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Judge throws out petitions



John Meigs, one of the fathers of the Aloha shirts, is backed by a few of his creations. Meigs recently was featured in a book on the shirts and hopes to start a revival, but using Southwestern designs.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

From the New Mexico mountains, his new idea calls out ...

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

aloha!

Never without a new idea to promote, artist, collector and former gallery owner John Meigs was brimming with enthusiasm for his next venture — a take-off on the Hawaiian Aloha shirts he designed before moving to New Mexico.

The concept was born after Meigs received a copy of a new book, "The Aloha Shirt: The Spirit of the Islands" by Dale Hope with Gregory Tobian. The book covers the Golden Age of the flashy print shirts from the 1930s through the 1950s, and

some later revivals and exhibitions.

Meigs, known in his design heyday in Hawaii under the label of "Keoni of Hawaii," is featured heavily in the 211-page book, which is full of photographs of the more famous prints and their creators.

He plans on traveling back to Hawaii later this month to visit old friends and to float an

idea of manufacturing similar shirts but with Southwestern themes, possibly under the label of Paniolo Shirts, which means cowboy in Hawaiian.

While typical Aloha prints might be too gaudy for the average cowboy, more subtle earth tones with cacti, lizards, horses

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County-hospital contract is OK, ruling concludes

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After listening to two hours of legal arguments, a district judge Thursday threw out petitions calling for a grand jury investigation of the Lincoln County Commission's contractual relationship with a hospital management firm.

Judge Frank Wilson, chief judge of the 12th Judicial District, went a step farther by declaring that commissioners were correct in considering themselves exempt from the state procurement code and its requirements for competitive bidding.

He agreed that under the state Hospital Funding Act, commissioners have latitude in how they arrive at a contract.

His opinion contradicts at least two advisory letters from the state Attorney General's Office that contended the commission falls under the state procurement code and violated its provisions by failing to seek competitive bids for hospital management and by not submitting its contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services to the state Finance Board for approval.

Those letters and the refusal by four commissioners to comply with the requirements were the foundation for petitions to be circulated, Reynaldo Varcareel, chairman of the petition organizers, told the court.

But Wilson said the petitions failed to meet the necessary legal standards on several points. While he acknowledged that "the constitutional right to petition for a grand jury is pretty broad," the judge must be able to determine the scope of the inquiry from the petition wording, he said.

"And it has to meet some threshold level of factual allegations of criminal misconduct," he said.

This petition, submitted with more than the required 2 percent of registered county voters, falls somewhere between cases cited by the attorneys for the hospital and four of the commissioners in which petitions failed

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Snow keeps falling on Ruidoso

The second snowfall in four days Wednesday closed Ruidoso schools, crumpled car fenders and improved already-respectable conditions at Ski Apache.

Four inches was the official Ruidoso tally from the midweek storm, according to figures from the National Weather Service office in Albuquerque.

Meteorologist Jeff Stonesifer said some areas around Ruidoso received more or less.

The past weekend brought 3 inches of snow. At Ski Apache, the Wednesday storm deposited 14 inches of snow on the slopes, a spokeswoman said. A total of 19 inches was recorded on the mountaintop over the past week.

Stonesifer said the Ruidoso area is likely to see snow showers Saturday into Sunday.

Additional snow could arrive Monday night into

Tuesday.

At the lower levels, Ruidoso police responded to at least 11 accidents Wednesday and Thursday, with most resulting in heavy damage to vehicles. In addition a number of vehicles went into ditches in the village and beyond. None of the motoring mishaps resulted in serious injuries.

New Mexico State Police at Roswell had considered closing U.S. Highway 70 between Ruidoso Downs and Roswell for a time Tuesday night, but the action was not taken, said Lt. William Bower of the state police district headquarters in Alamogordo.

Over the past weekend, the Ruidoso area's brush with snow late Friday into Saturday was listed as factors in nine traffic collisions in the village and nearby as many in Lincoln County.

Official finds new roadside fence 'totally disgusting'

Highway 48 barrier, part of construction project, was put up to protect Alto Lake wetlands, state says

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A just-erected chain-link fence along State Highway 48 at Alto Lake has raised the ire of a member of Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"It's totally disgusting," said Bill Hirschfeld. "Is no one concerned?"

Hirschfeld questioned if Ruidoso's Extraterritorial Zone Commission shouldn't have passed muster on the fence.

"Is there no authority over the state highway department?" Hirschfeld asked.

Village attorney Charles Rennick said ETZ regulations do not prohibit chain-link fencing. He said he also believed the barrier was in the state highway's right-of-way.

"The fence is part of the contract for the project," said Ernest Sanchez, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department manager for the State Highway 48 project. "It's to protect the wetlands at Alto Lake."

Sanchez said the fence was a requirement of an environmental agency when the road upgrade plans were being formulated.

The 6-foot-tall chain link fence runs for 622 feet.

"I didn't know that a fence would be such a big thing," Sanchez said. "If someone rattles the cage enough and goes high enough, I suppose it could be changed."

Another chain-link fence that went up last year around a water retention pond next to U.S. Highway 70 in front of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino will be coming down.

"It is a pretty ugly thing right in front of the race track," said Muhammad Moabed, the district engineer with the highway department. "It was

put up for liability reasons."

He said the department was working on alternatives to the chain-link fence as well as the retention pond.

Sanchez said retention ponds on State Highway 48 in Ruidoso will be bordered with board-and-batten fencing.

He described the barriers as pressure-treated wood that will be 6 feet tall, needed for liability reasons.

Meanwhile Ruidoso's village attorney said the chain-link fence at Alto Lake would be an appropriate issue for the village manager to raise with the highway department.

"The highway department has not spent a whole lot of money in our community like they have in other communities," Hirschfeld said of aesthetic measures connected to the roadway re-constructions.

Sanchez disagreed saying a lot of money had been spent and more will be spent to minimize the austere results of the projects.

Roswell bank wants to buy local branches

► **RELATED STORY, 3C**

Ruidoso State Bank branches in Capitan and Carrizozo are being sought by First Federal Bank, headquartered in Roswell.

An acquisition application with the Office of Thrift Supervision was to be filed today, said Aubrey Dunn, First Federal president.

"We are excited about both locations," Dunn said. "It fits us perfect. We've got a (bank) manager in Ruidoso who can handle the branches."

Dunn said the purchase would be completed by summer.

"It will be the same services," Dunn said. "There should be no interruptions."

First Federal has a branch in Ruidoso and four other state locations including Roswell and Alamogordo. It also has a branch in El Paso.

The proposed branch acquisition, announced Thursday by Dunn, follows a key regulatory approval of the pending Ruidoso State Bancshares Inc. purchase by State National Bancshares Inc., expected to be completed by Jan. 31.

Ruidoso State Bank president Tom Battin said the Capitan and Carrizozo divestiture is required to obtain needed approvals for the purchase of Ruidoso State Bank.

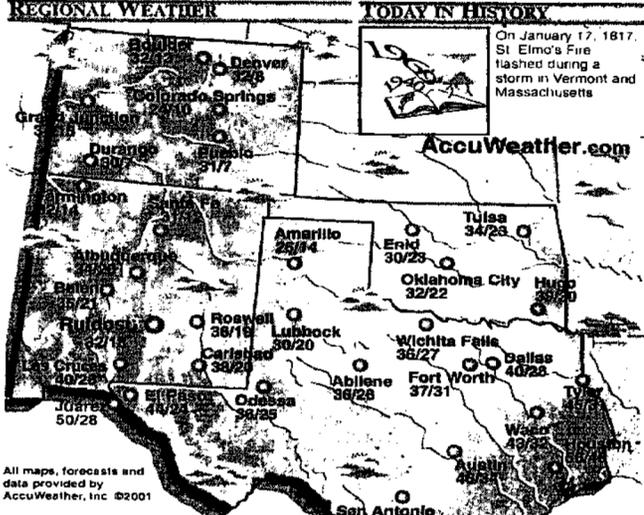
Battin said the banking facilities in Capitan and Carrizozo will remain open as Ruidoso State Bank facilities during the First Federal Bank purchase approval period.

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AccuWeather SEVEN DAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy, snow 32°	A few flurries 18°	Partly sunny 37°/18°	Partly sunny 36°/22°	Clouds and sun 38°/20°	Mostly sunny 40°/20°	Mostly sunny 46°/22°
						Chance for snow 38°/24°

REGIONAL WEATHER



SUN AND MOON

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed	7:05 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Thu	7:06 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Fri	7:05 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Sat	7:05 a.m.	5:23 p.m.
Sun	7:05 a.m.	5:24 p.m.

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L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

The Capitan Progress
January 18, 1901

Capitan furnished its quota to El Paso this week to take in the carnival and be taken in.

Abe May is erecting a residence on Fourth Street.

D.H. Lueras, who is employed as timber man in mine No. 1 had his hand severely

mashed by a rolling stone last week.

J. W. Prude, the Ruidoso merchant and postmaster, was a visitor to Capitan Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Prude is one of the most energetic and prosperous citizens of the county and it is to be hoped that he will come to Capitan and locate.

D. M. Small, United States post office inspector was in Capitan this week looking after the efficiency of the mail service in this section.

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PETITIONS: Judge says county acted properly on hospital contract

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to meet requirements or were accepted, Wilson said.

"The only specific allegations are contained in the second paragraph and point to the procurement code and competitive bidding statute," he said, adding that he finds the commission legally exempt from that code because they were following the Hospital Funding Act.

He also found that ambiguity exists in whether the acts alleged were criminal in nature. Without that clear definition, the matter would not fall under a grand jury's jurisdiction, he said.

His final point centered on the statute of limitations, which states that the time to prosecute a misdemeanor runs out in one year. Violations of the procurement code are misdemeanors criminal offenses.

David Freedman, the attorney representing four commissioners, noted that the original contract with Presbyterian was signed in 1988 and

was renewed in 1994, putting them beyond the reach of prosecution.

Ray Sharbutt, attorney for the petitioners, argued that because the contracts are ongoing, the misdemeanor offenses continue.

After the hearing, Sharbutt said several options remain open, including appealing Wilson's decision or filing new petitions.

Gary Mitchell, chairman of the county-owned hospital's community board appointed by Presbyterian, said he hopes the two sides can work together in the future to provide stable health care in the county.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he was pleased with the decision after 14 months of uncertainty, but he still hopes the state Legislature ends the debate by passing a new exemption to the procurement code covering counties and their contracts for hospital management.

"I still think they need to do that because while the opinion rendered today is binding

on the 12th Judicial District, it still is subject to appeal and a dozen other counties face similar situations," Morel said.

Meanwhile, he is moving ahead with obtaining a market appraisal of the hospital, the attorney said.

"I will be meeting next Wednesday with the head of the Department of Finance and Administration," Morel said. "Although in my last response to the DFA, I disagreed that fair market value must be paid for lease of the hospital, Presbyterian has agreed to meet that requirement. I'll be discussing how to determine that figure. I passed that information to the assistant attorney general and I think we're all headed in the right direction."

Early in the hearing, attorney William Dixon, representing Presbyterian, argued on one hand while the company, being a private non-profit entity, wasn't bound by the state procurement code and therefore it's representatives could not be prosecuted for any violations, that Presbyterian had

a standing in the case under a "zone of interest" standard adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court.

He also argued against accepting the petitions, saying a limitless range of investigation for the grand jury could result in "foraging for unlawful conduct." That could injure innocent people, who may suffer damage to their reputations and incur legal expenses, he said.

His voice rising, Dixon said the petitions and new information alluded to that morning are "speculation, whim and caprice."

"We can't have that," he said. "They're making it up as they go along. This is classic abuse of the grand jury process."

Freedman said the petitions fail to meet the test of acceptance on several points — no citation of specific crimes, no facts to support allegations, exceeding the statute of limitations, being overly broad in the grand jury assignment and calling on the grand jury to interpret the law.

ALOHA: Colorful tropical shirt idea takes on a Southwestern flavor

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and ropes may be comfortable summer wear, Meigs said.

One of the Hondo Valley's well-known residents, John Liggett Meigs built the picturesque Fort Meigs, a rambling adobe structure off U.S. 70 in San Patricio with a graceful garden he loaned to the community for weddings and other events. He selected the site near his friends, artists Henriette Wyeth and Peter Hurd. He gained a local reputation by guiding the renovation of the Tinnie Silver Dollar Mercantile for oilman Robert O. Anderson more than 40 years ago.

Meigs graduated from UCLA in 1936, arrived in Hawaii in 1937, worked for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and later the Honolulu Advertiser. He briefly owned a bar called "The South Seas" in St. Augustine, Fla., but returned to Hawaii, where he remained until the early 1950s when he moved to New Mexico.

A self-taught artist, in 1938 he created his first designs for Aloha shirts, concentrating on native tapa patterns inspired by the originals he studied at the Bishop Museum, according to author Hope. In 1951, he

went to New York to work with major textile houses.

Meigs' contribution to the industry is recognized in the book's introduction and several other sections.

Hope wrote that Keoni was just one of the many flamboyant designers in the Golden Age of Aloha shirts. For inspiration, they shared the sunsets, beaches, flowers and rain forests of Hawaii, he stated.

In 1932, Surfriders Sportswear Manufacturing, owned by Ti How Ho, reportedly made and sold the first Hawaiian shirts, he wrote.

They were easy to bring home as keepsakes and illustrated the carefree style of the islands.

In one chapter, focusing on Meigs, Hope wrote, "In the his-

tory of the Aloha shirt, there has been no more innovative merchandiser nor better self-promoter than Keoni of Hawaii."

A full page advertisement in Sears Roebuck's national catalog showed the Tanbro Hawaiian prints by Meigs. Short sleeve shirts sold for \$2.59 each or two for \$5. A trade advertisement claimed the prints became the talk of the market overnight.

Hope described Meigs as one of the most colorful characters among textile designers. He typically dressed in tropical whites and an Aloha shirt, sporting a wide-brim lauhala hat with leather lei. In one photograph, Meigs also has a pencil-thin moustache.

"I've been called the grand

old man of the Aloha shirt," Meigs is quoted in the book. "What designs weren't bought locally, I sold to the mainland Sears and they wound up in firms Roebuck. I perpetrated an American atrocity, I fear."

"In a sense, Aloha shirts put Hawaii on the map. The first thing people did when they arrived was make a bee-line for a department store to buy one. A lot of kooky things were designed, but I always tried to be a purist when it came to using motifs from Hawaiian sources."

Meigs was described in the book as a "wild guy" by artist Louis Pohl, head of Kamehameha School's art department, who Meigs eventually talked into creating designs of his own.

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Police field tips in robbery case

Investigators now awaiting 75-year-old victim's return from out-of-state visit

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso police detectives have received more than a dozen tips in connection with the Dec. 11 assault, kidnapping and armed robbery of a 75-year-old Ruidoso woman.

Police Chief Lanny G. Maddox said some potential suspects have been interviewed and an array of evidence collected.

Police are now awaiting the victim's return from an out-of-state visit with relatives for a review of the information.

"There is a lot of evidence she has to go over," Maddox said Tuesday. "We feel we have information that we need to share with the victim."

The information was described as including the "names and pictures of people."

The police chief said to eliminate some of the gathered information detectives need to sit down with the victim.

Maddox said most of the information has come through the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Crimestoppers Program. The tip line is offering a \$1,000 reward for infor-

mation that results in a prosecution.

The victim was found at Philadelphia Canyon off Bonito Lake Road by a passing motorist. She told of answering the door of her Ruidoso home to a woman who asked to use the phone.

Once inside the victim was attacked, forced at gunpoint to drive to the drive-up window of her bank and withdraw money and then forced to drive to the Bonito Lake area, authorities have said.

The victim and her vehicle were then abandoned by the attacker. The keys to the victim's car were reportedly thrown into a wooded area at Philadelphia Canyon.

The premise that the attacker left the victim and her car brought investigators to believe the attacker had an

accomplice. The armed woman allegedly threatened to kill the 75-year-old during the ordeal.

Charges of first degree kidnapping, armed robbery, aggravated battery and aggravated assault would be lodged if a suspect is apprehended.

Maddox said he is fairly confident the suspect or suspects have not fled the Ruidoso area.

"There is a lot of evidence she has to go over. We feel we have information that we need to share with the victim."

Lanny G. Maddox,
Ruidoso police chief

Judge orders closed county meeting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A special executive session of the Lincoln County Commission was ordered Monday by a federal judge presiding over a labor suit filed by a former county sheriff's deputy.

U.S. District Judge Anthony A. Alaimo ordered the commission to convene in a closed-to-the-public executive session on or before Tuesday to discuss the case of Trinidad Zepeda versus Lincoln County.

No action was taken in open session following the executive meeting Monday. Citing confidentiality of closed sessions, commissioners contacted declined to comment on the case. Sheriff Tom Sullivan could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Zepeda, 48, sued the county contending officials with the Sheriff's Office refused to reinstate him to his position after a physician said he was fit to return to duty.

According to court documents, Zepeda was hired by

the office 6 1/2 years ago with a 30 percent disability connected to a knee injury incurred while he was in military service.

While patrolling the county three years ago, he further injured his left knee as he was responding to a domestic dispute call, the documents state. A physician confirmed the damage.

Some months passed while representatives of workman's compensation argued the knee was damaged while Zepeda was in the Service and the Veterans Administration countered the recent injury occurred on the job. Eventually, the Veterans Administration replaced Zepeda's knee, but he was off work for about one year.

When his physician decided he was ready to return to work, he experienced several delays in trying to be reinstated.

They included an examination by a county-hired physician and an insistence that he complete "the running portion"

of New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe, the documents state.

Zepeda contends in his lawsuit that he is a certified deputy and does not have to return to the academy.

He claims the running portion of academy and county's training previously was waived because of his Service-related injury.

To preserve Zepeda's retirement benefits, the county assigned him as a van driver to the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center.

Instead he was placed in the kitchen and expected to do maintenance work, the deputy claims. He left after one day.

The county has not shown a good faith effort in the matter, Zepeda's attorney Nicholas Gentry contends.

After the Monday meeting, a settlement was offered, but no details were available. A spokesman for Zepeda said he refused the offer. The case is scheduled to go to trial in Albuquerque Jan. 25.

Waste authority to hold budget workshop

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The January meeting of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority lasted about 5 minutes Tuesday, just long enough to set a budget workshop for Wednesday.

The authority faces some budget problems based on information in its December financial report. Revenues are running \$807,528 under budget. Undercollection covers nearly every category, including recycling, community and commercial garbage collection and interest.

Fortunately, expenses also are running \$609,245 less, leaving the authority with a projected \$198,274 deficit.

"We had quite a bit of capital outlay money budgeted and most likely will cut that out to bring us back within the black," Simpson said. "(Finance officer) Beverly Foote and I have been

burning the midnight oil and think we've got it figured."

Several months ago authority members asked the public for suggestions to rename the garbage collecting coalition of the county and four of its municipalities. People are confused when they read the name, thinking the organization comes under the county's jurisdiction, Simpson said. But it is a separate entity.

"We got several suggestions, but then we got to checking into how much money and legal fees would be involved to go back and change everything, so we thought we'd let that rest," Simpson said Wednesday. "However, on our uniforms, we removed 'Lincoln County' and left just 'Solid Waste Authority.' That's also how we answer the phone. Maybe someday that's what people will start calling us, or maybe we'll become so rich we can afford to change it."

RUIDOSO POLICE

Man arrested on warrant

Ruidoso police arrested a Mescalero man Jan. 16 on an outstanding federal warrant.

William Lawrence Antoine, 32, was wanted on a federal indictment for possession of an unregistered gun.

Police stopped a vehicle with an expired plate that Antoine was driving at U.S. Highway 70 and East Drive, according to a police report. The report also stated that officers were aware that Antoine was wanted on a federal warrant.

A search of the suspect

turned up five plastic bags containing a substance later identified as methamphetamine. A syringe was also allegedly found.

Antoine was charged with driving with an expired license plate, driving with a suspended license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and being a suspect wanted on a federal warrant.

Police probe two thefts

Ruidoso police are looking into a pair of thefts from two businesses in the same building.

Overnight Jan. 11-12 someone removed copper wire from a fenced area behind 2961 Suddarth Drive. The wire was estimated as worth \$192, the owner of Mac's Electric told officers.

In addition a neighboring business told police an oxygen bottle and an acetylene bottle were both taken from the fenced area. The items were valued at \$100 each by A and K Mechanical. Both cases are being investigated as misdemeanor larceny and misdemeanor criminal trespass.

Later an employee of Mac's Electric told officers an eight foot fiberglass ladder was removed from a utility truck.

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OUR OPINION

Unity is a wonderful idea, here and in Washington

Much is being made of "unity" in government these days. President-elect George W. Bush made the idea of "bringing people together" a central issue of his campaign. In our part of the nation last week, newly elected members of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council decried the long-running dissension among their people.

Council member Glenda Brusuelas said, "Unity begins with the 10 (council) members here. It starts at the top. We have to show our people we're really supportive of their efforts, so they will follow suit."

In the evenly divided United States Senate, the oft-touted idea of working together seemed to be foundering in a sea of partisan rhetoric about Bush's Cabinet. Meanwhile, even unto his last days, President Clinton wields an executive pen to lay political land-mines designed to destroy civil discourse well into the century.

"Unity at the top" is a wonderful idea that bodes well for the Mescalero people if it can be achieved.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the Senate of the United States collectively would make as definitive a statement as a new administration begins?



YOUR OPINION

Change in economic base impacts water use

To the editor:

Lincoln County is undergoing a radical change in character from a dominant ranching and agricultural economic base to an affluent residential base supported by the requisite service industries. This is particularly true in the area bounded by Ruidoso, Hondo, Capitan and Nogal. It is within that general boundary that the major water drainage lies, and within which the greatest population growth is occurring.

