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'We are the champions!'



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso Warrior Solomon Barnett gets a steal and a breakaway with less than a minute left in the third quarter of Saturday's game against Silver. Last-minute heroics by Barnett and Todd Schradler helped the Warriors to their first-ever regular-season district title. The Warriors won the district tournament in 1981, when they upset Deming in Deming. This time, it will be the Warriors who host the tournament.

County commissioners continue their recovery

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After an operation Saturday to stabilize his pelvis, Lincoln County Commissioner Rick Simpson said he expects to leave the hospital in Ruidoso in a few days and then spend six to eight weeks on crutches.

"When you think about it, the situation sounds like an auto mechanic," he said Tuesday from his bed at the Lincoln County Medical Center. "They were waiting on parts before they could operate and the parts arrived on the bus. They installed them and now I'm purring like a Toyota."

Simpson was injured Feb. 5 while horseback riding with his son. He separated his pelvis in the middle and tore it loose from his spinal cord on the right side, he said. When it failed to heal from immobilization, physicians Friday told the commissioner from Glencoe an op-

eration was necessary.

"(Monday) was the first day my feet touched the floor since Feb. 5," he said. "It was kind of a woozy experience and I passed out, but I'm going to try again today."

His fellow commissioner, Leo Martinez, returned to his home in Ruidoso Monday from an Albuquerque hospital, where he was rushed last week after a local doctor told him he had a heart attack the previous weekend. Martinez was kept in the coronary care unit, but that didn't keep him from calling friends to tell them he was all right.

He underwent a procedure to clear blockages from two blood vessels. He was released Monday with orders from his doctors to exercise and diet, he said.

His heart responded well and if he follows recommendations, no further procedures should be necessary, Martinez said. High cholesterol was a major villain in his problem, he said.

Alamo: Bonito Lake is not for sale

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While the Village of Ruidoso's long-range water improvement plans recommends the purchase of more than \$1 million in water rights, Bonito Lake rights are unavailable.

City of Alamogordo officials say neither the lake, northwest of Ruidoso, nor water rights, are for sale.

"We have no plans to divest ourselves of any water rights at Bonito, indefinitely into the future," Pat McCourt, the city's manager said.

"We see Bonito Lake as being a very vital part of our water system needs here," McCourt said.

Robert Donaldson, village of Ruidoso mayor, said the village would like to get the approximately 1,300-acre-feet of water rights now owned by Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base. The rights equate to more than 400 million gallons of water annually.

"If these water rights were available, the village would be pursuing them," Donaldson said. The mayor said the village has approached the city of Alamogordo many times in past years.

"It would take some sort of a consortium to buy them if they ever came available. And we would certainly be part of such a consortium, if the rights ever came available," Donaldson said. He estimated the rights to be worth some \$40 million.

Alamogordo purchased the property and most of the water rights nearly 50 years ago. A pipeline carries water from the lake to Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base. Bonito Lake accounts for about 10 percent of the water supply for Alamogordo. Other Alamogordo sources are from the southern Sacramento Mountains east of the city, and some

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Mayor says water, center not related

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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If next week's Ruidoso community center vote fails, the village will not return with a debt service question for residents on water improvement needs, Mayor Robert Donaldson said Tuesday.

The promise, issued as a guarantee, was delivered during Tuesday night's village council meeting by the mayor.

Donaldson was responding to the questioning of village priorities.

"I do believe there are some priorities that come before others," resident Myrtle Arrington said. "Why can't we settle water problems first, and put off others until the water problem is solved?"

"We don't need any more money for water," Donaldson said in response to Arrington. "What we need is the time."

Pointing to what he said was ample funding for water system improvements through a supplemental gross receipts tax, Donaldson said it will take time to accomplish projects spelled out in the village's new 20-year water master plan.

Arrington questioned Donaldson for 40 minutes on water concerns.

"Now we're being asked to vote for \$6 million for a recreation center," Arrington said. "I'd be for it, except for our water needs. How much water will it take to fill an Olympic-sized pool?"

Alan Briley, village manager, estimated the proposed pool's capacity

at 650,000 gallons.

"I can't see why, with the water situation like it is, that we continue to endorse and approve the different things that are being done and built now," Arrington said about continued development in the village.

"We're confusing two issues," Donaldson said. "We're confusing growth and we're confusing drought. Both have to be dealt with separately."

The mayor said managed growth is necessary to assure gross receipts tax revenues continue to fund city services. He also said water conservation measures, in place not just in Ruidoso but communities across the southwestern United States, were necessary with the drought conditions.

"Everywhere you go water is the topic," Arrington said.

Donaldson said the village has made strides in recent years to improve the water system and much more will be done in the coming years. He said the village, however, must continue water conservation measures.

"We have to make sure that people use it properly," Donaldson said of Ruidoso's water supply. "It's unfortunate that a few people abuse it. And actually not just a few. There are a fairly substantial amount of people that use over 25,000 and 35,000 gallons a month during the growing season. If we can control

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Fort meeting draws packed house

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The long-term preservation of historic Fort Stanton will require a blending of uses and of money, supporters of the fort agreed Thursday.

But the 1855 complex may face a more immediate threat. In the rush to end the special 30-day session of the state Legislature earlier this month, no money was allocated to maintain the 88 buildings in the complex 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso, said state Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, who called the meeting.

That could be remedied in a special legislative session set for June, he said.

Several hundred people crowded into the Lincoln County Commission room Thursday to support the fort. They agreed that no single entity could afford the task of restoring and stabilizing buildings, improving the fort's utility equipment and keeping up with monthly maintenance.

However, no consensus was reached on whether the state should retain ownership, but assign the fort to a more appropriate division such as the Parks and Monuments Division, or if the U.S. Department of Interior should take over through the National Park Service or Bureau of Land Management.

While that future course is being debated, Ed Roberson, Roswell district BLM manager, said he will draft a memo-

randum of understanding spelling out his agency's willingness to work with the county on efforts to preserve the fort.

The land that surrounds the fort is designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the BLM.

"I appreciate the county's offer to involve us, because the fort is affected by what we do with the land around it and the land around it will be impacted by what happens to the fort," Roberson said.

He estimated the cost of restoring the buildings to their historic character at \$20 million. While the BLM doesn't have that kind of money, its employees do know how to acquire grants, he said.

If the state is pushed to care for the fort, it could be lost as a living museum, unless it is conveyed to the Parks and Monuments Division, he said. He urged action to obtain planning grants and to set deadlines.

County Manager Tom Stewart, who is coordinating efforts, responded by setting the next meeting for 9 a.m., March 7 in the commission room of the county courthouse in Carri⁷⁰²

Capitan resident Lonnie Lippmann, who apologized for past criticism of Lippmann's efforts on behalf of the fort, suggested a committee be formed with representatives from state and federal agencies, from government, from preservation groups, private groups and veteran organizations.

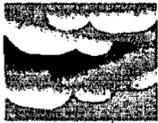


Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Area residents, including veterans groups, came together last week to discuss the fate of Fort Stanton.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 55 Low ... 29



Mostly cloudy

THURSDAY High ... 47 Low ... 30



Rain/snow

FRIDAY High ... 52 Low ... 27



Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	48	29	.00"
Saturday	53	30	.00"
Sunday	66	27	.00"
Monday	N/A	N/A	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	59	36	Mostly cloudy
El Paso, TX	64	43	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	67	40	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	69	42	Mostly cloudy

Feb./March, phases of the moon



STARDATE

Romans paid lavish tribute to Mars, the god of war, naming both a month and a planet in his honor. The month, March, begins today. And you can see the planet Mars in early evening. It looks like a fairly bright orange star, low in the west as darkness falls.

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Girl critically injured in car crash

Pamela Garcia has been moved from intensive care to a less critical unit

A Ruidoso girl, critically injured in a Feb. 25 accident, was listed in serious condition Tuesday at an Albuquerque hospital.

Pamela Garcia, 15, was flown to the University of New Mexico Medical Center in Albuquerque after initial treatment at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

A University of New Mexico Medical Center official said Tuesday evening that Garcia had just been moved from an Intensive Care Unit to a "soft unit," described as a less critical unit.

Garcia was one of three 15-year-old girls in a car traveling on White Mountain Drive at 9:09 p.m.

The driver told Ruidoso police that an oncoming vehicle's lights blinded her as she approached a curve in the 700 block of White Mountain Drive.

The driver lost control, and then, according to police, over-corrected, resulting in the car skidding sideways and entering the ditch.

Garcia's upper body went through the windshield of the car.

She was able to exit the auto, and went to a nearby residence.

A police report stated Garcia lost a large quantity of blood during her walk to the residence.

The other two girls were

treated for minor injuries at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Neither Garcia, nor the driver, were wearing seat belts, according to police.

The back seat passenger was buckled up.

A fund to help defray the family's medical costs has been established in Ruidoso, according to Amber Sanchez, a friend of Garcia.

Those wishing to assist can make donations to the Pamela Garcia account at the First National Bank of Ruidoso, 451 Sudderth Drive.

Those making donations can leave them with a bank teller for Pamela Garcia, said Sanchez.

BONITO: The city of Alamogordo is not looking to sell

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Alamogordo's aquifer, which largely provides highly mineralized, hard water, is currently mixed with the other sources, such as the Bonito Lake supply, to offset hardness from the well sources.

To meet peak summer demands, the city is looking to expand its capacity, through the desalination of ground water.

Even with the likely future desalination of well water, McCourt said Bonito Lake would remain a primary water storage facility for Alamogordo.

"We're in the same position as Ruidoso," McCourt said. "There's a drought, and we need our water sources."

Alamogordo is looking to

sell some of its land holdings near Bonito Lake, but McCourt emphasized water rights will not be sold. The property being considered for sale would not impact the recreational side of Bonito Lake.

Ruidoso's 20-year Water Master Plan makes no mention of buying Bonito watershed rights.

The plan does look at buying rights from other sources.

Ruidoso's five-year water system improvements plan calls for the purchase of part of the Ruidoso Property Trust water rights, pegged at \$469,000.

Those rights are in the area of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The intermediate plan also lists the purchase of some rights downstream in the Rio Ruidoso. That price is estimated at \$521,000. Long term,

in the 20-year plan, are additional purchases of downstream Rio Ruidoso water rights.

"We're going to begin pursuing (Rio) Ruidoso basin water rights in short order," Donaldson said. "We'll be looking to purchase water rights people don't want to use."

The mayor estimated the first round of bonding, to finance water rights purchases, would total \$1.5 million dollars.

He said the village would never rule out the possibility that Bonito Lake basin rights might someday become available. "The key in my mind is people, who live in Ruidoso, will see their water supply increase," Donaldson said.

WATER: The issue is a village priority

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them, and get them in line, and then do the things that should have been done years ago ... we wouldn't need (water) restrictions at all."

Donaldson suggested the village may have to "hit them in the pocketbook," referring to residential water users who use excessive amounts to keep their yards green.

Responding to further questioning, the mayor outlined plans to completely fill up Grindstone Reservoir, which he said would assure a 559-day supply of water for the village.

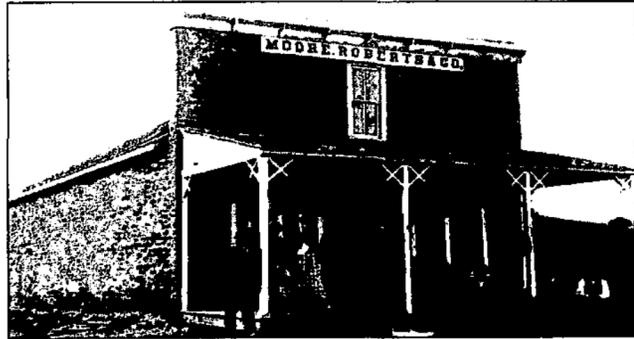
He explained new exploratory wells, plans to purchase additional water rights in the Rio Ruidoso basin, and

ongoing replacement of water supply lines, to address leaks in the system.

"There are still questions I still don't think have been answered because Ruidoso means so much to us," Arrington said. "And I want to be able to enjoy our hobby while we still have the time to do it," she said of her gardening pursuits and the outdoor water use restrictions.

"And I agree with you," Donaldson responded. "And that's the reason, behind the scenes, we've really been spending some time and thinking about it."

Donaldson said the village's top three priorities related to water are: household supply, fire protection and the area economy.



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The Moore Roberts store.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle March 8, 1900

Last Saturday was the grand opening for the sale of the town lots at Capitán

The Jicarilla district is enjoying a boom. Several new placers, which are reported to be very rich, have been opened recently and an era of good feeling has accordingly been devel-

oped among the old inhabitants. A right respectable little village has sprung up in the center of which is a post office, two stores and a saloon.

Ramon and Modesto Ulibarri have purchased the Palace Saloon fixtures from Pete Thompson for the purpose of putting them in a saloon in the Jicarillas. They will open up near the head of Rico Gulch.

Mrs. J. H. Steele and children, Mrs. Ed McTeague and baby, and Miss Abrana Lucero, all of Richardson, are visiting in the city. ...

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NEWS BRIEFS

Downs council clashes on land purchase

A motion to acknowledge Ruidoso Downs purchase of property, envisioned for a new fire station, brings allegations that the village overpaid and has mishandled the project.

The 7 1/2 acres of land, along U.S. Highway 70, was purchased last year, using a state loan. The village bought the property for \$225,000.

"There's a lot of questions," said Judy Miller, village trustee.

Dan Bryant, Ruidoso Downs village attorney, said there was another two-acre site that could have been purchased for \$225,000.

"But we have already purchased the 7 1/2 acres," Bryant said. "I'm not asking the council to change anything, or alter anything. I'm asking the council to confirm they have purchased the 7 1/2 acres."

In the end, the council, on a three to one vote, approved a motion confirming the purchase of the property.



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Wierwille gets a Lincoln, and the price is right

If the television scheduling is right today, The Price is Right. Right on, that is, for a Ruidoso woman.

Chloe Wierwille is set to drive off with a year 2000 Lincoln Town Car, from the CBS Television game show that rewards contestants who have a good feel for product pricing.

Chloe is a college student at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

"Her college dorm on her floor went out (to Los Angeles) with about 15 girls," Chloe's father Tim Wierwille said. "They had called and gotten tickets to The Price is Right."

The 20-year-old college student, a graduate of Ruidoso High School, had made up a poem about The Price is Right

host Bob Barker, and was selected as a contestant, Tim Wierwille said. And Chloe advanced to be an on-stage contestant.

