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Javier Segovia takes advantage of a sunny day to wash down one of the go-carts at Funtrackers amusement park in preparation for a weekend crowd in Ruidoso.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

**Subdivision experts visit Ruidoso**

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Experts in golf course and community design, water recycling, sewer systems and other development-related fields are in town today to firm up plans for a massive subdivision off Sierra Blanca Airport Road. Mike O'Brien, local spokesman for the 600- to 750-plus lot subdivision planned by CDS Investments for a 1,000-acre tract south of the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts, said, "We're trying to get the nuts and bolts down. This meeting will be to listen to ideas from all there and to decide what ideas to use out of that pool of talent."

Reached in El Paso, Dan Stanger, one of the two founding partners in the company, said the firm is conscious of water and environmental concerns surrounding the development.

"For a real estate group, we're kind of high techish," he said Thursday. "A number of our core investors from around the country come out of a high-tech environment so that is something we're always sensitive to."

"Mike and I have talked about that from the get-go and we have a big powwow up there (today) with everybody to review those issues and we'll take advantage of every mitigation source we can possibly take advantage of."

"I think it's exciting. It's really going to be a community development. It has to be. It's an integral piece of dirt and the size of it kind of makes it that kind of deal."

Stanger said he is a partner with Chris Young in CDS, a company formed in 1997 as the next step in their careers of developing an investment portfolio based primarily on apartment complexes.

The two formed a single asset entity partnership in 1990 while work-

**Mayor: 'Water won't be an issue'**

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While Ruidoso looks long term to keep taps flowing, Mayor Robert Donaldson said the immediate future is looking better for the village's water system.

"We're looking at what we can do, to give us better flexibility on our system," said Donaldson. "We're in good shape to meet demand and to meet our commitment to development in the village."

Coming online in the next few weeks with a new pump will be the village's Hollywood well. "That Hollywood well is really important in that it pumps a thousand gallons a minute,"

said the mayor. He said that would be a major supplement to village wells in the Alto area.

Ruidoso will also drill some exploratory wells in the Alto area. "Obviously, if we find water, that could be connected to the system real quickly," Donaldson said. "And we've approached the school district, because our water geologists have told us that they really believe that the Gavilan Canyon area has water."

The mayor said the school district would allow the village on their property in the quest for an additional well. Several exploratory wells are also

"It doesn't mean water conservation isn't a good idea"

Robert Donaldson,  
Ruidoso mayor

planned for the Eagle Creek area. Another existing well will be drilled deeper, in the hope of tapping into a larger water source.

"In the last six years the village has spent \$6.9 million dollars on improvements to the water system. And we will spend \$16 million over the next 20 years. Water won't be an issue for us," Donaldson said.

The village is also seeking state approval to "bank" some water rights. "Right now when we take return cred-

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**Rep. Dub Williams to carry Fort Stanton legislation**

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Dub Williams says he's not pleased about introducing a bill authorizing the sale of historic Fort Stanton, but at least his involvement guarantees some input in the debate.

His chief concern is that the buildings at the fort are preserved and that water rights connected to the land are not sold, Williams said Tuesday from his office in Santa Fe.

The Glencoe Republican, who represents Lincoln County in the state legislature, said he has been assured the state has received no offers.

"I know there have been rumors after rumors about this," he said.

The legislation would allow the Property Control Division of the state's General Services De-

partment to consider the sale of the fort as an option, should the opportunity occur, he said.

Legislative authorization is required for the lease of sale of property worth more than \$100,000, he said. The fort property includes 80 buildings and 1,325 acres. Camp Sierra Blanca, a juvenile rehabilitation center, occupies 57 acres of the land.

The legislation specifies that any sale may or may not include the camp. It states that the fort "is not suitable for long-term state use" and that "the historical value of the fort should be available for the best and highest use."

The sale could not be for less than the appraised value of the property.

The legislation would not preclude a group like Fort Stanton Inc., a non-profit private entity, from pursuing its goal of establishing a living museum

at the center, Williams said, "but I'd say the time line is running out."

Any sale might be delayed if the state moves ahead with a plan to contract with a private company to operate a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center at the fort. A spokesman for the Corrections Department said last week, a decision could be made by today to move ahead with a type of halfway house for state prisoners before they enter mainstream society.

People talking about a government/private partnership should lobby the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation to get the federal government involved in the process, Williams said. He has already written several members

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**Village water plan released**

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's updated water system master plan, an ambitious 20-year outline for meeting the village's water needs, lists nearly \$17 million dollars in recommended improvement projects.

The report states the village's domestic water system is one of the most complex systems in the state because the community it serves is spread out and in a hilly to mountainous terrain. Coupled with occasional drought conditions, such as 1993 through early 1996, the report says weaknesses in system delivery have been exposed.

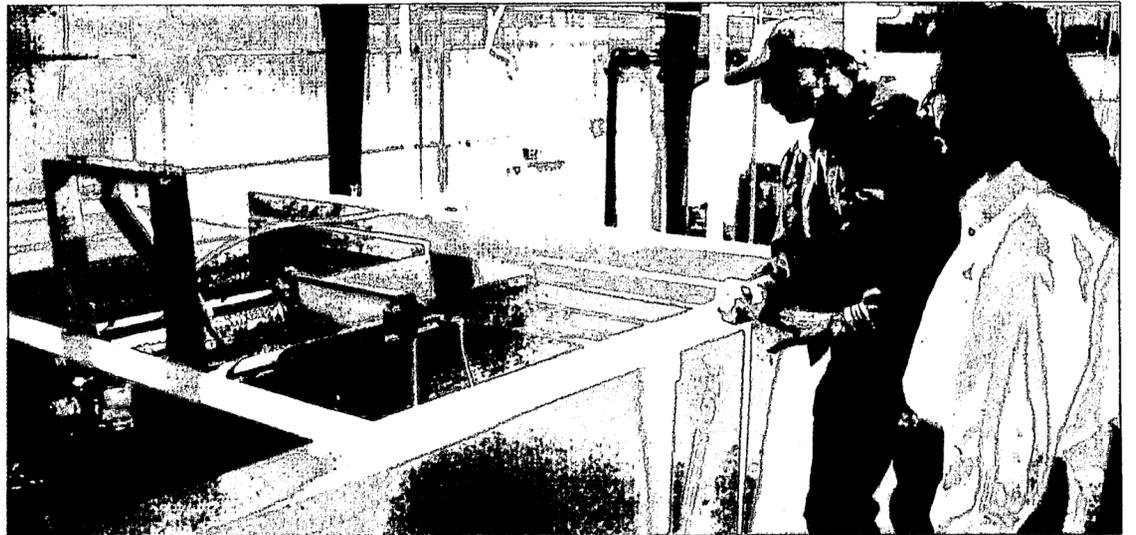
The water delivery system, with village water rights not always where the water is, is described as a "balancing act," moving supplies from different water treatment plants to different storage tanks across town, the plan states.

Heavy reliance on surface waters, which require a high degree of treatment and are variable in supply, is said to add to the complexity of the system.

An aging and undersized water supply infrastructure in parts of the village adds to the problem, according to the master plan. More than 40 miles of undersized, old galvanized iron pipe are pointed to as a primary reason for water system leakage. The plan calls an immediate and accelerated pipeline replacement program "necessary."

Improvements made to the system between 1995 and 1998 are, however, considered significant by the report writers.

"It shows that we're really looking forward," said Dennis Brand, with Wilson and Company of Albuquerque, the firm that compiled the



Larry Wilt, filtration plant operator, left, and Richard Sanchez, Ruidoso Water Department director, review the filtration process at the Grindstone Water Treatment Plant. The village's water delivery system would receive nearly \$17 million in fixes and upgrades over the next 20 years, under a new water master plan.

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High ... 34  
Low ... 19



Snow showers

SUNDAY High ... 39  
Low ... 17



Partly cloudy

MONDAY

High ... 45  
Low ... 21



Partly cloudy

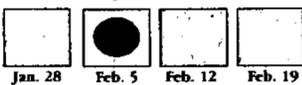
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	59	34	.00"
Wednesday	56	33	.00"
Thursday	45	26	trace

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	43	27	Mostly cloudy
El Paso, TX	50	29	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	39	23	Cloudy
Midland, TX	40	25	Cloudy



Jan./Feb. phases of the moon



## STARDATE

Long winter nights give skywatchers in far-northern latitudes more time to enjoy the shimmering curtains of color known as the aurora borealis, or northern lights. This should be a good year for aurorae because the Sun is near the peak of an 11-year cycle of activity.

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# WATER: The mayor said Ruidoso is developing more water source options

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its it's an instantaneous, which means that if the river's low we're forced to choose between (not impacting) the river and providing household water for our citizens." Donaldson said banked credits would alleviate damage to the river during low flows, and allow the village to tap farther into the Rio Ruidoso

during high flows. Plans also would see Grindstone Lake, which receives water from the river, filled to capacity.

A pumping system at Grindstone, to capture leaking water and return it to the reservoir, is expected to receive its final permit and be operating in about a month.

After hearing concerns about golf courses watering

their greens, Donaldson said the golf courses are not on Ruidoso's water system; that the courses have their own water rights.

Confident the village is on a path to meet current and future water system demands, Donaldson said past fixes were never integrated into the total water delivery system. "We're trying to take the pieces, good pieces, and put them all together."

Although the village this week entered into phase three of its four-stage water conservation system, the mayor didn't expect to get to the most critical phase four.

"It doesn't mean water conservation isn't a good idea," he said. "We have some residents using 150,000 gallons a month. The average household uses 4,000 gallons."

# FORT: Tom Stewart will be the local 'point man' for Williams on this issue

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about the fort, but would go to bat again if a plan could be mapped out, he said.

"Any way in the world we can work out a situation with the federal government, a private group or whatever to come together for a living museum, I'd be aboard to support it with the water rights staying there," he said. "I'm not interested in selling the water rights. I'd like to see wording added into this bill to that effect."

"The legislation mentions nothing about the water rights and in my view, the value of water rights at the fort are worth more than the land. They're extremely important and will become more so as the county develops."

Williams said GSD Secre-

## Rehab company chosen

Amity Foundation, a California-based firm, was chosen by the state Corrections Department officials Wednesday to operate a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program at Fort Stanton.

Gerges Scott, department public information officer, said the contract is under negotiation and no details are available. But he previously said from 40 to 80 state prisoners, preparing for release into the general population, may stay at the fort in treatment as a kind of halfway house.

The target date to begin is March 1, but that will depend on how quickly contract details are settled, he said.

tary Steven Baffort told him Tuesday that the state could sell the property and hold the water rights, which could then be leased. The money generated by the lease could be used to upgrade the fort, Williams said.

County Manager Tom

Stewart has agreed to be Williams' "point man" on the fort issue. People with ideas should bounce them off Stewart. The county manager can update them on the situation in general, Williams said.

Stewart, Williams and state Sen. Pete Campos plan to

meet with members of the New Mexico Historic Preservation Alliance Friday in an effort to include language in the legislation that would "protect the cultural and historic nature of the fort," if it were sold. He is also in discussions with the New Mexico representative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"We've got a lot of good preservationists looking at the proposed legislation," Stewart said. "The state is in a predicament and we need to offer them some solutions."

"I think, while we don't like the idea of selling the fort, it certainly has brought about enhanced discussions," Stewart said.

For the names and addresses of the state's congressional delegates, contact Stewart at (505) 648-2385.

# PLAN: Mayor Donaldson said the outline should be adjusted as necessary

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water system master plan.

A report projection says 1998's maximum monthly water system design demand of 84.6 million gallons in Ruidoso will need to be 96.9 million gallons in 2003.

By 2038 the demand would total 145.7 million gallons per month.

"It might behoove the village to purchase water rights on the Rio Ruidoso, not only to reserve its ability but also to preserve the river," Brand said.

Solutions to meet the increasing water demand are broken down into four stages: immediate improvements, a five-year plan, an intermediate plan, and a 20-year plan.

The recommended improvements call for continued replacement of leaking waterlines, provide more water supplies and treatment in the Eagle Creek watershed, and an expansion of water rights and water supply flexibility system wide.

The plan calls for rehabilitation of water treatment plants and distribution system fixes. Using high flows in the Rio Ruidoso is also recommended to add to the system's flexibility.

"Flexibility is the key word," Brand said. "So that when we look for supply from the Rio Ruidoso basin, we're talking about the water when it's abundant and

not taking water when it's in danger of creating a problem for the stream itself. We need the flexibility to be able to take the peaks and leave the valleys."

Project costs are broken down into six areas. Waterline replacements carry a \$6 million dollar expense.

Treatment plant rehabs total \$3.9 million, system storage needs are listed at \$2.3 million, and water rights purchases are estimated at \$2 million. Other infrastructure needs and legal assistance would total \$1.8 million.

To fund the almost \$17 million in improvements, the water master plan recommends the village continue a one-percent supplemental gross receipts tax.

Saying estimates of future revenues from the gross receipts tax are conservative, the report suggests that higher-than-anticipated revenues would allow for emergency improvements or accelerating the plan's implementation.

Funds derived from water rates and water usage would be dedicated to operations and maintenance of the system.

Some \$867,000 in project costs already have been funded.

The plan also suggests scheduling an immediate analysis of finances, and if required, enact water and sewer rate increases in the future.

A review of the rate structure also is

recommended every ten years.

Brand said there are actually a number of funding recommendations, but water rates and the supplemental sales tax sources are the main funding areas.

"The water rates need to be looked at as an issue," he said. "And make the water rates pay just strictly the operation of the water system."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the gross receipts tax revenues for water projects should realize \$36 million dollars over the next twenty years.

"The real exciting thing, like Dennis said, this revenue stream, once you get past 2003 is going to be fairly substantial and increase the pace of actual waterline replacement."

While the mayor called the 20-year outline "critical," he also said adjustments might be prudent, depending on future needs and situations.

"Moses did not walk off Sierra Blanca with this in stone and say this is what you have to do," Donaldson said. "But ... it gives us guidance, and hopefully councils after us will continue to work this plan. It's a living document that needs to change."

A second review of the master plan, for public input, is expected to be included on the next village council meeting agenda.



Bonito Inn in Lincoln.

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## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 25, 1900

Henry C. Williams who was arrested at Malagra last Thursday morning by deputy sheriff John Owen on a charge of having robbed Dr. W.T. Bishop at the Brothers Hotel Wednesday night, was landed behind bars here Thursday evening about 7 o'clock. The money taken from

Dr. Bishop was recovered and also a six-shooter stolen from Pete Thompson at the Palace Saloon.

He remained in the bastille Friday night until 3 o'clock a.m. when he escaped burning a hole in the calaboose where the fastenings for the lock was attached and made his escape. It is thought by many who have examined the situation that he had one or more confederates who must have assisted him with tools, etc. in breaking jail. Deputy Owen is after him ...

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# Investigation clears Ruidoso Downs officer of any criminal charges

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

No criminal charges will be filed against Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Ken Arther as a result of accusations that he used excessive force in the handling of two incidents.

"That's not to say we are not very concerned about his actions in these cases or that they were appropriate," said 12th Judicial District Attorney Scot Key. "But they do not rise to a criminal act. They appear to be related to administrative issues."

The investigation of Arther was conducted by the Criminal

Investigation Bureau of the New Mexico State Police.

Ruidoso Downs village attorney Dan Bryant said Wednesday the village has received word that a written report will be submitted from the state police recommending no criminal charges be pursued.

"I don't know if the state report will say whether they think his actions were proper," Bryant said. "But it absolves Ken Arther of any criminal wrongdoing with respect to an Aug. 27 traffic stop when a suspect ran into Inspiration Heights and (Arther) was assisted by Ruidoso police and a state police officer, and with

respect to a Sept. 22 incident, where (Arther) and one or two other Ruidoso Downs officers responded to some shots being fired in a residential area.

"The allegations in both incidents asserted that Arther and other Ruidoso Downs police officers engaged in excessive use of force."

After receiving tort claim notices from attorney Gary Mitchell in the two cases, two investigators from the state Municipal League's self-insured fund came down last fall, Bryant said. The league later sent a letter to Mitchell telling him their investigation revealed Arther did nothing wrong in

either of the two incidents, he said. The village administration also investigated, Bryant said.

"To date, we are unable to substantiate the allegations made in both of those incidents," he said. "We have not yet closed those investigations. Our new police chief Ed Lerma is reviewing our investigations on both and he and I will meet in the next few business days to determine what, if any, additional steps we should take."

Video tapes filmed on Sept. 22 from Arther's patrol car show the suspect knocked the officer to the ground at least twice before Arther subdued him, Bryant said. The new chief is

reviewing the tapes and may schedule a few more interviews before deciding whether to proceed, the attorney said.

"The public needs to understand that police officers are on the front line of the battle for public safety and that it is easy for a criminal defendant to make allegations of police misconduct," Bryant said. "But in this great country of ours even a police officer is entitled to the presumption of innocence."

After the incidents, however, Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox wrote a letter to the village of Ruidoso Downs saying his officers will no longer assist Arther.

Arther also is accused of using excessive force in the arrest of Javier Hernandez last summer. Hernandez' defense attorney, J. Robert Beauvais, submitted affidavits from two witnesses backing his client's claim that Arther interrupted an arrest by another officer and overreacted.

Hernandez is charged with battery upon a police officer and attempted disarming of a police officer.

Beauvais contends his client was defending himself against excessive force by Arther. A judge last month threw out Hernandez' guilty plea and set the case for trial.

## DEVELOPMENT: Prices for subdivision lots have not yet been announced

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for acquisition investment in large apartment communities. The enterprise branched out from there. When the Salt Lake City company was sold in February 1997, Stanger left and the CDS partnership was created.

"It was a continuation of the business we had been doing for about 10 years," he said. "We've enjoyed very healthy returns in our portfolio over the past 10 years. It's grown to an aggregate value of more than \$250 million."

"We see the apartment market maturing and although that will continue

and always probably be the lead part of our portfolio, it's going to a more stabilized return and we wanted to give our investors some additional options and diversity with some higher reward benefits."

On a family cruise with O'Brien, his cousin, in November 1998, the two started talking about Ruidoso.

"Mike's been in the land business a long time and he's been trying to get me to go to Ruidoso for years, but I live in Park City, Utah, and I thought why go from the mountains to the mountains."

But the following January, he came to Ruidoso and started scouting possibilities.

"I fell in love with Rui-

dos," Stanger said. "I think it has so much more to offer than Park City ever will have. Park City is a fabulous town, but there's a lot more to do in Ruidoso and your weather is a lot better for those of us more fair-weather minded."

"I did not expect we'd be moving in quite as big and hard as we are, but we enjoy it and I plan on spending a lot of time there."

O'Brien said the commercial portion of the development is shaping up quickly and may include a bank and a medical clinic with 12 doctors from Dallas taking a one-month rotation each year.

The name of the development, initially proposed as

Vista Montaña may be changed to something more reflective of the area, O'Brien said.

The price of the lots in the five- to six-year project hasn't been determined, but may include a golf club membership.

The clubhouse, an 18- to 27-hole golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones, a restaurant and hotel are all in consideration, he said.

Recycling water to irrigate the golf course is one of the key elements, he said.

"We are trying to do this in an orderly fashion," O'Brien said. "We'll have people responsible for specific tasks."

## CLUB NEWS

### Traumatic Brain Injury Group Moves Meetings

The Ruidoso Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Group has begun holding regular weekly meetings at Rainbow Lake RV Resort on Carrizo Canyon Road.

The meetings, which provide support and information for traumatic head injury victims and their families, meet each Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The support group is an outreach effort of Diane Cohen and Southern New Mexico Center for Independent Living.

Cohen provides services such as life skills training, vocational training and medical help for TBI victims in Lincoln and Otero counties.

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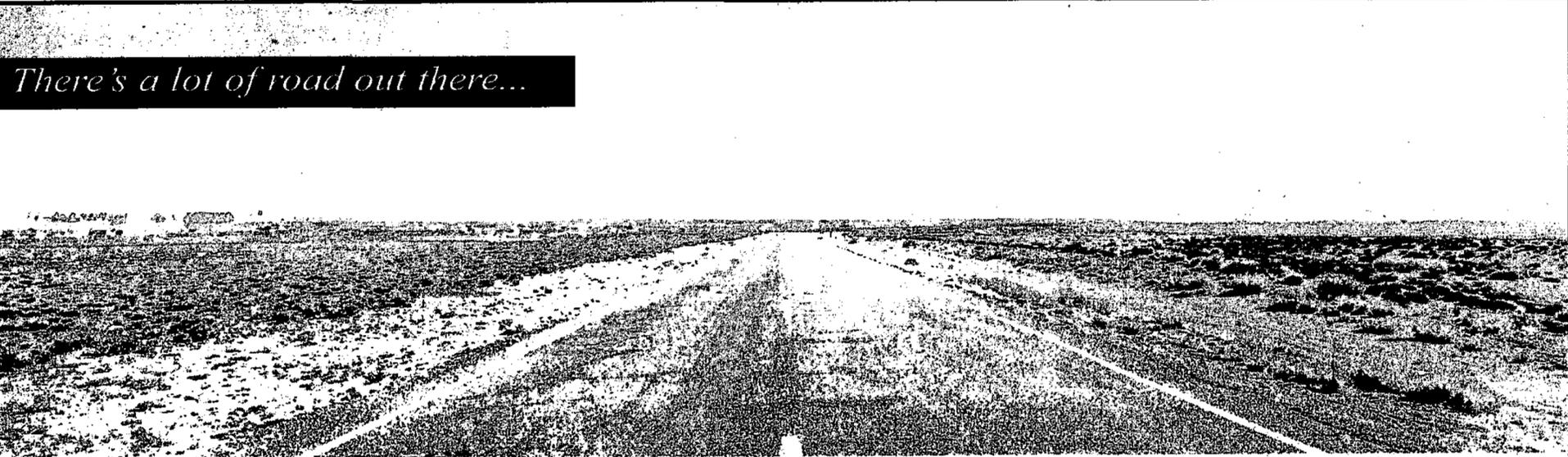
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### Too much question, too little time

Questions about the appropriateness of putting public school children in look-alike clothing. Some of those questions are being addressed this week with public meetings at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. One meeting was Thursday; the second is Saturday at 10 a.m.

At both meetings, Superintendent Mike Gladden was to discuss the reasons for considering a "uniformly dressed" policy, telling families about what he's learned from other schools where uniforms already have been adopted. (Internally, consideration began in November.)

Putting school kids in uniforms has become something of a trend in the past couple of years around New Mexico, and elsewhere. One clothing supplier's Web site lists uniform policies for some 20 schools in New Mexico, including four in Roswell and seven in Las Cruces. All are elementary or middle public schools, or parochial schools.

The theory is that some social and learning benefits will accrue, with no outward differences between the rich kids and poor ones in the classroom. Some evidence has been gathered that shows there is something of an improvement in academic performance and some reduction in social strain and pain. But uniforms won't matter in the parking lots; cars are the biggest status symbol of all for kids.

Those Ruidoso meetings this week will be followed by a survey of parents, seeking their reaction to the idea of uniforms on their children. After all, parents will be the ones who pay the bills. Large questions will remain when the meetings are digested and the parental surveys are tallied.

Why? Because, start to finish, from that first public meeting yesterday to the survey deadline on Feb. 2 — just one week will have elapsed.

The surveys for grades 7-12 were to be mailed to parents today; elementary pupils were to deliver them to their parents today.

All says the superintendent, are to be returned by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Assuming the tots deliver, and the parents of older kids check their mail on Saturday (if it gets there on Saturday; it may not get there until Monday), barely four days will be available for response to a survey that could cost every parent of public school students a good many dollars next August.

That indicates to us that one of two things have happened: The administration has decided already and will go ahead with uniforms regardless of response, which with that short timeline can only be minimal; or, the administration is simply going through the motions and does not really want any in-depth response from parents.

If this is the way the district is going to make a sweeping policy change, impacting every parent, maybe it should go back to school.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Appalling disregard for county health care

To the editor:  
Hopefully many...saw the article in the Jan. 21 issue... "County commissioners cave in to the Sheriff." This article was a very accurate account of the appalling disregard by three of the supposed stewards of our county (Rex Wilson, Rick Simpson, Bill Schwetzmann) for the needs of our public health of- fice.