The change in economy and population will necessitate a major rethinking of the way the limited water resources of the area are allocated to insure economic stability and sensible growth, while preserving the basic character of the county. The development of new golf courses north of Ruidoso, and in particular the building of Mr. R. d. Hubbard's development north of Ranches of Sonterra may be the proximate cause for that restructure. The upcoming hearings on Mr. Hubbard's water rights can be the first step. The basic question is whether it is responsible and equitable for any development to potentially drain and deplete the water resources of the existing and surrounding property owners. Of equal importance is the issue of proper zoning, building regulation and planning within the county. It is perfectly clear that Mr.

Hubbard and his organization have every right to the reasonable use and development of their land without undue interference. Mr. Hubbard has every right to exercise the use of his water resources that are attendant to that land. However, as the old saying goes, "Your rights end where the other man's nose begins." It is incumbent on any developer to consider the effect he will have on other properties, and insure the effect is minimal and reasonable. It may be that our laws governing the acquisition of water rights and use must be reshaped to reflect a more contemporary standard for that use. No person wants to see his personal or corporate rights undermined; but, the scarcity of water and its allocation are of paramount concern to the whole community. Thus, regardless of the existing water acquisition laws, it may be appropriate for the county and state to instantly require developers to structure their water use plans by considering the overall effect they will have on the existing economic and social structure.

One of the reasons many of us live here is because of the way we found it when we came. Most of us know that unlimited and unstructured growth will destroy those things we found so appealing when we moved here. If this county is to retain its rural setting and heritage, we must all work together to plan the use

of our most precious commodity, water.

Earl B. Hobbs
Alto

Read the fine print

To the editor:

I recently received in the mail a check for \$5,000. The letter with it reads, "Congratulations. Attached is a check for \$5,000 to open your loan account." The letter continues, "You can use the \$5,000 ... for anything you'd like. Make that special purchase, pay a few bills, enjoy a relaxing getaway."

I write this to give some warning to young people who might not read the fine print. It is all made to seem so kind, so helpful. "Just sign the check and deposit it in your checking account." Then above the signature space on the check, in very small print: "By endorsing this check you agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Promissory Note."

The terms being: 60 monthly payments of only \$159.20. Annual percentage rate of 29.16%. Finance charge, \$4,551.90 on amount financed, \$5,000. Total of payments, \$9,552 (cost of loan).

"If you pay early, you may be entitled to a refund of the finance charge, and you will not be charged a refund of the service charges."

Helen M. Roberts
Ruidoso

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

More El Niños, La Niñas mean more extremes

BALTIMORE - Researchers at NASA and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), studying changes in tropical precipitation patterns, have noted a higher frequency of El Niños and La Niñas over the last 21 years.

In addition, when either of those events occur, the world can expect more months with unusually high or low precipitation with droughts more common than floods over land areas.

Scott Curtis of UMBC and Robert Adler of NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center are co-authors of a paper titled "The Magnitude and Variability of Global and Regional Precipitation Based on the 21 Year Global Precipitation Climatology Project (GPCP) and 3 Year Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) Data Sets" being presented Jan. 16 at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society in Albuquerque.

El Niño events occur irregularly at intervals of 2-7 years, although the average is about once every 3-4 years. Curtis said the global precipitation database shows El Niños or La Niñas occurring almost every 2 years throughout the last two decades. These events typically last 12-18 months and are accompanied by swings in the Southern Oscillation, an inter-

annual seesaw in tropical sea level pressure between the eastern and western Pacific.

El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events are characterized by large changes in precipitation over the globe, which extend around the tropics.

Curtis and Adler used data from the World Climate Research Project's Global Precipitation Climatology Project (GPCP), a database of monthly precipitation around the world, to study global and regional variations in rainfall. They compared the GPCP data to rainfall data from NASA's TRMM satellite over the tropics.

They confirmed that during El Niños, such as the one that occurred during 1997-98, there is an increase in precipitation in the central equatorial Pacific and a decrease over the East Indies. More surprisingly, they noticed that changes in precipitation in the equatorial belt extend in a horseshoe shape toward the polar regions. These patterns depend on the season of the year.

Globally, results showed that during years with El Niño it is wetter over the ocean and drier over the land, compared to "neutral" years with neither El Niño nor La Niña. Research indicates that this decrease in rainfall can be up to 7 percent over tropical land areas. Curtis

found that rainfall over the ocean doesn't change much during a La Niña event compared to neutral periods, but the data does indicate wetter land areas.

Curtis said, "Over the entire 21-year span of the global rainfall database, results indicate an increase in rainfall in the Indian monsoon region and a decrease over central Africa. The change in precipitation over the tropics looks like a combination of El Niño and La Niña, which is not too surprising since we just experienced a strong El Niño in 1997-98 followed by a strong La Niña in 1998-99."

Also during the period 1979 to 1999, there has been an increase in rain in the monsoon region around India and a decrease over central Africa.

Curtis cautions that because the data only covers 21 years, which in climatic terms is a very short time, more data is needed before a trend in frequency of El Niños and La Niñas can be seen.

TRMM is a joint U.S.-Japanese Earth Science Enterprise; a long-term research program designed to study the Earth's land, oceans, air, ice and life as a total system. Information is available at: <http://trmm.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Yes, the wise immunize

E-mail, of course, is a wonderful addition to the world's knowledge base. Where else can we find so much information about so many things with such little effort?

But just because it's there on the Internet doesn't mean it's the truth. A fine example is the whole issue of immunization against disease, particularly those killer diseases of childhood.

Believe it or not, a whole legion of Web sites out there are designed to destroy people's faith in vaccinations — despite the fact that the Salk vaccine all but wiped out polio (the "infantile paralysis" that frightened generations in the first half of the last century); despite the success in preventing smallpox, measles, whooping cough and many other scourges.

These sites have gotten the attention of some notable people — including former first lady Rosalynn Carter and former Arkansas first lady Betty Bumpers. They co-founded a vaccine advocacy organization called "Every Child by Two" and this month expressed concern about what they called a "dangerous Internet and media campaign being waged to undermine the use of vaccines."

They're concerned that many families are getting bad, even fatal, medical advice from the Internet. They told about a couple in Tennessee, Suzanne and Leonard Walther, who did a simple Internet search for information on the safety of vaccines for their new baby. They found many sensational sites dedicated to alarming parents — most of them lacking in science but with plenty of inflammatory rhetoric.

The sites alleged that vaccines are linked to allergies, autism, juvenile diabetes, attention deficit disorder, even the AIDS epidemic and sudden infant death syndrome.

The scare worked with the Walthers, so they decided not to immunize their daughter. And just before the baby's first birthday, she was stricken with a form of meningitis — something that has been almost eliminated and that a vaccination would have prevented.

Now Suzanne Walter says, "I don't want my child to be the one in 3 million" who had a bad reaction to vaccine. "But I also don't want mine to be the one in 10 that dies if they get the disease."

Yes, her story was on the Internet, but this one we believe.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

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MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were recently adjudicated in Lincoln County Magistrate Court in Ruidoso with Judge William R. Butts presiding.

Teddy Sosa, 19, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of first offense driving while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor. Counts of not having a driver's license, following too close, no liability insurance and being a minor in possession or consuming alcohol were dismissed. Sosa was placed on 90 days probation and required to pay fines and costs totaling \$399.

Charlotte Garza, 43, Ruidoso, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty misdemeanor battery against a household member. Garza was sentenced to 182 days probation and assessed \$51 in court costs.

Daniel Cimosz, 27, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. Cimosz was put on probation for 364 days and ordered to pay fees of \$232.

Rory W. Apachito, 19, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of petty misdemeanor battery. A charge of battery against a household member was dismissed

through the plea and disposition agreement. Apachito was placed on 182 days probation, assessed \$51 in court costs and required to attend counseling for anger management.

Justin Phillips, 20, Ruidoso, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of an hallucinogenic mushroom (psilocybin). Phillips was placed on 364 days probation and required to pay \$332 in fines and costs.

Mabelyn Guerro, 33, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was convicted of battery against a household member. Guerro was credited for one day served at the Ruidoso Police Department, put on 181 days probation and charged \$51 in court costs.

Ronald Hammett, 37, Capitan, through a plea agreement, was convicted of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Charges of careless driving, failure to give immediate notice of an accident and no proof of vehicle liability insurance were dismissed. Hammett was put on 364 days of probation, assessed costs of \$126 and required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Ronnie Randolph, 28, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea

agreement, was found guilty of assault. A charge of aggravated battery was dismissed. Randolph was placed on probation for 182 days, required to pay \$51 in court costs and is liable for possible restitution.

Stephen C. Waites, 37, Mescalero, through a plea agreement, was convicted of third offense DWI. Charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license, a lane violation and no proof of liability insurance were dismissed. Waites was sentenced to 33 days in the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on probation for 331 days and assessed fines and fees totaling \$949.

Anthony L. Carri, 22, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted on charges second-offense DWI and second offense DWI-aggravated. Charges of speeding and a stop sign violation were dismissed. In addition an assistant district attorney amended two third offense DWI charges to second offense DWI, as noted in the aforementioned conviction. Carri was sentenced to 54 days in jail, charged \$1398 in fines and costs, required to attend 30 days of rehabilitation followed by Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, put on probation until Dec. 12, 2002, and required to perform 48 hours of community service.

Hospital 'appreciates' decision

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Speaking on behalf of the Lincoln County Medical Center community board, Gary Mitchell said Thursday members appreciate the decision of 12th Judicial District Judge Frank Wilson to reject petitions calling for a grand jury investigation.

Mitchell, a high-profile defense attorney, found himself on the other side of the courtroom watching attorneys for Presbyterian Healthcare Services and the County Commission argue against the petitions calling for a probe into the county's contractual relationship with the hospital management firm.

"On a more personal level, the board was deeply offended that we who have worked so long and so hard to provide great health care for this county, would be accused of criminal conduct," Mitchell said. "Not one of the board members ever received a penny for our work, which we do only to help the people of this county."

"We think the debate over health care in this county should take place before the county commission and on the floor of the (state legislative) Senate and House in Santa Fe."

The issue of whether counties should be forced to seek competitive bids for hospital management every four years is critical to every rural county in the state and should be decided only "after study, rational debate and consideration and with compassion for the people in this state," he said.

He compared the tactics of petition organizers to political extremism more than a century ago when someone would burn the crops or poison the livestock of opponents.

"We hope those type tactics no longer will be used and we can come together to reason and work toward what is in the best interests of those who need health care," Mitchell said.



Discussing the judge's decision, which rejected conclusions by the state Attorney General's Office, are from left, Dr. Walter "Ray" Seidel, assistant attorney general Michael Cox with the criminal investigation division, Reynaldo Valcarcel, Donald Trigg, an assistant attorney general with the regulatory law division, and local attorney Ray Sharbutt.

He was gratified to see Wilson agree that the commission acted correctly when it entered into the long-term contract with Presbyterian. Based on their attorney's advice, they contended they were exempted from competitive bidding under provisions in the Hospital and Health Funding Act.

Attorney Ray Sharbutt, who represented the petitioners at the hearing, disagreed that the Act exemption applies to the commission, pointing to criteria that must first be met.

It includes a ruling by a state or central purchasing authority that the arrangement will reduce the cost of health service, improve the quality of health care or make it more accessible.

Several options remain open including a civil action, an appeal or circulating new and more specific petitions, he said.

"I think the petition signers were not interested in the criminal prosecution of any commissioners," Sharbutt said. "I think they wanted value for their tax dollars and to be paid for use of a hospital built and maintained with tax money."

"If (Presbyterian officials) think it's necessary to introduce legislation to add an exemption to the state procurement code for hospital management contracts, then it may go to Presbyterian's own recogni-

tion of their lack of immunity."

Reynaldo Valcarcel, chairman of the petition group, said he is not bitter toward commissioners or hospital officials "except for the way the signers of the petition have been treated by agents of Presbyterian and some commissioners, harassing them at home and at work and on the street for merely exercising their civil rights. It's deplorable."

Sharbutt and Valcarcel said they were counseled by the assistant attorney general to wait until they see Wilson's ruling in writing before they decide to file an appeal.

Commissioner Leo Martinez, who told Judge Wilson he didn't have an attorney in court to represent him, because he didn't do anything wrong and no one was at the point of being indicted, said after the hearing, "At least it didn't cost us \$50,000."

He was referring to the amount of money set aside by the commission in a 4-1 vote to pay for legal fees and costs for the county's representation on the petition issue. The attorney hired by the county refused to represent Martinez, saying his interests differed from the other four commissioners. Martinez advocated compliance with the state procurement code as recommended by the attorney general's office.

Bonito Fire Department volunteers honored

Honors were handed out to four members of the Bonito Fire Department during the department's annual awards meeting on Jan. 9.

Volunteers Thomas Chavez and Robby Hall received awards for outstanding achievement in relation to the Cree Fire last year. Chavez and Hall oversaw and coordinated fire-fighting operations during part of the fire.

In addition, a memorial plaque from the U.S. Forest Service was given to the Bonito Fire Department, recognizing the volunteer department's service in fighting the Cree Fire.

Awards for outstanding services were presented to volunteer Larry Hill and fire chief

Chris Denne. Both have served the Bonito Fire Department in a number of ways, including as elected officers, in community and government relations, operations and spear-heading the establishment of the new Sonterra Fire Station.

Denne, who has served as chief for six years, was elected to serve another term. In addition, Jack Orio was elected assistant chief, Robby Hall as deputy chief, Bob Palko, Kenny Ellard and Mark Stambaugh as captains, David Sepkowitz as secretary, and Carl Bartley as treasurer.

New members of the department are Carl and Lisa Bartley, Tony Combs, Shana Crandall, Jim Hale, Bob Johnson and Kaethe Myers.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Jessie Ann Brazell

Visitation for Jessie Ann Brazell, 57, of Ruidoso, will be from 2-4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at Gateway Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery with John Duncan officiating.

Mrs. Brazell died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, in Albuquerque. She was born Feb. 16, 1943 at Paducah, Texas. She was a property manager and moved to Ruidoso in 1985 from Midland, Texas.

She married Bennie Brazell on Aug. 6, 1991 in Mid-

land.

Survivors include her husband, Bennie, of Ruidoso; sons Garvin Grant of Las Cruces, Bruce Burks and his wife, Rebecca, of Denver, Colo., Anthony Brazell of Midland, Ricky Brazell, in the Air Force in Turkey, Reginald Brazell of Midland, and Toby Brazell of Houston; daughters Damita Grant of Ruidoso, Pamela Bennett of Midland, and Andrea Gail Brazell of Waco, Texas; a sister, Ruthie Jones of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Alfred Jones of Ruidoso; and 13 grandchildren.

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

ET panel looks to village when code found lacking

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When development issues aren't covered in the Extraterritorial Planning Code, members of the ET Commission agreed Monday they should have the option of falling back on the Ruidoso village regulations for guidance.

Their recommendation will go to the ET Authority, the final word on zoning and development issues in the one-mile district around the village.

In a summary, Charles Rennick, assistant village attorney and legal counsel to the ET boards, wrote that while administrative provisions in the law governing the zone were amended, actual "use" provisions adopted in 1983 have not been revamped and contain holes.

Recent land uses submitted for approval that were not covered or were inadequately covered by the ET code include mini-warehouses, recreational vehicle parks and cellular telephone towers. In situations where uses are detailed in the Ruidoso code, Rennick wrote that it would be appropriate for the commission to look to those rules for guidance.

"The overlap between the ET and village of Ruidoso is sufficiently extensive such that the comprehensive plan easily fits the ET," he wrote. "Since the Ruidoso Municipal Code was adopted in conformance with the comprehensive plan, it is likewise an easy fit for the ET to follow the guidelines of the Ruidoso Code."

The two provisions approved by the ET Commission and recommended to the ET Authority state:

- When a person applies for a use that is not identified in the ET ordinance, the commission may consider the proposed use either under similar uses that are identified in the zone or under the comparable provisions of the Ruidoso Municipal Code.
- When a proposed use is identified in the ET ordinance, but without sufficient standards to assist the planning commission's consideration of the use, the commission may apply the comparable provisions of the Ruidoso Municipal Code.

"These particular amendments will carry us over," said Joseph Patoskie, Ruidoso planning and zoning administrator. "So this is a judgment call," Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said. "It may be applied."

"In both cases, the use of 'may' leaves the option open to the commission," Patoskie agreed.

"I think this will be helpful," Barrow said. "I know some of the agony we've gone through in the past with no

Member protests not having enough preparation time

A member of the Extraterritorial Planning Commission refused to attend the board's monthly meeting Monday because he's receiving agenda information too late to research items on which he may have to vote.

"I got my stuff Friday," Junge said last week. "So I won't be attending the meeting."

"I've asked at two previous meetings to consider giving us at least a week before we have to deal with items and they haven't showed the slightest interest."

"We only meet once a month, so there's no reason they can't get the information to us earlier. I'm really upset about this. I don't like to be in the position of sitting there and voting based only on information from the assistant village attorney (for Ruidoso) because we have no time to research items ourselves."

At the Monday evening meeting, commission member Reynaldo Valcarcel brought Junge's protest to the attention of the board and Joseph Patoskie, Ruidoso planning and zoning administrator.

Patoskie said he is trying to improve the efficiency of the department and asked for members' indulgence. He said he doesn't want to lose a member of the board because of a protest and he will talk to Junge.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said to force the staff to prepare an agenda earlier could create a hardship for the public to submit the information in time.

code to cover."

Tim Vega of the planning staff, said he has notified the county that a vacancy needs to be filled on the ET commission. The county appoints four members and the village three members.

Patoskie told commission members that the chairman of the ET Authority asked him to draft some standards to ensure quality development in the zone and he will be submitting them for review at a future meeting.

Keithley's Korner
Ruidoso has a Super Bowl connection

Five short takes and I'm off. While you read this, I'm in sunny Florida. Eat your heart out.

1. The New Mexico Legislature opened this week in Santa Fe and Gov. Gary Johnson gave a big speech. One of his topics was decriminalization of marijuana.

Did you see that plant he had growing on the lapel of his suit? What on Earth was that thing? It looked like he was ready for show-n-tell.

2. Rumor has it that "Pinestock," a festival of music, grape and grain, is going to happen in Ruidoso June 9 and 10.

My source tells me that organizers are working on bringing a national rock-n-roll act to town. The net proceeds of the event will go to the Village of Ruidoso to help develop the new municipal park.

One of the corporate sponsors of this event is Cattle Baron Restaurants, which held a similar event two years ago in Farley's parking lot.

This event will likely take place at the softball complex.

3. Speaking of rock-n-roll, reviews have been great since the opening of KIDX-FM (101.5). Known as "The Kid," the station plays classic rock.

The only problem for some folks has been the reception of the signal. This week, the Federal Communications Commission gave approval for an upgrade in the power of the station that went on the air in August. Soon the station's power will increase dramatically.

4. I know it's early. But my first pick to win the Kentucky Derby this year is a horse called Millennium

Wind. Isn't that a great name?

I was sorry to hear about the passing of Affirmed last week, the 1978 Triple Crown winner. He defeated Alydar three straight times to win racing's big prize and could possibly be racing's final winner of the all three races; the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

History will tell the story about Affirmed winning the big races and Alydar being a much better sire.

5. Ruidoso has a strong Super Bowl connection.

Mary Lou Gooch, who resides here, is the mother-in-law of Baltimore Ravens head coach Brian Billick and assistant defensive coordinator Mike Smith.

Her daughter Kim Billick is married to Brian. They met 20 years ago when she was a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and Brian was a

coach for the San Francisco 49ers. Kim also introduced her sister Julie Smith to Mike, who was a coaching friend of Brian.

Mary Lou has been attending all the playoff games, and will leave this week for Baltimore. She will fly on the Raven's family plane that leaves for the Super Bowl in Tampa next Thursday.

"I'm so proud of all of them," Mary Lou said. "They've all worked so hard to get this far. It's so exciting."

How about a Super Bowl Prediction?

"I won't go that far, but let's just say that the Ravens are going to play them a good game."

Local radio personality Tim Keithley can be heard at 9 a.m. weekdays on KRUI-AM (1490 AM)

71-year-old Ruidoso Downs woman charged in wreck

A 71-year-old Ruidoso Downs woman is facing charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated, careless driving, failing to immediately notify police of an accident, failing to render aid at an accident and not producing proof of vehicle liability insurance.

Crusita Montoya was arrested Jan. 17 by Ruidoso Downs police after a part of her auto was severely damaged by a semi-

truck.

According to a police report, Montoya was leaving the parking lot of the Circle-K convenience store at 601 East U.S. Highway 70 at 6:35 p.m. Her vehicle pulled into the path of an eastbound tractor trailer, the truck driver and a witness told police. The back end of the trailer ran over the passenger front area of the auto, according to police. The woman then reportedly left the

accident location and went home. Police found several pieces of Montoya's vehicle, including a bumper, on the roadway.

After officers tracked the auto to a Second Avenue residence, Montoya reportedly admitted drinking six beers before the accident. She was taken into custody and a subsequent test showed her blood alcohol content at .18, more than twice the New Mexico standard for intoxication.



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The following governmental meetings in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are scheduled for next week.

Monday, Jan. 22 -
• 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs village council, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

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School board candidates tell their qualifications

Voters will choose school board members from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and in Lincoln County, two positions will be decided in each of the five school districts.

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained from the County Clerk's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo until 5 p.m. on Feb. 2, and may be marked in person at the County Clerk's office.

Polling places are as follows:

- Ruidoso — Ruidoso Convention Center
- Capitan — Lincoln County Fair Building
- Carrizozo — Carrizozo Municipal School administration building
- Hondo — Hondo Valley Schools gymnasium
- Corona — Senior Citizens Center

James D. Paxton, Incumbent school board president

Position: 4

Reason for running: "I like doing it, I like working with the board members and feel it's important to try to continue to improve the educational programs in the system."

