

# Battle against blaze continues

Cree Fire scorches some 5,700 acres in three days

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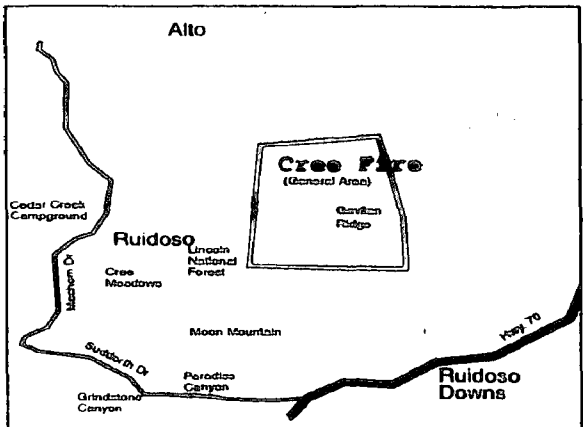
Today will be "pivotal" in containing the now 5,700-acre Cree Fire near Ruidoso by the end of the week, fire officials said Tuesday night.

Winds that were calm for the most part on Tuesday were expected to take a turn in the other direction today, which has got firefighters worried.

The fire, first detected at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, is suspected to have been caused by an illegal campfire, said Matt Reidy, the initial fire incident commander and a member of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

"There was a set of campfire rings and evidence of recent activity," Reidy said of the investigation into the fire's origin. "It was all very, very fresh."

He said some information has

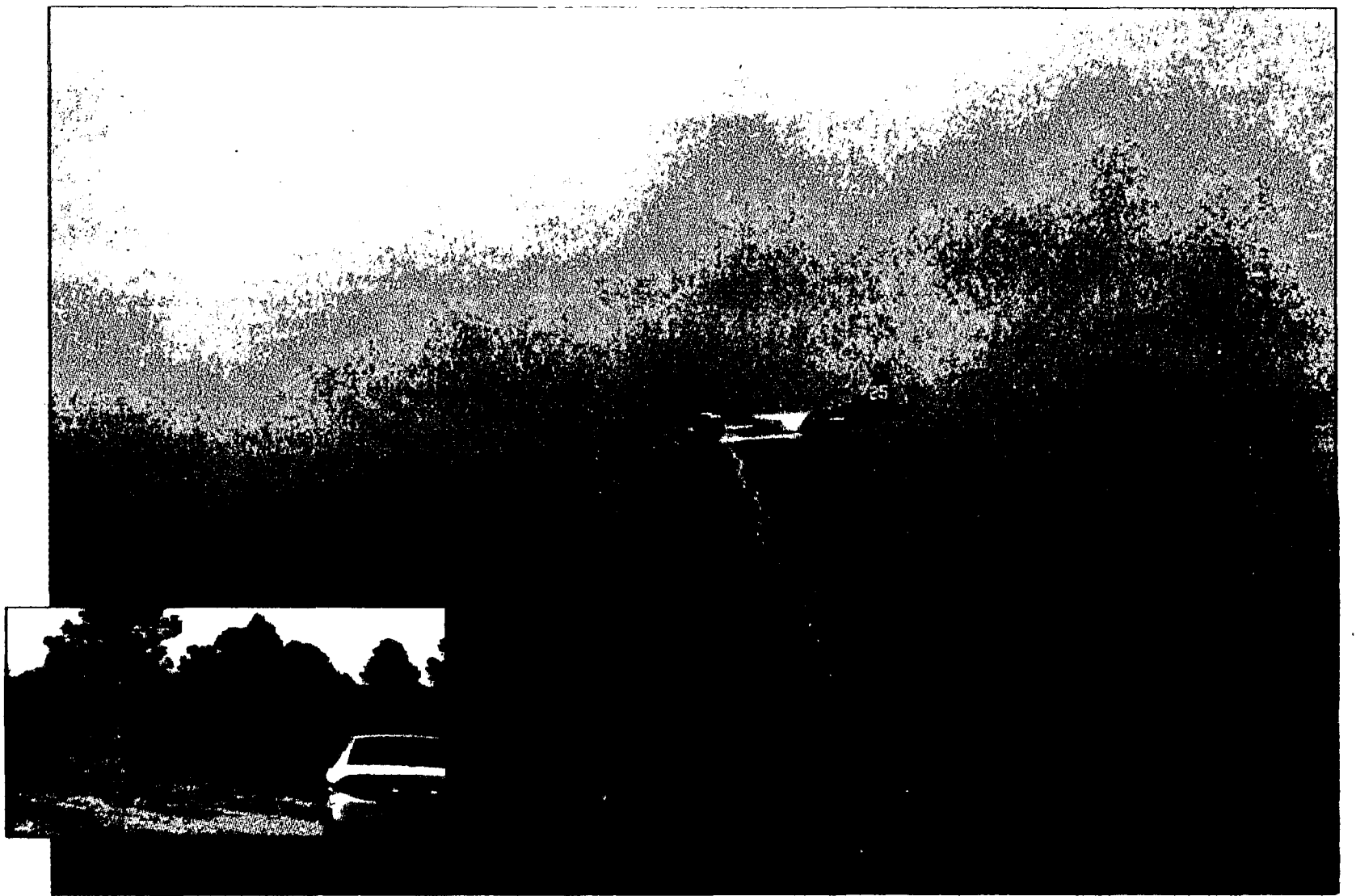


The general location of the Cree Fire.

been provided to investigators, who are questioning people who may have seen activity in the area. Reidy said possible suspects have not been determined yet.

The fire had destroyed three structures as of Tuesday night. Hundreds of homes determined to be in threatened areas have seen mandat-

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A slurry bomber was photographed from McBride Drive looking east over Gavilan Canyon Monday evening. Inset: Santa Fe resident Mary Ann Morris left her sister's home in the High Mesa area of Alto Monday evening after orders were issued for residents to clear the area as a precautionary measure. Law enforcement officers were called in from all over the state - as far away as Taos - to help out the local effort. The fire was turned back and no structures were lost in the Alto area. (Inset photo by James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News.)

## Council pushes for stiffer sentences for smoking violations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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The village council officially declared Ruidoso a disaster area Tuesday, thus allowing the board to exercise emergency powers if needed, to request assistance, and to receive relief money.

Village Manager Alan Briley said that while the resolution states that all locally available resources are being used and are insufficient to meet the emergency situation, two fire fighting crews remain on duty in the village while others are fighting the wild fire that started Sunday.

"We do have the town protected," Briley said. Briley said he rode in a helicopter earlier in the day with Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and was startled to see the "moonscaping" by the fire of an area north of Ruidoso Downs and through Johnson Canyon.

Recalling how mud slides plagued the

Mescalero Apache Reservation after a devastating fire there several years ago, he said he called appropriate agencies about a replanting and seeding effort to prevent a mirror situation in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs when rains start in July.

Given special mention were Robbie Hall with the Ruidoso Fire Department and village Emergency Manager Thomas Chavez, who councilors said worked tirelessly through the initial days coordinating the assault on the fire.

Bob Sterchi, mayor pro tem sitting in for an absent Mayor Robert Donaldson, said with six weeks to go until summer rains usually begin, no one should be smoking outside and if anyone sees someone using a grill or starting a campfire, they should politely tell the people to stop.

"Our signs and stories in the newspapers aren't enough," he said. "People need to intervene when they see something."

Councilor Ron Anderson suggested large signs in red at entrances to both sides of the town telling people not to smoke outside.

"I saw a man smoking a cigarette while he was watching a slurry plane working on the fire," Anderson said. "I don't think he was stupid, he just didn't think about it. After I talked to him, he said he won't be smoking outside again."

Councilor Linda Flack said the police department should begin citing people throwing cigarette butts out car windows or smokers outside buildings. Judges should impose the maximum sentences for violation of a municipal law, she said, adding, "Maybe it's time to hit them in the pocketbooks."

Sterchi agreed, saying, "We have a motorcycle convention coming in here next week."

Briley said that while picking up trash in the village, for every empty can he found there were five or six cigarette butts.

The board agreed to move on the signs and to put a resolution on the next agenda urging strict enforcement and maximum fines. Village Attorney John Underwood said in the meantime he could send letters asking for the same emphasis.

Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, offered space on a sign at the chamber office on Sudderth Drive to remind people not to smoke outside or throw cigarette butts.

Councilor Bill Chance said the village should come down hard on stores that continue to sell charcoal and lighter fluid during the high-fire-danger period.

Briley said he asked code enforcement staff to put up signs noting the ban on the use of charcoal grills.

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## County budget workshop to be today in Ruidoso

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Giving Ruidoso residents a chance to attend one of Lincoln County's budget sessions, commissioners scheduled a meeting today at the Ruidoso School District administration boardroom.

Set to begin at 6 p.m., the first commission meeting in Ruidoso this year was suggested by County Manager Tom Stewart, who is recommending more cuts in the county's already trimmed \$13 million-plus budget.

After a session last week, the budget still was \$363,790 over estimated revenue.

In a memorandum to commissioners, Stewart wrote that after "serious and heated discussions" with department heads, he was recommending additional cuts to

bring the deficit to \$4,316.

They include not filling two sheriff's deputy positions for \$71,141, cutting overtime in that department by \$10,000 and cutting vehicle maintenance by \$4,650 and field supplies for \$2,225.

The Road Department would be cut by another \$27,500, special programs by \$5,000, corrections by \$114,000, the senior citizens program by \$6,000, the county assessor by more than \$7,000 and general county government by more than \$12,000.

He also proposed \$5,000 allocated to the Tribute to Hispanic Culture be cut, along with \$3,000 for White Mountain Search and Rescue, \$2,500 for Animal Damage Control, \$1,000 each for Big

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## Johnson declares county in state of emergency

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Before flying into Ruidoso Monday afternoon, Gov. Gary Johnson declared Lincoln County in a state of emergency, ensuring that millions of dollars spent fighting a massive blaze that started Sunday can be recouped later.

Johnson flew over the fire on his way into town. He said the pattern spread out into a "V," but luckily the wind was driving the fire - that already had burned about 4,000 acres - farther to the northwest.

After a briefing at the command center in the Convention Center, Johnson said Ruidoso was lucky. Unlike a sister fire at Los Alamos, the flames were headed away from the heaviest population.

But no sooner had Johnson finished his statement than the winds turned and the blaze out-maneuvered fire fighters.

"It blew up" and moved into a new unburned area closer to town, said



Gov. Gary Johnson, left, gets briefed on the fire Monday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Thomas Chavez, disaster manager for the village.

The flames rushed into Lower Eagle Creek, threatening at least two homes, and prompting an evacuation at 4 p.m. there and in the populated Alto area north of Ruidoso, as well as

along Hull Road from Warrior Drive to the intersection with Gavilan.

But by morning the picture had changed with higher humidity, cooler temperatures and lower wind

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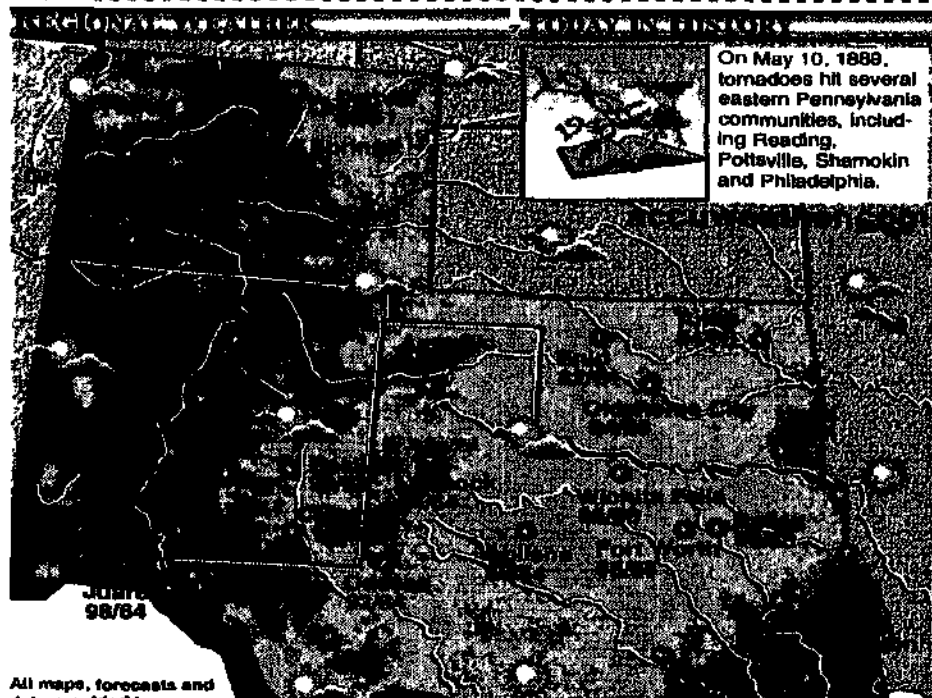
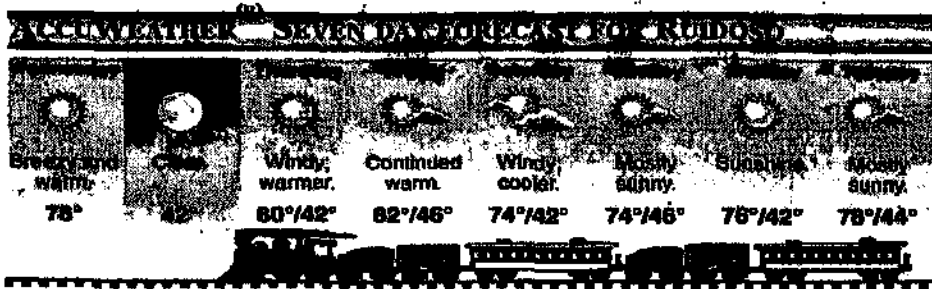
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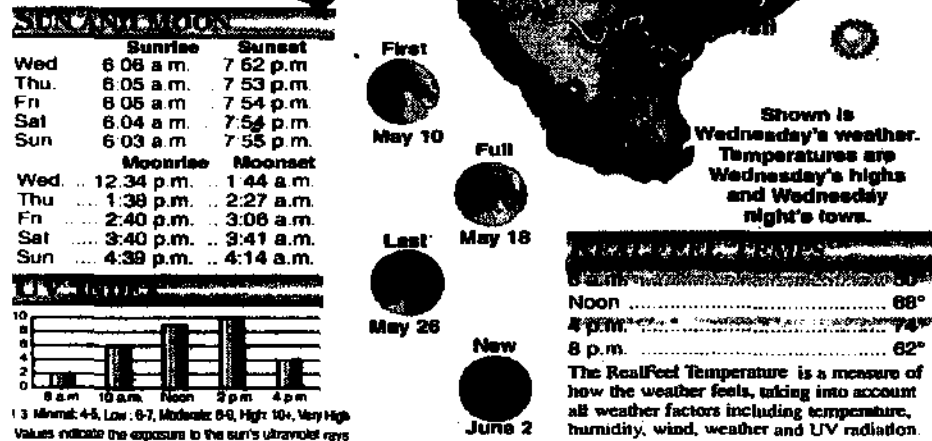
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Carrizozo Station c. 1930s.

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## FIRE: The number of firefighters is expected to surpass 900 by today

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ed evacuations. The scope of battling the fire has grown and received national priority.

The call went out early Monday for a Type I command team, said Thomas E. Chavez, emergency manager for the village of Ruidoso. A Type I team is a specialized fire suppression management group, said Reidy, who is also a fire official with the Lincoln National Forest. Along with the team, additional fire fighting resources from western U.S. locations were called in Sunday night.

Initially a local command center was established, with activation of the Village of Ruidoso Emergency Operations Plan.

"We gather all the information about the fire," Chavez, said Monday of his staff. "We route resources."

He said the duties included communications to "get everything planned out."

The Type I operations team, which took control Tuesday morning, is comprised of fire officials from a national level, brought in largely from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. The group is called the Rocky Basin Incident Management Team.

"We have five sections in our team," said Karen Miranda-Gleason, an information official with the operations team. "They cover planning, logistics, operations, command and finance."

With the new command organization, which includes representation from the Forest Service, state of New Mexico and

Bureau of Land Management, came increased fire fighting crews, increased air support to try to quench the flames, and more than 100 National Guard troops, Gleason said.

An initial review of the Cree Fire by the team established a two-day period to contain the fire, and seven days to bring it under control, Gleason said Monday. By Tuesday night that had changed to a three-day period for containment, setting a goal of Friday.

"That's our best case scenario," she said. "It's felt there is a 75 percent probability of the strategy working. A worst case scenario would see the fire jump the Rio Bonito and head to the Hondo River."

Gleason said the effort is to keep the fire from reaching State Highway 220 (Airport Road), Devil's Canyon Road and U.S. Highway 70. A map of the fire area Tuesday indicated the fire had been contained within those boundaries. But it had spread, mostly east, from its origin.

The fire started just behind a subdivision east of Gavilan Canyon Road, according to initial reports. Officials said the flame and smoke were detected from three fire towers in the region. Within a half-hour, initial evacuations were ordered.

"We came home from shopping and saw this (fire and other emergency) vehicles," said Lisa Moore of El Paso, who owns a second home on Pierson Court, in the Pines of Gavilan Canyon subdivision. "First it was the fire department, then the police,

who said to evacuate."

A neighbor, Sharon Gee, also of El Paso, called the fire, whose origin was believed near the subdivision, "too close for comfort."

Subdivisions to the northeast were the next to be evacuated, beginning around four p.m. The evacuations involved the Pines of Gavilan, Homestead, Lower Eagle Creek Canyon, Shangri La and Fawn Ridge subdivisions. An estimated 150 structures were in the subdivisions, officials said.

The three structures lost in the fire Sunday evening were a home under construction along with a nearby garage, and a mobile home. Those structures were along Forest Road 120, about seven miles east of Gavilan Canyon Road.

Regional fire departments have largely taken on the duty of protecting fire-threatened dwellings since the Type I call became effective.

Cooler temperatures and diminished winds were credited with tempering the flames during overnight hours.

Officials labeled the Cree Fire 20 percent contained as of late Tuesday.

Officials also declared progress had been made Tuesday. Labeled as successful, the fire-fighting tactic of "burn out" was first utilized. The process burns off ground fuel, thereby decreasing burnable materials on the forest floor. The burn outs created more visible smoke Tuesday afternoon, following a morning with diminished smoke.

"And the weather helped out tremendously," said Denise Ottaviano, a command center information officer.

While fire officials labeled Tuesday a good day, Gleason said today would be the pivotal period.

"It's either hold it or not," Gleason said. It will make the difference between a fire that's contained in three days or one that goes on for a long time."

Ten more 20-member Hot Shot crews were expected today. The total fire fighting personnel level was expected to reach beyond 900 by late today.

Three firefighters have been injured, according to information supplied by the command post. All received medical treatment at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

One received an eye injury after being struck by a tree branch while working a bulldozer. Another, who also sustained an eye injury, was part of a three-man crew with a U.S.D.A. Forest Service fire vehicle. The truck was destroyed by the fire in Eagle Creek Canyon.

"The guys from the service just barely got out," Chavez said. "They were running from the fire."

Those incidents happened Sunday night. The third injured firefighter suffered a wrist injury Monday night.

A summary of fire suppression effort shows fighting the wildfire has cost \$638,000 as of Tuesday. It's anticipated the total cost of the Type I fire will reach \$2.8 million.

## COUNCIL: Stores should be persuaded to pull charcoal from the shelves

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"The last time we had a ban, some stores not only didn't stop selling (charcoal), they gave it away as a promotion," Chavez said.

Councilor Leon Eggleston asked if the village could prohibit the sale of charcoal and lighting fluid, but Underwood

said that might violate laws against restraint of trade.

"People could be buying it to take to White Sands or to go on vacation," he said. "But I definitely think we could require signage on all flammable material for outside cooking that notes its use is prohibited in Ruidoso."

"We also can ask them to voluntarily take it off the

shelves."

Anderson said until seeing it first hand, he didn't appreciate the effect firefighters can have on a wild fire.

"I always thought they did mostly clean-up work, but I'm amazed at what they can do," he said.

Flack asked residents to put red ribbons on their cars, houses and trees as a visual expres-

sion of appreciation for firefighters to see as they ride through town on their way to assignments.

She also said that while many area restaurants have prepared and donated food for the fire fighting effort, and some motel owners gave free rooms Sunday night, the Red Cross could use money contributions to replenish its reserves.

## GOVERNOR: Firefighters are called out from Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado

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overnight.

"I signed the state of emergency this morning so federal funds will be available for this emergency," Johnson said. "The entire state is in an extreme drought condition. Once we get these fires under control,

these need to be the last ones.

"Everyone has got to be more aware. Don't smoke outside, don't have any open fires."

He said even without his emergency declaration, local, state and federal resources were coming together.

"It's been my experience as governor going through many of these fires, no re-

sources are spared," Johnson said. "They call out firefighters and equipment from Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado. What's not being used, comes to New Mexico."

"These are the most critical fires burning in a multi-state area."

The cost of fighting a fire of this size "ends up to be millions—and that's if there is no property damage," Johnson said.

## BUDGET: Several county programs, departments could face funding cuts

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Brothers and the village of Corona, \$3,000 for the RASCALS Club and \$2,000 for the Capitan library.

He recommended looking for voluntary cuts from the Humane Society of Lincoln County, which shelters dogs abandoned or legally impounded in the county, and from \$47,536 allocated for the New Mexico Cooperative Extension program.

"The humane society shelter budget, based on the number of animals handled, already was cut from \$23,718 to \$22,000."

Also on the agenda is a review of the county's proposed loan agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority to build a 100-bed jail in the Carrizozo Industrial Park. By the time the \$3.9 million loan is paid off in 30 years, the dollar cost will be more than \$6.5 million.

The third item is a disaster declaration and resolution to set up a mechanism for recouping expenses connected with fighting the wildfires that started Sunday and by Tuesday burned more than 5,300 acres primarily northeast of Ruidoso.

During the first budget session last week, County Treasurer Joan Park explained this process used to assess homes for property taxes.

Although this is not a reappraisal year, County Assessor Patry Serna said more than \$22 million in new construction is on the books. The cut-off point to be included in the 2000 tax roll was Jan. 1.

"There were 40 new manufactured homes in the Ranches

of Ruidoso area alone," she said. Other construction continued as in prior years to be concentrated in Alto, Capitan, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, she said.

Despite all of the good news in new construction, Serna pointed out that the new state legislature imposed cap of a three percent increase per year for existing property means that in some areas, taxable values will begin to lag significantly behind true market value.

New Mexico taxes on third of market value.

Park was pessimistic from another angle, pointing out that no matter how much taxable values go up, the actual dollars that can be collected by taxing entities are limited by a state-imposed yield formula.

The dollars aren't keeping up with county expenses, she pointed out, presenting a 10-

year chart showing the history of general fund revenues and expenses.

Starting in fiscal year 1994-95, spending began outdistancing revenues, forcing commissioners to raid reserves each year, reducing the amount of cash carried over to the new budgets.

By pledging \$1.2 million toward county hospital expansion and renovation, and depleting a facilities repair and improvement fund, commissioners lost money that previously was collecting interest and was bolstering revenues.

But the biggest blow occurred when the state Fire Marshal forced the commission to play catch-up at its jail in the county courthouse complex in Carrizozo. Threatening to close the old structure because of fire and safety violations and in-

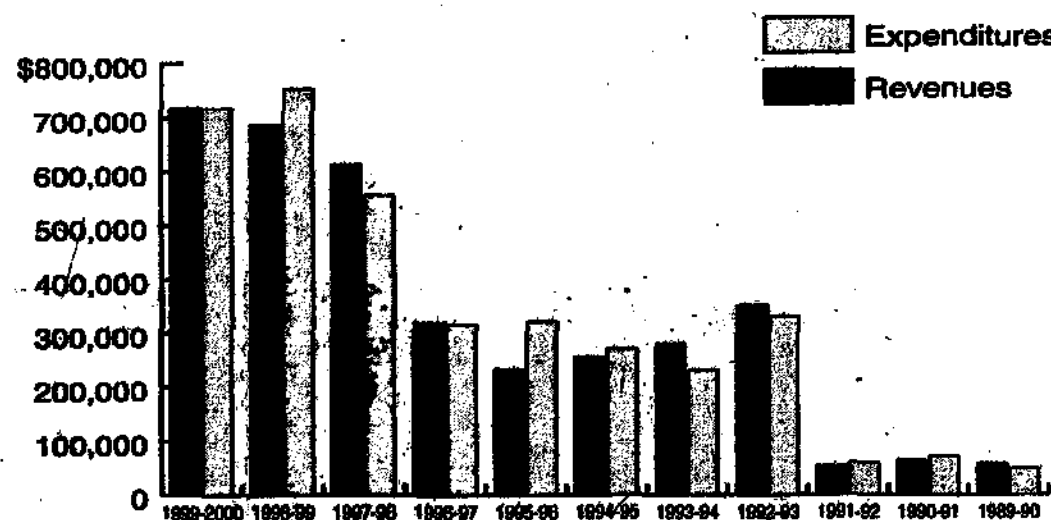
mate crowding, the state backed off when commissioners brought in a professional management group and started planning for a new jail.

In 1989-90, it cost \$48,649 to run the jail with 889 inmates for the year and \$57,351 in revenue with no infusion from other funds.

By 1992-93, the county spent \$982,078 to house 928 inmates and had to transfer \$290,000 to balance the department budget. In 1997-98, with about 200 more inmates, the cost jumped to \$556,673, but only \$116,823 was collected in revenue. The operation required a \$439,748 subsidy from other county money.

In the current budget year, \$595,848 will be needed to keep the jail from running at a deficit for total projected expenses of \$717,848.

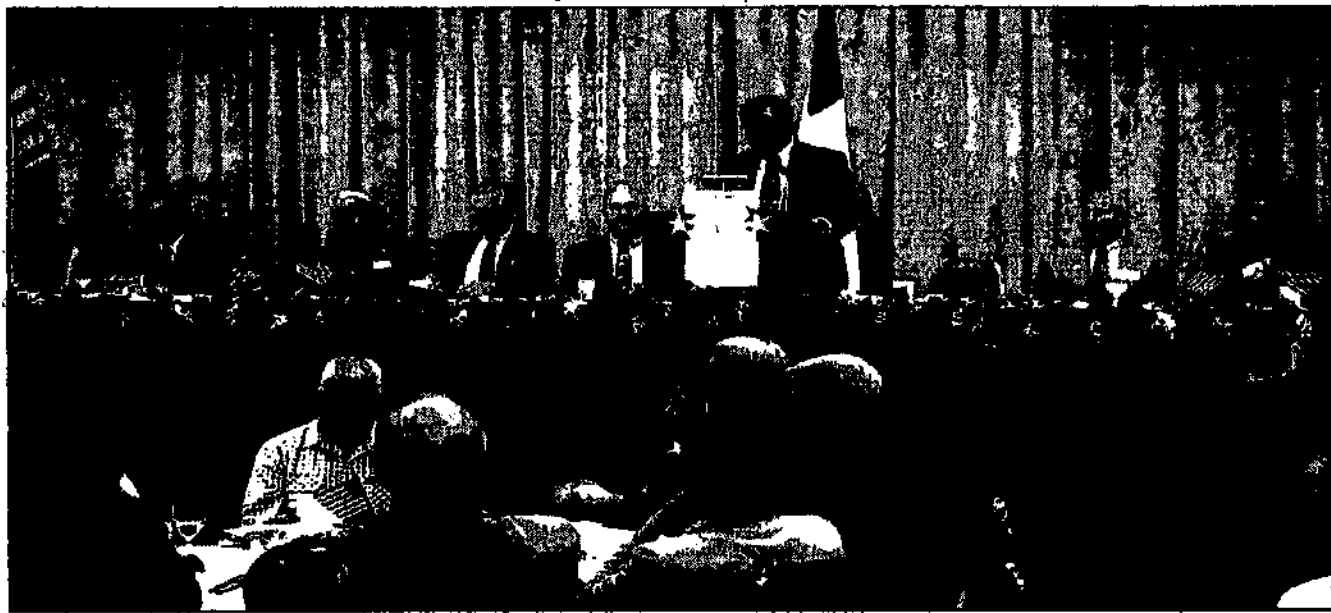
## Detention Center History



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## Prayer breakfast



Business and community leaders from throughout Lincoln County gathered Thursday at a prayer breakfast. Pictured here at the head table of the event are Lincoln County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson, state Rep. W.C. "Dub" Williams, New Mexico Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley, Tom Battin, president, Ruidoso State Bank, PGA golf pro Vally Armstrong, who was also the guest speaker of the event, James Paxton, Century 21 Real Estate, and Mesalero Apache Tribal President Sara Misquez.

## Village councilors consider, then table, contract to burn pine needles

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Contemplating the thought of a \$60,000 savings, Ruidoso village councilors tabled action Tuesday on a contract to burn pine needles and other yard waste.

Village Manager Alan Briley said Ruidoso's contract with Sierra Contracting Inc. expired last October, but the company has continued to provide the service under the previous charge of \$3.25 per cubic yard.

Invitations to bid for services were sent to four vendors, but only Sierra submitted a proposal. The new terms would increase the charge to \$4.50 per cubic yard for up to 20,000 cubic yards, with a 10 percent discount for disposal exceeding that amount.

Councilor Leon Eggleston asked if Briley looked at other methods. "That's a huge increase," he said.

Briley said Leonard Stokes, a solid waste environmental waste consultant for

the village, estimates he could save the village \$60,000 a year by hiring one more employee and buying a truck to haul the debris to a regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

"But that would not solve the problem of final disposal," Briley said. Pine needles take years to degrade and would use up space at the landfill, he pointed out.

"Sierra is a permanent solution versus taking up landfill space," Briley said. "Is that worth \$60,000 a year?"

Councilor Ron Anderson asked what it would cost the village to start its own incineration operation, but was told specialized equipment and permits are required.

"My concern is that with only one place, they could hold us up pretty good — not that they are," he said. "But we put four (invitations) out and got only one back."

The village has exceeded 31,000 cubic yards of material this year, Briley said.

"We should have less in the

future, because every year, he said of the mounds of pine needles and yard waste produced by home owners for disposal.

But Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sterchi, sitting in for Mayor Robert Donaldson, who was out of town, disagreed.

"I suspect we'll see the amount increase substantially after this fire," he said, referring to a wild fire that has burned 5,700 acres north of town. "It will reinvigorate everyone to clear their property."

If the council approves the contract, the village must use Sierra for at least 20,000 cubic yards of disposal, Briley said.

## Bid process legally required to retain Hondo clinic operator

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Based on an advisory letter from the state Attorney General's office, Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel said Monday, a request for proposals (RFP) must be advertised to provide services to the Hondo Valley Health Clinic.

A question about a possible conflict of interest recently was raised after county officials found that Barbara Casey, who headed the drive to establish the health clinic in Hondo, serves on the board of La Casa de Buena Salud, the entity recommended to provide services there.

County Commissioners last month pledged \$180,000 toward the clinic's operation from a special property tax levy designated for three rural clinics in the county. But they directed Morel to contact the state Department of Finance and Administration for authorization to transfer money to the school district, which would sign the contract with an entity to manage the clinic.

Although the school board already had selected La Casa to operate the clinic on school district property, members will have to start again, Morel said.

Casey, Hondo School superintendent, said La Casa was the only entity interested in providing services last year when she searched for help.

But she is willing to go out for proposals again, if that's what it takes, she said.

On April 25, Casey proposed to Morel that an RFP might be avoided if La Casa was deemed to be a sole source for the services, in line with a provision in the state procurement code.

"If anyone has any questions, they should feel free to call and ask me about it."

Barbara Casey,  
Hondo school superintendent

But Morel wrote Casey on April 26, that he isn't in a position "to unilaterally declare (La Casa) a sole-source provider without first going out for a request for proposal."

He said Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which manages the county hospital in Ruidoso and the health clinics in Carrizozo and Corona, may want to submit a proposal.

A joint powers agreement probably will be required between the commission and the Hondo Valley School Board, to allow the funneling of the mill levy money, he wrote.

"It is my opinion that the county of Lincoln cannot enter into a contract directly with La Casa," he wrote.

If the school board doesn't want to act as the conduit, Casey should notify the commission, which then will have to advertise for RFPs, Morel said.

The county also received a copy of an advisory letter from an assistant attorney general saying an RFP should have been sought for medical services when the county's contract with Presbyterian came up for renewal in 1994 and again in 1998. That advice would extend to the Hondo situation, he said.

Casey said Tuesday she first served on La Casa's board for seven years while she was a state legislator based in Roswell. But after an attorney

general issued a letter saying that legislators should not serve on any boards for which they acquired money, she resigned, Casey said.

Board members receive no reimbursement for serving, including no mileage for traveling to meetings, she said.

Casey was asked about her association with the board last month during a commission meeting and said she recently was asked to serve again.

"I've attended three meetings," she said Monday. "I didn't know I had been reappointed until three months ago when I was called by the acting board chairman, who asked if I would serve again."

Casey said she represents La Casa's Roswell clinic on the board. Each community served by La Casa — Clovis, Portales, Roswell and possibly Hondo — has three members on the board, Casey said. In addition, a community board oversees the operation of each clinic.

She would not serve on the Hondo community board, she said.

"I don't feel it is a conflict," Casey said. "The school district doesn't run the clinic. If we receive the \$180,000, that will be a separate account until we do the RFPs and select an entity, then the money would go to that entity."

"I'm not involved with interviewing for Hondo. Only those on the Hondo board do that."

The boards are appointed based on federal guidelines, she said.

"If anyone has any questions, they should feel free to call and ask me about it," Casey said. "I have nothing to hide. I want everything to be legal."

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**OUR OPINION****Inevitably, fire follows drought in Ruidoso**

All those dire predictions of a flaming Lincoln County came true Sunday afternoon.

This time, it was not on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, or "somewhere out there."

