn, a veteran economist for Wells Fargo.

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9 Mobiles for Rent

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- 1. Ability to provide CDL Training
2. Ability to provide National Safety Council Defensive Driving and First Aid Training
3. Ability to provide all vehicle maintenance and storage
4. Ability to provide appropriately licensed and trained drivers and substitutes when necessary
5. Ability to provide substitute vehicle use when necessary
To receive complete proposal requirements, contact: Fred Romero or Mary Bradley at Region IX, 1400 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-2366. Only contractors possessing all the criteria listed above need inquire. Bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 3:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at 9:30 a.m., January 14, 1999. 1998 27(1)8,13

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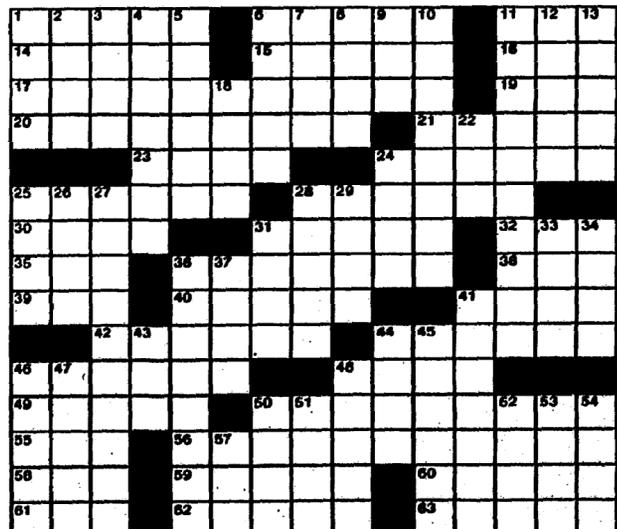
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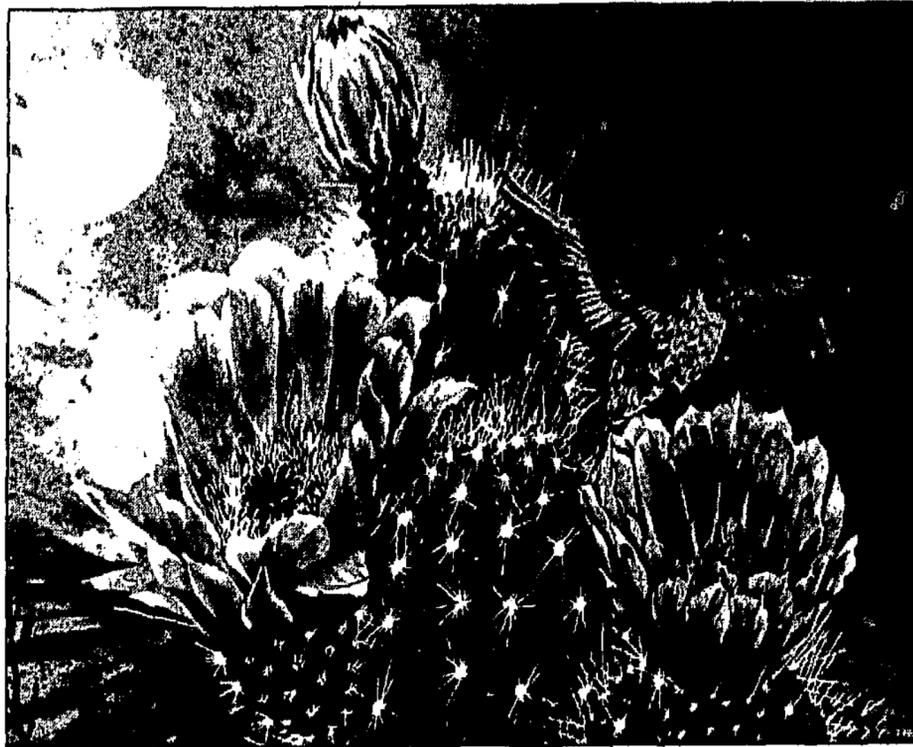
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Ben Chrisman

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Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

ON Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.

