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Knife-toting 2nd-grader faces action

Student allegedly threatens others in second school incident this month

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A second-grader at Sierra Vista Primary School is facing disciplinary action after threatening a fellow student Wednesday with knife, officials said.

It was the second case this month of a student threatening others with a weapon.

The second-grade student allegedly went into a bathroom at the school on White Mountain Drive and walked up to two of four other students, put a knife to the two boys' chests and threatened to kill them.

Sierra Vista Primary Principal Danny Flores was told of the event and called police. The principal told officers he had confronted the second grader who denied the incident and said he did not have a knife.

A search of the boy by the principal turned up a gold-colored pocket knife with an 1-inch blade, a police report stated.

Interviews of the four other students by Flores corroborated that a knife had been used to threaten two of the pupils. The interviews indicated all five boys were friends and there had not been any argument or fight that preceded the incident.

After the parents of the second-grader agreed to allow Flores and police talk to their son outside of parental presence the youngster reportedly admitted pulling a knife on the two others. He said he did not want to hurt them, that the action was a joke.

Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Mike Gladden said the district was still deciding disciplinary action in the case of the second grader.

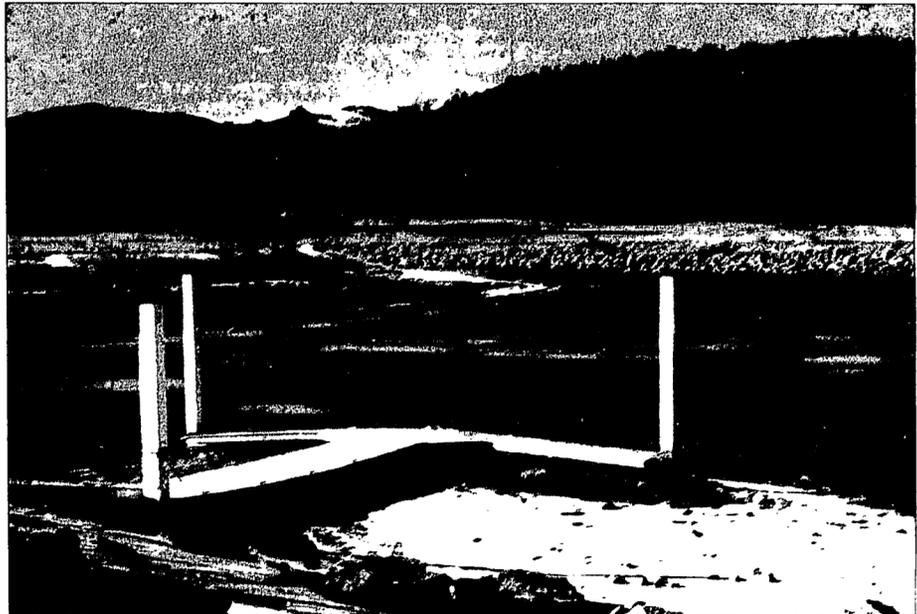
Another incident occurred Jan. 18 on a school bus in the parking lot of Ruidoso Middle School.

The victim told police that he and another student that he believed was in high school, got into an argument. As the school bus pulled into the parking lot the older student approached with a knife, grabbed the front of the middle school student's shirt and put the knife blade to his throat, according to police reports.

He said he was told to mind his own business and was punched twice in the ribs.

Police said the victim had a 2 1/2 inch

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A boat dock is marooned on dry land at Mescalero Lake near the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The lake is down an estimated 12 feet.

Area lakes need snowpack

Water levels low, but the situation is not critical, officials say

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The level of Mescalero Lake, which feeds Carrizo Creek, sits as much as 12 feet below normal because of a dryer than average spring and summer, an official with the Environmental Protection Office of the Mescalero Apache Tribe said Thursday.

Curtis Williams, who monitors the lake near the Inn of the Mountain Gods in conjunction with the Natural Resources branch of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said he hasn't taken any recent readings because of equipment problems.

"But I anticipate it is 10 feet to 12 feet low," he said. "Each foot equals 5,000 acre-feet of water."

One acre-foot of water equals to 325,851 gallons, enough to cover one acre, 1 foot deep.

"It's down because we didn't get enough water in the spring and summer," he said. "On top of that the evaporation rate was higher be-

cause of higher temperatures."

The situation is not critical, he said. "But we are hoping for a good snowpack this winter to refill the lake," Williams said.

Carrizo Creek joins the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park near the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce building on Sudderth Drive.

Levels at Grindstone Reservoir, fed by diversions from the Ruidoso River, are 28 feet below normal, said acting village water department head Rudy Lugo. The reservoir is one of the village's water supply sources.

"It's probably for the same reasons as Mescalero Lake, combined with not enough snow melting," he said Thursday. "We hope in March and April to have enough run-off to divert water to the reservoir."

At the Upper Canyon measuring gauge, the river is running at 2 cubic feet per second, Lugo said, adding that the village doesn't consider diverting until that figure reaches above 4 cubic feet.

"... we are hoping for a good snowpack..."

Curtis Williams, official who monitors Mescalero Lake

Court orders Zia to increase gas pressure for CCNG

Zia Natural Gas was ordered Friday to increase the gas pressure on distribution lines for Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association customers.

Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District issued a preliminary injunction requested by the municipal gas association, but also ordered the association to post a \$50,000 security bond.

She noted that David Hamilton, president of Zia, offered to raise the pressure above 250 psi (pounds per square inch), indicating there is not a

safety issue.

"The defendant shall be ordered to raise the pressure to a commercially reasonable level, up to and including historical levels so as to meet the CCNG's requirement, as safety will permit," Parsons wrote in the order.

"The court finds that irreparable harm would be incurred by the general public in Carrizozo if this injunction is not granted. The harm outweighs the concerns of the defendant, except that the pressure shall not be increased in an unreason-

able, unsafe manner."

CCNG officials maintain that their system would be damaged or collapse entirely during peak demand if the pressure dipped too low.

Zia officials, who had no comment on the court order, have said previously the old lines may not be safe for higher gas pressures and have recommended improvements to handle the situation.

Lincoln County commissioners are depending on CCNG to serve the new county jail in Carrizozo when it opens in March.

Governor wants fort study to proceed

Johnson said to be upset that money appropriated to find best use of facility not used

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Gov. Gary Johnson set aside money last year to study the best use of Fort Stanton and he wants that research completed, said Lou Gallegos, chief of staff for the governor.

He was upset Wednesday to learn that the contract with the company selected to perform the study months ago hasn't been implemented.

At the same time, state General Services Department officials are pushing for the introduction of a bill that would authorize the sale or lease of the historic fort built in 1855 about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

Although he still is researching the proposed bill, Gallegos said, "Our temporary position is that this is not a joint resolution, but would simply authorize the GSD to dispose of the property, if they find a way. It is not a directive.

"According to Steven Beffort (GSD Secretary), it is a strategic thing. If the study comes back with that recommendation, the authorization already would exist instead of waiting a year."

He said the governor doesn't want to put the county at a disadvantage in any way, adding, "That would be going back on the governor's word. It's disappointing that this study process was left hanging."

Lou Gallegos, governor's chief of staff

County Manager Tom Stewart reported to Lincoln County commissioners last week that representatives of Kells & Craig, the firm selected by a

committee that included state and county officials, was trying to track down the contract in Santa Fe. The work already was to be under way, he said.

A spokesman for the GSD said earlier this week that the state received a few inquiries about buying the fort, but no one has offered to write a check.

Interest in the fort may be tied more to water rights than the ownership of the historic property, said State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe.

Gallegos confirmed that several attorneys came to Santa Fe months ago to explore the possibility of acquiring the water rights, but nothing appears to have happened.

"I'm not sure those rights could be separated from that real estate," he

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A library gift



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Nancy Osterberg, head librarian, admires two Dave McGary bronzes donated to the Ruidoso Public Library by Brian Seale. "War Deeds" and "Kings Ransom" were a gift to Seale from his late mother and he wanted to place them where they could be enjoyed by the public, Osterberg said. She's hoping someone will donate a museum-style display case to ensure they are safe while on display.

ACCUWEATHER SEVEN DAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO

Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Snow showers	Partly sunny	Snow showers	Snow showers	Clouds, sun	Mostly sunny
44°	20°	36°/18°	44°/22°	38°/24°	38°/24°	44°/20°	46°/22°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Snowstorms hit the Pacific Northwest and New England on Jan. 24, 1935. Winthrop, Wash., received 52 inches of snow in 24 hours.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows.

SUN AND MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed	7:03 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Thu	7:03 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Fri	7:02 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Sat	7:02 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Sun	7:01 a.m.	5:31 p.m.

MOONSET

	Time
Wed	7:17 a.m.
Thu	7:56 a.m.
Fri	8:32 a.m.
Sat	9:04 a.m.
Sun	9:35 a.m.

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

The Capitan Progress January 25, 1901

Tomorrow will be payday at the coal camp. Engineer Gordon of the Northeastern has been on the sick list but is now improving. Three car loads of machinery for the new ice plant and laundry at the sanitarium at Ft. Stanton were received.

Manchester will be the name of the first station on the E. P. & N. E. north of Carrizo. This will also be the nearest station to White Oaks, a distance of about six miles.

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Agency warns of carbon monoxide dangers

Seven members of a Santa Fe family overcome by odorless, colorless gas, officials says

After seven members of a family in Santa Fe County were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning Tuesday, the New Mexico Health Department issued some safety suggestions. "Thankfully, all of the family members are expected to recover," said Dr. John Redd, medical epidemiologist with the state health department. "This case does, however, serve as an important reminder of the dangers of carbon monoxide to all New Mexicans." Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas, which means victims often are unaware of its presence, he said. If inhaled in sufficient quantity it interferes with the blood's ability to carry oxygen. About 20 people a year are killed by the gas in the state, Redd said. Poisoning from the gas is most common during winter months because people are inside and heating their homes, he said.

"Thankfully, all of the family members are expected to recover." Dr. John Redd, New Mexico Health Department

The most common risks for carbon monoxide poisoning are: Malfunctioning home heating systems, Using space heaters in rooms without enough ventilation, Running a motor vehicle engine in garages attached to the house, Riding in the back of a pickup truck, Sitting in vehicles with idling engines during winter storms because the car's exhaust system can become plugged up with snow.

crack to allow fresh air into the area. Never burning charcoal inside any closed area

Never using gas kitchen ovens for heating purposes

Avoiding operating gas generators indoors, and if that is done, taking care that fumes are ventilated away from living areas.

Checking heating equipment monthly for problems. Look for cracks, rust or water stains on surfaces, decreasing hot water supply from the hot water heaters, a furnace that's unable to heat the whole house while running constantly, soot build-up on appliances or around vents, unfamiliar or burning odors and increased condensation inside windows.

Replacing old gas refrigerators. If that's not possible, be sure windows are open a crack to allow fresh air inside.

Preparing motor vehicles for winter with a service checkup.

Always clearing accumulated snow from the exhaust system before starting your vehicle's engine. If stranded in a storm with the car running, check and clear the exhaust pipe often.

People with suspected CO poisoning should be evaluated at the nearest emergency room immediately.

They include: Installing all fuel-burning appliances according to manufacturers' instructions and complying with local building codes, Having all parts of the heating system including chimneys, vents and space heaters inspected once a year by a trained ser vice person, If using natural gas, propane, wood or other carbon fuels, installing a CO alarm in the hallway near each separate sleeping area, If heating with an unventilated space heater, making sure windows are open a

STUDENTS: Two face disciplinary action for alleged threats with weapons

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Questioned by police the high school junior turned over to police a silver-colored utility knife. She said she was being insulted by another student on the bus and admitted pressing for an apology by putting a knife to the boy's throat.

According to a police report the high school student said she was aware of school district policy against carrying knives but did not feel her knife fell within the parameters of the policy.

Both cases were also being turned over to the area Juvenile Probation Office. The more recent incident, at Sierra Vista Primary, included advancing felony charges of unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon on school premises and aggravated assault on juvenile prosecutors.

The student was placed on a "long-term suspension" following the hearing, Gladden said.

Police said they would take no further action in the Jan. 18 case because a parent of the victim did not want to press criminal charges.

"One thing parents really need to be made aware of, if they have knives or other weapons in their house they need to store them or lock them up where their children won't get them," Gladden said.

FORT: Johnson wants Fort Stanton bust-use study to be completed

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al to sever the rights from the real estate would be an issue for debate, he said.

The fort carries 177.09 acre feet of water rights for irrigation and 112 acre feet for domestic use. One acre foot equates to 325,851 gallons of water.

Fort Stanton Inc., a group working to turn the fort into a living museum and part of a coalition operating a small museum there now, is worried about both the water and the historic buildings.

A spokesman for the State Engineer's Office said Wednesday that hearing from lawyers about fort water rights is nothing new, although he recalled no recent contacts. Any proposal

Dick Weber, president of

If purchased by a private entity, the new owner wouldn't be bound by the same rules of preservation that would prevail if the state or federal government owns the 88-building complex, he said. He's willing to lobby for the fort in any forum, he said. But in the interim, the coalition faces its own problems with high heating bills for the two-building museum.

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OUR OPINION

Fort Stanton's future is on the line

Apparently the state General Services Department and the governor's office don't talk to each other much — at least about Fort Stanton. That department's Property Control Division oversees state-owned property all over New Mexico, including the old cavalry fort-turned-hospital-turned-prison that most people in Lincoln County would like to see preserved as a tourist-oriented heritage museum.

When word got out this week that the GSD was pushing legislation to sell the facility (perhaps only for the water rights), smoke began to rise from many collars hereabouts. It turns out that Gov. Gary Johnson's ire was stirred up, too. After all, he had set aside \$50,000 to study the best use for the history-laden complex, Fort Stanton Inc. had drummed up another \$44,000, and a contract was drafted for the study. But somewhere in GSD the contract was lost and no money disbursed.

Now, it appears, that study will be completed. And Lincoln County residents should be consulted. Common sense dictates it. Political sense dictates it — what other county in the state has so firmly voted for the governor's party for so many years?