It was an unruly, wind-driven wildfire on Ruidoso's northern perimeter, leaping across canyons, ridges and roadways, destroying structures, driving out hundreds of people, forcing the opening of emergency shelters for people and livestock, requiring the assistance of professional firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and National Guardsmen from throughout the region, and indeed from throughout the west. They call it the Cree Fire.

It raged on Monday, driven by strong gusty winds, creating its own shifting patterns, sometimes driving firemen away. A long, dry winter means ample fuel.

Whole subdivisions were evacuated, including much of the upscale Alto area. Some property was lost. Major and minor roads were closed to control movement of residents and provide access for firefighters and equipment. Businesses offered help, restaurants provided food, everybody watched and wondered with the heightened awareness that inevitably comes with danger. Many packed bags and valuables, just in case.

Lighter winds improved the odds for those battling a hundred hot spots on Tuesday, but at dusk the battle had not been won. Backfires were started to build firebreaks. The command post was moved eastward, from the Ruidoso Convention Center to the Sports Theater on the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grounds.

Many residents recalled that exactly 50 years ago, a badly singed bear cub was found during a fire in Capitan Gap a few miles north — a cub to become world famous as Smokey Bear, the symbol of fire prevention.

A couple living on Fort Stanton Mesa with a ringside seat for the battle painted a huge "We Love You" on a barn roof in plain sight of slurry bombers as they emptied their loads to the south.

That couple, Carl and Lisa Bartley, spoke for everybody in southern Lincoln County, as the battle continued.

**YOUR OPINION****A small green proposal**

To the editor:

I came up with a plan while watching my once-beautiful lawn wither away. I think I will put up a green right in the middle of it and water it to my heart's content. And since it will be a small course, I should be able to manage the sprinklers much more efficiently than the big commercial courses do. I won't let the sprinklers run amok and water the street or the parking lot. And if it's windy or raining I will refrain from watering at all because common sense dictates so. I would be embarrassed if the public saw such a wasteful use of water and would expect protest. You see, I would like my little golf course to set a precedent and would be pleased at all the other home-based courses popping up all over town. Think how much revenue the Village could make issuing private mini-course permits.

Sandra Ford  
Ruidoso

**When welfare works**

To the editor:

I am a single mom with two boys. Nine years ago after a serious illness I ended up in the welfare system. I have received financial and medical assistance on and off over the years since then.

Just recently I was directed to Lincoln County Works, as I

have exceeded the income limits of the welfare program. I was a little put off by this as I am self-employed and furthering my education on my own.

I really didn't feel that I needed job counseling but complied as any further assistance was dependent on my cooperation.

I was tested to evaluate my level of education and was quite thrilled that I scored 12.9, college level, after all these years of school. After the test a worker provided me with a great deal of information about grants, scholarships and job opportunities that are available to me. I have also been offered the chance to go back to college full-time and work towards a degree.

I am grateful to see such a positive accomplishment on the part of this government agency. Finally they are providing not only assistance but opportunity

and incentive for people to better their lives. There were times over the years that I actually could make more money on welfare than I could working.

Fortunately I persevered and became self-sufficient through my own efforts. Now that chance is available to anyone who is willing and able to make that choice.

Cathie R. Eisen  
Nogal

**A tale of two villages**

To the editor:

In the western United States, nestled high in gloriously green mountainous areas, a few hundred miles apart, are two small villages, each with fewer than 15,000 full-time residents; both have rivers, both have universities, both have tracks that are magnets during the warm months and both have

popular ski destinations.

Both have population swell due to tourism, both have an abundance of shops, restaurants, and guest rooms. Both have village councils. Both have Chambers.

Village A is devoid of trash and graffiti — residents consciously/consistently pick up debris. Bicyclists stop and retrieve cans, bottles and papers. Merchants, when walking toward their shops, pick up trash in front of their fellow merchants. All village employees, on their rounds, "pitch in."

Village Z, however, is trash-strewn. Realtors have listed properties left unattended — their signs more often than not vandalized or falling/fallen down. Young and old alike cast Coke bottles, beer cans and candy wrappers from their speeding automobiles at will.

Village A encourages growth but developers must receive commitment of water before earth is turned. Further, each developer pays, in advance, a minimum of \$4,000, a tap-in fee if you will, to defray infrastructure costs.

Truly controlled growth. Village Z encourages development and claims "managed growth."

Both villages have attitudes — as different as A is to Z. If you feel that Village Z is Ruidoso, get engaged and do something about it.

Louie P. Robinson  
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BY STEWART TRUELSEN  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Following close on the heels of a National Academies of Science report that said "biotech foods now on the market are safe to eat," the Clinton administration has taken steps to boost public confidence in them. The most significant part of the plan would require biotech companies to give the Food and Drug Administration four months notice before marketing a new biotech food. The agency and the public also would be given access to the research data that supports the new food's safety.

"Like farmers, biotech companies should welcome the opportunity to share research that proves any new biotech food product is safe," said American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman. The National Academies also called for a more open and accessible regulatory process.

Another part of the plan would include labeling products that are not enhanced through biotechnology. This gives the public a choice in buying food items, without attaching any stigma to biotech foods. Opponents of biotech foods

wanted it the other way around. They wanted biotech foods labeled in what could have been misinterpreted as some sort of warning.

It's widely reported that farmers are cutting back on plantings of biotech crops this spring. Corn plantings could be down nearly 25 percent and soybeans almost 10 percent, not because farmers don't believe in the safety or value of them, but because of public pressure. Several food and restaurant companies have succumbed to this pressure and stopped marketing products enhanced through biotechnology.

But the scientific community, government, farmer-led organizations and others are increasing efforts to educate the public about biotechnology. There are going to be legitimate concerns with any life science advancement. But most of the opposition to biotechnology is nothing more than fear-mongering.

When *The New York Times* covered a conference on biotechnology at The Hague in January, it reported that participants were "intelligent, earnest and a bit dull."

Picketing outside were peo-

ple dressed as a headless chicken, a gorilla with a pox-speckled banana, and a mutant apple in a radiation suit. They played a tape of cauldrons bubbling and people belching. This is the stage on which the protesters would hope to keep the debate — a theater of the absurd.

But the intelligent, earnest, scientific, dull crowd is gaining the upper hand in the biotechnology debate, at least in this country. In releasing the new plan for regulation of biotech foods, FDA Commissioner Jane Henney said the agency's own review of biotech

foods shows them to be as safe as non-biotech counterparts. She said the purpose of the new initiatives is to provide the public with continued confidence in the safety of these foods.

The opponents of biotechnology have been successful in one respect. They have kept attention focused on the risks. As those risks fail to materialize or be validated scientifically, attention will swing to the benefits of biotech foods.

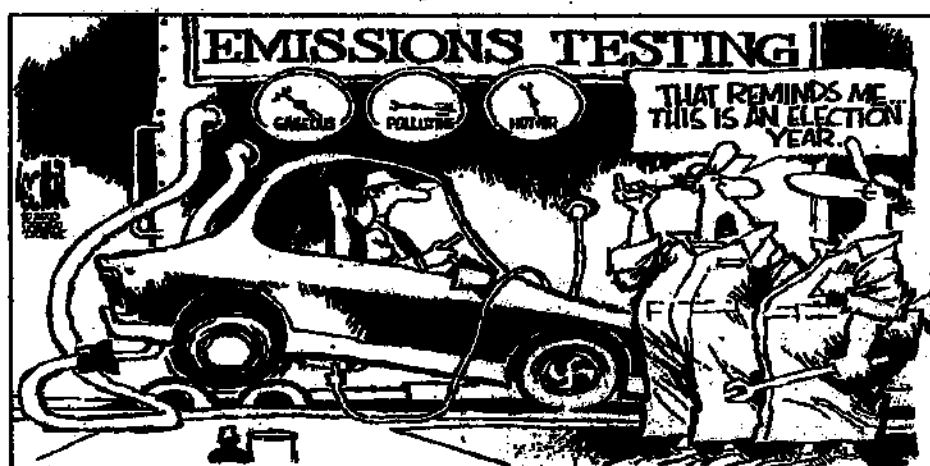
The writer is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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**GUEST COMMENTARY****Biotech food in confidence-building stage**



## GUEST COMMENTARY

## The drought problem in River City: At bottom, bribery

BY BEN Y. MASON  
RUIDOSO RIVER ASSOCIATION

If you wonder why the Village of Ruidoso is not prepared for drought, the answer is chronic lack of ready money to complete critical tasks at the right time.

Eagle Creek well field problems are now being addressed in haste at an estimated cost of \$600,000 with the hope of adding 600-800 acre-feet per year to Ruidoso's water supply. Engineering and legal steps are being taken to secure effluent credit, perhaps 1,000-2,000 acre-feet per year. All of this could have been done at any time during the last decade. The Grindstone Dam leakage pump back system finally being completed this month was authorized by the State Engineer 12 years ago.

Money to expand Ruidoso's water and sewer system in a rational way has always been available to the village administration, but rather than put it to productive use, it has been squandered by charging only token water and sewer connection fees instead of the true cost. We are literally bribing individuals and firms to tap into the water and sewer system

and further exploit it. The bribes cost the village almost \$700,000 last year and over \$1 million in 1998.

The word "bribe" is a bit harsh, but perfectly accurate. It costs Ruidoso taxpayers about \$4,200 to provide the water and sewer infrastructure for each new connection. This pays for the newcomer's share of the pumps, reservoirs, treatment plants, water rights, and trunk lines.

A statutory mechanism, the economic impact fee, has long been at hand to recover the taxpayers' outlay and set it aside for further system expansion. The impact fee is not a tax, but instead, is a tightly targeted user fee. It may not be used for system repairs but only for expansion. It does not relieve prior users of the debt burden already accrued, and it must be sequestered in an interest-bearing account separate from general funds.

It is fair and equitable, but the well organized building and development industry hates it and has killed it. Consequently, the Ruidoso water system lurches from crisis to crisis, scrambling to catch up instead of executing a pre-financed expansion. The Eagle Creek well work is needed urgently and immediately but was not

even budgeted in our water plan until the 5-year phase. A 20-year water plan loses credibility when half of its components are vitally needed in its first year.

The development industry does not lack arguments to justify its opposition to the economic impact fee. Here are a few of them:

\*1. *It is not fair to change long-standing arrangements. Builders of new homes are entitled to the same favorable treatment as their predecessors.*

Why? Whenever any gravy train leaves its station for the last time, there are always some poor souls left on the platform mourning the disappearing loot. Taxpayers will shed few tears.

\*2. *Ruidoso needs affordable housing for working families. Taxpayers should subsidize their water and sewer connections.*

A pious subterfuge. More than half of the subsidies go to vacation homes for affluent non-residents and are thus wasted. This valued and discriminating category of buyers does not base its investment strategy on trivial construction discounts but is likely to be swayed by reliable water

service.

\*3. *It is not really a subsidy. Every new owner is captured by our tax collectors and will have to pay for ever. The village will get its money back tenfold.*

Nonsense. Additional population means additional claims on civic resources. Those demands always increase faster than tax revenue, and taxes have to be increased. Look at Ruidoso's history.

\*4. *It will create an incentive for new home buyers to go outside the village to the unincorporated communities, to open countryside, or just plain elsewhere.*

Immateral. Dwellings built outside village limits place no burden on the municipal system. And it may not be true. Most of the nearby small community water systems have worse long-term supply problems than Ruidoso as well as worrisome quality and safety issues. Regarding going "elsewhere," just ask yourself "Do we really have to (or want to) bribe people to come here?"

\*5. *We don't need an impact fee. Bond issues have always financed expansion.*

This, the most infuriating argu-

ment of all, implies "What else are taxpayers for?"

It is time to take a cold look at Ruidoso's prospects of surviving a long drought without serious pain. It takes money to acquire secure water sources, good treatment facilities, and storage — not just a plan, but a reliable stream of system expansion money. Without it, Ruidoso will become less and less attractive, not just to newcomers, but to all of us who live here. This is a time of need, and more such times probably lie ahead.

It is the urgent duty of the Village Council to open the impact fee to public hearings and to move directly to its passage.

The fee, when imposed, should be immediate and complete, not partial or phased in over years. It makes more sense to issue partial or phased-in building permits than to delay the impact fee.

*The writer was the dissenting member of a village impact fee advisory committee, and is an officer of the Ruidoso River Association. His professional background is in water management.*

## Letter carriers sponsor food drive in village

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U. S. Postal Service, will collect non-perishable food items Saturday for distribution to local food banks, according to Rick Adams, a Ruidoso letter carrier.

Adams emphasized that the food should be canned or other lasting items. The items may be left at postal patrons' mail boxes or at the post office. The letter carriers will pick them up and take them to the food banks.

Other sponsors include Campbell's Soup Company and the United Way, Adams said.

The food drive is an annual event initiated by the letter carriers.

## Census count still under way

Despite forest fires, changing winds and residential evacuations, enumerators conducting Census 2000 are still going door to door to count Lincoln County residents.

As of Tuesday afternoon, census takers had returned to their normal duties, although four workers were evacuated Monday, said Edith Dobbins, Census 2000 crew leader and a life-long county resident.

Right now we're okay," she said. "But the fire is still burning and the wind changes rapidly."

Census takers had just finished canvassing Homestead Acres, where Dobbins said the fire began, before it was evacuated. Workers had left another area on County Roads 3 and 4 early Monday afternoon before it was evacuated at 3 p.m.. The area reopened Tuesday, Dobbins said.

A limited time has been allotted to New Mexico to count those who were missed in earlier census operations before an official count is turned into the Denver regional office, said Arlene Roybal, Las Cruces local census office manager. However, workers still are meeting their quotas, Dobbins said. "We have been given a deadline, and it was moved from July 7 back to June 24," she said.

"The census taker's job is more important than ever," Roybal said. "These are the numbers that help people get the funding for resources they need to deal with this type of crisis."

About 40 census takers are working in the county.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

## John Pfenning

Memorial services for John Pfenning, 49, of Ruidoso Downs will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Pfenning died Friday, May 6, 2000, in Ruidoso Downs.

He was born Oct. 10, 1950, in Rutland, Vt. He moved to Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area six years ago from San Diego, Calif. He had served in the Navy, was a certified physician's assistant and a personal trainer.

Survivors include his fiancée, Ann Donnelly, of Ruidoso Downs; brothers Thomas Pfenning of Centerville, Mass.; and Steve Pfenning, of Rutland, Vt.

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

## Blackie Mosteller

Burial services for Royal "Blackie" Mosteller, 77, of Ruidoso, will be held at a later date in Coffeyville, Kan.

Mr. Mosteller died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, in Ruidoso. He was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Independence, Kan.

He served in the Army during World War II and was a retired pianist. He moved to Ruidoso 30 years ago from Coffeyville, Kan.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

## Bob Schellstede

Visitation for John "Bob" Robert Schellstede, 56, of Roswell, will be at noon today at the Ballard Funeral home.

The funeral will be at 2

p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Roswell, with the Rev. Winston Presnall officiating. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery where the Roswell Veterans Honor Guard will conduct military graveside services.

He died Saturday, May 6, 2000, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Schellstede was born Jan. 29, 1944, in Tulsa, Okla., to John Schellstede and Eloise J. Rees Schellstede. His father preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas, where he played football. In 1971, he began his career with the Boy Scouts in Dallas, Texas. Later he transferred to Fort Worth, Texas, and to San Antonio, Texas, before serving 13 years in Roswell as the Boy Scout executive. He was recognized nationally for his many achievements in scouting.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he was very active in the community. He was a member of Roswell Rotary, Reach 2000, Partners in Education, United Way and numerous other educational and youth-related organizations. He also was executive director of the International Styrofoam Ice Chest Lid Museum in Picacho.

He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing and attending local school athletic events. He was the wagon boss for the world-famous Circle Diamond Chuckwagon. He was an accomplished chuck wagon cook and won numerous awards.

He especially loved to compete at the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. He enjoyed life to the fullest, and especially his Wednesday

Coffee Club and meeting with his Fridays group.

Survivors include his mother, Eloise Schellstede of Langley, Okla.; sons David Schellstede and Doug Schellstede of Roswell; their mother, Trudy Schellstede of Roswell; a brother, Richard Schellstede; and his hunting dog, Duke.

His family suggests memorial contributions be made to Conquistador Council Boy Scouts of America Trust Fund at 2603 N. Aspen, Roswell, or to the First United Methodist Church Cowboy Bell Scholar-

ship Fund at 200 N. Pennsylvania, Roswell.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ballard Funeral Home.

## Frances Arlene Lays

There will be no local funeral for Frances Arlene Lays, 87, of Carrizozo. Burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., with her husband, James, who preceded her in death in 1996.

She was born March 16,

1913 in Brockton, Mass.

She lived in Florida for 40 years before moving to Capitan and later to Carrizozo with her daughter and son-in-law.

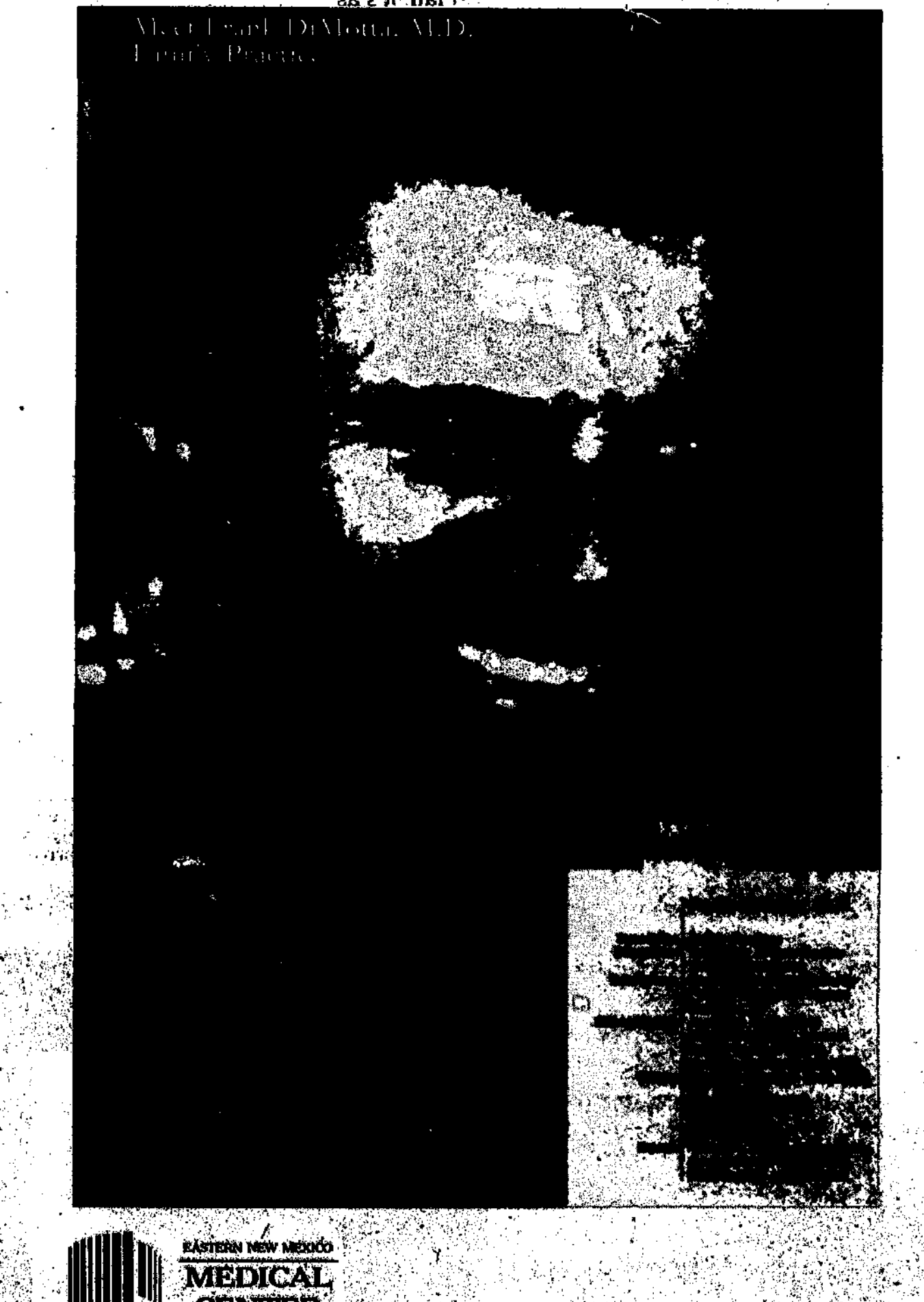
Survivors include daughters Barbara Stewart and her husband, Howard, of Carrizozo, and Janet Rankin of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; a son, Ken Lays of Lake Worth, Fla.; brothers Howard Behn and his wife, Gertrude, of Largo, Fla., and Robert Behn of Largo, Fla.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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## N. M. tourism division launches in-state advertising campaign here

Representatives from the New Mexico Department of Tourism will unveil its "Enchanted Summer" in-state advertising campaign during the ongoing National Tourism Week (May 7-13).

Working with the Rick Johnson & Co. advertising agency, the department has produced a series of print, radio and billboard ads touting the natural wonders of the Land of Enchantment and encouraging New Mexicans to get to know their own state this summer. The campaign kicks-off is this week and will be featured in newspapers and on radio stations statewide throughout the summer.

The Department of Tourism

is using National Tourism Week as a means to debut the in-state campaign statewide and to tell New Mexico communities about the benefits of tourism.

Tourism is the state's second largest industry, bringing in \$3.3 billion in revenue annually and providing 74,000 jobs statewide.

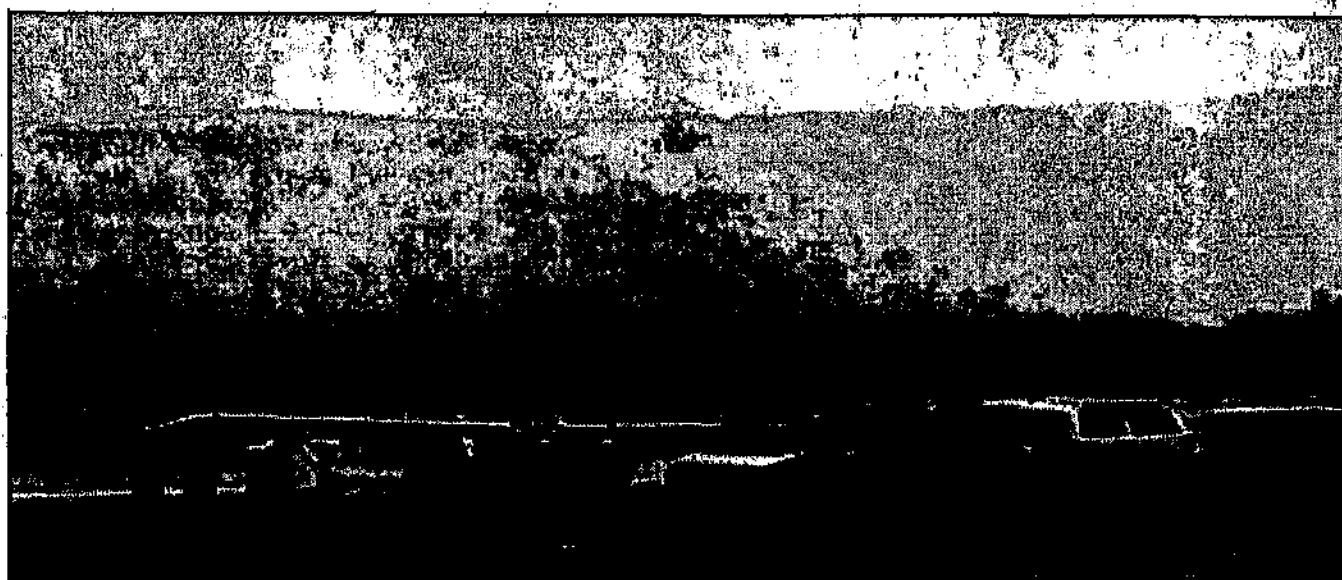
Mark Trujillo and Virginia Barsky were scheduled to visit Ruidoso today. They will present the new advertising campaign at a reception hosted by Grindstone Graphics and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. The reception will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Chamber of Commerce building on Sudderth Drive.

"We at the department

believe that working with communities and acting as a resource is very important," said Janet Green, state secretary of tourism. "We thought it would be a great idea to visit communities to gather their needs first hand."

"There are many New Mexicans who live in the northern part of the state that may have never seen Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands or the southern forests—or there are people who live in the south that have never seen the beauty in the northern part of the state," said Green. "We're encouraging New Mexicans to keep themselves in a 'State of Enchantment' this summer, and see all that their home has to offer."

## Wheels-up landing



Two people escaped injury Monday when a single-engine Cessna did a wheels-up landing at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport under smoky skies. The noon incident delayed flight at the airport for more than two hours, said Tim Morris, airport manager. The aircraft, from Texas, experienced a landing gear malfunction, Morris said.

## GOP senate hopeful concerned about rough fiscal roads ahead

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A U.S. Senate hopeful from New Mexico, Steve Pearce, warns that the state may have some rough fiscal roads ahead.

Stopping in Ruidoso, where the Republican attended the annual Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Pearce said the state's mining industry is already facing difficulties.

"I visualize that New Mexico has some difficult times," he said. "The economy could become a problem, especially

the oil and gas industry. And our agriculture economy will have problems with NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)."

While water resources and rights are a big issue in New Mexico, Pearce believes the new century will elevate water "as a deciding factor in all the states in the nation."

He discounted any long-range solutions that would

move water from one area of the country to another. Instead, he advocated programs that would reclaim water used in industrial operations. As an example, Pearce, who owns a business involved in the oil extraction industry, said water from oil well drilling should be reclaimed.

The Republican espouses a smaller federal government, and said he is a strong advo-

cate for states' rights.

"I would always favor returning power to the states at the expense of the federal government," Pearce said.

The candidate assessed himself as a fiscal conservative and "pretty conservative" on social issues.

As an example, Pearce said reforming welfare, by directing people into the workforce, is a good move.

"First, if we don't stick to our (welfare) reforms, there won't be enough in future budgets for our seniors," he said. "And second, with a 4-percent national unemployment rate, there won't be enough people in the work force."

Pearce said Congress needs to address the labor force, with baby-boomers due to retire over the next 15 years. He said there could be

real labor problems if qualified workers fail to materialize.

Pearce, presently a state representative whose home is in Hobbs, is in a three-way Republican contest in the June primary. The other two Republicans are Bill Davis of Albuquerque and Bill Redmond, of Los Alamos. The victor will go on to challenge the Democrat incumbent, Jeff Bingaman.

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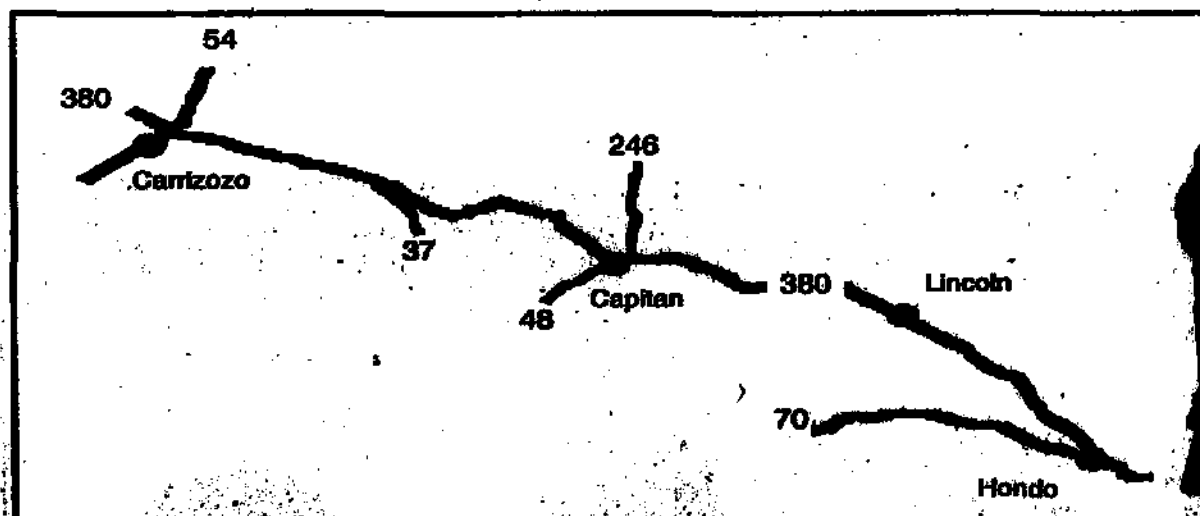
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PLACE: The San Juan Church  
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# For some, three homeless nights

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some homeowners beyond Ruidoso's eastern village limits were ordered to remain out of their homes for a third consecutive night Tuesday, as flames from the Cree Fire at times crept into their subdivisions.

Residents in the Pines of Gavilan, Homestead, Lower Eagle Creek, Fawn Ridge and Shangri La subdivisions were told to evacuate Sunday afternoon. They left their homes again Monday afternoon, after being allowed back in for a time earlier in the day.

In addition, the evacuation orders extended further north Monday afternoon, to the High Mesa and Kokopelli areas of Alto, and Rancho Ruidoso and Upper Rancho Ruidoso Estates.

"It's horrible," Beth McQueen said of the fire, as she and her husband were being told to vacate their home on High Mesa Drive in Alto. "We've been thinking all these years it's going to happen. And it is," she said.

McQueen said she began loading her vehicle after a passing motorist told her evacuations had been ordered. Minutes later a force made up of dozens of squad cars began going door to door, ordering people to leave.

"I can't believe it," said Mary Ann Morris of Santa Fe, as she looked southeast, where billows of smoke were filling the air. "This is my sister's house. It's her 40th birthday. And we're in trouble here. We need to get out."

Other evacuations Monday included homes located on both sides of Gavilan Canyon Road, from near the fire's origin in the area of Buddie's Riding Stables north to the Hull Road intersection. Numerous roads, including the evacuated section of Gavilan Canyon Road, were closed at times Sunday, Monday and



Evacuees from Eagle Creek Canyon Tuesday question Dick Fleishman, of the Cree Fire's management team. The residents were asking about conditions around their homes and when they might be allowed to return.

Tuesday.

Sunday's evacuations involved an estimated 150 residences. Monday afternoon's evacuations totaled 450 to 550, said Thomas Chavez, Ruidoso's emergency manager and fire command team member.

By 8 p.m. Monday residents in the affected Alto and Rancho Ruidoso areas were allowed to return to their homes. Those in affected subdivisions along Gavilan Canyon remained barred from their properties into Tuesday.

Emergency officials speculated most of the overnight evacuees went to friends or relatives homes, or booked lodging.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday only two families were at the shelter established at the Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth

Drive in Ruidoso.

"We have lived through several of these," said Mary Turner, who with her husband Bill was at the shelter. "We used to live in the Jemez Mountains (of northern New Mexico). But we never had to evacuate there."

The couple, who lived just outside a mandatory evacuation area, said they left because of the smoke.

"I think we're fixing to go home pretty soon," Bill Turner said Monday evening.

Dorothea Ernest, with the Red Cross run shelter at the Gateway Church, said some motels in the Ruidoso area had donated rooms for those forced from their homes. Some other lodging establishments provided reduced price rooms for evacuees, she said.

## Activity surges at airport

The Cree Fire brought increased activity at the nearby Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, including the addition of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control tower.

"It makes for a much safer environment here with the fire," said Tim Morris, airport manager.

"We basically have all the spotter, lead planes, tanker planes and helicopters because of the fire," Morris said.

The control tower was put in place Tuesday.

"We're also expecting an influx of people coming to open up their seasonal homes," Morris said. "Coupled with the fire activity, it's really busy. As much traffic as we have in and out, it (the tower) makes for a safer field."

FAA staff from the Roswell control tower are managing daytime flights around Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The tower will remain in place as long as the fire-fighting effort continues.

Officials with the Cree Fire are also using the airport northeast of Ruidoso to refill tankers with fire retardant.

"They're setting up a series of tanks, pumps and a holding tank for the slurry," the airport manager said Tuesday.

Initially the tankers reloaded with the fire retardant at the airport at Alamogordo.

Morris said the slurry mixing and reloading area at the airport is being established southeast of the terminal building.

## Fire stress counseling available here

The Counseling Center, Inc., a not-for-profit private behavioral health agency, has qualified early intervention specialists and psychotherapists to assist persons dealing with stress-related anxiety and depression resulting from the

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# Fire on the Mountain: The spread of wildfire and the effort to stop it

## • Sunday

At about 3:15 p.m. fire is reported in the Gavilan Canyon area. An array of fire departments, from local, state, federal, and tribal agencies, move in to attack the fire.

Ruidoso police begin evacuations of the Pines of Gavilan, Homestead, Lower Eagle Creek, Shangri La and Fawn Ridge subdivisions.

By 4:30 p.m. the fire is estimated at 200 acres. Air attack crews are summoned in to try to squelch the fire with retardant.

Shelters are established to provide overnight accommodations for evacuees.

By dusk the blaze is about 400 acres. Fire crews continue to work through the night hoping to contain what is now dubbed The Cree Fire.

Two firefighters are slightly injured.

## • Monday

By morning the Cree Fire is listed at 3,000 acres, as fire fighting contingents move in at an increased pace.

In addition to the volunteer departments in Lincoln County, 35 engines from state and federal agencies are working.

Others arriving from beyond New Mexico's boundaries. Fire officials Monday morning raise the estimated size to 4,000 acres, as winds gusting are clocked up to 45 mph.

An investigation is underway, with the origin of the fire pinned on Forest Service land behind the Pines of Gavilan area. An illegal campfire is suspected.

A mobile home is reported to have been destroyed by flames, as are two homes under construction. All three are deep in the forest, about seven miles east of Ruidoso.