Solo show of Michael Hurd's latest works opened Aug. 16. The gallery also includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

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416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

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Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burlwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892

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2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

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The scratchboard art of Kathy Morrow

Story and photos by Ben Chrisman
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

KATHY MORROW works on one of her scratchboard pieces in her Las Cruces home.

If you look at Kathy Morrow's age-old style scratchboard art, which is filled with Native American imagery and southwestern themes, you would think she grew up with the subjects she created.

And you would be right. Morrow was raised on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona and the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota where her father organized and trained Indian forces.

Growing up, she earned money for the picture show by learning the art of making beaded necklaces and dresses that were sold on the reservations, a form of art she continues and adds to her paintings today.

At age 15 Kathy painted her first oil painting. From there she went on to graduate from Northern Arizona University in

Flagstaff and then took classes and taught at the Maryland School of Art.

Morrow discovered her first scratchboard while living in Oklahoma. She had heard of scratchboard before, but did not know what to do with the Chinese clay board. In addition, she thought scratchboard was black, while her piece was white.

The only reply from the saleslady about the problem was, "I think you put ink on it." And so she did.

This was in 1974. Now, 25 years later, she earns a living working in her Las Cruces home, spending up to 14 hours a day making

precise cuts that will eventually form a scratchboard painting.

Morrow's work is often easy to spot. Besides her distinctive style, there is often a beaded circle in the sky made up of hundreds of tiny ovals that she individually draws with a knife. She said she draws the shapes just like she would if she were using real beads.

"If it was perfect, it wouldn't look like real beadwork," Morrow said. "Sometimes a mistake is the best part of the piece and sends you on a new direction."

Morrow's newest direction is a style of scratchboard she calls kinetic art. She describes kinetic art as "your movement."

Morrow's kinetic pieces are a combination of three paintings where she cuts and pastes narrow strips together, forming a single multidimensional work. As a viewer walks alongside the piece, the images change on the painting.

"Before the art work is cut, it is deformed and until I put it in its angles it is proportionally wrong," Morrow said.



NATIVE AMERICAN culture has played a significant part in Kathy Morrow's art.

Because of the three-dimensional approach to the work, it can not be reproduced.

Morrow said she is able to make 40 scratchboard paintings a year. She doesn't like to be interrupted, and she even pays her daughter to run errands for her.

"Errands screw up my momentum from the morning," Morrow said.

Morrow has shown her work in Germany, France and all over the United States. She said her customers range between many types of people, but added that many of her customers have bought from her for many years.

Morrow oftentimes uses Native American models, but because she paints owls in her paintings which are considered bad omens in Native American culture, does not sell many paintings to Native Americans.

Morrow said though, she paints for herself, and not for her customers. She said she

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makes the art out of a love for the subjects and the personal expression they allow her to create.

"The people and animals in my work are real and their life stories inspire me," Morrow said. "I'm doing what I enjoy, and I enjoy the fact that people like it."

Morrow's painting range in price from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Her pieces can be viewed on the Internet at www.zianet.com/ffg.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will display Morrow's work beginning today through Jan. 31. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Morrow will demonstrate her techniques and talk with the public. On Jan. 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. she will again demonstrate her work on incomplete pieces. For information, contact the museum at (505) 378-4142 or (800) 263-5929.



REVERGE ANSELMO on the set of 'The Outfitters,' filmed primarily around Capitan and Carrizozo in the summer of 1997.

'The Outfitters' makes the Sundance marquee

story and photos by
Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the Sundance Film Festival opens Jan. 21, some names familiar in Ruidoso will attend the screenings and parties.

Reverage Anselmo, who wrote and directed, "The Outfitters," which he filmed in Lincoln County in 1997, will be there with the principal actors in the movie to watch the festival screening of their product.

"We were practically the first show they picked," Anselmo said, speaking from his Southern Hills Pictures office in Los Angeles. "They did a very complimentary review of the show (in the festival brochure). We were delighted.

"We're going to take all the principal cast members. It will be the first for Dell Zamora and Paul La Mat."