Background related to school board:

Two terms (eight years) on the Ruidoso School Board; business degree, member of Eastern New Mexico University advisory board; attended state and national association training over last eight years. Two daughters went from kindergarten through 12th grade in the Ruidoso schools. My wife, Cindy, taught 25 years in Ruidoso school system. I've lived in Ruidoso for 27 years, served on several community organizations' boards and committees, i.e., Rotary Chamber of Commerce, village, Board of Realtors.

Accomplished: Participated in decision to purchase land for future school growth; reviewed need and community interest in uniform dress code; established athletic drug test; closed high school campus for lunch hour; remodeled four schools; built two additional gyms; established all-day kindergarten; obtained North Central Association accreditation of all school sites.

Objectives: To maintain a board environment that for the last eight years has focused on student improvement goals. As more educational professionals are retiring and fewer people are choosing the education field, it is most important that we provide a competitive "package" to attract the



Paxton

best new educators that are available and retain those we have. In order for our students to be successful, in a very competitive and changing economy, we must focus on providing them with the very best educators and continue the emphasis on improvement of the basics (reading and math).

Candace Valcarcel

Position: 4

Background related to school board:

I have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a political science minor, an associate of arts degree in administration of justice, and graduated from California State University in Long Beach. I'm certified in child development with L.A. City College. I worked for the Legal Aid Foundation of Long Beach and taught in a federal Head Start program. I've been active volunteering for the public schools both in California and New Mexico. I'm also active in volunteering in and supporting local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and I am the mother of a sixth-grader. I take a strong involvement in my child's education.

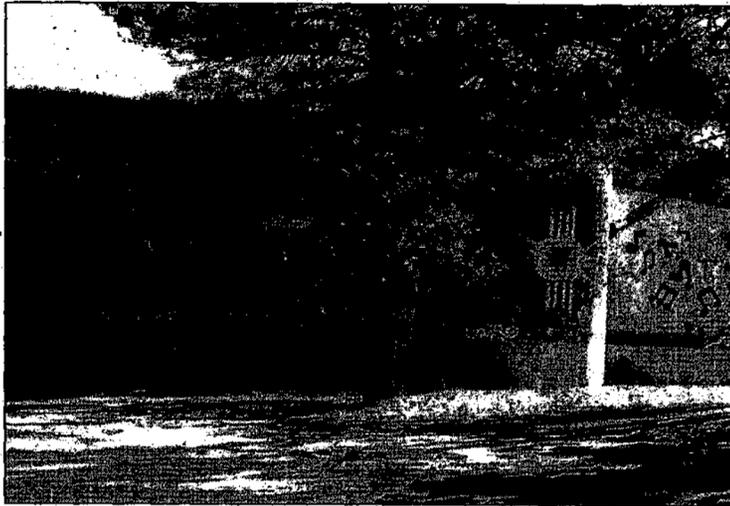
Reason for running: I have a personal interest in ensuring the best schools for our children. I want to improve our current programs, specifically in reading, but also math, writing and science and utilizing computers the way they need to be utilized, so the children know how to use the computers that we have.

What objectives or hopes to be accomplished if elected:

I hope to help our teachers and administrators provide improved programs in reading, math, writing, computers and science, basically to



Valcarcel



The next major construction project of the Ruidoso Municipal School District will be adding a theater to the existing Ruidoso High School Fine Arts Complex, shown above.

improve the education of our children. Our state ranks 47th in the nation so we need to have top schools. We have room for a lot of improvement.

Jacquelyn M. Branum

Current position: Secretary

Position: 5

Background related to school board:

Teacher for 32-plus years, first grade, eighth-grade reading and science, ninth-grade science and adult basic ed. I was supervisor of an oral language program in Albuquerque, reading specialist and school board member for four years. I got the exemplary school board member award from the New Mexico School Board Association. I serve on the Resolution Committee for the New Mexico School Board Association. I was (Ruidoso Downs) village trustee for 15 years, so I know the legal procedures and limitations of the position.

Accomplished: No single member can accomplish anything on their own. I have kept communication lines open and have followed up on all concerns and complaints that I was made aware of. I have maintained the philosophy that decisions need to be made with students as the focus and No. 1 concern. As a member of the board, I have supported the new additions to our school; the addition of



Branum

kindergarten, the additions of classrooms at White Mountain Elementary, the building of the new gym, which is used by the community as well as the schools, the addition of classrooms at Nob Hill and the current building and planning of the fine arts complex at the high school.

What objectives or hopes to be accomplished if elected:

Continue to support effective and innovative programs, hire and retain the best qualified personnel — all the way from administrators down to teaching assistants — who are positive, innovative and willing to take chances on behalf of students. Help guide the district toward the best practices, what works best according to research, for the 21st century student, with emphasis on reading, writing, math and computers. To continue upgrading our physical plants, and last but not least, continue working toward the improvement of our schools for the students and teachers.

Reason for running: I'm the squeaky wheel, I think there are a lot of things that pertain to the students that need to be improved and I really would like to keep improving them. I think we're getting some place. I was really pushing the math program at the high school and still am, because it's still not where it should be. I really want to do the best for the kids, and I really think our kids need a fair shot.

Vikkee A. Johnson

Position: 5

Reason for running: Because I think there need to be some changes

and some new ideas in our school system.

Background: I'm the daytime GED instructor for the college and I have a child in seventh grade and a child in fifth grade in the Ruidoso Schools. I'm the vice president for the intermediate school parent council and I belong to the ABC Club at the middle club (parent booster club Academic Boosters Club), the moms that do the root beer floats and the bowling games. Since I've had a child in school, I've been active in both parent councils; also been a substitute teacher in the Ruidoso schools for the past four years.

Objectives: The first thing is concentrating on the reading, writing and math skills, going back to the basics. The second thing would be communication between teachers and parents and students and the school board. If I can get one of those done or a part of it, I think I'll be successful.



Johnson

Danny E. Sisson

Current position: Manager of LaGrone's Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

Position: 5

Background related to school board:

I've put one daughter through the Ruidoso school system who is now in her second year of college at South Plains in Levelland, Texas; I have a son who is a freshman at Ruidoso High School; I've been a resident here for 13 years.

Reason for running: My concern for the kids and the education that they receive here in Ruidoso in getting them prepared for life after Ruidoso. I want them to be prepared for their college experience and adulthood.

What objectives or hopes to be accomplished if elected:

I want to raise the standards in our school system. I think sometimes we get a little complacent and satisfied with the status quo. What I think the school board should do is go in, challenge the administration, challenge the teaching staff and challenge parents to make our kids more prepared for their adult life. It's going to be a lot harder than that, and I realize it, but that's what I'm going to do.



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Agencies, groups gather to discuss fire planning efforts

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Prevailing winds blowing from southwest of Ruidoso toward the northeast dictate where the major emphasis should be placed to reduce fuel for wild fires, representatives from nine agencies and organizations agreed Tuesday.

They were attending a meeting of the Ruidoso Wildland Urban Interface Group, but represent far more than the village's interests. They speak for state and federal agencies, the Lincoln National Forest, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and Ruidoso Downs.

They came together to solidify and coordinate plans and projects to reduce the fire hazard and to tackle forest restoration in a designated high-risk area and to encourage the involvement of private land owners.

As a result of a series of fires in the state last spring, money is pouring into New Mexico for projects to reduce the hazard, said village urban forester Rick Delaco.

Suddenly, it's no longer a question of whether the money is there; the challenge is to design effective and

cooperative projects that will be awarded the dollars.

The group will meet again Feb. 22 and Delaco expects to talk to the village council about the progress of efforts at a meeting later this month.

"I want to get organized so that we can get things done," he said Wednesday. "The dollars are very specific, so some projects may not get done and I don't want to throw wild expectations out there. For example, an escape route for the Upper Canyon area is a prime concern, but it's tricky getting funding for it. You have to use the right wording and work with the right agencies."

"I want the council to understand that."

During the meeting Tuesday, Village Manager Alan Briley said without incentives or required compliance, the effectiveness of hazard reduction measures could be compromised.

"You can pass all the rules necessary for the village, but because prevailing winds come from somewhere else - Mescalero, Bureau of Land Management land or U.S. Forest Service land - we need to know if there is anything that would govern all of us.

Big Brother saying everyone has to do this," Briley said.

A key component also is private land owners, participants agreed.

If the Forest Service or village take the necessary steps, but private land owners refuse to thin trees or do other measures, the danger will persist, said Joseph Patoskie, village planning and zoning administrator.

"We may need legal counsel at future meetings," he suggested. "The situation is critical and we need to know if there are some kind of legal ramifications, some kind of compliance to standards set forth by a community."

"It seems like we are dancing around the issue of private land. The money is there (for private land owners to thin), but what if a land owner says 'no' on an area we have identified as critical? We need to consider that aspect."

In Florida, building codes weren't revised and improved until a major hurricane destroyed hundreds of buildings, he noted.

"Do we have to wait for a disaster to happen before we say this is our (hazard) zone and you have to com-

ply?" he asked.

Barbara Luna, who heads the state Forestry Division in Capitan, said even if one landowner refused to reduce the hazard, if three or four around him do, it would help and could put pressure on the holdout to follow suit.

Delaco agreed that it would be smart to bring an attorney on board early to avoid legal pitfalls.

Tony Recker, forest manager for the Mescalero Apache Tribe, said his first responsibility is to protect the reservation that abuts Ruidoso. But by working there to create fire breaks and thin trees, the village will benefit.

"We all know this is a forever problem," Delaco said. "But we're at an advantage here because we've already done a lot of the preliminary work."

Rex Wilson, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, said plenty of research already has been done on tree thinning, restoring grasses and improving the land.

"In my opinion, we need to get past the five and 10-acre demonstration plots," he said.

Labor and how to use the small

diameter trees that are cut are two major problems, Delaco said.

Howard Shanks with the South Central Resource Conservation and Development Council, said his aim is to "get money to the private sector for economic development and creation of private jobs" related to the thinning work, use and marketing of the trees.

"At some point, we need to get (industry representatives) involved in meeting," Shanks said.

Patoskie said the group also has to define the community it seeks to protect. People who build deep in the forest may have to face the reality that protection is not feasible, he said.

Luna said "Fire Wise" workshops planned for late March and early April will hone in on the responsibility of individual owners to treat around their homes and will review incentives for creating defensible space.

The Bureau of Land Management has stepped up thinning work around the historic settlement of Lincoln and she hopes to secure "stewardship" money to help owners around Capitan pay for treatments on their property, Luna said.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Doctor reports threats

A Capitan doctor filed a report with Ruidoso police claiming he received a threatening phone call likely connected to his support of a call for a Grand Jury investigation.

Dr. Walter Ray Seidel told police he received a call at 6:50 p.m. Jan. 11 telling him to "back off." Seidel supports the call for a Grand Jury investigation of the Lincoln County Commission in regard to a contract with Presbyterian Health Care for management of the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The police report stated that Seidel was told he and his family "will be in trouble." Seidel said his requests for the caller to identify himself only met with repeated warnings to "back off."

Fight leads to charges

A Ruidoso man was arrested Jan. 12 after he was allegedly involved in a fight. Jose J. Prieto, 23, was charged by Ruidoso police with public affray and resisting or evading a police officer, both misdemeanors.

According to police, officers were called to the Quarters nightclub just before 1 a.m. on a report of subjects fighting. Those involved in the reported fight had run from Quarters on Sudderth Drive to Rio Street, according to the report.

A police officer found Prieto hiding behind a building and a chase ensued. After Prieto was caught, police said he admitted being involved in a fight.

Burglary, theft reported

Police are investigating a felony burglary and misde-

meanor larceny reported on Jan. 12. An official with the Dew Drop Inn on Sudderth Drive told police \$50 in cash and two checks were missing from a cash register.

The official said there have been several recent thefts from the register, including \$50 missing between Christmas and New Year's Day, and another \$50 shortage on Christmas Eve.

Chain saws taken

A felony larceny case was registered with police on Jan. 14. Two chain saws, each valued at \$160, were taken from the Noisy Water Lodge at 1013 Main Road.

The incident was believed to have occurred between 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and 10 a.m. the following day.

Trespassing alleged

A misdemeanor criminal trespass was reported on Jan. 11.

A Juniper Road resident said a person who was told to stay away had been on his property.

A criminal complaint was being prepared by Ruidoso police.

Business tagged

Vandalism at an Eagle Drive business has been deemed to be a case of unauthorized graffiti, a petty misdemeanor.

Police were notified of the incident on Jan. 11.

The graffiti, at Pan-O-Rama Miniature Golf, involving black spray paint, was believed to have occurred since Jan. 1.

Ruidoso Downs looks to the future for community development grant

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Despite being turned down for Community Development Block Grant funding for an envisioned new senior center, Ruidoso Downs officials are looking to next year.

In the meantime, village officials feel confident a planning grant will be awarded this year for design of a new center.

The village was initially denied a grant to fund Phase 1 of a new senior building on the premise a senior center was funded with a grant in 1990.

"I questioned if that was a valid reason for denying it," Gladys Dillard, village clerk, said she asked before the state CDBG council Tuesday. "Deputy Director Don Jordan said as far as the timeframe, we met the timeframe. He said the application was not complete as far as what we requested."

Dillard said seeking funding for a four-phase project did

n't work with the council.

The village clerk said the deputy director of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration encouraged the village to apply for a planning grant, which could be as large as \$25,000. Dillard said she was told money is still available this year for planning grants.

"Jordan said they would help us seek other funding sources, including CDBG, for a one-phase new senior citizen's center," Dillard said. "It would be a stand-alone project, not in four phases."

Dillard said a request for a planning grant will be delivered within 30 days to the finance and administration department, which oversees CDBG funding.

The village clerk said it appears there is an advantage in asking for CDBG funding when a plan, including architectural designs, is included with a grant application.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open.
New Snow Past 24 hours: 8 inches
New Snow Past 48 hours: 14 inches
New Snow Past 72 hours: 14 inches
New Snow Past Week: 19 inches
Road conditions: Plowed but snow packed in spots
Midway depth: 42 inches
Surface conditions: Powder and packed powder
Trails open: 54 of 55
Lifts open: 11 of 11
Trails groomed this morning: 19 of 54
Snowmaking past 24 hours: No
Tomorrow's forecast: Continued snow
Additional Info: Great skiing and snowboarding this week with all 11 lifts operating.
Visit the Ski Apache Web site at www.skiapache.com

Upcoming Ski Apache events

Cropduster's Race	Jan. 31
Cross Your Heart Cup	Feb. 14
Lubbock Cup	Feb. 24
Texas State Ski Championships	Mar. 3-4
Hot Chocolate Cup (kid's race)	Mar. 4
Disabled Skiers/Businessman's Race	Mar. 7
Special Olympics Race	Mar. 22
Coca-Cola Polar Bear (free Coles)	Mar. 25
Last Day of Season	Early April

Subject to change

Prep scoreboard

Tuesday, Jan. 16
Boys basketball
Cloudcroft 59, Capitan 53
Mescalero 81, Corona 78
Artesia 59, Hondo 21
Ruidoso 76, Santa Teresa 64
Girls basketball
Cloudcroft 51, Carrizozo 42
Corona 54, Mescalero 48
New Mexico Military Institute 44, Hondo 43
Wrestling
Ruidoso 59, Roswell 24

Preps on tap

Friday, Jan. 19
Boys basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg (V, JV), 6:30 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
Corona at Bosque Prep, 7:30 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Roswell (V, JV), 6 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg (V, JV), 5 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Vaughn, 6 p.m.
Corona at Bosque Prep, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at St. Michael's Tournament, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20
Boys basketball
Carrizozo vs. Mountainair (V, JV), 2 p.m.
Girls basketball
Carrizozo vs. Mountainair (V, JV), 2 p.m.
Ruidoso at Artesia (V, JV), 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at St. Michael's Tournament, 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 22
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Roswell Goddard (V, JV), 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Boys basketball
Capitan vs. Tularosa (V, JV), 5 p.m.
Corona at Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.
Hondo at Artesia JV, 7:30 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Lake Arthur, 7:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at New Mexico Military Institute (V, JV, C), 4 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan at Tularosa (V, JV), 5 p.m.
Corona at Mountainair, 6 p.m.
Hondo at Artesia JV, 6 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa (V, JV), 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso vs. Roswell-Goddard, New Mexico Military Institute, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Youth baseball coaches meeting
An El Paso youth baseball coaches meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at SportsPark El Paso, 1780 North Zaragoza. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkelpaso@aol.com.

Softball Tournament
The Super Bowl 1-pitch softball tournament, mens and co-ed Class C and D, will take place Jan. 27 at SportsPark El Paso, 1780 North Zaragoza. The deadline to register and meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday. The entry fee is \$75. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkelpaso@aol.com.

Basketball tournament
North American Youth Sports will host its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 6-8 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. The tournament will feature 10 different brackets including fifth-sixth grade boys/girls, seventh grade boys/girls, eighth grade boys/girls, ninth-tenth grade boys/girls and 11-12th grade boys/girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Awards will be presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is March 16. For more information or an entry form, call Mark Carrigan at (800) 787-3265 or tournament director Mike Huston at 884-2686.

Youth baseball
USSSA will host a USSSA World Series qualifying event May 25-28 in Ruidoso. The top four teams in each division will receive a World Series berth. Age divisions include 7U (T-ball), 8U (coach pitch), 9U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U and 16U. USSSA is also hosting a state tournament and Super Series World Series qualifier July 1-4 in Las Cruces. For more information, call Rodney Lashburn at (505) 392-3644 or Phil Lashburn at (915) 869-8718. e-mail at ussa@att.net or lathburn5@taco.net or visit the Web site at <http://ussa.home.att.net>.



Warrior Jason Britt goes up for two against Santa Teresa Tuesday. Ruidoso staved off a last-quarter comeback by the Desert Warriors to go 2-0 in District 4AAA play.

DISTRICT 4AAA

Warriors fight off a determined Santa T

TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Warriors (13-3, 2-0) jumped out to a 50-22 lead in the first half of Tuesday's district matchup against Santa Teresa, only to have the Desert Warriors cut the lead to 12 points before Ruidoso saved a 76-64 victory.

It was the Warrior offense that kept Santa Teresa on their heels in the first half.

Solomon Barnett led the scoring with 14 points, while Jason Britt had 12, T.J. Montoya 11 and J.R. Floyd 10 to help round out the Warriors double-figure scoring. Good ball movement allowed the Warriors to work the ball in the paint and also run the ball down the court for what seemed an unstoppable fast break. The Warriors were also dominating the boards, allowing Ruidoso to get the all-important second shots while holding the Desert Warriors to only one shot attempt per possession most of the time.

When coach Donald Dotson took his Desert Warriors into the lockerroom at halftime, they were trailing badly, and he gave his team a pep talk.

"I told them they had dug themselves a hole, and I said there's two things you can do. You can't climb out, or you can lay down and pull the dirt in on you. It's up to you. And they responded," the coach said.

Under Dotson's guidance, the Desert Warriors did buckle down, and by the end of three quarters, they trailed the Warriors 72-40, although four more Warrior points would put Santa Teresa down by 36 before they started their drive.

The fourth quarter was when Santa Teresa showed

their true grit, holding Ruidoso to only those four points. While the Warriors worked the bench, the Desert Warriors outscored Ruidoso by 20. Warrior coach Billy Page said the Ruidoso boys executed well for three quarters, but let Santa Teresa get to the free-throw line too many times in the fourth quarter. He said the Warrior boys worked hard and felt the lead was never in any danger.

Even though Santa Teresa made a last-minute run at the Warriors, Desert Warrior Efrin Gonzales' 30 points made the game seem closer than was actually the case.

During Santa Teresa's fourth-quarter run, Gonzales was the recipient of many of the Ruidoso fouls, going to the free-throw line often and converting more than not. Dotson said he wasn't surprised his team came back, and knows they're better than their 2-14, 0-2 record.

"We never should have gotten ourselves into that predicament," Dotson said. "We're not that bad of a team. We just play in spurts instead of completing the game. I can't get them to play four hard quarters. I knew they were capable, we just ran out of time."

And Dotson is hoping for a different outcome when Ruidoso heads south to play the Desert Warriors Feb. 2.

"We'll keep it level and we'll get in that fourth quarter and we'll have a chance," he said.

Ruidoso's next game is a non-district matchup tonight against Roswell at home, then the Warriors get back in district action Tuesday vs. New Mexico Military Institute on the road.

Injuries don't stop Warrior wrestlers

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Despite numerous injuries and illnesses, which Ruidoso wrestling coach Jerrett Perry said is "pretty typical this time of year," the Warriors made it look easy against Roswell Tuesday, winning 59-24.

"We dominated," Perry said. "We didn't wrestle very good, and we dominated... We had several kids who were injured, and several kids who had the flu, still wrestle, and still win handily."

Those wrestlers included 171-pounder Tanner McGarvey, who suffered a "massive" ankle sprain during warmup, yet still won.

Perry said McGarvey, who could hardly walk, took on a Coyote 25 pounds heavier than he was.

"He wrestled this kid and he totally dominated the match," Perry narrated. "He took him down, he had him pinned, but his shoulders were on the outside of the mat. So Tanner basically crawls back because his ankle was hurting him so bad."

McGarvey then quickly repeated the pin, earning the Warriors six points and getting off his injured ankle.

"He sucked it up and he got six points we needed at the time," Perry said. "I was very pleased with Tanner. I thought that was a very big match."

At 152 pounds, Royce McMillion, 16-7, was fighting the flu, but still dominated his match.

A Warrior who didn't win but still gave it his all was Logan Flaherty.

The 140-pounder was

"We didn't wrestle very good, and we dominated... We had several kids who were injured, and several kids who had the flu, still wrestle, and still win handily."

Jerrett Perry,
coach

guaranteed a state seeding by increasing his record to 17-6.

Several Warriors didn't wrestle because of injuries.

Cade Hall has been cleared and will be back practicing Monday. He's expected to get back on the mat for competition by the Ruidoso tournament.

Derek Dennis and Casey Arnett are more iffy.

Dennis could possibly have a broken rib, and Arnett hyperextended his elbow.