The number of suppression crews reaches more than 300 Monday

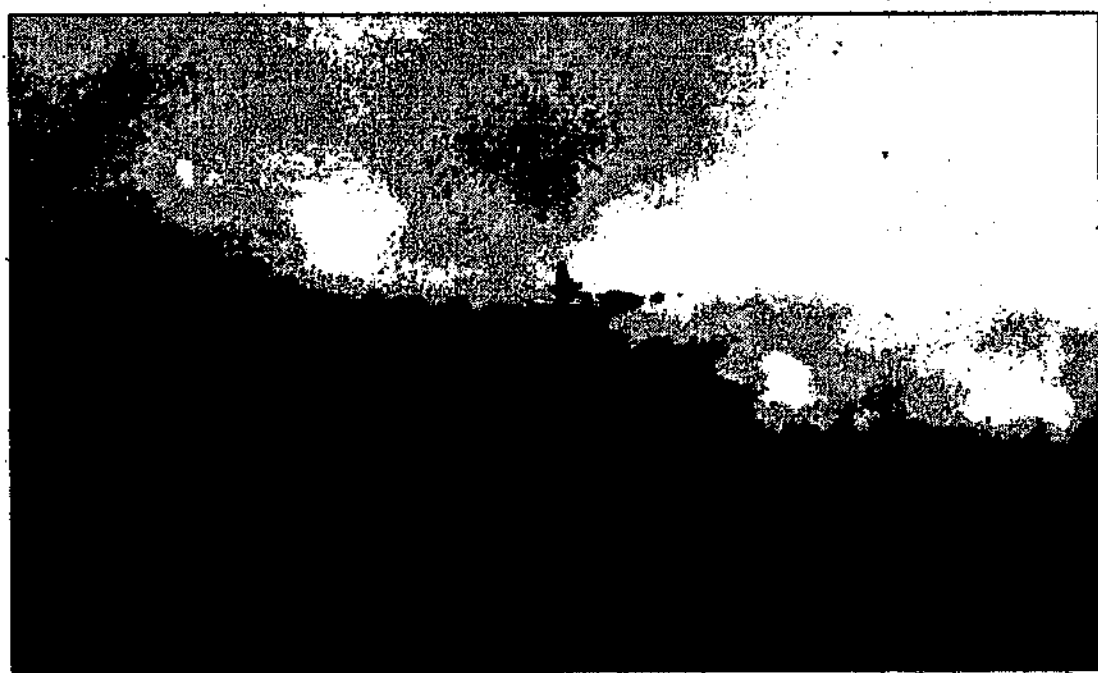


Lines of emergency vehicles have become all too familiar to area residents.

James Kalveke/Ruidoso News



Plumes of smoke and flames were clearly visible by late Sunday afternoon.



Slurry aircraft continue to "dive bomb" the Cree Fire.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

morning.

A "dozer line," seeking to stop the fire in Lower Eagle Creek fails at about 1:30 p.m., as high winds push flames over the fire break.

Some gusts as high as 60 mph are clocked at mid-afternoon. About

the same time New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson tours the fire area by air, and later touches down in Ruidoso and declares a state of emergency.

Some residents of subdivisions in Gavilan Canyon are allowed to return home, but that is quickly reversed as wind shifts threaten the canyon and some locations in Alto and the Rancho Ruidoso area.

By 6 p.m. the conflagration is deemed to be more than 4,500 acres.

The National Guard begins arriving, in the wake of the governor's declaration, to help with evacuations and road closures.

Those evacuated from neighborhoods in Alto and Rancho Ruidoso are allowed to return home, as the threat of a more northward fire advance is eased by calmer winds. Other evacuees are forced to spend a second night in hotels or at friends' homes.

## • Tuesday

The Cree Fire, deemed 10 percent contained, sees the number of firefighters climb beyond 400.

The Rocky Basin Incident Management Team, experts in dealing with large wildfires, takes over com-

mand. The number of air attack vehicles grows, with more fire retardant dumped on fire areas, now numerous in the 5,100-acre area.

While the fire Monday had threatened populated areas, Tuesday it is held to mostly to uninhabited sections.

Nevertheless, 300 residences remained threatened. Backfires to eliminate forest fuels near fire areas, are first used, and considered successful.

The number of firefighters totals 710. By nightfall the Cree Fire, now estimated at 5,700 acres, is declared 20 percent contained.

Those evacuated from subdivisions east of Gavilan Canyon Road remain barred from their homes overnight once again.

The village of Ruidoso council meets Tuesday night and stress maximum fines against careless smokers. Councilors also talk about persuading merchants to remove charcoal and lighter fluid from shelves.

During a briefing Tuesday evening, fire officials say upcoming forecasts call for gusty winds again, saying today's fire-fighting efforts will be pivotal.

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Ruidoso vs. Bloomfield at state tournament, Maags Field, Las Cruces, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 12  
Prep softball  
State tournament, Maags Field, Las Cruces  
Prep tennis  
Ruidoso at state tournament, Albuquerque, 8 a.m.  
Prep track  
Ruidoso at state AAA/AAAA meet, Albuquerque, 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 13  
Prep softball  
State tournament, Maags Field, Las Cruces  
Prep tennis  
Ruidoso at state tournament, Albuquerque, 8 a.m.  
Prep track  
Ruidoso at state AAA/AAAA meet, Albuquerque, 11 a.m.

## Scoreboard

Saturday, May 5  
Prep tennis  
Ruidoso boys third, girls fifth at District 4A-AAA meet  
Prep track  
Capitan boys 5th, girls 13th; Carrizozo boys 10th, girls 3rd; Corona boys 23rd; Hondo boys 23rd, girls 25th; Mesalero girls 25th at state A, AA meet  
Ruidoso boys, girls 2nd at District 3AAA meet

Monday, May 8  
Prep golf  
Ruidoso 1st after first day at state tournament

## On Deck

Senior Olympics  
The 2000 Lincoln County Seniors Olympics schedule has been set. The next scheduled event is shuffleboard today at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Tennis is set for 9 a.m. May 18 at the Ruidoso City Courts, School House Park. Any Lincoln County resident may participate in events not offered in Lincoln County in Roswell (Shelia McKnight, 624-6178) or Alamogordo (Jean Mancini, 439-4150). The 2000 New Mexico State Games will be held July 26-30 at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, with tennis and bowling in Roswell August 15-18. For more information, call Bart Young at 257-3193.

Track Web site  
Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino is announcing the launch of a new Web site — [www.ruidosodownsracing.com](http://www.ruidosodownsracing.com) or [www.btkcasino.com](http://www.btkcasino.com). The new site offers up-to-the-minute information such as entries, results, charts, program information, full-card simulcasting information, overweights and changes as well as race information for the live horse racing season set to begin on May 26. The site is also ideal for the casino player who wants updates on all Billy The Kid Casino promotions and entertainment. Additionally, patrons can join the Billy The Kid Gang Player's Club, which offers its slot players a chance to earn points, which allows for great savings and discounts. Upon joining the Player's Club, members will receive special direct mail promotions. Both web addresses contain general information on hours of operation, general contact information, promotions, 2000 Concert Series information, group events information, ticket reservations at the racetrack, and on-track dining.

High Altitude Classic  
Following turn-of-the-century railroad beds and racing down ski slopes, mountain bikers from New Mexico, Texas and other areas will take part in the High Altitude cross country and downhill bicycle races, May 13-14 in Cloudcroft. The cross country race will begin at 10 a.m. May 13 with a prize/performance class. Racers can register from 7:30-9:30 a.m. that morning. The 9-mile course consists of single track, fire roads and railroad grades. The first 200 registrants get T-shirts, and all racers receive a meal voucher. A downhill race will take place at 10:30 a.m. May 14 at Old Cloudcroft, 2.5 miles east of the village. Registration is from 7-9 a.m. Racers are required to pre-ride the course from 8-10 a.m. Cross country early registration is \$25. Downhill early registration is \$20. Early registrations must be postmarked by today. Late registrations are \$10 additional. A one-day license is \$3/day. For more information, call to register (505) 682-1229.

Baseball tournament  
The USSSA is hosting a baseball tournament May 27-29 in Ruidoso for age divisions 8-16. For more information, call Phil Latham at 915-689-8718 or e-mail to [latham4@att.net](mailto:latham4@att.net).

Team pinning  
The second annual Ruidoso Billy the Kid Casino Classic team pinning will take place June 3-4 at the Glencoe Rural Events Center on Highway 70. The event, to benefit the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, features \$5,000 added money and prizes of blankets, gift certificates, Chris LeDoux concert tickets and more. For more information or to register, call The Hubbard Museum of the American West at (800) 263-5929 or 378-4142.

Motorcycle racing  
The 21st V&V Racing Club presents the Castle Guard Time Trial, an individual time trial near Cloudcroft, on June 24, and the No. 100 Road Race, a challenging course with varying distances depending on the racer's distance level, on June 25. For more information, call Outdoor Adventures at (505) 434-1920.

# Burr leads Lady Grizzlies to state third

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALBUQUERQUE — The A/AA state track tournament clearly belonged to Carrizozo runner Ariel Burr.

The eighth-grade speedster led her team to a third-place finish — the only team track trophy ever won by the Grizzlies — by finishing first in the 100- and 400-meter dashes, second in the 200 by hundredths of a second, and helping the 4x400-meter relay team to a fourth-place finish.

That relay finish — the last event in the meet — gave the Lady Grizzlies a one-point edge over Rehoboth for the bronze. Another freshman Ariel, Ariel Vallejos, also helped by finishing third in the 200, just behind Burr and anchoring the 1,600 relay.

Coach Pat Ventura gave both young runners much of the credit for the finish.

"Those two Ariels are tough," he said. "Our two eighth graders, they carried the load most of the year. They did a super job."

Brooke Holland just missed the gold in the discus, throwing 97-1 for second.

The trophy came as a surprise to coach Pat Ventura, who had earlier analyzed the points and figured the team would finish fourth. He was sitting in the stands when the announcement was made and the girls collected their hardware.

He and assistant coach Mel Holland joked about the miscalculation.

"He's got subtraction down, he just can't add," laughed Holland.

"I didn't have my shoes off. I couldn't add," Ventura echoed.

On a more serious note, both coach said they were proud of the Grizzly teams.

"Last year, the boys and girls came here, we took one medal home," Ventura said. "A sixth place. That was it. We took a bunch of them this year and a



Carrizozo runner Ariel Burr collapses in the arms of her coach and her sister after winning the 400-meter dash Saturday. Burr recovered quickly, coming back to finish second in the 200-meter dash.

trophy."

Burr agreed.

"This year, we've just done great, the boys and the girls," she said. "We've all worked together as a team. It's been really fun running with all of them."

Her sister, Madalyn, a junior, felt the same.

"It was really exciting and I'm really proud of all of us 'cause we all sucked it up and we all did our best," she said. "That's all anybody can expect."

Burr's successful final day came after preliminary runs Friday in which she finished first in all three races and led the relay squad to a third. The only event in which Burr entered and didn't place was the high jump.

She felt the Friday runs might have led to the one loss Saturday.

"I think I ran a little too hard in the preliminaries and I think I drained myself out, so next year I'll know better," she said.

And Burr has big predictions for next year's squad.

"We're going to get first next year. I guarantee it," she said.

On the boys side, the Grizzlies finished 10th, led by James Verdugo who finished second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Ryan Roper got a pair of thirds in the javelin and discus.

## Capitan

The Capitan boys had some bad luck on the opening day of the tournament, falling victim to what coach Ed Davis called "a judgment call" in the 800-meter relay and being disqualified. That led to a fifth-place finish, one point behind Sandia Prep and 1-1/2 behind Estancia.

But despite just missing a trophy, Davis was proud of his squad.

"With what went on with early (Friday) and the way they finished the track meet, that's fine," he said. "That's as good as winning the gold."

The longer relay teams put it all together, finishing second in the medley and third in the 1,600-meter relay with some tremendous come-from-behind runs.

Ryan Switzer was the highest individual finisher with a third in the pole vault.

Davis knew the meet turned on the decision Friday that left the Tigers short a relay squad.

"We do the relay, we don't get DQ'd on a judgment call, and we bring home a trophy," he said. "Last year we folded, this year they finished like champs."

Despite a lack of numbers and injuries, the Lady Tigers still finished 13th.

Freshman Kaycee Gilson finished second in the new girls pole vault, Lindsay Bush fourth in the discus and Alicia Garcia fifth in the javelin.

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Golfer Todd Schrader gets some advice from coach Ron Wall before putting for par on the 13th hole of Piñon Hills Golf Course Monday.

## Golfers lead state tourney after wind-blown opener

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

FARMINGTON — Howling winds blew both the golfers and their balls around the Piñon Hills Golf Course Monday, making for much lower scores than expected at the A-AAA state golf tournament.

But solid play by Ruidoso senior Ben Andrews, who shot a two-over-par 74, and sophomore Ryan Shaver, who was in a three-way tie for second with 77, helped the Warriors to a three-shot first-day lead.

Ruidoso closed the wind-blown day with a 320. Home-town favorite Piedra Vista was in second with 323 and Albuquerque Academy in third with 332.

The morning started wonderfully on the weather front, but the Warriors had a rough time on the front nine. Then, as the weather deteriorated, Ruidoso's scored picked up.

"We hung tough, especially on the back nine, because we didn't play very well on the front, then the wind came up and conditions weren't as nice and I think the back's a little

tougher," Wall said. "But our boys really clawed back and that's why we did as well as we did. The back nine."

Wall said the wind, which the Warriors have had to face more than once on their home course, may have been a blessing in disguise.

"We talked about it," he said. "We said, 'If the wind comes up, maybe that's to our advantage,' and it turned out to be that way."

The coach said he wasn't surprised at Andrews' tournament-leading score.

"He's just a solid player," Wall said. "He's mature. He's a senior and he knows what this is all about and responded accordingly."

Socorro's Miguel Griego, the defending state champion, didn't have quite as good a day. He shot 83, putting him a full nine strokes behind Andrews. As a team, Socorro shot 339.

The tournament was scheduled to conclude Tuesday. Ruidoso results follow.

Ben Andrews, 74; Colton English, 86; Todd Schrader, 85; Ryan Shaver, 77; Jared Lead- ingham, 84.

## Tracksters take district silvers

BY WENDY WIDENER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

As has become common in past seasons, both the Warriors and Lady Warriors took the silver in the District 3AAA meet in Silver City Saturday, following their host's first-place finishes. But the Warriors were close, trailing the Colts by only 16 points and the Lady Colts by 49. Third-place Cobre was far behind Ruidoso.

Individually, the Warriors qualified for state in 20 separate events, taking first or second in each one.

Monica Keyes lunged to first place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.83. Taking gold in the 100-meter hurdles, Keyes beat the qualifying time by .47. She also reached the state qualifying distance of 4-10 in the high jump, placing third in that event.

Billie Maldonado qualified for state with her "mad" pole vaulting skills. Maldonado was the only Lady Warrior to reach the qualifying height of 7-6. She also took fourth place in the javelin with a toss of 85-3.

"I was lacking about one

foot in April and I just knew that I could make it by May," Maldonado said of her vaulting skills.

On the boys side, Darley Phillips also made the mark in the pole vault. Phillip placed fourth in the event but reached 12-6, jumping his way to state.

Amber Green and Solomon Barnett also made an extensive dent in their team's standings.

Green qualified for state in five events, taking first in the long jump with a distance of

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## Flanary gets state tennis berth

BY WENDY WIDENER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Warrior tennis team participated in a total of six games in the District 4A-AAA tournament Saturday, winning two with the assistance of senior Charles Flanary.

Flanary's victories make him the only Warrior going to state. The senior played three games and only lost one: to Portales' Rustin Self.

Flanary began the tournament by defeating Thomas Stanton of Lovington 6-3, 6-3. He then defeated Lovington's Jaron Graham by the same scores before falling to Self.

Flanary was also downed by Self in the 1999 district tournament, which shows, said Ruidoso coach Dave Anderson, "that they're about the same, ability-wise."

Portales was the downfall for Ruidoso's players in doubles

as well. Jeremy Phillips and Paul Brown fell to the Portales duo of Jeremy Jones and Matt Dodd.

"For some reason our guys were not on," Anderson said. "The first set was really hard for them to get started. It was for both of (the teams). The second set the other team just kicked in and dominated the net."

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## Warriors gearing up for state

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warriors are ready for the first round of the state softball tournament, confident they can advance further than last season.

Last year, Bloomfield took advantage of an inexperienced state-tournament squad to jump out to an 11-0 lead over Ruidoso in the first inning. That was enough to send the Warriors down to defeat, even though the young squad held the Bobcats in the later innings of the game.

Ruidoso will be facing Bloomfield, the District 1AAA runner up, again this year, but Warrior coach Brian Baca is sure things will be different.

"(Experience) is the one thing we're counting on," he said. "We've been there before. We've had that experience. Our biggest thing is getting us ready to play the game and handle the competition."

Baca said the team's had a good week of practice and is excited about the tournament.

To win, the team has to play the best it can. "I think keys for us are we've got to hit the ball and we've got to have good defense," he said. "The defense is ready. We've covered situations we might see and I feel confident the defense will handle situations it might face."

The team has been hitting the ball well, both in practice and in the closing games of the season.

"Now it's just matter of getting out there and playing the game," Baca said. "We've got to be mentally prepared."

Much of the mental preparation comes down to the experience. For that, Baca said the older players need to lead the way.

"We do have some younger players who don't have experience," he said. "I'm counting on the older girls for leadership and to set the tone."

Thursday's opening game is set for 1:30 p.m. at Maags Field in Las Cruces. If the Warriors advance, they'll play at 9 a.m. Friday against St. Pius.



# STATE: Lincoln County teams do well Stake race purses increasing

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Just back from an injury, Jessica Castenada tried to run the 800-meters, but was tripped on the far side and said she "feel something snap." She finished out of the medals.

"Castenada's 2:36 half, being off a month, that's not bad at all," said coach Bryan Massé. "It's too bad she couldn't go any more."

"All in all, it wasn't bad," he said. "We didn't choke and we didn't come up here and just die the second day or anything like that. We just got beat. Got beat by better teams. They had a good season for the amount of numbers they had and everything, and we're pretty young."

None of the Corona, Hondo or Mesalero athletes placed, but each of those teams' coach said he was proud of his squad.

"They had fun," said Hondo coach Michael Booty. "They got a lot of experience and we had a good showing."

"I thought they did OK," said Corona's Bish Archer. "They could have done better but they tried their best and it just wasn't their day."

State track meet results follow. (Finishes after P: = preliminaries):

**Class AA**  
Boys, team: 1, Fort Sumner, 78; 2, Lordsburg, 68; 3, Estancia, 31.5; 4, Sandia Prep, 31; 5, Capitán, 28; 6, Dexter, 25.5; 7, Menaul, 23; 8, Cloudcroft, 22; 9, Santa Fe Prep, 16; 10, Laguna, 16; 11, Jemez Valley, 15; 12, Animas, 13; 13, McCurdy, 12; 14, Hope Christian, 11; 15, Zuni, 11; 16, Mesa Vista, 7; 17, Santa Rosa, 9; 18, Santa Fe Prep, 7; 19, Clayton, 7; 20, Jale, 7; 21, Navajo Pine, 3; 22, Tularosa, 2; 23, Tularosa, 1 Boys, individual:  
100-meter dash — P: 23, Joey Saiz, Cap. 12.25  
200-meter dash — 7, Truman Armstrong, 23.70; P: 7, Truman Armstrong, Cap. 23.92; 15, Scotty Kennedy, Cap. 24.55  
110-meter hurdle — 4, Chance Van Winkle, Cap. 17.06; P: 3, Chance Van Winkle, Cap. 16.70  
300-meter low hurdles — P: 9, Chance Van Winkle, Cap. 43.77  
4x100 meter relay — P: 11, Capitán, 45.82  
4x200 meter relay — P: Capitán DQ  
4x400 meter relay — 3, Capitán, 3:04.07; P: 7, Capitán, 3:37.39  
1,600-meter medley relay — 2, Capitán, 3:47.67; P: 2, Capitán, 3:48.40  
Shot put — 5, Cody Glass, Cap. 132-0; 6, Jared Joy, Cap. 130-8  
Javelin — 5, Scotty Kennedy, Cap. 154-2  
Pole vault — 3, Ryan Switzer, Cap. 13-0



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News  
Capitan runner Scotty Kennedy passes the baton to Truman Anderson in the 1,600-meter medley relay. The Tigers finished second in the relay.

Girls, team: 1, Fort Sumner, 67; 2, Sandia Prep, 55; 3, Tularosa, 41.5; 4, Santa Rosa, 38; 5, Cimarron, 36; 6, Zuni, 26; 7, Tularosa, 22; 8, Dexter, 21; 9, Animas, 21; 10, Estancia, 16.5; 11, Lordsburg, 14; 12, Menaul, 12.5; 13, Capitán, 9.5; 14, Jale, 9; 15, Clayton, 9; 16, Hope Christian, 8; 17, Santa Fe Prep, 7; 18, Jemez Valley, 7; 19, Mora, 5; 20, Cloudcroft, 5; 21, Eunice, 5; 22, McCurdy, 4; 23, Jale, 3; 24, Navajo Pine, 3  
Girls, individual:  
100-meter low hurdles — P: 9, Jessica Castenada, 17.72  
4x400 meter relay — 7, Capitán, 4:33.14; P: 7, Capitán, 4:29.8  
1,600-meter medley relay — 7, Capitán, 4:43.79; P: 4, Capitán, 4:42.79  
Discus — 4, Lindsay Bush, Cap. 111-02  
Javelin — 5, Alicia Garcia, Cap. 102-9  
Pole vault — 2, Kaycee Gilson, Cap. 7-06  
**Class A**  
Boys, team: 1, Hagerman, 61; 2, Cliff, 60; 3, Melrose, 46; 4, Rehoboth, 40; 5, Logan, 39.5; 6, Floyd, 30; 7, Tatum, 29; 8, Ramah, 24; 9, Loving, 23; 10, Carrizozo, 21; 11, Desert Academy, 14; 12, Roy, 12.5; 13, Des Moines, 11; 14, Reserve, 7; 15, Pine Hill, 7; 16, Quemado, 7; 17, Wagon Mound, 4; 18, Dora, 4; 19, Coronado, 2; 20, House, 2; 21, Santa Fe, 1; 22, Grady, 1; 23, Spring, 1; 24, Corona, 0; Hondo, 0  
Boys, individual:  
100-meter dash — P: 9, Bryan Bartz, Car. 12.09  
200-meter dash — 5, Bryan Bartz, Car. 24.06; P: 5, Bryan Bartz, Car. 24.14; 17, Chris Margis, Car. 25.19  
110-meter high hurdles — 3, James Verdugo, Cap. 16.55; P: 1, James Verdugo, Car. 16.79

300-meter low hurdles — 2, James Verdugo, Cap. 42.46; P: 5, James Verdugo, Car. 44.03; John Green, Car. DQ  
4x100 meter relay — 7, Carrizozo, 47.80; P: 7, Carrizozo, 47.10  
4x400 meter relay — 5, Carrizozo, 3:44.62; P: 4, Carrizozo, 3:44.70  
Discus — 3, Ryan Roper, 121-1  
Javelin — 3, Ryan Roper, 159-3  
Girls, team: 1, Loving, 79; 2, Cliff, 48; 3, Carrizozo, 42; 4, Rehoboth, 41; 5, Roy, 39; 6, Floyd, 38; 7, Hagerman, 33.5; 8, Melrose, 32; 9, Logan, 22; 10, House, 10; 11, Reserve, 9.5; 12, Pine Hill, 7; 13, Elida, 7; 14, Magdalenita, 6; 15, Gallup Catholic, 5; 16, Tatum, 5; 17, Quemado, 5; 18, Grady, 4; 19, Native American Prep, 4; 20, Maxwell, 4; 21, Mountainair, 4; 22, Spring, 3; 23, San Jon, 2; 24, Hondo, 0; Mesalero, 0  
Girls, individual:  
100-meter dash — 1, Ariel Burr, Car. 12.85; P: 1, Ariel Burr, 12.69; Car. 15, Alena Borowski, 15.23; Car. 16, Andrea Vuyat, 15.36; Car. 20, Ariel Burr, Car. 26.7; 3, Ariel Vallejos, 27.32; P: 1, Ariel Burr, Car. 26.25; 3, Ariel Vallejos, 27.67  
400-meter dash — 1, Ariel Burr, Car. 59.52; P: 1, Ariel Burr, Car. 58.80; 9, Alena Borowski, Car. 1:09.89  
300-meter low hurdles — P: 11, Madelyn Burr, Car. 55.90  
4x100 meter relay — 6, Carrizozo, 54.40; P: 6, Carrizozo, 54.67  
4x200 meter relay — 3, Carrizozo, 1:54.82  
4x400 meter relay — 4, Carrizozo, 4:25.00; P: 3, Carrizozo, 4:24.2  
1,600-meter sprint relay — P: 11, Carrizozo, 5:10.96  
Discus — 2, Brooke Holland, Car. 97-1  
Shot put — 6, Christa Franck, 30-7 1/2

## TRACK: Ruidoso just misses gold

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15-8.  
Barnett qualified in three individual events and pushed his team to the top in both the 800-meter relay and 400-meter relay, running the last leg of both events.

Others earning gold for the Warriors included Thomas Schiele in the 400-meter dash, long jump and triple jump, Alfonso Rankin in the 800, and Dominic Gonzales in the shot put.

Leah Miller, 34-1 led the triple jumpers with a leap of 34-1 and Kammi Sparks took gold in the high jump.

Individually, five Lady Warriors qualified in Silver joined by nine boys. The boys 400- and 800-meter relay teams and the girls 400-, 800-, and 1,600-meter relay teams also earned their way to Albuquerque.

Results of the District 3AAA meet follow.

Boys, team: 1, Silver, 181; 2, Ruidoso, 165; 3, Coble, 62; Santa Teresa, 8; Hot Springs, 4  
Boys, individual:  
100-meter dash — 1, Solomon Barnett, 11.0"; 2, Jose Linares, 11.52"; 3, J.R. Floyd, 11.69

200-meter dash — 1, Solomon Barnett, 22.45"; 2, Jose Linares, 23.62"; 3, J.R. Floyd, 24.07  
400-meter dash — 1, Thomas Schiele, 49.56"; 2, Alfonso Rankin, 51.86; 5, Nathanael Hedin, 53.02  
800-meter dash — 1, Alfonso Rankin, 2:04.56"; 2, Nathanael Hedin, 2:05.10  
1,600-meter run — 4, Joshua Romero, 5:01.78  
3,200-meter run — 3, Joshua Romero, 11:05.21; 6, Eric Sprout, 13:20.75  
110-meter high hurdles — 3, Tony Bahr, 17.76  
300-meter intermediate hurdles — 4, Tony Bahr, 45.08  
400-meter relay — 1, Ruidoso: Thomas Schiele, J.R. Floyd, Jose Linares, Solomon Barnett, 42.98  
800-meter relay — 1, Ruidoso: Thomas Schiele, J.R. Floyd, Jose Linares, Solomon Barnett, 1:31.04  
1,600-meter relay — 3, Ruidoso: Alfonso Rankin, Nathanael Hedin, Jesse Hooper, Tony Bahr, 3:42.97  
1,600-meter medley relay — 3, Ruidoso: Ryan Kimbrell, Tyler Lane, Jesse Hooper, Joshua Romero, 4:05.45  
Pole vault — 2, Ryan Kimbrell, 12-6"; 4, Phillip Darley, 12-6"  
Javelin — 3, Ryan Kimbrell, 149-11; 6, Brandon Brumlow, 144-10  
Shot put — 1, Dominic Gonzales, 51-3"; Discus — 3, Dominic Gonzales, 128-4; 5, Brandon Brumlow, 120-0  
Long jump — 1, Thomas Schiele, 21-0"; 2, J.R. Floyd, 20-8"; 5, Jesse Hooper, 19-6"  
Triple jump — 1, Thomas Schiele, 42-0"; 2, Solomon Barnett, 40-6"  
High jump — 5, Jesse Hooper, 5-10; 4, Chance Hooper, 5-8  
Girls, team: 1, Silver, 192; 2, Ruidoso,

143; 3, Coble 38; 4, Hot Springs 21; 5, Santa Teresa, 18  
Girls, individual:  
100-meter dash — 2, Amber Green, 13.01"; 3, Bethany Barnett, 13.19; 6, Bethany Rogge, 13.57  
200-meter dash — 2, Amber Green, 27.56"; 3, Bethany Barnett, 28.08  
400-meter dash — 2, Amber Green, 63.32"; 6, Chelsea Black, 67.23  
800-meter dash — 3, Amanda Montes, 2:37.95  
1,600-meter run — 5, Randi Goss, 6:11.22; 6, Amanda Montes, 6:15.02  
3,200-meter run — 5, Bourassa, Alicia, 14:35.73; 6, Eva Rehfeld, 14:44.36  
100-meter high hurdles — 1, Monica Keyes, 15.83"; 2, Kammi Sparks, 16.90"; 3, Carrie Line, 19.0  
300-meter low hurdles — 1, Monica Keyes, 46.83"; 3, Kammi Sparks, 50.62  
400-meter relay — 2, Ruidoso: Bethany Rogge, Leah Miller, Mindy Brunell, Bethany Barnett, 51.27  
800-meter relay — 2, Ruidoso: Bethany Rogge, Leah Miller, Mindy Brunell, Bethany Barnett, 1:52.93  
1,600-meter relay — 2, Ruidoso: Monica Keyes, Kammi Sparks, Leah Miller, Amanda Montes, 4:17.76  
1,600-meter medley relay — 3, Ruidoso: Jennifer Lewicki, Kayci Brunell, Chelsea Black, Randi Goss, 4:50.18  
Javelin — 3, Rachel Loya, 89-4; 4, Billie Maldonado, 85-3; 5, Carrie Line, 81-2  
Pole vault — 5, Billie Maldonado, 7-6"  
Discus — 6, Rachel Loya, 91-7  
Long jump — 1, Amber Green, 15-8"; 3, Jennifer Lewicki, 14-8 1/4  
Triple jump — 1, Leah Miller, 34-1"; 2, Amber Green, 32-0"; 4, Bethany Rogge, 30-11  
High jump — 1, Kammi Sparks, 5-2"; 3, Monica Keyes, 5-0

## TENNIS: Flanary headed to state

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Phillips and Brown were also teamed up against Jones and Dodd at the Lovington Tournament and were outplayed 6-1, 6-0, Portales.

Junior Saras Sharma was also stopped in the preliminary round.

Sharma was matched up against New Mexico Military Institute's Jose Sumano and while Sharma battled, Sumano came out on top, 6-2, 6-4.

Sharma played with an injured wrist, but he "just taped it up and went on," Anderson said.

Amy Knabenshue and Courtney Dillard represented the Lady Warriors in a doubles match against Portales' first seed, Rebecca Bruns and Nina Fiebig.

The girls "played really well," Anderson said. "They lost, but they had some really good points, really good games. They stuck it out."

Knabenshue and Dillard fell 6-0, 6-0.

Flanary will be the only Warrior representing Ruidoso at state, but that's not surprising to Anderson.

"Given the circumstances, were as they were, the season

was just basically how I thought it would end up," he said. "We had a lot of people who were new, (but) they stuck it out and they've got a lot of potential."

Results of the District 4A AAA tournament follow.

Boys Singles:  
Charles Flanary def. Thomas Stanton, 6-3, 6-3  
Charles Flanary def. Jason Graham, 6-3, 6-3  
Rustin Self, Rof. Charles Flanary, 6-1, 6-2  
Jose Sumano, NMMA def. Saras Sharma, 6-2, 6-4  
Doubles:  
Jeremy Jones/Matt Dodd, Rof. def. Jeremy Phillips/Paul Brown, 6-3, 6-3  
Girls doubles:  
Rebecca Bruns/Nina Fiebig, Rof. def. Amy Knabenshue/Courtney Dillard, 6-0, 6-0

Increasing revenues from gaming and breakage have prompted the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association to increase purses of seven New Mexico Bred Stakes Races to \$5,000 each. The Zia Derby, Futurity, and Handicap as well as the Rio Grande Kindergarten, the Rio Grande Futurity, the Road Runner Handicap, and the Land of Enchantment Stakes will all see the \$5,000 increase.

"We are pleased to

announce the increase and are looking forward to a great season at Ruidoso Downs," said Anna Ray Davis, Executive Director of the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association.

Total contribution from the breeders made to the state-bred stakes program this year will be \$210,000. "The initial intent of the casino (helping the purses) is doing exactly what it was intended to do and hopefully we will continue to see an increase in all New

Mexico-bred races," said Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino General Manager Rick Baugh.

Earlier this year, the New Mexico Breeders' Association announced an increase in overnight purses as well. Overnight purses for New Mexico-bred races in 1999 was \$800. This year, overnight purses for New Mexico-bred races will be \$2,000 with an anticipated increase before the 2000 racing season concludes.

## McDougal earns doubles title

Heather McDougal, a Ruidoso sixth grader, teamed with Tasha Nathanson of El Paso to win the doubles championship at the Private Line Junior Tennis Open at Coronado Country Club in El Paso April 27-30.

Competing in the girls 12 division, McDougal and Nathanson defeated Yu and Flores of El Paso 6-3, 6-0 and Littlepage and Littlepage of El Paso 6-3, 6-12 to secure the first-place trophy.

McDougal also advanced to the quarterfinals in girls 12 singles competition. She won her opening match against

Michelle Wadja of El Paso in a hard-fought, three-hour 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 struggle.

In second-round play, McDougal won over Ashley Lee of El Paso, 6-0, 6-0. The match featured 18 service aces by McDougal to speed up the play.

The quarterfinal match saw highly-ranked Liza Lopez of El Paso defeating McDougal 6-1, 6-0.

The next tournament action for the Ruidoso netter is the Americas Junior Open May 17-21 at Americas High School in El Paso.