First Chloe won a barbecue grill. Later she won the automobile.

"She was just screaming," Tim Wierwille relayed. "And everybody's got an idea of what she should do with the car."

The father said he wasn't given all the details by his daughter. "She said I would have to watch the show."

That's scheduled for today, at 11 a.m. on CBS, which airs locally on KBIM-TV.

Tim Wierwille said he's nervous. Not that Chloe will be on television as a game show winner, but that the show with

his daughter might not air on March 1. He said he was told that the game shows sometimes get moved around, and Chloe's appearance could come on a different date.

"Chloe did say, in her dorm, there would be a big Price is Right party when it aired," Tim Wierwille, who operates White Mountain Pottery, on Sudderth Drive, said he'll be watching, but not partying today. He even admitted taking a peek at The Price is Right Monday morning, to reacquaint himself with the game show he hasn't seen in years.

"I definitely feel proud," he said of Chloe. "She was always pretty good at pricing. She had worked at Visions, and was on top of retailing."

Fired librarian going public

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When a hearing over the firing of librarian Ingrid Schmitz starts Friday, Jaimie Stroud intends to be sitting in the audience at Ruidoso Village Hall.

"I have no problem with anyone at the library, so I have no agenda," Stroud said Monday. "But I think Ingrid is a great lady. She's loving, kind and creative. I was just really amazed to learn what happened."

Schmitz worked as a volunteer assistant with Schmitz when her now-grown children were just beginning to learn to read.

"I've known her 20 years," she said. Schmitz' attorney, Michael J. Cadigan, said he hopes for a big turnout of people who have seen Schmitz in action over the years through her children's reading programs and other library-related activities. The hearing - referred to as a post-termination hearing - will be open at Schmitz' request.

"The crux of the dispute is that Ms. Schmitz was wrongfully terminated from her position and that she is a highly qualified children's librarian," Cadigan said. "She did an excellent job with the programs she designed."

"Her termination was based on other than job performance or qualifications."

Schmitz' last day on the village payroll was Jan. 3. She was one year away from retirement, he said.

"When a government takes away a job, it needs to do it in such a way that laws are followed and not because someone is not getting along with someone else, or they don't like someone's accent or think the person is old fashioned," Cadigan said.

Charles Rennick, assistant village attorney, said last week he had not received Schmitz' request for the hearing to be opened.

"It would be inappropriate for our office to comment in an administrative process at this point," he said.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

A legal fund was set up for Schmitz through the Episcopal Church in Lincoln County (ECLC), said Father John W. Penn, rector.

"I've personally known Ingrid 12 years and found her one of most competent I've met when it comes to dealing with children," Penn said. "I saw the termination papers and the issues seemed rather petty."

Checks for the Schmitz legal fund should be made out to ECLC and marked for "Ingrid" on the memo line. The address for ECLC is P.O. Box 7367, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Shirley Halladay

Memorial services for Shirley Halladay, 74, of Ruidoso were Feb. 29 at the Ruidoso Baptist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Mrs. Halladay died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, in Ruidoso. Born Oct. 1, 1925, in Artesia, she moved to Ruidoso in 1946 from Artesia. She was a nurse for the offices of doctors Vanderstok, Horton and Kirkegaard. She was a member of the Ruidoso Baptist Church and the Laureat Alpha Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

She married Blair Halladay on Aug. 30, 1949, at Santa Fe.

Survivors include her husband, of Ruidoso; sons Terry

Halladay and his wife, Judy, of Hobbs, and Jerry, of Los Alamos; grandchildren Jimmy, T. K., Jason, Dylan and Leigh Ann; and great-grandchildren Justin, Josh, Tory and Kyler.

The family has suggested memorials to the Laureat Alpha Delta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, care of Fran Cummings, P. O. Box 892, Ruidoso, N. M., 88355.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapter of Ruidoso.

Jan Beever

Jan Beever died Feb. 25, 2000, in Albuquerque after a brief illness.

A memorial service will be at Grace Harvest Church at 10 a.m. on March 12.

Survivors include her husband, Max Beever, of Ruidoso; daughters Kathy Hamm and family of Midland, Texas, and Koelle Beever Paris of St. Louis, Mo.; sons Kevin Trump Feller of College Station, Texas, and Cory Beever and family of Big Spring, Texas.

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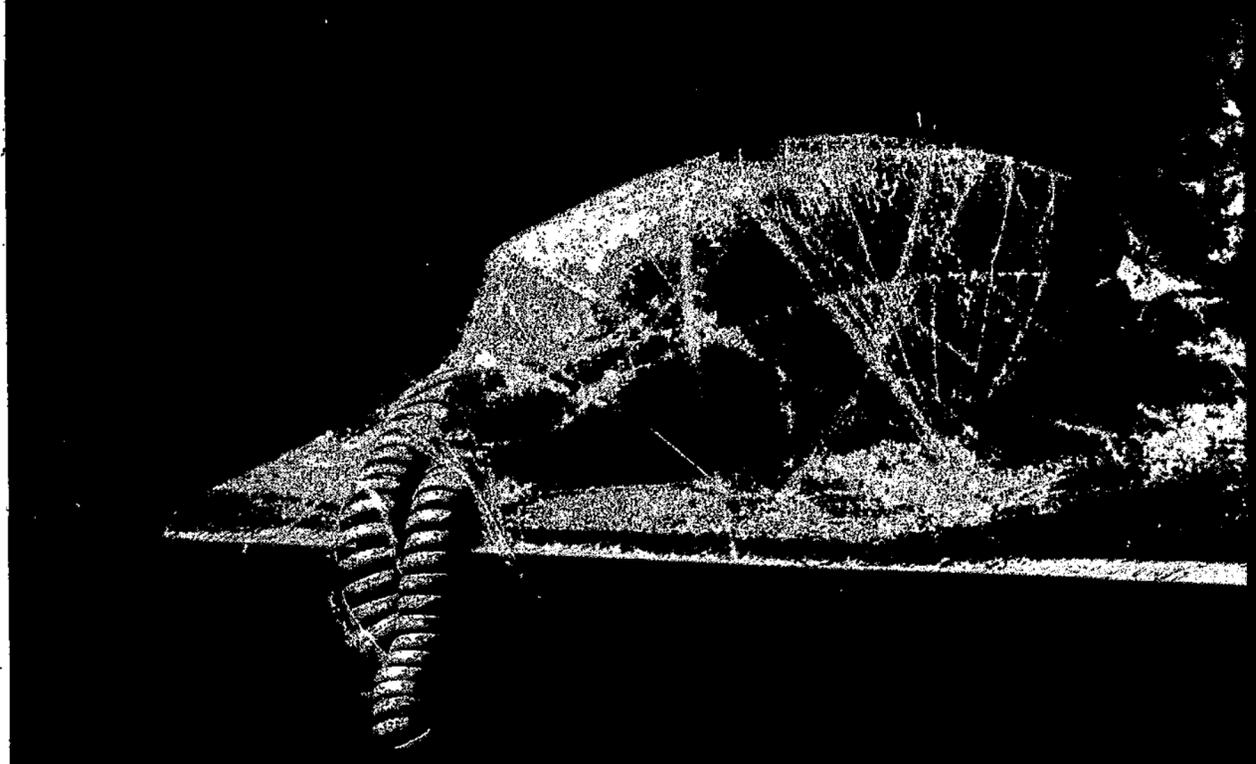
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OUR OPINION

Opportunity lost in the '00 summit debacle

It was a good idea, and a great opportunity, when the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce called a "winter summit" last week to discuss economic implications brought on by what has shaped up as the worst ski season in the 39-year history of Ski Apache.

But it was an opportunity lost.

What was billed as a coming-together of those most interested in maintaining a prosperous winter season quickly deteriorated into a finger-pointing exercise that did little more than stir the ire of those representing Ski Apache and perhaps give some sort of catharsis to hurting small-business owners.

What didn't happen was any sort of unity in defining what could be done to lift the remainder of this season or to establish a model for handling future snow-shrift winters. Elsewhere on this page, Mayor Robert Donaldson appropriately salutes the best effort by Ski Apache employees to provide quality, if limited, skiing under almost impossible conditions.

Ski Apache's Roy Parker also clearly defines the economics of snow-making when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate; this winter will be the first in decades in which the ski enterprise will lose money.

Mayor and manager are farther apart when it comes to such options as reduced-price lift tickets.

Meanwhile, the chamber's Joan Zagone - ever the optimist - has tried to make a case for the adage, "in crisis is opportunity."

That's tough, when this opportunity was so patently ignored by the participants.

LETTERS POLICY

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YOUR OPINION

Erroneous headline, erroneous context

To the editor:

The headline of an article in the Feb. 25 paper stated that "Businesses blame Ski Apache for economic doldrums." I don't believe that was the real purpose nor the actual tone of this meeting. It was about how Ski Apache and Ruidoso could work together to enhance our winter economy, this year and in the future.

Let there be no mistake, without the investment that Ski Apache has made in snow-making, and the annual investment they make into snowmaking operations, Ruidoso's winter economy would in fact see "doldrums" like we have never seen. Imagine what it would be like if Ski Apache could not open.

Ski Apache cannot make it snow any more than Ruidoso can make it rain. What we can control is how we present our "product" to our visitors. While skiing has been limited this year, the quality of available skiing has been excellent. This is because of the hard work of the employees of Ski Apache. More often than not, it is those of us in town who shoot ourselves in the foot by being unaware of real snow conditions. Inaccurate snow reports are made everyday to our visitors by people who have never been to Ski Apache.

Given a competitive market, Ski Apache and Ruidoso, working together, must be able to take a hard look at the "Ski Vacation Experience" we provide to our visitors, and adapt to an ever-changing business environment. We can

either follow our competitors' leads or we can lead the way ourselves. It is, however, no one entity's responsibility to make this happen. The fact that this meeting came across in the newspaper as blaming Ski Apache is unfortunate and incorrect. I am sorry that it was seen and reported in this light. The employees of Ski Apache deserve better.

Robert Donaldson
Mayor, Ruidoso
(Editor's note: After reviewing a tape of the meeting in question, the Ruidoso News stands by its story and headline.)

The Travel Channel

To the editor:

If you are a fan of the "Travel Channel," channel 33 on the cable, then you are about to lose it. It seems that they have selected the Disney channel for us to replace it and charge us an extra \$2 per month for it.

Lincoln CableVision is the only cable company in town and now they are starting to act like it. In other words, "take it or leave it." This is why I hate monopolies. With no competition, they don't care if you enjoyed the Travel Channel or not. I would guess that they didn't have enough subscribers to warrant keeping it. This way, they can drop the expense of the Travel Channel and charge an extra \$2, and cram the Disney Channel down our throats.

Guess I'm going to have to check out those little satellite dishes.

Tom Forister
Ruidoso

Continuing debt

To the editor:

First, let me say that I'm aware this \$6 million bond is not a tax increase, but instead a continuation of existing debt service bonds that will soon retire. That is what we will get in lieu of a tax decrease. This is obviously a sales technique to make the bond issue easier to push.

However, I do not want to annually pay over \$100 in additional taxes for 10 or 12 years to retire this \$6 million bond. During the next dozen years there will be other more critical issues that will need to be funded.

As I understand it, in addition to over a \$100 tax increase, should it be among the estimated 15 percent in the Ruidoso area who will use this recreational facility, I must pay an additional annual user fee.

My question is: Why should 85 percent of us pay for something that will be used by only 15 percent, and that 15 percent will be paying an additional user fee?

Wayne Westbrook
Ruidoso

Reduced lift tickets don't make sense

To the editor:

What nerve, suggesting that Ski Apache reduce its pricing to accommodate the glut of ski shops in Ruidoso. That's like asking first-class restaurants in town to reduce their prices during a drought, or like asking premiere golf courses to reduce their green fees during downpours. When a village relies upon weather for its liv-

ing, it is chancy at best. La Niña does not play favorites.

It takes oodles of money to groom and maintain ski runs for safety and quality. Ski Apache is currently grooming and making snow on 6 or 7 trails. Those trails - beginning, intermediate, and one expert - are in tip-top condition because of the immaculate attention that is paid to the grooming of existing runs. Reducing the price of a lift ticket would mean less grooming and unsafe ski conditions.

I am an avid skier on a fixed income and I would rather pay \$40 a day to ski on great terrain, than \$29 a day to ski on miserable terrain with hundreds more skiers - just so the local ski shops can make a sale. When you have as many ski shops as there are chainsaw carvers in this small town, there is going to be a mad scramble for the skier's dollar. Most savvy skiers shop for ski apparel and equipment far from Ruidoso where prices are generally lower, like Albuquerque and El Paso. I did, and saved a bundle.

Local ski shops and motels don't know what bad times are. Wait until Ski Apache features lodging facilities at the lift site! You can be sure the cries and whimpers will then be much louder.

Ski Apache marketing director Riker Davis is right when he says, "What we've got up here is limited, but it's great." My parka is off to Ski Apache for not lowering its quality and refusing to be "in the same boat" as the village businesses who ought to divest, merge, or leave town in a drought season.

Frank Thompson
Ruidoso

GUEST COMMENTARY

Ski shops can't set Ski Apache prices

BY ROY PARKER
GENERAL MANAGER, SKI APACHE

I feel I must respond with the facts to the recent attack on Ski Apache, for I quote from this newspaper's article, "Businesses blame Ski Apache for economic doldrums."

Lack of natural snow is the only reason for the downturn in business! At this time this season is the lowest natural snowfall season since Ski Apache/Sierra Blanca has been in business, 39 years.

Ski Apache has spent a great deal of money making snow, and continues to do so. Our snowmaking efforts have produced generally good skiing - many days excellent - on trails that are open. Even though temperatures have not been low enough, on many nights, we have still kept the crews on, trying to make snow.

This, needless to say, is very expensive in electric power, labor, and

capital investment. Our monthly power expense was misquoted at the meeting as being \$30,000 per month; in fact, it has been \$65,000 to \$70,000 per month this season with a big portion of this related to snowmaking.

It should be clearly understood that without this snowmaking efforts, Ski Apache would have been CLOSED this season.

Through many years of managing Ski Apache, it has been my experience that cutting prices has very little effect on increasing skier days. The past three seasons we have had an early season discounted ticket and it has increased volume very little. Furthermore, the largest Public School Program day was only 750 and the last one 330 out of a potential 1,300, and the ticket price is only \$2.