Perry said both are questionable for the remainder of the season.

The Warriors, at least those who are healthy, travel to Santa Fe Saturday for the St. Michael's Invitational.

Results of Tuesday's dual meet with Roswell follow.

- 103 — Brian Irvin def. Carlos Madrid, pin 2nd
- 112 — Shawn Gunule def. Carlos Valdez, 15-4
- 119 — Jeremy Pritchett won by forfeit
- 125 — Justin Huffman won by forfeit
- 130 — Ty Phillips def. Manuel Motina, pin 2nd
- 135 — David McNally def. Greg De Los Santos, pin 1st
- 140 — Jerry Romero def. Logan Flaherty, pin 3rd
- 145 — Dan Barala def. Casey Arnett, pin 2nd
- 152 — Royce McMillion def. Pete Gutierrez, pin 1st
- 160 — Richard Villa def. Austin Ritter, pin 2nd
- 171 — Tanner McGarvey def. Pete Graves, pin 1st
- 189 — Derek Dennis won by forfeit
- 215 — Thatcher Hampton def. William Brewer, pin 1st
- HWT — Patrick Hodges def. Rohman, pin 1st



Capitan's Tigers and Cloudcroft's Bears fought both for the ball and the victory in Tuesday's District 5AA opener.

Oh, so close!
Tigers almost topple Bears

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — Capitan's boys and girls gave Cloudcroft a scare Tuesday night.

In the District 5AA basketball opener for both teams, the Tigers played close until the final minutes of both games, giving the large hometown crowd a reason to stay to the end despite the snow blanketing the ground outside.

(And the Bears did make it home through the deepening snow, late but with no weather-related emergencies.)

Girls
Cloudcroft 51, Carrizozo 42
Neither Capitan (2-9, 01) nor Cloudcroft looked at the top of their game Tuesday, with turnovers and missed opportunities on both sides, but the Tigers kept the game close until Cloudcroft pulled away at the end, winning 51-42.

Perhaps it was the rivalry; perhaps, as Cloudcroft coach Danny Ward said, because it was the district opener, but the game was rough and tumble from beginning to end.

That, Ward said, was why the game was so close.

"We played too aggressive," he said. "We had too many fouls, and I think the referees did a pretty good job of trying to control it, but we just played too aggressive. We've got to be smarter than that."

Capitan coach Cindy Terry agreed. "We had some pretty rough calls, both sides of the game," she said. "We had several girls bleeding. It was a rough game."

That was epitomized clearly late in the second quarter when Tiger Jessica Tully-Mitchell went crashing to the floor.

She lay there a few seconds before being helped to her feet, and although she went to the free-throw line, was clearly not in any shape to hit her two chances.

Other players, both Tiger and Bear, saw their own time on the hardwood.

The number of fouls resulted in two Bears, Shasta Parker and Danielle Ward, fouling out, and Tiger Jessica "Bruiser" Becker suffering

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Fishing report

For fly fishing -
The weekend snow was welcome, however, the amount of runoff will not affect the river flow. The river is still flowing around 2 CFS above Carrizo creek and around 6 CFS below the Carrizo confluence. The water is clear so remember to wear dark colored clothes when stream-side.

RIO RUIDOSO: The river was stocked nearly three weeks ago. The number of fish was greatly reduced. A 20 percent reduction in stocking numbers statewide will continue through the 2001 fishing year. If you don't practice catch and release, now would be a good time to start. Not any change from last week's fishing patterns. The best subsurface fly selections for rainbows or browns remain the bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. Green rock worms and bead head cased caddis larva have fooled a fair number of fish this past week. Take along some large black or dark brown stonefly nymphs next time out.

SOUTHFORK: No change here. Very very little water flowing. You will need to hike a mile or so up stream before you will find fish. This is mostly pocket water fishing, so place your efforts on pools and cuts. Bead head nymphs, stimulators and small hoppers are always effective on these small feisty fish. These fish are hungry and not fussy. If you do venture up Southfork, be careful as there are lots of ice patches along the way.

EAGLE LAKES: Closed for the season.

BONITO LAKE: Closed for the season.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Not many anglers on Grindstone this past week. We would suggest continuing to fish deep with sinking tip line and using black bead head flash-a-buggers or small rainbow trout streamers. Egg sucking leeches and large dark Matuka's have been working for well over a month. Most subsurface flies should be fished quite deep with an intermediate sinking tip or full sinking tip line, with a moderate to slow strip on the return. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster fisherman. Renegade, black and olive propeller flies have been working well. Remember to squeeze the hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release.

LAKE MESCALERO: The fishing late afternoon and evening remains good when the wind is not present. The good late-day dry fly fishing seems to have come to an end on Lake Mescalero. Bead head brown and black wooly flash-a-buggers have been productive fished deep and slow. Black egg sucking leeches continue working. Black, brown and olive propeller flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn. Please practice catch and release wherever and whenever you can. We have just moved our local shop. The new address is 2501 Sudderth Drive. Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded Web site for community information. Jim Shoep, Fly's Etc.

CAPITAN: Tigers fight Cloudcroft tooth and nail

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the same fate. Another problem both teams seemed to share was an inability to get the ball through the hoop, something Ward said is not typical for his team.

"We haven't had that problem until this game," he said. "I don't think it had anything to do with their defense, it was just we didn't shoot very well. We typically don't shoot well in this gym. It's just a little different to us somehow, and we just don't do a good job."

Capitan led 10-6 after one quarter, and was in the bonus early in the second period. But the Tigers failed to capitalize on chances from the free-throw line that could have given them a greater cushion, and Cloudcroft pulled ahead 26-18 at the half.

The Tigers didn't let up, however, closing the gap to one with three minutes left in the third quarter.

But the Bears answered with two field goals — one on the third rebound — and led 39-34 after three.

Cloudcroft finally sealed the win with five unanswered points — one field goal and three free throws — late in the final stanza.

Although the fans seemed approving of the Tiger effort, coach Terry wasn't as forgiving.

"We didn't play as well as I had expected," she said. "I could tell during practice, it wasn't a good practice. We're young. We have some things to learn and maybe this was one of those lessons to be learned."

Becker led all scorers with 16 points, while Tully-Mitchell had 12. Robyn Anders had 18 for Cloudcroft and Sheila Housinger 15.

Tiger eighth-grader Patty Terry saw only a few minutes



Tiger Jessica "Bruiser" Becker tries to hang on to the ball while Bears Shasta Parker, No. 13, and Danielle Ward, No. 41, try to take it away.

of action late in the game, and Cheyenne Reynolds stayed on the bench.

Both are suffering from knee injuries, and both Patty and coach Terry will miss Friday's game in Lordsburg. Patty will have her knee checked out by a surgeon in Roswell, determining her playing fate for the rest of the season.

Boys

Cloudcroft 59, Capitan 53

While the boys game wasn't as physical, it was every bit as exciting, with Cloudcroft not pulling away until the very end, and Tiger Sheldon Moor hitting a 3-pointer at the buzzer and a free throw after time had run out to cut



the Bear margin of victory to 59-53.

There was no shortage of effort on either side.

In the first quarter, the score bounced back and forth like a ping pong ball.

Capitan (2-8, 0-1) grabbed the lead on the first bucket of the second quarter, held it until midway through the

stanza then got it back with 51 seconds left in the half on a steal, long run and very deliberate shot by senior Thomas Pruitt.

After another few lead changes, Cloudcroft held the lead through the third until Moor presaged his game closer with a 3-pointer with five seconds left in the third to put the Tigers up 40-39 going into the final stanza.

Then, both coaches agree, experience came into play as the Bears slowly widened the gap in the fourth.

"They're a younger team and we've got some seniors and (we took advantage of) some of our senior leadership down the stretch," said Bear coach Jimmy Swope.

"We had some young mistakes there at the last," said Tiger coach Royce Brown. "In the half-court offense we had three or four turnovers in a row, and we had to put them on the line and they had to make free throws and that was the difference there."

Plus, Swope said, several of his key players who had been benched for foul trouble came back at the end.

Still, neither coach was surprised with the closeness of the match.

"I know my kids have a lot of heart and fight in them, and they're going to push hard," Brown said. "It's something we've stressed all year. Each ball game is a new ball game and it doesn't matter what the past was. I was pleased with the way we played."

"Royce is a good coach," Swope said. "He's going to get people ready to go. Royce never says die, and he will always come back with something else to counter what you've done, and he did."

Pruitt was the only Tiger in double figures with 11. Nick Mack had 16 for Cloudcroft and Ben Virden and Adam Roberts talked 10 each.

Brown called the game "the best four quarters" his team has put together all season, and he's not counting Capitan out of the district mix.

"Tularosa's definitely up there at the top," he said. "I think anywhere from two through five could be a tossup on any night. I definitely hope so. I hope we're thrown into that mix."

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- The "luxury car" excise tax drops to 4% for 2001.
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Mescalero, Corona fight to the bitter end

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After a long time on the road to start the season, Corona finally got to face an opponent at home Tuesday, and it paid off.

The Lady Cardinals got a win over non-district Mescalero while the boys came back from a 26-point deficit to just fall short against the Chiefs.

Boys
Mescalero 51, Corona 78
The Chiefs (4-3, 0-3) just managed to save an 81-78 win after a determined fourth-quarter effort by Corona (0-10, 0-2).

Paced by Phillip Pike's 27 points, including seven 3-pointers, and Tony Chimal with 26, the Chiefs jumped out to an early lead: 27-19 after one quarter, 50-34 at the half and 74-53 after three.

"They were hot and we were cold," said Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth.

"(Pike) was pretty hot," said Chief's coach Christy LaPaz. "Everybody played good. Tony and all the older kids played good ball. It was just the young kids. I left them in a little too long."

That's what LaPaz said happened in the final quarter, when the Cardinals outscored the Chiefs 25-7.

He gave his starters a break, and it backfired.

"The younger kids didn't respond, and by the time I got (the starters) back in, it was almost too late," LaPaz said.

The other key was Pike and Gilbert Valdez fouling out, which took away much of the Chief fire power.

Dunsworth said it was also the first time this season the Cardinals had played a good man-to-man defense.

"The rest of the year we've really had to struggle with our man-to-man defense, and (Tuesday) was by far our best effort," the coach said.

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Corona had nothing but praise for the Cardinal effort.

"We just started started chipping away at the lead," Dunsworth said. "We shut them down and started hitting some shots. ... I'm really impressed with their effort. (It was) probably their best comeback in 2-3 years."

"I've never been as proud of a group of individuals as I was of the boys (Tuesday) night," said girls coach and Corona superintendent Travis Lightfoot.

The close loss came despite the Cardinals playing ill and injured.

Several players had the flu, and senior Albert Sanchez was playing with a possibly broken thumb, which left him scoring less than normal.

Still, Dunsworth said, "He played his heart out."

On the Chiefs' side, Raymond Bigmouth and Bart Garcia were missing due to eligibility.

For Corona, Drew Bagley had 27 points, Victor Perez 12, Keith Shafer 12, Chauncy Jinks 11, Sanchez 8 and Dal Frost 5.

Even eighth-grader Taos Muncy chipped in, hitting a 3-pointer for his first varsity points.

Terrance Rocha added to the Chief tally with 10 points.

"I was really proud of the kids," Dunsworth said. "They left it all on the floor. They had an excellent comeback. Just fell a little bit short. They're getting there. The main thing is it's going to build character and show them they can come back from that big lead and they can still play with people."

Lightfoot, Corona superintendent



Girls
Corona 54, Mescalero 48
The Lady Cardinals (3-6, 1-1) got their second actual win of the season Tuesday, downing Mescalero 54-48 in a game described as "nip and tuck" the whole way.

(Corona's third victory in the win column was a forfeit by Vaughn, which has canceled the girls season because of injuries and ineligibility.)

Mescalero coach Rol Bradford said his team led for most of the match, but only by the slimmest of margins with Corona taking the edge at the end.

And he said the outcome might have been different if it hadn't been for the officiating, which he described as "atrocious."

Bradford, who drew a technical in the second quarter after reacting negatively to a call, said the Chiefs (3-8, 2-1) had one foul in the entire game, while the Cardinals had close to 20.

Free-throw shooting did make a difference in the game, said Corona coach Lightfoot, especially the solid shooting by Dominica Fernandez.

"Dominica had a coming out game," Lightfoot said. "She played the best games she's played in the two years she's been on the Cardinal basketball team. She stepped up and really did well."

Fernandez' 18 points were the first time she'd ever scored in double figures, and she went 10-for-12 from the free-throw line.

"She knocked down some free throws that really meant something," Lightfoot said. "They weren't just cleaning up at the end of the game."

Other than Fernandez, Lightfoot said his team, which was still suffering from the flu, "played OK. We still haven't played well, but we played OK," he said. "Good enough to win, but not what they're capable of."

Bradford said the fouls kept junior Rosie Smith on the bench for the entire third quarter, and senior Sasha Aragon fouled out.

He said the Chiefs were making a run when Nicole Dolan stole the ball and was apparently fouled, but it wasn't called by the officials.

Dolan then tried to steal the ball herself and drew a foul — her fifth, which sent her to the bench.

"It just kind of went like that right down to the wire," Bradford said. "But as far as the game went, the girls really played well."

He said when the Chiefs needed their leadership on the floor, they were all fouled out.

"When we got down to the end, we needed somebody to score, and we had some chances, and we just didn't have anybody out there," he said.

Dolan and Rosie Smith were top scorers for Mescalero, while Delia Gonzales led the way for Corona with 23.

Both coaches agreed the non-district game was worth playing.

"It gave us an opportunity play someone during a time frame we needed a win," Lightfoot said. "We needed some confidence built back up. We didn't really need to be playing a district opponent at this point with where we're at."

"I was definitely very happy with the way we came back and played against them," Bradford said.

Both teams jump back into district action with their next games.

Corona travels to Bosque Prep today while the Chiefs face off against Lake Arthur Tuesday.

Eagles miss twice in non-district matchups

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Hondo's Eagles played a pair of non-district games Tuesday, with both teams coming up short against some tough opponents.

Girls
NMMI 44, Hondo 43
Playing at home, Hondo's girls (5-6, 2-0) gave it all they had against AAA New Mexico Military Institute, falling 44-43 in a game that wasn't decided until the final seconds.

After playing the Colts close throughout — the Eagles led by two at the half — Hondo had a chance to go up in the waning seconds of the game.

With seven seconds left on the clock and the score 44-43, Sarah Sanchez was fouled.

She was tossed to the floor in what Hondo coach Julie Montoya said probably should have been an intentional foul because of the force, but the call wasn't made.

Sanchez went to the line and missed both shots.

"She's the one I would want on the line," Montoya said. "She's our most consistent free-throw shooter, so I don't know if it was the fall that shook her up or just the pressure at the end."

Despite the loss, Montoya was pleased with the effort from her team.

"We played really well with what we had," the coach said. "They had 15 girls (on the bench), so she was just swapping them in and out. We kind of went in spurts. We'd get four out off and on. I was real happy with the girls' performance. We played

hard. We were switching out seven girls, so there were times when we'd run out of breath and would kind of get down then we'd come back."

Montoya was also pleased with the improvement from the last time the two teams played.

Early in the season, NMMI crushed the Eagles 57-34.

"I was happy we've shown improvement, even though we're few in numbers," Montoya said. "We had the opportunity at the end."

Boys
Artesia JV 59, Hondo 21

Artesia's junior varsity is solid even against teams in its own class (AAAA), so it wasn't surprising the Bulldogs downed Hondo 59-21 in Artesia.

"We had a hard time making anything go in," said Hondo coach Ray Barela. "We had some good shots, but it was a tough night in our shooting. We played good defense, we just couldn't get anything going offensively. It was one of those nights where, on our team, everybody was cold."

With only 21 points total, it was surprising anyone scored in double figures, but Diego Ontiveros did, picking up 11.

Still, while Barela said the game was "tough," he said it was worth getting his squad the experience.

"We're learning something every day," the coach said.

Both the boys (2-9, 0-2) and girls head back to Artesia Tuesday, and Barela expects his squad to make the margin a lot closer.

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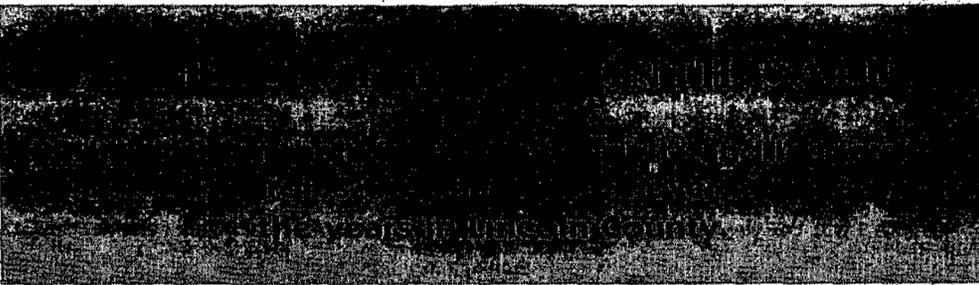
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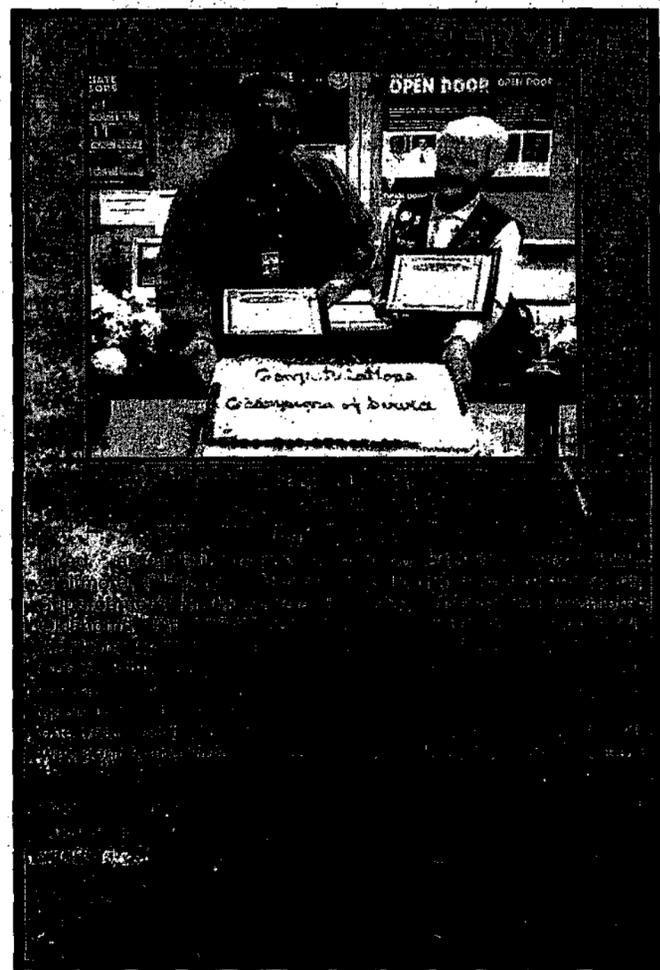
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In review, it appears that one of last year's most popular TV programs was "Survivor", uniquely formatted to show what individuals can and will do to earn a lot of money. There are all kinds of survivors in this world. For those TV-types, I would use a small "s", but for those of you who own businesses and/or work in Lincoln County, you deserve a capital "S"!

It is said that you can tell the fiber of someone by not how they handle success, but rather how they work through adversity. Being placed on a desert island and eating rats once in a while in front of a TV camera is one thing, but keeping a business alive through the challenges caused by drought and fire, changes in weather patterns, and losing customers to internet.com is totally another. Unless, you have lived in a resort area where the economy is based on tourism, you have no idea just how challenging it can be. We are indeed a "Company Town" whose economic well-

being is intimately intertwined and professional manner causing each of us to depend and prosper from the other. Some of you may not consider yourselves "tourism professionals" like your lodging, attraction, and specialty retail counterparts, but reality says that we all are. It is essentially the dynamics of tourism that brought most of us here unless you were fortunate enough to have been born here. Finding and developing activities to enjoy in this beautiful God-given mountain setting opened the doors of opportunity for the rest of us who could not make a living as a rancher or farmer. Tourism lured us here, captivated our senses and caused many of us to say, "I'm going to move there no matter what it takes". Little did we know what a tourism economy creates as demanding a work schedule and lifestyle as any you will find. You soon discover that if you want your share of the business, that holidays are no longer your own, answering the same questions over and over again in a friendly

and professional manner becomes the goal for the day, and dealing with business cycles and employees gives stress a whole new meaning. Yes, the nature of a tourism economy can be very draining and even scary, but it is also statistically a huge business generator and employer that gives a community like Lincoln County a sense of vitality and charisma like no other. It has the ability to bring people of all tastes, backgrounds, talents and temperments together just like in a great book or movie. It is probably as closely related to being in show biz as any other you will be involved with. Just like any other production, it takes the willingness to go out day after day whether to a full house or just a few in the audience and give them the best you've got. Yes....we're a bunch of survivors and what a place to be one! Now go have a "Mountain Kind of Day"....

Joan

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COMMENTS FROM JANUARY MEETING WITH LT. GOVERNOR BRADLEY IN ROSWELL

The concerns of New Business Owners was heard at his Small Business Advocacy Meetings throughout the state.