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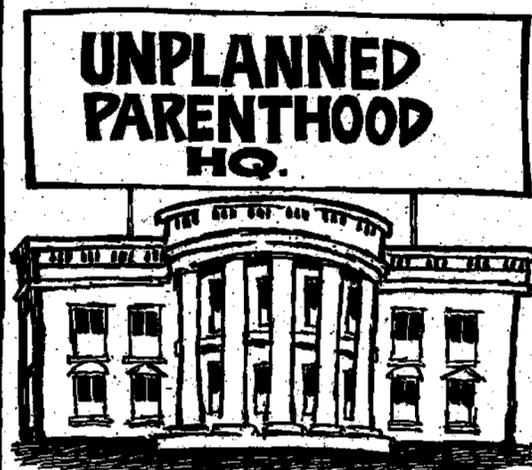
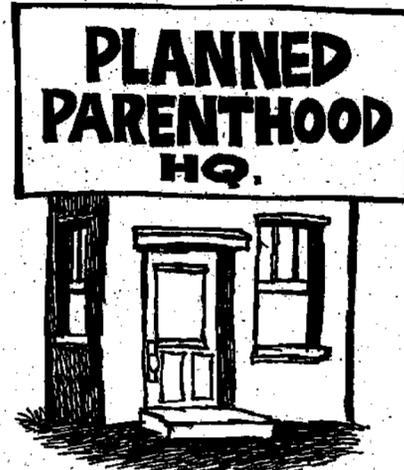
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YOUR OPINION

Girl Scouting grows

To the editor:
Girl Scout membership has been steadily increasing for several years, and last year was no exception. In the year 2000, there were more than 3.7 million girl members and almost 916,000 adult members of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Also, Girl Scouts is part of the larger World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which includes 140 countries around the world.

These outstanding membership numbers are due to the hard work of dedicated volunteers. This year, the United Nations has declared 2001 as the "International Year of Volunteers" in an effort to promote the values of volunteerism. Many colleges are beginning to offer course credit for people completing volunteer service. ENMU-Ruidoso is one of them.

Girl Scouts would like to invite and challenge each citizen of Lincoln County to find a local organization and give time as a volunteer. Sharing yourself with others is a precious gift.

I, personally, would like to

thank everyone who gives time to enhance their community especially those Girl Scout volunteers in the Ruidoso Valley with whom I work as an administrative support person. This whole year is dedicated by the United Nations to the volunteers; that should tell you how important they are.

Maureen K. Schmittle
Zia Council / Alamogordo

Community kindness

To the editor:
To often we find it easier to criticize than to find the good in things around us. Recently, LCMC and its staff have undergone scrutiny from the community about health care services in Lincoln County.

My family and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the health care community here in Lincoln County for their professional and caring services concerning my wife's health condition recently.

To the EMTs and paramedics, thank you for your speedy response. It was only a few minutes from our 911 call to their arrival.

To the entire emergency

room staff at LCMC, particularly David Serbousek, PA, Jack Lillo, PA, Diane Patey, and Gene, your competent care and concern saw us through this ordeal.

To the sweet ER nurse who got us food from Denny's at 4 a.m. (sorry we can't remember your name), thank you so much for your kindness. The entire nursing staff, x-ray and lab workers all were wonderful with my wife and our family. To Bob, Linda, Becky, Rebecca and especially Jennifer, who went the extra mile to make my wife comfortable in her last moments, and for the emotional support during a difficult time, you are the very best! To Dr. Chris Robinson, words cannot express our gratitude to you and your staff for the care you have given. Lastly, thanks to Steve Olson and the American Red Cross for their efforts in getting our grandson home from Germany in time to see his grandmother. We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful community where people still care.

The family of Doris
Vaundeen King —Wayne,
Vaunda, Lanny, Les and Tim

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

Mothers and daughters can handle conflict

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Penn State research has shown that, despite conflicts and complicated emotions, the tie between mothers and daughters is so positive, so strong and so enduring that 80 to 90 percent of women at mid-life say that they have a good relationship with their mother — even though they wish that relationship were better.

"The relationship between mothers and their adult daughters is one in which the participants handle being upset with one another better than in any other," says Dr. Karen Fingerman, assistant professor of human development and family studies. "Women should recognize the strength of their relationship with their mother and appreciate it more."

Fingerman is the author of the new book, "Aging Mothers and Their Adult Daughters: A Study In Mixed Emotions," published this month by Springer. Based on Fingerman's study of 48 pairs of elderly mothers and their mid-life daughters, the book was written for researchers, mental health professionals, and other behavioral specialists. However, Fingerman's findings relate to questions and issues that concern nearly every mother and adult daughter.

"Although many aspects of the relationship change as daughters enter midlife, certain emotional qualities remain constant. In particular, mothers continue to influence the way daughters feel about themselves," she writes. "Years

"Years after daughters are grown, daughters feel guilty and ashamed when their mothers criticize them and feel happy when their mothers are proud of them."

Dr. Karen Fingerman,
researcher

after daughters are grown, daughters feel guilty and ashamed when their mothers criticize them and feel happy when their mothers are proud of them. Indeed, women find it difficult to balance their desire to please their mothers while dealing with the inconveniences that arise in their relationships.

For example, adult women often feel conflicted because they can't spend as much time with their mothers as they would like. In a recent interview, Fingerman said, "You don't have to do whatever your mother wants. However, constantly telling her you don't have time isn't a good idea either. Instead, set boundaries. Tell her when you do have time to do things with her and then follow through."

Disagreement between mothers and daughters is often another point of tension. Fingerman says, "In that situation, don't try to change your mother because you're not going to be able to change her. Try to focus on the positive side of your relationship and accept your mother as a person with

faults. One of her faults may be that she can't understand you as well as you wish but it doesn't change her love for you.

"No matter how old you become, your mother will tend to behave like a mother toward you. She'll keep trying to make you into the fantasy she has of you," adds the Penn State researcher.

Problems between parent and child are inevitable throughout life, not just at the Terrible Twos or during the teen-age years, because parents and children are always at two different points in the life cycle.

When daughters are young, mothers spend time listening to them and assisting them with their problems. When their daughters are middle-aged, mothers feel free to treat them like mature women in whom they can confide. Some daughters find this sharing of confidences pleasurable, other daughters find it problematic and some daughters experience both emotions at the same time. Fingerman says, "It's normal to feel ambivalent about your mother."

Nevertheless, despite the ambivalence, the conflict and all of the other problems, Fingerman's research has shown that mothers and daughters simply enjoy one another's company. They maintain strong ties for a variety of reasons that stem from their shared experiences as women. And, their relationship remains central in both women's lives.

Digging deeper

Perhaps it's because we've started preaching what we practice that we're paying more attention to what we read in the public press these days — in our own newspaper as well as the big-city publications that are delivered through storm of night and driving snow.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

Often what is published reveals considerably more than the printed words themselves. A little imagination sometimes fills in the blanks.

We saw last week where Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commissioners once again are examining their own role, perhaps in reaction to the presence of a new village planner named Joseph Patoskie. He even mentioned impact fees — "I'm not suggesting (them), but consider the big picture." The village tried impact fees a couple of years ago — a logical idea at the time, it seemed — but hastily backed off in the face of an enforcement nightmare.

Patoskie, it seems to us, is definitely considering the big picture — from the height of buildings to nightly rental of residences. Almost every remark he made during last week's commission meeting hinted at some form of increased regulation.

That, of course, is the biggest stick a planner can wield. Is it also putting P&Z on the hot seat?

Then consider our county commissioners, who express pride in the wide-open meeting style conducted by Chairman Rex Wilson, during which everyone can speak. But Commissioner L. Ray Nunley would as soon see a lid on the length of a presentation. Leo Martinez would like a "pro and con" approach on issues brought up by visitors.

Treasurer Joan Park would as soon answer questions one-on-one outside the commission meetings... But they did unanimously elect Wilson as chairman for a third time.

No between-the-lines reading was necessary on a couple of issues, though: Commissioners are not opting for paying property taxes for low-income residents, even if the state allows it. And Nunley's idea about tax credit for xeriscaping to save water was received in dead silence.

See what we mean?

Since we're teaching a new writing class one night a week at ENMU-Ruidoso, we just have to read more closely because we're asking the students to do that.

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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.

Open Meetings

In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by 90% shall not be conducted in closed meetings. All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings.

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

School board candidates in Carrizozo describe their goals

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
- Capitán — Lincoln County Fair Building
- Carrizozo — Carrizozo Municipal School Administration Building
- Hondo — Hondo Valley Schools Gymnasium
- Corona — Senior Citizen Center

James L. Grider

Position: 3
Background related to school board: I served eight years as school board president in Truth or Consequences; I served on the New Mexico School Board Association and on various committees. I went to high school in Las Cruces, attended New Mexico State University and the University of Colorado, studying money and banking. I have two grown children and a 10-



Grider

year-old son who attends school in Carrizozo.

Reason for filing: I think that you can just live in a community and take something out for so long, then you need to put back. Our community is Carrizozo, and if I can help with the school system and with the education of the kids, then I'd like to do that.

Objectives: I think the school system in Carrizozo is running very well and I would like to see it continue along those lines. I'm not running to change anything. I have no personal agenda, I don't want to fire anybody and don't have any relatives looking for jobs

Cynthia A. Morales

Position: 3
Background related to school board: I was born and raised in Carrizozo along with my five brothers and one sister; we have all attended the Carrizozo Municipal Schools. I am the proud parent of Monique Morales, an A/B student who attends Carrizozo High School. As a native of Carrizozo, I am well aware of the continuing importance of our educational system. For the past four years, I have been the Carrizozo Municipal court clerk. I am a trustee on the Carrizozo Town Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association, an active member of the Carrizozo Woman's Club and a member of the Carrizozo Schools Strategic Committee.

Reason for filing: It

would please me very much to be more involved in the decision-making processes of the school board. I believe that the board could benefit from my ideals and concerns. Together we could make necessary changes and I would be an active member dedicated to the needs of our children.

Objectives: If (elected) a member of the school board, I would strive for the betterment of our children's education and career opportunities. Yes, there are some things that need to change, but there is much we can be very proud of.



Morales

Patricia M. Vallejos

Position: 3
Background related to school board: I'm a victim advocate for the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office. I graduated from Alamogordo Senior High, I was a native of Alamogordo until I got married and moved to Carrizozo, and I've been here 16 years (I moved to Denver and moved back in 1999). I have three children who attend the Carrizozo Schools. I know how the election process works; I have been on town council for four years (1990-94) and was mayor pro tempore for two years. Running an election is no stranger to me.

Reason for filing: It will always be said that the chil-

dren nowadays are our future. With guidance, help, understanding and our love, they hold the future. I don't want to go in and think that I can make changes, because that's not what I want to do. Every board member, past and present, has done a wonderful job in the Carrizozo Schools. I feel that the board members will continue to strive to make each year better and better and that the goals that the President of the United States, Clinton, holds and has implemented are goals that are strongly needed in our school system. For our children, I believe reading is so important that pushing the reading program will take our children further down the road and get them into positions that they are entitled to, which is what we want — nothing but the best for our children.

Objectives: If elected, I will continue to work as hard as the past and present members have to help better educate our students; I will work with the faculty and do what's expected for the people and support the children in whatever their endeavors might be.



Vallejos

Angelo Vega

Position: 4
Background related to school board: I was a Carrizozo High School graduate, I

have been in law enforcement since I graduated, I've been involved in different development committees, was a substitute teacher at CHS and drove an activity bus for Carrizozo Schools. I have three children and about 90 percent of my nephews and nieces attend the school district. My mother was an educational assistant in the school district for 25 years.

Reason for running: I'm running to be part of a well-thought-of, well-presented, school district, to continue producing good quality education. I feel that I have the ability to provide and continue the positive operation of our school district.

Objectives: I hope to provide the best education available for our children, to guide them to the best education and career opportunities, and I want to provide a good leadership program, with a character-building environment. When I leave there, I want to guarantee that we'll have best educational facilities that Carrizozo will ever have.

Eldon Offutt

Position: 4
Background related to school board: I've been in office for four years, I've been a resident at Bingham for 15 years, my three children graduated from Carrizozo Schools

and my fourth child is a junior there. Four years ago, I felt like they needed somebody for the board and I ran for it and got in.

Reason for running: I think that the first term, a person is kind of getting their feet on the ground. I think that we have really been able to work well together — the board members — and I think the staff has faith in us that we're working toward helping them to have a quality system to work in.

Objectives: I think for the last four years, we've gone a long way in unifying the school and the staff and have made a lot of headway in getting a good quality staff working here. I'd sure like to stay another four years to help support that staff. We've also gone a long way toward remodeling the school, getting the school in good condition all the way around and I think that having board members that work together well has been a real plus and I'd like to keep it intact for the next four years. I think it couldn't do anything but help the school to keep the same people around. We're steadily climbing in the state's standing among school districts and I believe that Carrizozo has one of the best school districts in the state. The main goal of any board member should be the best possible education for our children.



Offutt



Vega

DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings in the Ruidoso area are scheduled for next week.

Monday, Jan. 29:
• 8 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Mapping Subcommittee, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 30:
• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Council, Ruidoso village hall.

Thursday, Feb. 1:
• 12 noon, RSVP Board, Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Parks and Recreation Committee, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Ruidoso Downs village hall is located at 122 Downs Drive. Ruidoso village hall is at 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

A full-day presentation on revised volunteer firefighter policies will be made by the State Fire Marshal's office Feb. 3 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Elected officials and chiefs of the volunteer departments

are urged to attend by County Manager Tom Stewart.

The session will include information on the Fire Protection Fund law, the local government and fire department relationship, fire department civil liability, an overview of train-

ing regulations, the Fire Service Statewide Mobilization and pertinent issues to local government and the fire service presented by the Insurance Services Office.

Contact Stewart at (505) 648-2385 for more information.

Fire marshal to make presentation on volunteer policies

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The School District Report Card Hondo Valley Public Schools P.O. Box 55 Hondo, NM 88336

As required by New Mexico state statute 22-1-6, the Hondo Valley Public School District presents its annual accountability report measuring school performance in the following areas: student achievement as measured by the Terra Nova Plus (norm-referenced) and Terra Nova Performance (criterion-referenced) standardized tests, the New Mexico Writing Assessment, and the New Mexico High School Competency Exam, student attendance, dropout rate, parent/community involvement, and school safety. This report provides district-wide data for the 1999-2000 school year.