To summarize... Lincoln County owns the annex building next to the (Ruidoso) public library. For years this has been the home for the County Health Department, which sees, on average, 100-15090 people per month; it occupies about two-thirds of the building. The remainder of the space (except for a small desk area occupied by one of our assessors) is reserved for the sheriff and his deputies as a sub-office, used for filling out reports and occasional interrogations.

The sheriff told me it is used, on average, twice a day. ... At any rate, when asked to relinquish this space for the growing needs of our County Health Department (which is wanting to expand its services with available state funding) the sheriff adamantly refused.

(He did authorize giving up a token 200 square feet. As was mentioned in the ... article, Larry Maddox has offered to share part of this building with the sheriff, and there is all kinds of room in the county-owned Glencoe Center. But the sheriff stubbornly refuses to take advantage of these alter-

natives, and when apprised of the situation the... commissioners put all common sense aside and voted to take the recommendation of the sheriff... When he was campaigning for his current office, Rick Simpson told our Kiwanis Club that one of his first priorities would be to get county government off the front page of the papers. If I went along with a decision like this one, I wouldn't want it on the front page either.

Scott Roser  
Ruidoso

#### Time for a civics lesson

To the editor:

Last Thursday I attended a County Commissioners' meeting, in support of the Carrizozo Health Center, which badly needs new equipment and more space.

I had hoped, as well, to find the commissioners mounting an effective defense against the potential sale of water rights in this county, which could badly damage our environment. Instead, I watched one of our commissioners criticize three county employees, insult the sheriff, and generally interrupt the proceedings with negative and bombastic comments about every issue.

I soon felt in disgust, but was there long enough to be embarrassed for the other commissioners, county employees, and the public. I thought the county commissioners were supposed to be our leaders, working for the good of the entire county. I suggest this com-

missioner needs a refresher course in Civics 101.

Suzanne Donazetti  
Carrizozo

#### Lead by example

To the editor:

As an unaffiliated voter, during a Democratic and a Republican administration, I believe that a "hydra" is formed when all of the political parties are combined.

For almost 40 years, we rotated between Democratic and Republican Presidents, while the Democrats always controlled at least one and usually both houses of Congress.

Today, the Republicans dominate both houses of our federal legislature and the economy is the strongest that it has ever been. In addition, crime, welfare and unemployment have supposedly been reduced, and the federal budget has been balanced. Coincidence? Maybe.

Unfortunately, for our nation's youth, during the last presidential election and impeachment, the President's supporters relegated character to an insignificant position. The President has been nationally ranked as our country's worst role model for children. I find it mind-boggling that most parents don't seem to care.

Hopefully, our next president will "lead by example." Please, not another Nixon or Clinton!

Franklin L. Boren  
Tinnie

### Information is everywhere

Information overload is something we've heard about for years, but really didn't understand well until the Internet was dumped onto the world's consciousness like an over-filled water balloon.

We felt we had been loaded down back in the 1980s, with direct mail, non-stop television commercials, drive-time radio, and all the other means of communication people stay awake at night trying to dream up, including roadside billboards and coffee mats in restaurants.

Until recent years, the first thing a country editor did was open for morning mail, looking for word about somebody in the service, away at college — an irate letter or a congratulatory one (mostly the former).

Now when we walk into the office, the first motion is to crank up the Macintosh, turn on the modem, and peruse the e-mail in-box.

We do find stuff there — sometimes nasty letters, sometimes what the cyberspace nerds call (uncharitably, in my book) "Spam." That's unsolicited sales pitches and propaganda; in another time it would be called "junk mail," and end up in the round file most everybody called File 13.

Now, technology has changed that exercised; all you have to do to dump the Spam is hit the delete button.

All this leads to the fact that sometimes we don't pay enough attention to the "small mail."

This week, we did, and among the nuggets was a reminder that May 14-20, 2000, is Preservation Week, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

It's private, non-profit, and already runs 20 historic sites around the country.

Seems to us somebody from Lincoln County should be in touch with the trust about Fort Stanton.

The Web site (of course):  
[www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

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BY STEWART TRULSEN  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

It has been a tradition at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to have the president of the National Association of General Broadcasters open the formal session with a farm news report. Rick Haines of the Northern Ag Network in Billings, Mont., was getting ready to do that, but he fretted about market prices. Haines knew Farm Bureau members wouldn't want to hear the equivalent of 1970s prices quoted in the year 2000.

In a moment of inspiration, Haines decided to rewrite the market report and read the morning prices as they ought to be. He warned the audience so no one would go into shock at the news of \$20 soybeans, \$6 a bushel corn, cash cattle at \$1.49 a pound and wheat at \$7.50 a bushel. It was the first time in a long time that market prices brought a smile to farmers' faces. The actual prices that day in January were only a quarter to half as much.

USDA chief economist Keith Collins also shared his price outlook for 2000 with

Farm Bureau members. He would have preferred to use Haines' prices, but his position in government doesn't give him the same latitude.

In an interview, Collins said, "Unfortunately, there doesn't look like there is a lot of change in crop markets. They are going to be flat with very weak prices. However, I think we can look for a little better promise in livestock markets, and by that I mean cattle, hogs and poultry." Collins also predicted weak milk prices through much of 2000. They were strong in 1999 until a late season collapse.

The agricultural economy is in sharp contrast to the rest of the economy. The net worth of middle-class American families climbed by almost 20 percent in the mid-1990s. But farmers have been mired in what Collins labeled a "farm recession" that began in 1993. "I was hoping that we might be at the bottom of this cycle for a year to a year and a half. It looks like, however, that we are not ready to come out of it," he said.

U.S. farmers rely heavily on export markets. Although the world economy is improv-

ing, the improvement is spotty in Collins view. "We're looking actually for export tonnage in the year 2000 to decline about 4 percent from 1999," he added.

What could lift prices out of the cellar is a major weather disruption in this country or elsewhere. There are already problems with crops in South America. But a weather-related price move would only be temporary in Collins' opinion. The best hope, as he sees it, is sustained economic

growth leading the world leading to more prosperous middle classes with heartier appetites.

Another thing that could help is the power of suggestion. As a farm broadcaster Haines told a friend, "If you don't think about higher prices and say them aloud, they may never happen."

Stewart Trulsen is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

### LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

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

The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

# Ruidoso schools offer one more public hearing on a proposed school uniform

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Saturday is the last chance for parents and students to give the Ruidoso Municipal Schools feedback on whether or not students should wear uniform dress to school.

A public meeting was held at 7 p.m. Thursday and another will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ruidoso Middle School gym.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden will speak about the reasons for considering going to a "uniformly

ressed policy," and talk about the experiences of other districts that have implemented similar policies.

Students at the presentation will model some of the clothing.

Those who wish to speak at the meeting may indicate that when they sign in, and they will be allotted three minutes each, Gladden said.

Afterward the presentations, he will ask if anyone else wishes to speak and allow three minutes per speaker.

In the next few days, families will have the opportunity to vote on the issue by filling

out surveys. These will be mailed to families of secondary school children today and will be sent home with elementary school children Jan. 31. Each family will receive a survey for each child in the family, so a family of four children will have four votes.

Gladden said he hoped students would talk the issue over with parents before they fill out the surveys.

All surveys must be returned either to the schools or to the central office by 6 p.m. Feb. 2.

The central office will be

open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 1 and 2. Gladden said the results will be tabulated and given to the school board at its regular meeting Feb. 8, when the board is expected to make a decision based on these results.

One of the school board's goals for this school year was to research implementing a uniformly-dressed policy.

A committee of parents, teachers, students, board members and administrators formed in November to research local availability of proposed uniforms.

The proposal consists of

khaki and navy pants, shorts, jumpers, and skirts and navy, gold, and yellow blouses, shirts and polo shirts and to plan how to get the information regarding school uniforms out to the public.

Samples of the clothing and brochures have been available this week at all the schools and at the district's central office.

Some schools have had special assemblies to inform students of the issue and to model some of the clothing being considered by the committee.

Other school districts in the state, including the Las

Cruces Public Schools, have adopted a school uniform policy.

At a previous meeting, Gladden showed a video made by Target that showed parents and principals crediting school uniforms with improving student attendance, grades and attitudes, while decreasing the number of fights and referrals to principals' offices for misbehavior.

Gladden has said an "opt-out policy" would have to be adopted if a school uniform rule was adopted for those people objecting to the uniforms for religious reasons.

# Hondo, Capitan school bonds up for approval on Tuesday

Voters in the Hondo and Capitan school districts will decide Tuesday whether to continue capital improvements taxes.

Hondo voters will be also asked whether the school district should issue an additional general obligation bond for \$300,000.

The additional bond for Hondo schools would be for construction needs to continue the five-year, facility-improvement plan; and a mill-levy to bring in about \$35,000 per year for computer software, vehicles, desks, lockers and small repairs.

Superintendent of Hondo Valley Schools Barbara Casey said if voters don't approve these two bonds, the district will drop below 75 percent of bonded capacity, making it ineligible for lottery money. In the last four years, Casey said, the district has used lottery money to build three new elementary classrooms, a nurse's office, a waste water treatment facility and a storage area.

In Capitan the two-mill levy provides the district with about \$277,867 per year, based on the taxable value of property within the district, or \$2 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of property for 2001-2003. This levy has been approved by voters since 1979, said Superintendent of Schools Diana Billingsley.

Last year the money was used to replace heating systems in the Capitan elementary and high schools, to replace alarm systems in five buildings, purchase a computer lab for the middle school, software for the library, and desks, chairs, and other items.

The Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan is the polling place for the Capitan Municipal School District, and at the Hondo Gymnasium for the Hondo Valley School District. The election is Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For additional information, contact Diana Billingsley at 354-2239 (Capitan) or Barbara Casey at 658-4411 (Hondo).

# Collected gross receipts tax in Ruidoso shows an upward trend

Gross receipts taxes (G.R.T.), collected by the village of Ruidoso, are up for the first six months of the fiscal year by 5.7 percent.

According to figures from the village, \$3.7 million dollars has been received from July to December.

During the same period the previous fiscal year the village had received \$3.5 million dollars.

"That's a little over 60 percent of our annual budgeted

amount," said Lorri McKnight, the village's finance officer. "Things look really good. Everything is well within where we like to see it," she told members of the village council.

The six-month period actually represents gross receipts tax collections for the months May through October. Distributions from the state are made two months after the month the sales tax is actually collected.

November's G. R.T. check from the state, which just arrived at the village, amounted to \$542,305, according to McKnight. That brings the seven-month total to \$4.2 million.

Ruidoso Councilor Bill Chance asked how much Mechem Drive road construction increased the G.R.T. revenues. Alan Briley, the village's manager, said the construction project has an estimated \$8 million cost, with an estimated \$300,000 G.R.T. impact for Ruidoso.

Briley added the length of the road work will affect G.R.T. income over three village fiscal budget years.

The village has budgeted nearly \$6.2 million dollars in G.R.T. revenues for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The estimate represents a slight drop from the 1998-1999 revenue estimate.

Briley said the local increase in the revenue source was contrary to the trend around the state.

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# Write-in candidate enters Ruidoso race

A write-in candidate for municipal judge in Ruidoso Downs also makes announcement

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A local educator has tossed his hat into Ruidoso's municipal election, creating a race that previously was uncontested for current village councilors.

Ronald D. Hardeman, a teacher in the Ruidoso School District's elementary school, filed a declaration as a write-in candidate this week. He is the only certified write-in contender in the Ruidoso village council election.

Hardeman is seeking a four-year term on the village council. Three four-year seats are up for election on the March 7 ballot, with all three incumbents seeking re-election.

Hardeman said he filed his intention to be a write-in candidate with Ruidoso's village clerk on Tuesday.

"I had toyed with the idea of getting my name on the ballot," Hardeman said. "I assumed there would be a number of names on the ballot."

A total of four seats on the village council are up

for the March 7 election. One seat is for a two-year term. The three other seats are four-year terms.

Incumbents Frank T. Cummins, Robert "Bob" Sterchi, Ronald E. Anderson, and Linda Flack had, on Jan. 11, felt the lack of opposition was, in part, a tribute to the current village council and mayor.

"I think there's probably fewer people in town that are opposed to what the present administration is doing," Anderson had said.

"I feel there needs to be some alternative," Hardeman said.

He said he felt his inclusion in the field of contenders would generate interest in the election. "I thought there would be other candidates."

If Hardeman's write-in candidacy is successful, he would replace either Anderson, Cummins, or Sterchi. The top three vote getters will assume the four-year positions.

Linda Flack, who remains unopposed, is guaranteed a return to her two-year seat.

While the date to file as a candidate to appear on the ballot was Jan. 11, hopefuls had until Jan. 25, to be considered a certified write-in contender. Names written on the March 7 ballot are only tabulated if the person has been certified as a write-in candidate.

In Ruidoso Downs, Municipal Judge Harrold R. Mansell now has a write-in challenger.

Fred A. Bernard said his decision to run for judge was a spur of the moment decision.

"Several people asked me to run," Bernard said. The judicial challenger said he had been a Ruidoso Downs municipal judge in the past.

Write-in candidates did not step forward in Capitán, Carrizozo or Corona.

While the regular municipal election will be held on Mar. 7, absentee voting begins on Feb. 9.

Early voting, which takes place at municipal clerk offices, starts on Feb. 16. Early voting is a new feature of municipal elections in New Mexico.

# Artist John West dies at his home

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A dapper figure with his trademark curled moustache, hat and vest, John West carved out a strong role in the art world of Lincoln County.

The jewelry designer and craftsman died Tuesday of a heart attack as he began lunch at his home in Carrizozo.

"I had no indication of anything wrong," his widow, Ann Buffington, said Thursday. "He just slumped over and that was it. The EMTs were there within five minutes and worked on him for a long time."

"If John West was able to write a scenario for his passing, that would have been it."

West was cremated Wednesday in Las Cruces in a wood and turquoise casket created in his own workshop by several of his friends, she said.

A memorial service is set for 1 p.m., Feb. 19 at the White Oaks School House.

Born in Durant, Okla. Aug. 29, 1930, West moved with his family to Cerrillos, New Mexico, as a child and attended school in Santa Fe.

He began creating jewelry in high school, developing a mail order business by sending catalogs back east with

friends who attended boarding schools.

He also studied under a Swedish master silversmith. His father, Hal West, was an early Santa Fe artist and his brother, Jerry, also is an artist.

His other interest was building adobe structures and renovating old houses, which he did in Santa Fe, Capitán and Lincoln, Buffington said.

After several years in the Northwest and Denver, he returned to Santa Fe in the 1960s, and served on that city's planning commission in the early 1970s.

He founded the West Art Gallery and was active in real estate, about the same time he met Buffington.

But West tired of the pace in Santa Fe and didn't like some of the changes he saw there. In 1977, the couple moved to the historic settlement of Lincoln. On their first night, he suffered a heart attack. He remained conscious through the ordeal and gave Buffington directions to the hospital.

Not one to indulge himself, after his initial recovery, he never went back to the physician, she said.

During his years in Lincoln County, the couple ran an art gallery in Lincoln, West

started an artists' cooperative and "Creative Connections" publication with artist and photographer Ken Payne, as part of his on-going effort to foster a sense of community among area artists and artisans, Buffington said.

Friend Jane Baker, former owner of a bed and breakfast in Nogal, said an art memorial will be built to West at a suitable location.

"His friends are celebrating John's boldness in life," she said.

Artist Suzanne Donazetti, who lives in Carrizozo, in a memorial piece to West, wrote, "I'll remember the incredible talent he put into his work, the generous silent things he did and the warmth and safety of his hugs."

West is survived by his 97-year-old mother, Mildred West, in Santa Fe; by brothers Jerry West and Archie West of Santa Fe, Phil West of Albuquerque and a sister, Sara Vattano of Fort Collins, Colo.; three children, Anita West and Robert West of Santa Fe and Kenny West of California; four stepchildren, Sidney Buffington of Albuquerque, Betsy Buffington of Roseman, Mont., Nancy Monahan of Newark, Del., and Rob Buffington of Toledo, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Land split approved

A 72-acre tract of land between Old Fort Stanton Road and Sierra Blanca Airport Road was split into three parcels last week.

The action was requested by Christine and Mike Kuhnline, Robert and Lauri Ryan, Susan and John Cox, Rebecca Ryan and Jack Ryan, all of El Paso, Texas.

They were represented at the Lincoln County Commission meeting by surveyor Tim Collins.

information, the full effect is a five tract split. Tracts one and two, 22.4 acres and 14 acres, straddle the airport road and were created by a plat filed Oct. 20.

The remaining property lies southwest of the Spencer Theater near Ranches of Ruidoso. The size of the newly created tracts run from 57.1 acres to 6.1 acres.

Tract five is divided by Old Fort Stanton Road (County Road D003) and potentially could be sold off later, according to staff notes. No new roads are

The petition was handled by administrative review and did not go before the county's planning board.

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# Commission gives bad debt collection duties to county treasurer, for now

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For now, collection of delinquent county ambulance service accounts from 1994-98 will be left in the hands of Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park.

In a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Leo Martinez voting against the motion and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley absent, the commission last week directed Park to send a form letter to all 434 accounts totaling \$118,890.

Park said she has entered into her data base notes attached to the accounts indicating how often the recipients were contacted and their responses.

"Based on the information recorded on the billings, it doesn't appear to me there

was real good follow-up," she said.

Previously, deputy county manager Martha Guevara attempted to collect the accounts in addition to her other duties.

Although the county can't go to court to collect the \$31,853.60 in debts dated from 1994 to 1995, that doesn't mean it can't try other means to collect, said County Attorney Alan Morel.

County Manager Tom Stewart recommended the letters be sent before the commission decides to turn over all or a portion of the accounts to a private collection agency.

Martinez said he brought up the subject three meetings earlier because he was concerned about the county writing off bad debts for ambulance service. But Chairman

Rex Wilson pointed out the only debts eliminated involved Medicare and Medicaid, which prohibit the county trying to collect the balance not paid by the programs.

"I'm hearing that efforts before may not have been the best," Martinez said. "I don't know. I can't question that. My concern is that taxpayers are footing the bills for some that may not be uncollectible. We don't know that yet."

"I thought (going with a private company) would take a burden off the staff. I don't consider collecting on behalf of the county a burden," Park said.

Responding to a question from Martinez, she said, "I'd like to clarify where I've been the last four years. Probably 90 percent of the departments in county government collect

money and turn it into the county treasurer. My job is to see the money collected in my office within 24 hours.

Park should have spoken up before if Guevara and Stewart were not doing their job when it came to collections, Martinez said. He questioned spending more county time and money trying to collect what a private company will do at its own expense and time, and then turn a percentage back to the county.

She'll send the letters to those with delinquent accounts and report the results to commissioners, Park said. Without the letters, the county doesn't have any way to judge what might be collectible, she said.

The facts will guide commissioners in deciding which accounts should be written off,

she said, adding that the commission should set up some criteria to deter accusations of favoritism.

Ron and Lisa Storey, owners of Data Chek, a company asked to brief commissioners on how a collection agency would proceed said they will be as aggressive or polite as the commission directs, but that their work is regulated by state and federal rules. Accounts of people who have declared bankruptcy, have died or are under Medicare of Medicaid agreements are not collectible, Storey said.

But Schwettmann said he's concerned about the county being sued for the action of a private collection agency.

"You must get a lot of lawsuits. Are there any recent actions detrimental to you?" he asked Storey, who said the

most recent claim was in 1996.

"What about the one in October 1999 in the state of Texas where the attorney general alleged (the company) violated deception trade practices of the Consumer Protection Act?" Schwettmann asked. "You don't remember that one?"

Storey said the company entered into a voluntary monetary compliance agreement negotiated for more than a year.

"We have complied with them as they asked," he said. "They alleged and we did not agree or admit any wrongdoing."

"It is not a lawsuit against us," Lisa Storey said. The amount paid was to cover the administrative time involved in the lengthy investigation, she said.

## COMMISSION BRIEFS

### Local veteran's proponent honored

A proclamation honoring the late Victor Schaerer and his dedication to veterans causes and Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery was approved by the Lincoln County Commission last week.

Schaerer, a merchant marine captain, died on Jan. 4 in Ruidoso at the age of 81.

In part, the proclamation read that Schaerer dedicated his life "to the sea, the Merchant Marines, his fellow servicemen and women and to the support of this country's war efforts."

Commissioners noted his "tireless preservation" efforts for the historic cemetery 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso, and his work in ensuring annual Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted.

Schaerer was a captain in the

Merchant and served during World War II.

### Hospital receives budget adjustments

Three changes to the capital outlay request of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center were approved Thursday.

County Commissioners responded to a request from hospital administrator James Gibson, who asked that \$20,775 be taken from money set aside for a radiology diagnostic unit be used instead to replace a vacuum pump for \$19,591. The pump is needed to complete the update of headwall units at each patient's bed that provide power, suction and gases, he said.

Only \$16,000 was budget for that project, but that was before hospital officials found out a new pump was

needed for the new head units.

Another \$9,000 also will be taken from the money budgeted for the radiology unit to be added to other available money to purchase a \$67,000 new audio system under an emergency purchase order.

"The nurse call system is in poor shape and we had a serious problem in December," Gibson said.

The new unit will be installed in February. The money transfers are possible, because the hospital in Ruidoso was quoted a lower than budgeted price for the portable x-ray, Gibson told commissioners.

### First public hearing held on indigent health fund

Lincoln County Commissioners took no action last week on proposed rules to govern their new medical indigent health fund.

The hearing was the first public review of the document put together by County Attorney Alan Morel.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he will check before next month's hearing on the issue to determine if social security numbers should be required by those applying for help from the fund.

Action in the state Legislature also may expand the types of services eligible to apply for reimbursement through county indigent funds and he recommended waiting until the current legislative session ends next month.

"The aim is to serve as many individuals as possible," Stewart said. "As the year goes on, there may be some expansion (in client eligibility) considered if more money is available."

He said he would like the regulations adopted by late March before he hires a person to administer the fund, Stewart said.

Tony Seno, a Libertarian Party member who regularly attends com-

mission meetings, objected to a section leaving the authority to interpret portions of the rules to Stewart.

"I think we need to have the county attorney interpret legal documents," he said.

"I can assure you, I will seek his guidance," Stewart said.

In other business, commissioners: • Approved a \$374,155 payment to the state from special levy reserves for the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. The hospital, which is managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, submits the payment as the sole provider of medical attention for the indigent in the county.

• Heard a report from County Manager Tom Stewart that Steve Gonzalez is interested in using a closed county landfill near the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport as a motor cross area. Peter Blanchard already has proposed a portion of the land be developed into an amphitheater for outdoor concerts.

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 /s/ Kathryn Griffin  
 Escribana Municipal  
 Village of Capitan

**EARLY VOTING:**  
 Early Voting: Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Friday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000.  
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# Expansion, move sought by Capitan Public Library supporters

CAPITAN — With a few years of operation experience behind them, members of the board guiding the Capitan Public Library think the time has come to move into a different phase.

A major step toward growth and expansion will begin Jan. 31 with a "Books to the Future" campaign, which aims to raise \$165,000.

The money will be used to move the library into a furnished permanent facility to meet the demands of a growing community, said board member Todd Shelby.

overflooding with books, computers and volunteer staff," he said. "To meet the needs of Capitan and its surrounding communities, we must have a larger library-owned space."

Although the staff and services of the library are impressive, its ability to adequately serve patrons is in question, Shelby said.

Statistics from 1996-97 compared to 1998-99 show phenomenal growth, he said.

- Registered users increased from 158 to 850.
- The number of books and

other material increased from 3,000 to 7,250.

- The annual number of library visitors jumped from 586 to 4,816.

- Three computers were added.
- The annual circulation increased from 541 books to 4,000.

- The hours of operation increased from 16 per week to 29 per week Tuesday through Saturday.

"What has not increased is the library's space of 1,000 square feet," Shelby said. "The shelves are full, every area is crowded and computer space is insufficient."

A new facility will eliminate

crowding of books and people as well as provide for community meetings and programs, storage and office space and room for future expansion."