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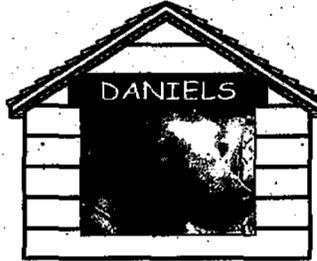
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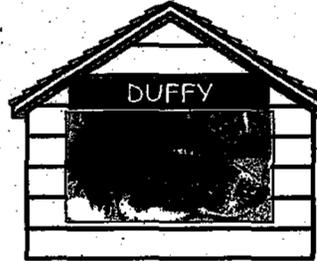
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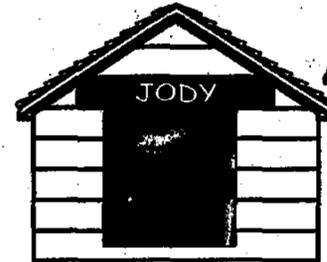
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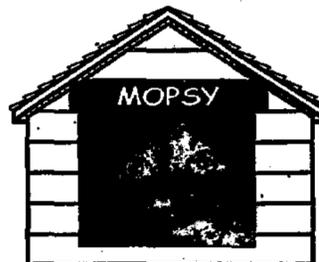
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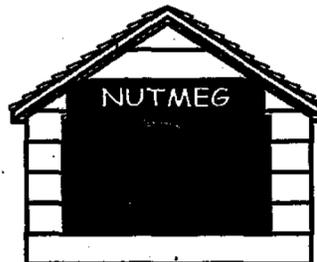
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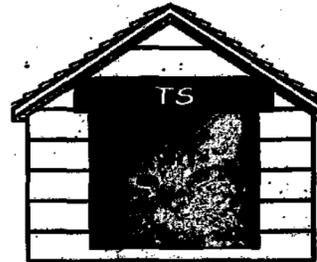
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Jan. 19, 1951

Woman's Club dedicates its new home in Skyland

The Ruidoso Woman's Club had a dedication service at its new home at Skyland Clubhouse Wednesday, Jan. 10.

During the impressive ceremony, Mrs. Ike Wingfield, a charter member of the club, lighted the candle that will burn one hour each year for 50 years. Adding to the occasion was the fact that four generations of her family were present... Her great-granddaughter, Mary Evelyn Estes, 2 months old, was made a member of the Woman's Club on this day, and is to light the candle in the year 2001, 50 years from now...

Jan. 20, 1961

Robert Geronimo signs for personal appearance tour

Robert Geronimo, son of the great Indian chief, says things are too quiet on the reservation and he "wants to get out and get some action."

So Geronimo, 72, is going to take a fling at show business. He has signed a contract with Thunderbird Productions of El Paso to do a series of personal appearances.

He lives on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

Jan. 22, 1971

Mrs. Tully receives 'Good Citizen' award

On Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Gerald Tully of Glencoe was awarded a "Good Citizen Award" and a set of free license plates by State Policeman Bob Miller.

Mrs. Tully's quick thinking avoided a major pile-up on Highway 70 last fall...

Mrs. Tully said she was driving on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs when the car in front of her signaled a left turn. She noticed a pickup coming up behind her in the rear view mirror, and could tell that he wasn't looking and was going too fast to stop.

She swerved off the pavement, driving up the hill. Meanwhile, the pickup hit the other car, and Mrs. Tully came back to the highway to take care of the two accident victims. No one was seriously injured.

Jan. 22, 1981

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Yesterday on the 20th, I went up to the home of my long-time friends, Lee and Hazel Lawing, and watched the inaugural ceremonies.

President Reagan did himself proud with his inaugural address, one of the highlights of which was his statement that "this is a nation under God."

Jan. 24, 1991

MainStreet schedules river walk surveys

MainStreet Ruidoso, in the midst of a revitalization project in Midtown, is planning a river walk along the Rio Ruidoso.

The Ruidoso Village Council gave the river trails a top priority and provided \$15,000 to get started.

The council is asking the State Legislature for \$871,000 to improve sidewalks, lighting, parking and such in Midtown.

"We've learned to ask the direct question in every assessment after years of 'door knob' statements where a client would get to the end of a session, then go to the door, turn and say, 'You don't suppose the fact that an uncle molested me...'"

Catherine Howard Cooper
 The Counseling Center

Treating psychic pain

**This first of two stories about incest is from the viewpoint of a therapist. The second article will deal with the statistics, the criminal aspects and treatment of offenders.*

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Psyche pain can be as critical and debilitating as a broken leg or ruptured appendix. When that emotional wound involves betrayal by one or more family members, the pain digs in even deeper.

The faster the victim can receive counseling, the better the chances of the wound healing, said Catherine Howard Cooper of The Counseling Center in Ruidoso.

Unfortunately, she said, many of the victims of incest she sees are adults before the pain drives them to help.

A licensed independent social worker in social work degree, with 22 years of experience, 15 years of those years as a therapist. She is clinic director of the Lincoln County satellite office in Ruidoso of The Counseling Center Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation based in Alamogordo.

Often a bout of depression or anxiety brings a client to the center on Sudderth Drive, she said.

"The anxiety may have gotten to a place where it almost is debilitating," Cooper said. "We've learned to ask the direct question in every assessment after years of 'door knob' statements where a client would get to the end of a ses-

sion, then go to the door, turn and say, 'You don't suppose the fact that an uncle molested me...'"

Often the client can't pinpoint the source of the anxiety, she said. "They're living a relatively normal life. They're used to a certain level of anxiety and then things pile up and the stress pushes them too far, affecting their work or their sex life at home."

Those clients years ago put the emotions tied to the incest "on a back burner," she said. "When you do that, it keeps cooking and either boils over or burns because you're not dealing with it."

Incest against males is almost as prevalent as females, "but they don't talk about it, at least here," she said.

Some young male victims don't realize there are other choices than being a victim or an abuser because they have limited role models, especially if they have seen their mothers or sisters abused.

Some of Cooper's other observations include:

- Being the victim of abuse doesn't mean a person will become an abuser.
- "Most who abuse were abused," Cooper said. "But most who were abused, don't go on to abuse others."
- Ironically, because of the psychological mechanism of denial, victims who grow up and have children don't necessarily become good protective parents, she said.
- Many victims abuse themselves with alcohol and drugs, or by obsessive behavior or being per-



Catherine Cooper is clinic director of The Counseling Center in Ruidoso, and has been employed as therapist and social worker for the past 22 years.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

fectionists.

• Offenders cross all social, economic, racial and religious lines. The crime is more about power over someone or something weaker, she said. For that reason, if a child is abusing animals, she recommends quick intervention by a therapist. Untreated, the development of empathy for others could be preempted.

Behavior that adults find alarming in children may need a closer look by a professional, but does not necessarily mean incest occurred, Cooper said.

Children normally are inquisitive about their bodies and those of their friends, but if they are overly aggressive, angry, secretive or compulsive, it may be time to find out what's happening in their lives, she said.

"What you see as anger in a teen or acting out by getting into trouble, dressing inappropriately or using drugs can be to cover the pain or the secret," she said. "There's a tendency for law enforcement and teachers to say the child is bad, or lying to get the new man in her mother's life out of the house."

"In truth, the child may be angry at being victimized. All behavior makes sense if you know the context from which it's coming."

Some young victims will confide in their friends first. Adult victims who can no longer suppress what happened to them may find it difficult to talk about it with a friend or pastor who they see socially. A professional counselor provides a neutral, confiden-

tial and nonjudgmental atmosphere, Cooper said.

"The saddest situation is when the adults do not believe little kids who don't know how to say what happened, and at that age don't have a good time concept. Sometimes, the adults chalk it up to fantasy or play."

"Where there is incest, there tends to be other abuse, because the victims are unable to protect themselves. They're often isolated by the offender. Some incest is seductive, some violent. One isn't worse than the other. A body can heal, but that other stuff still is there."

Although confronting the offender as an adult was a popular course of action in the 1980s, she recommends caution, because the outcome is seldom satisfying and the situation may be unsafe.

Instead, she has clients write letters to the offenders - letters that may never be sent. Often she asks the husband of a victim to do the same.

Spouses also need to be prepared for emotional responses by the victim to sessions with a therapist.

In incest or rape, quick intervention in most victims can prevent post traumatic reactions, Cooper said. But often victims don't show up for sessions or stop before they have worked through their emotions, she said. Several private therapists also offer counseling locally.

"If I could say anything to parents, it would be don't ignore signs and don't judge," Cooper said.

Winter is a season of departures in Lincoln County

More goodbyes for friends

We seem to be losing more friends again - Judy Belcher and Ruth Armstrong of Carrizozo.

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Judy was a great naturalist and lived in White Oaks.

Ruth Armstrong and family are old-timers in Carrizozo. When we first came to Lincoln County and lived in Carrizozo and Nogal, the meeting place was the Yucca Cafe. A lot of us have great memories of activities at the cafe. Ruth was always working for the town of Carrizozo, Valley of the

Fires, Industrial Park and other community affairs.

Bud Eppers' passing leaves a big void for the county and the State of New Mexico. He was so knowledgeable of the water, ranchers and farmers' problems among many other interests of the people of New Mexico. He was able to talk and persuade so many of our legislators and others of influence.

I will miss him at the Legislature. We always had a great time and had so many things happen - usually some goof I made. He could always make it seem so funny.

Amolene McIntosh and her husband lived west of town in the McGinnis house. She was lots of fun, but due to health reasons, for both she and her husband, they had to move to Roswell.

Photography Club meets

The Photography Club met at the Texas-New Mexico Power building in Ruidoso Thursday.

There were a lot of entries for the month's contest on holidays.

This covered any holiday of the year and the top winner was one of Independence Day.

County Council reorganizes

The Lincoln County Council met at the fair building in Capitan Friday to plan for the coming year.

Although the new officers were not to be installed until next month they were installed Friday.

The new officers are Lou Turner, Arabella, president, and Inez Marrs, Picacho, secretary. Holdover officers were Phyllis Zumwalt, Hondo, vice-

president and Jinny Burd, Carrizozo, treasurer. Rosalie Dunlap and Sue Creswell are the outgoing officers.

Angie Province of Capitan installed the new officers.

Outgoing president, Rosalie Dunlap presented her officers with a thank-you gift for their help the past year, which was considerable.

Visitors here and there

Berry Herd was glad to get home after a three-week visit with his family in Kansas. He said there was so much snow and the temperature went down as low as -20 degrees.

Dillon McArthur spent some time with his grandparents, Pam and Mac McArthur.

Kay Rucker has her granddaughter visiting this week.

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 Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5 yrs. through 5th grade);
 Thurs: 7 p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

CATHOLIC
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday
 Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sun-
 day Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6
 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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

PENTECOSTAL
 Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle. Allan M. Miller,
 pastor. 209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM. 354-2025. Tuesday.
 Bible Study 7:00 pm; Sun. School 10:00 am; Sunday Evening
 6:00 pm.

METHODIST
 Capitan United Methodist Church
 Pastor Tom Woodward and the congregation of Capitan
 United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County res-
 idents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday
 morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10.
 Communion is offered during worship on the first Sun-
 day of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served
 the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Cap-
 itan. 505-648-2946.

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

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 The Word of Life Church
 Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Car-
 rizo, NM. Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly
 Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

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

CATHOLIC
 Santa Rita Catholic Church
 648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass:
 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible
 Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
 Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am;
 Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00
 pm.

EPISCOPAL
 St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
 Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30
 a.m.

METHODIST
 United Methodist Church Parish
 Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizo-
 zo. Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00
 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m. Choir Practice
 (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every
 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of
 month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. &
 Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am;
 Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study
 7:30 pm.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Apache Indian Assembly of
 God
 Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald
 Pettley, pastor. Sunday School:
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 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday serv-
 ices: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
 El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill
 Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School,
 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning wor-
 ship: 10:45 a.m. (includes chil-
 dren's church); Sunday evening
 praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family
 night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST
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 Baptist Church of Alto
 Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
 Wednesday, 7 p.m. Mile marker
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First Baptist Church
 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM
 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim
 Gilliland, Pastor. Service times:
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 ship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise &
 Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 all ages, 11 a.m. Traditional Wor-
 ship, 5:30 p.m. Youth Power
 Hour, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
 Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Disciple-
 ship classes for all ages.

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

First Baptist Church
 Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday
 School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday wor-
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Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
 420 Mechem Drive. (Sunshine
 Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pas-
 tor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
 Mescalero. Sunday School
 school 9 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.
 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30

p.m. Wednesday services 6:30
 p.m.

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

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 St. Eleanor Catholic Church
 Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al
 Galvan. Sacrament of Penance:
 Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment;
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 Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m.
 (English); Sacrament of Reconcil-
 iation: Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6
 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St.
 Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8
 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
 Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
 Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst,
 Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Bent. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor.
 Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday
 Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
 Crosspoint Christain
 Fellowship
 A Christ Centered Church
 Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sud-
 derth Drive, 258-1492. Steve
 Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer
 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service
 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10
 a.m. Small group meetings, in-
 cluding youth group, at various
 times and locations.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Gateway Church of Christ
 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.
 Jay Willmon, Minister. Sunday
 Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday
 worship: 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
 Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
 Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
 Schildknecht, President, 671-9506.
 Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.;
 Sunday School and Primary 11:20
 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
 Women, 12:10 a.m.

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

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
 Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
 Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9
 a.m.

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

**JEHOVAH'S
 WITNESSES**
 Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30
 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Mon-
 day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thurs-
 day: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Ser-

vice Meeting 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana
 de los Testigos de Jehova
 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
 336-7076. Dom.: Reunion Publica
 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya
 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela del Min-
 isterio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion
 de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio
 de libro 7:00 p.m.

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

METHODIST
 Community United
 Methodist Church
 Junction Road, behind "The Coffee
 House". Harry Riser, Pastor.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday
 worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
 The Apostolics
 of Lincoln County
 Cornerstone Square, 613 Sud-
 derth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pas-
 tor, Art Dunn. Saturday evening
 worship 6 p.m.

NAZARENE
 Angus Church of the Nazarene
 Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso
 on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles
 Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Wor-
 ship, 6:30 pm; Sunday School,
 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Wor-
 ship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening
 Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer
 Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday
 Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
 First Presbyterian Church
 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso,
 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
 Pastor. Sunday: Church school

9:45 a.m.; worship 8:30 and 11
 a.m. Potluck fellowship after
 worship the third Sunday of
 every month. Mountain Ministry
 Parish Community
 United Presbyterian Church
 Ancho, Reverend Scott King.
 Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday
 School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
 Reverend Scott King. Sunday:
 Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship,
 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
 Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sun-
 day School: 10 a.m.; worship 11
 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
 Mescalero Reformed
 Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor.
 Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.;
 worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior
 high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high
 school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids
 Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

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 ADVENTIST**
 Seventh Day Adventist
 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
 Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick
 Lytle 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor
 Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Satur-
 day: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.;
 Church service: 11 a.m. Wednes-
 day: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Abundant Life Family Church
 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor.
 Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thurs-
 day Bible study 7 p.m.

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

Calvary Chapel
 433 Sudderth Drive in the Gate-
 way Center, 257-5915. Pastor John
 Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30
 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible
 study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
 2818 Sudderth (Pinetree Square),
 Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos
 Carreon. Reunion General Jueves
 6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m.
 Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m.
 (nifios).

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

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

Cowboy Church
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 more info.

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

Living Word Church
 441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors:
 Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sun-
 day: Renewal services Sunday
 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday:
 Intercessory prayer noon; mid-
 week services 7 p.m.

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

Cattle Growers group adds Carrizozo producer

A Carrizozo livestock producer was one of 20 New Mexicans and West Texans elected as new members to the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association board of directors. Wally Ferguson will serve a three-year term on the board. Ferguson and the 19 other newly elected members will join other directors and NMCGA officers to represent the livestock industry, said Jimmy R. Bason, the organization's president. Among the several dozen other current directors on the board are Sid Goodloe and Tommy Dinwhidie as Captain; Gordon Barham, Jim Grider and Stirling Spencer, both of Carrizozo; Neil Braid and Bruce Klinekole of Mesalero; and Harvey Tindell of Nogal.

Cindy Lynch in line to head state Realtors

A Ruidoso Realtor has been elected to serve as the 2001 president-elect of the Realtors Association of New Mexico. Cindy Lynch, a co-owner of Gary Lynch Realty, has served as an officer and president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. In 1991 she was named the local organization's Realtor of the year. Lynch had also served as the state group's convention committee chair in 1995 and co-chair in 2000. The Realtors Association of New Mexico serves nearly 5,000 real estate licensee members in the state. In addition Ruidoso Realtor Rose Peebles was named the southwest vice president of the state Realtors organization.

Free eye examinations offered to the uninsured

Some New Mexico optometrists will be donating their services to low-income, uninsured workers and their families in the state. Vision USA is a program that presents the free service provided in the state by members of the New Mexico Optometric Association. The 2001

program will continue to place emphasis on helping children. To qualify for the free eye care, applicants must have a job or live in a household where at least one member is working at least part-time, have no health insurance that covers eyes, meet certain income criteria, and have not had an eye exam within the last two years.

To apply for the comprehensive eye examinations, low-income families can obtain application forms from Vision USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 22. Applicants will also be screened by phone through Jan. 31, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., MST. The telephone number is (800) 766-4466. The eye exams will be scheduled in March.

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Ruidoso family physician honored

Ruidoso family physician Frank J. DiMotta has been honored for 20 years of membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians. Founded in 1947, the AAFP was instrumental in establishing the medical specialty of family practice in 1969. It was also a pioneer in requiring its members earn 150 hours of approved, continuing medical education every three years. Family physicians must take AAFP board examinations every seven years to maintain their board certification. DiMotta successfully completed the recertification process last July.

Brief notices welcome

Contributions to the Business Briefs column are encouraged. Notices about new businesses, employees, services or honors may be mailed to the newspaper at P.O. Box 241, Ruidoso, NM 88355, faxed to 257-7053, or e-mailed to Ruidosonews@zianet.com. Inquiries may be called to the editor or to business reporter James Kalvelage at 257-4001.

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Coaching's pay-off

**This, the fourth article in a four-part series, looks at areas that will help you become the coach/mentor your employees need and want.*

BY DEBBIE HAINES-INGALLS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The purpose of coaching is to cause a person to change their behavior or attitude in accordance with core life values. When coaching your employees to success, don't forget to "walk the talk" of your new-found coaching skills.

- Promise less
- Fix your leaks — time, money, energy.
- Delegate more
- Clear out the clutter — stuff, people, distractions.
- Create your perfect work environment
- Downsize
- Lighten up
- Learn that the past is over
- Substitute profit and gain with service and contribution
- Talk less and listen more
- Take action, make

changes

- Discourage your ego
- Share your gifts
- Give yourself permission to relax

In our daily lives we are putting up with "stuff," whether it be other people, situations, problems, annoyances, our own behavior, pressures and daily stress. Most of us have gotten pretty good — perhaps too good — at coping and accepting this kind of "stuff" in our lives.

My view is that the "stuff" you're putting up with is costing you in various forms — time, energy, happiness, creativity, opportunities and key relationships. There is a way to reduce and even eliminate as many of these tolerations as possible so that you are in great form to coach your employees and serve your customers with a positive attitude!

Start by making a list of what you are putting up with. Include the big tolerations and the little ones too, because you never know which ones are really costing you until you reduce or eliminate them. Just by writing them down, a positive change will occur. Your awareness level shifts.

I will tell more about building a "toleration free" life in my next column. Or you may check out my web site at www.coachingforbrilliance.com.

Bank purchase clears first hurdle

Federal Reserve approves State National's purchase of Ruidoso State Bank

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More than four months after a merger target date, regulators at the Federal Reserve Bank have approved the purchase of Ruidoso State Bank by State National Bancshares Inc., with headquarters in Lubbock, Texas.

What was described as "boiler plate" approval was handed down Jan. 3, said an official with the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, Texas. Ruidoso State Bank president Tom Battin said the merger should be completed by the end of this month.

The chief financial officer of State National concurred that Jan. 31 is now the target date.

"There were some issues raised relating to the acquisition," Don Cosby of State National said of the delay, "but there were no real problems."

While State National said last year it would close the present Ruidoso State Bank branch

at Carrizozo if the merger succeeded, Cosby said the bank is now leaning in the direction of keeping the county seat branch open.

"I don't know for sure," Cosby said. "I'm hoping it stays open. It probably will."

The two Ruidoso State Bank offices in Ruidoso will become State National Bank facilities, as will a seasonal branch at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. A State National Bank sign also will replace the Ruidoso State Bank sign at the Capitan branch. Presently two different signs in Ruidoso Downs proclaim future homes of both Ruidoso

State Bank and State National Bank. Cosby said just one branch will be built in Ruidoso Downs.

The current State National Bank facility in the Lincoln Towers on Mechem Drive will close after the merger. Cosby said with the regulatory approval delays it will likely be mid-year before the Lincoln Tower bank is closed.

The acquisition was announced in April 2000. A June 23 application filed with the Federal Reserve sought a Sept. 1, 2000 completion of the merger.

Pending is a review by the U.S. Department of Justice to determine if an anti-competitive situation might be created. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and New Mexico banking regulators also must weigh in.

"We're involved to the point of making sure the purchase is in compliance with all New Mexico statutes," said Adrian Martinez, industry manager

with the New Mexico Financial Institutions Division.

Among the compliance issues the state will look at is assurance that the new bank will not exceed 40 percent of all bank deposits in geographic areas such as Lincoln County and the state.

While Martinez refused to divulge the status of the FID review, he did confirm the review has been under way.

In addition, hundreds of pages of stipulations are spelled out in the merger agreement between the two banks.

Ruidoso State Bank is the community's oldest bank, established in 1953.

State National Bancshares has banking facilities in eight New Mexico communities including, Ruidoso State National Bank in Ruidoso. It is also present in a number of Texas communities. The State National name appeared in Ruidoso in 1999 when that company bought Sierra Bank.



Skiers of all ages have come by the thousands to play in the snow at Ski Apache this winter. It's a sharp contrast to last year, when snow-makers battled mother nature to keep the Mesalero Apache Tribe-owned area operating.

Wendy Widener/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso's business scene is looking better on many fronts this winter, thanks to

Ski Apache's big numbers

...In fact, lift ticket sales already match last year's total

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A busy business scene in the Ruidoso region the past month can be credited to an improved ski season.

As skiers zipped downhill, the area economy zoomed upward, thanks in large part to a couple of early winter snowstorms.

"We've had 95,500 people through Jan. 11," said Roy Parker, general manager of Ski Apache. "Compared to three years ago we're doing very good."