During the season people ski in numbers when we report new snow and a 50-inch-plus midway depth,

which, of course, allows all lifts and trails to be open. Even with excellent ski conditions and all lifts and trails open, some people complain about lift ticket prices being too high.

When we have limited skiing even with good conditions, cutting prices will increase attendance very little. I could find no ski shops giving offer than regular discounts, due to limited ski terrain, and that includes Mayor Robert Donaldson's ski shop.

Ski Apache will continue to provide the best skiing and service we can and set our prices accordingly, but we will not allow some of the ski shops to dictate our lift prices.

This season has been very difficult for everyone associated with skiing in Ruidoso, including Ski Apache, which will lose money for the first time in 28 years.

I look forward to next season and hopefully many feet of natural snow.

YOUR OPINION

A recreation economy

To the editor:
We are a recreation-based economy. Therefore, working people must work weekends and nights. A recreation/community center will address needs created by our recreation-based economy and help slow the rise in our cost of living.

Every community our size (some smaller) in New Mexico and communities in ski country have recreation-community/aqua centers. Those areas steal our best young people each year.

Seventy-nine percent of our youth think there is not one adult in this community they can turn to. Crime is up and the County is building a jail. There is an absolute correlation between activities for youth and jail construction.

After a 30+ year effort it is time to build a teen center. Constructed with athletic activities and all ages participating, it will succeed and help stem the growth of crime and cost of labor.

This should not be a tax issue. Our property and sales taxes are the lowest of any recreation areas. Taxes are lower than anywhere in Texas, Colorado, Arizona and more. Taxes and the cost of living will rise because we don't encourage our youth to stay in the work force, much less encourage them, period.

This is not an issue about tax money for water being diverted. Those funds are allocated and a plan activated. Look at the plan.

REC BONDS

The letters on this page deal with the March 7 recreation/community center bond question and are representative of others received. Space limitations prevent publishing all the letters. None more than 300 words in length were considered.

If you want to save tax money, should we close the Senior Center? That facility runs entirely on tax dollars.

Our swimming pool is past capacity. Children are turned away from lessons every year. What price do you put on a child's life when one in our community drowns, as has happened.

This new center will present an opportunity to have what does not exist—real Community. A place where generations can positively influence each other. Vote "yes" March 7.

Joe Zagone
Ruidoso

Rec center OK, but...

To the editor:
Sherry and I attended the meeting about the new sports complex for Ruidoso (Feb. 16). We sat there long enough to get an overview of the situation. I guess that my opinion ... is to go ahead and build it.

But, I just couldn't help thinking...that the meeting should have been about our preparedness for this fire season. I

feel that it is great to get so many concerned citizens together at one time. I, unfortunately, just couldn't get past wondering if maybe the subject ought to have been different.

Simple questions arose in my mind. Is the Upper Canyon Fire Station on line? Do we have enough manpower in the Fire Department? Have all of the hydrants been checked? What if a problem did arise; do we have sufficient water in reserve to fight one or more fires? Do we have a practiced overall plan? Does our alarm system reach all of the citizens? ...

I do not ask these questions to create any panic. I believe that we can continue to function as a resort destination with confidence that all will be OK. This confidence can only come if this issue takes on at least as much importance as a sports complex.

Our awareness of this was heightened even more when, at 10:30 p.m. on (Feb. 21) we ... reported the fire in Bear Canyon. Fortunately, our excellent local

teams got it out by midnight or so. With that red glow in mind, I ask you all to please put this as the main issue before us and let us all feel confident in telling neighbors and tourists alike that we have this all under control.

G. R. Barrow
Ruidoso

Property-owners note

To the editor:
I urge all my fellow property owners to be aware of all the facts before voting on the community recreation center bonding proposal... I find the statements of our public officials about how approval of the proposal will not raise taxes to be disingenuous at best... The continuation of a tax that is due to be eliminated is a tax increase in anybody's books.

By their own figures, the owner of a \$100,000 property will pay \$109 per year for 10-12 years—\$1,090 to \$1,308 in additional taxes that he wouldn't otherwise pay. His property tax

would actually be \$109 per year less!

They further speculated that the center's revenues would be some \$117,766 per year greater than expenses. I contend that if that were the case, there would be private investors lined up from here to the Texas border clamoring to construct and operate such a gold mine—but I don't see a line. Is it possible that private money doesn't see a profit? If so, are the estimates of our officials suspect? Let's slow this thing down and get the answers before we obligate ourselves again. Vote no.

Also, since we are already on water rationing this year (conservation, my foot!—use restrictions are a form of rationing), I also question our officials' statements about Ruidoso having sufficient water. If there's plenty, let me use it when and how I want; if there's not, don't tell me we don't have a problem.

Jim Alston
Ruidoso

Credibility problem

To the editor:

The presentation by the mayor and his staff ... Feb. 16 was interesting and informative, and so thorough that it left little time for much meaningful discussion. The mayor and his team outlined, in some detail, the scope of the project.... However, several aspects ... left a few lingering doubts in the minds of some.

Village officials have had a credibility problem with some voters for many years because of past mistakes, so many taxpayers are naturally skeptical of new proposals such as this...I see it only as yet another needless tax burden that I will have to help bear, knowing that it will be of little or no benefit to me and many others.

Leo S. Mitchell
Ruidoso

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1st Saturday Hondo (Hwy 70 @ 380)
2nd Saturday Glencoe (Tully's Ranch)
3rd Saturday Nogal (Fire Station)
4th Saturday San Patricio (Fire Station)

CAPITAN, CARRIZOZO AND RUIDOSO DOWNS

Capitan and Carrizozo residents will have each month one (1) Saturday for free dumping and one (1) Saturday that there will be a fee charged for dumping. Ruidoso Downs residents will have one (1) Saturday for free dumping and have access to LCSWA yard during the week with a fee charged for dumping.

LOCATIONS FOR MONTHLY ROLLOFF SERVICE

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1st Saturday There will be a fee charged for dumping
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CARRIZOZO (old transfer station)

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2nd Saturday Free dumping
4th Saturday There will be a fee charged for dumping

RUIDOSO DOWNS (222 2nd St)

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until container is full.

2nd Saturday Free dumping

All residential and commercial customers have access to LCSWA yard (222 2nd St, Ruidoso Downs) during operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be a fee charged for all dumping. Call in advance to check container availability.

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On March 7, Ruidoso voters will be asked to vote on a bond issue to fund construction of a community recreation center. The proposed center will house a 50 meter indoor swimming pool, an indoor elevated walking track, and a multi-purpose space with moveable walls designed for both athletic and non-athletic use. Your vote counts. Please remember to vote on March 7.

Information provided by the Village of Ruidoso.

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'Career Fair' here Friday

Those entering the job market or looking at new career opportunities have a program on Friday that may answer their questions.

The fourth annual Transition/ Career Fair will take place at the Ruidoso Convention Center, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The fair is sponsored by the Region IX Education Cooperative and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

While the program is in part geared

to high school students from Lincoln and Otero Counties, it is also open to adults. Information will be provided concerning vocational employment, post-secondary education, job training and summer job opportunities.

About 65 service providers have been invited to participate in the fair.

The Region IX fair is designed to reach area students and their families as well as non-traditional and special needs students and the general public.

Tanner preparing for July 4 millennium concert

'Harmony' composer in residence

Hawaiian-based composer Jerre Tanner, who will be in Ruidoso through March 15 doing residencies in the schools, will be the guest on Marty Ronish's noon program on KHFM radio station in Albuquerque today.

Ronish's programs include interviews with artists, performers and composers and are "eclectic and lively," she said. KHFM is a classical station and can be heard locally at 95.9 on the FM radio dial.

In September, Tanner vis-

ited Lincoln County to learn about the three cultures in the area for an original musical composition for the Continental Harmony Project to be produced in New Mexico by the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

The project is a partnership of the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts to celebrate the millennium with simultaneous productions in most of the 50 states on July 4.

Tanner composes symphonic and operatic music and has received numerous awards and grants. His gift for orchestration is demonstrated by the London Symphony Orchestra recording of his "Boy with Goldfish," and his work has been performed by the Prague Chamber Orchestra and the Moravian Philharmonic, among many others.

Capitan candidates spar in forum

Gas company's role dominates debate before municipal election

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Discussions about the future of the Capitan-Carrizozo Municipal Gas Co. and the need for more reliable and open communication between the public and municipal officials dominated a candidate forum Monday in Capitan.

Two incumbents and two challengers are running for two seats on the Capitan Board of Trustees in the March 7 non-partisan election. The two with the highest vote count will win the seats on the five-member board.

Incumbent Alfred Leroy Montes, seeking his fourth term, said holding onto the municipal gas company is one of his top priorities. Montes serves as chairman of the Capitan-Carrizozo Municipal Gas Co., which is under pressure for acquisition by Zia Natural Gas.

Resident Lonnie Lippmann asked him about a rumor that some of the meters and pipes of the gas company, are not safe. Montes said the rumor is untrue and that a state inspector checks the system every year.

"Anything he finds wrong, we have to correct," Montes said. "I'm not saying it's in tip top shape, but it's in good shape."

Asked if she agreed with Montes that the gas company should not be sold, candidate Van Shamblin said she needs to learn more about the issue.

"If I'm put on the (gas company) board (by the trustees), I will do the research and try to make an intelligent decision," she said.

Several women asked about the lack of 24-hour police coverage in the village.

Incumbent trustee John Whitaker, running for a second term, said the board looked at an alternative of paying for state police officers to patrol the town, but thought the money was better spent to hire village officers.

Another woman suggested that higher salaries might convince officers to stay in Capitan after they are trained and certified.

Montes said salaries have gone up from \$1,200 a month a few years ago to \$1,600, not enough to compete with the sheriff's office or larger towns.

When a man asked the incumbent trustees why the village lost a recent bid for water system improvement grant, Montes said he didn't know.

Shamblin said the application lacked an environmental study, the required easements were not complete, and the village failed to list what in-kind services it would contribute.

Tippin listed some of his concerns for the future as the need for storm drains, an enlarged wetlands sewage treatment system, road improvements in the subdivision area, 24-hour police coverage and to ensure that the town has enough real water, not just water rights.

Shamblin said she wanted to straighten out a rumor about why she is running. "I made the decision to run," she said. "Nobody talked me into it."

"I'm always after people who are not registered voters or who are and don't vote," Shamblin said. "I thought I've got the opportunity and if I don't attempt to do it, I have no right to gripe about things in the future."

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According to unofficial results, Hondo voters passed a general obligations bond with 48 ballots in favor of the measure and 45 opposing it. But the public schools capital improvement question, which meant \$35,000 this year, failed 44-43.

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New snow past 24 hours: 0 inches
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Making snow nightly
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 14-22 inches
Trails open: Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, 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.
Lifts open: Chairs 2 (midway), 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, including the Kiddie Korral with Pinocchio surface lift.
Hours of operation: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Regular season ticket prices: adults \$40, children \$25.

This week

Friday, March 3
Prep girls basketball
Region G tournament at Tularosa: Capitan vs. Animas, 5:30 p.m.
Region D tournament at Loving: Carrizozo vs. Hagerman, 6 p.m.; Corona vs. Loving, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, March 4
Prep girls basketball
Region G tournament at Tularosa, 2 p.m.
Region D tournament at Loving, 6 p.m.
Prep tennis
Ruidoso at Alamogordo Invitational, 9 a.m.
Prep softball
Ruidoso at Lovington (scrimmage), noon

Scoreboard

Thursday, Feb. 24
Prep boys basketball
District 3A tournament: Hondo 50, Carrizozo 38
Friday, Feb. 25
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso 81, CoBRE 58
District 6AA Tournament: Dexter 63, Capitan 42
Prep girls basketball
District 3AAA Tournament: Ruidoso 63, Santa Teresa 47
Saturday, Feb. 26
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso 54, Silver 52
District 3A Tournament: Mountainair 63, Hondo 51

Pecking Order

Mescalero Parks & Rec.
Men's Basketball League Standings through Feb. 29

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	8	0	1.000
The Players	6	2	.750
Tule Bad Boys	6	2	.750
Cuties	6	2	.750
Sierra Blanca Slammers	6	3	.666
Julian G.	5	3	.625
Oliver O's	2	5	.286
Brew Crew	2	6	.250
Hardwood Thunder	2	6	.250
Forty Minutes Plus	0	7	.000
Renegades	0	8	.000

Results for Feb. 27
Sierra Blanca Slammers 64, Julian G. 51
Results for Feb. 28
Alamo Pipe 97, Renegades 51
Sierra Blanca Slammers 83, Brew Crew 60
Cuties 90, Forty Minutes Plus 66
Games for March 1
6:30 p.m. - Hardwood Thunder vs. Forty Minutes Plus
7:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Cuties
8:30 p.m. - Sierra Blanca Slammers vs. Oliver O's

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March Madness tournament
The fourth annual March Madness mens 6-foot and under plus one basketball tournament will be held March 10-12 in Mescalero. The first 16 teams to register will play. The entry fee is \$175, with a non-refundable \$100 deposit due no later than Friday. Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Awards will be given for most valuable player, most 3-point shots, hustler, most points and sportsmanship. Two players per team will be picked for the all-tournament squad. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-7497.

Pecos Valley Stampede
The 15th annual Pecos Valley Stampede, a half-marathon run, 10K run, 2-mile run and 2-mile walk, is scheduled for March 18 at Cahoon Park in Roswell. The half marathon will start at 8 a.m. The other events will begin at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 before March 15 and \$20 after. Participants will receive sweat pants and a t-shirt and be eligible for door prizes. Awards will be given for the top male and female finishers in each age division. For more information, call Clyde or Michael McKee at 622-1668 or Bob Edwards at 627-5507.

Youth basketball tournament
North American Youth Sports will hold its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 14-16 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. The tournament will feature 10 brackets for both boys and girls, from grades five through 12. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$90 per team and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. Entry deadline is March 24. For more information or a registration form, call Harry Ennis at (888) 629-2275.

Warriors make hoops history

Ruidoso tops Silver for regular-season title

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It all came down to a mad dash down the floor by Solomon Barnett and a last-second, throw-it-up-and-hope-it-goes-in shot by Todd Schrader, but the Ruidoso Warriors (16-6, 7-1) accomplished something Saturday that has never been done in team history: win the regular-season district title.