Student Achievement

Norm-referenced and standards based tests

The following table shows the results for the 4th grade on the norm-referenced Terra Nova Plus:

Median Percentiles

	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico	50.7	51.2	53.1	53.1	48.3	52.2
Hondo Schools	42.3	59.0	64.0	55.0	41.0	65.5

There were thirteen students who took the test. As indicated by the data, Hondo 4th graders are exceeding the state median in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Total.

The following table shows the comparison of 4th grade scores on the Terra Nova Performance test, a criterion-referenced test. The table compares the scores of 4th graders on the 1999-2000 test with the scores of 4th graders on the 1998-1999 test. The scores are the Standards Performance Index, which reflects the number correct out of 100 had there been 100 questions.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
1998-1999	57	57	44	49
1999-2000	68	67	47	70

The following table shows the results for the 6th grade class on the Terra Nova Plus, a norm-referenced test.

Median Percentiles

	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico	44.4	49.4	48.0	47.1	50.1	47.8
Hondo Schools	37.0	38.0	58.0	44.0	73.0	58.0

As the data indicates, Hondo 6th graders are exceeding the state median in Math, Science and Social Studies. There were 10 students who took the test.

The following table shows the comparison of 6th grade scores on the Terra Nova Performance test, a criterion-referenced test. The table compares the scores of 6th graders on the 1999-2000 test with the scores of 6th graders on the 1998-1999 test. The scores are the Standards Performance Index, which reflects the number correct out of 100 had there been 100 questions.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
1998-1999	65	54	59	68
1999-2000	81	56	68	75

As the data indicates, the performance scores of 6th graders in 1999-2000 exceeds the scores of 6th graders in 1998-1999 in Math, Science and Social Studies.

Only nine 6th graders took the Terra Nova Plus test, which is norm-referenced. Comparative results with New Mexico median percentiles are not available if fewer than 10 students take the test.

The following table shows the comparison of 8th grade scores on the Terra Nova Performance test, a criterion-referenced test. The table compares the scores of 8th graders on the 1999-2000 test with the scores of 8th graders on the 1998-1999 test. The scores are the Standards Performance Index, which reflects the number correct out of 100 had there been 100 questions.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
1998-1999	60	44	51	53
1999-2000	66	49	62	67

As the data indicates, the performance scores of 8th graders in 1999-2000 exceed the performance scores of 8th graders in 1998-1999 in all content areas.

New Mexico Writing Assessment Results

On this assessment, students have three, one-hour writing sessions during which they respond to a particular prompt in writing. Results are holistically scored on a scale from 6 (highest) to 1 (lowest). A holistic score indicates how well a student's overall writing communicates to his/her audience. The following table shows the percentage of students who scored in each of the holistic score ranges for the 1999-2000 Writing Assessment results. A score of 4.0 or higher indicates a satisfactory ability to communicate in that particular mode of discourse.

4th Grade	1&1.5	2&2.5	3&3.5	4&4.5	5&5.5	6.0	
New Mexico	5.6%	28.4%	38.3%	43.4%	22.6%	1.9%	0.1%
Hondo Schools	10.0%	30.0%	50.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%+	

As the data indicates, a higher percentage of Hondo 4th graders are scoring below the 4.0 satisfactory mark than New Mexico schools.

New Mexico High School Competency Examination:

Students are required to pass this examination in order to receive a high school diploma. Competence is measured in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and written composition. The results of the High School Competency Examination are reported as the percentage of tenth grade students completing each and all six subtests during each year.

New Mexico High School Competency Examination Percent of Sophomores Passing on First Attempt

Figure 1
*This % represents 10th grade students who took all six subtests and passed all six subtests on their first attempt.

Percent Passing on First Attempt	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Written Composition	Combined
Subtests*							
New Mexico	98.4%	94.5%	93.1%	92.2%	94.2%	93.8%	83.6%
Hondo Schools	100%	100%	92.3%	84.6%	100%	100%	96.2%
Hondo HS	100%	100%	92.3%	84.6%	100%	100%	96.2%

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student Attendance Rate:

Attendance rate is defined by the total number of days that students actually attend school during the school year divided by total days enrollment (the maximum number of days that students could have been present during the school year). Students are considered to be in attendance when in class or in a school-approved activity.

Student Attendance Rate In Percentages 1999-2000

New Mexico	NA*
Hondo Schools	93.7%
Hondo Elementary	94.7%
Hondo High School	92.1%

*Districts across the state collected and reported attendance data in a variety of ways. Due to the incomparability of the data, no state average could be calculated. Hondo Schools has an Attendance Hearing Authority which meets to determine a student's credit status if they exceed the maximum number of absences allowed under school board policy.

STUDENT DROPOUT

Student Dropout Rate:

New Mexico reports an "event" dropout rate, which represents the total number of students, grades 7-12, who drop out during a particular school year. New Mexico's calculation of its dropout rate complies with the guidelines set by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), so that New Mexico's dropout rate can be compared with other states across the nation.

A dropout is defined as an individual who:
 1. Was enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year;
 2. Was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year;
 3. Has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program; and does not meet any of several exclusive conditions (such as official transfer to another school; temporary absence due to suspension or illness; completion of the GED; returning to country of origin; or death).

Total Dropout Rate in Percentages 1999-2000

Grades 7-6	Number	Percent
New Mexico	1,048	2.0%
Hondo Elementary (7 & 8)	0	0%

Grades 9-12	Number	Percent
New Mexico	6,775	7.0%
Hondo High School (9 to 12)	0	0%

Total Transition Year Dropout Rate	Number	Percent
New Mexico	413	0%
District	0%	

Hondo Schools consistently has a very low dropout rate.

PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Reporting Parent and Community Involvement:

To demonstrate parent and community involvement, schools are asked to report on the following:
 1. The existence of a school-level parent and community involvement plan and one of the goals for increasing parent involvement;
 2. Responses to questions on the Quality of Education Survey that are related to parent and community involvement (Questions 4 and 8 on the 1999-2000 Survey); and
 3. The existence of a school newsletter that is prepared for multiple audiences and is distributed regularly to the community. Parent and Community Involvement Plans 1999-2000

School Goal

Hondo Schools

Hondo Schools uses a variety of strategies to solicit parent volunteers to assist with the Accelerated Reader Program. The district has also implemented a continuing in-service teacher training in conjunction with UNM to improve parental/community involvement.

Summary of Quality of Education Survey Questions 1999-2000

Percent in Agreement
(Strongly agree and agree combined %)

School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.

New Mexico	81.1%	88.3%
Hondo Schools	82.5%	82.5%

School Newsletters

1999-2000

School Number of times distributed per school year

Hondo Schools Newsletter 4

SCHOOL SAFETY

Reporting School Safety:

To demonstrate school safety, schools are asked to report the following:

- 1. An accepted school-level safety plan;
- 2. A plan for community involvement in the implementation and revision of the school-level safety plan;
- 3. A plan for staff development in the area of school safety;
- 4. Identified goals and benchmarks for progress toward school safety;
- 5. The number of police-reported incidents of vandalism, student-to-student incidents, and non-student incidents; and
- 6. Responses to questions #1 and #2 on the Quality of Education Survey.

School Safety

School School-level Plan Community Involvement Staff Development

School #1	Completed 09/2000	Completed 11/2000	Completed 11/2000
School #2	Completed 09/2000	Completed 11/2000	Completed 11/2000

School-Level Safety Plan Goals and Benchmarks

School Goals Benchmarks
 School #1 Implement school level safety plan.
 #1-May, 2001

Summary of Quality of Education Survey Questions 1999-2000

Percent in Agreement
(Strongly agree and agree combined %)

My child is safe at school. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.

New Mexico	79.3%	75.0%
Hondo Schools	82.8%	89.9%

Number of Police Reported Incidents 1999-2000

Violent Crimes*	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Battery	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Aggravated Battery	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Simple Battery	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Knife Battery	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Firearm Battery	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Assault/	Other	Other
Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
New Mexico	1,523	458	35	3	92	171	
Hondo Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hondo Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hondo HS	0	0	0	0	0	0	

*Statewide data has not been audited.

Other Criminal Offenses*

Firearm Possession	Knife Possession	Other Weapon Possession	Gang Activity	Drug Violation	Alcohol Violation	
New Mexico	30	391	164	148	1,483	282
Hondo Schools	0	1	0	0	2	0
Hondo Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hondo HS	0	1	0	0	2	0

*Statewide data has not been audited.

Vandalism*

Enter Graffiti	Criminal Damage	Break/	Other	Other
New Mexico	344	885	408	60
Hondo Schools	1	1	0	0
Hondo Elementary	0	0	0	0
Hondo HS	1	1	0	0

*Statewide data has not been audited.

Hondo Schools safety plan has been completed and will be implemented by May, 2001.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY

By statute, all New Mexico schools are required to administer the Quality of Education Survey to parents on an annual basis. The Quality of Education Survey contains 20 questions. The New Mexico State Board of Education provides the first 10 questions. The next five questions are developed by the local board of education for the entire district, and each school site develops the final five questions. Schools and districts are required to report the annual results from the Quality of Education Survey.

Quality of Education Survey Results

Percent Agree or Strongly Agree
Spring 2000

	New Mexico	Hondo Schools
Total number of surveys returned.	135,810	81
1. My child is safe at school.	79.3%	82%
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.	75.0%	89%
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.	81.1%	85%
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	81.1%	82%
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.	70.8%	87%
6. School staff maintains consistent discipline which is conducive to learning.	78.5%	72%
7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	86.1%	59%
8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.	88.3%	88%
9. The school's staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.	76.8%	70%
10. My child takes responsibility for his or her own learning.	87.7%	88%

Conclusion

The Hondo Valley Public Schools (HVPS) has made substantial progress in increasing student achievement during the 1999-2000 school year. Use of the Accelerated Reader program, which was implemented in the 1998-1999 school year, has had a positive impact on student reading levels. In grades 2-8, the overall grade level increase for all students during the 1999-2000 school year was 1.1 grade levels. Scores on the Terra Nova Plus and Terra Nova Performance tests are now increasing over past years. The district continues to exceed the state average of percentage of high school sophomores passing the High School Competency Exam on the first try. Hondo Elementary and Hondo High were both designated as "most improved" schools by the State Department of Education and received additional funding for achieving this status. Student attendance remains high, and the student dropout rate is 0%. An on-going program of staff and faculty training is in place to develop specific programs to increase parental/community involvement. The HVPS Community Technology Learning Center is open to the community two nights per week during the school year, and for four days per week for six weeks during the summer. The school-wide safety plan has been completed and will be fully implemented by May 2001.

Hospital board meeting routine

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Patient net revenue ran 17.8 percent over budget in November, members of the Lincoln County Medical Center community board were told Monday.

Hospital administrator James Gibson explained that December figures are not yet available.

Fresh from a victory in court, board members and hospital staff never mentioned the recent hassle with petitioners calling for a grand jury investigation of the county's contractual relationship with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which manages the county-owned hospital. The court threw out the petitions.

They stuck strictly to routine operational issues, at least in the open portion of the meeting. Five items were listed under the closed-to-the-public segment of the meeting, including strategic planning, personnel matters and legal matters.

Gary Hightower led the meeting in the absence of chairman Gary Mitchell.

Although Gibson said the medical center has been exceeding its revenue projections, he cautioned that the true verdict isn't in until end-of-the-year figures are calculated.

But in November, the local operation exceeded projected revenues by \$203,951, with \$196,613 attributed to the hospital and \$7,338 to the health clinics run by Presbyterian for the county.

Total patient days were up 38.6 percent for the month and emergency room visits were down 11.9 percent from budgeted figures, Gibson said, adding that's good news.

Other operating revenue for the month hit \$27,681, over budget by \$16,090 because of income from Altrusa mammograms performed in October.

On the flip side, operating expenses for the month were up, totaling \$1,263,059, or 14.5 percent more than budgeted. Also over budget were supply expenses by \$34,509 or 22 percent and pharmaceutical expenses by \$34,077, reflecting the increase in the inpatient and oncology census, according to Gibson.

The administrator said he'll be looking at ways to improve purchasing, because that category ran 15.3 percent over budget for the month.

Bad debt expense figures were questioned by Board Member Jim Miller, who reminded Gibson the target is 5 percent, but November's total is 8 percent, which is over budget by \$37,420.

In other business, the board:

- Recognized Nellie Ruth Jones for eight years of dedicated service as a board member. She resigned last month.

- Granted privileges at the hospital to Dr. Ben Passmore, psychiatrist with the Heritage Health program for the elderly in a building next to the hospital and to Dr. Paul Engstrom, an ophthalmologist who specializes in cataracts.

- Approved reappointments to the hospital staff of Dr. Vickie Williams in gynecology and Dr. Jamie "Dale" Goad of the dental staff at the Carrizozo Health Clinic.

- Adopted revamped medical staff by-laws.

- Heard that in December, 74 adults and two youth volunteers worked 1,777 hours, a blood drive tapped into 63 donors and \$9,508 was donated to the Lifeline Systems. Another blood drive is set for Feb. 23.

Arla Reynolds, president of the hospital auxiliary, also reported that the group had \$316,618 in certificates of deposits at the end of the year. The thrift shop combined with the Pink Shop (at the hospital) showed a net profit for the year of \$135,856, she said.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Domestic leads to arrest

Ruidoso Downs police arrested a Turkey Canyon Lane man Jan. 18 after a domestic incident.

Hans J. Dubai, 25, was charged with battery against a household member. According to a police report, Dubai admitted he grabbed a woman's arm during an argument. He claimed the arm grab happened after he had had been pushed.

Resident unauthorized

The owner of a seasonal residence on Porr Drive reported her home had been occupied while she was away during the past 2 1/2 months. Sheets on beds were found disturbed and beer cans and condoms were found in the residence.

While a remote control for a television set was missing, a Ruidoso police report indicated no other property was believed to have been stolen. Police

found an open window at the residence as the likely entry point for the intruders.

Money, worker missing

Ruidoso police are looking for a former clerk of an area lodging establishment after cash was discovered missing. The felony embezzlement case involved \$263.55 in cash paid by a guest at the Swiss Chalet Best Western last month.

A receipt indicated the guest had paid in cash but the money was short in a cash drawer. Police went to the former employee's apartment and found it empty.