Winter 1997-98 was the last season that snow was really apparent in the northern Sacramento Mountains. On Jan. 6, ski lift tickets for this winter surpassed the 93,000 sold for all of last winter's ski season.

While the influx of Texans always seems to be apparent, Parker said the number of Mexican nationals that have come north for the skiing is clearly

on the increase. He credited increased advertising in Chihuahua and Juarez for the boost. He also noted Ski Apache has been involved in Mexico tourism trade show activity in Mexico City.

Over the 10-day period from the Saturday before Christmas and New Year's Day, some 43,000 lift tickets were sold at Ski Apache, Parker said. In a single day during the period about 7,000 tickets were purchased. That nears the all-time one-day record of 7,400 set 15 years ago.

"When I'm talking 43,000, that's the number of lift tickets sold," Parker said. "It doesn't include the 20 to 25 percent who come up here to look around or just ride the gondola."

Parker said not everyone who drives to the top of the mountain puts on skis. And for many the trip to Ruidoso is a family vacation.

"So a lot of people that don't ski come with the skiers," Parker said.

"They're just tourists. A lot of them stay in town and shop."

Parker said lodging places and restaurants were certainly aware of the large number of people.

"And after the holidays it didn't stop," Parker said. "We've been doing about 3,000 a day. It's less than half the one-day 7,000, but still good."

The ski enterprise manager said mother nature will help determine if the area economy continues to hum this winter.

"We had no bad weather during Christmas week," Parker said. "We don't want bad weather that week because of the road and all. We had nice weather and great skiing conditions."

Parker said a little snow each month now could equate to a very successful season.

"We're just hoping we get a couple of feet of snow each month," Parker said. "Then we'll be looking great."

New construction continued surge in 2000

Ruidoso values top \$45 million, more than half for residential building

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Figures from the village of Ruidoso zoning department show building permit values grew last year by 23 percent from the prior year, to a total of nearly \$45.5 million.

The increase would have been substantially less but for the permit issued for the multi-million dollar Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort.

In Ruidoso during the past year, 165 permits were issued for new single-family homes, compared to 139 in 1999. The

valuation of the permitted homes increased to \$26.6 million, up 14 percent from the prior year. That number paled, however, compared to the almost 19 percent boost in the number of permits for single-family homes.

New commercial construction permits last year, while double the 10 issued in 1999, would have taken a downturn in dollar values, except for the new luxury hotel under construction next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. New commercial development added up to \$7 million last year, compared to \$2.5 million in

1999. Commercial additions or alterations soared to almost \$3.5 million, an 80 percent boost. The permitting of manufactured homes has also taken off, to \$1.28 million, double the 1999 level.

The number of multi-family (like apartment and condominium) dwelling permits was three last year, versus two the year before. The value of the overall projects was down by more than half, at \$921,052.

Despite the contention by Ruidoso Downs officials that

growth has been strong in the village, year 2000 numbers show construction permit values barely surpassed the \$1 million level.

Six permits were issued for new single-family dwellings, with a valuation of \$516,500, according to figures from the village's planning department.

Thirty permits were written during the year for residential additions or alterations, representing \$393,087 in value.

Just one permit during 2000 covered a new commercial building, to the tune of \$64,741.

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ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

The view below Bonaire's waters

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Increasingly, savvy travelers are looking for vacations where they can do more than just relax. Vacations where they can take up a new hobby or learn more about an old one. Vacations that enhance their mind, body and soul. Resorts around the world, aware that they need to provide more than a beautiful setting, are designing exciting programs to meet the needs of these sophisticated travelers.



The Barones

The Harbour Village Beach Resort on the quiet Dutch island of Bonaire has heeded the call. Already rated "One of the Best Seaside Resorts in the World" by Harper's Bazaar magazine, Harbour Village is not content to rest on its laurels. In the year 2000, Harbour Village invested a million dollars in its dive programs and facilities, introduced a Wine Club benefiting local charities, added underwater photography classes and weekly slide shows, introduced gourmet-cooking lessons and wellness workshops to its repertoire of guest offerings, which include a full-service European spa.

During a five-day stay last September, we combined beach time with wine tasting, cooking lessons, fitness workshops, snorkeling, spa treatments and general island exploration. Typically we shy away from large resorts with over-organized schedules, but Harbour Village managed to combine an array of activities in a relaxed and individualized manner. There was no bubbly activities director pushing us into classes we didn't want to attend.

Instead, a menu of the following day's scheduled offerings was discretely placed in our room each evening allowing us to pick and choose at our leisure or opt out completely.

A good bit of our time was spent underwater. Bonaire, long known as a diver's paradise, offers some of the best reef diving this side of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. In 1971 the island designated its surrounding waters as a marine park to protect and preserve its underwater wealth of reefs and marine life. Just a few feet off shore from the resort's quarter-mile-long white sand beach, we snorkeled along coral reefs where great schools of tropical fish glided past our eyes like floating rainbows. The abundant waters around Bonaire are home to 500 species of fish as well as more than 120 kinds of coral.

Above ground, the island is also an environmental haven. It is home to 189 species of birds, including a large community of flamingos (which are very

elusive and difficult to photograph, we might add), and has protected 13,500 acres of wild land in the Washington-Slagbaai Park on the northwestern end of the island.

Snorkeling, hiking, and bird watching can work up more of an appetite than you might imagine. It was our growling stomachs that persuaded us to enroll in an afternoon cooking demonstration, luncheon and wine tasting.

Resort chefs Julio Satie and Alberto Roldan amazed us with their cooking expertise, but it was the spicy tuna wrapped in plantains (a type of banana) served over bok choy and topped with pearl onion jam accompanied with funchi (island style cornmeal) and caviar that was our real motivation for attendance.

Those kind of calories mandated a visit to the spa where Harbour Village trainers worked muscles we didn't even know we had.

No more silliness, next and last stop for the afternoon — the beach, of course!

Harbour Village Beach Resort (800-424-0004 or www.harbourvillage.com)

The Barones are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in Alto. Their work appears in a wide variety of regional, national, and international publications.

High spirits at RHS

All to give a warm boost to Winter Homecoming



Lisa Spurr, a junior at Ruidoso High School, celebrates Pajama Day Tuesday of Winter Homecoming Spirit Week with flannels and tiger slippers. "The juniors are going to win," she said, referring to the contest between classes to show the most spirit.

Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

LeAnne Gibson, a junior, goes about her business in the library — in comfy pajamas. Students will dress a bit differently for tonight's basketball game between the Warriors and Roswell High.



Clean audit for Capitan school district

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CAPITAN — Auditor Terry Cone of Portales gave Capitan Municipal School District a clean bill of health at the school board meeting Jan. 11.

"We received an unqualified audit — no audit citations, no recommendations," said Diana Billingsley, superintendent of schools.

Last year, the auditor recommended that the district work on a form to document overtime work for custodial and secretarial personnel, and Cone acknowledged that this was done in the 1999-2000 school year.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The topic of students' privacy rights was added to the agenda so that school board members could give a first reading to a board policy that details what information about students may be disclosed without liability. Along with this section, the board read a parental waiver and consent form giving the schools permission to release information about students' grade-point averages in order to recognize academic achievement.

Billingsley said this issue

came up because the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals found that a school district had violated the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act by allowing students' grades to be disclosed in class.

The law firm representing school districts, Simons, Cuddy & Friedman LLP, interpreted the court case in its newsletter, stating that "school officials may be subject to money damages as well as injunctive relief."

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"Districts could no longer display student work if it had a name and a grade on it," Billingsley said. "(They) could not give names and grades in award ceremonies, could not publish the honor roll identifying the student's name and

the grade, can't announce who the salutatorian or valedictorian is because you know they have to have the highest grade."

At the Feb. 8 school board meeting, the board will vote on the board policy and the waiver and consent form relating to student privacy. In the interim, Billingsley said, the schools will proceed "at status quo. Until we get the parent permission out next month, we're just going to have to take the chance (that parents will not sue). We're just going to take our chances. I'd rather keep on rewarding our students and acknowledging their successes and achievements."

Billingsley said the only thing the district schools have changed so far is that students' grades are no longer called out publicly in classrooms and students no longer grade other students' papers.

Superintendent search is on

Billingsley said the district office has already sent out 10 applications to people requesting them for the position of school superintendent, as she will retire at the end of this school year.

Advertisements will be placed in newspapers Jan. 19 and March 9 for the position,

with a March 30 deadline on applications. The school board will review applications and do background checks during April and begin interviews toward the end of April.

Construction update

Construction on the addition of six classrooms, an elementary music room and elementary library financed by the May 1999 bond issue for \$2 million is on schedule and the completion date is March 7, Billingsley said.



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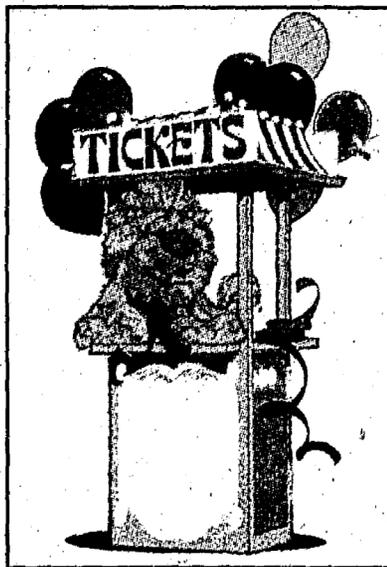
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Playing around with the blues

by *Everett Thompson*
VAMONOSI INTERN

Comprised of Sara Arki, Mike Morrison, Bill Bagby and Randy Trahan, Main Street Moan is an aggressive blues band. This local band debuted in September at Spanky's and completed its most recent performance last weekend at J's Joint. These four individuals are seeking new venues of blues music, not available in Ruidoso.

Bagby was snagged from an informal band to play with Morrison and Trahan, who were aching to play. Arki auditioned as an additional band member and Trahan selected her for her extraordinary vocal talents. She adds humor, stage presence and relates to the audience, Trahan said.

Morrison is the drummer and studio producer, Bagby is a base player with 30 years in music. Trahan, with 22 years experience, contributes as a guitarist and vocalist. Arki has eight years experience singing, some from karaoke. Morrison has been playing for five years.

Main Street Moan primarily performs cover songs, but is not a traditional Chicago-blues band. The band members describe this unique variety of blues as "Texas style."

"I was a white boy lost in the blues for years. I started listening to blues at 18 years old and (have been) hooked ever since," explained Trahan. Morrison added, "We didn't choose the blues, the blues choose you."

Arki said that people in this town are not accustomed to nor understand what the blues variety of music is. Classical rock and country western are the common choices of locals, she said.

"Practicing [March through September] in Morrison's garage, the band entertained the construction crew up by Swiss Chalet," Arki said. On their breaks they would drive by and even sometimes stop and listen.

Main Street Moan practices about four hours a week, polishing what they know and slowly adding to it. The band wants to gain a following before making any commercial album releases.

The group's name came from a Fleetwood Mac song and an older blues song called "Main Street Moan," which, Morrison said, "reflects that we are the music that comes from the inner city, (and the moan) comes from inside."



COURTESY

MAIN STREET MOAN performs at various venues around Lincoln County. Clockwise from left are Mike Morrison, Bill Bagley, Sara Arki and Randy Trahan.



Report on Ruidoso Arts Commission meeting of January 11

by Gail J. Gillem
SECRETARY

The Ruidoso Arts Commission held its regular meeting on January 11. Discussions of a possible show exclusively for Lincoln County artists revealed several interesting ideas ranging from an artists co-op to an annual art show. Several visitors gave public feedback on the needs of local artists. The commission will continue to explore the best ways to promote local art.

The New Mexico Governors Show for Lincoln County artists has received great response. Fifty-five local artists submitted a total of 135 works to be juried for the month-long show to be held in March of this year. The commission agreed that the artwork submitted was an exceptional representation of area art.

Nominations for the Governors Art

Awards are now due. The commission has agreed to nominate Dave McGary for the year 2000. Bruce Eldredge volunteered to put together the promotional package to submit.

There is much talk about converting Fort Stanton into an arts and craft school and music camp. Many possibilities are now being explored. As for the Private Art in Public Places Program, the Village has now accepted four monumental metal sculptural pieces by Santa Fe artist, Paul Evans, to be displayed on loan for one year.

The Education Committee attended the Ruidoso School Board meeting last week to decide how to help raise funds for the new auditorium, which has a planned summer start-date. Ruidoso Arts Coordinator, Mary Lea Lane, reported on the grant application for \$13,000

submitted to the McCune Foundation. The Commission has also applied for state funding for public art.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission meetings are scheduled for 4 p.m., the second Thursday of every month at Ruidoso Village Hall. The public is welcome to

attend. January's meeting brought eight visitors. The commission members would like to thank the visitors for attending and encourage others to attend. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m., February 8. An agenda will be published in The Ruidoso News on Feb. 7.



Courtesy

"CALIFORNIA SUNSET" by Alexander Dziqurski, was the first piece of art donated to the village of Ruidoso under the Art in Public Places program. Bob and Jule Sterchi presented the painting to the village at its January 9 council meeting. The painting was accepted by the newly formed Visual Arts Jury of the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

'Garth Brooks' to perform at Quarters Friday and Saturday



Courtesy

GARRICK SISSONS as Garth Brooks.

The No. 1 Garth Brooks impersonator, Garrick Sissons, will perform at The Quarters Bar at 9 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Quarters or Win Place and Show.

Sissons, a Canadian performer booked by Las Vegas Live owner Roger Heater, performed a number with the real Garth Brooks when he played in Washington, Heater said.

Heater, who bills himself as the Psychiatric Comedian, will open Sisson's performance and entertain during intermission. He has been doing funnies since 1989 when he was part of the San Francisco Comedy Invasion.

Last month, Las Vegas Live brought Rick Chapman to impersonate Rod Stewart and Tom Petty, and comedian Keith Hertz.



The circus comes to the Ruidoso Convention Center for two shows on Saturday

Rediscover the joys of a circus at 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Majestic Shows presents an international, all-star circus from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Free children's tickets are available at Furr's, Wal-Mart, Allsup's Convenience Stores, and the Ruidoso Convention Center has a few free tickets. At the door, tickets are \$5 for children and \$12 for adults. For more information, call the convention center at 258-5445.

Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Friday, January 19

Intro with Sound Healer Sarah Benson

Introductory evening 7-9 p.m. with a fee of \$15. A 10% discount will be given to those who attend both the intro and workshop. For more information, call Shirley Meyer at 336-1154 or Julia Price at 336-1933.

Garrick Sissions as Garth Brooks

9 p.m. at The Quarters, tickets are \$10 at Quarters or Win Place and Show. Psychiatric comedian Roger Heater will open the show.

Saturday, January 20

Workshop with Sound Healer Sarah Benson

10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a fee of \$60. A 10% discount will be given to those interested who attend both the intro and workshop. For more information, call Shirley Meyer at 336-1154 or Julia Price at 336-1933.

Garrick Sissions as Garth Brooks

9 p.m. at The Quarters, tickets are \$10 at Quarters or Win Place and Show. Psychiatric comedian Roger Heater will open the show.

'Doktor Faust' on FM radio

"Doktor Faust" by Busoni will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with James Levine conducting. The cast includes Katarina Dalayman (Duchess of Parma), Robert Brubaker (Mephistopheles), Davud Kuebler (Duke of Parma), Thomas Hampson (Doktor Faust), Peter Rose (Wagner/Master of Ceremonies).

Acrobatic Show

3-7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. For ticket prices and more information call 258-5445 or (877) 700-5445.

Tuesday, January 23

After-school Tuesdays

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Wednesday, January 24

Pre-school Storytime

2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, January 18

After-school movie

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

9-noon Tuesdays, at the Fruit of the Trees, (505) 653-4699.

Solarmax and Wolves IMAX Films

Showing at the Alamogordo Space Center January through March at noon, 2, 3, 4, and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 3, 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about schedules and prices, call (877) 333-6589

Library Photographic Exhibition

Artwork is of Sierra Blanca and Lincoln County and Beyond by Pablo Bianchi. January 2 through February 27: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance

Classical ballet, jazz and tap for all ages. Beginners and volunteers always welcome, 1204 Mechem, 258-1946.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Bridge

At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

• **Party Bridge** — Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m.

• **Duplicate Bridge** — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Laser "Legends"

Fridays and Saturdays at the Space Center's Tombaugh Imax Dome Theater in Alamogordo. Call (877) 333-6589 for showtimes and information.

Capitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Avenue. Open Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info and renew by phone, 354-3035. Volunteers needed.

• Spanish and English workstations available to the public. Free Internet access. Call to reserve a space.

• Winter Reading Program for children up to 18 years the first Saturday of each month.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program

Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 387-4659.

Adult Acting Workshop

Wednesday nights 7-9 p.m. Call Paul for details at 257-4874.

Ruidoso Public Library

107 Kansas City Road (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

"Artists of Lincoln County paint Sierra Blanca" will be the December Exhibit of the Month at the Chamber of Commerce.

ENMU BFA Exhibit

Runnel's Gallery at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. 562-

2787.

Movies

Miss Congeniality

Action/Adventure and Comedy.

1 hr. 45 min.

Rated PG-13 for sexual references and a scene of violence.

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Benjamin Bratt, Candice Bergen, Marc Lawrence (II), Michael Caine. Directed by Donald Petrie.

Produced by Katie Ford, Bruce Berman, Ginger Sledge, Katie Ford and Sandra Bullock.

Written by Caryn Lucas, Katie Ford and Marc Lawrence (II).

Distributor: Warner Brothers

Synopsis: For her entire life, Gracie Hart has dreamed of emulating the career of her mother, Emily, a highly esteemed FBI agent who died in the line of duty. Unfortunately, Gracie's aggressive nature has branded her as a loose cannon, and the only one in the bureau who actually believes in her is fellow agent and friend, Eric Matthews. When a terrorist threatens to bomb the Miss United States pageant, the FBI rushes to find a female agent to go undercover as a contestant. Unfortunately, Gracie is the only female FBI agent who can "look the part" despite her complete lack of refinement and femininity. She prides herself on being "just one of the boys" and is horrified at the idea of becoming a girly girl. To assist her with the emergency assignment, the bureau enlists the help of Victor Melling, an obsessive and pompous pageant consultant, to transform Gracie from a "woman without a detectable smidgen of estrogen" to "Gracie Lou Freebush," glamorous beauty queen. Transformation complete, Gracie must get comfortable with the mercilessly driven and perfectly coifed contestants, infiltrate the pageant and thwart the terrorists. Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:40 p.m.

Finding Forrester

Drama and Comedy.

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language, some sexual reference.

Starring: Robert Brown, Tom Mullica, Lil' Zane, Anna Paquin, Busta Rhymes. Directed by Gus Van Sant

Produced by Jonathan King, Dany Wolf, Laurence Mark, Rhonda Tollefson and Sean Connery.

Written by Mike Rich

Distributor: Columbia Pictures

Synopsis: An inspirational film from director Gus Van Sant, *Finding Forrester* focuses on the relationship between Jamal Wallace (Robert Brown), an African-American college student with a basketball scholarship, and a talented novelist (Sean Connery) that Jamal meets over the Internet. The novelist realizes that Jamal has a gift for writing and encourages him to pursue it. Meanwhile, Jamal teaches the writer a few lessons about life.

Showtimes: *1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:45 p.m.

Cast Away

Drama. 2 hrs. 23 min.

Rated PG-13 for intense action sequences and some disturbing images. Starring: Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Valerie Wildman, Geoffrey Blake, Jennifer Lewis.

Directed by Robert Zemeckis.



Courtesy

WILLIAM SHATNER AND SANDRA BULLOCK in *Miss Congeniality*, a Castle Rock Entertainment production in association with Village Roadshow of a Warner Brothers Pictures.

Produced by Joan Bradshaw, Jack Rapke, Robert Zemeckis, Steve Starkey and Tom Hanks.

Written by William Broyles Jr.

Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox

Synopsis: Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks) is a FedEx troubleshooter, whose charter flight crashes near the South Pacific, and leaves him stranded alone on an island for four years. While his fiancée and co-workers assume he's dead, he must give up everything that he once took for granted and learn how to survive both physically and emotionally.

From director Robert Zemeckis, *Cast Away* is a story of adventure and discovery surrounding one man's will to stay alive.

Showtimes: *1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

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Live music featuring the Longhorn Band on Friday and Saturday. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.

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J's Joint

Live music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday at 1214 Mechem Drive.

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Cree Meadows Country Club

Hauge artwork on display at Eagle Ranch

Kathy Flores Hauge, renowned local artist and teacher, presents her latest works at the gallery at Eagle Ranch, the month of January. Hauge has been teaching art to college students for the past 25 years. Year 2001 is the year for change and she is excited. July 1 she leaves New Mexico State University at Alamogordo to pursue painting as a second career.

Kathy will be able to indulge her creative impulses, her ministry and her love of painting. After the twenty five years of academic accomplishment, she is eager to focus on these things she holds dear.

Her work is primarily in acrylics and watercolors, but she also enjoys mixed media and oil painting. She has completed three major murals in churches in Alamogordo. She particularly loves the spontaneity and immediacy of watercolors. She also writes and intends to combine her interests in a variety of ways.

This year she judged painting exhibits for the El Paso Art Association and at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. Her own work has been exhibited in galleries and collections throughout the state, the nation and Canada. Limited by other commitments the past years, she is looking forward to more competition and selective marketing of her work. She will produce her own limited editions of prints and some of these prints will be available at the show.

The show at Eagle Ranch runs through January 31. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. Eagle Ranch is located at 7288 Highways 54 and 70, Alamogordo, on the Tularosa Highway.



The Arts

Directing the light

Story by
Dianne Stallings

WAMONOSI WRITER

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uccess stalks Douglas Miller despite his seemingly concerted effort to avoid it.