Zamora, originally from Roswell, plays one of two brothers around whom the film is centered. Le Mat plays a state trooper and the live-in lover of the character portrayed by Dana Delany. The talented actress received four Emmy nominations and two Emmy awards for Best Actress when she starred as Army nurse Colléen McMurphy in the television series

"China Beach."

The other brother in the film is played by Danny Nucci, who was cast as the immigrant friend of Leonardo DiCaprio in "Titanic."

Being picked for the Sundance Festival "changed the whole economic world for the picture," Anselmo said. "It has a distributor and it's already started to sell in territories overseas, but they're holding off until we find out what happens at Sundance.

"The actors are delighted. We're going up with all the confidence in the world that we have the best show up there."

As soon as the film goes into distribution, it will be shown in Ruidoso, Anselmo said.

Anselmo and his cast and crew spent the fall of 1997 in the county filming primarily around the Capitan and Carrizozo areas. Several locals were cast in minor parts and in background shots.

The glowing review written for the Sundance Festival by Trevor Groth complimented both the technical and artistic sides of film, calling the sound track "uttering amazing" from diverse artists such as Ennio Morricone, Squirrel Nut Zippers and Tommy James and the Shondells.

"The driving force behind the film is Anselmo's knowledge and insight about this world and his ability to weave minute details

seamlessly into every scene, creating a multilayered cornucopia of comedy," Groth wrote. "The chemistry between Nucci and Zamora authentically captures the love and frustration between two brothers.

"By combining these elements with a majestic regional setting seldom described so accurately, 'The Outfitters' writes a delightful page in the western genre."

Anselmo already is working on a new production.

"I'm working on a new movie called 'One Fell Swoop,' shooting in Prague starting May 1," he said. "Right now, I'm in the middle of pre-production. We have the production designer, we have the cinematographer, who shot 'Out of Africa,' the casting director is on board, the sound man and the line producer. We're casting now."

Using a novella called "First Love" by author Ivan Turgenev, Anselmo created a screen play.

"It was short, only 63 pages, so I developed it from there," Anselmo said. "We have some parallel stories that I'll dovetail together in the screen play. It's a very high quality material. You can't ask for better. (Turgenev) said the first and last words on the subject of first love.

"If we don't miss our tone - it's a very intolerant script, whereas 'The Outfitters' was very tolerant - we have to be right on target. If we

do that, it will be a real jewel."

After that project is finished, Anselmo may be back in New Mexico.

"I have a meeting with Fred Roos, a well-known, longtime Hollywood producer, Jan. 17, to talk about doing some movies together in New Mexico," he said. "He has house there. He saw 'The Outfitters' and loved it. We haven't met, but he's interested in doing it."

Roos currently is the producer of "Town and Country," a film starring Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn. Dell Zamora worked on that movie for four months, Anselmo said.

"It's a bear," he said. "They're months over schedule."

That could be one of the things that attracted Roos to Anselmo in addition to liking his first feature-length film.

"I delivered two days short (of his deadline)," Anselmo said. "This probably will lead to other things in New Mexico."

"The Outfitters" will play at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Holiday Village Cinema, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Prospector Square and at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, in the Sundance Screening Room in Sundance.

Its press screening is set for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 29.



TOP, a soon to be completed kinetic work; bottom, Morrow's first scratchboard piece



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 (Closed Mondays)

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

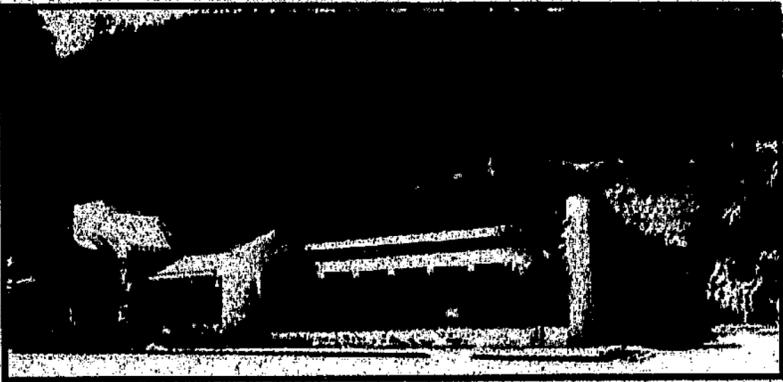
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range:..... \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
 Hours: ... Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11 a.m.
 Sunday Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Brunch 11a.m.-3p.m.
 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Dinner 6-9 p.m.