Neighbors confirmed what hotel officials had said; the former employee was moving to Florida.

More windows broken

After numerous cases of broken windows — mostly to businesses along Sudderth

Drive — were registered recently, two additional reports were turned into police. A large glass window at the Abundant Life Church, valued at \$325, was broken by vandalism.

And a window valued at \$400 was shot out, possibly by an item propelled by a slingshot, at Mansfield Furniture. Both establishments are on Sudderth Drive.

Vehicles damaged

A Whitney Drive resident had two different vehicles damaged on separate days.

According to police reports, a right front tire and the two rear tires on one vehicle were discovered slashed on Jan. 22.

Then on Jan. 24, a right front tire and the two rear tires on another auto were found slashed.

Two separate case files of misdemeanor injury to a vehicle have been filed by Ruidoso police.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Ruby E. Ridenour

The funeral for Ruby E. Ridenour, 83, of Angus was Thursday at the Church of the Nazarene, with graveside service at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Mrs. Ridenour died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at her daughter's home in Angus.

She was born Nov. 16, 1917 in Artesia and lived in Roswell with her husband, Joseph R. Ridenour, prior to his death in 1980. She was a lifelong member of the Nazarene Church.

Aside from her busy life as a homemaker and mother of four, she also taught art, sang in the church choir and played the guitar and harmonica and performed in the Kitchen Band for rest-home residents.

Survivors include children Gloria Rogers of Angus, Charles "Chuck" Ridenour and David Ridenour of Carlsbad and Den-

nis Ridenour of Carmichael, Calif.; brothers William Pursley of Bethany, Okla. and Vernon Pursley of Marshville, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Nazarene World Missionary Society.

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

Jan. 24, 2001, at her home. She was born Sept. 19, 1907, in San Juan Pueblo.

She was a member of the Cowbells and St. Joseph's Mission. She had lived in Mescalero for 68 years, moving there from San Juan Pueblo, and was a homemaker, wife and mother.

She married Bernard Little on June 8, 1933, in Mescalero, and he preceded her in death on April 5, 1994.

Survivors include daughters Sr. Juanita Little and Annette House, both of Mescalero; sons Peter Little of Rio Rancho, Edward Little of San Juan Pueblo and Joseph Little of Paradise Hills; sisters Josephine Cata, Rose Kidd and Elizabeth Marcus, all of San Juan Pueblo; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

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Ernestine Cata Little

Visitation for Ernestine Cata Little, 93, of Mescalero, will be at her home from 2-7 p.m. today, followed by a wake at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. Burial will follow at the Little Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiating.

Mrs. Little died Wednesday,

Two court hearings involving boxer rescheduled

Two magistrate court hearings on separate incidents involving professional boxer and part-time Lincoln County resident Johnny Tapia were rescheduled this week.

A hearing on a case of alleged road rage involving Tapia and Ruidoso business owner Allan Korzan set for last week was delayed until March 9 in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

A court official said she has firm commitments on the new date from attorneys represent-

ing the two defendants and from a prosecutor.

The hearing has been postponed several times since the August incident along Little Creek Road near the Rancho Ruidoso subdivision.

Korzan is charged with negligent use of a deadly weapon, a petty misdemeanor. Tapia is accused of assault, also a petty misdemeanor.

In a case stemming from a dog attack that left 17 dairy

goats dead last May, Tapia faces a charge of allowing his two mastiffs to run loose. That case, also postponed several times, is scheduled to be heard at 2 p.m. March 13 in Carrizozo Magistrate Court by Otero County Magistrate Judge Ted McCutcheon.

The show goats were owned by 13-year-old Wesley Hall. The Hall family has sued Tapia in a civil action in Lincoln County District Court to recover damages.

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Alamogordo, NM (January 17, 2001) — Forest Service offices in New Mexico and Arizona are soliciting those people who have lost fences, trails, culverts, bridges, etc. in the 2000 fire season and for those properties that are within an identified wild-fire area.

Many landowners continue to face hardships due to the extreme fire season of 2000. Under the National Fire Plan, Title IV - Wildland Fire Emergency Appropriations, \$9 million dollars will be available (nationally) to reimburse private landowners and Native American groups for losses incurred in the 2000 fire season. As funding permits, reimbursement will be made at replacement value: cost of labor and material used in replacing fire destroyed fencing with fencing of comparable value. The intent of this assistance is to help restore economic viability to the farming and ranching industry impacted by documented wildland fire. Forest Service Rural Development Program will be coordinating these efforts with the help of state and other federal agencies.

People interested in submitting their losses for reimbursement should contact David Manzanares, RC&D Coordinator, (505) 753-5563 by Wednesday, January 25. Please have information on location of loss, miles of fence or number of structures, estimate of replacement costs, any reimbursements already made (such as -- insurance, FEMA payments, state payments, etc.) and other claims submitted.

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Planning commission considers excavation ordinance revamp

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Terrain management, especially increased hillside protection, may be a pursuit of Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The commission, with some members in recent months voicing a distaste for chopping into hillsides, will likely hold a public hearing in February.

Charles Rennick, legal council for the village, told the commission that commercial application of an excavation ordinance was cut from the code by the village council. A commission member added that residential application of the ordinance was greatly relaxed in recent years as well.

"There was Visions," Rennick said. "It had called for 100 percent excavation to the property lines. It was reminiscent of Pizza Hut (on Sudderth Drive), where the hill was cut to the property line and there were problems."

The Visions issue involved a

proposed commercial development near the west end of Sudderth Drive and concerns by neighbors over excavation into a hillside.

"I think it's one of the most important issues facing us," said Glen Barrow, chairman of the planning commission.

Rennick said an added wrinkle to the elimination of the terrain management code has proven to be an issue in the wake of the Visions issue.

"Up and down, on Sudderth and Mechem (drives) the commercial district will often go back one street," Rennick said. "Since the commercial goes to the next street, the excavation could be taken all the way to Second Street (in the Visions case). It could happen all along Sudderth and Mechem."

Planning and Zoning Department Administrator Joseph Patoskie said the village needs to decide how Midtown will look in the future.

"Is hillside cutting appropriate?" Patoskie asked. "In Mid-

Code change could restrict animals

A public hearing could come next month to consider the possibility of a Ruidoso ordinance dealing with barnyard animals.

The village's Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday agreed to open the item for debate, though not without reservations.

"Where did this come from?" asked Glen Barrow, chair of the commission.

Planning and zoning department administrator Joseph Patoskie said the item was added to the meeting agenda because of complaints delivered through the code enforcement division.

"There are situations where our village

provides no guidelines for farm animals," Patoskie said. "Most municipalities don't allow barnyard animals."

After hearing that the issue has been considered in the past Patoskie said he wanted to know if the commission wanted to review it again.

Some on the commission briefly talked about the farm animal issue as being one that could be addressed through the village's nuisance ordinance.

"Let's look at our options," commission member Bill Hirschfeld said. "Let's look at the guidelines that are in place in other communities."

town we may want to see a different vision."

Patoskie said he is focused on hillside protections in residential areas.

Steep residential lots can be excavated up to 65 percent, though the resulting incline

must be a two-to-one slope or an engineered wall.

"I can show you two places where the wall is a straight cut," said Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld.

Patoskie said that won't happen any more.

"I'm trying to keep up with the new wave of development," Patoskie said. "Starting one week ago, we have implemented a site development policy, detailing to surveyors, contractors, etcetera. You shouldn't see that happening from this point

forward." Patoskie said the department will also require a bond because landscaping and hillside protections are usually the last phase of a development.

"It's the best I can do with the existing code," Patoskie said. "That's why I'm asking for help to tighten the code."

Barrow pointed to a recently released village survey that indicated residents are willing to see more development laws to preserve the flavor of the community.

Looking back on previous debate on hillside protection, Barrow said there had been arguments that if development were prohibited it would amount to a land "taking."

The village attorney responded that there is nothing in the current ordinance that would amount to a taking.

Saying hillside protection is one of the most important issues for Ruidoso, Barrow said he'd like to make the hillside cutting restrictions slightly tougher than the current code.

TOP TEN

The following 10 companies received the highest payment from Lincoln County during the month of December.

- Monette Ford of Socorro, \$43,702 for a 2001 Ford three-quarter ton truck in the road department.

- Corrections Corporation of American based in Louisville, Ky., \$41,548 for housing of inmates under the corrections department.

- Sierra Blanca Motor Co. of Ruidoso, \$20,227 for repairs and for a seven passenger Chevrolet van.

- MCT Industries of Albuquerque, \$14,597 for a dump truck body in the road department.

- Caterpillar Financial Services of Dallas, Texas, \$10,

904 as a payment on contracts for equipment in the road department.

- Correctional Systems Inc. of Los Alamitos, Calif., \$7,131 as monthly payment for jail management services.

- Wright Express Fleet Fueling of Carol Stream, Ill., \$6,028 for fuel used by 13 departments and entities.

- Wakefield Oil Co. Inc. of Roswell, \$5,655 for motor oil and diesel gas used by the road department.

- Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, \$5,141 for general government, the Fort Stanton Fire Department, senior citizens centers and maintenance.

- Affiliated Foods Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, \$5,550 for food and other supplies for senior citizens centers.

Downs hires its first water-meter reader

New employee will report to the village clerk so he's not supervised by his step-father

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs has hired its first water meter reader and taken a step to avert having the new employee supervised by his step-father.

Trustees approved hiring Shane Casler on the condition that his supervisor be the village clerk and not Dennis Riddle, the village's public works department director and Casler's step-father.

"Our personnel policy does not say step-relatives," Trustee Judy Miller said. "It says we cannot hire relatives if it would be an immediate supervisor."

Trustee Margie Morales said the meter reader would be a new position that wouldn't have to be under the public works department.

"He was head and shoulders the best candidate for the job."

Karen Jones, personnel specialist

He (Casler) was head and shoulders the best candidate for the job," Karen Jones, village personnel/payroll specialist said. "The concern is that Den-

nis (Riddle) would be his supervisor. We never had a meter reader before so you could put him under Gladys (Dillard, village clerk)."

Village attorney Dan Bryant said while Riddle could be the meter reader's supervisor, problems were possible depending on the stability of the relationship.

"Your ordinance is silent on step-family members," Bryant said. "State law is silent on step-families. If he's the most qualified applicant do exactly what's proposed," he said of placing the position under the supervision of the village clerk.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
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New Snow Past 24 hours: 0 inches
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New Snow Past 72 hours: 5 inches
New Snow Past Week: 5 inches
Road conditions: Clear
Midway depth: 40 inches
Surface conditions: Powder and packed powder
Trails open: 54 of 55
Lifts open: 11 of 11
Trails groomed this morning: 10 of 54
Snowmaking past 24 hours: No
Tomorrow's forecast: Possibility of snow showers
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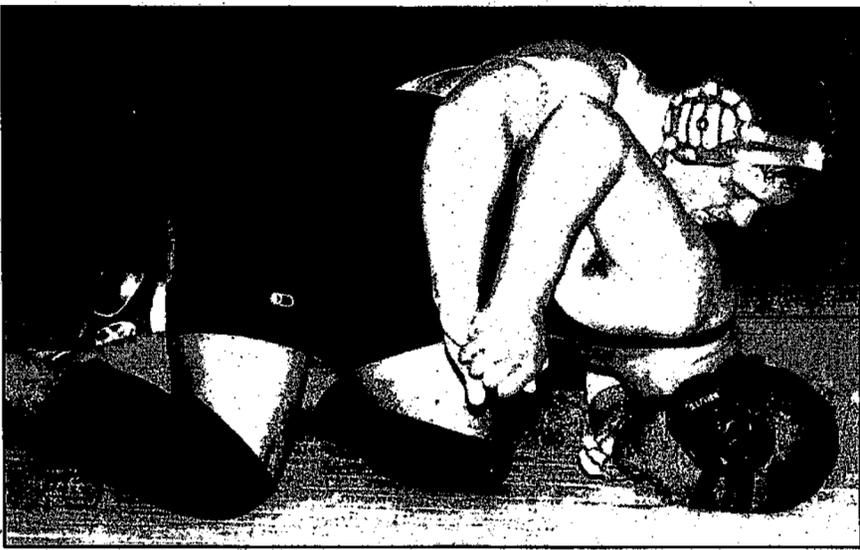
Tuesday, Jan. 23
Boys basketball
Tularosa 99, Capitan 40
Mountainair 104, Corona 48
Artesia 68, Hondo 61
Lake Arthur 72, Mesalero 60
Ruidoso 54, New Mexico Military Institute 42
Girls basketball
Tularosa 55, Capitan 40
Mountainair 67, Corona 54
Hondo 39, Artesia 38
Mesalero 60, Lake Arthur 97
Ruidoso 38, Santa Teresa 36
Wrestling
Ruidoso 44, Roswell Goddard 33; Ruidoso 57, New Mexico Military Institute 23

Preps on tap

Friday, Jan. 26
Boys basketball
Capitan vs. Hondo, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Lovington (VJV), 4 p.m.
Girls basketball
Carrizozo vs. Tucuman (VJV), 5:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington (VJV), 4 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Las Vegas Robertson Invitational, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Boys basketball
Capitan vs. Hatch (VJV), 2 p.m.
Hondo at Mesalero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan vs. Hatch (VJV), 2 p.m.
Hondo at Mesalero, 6 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 29
Boys basketball
Corona vs. Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Corona vs. Mountainair, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Boys basketball
Capitan at Cloudcroft (VJV), 5 p.m.
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Mesalero vs. Mesilla Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Corona vs. Bosque Prep, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan at Cloudcroft (VJV), 5 p.m.
Carrizozo at Santa Rosa, 6 p.m.
Corona vs. Bosque Prep, 6 p.m.
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.
Mesalero vs. Mesilla Valley, 6 p.m.

On Deck

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-10th 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 Garrigan 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), 10U, 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 Lathram at (505) 392-3644 or Phil Lathram at (915) 689-8718, e-mail at ussa@att.net or lathram5@iacc.com or visit the Web site at <http://ussa.home.att.net>.



Warrior 152-pounder Royce McMillion tries to get a grip on NMMI's Martos Giebliz.

Wrestlers earn dual victories

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's wrestlers took another pair of wins against strong teams Tuesday, but coach Jerrett Perry said the victories don't mean anything.