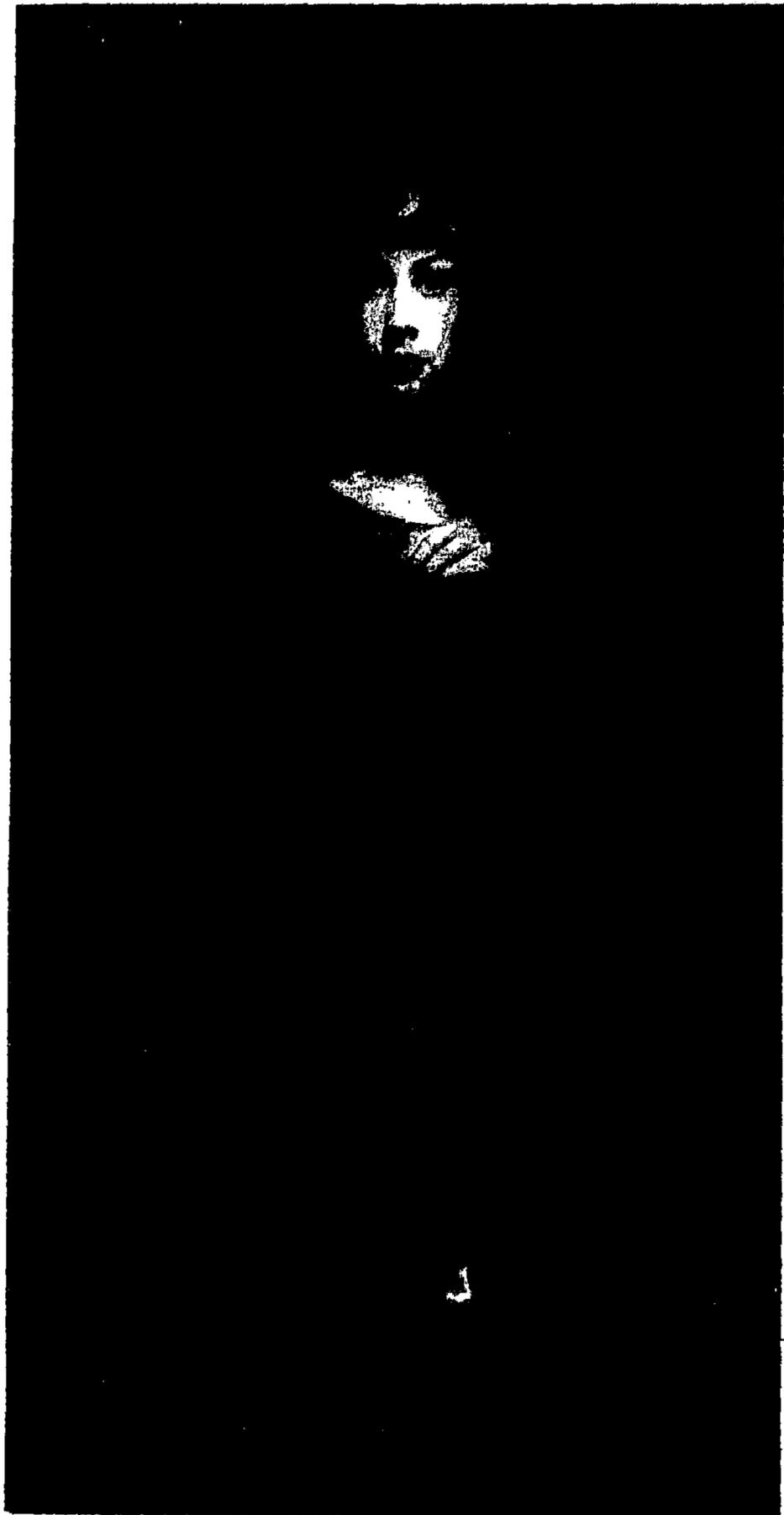
Sitting in his studio in Lincoln thumbing through portfolios of photographs that rival the work of some of the best-known names in the business, Miller clearly has not yet settled on his road in life, even though his talent screams from the pages in front of him.

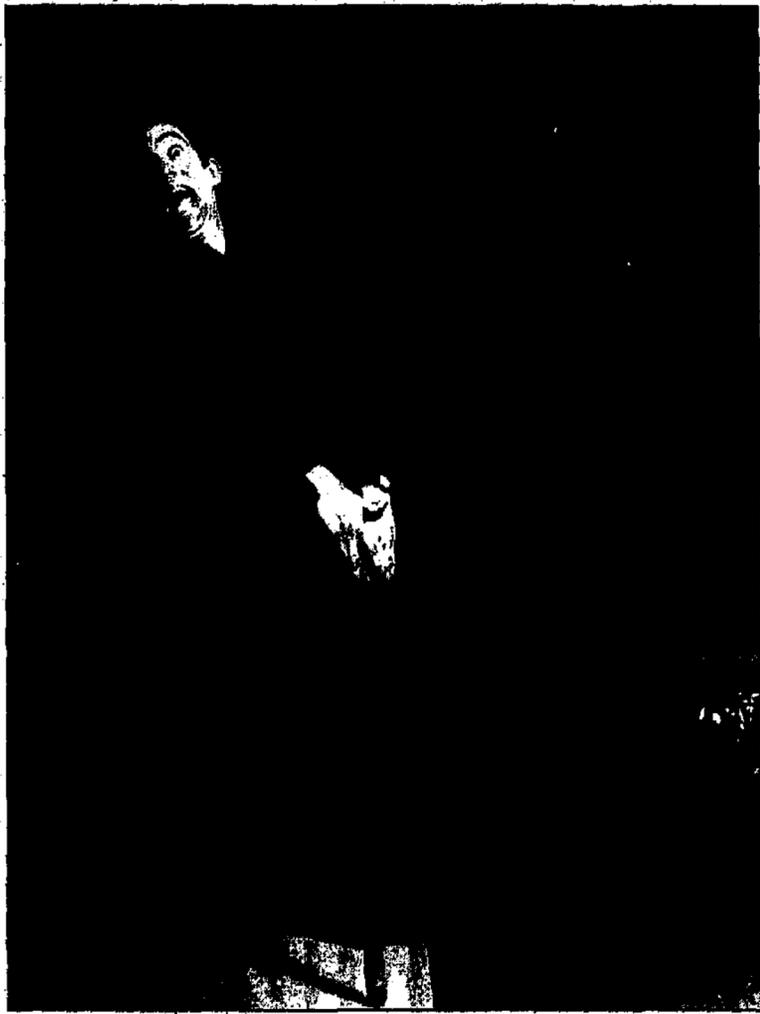
For now, he has set up a portrait studio in one end of his father's Up Town Gallery in Lincoln — sharing the authentic period structure in the historic settlement with his parents, Dee and Gary Miller.

"What photography basically is about is the light," he said. "It's not the subject. It's how you direct the light. I don't think many people see lights as a flow. It's like water and very mathematical."

When he views a potential subject, Miller said he sees it as black and white.

"When you look in color, the saturation draws you so that composition becomes secondary," he said. "In black and white, composition is everything. It make or breaks the work, whether it's advertising or portraiture."





Miller's portfolio ranges from flashy advertising pieces to fashion, to comical self-portraits and moody personality studies.

While he approaches his photography as art, Miller also is a realist.

"When you're shooting advertising, you do what the editor wants," he said. "When I shoot for myself, I tend to be very abstract on how I get to the end product. It's very subjective, including where I place the focus of the piece."

Born in Rome, New York, Miller moved with his family to Las Cruces when he was three and his father was finishing a master's degree in art. Five years later, they headed to Lincoln County.

"My whole life, I've been painting and drawing, but I was almost 20 before I found photography," the 31-year-old Miller said. "I was looking for something to do. I've spent a long time doing it, but I'm still not sure. I just am."

When he attended New Mexico State University, he "studied everything under the sun." During a summer break, he contacted an assistant photo editor he knew at the *Albuquerque Journal* and was hired as a laboratory technician. He had no idea what to do.

"I spent the next two months living in the darkroom finding out how film worked," he said. "Later, I became a (free-lance photographer) while also working as a full-time lab tech."

He went back to NMSU, transferred to the University of New Mexico because of a better photography department, and in a 180-degree turn, took two years off to teach skiing.

"Then I figured, I'd better do something," Miller said.

He enrolled in a Seattle, Washington, school that specialized in photography and music video. But by the time he turned 23, he had moved to Savannah, Georgia, with his family while his father worked on creating a new Air Force museum there. His next stop on a whim with a friend was London, England.

He took his portfolio with him, hoping that, while bartending at night, he could work as a photographer's assistant during the day.

"Some of the people who looked at the work told me it was too good to be an assistant and I should get out and show, but I was starving," he said.

He still managed to spend hours in museums soaking in the original artwork and more time concentrating on his own watercolors.

By 1996, he was back in New Mexico in the Corrales area, switching to oils.

"I'm completely eclectic," he said. "I love to do everything, it's hard to pick one style and stick with it. As a kid I worked as realistically as possible, but now I like the free-brush stroke."

He tried unsuccessfully for an assistant's position with photographer Richard Avedon in New York and ended up in technical support at Sun Studios, one of the country's top fashion studios.

"Everyone shot there — *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, *Victoria's Secret* and Calvin Klein," he said. "The most difficult thing in fashion photography is keeping hold of reality and understanding that this is completely fake. It's a strange world."

Miller eventually moved back to Seattle, where he assisted other photographers, but also started working on his own, shooting jackets for independent brand musical CDs and filming music videos.

"It paid the bills for the next 2 1/2 years," he said.

He also worked with Nike and with photographer Alan Abramowitz, shooting for Starbucks Coffee, for communication companies and many other clients.

"I liked working with big productions because you have everything you could possibly want," Miller said. "What started happening was that photographers would fly in from Chicago or New York with my name in their pockets."

He spent two years with MTV, redoing photos for its "Real World" programs in Seattle and Hawaii. But after another 2 1/2 years in Seattle, Miller said he longed for the desert and was sick of the rain.

"I lost focus about where I was trying to go," he said. "I didn't plan on ending up in the New York fashion world. I wanted to slow down. I was burning myself up. I needed open space. I used to dream about the horizon here."

"I got in the car and left. I was just ready, I guess."

He spent a year in Albuquerque as a graphic artist and photographer, then visited his parents in Lincoln and decided to stay.

"I'm doing studio work, shooting portraits, sports and just people," he said. "But I also would like to shoot the work of artists who need slides for juried shows."



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Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, 652-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase handmade paper, blank journals and multiple paper products. North at the sign on Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, follow the drive to the studio. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

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102 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2008
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Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

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Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. Open most days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: www.lapaloma-gallery.com.

Lincoln State Monument

Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372
Montaño Store and exhibits highlighting the Montaño family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

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Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 378-4270
Vicky Conley's functional and decorative raku pottery, etchings, block prints and monotypes. Bridal registry available. Original paintings, prints, silk scarves, jewelry and funky clocks by local artists. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

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416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic-themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

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Artist Misha Malpica's Spring Canyon sculpturing studio, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

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320 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4303
Original Western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

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2328 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3644
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3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artists can exhibit on the Web

Web sites devoted to artists now number in the thousands, but it's a hit-or-miss affair whether anyone sees the work displayed. For art buyers, the Internet is often a navigation nightmare, while artists may find themselves floundering around trying to attract attention to their sites.

Western States Arts Federation, working originally with Colorado Council on the Arts, has crafted a solution to both issues through development of ArtistsRegister.com, a combination virtual portfolio and online gallery that connects artists with potential clients. ArtistsRegister.com presently features work by more than 1,000 artists, running the visual-art gamut for beadwork and glass to oil painting and photography.

ArtistsRegister.com launched in 1999 as a collaboration between WESTAF and the Colorado Council on the Arts. Although open to any U.S. resident, several other states, including New Mexico, had recently partnered with WESTAF to subsidize membership fees for artists working in their states, which underwrites the cost for a year.

New Mexico Arts decided to sign on because it's "an opportunity to serve artists in our state," said executive director Margaret Brommelsiek. The New Mexico artists register will debut at the end of January 2001.

"We have a small budget and don't give individual fellowships," Brommelsiek said. "The online register is a great way for us to support artists and help promote them regionally and nationally."

One reason for its success is an effective online and traditional marketing campaign. ArtistsRegister.com maintain links to a broad array of resources sites, generating interest from art collectors; galleries; federal, state and local arts organizations; curators; art fair organizers; exhibitors; and museums. In addition, WESTAF promotes the site through ads in national art publications, such as *Art in America*, and local magazines like *Santa Fean*, to help drive visitors and artists to the site.

The other key success is ease of navigation. When artists register with the site, they select keywords identifying the medium and materials of each of their images. Site users then enter keywords to pull up works fitting the description. For example, a user might search for images using words like "watercolor landscape painting," or "decorative blown glass." ArtistsRegister.com searches the medium/material descriptors in its database and displays the designated images.

Visitors currently can purchase works by contacting the artist, and at the end of January 2001, ArtistsRegister.com will inaugurate an online ordering and purchase system as another avenue to artists selling their work.

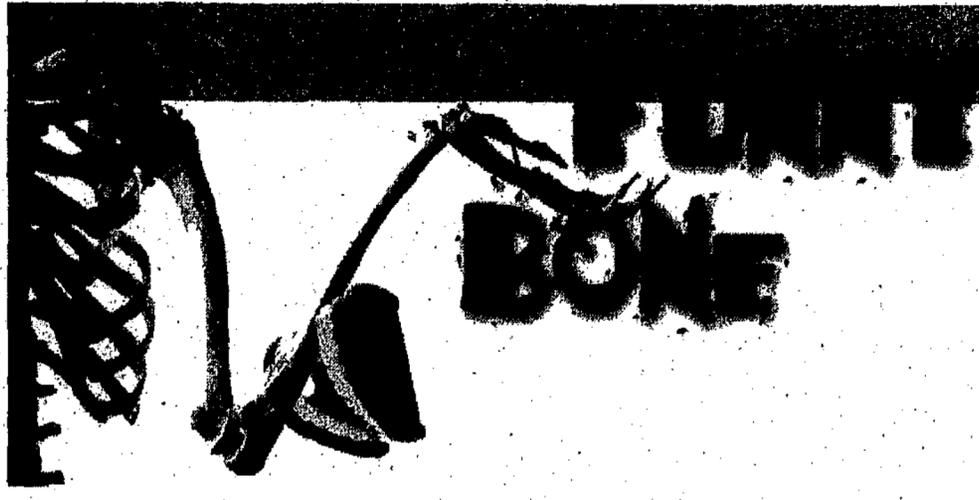
"We view e-commerce as a new service to our artists, not a revenue source for WESTAF," said Radich. "In the past, we have provided help in the form of print catalogues or biennial awards. The difference is ArtistsRegister.com allows us to serve many more artists than we ever could previously."

New Mexico artists pay up to \$100 a year for a membership, depending on the number of images displayed at ArtistsRegister.com. The most basic option, the free Artist's Listing, is text only, describing the artistic discipline and contact information. Additional pages cost more, but also give the artist more space to exhibit. For the higher price, ArtistsRegister.com also links its listing to the artists' own Web page, if they have one. Artists may also update to correct text information and replace images, so that information is current and new work is always on display.

The benefits to artists encompass more than simply displaying their work. Through ArtistsRegister.com, artists can find information about upcoming public art projects and apply for fellowships and grants.

Pamela Holm, a San Francisco-based artist rep for public art projects, saw Kenny Schneider's work on ArtistsRegister.com and directed him toward a public art project for the Stapleton Recreation Center in Denver, for which he is now a finalist. Although he is a public artist with numerous projects to his credit, "I was contacted by Pam because she saw my work on ArtistsRegister.com," he said.

The Western States Arts Federation is a nonprofit regional arts service organization dedicated to the creative advancement and preservation of the arts in the West. For more information about WESTAF, visit our Web site at www.westa.org. For application information, contact WESTAF at (303) 629-1166, or write to 1543 Champa Street, Suite 220, Denver, CO 80202.



Setting the new world record for pooh-poohing a president



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This column takes a back seat to no other column when it comes to declaring that presidential administrations have failed. Back in 1992, this column set a world indoor journalistic record when it formally declared the failure of the Bill Clinton administration a full month before Mr. Clinton actually took office. That is how far "ahead of the curve" this column is.

And so it is high time that this column took stock of the administration of George "W." Bush III Jr. - to evaluate his presidency in a fair and balanced manner, looking not only at Mr. Bush's flaws, but also at his glaring weaknesses. In doing so, this column intends to give the incoming president the benefit of the doubt, in the generous spirit of loser Al "Recount" Gore, who, in his gracious concession speech, called upon the nation to "forget our differences and unite behind our new president, who needs the support of every American, because he has the brain of a sea cucumber."

Despite Mr. Gore's harsh assessment, this column happens to think that Mr. Bush has not been a complete disaster in certain areas, such as high-level appointments. Many of the Bush

appointees are experienced Washington hands who held high-level jobs under George Bush III Sr., Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and Warren G. Harding. Unfortunately, when these appointees were subjected to FBI background checks, it turned out that a number of them had, at some point in the past few decades, passed away.

This column is not suggesting that a person should be deemed unqualified to hold high government office merely because that person has kicked the bucket. It makes no difference, for example, who serves as secretary of energy, as evidenced by the fact that for the past two years the post was filled - and very capably - by a Magic 8 Ball. Nobody knows what the Department of Energy does, including its employees, who spend their days waiting for the phone to ring, which never happens, except when the Department of Commerce, which is also bored out of its mind, makes prank calls to ask if the Energy Department's refrigerator is running.

But certain top federal jobs are important. For example, the secretary of state is responsible for taking a large entourage over to the Middle East every two weeks to broker a new historic peace accord. The postmaster general is responsible for ensuring that every American, every

working day, receives a stack of unwanted fourth-class mail the height of Al Pacino. And the surgeon general is responsible for carrying on the decades-old quest for a cigarette-pack warning so scary that smokers actually take it seriously ("Whoa! Eyeball worms! I'm quitting!").

In key jobs such as these, the nation needs "the best and the brightest." That is why this column is concerned about the mental sharpness of some of the older Bush appointees, particularly Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who recently stated that his highest military priority will be "to stop Lee at Gettysburg."

But what has this column really alarmed is the economy. It does not look good. The trouble began last year, when Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan "Mojo" Greenspan, with no warning, raised interest rates sharply after having what a member of his staff described as a "very upsetting experience" involving the Hair Club for Men. As a result, the nation has been plunged into a recession. Former "dot-com" millionaires are now surviving on roadkill jerky. Sales of Porsche Boxsters and large, absurdly complicated gold watches that tell the phase of the moon have plunged to historically low levels. Bill Gates is down to his last 17 airplanes.

This column has no choice but to blame the recession on the Bush administration. And to

those who would argue that Mr. Bush is not responsible for the current economy, this column would respond with a trenchant quotation from the great philosopher Ralph "Waldo" Emerson: "Tough noogies." The president ALWAYS gets credit or blame for the economy, even though he has almost nothing to do with it. Bill Clinton got tons of credit for the good economy of the past eight years, despite the fact that his total contribution consisted of payments to defense lawyers.

So, having carefully considered all factors, this column hereby declares the incoming Bush

administration a failure. Do not bother to thank this column; it is only doing its job. And do not become overly alarmed about the future. Instead, consider the inspirational words of one high government official, who, when asked to ponder the fate of this nation, answered, simply: "Reply Hazy, Try Again."

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Barrow country western dance classes

Area residents will have an opportunity to knock the dust off their dancing shoes and put a little polish on the floor next month with Glen and Sherry Barrow's country western dance classes to be held six consecutive Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., from February 6 through March 13 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

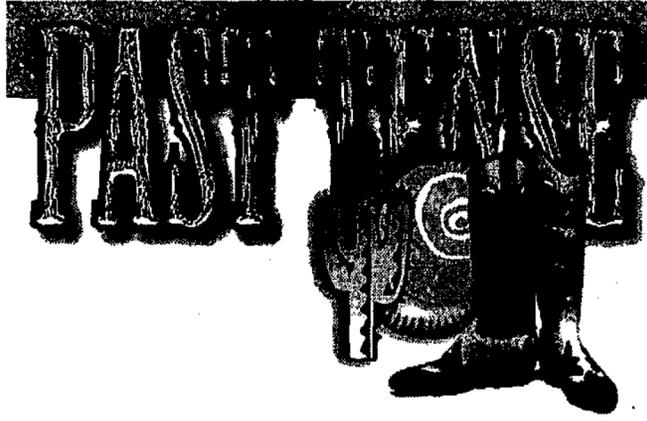
The classes cost \$35 for museum members and \$45 for the general public. Register at the Hubbard Museum of the American West or call 378-4142.

Glen Barrow has taught dance for more than 20 years, and although his background is in ballroom dancing, he isn't interested in the competitive side of dance.

"With so many special events and activities that include dancing as an integral part of the experience, dancing is almost a survival skill here in Lincoln County," said Sherry Barrow.

The Ruidoso couple has found the Hubbard Museum to be a favorite location for instruction. Students seem to enjoy the surroundings at the museum, the sound system is strong, the wood floor is made to order, there is no smoking and participants end up laughing a lot. All in all, it's the perfect location for beginning and intermediate dancers as well as couples who just want to dance without going to a dance club. Some of the more straight-laced participants call the class "Country Aerobic."

The course will include the two-step, jitterbug and the waltz, along with dance etiquette, Barrow style, with a little wit and humor. Many of the same people take the class year after year. Some "steppers" want to fine-tune their turns and add some of the more complex figures; others want to polish up what they learned in the past and use the course as an excuse to dance and have fun. With the increased interest in swing dance over the last few years, the Barrows will spend plenty of time on the jitterbug and fancy spins and turns. Those interested in the Barrow's dance class are encouraged to sign up early. For more information, contact Paula at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 378-4142.



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Bad men: the Christian brothers

Part 2

"Black Jack Christian may have been dead, but his memory, in the form of his partners-in-crime, lived on — with a vengeance. On November 6, 1897, the four of them — Sid Moore, Bob Christian and the Musgrave brothers — held up a train that was stopping for water at Grants ..."