## CLUBS

**Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Self-Help Support Group**  
7 p.m. first and last Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

**AL-AMON of Ruidoso**  
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-7124

**Alcoholic Anonymous**  
Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397

**Alto Women's Association**  
11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 2 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

**Altura Club**  
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 121 Mesalero Trail. 258-4851

**Abraham's Monthly Support Group**  
7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-9071

**American Legion**  
Edward J. Higgins Post 79  
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 20 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5798

**Angels of the Holy Spirit**  
5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Monday night at the Holy Spirit Church, Camp Hwy. 48 and Hwy. 37. 336-9161

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County**  
1096 Mesalero Suite 201 - Lincoln County. 258-4165

**B.O.D. Me**  
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

**B.O.D. Does**  
7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

**Bay Scouts of America Troop 59**  
7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 420-1487

**Children's Bookstore**  
1096 Mesalero Suite 201 - Lincoln County. 258-4165

**Christian Horsemanship Association**  
336-1341, ph: 336-1341 or 258-5622  
www.christianhorsemanship.org

**Community Friends of the Veterans War**  
6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**  
Second Thursday of the month Sept. through May. For more information call 258-5675 or 258-5622

**Disabled American Veterans Co-Curriculum Chapter 21**  
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5798

**Domestic Violence Victims Support Group**  
Noon Tuesdays at the office of Diane Harrison, LISW, RN, Lincoln County, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 258-4708

**Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #893**  
7 p.m. fourth Monday of every month in Roswell. For location call 378-8822

**Family Crisis Center**  
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

**First Order of Police Lodge #26**  
Fleets, 8-K-80's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

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

**Friends of Smelter-Capitan, Inc.**  
12:30 p.m. at the Smelter-Bear Cafe in Capitan. The public is welcome to attend all meetings and events.

**Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit**  
8 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. For more information call 257-9288

**Golden Age Club**  
Noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-7124

**Hepatitis C Support Group**  
7 p.m. the last Friday of every month at the Lincoln County Medical Center Conference Room. 258-3252

**HIV+ Support Group**  
Second Monday of every month for friends and family of HIV+ people the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2236

**Humane Society of Lincoln County**  
10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the Alto Country Club.

**Jazzercise**  
8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501A Sudderth Drive. 257-3786

**Kids Club**  
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Center at 415 Sudderth. 257-4381 or 378-1113

**Kwan's Club**  
Noon every Tuesday at K-Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting Kwan members are always welcome.

**Knights of Columbus**  
Father E. Dolan Council  
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church, William F. Shuler, Grand Knight.

**La Junta R.C.S.**  
10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Antonio Senior Citizens Center. (505) 653-6912

**Ladies of United Latin American Citizens (ULAC)**  
Lincoln County Chapter  
7 p.m. the last Thursday of every month in the Texas New Mexico Power Company offices, 1100 Mesalero Dr. 258-4212 or 257-2934

**Lincoln County Party of Lincoln County**  
7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Call 257-2186 for location.

**Lincoln County Adult Singles Group**  
Meets every Thursday, 354-2653 or 378-8025. For newsletter visit <http://www.ruidosonline.com>

**Lincoln County Bird Club**  
Meets once a month. 257-5352

**Lincoln County Democratic Party**  
6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. 258-9990

**Lincoln County Food Bank**  
7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month Board meets in St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Food bank hours: noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 257-4624

**Lincoln County Health Resource Exchange**  
Noon the second Thursday of every month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

**Lincoln County Home Builders**  
7 p.m. general meeting first Tuesday of each month at the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary**  
9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every month in the LCMC conference room.

**Lincoln County Pride**  
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual group meets at various times throughout the year. 257-0135

**Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism**  
10 a.m. the second Monday of each month. 505-648-2311

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**  
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan. 257-6767

**Lincoln County Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force**  
6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

**Lincoln County Women's Club**  
Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyline behind Mountain Laundry for supper. Mesalero Lodge #26  
6:30 p.m. dinner  
5th floor of the Mesalero Lodge #26. 257-9604

**Local Holistic Association**  
First Thursday of every month at the Santa Fe Holistic Center, 800-545-4021

**Men's Night Out**  
6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. 648-5588

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gateway Church, 415 Sudderth, entrance behind church. 378-5621, R.O. Box 1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346

**National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1399**  
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 258-3493 or 378-4669

**New Mexico Christian Horsemanship Association**  
Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship, scholastic Christian programs. 595-336-4675

**NiceTime Anonymous**  
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 501A Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Anyone interested in stopping the use of tobacco in any form is cordially invited to attend. 258-3726

**Nobly Waters Seniors Club**  
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at K-Bob's. For more information call Evelyn Shaw at 257-3479

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)**  
Noon every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. New members always welcome. 258-5969 or 258-9218

**Order of the Eastern Star**  
7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in the Historic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

**Party Bridge**  
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. We have a very good gross playing 2-5 tables. Come join us. 354-6050

**Real Estate Chapter Meetings**  
2nd and 4th Thursdays September thru May. 257-4455

**Recreation of Lincoln County**  
7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High School. 258-4093

**Real Time Real Estate Car Club**  
7:00 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Texas New Mexico Power Building, Ruidoso. 257-4451

**Recreation of Lincoln County**  
7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High School. 258-4093

**Recreation of Lincoln County**





Elbys Onea Naiche-Hugar stands before a portrait of her ancestor, Cochise. Courtesy

# Party to honor a descendant of Cochise

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One of two Mescalero women chosen for a chapter in the book, "Women of the Apache Nation," Elbys Onea Naiche-Hugar has shown through her life the successful blending of tradition and modern technology.

At 70, she works as a cashier in Casino Apache at the same time she is close to finishing a medical dictionary, in Apache and English. The dictionary is a project undertaken with Evelyn Breuninger in cooperation with an anthropologist from New Mexico State University.

Naiche-Hugar will celebrate her 70th birthday Saturday and Sunday at the James Runningwater property, two miles west of the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Friends are invited to share lunch and dinner both days.

Afternoon entertainment will include social dancing, games and activities for children and adults.

After dinner, the evening blessing will be followed by The Dance of the Mountain Gods at dusk.

Naiche-Hugar is a direct descendant of the revered Apache chief, Cochise, and is the last surviving child of seven born to the late Christian Naiche Jr. and Alta Treas-Naiche.

Naiche-Hugar was born in a traditional open camp at the current site of the Mescalero National Fish Hatchery. The seven siblings lived in teepees and tents through the 1930s, she said.

While living in Whitetail with other members of the Chiricahua Apache, Naiche-Hugar learned to make moccasins and puberty dresses, dolls and bead work.

"I still make small Indian dolls and cradle boards, but I

guess I'm getting too old to make the dresses," she said.

Looking back on the changes that occurred on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso, Naiche-Hugar said the best improvement has been health care and the hospital.

"We were very, very poor in the 1930s," she said. "The flu took a lot of the elderly and infants in 1939. We had no hospital."

Hugar is active in preserving the traditions of the Apache. She contributed significantly to the development of the initial Mescalero Language Dictionary, a project designed to preserve the Apache language and tradition for future generations. She also worked at the Mescalero Cultural Center, retiring in 1992.

During her years with the center, she met visitors of all backgrounds and many countries and was surprised to learn they were interested in

Native Americans, she said. She maintains contact with many of those acquaintances.

Joining in the birthday celebration is her husband, Charles E. Hugar, also 70. Born in Altoona, Pa., Hugar joined the U.S. Army in 1947 and retired in 1971 as Sergeant First Class. He was employed by Marvel Engineering in Mescalero for 17 years and is semi-retired.

Naiche-Hugar's relatives on her father's side includes the late Barnabas Naiche, Amelia Naiche and Hazel Shanta, mother of former tribal president Virginia Klinekole. Her mother's siblings were Henry Treas and Eloise Shields.

California resident Becky Parker, the adopted sister of Elbys, will join in the celebration this weekend with her husband Bob Parker. The two-day event is sponsored by the family and friends of Naiche-Hugar.

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## Gladden marks 10 years as school superintendent

 BY SANDY SUGGITT  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago in May, Mike Gladden was promoted from associate superintendent and middle school principal to superintendent of the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

"These ten years being superintendent have just been a wonderful time with a lot of challenges," Gladden said. "One of the things that I can say is that I'm the most fortunate public school superintendent in the state of New Mexico."

He added that the average tenure of a superintendent in New Mexico is 1.8 years.

How did he last that long? He had a "strong and professional board of education," whose only goal has always been "to do what's best for kids," Gladden said. Added to that is the high caliber of staff and students, and the support of the parents and the community.

"There's a lot I'm proud of," Gladden said, "and none of (it) happened because of anything that I did especially."

### Points of pride

Some of the district's achievements that he's proud of include the development of school facilities during his tenure — construction of Sierra Vista Primary School, and additions at the White Mountain site that joined the elementary and intermediate schools. The district is in the last phase of the 1997 bond issue for \$8.5 million, with \$1 million left for a cultural center at the high school, he said.

Technological development and equipment is another area of pride for Gladden, made possible by collaborations with the National Science Foundation, the Hubbard Foundation, Eastern New Mexico University, and Charter Communications (formerly Lincoln CableVision).

Because of these collaborations, Ruidoso has been able to put

the Internet in every classroom, he said.

Other collaborations he's seen benefit the school district include the joint-powers agreements with Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

These include the recreation area at White Mountain and the softball field for the girls softball team in Ruidoso Downs. Collaborations with the Spencer Theater and the Kennedy Center's "Teaching through the Arts" program have enhanced opportunities and teaching methods.

The district went from having only one nurse for the whole district to having three additional nurses, thanks to Region IX acquiring Medicaid reimbursements for the schools. In addition, the district was able to hire social workers, to establish the Gaviñan Canyon School, school-based health clinics, and the Graduation Reality and Dual-role Skills (GRADS) program for pregnant teenagers that allows them to continue in school and to learn parenting skills.

"We have been willing to gain input and we have taken some risks," Gladden said. "But they have definitely been good risks."

When the school board was discussing the GRADS program, he said, there were many discussions, both positive and negative, but the district took the risk.

"Last week I attended a (recognition) ceremony where three young ladies are graduating that might not have had that opportunity," Gladden said.

Another area of pride for Gladden is the fact that the school board and community recognizes the value of the teachers; their salaries are number one in the state. During his tenure, the district has cut administrative costs so that only two districts have lower administrator-per-student ratios. When he was promoted to superintendent, the position of associate superintendent was

eliminated. When collective bargaining was coming into play in New Mexico, administrative workshops warned that it would be difficult, said Gladden, "so we were prepared for the worst. ... Somehow our collective bargaining goes better than in most districts. I sit at the table. I can't think of any other superintendents in the state that take part in collective bargaining, but I always have. We just have understanding people who want to make it work."

Early this year, the New Mexico Music Educators Association named Gladden "Administrator of the Year" for his support for and commitment to high-quality music education.

"Under his guidance and support the Ruidoso Municipal Schools have expanded staffing from one to three full-time music specialists over the past three years," a press release stated.

In Ruidoso since 1973

Gladden came to Ruidoso in 1973 from northern New Mexico to serve as White Mountain Elementary School principal.

In that year, 950 students attended the Ruidoso schools. Today almost 2,700 students attend. The growth rate in the

late '70s and early '80s was 12 percent each year.

"We didn't have the bonding capacity that we have now," Gladden said. "We had classrooms in hallways, in cafeterias, anywhere we could find space."

With all these other changes, though, children haven't changed that much, he said. "They still want to be challenged with real standards. They still want someone to care about them. They really appreciate those teachers that love them and have compassion for them."

Gladden said society has changed and the amount of profanity and violence children are exposed to on television has changed.

"For me, that's the greatest challenge. How can they watch and listen to these things and put them outside, where they should be? We see professional athletes displaying wrong types of role models."

Besides a supportive school board, staff and community, Gladden named two former superintendents who were outstanding mentors to him: Pat Valiant, who was superintendent when Gladden first came to Ruidoso, and Sid Miller, who followed him.

Most of all, he attributes his longevity as superintendent to the students he's known all these years.

"I know so many of these kids, being here as long as I have," he said. "I just can't imagine walking into another district and not knowing the kids and having that feeling that I have for the Ruidoso School District. I know the families."

"I think we've accomplished a lot, but it wouldn't have been possible without the board and staff and the community. We've had our challenges, but we seem to be able to work through them."

"I know what I have," he said. "I do."



Mike Gladden has been part of the Ruidoso school system since 1973.

### SCHOOL MENUS

#### Capitan

Wednesday, May 10 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and toast, cereal, juice or fruit  
Lunch: Spaghetti, cheese biscuit, salad, fruit

Thursday, May 11 — Breakfast: Toast, ham bar, juice or fruit  
Lunch: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, carrots

Friday, May 12 — Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice or fruit

Monday, May 15 — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice or fruit  
Lunch: Macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, fruit

Tuesday, May 16 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cereal, juice or fruit  
Lunch: Stir fry, rice, salad, fruit, cookies

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary, Intermediate

Wednesday, May 10 — Breakfast: Cereal  
Lunch: Italian dumplings with Italian sauce, veggie sticks, salad, fruit

Thursday, May 11 — Breakfast: French toast strips  
Lunch: Pizza with ground beef topping, veggie sticks with dressing, lettuce and pickle, fruit

Friday, May 12 — Breakfast: Cereal  
Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickle, French fries, fruit

Monday, May 15 — Breakfast: Cereal  
Lunch: Soft tacos, refried beans, lettuce and pickle, fruit

Tuesday, May 16 — Breakfast: Breakfast  
Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, corn, rolls, fruit

#### Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, May 10 — Breakfast: Churro, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat rolls, fruit

Thursday, May 11 — Breakfast: Pretzel, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, lettuce and tomato, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler

Friday, May 12 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit  
Lunch: Bean burrito, lettuce and tomato, salsa, fruit

Monday, May 15 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit  
Lunch: Beef taco, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Tuesday, May 16 — Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Chef salad with ham and cheese, crackers, ranch dressing, fruit

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, May 10 — Breakfast: Churro, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, lettuce and tomato, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, fruit

Thursday, May 11 — Breakfast: Pretzel, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, fruit

Friday, May 12 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit  
Lunch: Baked potato with chili, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Monday, May 15 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit  
Lunch: Chef salad with ham and cheese, crackers, ranch dressing, fruit

Tuesday, May 16 — Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Sliced ham, green beans, rolls, fruit

### Winner



John Chino won the raffle for the Jordan Torres sculpture shown above. Neek Evans, eighth grader and secretary-treasurer of the Indian Club at Ruidoso Middle School, drew the winning raffle ticket from about 800 tickets. Money from the raffle will go toward club activities, such as a recent Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque.

## Mediator training slated

Mediator Certificate Training has been rescheduled to July 25-30 and Aug. 4-8 through the Eastern New Mexico University-Bureau Instruction Center.

The 40-hour program is open to anyone interested in learning to be a third-party neutral. Instructor Sue B. Martinez is a licensed mediator and attorney.

The classes are Friday from 1:30-6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the ENMU-Ruidoso facility. Cost of the course is \$500.

## Science-camp scheduled in June

The theme of Mountain Science Camp for 7th-, 8th- and 9th-grade students this year is "The Final Frontier: the 21st Century in Space."

The camp will be June 12-30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Ruidoso Middle School, except for out-of-town field trips to scientific installations in central New Mexico.

The purpose of the camp is to encourage students to remain in school through graduation, to choose science, math, engineering or technical courses in middle and high school, and to encourage students' interests in a science, math, engineering or technical career, among other things.

Forty-five new and five

returning students from south central New Mexico schools will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must be entering the eighth or ninth grade (new seventh-graders will be placed on a waiting list with preference given to Lincoln/Otero County students).

Four instructors and other adult volunteers specializing in math, science and technology will staff the camp.

The project is sponsored by Eastern New Mexico University and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. For information, contact Carla Burris, camp coordinator, at 257-4205, ENMU at 257-2120; or in northern Lincoln or Otero Counties, (800) 934-3668.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### Central office

Wednesday, May 10 — VIPS Luncheon, TeePee Lounge

Thursday, May 11 — 9 a.m. School-to-Work Superintendents' meeting, Central Office; 10 a.m. School-to-Work Board Members Meeting, Central Office

Nob Hill

Thursday, May 11 — 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Smokey Bear Special assemblies

Sierra Vista Primary

Wednesday, May 10 — 7:50 a.m. mandatory faculty meeting in library; Teacher Appreciation Day; 9 a.m. Smokey Bear to visit first grade classes in the cafeteria; second-grade classes to visit White Mountain Elementary; Hedon annual reviews; 11:30 a.m. VIPS Luncheon at TeePee Lounge

Thursday, May 11 — O'Dell Annual Reviews at SVP all day; Hightower, Mader, Myers

classes to Alamogordo Zoo; Medicaid Time Study; 1 p.m. Danny Flores to WMI for Title I meeting; 3:15 p.m. baby shower for Mandy Mader and Bernadette Williams

White Mountain Elementary

Wednesday, May 10 — Third-grade science, 8 a.m., staff meeting; 9 a.m. SVP second-graders visit WME

Thursday, May 11 — Johnston's class goes to the public library; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Reading Night, fourth grade

Friday, May 12 — Third-grade science; fourth-grade track meet; PAC sells TCBY, popcorn, pickles; Wierwille's class does campus cleanup

WM Intermediate

Wednesday, May 10 — 8 a.m., faculty meeting; 11 a.m., SAT staff in Helene Kobelnyk's office; spelling bee

Thursday, May 11 — Spelling bee

Friday, May 12 — TGIF! Spelling bee finals



# The Mini Page

Especially for kids and their families

By BETTY DEBNAM

## Moons and New Planets Recent Discoveries in Space

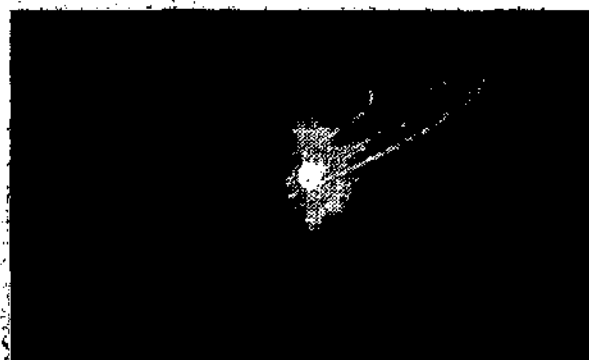
Scientists are making discoveries about space faster than at any other time in history.

### Planets outside our solar system

About five years ago, scientists made an Earth-shaking discovery. They found a planet outside our solar system. Until then, no one was sure there were any. Since then, astronomers have found more than 30. Most of these planets are hot gas giants like Jupiter. It is doubtful they could support life.

In March, astronomers found two planets, both smaller than Saturn. Now they know smaller planets are out there, too.

In about 10 years, NASA is planning to launch a set of telescopes, the Terrestrial Planet Finder. They hope to find Earth-size planets capable of supporting life.



An artist imagines that one of two newly discovered planets may have rings and moons just as planets do in our solar system.



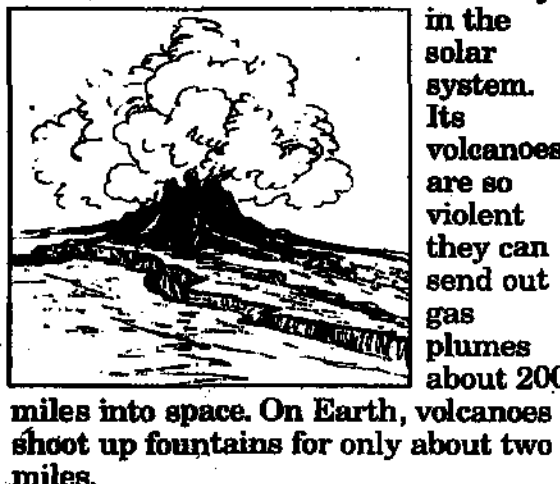
The four biggest moons of Jupiter, shown here from left to right, are: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

### Jupiter's moons

The Galileo space probe is sending back lots of pictures and information about Jupiter and its moons. Jupiter's four biggest moons stand out in our solar system.

The Galileo probe was named after astronomer Galileo Galilei. About 400 years ago, he became the first person to see Jupiter's moons.

Io (EYE-oh) is the most active body in the solar system.



Its volcanoes are so violent they can send out gas plumes about 200 miles into space. On Earth, volcanoes shoot up fountains for only about two miles.

Scientists believe Europa (your-O-puh) has a liquid water ocean. It probably contains more water than there is on Earth.

Europa also has a thin oxygen atmosphere. There may be energy sources there that produce heat.

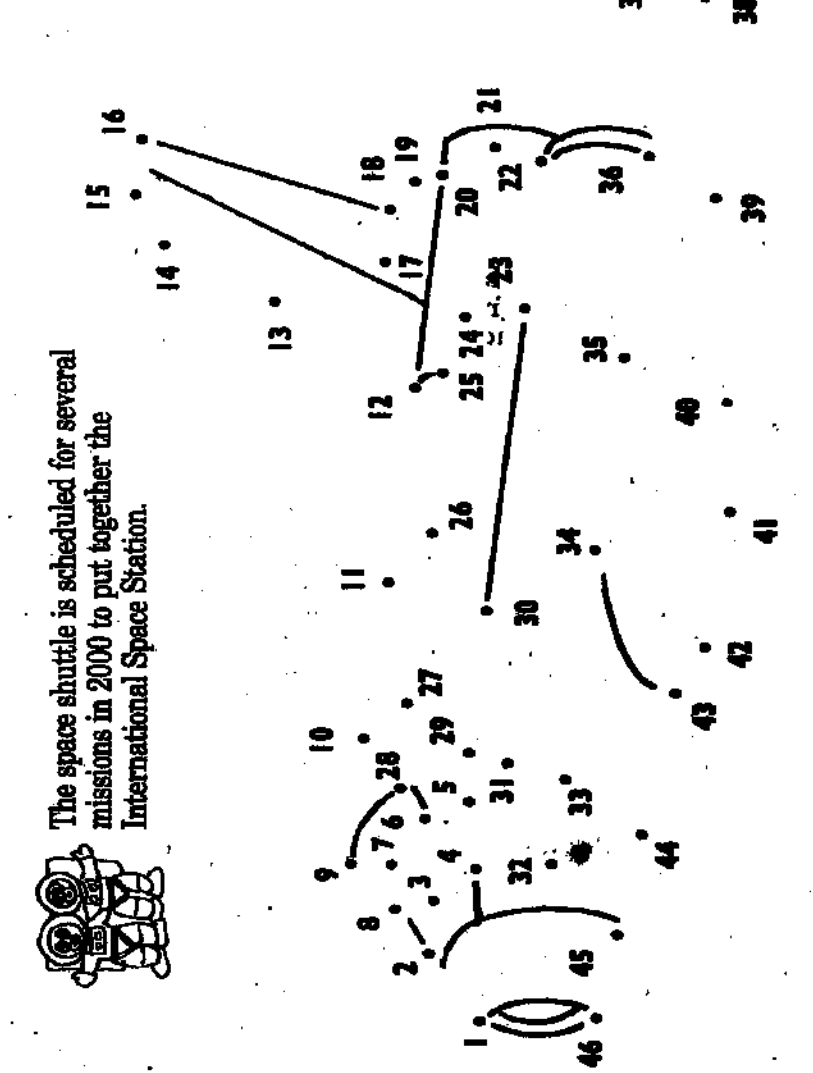
Scientists are very excited by these discoveries. They mean Europa could have most of the ingredients needed for life.

Ganymede (GAN-ee-meed) is the biggest moon in the solar system. It is even bigger than the planet Mercury.

Callisto (kah-LISS-toe) has more craters than any other moon. Its crust is about 4 billion years old, almost as old as the solar system. It has no volcanoes or oceans to create new surfaces. Its surface now is the one it was "born" with.

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Go dot to dot and color.



The space shuttle is scheduled for several missions in 2000 to put together the International Space Station.

## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter O. The letter O is a vowel with a long and a short sound. We are using the short-O sound this week, as in the word sock.

Q: What did the light bulb say to the switch?  
A: "You really turn me on!"

Q: Why did the robber take a bath?  
A: So he could steal the ring!

Q: Have you heard about the doctor doll?  
A: Yes. You wind it up and it operates on batteries!

Go on a short-O word hunt. What other words can you find containing a short O? What sound do you hear?

## Rookie Cookies Recipe

### Solar Sandwich

You'll need:

- 1/4 cup deviled ham
- 2 slices bread
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 1 slice Swiss cheese
- 1 slice tomato

What to do:

1. Spread deviled ham evenly on one slice of bread.
2. Spread pickle relish evenly on top.
3. Top with cheese slice, tomato slice, then remaining bread.

Serves 1.



## SPACE TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of new space discoveries are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SPACE, DISCOVERIES, PLANETS, ICE, MOONS, EARTH, SOLAR, SYSTEM, ASTRONAUTS, SUN, JUPITER, NASA, TELESCOPES, LIFE, ASTEROIDS, SKIES, STAR.

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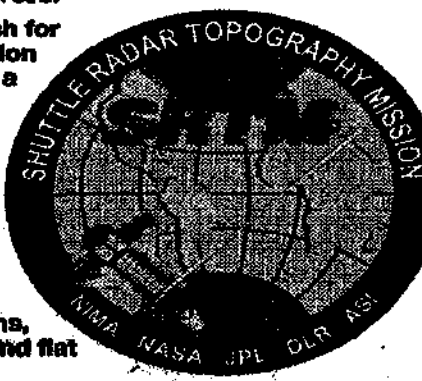
### Planet Earth

In February, space shuttle astronauts took radar images of about three-fourths of the Earth's surface. Computers will use this data to make the most detailed three-dimensional map of our planet ever made.

This mapping project will help experts study and develop better ways to deal with:

- flooding
- earthquakes
- landslides
- city planning
- beach erosion
- navigation safety
- weather
- water drainage systems
- the search for minerals and water
- maps for backpackers, firefighters and drivers.

The patch for the mission to make a super-map of the Earth. It will show exact pictures of mountains, valleys and flat land.



### Amazing pictures

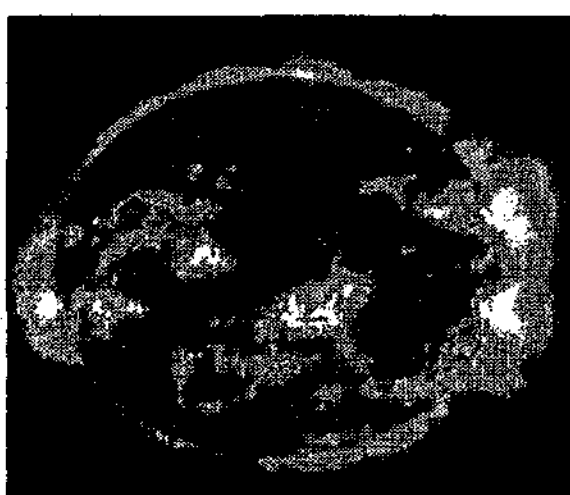
This year the Hubble Space Telescope celebrates its 10th birthday. Last December astronauts repaired it and put in new advanced systems. Hubble is once again sending us many amazing views of our universe.



A planetary nebula is a cloud of dust or gas from a dying star. In 1787, astronomers named this the "Eagle Nebula" because from Earth it looks like a face in a hairy park.

The Mini Page thanks Don Savage, public affairs officer, NASA, for help with this issue.

Look on the Weather Page of your newspaper. What does it tell you about bores in outer space such as the moon and planets?



A storm on the sun can blast 1 billion tons of particles traveling millions of miles an hour into space. When those particles hit Earth, they can disrupt power and communication systems.

### The other side of the sun

For the first time, scientists were able to "see" through the sun to the other side. Before, they had to wait about 27 days until the sun rotated.

This is important because the sun has big storms so powerful that they can short out satellites and even blow out power grids on Earth millions of miles away. For example, in 1989 a sunstorm wiped out the power grids in Quebec, Canada, leaving millions without power.

If experts can see a storm brewing on the other side of the sun, they can take safety steps before it hits Earth.

This year warnings of sunstorms will be especially important. The year 2000 is the end of the sun's 11-year cycle, a time when sunstorms go way up. Cell phones, pagers and radio broadcasts could be disrupted.

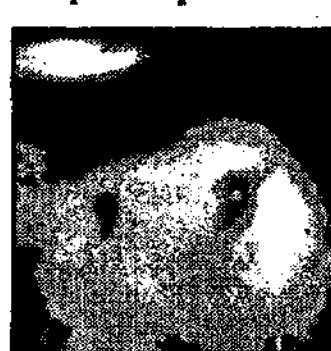
Site to see: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)  
Zoom! Next week's Mini Page is about the big 500 car race.

### Water on Mars

Although NASA's last two Mars probes failed, information is still coming in from a probe that has been orbiting Mars for about three years. The Mars Global Surveyor has found what look like buried river channels. Water probably flowed through them billions of years ago.

Scientists want to find out where all that water went. They think there used to be giant oceans on Mars. But something happened, and the water went somewhere else.

Some experts think most of it went deep underground. The rest may be on the polar caps.



Recent photos of the Martian polar caps show they are very different from each other. The northern one looks like cottage cheese. The southern one looks like Swiss cheese, with big craters.

### More about asteroids

For the first time a probe is orbiting an asteroid, a big rock orbiting the sun. On Valentine's Day, the NEAR Shoemaker probe began orbiting an asteroid named after the Greek god of love, Eros.

Scientists hope to learn more about what asteroids are made of. Perhaps someday we will mine them.

Astronomers are searching the skies to spot any asteroids that could be on a collision course with us. They hope that if we ever see one coming, we will have decades of warning and lots of time to decide what to do.



The NEAR Shoemaker probe, NEAR stands for "Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous." Gene Shoemaker was an astronomer who studied asteroids.



# A former policeman settles in as mayor of Ruidoso Downs

• Emergencies like this week's threat of fire are nothing new to the ex-state cop who now is mayor of Ruidoso Downs.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

He used to patrol the streets and highways in Ruidoso Downs and the surrounding area. Today his domain is Ruidoso Downs as mayor of the rapidly growing village.

"Half of my friends I've put in jail," Bob Miller said of his days in law enforcement. "Now they're saying to me, 'Bob, how are you going to stand the stress?' I tell them, it's just another day at the office."

Miller was elected in March to the mayoral post. While being mayor at Ruidoso Downs is new, Miller's knowledge of the community dates back to the 1950s, when he and his family would find recreation in the Rio Ruidoso valley.

Born in Clovis, Miller spent his high school years in Las Cruces, where he met his high school sweetheart Hazel, who he married a couple of years out of school. At 17, Miller sailed for four years with the U.S. Merchant Marine. Then there was a stint with the International Boundary Commission, working along the Rio Grande. Following that, there was time in Oregon and Washington, running heavy equipment for forest roads.

"We always wanted to come back to New Mexico," Miller said. "So we did come back, in 1950."

The return landed Miller in Hatch, where he bought a service station and Firestone Store, selling tires and bicycles.

He also became a deputy



Mayor Bob Miller of Ruidoso Downs

marshal, starting his law enforcement career.

In 1955, the store was sold and Miller joined the New Mexico State Police, covering a large area south and west of Las Cruces.

Five years later Miller moved himself, Hazel and two sons to Ruidoso Downs, when he was offered a state police transfer.

"I've always loved Ruidoso Downs," Miller said. "My wife and I used to come up here on picnics. She loved it up here. She's the one that insisted I accept the transfer. So when I had that opportunity, I took it."

The former policeman painted a different picture of Ruidoso Downs 40 years ago. Miller called the area "pretty wild in those days." A part of the wild, he said, were eight

big night clubs in Ruidoso Downs.

"There was no law enforcement here, except for a constable," he said. "There was a marshal and deputy marshal in Ruidoso. So we all had to work together."

While much of the police work involved traffic detail, along a U.S. Highway 70 that was largely a two-lane roadway, Miller said there were crimes, including homicides, in those days.

"We took care of everything," he said. "My duties were to enforce the law."

There was also an escort every racing day at the Ruidoso Downs Track, when the money was taken to the bank. And a race off the oval track, to make sure drug-test samples from thoroughbreds got to the

Greyhound bus in Ruidoso in time for the ride to a job in Albuquerque. Miller said "miss the bus and you drove to Albuquerque."

The former state police officer, who reached the ranks of captain and district commander during his more than 30 years in law enforcement, said he has seen Ruidoso Downs change.

"Everybody had wells, septic tanks and cess pools back then," Miller said. It was during the 1960s that a community water system was initiated.

That was a time, the mayor recalled, when the community of Hollywood separated Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

"I remember waking up one morning and the only thing that separated Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs was a one-inch board," he said of Ruidoso's annexation of Hollywood.

And village hall at Ruidoso Downs, its location and size, changed during the time frame as well—from a one-room outpost to its current site, which Miller said still is cramped. His mayor's office isn't much larger than 10-by-10 feet.

The long transition, from patrol officer to mayor, has established many acquaintances.

"I practically know everybody here, except the newest people," he said. He's seen teenagers grow to adults and,

in some cases, into retirement. Miller said he has seen plenty of change, both in people and the place. He said he believes even more change is in store for Ruidoso Downs.

"People are retiring and coming here, to beat the heat and humidity," the mayor said. "And we're going to help them." he said of plans for improved services. "We have room for expansion, and we have to meet the need. I've watched it grow as an observer. I did what I could because I worked closely

with officials in the past. Now I'm here to continue the growth brought by my predecessors."

While Miller has traded hats often—most recently working as a real estate agent—he said many refer to him yet as a police officer.

"A lot of them thought I was still the law," the mayor said. "They all got scanners, listening to police calls, and come to me saying 'have you heard about this?' I just want to say that I'm just one of the old guys on the block now."

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## P&Z: No parking lot vending

Recommendation for an ordinance change now goes to the village council

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After backing down from a total ban on mobile vending in Ruidoso's midtown business district, the village's Planning and Zoning Commission advanced an ordinance change that would prohibit mobile vending in parking lots.