The library was founded in 1996 by a small but committed group of local residents, he said.

A "not-for-profit" status was achieved in 1998. Since 1997, village and county governments contributed to its operation. Full public library status was earned in 1999.

Additional free services include reading materials, audio books, videos, Internet access and computer classes, a

large print collection with magnifying devices, literacy classes, English as Second Language classes, outreach book sharing, inter-library loans through the New Mexico State Library, Head Start weekly story reading and a summer reading program.

The library is staffed by 20 trained volunteers.

To contribute to the "books for the Future" campaign, contact the library staff at (505) 354-3035.

For more information, call Shelby at (505) 354-2010.

## Former commissioner gives water warning

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The health of watersheds in Lincoln County is impaired because of too many trees, not enough native grasses and increasing demands on water resources, long-time resident and former county commissioner Ralph Dunlap said last week.

Speaking to the county commission, Dunlap said, "We must do something now. We no longer have a 15-year window. Everyone in this county is affected."

If rehabilitation of the watershed isn't started, "none of us will be able to live here in 30 years," he said.

At his urging, commissioners agreed to direct County Manager Tom Stewart to draft a letter to the State Engineer and state legislators asking that regulations be changed to require publication of petitions for transfers of water rights in local newspapers.

Currently, petitions in Lincoln County can publish in Albuquerque or Las Cruces.

The commission will vote on the letter next month.

The law was changed within the last few years to allow non-owners of water rights to protest such transfers.

Previously, to have standing in a protest, an entity had

to own water rights.

The commission bought rights in December 1986 to have standing in a legal water dispute with Mescalero.

The commission should be less concerned about plans for golf courses going in on Sierra Blanca Road and State Road 48 than proposals for large developments, Dunlap said.

"The amount of water used by a golf course is minimal compared to hundreds of houses," he said.

The State Engineer does not require that water used from domestic wells be metered.

The office issued permits for domestic wells when requested by those meeting lot size requirements.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said as water shortages increase, the state may be forced to meter all wells.

Dunlap asked commissioners to direct members of the county's Public Land Use Advisory Committee and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs board to confer with the U.S. Forest Service.

The groups should collect data, come up with recommendations and implement them, Dunlap said.

Tony Seno, a member of PLUAC and the county Libertarian Party, said he was told that the rules on transfers already are in the process of

being rewritten by the State Engineer.

No more money needs to be spent on a hydrology study of the area, one already exists, he said.

The Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District has worked on estimating underground water levels and establishing distribution of water rights, said Commission Chairman Rex Wilson.

Dunlap said when he was a commissioner, he convinced the board to sue the city of Alamogordo over a formula used in its acquisition and transport of water from Bonito Lake.

A subsequent commission dropped the suit.

Water or water rights moved from one watershed to another not only decreases the amount available in the first area, it also reduces the amount of water estimated to percolate back into the underground supply, he said.

Water law in New Mexico is complicated, Dunlap said, suggesting the commission hire an attorney who specializes in water law when related issues arise.

Ruth Armstrong, a former Carrizozo town council member, said, "I don't know why a person who owns land can sell water rights (attached to that land) when it affects his neighbor."

## RUIDOSO POLICE

### More burglary cases reported

Ruidoso police are looking into several new breaking-and-entering cases.

Some time last week a thief made off with a small color television set from a residence on Rio Arriba Road. Police found that someone had removed a screen to a bedroom, providing access to the home. The residence had also been reported broken into several days earlier.

Another burglary, believed to have occurred between Dec. 31 and Jan. 21, was reported at a Maple Drive home.

A living room window was discovered broken, and missing were a television, VCR, and love seat. The removed property had an estimated value of \$750.

An Otero Drive residence was believed to have been broken into, according to police reports. A kitchen window was discovered broken, though the house was locked up, and officers were unable to enter, to determine if anything might be missing. The out-of-state owner of the home was notified.

### Missing wallet contained \$3,000

Police are investigating a missing wallet, that reportedly contained \$3,000, a credit card, and other documents. The victim told authorities

he had accidentally left the wallet on the counter of a Sudderth Drive gas station.

A station attendant told police the wallet wasn't seen, but that someone had entered the gas station immediately after the victim had left. That person reportedly quickly left the gas station, while the attendant was in a back room.

### Telephone equipment stolen

Telephone service for a Robin Road resident was severed, when someone apparently took a telephone interface from the outside of the home.

The homeowner said his phone was working at 9:30 p.m. Jan. 22. When he returned home from church the next day he realized the telephone box had been cut from its wires and removed from an outside wall. Officials of G.T.E. said they would press charges if police identify an offender.

### Juvenile offenses reported

Juveniles, in three separate instances, found themselves in Ruidoso police custody over the past weekend.

A Friday night situation on Sudderth Drive, where police pulled over a vehicle "swerving to avoid bumps in the road," turned into charges of minors allowing themselves to be

served alcoholic beverages for a 15 and 16 year old. Officers noticed a smell of alcohol in the auto, and saw a partial butt of a pistol protruding from the front seat. The weapon turned out to be a BB or pellet gun. Also found in the car were full and partial bottles of beer, and a beverage believed to be alcohol in a cup. Two juveniles were taken into custody, with a male released to his aunt. A female, who reportedly became hostile when her parents arrived at the police station, was held. A judge authorized the female's transport to a juvenile detention center in Las Cruces. She was also charged with disorderly conduct.

In a Jan. 22 incident, several juveniles were charged with criminal damage to property, after part of a rain gutter and downspout was damaged at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1202 Mechem Drive. Four juveniles had been detained for police by an employee of the bowling alley.

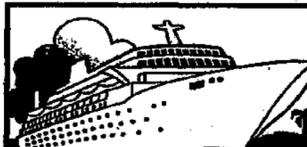
A Capitan juvenile, who told police he was a member of the West Side gang, was charged with concealing his identity, not having a drivers license, and speeding. The male was stopped on Carrizo Canyon Road for allegedly driving 16 miles per hour over the speed limit just before midnight on Jan. 23. The youth reportedly gave a police officer a false name. The 17-year-old was later released to the custody of an uncle.



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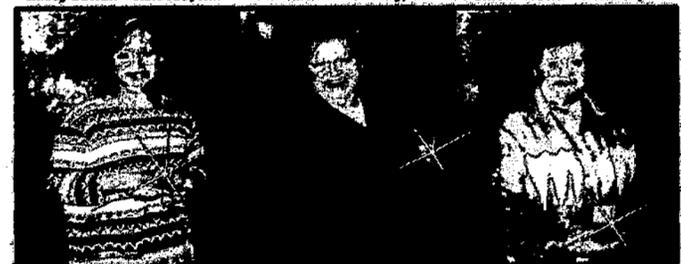
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**Ski report**

**Ski Apache**  
Ski Apache is open  
Surface conditions: Machine-groomed snow.  
New snow past 24 hours: 0 inches  
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: On the Chair 8 trails  
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 14-24 inches  
Trails open: Capitan, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SBT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.  
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: Most trails that are open.  
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**This week**

**Friday, Jan. 28**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso at home vs. Hot Springs (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.  
Capitan at home vs. Cloudfcroft (V, JV), 4 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Capitan at home vs. Cloudfcroft (V, JV), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Cantozzo at home vs. Honda, 5:30 p.m.  
Mescalero at home vs. Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.  
Corona at home vs. Community Christian, 3:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs (V, JV, Fr), 1 p.m.  
Capitan at home vs. Texico, (V, JV), 4 p.m.  
Cantozzo at home vs. Honda, 3 p.m.  
Mescalero at home vs. Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.  
Corona at home vs. Community Christian, 2 p.m.  
**Prep wrestling**  
Ruidoso hosts Ruidoso Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Capitan vs. Dexter (V, JV), 5 p.m.  
Mescalero at home vs. Hagerman, 6:30 p.m.  
Corona vs. Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Capitan at home vs. Dexter (V, JV), 5 p.m.  
Mescalero at home vs. Hagerman, 5 p.m.  
Corona vs. Mountainair, 6 p.m.

**Scoreboard**

**Tuesday, Jan. 25**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso 81, Santa Teresa 46  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Ruidoso 52, Santa Teresa 48  
Capitan 47, Tularosa 37  
**Prep wrestling**  
Ruidoso 42, Roswell 33

**Pecking order**

Mescalero Parks & Rec  
Men's Basketball League Standings through Jan. 25

Team	W	L	Pct.
The Players	4	0	1.000
Alamo Pipe	3	0	1.000
Julian G.	3	0	1.000
Curtis	3	1	.750
Hardwood Thunder	2	2	.500
Tulle Bad Boys	2	2	.500
Brew Crew	2	3	.400
Sierra Blanca Slammers	1	3	.250
Renegades	0	3	.000
Forty Minutes Plus	0	3	.000
Oliver O's	0	4	.000

**Results from Jan. 25**  
Julian G 86, Oliver O's 44  
Brew Crew 65, Forty Minutes Plus 59  
Alamo Pipe 61, Sierra Blanca Slammers 56

**Results from Jan. 26**  
The Players 65, Tulle Bad Boys 62 (3 OT)  
Brew Crew 79, Oliver O's 57  
Curtis 91, Hardwood Thunder 73

**Games for Jan. 30**  
Canceled due to Superbowl Sunday

**Games for Feb. 7**  
The Players vs. Sierra Blanca Slammers  
Julian G. vs. Curtis  
Hardwood Thunder vs. Tulle Bad Boys

**On deck**

**Hondo athletic fundraiser**  
The Hondo public schools are sponsoring a \$10,000 basketball giveaway. Contestants may purchase a \$2 ticket for a halftime shooting contest at each Eagles basketball game. One ticket will be drawn each night, and the contestant gets the opportunity to make three shots: a layup, free-throw and 3-point shot. Making the layup wins \$1, the free throw \$5 and the 3-point \$10. If all three shots are made, the contestant may shoot a half-court shot to win \$34. Anyone making all four shots qualifies to shoot a three-quarter court shot for \$10,000 during half-time of the Feb. 18 game. If no one qualifies before Feb. 18 by making all four shots, there will be an additional drawing from all tickets sold throughout the season. Three winners will have a chance to shoot for the \$10,000. For more information, call (505) 653-4411.

**Senior Olympics shuffleboard workshop**  
The New Mexico Senior Olympics is hosting a shuffleboard workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Yucca Recreation Center in Roswell. The workshop is for adults 50 years old or older who would like to learn or advance their skills at the sport of shuffleboard. Topics include technique, game terminology, strategy, scoring rules, shots and the laws of physics, offense and defense and singles and doubles games. There is no cost or pre-registration. For more information, call Mandy Owens at (505) 623-5777.

**Lady Warriors slide by Santa Teresa**

BY MYRA ROMERO  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In an evenly-matched Tuesday night game, the Lady Warriors (5-10, 2-1) managed a slim victory over the Santa Teresa Desert Warriors, topping them 52-48.

The district matchup began at a slow pace, with Santa Teresa posting the first points. Ruidoso appeared to be struggling with rebounds until Amanda Fleck grabbed a board and laid in the first basket for the Warriors.

In an attempt to keep the Desert Warriors on their toes, Ruidoso quickly set up a man-to-man defense. This deterrent did not keep Santa Teresa far from the heels of the Warriors, however, as they never strayed more than four or five points away.

Two assists in a row from Billie Maldonado to Carrie Line and Kammi Sparks granted the Warriors a 13-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Immediately entering the second quarter, Ruidoso was in major foul trouble. Fleck already had three fouls, leaving the team to struggle for rebounds as coach Jim Varnadore was forced to pull her out of the game for a time.

A 3-pointer by Mindy Brunell scared the Desert Warrior coach into calling a time-out with 6:20 left in the second.

The ladies from Santa Teresa came out of the time-out and hustled back within one point of Ruidoso.

This time the scare was felt by the Warriors, as Varnadore called a time-out in an attempt to fire his girls back up. Not 20 seconds later, a Ruidoso player, Justyn Vogle, was on the floor with an ankle injury. As the crowd applauded her off the court, the Desert Warrior coach was yelling, "Mijas (Spanish for 'my little girls'), you have to get in there."

Following their teammate's injury, Brunell sank two 3-pointers and Crystal Rojas made two quick baskets, giving the Warriors a 29-25 lead going into the locker room.

At the half, Brunell led the Warriors with 10 points. Line, Rojas, and Fleck each had four.

Leading the Desert Warriors was Maribel Martinez with 15 points, more than half of her team's score.

The third quarter continued in much the same manner as the first half — the Warrior lead was marginal, fouls were even on both sides, Ruidoso was still struggling for rebounds, and another player was injured. This time the injury was felt on the Santa Teresa side, as a player went down with an ankle injury.

By this time, the Desert Warriors had edged within one point of Ruidoso and ended the

third quarter only three points behind.

Fleck came out with a basket for the Warriors at the start of the last quarter.

Santa Teresa was missing their shots and their frustrated coach called two time-outs within one minute. After that, the last few minutes of the game were spent bouncing back and forth from charity stripe to charity stripe. Santa Teresa managed to come back within two points, but a shot from Brunell ended up sealing the Warrior win.

Throughout the entire game, Varnadore seemed to be rotating his bench quite heavily.

"I was trying to improve the game to improve their stamina and get better legs on the court," he said. "We seem to tire real easy, and by moving them in and out a lot we don't lose that much."

Looking ahead to the rest of district Varnadore is hoping for "improvement" and a "better ball game from the girls."

The Santa Teresa coach, seeming a bit agitated from his team's loss, refused to comment on the game.

Top scorers for the Warriors were Brunell with 15, Fleck with nine, Line and Rojas had eight, and Elena Aguilar had seven points.

In junior varsity action the Warriors closed out Santa Teresa 50-23.



Myra Romero/Ruidoso News  
Lady Warrior Mindy Brunell moves the ball down the court past her coach and a pair of downed players

**Warriors pummel Santa Teresa**

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes you need a laugh.

The Warrior boys (10-5, 1-0) got exactly that in their 3AAA opener Tuesday, crushing Santa Teresa 81-46.

The game wasn't close except for the first quarter, as Ruidoso lead 12-8 after one, 36-16 at the half and 60-29 after three.

"We didn't have a real good first quarter, but that's been typical," said coach Billy Page. "We are getting better. Our shots are starting to fall. The defense was really good. We just worked on things we should get better at."

Everyone got a chance to play and nine of 11 Warriors scored.

Garrett Apachito led the scoring with 16. Solomon Barnett tallied 15, Mike Blank 14 and J.R. Floyd 13.

Floyd picked up 11 rebounds and four steals, Blank had eight rebounds, four blocks and four steals, and Solomon Barnett and Rowdy Green had five assists each.

Page was happy the War-

riors had an easy game to open district, because it's only going to get harder from here on out.

"It's good for confidence and good to build for the next game," he said. "Now it's a matter of keeping our confidence."

Ruidoso is going to have to put everything they've got into tonight's game against Hot Springs.

The No. 8-ranked Tigers defeated No. 5-ranked Silver 58-49 Tuesday, and while Page knows that playing at home is a "plus," he also knows the Warriors have to do everything right to earn a victory.

"We have to shut them down," he said. "They have some size. They have some kids who can really score. We're going to have to control the boards and not make any mistakes. Or eliminate most of them."

As far as district 3AAA goes, Tuesday's upset of Silver means the district will go to whoever wants it most, Page said.

"It's going to be a dogfight. Whoever's peaking at the right time at the right night (is going to win)."

**Lady Tigers upset Tularosa**

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**CAPITAN** — Whoever coined the phrase, "You gotta believe," ought to give the rights to the Lady Tigers.

Tuesday, Capitan (4-9, 1-0) stunned Tularosa 47-37 in the district 8AA opener, making the win look easy.

The Lady Tigers haven't had an easy year. Capitan didn't earn its first victory until Dec. 18, when the Tigers beat Cloudfcroft at the Mountain Top Tournament. They played tough at the Smokey Bear Tournament, but still only had three wins going into the Tularosa matchup.

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Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News  
Tiger Shawna Schreengost follows through after passing the ball down the court.

**Warrior wrestlers top AAAA Roswell**

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's wrestlers are continuing their grueling march towards the state tournament, and Tuesday, they took a big step in that direction, defeating AAAA Roswell 42-33.

"We did exceptionally well,"

said coach Jerrett Perry. "Our intensified practices over the last few weeks are starting to pay off."

Seven Warriors won in head-to-head matches against the Coyotes, and several Warriors who lost were defeated by grapplers expected to be in the thick of the AAAA tournament.

The best matches of the night were by two of the youngest Warriors: 112-pound Jeremy Pritchett and 135-pound Royce McMillion.

Perry called Pritchett's 5-4 double overtime win over Jonathan Tubbs "awesome."

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**There's still no parity in womens athletics**

**W**omen's athletics still have a long way to go to catch up with the men.

Despite Title IX, despite the success of the American women's soccer team at the World Cup and the American softball team at the Atlanta Olympics, despite the fact women are making gains in the work force and in the boardroom — athletics still aren't equal, and are a long ways from being so.

You can see it at all levels of sport. On the professional level, you can see it clearly by looking at televised sports.

Week after week, there's football and men's basketball, ice hockey and baseball.

Even though there is a professional women's basketball league (last year there were two), the number of WNBA broadcasts are few and far between. (Either that, or they're buried on a cable channel no one's ever heard of.)

You might occasionally see a women's golf competition, and women's tennis

KAREN'S KORNER



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SPORTS EDITOR

It's the same on the college level. How often do you see nationally or locally televised women's college basketball games? And forget about ever seeing volleyball or softball. Football and men's basketball are what (supposedly) pay the bills, so those are what you see. Even the U.S. women's soccer team is

having to strike to get equal pay.

The women's final was played in front of a sellout crowd at the Rose Bowl, the largest ever to watch a women's sporting event. The television audience made it the highest rated soccer game in U.S. history.

*Sports Illustrated* selected the team as its 1999 Sportswomen of the Year. After the victory in the summer, the team also was featured on the cover of *Newsweek*, *Time*, *SI* and *People* in the same week.

But the women are paid so little, the U.S. had to send a team of second-stringers to Australia for a recent contest. Members of the championship team were holding out for something even near what the men are paid.

And it's no different on the local level. Getting a Lady Warriors basketball game broadcast is next to impossible. Last Friday, the girls were opening district on the road against Coble while the boys were at home against non-district foe Portales. Yet which game was broad-

cast? The boys, of course.

The excuse (and it's the same one I've heard in every town I've worked at, the problem is not limited to Ruidoso by any means), is that they can't get sponsors for the girls game.

Excuse me, but I find that hard to believe. Frankly, I think it's easier to sell the boys games because they've always done so. I'll bet they don't even try to sell girls matches.

In the fall, of course, football rules, but have you EVER heard a volleyball game on the air?

Look at the difference in numbers attending the boys and girls games. A coach (who shall remain nameless) made the comment the other day that so few fans attend girls games that they may as well play them in the auxiliary gym.

They'd still have room left in the

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# WRESTLERS: Warriors stay on track for state

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The score was tied 4-4 after six regulation minutes on the mat. In the first overtime period, the first takedown wins, but neither wrestler could get the other down, sending the match into the second overtime.

Knowing the first point would earn a victory, Pritchett chose down to start the period. With 15 seconds left on the clock, "Jeremy exploded from the bottom and got the winning point with an escape," Perry said. "It was an awesome, awesome sight."

Challenging Arturo Lopez, McMillion was trailing 7-5 late in the third period of his match when he took the Coyote to the mat, winning by a pin.

"He reached down deep inside and decided he wanted it the most," Perry said.

The win came despite the grueling physical schedule Perry has set for his team.

"Our kids are fatigued, and that's intentional," he said. "We're trying to fatigue them to the point where they're absolutely exhausted, and that's going to pay off in the long run."

Perry said the physical preparations will continue through the Feb. 4 dual with Cobre, then the team will begin concentrating on the mental aspects of being able to win at state.

But the solid performances by the Warriors, especially by

the freshmen at the lighter weights, has caused Perry to rethink the team's goals.

"I'm going to make a bold statement," he said. "Our goals have changed somewhat. We're going to shoot for the district title. I think we have the potential."

"We have the heart and soul with the younger kids." Results of the Ruidoso/Roswell dual meet follow.

108, Shawn Gurule def. Juan Madrid, 7-4

## Wrestlers host invite

The Ruidoso Invitational wrestling tournament kicks off Saturday at 9 a.m. at the main gym.

Teams, including Cobre, Moriarty, Tucuman, Roswell, Roswell, Goddard, New Mexico Military Institute, Santa Teresa, Socorro and St. Michael's will be competing.

"It's fantastic competition," said coach Jerrett Perry. "We really enjoy wrestling on the mountain. We're excited about competing here. Our goal is not to finish anywhere in the middle, but to be extremely high."

The toughest competition for the Warriors are expected to be Cobre and Moriarty, but Perry said his team is going all out to try to take the hometown title.

"They want it, really, really bad," he said.

Jimenez def. Jose Linares, pin in 1st

152, John Tubbs def. Tanner McGarvey, pin in 3rd

160, Grant Brumlow def. Matt Morales, pin in 1st

171, Luke Bates def. Nick Zebroski, pin in 2nd

189, Brandon Negron def. Thatcher Hampton, 6-2

215, Eric Samarron def. Keith Bassett, pin in 3rd

Hwt. Patrick Hodges de. Fred Sosa, pin in 1st

# Quarterhorse champions named

Horses, trainers, jockeys and owners with ties to Ruidoso Downs Race Track were honored earlier this month by the American Quarter Horse Association.

The 1999 AQHA racing champions and horsemen were named at a special ceremony Jan. 21 during the Heritage Place Winter Mixed Sale in Oklahoma City.

A Delightful Dasher was named champion two-year old and champion two-year old

and Fortune of Delight, dam of A Delightful Dasher, was named champion broodmare.

Gwendolyn Eaves of Midland, Texas, was named champion owner. Eaves is the owner/breeder of A Delightful Dasher.

Champion jockey Joe Badilla, Jr. of Cypress, Calif., rode to three stakes wins at Ruidoso Downs: the All American Futurity, Rainbow Futurity and Sooner Trailer New Mexico Challenge.

Okey Dokey Dale, winner of the Ruidoso Derby and second-place finisher at the All American Derby, was named champion three-year-old colt,

and Fortune of Delight, dam of A Delightful Dasher, was named champion broodmare.

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# CAPITAN: Lady Tigers have fun, down Tularosa

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and the odds of Capitan taking the victory weren't good.

But Tiger coach Bryan Massé said he never lost faith in his young squad.

"We're a much better ball club than we've been playing and we know it," he said.

"We've been preaching and preaching to these girls that 'You're much better than you've been playing.' We played some decent ball during the (Smokey Bear) tournament, but it wasn't like tonight. We kind of went through a lull, and maybe now we're back on the beat."

The Tiger defense was awesome, shutting down the Wildcat offense almost entirely in the first quarter. While Capitan tallied 13 points, the 'Cats were held to three, all from the charity stripe.

It didn't get much better for Tularosa in the second quarter. The Wildcats picked up 12 points, but only four field goals. Five Capitan players scored, adding 13 more points to the Tiger total for a 26-15 lead.

"The closest Tularosa ever got was the finale, when Capitan subs gave the varsity a chance to relax during the last minutes of the game. Seven Tigers scored, with junior Lindsay Bush leading the way with 10 points.

Throughout the game, while the fans held their breath hoping for the best, the Tigers looked like they were having fun. Senior Alicia Garcia said that was the key to the win.

"I think we relaxed," she said. "We've been tight through the whole year and I just told them, 'Be relaxed and go out there and have fun. It's just another game.' And we were relaxed."

Massé said the Tigers simply decided they wanted to win.

"I think they just decided they could," he said. "They've been waiting for district. They've been waiting to turn it up a notch and they did. Hopefully they'll continue."

Tularosa coach Vicky Lawrence looked shocked at the outcome.

"We just didn't play ball," she said. "We just didn't play. Capitan came out, they did a good job, they took the game, we didn't. They just wanted it more than we did at this time."

The Lady Tigers won't get a chance to rest much.

Tonight, they square off against Cloudcroft for their second district game, then play No. 1-ranked Texico Saturday in a non-district matchup. Massé said the Tigers can use the Tularosa victory as a stepping stone.