Cattle Baron

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-9355
 Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
 Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
 11:30 a.m. 7 days a week



Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

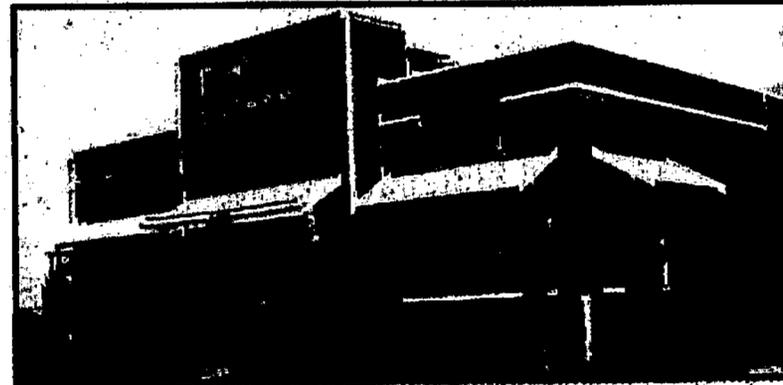
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr.
 in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
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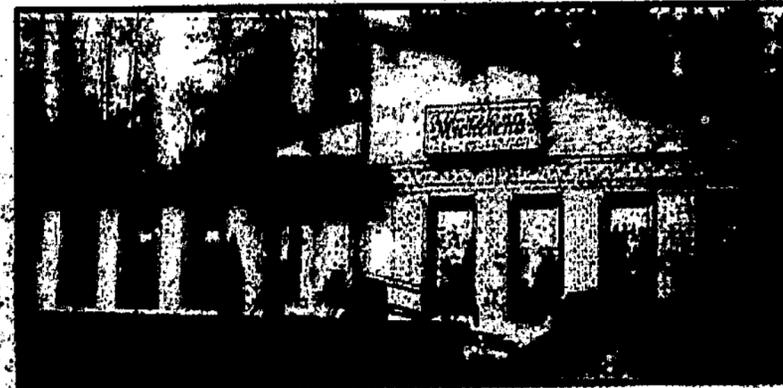
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 622-4818
 Address: 2625 N. Main Street
 Roswell
 Hours: .. Sunday-Thursday 11a.m.-9p.m.
 Friday-Saturday 11a.m.-10p.m.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

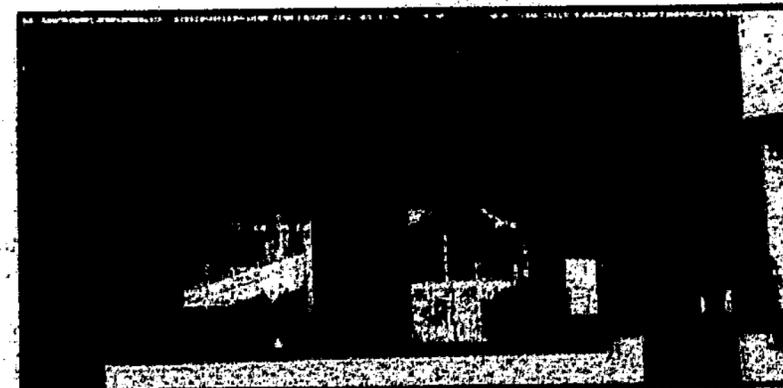
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Known for their pepper steak and creme brulee, they're bound to make your mouth water. Also featuring veal, lamb and seafood. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday- Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

dining guide

GOING OUT



THE HORNHEADS, from left: Kathy Jensen - alto/baritone sax, flute, clarinet; Dave Jensen - trumpet, flugelhorn; Michael B. Nelson - trombone, euphonium/leader, arranger; Steve Strand - lead trumpet, flugelhorn; Kenni Holmen - tenor/soprano sax, flute, piccolo.



the Hornheads blow into town

review by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

The versatile Hornheads have a treat just for community concertgoers, featuring a medley written specifically for the series and four of the favorite composers of leader-arranger-trombonist-euphoniumist Michael B. Nelson.