The issue of mobile vending arose earlier this year, when a corn roaster sought to move the operation to a private parking lot in midtown. The commission in February turned down a conditional use permit, saying safety, particularly between pedestrians and motor vehicles, was a concern. Some business operators in midtown also objected to the corn vending enterprise.

Last month the commis-

sion tabled a proposed ban on mobile vendors in the C-3 commercial district, which covers the midtown Sudderth Drive retail area.

At the commission's last meeting, village attorney Charles Rennick said a total prohibition would create numerous obstacles that would have to be overcome with variances. The attorney pointed to what he said was favorable reaction from the commission for a proposed riverside food vendor court, two blocks from Sudderth Drive, but within the C-3 district. Rennick suggested mobile vending be prohibited in parking lots.

Commission chairman Glen Barrow said it would be a "good idea" to disallow mobile vending in parking areas in

the C-3 district.

"If someone were to do that (receive permission to set up a mobile vending business) in a parking lot, it would no longer be a parking lot," Barrow said.

Attorney Rennick agreed, saying if a midtown business had a building and parking lot, and the business leased space for a mobile vendor in the lot, the lot would have to be discontinued as a parking area.

Restroom availability would continue to be a necessity during mobile vending hours, as well as other conditions of the code, Rennick said.

The commission unanimously approved the mobile vending code change in the C-3 zoning ordinance.

The amendment still requires approval by the village council to become final.

### BIRTHS

Recent births reported at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso:

April 4 - A daughter, Samantha Ray Miller, to Amanda Miller, 7 lb., 14.6 oz., 19" long.

April 5 - A daughter, Christina Elaine Jim, to Elizabeth Hurbina, 6 lb. 9.5 oz., 19" long.

April 5 - A daughter, Savannah Marie Bond, to Andrea and Christopher Bond, 8 lb., 10.5 oz., 20 1/2" long.

April 5 - A son, Laramie James Saenz, to Edwina and Lorenzo Saenz Sr., 5 lb., 13.1 oz., 18 1/2" long.

April 8 - A son, Franklin Samuel David Pirelli, to Antoinette and Franklin Pirelli, 7 lb., 2.3 oz., 21" long.

April 9 - A daughter, Aciana Yazzmine Herrera, to Selena and Johnny Herrera Jr., 9 lb., 0.2 oz., 20" long.

## Trail-building workshop slated offers strenuous 'fun' training

A trail-building workshop is set for May 20-21 for those who think a fun weekend is back-breaking work in a wilderness.

Apparently, working to improve trails and minimize erosion is a pastime plenty enjoy and that's why the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors and the Continental Divide Trail Alliance are co-sponsoring the workshop at Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout camp, 22 miles southeast of Cuba in northwestern New Mexico.

Registration closes today. The workshop is limited to 65 people.

Dave Warnack, trail foreman for the Black Range District of the U.S. Forest Service, will be one of the trainers. Based at Spearhead Work Center in the Gila National Forest, he worked many years on trail design, building and maintenance.

Tim Pohlman, a 17-year veteran with the Forest Service, is volunteer coordinator for the CDTA. They co-taught

last year's workshop. Part of that effort went toward their winning the 1999 NMVFO Agency of the Year award.

The charge to participate is \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. The fee covers food from Friday to Sunday lunch.

Pohlman said to bring a sleeping bag and tent for camping or sleep in Conestoga wagons (limited to four per wagon, 35 total) or in open shelters with cots.

Participants should dress warmly and be ready to work outside, as the session will be in classrooms and out on trails.

For more information, call (505) 884-1991 or toll-free in New Mexico to (888) 836-5553. The Internet site is at [www.xianet.com/nmvfo](http://www.xianet.com/nmvfo).

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## Ruidoso Woman's Club to install new officers today

The Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club will install new officers for the year 2000 during its meeting at the Club House on Evergreen today at 1:30 p.m.

The new officers are Bobbie DeBolt, president; Sue Brooks, vice president; Jody Keyes, corresponding secretary; Gladys Dendy, treasurer; and Barbara Campbell, recording secretary.

The club meets September through May for regular sessions, following the national format of units on Arts, Education, Conservation, Home Life, Public

Affairs, and International Affairs. The installing officer will be Mrs. Juanita Stovall of Las Cruces Progress Woman's club, who is the Federation state vice president.

The public is invited to all meetings.

The Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club was the first civic organization to be founded in Ruidoso, according to the club.

Mrs. Edith Coe Rigby, a native daughter of the early pioneer Frank Coe of the Hondo Valley, was one of the founders of the club and served as its first president.

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Dancing the Raspa to mark the Cinco de Mayo holiday at Carrizozo were Roper Webb, Kyle Gaines, Justin Greer and Katina Maldonado, all first graders in the Carrizozo schools.

Little dancers celebrate big for

## CINCO DE MAYO

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL  
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

**CARRIZOZO** — Twenty-one first graders and one second grader danced "The Raspa" to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" at Carrizozo Municipal Schools, and to begin the evening's open house for parents and community attenders.

"Cinco de Mayo" is one of many holidays when Mexican people remember events that made a difference to their country. Translated, "the 5th of May," it was the day the Mexican Army defeated the French at the Battle of Puebla as the French were trying to take over Mexico.

To remember this day, the Mexicans dress up in costumes and pretend to have a battle. Of course, the Mexican Army wins!

Rick Cogdill, instructional leader, welcomed the crowd that gathered and commended them for their support.

He then introduced first grade teacher, Becca Ferguson, who thanked Parents for

Kids (PFK) for donating money for vest and tie materials, flowers and ribbons. Also thanked were Grandparent Ann Ferguson, who volunteered as the seamstress for making the boys' vests; second grader Stefan Najar, who volunteered to dance to even out the couples; and, the fourth grade class for the Mexican decorations in the center of the gymnasium floor.

The first grade dancers were Rebecca Daniel, Joel Ferguson, Dylan Furness, Kylie Gaines, Justin Garcia, Justin Greer, Jordan Hill, Kyla King, Chelsea LaMay, Katina Maldonado, Fernando Najera, Troy Niederstadt, Cheyanne Riggs, McKenna Sandoval, Michelle Shivers, Lauren Smith, Andres Verdugo, Mark Vigil, Roper Webb, Marshal Wilson and Stephanie Zamora.

Displayed in the hallways were art work, completed and on-going projects, and science projects of the upper grades.

The cafeteria area exhibited art from kindergarten through fifth grade, that was recently shown at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

## Nine state communities vie for telecommunications jobs

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici Tuesday said he has high hopes for the nine rural New Mexico communities that are vying for an opportunity to bring almost 1,000 telecommunications jobs to their region, and announced his intent to secure \$5 million for a telecommunications job training program for those workers.

Domenici, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said a coordinated effort by rural New Mexico communities, his own Rural Payday initiative, and state, local and regional economic development efforts are beginning to show results.

"With coordination on the state and local levels, the concept behind Rural Payday is starting to pay off. I am pleased with the opportunities being provided to communities up and down eastern New Mexico," Domenici said. "I think the federal government can, and should, help with this effort, which is why I'll seek increased funding for telecommunications job training in rural areas of the state."

Domenici said nine New Mexico communities have been making this week to a customer service center company that may locate in New Mexico. The company would hire up to 850 people in a cluster of rural New Mexico towns over the next year. The presentations to the company are being hosted in partnership with the New Mexico Community Alliance for Rural Payday and the New Mexico Economic Development Department. Domenici has deployed field staff to participate in the meetings which are taking place in Raton, Portales and Carlsbad. Communities making presentations include: Española, Taos, Raton and Las Vegas; Tucuman, Clovis and Portales; and Artesia and Carlsbad.

Related to the ongoing effort to bring telecommunications jobs to rural communities, Domenici announced his request for \$5 million in federal funding to allow a New Mexico consortium to carry out a full-scale call center job training program.

Domenici has requested that the funding be included in the FY2001 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, which the appropriations committees in the Senate and House of Representatives will soon begin crafting.

The funding request, if accepted by the Senate and House, would be provided through the Department of Labor's Training and Employment Services Program.

Domenici last year secured \$500,000 to begin a demon-

stration program to provide rural residents with the job training and job placement knowledge to be employed in telecommunications.



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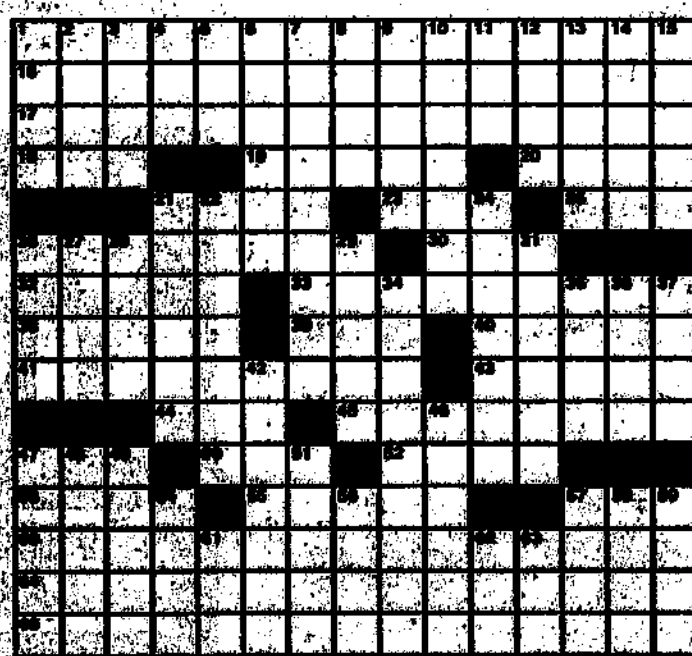
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KENW	Mister Rogers	Between the Lions	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Instructional Programming	Varied Programs	Sit and Be Fit	Varied Programs	Dragon Tales		
KOB	(7:00) Today	Later Today	Later Today	Leeza	Jenny Jones	News	Days of Our Lives	Talkback Live			
CNN	(7:00) Morning News	In the Money	NewsDay	Burden of Proof	CNN Today	News	Talkback Live				
KOAT	(7:00) Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	All My Children	News	One Life to Live					
EL	True Hollywood Story	Varied Programs	News Daily	Varied Programs	Fashion Emergency	Talk Soup	Varied Programs	Search Party			
USA	Ned and Stacey	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Jeff Foxworthy	Something So Right			
KBIM	(7:00) Early Show	Martha Stewart Living	As the World Turns	Price is Right	News	Bold, Beautiful	Young-Real				
KASY	Pepper Ann	Recess	Mummies Alive!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Videos	Forgive or Forget	Paid Program	Roseanne		
DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher			
TNN	Matt Houston	Cagney & Lacey	Aleene's Creative Living	Waltons	TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes	Real McCoy					
FAM	New Addams	Angela Anaconda	Kids From Room 402	Mary-Kate and Ashley	It's a Big Boy Time!	CBN Special	700 Club	Varied Programs	Who's the Boss?	It's a Big Boy Time!	It's a Big Boy Time!
HBO	(7:30) Movie	Varied Programs									
HBO-2	Movie	Movie	Varied Programs								
HBO-3	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
SHOW		(3:55) Movie	Varied Programs		(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs	(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs			
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DISN	Walt Disney	Bear in the Hat	Whinnie the Pooh	PB & J	Out of the Box	Rolie Polie Olie	Madeline	Mickey's Street	DuckTales	Timon & Pumbaa	
TNT	(1:15) Movie	Movie									
AMC	(1:15) Movie	Movie									
KRPV	Varied Programs	Life in the Word	Kenneth Copeland	Duane Sheriff	Varied Programs	News	Make Your Day Count	John Hagee Today	Light-Southwest	Daily Show	
COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Duckman	Daily Show	Whose Line?	Stein's Money	Dating Story	Dating Story	Baby Story	Baby Story	Wedding Story
TLC	Peppermint	Jay Jay the Jet	Bingo & Molly	Singamamank TV	Wedding Story	Dating Story	Dating Story	Baby Story	Baby Story	Wedding Story	
TCM	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
UNI	Mito	Que de	Cosas del Amor	Inferno en el Paraiso	El Niño que vino del Mar	El Gordo y la Flaca					
ESPN	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Varied Programs							
NICK	Catdog	Hey Arnold!	Thornberry	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin	Franklin	Gullah Gullah	Little Bear
Self	Sightings	Dark Shadows	Dark Shadows	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Star Trek	Quantum Leap			
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CNN-FN	(7:30) Market Coverage	In the Money	Market Coverage								
WTBS	Little House on the Prairie	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Matlock	Hunter						
WGN	Knight Rider	Matlock	Hawaii Five-0	News	(1:10) MacGyver	Caroline in the City					
LIFE	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live								
FBSW	Sports Geniuses	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Daily Sports Source	Varied Programs				
ESPN2	(8:00) Flex Appeal	BodyShop	NHL 2Night	Varied Programs	RPM 2Night	Varied Programs					
OUTD	Cycling	Varied Programs	High Country	Canoe & Kayak	Surfer's Journal	Bicycle Journal	Fat Traxx	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Cycling	
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A&E	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court					
CNBC	Market Watch	Power Lunch									
CMAX2	(8:30) Movie	Varied Programs									

THURSDAY EVENING MAY 11, 2000											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
KASA	Power of the Paranormal: Live on Stage! (N) (1)				Relic Hunter: "Possessed" (N) (1)		Simpsons (N) (1)	Change of Heart (N) (1)	Change of Heart (N) (1)	(3:55) Blind Date	Access Hollywood
KENW	Mystery! "Hotly Wanted" (Part 1 of 2) (N) (1)				Travels in Europe (N) (1)	Red Green	Computer Chronicles	Tony Brown	Mystery! "Hotly Wanted" (Part 2 of 2) (N) (1)	(12:07) Late Night	News-Leader
KOB	Friends (N) (1)	Friends (N) (1)	Friends (N) (1)	Friends (N) (1)	ER "Such Sweet Sorrow" (N) (1)	ER "Such Sweet Sorrow" (N) (1)	ER "Such Sweet Sorrow" (N) (1)	ER "Such Sweet Sorrow" (N) (1)	ER "Such Sweet Sorrow" (N) (1)	(12:07) Late Night	News-Leader
CNN	Larry King Live (Live) (N) (1)	Newsstand (N) (1)	Newsstand (N) (1)	Newsstand (N) (1)	Sports Tonight (N) (1)	Moneyline	Larry King Live	Newsstand	Newsstand	Sports Tonight (N) (1)	News-Leader
KOAT	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?	Who's Line?
EL	True Hollywood Story "Jim J. Bullock"	Assignment EI			Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)	Howard Stern (N) (1)
USA	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)	Strip Poker (N) (1)
KBIM	Diagnosis: Murder Alex and Mark clash over Alex's relationship with a murder suspect. (N) (1)				48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)	48 Hours "Never Forget" (N) (1)
KASY	WWF Smackdown! (N) (1)				Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)	Star Trek: Voyager "Macross" (N) (1)
DSC	Your New House	Wild Discovery "Deadly Game" (N) (1)	On the Inside "Martial Arts" (N) (1)		Hurricane X	Hurricane X	Hurricane X	Hurricane X	Hurricane X	Hurricane X	Hurricane X
TNN	Arena Football Los Angeles Avengers at Arizona Rattlers. From America West Arena in Phoenix. (Live) (N) (1)				In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman
FAM	Higher Ground "Adenon" (N) (1)	Higher Ground (N) (1)	World's Greatest Magic II (N) (1)		Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)	Hookers & John: Trick or Treat (N) (1)
HBO	Americana (N) (1)				City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal (N) (1)
HBO-2											
HBO-3											
SHOW											
MAX											
DISN	(8:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs Teams To Be Announced. (Live) (N) (1)										
TNT	(8:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs Teams To Be Announced. (Live) (N) (1)										
AMC											
KRPV	(8:00) Light of the Southwest	Richard Roberts	News	Life in the Word (N) (1)	Duane Sheriff	Victory Church	Nathan Knight	Messiah Bible	Light-Southwest	Daily Show	
COM	Saturday Night Live Mike Myers, Aerosmith	Daily Show	Stein's Money								
TLC	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	Witness - New Klan (N) (1)	Forces of Nature		US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi	US Marshal: The Real Story: Mississippi
TCM											
UNI	Tres Mujeres	Aqui y Ahora	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univision	Viviana a la Medianoche	Carla y el Pasajero	El Gordo y la Flaca				
ESPN	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal - Tampa Bay	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Sportscenter		Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	Baseball Tonight (N) (1)
NICK	All That (N) (1)	Catdog (N) (1)	Hey Arnold! (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)	Rugrats (N) (1)
Self	Beverly Hills, 90210 (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)	M*A*S*H (N) (1)
FX	Designing: Kitchen	Kitchen Design	House Hunters	Varied Living (N) (1)	New Scenes (N) (1)	Curb Appeal (N) (1)	Designing: Kitchen	Kitchen Design	House Hunters	Varied Living (N) (1)	New Scenes (N) (1)
H&G	Awesome Interiors	This Small Space (N) (1)	Home Front (N) (1)	Homes by Design (N) (1)	Home Front (N) (1)	Homes by Design (N) (1)	Home Front (N) (1)	Homes by Design (N) (1)	Home Front (N) (1)	Homes by Design (N) (1)	Home Front (N) (1)
CNN-FN	Major League Baseball: Braves at Marlins										
WTBS											
WGN											
LIFE											
FBSW	Rodeo MacGyver	Major League Baseball Texas Rangers at Anaheim Angels. From Edison International Field in Anaheim, Calif. (Live) (N) (1)	NHL 2Night (N) (1)	RPM 2Night (N) (1)	Blues, Blades and Boards	NBA 2Night (N) (1)	NHL 2Night (N) (1)	Racehorse Digest (N) (1)			
ESPN2	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal - Tampa Bay	X-Games Chicago (N) (1)	NHL 2Night (N) (1)	RPM 2Night (N) (1)	Blues, Blades and Boards	NBA 2Night (N) (1)	NHL 2Night (N) (1)	Racehorse Digest (N) (1)			
OUTD	Sports. Jm.	Days of a Sportsman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman	Best of Bill Fisherman
HIST	Warren Commission	Century: America's Time (N) (1)	History's Lost & Found	Warren Commission	Century: America's Time (N) (1)	History's Lost & Found	Warren Commission	Century: America's Time (N) (1)	History's Lost & Found	Warren Commission	Century: America's Time (N) (1)
A&E	Investigative Reports "Test Tube Dads" (N) (1)	Polio: The Chocolate Boy (N) (1)	Law & Order "Rage" (N) (1)	Polio: The Chocolate Boy (N) (1)	Law & Order "Rage" (N) (1)	Polio: The Chocolate Boy (N) (1)	Law & Order "Rage" (N) (1)	Polio: The Chocolate Boy (N) (1)	Law & Order "Rage" (N) (1)	Polio: The Chocolate Boy (N) (1)	Law & Order "Rage" (N) (1)
CNBC	(8:00) National Geographic Explorer	News With Brian Williams (N) (1)	National Geographic Explorer	News With Brian Williams (N) (1)	National Geographic Explorer	News With Brian Williams (N) (1)	National Geographic Explorer	News With Brian Williams (N) (1)	National Geographic Explorer	News With Brian Williams (N) (1)	National Geographic Explorer
CMAX2	(8:30) Movie	Varied Programs									

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON											
	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
KASA	Divorce Court	Judge Mills Lane	Magic School Bus	Magic School Bus	Power Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon-Digital	Home Improvement	Friends	Friends	Drew Carey
KENW	Reading Rainbow	Arthur	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street	Seame Street
KOB	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams	Montel Williams
CNN	(2:00) Talkback	Street Sweep	Showbiz Today	Inside Politics	Worldview	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today			
KOAT	(2:00) One Life to Live	General Hospital	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC Wild News	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries & Scandals		
EL	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story	Varied Programs	Talk Soup	News Daily	Fashion Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries & Scandals		
USA	Pacific Blue	Baywatch	Crush	Friends or Lovers	JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger					
KBIM	Young-Real	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood Squares	Judge Joe Brown	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation
KASY	(2:00) Roseanne	Jerry Springer	Ricki Lake	Design	Christopher Lowell	Waltons	Varied Programs				
DSC	Christopher	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Waltons	Varied Programs					
TNN	Alice	Real McCoy	Alice	Cagney & Lacey	Waltons	Varied Programs					
FAM	Storyline With	Bobby's World	Bad Dog	Monster Rancher	Camp Candy	Kids From Room 402	Angela Anaconda	Sixth Gr. Alien	Big Wolf on Campus	New Addams	Two of a Kind
HBO	(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	(1:15) Movie						
HBO-2	(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	(1:15) Movie						
HBO-3	(4:00) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	(1:15) Movie						
SHOW	(12:15) Movie	Varied Programs	(3:55) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs					
MAX	Movie	(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs						
DISN	Aladdin	Brotherly Love	Ready or Not	Almost Home	Growing Pains	Smart Guy	Movie	Varied Programs	(3:55) Movie		
TNT	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	In the Heat of the Night	ER	NBA Basketball Playoffs					
AMC	(12:00) Movie	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie							
KRPV	(1:00) Light of the Southwest	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	John Hagee Today	Light of the Southwest				
COM	Wadding Story	Baby Story	Dating Story	Home Again	Home Again	Varied Programs					
TLC	Wadding Story	Baby Story	Dating Story	Home Again	Home Again	Varied Programs					
TCM	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
UNI	El Gordo y la Flaca	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera de Serie	Noticiero Univision	Por Tu Amor	Rosalinda				
ESPN	Varied Programs		Up Close	Sportscenter	Varied Programs						
NICK	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Doug	Doug	TF / mberry	Thornberry	Rugrats	Rugrats	Double Dare 2000	U Pick Nicktoons
Self	(2:00) Quantum	Sentinel	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Sliders	Sliders	Varied Programs					
FX	(2:00) Quantum	Sentinel	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Sliders	Sliders	Varied Programs					
H&G	You're Home	Decorating With Style	Varied Programs	Grow It! Guide	Designer's Landscape	Fix It Up!	Dream Builders	This Old House	Yankee Shop	Varied Programs	
CNN-FN	Market Coverage	Street Sweep	N.E.W.	Biz Buzz	Moneyline Newshour	Digital Jam	Business Unusual				
WTBS	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Varied Programs			
WGN	Caroline in the City	Bzzz!	Family Matters	(1:15) Cosby Show	Parent Hood	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	Movie	
LIFE	(2:00) Movie	Designing Women	Designing Women	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope				
FBSW	Varied Programs										
ESPN2	NBA Finals Films	Varied Programs	Indy Daily Report	Varied Programs	RPM 2Night	Varied Programs					
OUTD	Cycling	Varied Programs	Complete Angler	Outdoor Guides	Fish'n Canada	Sports. Jm.	Hunting With Hank	Days of a Sportsman	Varied Programs		
HIST	In Search Of...	FBI: Untold St.	Crimes & Trials	Weapons at War	Desert Storm	20th Century	Varied Programs				



**MAY 13, 2000**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MAY 13, 2000

## POOP SCOOP

**SATURDAY EVENING** **MAY 13, 2000**

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000 3C

**MAY 14, 2000**

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**MAY 15, 2000**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
2 KASA	That '70s Show (N)	Titus Intervention	Ally McBeal: Hope and Glory (N) (N)	Hope and Glory (N) (N)	Sargeant SG-1 O'Neil wakes up in the future.	Simpsons (N)	Change of Heart (N)	Change of Heart (N)	(35) Blind Date	Access Hollywood	
3 KENW	Antiques Roadshow (N) (Part 2 of 2)		Secrets of the Dead: A cataclysmic event in A.D. 535 may have changed world history. (N) (N)		All Aboard (N)	Short List (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) (Part 2 of 2)		News-Letter		
4 KOBR	25 Years of No. 1 Hits: Arista Records' Anniversary Celebration (N) (N)				Third Watch (N) (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(37) Newsradio	(12/07) Late Night	
6 CNN	Larry King Live (Live Phone-In) (N)		Newsstand (N)		Sports Tonight (N)	Moneyline	Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports Tonight (N)	
7 KOAT							News (N)	(35) Cheers (N)	(35) Extra (N) (N)	(35) Nightline	Vector Above
8 EI	True Hollywood Story: "Brandon Lee"		Wild On: Wild on the Mayan River		Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern	Making of a Supermodel	Talk Soup	Coming Attractions	Howard Stern	
9 USA	WWF Raw From Gund Arena in Cleveland. (N)		WWF War Zone (N)		(35) Farmclub.com (N) (N)		(35) Silk Stalkings: "The Lonely Number"	(35) New York Undercover: "All the			
10 KBIM	King of Queens (N)	Ladies Man (N)	Everybody Raymond		48 Hours: "Impossible Mission" (N) (N)		News (N)	(35) Late Show (N) (N)	(37) Judge Judy (N)	Late Late Show (N)	
12 KASY	Mosha (N)	Parkers (N) (N)	Grown Ups: Malcolm & Eddie (N)		Star Trek Voyager: "Fair Trade" (N) (N)		Cops (N)	Real TV (N) (N)	Jerry Springer (N) (N)	Paid Program	
13 DSC	Your New House		Wild Discovery: Elephants		On the Inside: "Real LAPD" "Life and Death"		Discovery News: "The Mind of a Killer"	Summer of Terror: The Son of Sam Story		On the Inside	
14 TNM			Life and Times of Ghosts of Music City		Cagney & Lacey "DWI"		Bill Dance: "In-Fisherman"	Saltwater Journal (N) (N)	Basemaster (N)	Mart Houston (N)	
15 FAM	Partridge Family (N)	Partridge Family (N)	Who's the Boss? (N)		Brady's: Big Kids Big Problems (N)			Famous Families David and Shaun Cassidy (N)		700 Club (N)	
17 HBO			Real Sports (N)		Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker (N) (N)						
18 HBO-2		Workspace	Sex and the City (N)		Sex and the City (N)		Oz: "Escape From Oz" (N) (N)	(10) The Corner (N) (Part 5 of 6) (N)	(10) Dennis Miller		
19 HBO-3					Daughter of Suicide (N) (N)						
20 SHOW											
21 MAX											
22 DISN							Zorro (N) (N)	Mickey Mouse	Walt Disney Presents "Liberty Story" (N)		
23 TNT	(6:00) WCW Monday Nitro (Live) (N) (N)						WCW Monday Nitro (N) (N)				
24 AMC								Wyand Pasin			
25 KRPV	(6:00) Light of the Southwest (Live)		Richard Roberts		News	Life in the Word (N)	Duane Sharriff	Rebecca Baker	Linda Chaffin	Bless Your Heart	Light of the Southwest
27 COH	Saturday Night Live: Woody Harmon. (N)		Daily Show (N)	Stark's Money				Strangers With Candy	Upright Citizen	Daily Show (N)	
28 TLC	Critical Incident: Shock Trauma		Critical Incident: Hot Calls		Paraglider: On the Edge		Critical Incident: Shock Trauma	Critical Incident: Hot Calls		Trauma Center	
29 TCM											
30 UNI	Thes Mujeres		Cristina: Edición Especial		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univision	Viviana la Madrochona	Cafetería de Pasiones		El Gordo y la Fleca	
31 ESPN	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Final		Baseball Tonight (N)		Sportscenter (N)		Baseball Tonight (N)	Sportscenter (N)		Sportscenter (N)	
32 NICK	All That (N)	Catdog (N)	Way Arnold (N)	Rugrats (N)	Thomberry (N)	Thomberry (N)	Brady Bunch (N)	Secrets (N)	All in the Family (N)	Henson's (N)	Lore Lucy (N)
33 SciFi	Outer Limits: "Caught in the Act" (N) (N)		Outer Limits: "The Serenaders"		Poltergeist: The Legacy: "The Possession" (N)		Friday the 13th: "The Series" (N) (N)	Outer Limits: "Image" (N) (N)	Outer Limits: "In Our Own Image" (N) (N)	Outer Limits (N) (N)	
35 FX	Beverly Hills, 90210 (N)		M.A.S.H. "Bug-Out"	M.A.S.H. "Bug-Out"	NYPD Blue: "Don't Kill the Messenger" (N)		X-Files: "Arcade" (N) (N)	Married... With (N)	Married... With (N)	X-Files (N) (N)	
36 H&S	You're the Boss (N)	Country at Home (N)	If Walls Could (N)	Dream House (N)	At the Auction (N)	Collectible Treasures	You're the Boss (N)	Country at Home (N)	If Walls Could (N)	Dream House (N)	This Old Rocks (N)
38 CNN-FN	Biz Buzz	Entrepreneurs Only	Moneyline Newsweek	Your Money	Digital Jerr		(Off Air)				
39 WTBS	(6:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams To Be Announced. (Live)							(35) Wheelchair	CNN's "Sick Leave"	CNN's	
40 WGN			News (N) (N)		MacGyver: "Squeeze Play" (N) (N)		In the Heat of the Night: "And Then You Die"	Mallock: "The Brother" (N) (N)		Paid Program	
41 LIFE					Golden Girls (N)	Golden Girls (N)	Designing Women: "Y"	Unwatched Mysteries (N)	Party of Five: "Separation" (N) (N)		
42 FSUW	(6:00) Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Texas Rangers. (Subject to Blackout)				National Sports Report		Sports Center	Late Word	National Sports Report	Event	
43 ESPN2	Peter Dinklage: "The Double" (Taped)		Billboards: "VPBA Natl Semifinal"		Bodybuilding: "M.A. 2 Night" (N) (N)		NFL Tonight (N)	NFL Tonight (N)	Billings: "Haley: Meet Haley" (N) (N)	Billings: "Haley: Meet Haley" (N) (N)	
44 DUTD	Crying Out Loud: "From New York" (Taped)				Justice (N) (N)		Crying Out Loud: "From New York" (Taped)				
45 H&R	Hill's Governor: "Frank Farmer: The Hero"		Career's Bridge (N) (N)		Henry's Love & Power (N)		Shelley: "The Hero: The Hero"	Shelley: "The Hero: The Hero"	Shelley: "The Hero: The Hero"	Shelley: "The Hero: The Hero"	
46 A&E	Incredible Favorites: "Parole Board: Miracle"		City Confidential: "Las Vegas: Deadly Jackpot"		Law & Order: "Wagon" (N)		Magnum: "The Fall" (N) (N)		Investigative Reports: "Parole Board: Miracle"	City Confidential	
47 CNNC	Revere Live		News With Brian Williams (N)		Hardball		Revere Live		News With Brian Williams (N)	Revere Live	
48 CMAX2											











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**A CUT ABOVE** is accepting applications for a beautician/barber. Earn commissions and bonuses. Apply at 1705 Sudderth.

**ADMINISTRATIVE** assistant position. Reservations, secretarial and bookkeeping duties. Computer knowledge a must. Mail resume to: Ruidoso Central Reservations, PO Box 1864, 88345.

**BRUNELL'S INC.,** SEEKING ladies department employees, 2 days per week. Inquire at Brunell's, 2316 Sudderth.

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**CONSTRUCTION** HELP wanted: carpenters, masons, laborers. 336-1298, after 6pm. **DISHWASHER/NITES ONLY** immediate hire. Good pay. Incredible Restaurant, Hwy 48 N @ Alto Village.

**EL RUSTIC**  
Part-time sales, custom furniture store. 30 hrs/week. Must be able to work weekends. Call for an appointment. 378-1484

**FLOORING INSTALLATION** helper wanted. Must be able to lift 100 pounds. This is a fast paced job that requires attention to detail. Must be reliable. Good pay for someone that wants to learn a trade. Call 420-6002 or 378-8505.

**GOLF COURSE** HELP needed. Mowers, general labor. Inquire at 103 Innsbrook Drive or call 258-3589.

**GREAT WALL OF CHINA** restaurant has openings for part or full-time waitstaff, bus person and hostess. Apply in person, 2913 Sudderth Drive.

**HELP WANTED:** small engine repairman; (chain saws, mowers, trimmers) American Oxygen Co., Inc. 135 Hwy 70E, Ruidoso, NM. 1-505-378-4752

**HOUSEKEEPER** needed. Smokey Bear Motel, Capitán. Apply in person.

**HOUSEKEEPER: ONE DAY** a week. Small house, Sun Valley area. 336-2011, for interview.

**HOUSEKEEPING** and Front Desk Clerk positions available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for an experienced ditchwitch operator. Apply in person at 1082 Mechem, or call 258-2359. Drug test may be required.

## 380 HELP WANTED

**Laundry Staff**  
Housekeepers & Prep Cooks needed at  
**Ruidoso Care Center.**  
Call Theresa - Human Resources  
257-9071

**Cooks & Prep Cooks**  
needed at Ruidoso Care Center  
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## LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENTS NEEDED!!

Tall Pines Realty is looking for self motivated sales people to start work immediately. We offer generous commission splits, a private office and a great location with plenty of walk-in traffic. Call Johnny or Mark for a confidential interview. (505) 257-7786

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Cattle Barons & Barflies are currently accepting applications for all positions. Great wages and the best tip potential around. Insurance and 401(k) plan available. Apply in person for an interview between 2-5 p.m. Mon-Fri and 11-3 p.m. Sat. Applications accepted at any time during business hours. Apply at 657 Sudderth or 1200 Mechem. No phone calls please. Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc. is an EOE.

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**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for heavy equipment operators and general laborers. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** full or part-time for person with extensive auto insurance underwriting experience and knowledge. Call 258-3377 for an appointment, Monday thru Friday.

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** for Stockers and Checkers. Apply in person at Thriftway, 304 Mechem.

**KFC**  
of  
**RUIDOSO**  
now accepting applications for employment. Smiling faces please. Apply in person, 331 Sudderth Drive

**KOKOPELLI** a private club is seeking qualified applicants for waitstaff, kitchen and bartending positions. Please call 336-1818 X 24 for an appointment.

**LOCAL LANDSCAPING** Firm seeking individuals with landscape, irrigation & maintenance experience. Apply at Conley's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., E. Hwy 70, 378-4375

**LODGE MANAGER:** small exclusive private lodge, located deep in the national forest, near Ruidoso, is seeking a dynamic working manager. Activities include hunting, sporting clays, private meeting, etc. Owner is licensed out-fitter. Fax resume or info to (505)548-4449.