"It could be a turning point in our season if we let it be," he said. "If we continue to work hard and we show good patience, good team work out there, good defense, if we continue to do that, then we'll be in the thick of things."

Garcia agreed, saying the team was going to take its winning attitude into the rest of the season.

And are the Tigers now the team to bet in 6AA? "I believe so," Garcia said.

## Fishing report

For bait fishing - GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Fishing is fair on powerbait and salmon eggs. BONITO LAKE: Closed until April 1. Jim McGarvey, Western Auto

For fly fishing - At present the watershed is in dire need of moisture. The flow on the river is only a trickle. Any fish to be found from the confluence of Carrizo Creek to the reservation line in Upper Canyon would be considered real survivors. The village is diverting a small amount of water from the river to Grindstone Lake. The thinking is they need to make up for what the dam leaks. The village has been working on a pump-back system for Grindstone Dam for several months and claims it will be complete this spring. The problem between now and spring is if the water flow between the reservation and the confluence of Carrizo Creek (located at the Chamber of Commerce building) stops or falls to low, the aquatic life that lives in the river and is food for our fish dies. Along with the aquatic life dying, the native German brown trout have just finished spawning, and the fry will die without food.

RUIDOSO: The best fly selections we found this past week have been green rock worms or pheasant tail nymphs. Not much dry fly fishing reported. Fish below the Carrizo Creek confluence.

BONITO CREEK: Fishing is now spotty on the South Fork due to the reduced water flow. The fishing is very limited, although lots of pocket water fishing and lots of natural beauty are here to enjoy. The fish are not picky on the South Fork, so grab the best of what your fly box holds and toss it. If you pack it in, pack it out. Remember, there are no trash cans in the middle of the forest.

BONITO LAKE: The lake closed for the season Nov. 30. Reopens April 1, 2000. EAGLE LAKES: The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 1999.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Late evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. It's time to break out the streamer flies and the sinking tip line and fish the late evenings. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster.

LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well in the late afternoon and evening. Dry flies that have been working are parachute Adams, Hendricksons, mosquito's and midges. Place a dropper fly behind your dry fly and see what happens. Prop flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Ice patches are on the lake so a little walking may be required to find open water. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn.

Practice catch and release wherever and whenever you can. Tight lines to all in 2000. Check out our Web site at [www.fly-etc.com](http://www.fly-etc.com)

Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

## On deck

Cahoon Park Run The 18th annual Cahoon Park Run will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at Cahoon Park in Roswell. The event consists of a competitive 10K run, 3-mile fun run/walk and a 2-mile walk. Participants will compete in seven age divisions for both men and women. Overall winners in both races will receive a gift certificate from Golden Corral and a ceramic collectible. First-through third-place finishers will receive ribbons and the first-place finishers will receive ceramic hearts. All participants will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt. Preregistration is \$8 before Feb. 23. Late registration is \$9. For more information, contact the Roswell Recreation Department at 505-624-6720.

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# KORNER: Womens sports need more support

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bleachers, he said.

Someone else pointed out that the Warriors "Official Winter Sports Program" is basically a Warriors boys basketball program, with little more than a page devoted to the Lady Warriors and the same amount to the wrestlers, cheerleaders and Warrior band.

Her question was why even bother to call it a "Winter Sports Program" if it's really a boys basketball program?

In many cases, I don't think the slights are intentional. I just

think mens and boys sports have been the norm for so long that no one even considers putting womens athletics on an equal basis. And there is some good news, right here in Lincoln County.

We're finally getting an all-girls youth soccer team that could lead to a Lady Warrior soccer team.

At some of the smaller schools (although not all), the turnout for girls sports is phenomenal. I have to especially commend the Carrizozo fans, who seem to pack their gym no matter who's playing.

The problem is not insur-

mountable. As the athletes have to focus mentally on their game, so we have to focus on equally supporting women's athletics.

If you're a basketball fan, check out a girls game one week. If you're a business owner, call the radio station and tell them you'd like to sponsor a Lady Warrior broadcast. If you're a parent, drag everyone you know to the game and don't take any excuses.

Lets give all our athletes, no matter their gender, the support they deserve for the hard work they do.

The fat lady has sung.

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# Road dust: Rural vehicles emit more pollutants than urban ones

ST. LOUIS — On top of looming tougher pollution rules for SUVs and other popular vehicles, an environmental engineer at Washington University in St. Louis now has devised a new measurement that could make both car owners and manufacturers nervous.

It's called ppvm (pollutant per vehicle mile). It is a measurement of the total particulate matter emissions a vehicle makes per mile traveled.

While ppvm won't appeal to the auto owner the way that mpg, rpm or mph do, it's likely to have a future impact on air pollution measures and standards nationwide.

Jay R. Turner, D.Sc., assistant professor of chemical engineering and civil engineering at Washington University and director of the university's Air Quality Laboratory, has performed an

ambitious study of vehicular emissions in the St. Louis region.

Emission measurements were taken for particles smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, which is the size range for a standard issued by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1997. Results from an urban interstate site and a nearby rural Illinois site that Turner surveyed indicate that an average urban vehicle, whether a motorcycle or diesel truck, emits between 30 to 40 milligrams of particulate matter per mile traveled; an average rural vehicle emits between 200 to 300 milligrams ppvm traveled. So much for fresh country air.

"We think there is much more heavy diesel traffic outside the city and there are greater road dust emissions in

rural areas because of the proximity to open land, and those account for higher rural readings," Turner explains.

Road dust is more than the simple dirt a vehicle stirs up as it moves along the road. Besides dirt from soil, road dust also contains the suspended fine particulate matter created from tail pipe emissions.

It is a major significant component of vehicular air pollution that the medical profession and the EPA are paying strict attention to these days.

Upper respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, such as arrhythmia, and cancer increasingly are being linked to road dust and other vehicular particulate matter.

The acidity of the matter, its heavy metal composition and the sheer volume of minuscule particles suspend-

ed in the air all make your automobile particulate matter air pollution a potential public health threat.

Turner and his students used particulate matter samplers that pull air through filters; they measured the mass of the filters before and after the sampling.

They concentrated on Interstate 40, which runs through the heart of St. Louis, and Interstate 55 in Madison County, Ill., approximately 30 miles northeast of St. Louis.

Periodically, from January to April 1998, the team painstakingly counted and classified vehicles at both sites over six- to eight-hour time spans, taking five-minute readings every 15 minutes while they collected the particulate matter samples.

They determined that the rural site averaged about 1,300 vehicles per hour; the

urban varied widely from 7,500 to 10,000 vehicles per hour.

"The numbers indicate that a single vehicle stirs up a considerable amount of particulate matter, more so than what people might think," says Turner.

"When you then consider that you can multiply this daily value by the many thousands of miles vehicles travel on the roads each day, you get a clearer view of what role the automobile potentially plays in air pollution."

Turner's results were published in a fall 1999 issue of the Journal of Air and Waste Management Association.

The U.S. EPA funded part of the study.

The data he has collected plus his analysis of U.S. EPA mathematical models that predict air particulate matter emission rates will help envi-

ronmental agencies and municipalities better sample their roads and address their particulate matter air quality challenges.

It's more than your car's tail pipe that contributes to vehicular air pollution.

"Emissions come from the tail pipe, from brake wear, tire wear and suspended dust from along the roads," says Turner.

He added that "Our research tends to focus on diffuse emissions, those that are difficult to characterize because they don't come from a single point, say, the tail pipe. What we essentially do is look at the net sum of emissions coming from vehicles and compare them to the EPA model that estimates the individual components and we add them up to see if the real world data conform to what the models predict."

## Last unidentified sport fish gets a scientific name

GAINESVILLE — This is no tall fish story. Scientists have identified a new species of bass, making the finned fighter likely the last game fish in North

America to get a scientific name, says a University of Florida researcher.

"It's the end of an era in the sense that all the other bass and trout were discovered long ago, mostly in the 1700s and 1800s," said George Burgess, a UF ichthyologist who worked to establish the fish as a separate species.

Burgess and James D. Williams, a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey Laboratory in Gainesville, describe the new species of bass, called *Micropterus cataractae* and found in rivers in Florida, Georgia and Alabama, in the Oct. 8 edition of the journal "The Bulletin of the Florida Museum of Natural History."

The species getting a scientific name has actually been known by anglers for the last 50 years as the shoal bass because it thrives in the shoals of rivers, Burgess said. But no one was certain the fish was different from its closest relative, the spotted bass until Williams and Burgess noted key differences including coloration, absence of teeth on the tongue and number of rows of scales.

"Our research should put to rest any questions about

whether it's a valid species, or merely a variant of one of the other species," Burgess said. "It's pretty much a slam dunk as far as we're concerned, and the scientific community already is aware of the fish."

As with all wildlife, the first species to be described are the most prominent, generally leaving only small critters and insects to be named, he said.

"When the first biologists trekked across America, expeditiously putting their hooks and nets in the water for the first time and shooting birds out of the sky and mammals out of the hills, the first creatures to be discovered were those that were particularly easy to catch and shoot," Burgess said. "What's exciting about this species is that it's a big fish..."

Scientific identification of the fish is of interest to Florida's huge sport-fishing industry, Burgess said, because it paves the way for conservation efforts to begin. Shoal bass face many threats including dams, human population sprawl and the introduction of non-native fish species, he said.

"Largemouth bass are the primary species for sport fishing in freshwater here in Florida," he said. "There are numerous bass fishing tournaments that attract thousands of people to the state every year. The

shoal bass, being a relative of the largemouth bass, generates significant interest among anglers in Florida as well as Georgia and Alabama."

The shoal bass is much rarer than the largemouth bass because it has a geographically limited range and more particular habitat requirements, Burgess said.

Williams said shoal bass are threatened by habitat loss caused by a series of dams on the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola rivers. Unlike other bass found in deep reservoirs and rivers, the shoal bass survives only in shoal areas in rivers and large creeks.

Booming population growth around Atlanta is diminishing the quality of the Flint River, another favorite haunt of the shoal bass, he said.

And a potential future problem is whether the shoal bass will face competition for food and habitat as other species of fish are introduced into Southeastern rivers, he said.

"Now that we finally have formal recognition of this new species of bass, we can move forward in carrying out conservation programs and habitat protection programs that we couldn't do in the past without a scientific name or description," Williams said.

## Soap operas send educational messages to global audiences

ATHENS, Ohio — Though television has been criticized in recent years for promoting sex and violence, an Ohio University researcher has found that soap operas in developing nations are making a positive impact, encouraging audiences to adopt more progressive attitudes and behaviors toward gender equality, HIV prevention, adult literacy and other social issues.

Governments in countries such as India, China, Mexico and Peru have successfully blended educational messages into engaging television or radio soap operas to inspire social change. For example, residents of the northern India village of Lutsaan who were avid listeners of the radio drama "Tinka Tinka Sukh" ("Happiness Lies in Small Things"), which promoted gender equality, renounced the local custom of demanding a bridal dowry, and enrollment of girls in the village school rose from 10 percent to 40 percent during the 1990s.

"The programs are not the magic bullet that will solve all these problems, but they provide a climate in which people can discuss issues and some people may be motivated to make changes," says Arvind Singhal, an Ohio University associate professor of interpersonal communication and co-author of the book "Entertainment-Education: A Communication Strategy for Society Change," published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

The soap opera format of these programs is key to their popularity, Singhal says. The episodic, often every weekday airing of these shows allows producers to repeat education-

al messages. Dramatic story lines keep audiences enthralled. "Melodrama really is a struggle between opposing forces, good or bad," he says. "The soap opera naturally lends itself to the depiction of prosocial behavior and antisocial behavior."

Though past studies have focused solely on measuring the impacts of entertainment-education programs, Singhal's book, which he co-authored with Everett Rogers of the University of New Mexico, also explains why the shows cause audience members to change attitudes and practices.

Singhal's studies, which have been published and presented for professional audiences, found that such motivational programs effected mainly individual, short-term behavior changes, prompted by viewers' identification with story characters whom they saw as role models. Discussion of the plot twists with friends, family and neighbors also fostered greater awareness of social issues, as evidenced by the larger number of audience members who reported adopting family planning and HIV prevention practices or attending adult education classes after the shows' broadcasts.

The entertainment-education strategy especially has worked in nations that aren't saturated with media options, Singhal says. Two programs, India's "Tinka Tinka Sukh" and Chinese television's "Baixing" ("Ordinary Chinese People"), draw 35 million listeners and 40 million viewers respectively. Singhal currently is studying these shows to gauge their long-term impact on women's social status.

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NOTIFICACION DE VOTACION POR ANTICIPADO MUNICIPIO DE RUIDOSO ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR EL 7 DE MARZO DEL 2000

Por medio de la presente se hace saber que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 7 de marzo del 2000, con el fin de elegir: TRES CONSEJALAS POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO AÑOS SELECCION EN GENERAL.

1. Frank T. Cummins 2. Bob Sterchi 3. Ronald E. Anderson UN CONSEJAL POR UN TERMINO DE DOS AÑOS.

1. Linda A. Flack PREGUNTA

Debera expedir el Pueblo de Ruidoso hasta \$6,000,000 de Bonos de Obligacion General para construir, equipar y mejorar un centro comunitario el cual sera localizado en los Compos de Recreacion White Mountain on Hill Road y el cual debe incluir una alberca recreacional cubierta accesible para personas minusvalidas con vestidores y armarios; un cuarto dedicado a las actividades de los jovenes; una facilidad de un cuarto con varias recreaciones y funciones comunitarias; una pista de camina cubierta con uso durante todo tipo de clima de 1/16 de milla; y oficinas administrativas para el departamento de parques y recreacion.

A Favor En Contra La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 de febrero del 2000 y terminara a las 6:00 p.m. el viernes, 3 de marzo del 2000. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles de lunes a viernes. Aquellas personas que desean votar por anticipado llenen que hacer su solicitud en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el 313 Cree Meadows Drive. Se hara un record de los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en maquinas para votar.

Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a: Tammie J. Maddox, 258-4243 /o/ Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana de la Municipalidad Fecha: 1/24/00 2579 27(1)28(2)4

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV-98-121 JERALD DEWBRE Plaintiff,

vs. TOMMY A. JONES, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TOMMY A. JONES, KATHRYN JONES and STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE is given that the real property described below in Lincoln County, New Mexico, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. The sale arises out of a final default judgment entered on September 1, 1999, upon an indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgage. The principal of the judgment awarded to Plaintiff is \$27,219.02, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$1,038.24 as of February 16, 2000, plus attorney fees and costs of collection in the amount of \$1,804.63 as of September 1, 1999, plus estimated attorney fees and costs of \$300.00 to conclude this matter for a total of \$30,861.89, plus Special Master's fees in the amount of \$375.00 and gross receipts tax, and publishing costs of \$219.88. The judgment bears interest at the daily accrual rate of \$5.18.

The real property, located in Lincoln County, is more particularly described as follows: Lot 14 of COCHRAN SUBDIVISION, Unit No. 2, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Executive Director of Lincoln County, May 24, 1974, in Tube No. 515.

A simple description of the property in commonly used terms is 104 Pine Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the property free and clear of any and all claims of the parties subject, however, to the following:

A. To a one month right of redemption; B. Reservations, restrictions, dedications, and easements of record; C. Any unpaid ad valorem real property taxes; D. Any municipal liens or assessments; and E. Any prior unpaid liens of record.

By: /s/ Donald C. Clifford Special Master 114 E. Fourth, Ste. 102 Roswell, NM 88201 (505)825-2340 2570 4T(1)21,28(2)4,11

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NOTICIA DE ELECCION PUEBLO DE RUIDOSO, NUEVO MEXICO. ELECCION DE BONOS DE SE LEVARA A CABO EL MARTES, 7 DE MARZO DEL 2000

NOTICIA PUBLICA ES AQUIDAD que en una eleccion de bonos de obligacion general que se llevara a cabo en conjunto con la eleccion municipal regular en el Pueblo de Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico (agui como el "Pueblo"), el martes, 7 de marzo del 2000, la siguiente pregunta sera sometida a los electores registrados y calificados del Pueblo para votar (y para los electores municipales que no son residentes del Condado de Lincoln, mas completamente explicado en lo siguiente).

Bonos del Centro Comunitario Debera expedir el Pueblo de Ruidoso hasta \$6,000,000 de Bonos de Obligacion General para construir, equipar y mejorar un centro comunitario el cual sera localizado en los Compos de Recreacion White Mountain on Hill Road y el cual debe incluir una alberca recreacional cubierta accesible para personas minusvalidas con vestidores y armarios; un cuarto dedicado a las actividades de los jovenes; una facilidad de un cuarto con varias recreaciones y funciones comunitarias; una pista de camina cubierta con uso durante todo tipo clima de 1/16 de milla; y oficinas administrativas para el departamento de parques y recreacion.

Los lugares de votacion para la eleccion se abriran a las 7:00 a.m. y se cerraran a las 7:00 p.m. el mismo dia. Los recintos seran consolidados y los electores (excepto votantes en ausencia, votantes por anticipado, y electores municipales que no son residentes) deberan votar en los lugares de votacion localizados en el recinto consolidado en el cual el día viva. Los lugares de votacion para cada recinto consolidado seran los siguientes:

1. Los votantes en los recintos consolidados 6, 8, y 10, votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico. 2. Los votantes en los recintos consolidados 7 y 9 votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico. 3. Los votantes que no son residentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico. 4. Los votantes en ausencia y los votantes en ausencia que no son resi-

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dentos votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico. 5. Los votantes por anticipado y los votantes por anticipado que no son residentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico, pero a las 5:00 p.m. del jueves, 2 de marzo del 2000, la Escribana Municipal, requerida por ley, daraba las boletas para votar en ausencia no utilizadas, (as solicitudes completas deben ser regresadas a la Escribana Municipal antes de ese tiempo).

EN TESTIMONIO DONDE, el cuerno gobernante del Pueblo de Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico, a osado que esta noticia sea fechada el 30 de noviembre de 1999, y que sea publicada segun requerido por ley.

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Eleccion, segun cambiado y reemplazado. Solicitudes para obtener las boletas para votar en ausencia se pueden obtener en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal, Oficinas Administrativas del Pueblo, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico, pero a las 5:00 p.m. del jueves, 2 de marzo del 2000, la Escribana Municipal, requerida por ley, daraba las boletas para votar en ausencia no utilizadas, (as solicitudes completas deben ser regresadas a la Escribana Municipal antes de ese tiempo).

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LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF KEVIN REES GARNER Cause No. CV-00-004

CHANGE NAME COMES NOW, Petitioner, Kevin Rees Garner and for his petition to change name, states:

1. Petitioner is a resident of the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Petitioner is over that age of fourteen years.

3. Petitioner desires to change his legal name from KEVIN REES GARNER to KEVIN REES MCFWRIGHT.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that:

1. Upon filing the notice of petition with proof of publication thereof, and if no sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, that the Court enter its order legally changing the Petitioner's legal name from KEVIN REES GARNER to KEVIN REES MCFWRIGHT.

2. That the Court set a time and date for a hearing on the petition.

3. That if no objection or contest to the petition is submitted to the Court by such time of hearing, that the Court enter its order without a hearing.

/s/ Charles E. Hawthorne Attorney for Petitioner 1086 Mecham, Suite 302 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 2586 2T(1)21,28

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## Looking Back

Jan. 27, 1950

### Trip Talk by Marjorie Titsworth

We are having a lot of sickness in our village. Mrs. Irene Mosteller has pneumonia, Freddie Titsworth missed a week of school because of tonsillitis. The Britains have all been shut in with the flu, also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson have been in with colds.

... Our P.T.A. gets more interesting all the time, this last time it being so interesting that the time was forgotten and it was nearly 12 o'clock when it was over.

Jan. 29, 1960

### V. A. Miller buys Texaco dealership

V. A. Miller of Ruidoso early in 1960 completed negotiations for the purchase of the Texaco wholesale petroleum dealership for a large part of two New Mexico counties. He secured the agency from C. D. Daniel, which includes a large amount of real estate holdings, as well as rolling stock such as tank trucks...

Miller...said he hopes shortly to open a new Texaco station somewhere on U. S. Highway 70. He also operates Miller Motel...and is associated with his father in operation of Miller Construction Co. here.

Jan. 30, 1970

### Rotary Club plans pot-luck dinner

The Ruidoso Rotary Club will hold a pot-luck dinner Friday, Jan. 30, in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church.

Miss Pauline Stephenson, foreign exchange student from New Zealand, will show colored slides of her country. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Jan. 31, 1980

### The Silver Linking by Daniel Agnew Storm

This message will reach you on the last day of January, which has been rather mild this year except for a few days after the snow which came on the night of the seventeenth.

The next day we were in a world of just three colors: white, blue and gold. The magic of the snow had purified the air so that the sky was clear and sparkling blue and the sun was the purest gold. There was a harmony in these three matching colors that sounded a joyful chord of celestial winter music in your heart. Mother Earth was in a quiet reverent hush and all pure white the mountain world was still, like a snowy picture. The wind held back, with not the slightest breeze stirring, so that you could enjoy this winter spectacle...

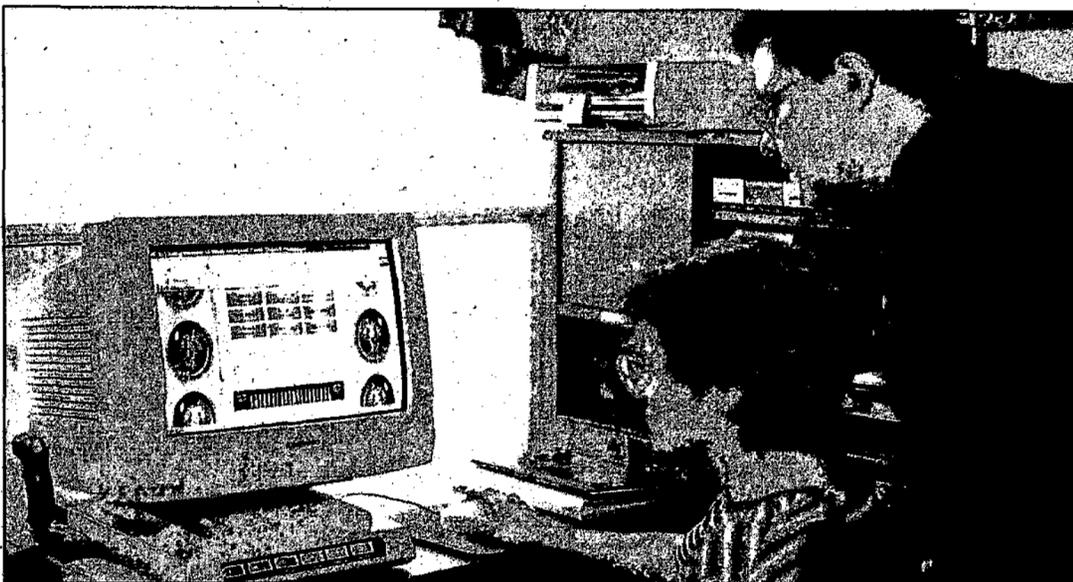
Feb. 1, 1990

### Local Lions look back over 50 years

Ruidoso Evening Lions Club members will celebrate a half century of existence by recognizing the many civic leaders who were or are members of the club and who have served in various civic capacities.

Ed Hyman has done some research on what Ruidoso was like when the Evening Lions Club was organized as a part of Lions International early in 1940...

*Elijah Chavez of San Patricio, 12 when he died in an accident last summer, loved learning about computers. Now a memorial site on the World Wide Web is a meeting place for those who remembered him, and for many other grieving parents of children no longer living.*



Gilbert Chavez and Elijah's mother, Jeanette Miller, can find the boy's image on the Internet at any time.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

## REMEMBERING ELIJAH IN CYBERSPACE

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When 12-year-old Elijah Chavez died last June after a fall from the top of a moving vehicle, family members and friends dealt with the loss in different ways.

Some wrote letters or took mementos to the young boy's grave site. A few withdrew and privately dealt with their pain.