After their disastrous bank robbery attempt at Nogales, Arizona, the High Fives, as the gang called themselves, thundered out of town amid a hailstorm of bullets. With the possible exception of George Musgrave, who may have been hit in the leg, the gang members were — quite miraculously — unhurt.

A hastily-formed posse that had legendary lawman Jeff Milton in it took off in pursuit almost immediately. Despite the way it was built up in his biography *Jeff Milton: A Good Man with a Gun*, by J. Evetts Haley (who is something of a legend himself among historians), Milton abandoned the pursuit rather early.

Aside from Milton, there were some other western personalities of note included in the posse pursuing the High Fives in their headlong flight toward the Mexican border. There was Camillus S. Fly, whose real fame was as a pioneer photographer in Tombstone. By 1896, however, things had quieted down in Tombstone to such an extent that it was not out of the question for the photographer to turn lawman. Fly had become Cochise County Sheriff.

Back in 1881, Fly's Photographic Studio was located next to an alley in Tombstone, and on the other side of the alley there was a building known as the Harwood House. In that alley, between those two buildings, the most famous gunfight in western history took place: The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. That's right. The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral was, in reality, "The Gunfight in the Alley between the Harwood House and Fly's Studio about 90 feet from the O.K. Corral," which is certainly too much of a mouthful for popular history. Consequently, we've all stuck with the "Corral" designation that has graced the event for the past century or so. And one certainly has to wonder why in the world did-

n't Fly, who took pictures of *everything*, take a picture or two *at least* of the aftermath from that famous fight. Well, maybe he did, but I digress ...

Another posseman was Burt Alvord, also of Tombstone. Alvord was in the process, at this time, of building quite a reputation as a lawman. It wasn't long, however, before Alvord himself was riding the "Owlhoot Trail." But that is another story.

Pursuit

This posse got very close to the fleeing outlaws. *Too* close, as far as at least one of them was concerned. When the posse began closing in on the desperadoes, they turned, like the cornered animals they were, and

fought. In the resulting gun battle, one of the possemen lost his life.

According to the *Tucson Daily Citizen*, the bandits turned and ambushed the posse at a place called Skeleton Canyon, which was a really popular place to ambush people in the latter half of the 19th century. Back in 1881, Old Man Clanton, along with some of his followers, were ambushed and with the exception of one, or possibly two men, completely wiped out.

It seems that the outlaws had taken very advantageous positions and when they opened fire, again according to the newspaper, posseman Frank Robson was hit at least twice in the head at "the first volley." Robson's panicked horse continued on into the canyon. Pima County Sheriff Bob Leatherwood, along with Fly, Alvord and several other possemen, jumped off their horses and fought back as best they could, but the only targets they had were puffs of smoke up in the rocks.

As it turned out, poor Frank Robson, who was either already dead or at least dying when his horse bolted, rode right up to the outlaws. They took his money, his watch and his horse and left him lying where he finally slipped from the saddle.

Later, the papers reported that Will "Black Jack" Christian's horse had been killed in the fight, but that was physically impossible, as Christian wasn't even present. The only members of the High Fives that were there were Hayes, Cole Young and Bob Christian.

Reinforcements *did* arrive, but were, unfortunately, a tad late. Among these reinforcements was "Texas" John Slaughter, who, when he was a lawman, was famous for shooting outlaws and then arresting them.

Train robbery

It was on October 2, 1896, that the High Fives struck again. *this* time, their target was a train that they waylaid at the Rio Puerco trestle, some 35 miles south of Albuquerque. If not for one pesky lawman, the robbery would have been easily successful. Thanks to a faulty piston rod, the train even stopped of its own accord for them!

The fly in the outlaws' ointment, however, was a passenger. He was a Deputy U.S. Marshal by the name of Will Loomis. When the alert Loomis realized that something was wrong, he loaded his shotgun and stepped outside into the

darkness. Ahead of him, he could see Cole Young barking orders to the engineer, who was in the process of uncoupling the express car. Stepping into a position where the engineer was not in his line of fire, Loomis discharged one barrel of the shotgun at Young, who immediately dropped to the ground. Young was plucky though. He got back up and began returning fire. Loomis let the second barrel go in Young's direction and *this* time, Young took the full blast in the chest and face. *This* time, he did not get back up. The rest of the outlaws, with Young's riddled body as incentive, decided that they wanted no more of this particular train and galloped off into the night.

Back to stagecoaches and ... whatever

At this point, the High Fives re-evaluated their approach to outlawry and decided that they had enough of trains, so they went back to robbing stagecoaches, which *did* seem a whole lot easier, if not as lucrative. They robbed two of them on October 7, 1896, and two more exactly two weeks later. On the 27th, they got creative. Striking simultaneously in two different places, the two Christian brothers held up Wickersham's Store at Bowie, Arizona, while George Musgrave and Bob Hayes rode into tiny Separ, and made off "with everything available in sight," according to one newspaper.

They followed these successful robberies up with a number of other small-time heists in November of 1896. On November 18th, Bob Hayes and Will "Black Jack" Christian rode into a horse camp on Deer Creek in the Animas Mountains — and right into an ambush. Hayes was blown out of the saddle on the first volley, but returned the lawmen's fire nonetheless. Black Jack was not hit, but his horse was, and the dying animal's bucking and plunging is probably what saved his life.

As the horse went down, Black Jack managed to remove his rifle from its scabbard and began returning fire. While the lawmen were emptying their guns in his direction, Black Jack managed to escape on foot into the brush. The possemen were happy though, as they had gotten one of the outlaws. Les Dow is generally credited with the killing of badman Bob Hayes.

In order that they would once again be the "High Fives", the outlaws replaced the dead

gang members with two new men: George Musgrave's brother Van and a man named Sid Moore. The bandits headed for a hideout in Cole Creek Canyon, later called Black Jack Canyon, and began planning further depredations. They never got to put these plans into operation though, because on April 28, 1897, a posse led by Fred Higgins was tipped off as to their location.

The posse members settled in to wait at the mouth of the canyon and were there long enough for them to begin to doubt the veracity of their information. However, just as they were about to give it up, a man suddenly appeared. They immediately opened fire on the man, who turned out to be Black Jack Christian.

Black Jack was hit, but the posse wasn't sure, as he had returned their fire instantly. After firing a few more shots, the posse retreated back to Clifton, Arizona, where the men wondered, aloud and at length, if they had, in fact, hit the outlaw.

The end of Black Jack

Later the same day, a rancher by the name of Bert Farmer was driving some horses through the canyon when he came upon the wounded desperado. Farmer wasn't sure who the man was, but he brought him to a nearby ranch house. Everyone present realized that Black Jack was an outlaw for the simple reason that he refused to give his name. All he did was mutter that it "didn't matter who he was or what his name might be."

The next day, they brought the body to Clifton where, at the inquest, five different men identified him as "Black Jack." Interestingly, while none of these five gave the dead man a last name, another man identified him (incorrectly) as Tom Ketchum, who was destined to inherit the title of "Black Jack" from the late Will Christian.

Epilogue

Black Jack Christian may have been dead, but his memory, in the form of his partners-in-crime, lived on — with a vengeance. On November 6, 1897, the four of them — Sid Moore, Bob Christian and the Musgrave brothers — held up a train that was stopping for water at Grants, and made off with more money (the exact amount was not divulged) than the Santa Fe Railroad lost to bandits before *or since*.

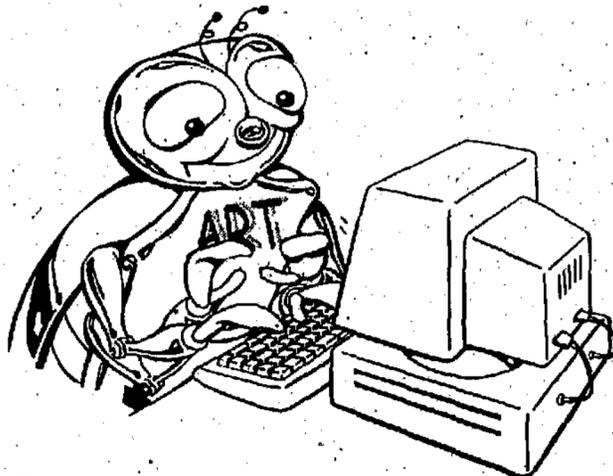
They made their way across

the border to Fronteras, Mexico, where, according to sources they actually did give thanks on Thanksgiving Day for their successful robbery! And that, basically, was that. The gang disbanded, with a sighting of Bob Christian being reported one more time in Mexico before he vanished forever. George Musgrave, who must have been the most successful outlaw of all time, at least as far as staying one jump ahead of the law went, was arrested for murder in North Platte, Nebraska, in

1909. He was acquitted and relocated to South America, where, as previously stated, he lived until 1947, a full 50 years after he had ridden with the High Fives.

We live and learn, but not the wiser grow. — John Pomfret

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January 3, 2001 POSITION: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTRACT: 2001/2002 School Year SALARY: Negotiable QUALIFICATIONS: *EDUCATION: Master's Degree and must hold or be able to obtain a New Mexico Administrator's license. *EXPERIENCE: Minimum of 5 years of educational administrative experience, and 3 years of teaching experience. *KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW MEXICO EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE AREAS OF: curriculum, personnel law, finance and budgeting, personnel management, special education, evaluations of personnel, administration, physical plant, capital outlay, technology. APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 30, 2001 (4:00 PM MST) PROCEDURE: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, resume and application to: Mr. Tom Trost School Board President Capitan Municipal Schools P.O. Box 278 Capitan, N.M. 88316 Phone: 505-354-2230 Fax: 505-354-2240 Capitan Municipal Schools' policy is to select the best qualified applicant without regard to race, color, marital status, religion/creed, sex, disability/handicap or national origin.

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Join our team of talented professionals at ENMU's Ruidoso Center! Applications are being solicited for the Lincoln/Otero County Adult Basic Education program for the following position: GED Instructor (part-time) BA degree is required, MA preferred in any academic field. Successful applicants must also demonstrate the ability to work with adults from nontraditional, multicultural backgrounds, and have excellent interpersonal and computer skills and the ability to work evenings. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are preferred. Successful applicant will be expected to assist in building an on-going GED program in the Hondo Valley. Applications due immediately. Anticipated Start Date: Immediately Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, a current resume and transcript copies to: Ms. Sandy Kushner, Program Director of the Ruidoso Center of ENMU 709 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 1-800-934-3668 mkushka@hotmail.com Applications Accepted Until Position is Filled. Online at http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

380 HELP WANTED

ENCHANTMENT INN looking for front desk and lounge personnel. Apply in person 307 Hwy 70 West.

GENERAL LABORERS needed for Cablevision Communication, Inc. Call Tabby @ 258-2359 or come by 1092 Mechem to apply.

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for two (2) Certified Lifeguards for the Jane Turner Memorial Pool in Carrizozo. Applications and Job Description may be obtained at the Town of Carrizozo City Hall, P.O. Box 247, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 2, 2001 at 4:00 PM. The Town of Carrizozo is an E.O.E. in compliance with ADA Title II-A.

/s/ Leann Wehbrecht, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 31, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING
NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2001, 8:00 PM
Hospital Conference Room
Lincoln County Medical Center

Agendas available in the Administrators office the Friday before the meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL COURT

600 LEGALS
No. GV99-78
GREENWICH CAPITAL
FINANCIAL PRODUCTS,
INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SHARRON ANN NIX, a single
woman,
Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 7, 2001 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 100 Jack Little Drive, Ruidoso, and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

NOTICE OF SALE

LOT 1, BLOCK 8, WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 16, 1979, IN TUBA NO. 652.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 13, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

/s/ Nick Vega, Special Master

Nick Vega
P.O. Box 383

600 LEGALS
Carrizozo, NM 88301.
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LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on:
Cree Meadows Sanitary Sewer Re-alignment

This project will involve installation of manholes and approximately four hundred (400) linear feet of eight (8) inch PVC sanitary sewer line and appurtenances. The Base Bid includes locating and verification of existing sanitary sewer intersection including inverts. Sewer lines are to remain in service during this project. This project is to be completed within 45 calendar days of award.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the plans and specifications for a deposit of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per set from International Consulting and Associates, Ltd., P.O. Box 44185, Rio Rancho, NM 87174, (505) 994-8571, or a set is available for viewing at the Village of Ruidoso Centralizing Purchasing Department, 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, (505) 257-2721. The deposit is refundable if the documents are returned in good condition within 10 days after the bid opening.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office, if hand delivered, at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be

received until Friday, February 2, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves its right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By the Order of the Governing Body

/s/ Morris McGowan
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso

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600 LEGALS
LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV 00-180

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILLIP D. PROVENCE,
JANET E. PROVENCE and
STATE NATIONAL BANK fka
Sierra Bank,
Defendant(s).

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 14, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance

600 LEGALS
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/ Nick Vega
Special Master

Mr. Nick Vega
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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600 LEGALS
LOT 20A, OF TRACT "S" OF PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THAT CERTAIN REPLAT OF LOT 20 AND LOT 21, BLOCK 5, PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON AUGUST 22, 1998, IN CABINET F, SLIDE NO. 621.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 9, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$108,872.26 and the same bears interest at ten point six two five percent (10.625%) per annum from December 18, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,897.71. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/ Nick Vega
Special Master

Mr. Nick Vega
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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23 Actress Claire et al.

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50 Casco Bay locale

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1 1964 Olympic boxing gold medalist

2 Garden perennial

3 Forays

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5 The Jets, for one

6 Brussels's Royal Militaire, e.g.

7 Some status seekers

8 Aid for upwind maneuverers

9 Mil. classification

10 Acts restless

11 First name in humor!

12 "Society and Solitude" author

13 Enclosed passage in a church

14 David and others

21 Televisions

24 Arrives

26 Soft of Rebekah

29 Competed, in a way

31 PC image type

38 Cap

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41 Dish for Robin Hood

43 About 25,000 square miles of Asia

45 Cyborg science

48 One of the Original Mouseketeers

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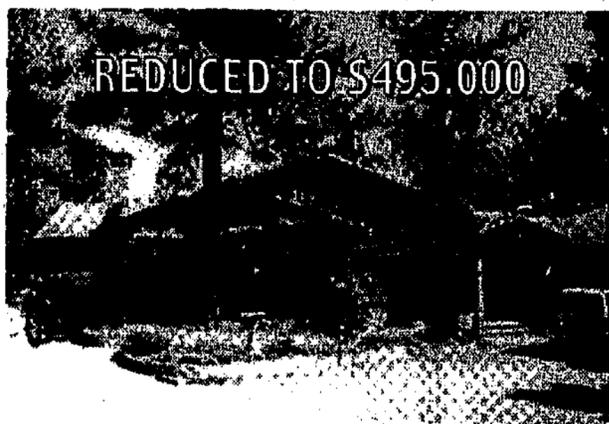
4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, 2984 sq. ft. mountain chalet on #6 fairway on charming cul-de-sac. Game room - close to club. Full golf membership.



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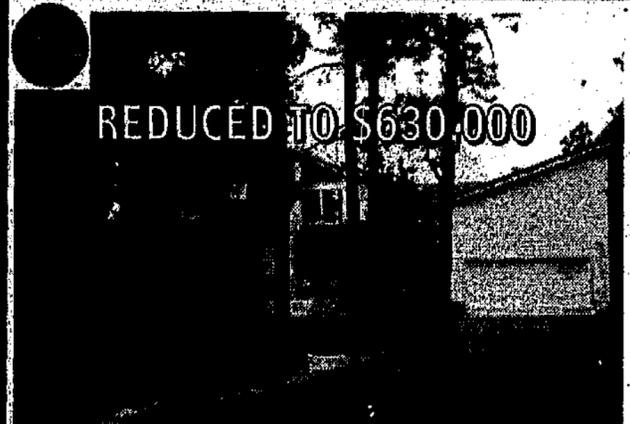
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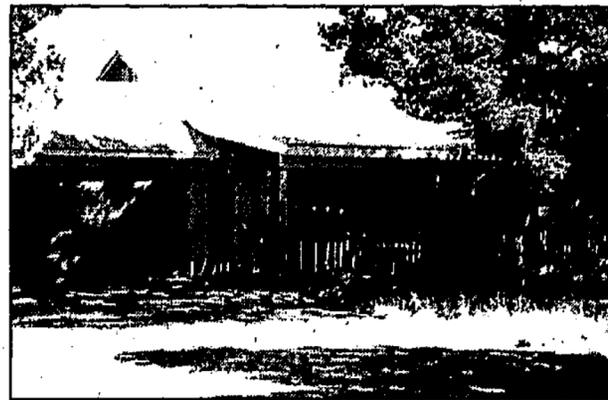
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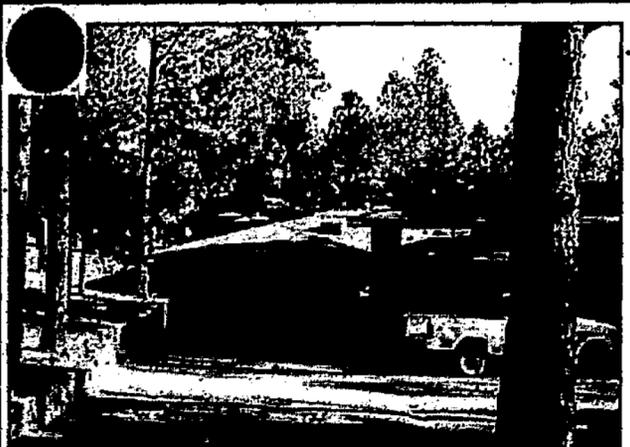


UNDER CONTRACT

Airport West

Harkins • \$53,900 • 405 Del Norte Dr.

Furnished 3 bdrm., 2 bath older mobile with covered deck. Nice views — owner may finance!



Young Heights

Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.

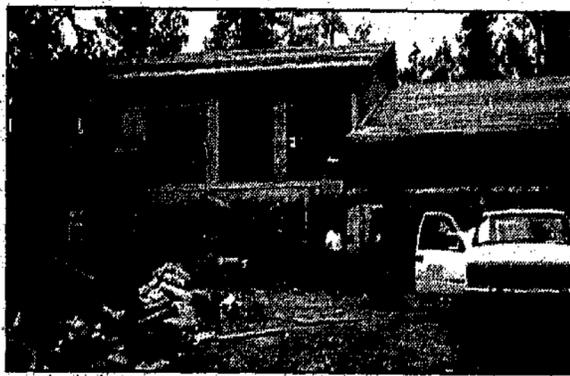
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Country Club Estates

Carey • ~~\$289,000~~ • 100 La Luz

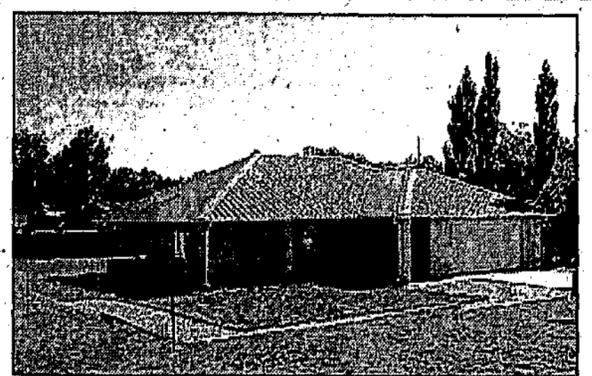
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



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Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

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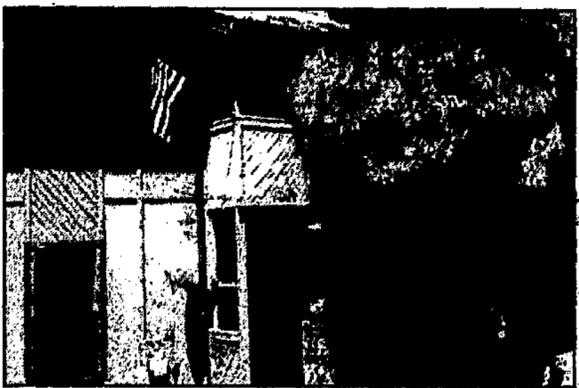
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Ponderosa Heights

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Pinon Park Condo's

Long • \$79,900 • Unit #C7

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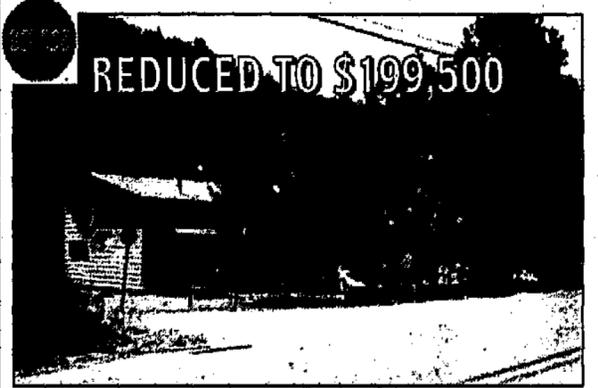
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White Mountain Meadows

Radziewicz • ~~\$248,500~~ • 110 Coker Lane

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!



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Carrizo Canyon Road

Garnett • \$212,000 • Carrizo Canyon Road

This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home sits on 2 lots with commercial potential. Carrizo Creek to the back of the property. Split rail fencing.

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Spring Park

Green • \$49,950 • 242 Mountain View Dr.

Two bedrooms, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Nice front deck for enjoying the views. All new inside. Ready for new owner - make an offer! Motivated seller. Let us show you how to own this cabin cheaper than renting.



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satillo tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house.



Valley

Lewicki • \$950,000 • 11+ acres on River

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Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

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Alto
Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

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Alto
Bayless • \$425,000 • 300 French Drive

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Alpine Village
Downey • \$139,500 • 119 Big Bear Rd.

4 bdrm, 3 bath — this home is remodeled, but appears new. New carpet, fixtures, appliances, etc. 2000 sq. ft., 12x40 heated hobby-workroom.