**MR BURGER** NOW TAKING applications for counter and cook position. Full-time or part-time available. Above minimum starting pay. Apply 10am-5pm, 1203 Mechem.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** full-time, computer skills, organization, scheduling, inventory, sales and reception. Pay negotiable. Fax resume to (702)344-3682 or for more information (702)344-3618.

**PART, FULL-TIME** secretarial with medical billing experience. 258-2723

## 380 HELP WANTED

**Vacation ownership** executive needed at Angel Fire Resort Real Estate. Earned up to 15% based on dollar volume. A Fairfield Affiliated Resort w/Fairshare Plus Points system. Call Mike Liddle @ 505-377-4210

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**LONG TIME LOCAL** financial institution has full-time position available. Should be able to work flexible hours Monday through Friday. 8 months cash handling experience preferred. Professional dress required. Please send resume to Human Resources, 398 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. AAEO

**LPN POSITION** in BUSY Doctor's office; part-time, including Saturdays. Experience preferred. Pay depending on experience. Send or bring resume to Dr. Seidel's office, 159 Mesquero Trail, Ruidoso. No phone calls please.

**NAIL TECH AND/OR** esthetician; full or part-time. Contact (702)344-3618.

**NEEDED EXPERIENCED** trim carpenter. Must be dependable. Call 258-9060.

**NEW HIRING** Housekeepers. Must have some experience. Apply at 400 West Hwy 70, Holiday Inn Express.

## 380 HELP WANTED

**Now Hiring**  
Line Cook  
Best Western Swiss Chalet Inn  
Hwy. 48 North  
Call John Thompson for appointment - 258-3333

**Now Hiring**  
Servers  
\$4.25/hr. + tips  
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**SERVERS, HOSTESS** and kitchen staff needed. Day/night Smokey Bear Restaurant, Capitán. Apply in person, 2pm-5pm.

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Daily Work/Daily Pay  
Construction, framers general labor, food service housekeepers, clerical All skill levels  
Apply today! 257-7876  
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In Gateway Center  
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**Community Mental Health Center** in Ruidoso seeking Case Manager to assist children and mentally ill adults in accessing and utilizing community services and resources. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in helping profession and one year of experience in behavioral health field. Must live in Lincoln County for accessibility. Bilingual and parent education experience a plus. Send letter of interest and resume to The Counseling Center, ATTN: Human Resources, 1900 E. 10th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Position open until filled, EOE

**DIRECTOR**  
HIV/AIDS NONPROFIT  
Responsible for programs, grant writing, personnel, and budget for agency providing services to HIV+ people and prevention education to at-risk populations in the nine counties of southeastern New Mexico. Masters Degree and 3-5 yrs. related experience preferred. Salary: \$38,000+ DOE. Positions closes 5/23. Contact: Pecos Valley HIV/AIDS Resource Center, Roswell, 1-800-937-1995 for application. EOE

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**Rapidly expanding** company seeks cashier for local branch. Starting minimum pay is \$1488.00.

**We offer:**  
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**RESTAURANT/BANQUET** MANAGER  
Interviewing now for position of Restaurant/Banquet Manager. Managing & scheduling. Great team oriented working atmosphere.  
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**WAL\*MART**  
WAL\*MART Ruidoso Downs  
accepting applications  
for various positions.  
Apply Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Please go to Layaway  
for more information.  
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TREATMENT  
PLANT  
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TECHNICIAN**

Excellent benefit package  
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Apps accepted until 4:00 pm  
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Ruidoso, NM 88345.  
258-4343  
or 1-877-700-4343  
FAX 258-5848. EEOE

**WATER  
WASTEWATER  
MAINTENANCE  
WORKER**

Excellent benefit package  
included (vacation, sick,  
retirement & insurance).  
Apps accepted until 4:00 pm  
Monday, May 15, 2000.  
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## 390 WORK WANTED

**Brilliant Construction**  
Thomas Brilliant  
General Contractor  
Redwood Decks & Remodeling  
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License WNM 056318-GB 98

**David Fryer**  
General Contractor  
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License #55166

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Clean-Powerwashing, deck  
refinishing, lawn care, pinenee-  
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Estimates. 257-2172 or 420-  
5225

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Call Today!  
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experience in Ruidoso. 336-  
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No Job Too Small!  
Quality Work...  
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• Removes allergy and disease  
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• Removes pollutants from air supply  
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**ALL SEASONS YARD CARE**  
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References available. 257-  
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**COMPLETE YARD CARE**  
Tree removal, pruning, haul-  
ing, raking, mowing, gutters.  
Free Estimates everyday.  
Referrals available. 257-5808

**EARTH MOVING.** Excavating,  
footings, trenches, roads cut,  
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Gravel Drives, new or repair.  
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REMODELS • ADDITIONS  
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## 420 CHILD CARE

**MOTHERLY LOVE** State  
Licensed Child Care; 24hrs,  
7days. Attentive, loving care.  
Toddler and Preschool class-  
es. 378-4334

## 460 LOST &amp; FOUND

**LOST MAY 1: LARGE MEN'S**  
diamond ring. Large reward.  
258-1722

**LOST: WHITE PEKINGESE**  
male; no collar. Vicinity of 5th  
Street, Saturday. If found,  
please call 257-0598.

## 480 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL FIRED UP! is**  
being sold. Please  
contact 378-4491 for  
customer pieces by  
May 13th.

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## 600 LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS  
AUDIT SERVICES

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural  
Gas is requesting proposals  
for audit services for the 1999-  
2000 fiscal year. Sealed pro-  
posals will be accepted until  
4:30 PM, Friday, May 12,  
2000.  
A copy of the full proposal may  
be obtained from the business  
office at 217 Lincoln in Capitan,  
NM or by calling  
(505)354-2260.  
Proposals will be opened at the  
regular board meeting on  
Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at the  
business office in Capitan,  
NM.  
Capitan-Carrizozo Natural  
Gas reserves the right to accept  
or reject all or any part of  
any proposal, waive minor  
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proposal to best serve the  
interest of the gas company.

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Capitan-Carrizozo  
Natural Gas  
2732 4T(4)28(5)2,5,10

## LEGAL NOTICE

The SUN VALLEY SANITA-  
TION DISTRICT will hold a  
special meeting at 7:00 p.m.,  
Friday, May 19, 2000 at the  
Alto Bonita Fire Station. The  
only item on the agenda will be  
the adoption of the fiscal 2000-  
2001 budget. All interested  
property owners in the La  
Junta, Little Creek, Whitney  
and Sun Valley Subdivisions  
are encouraged to attend.

Monthly business meeting  
agendas will be posted at the  
Alto Bonita Fire Station one  
day prior to the meetings.

/s/John Pulte  
Chairman  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

**CROWN POINT OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC., a New  
Mexico corporation,**

Plaintiff,  
v.  
No. CV-99-286  
Div. III

KENNETH R. BREEDEN and  
VIRGINIA F. BREEDEN;  
SABAS E. CANAVATI F. and  
MARIA F. de CANAVATI;  
HENRY H. CLAY and LISA  
DEAN CLAY; RICHARD W.  
CLEVELAND, JR. and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
DREW C. CLOVER and  
KRISTA B. CLOVER; FRE-  
DRESA CODNER and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
CHARLES K. DAVIS and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
GILBERT ESTRADA and  
GUADALUPE L. ESTRADA;  
MARIE W. GARY and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE; NATA-  
VADIA J. GONZALEZ and  
SARA A. GONZALEZ; DON-  
ALD O. GRAVES and SAMMY  
Y. GRAVES; MARIA CHAVES  
de GUTIERREZ and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
CHERYL J. HARAGAN and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
INTERNATIONAL VACATION  
OWNER SERVICES, INC., a  
New Mexico corporation;  
OCTAVIO HUMBERTO  
JIMINEZ GARZA and MARIA  
TAFOYA de JIMINEZ; SCOTT  
D. KNAPP and KATHLEEN M.  
KNAPP; JOSE HUGO LOPEZ  
CONTRERAS and OLIVIA  
VILLA de LOPEZ; RAMOND  
B. MADRID and ALVA L.  
MADRID; RUBEN  
OCHOTORENA and ARMIDA  
OCHOTORENA; RICK  
PEARCY and LISA PEARCY;  
BEVERLY G. PELLETIER and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE; JOHN-  
NY RAMIREZ and LINDA  
RAMIREZ; d/b/a A-SHEET  
METAL; SOTERO G.  
RAMIREZ, III and PATRICIA  
J. RAMIREZ; RITA R. RAS-  
MUSSEN and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE; LEONELL C.  
ROACH and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE; RAMON C.  
SANCHEZ and ANGELA R.  
SANCHEZ; PATRICK E.  
SANTRY and DOROTHY  
SANTRY; DONALD R. SEV-  
ERNS and IRIS M. SEV-  
ERNS; CARL A. SHEPARD-  
SON and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE; LARRY SMITH and  
KASSANDRA R. PEARSON  
SMITH; DANIEL SOTO and  
GLEE SOTO; ANNE LEA  
THORNE and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE; ROBERTO UGARTE  
and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
BILLY D. WALLS and  
BRENDA S. WALLS;

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
MASTER'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that on May 30, 2000, at 10:00  
A.M., at the front entrance to  
the Village of Ruidoso Muni-  
cipal Complex located at 313  
Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso,  
New Mexico, the undersig-  
ned Special Master will sell  
and convey to the highest bid-  
ders for cash, all right, title and  
interest of the following named  
defendants in the following  
described properties of the  
Crown Point Owners Asso-  
ciation, Inc., a New Mexico  
corporation, located at 220  
Crown Drive in Ruidoso, New  
Mexico. The sale will be held  
pursuant to the following judg-  
ment liens:

a) Kenneth R. Breeden and  
Virginia F. Breeden, husband  
and wife, and International  
Vacation Owner Services, Inc.,  
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jointly and severally  
Unit Week 6, Phase 2, Unit 2,  
Building 8  
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Costs and attorney fees 335.16

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Week 50, Phase 1, Unit 6,  
Building 4  
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Building 2  
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# LIVING WITH

# FIRE

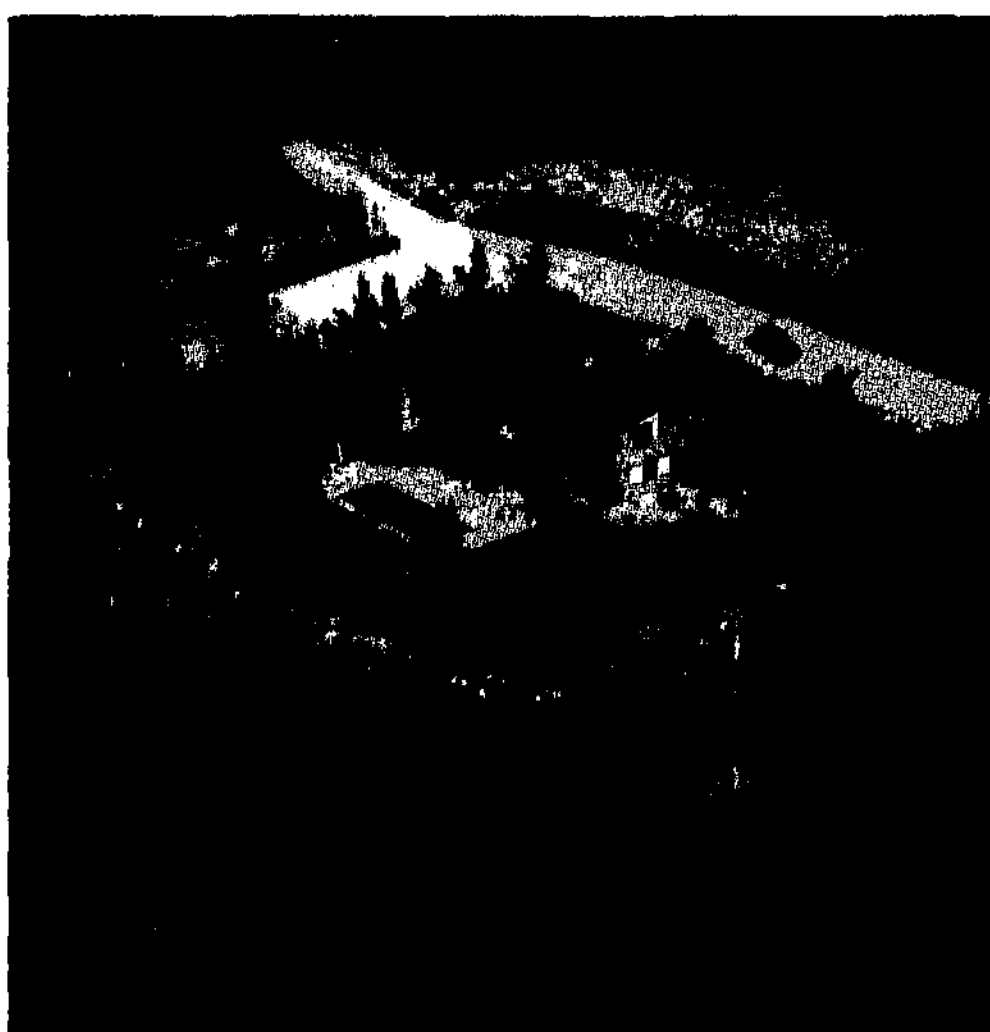
## NEW MEXICO FIRE PREVENTION

**M**uch of New Mexico from the East Mountains outside Albuquerque, to Angel Fire and Silver City, Santa Fe and Ruidoso are considered a high fire environment. Based on past experience, the areas possess all the ingredients necessary to support large, intense and uncontrollable wildfires.

Within this hazardous environment, there are individual houses, subdivisions and entire communities. Many of these homeowners, however, are ill prepared to survive an intense wildfire. Since it is not a question of "if" a wildfire will occur but "when," the likelihood of human life and property loss is great and growing.

There is increasing recognition that our ability to live more safely in this fire environment depends on "pre-fire activities." Pre-fire activities are actions taken before wildfire occurs which improve the survivability of people and homes. We can not "fire proof" the forest, but we can provide for proper vegetation management around the home (known as defensible space), use of fire resistant building materials, appropriate subdivision design, and other measures. Research clearly indicates that pre-fire activities save lives and property.

The look of our Southwestern forests has changed dramatically during this century. Throughout our forests there is a huge biomass increase. In



*The pre-fire activities implemented by this homeowner included a green and well maintained landscape, reduction of wildland vegetation around the perimeter of the property, a fire resistant roof, and a good access road with a turnaround area. As seen in the photo, these pre-fire activities were effective.*

many instances, tree size is smaller, stands more dense and insect and disease outbreaks rampant. Fire, which plays an integral role in our Southwestern forest's ecosystems, can become catastrophic due to fuel build-up.

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division's Forest Health Initiative is looking at numerous solutions to help implement pre-fire activities throughout New Mexico.

- Division personnel trained to carry-out prescribed burns.
- Training programs for structural fire departments to allow them to be safe and effective when working in the wildland fire environment.
- Public awareness workshops for communities about forest health.
- Developing inter-agency agreements so prescribed burns can be done on a landscape scale.
- Modify community ordinances that will promote forest health.
- Demonstration areas that show proper forest management and defensible structure space.

This publication provides information to homeowners, firefighters and the general public that will help identify activities that will help you coexist more safely with wildfire.

For additional information and sources of assistance contact your nearest State Forestry District Office or your local fire department.

## THE "WHY WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT WILDFIRE" EQUATION

**Fire is a natural part of our environment. Our forests and rangelands were burning long before there was an Angel Fire, Santa Fe, Tijeras or Ruidoso.**

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**People are living in this fire environment. Many homes are built and maintained without regard to wildfire.**

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**There is a greater chance of fire starts. With more people using our wildlands, more fire ignitions are likely.**

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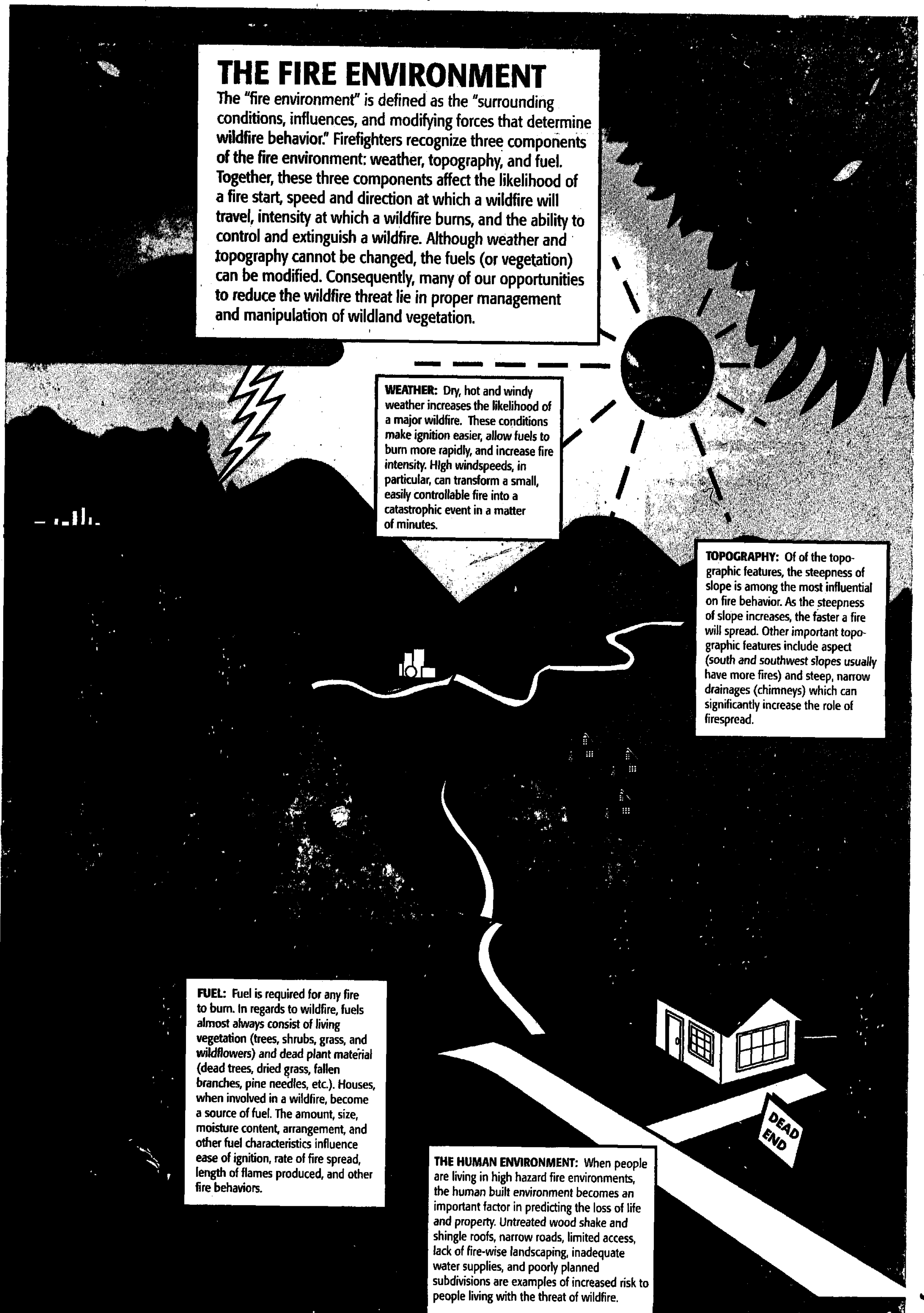
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- **Greater loss of life.**
- **Increased property losses.**
- **Damage to natural resources.**
- **More money spent on firefighting.**



## THE FIRE ENVIRONMENT

The "fire environment" is defined as the "surrounding conditions, influences, and modifying forces that determine wildfire behavior." Firefighters recognize three components of the fire environment: weather, topography, and fuel. Together, these three components affect the likelihood of a fire start, speed and direction at which a wildfire will travel, intensity at which a wildfire burns, and the ability to control and extinguish a wildfire. Although weather and topography cannot be changed, the fuels (or vegetation) can be modified. Consequently, many of our opportunities to reduce the wildfire threat lie in proper management and manipulation of wildland vegetation.



**WEATHER:** Dry, hot and windy weather increases the likelihood of a major wildfire. These conditions make ignition easier, allow fuels to burn more rapidly, and increase fire intensity. High windspeeds, in particular, can transform a small, easily controllable fire into a catastrophic event in a matter of minutes.

**TOPOGRAPHY:** Of the topographic features, the steepness of slope is among the most influential on fire behavior. As the steepness of slope increases, the faster a fire will spread. Other important topographic features include aspect (south and southwest slopes usually have more fires) and steep, narrow drainages (chimneys) which can significantly increase the role of firespread.

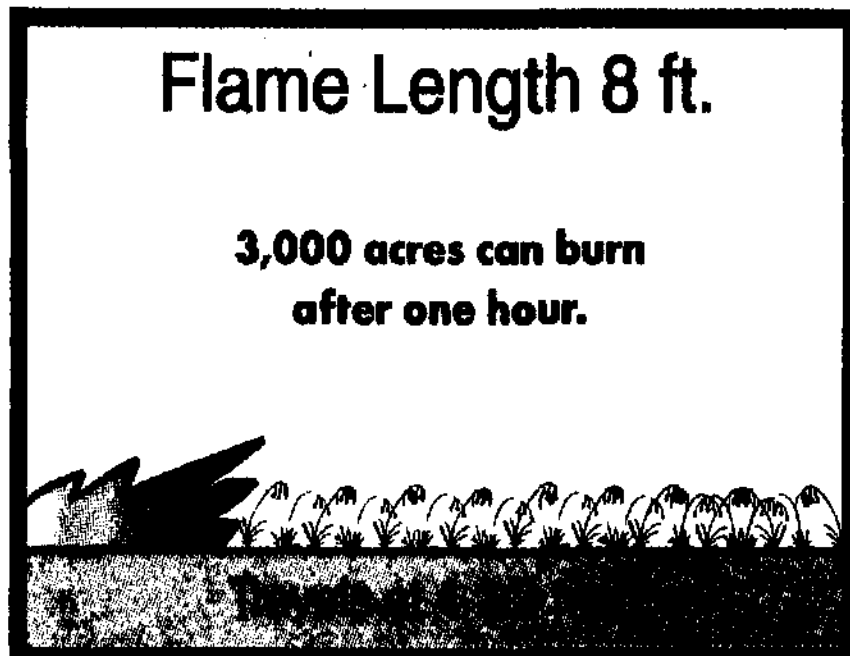
**FUEL:** Fuel is required for any fire to burn. In regards to wildfire, fuels almost always consist of living vegetation (trees, shrubs, grass, and wildflowers) and dead plant material (dead trees, dried grass, fallen branches, pine needles, etc.). Houses, when involved in a wildfire, become a source of fuel. The amount, size, moisture content, arrangement, and other fuel characteristics influence ease of ignition, rate of fire spread, length of flames produced, and other fire behaviors.

**THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT:** When people are living in high hazard fire environments, the human built environment becomes an important factor in predicting the loss of life and property. Untreated wood shake and shingle roofs, narrow roads, limited access, lack of fire-wise landscaping, inadequate water supplies, and poorly planned subdivisions are examples of increased risk to people living with the threat of wildfire.

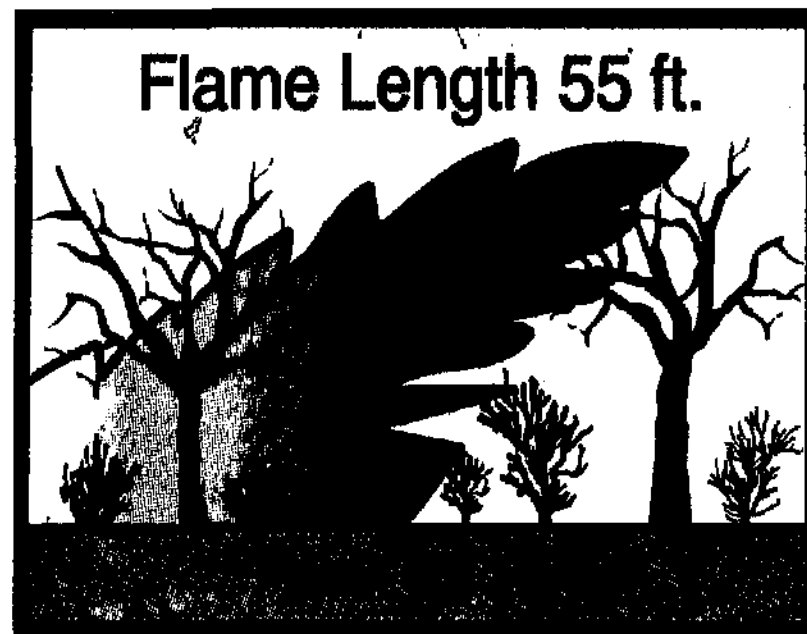


# EXAMPLES OF LOCAL FIRE BEHAVIOR

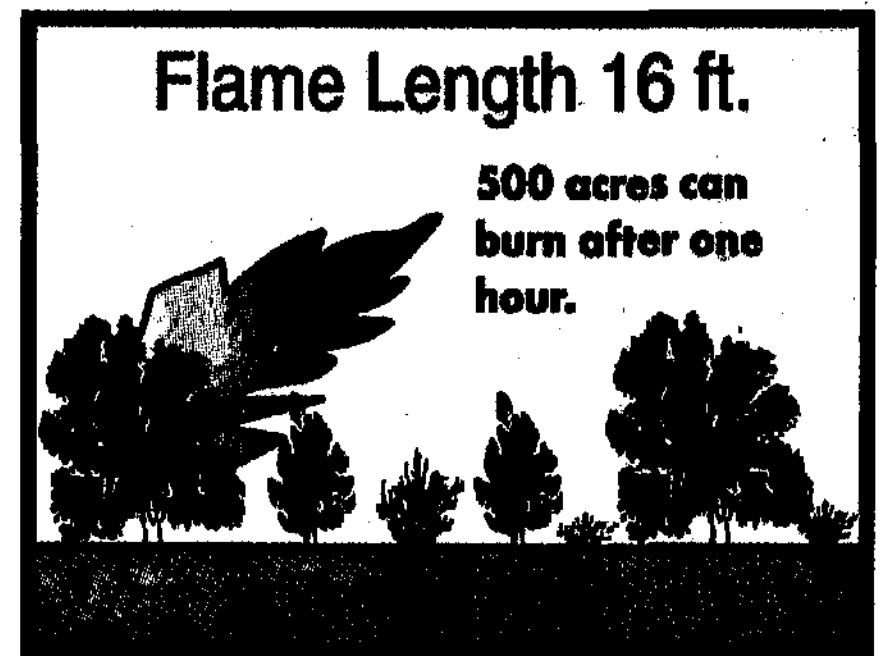
Presented below are five types of vegetation common to New Mexico with computer generated estimates of how they would burn under certain conditions. These predications assume a wind speed of 20 mph, flat terrain, typical moisture contents of living and dead vegetation in the summertime.



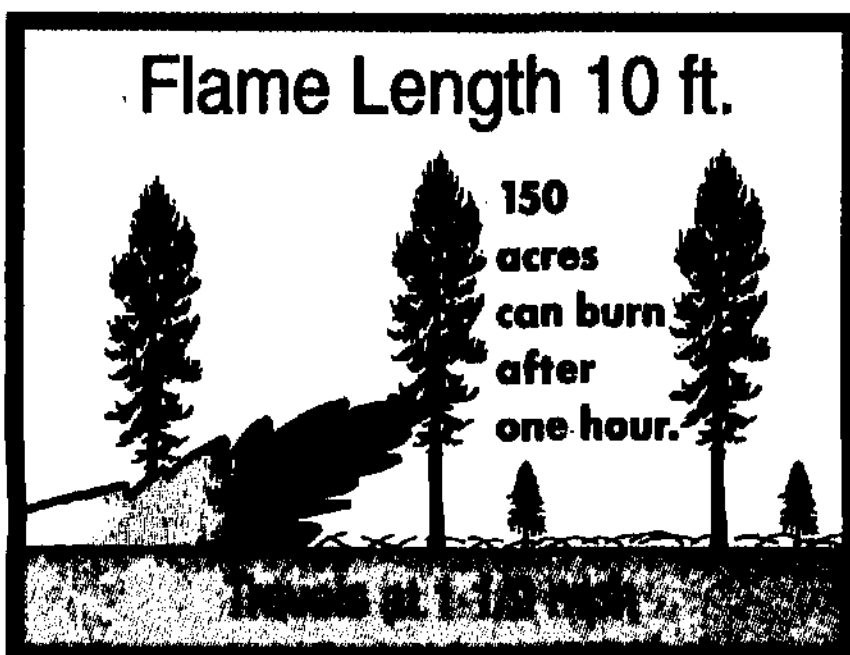
**GRASS:** Native grasslands occur throughout New Mexico. Grasses may dry out very rapidly and burn quickly. Grasses may act as the carrier of fire in brush and timber type vegetation.



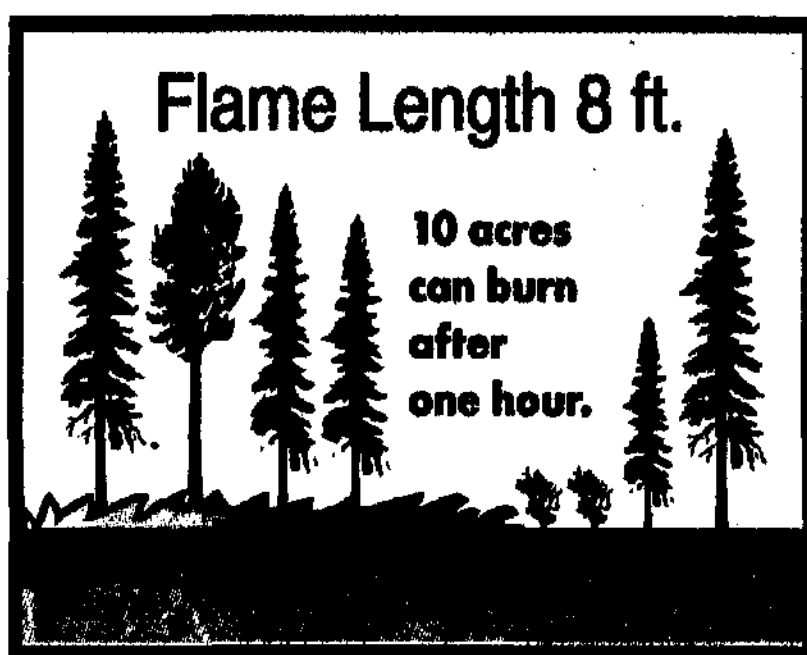
**BOSQUE:** This is a heavy brush type consisting of cottonwood, Russian olive, salt cedar and native shrubs. It occurs along riparian zones, the most notable along the Rio Grande. High intensity fires are very common, however, low intensity fires in this type may also be destructive.



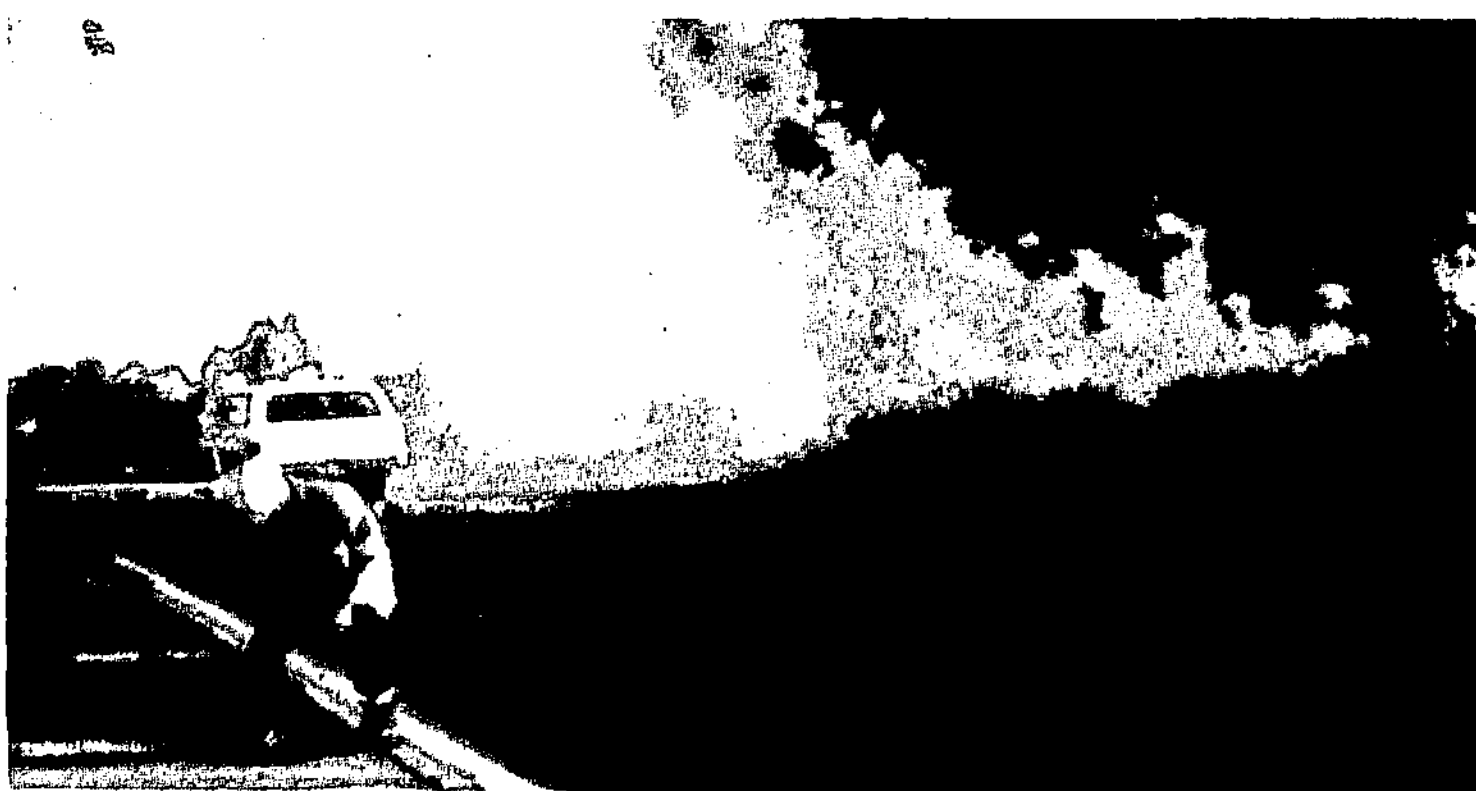
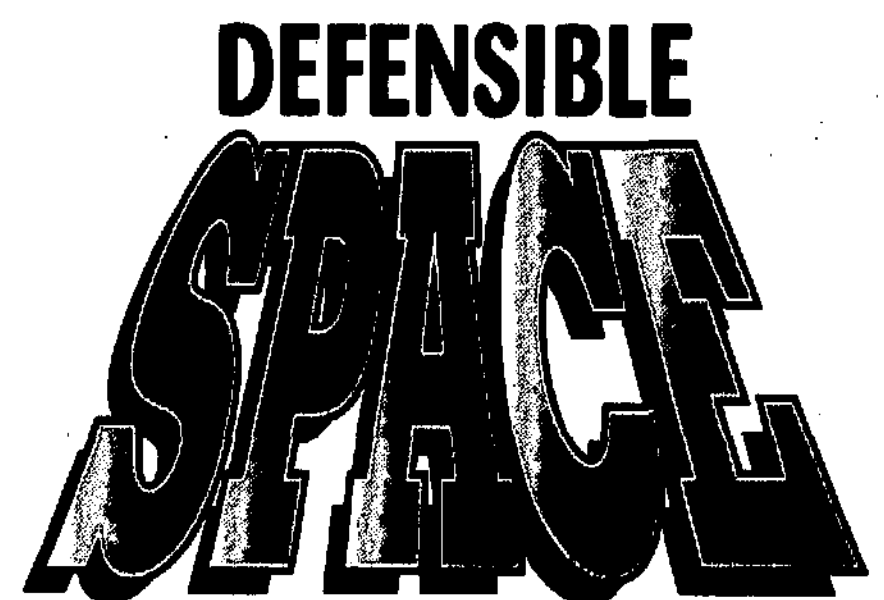
**PINYON-JUNIPER WOODLANDS:** Pinyon pine, rocky mountain, and one-seed juniper characterize this vegetation type. Usually found on slopes between 3000-7000 feet.