But Gilbert Chavez, who spent many hours with his nephew in front of the computer, decided to reach out and share memories, grief and joys with other people.

A computer technician and web page designer during his hours away from his regular job, Chavez decided three weeks after Elijah's death to

design a memorial page for his nephew. That's how it started.

Today the web site consists of 11 pages featuring poems, Elijah's favorite music, his drawings, photographs, a narrative by his mother, experiences written by his friends and links to other sites. As of last week, about 825 people had visited the site on their computers, several leaving messages of comfort and empathy. A few related their own pain from losing a child.

"My nephew used to come here every other day to get on the computer and learn," Chavez said. "He was like me. He used to take apart everything and then put it back together. So I would show him how to build pages and we were suppose to build one for him this year."

"I thought this memorial site was appropriate as much as he loved computers."

Chavez copied a poem titled "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me," he wanted to include before he created the web site. He told Elijah's mother, his sister, Jeanette Miller, what he was doing only after he'd already started. She took to the idea quickly and together, brother and sister have changed the design several times.

"I'm trying to put my best work into it for my nephew," Chavez said. "That's why it's taken so long. I want everything perfect."

When Miller first saw her brother's creation, "I thought it was beautiful," she said. "It's something that everybody could

see. I've gotten to do quite a bit of the writing. Before, all I knew was how to turn a computer on and off. I've stayed here until 2 a.m. on the weekends working on it."

She especially has been touched by stories from people about encounters they had with her son.

"People put things on there I never knew. I'm learning about things I never knew he did," she said of Elijah, described as an adventurous child, who liked to fish and play basketball.

On the day of the interview for this article, four of the people who logged onto the site, from Canada, Missouri, Georgia and New Jersey, entered information about their own situations.

The site received several Internet awards, starting from the first week, Chavez said.

"One said it was the most beautiful site he'd seen," Miller said. "Before this, I never knew they had things like memorial sites. Now I've gone to a few different memorial sites and if they have e-mail, I write them. I can relate. I know what they're going through."

"When I read some of the other stories, even though I don't know the people, I sit at the web site and cry. It touches you."

The Chavez family moved to Ruidoso from Roswell 19 years ago, but eventually settled near San Patricio to be near Miller's grandparents.

"We're a very close-knit family," she said. "We eat at our dad's every day."

Besides Elijah, Miller has a 19-year old son and a 10-year-old daughter.

"My children have been up here to read (the web site), but my parents haven't been able to bring themselves to that point," Miller said. However, recently her mother wrote something about Elijah and asked her daughter to type it in for

You may find the Elijah Web site on your computer at:

<http://www.pvtnetworks.net/~gcs/elijah>.

her.

"I know this will take time," Miller said. "They were really close to him."

Not that she still doesn't struggle with her grief.

"To this day, there are times when I have a hard time going to sleep," she said. "I go down to visit at the grave. Now and then I catch my (older) son at the house totally in his own world and I know he's thinking about it."

"For the first two months, my daughter kept saying Elijah was out of town. Now she realizes he's not coming back and I can tell she's hurting."

"My kids still cry," Chavez said, but they often visit the site to read the latest submissions.

Chavez and Miller would like visitors to the site to sign in even if they didn't know Elijah, they said.

They're not through with the site. Miller is adding photographs of personal memorials to her son such as the wall of tribute created by his brother, tattoos acquired in his memory, and hats and shirts family members and friends made with his name on them.

"If someone has pictures or something related to him, contact us and we'll put it on the memorabilia page," Miller said.

Photographs of Elijah copied from the web site hang in the school he attended in Hondo, where he transferred from Ruidoso after fourth grade. Students at schools throughout Lincoln County check the site from their classrooms.

Chavez said just as other people on the Internet were generous to share ideas and illustrations with him, he would be happy to help other grieving families put together a memorial site.



Images of Elijah and his grave site in San Patricio.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

## Unusually warm weather provides contrast in Lincoln

While we are enjoying unusual warm weather here, they are suffering from snow and ice storms in the East.

### LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP  
Ruidoso News

Georgia has been hard-hit with ice storms. Our son in Boston said there was snow and cold there.

Laura Christensen and family attended the funeral of her father, Jack Gaentz, in Mississippi last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beckley became grandparents again last week. Rebecca Lynn Seals was born Jan. 11, 2000, at 8 1/2 oz.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seals, the former Pam Beckley. She also has a half-brother, Rusty Barrows. Congratulations.

We are enjoying Eleanor Shockey as our new organist at the church. There also is an adult Sunday school class that meets at 9:45 a.m. at the Dunlap "community" room.

Jon Amastae, El Paso, was in Lincoln on business over the weekend. He came upon the wreck with he Mexican nationals. They had set up a detour closed to the railroad track.

Several couples attended the performance at the Spencer Theater Saturday night.

Ralph Dunlap is applying for a grant from the New Mexico Endowment project of the Humanities for a history project of the Last Escape of Billy the Kid, on behalf of the Lincoln and Pageant Festivals group.



New officers for the Corriente Cowbelles, with installing officer Inez Marrs, far left; Pat Scheer, president; Dorothy Lacy, first vice president; BB Berry, second vice president; Beverly Jones-Jones, secretary; Willie Mae Hobbs, treasurer; Jeanette Smock, historian.

Courtesy Rosalie Dunlap

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Agave Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald
Petty, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45
a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
7 p.m.; Wednesday service: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

Best Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday:
6 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy
220, 3/4 mi. off Airport Rd. Rev.
James Crowder, 336-4060.

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

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM
88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim
Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Praise and Worship
Service: 9:15 a.m. - Continental
Breakfast: 9:45 a.m. - Sunday
School/Bible Study: 11 a.m. -
Worship Service: 6 p.m. - Prayer/Worship
Service, and Sr. High School
Fellowship. Monday: Noon - Ladies'
Bible Study and Fellowship. Tuesday:
6 p.m. - Sr. High School Bible Study
and Fellowship. Wednesday: 6:30
p.m. - 6:5th CWIT, Jr. High School
Fellowship and Bible Study, and
Adult Bible Study and Prayer.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener,
Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.;
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening
worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

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

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive. (Spanish
Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culo
de Predicacion 3 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school
10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.;
Training hour 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
services 6:30 p.m.

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Capitan
Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30
a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stoncroft
Friendship Bible Coffee Wed. 9:30-
11 a.m.; Awards Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5
yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs 7
p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

BAHAI FAITH

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Meeting in members' homes. 257-
2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Gal-
van. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30
p.m. or by appointment; Saturday
Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m.
(English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacra-
ment of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San
Patricio: 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Cartuzo, 649-2853. Father Dave
Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.
St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pas-
tor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bart. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor.
Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass:
8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hill and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday
School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sun-
day Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel
Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Ear-
wood, Minister. Sunday Bible study:
10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
Gateway Church of Christ
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.
Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday
Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday wor-
ship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday
Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48,
between Ruidoso and Capitan. Joe
Magel, 336-4359. Sunday schedule:
Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday
School: Priesthood and Relief Society,
12:10 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
Schlatter, President, 671-9306. Sun-
day: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.;
Sunday School and Primary 11:20
a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

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

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist:
10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Cartuzo, 6th & E Street. Sunday:
Holy Eucharist: 9:30 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE

Capitan Four Square Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W.
Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10
a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountains of Living Water
San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdon Hall

106 Aloha Village Road, 258-3659.
257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 10
a.m.; Watchtower: 10:30 a.m. Mon-
day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service
Meet 8:20 p.m.
Congregacion Hispana
de los Religiosos de Jereza
106 Aloha Village Road, 258-3659,
336-7076. Dom: Reunion Publica, 1
p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 1:50 p.m.
Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocra-
tico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio
7:50 p.m.; Jue: Estudio de libro 7:00
p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible
Study: 5:30 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST

Community United
Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind Daylight
Donuts, Henry River, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship:
8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.
Capitan United Methodist
Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United
Methodist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike to
attend Bible study Sunday morning at
8:30, followed by worship service at
9:10. Communion is offered during
worship on the first Sunday of every
month, and a potluck luncheon is
served the third Sunday at 12:30.
White Oaks and Third in Capitan.
505-648-2846.

United Methodist Church Parish
Tinky - Cartuzo, Tom Woodward,
pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/
Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864.
Allan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening
Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible
Study: 7 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on
Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hill,
Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. and
6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Suzon Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso,
257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45
a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fel-
lowship after worship the third Sun-
day of every month.

Floraline Ministry
Parish Community
United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King, Sunday
worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10
a.m.
Corbett Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King, worship 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero, Bob Schur, Pastor. Sun-
day: Church school 9:30 a.m.; wor-

ship: 10:30 a.m. Mon: Junior high
youth 6:30 a.m.; Wed: high school
meeting 7 p.m. Thurs: Kids Club
(grades 1-5) 3:30

SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Fairway, Agia. Fris. Ruidoso
Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lyle
443-1904. Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sab-
bath school 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-
vice: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
257-1188. Mark Gerry, pastor.
Sunday worship 6 p.m. Thursday
Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday:
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study
noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive.
Wednesday: Women's Bible study
6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan
Jr. High and Sr. High Youth
Groups 6:30 p.m. at Chris Com-
munity Fellowship.

Capitan Chapel
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway
Center, 257-5915. Pastor John
Marshall, Sunday worship 10:30
a.m.; Wednesday: 9:45-week bible
study 7 p.m.

Capitan Christian Care de Gracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinegrove Square),
Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos
Carraon. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club
Amistad Sabado 1:00 a.m. (n/ho).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and
Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday
services 7 p.m.

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

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth
Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman,
Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and
children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible
Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday:
7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural
Events Center. Everyone welcome.
Preacher Bussor Reed of Amarillo.
Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213.
Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.;
Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry
and Suzanne Lavin. Sunday: Renewal
services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Inscrutable prayer noon;
Mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel
Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeannie Price,
Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m.
(Sept.-June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

CLUBS

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

All American Duplicate Bridge Club
7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso Sen-
ior Citizens Center for weekly
open and novice games. For more
information call 257-9228

All-AMON of Ruidoso
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gate-
way Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso.
257-1124

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the
Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso.
257-9377

Alto Women's Association
11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Ato Club
House for lunch and cards at 1
p.m. Business meeting the first
Tuesday of every month.

Alto 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
Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail,
257-4851

Abundant Life Monthly Support Group
7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each
month at Ruidoso Care Center: 257-
9071

American Legion
Robert J. Hagen, post 79
7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the
American Legion Building at U.S.
Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso
Downs. 257-5796

American Sewing Guild of NM
Neighborhood group meeting. 258-
3896

B.R.O.E. No. 2086
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thurs-
day of every month in the Elk's
Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

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

Boy Scouts of America Troop 59
7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount. 420-1487

Callahan's TeamKids
Disciplined Program
6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday
(Sept.-May) at the First Baptist
Church (420 Mechem). For children
4 years-6th grade.

Clear Group
6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso
Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool.
258-5621

Christian Horsemans Association
336-1341. ph: 200/looking@ass.net.
www.christianhorserman.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous
7 p.m. every Tuesday at Texas-New
Mexico Power Company. First Tues-
day of the month step study meet-
ing, topic meeting at other weeks.

Community Friends
of the Vietnam War
6 p.m. the first Monday of each
month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxil-
iary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

Daughters of the American
Revolution
Second Thursday of the month Sept.
through May. For more information
call 258-5875 or 258-3622

Disabled American
Veterans Co-Curry Chapter 23
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every
month in the American Legion Hall
at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso
Downs. 257-5796

Domestic Violence Victims'
Support Group
Noon Tuesdays at the office of Diane
Harmon, LISW, RN, Lincoln Tower,
2nd floor suites, Conference Room.
258-4708

Family Crisis Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

Fraternit Order of Police
Lodge #26
Meets at K-Bob'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 Ecology-Capitan, Inc.
12:30 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Cafe
in Capitan. The public is welcome to
attend all meetings and events.

Gambler's Anonymous
3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway
Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth
Drive, Ruidoso (rear entrance). For
more information call 257-9289

Golden Age Club
Noon the first and third Wednes-
days of every month at the Ruidoso
Senior Citizens Center - covered
dish lunch and games.

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

Marine Society of Lincoln County
10 a.m. the third Saturday of every
month at the Ato Country Club.

Mids Club
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gate-
way Center, 415 Sudderth, 257-
4381 or 378-1113

Swains Club
Noon every Tuesday at K-Bob's
restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting Ki-
wanis members are always wel-
come.

Knights of Columbus
Father E. Nolan Cotnam
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tues-
day of each month in the parish hall
at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church.
William F. Studer, grand knight.

La Junta S.C.E.
10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of
every month at San Patricio Senior
Citizens building. (505) 633-4912

Lincoln County Adult Singers Group
6:30 every Thursday for social time
or varied program. Additional activ-
ities are also planned for weekends.
354-2635 www.nogal.com/casg

Lincoln County 8th Club
Meets once a month. 257-5352

Lincoln County Democratic Party
Meets once a month. 257-9090

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 Homebuilders
7 p.m. general meeting first Tuesday
of each month at the Incredible 6
p.m. Board of Directors meeting.
257-9090

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

Lincoln County Pride
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bi-
sexual groups meet at various times
throughout the year. 257-0135

Lincoln County Health Resource Exchange
Noon the second Thursday of every
month at K-Bob's on Highway 70.
630-8181

Lincoln County Sheriff's Peace
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every
month at the Lincoln County Fair
Building in Capitan. 354-4263

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

Lions International
Evening Lions Club
Tuesdays in the Lions Hut on Skyland
behind Mountain Laundry for supper.

Masonic Lodge #73
6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting
on the first Monday (second Monday
if first is a holiday) of every month in
the Masonic Family Building at the
corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob
Hill Drive. 257-9604

Model Rocket Association
First Thursday of every month at the
Space Center's Hubbard Space Sci-
ence Education Building. 800-545-
4021

Men's Night Out
6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each
month at various local restaurants.
648-5501

Narcotics Anonymous
Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gateway
Church, 415 Sudderth, entrance be-
hind church. 378-5821. For Box
1843, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346.

National Association of Broadcast
Federal Employees, Chapter 1376
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every
month at the Ruidoso Senior Cit-
izens Center: 258-3493 or 378-4669

New Mexico Christian
Fellowship Association
Trail ride, Bar-B-Que, fellowship
activities, Christian programs. 505-
336-4675

Nicotine 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.
258-3776

Noble 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

Optimal Club (Friends of Youth)
Noon every Tuesday at Cree Mead-
ows Country Club. New members
always welcome. 258-9669 or 258-
9218

Order of the Eastern Star
Ruidoso Chapter #645
7:30 the second Thursday of every
month in the Masonic Family Build-
ing, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

Party Bridge
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. We
have a very good group playing 2-5
tables. Come join us. 354-6058

R.E.O. Chapter Ar Meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesdays September
thru May. 257-1465

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Society 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.
258-4003

Pine Top Rod & Custom 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

Prepared Childbirth Classes
7 p.m. Mondays at the Church of
the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero
Trail, Ruidoso. Eight-week session
with qualified instructors. 257-7381
ask for the dept.

Republican Party of Lincoln County
6 p.m. the first Monday of each
month. 354-4230 or 258-4780

Republican Women of Lincoln County
7:15 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of
each month. Board meeting at 10:00
a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109

Rotary International -
Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club
Noon - Tuesdays at the Swiss
Chalet Inn.

Ruidoso Book Review
and Discussion Group Meeting
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every
month at First Christian Church
1211 Hill Road. Everyone is wel-
come to attend.

Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary
11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of
every month in the Ruidoso Care
Center dining room for free lunch
with 24-hour advance reservations.
1-15 program for residents and
guests.

Ruidoso Chest Club
6:00 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Mead-
ows Country Club. New players and
all levels welcome. 336-4219, 258-
4757, 354-8036

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary
7 p.m. the first Monday of every
month in the Auxiliary Building, 123
Downs Avenue, Ruidoso Downs.
378-4184 or 378-4766

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club
1 p.m. every Saturday at the Ruidoso
Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411

Ruidoso Federated Pressors Club
9:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of
each month Sept. through May in
the Women's Club Building, 116
Evergreen Road, Ruidoso. 258-1229

Ruidoso Garden Club
10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every
month at various locations. 258-
5509 or 257-1157

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

Ruidoso Pleasure Driving Group
7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every
month. 257-9265 or 336-9064

Ruidoso Public Library Board
Noon the second Wednesday of
every month in the Ruidoso Public
Library.

Ruidoso Shrine Club
6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of
every month at Cree Meadows
Restaurant. 257-3062

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club
Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for
lunch and a short meeting at Cree
Meadows Country Club. 258-9169

Ruidoso Veterans Club
Meets the third Thursday of each
month at the Ruidoso Senior Center
for lunch and a short meeting. Please
bring a delicious dish or suggested
donation for the club. 257-4174

SWIM - Self Help for Hand of
Healing People Inc. - Smokey
Bear Chapter
7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each
month at the Texas-New Mexico
Power Company, 1103 Mechem
Drive, Ruidoso. 258-1082

Starr's Alaska Amateur Radio Club
9 a.m. every Saturday. Location to
be announced on 146.920 MHz
after 8 a.m. 257-2135

Sterra Maria Duplicate Bridge Club
1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Ruidoso Senior
Citizens Center for weekly open
and novice games. 257-9228

Sierra Blanca Swingers
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each month at Nob Hill Elementary
for basic and intermediate square
dancing. 257-3193, 336-8808

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Planning for extended Main Street pedestrian improvements is complete, said Village Manager Alan Briley, left.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

## Main Street U. S. A. again, heading west on Sudderth

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Main Street U.S.A. is coming soon, to another section of Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

The program, which revamped three blocks of midtown Ruidoso in the mid 1990s, uses federal and state grant funds, along with local dollars, to beautify downtown areas.

The previous stretch of midtown was deemed a "priority" in the early '90s, said Alan Briley, Ruidoso village manager.

"Immediately it looked good when done," Briley told those attending a recent meeting of Ruidoso's Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee. "So we went for phase two funding."

In 1996 the village was rated a top priority in the region for additional Main Street money. It was 1998 when the funding was approved.

"We had three different parts of the original plans," Briley said. "So where does phase two go?"

The village manager said it

was determined the best location would be west of the midtown section that had received \$1.5 million dollar sidewalk improvements in 1994-1995. That would spread the updated look west, along Sudderth Drive, to Mechem Drive.

Briley said environment and soil studies had already been completed on the stretch of "uptown" Sudderth, making the almost a mile segment more accessible to pedestrians and more attractive.

Phase two has an estimated \$900,000 price tag; \$750,000 in federal and state funding is in place from the Main Street program. Another \$250,000 in local match funding is earmarked for the project.

### Sidewalks, landscaping, benches

The changes the Main Street program will bring to the west end of Sudderth Drive are minimum five-foot-wide sidewalks, some strips of landscaping between the roadway and sidewalk, vinyl-covered metal benches, and new lighting along the roadway, Briley said.

"Concerns still exist, especially on access and parking," Briley said at the meeting. "We've worked with each property owner along phase two."

The last eight to nine months have seen design work done. "Unlike phase one, almost all the businesses are located back from the sidewalk," Briley said.

"We're in the stage right now where the plans are all done. We're waiting for right-of-way certification." That involves properties that encroach into the planned sidewalk area. Briley said about 15 properties are involved. Negotiations are just getting started for the village to acquire sections of property needed for sidewalks. "We're confident the negotiations will work, but condemnation is a possibility," he said. The sizes of the "takings" range from nine square feet up to 150 square feet. "It shouldn't be too costly for us, or too adverse for the affected properties," Briley said.

The village is hoping right-of-way acquisitions will be finished in March, with May slated for the

start of construction.

Several business operators in phase two questioned why the project, which is envisioned to be completed in 120 days, covered the prime summer season.

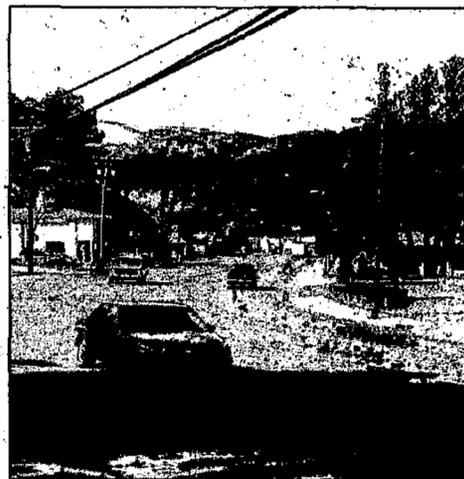
"We have to have the project started by May 15, or lose the funding," Briley answered.

Another issue that raised concern from those at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting was the loss of more on-street parking. Briley estimated 40 percent of the current on-street parking in phase two would be eliminated for the wider sidewalks and landscaping.

### No off-street parking additions

"Parking was an issue in phase one," Briley said. The village had spent \$200,000 to purchase three sites, to add parking lots a block off of Sudderth Drive. Those lots replaced 50 to 75 percent of the on-street parking eliminated in phase one.

"In this phase (two) there is no



Sidewalks and landscaping are planned for this section of Sudderth Drive.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### State officials predict some job growth in 2000

New Mexico labor officials have predicted the state's job opportunities will grow about 1 1/2 percent during the year 2000. The projection covers the period from the fourth quarter of 1999 to the fourth quarter of 2000. A state labor analyst predicts that will equate to about 10,000 new jobs.

A robust construction sector in Lincoln County is expected to continue to fuel the need for skilled building trades workers. The U.S. Census Bureau also is planning to hire as many as 40 short-term employees, beginning in March. Data gathered from the regular ten-year census determines the allocation of program funds to municipalities.

For each person about \$165 in federal funding is allocated, according to the Census Bureau.

#### State National Bank names new consultant

State National Bank has named Ovidio Campos Celaya its vice president/financial consultant, as part of the bank's start-up of an investment program.

Noting that Celaya has extensive background in the securities industry, State National Bank board chairman Leonard Lidick said

investments will be offered through Fiserv Investor Services, Inc.

For the past ten years Celaya has played a major role in the development of investment programs for banks in the southern New Mexico area. He will now establish an investment program for State National Investment Services in El Paso and southern New Mexico.

State National Bank, headquartered in El Paso, recently acquired Sierra Bank. The bank has branches in Ruidoso and eight other New Mexico communities, largely in the southern part of the state.

#### Construction values in county hold above 1998

Construction values in Lincoln County in 1999 remained slightly ahead of 1998, according to figures released by the New Mexico Department of Labor.

During the first three quarters of 1999 the value of construction projects was up 6.3 percent, totaling \$28-million. The same period of 1998 had a value of \$26.3-million. The growing pace of construction, especially in the Ruidoso area, is expected to keep the building trades sector strong.

Statewide, the Department of Labor lists construction laborers and construction helpers in the category of having a surplus of workers.

## Local rancher receives President's Award for range management

Rolla R. Hinkle II, chief operating officer and general manager of the CA Bar Land and Cattle Co., received the President's Award from the New Mexico Section of the Society of Range Management.

The group met Friday in Albuquerque for its annual meeting.

Hinkle, a native of Roswell, lives with

his wife, Marge in Ruidoso.

"Mr. Hinkle has consistently worked to create and promote a common understanding of range land ecosystems and appreciation of economic and social benefits from range land resources," said Richard G. La Casse, awards chairman. "He has created unique, innovative and cost effective range

land management approaches at the CS Bar Ranch in Socorro County that highlight the objectives of our national society."

The section is a professional organization with a membership of more than 150 from throughout the state with a common interest in the study, management and use of range lands and related ecosystems.

## Foreigners could force economic slowdown

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

There are "limits to economic growth," according to Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan. Tighter monetary policy is handwriting on the wall; the question is how aggressively the central bank will push up interest rates. The answer depends partly on the reaction of the equity market.

A meaningful correction of the stock market in anticipation of higher interest rates would mean limited increases in interest rates. More likely, the very bullish stock market sentiment means that investors will simply shrug off fears of higher interest rates.

In the meantime, consumers will continue piling up debt. America's spending habits have been supported by borrowing foreign savings.