"He said he was lucky. We'll take 'luck.'"

Billy Page, coach

The Warriors accomplished that feat with a back-and-forth, heart-in-your-mouth 54-52 win over the Silver Colts, putting Silver in third place in District 3AAA, something the Colts are unaccustomed to.

The almost-full house cheered the Warriors all the way, exploding each time Ruidoso took a slim lead over the Colts. But when Schrader put his shot in the bucket with no time left on the clock, the roof almost blew off the Ruidoso gym.

Fans, parents, players and coaches hugged each other with abandon. Coach Billy Page was swept off his feet by other coaches, and Schrader and Barnett, as well as the rest of the team, were mobbed.

Silver, on the other hand, quietly accepted congratulations for a game well played, then retreated to the locker room to plan a rematch in the district tournament, if the Colts can first get by No. 2 Hot Springs.

The game didn't start out a barn-



Warrior senior Mike Blank, No. 34, expresses his enthusiasm after Ruidoso defeated Silver to earn the regular-season district title for the first time in school history.

burner. Neither team could get anything in the bucket early, with the first quarter score reading 8-7 Ruidoso.

The second quarter saw the lead trade hands nine times. Silver had six chances at the free-throw line late in the half, but went 2-for-4, then missed the opening shot of a 1-and-1 to close the half tied at 22-all.

Schrader said playing two games in as many nights did make a difference.

"It takes its toll, whether you think it does or not," he said. "It's the sign of a true champ, if you can play two nights in a row and win both nights against two tough teams."

"I don't know if we were tired," Page said. "I just think we were emo-

tionally drained. It was one of those nights where you have to put everything out on the floor. Everything. And we may have put everything out a little too early. It was just a matter of sometimes shooting ourselves in the foot."

The Colts jumped out to an eight

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Ladies advance in district

BY KAREN BOEHLER
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The Ruidoso girls (8-14, 4-4) advanced in the district tournament with a 68-47 win over Santa Teresa Friday, but for three quarters the game was up for grabs. The lead changed hands 20 times until the Lady Warriors finally took control with one quarter remaining.

Ruidoso led 12-22 after one quarter but the Desert Warriors turned that around at the half, going into the locker room up 30-26.

Sarah Fromknecht, Crystal Rojas and Mindy Brunell combined for nine unanswered points, including a trey by Brunell, to put the Warriors up 35-30 three minutes into the third.

But Santa Teresa matched that tally to again go ahead. The Warriors finally took the



Lady Warrior Sarah Fromknecht puts the block on Desert Warrior Sandy Alvarado during Friday's District 3AAA tournament.

lead for good on a field goal by Carrie Line with nine seconds left in the half. From then on, it was all Ruidoso, as the Warriors outscored Santa Teresa 23-8 in the final stanza.

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Tigers wrap up season vs. Dexter

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The effort was there, but it wasn't quite enough, as the Capitan Tigers (4-19, 0-8) fell 63-42 Friday to the Dexter Demons to close out the Tiger season.

"Two out of the four quarters were pretty good," said coach Royce Brown. "We struggled the first and third quarter. The first quarter they got a 12-point lead, and we were fighting an uphill battle from there."

The Tigers were coming off an upset over Cloudcroft in the opening round of the district tournament Tuesday, and Brown was hoping to keep on a roll.

"We were glad to be the spoilers," he said. "We wanted to spoil somebody else's hopes as well, but it didn't come out that way."

The Demons jumped out to an 18-6 first

quarter lead. Capitan fought back, narrowing the gap by one at the half, but then came out cold in the third quarter, and Dexter led 46-28 after three.

The problem, Brown said, was the same one that's plagued the Tigers all year.

"The effort was there," he said. "The kids played hard. They gave it all they had. Again, it came down to a lot of it was shooting."

Capitan shot a paltry 25 percent from the field.

"It doesn't help things if you don't put the ball in," Brown said.

And it doesn't help when your opponent is a strong squad. Brown called the Demons a "talented" team with balanced scoring and good bench production.

"They played better as a team than they had

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Hondo's Jerome Greer, No. 44, and Carrizozo's Adam Means, No. 20, each want the ball during Thursday's semi-final tournament round.

Eagles take second in 3A

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo Eagles (15-10, 6-2) did what they needed to do to advance into the regional tournament: down Carrizozo 50-38 Thursday. But the Eagles couldn't sustain that momentum Saturday, falling in the district championship to Mountainair 63-51.

Hondo 50, Carrizozo 38
Thursday's semi-final round saw experience overcome youth despite the hustle of the Grizzlies (12-11, 4-4).

Hondo led 16-9 after one quarter and should have led by

much more, but the shots just weren't falling for the Eagles. ZoZo kept things close through the second, trailing 28-22 then in the third, no one could get anything in the bucket.

A total of seven points were scored, with Ryan Roper making the first and only ZoZo field goal with 1:21 left in the quarter. Manny Lopez scored four for Hondo.

The Grizzlies then started putting things together, pulling within two with 8:43 remaining in the game. Had Carrizozo been able to hit from the charity stripe — the Griz-

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point lead early in the third, and held on to a two-point edge after three. The Warriors retook the lead on free throws by Mike Blank and Rowdy Green to open the fourth. Silver again tied the match and the score bounced back and forth until the final minute, when Barnett hit for two and Green nailed both ends of a 1-and-1.

That appeared to have sealed the Warrior victory, but with five seconds left on the clock, Colt David Whetten hit a 3-pointer, tying the game at 52-all and setting up the last-minute Ruidoso heroics.

"We called a time out after we saw what kind of defense they were going to be in," Page said. "I figured they'd change it up after we called a time out. Sure enough, they did. They allowed Solomon to get the ball back, wide open, and if there's anyone in this gym who can go the length of the floor in less than four seconds and make something happen, that's Solomon Barnett. He came up really big for us tonight."

Solomon Barnett hurt us all night long," said Silver coach Mike Carr. "We never had an answer for Solomon."

Schrader's last second basket was a surprise to everyone, including himself.

"I expected (Barnett) to take it to the basket, he'd been doing it all night," Schrader said. "I was surprised to see him give it to me. We just pushed it up the court."

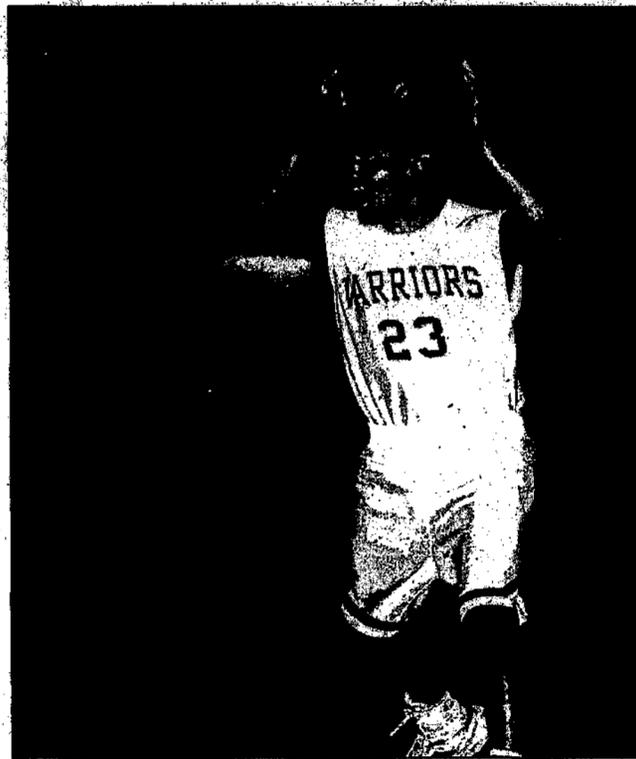
"I think Todd was 1-for-20 maybe, but he made it when it counts," Page said. "He said he was lucky. We'll take luck."

Barnett was the only Warrior in double figures, scoring 19 points, but all but two Ruidoso players scored while only Silver's starting five tallied points. Page said that's a big part of the Warrior's success.

"We got a lot of people in and a lot of people score," he said. "It's a matter of who are they going to stop? We can stop some people but who are they going to stop?"

The Warriors now have almost two weeks to savor their victory before hosting the championship game of the district tournament March 10 at 7 p.m. The Warrior's opponent is expected to be either Hot Springs or Silver, and even though the Colts will have to beat the Tigers in Truth or Consequences, Carr is looking for a rematch.

"Winning in T or C is never easy, but that's what we're faced with," he said. "I



Garrett Apachito looks for someone to pass the ball to during Saturday's game against Silver.

believe we have a lot of character on this ball club. I believe the men who play this game are going to meet the opportunity. We'll go out and get it done."

"(Our goal is) to be back (in Ruidoso) for the district championship. That's where

room. But the Indians scored eight unanswered points late in the third, and pulled within two with 1:30 left in the stanza.

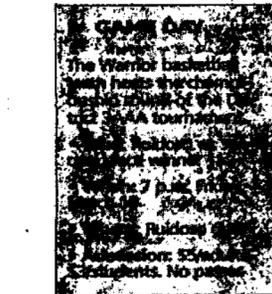
"I think we might have gotten a little overconfident," Page said. "Tried to get a little fancy and caused us to have some turnovers and Cobre capitalized on them. ... Next thing we knew, we were only up by two. That was scary."

But whatever caused the letdown had dissipated by the fourth quarter, when the Warriors outscored the Indians 29-12 to take the win.

"We played well," said Cobre coach Dominick Romero. "We played with a lot of heart. I told the boys not to worry about the final score, it was a lot closer than what the final score indicated."

"They're very scrappy," Page said of the young Indian squad. "They don't give up at all. I give coach Romero a lot of credit for keeping those boys in the game and keeping their heads on straight."

Mike Blank led all scorers with 23 points. Green had 11 and Barnett 10 for Ruidoso, and all but one Warrior scored. Stan Montoya had 17 points for Cobre and Sal Puentes 12.



we'd like to be." Ruidoso 81, Cobre 58 To set up Saturday's game against Silver, the Warriors first had to get by Cobre Friday. And although the 81-58 final looks like a Warrior runaway, it was anything but.

Ruidoso jumped out to an easy 25-16 first-quarter lead, and still had a seven-point edge going into the locker

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all year," he said. Kenny Stahl scored 19 points for the Tigers in his last high school game, while, senior Truman Anderson added eight. Brown was impressed with Anderson's effort.

"He played a really good game," the coach said. "He worked his rear off."

Patrick Cohorn had 12 for Dexter and Paul Regalado 11.

For seven Tigers, their high school career is over. Next year's Captain team will be much younger, but Brown is hoping for an improved season.

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zlies were 12-for-25 on the night — it could have been even closer.

But the Eagles pulled together to stretch the lead to 12 points by the close.

Hondo coach Paul Qualls said he saw both good and bad from his team during the win.

"I was very pleased with our defense," he said. "We did a triangle and two. We stopped Boper. We stopped (Josh) Vega. They didn't get their 20 plus, their 18. We set out what we did to do."

The offense was another matter.

"I saw some loss of composure," Qualls said. "I saw some people trying to force the shot. I saw some hurry up shots. I saw no patience on the offense. They didn't want to run the offense."

But he gave the team an "A" for their effort, and for not folding.

"It was sheer effort and hustle that we did win," he said. "They didn't lose their composure."

He also credited the fans with being the sixth man.

"The fans helped us," he said. "Because when that crunch time came, they all stood up and cheered these boys home, and that's the first time it's happened all year."

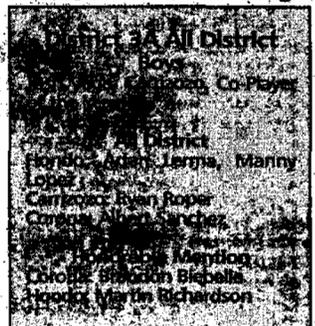
Despite the loss, Grizzley coach Mel Holland was pleased with the effort of his squad.

"The kids played hard," he said. "It's a good group of kids. We're a little green. The senior kids, Josh and Ryan, I think did an excellent job holding the group together and sticking in the buggy. I'm proud of them."

Qualls was also pleased with individual efforts.

"Ricky Lopez and Adan (Lerma) did a tremendous (defensive) job on their scorers," he said. "You can't ask for more. They did what they were supposed to do. Great hustle. Wore them out. Ricky had four fouls, still managed to stay in. Manny had four fouls, still managed to stay in. That takes personal commitment and composure."

Lopez and Saul Acosta had 13 points offensively and Jerome Greer 11. Patrick High-



tower had nine for Zozo, while Adam Means had eight and Vega seven.

For Carrizozo, the season is over. Holland is pleased his team played well, but would have liked to do better.

"That's kind of like kissing your sister," he said. "I'm proud of them, but everybody likes the big marble."

Mountainair 63, Hondo 51

Saturday, the Eagles played hard, but just couldn't pull off an upset over Mountainair, falling 63-51.

"We didn't shoot well," Qualls said. "We came out in the second half and shot below 30 percent."

The game was tied at 30-30 at the half, and the Mustangs

led by only one, 40-39, going into the final stanza. But Mountainair outscored the Eagles 23-12 in that last quarter.

"We just couldn't pull it off. We missed some shots we shouldn't have missed," Qualls said. "And I don't usually complain about officials, but it looked like the officials decided they wanted Mountainair to win."

Qualls said his team was "hammered" near the end, and the officials didn't call the fouls.

"I was very disappointed in that aspect of the game," he said.

Nevertheless, he thinks the Eagles sealed their own fate.

"I've never been one to say the referees decided the game," he said. "You shoot 33 percent for the game, you've got no reason to gripe. If we'd have made a few more shots (we might have won). But sometimes that has an effect. The officials take you out of the game, you start losing focus and start getting frustrated."

Adan Lerma scored 15, Jerome Greer 12 and Manny Lopez 10 for the Eagles, with most of that scoring coming in the first half.

"We haven't scored well in the last three ballgames," Qualls said. "We haven't shot well. It's not that the kids aren't working hard. I'm not going to take that away from the kids. Their focus is not there."

Defensively, however, he was pleased, especially with Ricky Lopez, who took Mustang scorer Pat Ortiz out of his game.

"Ricky busted his butt on defense," Qualls said. "I think we out hustled them. I think we played better defense. They just got breaks we didn't have."