"I spent the summer writing some extra music so that we would have a variety of music for the community concerts," Nelson said, "just because they have a wide variety of people that come."

Pieces by Duke Ellington, Leonard Bernstein, Stevie Wonder and Miles Davis are the core of the 7 p.m. Monday performance at the First Christian Church, with Nelson's "West Side Story Medley" and other originals interspersed. The concert is the third performance in the Ruidoso Community Concert Association series.

The Hornheads first formed in 1991 when they played the horn parts for

Prince. They began working together as an acappella group and acquired their name in 1994. Prince inadvertently gave them their name when they played and toured with him.

"The horn section was kind of known to goof around and laugh a lot," said Nelson, "particularly Kathy Jensen, our saxophonist who has quite an infectious laugh, and (Prince) came walking into the rehearsal room while we were really laughing quite loudly."

"He just kind of looked out of the corner of his eyes, rolled his eyes and said 'hornheads' and walked away. We decided it was appropriate to call ourselves that."

The group did about 15 different album projects with Prince of all different styles, from pop and funk to jazz and orchestral, including a ballet Prince wrote for his own wedding.

"As far as exciting goes," Nelson said, "besides our own music, that was certainly the most exciting - recording and touring with him."

The Hornheads have recorded with Janet Jackson, Rod Stewart, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Louie Bellson, Ray Charles, Sammy Davis Jr., Dizzy

Gillespie and Doc Severinson among many others.

While Nelson said it's exciting to work with contemporary artists and tour with them, they also enjoy going into schools and communities and performing just as the horn section.

"This also leans more to our interest in jazz," Nelson said. "We all studied it and probably had major interests in jazz music going through high school and college, so that's where our root is."

As an acappella jazz group, the Hornheads combine virtuosic improvisation with sizzling ensemble work to delight audiences with their artistry, versatility, musical range and precision.

Their first CD, "Hornheads," is all original compositions of Nelson. Their second one "Five Heads Are Better Than One," is about half originals, with a Duke Ellington medley and pieces by Miles Davis. This fall Hornheads finished a jump-swing album for Target Store's Lifescapes series.

They worked on nine album projects this year and are working with keyboardist-organist Ricky Peterson for a Windham Hills jazz album.

music

Win, Place & Show

Stacey Rush plays nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

The Roadrunners play 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 and more.

performances

The Hornheads

An exhilarating horn quintet performs a wide variety of music at 7 p.m. Jan. 11. The third performance in the Ruidoso Community Concert Series. Call 336-4015 for details.

Blues and BBQ

Sistah Blue, an all-woman band from Phoenix, is the feature band at the Jan. 23 Blues and BBQ concert. From 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

what's brewing

The Ruidoso Roastery, 103 Rio Street, 257-3676

Open Monday through Thursday 7 to 5, Friday 7 to 9 and Saturday 8 to 9. A good assortment of fresh roasted coffees and all the basic espresso drinks plus bagels and pastries.

The Galloping Tortoise,

662 Sudderth, 257-2511

Basic espresso drinks, homemade desserts, deli sandwiches and live music jams featuring local artists.

Maynard Ferguson to toot his horn at Flickinger Center

Jazz legend Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau band take to the Flickinger Center stage Saturday, Jan. 23, in Alamogordo. New Mexico State University's Top Big Band will open the show at 7 p.m. followed by Ferguson and his band. Tickets are available through the Flickinger Center or at Outdoor Recreation on HAFB. Call 505-437-2202 for information.

Ferguson's innate musical talents were evident at an early age. Encouraged by his parents, he played piano and violin. At the age of 9, he discovered the trumpet and never looked back. Since that time, he has become one of the greatest trumpet and brass players in the world. In recognition of four decades as a jazz band leader, he was given the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1997. He is also a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

An important aspect of Ferguson's career is his dedication to teaching and sharing his talent with students. He travels all over giving clinics to interested students.