The current account deficit has been ballooning to troublesome levels. For a while, plenty of foreign savings were looking for homes in the United States, easily financing our current

account deficits. With economic rebound in Asia and Latin America, there is intensified competition for available savings. Bond yields around the world have been rising and the value of the dollar has been under pressure. Last year, almost all of the increases in the consumer price index (CPI) were traced to higher import prices. The bottom line is higher inflation and interest rates.

Foreigners, not the Federal Reserve, may end up taming the American bull.

### Darkest before the dawn

The world looks grim for bond investors. The economy is moving full steam ahead. There are nascent signs of inflation, the central bank is raising interest rates and the competition for global savings is intensifying. Bonds are facing the strongest headwind since the 1994 blood-bath.

However, as in 1994, it is usually, "darkest before the dawn." Bond yields have overreacted and valuation models

show that bonds are quite undervalued. To be sure, bond yields will not peak until there is convincing evidence of an economic slowdown preceded by a sustained setback in stocks. Fortunately for bonds, an economic slowdown will come through either aggressive tightening by the Federal Reserve or increases in global bond yields accompanied by the dollar depreciation. Once domestic demand softens, domestic credit demand and the US's external financing needs will subside.

In this environment, duration extension should be considered. Bond yields are not about to peak, but valuation is very attractive. Like the 1994 episode, this strategy could result in sizable profits for bonds.

The spreads of Corporates, Mortgage-backed and Tax-exempt over Treasuries have been narrowing. As long as there is no recession in sight, these are good investments. Narrowing of the spreads will continue. When Treasury yields

peak and trend down, these assets will become more attractive.

### Equity volatility to continue

Stocks are the "canary in the coalmine." Without a meaningful equity market correction, an economic slowdown is not likely.

Investor sentiment remains very bullish, ignoring future hikes in interest rates. To make a significant dent on stocks, Chairman Greenspan may have to hit the market with a bigger hammer. Unlike bonds, however, stocks are not prepared for disappointments. Aggressive tightening moves by the central bank could hurt the market here and abroad badly.

This is one of the reasons why the Federal Reserve has been pursuing "slow motion" monetary policy. The gradual approach will not cool the fever in the stock market or economic strength. As pointed out earlier, the increasing dependence on foreign credit could force bond yields to rise, precipitating a U.S. stock market correction.

# 'Carrizozo 2K' work program established in town meeting

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL  
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

With 36 citizens attending the second town meeting Jan. 18, three "Carrizozo 2000 and Beyond" (C2K) projects were selected and a third town meeting is scheduled for Feb. 15.

To lighten this serious yet spirited meeting, Hollis Fuchs, facilitator, and his assistant, Howard Shanks, again posted some ground rules to follow: 1. No spitting or cussing. 2. Leave guns at the door. 3. Be courteous and

positive. 4. Everyone will be heard!

Forty-seven suggestions made for the betterment of Carrizozo at the December meeting, were narrowed down to eleven "possible to accomplish" projects.

Following discussion and some debate, everyone voted for the three most viable long range projects. They are:

1. Economic Development for Carrizozo. To find an economic development coordinator who can liaise with and receive training

from the State Economic Development Department to market Carrizozo as a fabulous place to live and establish a business.

2. Market Carrizozo to retirees and artists and people who might want to begin small businesses.

3. Upgrade and amplify the town web site created by Gary Stout to include all information about resources offered in Carrizozo and surrounding towns.

Secondary projects for future development are:

1. Continued beautification of the town.

2. A construction waste site.

3. A public restroom.

Everyone agreed that the continued support of the Carrizozo Health Center is most critical for the area and important in implementing the three projects.

Rene Burton, Carrizozo Action Team (CATS) chairperson, reminded people that CATS monthly meetings are open to all.

CATS and the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce are the sponsors

for the town meetings. The chamber meets at noon the second Wednesday of each month at Wells Fargo Bank.

Those attending last Tuesday's meeting were served a chili supper, prepared by Ruth Birdsong.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m., for a third town meeting. The focus of the meeting will be on specific ways to implement the projects. The meeting room of the Otero County Electric Cooperative on 12th Street, again will be the site of the town meeting.

## Nursing home occupancy rates falling significantly in nation

WALTHAM, Mass. — Despite the graying of the American population, the percentage of Americans residing in traditional nursing homes has declined significantly since the mid-1980s, according to a new report from Brandeis University.

Increasingly, its author says, older Americans appear drawn to newer long-term care options, including assisted living and care provided within their own homes. While it bodes ill for the struggling nursing home industry, the trend may hearten those who have long fought the institutionalization of elders with disabilities.

The report, based on the most recent National Nursing Home Survey, appeared in the journal Health Affairs. It indicates that the percentage of Americans age 65 and older residing in nursing homes fell from 4.8 percent in 1985 to 4.2 percent a decade later with the sharpest decline among those 85 and older. If the 1985 rate had held, the number of elders in American nursing homes in 1995 — actually 1.4 million — would have been closer to 1.7 million.

"Nursing homes are no longer as prominent among long-term care options as they were a decade ago," says Christine Bishop, a professor in the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at Brandeis's Heller Graduate School. "While nursing homes were the dominant long-term care option as recently as the early 1990s, new options that provide lower-level care — such as adult daycare and assisted living — have grown in prominence. Nursing homes have become more narrowly specialized, catering to those requiring the greatest assistance."

One result, says Bishop: residents of nursing homes are increasingly older and sicker, as elders with fewer needs seek services elsewhere. The facilities are generally now the choice of only the most severely disabled elders, signaling an about-face from the concerns of the 1980s over "misplaced elders" — people of widely divergent disability levels who found themselves funneled into one-size-fits-all nursing homes — to the roughly 306,000 "missing elders" cited in Bishop's report, those who have most likely abandoned government-regulated facilities in favor of less formal varieties of long-term care.

Bishop says that falling rates of disability among the elderly may account for some of the "missing elders." But more likely, she says, alternatives such as home-delivered care and assisted living — apartment complexes with access to limited care — have filled the gap left by declining nursing home use.

"Family members continue to provide most long-term care," Bishop says. "Informal, unpaid support continues to sustain many older people living in their own homes."

Bishop says her findings are the latest herald of a period of great instability for nursing homes, one that could lead to financial crisis in many facilities. "This is a time of rough waters for the nursing home industry," she says, noting that the institutions' financial health has worsened to the point that one in seven nursing home beds in Massachusetts is owned by a company that has filed for bankruptcy. In addition to demographic changes, recent policy shifts on government payments to nursing homes have also been unfavorable to the industry.

## 'Cowbelle of the Year'



Courtesy Rosalee Dunlap  
Pat Townsend, right, of Corriente Cowbells was honored as the "New Mexico Cowbelle of the Year" at the recent state meeting of the women's agriculture service organization in Albuquerque. With her is Sue Maness of Yeso, a Cowbelle member. Tiffany Merix of the Capitan schools was honored as the "Ag Educator of the Year."

## OES Grand Worthy Matron, Patron to make official visit here

Ruidoso Chapter No. 65 of the Order of Eastern Star will host the official visit of Worthy Grand Matron Mary Carolyn Puckett and Worthy Grand Patron, Finis Roberts on Feb. 17.

Eastern Star chapters throughout the state are giving funds and time to a number of projects. Money is being raised for scholarships for teachers interested in participating in Scottish Rite Learning Disabilities training. Teachers who would like more information may contact Darla Latham of the Ruidoso chapter.

The New Mexico Grand Chapter is sponsoring a fair day on July 15 at the fair grounds in Albuquerque. The public event will help support Talking Books of New Mexico; it provides free books on videotape to people with sight impairment.

Eastern Star chapters are also continuing to support local charities and projects,

the emphasis this year on local libraries.

Puckett is Past Matron of Adah Chapter No. 6, Albuquerque, and Jasmine Chapter 45, Belen.

She has held a number of New Mexico Chapter offices. She is married to Robert Puckett, and they have two sons. A native New Mexican, for the past 76 years she and her family have lived in Belen. She is employed by the U. S. Department of Energy.

Roberts is a member of Springer Chapter No. 42, where he has served as Worthy Patron seven times since 1980. He is a dual member of Clayton Chapter No. 8.

Before being elected as grand Sentinel, he served on several New Mexico Grand Chapter committees and was a Grand Representative to Alberta. He and his wife, Nadine, have four children and five grandchildren.



Puckett



Roberts

## Senator presses for road work

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has called on New Mexico transportation officials to reconsider their refusal to move forward on realigning the thoroughfare that serves the Columbus port of entry, a project for which he secured \$1 million as part of the FY 2000 Transportation Appropriations Act.

Responding to reports that New Mexico Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn continues to resist use of the \$1 million federal appropriation to help fund a road realignment to

clear traffic congestion at the Columbus border crossing, Domenici continued to disagree with Rahn about the importance of this project.

"It's a hard fact that the road realignment is an important project for the Columbus, Palomas port and the region," Domenici said. "I want to try to find additional federal resources for needed upgrades at the Columbus port, including expanding the docks there. If the crossing is reconfigured with additional dock space, the road must be realigned."

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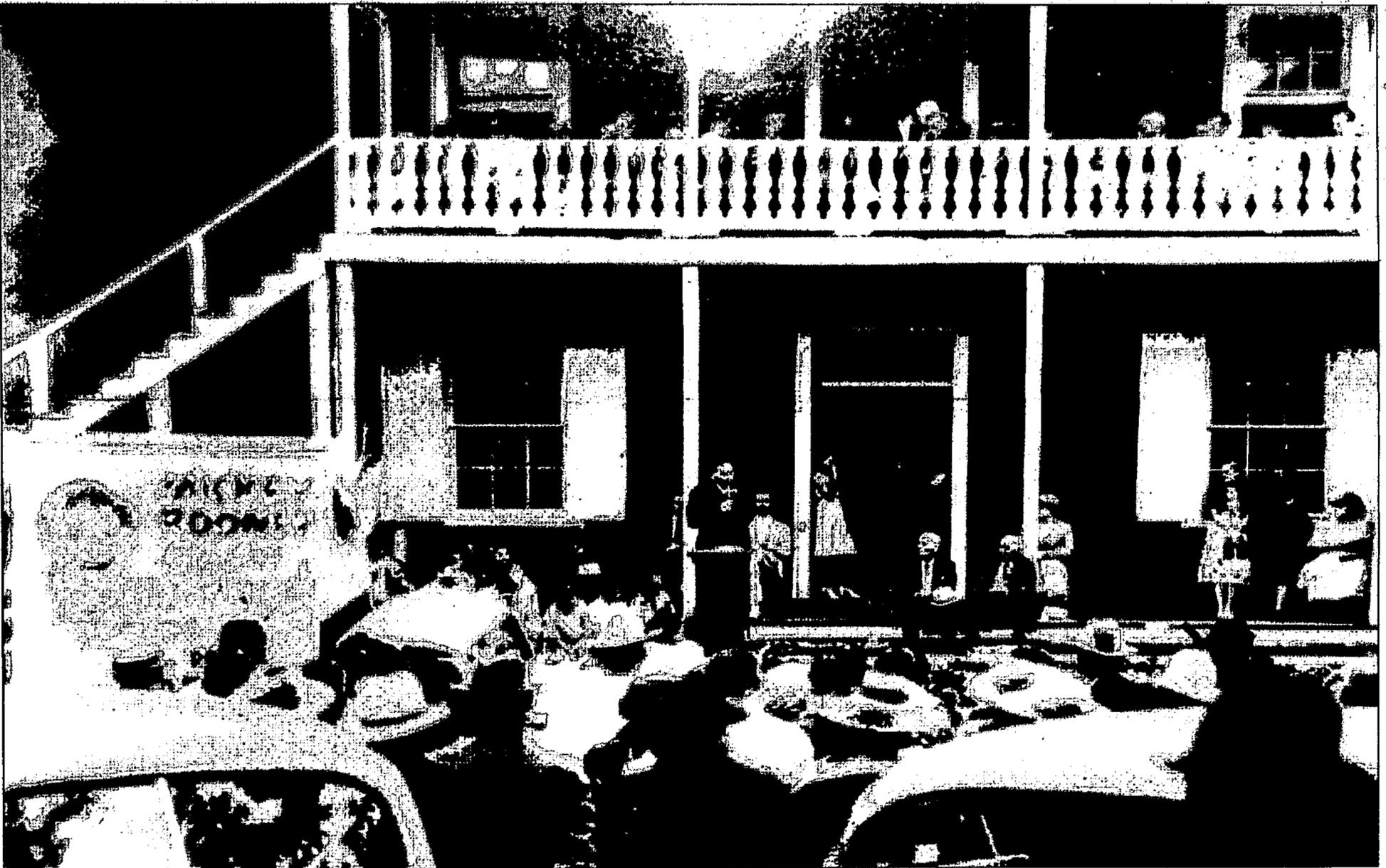
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# TRIVIA

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## So, you think you know Lincoln County?

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courtesy Wayne Joyce

This photo shows the completion of renovations to the courthouse in Lincoln back in 1939.

The Ruidoso News published these Lincoln County trivia question last week to give residents a chance to test their knowledge of area people, places and events. In this issue both questions and answers are provided so you can see how you did. Give yourself a point for every question answered correctly, including bonus questions. Use the scale to the right to determine your "local status" and your trivia expertise.

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

1. How much time passed between the first death of the Lincoln County War and the last death of the Lincoln County War?  
**One year to the day transpired between the murders of John Tunstall,**

**which kicked off the conflict on Feb. 18, 1878, and Huston Chapman, who was killed on Feb. 18, 1879.**

2. In what year did Lincoln lose its status as the county seat? **In 1909 Carrizozo became the new county seat of Lincoln County.**

3. In what year was Ruidoso incorporated? **Ruidoso was incorporated in 1946.**
4. Where was the first limousine service located in the Ruidoso area? **The service was located at White Mountain Inn in Ruidoso Downs.**
5. Who had a bear tied up near the front of his service station as a tourist attraction? **The bear was at Daryl Page's service station, located where Sierra Blanca Motors is now.**
6. Who established the Ruidoso News? **Lloyd Bloodworth**
7. What Ruidoso News publisher at one time ran for governor of New Mexico? **Lloyd Bloodworth ran for governor in 1948.**
8. Who was the chief of the Mescalero tribe in 1930s and 1940s? **The chief at that time was Percy Bigmouth.**
9. What was the name of the first theater in Ruidoso? **The Apache Theater, Ruidoso's first theater, was located across from Ruidoso Ice and Water.**
10. What was the name of the second theater in Ruidoso? **The Pueblo Theater, Ruidoso's second theater, was located where the Aspen Tree Bookstore is now.**
11. Who was the first night watchman in Ruidoso? **Frank Barajas, who later became a town marshal**
12. When did Ruidoso High School win its first state football championship? **Ruidoso High School won its first state championship in 1950.**
13. What building was "jerked" out of the way of the fire of 1953 to contain a blaze that already had consumed several buildings? **The business was Frank's Taxi.**
14. Where was the original location of the First Church of Christ in Ruidoso? **Behind the current location of the Candice Garrett gallery**
15. Where was the First Christian Church originally located? **It was located where the Sierra Professional Center is now.**
16. What year did the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital open? **The grand opening for the hospital was held in 1950.**
17. Where was the first chair lift in Ruidoso located? **It was located at Moon Mountain and called the Moon Mountain Sky Ride, It operated in the early 1950s.**
18. What did the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant used to be? **The restaurant used to be Ruidoso Food Mart.**
19. Where was the first stoplight in Ruidoso located? **It was at "The Dip" — approximately where the intersection of Wingfield and Sudderth is now. "The Dip" does not exist anymore.**
20. Where was the first 5-pin bowling alley in Ruidoso? **It was located on the south side of Sudderth Drive, west of what is now The Quarters.**
21. What historic barbershop is now a fruit stand located on the south side of Highway 70 in Hondo? **Bogar's Barbershop. It used to be located in midtown.**



Percy Bigmouth, right, was the chief of the Mescalero tribe in the 1930s and 1940s.

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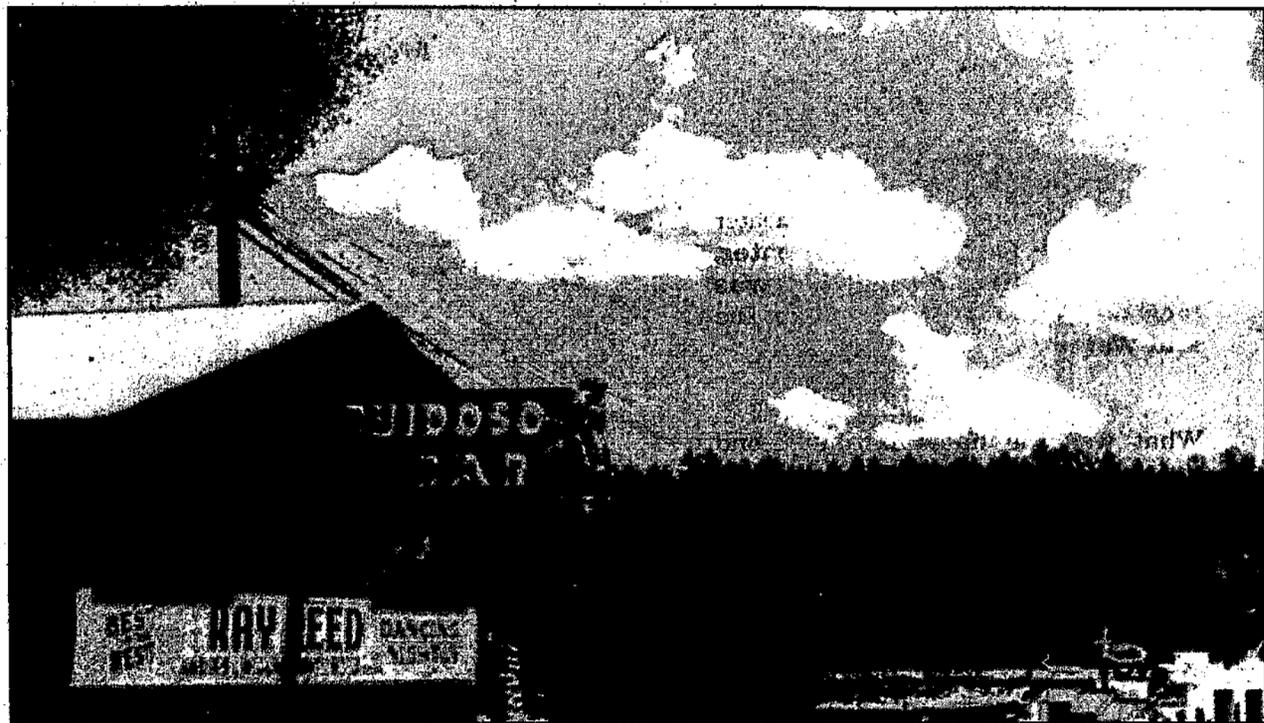
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27. Who were the owners and operators of that lumber company? **Wayne and Mildred Wantiez**

28. Who were the original owners of the Incredible? **Marie and Berard Booney and Don Blaugrund were the original owners.**

29. Who was the developer of Alto Village? **Don Blaugrund was the developer.**

30. What was Alto Village before it was Alto Village? **The area used to be the home of the George Creel Ranch.**

31. What was the original use of the building that now houses the Hubbard Museum of the American West? **It was an ice skating rink.**

32. What was originally housed in the current Ruidoso Police Department? **There was an elementary school located there.**

33. What year did Mescalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino announce the building of the Inn of the Mountain Gods? **He made the announcement in 1972.**

22. Where is the chair from that once-famous barbershop? **It now resides in Mike's Barbershop on Sudderth Drive.**

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23. Where was the first jail in Ruidoso? **It was located on the east end of the main Ruidoso Fire Station off of Sudderth Drive.**

25. What was the best finish that the Ruidoso High School basketball team ever had? **The team finished as state runners-up in 1957.**

24. Where was the White Mountain Grocery? **It was located where The**

26. Where was the city lumber company located? **It was where the Ruidoso Athletic Club is currently located.**

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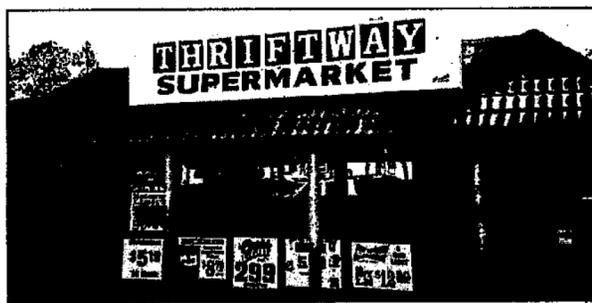
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- 34. Where is the "No Scum Allowed Saloon" located? **The bar is in White Oaks.**
- 35. What bar was written up as one of the top 10 "toughest places" in the United States in Life magazine? **The White Cat Saloon in San Patricio had claim to that reputation.**
- 36. Where was 'Tiny' s Café? **The café was located where the Art and Flower Nook is now.**
- 37. What was Alamo Pipe & Supply before it became Alamo Pipe & Supply? **It was Gamble's.**
- 38. Where was the Tastee Freeze located before it moved to its current location? **It was located where Olé Taco is now.**
- 39. Who built the Plaza Dee Shopping Center? **It was built by W.R. "Perk" Long.**
- 40. Who built the original Holiday House? **It was built by Stansell Jones.**
- 41. What year did Sudderth become a 4-lane drive? **The 4-lane project was completed in 1962.**
- 42. How may bowling alleys have been in Ruidoso? **Bowlers through the years have had a chance to frequent five different bowling alleys.**
- 43. Who is Mechem Drive named after? **Mechem Drive is named after Edwin Mechem, a New Mexico governor who helped get financing for the project.**
- 44. Who is Sudderth Drive named after? **Sudderth Drive is named after John Sudderth, who was chairman of the state Highway Commission at the time of the drive's naming.**



Living in a forest community has meant fire protection has always been important, whether the firefighters were paid or not.

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- 45. Where was the picture frame factory located in Ruidoso? **The Richardson's picture frame factory was located across from the police station where the city parking lot is now.**
- 46. What church in Ruidoso has had the same pastor for more than 40 years? **The Ruidoso Baptist Church whose pastor is Wayne Joyce**
- 47. Who composed the Ruidoso High School Warrior fight song? **Leroy Gooch was the composer.**
- 48. In what year did the first class graduate from Ruidoso High School? **The first graduating class received their diplomas in 1948.**
- 49. How many state championships has the

Ruidoso Warrior golf team won? **The team has brought back two state championships.**

50. What year was the building that is now White Mountain Intermediate School built? **It was built in 1976.**

51. What year was White Mountain Elementary School built? **That school was built in 1966.**

52. Who was the first home economics teacher for the Ruidoso School District? **The first home economics teacher was Katherine Williams.**

53. What former teacher is now in the New Mexico Legislature? **Dub Williams is a state representative from Glencoe.**

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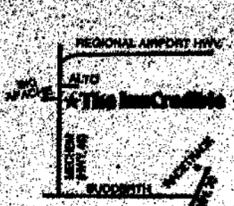



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54. What year did the current high school open? The current high school opened in the fall of 1984.

55. Where did the Ruidoso High School Warriors first play football? Ruidoso football was first played in the infield of the racetrack, which at the time in 1947, was Miller's Rodeo Arena.

56. Up until 1947, Ruidoso students in grades 1-8 attended county schools. At that time, where did grades 9-12 attend? Those students attended Capitan High School.

57. The oldest elementary school in the Ruidoso High School district is Nob Hill. What year was it built? Nob Hill Elementary School was built in 1952.

58. What is Ruidoso's form of government? It is a council-mayor form of government.

59. Highway 48 runs between what two villages? Highway 48 runs between Ruidoso and Capitan.

60. What's the name of Ruidoso's local hospital? The hospital in Ruidoso



Ruidoso at the time this photo was taken was simply known as "the little town in the mountains." It had not become "the year-round playground" yet. courtesy the Brunel Collection

is Lincoln County Medical Center.

County? Carrizozo is the county seat of Lincoln County.