CLUBS

Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Self Help/Support Group

7 p.m. first and last Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Lincoln County Medical Center. 257-9397

AA Lincoln County Duplicate Bridge Club

7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for weekly open and novice games. For more information call 257-9228

AL-ANON of Ruidoso

8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 439 Suddarth, Ruidoso. 257-7124

Alcoholics Anonymous

Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 439 Suddarth, Ruidoso. 257-9397

Alto Women's Association

11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

Altrusa 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 Mesalero Trail. 258-4851

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group

7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-9071

American Legion

Robert J. Hayes, Post 79 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at 115 Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5776

Angus Wood Carvers

5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Monday night at the Nazarene Church Camp, Hwy. 48 and Hwy. 37. 336-9161

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County

1025 Mesalero, Suite 201 - Lincoln Tower. 258-4185

B.N.O.L. No. 3086

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

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

Friends of the Library

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

Friends of Smokey-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 Center, 439 Suddarth, Ruidoso (rear entrance). For more information call 257-9228

Golden Age Club

Noon the first and third Wednesdays 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

Husaree Society of Lincoln County

10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the Alto Country Club.

Kids Club

11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Church at 415 Suddarth. 257-4381 or 378-1113

Kwanan Club

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

Knights of Columbus

Esther E. Dolan Council 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the parish hall of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. William F. Stouder, grand knight.

La Grange N.C.C.

10 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Patricio Senior Citizens building, (505) 653-4912

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County

7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Texas New Mexico Power Building.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group

6:30 every Thursday for social time or varied program. Additional activities are also planned for weekends. 354-2635 www.lincolncasg.com

Model Rodent Association

First Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. 800-545-4021

Mojo's Night Out

6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. (48-550)

Narcotics Anonymous

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

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 079

10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 258-3493 or 378-4669

New Mexico Christian Horsemen's Association

Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship activities, Christian programs. 505-335-4675

New Mexico Anonymous

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 501A Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso. Anyone interested in stopping the use of tobacco in any form is cordially invited to attend. 258-3726

Nobly Waters Sartosa Club

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

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. New members always welcome. 258-5969 or 258-9218

Order of the Eastern Star

Ruidoso Chapter #263 7:30 the second Thursday of every month in the Mesalero Family Building, 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. 354-6050

R.E.O. Chapter # Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays September thru May. 257-1465

Photographic Society of Lincoln County

7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor in the Ruidoso High School. 258-4003

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club

1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month Sept. through May in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, Ruidoso. 258-1229

Ruidoso Garden Club

10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations. 258-5279 or 257-7157

Ruidoso Golf Club

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

Ruidoso Picnicking Outing Group

7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2446 or 336-0064

Ruidoso Public Library Book

Noon the second Wednesday of every month at 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 Neon Lights Club

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

Ruidoso Vegetarian Club

Meets the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for their monthly potluck. Please bring a meatless dish or potluck. For more information call 257-2121

SESH - Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. - Smokey Bear Chapter

7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power, 205 Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso. 258-1082

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club

9 a.m. every Saturday. Location to be announced on 46.920 MHz after 8 a.m. 257-2135

Sierra Blanca Duplicate Bridge Club

1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for weekly open and novice games. 257-9228

Sierra Blanca Swingers

8 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 257-3193; 336-4808

LADIES: Final quarter makes all the difference

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"Everyone just got motivated," Line said of the solid last quarter. "It was really good that we did, though."

"They just decided they wanted to play," said coach Jim Varnadore. "This team is one that, if they come out and play hard and play like they can play, nobody can beat them. But if we come out kind of lax and playing off our heels, we just have a hard time."

Desert Warrior coach Gary Gardner had another reason for the loss.

"Refereeing" is all he would say. "And I never complain. You can ask anybody."

Fromknecht led the Warriors with 17 points, Brunell had 12 and Amanda Fleck, who saw limited playing time,

tallied 10.

Mirabel Martinez was a one-woman scoring juggernaut for the Desert Warriors, picking up 27 points on the night. Ruth Saenz had 11.

The win put the Warriors in the semi-final round of the district tournament, scheduled for Tuesday in Truth or Consequences.

Line said the Warriors could be in the hunt.

"It just all comes down to who has the heart and who wants it more," she said. "And I hope we have it."

"We can do it," Varnadore said. "It's hard to beat a team three times, and we proved that (Friday). You get complacent and just don't do what you need to do. We can beat them. There's no doubt in my mind we can beat them."

On Deck

Sun Country Junior golf Beginning the first week in June, the Sun Country Professional Golfers Association will host a junior golf tour for golfers ages 7-17. A total of 52 tournaments are planned for the summer of 2000, at courses throughout New Mex-

ico and El Paso. The 2000 Junior PGA Championship is held in mid-July to wrap up the season. The tour also features a junior match-play championship for ages 12-17. New this year is the selection of all-district teams in every age division who will be invited to play in

the Future Masters Invitational Aug. 16-17. Memberships in the Sun Country PGA are available for \$18. For more information, call the section office at (505) 867-4630, e-mail: suncountry@psnet.com or visit the web site at suncountrypga.com.

Local Humane Society thrift shop back in business

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Marking pens whirled, items were tagged and bags of clothing were sorted Sunday as volunteers and staff of the Humane Society of Lincoln County organized a new thrift shop, scheduled to open today.

Hazel Haynsworth, past president and longtime member of the organization, donated space for the shop. The brightly lit shop is in the same space where Haynsworth previously sold antiques in her Plaza D'Oro on U.S. Highway 70. The state Motor Vehicle Division office is around the corner in another section of the building. The society operated a thrift shop for several years on Sudderth Drive until the building there changed hands. It provided a major source of income.

Fortunately this time, the shelter has contracts for the care of abandoned animals from the village of Ruidoso and Capitan and from Lincoln County.

That situation allows the society to target money from the thrift shop for the continuation of pet spay and neuter pro-

grams.

Members of the group and the staff are dedicated to spaying and neutering as the most humane method of controlling the pet over-population problem.

"A lot of people called and offered donations of items, but we had no way of selling them," said society president Janie Spencer. "They wanted specifically to give to the humane society and asked about our garage sale, but we discontinued that because it became too big for our small group of volunteers and staff to handle."

But society members wanted to provide a way for generous donors to help and to create a thrift shop with top-notch used items for the shopping public.

"One of our well-known members, the late Dawn Mathews, was an inveterate thrift shop shopper," Spencer said. "She came up with wonderful



Janie Spencer, president of the Humane Society of Lincoln County, waits for another load of donations for the volunteer group's new thrift shop at Plaza D'Oro while staff and society friends work to put the shop in shape for its opening today.

outfits and always looked great. We consider this thrift shop dedicated to her."

The shop carries limited furniture, a variety of clothing, kitchenware, house wares, and small appliances such as toaster ovens and sweepers.

"People can help by donating items, by volunteering and

by shopping here," Spencer said.

The shop will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Donated items must be delivered to the shop.

For more information or to volunteer, call the society shelter at (505) 257-9841.

Housing development opens

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

What had begun as a controversial low-income apartment project in Ruidoso officially opens today as affordable housing for seniors.

La Tierra Apartment Homes, in the White Mountain Estates subdivision, will hold its grand opening at 11 a.m.

The 60-unit complex materialized using approximately \$4 million in housing tax credits and two loans, totaling more than \$1 million, from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

Delayed construction of La Tierra began in April of 1999, after the developer moved the focus to senior citizen housing.

In early 1998 the White Mountain Owners Association had organized against the project, fearing the subsidized housing development would lower nearby property values, strain the area's water and sewer infrastructure, create traffic problems and have other detrimental impacts.

Construction of the apartment complex, on six acres of property off Jack Little Drive, was completed

in December. More than 50 percent of the units are already occupied, according to Steve Crozier, with Terra Realty Trust, the developer.

"With the architecture, site planning, native landscaping and construction quality of La Tierra, it's our hope that we have changed the perception of affordable housing in the community and that La Tierra will set a standard for future developments," Crozier said.

Part of the controversy in 1998 dealt with who would qualify to live in what was then titled Tierra del Oso. Crozier and other proponents had called it an affordable housing development plan for working people. Opponents labeled it a federally subsidized project for low-income housing.

The opposition ended in late 1998, when Crozier traded his earlier plans from low-income housing to senior housing.

Anne Beckett, with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, called the development a way to help alleviate the shortage of affordable housing in Ruidoso and surrounding communities.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Capitan man arrested for alleged larceny

A Capitan man was arrested Feb. 24 by Ruidoso police during a forgery and larceny investigation. Justin Kennedy, 19, was accused of writing checks on another person's bank account and for not returning a vehicle he was test driving.

The vehicle, a 1999 truck, was taken from Sierra Blanca Motors, Inc. Kennedy allegedly took the vehicle for a test drive and returned, getting permission from a sales representative to take the pick-up truck for a couple of days. Police were notified when the vehicle was not returned. Kennedy is also charged with making purchases using another person's checking account. The vehicle and some of the other items were recovered by police.

Man arrested after alleged break-in

A Feb. 26 incident, where two entry doors to an apartment were kicked in, landed a 29-year-old Ruidoso man in jail. Ralph Melvin Gonzales was charged with entering a dwelling without permission and threatening a resident. A Ruidoso police report states that Gonzales was upset that another man was in his former

girlfriend's apartment.

The incident happened at 1:50 a.m. Saturday.

Paintings stolen

Two paintings, on display for purchase at K-Bob's Restaurant, were reported missing on Feb. 25.

According to police, the paintings, valued at \$375 each, were placed on display in the restaurant on Feb. 20. The paintings were discovered missing on Feb. 25.

Car stereo stolen

A car stereo, valued at \$270, was taken from a vehicle parked at a Mechem Drive home Feb. 25. Ruidoso police are investigating the case as a burglary, larceny and criminal damage to property.

Police seek missing trailer

Police are looking for an open bed trailer and the person who took the trailer. The trailer was reported taken sometime between 6 p.m. Feb. 25 and 10:30 a.m. the next day. According to the owner, the trailer had been parked behind his Sudderth Drive business. The trailer is described as hav-

ing a single axle, 16 feet long with 12-inch side rails and a broken tail light.

Dog stolen

A Ruidoso woman reported her newly acquired dog was taken from her home on Feb.

27. The red Doberman Pincher had been chained to the porch of the residence.

When the woman returned home at 10 p.m. the dog and chain were gone.

The Doberman is described as a four month old with a brick-colored chest.

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BLINK . . . blink

You probably never really thought about it, but most of us blink about once every six seconds. When nature demands anything that often, you might guess that it is pretty important—and it is, especially if you are wearing contact lenses. Blinking protects our eyes from the entrance of foreign particles, removes accumulated matter, and pumps tears to replace those which evaporate or have become contaminated. The eyelid acts as a wiper, polishing and wetting the surface.

Although blinking may be controlled, it is usually involuntary and occurs in two forms: the spontaneous kind which follows a regular periodic pattern, and the reflex blink which is in response to some stimulation such as dirt in your eye or drying of the surface.

It might seem that there is nothing to worry about. But, that is not always the case, especially when contact lenses are worn. Because we feel the lenses when the lid moves over them, we tend to inhibit the natural urge to blink. Furthermore, soft lenses protect the eye so well that wearers do not even realize that the lens surface is drying out since they eye itself is still moist.

Good blinking habits can also ease computer eye strain. The blink rate during computer use drops by as much as 70% below the normal rate. Good blinking involves closing the eye, not just squinting. It is important to blink properly when reading, driving or performing any visually demanding task.

For all your eyecare needs, including a thorough eye health examination, vision analysis, glasses and contact lenses, stop by Family Vision Center, 159 Mesalero Trail.

The Twelfth Judicial District Court Clerk's Office in Alamogordo and Carrizozo will be closed on Monday, March 6, 2000 through Thursday, March 9, 2000. We will open the District Court Clerk's Offices for emergency filings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. only (Monday, March 6, 2000 - Thursday, March 9, 2000).

The Domestic Violence staff will be available to assist the public and will continue their normal hours of operation. All other court proceedings will also continue as scheduled. The Twelfth District Court is in the process of upgrading our statewide computer system and the staff will be training on the new equipment during the closure.

Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Computer science field open to tribal members

Native American high school students can learn more about the computer science field at the second annual Native American Computer Science Camp July 8-29 at New Mexico State University.

The summer camp is open to high school students who belong to recognized Native American tribes in the region. Students selected will attend free of charge, and will live in campus housing for the duration of the camp. Meals and transportation to and from the camp also will be provided.

The program will include workshops, classes and hands-on projects to demonstrate the potentials of computer science and higher education. Participants will work on basic computing concepts and learn to apply math and English skills to computer science. Students will also visit area industries to see computer science at work.

Professors and graduate students in NMSU's computer science department will serve as instructors and mentors for the program, which is sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation. It is designed to interest Native American high school students in higher education, specifically the area of computer science.

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Ninth-grade student Kristin Morales contemplates decisions she made throughout a day when she "got up on the wrong side of the bed." Facilitator Wanda Gielow de Figueroa waits at left.

Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Handling pressure when you're young

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Students in fifth through ninth grades in Carrizozo and Hondo schools are talking openly about some of the pressures youth face and learning to solve problems and make their own decisions.

The forum for these discussions is life-skills classes at pilot schools provided through a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Health's Family Health Bureau to PMS-Community Health Services. Wanda Gielow de Figueroa, administrator of PMS, facilitates the 18 sessions using for the curriculum "Lion's Quest Skills for Adolescents: Changes and Challenges."

The skills include communication, friendship, self-confidence, problem-solving, peer pressure, family relationships, and relationships with other important adults. The last sessions deal with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The goal is to build youth developmental assets that will help students to make good decisions and avoid high-risk behaviors.

"Hopefully all those first things will give them the skills to take in the information on alcohol, tobacco and drugs and make good decisions," said Gielow de Figueroa, "because we're not going to be there when they make those decisions."

Each session starts out with a quote, such as "There are no strangers here, only friends we have never met." The class talks about what the statement means to them personally and then Gielow de Figueroa introduces new information or skills — for example, problem-solving in a non-confrontational manner. The group discusses this and does a worksheet or activity to reinforce the lesson.

In the case of the quote above, students do a "friendship report card," scoring themselves on their behaviors with their friends, and the discussion revolves around what makes a good friend.