At the age of 70, Ferguson is

busier than ever. One of his new projects is "Maynard Ferguson Presents." He is producing jazz albums spotlighting young members of his band. It is his way of spreading his vast musical knowledge to the next generation. Throughout his career Ferguson has worked with many talented young musicians that have gone far and enjoy successes of their own. Some include Don Ellis, Chuck Mangione, Peter Erskine and Chick Corea.

Ferguson and his bands have been pushing the envelope of powerful, contemporary jazz since the twilight of the big band heyday. He blends straight-ahead jazz and swing with elements from the latest musical trends. Ferguson's trademark is his ability to reach high notes and still keep the sound true. He recorded music for films such as "The Ten Commandments" and "Gonna Fly Now," the theme from Rocky. Ferguson is also known for his 1974 hit MacArthur Park and his version of Star Wars.

Tickets are available now and cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.



courtesy photo

MAYNARD FERGUSON will perform and give an instructional clinic to students in Alamogordo Jan. 23.

SILVERSCREEN

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

You've Got Mail

Rated: PG
Show times: 2:30 p.m.*, 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*
Plot: Once upon a time there were two bookstore owners. One was a passionate young woman who ran a small children's bookstore. The other was the owner of Manhattan's largest book superchain, a man whose enterprise could put every independent bookstore out of business. The man and the woman were natural enemies. But when they coincidentally - and anonymously - met in cyberspace, they accidentally fell in love.

Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star as Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly, two booksellers who face off against each other in real life even as they unwittingly romance each other via modem.

Mighty Joe Young

Rated: PG
Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.*
Plot: Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton) is exploring the remote Pangani Mountains in Central Africa when he comes upon an incredible discovery - an awesome 15-foot gorilla. Fearsome and dangerous when provoked, he is tame in the hands of Jill (Charlize Theron), the 21-year-old orphan who raised the gorilla and named him Joe. When Joe's life is threatened by poachers,

Gregg and Jill rescue Joe by moving him to a California animal preserve. However, Joe is not safe for long. His newfound notoriety makes him a target for an enemy of his past ... a ruthless poacher who is eager to steal Joe for his unique value in the endangered species black market. Feeling threatened and confused in his manmade confines, Joe escapes and attempts to navigate the modern metropolis of Los Angeles, leaving a trail of destruction and chaos in his wake.

Star Trek: Insurrection

Rated: PG
Show Times: 2:15 p.m.*, 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*
Plot: The battle for paradise pits members of the Star Trek crew against each other.

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new December and January video releases

January 5
How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Out of Sight
Disturbing Behavior

January 12
The Truman Show
Studio 54
Dance With Me
Pi
High Life

January 19
Smoke Signals
Mafia
Buffalo 66
Return to Paradise
Good Cop, Bad Cop

January 26
Rush Hour
Cube

Top Rentals for Jan. 1- Jan. 8
Out of Sight

How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Disturbing Behavior
The Avengers
Blade
Lethal Weapon 4
Madeline
Six Days, Seven Nights
Mask of Zorro
The Parent Trap

Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.

Artist presents unique tour of musical history

In a uniquely artistic and historical program, instrumentalist Lauren Pelon will present her performance, The Living Roots Of Music at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. The Living Roots Of Music traces the story of music and instruments from the first to 20th centuries.

Pelon, who performs and explains instruments such as the lute, guitar, lyre, recorder, gemshorns, cornamuse, electronic woodwinds and many more in her program, has toured throughout the world. Incorporated in her pro-

gram are more than 20 ancient instruments with modern and historical arrangements and quotes from early Greek philosophers, medieval theologians and contemporary scholars and performers. An informational pamphlet and program notes are distributed at each performance to further the explanation of the roots of music throughout the ages.

Pelon's one-night performance is presented by the Territorial Theater. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information call 354-2316.

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VAMONOS!

Bronco Bill was no circus performer



Drew Gamber
LINCOLN HISTORIAN

They felt that because they had never got around to actually robbing anyone, their indiscreet use of firearms would simply be overlooked by everyone.

In 1888 or 1889, a young man showed up at the Diamond A Ranch in the New Mexico Territory. It was noted at the time that he was on foot and came from the direction of nearby Mexico. However, in keeping with the tradition of the times, no one asked him any questions about where he had come from or what he had been doing.