61. Who manages the local hospital? Presbyterian Healthcare Services

64. When was the first Ruidoso Post office established? The first Ruidoso Post office was established in 1886.

62. What's the name of the local chamber of commerce? The local chamber of commerce is called the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

65. Where was the first golf course in Ruidoso located? It was located in the Palmer's Gateway area.

63. What's the county seat of Lincoln

66. In what year did U.S. postal authorities change the name of Palo Verde to "Green Tree," which upset many local

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residents? **The change occurred in 1947.**

**67.** Who ran the coffee shop in the Chaparral Hotel? **Henry Whipple, who also owned a restaurant where the First National Bank is now, ran the coffee shop there.**

**68.** What did The Link's Golf Course used to be? **That location used to be the site of the Ruidoso Airport.**

**69.** Where was the first Ruidoso ski area? **The first Ruidoso ski area was Cedar Creek.**

**70.** What was the original name of Aspenfest? **The original name of the event was Aspencade.**

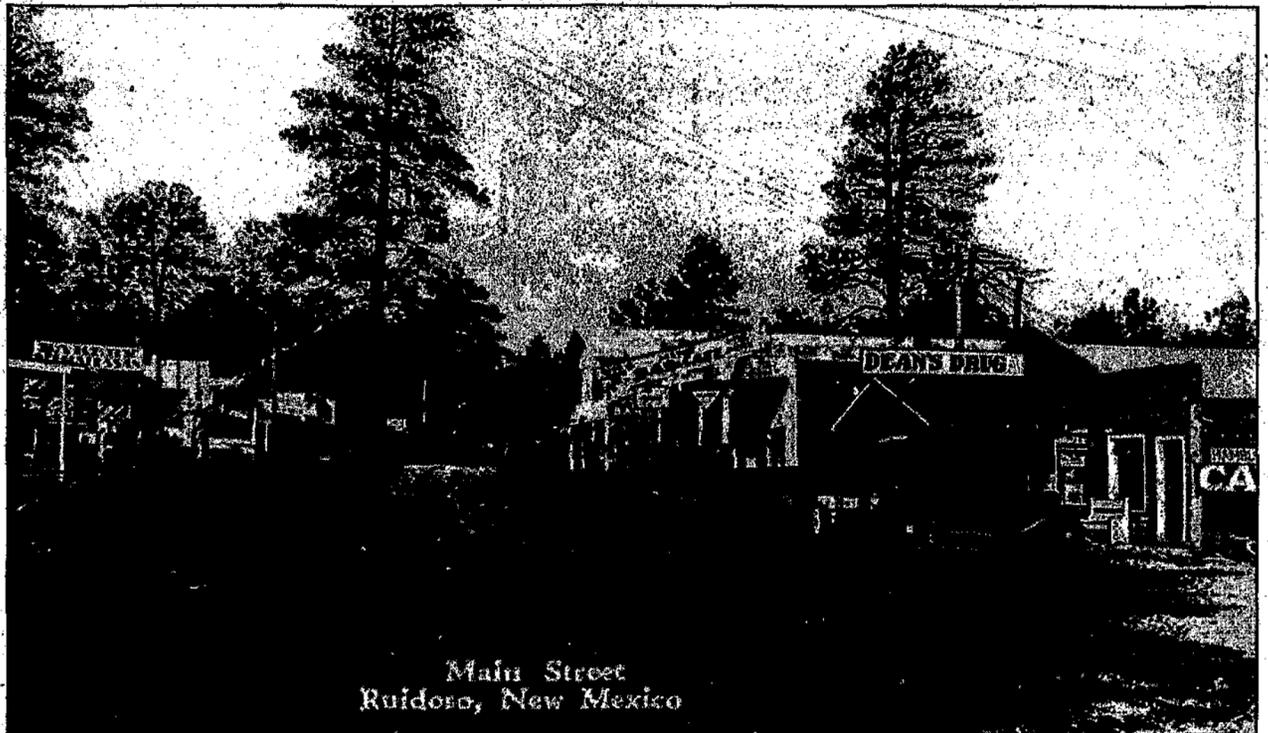
**71.** Why was the name of the event changed to Aspenfest? **Til Tomson copyrighted the name "Aspencade" and Ruidoso could no longer use the name.**

**72.** Where was Dr. W. D. Horton's office located? **The doctor's office was located across the street from the First National Bank. He later had an office where Action Ski Shop is currently located.**

**73.** What was the use of the present Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive? **The ranger station was a Civil Conservation Corps camp in the 1930s. It became an R&R station for troops during World War II.**

**74.** What was the common name for Cherokee Bill Canyon? **The common name was Dark Canyon.**

**75.** How many drive-in theaters have been in the Ruidoso area? **There have been two drive-in theaters; one was at the Sierra Mall location and the other was across from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.**



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**76.** Who published the Ruidoso Reporter newspaper in the late 1960s? **That paper was published by O.M. Russell.**

**77.** What western legacy founded by Ray Reed, who often played in Ruidoso, continues to grow year after year and brings visitors from all over the country? **The Cowboy Symposium, which is an annual event now held at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.**

**78.** Who was known as the "Will Rogers of Ruidoso?" **Ab Gunter, a writer and radio personality, was known for his way with words.**

**79.** What was La Lorraine before it was a restaurant? **It was the Buckhorn Barbershop built by Floyd Hollis.**

**80.** In 1952, what dubious distinction did Highway 70 have? **Highway 70 was the second deadliest highway in the state at the time with 86 deaths occurring in 1951.**

**81.** How many horses were killed in 1955 during a fire at Ruidoso Downs Race Track? **Twenty-one horses were lost during a fire in July of that year.**

**82.** In what year was the Smokey Bear Museum dedicated in Capitan? **The museum was dedicated in 1958.**

**83.** What was the name of the corporation that built the ski area now known as Ski Apache? **Sierra Blanca Corporation first made the agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to build and operate a ski resort.**

**84.** What was the name of the land where the ski resort was built? **The name of the area is White Mountain Park.**

**85.** In what year was the agreement for the ski resort approved? **The agreement between Sierra Blanca Corporation and the U.S. Forest Service was approved in 1960.**

**86.** In what year was the ski resort offered



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for sale to the Mescalero Apache Tribe? The tribe was offered the ski resort in 1963.

Mike Gonzales. The incident proved to be a hoax.

communities. Lincoln County commissioners, in 1965, brought about drawing new district lines.

87. Which two men who gained national news attention after reportedly killing a snake that was 18 1/2 feet long? The two men were Juan Baca and

88. Up until 1965, how many county districts held the villages of Ruidoso, Carrizozo, Capitan, and Ruidoso Downs? Only one district — District 3 — represented all four

89. In 1966, what was the hourly wage of a paid Ruidoso firefighter? In that year, a beginning firefighter was paid \$1.50 per hour.

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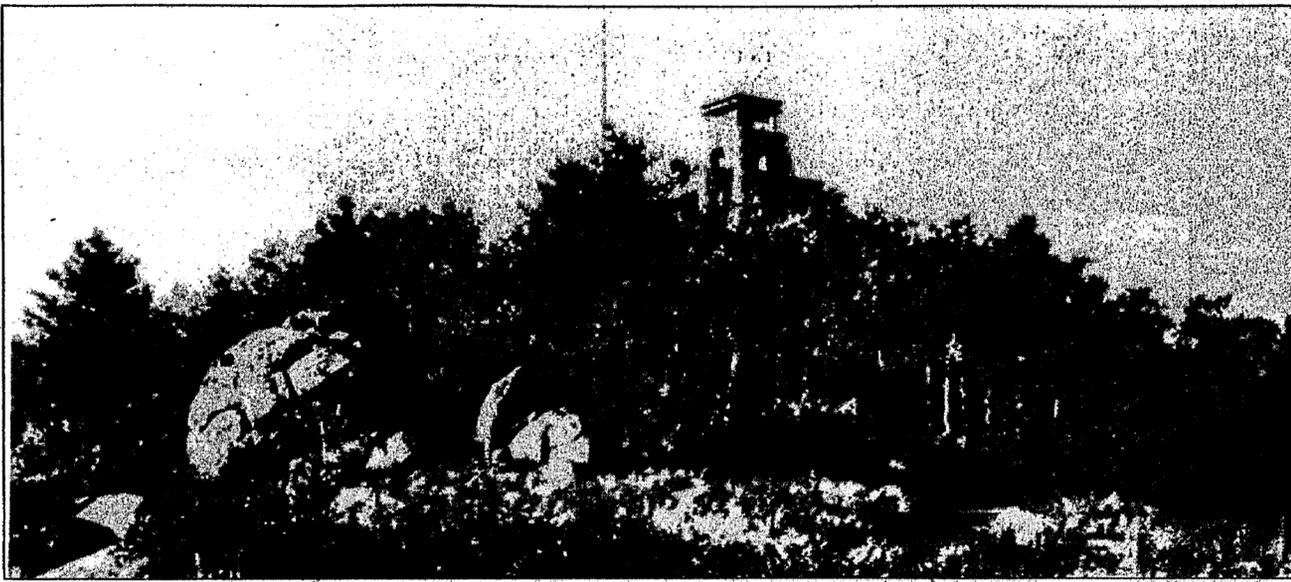
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- 90. What Lincoln County artist painted the official portrait of President Lyndon Johnson? **Peter Hurd completed the official portrait in June of 1966.**
- 91. What former Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager was sentenced in U.S. District Court for personal and corporate tax evasion? **Eugene V. Hensley, who also was a major stockholder in Ruidoso Racing Assn., was sentenced to more than 30 years for the crimes.**
- 92. When did Ruidoso's first recorded bank robbery take place? **The bank robbery**

**occurred in 1973 at the Ruidoso Downs branch of the Ruidoso State Bank.**

- 93. Who was the White Mountain Middle School coach whose firing caused 90 students to stage a walk-out in protest in 1978? **The coach was Tom Culbertson.**
- 94. Who is credited with the building of the cathedral-like St. Joseph's Church at Mescalero? **Father Albert Braun is credited with the building and is buried there.**

- 95. How many fatal accidents occurred at the "old" Ruidoso Airport from 1965 to 1985? **There were 17 recorded fatal crashes.**
- 96. Who owned the land on which the present Sierra Blanca Airport exists? **New Mexico State University owned the 1,600 acres of land on the Fort Stanton mesa.**
- 97. Which Ruidoso Downs mayor said his job "isn't worth two cents" and resigned in 1990? **The mayor was "Bones" Wright, who was replaced by Bonnie Addy.**
- 98. Who was the man who donated the building that houses ENMU-Ruidoso? **The donor was Dale Walthall, a Texas businessman.**
- 99. What action movie star came to Ruidoso to rally opposition to proposed nuclear storage on the Mescalero Apache Reservation? **The actor was Steven Seagal**
- 100. What is the name of the sculpture that adorns the Hubbard Museum of the American West? **The name of the sculpture is "Free Spirits at Noisy Waters" and was created by Dave McGary.**
- 101. What was the name of the last movie made in Lincoln County? **The name of the film was called "The Outfitters."**

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# The Arts

## A step beyond

by Sandy Suggitt  
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

A potter for 18 years creating exquisite, coil-built pots that are both traditional Indian and contemporary, Caroline Carpio has more recently pushed her work toward sculptural forms, creating life-size human figures.

This is an artist who constantly pushes herself, so it's not surprising that some of her most evocative works come about in reaction to creative blocks.

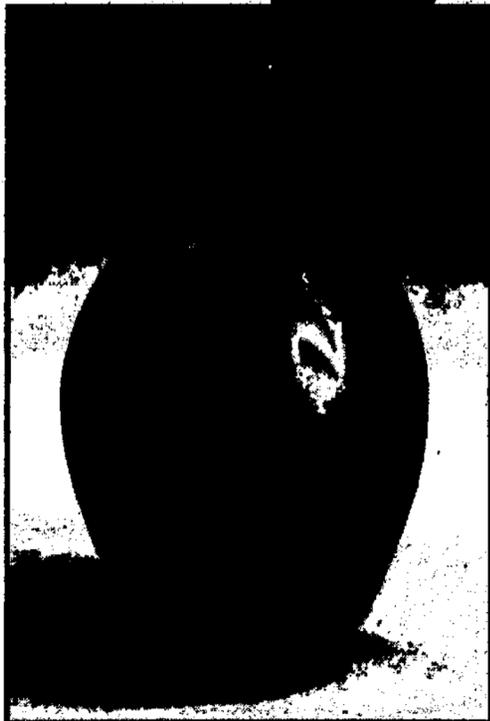
"Butterfly Lady' ... came after a really bad creative block," she said. "Sometimes I get these blocks and I want to do a sculpture, and I don't want to do a pot. There are times when I create a human being and I can feel more of the human spirit. I love creating sculptures."

Carpio collects and processes all natural clays for the majority of her works, although she uses "store-bought" clay for the larger pieces. All of them are burnished — or stone polished — to give them a high gloss, rather than putting on a slip or liquid clay body.

"I don't use a slip," Carpio said. "I like bringing out the natural clay colors. What I use is just a little bit of oil and water, and I stone polish it. The clay has a quality of its own."

Traveling to exhibit her work, she often stops when she spots clay, bringing some back home to experiment with, she said.

A Tiwa-speaking native of Isleta Pueblo,



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"GAME OF MARBLES ANYONE?," a stoneware sculpture, above, and a natural clay vase, right, show the diversity of Caroline Carpio's work.

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BEYOND

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CARPIO POSING with "Spirit of the Harvest" during Contemporary Ceramics of the People exhibition in Santa Fe.

Carpio does her work as prayer, creating "something beautiful that comes from Mother Earth." Thus she articulates the Tiwa heritage, balancing her ancestral foundation and the contemporary expression of her people today.

"I have respect for the elders that are carrying on the traditional foundation. They are the heart of our foundation, but I really admire artists that are willing to go beyond that, to be innovative and unique. I think that's (the category) I fall in: I go a step beyond."

The spiritual origins of her work are unmistakable, and through her work, she has developed an inner connection to the earth and sky, and uses the work as her way of "giving back."

"To be in tune with Mother Earth and her counterpoint, Father Sky, has taught me to respect all things of this world and to have great gratitude for my existence," she said. "We don't own the land; we're children of the

land."

Carpio took pottery classes in high school, but when she started studying at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, her major was photography. Then she started taking a few clay classes and was hooked.

In 1982 and 1983 she pioneered the first and second arts and craft shows in Isleta Pueblo, which lasted for several months a year.

Since receiving her associate of fine arts degree in 1982, Carpio has gone back to study more. In 1994 she took a foundry class at Highland University in Las Vegas, and applied what she learned to bronzing some of her work. In 1996 she received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

"Taking time off to go back to school broadened my horizons with my art, and this enabled me to do the larger pieces," she said.



courtesy

"SUMMER WINGS" is a work in bronze.

In 1996 she studied with Juan Quezada in Chihuahua, Mexico at Mata Ortiz Pottery. Other workshops she's attended have been at Casas Grande Pottery in Albuquerque, and with Paul Soldner in Santa Fe and Felipe Ortega in Albuquerque.

Carpio has also taken time off to teach clay classes for Isleta Headstart, Bosque Farms Elementary, Daniel Fernandez Intermediate School and Ernie Pyle Elementary — teaching children to pray when they collect clay.

"I'm giving thanks for letting me use her (Mother Earth)," Carpio said. "For me, she puts food on my table and clothes on my back, so I have respect for her. We have respect for each other. As I work with the clay on a daily basis, I'm always constantly talking to her."

Mother Earth may provide food, clothing and a spiritual connection, but Carpio herself is responsible for the two-storey adobe house she and her son live in. Her husband died after constructing the foundation for their dream house, so she quit pottery for a couple of years to finish building the house, she said.

"He'd made adobes for a two-storey house, and I thought, it's going to be a lot of work for me, but he made all these adobes extra wide because that was our dream. I'm going to go for it," she said.

About three-quarters of the way through, she ran out of adobes, but she had helped her husband make them, so she got to work and made enough adobes to finish the house.

"I got to work out a lot of my aggression (from her husband's death)," Carpio said. "I really appreciate our home now, and I remind our son — my son — that it was a lot of work.

He was a little boy then."

In 1998 her pottery won first place at the Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City. In 1997 a clay sculpture won best of division at Red Earth Festival, best of category at the Indian Arts & Craft Association in Denver, Colo., and best of division for clay sculpture at the Heard Museum Art Show in Phoenix, Ariz. In 1995, her "Corn Mother" sculpture won best of show, best sculpture and first place at the New Mexico State Fair and second place in clay sculpture at the Santa Fe Indian Market. Carpio's work received first, second and best of show awards at many other shows beginning in 1986.

More recently, the January 2000 issue of Cowboys and Indians Magazine included Carpio in its lists of "artists to watch."

Carpio said she gets attached to her work, even the smaller pieces, but she's learned to part with them because some of them have blown up.

"When that happens, I always think the spirits in the other world wanted a pot," she said, laughing.

A major goal for Carpio is to do a one-woman and/or group exhibition in Japan, but meanwhile, she's clear about her immediate goals with her work with clay:

"Through my art work I would like to represent and educate who we are even 500 years from now, especially with my sculptural forms, ... and to document our identity. So hopefully I'm contributing in that area."

Caroline Carpio's work can be seen at Rio Street Gallery, 111 Rio Street, every day except Sunday and Tuesday.

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**Art and Artifact**

**107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316.**  
A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

**Bellas Artes Gallery**

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**California Colors**

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Barbara Dehl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

**Chamber of Commerce**

**720 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-7395**  
The artists of Gail's Frame of Mind are featured this month at the public art space of the chamber of commerce. Hours are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Cruces Art Bronze**

**524 Sudderth, 257-7186**  
Foundry, gallery and jewelry. Specializing in custom bronze casting, bronze sculpture, alabaster, and more. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**at Ledaire's Mountain Village, 2415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso**  
Mickey and Larry Davidson's Gallery features pottery, woodwork, quilts and other fine crafts.

**Expressions in Bronze**

**2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790**  
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

**Fruit of the Trees**

**Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699**  
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase their handmade paper, blank journals and multiple products - all with paper. Turn north at the sign on Hwy. 380 between mile marker 95 and 96, follow the drive and signs to the studio.

**Gail's Frame of Mind**

**D204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.**  
Featuring exclusively "Ruidoso's Winter Moon" and Sierra Blanca Art and Lincoln County artists. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, Isz, Joyce Jones, Bernice Lradrum, Marcia Bizeau and Bear Tiewes, Rick Hall, and others. Open Mon.-Fri, 10-5 and Sat., 10-2.

**G.D. Garrett**

**2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977**  
Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

**Handwoven Designs**

**102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008**  
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ing weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Hubbard Museum of the American West**

**Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.**  
A retrospective of Veloy Vigil's works shows through Oct. 18. Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery**

**Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.**  
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

**The Kenyon Thomas Gallery**

**546 Sudderth, 257-1056.**  
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

**Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art**

**268 Main Rd. Capitan, 354-2605**  
Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

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**No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, 257-9102**  
Tom McMahon features internationally acclaimed artists in a variety of media. American paintings and works on paper, 18th to 20th centuries.

**The Montano Store**

**Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.**  
Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$7 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

**Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing**

**2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748**  
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbush, Robert Carver, Suzanne Wamsley and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Nogal Store & Gallery**

**Highway 37, Nogal**  
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Red Rose Art Studio**

**County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.**  
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

**Rio Street Gallery**

**Located in Midtown at 311 Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844**  
Original fine art in a variety of media by

nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Rizzo Studio**

**232 Sunny Slope Dr., Ruidoso, 258-3258**  
Versatile team of Barbara and George Rizzo produce unique custom, old world style painted furniture, cut stone mosaic table tops, wall art, and more. Studio open by appointment.

**Roswell Fine Arts League/N.M. Miniature Arts Society**

**107 E. 5th St., Roswell, 625-5263**  
A co-op gallery that is open from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, and has a reception for artists the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m.

**Sacred Images, Angels & Icons**

**416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627**  
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

**Spring Canyon Gallery**

**2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.**  
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

**Stribling Fine Art**

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

**The Tree's House**

**Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206.**  
The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

**Unique Creations**

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**Western Trails Gallery**

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Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

**White Mtn. Pottery Gallery**

**2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.**  
Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

**White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery**

**3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2965.**  
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**17th Annual Fine Art Show at Roswell**

The Roswell Fine Arts League/New Mexico Miniature Arts Society led by Lucille Bortle, president, invites artists from around the world to enter the 17th Annual Fine Art Show and the 11th Annual Miniature Arts Show.

Entry deadline is March 1, and the show will run from April 28 through May 7 at the Roswell Museum of Art and Science in the Patricia Lubben Basset Education Center. Awards in the amount of \$3,000 will be presented to artists participating, including purchase awards.

This show is open to all artists working in oil, alkyd, acrylic, egg tempura, water color, mixed media, pastels, drawing, hand-pulled prints, collage, fiber and sculpture. The maximum size for two-dimensional works may not exceed 48 inches in either direction. Sculpture must weigh less than 100 pounds and fit through a standard doorway. Miniatures may now exceed 20 square inches and 72 square inches framed. Sculpture maximum including the pedestal should not exceed 10x10x10.

All work must have been completed within the last two years. All entered works must be for sale. No photography, computer or photographically reproduced work will be accepted. A non-refundable entry fee of \$25 is required for up to three pieces. Artwork will be juried on slides; miniatures will be juried on original artwork. A total commission of 25 percent will be retained on all sales and will be remitted to the Roswell Museum and Art Center and the Roswell Fine Arts League, both nonprofit arts organizations, dedicated to educating and promoting the creative community.

The prospectus is available at the gallery, located on 5th Street n Roswell, across from the courthouse, or write to RFAL/NMMAS 2000 Show Entry, P.O. Box 2928-PR, Roswell, N.M. 88202-2928 and enclose a self-addressed size #10 stamped envelope.

For more information contact Vice President Helen Walters at (505) 347-4681.

**Free photography contest**

More than \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest sponsored by the International Library of Photography in Owings Mills, Md. The deadline is March 31 and the contest is open to everyone. Entry is free.

Send one photograph in only one of the following categories: people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture or other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white unmounted print, 8" x 10" or smaller. Entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back and the category and title of the photo.

Send photographs to The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9007, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, Md. 21117.



### Casino Deck Restaurant

Come enjoy our newest restaurant the Casino Deck Buffet. With excellent food made by our experienced chefs, and a view that never ends, you will never have to gamble again on a great place to eat.

Price Range: ..... \$\$  
 Phone: ..... 257-5141, ext. 7858  
 Address: ..... Inn of the Mountain Gods  
 Carrizo Canyon Road  
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 Hours: ..... Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m.  
 Lunch, Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 Lunch, Sat. & Sun. noon-3:30 p.m.  
 Dinner, Sun.-Thurs. 5-9:30 p.m.  
 ..... Dinner, Fri.-Sat. 5-11:30 p.m.



### Cattle Baron

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

Price Range: ..... \$\$-\$\$\$  
 Phone: ..... 257-9355  
 Address: ..... 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso  
 Hours: ..... 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-  
 Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
 Fri. and Sat.



### Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: ..... \$-\$\$  
 Phone: ..... 258-5676  
 Address: ..... 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso  
 Hours: ..... The restaurant opens at  
 11:30 a.m. 7 days a week



### K Bob's Steak House

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

Price Range: ..... \$-\$\$  
 Phone: ..... 378-4747  
 Address: ..... West Highway 70  
 Ruidoso Downs  
 Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.

Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

## La Lorraine

Located in midtown Ruidoso, the inviting exterior of La Lorraine restaurant promises a memorable and exquisite dining experience inside. Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu items including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb,

and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

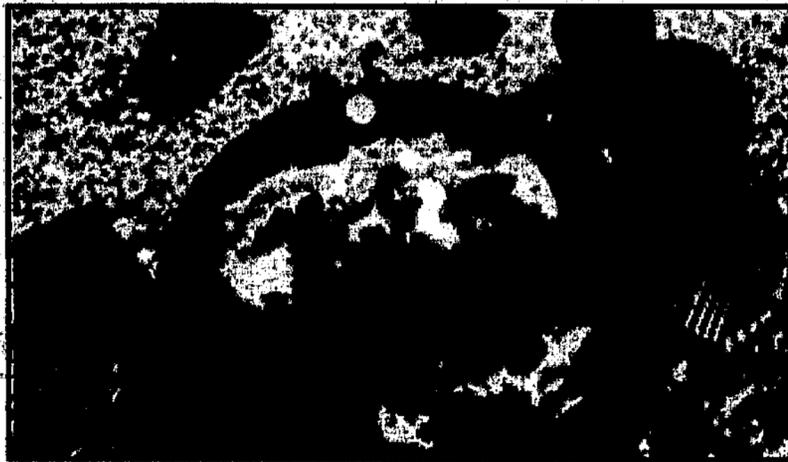
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 Phone: ..... 257-2954  
 Address: ... 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso  
 Hours: ..... Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.  
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.  
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



## Little Nellies

Home-style southwestern Mexican cooking can now be found in the heart of Ruidoso. Little Nellie's has been featured in *Gourmet* and *Sunset* magazines and was voted best southwestern Mexican food 3 years running in Las Cruces, NM by the "People's Choice" feature in the *Sun News*. Little Nellie's cordially invites you and your family to sample our family's cooking tradition.