"This is going to help later on when we talk about peer pressure and watching out for yourself and your friends," Gielow de Figueroa said. "It'll help in problem-solving and in adult relationships, because if you can't be a good friend, you're going to have difficulty in relationships with significant others."

The curriculum presents scenarios for students to react to (see box), and Gielow de Figueroa has them imagine

they're in the 12th grade because many of the risky behaviors presented are behaviors much younger students have already experienced.

"We talk about fictitious people and the unknown 12th-graders," she said. "The reason I keep using 12th grade is so they don't have to admit what they've already done."

"A chunk" of the fifth- and sixth-graders in these life skills classes have already had experience drinking alcohol, she said.

"It's not uncommon for one of the kids to say the solution to conflict is to pull out an Uzi," Gielow de Figueroa said.

Sometimes students bring up real situations that occur in school and they work through to solutions together. One of the tricks the curriculum offers for the students' bag of tricks is "SOLVED," an acronym for "State the problem, Open discussion to points of view, List possible solutions together, Veto the unacceptable solutions, Evaluate the positive solutions, and Do the solution most acceptable to everyone."

"There are always a few youth that believe they can't change their world and if they have learned already that you solve problems in a violent manner, we try to encourage them to see that there are other ways of dealing with these issues," she said.

Barbara Casey, Hondo superintendent of schools, said these life skills classes teach the young people to build self esteem and positive assets they can use throughout their lives.

"The life skills classes are a component of our health program," Casey said, "so that kind of rounds it out. We try to teach them healthy lifestyles, that they're all asset-builders, that they all have talents and positive attributes they can use to contribute to society and their lives."

Casey said life skills classes weren't needed so much when she was in school because students today have types of pressures to deal with that her generation didn't have — such as pressure to do drugs or have sex.

"Also, I think the family unit has changed," Casey said. "When I got home I had an adult (at home). Either my older sisters or my grandmother was home to make sure I did my homework and that was okay. My parents were home every evening. A lot of families don't have that support any longer and so it's important that whatever the students are not getting at home we try

► Solving problems

Among scenarios students discuss and "solve":

- You can't afford to buy many of the things many of your friends have.
- You decide to say you're sorry to a friend.
- You're in 12th grade and after the basketball game, some friends say, "Let's go behind the gym and smoke a joint."
- Imagine you're a guy in 12th grade with your best buddy and both like the same girl.
- It's Friday night and you want to go out but you have a history with your parents of not always telling the truth.

to supply for them here at school."

The \$10,000 grant is to be used to build youth developmental assets or skills, in classrooms.

The Community Asset Building Team, composed of students who attended youth leadership conferences in Albuquerque and parents and other community members, will also forge a Lincoln County Youth Development Strategic Plan with part of the stipend.

Another part of the process is the Mothers Against Drunk Driving pilot project that Capitan students from kindergarten through fifth grade are participating in to teach them at an early age about the danger to developing brains that alcohol, tobacco and drugs pose.

This curriculum, "Protecting Me, Protecting You," is now taught in Hondo to kindergarten through sixth-grade students and has been offered to the Carrizozo schools.

The prevention team that pretested the Capitan elementary children on attitudes Jan. 6 will test them several times more up to nine years after the classes. This team consists of Gielow de Figueroa, Barbara Reyes, coordinator of the Lincoln County/Ruidoso DWI Prevention Program, and Genevieve Phelan, a preventionist with the Counseling Center.

"Life skills is only a piece of the puzzle," Gielow de Figueroa said. "We need to have parents, teachers and the community involved. It's the whole community's job."

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, March 1 - Breakfast: Biscuit, jelly, ham bar, juice or fruit

Lunch: Pizza, corn, vegetable sticks, fruit

Thursday, March 2 - Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice or fruit

Lunch: Green eggs and ham, green beans, green sauce, birthday cake

Friday, March 3 - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: CS Broiler, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, pudding

Monday, March 6 - Breakfast: Toast, omelet, juice or fruit

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, vegetable sticks, cobbler

Tuesday, March 7 - Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, cheese biscuit, fruit

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

Wednesday, March 1 - Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Lays brand chips, salad, fruit

Thursday, March 2 - Breakfast: Pop Tart

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, corn, roll, salad, fruit

Friday, March 3 - Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Warrior Burger, French fries, salad, fruit

Monday, March 6 - Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Sloppy Joe, salad, Sun Chips snacks, fruit

Tuesday, March 7 - Breakfast: Breakfast pizza

Lunch: Frito pie, cornbread, salad, fruit

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, March 1 -

Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, fruit, hamburger on a bun, pizza, French fries, milk

Thursday, March 2 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, lettuce and tomato, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler

Friday, March 3 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Bean burrito, lettuce and tomato, salsa, fruit

Monday, March 6 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Beef vegetable soup, crackers, lettuce and tomato, fruit, hamburger on a bun, pizza, French Fries, milk

Tuesday, March 7 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit milk

Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, corn, lettuce and pickle, fruit

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, March 1 - Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Thursday, March 2 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat rolls, fruit

Friday, March 3 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Beef vegetable soup, crackers, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Monday, March 6 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Frito pie, cornbread, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk

Tuesday, March 7 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit milk

Lunch: Sliced ham, green beans, rolls, fruit

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Administration Office

Thursday, March 2 - 9-11 a.m., School To Work meeting at Eastern New Mexico University

Friday, March 3 - 9-30 a.m. Spanish Spelling Bee at the Hubbard Museum of the American West

Sierra Vista Primary School

Wednesday, March 1 - 7:50 a.m. staff meeting in the library; bilingual staff in Albuquerque; Medicaid Time Study

Thursday, March 2 - Computer guy at SVP; Medicaid Time Study

Friday, March 3 - 9 a.m. (second grade) and 9:30 a.m. patriotic musical presentation by Mader's and Myers' classes; 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Group A music; lunch, PAC sell snacks in the cafeteria

White Mountain Elementary

Wednesday, March 1 - 8 a.m. Staff meeting in the lounge; third-grade science

Thursday, March 2 - Random Acts of Kindness winners get their names on Channel 56; third-grade science

Friday, March 3 - TCBY/Popcorn sold; Stampers' class does campus cleanup; third grade science

Ruidoso Middle School

Thursday, March 2 - Eighth grade to Ruidoso High School for orientation, time to be announced

Friday, March 3 - 9 a.m., Spanish Spelling Bee, Museum of the American West

Ruidoso High School

Thursday, March 2 - DECA State Conference in Albuquerque; incoming freshman orientation; ThePee serving Parmesan chicken with pasta, breadsticks, salad, green beans, Italian cream cake, tea, lemonade or coffee

Friday, March 3 - DECA State Conference in Albuquerque; choreography to UNM.

Responsible students recognized

Two students from each grade of Carrizozo Elementary School were recognized for demonstrating outstanding responsibility. Each student received a certificate, ribbon, pencil, and a free scoop of ice cream from Roy's Gift Gallery. Students were, at left, back row, Autumn Kratochvil, Kyle LaBelle, Jane LeBlanc and Nicole Nava; middle row, Arron Vallejos, Tanner Huston, Kathleen Schlarb, Alyshia Culey, and third-grade teacher, Phoebe Cogdill; front row, Gabriela Baret, Derek Vega, Joel Ferguson, and Jordan Hill.



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The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

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Celebrate NIE Week

How to Write a News Story

Putting out a school newspaper is a cool way to learn about newspapers and also to develop many skills.

1. Plan

A SCIENTIST DISCOVERED DINOSAUR BONES NEARBY. I'LL COVER THE STORY.

Meet with the staff to discuss what's happening. Out of the meeting comes your story idea.

4. Draft

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE.

Write down your facts and organize your information.

Newspaper stories are different from stories that tell a tale.

Tale-telling stories
Stories that tell a tale are in this style, or form. The story pyramid is inverted, or upside down.

Example of the beginning of a story telling a tale:
"Once upon a time there lived a young girl who..."

5. Check

Check the facts to make certain they are correct.

DR. JONES, DID YOU SAY THAT THE BONE WAS 5 FEET LONG?

6. Revise

I WILL USE SPELL-CHECK AND ALSO DOUBLE-CHECK THE PUNCTUATION.

Revise your story and read for correct form.

3. Research

DR. JONES, HOW DID YOU IDENTIFY THE BONE?

Read about the subject. Interview an expert. Surf the Internet for information.

The week of March 8-10 is Newspaper in Education Week, set aside to remind us how important newspapers are as a lifetime source of information.

7. Submit

IT'S FUN PASSING ON FACTS TO MY READERS.

Submit your story to an editor to be checked. Meet your deadline.

The Mini Page thanks Pat Fegs, administrator of language arts, Fairfax County, Va., Public Schools; and Dr. Carole Riggs, Ed. D., principal, Willow Springs School, Fairfax County Public Schools, for help with this issue.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter G. The letter G makes two sounds, G and J. We are using the G sound this week.

Pete: I'm worried about you. There's a gourd growing out of your ear!
Jean: I'm worried, too! I planted carrots!

Q: Did you hear about the goose with laryngitis?
A: He didn't give a squawk about anything!

Q: When should you kick a gift?
A: When it's a soccer ball!

Go on a G word hunt. What other words can you find beginning with a G? What sound do you hear?

SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of school newspapers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BANNER, BEAT, COPY, DATELINE, WHO, EDITION, LEAD, HEADLINE, SECTION, ADVISER, PAPER, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, STORY, REPORTER, TIMES, NEWS, POST, STAR.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are using newspapers in their history class. See if you can find:

- fish
- pineapple
- lemon
- grapes
- saw
- orange
- cherry
- kite
- apple
- watermelon
- strawberry
- word MINI

How to Start a School Paper

1. Line up an adult to be your adviser.

Here are some ideas:

- Teacher
- Principal
- Reading teacher
- Volunteer parent
- Librarian

4. Visit the paper.

If possible, visit your local paper. Talk with the reporters and other staff members. See how a paper is put together.

7. Name the staff.

The students and the adviser help choose the staff.

- Editor
- Special section editors
- Sportswriters
- Reviewers
- Editorial writers
- Layout and art editors
- Advertising managers
- Circulation managers

9. Set the type.

Use the computer to set the type in columns, or students can carefully hand-print the copy if you don't have access to a computer.

2. Decide who will do it.

MR. JONES' FOURTH-GRADE CLASS

The paper can be put out by one classroom, or it can be a school project with reporters chosen from each room. Kindergarten, first and second grades might be covered by reporters from the upper grades.

5. Decide on a name.

Remember that the banner, or title, should have the date, the number of the issue and the school name.

The News
Westover School
Next week, The Mini Page is all about famous 20th-century women.

8. Gather the news.

HOW DID YOU WIN?

- Classroom news
- Jokes
- Teacher news and interviews
- Student activities
- Sports
- Puzzles
- Advice columns
- Editorials
- Holidays
- Recipes
- Honors
- Book reviews
- Movie reviews
- Web site reviews
- Letters to the editor
- Index
- Surveys

10. Proof the copy.

Proofreaders carefully check the copy for spelling, facts and punctuation.

11. Lay out the pages.

How your paper looks, or the "layout," is important. Be sure to carefully plan how the words, art and photos look on the page. Use your computer to type the articles in columns and paste them to create your layouts. Some schools have special computer software for creating layouts. You will want to include an index on the front page.

12. Advertise.

Put up posters advertising the paper, its price and when it will be for sale.

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13. Print, assemble and deliver.

Print your paper by running it off on a computer printer or duplicating machine, or taking it to a professional printer. The circulation staff assembles, staples and delivers the copies.

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\$259 PER MONTH O.A.C. 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide, delivered and setup. 1-800-530-8577 D00548

040 HOUSES FOR SALE

COZY 900 SQ.FT. HOME; Close to Grindstone Lake. Great deck, light views, 3 bed room, 1 bath, \$75,000. 257-3830

F.S.B.O. FIXER-UPPER; 1800 sq. ft. plus storage shed, large shop, carpet, 2/1b, 3bdm/1.5ba, living room w/fireplace, office, porch, large dog house, fenced. Ruidoso Downs, near WallMart. Quiet neighborhood, \$74,500. 378-8202 mornings or leave message.

GREAT 3 BDRM HOME; remodeled to perfection. Large, treed lot, 2 decks, 3 baths, easy access. \$129,900. Call Sandy at Re/Max of Ruidoso, 258-5833.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 230 E. Circle Drive. 2bdm, 2ba, new appliances, great neighborhood, tiled counter tops, much more, \$89,900. 378-8003

050 CONDOS FOR SALE

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH Condo; furnished, double garage, fireplace, w/d, mountain view. No pets, no smoking. 258-3210

ASPEN PIN CONDO; 2 bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful view, recent carpet, paint. Call 257-9834 days, 338-8232 after 7pm.

BY OWNER 2BD/2BA. Totaly remodeled; fireplace, deck w/beautiful view, cathedral ceiling. Pool & hot tub available. Champion Run Condos, \$69,900. 318-634-0141.

060 MANUFACTURED HOMES FOR SALE

16X80 FLEETWOOD 3/2 ON River Deck, storage building, \$5000 down, owner finance. Take auto for down? Gavilan Park #50. 420-7507

29D/2B, 14X70 MOBILE, #14 Recreation Village, nice deck, unfurnished, \$11,000.00. 258-4545.

110 CABINS/VACATION RENTALS

NIGHTLY & WEEKLY Newly remodeled 2/2 in quiet neighborhood, partially furnished or unfurnished with covered decks, W/D, NO PETS. \$500/mo, plus bills, deposit & references required, 6 mo. lease. Call 258-1722 or 338-1388

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

Ruidoso Properties Better Homes & Gardens 257-4075 • 257-9683 • 277 Paradise Dr. #1 3A, \$650/\$900 • 115 Pines Ln. #1 \$425/\$550 owner/agent • 122 Hulse St. 2br, contn. garage/depot. \$300 - owner/agent Full Service Property Management

FOR RENT

- Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath furnished condo, \$550 per month plus utilities. Call Kathy at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.
- Two bedroom, 2 1/2 bath furnished condo, \$700 per month plus utilities. Call Kathy at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.
- We have 3 units in White Mountain Meadows, both furnished and unfurnished. \$650 per month plus utilities. Call Mark at Tall Pines Realty for more information, 257-7786.
- Commercial property on Sudderth Dr. for lease. Includes commercial building plus an apartment in back. \$2000 per month plus utilities or any part thereof negotiable. Call Mark at Tall Pines Realty for more information, 257-7786.