He was hired on as a hand and proved to be a good one. At some point that has become lost to history, the young man, William Walters, became known as "Bronco Bill," a nickname that stayed with him until his death.

In 1890, Bronco Bill had his first brush with the law near Separ, N.M. (Some years later, a group of outlaws descended on Separ, and according to newspaper reports of the time, "took everything available in sight," which pretty much ruined the town. Today, it is a convenience store and a gas station next to a railroad track. But in 1890, it was a thriving little mining community.)

At any rate, Walters and a confederate named Mike McGinnis decided to relieve a miner named Jackson of \$480 he was carrying. The plot was to discharge their pistols in and around the rooming house where their intended victim was staying. When the supposedly panicked Jackson fled in terror, Walters and McGinnis would then simply enter his room and pick up his money.

Unfortunately for the two would-be thieves, when they entered Jackson's room, they discovered that he had taken his money with him.

"The best laid plans ..."

This seemed to enrage the crime-bent duo almost to insanity. They began running about Separ, shooting at anything that moved



BRONCO BILL WALTERS as he appeared on entry into the New Mexico territorial prison on Dec 14, 1899.

courtesy New Mexico State Records Center

and many things that didn't. A wire was sent to Grant County Sheriff Harvey Whitehill, who happened to be in Lordsburg. Whitehill, in the company of one friend, hopped a train for Separ. When the lawmen arrived in Separ, all was quiet. Bronco Bill and Mike McGinnis had wearied of shooting at people, and had gone back to the rooming house and gone back to bed.

Apparently, they felt that because they had never got around to actually robbing anyone, their indiscreet use of firearms would simply be overlooked by everyone. They were mistaken.

The pair was lodged in Whitehill's Silver City jail, where they remained until February 16, 1891, at which time they released themselves on their own recognizance — they escaped. By May 26 of the same year, Bronco Bill had been recaptured and was being sentenced to one year in prison for his naughtiness.

Bill was a model prisoner and was released on April 13, 1892. For the next four years, he appears to have worked honestly as a cowboy. But in 1896, he returned to his former vocation — outlaw.

On February 28, 1896, while awaiting arraignment on the charge of larceny, Bill and several other prisoners, again left on their own recognizance — this time through a hole in the wall they had made in their spare time. On March 31, Bill showed up in Deming where he traded shots with two lawmen. No one was hit and Bill left town

PAST TENSE

rather hurriedly.

The first train

Late on the night of March 29, 1898, two men attempted to rob a train near Grants, N.M., but were driven off by alert and heavily armed employees.

Two months later, the pair was more successful. On May 26, a daring robbery of a mail train was perpetrated by two unmasked bandits at Belen. Within hours, two local lawmen, Francisco Vigil and Daniel Bustamente, took up the chase. The next day, the two lawmen, along with two trackers, caught up with Bronco Bill and his confederate, later identified as William "Kid" Johnson. When the gunsmoke cleared, both lawmen lay dead, as did one of the trackers. Things had gotten serious — it wasn't just a robbery charge anymore.

The two outlaws were spotted near Holbrook, Arizona, both sporting minor wounds from their encounter with the law. Word of their identities spread and this time two other lawmen took up the chase. And these two lawmen were among the most efficient that the Old West ever produced: Jeff Milton and George Scarborough. Both men were veterans of numerous gun battles.

Milton, when he was El Paso chief of police several years before, had backed down the West's deadliest killer: John Wesley Hardin — even though he knew that if Hardin were to choose to draw, he (Milton) wouldn't have a chance. And it was George Scarborough that had killed Hardin's assassin, the ever-dangerous John Selman. In other words, neither Scarborough nor Milton was anyone with whom to fool.

Identified

In July of 1898 Bronco Bill and Kid Johnson, dressed to the nines, appeared at a dance in Geronimo, Arizona. When one woman refused to dance with Bronco Bill, the less-than-gallant outlaw began firing his pistol hither and yon, and "cleared the hall." However, the bandits were identified and Milton and Scarborough were sent for.