"The district championship means everything," he said. "What we learned is we have to work harder. Because there were three matches that were very, very close, and that could have gone either way. So what we have to learn is this was just an introductory match, and we have to get better. That's all there is to it."

The Warriors' first match was against district foe New Mexico Military Institute, which Ruidoso won 57-23.

While that appears to be an easy win for the Warriors, Perry said it wasn't, and his team has to put in the time and effort to improve before the two teams meet at the district championship.

"We're going to have to work harder," he said. "We're going to have to be more mentally prepared. We can never settle for this win, because this win was just a preliminary win. It doesn't mean a whole lot except it gives us some encouragement and it shows us, it shows the community and it shows all our supporters how good we really are. And we do mean business."

Perry said several matches in the lower weight classes were key, singling out Brian Irvin's defeat of Noah Espinoza by pin less than a minute into the match.

"I'm tickled to death," Perry said. "(Irvin) has come around. He is probably one of the strongest 103 pounders in the state, but he is extremely raw. Now he's getting better."

Perry was also pleased with 125-pounder Justin Huffman's win over Frank Montoya.

"He showed a lot of character," Perry said. "He beat a senior. He's a freshman. So that tells you our kids know how to get mentally prepared."

Huffman won by pin with 6 seconds left in it's match, a victory that had the crowd on it's feet in support.

NMMI coach Allen Cross was of the same mind as Perry regarding improve-

ment before the district meet.

"We're going to have to do a lot better than we wrestled at the lower weights," he said. "But Ruidoso is tough at the lower weights, so we have to be careful."

He felt his squad "could have done better at the basics and stayed off our backs more," preferring three-period decisions to the pins perpetrated by the Warriors.

In the second match, the Warriors edged Goddard 44-33, defeating the Rockets for the first time in at least six years.

The match was close, with Ruidoso winning only two matches on the mat, but winning five by forfeit.

Goddard coach Jamie Martinez said that made a big difference.

"We had to come back down from a 30-point deficit, and we should have won some (more) matches," he said.

But Perry said being able to field a full team is all part of the game.

"You have to fill a full team if you want to compete," he said. "People can look for excuses, but we dominated both matches. We truly dominated both matches and the only excuse they should have is we're a better wrestling team."

Perry said the Warrior losses against Goddard were probably because of a slight letdown in intensity after the hard-fought NMMI match.

"After such a big, huge win, it's extremely difficult to keep our level of intensity," Perry said. "But I thought we did, with the exception of maybe two matches."

Perry said the Warriors also need to work on wrapping up close matches. Several of the Warriors had leads, but lost to pins late in the match.

"Thatcher Hampton tonight is a perfect example of someone who dominated a match then started to gas out towards the end," Perry said. "But he was without a doubt the better of the wrestlers. So he knows exactly where he stands, and we feel like Thatcher Hampton is going to be a state champion. I can tell you that right now, because after that loss, he was upset. And that's a great sign."

The night started with a series of

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Warriors stay perfect in 4AAA

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warriors (15-3, 3-0) stayed perfect in District 4AAA Tuesday with a 54-42 victory over the New Mexico Military Institute.

"We played really good," said coach Billy Page. "We put together four solid quarters, and that's what we wanted. We're starting to peak at the right moment. We had some people step up when we really needed them to."

As usual, Solomon Barnett led the scoring, picking up 20 points.

Nathan Stanaland tallied nine and did a "good job" on the boards.

Page was also pleased with Jason Britt, who only tallied four points but also had a strong rebounding effort.

Nine Warriors contributed to the scoring, which Page said is one of the keys to the Ruidoso success.

"It's important if you have people who contribute, who know their role, who know they don't have to score double figures but do have to con-

tribute somewhere else, on either a put-back shot or rebounding or defense," Page said.

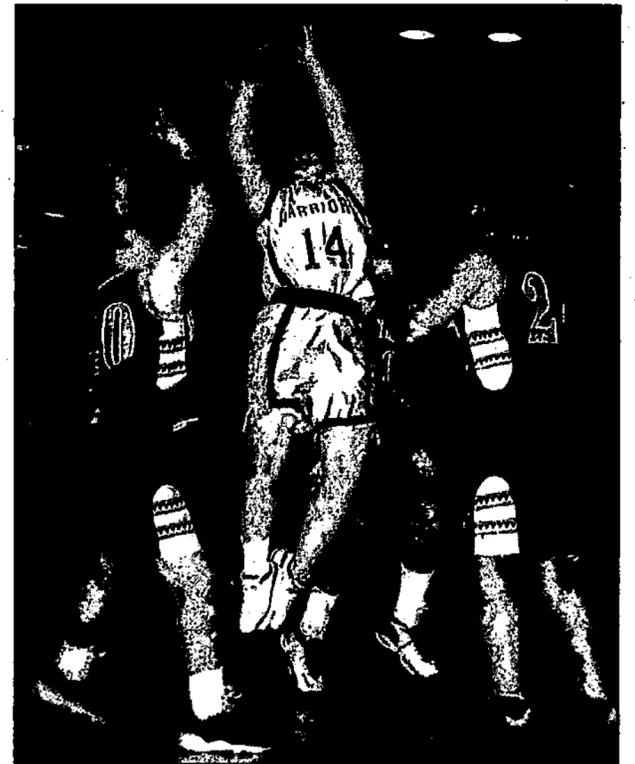
NMMI didn't make things easy for Ruidoso.

"They have a couple of really good players and a decent supporting class," Page said. "He doesn't go very deep on his bench but the players he has really play hard. They were scrappy."

The Warriors get their first look at

District 4AAA Lovington Friday when the two meet in Ruidoso Friday, and Page said the game will be a test.

"They're good," he said. "They're not afraid to shoot the ball. They have several kids who can shoot 3s. And that's where we're going to find out if our defense is really as good as we say it is. They're not afraid to shoot the ball from anywhere on the court. They will put the ball up in the basket from anywhere. They're quick, with decent size. It's going to be fun to see how we match up with them."



Warrior Clarissa Silva gets over a pair of Desert Warriors during Tuesday's district victory in Ruidoso.

Ladies win squeaker over Santa Teresa

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Scoring wasn't a big thing early in Tuesday's district basketball game against Santa Teresa.

While the Lady Warriors (4-15, 1-1) finally pulled out a 38-36 victory over the Desert Warriors, the score was a mere 12-5 Santa Teresa after one quarter and 15-10 at the half.

Both coaches had their own reasons for the slow start.

"We were real flat," said Warrior coach Albert Ronquillo. "We still played some pretty good defense on them, but we were just flat. Our intensity wasn't there."

"We weren't scoring because they kept us out of tempo, and we couldn't find ourselves getting back in the

ball game," said Santa Teresa coach Ray Gonzalez. "We just kept moving the ball back and forth to find an opening."

Things changed in the second half as both teams finally found their rhythm, although Ruidoso picked up the pace first.

"We came out the second half and boom, boom, boom, boom took a lead and made them have to play," Ronquillo said.

Ruidoso outscored Santa T 14-7 in the third quarter, taking a 24-22 edge into the final stanza. From there, it was back and forth, with the Desert Warriors scoring some crucial shots from the outside and Ruidoso keeping close from in the paint.

With seconds remaining,

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Tigers still looking for district wins

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan had a tough time both at home and on the road Tuesday, with the Tigers falling to Tularosa in both villages.

Girls
Tularosa 55, Capitan 40
Playing in the Rose City, the Lady Tigers (2-11, 0-3) played "in spurts," giving the Wildcats a 16-9 first-quarter lead then closing the gap before finally falling 55-40.

"Defensively, they played pretty well," said coach Cindy Perry. "Offensively, they had a hard time getting the ball in the basket."

Perry said Tularosa had a huge shot to man, in-your-ace style, which the Tigers couldn't match up with.

Capitan closed the gap to 25-19 at the half, but Tulie came back in the second half to stretch the lead.

The Tigers were once again playing short-handed, with Patty Terry and Cheyenne Reynolds out with knee injuries.

Coach Terry gave Jayla Buff starting duties for the first time, and said the freshman "played an excellent game."

Candle Turner did a good job off the bench, while consistent scorers Jessica Tully-Mitchell and Jessica "Bruiser" Becker led the scoring, Tully-



Mitchell with 18 and Becker with 13.

The Tigers come home Saturday to face Hatch.

Boys
Tularosa 99, Capitan 40

The Wildcats proved why they're ranked No. 1 in AA in New Mexico, pounding the Tigers 99-40 in Capitan Tuesday.

"They're experienced," said Tiger coach Royce Brown. "They're deep and they've got starters who have been to the state championship the last couple of years. It definitely showed."

The game was all but over after the first quarter.

Tularosa led 41-9 after one, and although the Wildcats gave their reserves a chance to see action, and let up some on the press, the gap never narrowed.

"They're definitely worthy," as for the Tigers (2-10, 0-3), their youth and inexperience showed in two areas.

"Mistakes and turnovers," Brown said. "They pressed us real well and we didn't handle it very well. You either try to run with the big boys or stay on the porch. We got put back on the porch."

The Tigers also got a bit of bad news in the first quarter.

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Fishing report

For fly fishing -

The snow was again 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 streamside.
RIO RUIDOSO: The river was stocked last week. The number of fish was greatly reduced. As stated in previous reports, 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. Try a large black or dark brown stonefly nymph next time out. Turn over a rock that is just under the water and examine it; you will be amazed at the food sources found.

SOUTH FORK: 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 to continue taking fish deep with a 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 as well as small rainbow trout flies. 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, olive and hot pink 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 Shoop, Fly's Etc.

CAPTAIN: Tigers fall twice to Tularosa

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Already playing without Dennis Brockman, who injured his ankle in practice Monday, sophomore Josh Osborn came down on the outer edge of the court and rolled his ankle, pretty much assuring he's done for the rest of the season.

Earl Turcotte led the Tiger scoring with 11 while Thomas Pruitt had 10.

LADIES: Warriors get last-minute win

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Santa Teresa got a shot off that had Ronquillo holding his breath.

"I was hoping that last shot didn't go in," he said.

It didn't, and Ruidoso walked off not only with a win, but with the knowledge they could win in tight situations.

"We played a tough ball game against Portales Saturday," Ronquillo said. "We came out flat (Tuesday) and stepped up and played a close ball game. We didn't fold."

Gonzalez said fouls were the biggest factor in his team's slow third quarter.

With two of his top players in foul trouble and a junior varsity player out of playable quarters, the Desert Warriors were short on numbers.

As tight as the game was, Gonzalez thinks things will be different when the Warriors head south to Santa Teresa Feb. 6.

"Sometimes, when you don't know what a team has, it kind of gets you out of tempo," he said. "But at least we know what they have, and what we can do against them."

Ruidoso travels to Lovington today for the first district game against the Wildcats.

Hondo boys overcome three strikes in close loss

BY KAREN BOEHLER
 RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Hondo's boys and girls traveled to Artesia Tuesday, and despite a lack of numbers on both sides — and the loss of their coach on the boys side — the Eagles gave the Bulldog junior varsities a run for the money, with the girls winning by one and the boys falling in a tight, last-minute loss.

Girls

Hondo 39, Artesia JV 38
 The Lady Eagles (6-6, 2-0) pulled out a squeaker over the AAAA Artesia junior varsity, winning 39-38 despite playing with only seven players.

With Sara Romero absent because of the flu, and Randi Gomez just back after a two-week illness, "We were kind of short handed," said coach Julie Montoya.

While Montoya said she wasn't happy with the way the Eagles played, she said she'd take the win.

"We were pretty sloppy," the coach said. "We were kind of up and down again. This time we played good in the first and fourth quarter, but the second and third we were kind of stale. It was really our defense. We didn't play real well on defense."

The Eagles and Ladydogs were tied at 13-all after one quarter, then Artesia took a 21-20 lead at the half, and 29-26 lead after three.

"We kind of fell asleep in the second period and decided to play again in the fourth," Montoya said.

Outscoring the Dogs 13-9 in the final stanza gave Hondo the win.

Jacki Chavez was the only Eagle in double figures, picking up 10 for the night, while Christel Acosta had nine.

Montoya said knowing the game was a non district match might have led to the sloppy play, but hopes it got her squad ready for the remainder of the district season.

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"I just told them, 'Hopefully, we got all our little kinks out,'" Montoya said. "We're going to learn from it and adjust from it."

Boys

Artesia JV 66, Hondo 61
 Hondo's boys (2-11, 0-2) came into their game against the Artesia JV with three strikes against them.

They were pounded by the Bulldogs a week ago, falling 59-21.

Then, three key Eagles, Carlos Miranda, Adan Lerma and Armando Ontiveros, quit the team.

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Eddie Chavez, coach

So did Eagle coach Ray Barela, who told the *Ruidoso News* it was for personal reasons.

Hondo had every reason to be apprehensive.

But under the leadership of interim coach Eddie Chavez, who helmed the junior high team to a 9-2 record, the

young Eagles (three seniors, two freshman and one eighth grader) pulled out all the stops, staying even with the Dogs until the last minute, before falling 68-61.

With 45 seconds left, Hondo was down by one.

"We worked out a play to get the inbound and try to get the quick score," Chavez said. But as the clock ran down, the Eagles missed the shot, had to foul Artesia, and the Dogs made their shots, making the final margin of victory seem wider than it really was.

Chavez said everyone was excited with the turnaround in the team.

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Knowing the team wasn't in condition to play with just six players, Chavez played what he called, "just a half court game. There was no full court pressure. No really scrapping for the ball. They were just kind of laid back."

And he relied on freshman point guard Eddi Valenzuela, who Chavez said has "unbelievable speed for a ninth grader."

"I just opened the cage up for him, and let him run the show the way he should," Chavez said. "When he started penetrating like that, (Artesia) had to pull their big guys in to stop him through the lane, and left my big guys open, and he'd get the ball to them, and we just did that until it didn't work, and we'd try other things."

That style of play saw scoring from all six of the Eagles, with Valenzuela, Dave Perez, Manny Lopez and Diego Ontiveros all in double figures.

Chavez plans on bringing up two more eighth-graders to close out the season, to add some depth to the bench.

WRESTLERS: Warriors preview district with win over NMMI

Continued from page 1B

junior varsity matches, then NMMI topped Goddard 51-48.