190 AUTOS FOR SALE

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060 MANUFACTURED HOMES FOR SALE

2BR/2BA MOBILE; bed/ba each end, open living, dining, kitchen area, Sewer, gas in street. Colorado/Riverior. Terms, owner carry. 378-8001

'94 CAVCO 16X80 3 bedroom two bath. Big, nice and fancy. Hardboard siding and shingle roof. \$21,500.00, 10% down, \$284.94 for 144 months 11% APR. Glenn Cook, 800124, Roswell. 505-623-7889/or 420-0694.

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HOUSES MUST GO at a low price with little or zero down. Factory blow sale. Call 1-800-392-5823.

\$\$\$ MILLENIUM Blowout Sale \$5 All New 2000 models at 1999 sale prices. Double wide at \$299 a month. Single wide \$199 with all extras & all with zero down. Call Thomas today. You'll Save Big. 1-800-648-5978 d1858 EZ Approval in Minutes.

NICE 2 BEDROOM 14X80 Solitaire; carpeted on river, near "Y", lease. 378-4498

OLDER 2 BEDROOM mobile setup in Ruidoso Downs, good condition, \$4,500. 687-3526

ONLY IN NEW MEXICO a 5 bedroom doublewide with all the extras a family needs. Once you see this house you won't believe the price. Call 1-800-582-5823.

START THE NEW YEAR with New Home. First time buyers program available. Payments as low as \$199 a month. All with zero down! EZ Approval in minutes. Call Thomas today. 1-800-648-5978

(TWO) 2BR/1BA MOBILES; separate lots, city utilities, Mountain View, live in one, rent the other. Terms, will carry note. 378-8001

WHY RENT WHEN IT'S SO much cheaper to own. Look at this 16x80 Flory Dew house with built in TV, hair dryer, microwave, coffee maker, washer & dryer and more. Call 1-800-362-5923.

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

2BD/1B, W/D, WHIRLPOOL tub, \$650/mo. 101A Lower Terrace, Ruidoso. 605-648-2185.

ALTO VILLAGE beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, beautiful home. Incredible Sierra Blanca view. Easy access, yet secluded. \$1,800 a month, first and last plus deposit. A very special home! Call Joe Zagone owner/agent Lic#161045 420-3807 or 336-1085.

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

2BR, 2BA, \$650/MO; Kitchen, dining, living room, refrigerator, stove, gas heat. Available March 3rd. First and last months rent. 257-9873

2BR HOUSE; living room, kitchen & bath. Stove & refrigerator included, washer/dryer hookups, easy access, carpet, fenced yard/ 378-4948, (915)949-5483

3BD/2BA, IN TOWN, easy access, Jennair stove, whirlpool bath, fenced yard, garage. \$800/mo. 258-4942 after 6:00 p.m.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE; 6 bedrooms, nice furniture, in Innsbrook Village, golf course, \$1,250 plus utilities & deposit. Long term. 430-7778

HAVE HOMES and condos for rent; long term. Please call Carol at Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors, 338-8489.

TAKING APPLICATIONS: Furnished house with fireplace, \$475 for two people, \$50 each additional person. Water paid, lease six-months minimum. No pets. 257-2004

UNIQUE SANTA FE SOLAR "Earthship" home. 3bdm/2ba main house with 2 separate guest houses; one with work shop, on 11 acres with great views, near Nogal. \$1,600/mo. Wayland at Re/Max 258-5833

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

\$285 MIDTOWN; furnished efficiency cabin. Utilities paid. 258-5877

FURNISHED and unfurnished 1 & 2 bedroom apartments; bills paid. No pets. Call 258-3111.

LAS CASITAS DE ROSA, excellent location. 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$675 plus utilities. Call 505-268-9202.

NICEST TWO BEDROOM, one bath apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. "CITY UTILITIES". 915-757-8043 for details.

250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES

PALO VERDE BOOT & SHOE REPAIR Located in The Saddle Shop Fast, Friendly Service Jerry Jones 505-378-1026 P.O. Box 1465 Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

260 FARM EQUIPMENT

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RED ROOF BARN We will build a 1300 Sq. Ft. barn on your site for \$13,000

- Construction by a Licensed Contractor-NM Lic # 62175
- 36' x 36' x 10' side wall height
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- Painted metal pitched roof and siding with 20 year limited warranty
- 2-12' wide x 10' high sliding doors and 1-8' wide man door

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080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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TAKING Applications for 2 bedroom duplexes; remodeled, nice area, pleasant view, furnished or unfurnished. Day, Week or Long Term. 257-2042

VERY NICE 2 BDRM available now. \$550/mo. Water paid. Pine Mountain Realty. Lic# 116091. 257-4700.

090 MOBILES FOR RENT

3BR/2BA ON RAINIER RD. great deck, washer & dryer included. \$500/mo plus utilities plus security deposit. 257-4991

COMPLETELY FURNISHED 1.5bdm/1ba. \$225/mo plus utilities. Easy access! No pets! Prefer adults. Security deposit required. Call after 6pm, 378-7063.

ONE BRADY CANYON RD. Available approx 4/1/00; cute 2bdm, 1 1/4 ba; washer/dryer, covered front deck, small side yard. Pets OK with pet deposit. \$500/mo including utilities. 258-5958

100 CONDOS FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH Condo; furnished, double garage, fireplace, w/d, mountain view. No pets, no smoking. 258-3210

CIMMARON CONDOS efficiency apartments available. Hwy 70 East, next to Conley's Nursery, \$925/mo. 378-5250.

FOR RENT: UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom condo; fireplace, d/w, washer/dryer hookups, \$525. No pets. 257-4442

120 MOBILE SPACES FOR RENT

BIG 80'X170' FENCED spaces \$195/mo. Easy access. Captain Estates, 10 miles to Ruidoso. 257-4700 or evenings call 354-2381.

250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES

TOP QUALITY Alfalfa & Hegari 2 miles east of Ruidoso. 10 miles to Ruidoso. Gersberger Farm 585-4578

270 FEED & GRAINS

Your ad could be herel RUIDOSO NEWS Advertising Michelle or Linda 257-4001

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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DALES FURNITURE FEATURING FUTONS with quality mattress Starting at \$199.95 Largest selection of home furnishings in Lincoln County

120 MOBILE SPACES FOR RENT

CAPTAIN: PAD SPACE for mobile home, #114 E 2nd Street at U. Meade Court. Available on or before 04/01/00. 257-5381.

150 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

AA STORAGE: 378-7030. Inside-Outside storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy 49. Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9483.

SIERRA BLANCA Storage; Airport Highway. Inside storage units. Outside & covered storage for RV's, etc. Fenced, security manager on premises. 336-4712.

170 BUSINESS RENTALS

2,400 SQ.FT. AVAILABLE at the Attic Complex, 1031 Mechem. 258-5398

BOOTH RENTAL Opportunity. Visible Changes/Marta Norman has immediate openings: Hair Stylist & Nail Tech. Prefer experienced. For appointment, days 257-2121 or 258-4509, 430-1423.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES and retail space for lease at Pine-tree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5155. Monday thru Friday. 9am to 4pm.

FOR RENT OFFICE SPACES 3 offices and a reception area. Water and electricity included. Call 257-8570.

OFFICE SPACE for lease: 200 Sudderth, Suite A. \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5811.

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

CONSIGNMENTS WANTED for Consign for Men, an upscale men's store. Men's upscale items & clothing. 378-1331 or 378-4359

SIERRA CLEANERS Full service laundry/dry cleaners. Fully furnished, includes, building, business equipment, inventory, land. Please, only serious buyers. Call Ann for more info. at Prudential Lela Easter Realtors. 257-7313.

200 TRUCKS & 4X4S FOR SALE

1995 CHEVY 4X4 Silverado; 4-speed, w/PTO winch on front, 305 engine with high mileage, \$4,500 OBO. 338-1127, lease message.

1995 FULL-SIZE FORD Bronco; 4x4, Pioneer stereo, alarm systems, extra lights. First \$2,500. 430-9537

1991 TOYOTA 4-Runner; blue SR5, automatic, 4x4, 116k miles, \$9,900, excellent condition. 336-4819

1993 JEEP GRAND Cherokee 40, automatic, 78k, excellent condition, price reduced, extras: leather, CD, sled rack, newer tires. 258-6245

320 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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NEW ROLAND Digital Planos from \$995 Please call 257-1338 Ask for Sue

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1990 AUTOS FOR SALE

1999 TOYOTA COROLLA; runs good, \$995. 1995 Ford Bronco 4x4, low mileage, \$5,500. 336-1151

1995 FORD TAURUS; 48k miles, loaded, \$7,150. Owner will finance. 257-4458

90 CHEV 454 SS; low miles, runs and drives great, \$8,850. Will trade. 420-4565

94 FORD EXPLORER; light blue, power seat, CD, new tires. Must sell. Below Book. 420-4565

95 BUICK CENTURY; 4 door, white w/midwood interior, V-6, auto, power windows, \$5,500 or best offer. 420-4565

JEEP PICKUP 1987 \$4500 Blazer S10 auto, 1995 \$3200 Jeep 4x4, auto, 1977 \$6000 Buick 1990, 4-dr, black, \$3200 Ford 1970 Ranchero \$3200 Ford 1987 4x4, lift-kit, \$3200 Pontiac 1993 convert., \$4900 Thunderbird 1989, 4-dr \$4200 Maverick 1985, super \$3900 Ford Futura 1986, auto \$3200 Chevrolet 1984 pickup \$1700 Call 630-2424.

LOW-MILEAGE 1

200 TRUCKS & 4x4s FOR SALE

88 DODGE PICKUP V-8, auto, good shape, \$2,850. 420-4588

97 CHEVROLET 1500 Silverado, 4x4, new tires, 113hp, excellent condition. \$11,500. Call for more detail. 338-8202

97 PATHFINDER 4x4, SE, one owner, good sun roof, new tires. \$10,200 or best offer. Must sell. 420-4588

98 TOYOTA TACOMA, x-cab, loaded, \$10,500 OBO. 257-0098, 378-5250

FORD F-150 LONG 4500 Chev 81 Van, loaded \$9900 Chev 89 4x4, loaded \$4900 430-7778

240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

1984 33' PACE ARROW, 52k miles, dual air, 6000 watt generator, vacuum, new tires, driver side door, 454 engine, very, very nice. \$12,200. Call 630-1050.

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FOR SALE: 1988 ESPREE travel trailer, excellent condition. Firewood for sale. Handyman Work. Call 354-2178.

NEW TOW BAR: EAZ aligner, extendible, for RV, for towing any vehicle. \$350 originally paid \$700. 430-7778, 630-2424

250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES

FREE HORSE BOARD. Full board and lots of TLC. You provide grain and hay. Horse must be gentle. Call (505) 633-4739.

HORSE FOR SALE: ARAB and quarter horse, gelding, Palomino color. Asking \$1,300. Evenings 354-2381

290 PETS & SUPPLIES

FOR SALE: English Setter puppies. Parents proven hunters. Call 354-3304 or 1-405-259-0670.

370 WANTED TO BUY

El Molino Rough Sawm We Buy Logs! all varieties & Sizes 1 1/2 miles East on Airport Hwy 336-1237 430-0200

380 HELP WANTED

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR EXPERIENCED HOSTESS, LINE COOKS AND WAIT STAFF! (available to work weekends, holidays) Please apply in person or send resume to: Che Bella! 2823 Sudderth Ruidoso, NM 88345 257-7540

\$2000.00 Sign on Bonus RN's and LPN's needed at Ruidoso Care Center. Contact Human Resources at 257 - 9071

Certified Nursing Assistants needed at Ruidoso Care Center. \$7.50 per hour. Contact Human Resources at 257 - 9071

Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Staff needed at RUIDOSO CARE CENTER contact Human Resources 257-9071

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Help us go way back to the 50's... in our new diner DENNY'S AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

290 PLTS & SUPPLIES

JACK RUSSELL TERRIERS, new litter, just arrived, reserve yours now. JRTCA eligible. Tri-color, brown/white, black/white. Gloria Fante Acres. 505-885-9511.

300 YARD SALES

LIVING ROOM, BEDROOMS, dining, kitchen appliances, lamps, bunkbeds, dishes, linens, complete, houseful. 507 Mary at Rio Arriba, behind cemetery. Saturday 9:00 a.m. No early birds.

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

REFRIGERATOR, WHITE, Hotpoint, excellent working condition, \$200.00. 258-1173 SEARS COLDSPOOT frostless, copper tone, 14 cu.ft. refrigerator. \$125. Phone 336-1322.

330 ANTIQUES

OKAY, I KNOW THIS computer is old... Macintosh LCIII, 16MB, external CD; Styler Writer printer, modem and color monitor which needs repair. Installed software included. Please take this off my hands! \$150 OBO. 630-0045

360 MISCELLANEOUS

COMMERCIAL RESTAURANT equipment, espresso machine, gas range and much more. For more information call 338-1195.

COMPUTER: IBM compatible, modem. Ready for internet. Software included, \$400 OBO. 257-2042

FIREPLACE INSERT: Asburn propane. Cost \$1,200, asking \$850. Beautiful, like new. 338-4015

INVERSION BOARD, to stretch your back. Cost \$200, only \$95. 354-2048.

LARGE TREES below wholesale priced! Instant forest of 10' to 16' Blue Spruce, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, etc. \$10 per foot. Will transplant to your property with minimum order of 10 trees for flat \$100 each. Bar-M Tree Farm 434-5875 or 430-8875

LAWNMAN SELF propelled mower; used 3 months, \$250. 336-4321

380 HELP WANTED

LINCOLN COUNTY GRILL

Hiring cashiers and dishwashers at \$8 per hour and cooks at \$9 per hour, based on experience for permanent full-time positions. Part-time positions with flexible hours also available. Rapid Advancement, Paid Vacations, and Health Insurance. Apply at 2717 Sudderth

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

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Cattle Baron & Farley's

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

OPERATING ROOM POSITIONS

Experienced Operating Room RN Full time and part time positions includes on call responsibilities Experienced Operating Room Tech Full time and part time positions includes on call responsibilities Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Contact: Sheri Hinshaw Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 443-7750 EOE

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Yes, I would like to serve as an Official Poll Worker for the upcoming 2000 elections. I am a resident of the United States and a current registered voter of the State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln.