**PONDEROSA PINE FOREST:** This type consists of ponderosa pine. However, depending upon the elevation, ponderosa pine can transition from pinyon-juniper to mixed-conifer and aspen at higher elevations. The ground cover consists of tightly packed needles, twigs, old logs and grass.



**MIXED CONIFER:** This type consists of white fir, Douglas-fir and blue spruce. Found at higher elevations above 8000 feet. Usually this type consists of the most dense forest with the heaviest fuel loading.



When wildfire flame lengths exceed 11 feet, direct firefighting efforts are ineffective. Under these conditions firefighters use roads, streams, and other barriers to control the wildfire.

## THE LIMITATIONS OF WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING

A lot of people assume that when a wildfire starts, it will be quickly controlled and extinguished. This is an accurate assumption 97% of the time. For most wildfires, firefighters have the ability, equipment, and technology for effective fire suppression. But 3% of the time wildfires burn so intensely that there is little firefighters can do. Presented at right are firefighter tactics as they relate to wildfire flame length. Compare this to the flame lengths shown in "Examples of Local Fire Behavior".

FLAME LENGTH	EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION TACTICS *
Less than 4 ft	Fireline constructed with hand tools, such as shovels and axes, can be effective at the front of the fire.
4 to 8 ft	Bulldozers and other heavy equipment will be needed to construct an effective fireline. Where bulldozers are not available, fire engines with hoses and water will be required to "knock down" the flames before the fire crews with hand tools can be effective. Or fire crews must construct a fireline at a considerable distance from the fire.
8 to 11 ft	Airtankers with fire suppressing retardant or helicopters with water are required to reduce the fire's rate of spread before fireline construction by crews or bulldozers can be effective.
More than 11 ft	Direct fire suppression efforts will be ineffective. Retreat to existing roads, streams and other barriers. Burn out fuels between the fireline and the advancing fire front.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DEFENSIBLE SPACE



More and more homes are being built in high fire hazard environments.

As the number of people living in and adjacent to wildlands grows, the likelihood of homes being threatened by wildfire also grows. A critical factor in determining whether or not a home will survive a wildfire is the type, amount, and maintenance of vegetation surrounding the house. In the 1980's, the term "defensible space" was coined to describe vegetation management practices aimed at reducing the wildfire threat to homes. This article responds to some of the commonly asked questions about defensible space.

## WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible space refers to that area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and to provide an opportunity for firefighters to effectively defend the house. Sometimes, a defensible space is simply a homeowner's properly maintained backyard.

## WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VEGETATION AND WILDFIRE THREAT?

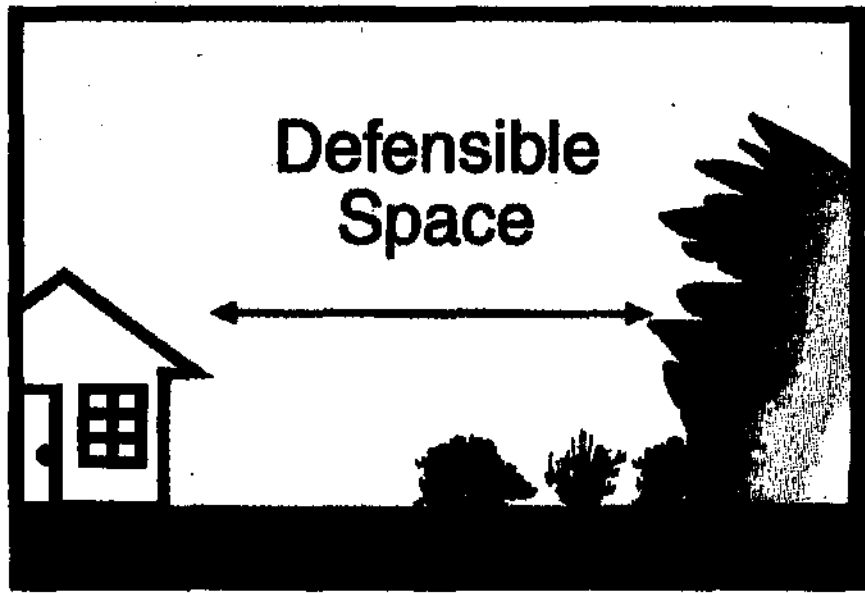
Many people do not view the plants growing on their property as a threat. But in terms of wildfire, what is growing adjacent to their homes can have considerable influence upon the survivability of their houses. All vegetation, including naturally occurring native plants and ornamental plants in the residential landscape, is potential wildfire fuel. If vegetation is properly modified and maintained, a wildfire can be slowed, the length of flames shortened, and the amount of heat reduced, all of which assist firefighters to defend the home against an oncoming wildfire.

## THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT MY HOUSE, SO WHY BOTHER WITH DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Some individuals incorrectly assume that a fire engine will be parked in their driveway and firefighters will be actively defending their homes if a wildfire approaches. During a major wildfire, it is unlikely there will be enough firefighting resources available to defend every home. In these instances, firefighters will likely select homes they can safely and effectively protect. Even with adequate resources, some wildfires may be so intense that there may be little firefighters can do to prevent a house from burning. The key is to reduce fire intensity as wildfire nears the house. This can be accomplished by reducing the amount of flammable vegetation surrounding a home. Consequently, the most important person in protecting a house from wildfire is not a firefighter, but the property owner. And it's the action taken by the owner before the wildfire occurs (such as proper landscaping) that is critical.

## DOES DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIRE A LOT OF BARE GROUND IN MY LANDSCAPE?

No. Unfortunately, many people have this misconception. While bare ground is certainly effective in reducing the wildfire threat, it is unnecessary and unacceptable due to appearance, soil erosion, and other reasons. Many homes have attractive, well vegetated properties that also serve as effective defensible space.

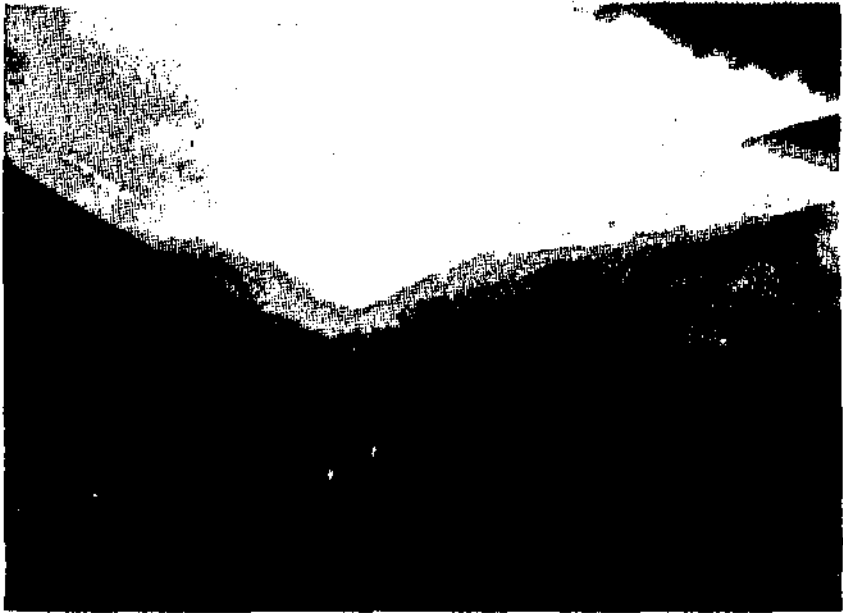


## DOES CREATING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS OR EQUIPMENT?

No. For the most part, creating a defensible space employs routine gardening and landscape maintenance practices such as pruning, mowing, weeding, plant removal, appropriate plant selection, and irrigation. The necessary equipment consists of common tools like a chain saw, pruning saw, pruning shears, loppers, weed-eater, shovel, and a rake. A chipper, compost bin, or a large rented trash dumpster may be useful in disposing of unwanted plant material.

## HOW BIG IS AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible space size is usually expressed as the distance from the house in which vegetation is managed to reduce the wildfire threat. The necessary distance for an effective defensible space is not the same for everyone, but varies by slope and type of wildland vegetation growing near the house. See the article entitled "Creating An Effective Defensible Space" for specific information.



## DOES DEFENSIBLE SPACE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Yes. Investigations of homes threatened by wildfire indicate that houses with an effective defensible space are much more likely to survive a wildfire. Furthermore, homes with both an effective defensible space and a nonflammable roof (composition shingles, tile, metal, etc.) are many times more likely to survive a wildfire than those without defensible space and flammable roofs (wood shakes or shingles). These conditions give firefighters the opportunity to effectively and safely defend the home.

## DOES HAVING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE GUARANTEE MY HOUSE WILL SURVIVE A WILDFIRE?

No. Under extreme conditions, almost any house can burn. But having a defensible space will significantly improve the odds of your home surviving a wildfire.

## WHY DOESN'T EVERYONE LIVING IN A HIGH WILDFIRE HAZARD AREA CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

The specific reasons for not creating a defensible space are varied. Some individuals believe "it won't happen to me". Others think the costs (time, money, effort, loss of privacy, etc.) outweigh the benefits. But some have failed to implement defensible space practices because of lack of knowledge or misconceptions.

## HOW DO I CHANGE THE VEGETATION ON MY PROPERTY TO REDUCE THE WILDFIRE THREAT?

The objective of defensible space is to reduce the wildfire threat to a home by changing the characteristics of the adjacent vegetation.

Defensible space practices:

- increase the moisture content of vegetation.
- decrease the amount of flammable vegetation.
- shorten plant height.
- alter the arrangement of plants.

This is accomplished through the "Three R's of Defensible Space". The article "Creating An Effective Defensible Space" provides detailed information about changing vegetation characteristics for defensible space.

## THE THREE R's OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE

### Removal

This technique involves the elimination of entire plants, particularly trees and shrubs, from the site. Examples of removal would be the cutting down of a dead tree or the cutting out of a flammable shrub.

### Reduction

The removal of plant parts, such as branches or leaves, constitute reduction. Examples of reduction are pruning dead wood from a shrub, removing low tree branches, and mowing dried grass.

### Replacement

Replacement is the substitution of less flammable plants for more hazardous vegetation. For example, removal of a dense stand of flammable shrubs and planting an irrigated, well maintained flower bed would be a type of replacement.



# CREATING AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE\*

## ...A Step-by-Step Guide

Are you worried about the wildfire threat to your home, but aren't sure how to get started in making your home defensible? Then follow these six steps to an effective defensible space...

### STEP ONE: HOW BIG IS AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

The size of the defensible space area is usually expressed as a distance extending outward from the sides of the house. This distance varies by the type of wildland vegetation growing near the house and steepness of the terrain.

On the "Recommended Defensible Space Distance" chart presented below, find the vegetation type and percent slope (see "Homeowners Guide to Calculating Percent Slope") which best describes the area where

your house is located. Then find the recommended defensible space distance for your situation.

For example, if your property is surrounded by wildland grasses and is located on flat land, your defensible space distance would extend out 30 feet from the sides of the house. If your house sets on a 25% slope and the adjacent wildland vegetation is dense tall brush, your recommended defensible space distance would be 200 feet.

If the recommended distance goes beyond your property boundaries, contact the adjacent property

owner and work cooperatively on creating a defensible space. The effectiveness of defensible space increases when multiple property owners work together. The local assessor's office can provide assistance if the owners of adjacent properties are unknown. **Do not work on someone else's property without their permission.**

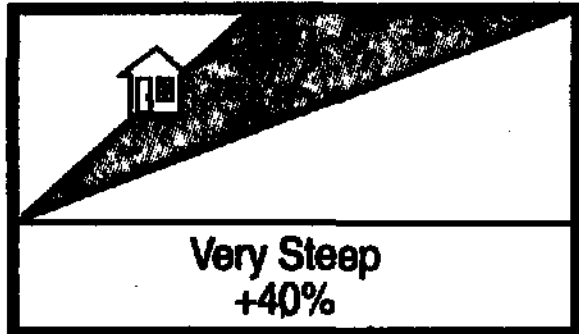
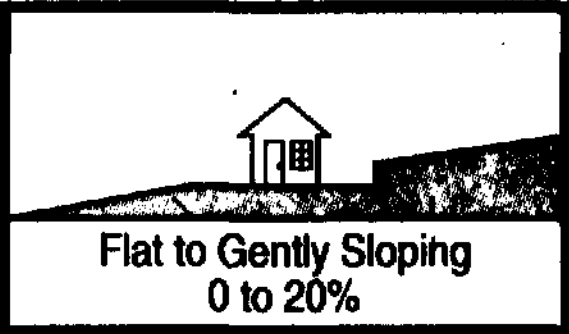
Temporarily mark the recommended distance with flagging or strips of cloth tied to shrubs, trees, or stakes around your home. This will be your defensible space area.



Recommended Defensible Space Distance

### DEFENSIBLE SPACE RECOMMENDED DISTANCES

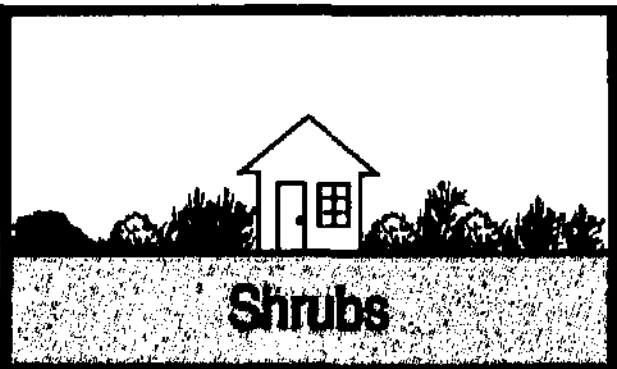
#### STEEPNESS OF SLOPE



#### VEGETATION TYPE



Grass  
Wildland grasses, weeds, and widely scattered shrubs with grass understory.



Shrubs  
Shrubs: includes shrub dominant areas (such as sagebrush, oak/shrubs) and pin-yon-juniper.



Trees  
Trees: includes forested areas throughout New Mexico. If substantial grass or shrub understory is present, use those values shown above.

Flat to Gently Sloping 0 to 20%	Moderately Steep 21% to 40%	Very Steep +40%
30 feet	100 feet	100 feet
100 feet	200 feet	200 feet
30 feet	100 feet	200 feet

- 1) Find the percent slope which best describes your property.
  - 2) Find the type of vegetation which best describes the wildland plants growing on or near your property.
  - 3) Locate the number in feet corresponding to your slope and vegetation. This is your recommended defensible space distance.
- \*Please note the recommendations presented in this article are suggestions made by local firefighters experienced in protecting homes from wildfire. They are not requirements nor do they take precedence over local ordinances.

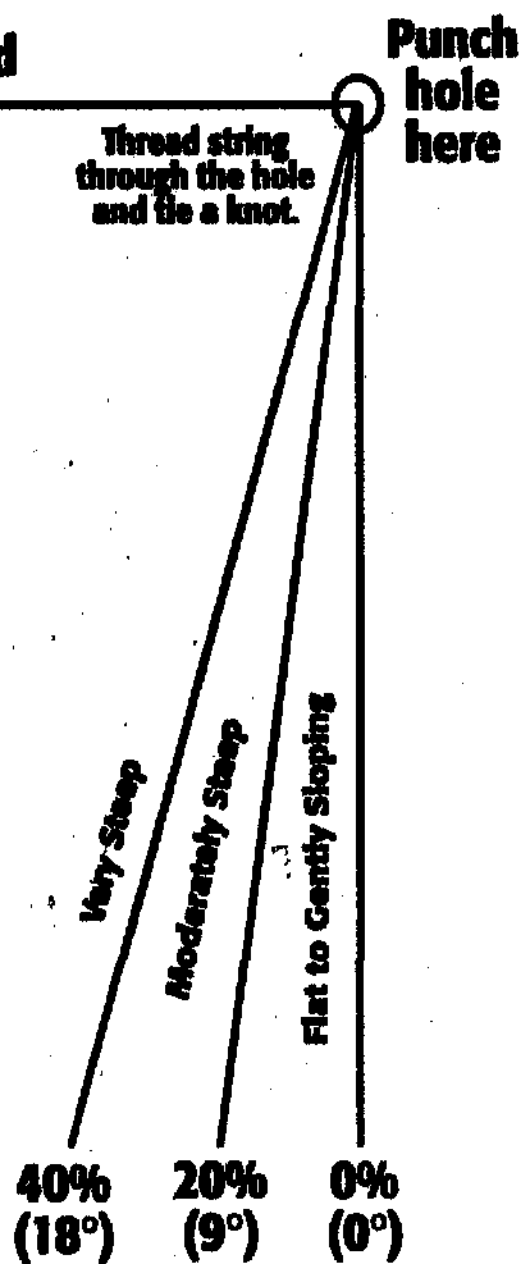
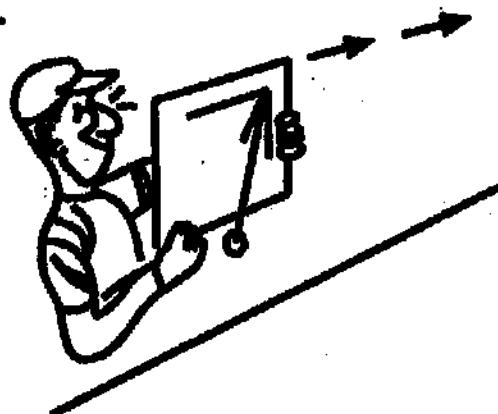


# Homeowner's Guide to Calculating Percent Slope

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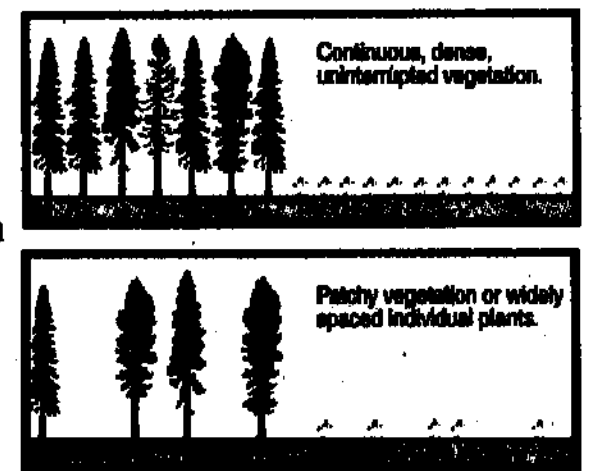
## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Enlarge this diagram using a photocopying machine.
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5. Tie a 1" or larger washer to weight the other end of the string.
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7. The weighted string will indicate the percent of slope steepness. For convenience, steepness of slope in degrees is presented in parenthesis.



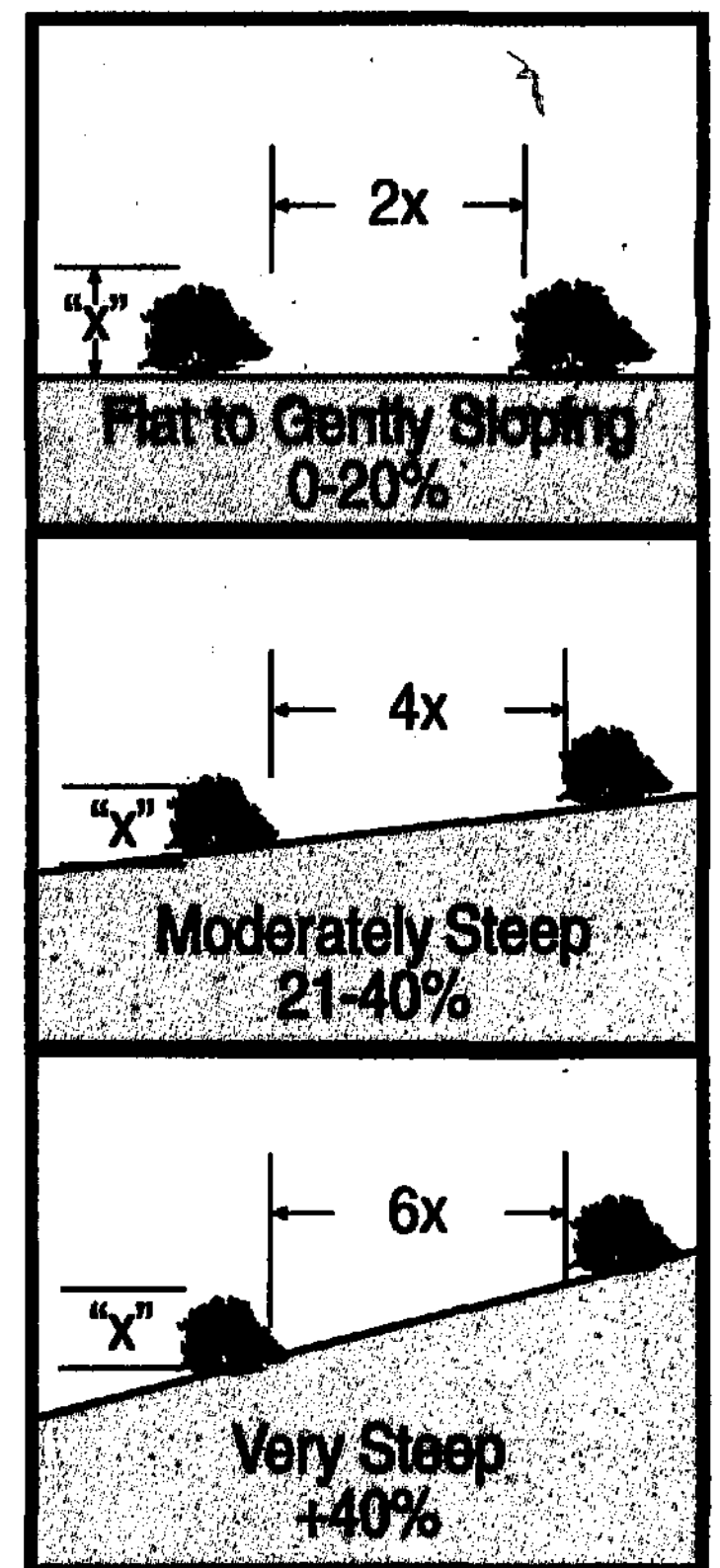
## STEP THREE: IS THERE A CONTINUOUS DENSE COVER OF SHRUBS OR TREES PRESENT WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED DEFENSIBLE SPACE AREA?

Sometimes wildland plants can occur as an uninterrupted layer of vegetation as opposed to being patchy or widely spaced individual plants. The more continuous and dense the vegetation, the greater the wildfire threat. If this situation is present within your recommended defensible space area, you should "break-it-up" by providing for a separation between plants or small groups of plants.



## Recommended Separation Distances for Shrubs, Pinyon, and Juniper

For areas with dense brush or thick pinyon and juniper trees, the recommended separation distance is dependant upon shrub height and steepness of slope. Specific recommendations are presented below.



Note: Separation distances are measured between canopies (outermost branches) and not between trunks.

For example, if your home is located on a 10% slope and the brush is four feet tall, the separation distance would be two times the shrub height or eight feet (2 x 4 ft shrub height equals 8 ft of separation between shrubs). The recommended separation distance can be accomplished by removing plants or through pruning that reduces the diameter or height (shorter height means less separation) of shrubs. Removal works best for sagebrush. For shrubs which readily resprout, such as oak, pruning to reduce height may be the best approach.

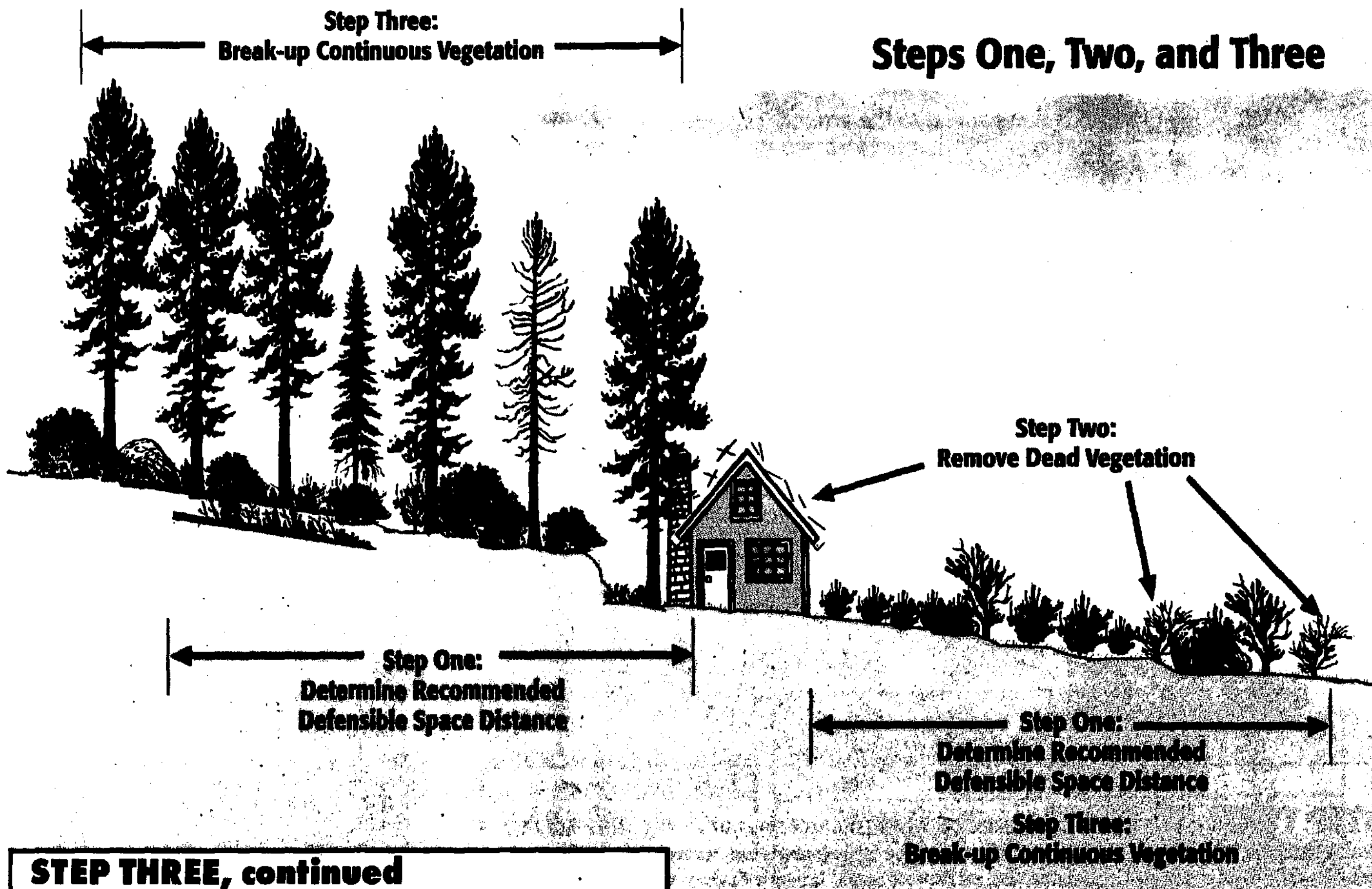
## STEP TWO: IS THERE ANY DEAD VEGETATION WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED DEFENSIBLE SPACE AREA?

Dead vegetation includes dead trees and shrubs, dead branches lying on the ground or still attached to living plants, dried grass, flowers and weeds, dropped leaves and needles, and firewood stacks. In most instances, dead vegetation should be removed from the recommended defensible space area. A description of the types of dead vegetation you're likely to encounter and the recommended actions are presented below.

## TYPES OF DEAD VEGETATION AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

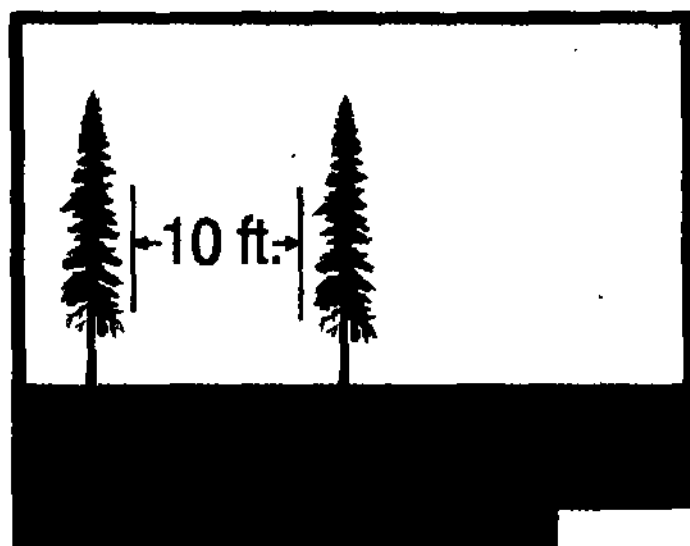
DEAD FUEL TYPE	RECOMMENDED PRACTICE
STANDING DEAD TREE	Remove all standing dead trees from within the defensible space area.
DOWN DEAD TREE	Remove all down dead trees within the defensible space area if they have recently fallen and are not yet embedded into the ground. Downed trees that are embedded into soil and which cannot be removed without soil disturbance should be left in place. Remove all exposed branches from an embedded downed dead tree.
DEAD SHRUBS	Remove all dead shrubs from within the defensible space area.
DRIED GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS	Once grasses and wildflowers have dried out or "cured," cut down and remove from the defensible space area.
DEAD NEEDLES, LEAVES, BRANCHES, CONES (ON THE GROUND)	Reduce thick layers of pine needles to a depth of two inches. Do not remove all needles. Take care not to disturb the "duff" layer (dark area at the ground surface where needles are decomposing) if present. Remove dead leaves, twigs, cones, and branches.
DEAD NEEDLES, LEAVES, BRANCHES, AND TWIGS (OTHER THAN ON THE GROUND)	Remove all dead leaves, branches, twigs, and needles still attached to living trees and shrubs to height of 15 feet above ground. Remove all debris which accumulates on the roof and in rain gutters on a routine basis (at least once annually).
FIREWOOD AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE DEBRIS	Locate firewood and other combustible debris (wood scraps, grass clippings, leaf piles, etc.) at least 30 feet uphill from the house.