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 Phone: ..... 630-0911  
 Address: ..... 101 Vision St.  
 "at the Circle"  
 Hours: ..... 7 days a week



## Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

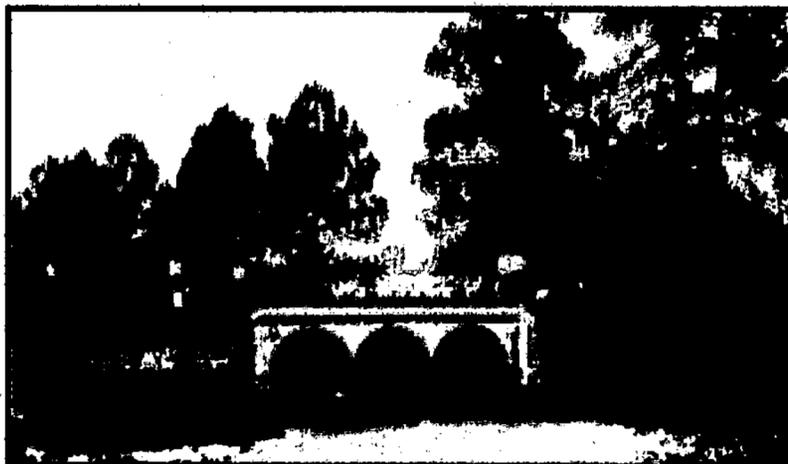
Price Range: ..... \$-\$\$  
 Phone: ..... 257-5753  
 Address: ..... 2703 Sudderth Dr.  
 Midtown in Ruidoso  
 Hours: ..... Open from 11:00 a.m.



## Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

Price Range: ..... \$-\$\$  
 Phone: ..... 258-3325  
 Address: ..... 212 Metz Dr.  
 in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso  
 Hours: ..... Lunch 11:30 a.m-5 p.m.;  
 Dinner 5-10 p.m.;  
 (Closed Mondays)



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

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## music

### Win, Place & Show

Live music by Back Swing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. through Sunday at 2516 Sudderth Dr.

### The Quarters

Live music through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

### Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

### The Lighthouse

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

## performances

### Hubbard Museum hosts Valentine's Dance

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will host a Valentine's dance featuring The Hot Club of Cowton from Austin, Texas. Playing a unique mix of western swing, jazz and fiddle, the trio will perform on Feb. 12 from 8 p.m. at the museum. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 a couple for museum members and \$20 per person and \$35 a couple for nonmembers. Reserved tables are available now. For reservations or more information call (505) 378-4142.

### Elton John plays Pan Am Center in Las Cruces

Las Cruces NM- Rock 'n Roll Icon Elton John will perform at the Pan American Center on Saturday February 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 15.

Tickets will be available at the Pan American Center Box Office, Dillard's ticket outlets or by phone at (800) 654-9545. Tickets are \$49.50 for adults and \$39.50 for children.

## movies

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

### Snow Falling on Cedars

Rated: PG-13  
Show times: 1:15 p.m.\*, 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.\*

### American Beauty

Rated: R  
Show times: 1:30 p.m.\*, 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.\*

### The Hurricane

Rated: R  
Show times: 1 p.m.\*, 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.\*

For more on the movies, see page 9D.



Courtesy

ELITE SYNCOPATION, a Connecticut-based quintet, entertains with turn-of-the-century ragtime and jazz.

# Elite Syncopation brings a jazz club sound to Spencer

by Sandy Suggitt  
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Theatergoers Saturday will receive an engaging musical education as well as enjoy the high caliber musicianship of the traveling quintet.

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## ELITE SYNCOPATION

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The performance is based on original period orchestrations of historic American music at the turn of the last century, beginning with ragtime and concluding with early jazz music, said director, Roy Wiseman, who also plays the double bass.

Wiseman will offer commentaries on the composers and musicians from Scott Joplin to Jelly Roll Morton, and insight into many of the out-of-print compositions culled from collectors and archives around the country.

The Connecticut-based quintet, which formed about ten years ago, is made up of musicians with impressive credentials.

Wiseman is also artistic director of the New World Consort, conductor of the New World Jazz Orchestra and ensemble-in-residence at Wesleyan University, where he is on the faculty. In the past he served as music advisor to Garrison Keillor's National Public Radio program, "The American Radio Company of the Air," and as conductor of the Oregon Festival of American Music. He is also on the faculty of the Educational Center for the Arts.

Liz Smith, on flute, clarinet and saxophone, is a woodwind instructor in the New London area, a member of the Goodspeed Opera House Orchestra, and performs with the New Haven Symphony, musical productions at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford and with the New World Jazz Orchestra.

Perry Elliot, on violin, is a member of the Hartford Symphony and the Connecticut Symphony at Summer Music. A graduate of the Hart School of Music and a visiting teacher of violin at Wesleyan University, he is also a founding member of the New World Consort, ensemble-in-residence at Wesleyan, and a former concertmaster of the Goodspeed Opera House Orchestra.

Ettie Luckey, on violoncello, holds a master's degree from The New England Conservatory of Music. She is also director of the Music School of Short Beach, associate principal cellist of the Bridgeport Symphony and a founder of the Blackstone Library concert series in Branford, Conn.

Gary Chapman, on piano, a former dean of the Hartford Camerata Conservatory, is on the faculty of Connecticut College where he teaches piano and jazz history. He has appeared as soloist with the New Haven Symphony, the Connecticut Orchestra at Summer Music, and

## THE SKINNY

WHAT:

Elite Syncopation.

WHERE:

The Spencer Theater  
for the Performing Arts

WHEN:

8 p.m. Saturday

TICKET INFORMATION:

336-4800 or (866) 818-7372

the United States Coast Guard Band and has appeared at London's Wigmore Hall, the 92nd Street Y, and at the Spoleto USA festival.

The group released its first CD, "Sidewalk Blues," during its 1996-97 season - and made two tours of the West Coast. The following season, they performed 65 concerts in 20 states.

The quintet takes its name from a Scott Joplin piece called "Elite Syncopations," which will be performed this weekend. Wiseman explains that syncopation is "the displacement of the beat of the musical melody so that it goes against the basic beat of the music, which is the characteristic rhythmic idea of ragtime and jazz."

At the turn of the century, marches were popular, and the most popular dance style was the two-step, Wiseman said. Gradually the one-step began to gain popularity, and Wiseman said he thinks that one of the sources of ragtime was that people were trying to emphasize the beat of the music for dancing.

"When you go against the beat, it makes it more danceable, gives the music a special kind of lilt, a new kind of special American stamp on a basically European form," Wiseman said.

The word "ragtime" first appears in print in late 1897, and Wiseman said it's usually thought of as having been originated by African-Americans with a European element to it. Syncopation, he said, is associated with African music and Spanish American music of the late 19th century.

From Scott Joplin to Jelly Roll Morton, the program will cover the musical genres associated with the development of American music from ragtime to jazz: blues, habanera, Tin Pan Alley, folk music, the New Orleans tradition, and novelty ragtime.

## The Hurricane

Genre: Drama.

Rated: R for language and some violence.

Starring: Denzel Washington, Deborah Unger, Liev Schreiber, Vicellous Shannon and John Hannah

Directed by: Norman Jewison

Produced by: Norman Jewison, Armyan Bernstein and John Ketcham

Written by: Armyan Bernstein, Christopher Cleveland and Dan Gordon.

Distributor: Universal Pictures  
Synopsis: In June 1966, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter was a strong contender for the middleweight boxing title.

When three people were murdered in a New Jersey bar, Carter's dreams were destroyed.

Driving home from a nearby club, Carter was erroneously arrested for the murders and sentenced to serve three life terms in prison.

Several years later, Carter's published memoir, *The 16th Round*, inspired a Brooklyn

teenager and three Canadian activists, who believed in the truth, to join forces with Carter to prove his innocence.

Their extraordinary efforts, commitment and love ultimately secured his release, leaving "Hurricane" to sum up his 20 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit by simply stating, "Hate got me into this place, love got me out."

## Snow Falling on Cedars

Genre: Romance and Drama

Rated PG-13 for disturbing war images, sensuality and brief strong language.

Starring: Youki Kudoh, Ethan Hawke, Rick Yune, Anthony Harrison and Max Von Sydow

Directed by: Scott Hicks.

Produced by: Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall.

Written by: David Guterson.

Distributor: Universal Pictures  
Synopsis: On a wintry Pacific Northwest island community in 1950, a quiet fisherman stands trial for murder. It looks like a straightforward case of cold-

blooded homicide. But as the trial unfolds, the simple story of the man's death unravels into a deeply haunting mystery and an extraordinary tale about the persistence of hate and the power of love.

## American Beauty

Genre: Comedy and Drama.

Rated: R for strong sexuality, language, violence and drug content.

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening, Thora Birch, Scott Bakula and Mena Suvari

Directed by: Sam Mendes.

Produced by: Dan Jinks and Bruce Cohen.

Written by: Alan Ball.

Distributor: Dreamworks SKG

Synopsis: A biting, penetrating and often humorous take on contemporary life in suburban America, Lester Burnham becomes intrigued by a young girl named Angela, and this fascination sparks him to make some major changes in his life. He relishes these changes, much to the exasperation of his wife Carolyn.

## Local art flies at the Eagle

Two Lincoln County artists are highlighted for the month of February at the Eagle Ranch. Bob Reynierson lives in the old ghost town of White Oaks and Sam Huston lives in Carrizozo. Reynierson will show cowboy and Indian art using oil and watercolors, and Huston is a sculptor and will show Western art in bronze.

Reynierson, who spends most of his days painting, holds a B.A. degree in art from the University of Kentucky. As a native of the bluegrass country, he specialized in paintings and drawings of horses. After moving to the southwest some 20 years ago, he expanded to include cowboy art and southwest landscapes.

This exhibit will include some contemporary cowboy and Indian art but will feature small to medium landscapes in oil and watercolor. In addition to more than 40 paintings, Reynierson will offer small, limited edition signed prints of local subjects.

Reynierson exhibits a free style, using heavy impasto brush work. The main subject is usually highly detailed, while the background quite often is abstract or impressionistic. There is strong contrast between light and dark, and warm and cool colors. All of this creates a strong center of interest which is

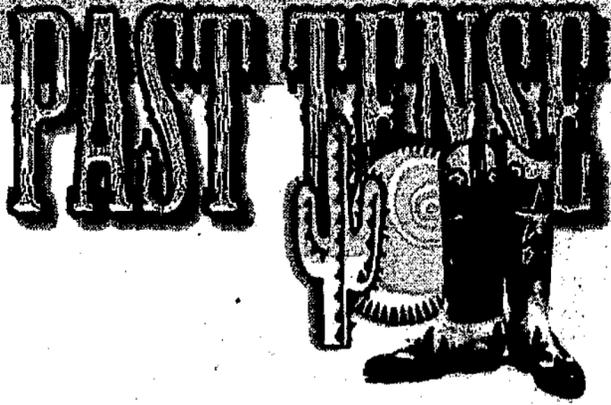


Courtesy photo

Sam Huston's carved animals on exhibit at Eagle Ranch in February

Western artist, Wes Smith, became a personal teacher.

A reception to meet the artists will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the gallery, 7288 Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa. Call (800) 432-0999 or 434-0035 for information.



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# Bud Frazer and Jim Miller

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**G**A. "Bud" Frazer was born in West Texas, the son of a county judge, on April 18, 1864. Most of the 32 years that Bud lived were devoted to law enforcement. At the tender age of 16, he joined the Texas Rangers, and for some time after that worked as a deputy sheriff at Pecos County. In 1890, he was elected Sheriff of Reeves County. He was 26 at the time. It seemed as though Bud had a long career in public service ahead of him, but fate intervened, in the form of "Killin'" Jim Miller.

Born October 25, 1861, Miller was destined to become the West's premier assassin for hire, possibly murdering as many as 50 men in the course of his lurid career. Even as a child the amoral killer was suspected of having a homicidal bent. There were many who suspected him of killing his own grandparents.

By the time he was in his teens, Miller was living with his sister and brother-in-law who were, apparently, the only ones who would have him. In 1883, Jim ended the relationship by taking a shotgun to his brother-in-law. Although Jim was pursued, captured, tried for murder and given life imprisonment, the case was overturned. It was never retried.

#### Pecos

In 1891, Jim, with untold dead men down his back trail, showed up in Pecos, Texas, seeking employment. And, hard as it is to believe that Bud Frazer was unaware of just who it was that he was



hiring to uphold the peace, he nevertheless, gave Killin' Jim the job. One possible reason for this is that despite his odious reputation, Miller had impeccable manners. It was simply hard to believe that this was the same assassin that everyone dreaded. In fact, his winning personality made him many friends nearly everywhere he went. That, coupled with the fact that Jim attended church regularly — seemingly one of its most pious attendees — tended to make everyone wonder if this was the same man who was known to so

many as Killin' Jim. As a matter of fact, one of his other nicknames was "Deacon" Jim. It is interesting to note that now, 91 years after his death, the kindest thing that anyone has said about him was when historian C.L. Sonnichsen commented that "he had the best manners."

Deacon Jim never swore, drank, or smoked. He just killed people. And as fate would have it, he married into a family with a similar reputation. Jim Miller married Sallie Clements, who was a cousin to the West's deadliest gunfighter, John Wesley Hardin, who, at the time, was still a guest of the State of Texas. She was also the daughter of the late Mannen Clements, who like many of the clan, had died on a barroom floor. Mannen had also been the favorite relative of Hardin, and whether or not it was to please his wife or to curry favor with the soon-to-be-released Hardin, or simply out of pure meanness, Killin' Jim laid in wait for the lawman who had killed Mannen. The officer survived the wounds, although he lost his arm because of them.

**The sheriff and his deputy**

At about this time, a large number of cattle began disappearing from ranches in the vicinity of Pecos. Bud Frazer, who apparently still trusted Miller, conducted an investigation which cleared his deputy. Many were unconvinced, though, and when Miller found that one of those who felt that way was Bud Frazer, it irritated him.

Frazer left on official business for a time, and the news that reached him from Pecos did not please him. Miller, he learned, had pretty much let the criminal element run the town while the Sheriff was away and had even shot a Mexican prisoner "while trying to escape." It turned out that the prisoner had been aware of a pair of mules that Jim had nefariously acquired and had made the terminal error of threatening to spill the goods. Hence, he was "shot while trying to escape."

In addition, Bud also learned that his deputy planned to kill him on his return. Frazer used his head, and stopping in El Paso on his return, he looked up legendary Texas Ranger Captain John R. Hughes and convinced the Captain to accompany him back to Pecos. When the pair arrived in Pecos, all of Miller's plans faded away. Not even Killin' Jim was prepared to take on John Hughes, or any other Texas Ranger, for that matter.

Hughes and Frazer arrested Miller and slapped him into his own calaboose, where he was

charged with plotting to commit murder. Miller was tried and acquitted in El Paso, much to Frazer's disappointment.

It is interesting to note that throughout his lurid career, Miller always relied on the courts to acquit him... and they always did. Frazer re-thought his strategy.

**The first gunfight**

In 1894, Jim Miller returned to Texas and purchased a hotel. At the same time, he told virtually anyone and everyone who would listen to him, that he, Jim Miller, now intended to lead a quiet, and yes, pious life. What is truly amazing is that there were those who actually believed him. Bud Frazer, of course, was not among them.

On April 12, 1894, Frazer walked up behind Miller on the street in Pecos. When Miller heard Frazer call his name, he turned just in time to see Bud open fire. Frazer's first bullet hit Miller in the chest and the Sheriff couldn't help but observe that the bullet seemed to have absolutely no effect. Of course, this little setback didn't deter Bud, and his second bullet slammed into Miller's right arm. Killin' Jim jerked a pistol with his left hand and returned fire. Jim was not an ambidexterous shooter, though, and his firing was wildly inaccurate. This was exceedingly unfortunate for the innocent bystander that was standing behind Frazer who Miller dropped in his tracks.

At this point in the shoot-out, Frazer dropped his aim and his bullet hit Miller in the diaphragm. This bullet knocked Miller to the ground and Frazer, thinking that he had finally killed his hated adversary, left the scene.

But Miller wasn't dead. On the contrary, except for the bullet in his arm, he was barely even injured.

People had always wondered why Jim Miller wore his heavy black frock coat even in the hottest days of summer. There were those who thought it was because he was so pious, but that certainly wasn't the case. It was because Jim had sewn a heavy iron plate into the lining of the coat, creating a sort of early bullet-proof vest.

Unfortunately, no one thought to mention it to Bud Frazer.

**The second gunfight**

Bud Frazer was not re-elected as Sheriff, possibly because the citizens of Pecos didn't want a feudist as their chief law enforcement officer in the county. Bud left for Eddy (now Carlsbad), in New Mexico. About the same time that Bud was planning to return to Pecos on business, word reached him

that Jim Miller was going around town bragging about how he had run Frazer out of town.

Shortly after arriving back in his old bailiwick, Bud Frazer, perhaps by accident, more likely by design, ran into Killin' Jim on the street. Wordlessly, both men went for their guns. However, as I stated earlier, no one had thought to tell Bud about Miller's "undergarments." This gunfight was nearly a replay of the last one. Bud's first two bullets (Bud does seem to have been the superior gunman) hit Miller in the arm and leg.

As Killin' Jim went down, Bud stepped forward to finish the argument once and for all. He fired point-blank into Miller's chest and then stood dumbfounded as, once again, the bullet seemed to have absolutely no effect. Not really knowing what to make of this, Bud left the scene rather hastily.

**The last gunfight**

It was on September 13, 1896, that the two men met for the last time in Toyah, Texas. Receiving word that Frazer had been gambling in a local saloon, Killin' Jim grabbed his favorite weapon — a shotgun — and headed in that direction. Peering into the place through the batwing doors, Miller realized that he had a nice, clear shot at Frazer from right there. Never one to stand on the formality of giving his opponent a chance, Jim laid the twin muzzles across the top of the door and

opened fire, decapitating Frazer. Actually worse than decapitation — witnesses said that Frazer's head turned into a "fine red mist." And when Bud's distraught wife arrived on the scene and began screaming, Miller, apparently forgetting his legendary manners for once, informed her that, if she didn't shut up, he would do the same to her.

What a guy.

At the trial, one of the character witnesses summoned by Miller's defense was a minister who testified that Jim was a fine, upstanding sort of fellow, even though it did appear that he had some rather annoying habits.

(Yeah, like killing anyone and everyone he felt like!)

Killin' Jim was acquitted. No wonder he liked to put his faith in the courts.

**Epilogue**

Jim Miller's career went on into the 20th century. Many have thought that he was a prime suspect in the murder of Pat Garrett in 1908, but it is the opinion of most experts today that while Miller was in the area, he had nothing to do with the killing itself.

Killin' Jim Miller's luck finally ran out Ada, Oklahoma in 1909. Jim, along with the three men who had hired him to perform a contract killing, were dragged to a barn by vigilantes and unceremoniously lynched. According to witnesses, Miller went to his death

"game." When they put the rope around his neck, he asked that his hat be placed on his head and then, looking around, said "Let 'er rip!"

The vigilantes obliged.

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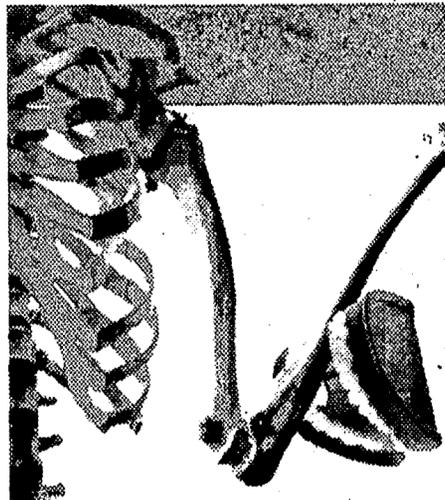
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## When it comes to childbirth, men should watch for the ball-peen



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So my wife and I are preparing for childbirth.

When I say "my wife and I," I of course mean "my wife." She will be the most directly involved. On behalf of all men, I just want to take a moment here to get down on my knees and thank whoever invented our current biological system, under which the woman's job is to have the baby somehow go from the inside of her body to the outside of her body, in clear violation of every known law of physics, and the man's job is to stand around looking supportive and periodically, no matter what is actually happening to the woman, say, in an upbeat and perky voice, "You're doing great!"

My wife thinks the only fair system would be if, every time the woman had a contraction, she got to hit her husband on the body part of her choice with a ball-peen hammer. Of course she is kidding. But only because her contractions have not yet started.

We've been going to Childbirth Classes, which involve sitting in a classroom filled with expectant couples and a mounting sense of dread. The teacher usually starts with a scientific discussion of childbirth, in which she shows us various diagrams and models to give us an idea of what will be hap-

pening when the Big Moment arrives. In my opinion, the most informative way to do this would be to hold up a bowling ball and a drinking straw, and say: "Basically, THIS has to go through THIS. Ha ha!"

But our teacher keeps it fairly technical. After a while, we're starting to feel confident about this childbirth thing. We're thinking, "OK, all that has to happen is the cervix has to dilate to 10 centimeters! How hard can that be? I wonder what a cervix is? Also, a centimeter."

So we're pondering these abstract questions and maybe thinking about what we're going to have for dinner later, when suddenly, with no warning, the teacher turns out the lights and shows a horror movie.

Oh, it starts out innocently enough: There's a nice couple consisting of a woman who is pregnant and a man who is supportive-looking and generally has a beard. They seem happy, but you just know she's going to go into labor. You want to stop her. It's exactly like those scary movies where the heroine goes down into the basement, and you want to shout, "DON'T GO DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT!", except in the child-

birth class you want to shout, "DON'T GO INTO LABOR!"

But she always does go into labor. It seems to last a LOT longer than necessary. Hours turn into days, and still she is in labor. Outside her window, the seasons change. Her doctor grows old and gray and is eventually replaced by a new doctor, and STILL this poor woman is in labor. Her husband keeps telling her she's doing great, but you can tell from her expression that he's very lucky she doesn't have a ball-peen hammer. Eventually she becomes so deranged that she apparently does not even notice that there is a cameraperson shooting extreme closeup footage of ... OK, let's just say that it is not her most flattering angle.

When the woman gets to approximately her 15th year of labor, she begins making noises that you rarely hear outside of nature documentaries, and her husband edges back a little bit in case she gets her hands on a scalpel. The movie now becomes very explicit, causing the entire childbirth class to go into a mass cringe, all of us hunched up and involuntarily protecting as many of our body parts as possible. I use this time to practice my squinting, which is the most important thing

the husband learns in childbirth class. I use a special Lamaze squinting technique that enables me to prevent virtually all rays of light from penetrating my eyeballs.

When the woman in the movie makes a noise identical to what you'd hear if a live yak went through a garlic press, I unsquint just enough to see it happen, the Blessed Event, the timeless miracle that makes the whole thing worthwhile: An alien bursting out of the woman's chest cavity.

No, seriously, what happens is that the woman has a baby, via a process that makes what happened in "Alien" look like an episode of "Teletubbies." Then our childbirth-class teacher turns the

lights on, and the pregnant women all turn to face their husbands, and they all have the same facial expression, which says: "This is NOT fair." We husbands respond by smiling supportively and patting their arms in a reassuring manner. Because we're sure they're going to do great.

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