The Warriors compete today at the Las Vegas Robertson Invitational, then host the Sierra Blanca Invitational Feb. 3 and the district meet Feb. 10.

Results of Tuesday's triangular meet follow.

Ruidoso 57, NMMI 23

- 103 — Brian Irvin def. Noah Espinoza, pin 5:58
- 112 — Shawn Gurule def. Rich Johnson, pin 1:31
- 119 — Jeremy Pritchett won by forfeit
- 125 — Justin Huffmon def. Frank Montoya, pin 5:54
- 130 — Tye Phillips won by forfeit
- 135 — David McNally def. Angelo Sanchez, pin 3:58
- 140 — Cade Hall won by forfeit
- 145 — Ryan-Hayden def. Casey Arnett, pin 5:50
- 152 — Royce McMillion def. Martos Glebliz, 8-2
- 160 — Corey Burand def. Austin Ritter, pin 3:15

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- 171 — Ed Van Woelk def. Tanner McGarvey, pin 1:35
- 189 — Hank Ralston def. Thatcher Hampton, pin 1:25
- 215 — Eric Hudson def. Bruce Herrera, pin 1:16
- HWT — Patrick Hodges won by forfeit

Ruidoso 44, Roswell Goddard 33

- 103 — Brian Irvin won by forfeit
- 112 — Travis Bishop def. Shawn Gurule, pin 2nd
- 119 — Jeremy Pritchett def. Phil Fresquez, 13-4
- 125 — Reynaldo Valenzuela def. Tye Phillips, 8-3

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- 130 — Justin Huffmon won by forfeit
- 135 — David McNally def. Dan Evans, pin 1st
- 140 — Chris Neff def. Cade Hall, pin 2nd
- 145 — Ryan Hayden def. Casey Arnett, pin 5:50
- 152 — Royce McMillion def. Mike Martinez, pin 2nd
- 160 — Cole Randle def. Austin Ritter, pin 1st
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Lady Chiefs embarrass Lake Arthur

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

MESCALERO — The Mescalero Chiefs split in district action Tuesday with the girls bringing home a win and the boys falling short after a strong early effort.

Girls
Mescalero 60, Lake Arthur 9

The Mescalero girls (4-8, 3-1) put on a clinic for the Lady Panthers on Tuesday night.

In a 60-9 route, the Chiefs showed that they have a good working knowledge of the overall game, and showed the Panthers exactly what they need to work on to improve their effort.

The first few minutes of the game had both teams needing to settle down. After a 5-2 start, it was the last time the Panthers had a chance to catch the Chiefs.

The first thing Mescalero did was turn up the defense.

Not only blocking out on the defensive boards, the Chiefs had the Panthers just throwing the ball in the general direction of the basket in hopes of scoring. The well-coached defense successfully shut down any resemblance of offense for the Lake Arthur girls.

While on the other side of the court, the Chiefs were patiently working the offense for the open shot. Good ball movement kept the Panthers off balance, leading to a comfortable 21-4 margin at half time for Mescalero.

The only bright spot offensively for the Lady Panthers came in the third quarter when Jessica Gamboa scored most of her seven points, making her the Panthers' high scorer. The only other Panther to post numbers was Lisa Parras with two.

The well-rounded offense for the Chiefs had many of them in



Chief Charlotte Tahnto gets the ball from a Lake Arthur Panther Tuesday in Mescalero.

the books scoring. Rosie Smith had a team high 24 points, followed by Nicole Dolan with 15 points.

With the end of the game nearing and Panthers perhaps looking forward to licking their wounds and moving on with their season, the Chiefs showed the Lake Arthur team what a half-court press is all about.

Double teaming the inbound pass and cutting off the throwing lanes, the ball hardly ever passed half court. After frustrating and causing the Panthers to make many turnovers in the fourth quarter, Mescalero scored repeatedly, racking up the points for a commanding victory.

Boys
Lake Arthur 72, Mescalero 60

It was a close game for the Mescalero boys (4-9, 0-3) and the Lake Arthur Panthers (9-6, 2-2)

for the first three quarters, but it was the Chiefs who fell to the Panthers in the end, 72-60.

It was the hot-handed Phillip Pike, with 25 points, who scored first for the Chiefs.

A 3-point shot from behind the line started off the Chief offense. Tony Chimal contributed 20 points of his own to the Mescalero score. During a hard-fought game, Pike and Chimal accounted for three quarters of the Chiefs' total points.

From the beginning to the end, the Panthers never hurried their offense. Working the ball around the court to find the open shot, the Panthers spread the scoring around, with three players scoring in double figures.

Justin Juarez led the Lake Arthur boys with 23 points. Ed Villa racked up 13 points of his own, followed by Gabriel Torres with 10. This well-spread-out

scoring kept the Panthers close at half time, trailing by three points; 32-35.

The momentum change came toward the end of the third quarter.

The Panthers pulled within one point after stealing the ball and taking it the length of the court to score for a 37-36 Mescalero lead.

While the crowd tried in the fourth quarter to motivate their local heroes, the Panthers continued to have patience with their offense, working the ball and taking time off the clock. The Mescalero boys let their frustration show when the basket cooled off, allowing the Panthers to extend their lead little by little. The Mescalero Chiefs never gave up but it was the Lake Arthur boys bringing home another district victory.



Chief Tony Chimal battles for the ball against a Lake Arthur Panther.

Cardinals miss in Mountainair

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Corona had a tough time in Mountainair Tuesday, with the girls losing in a close match and the top-ranked Mustangs taking the boys to the mat.

Girls
Mountainair 67, Corona 54

With senior Merilee Bryan on the bench with an injured ankle, the Lady Cardinals (4-7, 2-2) fell by a slim margin to Mountainair, 67-54.

Outgoing coach Travis Lightfoot — the Corona school superintendent and principal is turning the reins over to Tommy Mulkey — said Bryan typically scores four to eight points and brings down 10-12 rebounds.

"That really was pretty much the difference in the game," Lightfoot said, explaining that rebounding was the key to the game.

"They played really well except for when it came to the point of rebounding," he said. "If we don't give up so many second and third chances at baskets, the defense would have been much better."

Lightfoot said the team played well for Mulkey in its first game under the new coach, and just needed to pull down a few more boards.

With Bryan out, the team was also light on the bench when Delia Gonzales, who picked up 19 points, and Dominica Fernandez fouled out.

Laura Gonzales led the scoring with 24 points.

Boys
Mountainair 104, Corona 48

Mountainair couldn't miss against Corona (1-12, 1-3) Tuesday, pummeling the Cardinals 104-48.

"They shot the lights out," said Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth. "They just couldn't miss."

Playing in Mountainair, the Mustangs came out and built up a 20-0 lead.

"Their first couple of shots went in, and we couldn't buy a basket until halfway through the quarter," Dunsworth said. "Finally we got a little bit to go in, but we were so far behind, we just played catch up and we never caught up. We kind of floundered the rest of the way."

Dunsworth said his team never gave up — "They kept trying to play," he said, — but couldn't overcome the experience and the deep bench of the Mustangs.

The Cardinals scored in double figures: Drew Bagley tallied 18, Albert Sanchez 13 and Victor Perez 12.

The Cardinals get a rematch with the Mustangs Monday, then come home vs. Bosque Prep Tuesday.

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2001 Ruidoso Downs Race Track schedule set

The New Mexico State Racing Commission met Jan. 17 and approved Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino 2001 stakes schedule totaling more than \$5 million in gross purse money and more than \$1 million in added money. Live racing returns May 25 and concludes on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

A total of 40 races will be carded as part of the lucrative stakes schedule that will have more than \$1 million in added money, the largest added money in Ruidoso history. In addition to the 40 stakes races, 20 days of various trial events to determine finalists in many of these stakes will be included on the schedule.

Highlighting this year's stakes schedule is the 43rd running of the \$2.2 million All American Futurity, to be run on Labor Day. The \$450,000-estimated Ruidoso Futurity on June 10 and the \$600,000-estimated Rainbow Futurity on July 22 complete the \$3.25-million quarter horse triple crown.

The newest feature of the Ruidoso stakes schedule is the 2001 Zia Festival July 15. New Mexico's one-day stakes spectacular will feature the best New Mexico bred racing has to offer. Highlighting the eight stakes for the Zia Festival will be the \$150,000-estimated Zia Futuri-

ty for quarter horses and the \$80,000-estimated Rio Grande Futurity for thoroughbreds.

Two new stakes for older horses have been added to the stakes program this year. The \$42,500-added MBNA Challenge, co-sponsored with the American Quarter Horse Association, for older horses will be run on Aug. 12 and the new \$35,000-added Ruidoso Thoroughbred Championship at 1 mile and 1/16 will be run on Labor Day weekend.

Several other new stakes have been added as well.

The \$15,000-added Los Niños Futurity for 2-year-old thoroughbred colts and geldings will be run for the first time opposite the Kachina Stakes for 2-year-old thoroughbred fillies and the \$40,000-added Lincoln Handicap will be run on Zia Festival Day. The Lincoln will be a new six-furlong event for New Mexico-bred fillies and mares.

The added money includes \$175,000 for 2-year-old quarter horse stakes and \$145,000 for 2-year-old thoroughbred stakes; \$137,500 for 3-year-old quarter horses and \$115,000 for 3-year-old thoroughbreds; \$215,000-added for 3-year-old and up quarter horses, and \$232,500-added for 3-year-old and up thoroughbreds.



Courtesy

The horses will start running May 25 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino 2001 stakes schedule

Date	Race Name	Distance	Added Money	Notes
May 25	Ruidoso Derby Trial	1/8 mile	\$10,000	Yearling quarter horses
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May 26	Rio Grande Futurity Trial	1/8 mile	\$10,000	Yearling thoroughbreds
May 27	\$15,000-added Rio Grande Futurity Trial	1/8 mile	\$15,000	Yearling thoroughbreds
May 27	\$15,000-added Lincoln Handicap Trial	1/8 mile	\$15,000	Yearling quarter horses
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June 10	Ruidoso Futurity	1/8 mile	\$450,000	2-year-old quarter horses
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June 22	Rainbow Futurity	1/8 mile	\$600,000	2-year-old quarter horses
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County nixes property tax rebates

Lincoln County Commissioners last week rejected an option to implement a property tax rebate for low-income taxpayers.

County Attorney Alan Morel explained that the state Legislature requires counties to consider the option every two years. The proposal would shift the payment of taxes to those with higher incomes, he said.

It could provide rebates to people making as much as \$24,000 a year, he said.

"Almost half of the county would be eligible based on a study we did before," Morel said.

Capitan resident Duane Williams suggested the county treasurer send a letter to county taxpayers asking how much they'd like to consider paying on someone else's tax bill.

The vote to reject was unanimous.

health committee had no standing to sign a contract with the firm for the clinic. The state wanted the county to be involved and competitive bids to be sought.

If state officials don't change their minds, Hondo probably will want to be included on the list for the RFPs on health provider services so that it can collect the \$180,000, Stewart said.

That still will leave a problem, because the committee has a binding contract with La Casa de Buena Salud.

Morel told a representative of the firm that the county can't deal with the company in the transfer of any money, only with the Hondo School District, which is another government entity.

Grant could rewrite code

Money will be sought from the Certified Local Government Grant program to pay for a rewrite of the Lincoln Historic District Ordinance.

County Commissioners last week approved the action after assuring a Lincoln resident that public input will be sought.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners that initially two projects were competing for the application - the ordinance rewrite and a Capital Rail Station revitalization plan, but the rail group has decided to look for other funding.

Lincoln resident James Sanchez questioned if revisions are needed in the ordinance that governs the district along U.S. 380 between Capitan and Hondo.

"This is the first I've heard about it," he said. "I'm sure Reginald Richey (preservation board representative) has good intentions, but I think you should instruct him to have

some hearings in Lincoln first to see if that's what the people want."

The proposal could cause "a lot of division" in the small settlement, he said. Most people in the area were unaware the proposal was to be discussed at the commission meeting, Sanchez said.

"It's \$13,000," he said. "Maybe people don't want it even though it's a grant. It's still taxpayers' money."

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said the last revision occurred five years ago and took three years to accomplish.

Chairman Rex Wilson said he liked the idea that the grant would allow the group to bring in an impartial expert to help. He might recommend no changes, Wilson said.

Richey agreed, saying he never said the ordinance needed to be rewritten, just that it should be reviewed to determine if it needs to be strengthened.

Nunley pointed out that the dynamics of an area change and the ordinance should be an on-going process.

March 9 is the deadline to submit a grant application. County Attorney Alan Morel said he would welcome someone else handling the process.

Letter calls for water study

Lincoln County commissioners sent a letter to the State Engineer's office last week emphasizing the need for people advocating new uses of water to prove "without a doubt" no impairment of stream flow and existing use will occur.

"I think the letter supports our need for a hydrological study of the county," County Manager Tom Stewart said.

Although several water rights transfer requests are under protest right now, Com-

missioner William Schwettmann said the letter was "generic" and not aimed at any one project.

"We talking about preserving water," he said.

The letter dated Jan. 18 notes that the county is currently planning for its future water needs and in the documentation of resources.

"We have had authorities inform us of a shortfall of our existing water rights versus water availability by the year 2040," they wrote. "Accordingly, we wish to convey to you our concerns over recent applications for water transfers that may affect stream flows and other users in Lincoln County."

"The County has serious doubts about the availability and sustainability of water in Lincoln County. We believe new uses of water must demonstrate without a doubt that there will be no impairment to stream flow and existing use."

Purchasing policy revamped

Lincoln County purchasing policy was revamped Thursday to reflect dollar limits in the state procurement code.

Under the new rules proposed by County Manager Tom Stewart and County Attorney Alan Morel:

- The county manager will be able to secure informal telephone bids for purchases of up to \$10,000. Previously, he was limited to \$5,000.

- Professional service can be obtained without requests for proposals up to \$25,000. The previous limit was \$20,000.

- Petty cash in county departments may be increased to \$200 from the current limit of \$100.

Commissioners said that in 1996, they intentionally adopted stricter requirements than the state.

Forest Service to hire 3,500 new employees

Positions are in response to last year's fire season

In response to the severe fire season last summer and recent legislation, the U.S. Forest Service will hire about 3,500 employees nationwide in fire fighting positions over the next few months.