Applicant's Registered Name _____ Applicant's Physical Address _____ Applicant's Mailing Address _____ Applicant's Phone Numbers AM _____ PM _____ (Please PRINT all information)

(Cut out application and mail today)

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Waivers welcome • Students must be 14 years and 11 months or older Sign up now - Limited space available More information 505-883-0798 or 258-3976

360 MISCELLANEOUS

MAKE AN OFFER: 250 gallon propane tank, 50% full, HTS Tracker system 4, C-Band satellite receiver, descrambler, and fully automatic antenna controller with remote control. \$15-367-8897

NEW STEEL BUILDING in crate, 40x22 was \$5,880, now \$2,830; Must sell 1-800-292-0111

PROPANE TANK; 250 GAL. in good shape, w/regulator. You move \$250. Smith Corona electric typewriter, like new, \$30. Call 257-9803.

TAKING BIDS ON A SEARS Craftsman 7000 watt generator; 120-240 volt. Inquire at Liberty Finance, 238 Sudderth Dr.

THERE IS AN ANSWER TO ADDICTION...www.stoppeddclion.com

TIRE ON RIM, like new and balanced, five lug, 205 70/R14. Only \$65.00. 354-2048.

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WANTED TO BUY any type of antiques and good used furniture. We pay cash for one piece or haulout. Call anytime. 336-8116.

380 HELP WANTED

A LOCAL HOSPITALITY Business is looking for a few exceptional people. Spanish/English is a big plus. Would like to find a few people who are computer compatible, who have better than average customer service skills, and can sell room nights both in person and over the phone. Knowledge of Ruidoso and surrounding areas is necessary. If this sounds like you, please mail a resume along with references to News Reply, P.O. Box 128-RA, Ruidoso, NM 88365.

CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

FRONT COUNTER SALES & Light Bookkeeping. 257-4466 or 257-3777

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EXPERIENCED housekeeper wanted. Approx 20 hours per week, 3-4 mornings per week. Must have transportation. \$5/hr to start. For interviews, contact Kathie 354-3200.

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper with 3 years minimum experience. Must have thorough knowledge of automated accounting systems, Microsoft Office, Quickbooks, payroll processing. Salary DOE. Send resume to: Resume, 508 Mechem, Suite D, Ruidoso, NM 88345

FULL-TIME ACCOUNTING position. Benefits. Experience necessary. Send resume to: Addison, P.O. Box 3240, Ruidoso, NM 88355

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

HELP WANTED: Servers and cooks; full-time. Apply in person at Pub 48, 441 Mechem between 2p.m. and 5p.m.

HOME MAILERS NEEDED Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-831-5367 Ext 8400 24hrs

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED for Thursdays and Fridays. Apply at Crown Point Condos, 220 Crown Drive.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for servers and part-time bartender in the restaurant. See Army. Apply in person at Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem.

KOKOPELLI a private club, is seeking qualified applicants for wait staff, kitchen and bartending positions. Please call 338-1818 ext. 24 for an appointment.

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

LOCAL RESORT needs full-time front office, receptionist, evenings and weekends. Send resume to: P.O. Box 7148, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

380 HELP WANTED

RUIDOSO READY LABOR

Daily Work/Daily Pay Construction, framers, general labor, food service housekeepers and Clerical. All skill levels. Apply Today! 257-7876 449 Sudderth Drive Gateway Center

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER has an opening for a full-time Clinical Office Assistant beginning ASAP. Must have computer skills. We offer a generous bonus package. If interested, contact Pam, Human Resources, Box 8000, Ruidoso, NM 88355,(505) 257-8256. EOE

380 HELP WANTED

MERCHANDISER NEEDED in local grocery store. Part time, flexible hours, twice a week. Please call J.P. Demos & Merchandising at 1-800-210-1482.

NATIONAL RECOVERY Firm relocating to Ruidoso, seeks Locator Specialist. Duties: Track project & client leads via data base. Locate beneficiaries (individuals, corporations) of abandoned Treasury funds. Must be computer literate, articulate, communication / telephone skills, ability to organize, manage & schedule assigned projects. We offer full-time employment, salary, commission, benefits. Send resume, cover letter & salary history to: Larry Moses, 2910 Sudderth, #184, Ruidoso, NM 88345

NEED ADDITIONAL income? www.ehomebusiness.com/edsiltz

NEEDED ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Experience required. Part to full time. 257-7081.

PART-TIME repair/maintenance cleaning persons needed for weekly, overnight, rental business. 800-483-8334

REGISTERED NURSES or LPN in Patient day & evening available. 4 days/week, 10 hour shift. Nearby. PRN also possible. Also, traveling assignments in beautiful Northern Arizona: ER, OB & Peds available now. Excellent pay, housing and travel pay. Call Roy ASAP. 1-800-881-9886

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing Firm now hiring Clerical, waitresses, waiters, cooks, dishwashers, servers. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing Firm now hiring general laborers, operators, and CDL licensed. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

390 WORK WANTED

GARDEN GREEN & SUPER Clean-Powerwashing, deck refinishing, lawn care, planer/brush removal, firebreaks, hauling. Estimates. 257-2172 or 420-5225

380 HELP WANTED

400 SERVICES

CLEANING SERVICE FOR homes and offices: licensed, experienced, reliable. Call JNC Cleaning for estimates at 257-1318 or 430-1909.

COMPUTER SERVICES: cleaning, routine maintenance, upgrade, software installation, instructions. Will make house calls. \$15.00/hr. Call Robert at 354-4222.

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HANDYMAN SERVICE, maintenance and repair. Free Estimates. References available. 257-2650, ask for Tim.

J.C. CONSTRUCTION 258-4132. Remodels, Decks, Painting, New Construction. Lic# 81976

JOHN'S MAINTENANCE: All phases of repair and maintenance. Homes, cabins & decks. Power wash, seal, or paint. Free Estimates. 258-3703

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600 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
Upper Canyon Storage
Unit #12
Household & Misc Items
Last known owner:
Eric Lambertsen
1501 Tijeras NE, Apt# 324E
Albuquerque, NM 87108
LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD:
Date: March 18, 2000
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Upper Canyon Storage
111 Viator
Ruidoso, NM 88345
2638 2T(2)25(3)1

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

ORDINANCE 2000-01
Notice is hereby given that the
Governing Body, Village of
Ruidoso shall conduct a public
hearing in conjunction with a
regular meeting scheduled on
March 14, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at
the Ruidoso Administrative
Center for the purpose of
adopting the following Ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2000-01: "AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 54 LAND USE,
ARTICLE II ZONING, DIVISION
4 DEVELOPMENT
STANDARDS, SECTION 132
RESIDENTIAL TERRAIN
MANAGEMENT AND NEW
SECTION 132.1 COMMERCIAL
TERRAIN MANAGEMENT."
Copies of Ordinance 2000-01
are on file in the office of the
Village Clerk and are available
for public review Monday
through Friday between the
hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00
p.m.
WITNESS my hand and the
seal of the Village of Ruidoso
this 1st day of March, 2000.
(SEAL)
/Tammie J. Maddox,
Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

ORDINANCE 2000-02
Notice is hereby given that the
Governing Body, Village of
Ruidoso shall conduct a public
hearing in conjunction with a
regular meeting scheduled on
March 14, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at
the Ruidoso Administrative
Center for the purpose of
adopting the following Ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2000-02 "AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 54 LAND USE,
ARTICLE II ZONING, DIVISION
3 DISTRICT REGULATIONS,
SECTION 100 C-2
COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
DISTRICT AND ZONING
DESIGNATION FOR A PORTION
OF SUDDERTH DRIVE TO C-2-B."
and to consider amendment of
the zoning designation of the
zoning district map for the
following property:
Navajo Subdivision Block A,
Lots 9-A-9C, 10B, 10A, 5,
33A, 48A-E, 45, 47A, 32A,
18A, WE Jackson Tract Plots
1 and 2A, Marquez Tract, Nelson
Tract, Boyce Tract, Lots 4,
5, 7, 8, 12D, 12C, 1-C, 1-H-F,
1-G, 19-A and 19.
Wildfield Subdivision, Block 1,
Lots 1-8, Tract of land metes
and bounds, All lots in Block 2,
Block 6 and Block 6.
Hull Re-Subdivision, all Lots.
Sleepy Hollow Subdivision,
Block B, Lots 108A-C.
McCarty Subdivision, all Lots
in Block 1, Block 2, Lots 1 and
2, Block 3, Lot 12, Block 7,
Lots 2-10 and 27, 28, Block 8,
Lot 8, all Lots in Block 9 and
10, Block 11, Lots 1A-4,
Hamilton terrace Subdivision,
Block 1, Lots 1-4, Block 5, Lot
11.
All lots mentioned are approx-
imate and exact maps are
available for viewing at the
Planning Department at the
Village Administrative Offices
between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00
p.m. Monday through Friday.
The described lots are now
zoned C-2 Community Commer-
cial District and will be
considered for Re-designation
of C-2B, Community Commer-
cial District.
Copies of Ordinance 2000-02
are on file in the office of the
Village Clerk and are available
for public review Monday
through Friday between the
hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00
p.m.
WITNESS my hand and the
seal of the Village of Ruidoso
this 1st day of March, 2000.
(SEAL)
/Tammie J. Maddox,
Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

THOMAS SIMONINI and EDWARD C. SIMONINI and KAREN C. SIMONINI, Plaintiffs.
No. CV-00-019 Div. III

LEGAL NOTICE

ALPINE ACRES, LTD., a New Mexico Limited Partnership, by and through its General Partner, Bill Eastland; H.W. Enterprises, Incorporated, a New Mexico corporation, Ernest Fredeck, Dolores Fredeck, John Does 1-5, representing the heirs and devisees of Ernest and/or Dolores Fredeck, if deceased, John Does 6-10 representing all unknown persons who may claim an interest in and to the described real property.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

ROBERT W. WEBER, Plaintiff, vs.
CV-00-038
GROUP ONE DEFENDANTS: EAST LAKESIDE CORPORATION, a New Mexico corporation, Ernest Fredeck, Dolores Fredeck, JOHN DOES 1-5, REPRESENTING THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ERNEST and/or DOLORES FREDECK, if deceased, JOHN DOES 6-10 REPRESENTING ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN AND TO THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

Defendants:
New Mexico Alpines Acres, Ltd., a New Mexico Limited Partnership, by and through its General Partner, Bill Eastland; H.W. Enterprises, Incorporated, a New Mexico corporation, Ernest Fredeck, Dolores Fredeck, John Does 1 through 100 and their Unknown Heirs, Devises and Assigns; and Any and All Unknown Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiffs.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

JEANETTE TOENING, as Petitioner, vs. RICHARD GARCIA MELEN, Defendant.
Cause No. DM-00-019 Division III

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO JEANETTE TOENING, Petitioner, vs. RICHARD GARCIA MELEN, Defendant.

Notice of Pendency of Suit to Quiet Title of the State of New Mexico.
Each and every Defendant named in Groups I, II, III and IV of the caption of this cause. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Elena Armendariz, if deceased, John Does 1-20 representing all unknown persons who may claim an interest in and to the Group Two described real property.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Suit to Quiet Title has been filed against you, the purpose of which is to quiet title to Group One real property and Group Two real property, more particularly described in Plaintiff's Complaint filed with the District Court, Plaintiff's attorney is Dan E. Dutton of THE DUTTON FIRM, L.P., 1096 Mechem, Suite 228, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, telephone number (505) 258-2323. You are further advised that unless you make an answer or other response to the Complaint within twenty (20) days from the last date of publication, a Default Judgment may be entered against you, granting Plaintiff, Robert W. Weber the relief requested in his complaint.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO on this 15th day of February, 2000.
CHERYL CASTRO DISTRICT COURT CLERK
/Elizabeth Lueras
By: Deputy
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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD Edited by Will Shortz No. 0716
ACROSS
1 Solipist's preoccupation
6 Harsh Athenian lawyer
10 Employer a Singer
13 Anjou, e.g.
14 Casaba, e.g.
18 Ball (arcade game)
19 Heroine of Tennessee Williams' "Summer and Smoke"
21 "Help Myself" (Four Tops hit)
25 Phoenician port
28 "Shut up!"
29 bröche (looked on a split)
24 Coach Parseghian
25 Iranian money
26 Lullaby start
31 Bandleader Shaw
32 They're in galley banks
33 Sow
34 "Flow gently, sweet Burns
36 Yemen's capital
40 Game plan
41 Fancy watch
42 "Pipe down, Plerel"
47 Hurler Reynolds of the 40's-50's Yankees
48 Go (for)
49 Assist
50 Director's directive
51 Amnhotep IV's god
56 Words repeated at the start of the "Sailor's Song"
57 Like — in a trap
60 Bookie's bookings
61 — around (near)
62 Ram's attire
63 Come-ons
64 Mystery writer Paretsky and others
65 Book after II Chronicles
DOWN
1 Health center
2 Electric
3 Berate
4 Garman wife
5 Composer Shostakovich
6 Supply with more varnish
7 Astronaut Shepard
8 Rabbit
9 Aware of
10 First U.S. space station
11 In a spooky way
12 Boohoo
13 Narrow furrow
14 Myth
15 City formerly informally known as Triumphant
16 Tackle box item
17 Secret
18 Small to smithereens
19 Indifference language
44 T. S. and Georgia
45 Triforce Fr.
46 Goddess of wisdom
48 Covers with crumba
47 Mideast's Gulf of
51 Revolutionary orator James O'Connell
52 Soulfinger Hendrix
53 Pro-Soviet royalty
54 Let up
55 Timetable abbr.
56 Aunt, in Madrid
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WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 8, 2000. Grid of TV programs for Wednesday evening, including channels like KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFI, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, and CMAX2.

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POOP SCOOP. BY DIANNE STALLINGS. RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER. Looking for a way to help abandoned pets in the area? The Humane Society of Lincoln County has a great suggestion: volunteer your time at the new thriftshop...

Shake, Rattle & Roll! Want a new bike or a cool pair of rollerblades? Kids! Sell 25 new subscriptions to the RUIDOSO NEWS and get a new bike or a new pair of rollerblades! Includes contact info for Ruidoso News and Walmart.

PET CORNER. These pets are currently up for adoption at Lincoln County Humane Society. 257-9841. Includes photos and descriptions for Freckles (Corgi-mix) and Niko (black Labrador). Includes adoption hours and contact info.