The lawmen organized at Deming. In addition to Milton and Scarborough there was a young man named Eugene Thacker who wanted experience in hunting outlaws. Then there was a Diamond A cowboy named Martin who professed to be able to identify Bronco Bill.

From Deming, the quartet took a train to a place called Buttermilk Point, about 15 miles southeast of Geronimo. Figuring that the outlaws would head for Hampton's

Double Circle Ranch on the Black River where they had friends, the posse got there first, disarmed everyone in camp, and settled in to wait.

The gunfight

On July 30, young Thacker had left camp to search for some horses and Milton and Martin went down to the river to do a little fishing. George Scarborough was left alone to watch the camp. He was just sitting there when he noticed three horsemen on the trail on the canyon ridge that led into camp. Instantly, they had Scarborough's rapt attention. Two of the riders stopped on the trail and began shooting at a rattler. The third man kept coming.

The third man dismounted and began conversing with one of the employees and Scarborough heard him announce that, "I guess I don't want to stop here." Milton, who by this time had joined Scarborough, called out, "Hold on there, Cap. I want to talk to you for a minute!" The rider immediately opened fire with his revolver and Milton and Scarborough returned fire with their rifles. The out-gunned outlaw toppled off of his horse and lay still.

With this, the two other outlaws jerked their own pistols and opened fire on the lawmen. Both Milton and Scarborough dropped to the ground and began shooting back. In short order they killed both horses, putting the outlaws afoot. When the two outlaws, Kid Johnson and a man later identified as Daniel "Red" Pipkin bolted into the brush, they apparently felt that they were well concealed. Not quite. Johnson's (apparently rather large) posterior was still in full view. Scarborough and Milton treated it as though there was a bull's-eye painted on it. One of their bullets went through both of Johnson's hips and lodged in his lower intestines.

Pipkin, seeing this, decided that he had pressing business elsewhere, and vanished into the brush.

Aftermath of the gun battle

Deciding to go after Pipkin another day, the possemen first carried the badly wounded Kid Johnson down into camp and made him as comfortable as possible. Then they went to retrieve the body of the first outlaw — the one they had shot out of the saddle — who they had assumed was dead. They wanted to get his body out of the sun and into the shade (Arizona in July, remember?). The cowboys in camp had identified this man as

Bronco Bill. When Milton grabbed the ankles of the "corpse" and gave a violent jerk, blood gushed from Bronco Bill's mouth and nose. He suddenly started breathing. Milton had unintentionally saved the outlaw's life.

Milton sent a brief, but to the point message to Fort Apache. Figuring that Kid Johnson was not long for this world, and that Walters' future was also in question, the message read: "Send a doctor and a coffin." Milton was correct. When the doctor arrived, Johnson had already departed for a possibly warmer clime even than Arizona, and Walters was in bad shape. One of the lawmen's bullets had shattered his right arm, passed through at least one lung and then lodged just under his left armpit.

Aftermath

Bronco Bill survived and secured famed lawman-lawyer-gunman Elfege Baca to defend him. Elfege eventually retired from the case, possibly because of Bronco Bill's impoverished state.

On November 26, 1899 Bronco Bill Walters was sentenced to life imprisonment. Bill's wounds finally healed while he was in prison, but he never fully recovered the use of his right arm. In 1911, he attempted to escape, but was captured within a few days.

In an interview with the Albuquerque Evening Herald, Bill announced that he had "quit the bad game for good." He wasn't kidding — he never again committed another crime.

Pardoned in 1917, Bronco Bill returned to the Diamond A Ranch where he worked under the name of William Brown. His true identity was an open secret.

The end finally came in an unexpected way. Bronco Bill Walters, train-robber, killer and all-around bad man, was knocked from a windmill on June 16, 1921 and died of his injuries within hours.

He was buried in an unmarked grave in the Hachita Cemetery. Bronco Bill had gotten into crime gradually: larceny to train robbery to murder. His crimes had escalated with time, and once you start, it's hard to stop.

"Those who shake hands with the devil often have trouble getting their hands back."

— old Irish proverb

Sources: "The Gunfight at Black River" by H. Edwards; "Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal

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