Positions will be filled in about 700 locations throughout the country.

Two job fairs were staged last week and Monday in Alamogordo and Roswell, coordinated by the Lincoln National Forest staff and personnel with the offices of U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat, and Pete Domenici, a Republican, both from New Mexico.

In the Southwestern Region that includes the states of Arizona and New Mexico, and the corners of Oklahoma and Texas, the Forest Service will hire up to 300 people. Jobs will be located primarily in Arizona and New Mexico. Wages range from \$7.47 per hour to \$15.52 per hour, with opportunities to earn overtime.

Strength and agility are required for many of the positions, which often require long hours of arduous work in steep, mountainous terrain.

Nationwide, up to 1,000 of the positions will be permanent, according

to information from the agency.

The rest will be temporary or seasonal, lasting up to six months per year. Current seasonal employees may have a chance to become permanent with better benefits and job security. Most of the 3,500 national jobs will be entry-level forestry aides and technicians assigned to fire fighting positions. Some jobs will require more specialized knowledge and skills.

To apply, a person must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old, but younger than 35. Selected applicants may have to pass a physical fitness tests. Commercial driver licenses will be required for some jobs. Random drug testing also may be required.

In addition to Forest Service positions, the U.S. Department of Interior announced an effort to hire fire fighters to support the National Fire Plan.

More information is available on the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs or contact the nearest Forest Service office. In Ruidoso, the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office is (505) 257-4095. In Alamogordo, the Sacramento District office is (505) 434-7200.

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Locals predict Super Bowl outcome

The big game is Sunday afternoon. With a cheese nacho in hand, we offer these predictions of the outcome of Super Bowl XXXV.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Bob Miller: "I know we've got a local tie-in with the Gooch family and the Ravens, but if the Cowboys aren't in it I'm going with the Giants." Giants 24-Ravens 14.

Outspoken political pundit Louin Robinson: "The Ravens are hungry, ridiculed and ready." Ravens 38-Giants 27.

Rev. Tim Gilliland of First Baptist Church: "I'll have to go with the Giants, based on their performance against the Eagles, which was amazing." Giants 14-Ravens 10.

Baltimore native Larry Wimbrow of Candle Power: "Losing in Baltimore is a hard habit to break. It took a while for the Colts, and now it's the Ravens' turn." Ravens 21-Giants 10.

Hubbard Museum Director Bruce Eldridge: "The Giants have a much better offense, and the defenses are about the same." Giants 21-Ravens 14.

Brad Treptow, publisher of Ruidoso News: "Everyone knows that defense wins championships, and Baltimore has one of the best of all time." Ravens 21-Giants 10.

KIDX-FM (101.5) morning personality Neal Jones: "I like the Ravens but I don't think they're going to win. The game will be won by a big play in the final quarter." Ravens 17-Ravens 10.

Brad Cooper, marketing director of Spencer Theater: "The Ravens always seem to take advantage of the mistakes they create on defense." Ravens 24-Giants 17.

Democrat Chay Rennick: "I appreciate the local Ravens connection, but the Giants seem to be an overall better team." Giants 31-

Ravens 14. Republican Doris Nelms: "I just flew into Baltimore for President Bush's Inauguration, and the town was so excited. I'll have to go with the Ravens." Ravens 34-Giants 3.

New York native Rich Weber of Sierra Blanca Brewing Company: "It's going to be a great game. It will come down to the Giants having a better offense." Giants 21-Ravens 13.

USDA Forest Service spokesman Matt Beidy: "I don't like the way Baltimore plays, even though they'll probably win. They took out two quarterbacks illegally in the playoffs already." Ravens 17-Giants 7.

Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce Director Joan Zagone: "From what I can tell, it's going to be a real low-scoring game. I'll take the Giants in a squeaker." Giants 13-Ravens 7.

Rodney Welsh, Ruidoso High School football coach,

"The Ravens have possibly the best defense in the history of the league. That will make all the difference in the game." Ravens 17-Giants 3.

Ski Apache spokesman Riker Davis: "Everyone thinks it's going to be a low-scoring game, so I'll go the other way and pick my dad's favorite team." Giants 28-Ravens 17.

Cattle Baron Restaurants publicist Mike Fisher: "The Giants spanked the Vikings real good in the championship game. If they bring that intensity to the Super Bowl, they'll win by 10." Giants 20-Ravens 10.

Clearly, there is a difference of opinion here. I'll take the Giants by a field goal and hope I don't run out of pizza by the third quarter. Giants 13-Ravens 10.

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

DOWN'S BRIEFS

After being denied a Community Development Block Grant to finance the first phase of a proposed new senior citizens center, Ruidoso Downs will try for a CDBG planning grant toward a new center.

The village council Monday approved submission of the planning grant application.

Village Clerk Gladys Dillard said the grant would fund \$25,000 to plan the center.

She said the village would likely later this year apply for a 2002 CDBG grant to help fund a new facility for seniors.

Dan Bryant, the village's legal council, said matching funds, possibly local money, would probably be needed in the future to win approval of CDBG funding for construction.

As the lone no vote to applying for the planning grant, Trustee Jim Bassett questioned if the planning grant might result in the village financing a senior center on its own. He also asked why the village didn't seek a planning grant before applying for the now denied CDBG grant.

Dillard said the planning grant request would give the village an opportunity to have more time to submit a more thorough CDBG application

later this year.

Two new employees have been hired in the village's police department.

Gina La Brosse received the nod from trustees to be hired as a police officer. La Brosse, who had worked briefly for the Ruidoso Police Department, was the Ruidoso Downs Police Department's top applicant, said David Hightower, assistant police chief.

Lucille Brace was hired as a secretary/transcriber for the police department. The new position was created late last year by the village council.

Following the recommendation of the village's Planning and Zoning Board, the council approved a variance request to place a 1974 mobile home at Cowboy's Trailer Park.

The council also concurred with the zoning board to deny a rezoning and replat request of two tracts in the Dipalo Subdivision near the former Redman Supper Club.

Tom Armstrong, with the village's zoning office, said the replat sought to make some newly created lots commercial and others residential. He said residents in the area want the property to remain residential.

Ruidoso Downs village trustees to sponsor races at Tucson track

The village of Ruidoso Downs will sponsor Ruidoso Downs Day at the Rillito Race Track in Tucson.

Village trustees unanimously approved the sponsorship which is scheduled for March 3 at the Tucson horse track. The cost of the sponsorship, which will be paid through the Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax fund, is \$180 per race. Six races will be sponsored.

While village Trustee Margie Morales said the Rillito Race Track provides a lot of promotion for Ruidoso Downs, Trustee Bonnie Richardson questioned if there was a way to determine if the promotion was advantageous for the village.

"It is a way of advertising," said Judy Miller, another council member. "And there is the association we have with the race track here."

But Trustee Jim Bassett wondered how much "bang for the buck" Ruidoso Downs

receives from the Tucson race sponsorship. "How much comes back to our lodgers?" Bassett asked. "There's no way to track it."

The council was told three area businesses were also sponsoring single races on March 3 at Rillito, rounding out the nine race date.

"If a private enterprise will be spending their dollars, that impresses me," Richardson said of the potential future business impact for Ruidoso Downs.

The lodgers tax fund will likely be tapped to help finance the installation of brackets and banners on street light poles along Ruidoso Downs' main street.

The banners, proposed last year, would be a cooperative effort between the village, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, the Hubbard Museum of the American West and possibly another organization, said Fritz Widaman, marketing director for the race track and casino.

"We'd like to be a partner to the village," Widaman told councilors. "We're asking for the village to begin accepting bids."

Widaman suggested 40 of the 135 light poles along the widened highway in Ruidoso Downs get the banners and bracket supports. He also recommended the village finance 20 of the banners, the race track fund 10, and 10 others be divided between the Hubbard Museum of the American West and perhaps the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Committee.

Questioned by Bassett about available lodgers tax funds to buy banners, village clerk Gladys Dillard said the Ruidoso Downs Lodgers Tax Board had already in the first six months of the year recommended \$7,400 in spending beyond the panel's \$40,000 annual budget.

"There's still money in the Lodgers Tax Board account," Dillard said. "We have \$57,000

and have budgeted \$80,000 this year. But we are already exceeding what we budgeted."

Of the \$80,000 in revenues projected for fiscal year 2000-2001, \$40,000 is available for the room tax board's recommendations and another \$40,000 for council discretion on promotional efforts.

"I think this is a really worthwhile project," Bassett said of the banners. "It seems like we've got the money somewhere."

Trustees voted unanimously to begin the bid process to purchase brackets and banners.

In other lodgers tax spending, the council agreed to fund \$4,700 for radio advertising on stations KRUI and KIDX. The advertising would run through the month of June.

The station had sought \$11,200 in lodgers tax monies for advertising through December, but Dillard said the municipality's fiscal year runs through June 30.

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Question No. 1:
What was the original name of the village of Ruidoso Downs?

Question No. 2:
Who built the Sierra Cinema?

Question No. 3:
Who was the original owner of the *Ruidoso News*?

Question No. 4:
What was the name of the first walk-in theater in Ruidoso?

Question No. 5:
In what year did they get rid of "the dip" in Midtown?

Question No. 6:
What was Farley's first called?

Question No. 7:
Who owns Bonito Lake?

Question No. 8:
Where was Ruidoso's first bowling alley located?

Question No. 9:
In what year was anti-fire icon Smokey Bear rescued from fire?

Question No. 10:
In what year did the Inn of the Mountain Gods open?

Question No. 11:
What mountain range in Lincoln County runs east and west?

Question No. 12:
What notable television series was filmed at Bonito Lake?

Question No. 13:
What is the total acreage of the Mescalero Apache reservation?

Question No. 14:
Where did Smokey Bear live during his years in Washington, D.C.?

Question No. 15:
Who were the two deputies shot by Billy the Kid when he made his escape from the Lincoln County Courthouse, which now is a museum in Lincoln?

Question No. 16:
Who originally owned the ski area later acquired by the Mescalero Apache Tribe?

Question No. 17:
Name all the communities in Lincoln County whose names begin with the letter A?

Question No. 18:
What was Thriftway first called?

Question No. 19:
Ruidoso Downs saw many exciting moments in its history. What happened on Sept. 4, 1972 at the All-American Futurity?

Question No. 20:
What is unique about the cemetery at Fort Stanton?

Question No. 21:
Who was the leader of the Mescalero tribe in 1942?

Question No. 22:
What Ruidoso restaurant was once said to be haunted?

Question No. 23:
In what year did Capitan's Smokey Bear Museum open?

Question No. 24:
What year did Ruidoso last take the state championship in football?

Question No. 25:
What is the myth about the caves at Fort Stanton?

Question No. 26:
What main issue incited the Lincoln County War?

Question No. 27:
In what year did the fire in Gavilan Canyon break out?

Question No. 28:
In what year did the Cree Fire break out?

Question No. 29:
The Mescalero Apaches were the last tribe in the United States to do what?

Question No. 30:
Where were the first high school classes held in Ruidoso?

Question No. 31:
What is the "new" name of the Dowling Mill?

Question No. 32:
When was the first White Oaks Post Office established?

Question No. 33:
Where was the first Lincoln County Hospital located?

Question No. 34:
Why were the gambling machines in Ruidoso on rollers?

Question No. 35:
How many people did Billy the Kid really kill?

Question No. 36:
Who were the two cousins who rode with Billy the Kid and then settled in the

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Hondo Valley?

Question No. 37:
What were the (Ruidoso) Warrior sports teams almost named?

Question No. 38:
How many cabins were washed away in the Flood of 1941?

Question No. 39:
Where was the "Jail Tree" in Ruidoso?

Question No. 40:
Why was it called the "Jail Tree"?

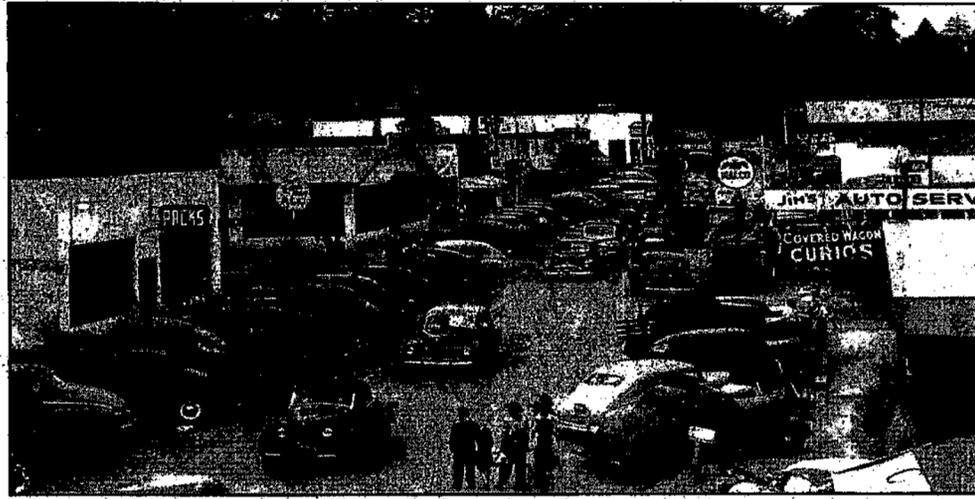
Question No. 41:
What school was built on an old marsh?

Question No. 42:
What was the precursor to the Aspen-cade Parade?

Question No. 43:
Who built the Monjeau Lookout and the Ruidoso Lookout?

Question No. 44:
When was Highway 70 paved?

Question No. 45:
What was built to supply water to a railroad?



Ruidoso bustles then as it does now.

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Question No. 46:
What do all the streets around Farley's have in common?

Question No. 47:
What stopped the reconstruction of Highway 70 in 1970?

Question No. 48:
Who decorated the Tinnie Mercantile and the Silver Dollar in the 1960s?

Question No. 49:
What was Wendell Chino's first profession?

Question No. 50:
What was the name of the minister who helped Wendell Chino in finding that pro-

fession?

Question No. 51:
What famous movie actress lived in San Patricio?

Question No. 52:
Which restaurant, while remodeling, discovered a river flowed under it?

Question No. 53:
What were the titles of the columns that Dan Storm wrote for the Ruidoso News?