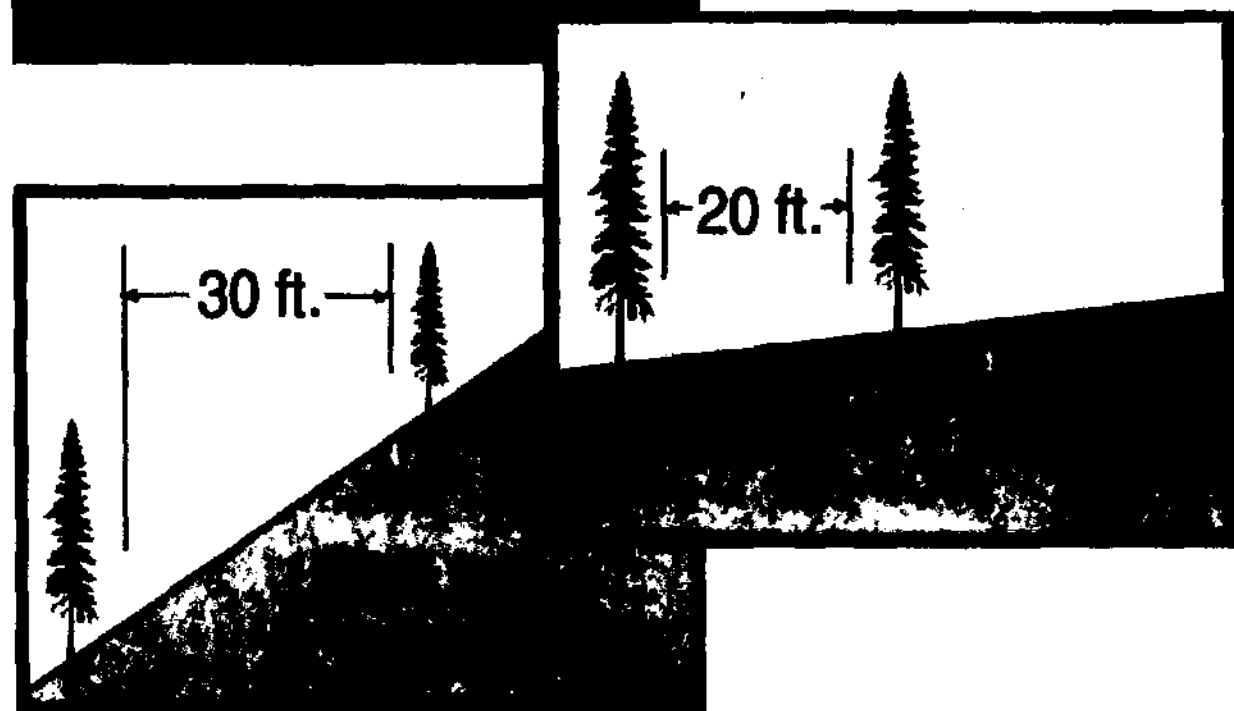


### STEP THREE, continued

#### Recommended Separation Distances Between Tree Canopies



For forested areas, the recommended amount of separation between tree canopies is determined by steepness of slope. The specific recommendations are presented above.



**Note:** Separation distances are measured between canopies (outer most branches) and not between trunks.

For example, if your house is situated on a 30% slope, the separation of tree canopies within your defensible space should be 20 feet. Creating separation between tree canopies can be accomplished through tree removal.

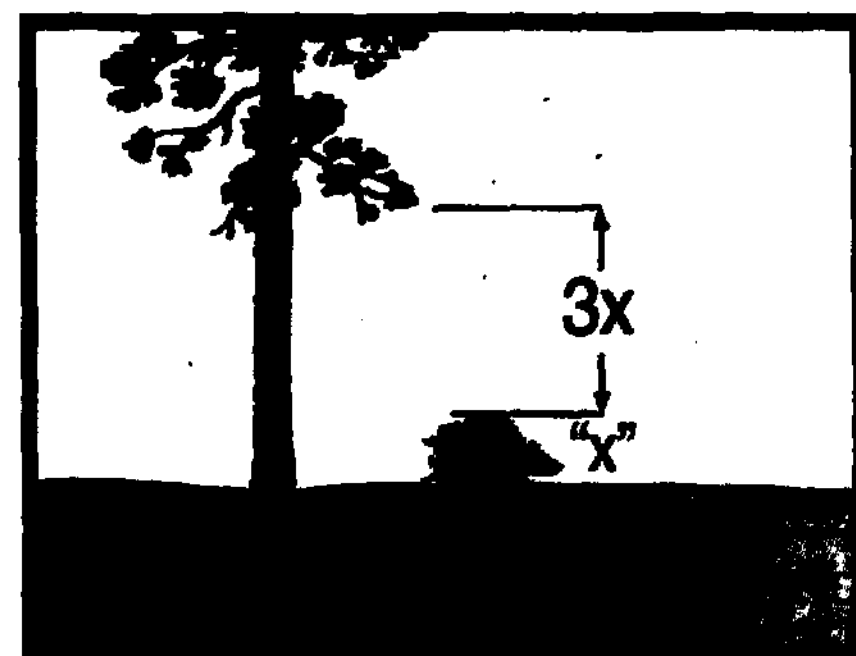
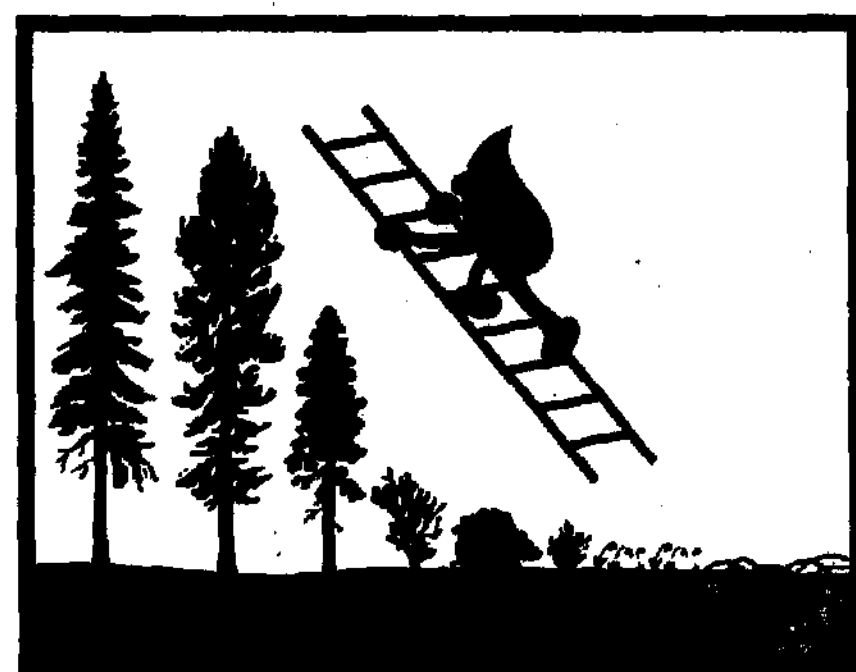
Not only are steep slopes often considered high wildfire areas, they are also highly erodible. When removing shrubs and trees from steep slopes, keep soil disturbance to a minimum. Also, it may be necessary to replace flammable vegetation with other plant materials to prevent excessive soil erosion.

### STEP FOUR: ARE THERE LADDER FUELS PRESENT WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED DEFENSIBLE SPACE AREA?

Vegetation is often present at varying heights, similar to the rungs of a ladder. Under these conditions, flames from fuels burning at ground level, such as a thick layer of pine needles, can be carried to shrubs which can ignite still higher fuels like tree branches. Vegetation that allows a fire to move from lower growing plants to taller ones is referred to as "ladder fuel." The ladder fuel problem can be corrected by providing a separation between the vegetation layers.

Within the defensible space area, a vertical separation of three times the height of the lower fuel layer is recommended.

For example, if a shrub growing adjacent to a large pine tree is three feet tall, the recommended separation distance would be 9 feet (3 ft shrub height x 3 = 9 feet). This could be accomplished by removing the lower tree branches, reducing the height of the shrub, or both. The shrub could also be removed.





**STEP FIVE: IS THERE AN AREA AT LEAST 30 FEET WIDE SURROUNDING YOUR HOUSE THAT IS "LEAN, CLEAN, AND GREEN"?**

The area immediately adjacent to your house is particularly important in terms of an effective defensible space. It is also the area that is usually landscaped. Within an area extending at least 30 feet from the house, the vegetation should be kept....

- Lean—small amounts of flammable vegetation,
- Clean—no accumulation of dead vegetation or other flammable debris, and
- Green—plants are healthy and green during the fire season.

The "Lean, Clean, and Green Zone Checklist" will help you evaluate the area immediately adjacent to your house.

**STEP SIX: IS THE VEGETATION WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED DEFENSIBLE SPACE AREA MAINTAINED ON A REGULAR BASIS?**

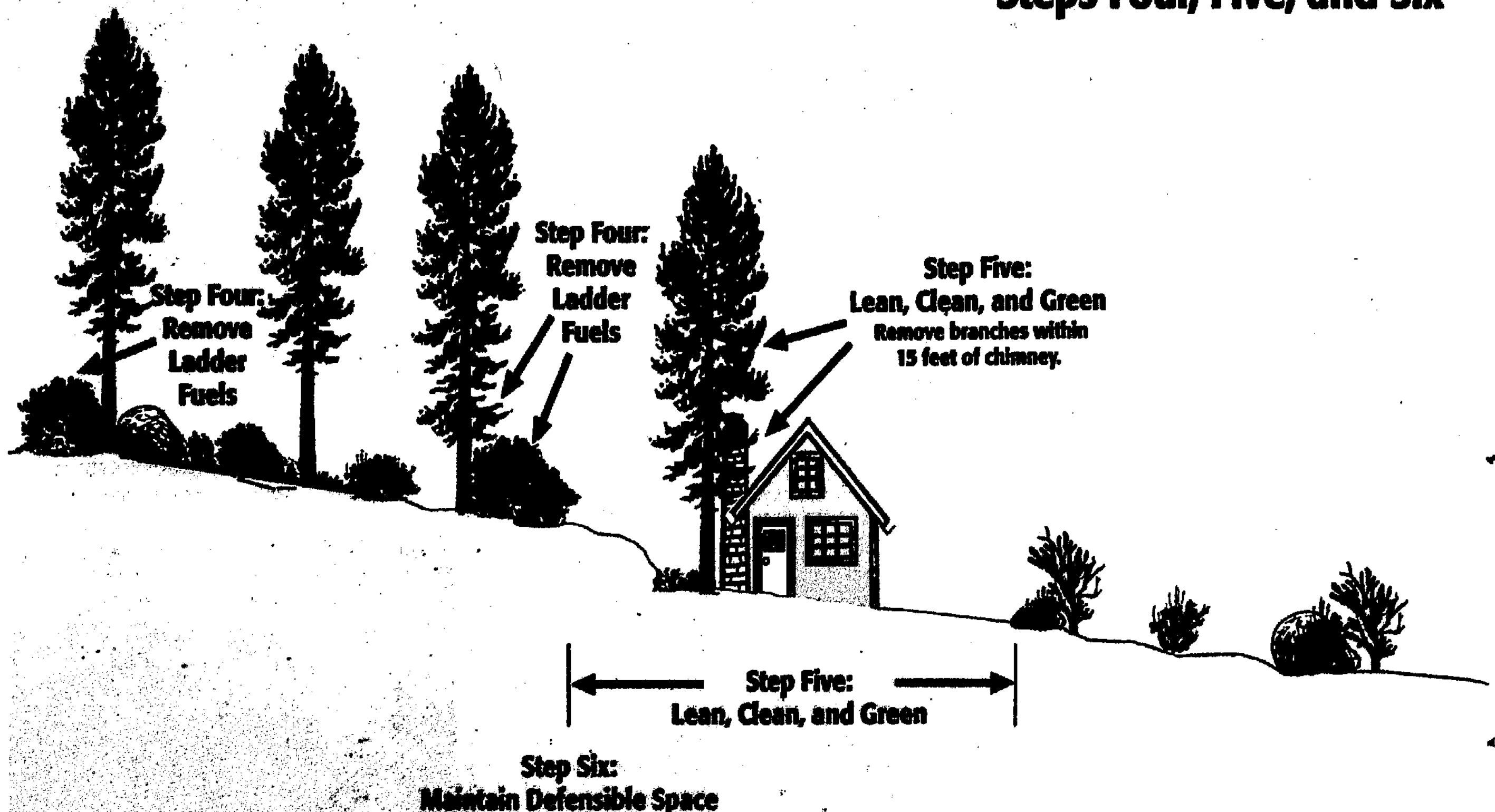
Keeping your defensible space effective is a continual process. At least annually, review these defensible space steps and take action accordingly. An effective defensible space can be quickly diminished through neglect.

# DEFENSIBLE SPACE

## THE LEAN, CLEAN, AND GREEN CHECKLIST

- ✓ Emphasize the use of low growing herbaceous (non-woody) plants that are kept green during the fire season through irrigation if necessary. Herbaceous plants include lawn, clover, a variety of groundcovers, bedding plants, bulbs, perennial flowers, and conservation grasses.
- ✓ Emphasize use of mulches, rock, and non-combustible hard surfaces (concrete sidewalks, brick patios, and asphalt driveways). Check with your subdivision, community if permits may be required.
- ✓ Deciduous ornamental trees and shrubs are acceptable if they are kept green, free of dead plant material, ladder fuels are removed, and individual plants or groups of plants are arranged in a manner in which adjacent wildland vegetation cannot convey a fire through them to the structure. Shorter deciduous shrubs are preferred.
- ✓ Minimize the use of ornamental coniferous shrubs and trees (such as juniper, arborvitae, pine) and tall exotic grasses.
- ✓ Where permitted, most wildland shrubs and trees should be removed from this zone and replaced with more desirable alternatives (see first box). Individual specimens or small groups of wildland shrubs and trees can be retained so long as they are kept healthy, free of dead wood, and pruned to reduce the amount of fuel and height, and ladder fuels are removed.
- ✓ For some areas, such as Ruidoso and certain subdivisions, substantial removal of wildland vegetation may not be allowed. In these instances, wildland vegetation should conform to the recommended separation distances, be kept free of dead plant material, pruned to remove ladder fuels and reduce fuel load, and arranged so it cannot readily convey a fire from the wildlands to the house. Please become familiar with local requirements before removal of wildland vegetation.
- ✓ Tree limbs within 15 feet of a chimney, encroaching on powerlines, or touching the house should be removed.

## Steps Four, Five, and Six





FIRESCAPE - FIRE SAFE LANDSCAPE DESIGN

"When a wildfire comes through your neighborhood, could your house survive on its own?" A dramatic question, but one we need to consider when living in an environment where wildfire is a common occurrence. Firescaping is landscape design that reduces house and property vulnerability to wildfire. The goal is to develop a landscape whose design and choice of plants offers the best fire protection and enhances the property. The ideal is to surround the house with things that are less likely to burn. It is imperative that when building homes in wildfire-prone areas that fire safety be a major factor in landscape design. Appropriate manipulation of the landscape can make a significant contribution towards wildfire survival.

Firescape integrates traditional landscape functions and needs into a design that reduces the threat from wildfire. It need not look much different than a traditional design. In addition to meeting a homeowner's aesthetic desires and functional needs such as entertaining, playing, storage, erosion control, — firescape also includes vegetation modification techniques, planting for fire safety, defensible space principles and use of fire safety zones.

There are three things which determine wildfire intensity: topography, weather and vegetation. Of these, we can only affect vegetation. Through proper plant selection, placement and maintenance, we can diminish the possibility of ignition, lower fire intensity, and reduce how quickly a fire spreads. This will increase a home's survivability.

In firescaping, plant selection is primarily determined by a plant's ability to reduce the wildfire threat. Other considerations may be important such as appearance, ability to hold the soil in place, and wildlife habitat value. The traditional foundation planting of junipers is not a viable solution in a firescape design. Minimize use of evergreen shrubs and trees within 30 feet of a structure, because junipers, other conifers and broadleaf evergreens contain oils, resins and waxes that make these plants burn with great intensity. Use ornamental grasses and berries sparingly because they also can be highly flammable. Chose "fire smart" plants. These are plants with a high moisture content. They are low growing. Their stems and leaves are not resinous, oily or waxy. Deciduous trees are generally more fire resistant than evergreens because they have a higher moisture content when in leaf, but a lower fuel volume when dormant.

Placement and maintenance of trees and shrubs is as important as actual plant selection. When planning tree placement in the landscape, remember their size at maturity. Keep tree limbs at least 15 feet from chimneys, power lines and structures. Specimen trees can be used near a structure if pruned properly and well irrigated.

Firescape design uses driveways, lawns, walkways, patios, parking areas, areas with inorganic mulches, and fences constructed of nonflammable materials such as rock, brick, or cement to reduce fuel loads and create fuel breaks. Fuel breaks are a vital component in every firescape design. Water features, pools, ponds or streams can also be fuel breaks. Areas where wildland vegetation has been thinned or replaced with less flammable plants are the traditional fuelbreak. Remember, while bare ground is effective from the wildfire viewpoint, it is not promoted as a firescape element due to aesthetic, soil erosion, and other concerns.

A home located on a brushy site above a south or west facing slope will require more extensive wildfire safety landscape planning than a house situated on a flat lot with little vegetation around it. Boulders and rocks become fire retardant elements in a design. Whether of

EXAMPLES OF SOME PLANTS FOR WILDFIRE SAFETY

TREES	common name	height	erosion control	elevation	remarks
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green ash	30-60'	good	8500'	rapid growth
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Crabapple	12-25'	good	varies	hardy, flowers, fruit
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	35-70'	excellent	6500'	fast growth
<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willow	varies	excellent	varies	invasive roots
<i>Populus angustifolia</i>	Narrowleaf cottonwood	70'	good	5000' 10,000'	winter hardy
<i>Celtis spp.</i>	Hackberry	40-60'		4500'-7000'	hardy, drought tolerant
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box elder				
<i>Prunus maackii</i>	Amur chokeberry	25-30'		6500'	
SHRUBS	common name	height	erosion control	maximum elevation	remarks
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Serviceberry	1-20'	good	10,000'	
<i>Berberis spp.</i>	Barberry	4-6'	fair	7500'	red color
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red osier dogwood	3-19'	good	all	red twigs, white flowers
<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i>	Cotoneaster	6"-10"	good	7500'	not on south face, fireblight
<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>	Forsythia	10'		8000'	yellow spring flowers
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape	3-6'		6500'	yellow flowers
<i>Parthenocissus quiniquifolia</i>	Virginia creeper	35' spread	excellent	all	brilliant red fall color
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage	3-4'		8500'	lavender flowers, heat tolerant
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Cinquefoil	2-3'		10,000'	hardy
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Sand cherry	3-6'	fair	9000'	heat/cold/drought tolerant
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Skunkbush sumac	2-8'	fair	9000'	hardy, needs good drainage
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Wood's rose	1-6'	fair	10,000'	hardy
<i>Sambucus spp.</i>	Elderberry	8-10'	excellent	all	attracts birds, edible fruit
<i>Syringa spp.</i>	Lilac	15-30'	fair	8500'	fragrant
PERENNIALS /GROUNDCOVERS	maximum common name	Ht x spread	erosion control	elevation	remarks
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Common thrift	6 x 12"	all		
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow in summer	6 x 24"	good	10,000'	white to rose flowers
<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Coreopsis	5 x 24"		7000'	orange yellow flower
<i>Delosperma spp.</i>	Ice plant	3 x 36"	good	good	heat tolerant
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Wild strawberry	6 x 18"	up to 30%	10,000'	annual mowing
<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>	Daylily	12 x 24"	up to 30%	8-10,000'	tough
<i>Linum perenne</i>	Blue flax	8 x 14"		8500'	seeds profusely
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red hot poker	3' x 6'	poor	8000'	heat tolerant
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss pink	6 x 24"		7500'	heat tolerant
<i>Thymus praecox</i>	Creeping thyme	6 x 12"	excellent	8500'	fragrant, edible,
<i>Vinca major</i>	Periwinkle	15 x 36"	excellent	6500'	light to partial shade, invasive

not a site can be irrigated will greatly influence location of hardscape (concrete, asphalt, wood decks, etc.), plant selection and placement. Prevailing winds, seasonal weather, local fire history, and characteristics of native vegetation surrounding the site are additional important considerations.

The area closest to a structure out to 30 ft will be the highest water use area in the fire safe landscape. This is an area where highly flammable fuels are kept to a minimum and plants are kept green throughout the fire season. Use well-irrigated perennials here. Another choice is low growing or non-woody deciduous plants. Lawn is soothing visually, and is also practical as a wildfire safety feature. Rock mulches are good choices. Patios, masonry or rock planters are excellent fuel breaks and increase wildfire safety. Be creative with boulders, riprap, dry streambeds and sculptural inorganic elements.

When designing a landscape for fire safety remember less is better. Simplify visual lines and groupings. A firesafe landscape lets plants and garden elements reveal their innate beauty by leaving space between

plants and groups of plants. In firescaping, the open spaces are more important than the plants.

Lawn can be an effective firescape feature. But extensive areas of turfgrass may not be right for everyone. Some good alternatives include clover, groundcovers, and conservation grasses that are kept green during the fire season through irrigation.



Lawn can be an effective landscape feature in Firescaping.



# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING YOUR HOME DEFENSIBLE

## 1. ROOF

- Remove dead branches overhanging your roof.
- Remove any branches within 15 feet of your chimney.
- Clean all dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters. Install a roof that meets the fire resistance classification of "Class C" or better. Local jurisdictions may require a higher fire resistance rating. Check with your fire marshal.
- Cover your chimney outlet and stovepipe with a nonflammable screen of 1/2 inch or smaller mesh.

## 2. CONSTRUCTION

- Build your home away from ridge tops, canyons and areas between high points on a ridge.
- Build your home at least 30 feet from your property line.
- Use fire resistant building materials.
- Enclose the underside of balconies and above-ground decks with fire resistant materials.
- Limit the size and number of windows in your home that face large areas of vegetation.
- Install only dual-paned or triple-paned windows.
- Consider sprinkler systems within the house. They may protect your home while you're away or prevent a house fire from spreading into the wildlands.

## 3. LANDSCAPE

- See "Creating An Effective Defensible Space" and "Firescape-Fire Safe Landscape Design."

## 4. YARD

- Stack woodpiles at least 30 feet from all structures and clear away flammable vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles.
- Locate LPG tanks (butane and propane) at least 30 feet from any structure and surround them with 10 feet of clearance.
- Remove all stacks of construction materials, pine needles, leaves and other debris from your yard.
- Contact your local fire department to see if open burning is allowed in your area; if so, obtain a permit before burning debris.
- Where burn barrels are allowed, clear flammable materials at least 10 feet around the barrel; cover the open top with a non-flammable screen with mesh no larger than 1/4 inch.

## 5. EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY

- Maintain an emergency water supply that meets fire department standards through one of the following:
  - a community water/hydrant system
  - a cooperative emergency storage tank with neighbors
  - a minimum storage supply of 2,500 gallons on your property
- Clearly mark all emergency water sources and notify your local fire department of their existence.
- Create easy firefighter access to your closest emergency water source.
- If your water comes from a well, consider an emergency generator to operate the pump during a power failure.

## 6. ACCESS

- Identify at least two exit routes from your neighborhood.

- Construct roads that allow two way traffic.
- Design road width, grade and curves to allow access for large emergency vehicles.
- Construct driveways to allow large emergency equipment to reach your house.
- Design bridges to carry heavy emergency vehicles, including bulldozers carried on large trucks.
- Post clear road signs to show traffic restrictions such as dead-end roads, and weight and height limitations.
- Make sure dead-end roads and long driveways have turnaround areas wide enough for emergency vehicles. Construct turnouts along one-way roads.
- Clear flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from roads and five feet from driveways.
- Cut back overhanging tree branches above roads.
- Construct fire barriers, such as greenbelts, parks, golf courses and athletic fields.
- Make sure that your street is named or numbered, and a sign is visibly posted at each street intersection.
- Make sure that your street name and house number are not duplicated elsewhere in the county.
- Post your house address at the beginning of your driveway, or on your house if it is easily visible from the road.

## 7. OUTSIDE

- Designate an emergency meeting place outside your home.
- Practice emergency exit drills regularly.
- Make sure that electric service lines, fuse boxes and circuit breaker panels are installed and maintained as prescribed by code.
- Contact qualified individuals to perform electrical maintenance and repairs.

## THE WOOD SHAKE AND SHINGLE ROOF HAZARD

A house can be threatened by a wildfire in three ways: direct exposure from flames, radiated heat, and airborne firebrands. Of these, firebrands account for the majority of homes burned by wildfire. The most vulnerable part of a house to firebrands is the roof.

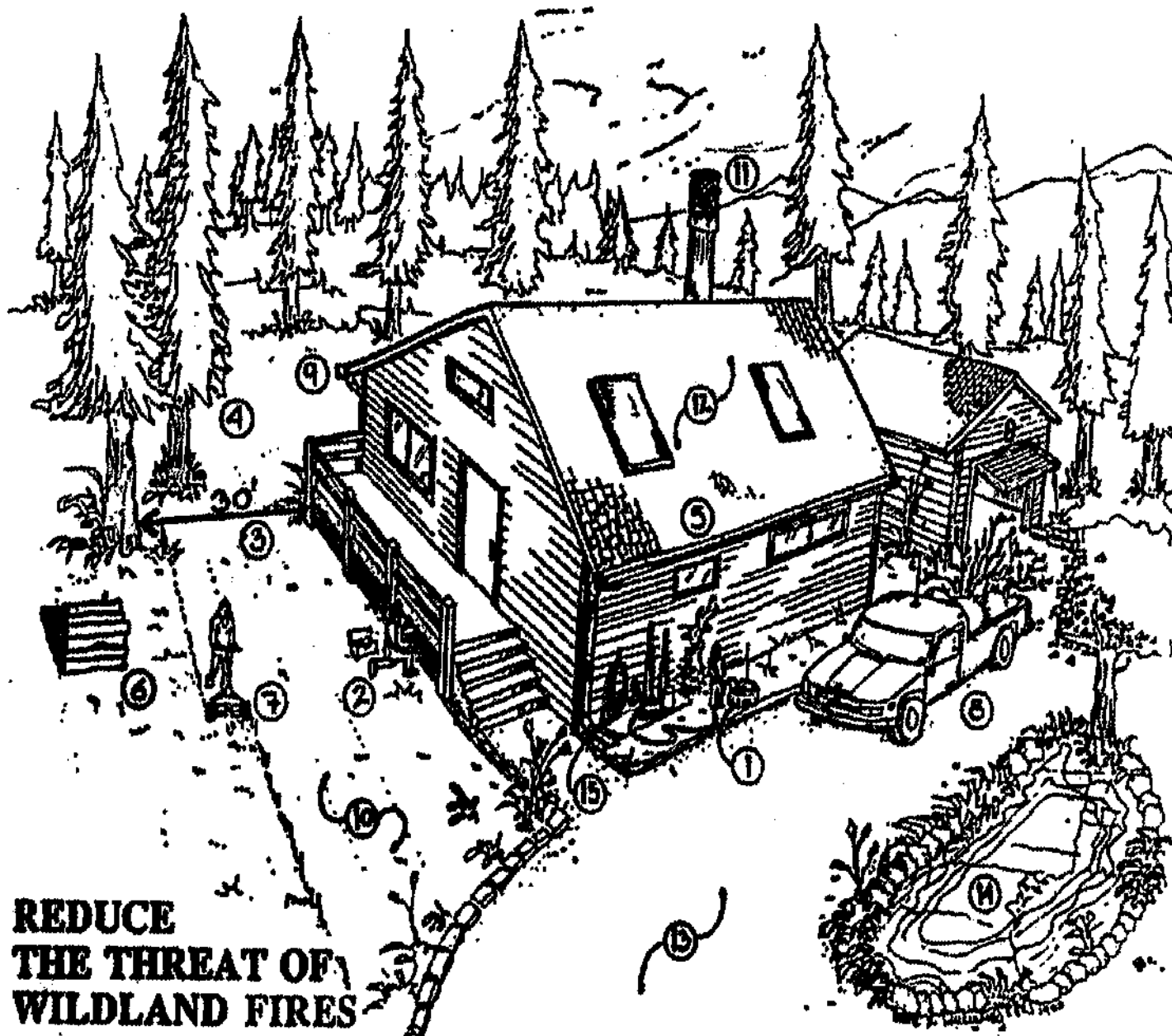
Because of its angle, the roof can catch and

trap firebrands. If the roof is constructed of combustible materials such as untreated wood shakes and shingles, the house is in jeopardy of igniting and burning.

Not only are combustible roofing materials a hazard to the structure on which they are installed, but also to other houses in the vicinity. Burning wood shakes, for example, can become firebrands, be lifted from the burning roof, carried blocks away, and land in receptive fuel beds such as other combustible roofs.

Unfortunately for homeowners with existing combustible roofs, there are no long-term reliable measures available to reduce roof vulnerability to wildfire other than re-roofing with fire resistant materials.

## Take Time To Protect Your Home!



REDUCE  
THE THREAT OF  
WILDLAND FIRES

### Protect Your Home From Wildland Fires

1. Dispose of ashes properly.
2. Enclose openings (porches and foundations).
3. Maintain a circle of safety (at least 30 feet, greater on slopes).
4. Thin and prune.
5. Keep roofs and gutters clear of debris.
6. Stack firewood away from house.
7. Keep grass and weeds mowed down.
8. Dispose of trash legally (don't burn).
9. Remove tree limbs overhanging structures.
10. Keep immediate area clear of debris.
11. Install spark arresters on chimneys.
12. Replace or treat wood shake roofs with fire retardant materials.
13. Provide adequate access for emergency vehicles.
14. Provide outdoor water supply.
15. Keep fire extinguisher charged and available, and hose near outdoor hydrants.

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# WHEN WILDFIRE APPROACHES

Should a house be threatened by wildfire, the occupants may be advised to evacuate by a fire or law enforcement official. The purpose of evacuation is to protect people from life-threatening situations. Homeowners, however, do have the right to stay on the property if they so desire and so long as their activities do not hinder fire fighting efforts. If the occupants are not contacted in time to evacuate or if the owners decide to stay with their homes, the suggestions provided in the following checklist will assist in protecting their property and the lives of their family.

- ☐ Evacuate, if possible, all family members not essential to protecting the house, as well as pets.
- ☐ Contact a friend or relative and relay your plans.
- ☐ Make sure family members are aware of the prearranged meeting place.
- ☐ Tune into a local radio station and listen for instructions.
- ☐ Place vehicles in the garage, have them pointing out, and roll up windows.
- ☐ Place valuable papers and momentos in the car.
- ☐ Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked. If applicable, disconnect the electric garage door opener so that the door can be opened manually.
- ☐ Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage.
- ☐ Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter.
- ☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes. Proper attire includes long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket, and boots. Carry gloves, a handkerchief to cover face, water to drink, and goggles.
- ☐ Close all exterior vents.
- ☐ Prop a ladder against the house so firefighters have easy access to the roof.
- ☐ Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach a nozzle set on "spray."
- ☐ Soak rags, towels, or small rugs with water to use in beating out embers or small fires.
- ☐ Inside, fill bathtubs, sinks, and other containers with water. Outside, do the same with garbage cans and buckets. Remember that the water heater and toilet tank are available sources of water.
- ☐ Close all exterior doors and windows.



- ☐ Close all interior doors.
- ☐ Open the fire place damper, but place the screen over the hearth to prevent sparks and embers from entering the house.
- ☐ Leave a light on in each room.
- ☐ Remove lightweight and/or non-fire resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.
- ☐ If available, close fire resistant drapes, shutters, or venetian blinds. Attach pre-cut plywood panels to the exterior side of windows and glass doors.
- ☐ Turn off all pilot lights.
- ☐ Move overstuffed furniture (e.g. couches, easy chairs, etc.) to the center of the room.
- ☐ Keep wood shake or shingle roofs moist by spraying water. Do not waste water. Consider placing a lawn sprinkler on the roof if water pressure is adequate. Do not turn on until burning embers begin to fall on the roof.
- ☐ Continually check the roof and attic for embers, smoke, or fire.

If a fire should occur within the house, contact the fire department immediately. Continue to inspect your house and property for embers and smoke.

## Most importantly, STAY CALM!

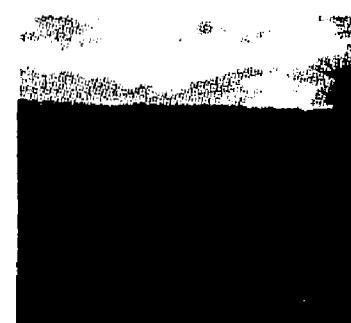
In May 1998, the University of Nevada, Reno (Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station) and the Sierra Front Wildlife Cooperators initiated a program entitled Living With Fire. The program pupose is to facilitate widespread implementation of pre-fire activities in the western Great Basin.

One of the products of Living with Fire was a publication for homeowners. The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division State Forester and Fire staff reviewed and modified, with permission, this publication for use throughout New Mexico. To obtain more copies of the New Mexico version of "Living with Fire—A Guide for the Homeowner" contact your nearest New Mexico State Forestry office or local fire department.

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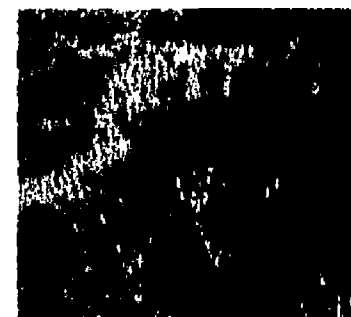
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## SOME COMMON WILDLAND PLANTS



### RUBBER RABBITBRUSH

A fast growing shrub that grows well in distrubed sites; produces yellow flowers in the fall.



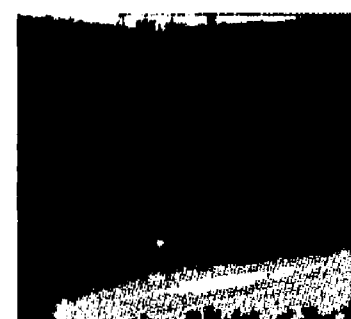
### BIG SAGEBRUSH

Very common gray-green shrub; does not resprout; considered a flammable plant.



### ONE-SEED JUNIPER

Shrubby juniper tree; may grow in association with pinyon pine.



### PONDEROSA PINE

Large native tree, three needles per bundle; can grow with pinyon at lower elevations and mixed-conifer at some higher elevations.



### PINYON PINE

Small pine tree; two needles per bundle; can form thick stands.



### MIXED CONIFER

Found at New Mexico's higher elevations; made up of Douglas-fir, spruce and white fir.



### WHITE FIR

Common tree of New Mexico; has a "Christmas tree" appearance; single, flat, blunt needles.



### RIO GRANDE COTTONWOOD

One of the major tree species that make up New Mexico's "Bosque." Grows chiefly along lower valleys near water.