Question No. 54:
Who was the first (and only, so far) female mayor of Ruidoso?

Question No. 55:

Who was the first and (only, so far) Hispanic chief of police of Ruidoso?

Question No. 56:
What was the name of the oldest bird in Ruidoso?

Question No. 57:
What was the dog's name who could sing "How Much is That Doggy in the Window?"

Question No. 58:
What was the name of the first ski area in Ruidoso?

Question No. 59:
Who played the "original" Billy the Kid in the Lincoln Pageant?

Question No. 60:
Who founded the Ruidoso Downs Race Track?

Question No. 61:
Where was the first bath tub in Lincoln County installed?

Question No. 62:
What famous sculptor's studio is located where a riding academy used to be?

Question No. 63:
Where was the first theater in Ruidoso?

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Question No. 64:
What famous hotelier's father once delivered supplies by wagon to White Oaks.

Question No. 65:
What drug store had a dance hall?

Question No. 66:
How did College Drive get its name?

Question No. 67:
What Lincoln County artist painted the official portrait of President Lyndon Johnson in 1966?

Question No. 68:
Who is credited with the building of the cathedral-like St. Joseph's Church in Mescalero?

Question No. 69:
When the immediate Ruidoso area's first recorded bank robbery take place?



The man on the right headed the Mescalero Apache tribe during the 1930s and 1940s. Who was he? (See question No. 21)

ues to grow year after year and brings visitors from all over the country?

Question No. 74:
What was the use of the present Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive?

Question No. 75:
What was the original name of Aspenfest?

Question No. 76:
Where was the first golf course in Ruidoso located?

Question No. 77:
Who manages the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso?

Question No. 78:
What church in Ruidoso has had the same pastor for more than 40 years?

Question No. 70:
What did The Links Golf Course used to be?

paid Ruidoso firefighter?

Question No. 72:
In 1952, what dubious distinction did U.S. Highway 70 hold?

Question No. 73:
What western legacy founded by Ray Reed who lived in Ruidoso Downs contin-

Question No. 79:
Who is Mechem Drive named for?

Question No. 80:
What year did Sudderth Drive become a

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four-lane road?

Question No. 81:
How many bowling alleys have been in Ruidoso?

Question No. 82:
Where was the Tastee Freez located before it moved to its current location?

Question No. 83:
What bar was written up as one of the top 10 "toughest places" in the United States in Life magazine?

Question No. 84:
What year did Mesalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino announce the building of the Inn of the Mountain Gods?

Question No. 85:
What was originally housed in the new location of the Ruidoso Police Department?

Question No. 86:
What was Alto Village before it was Alto Village?

Question No. 87:
Who had a bear tied up near the front of his service station as a tourist attraction?



This photo shows the completion of renovations to the Lincoln County Courthouse in 1939.

Courtesy: Wayne Joyce

Question No. 88:
What was the year of Ruidoso's incorporation?

Question No. 89:
When did Ruidoso High School win its first state football championship?

Question No. 90:
What was the name of the first theater in Ruidoso?

credible?

Question No. 95:
What year did the current high school in Ruidoso open?

Question No. 96:
What former teacher now represents the area in the New Mexico Legislature?

Question No. 97:
In what year was the Smokey Bear Museum dedicated in Capitan?

Question No. 98:
Which Ruidoso Downs mayor said his job "isn't worth two cents" and resigned in 1990?

Question No. 99:
How many fatal accidents occurred at the old Ruidoso Airport from 1965 to 1985?

Question No. 100:
What is the complete name of the Ruidoso area chamber of commerce?

Question No. 101:
Where was the first jail in Ruidoso?

Question No. 91:
In what year did Lincoln lose its status as the county seat?

Question No. 92:
What was the original use of the building that now houses the Hubbard Museum of the American West?

Question No. 93:
Where was City Lumber Co. located?

Question No. 94:
Who were the original owners of the Inn?

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Jan. 26, 1951

Carmon Phillips moves business to 'Old Mill'

Carmon Phillips, successful Ruidoso businessman and artist and photographer of renown throughout the Southwest, recently moved his gift and curio shop in the lower canyon from the small building where he started to the building known as the "Historic Old Mill" of the Ruidoso. Mr. Phillips purchased the property some months ago and has spent considerable time and effort on restoring the old landmark to keep every detail as historically accurate as possible ...

Jan. 27, 1961

News Briefs

A news letter from Lincoln County's state representative, W. G. Shrecengost, now in Santa Fe; attending the biennial legislative session, reports he has been named to these committees: Appropriations and Finance, Public and Military Affairs, Rules and Order of Business, on which he serves as vice chairman, Legislative Council and Enrolling and Engrossing.

He said the county's state senator, Joseph R. Skeen, has been named on the Conservation and Education committees.

Both men are staying at La Posada Inn at Santa Fe...

Jan. 29, 1971

The legend of Lois Lane by Hugh Stiles

It is not often, if ever, a newspaper can boast of having the real Lois Lane as a member of its writing staff.

The *Ruidoso News* has had this distinction for well over a year, but as of this week our Miss Lane moves on to greater goals.

Her tentative plans call for one of three moves; one, the possibility of joining the staff of a state university paper; two, continuing her education at one of our fine state universities; or, three, going to California for personal reasons. (It is either because of a old long-time virus, better known as the love bug, or someone told her that Superman has been cutting the smog.)

Jan. 29, 1981

News' essay winner wins state contest

The winner of the New Mexico Press Association's essay contest, on the theme "A Free Press Safeguards My Freedom," is Colleen Danley of Tularosa.

Danley's essay ... will be entered in national competition, to be judged this spring.

Danley will be presented an engraved plaque, as New Mexico's essay winner, at the NMPA's annual convention in Los Alamos in October.

Jan. 31, 1991

Village manager resigns

Claiming he is a victim of "burnout," Ruidoso's village manager has turned in his resignation and is prepared to head back home to Texas.

Charles Norwood had only been in his Ruidoso job for seven months, but in that short time he had developed a loyal following of the village staff and respect from the Village Council.



At the helm of the cargo ship Speybank, Marianne Talafuse of Ruidoso steers the ship through the Indian Ocean (but the ship's first officer is standing beside her).

Courtesy M. Talafuse



Back home in Ruidoso, Marianne Talafuse recalls her ocean voyages and warnings about a tsunami. A massive tidal wave, it often is triggered by earthquakes or volcanoes, and can threaten a ship and a port of call.

Ruidoso: Home port for a traveling lady

Marianne Talafuse's last voyage was 28,860 miles long

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Traveling the world always had been a desire of Marianne Talafuse of Ruidoso. In 1998, she began seeing more of the world aboard freighter ships on their ocean passages.

"It's nothing like a cruise ship," Talafuse said. "There's no planned entertainment. You have to make your own entertainment."

Talafuse said when a freighter is in port, sometimes docked for days, there are often entertaining moments.

"I go visit places," she said, when the freighter is either loading or unloading. "A lot of ports you have to hitch rides. If we're in port over a Sunday I try to go to church."

She recalled a stop in a New Guinea port. After a ride to a church, she noticed only three cars in the parking lot. Inside were 300 people, most of them barefooted. The service was in "Pigeon English," so she was able to follow some of the service. At other times, language made it difficult to understand the worship.

Talafuse, who said she's an economist, normally is interested in seeing how smaller ports play a role in the world economy. What better way to understand commerce in the Pacific region than to follow it, she said.

Sometimes the local economy revolves on palm oil, so a tour of the town's palm oil-producing factory is in order. Coconut meat processing may be the chief industry of another tropical port.

Cargo she recalls on board has included Mercedes Benz cars, flour, unrefined sugar, coconut meat oil (used to make soap and margarine), cardamom (a spice) and palm oil.

Talafuse's travels, on three separate occasions, have largely been in the southern hemisphere, though European ports sometimes have been included. Around-the-world freighter cruises are typical.

The last trip Talafuse took was a 28,860-mile voyage.

"It's marvelous," she said. "It's a wonderful way to see the world and to see how the world works."

While freighters she's traveled have gone into large ports, like Hong Kong, Antwerp and Alexandria, Talafuse enjoys the smaller locations.

"You are really a curiosity in these places. They want to know 'where are you from' and 'how old are you'."

Freighters go into waters that packet cruise ships avoid, such as the Bay of Biscay off the north coast of Spain.

"There are a lot of storms there so cruise ships avoid it," Talafuse said. She recalled late November 2000 in the Bay of Biscay — traveling through a force-8 hurricane.

"We'd walk down the halls as horizontal as we were vertical," Talafuse said. "Injuries? Sure. Fortunately my bed rolled the same way as the ship. My head was sore from slamming into the wall as we go that direction and my feet tired from pushing against the wall as we go that way."

One vacationer suffered a serious cut from a flying chair and needed a helicopter evacuation, which was delayed because of the rough weather.

Then there are the pirate reports that the freighters receive. One report she recalled told of a situation where 80 fishermen carrying long knives boarded a boat. Its crew resisted and the pirates retreated, but not

before two crew members were injured. She said when pirate concerns run high, freighter passengers are told to remain locked in their cabins overnight.

On one trip three people did come aboard the freighter Talafuse was riding. None of the trio had machine guns or long knives but they tried to steal brass and rope. They were evicted — but not flushed overboard by means of fire hoses, which is a typical defense strategy of crew members.

But not all is dangerous, Talafuse said.

"They (the freighters) usually have a video library," she said. "There are exercise walks, you play bridge and other card games. And you can be on the ship's bridge really anytime. You learn about latitude and longitude. You spend a good amount of time visiting with the officers and crew, who quite often are Russian. There's talk about the economy and politics."

Added features include observing whales, flying fish and dolphins. And there may be a small swimming pool on the ship.

Unlike a cruise ship, mealtimes on freighters are set, with three squares a day. Talafuse said the food is plentiful and good, but don't look for the midnight buffet. The crew sits down with the passengers for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Accommodations are described by Talafuse as "very nice."

Passengers are limited to 12 to avoid having to have a doctor on board.

Freighter trips can last as long as five months, and normally don't meet their time schedule.

"You really don't know when you're leaving, how long you'll be

gone, when you'll be back," Talafuse said. "They'll call you a week or two in advance (of the voyage). The ship doesn't wait for you, so get there a couple of days before departure."

Talafuse said freighter voyages are really for those who are independent, self-sufficient and do not care for "canned" entertainment.

She figured her cost for her most recent 114-day trip at \$115 per day.

Talafuse said "absolutely" she'll take more trips on freighters.

"I'm willing to try new things," Talafuse said, despite the apparent perils of travel on freighters. "You know, I don't normally hitchhike. But I'm willing because I want to see what the rest of the world is like. I am interested in the production, consumption and distribution of the world's goods. I've always been curious. You have to be accepting of these other parts of the world."

Residents of the United States, she said, live in "a small part of this world."

For more information about vacationing by freighter, two publications are available. The *Freight Space Advisory* is published twice monthly. The publication may be reached at telephone number (800) 531-7774. Another magazine, *TravelTips*, has an annual charge. *TravelTips* can be reached at (800) 872-8584.

Combined unit names new officers

County health councils unite

Two Lincoln County health councils recently combined to better use resources and professional services.

The Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Council, which focused on the health and health care access of child-bearing women and their families, joined with the Lincoln County Health & Wellness Board.

That board had a broader scope that included researching the needs of all county residents and coordinating with agencies to reduce duplication and gaps in services.

The new Health & Wellness Planning Council should be better able to coordinate efforts, which

include after-school programs, Healthy Start and media literacy offered to civic, social and religious groups.

Officers selected for the year are John T. McGrath as chairman, Genevieve Phelan as vice chairman and Mary Ellen Hunsicker as secretary.

The board's meetings are open to anyone interested in the state of health care access. They are from noon to 1:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at K-Bob's Restaurant. The next meeting is Feb. 21. For more information, call Phelan at (505) 257-5038.

Silence greets commissioner's modest water-saving proposal

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With water at a premium in Lincoln County, it may be time for the County Commission to encourage landscaping with native plants that need no augmented watering by offering tax or other incentives, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley says.

He suggested the commission consider a plan in conjunction with the village of Ruidoso.

"After I made my proposal, the whole room went quiet," Nunley said. "I noted that and asked that

the board at least talk about it when a new subdivision comes on line, encouraging developers to use low-water plants and drip irrigation systems and not bring St. Augustine grass from Houston.

"They seemed more interested when no taxes were involved."

Nunley said he plans to talk to Ruidoso officials about the proposal. He would be willing to consider a tax incentive spread over five years or other options.

"As Chairman Rex Wilson said, 'Water saved in Ruidoso is water saved in Lincoln County,'" Nunley said. "At least we can start talking."

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Two columns of church directories: CAPITAN DIRECTORIES and CARRIZOZO DIRECTORIES. Lists various churches such as Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Catholic, and Episcopalian with their addresses and service times.

Large RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES section listing numerous churches in the Ruidoso area, including Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Nazarene, and others, with detailed contact information and service schedules.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Back-lit signs unfair?

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission in coming months may discuss signs, with a focus on so-called back-lit signs, the plastic panel displays that typically have fluorescent lighting inside.

"What's the vision of our Midtown?" Joseph Patoskie, village planning administrator asked the commission. "Do we want restrictions in Midtown?"

Patoskie said a new back-lit sign has gone up on the north edge of Midtown.

"Some (Midtown) businesses have very expensive non-lit signs," Charles Rennick, an attorney for the village said. "A back-lit sign next to that has a considerable economic impact on the expensive signs. It's time to consider keeping it the way it is, with the resort type of signs, or start allowing back-lit signs."

The attorney recommended members of the commission

look especially at the Midtown area and then discuss the issue at a future meeting.

New head for state SBA

The U. S. Small Business Administration office for New Mexico has a new director. Anthony J. McMahon, a previous SBA deputy district director and acting director in Illinois, was named to the Albuquerque-headquartered post.

"Anthony McMahon is a true professional with a deep knowledge of the agency and its programs," said Ruben Guerrero, regional administrator of the SBA. "His appointment is good news for small-business owners in New Mexico."

As the state's SBA district director, McMahon will manage the delivery of the SBA's financial assistance, management counseling and business development programs for New Mexico.

LP gas prices climbing 'constantly'

'Snowball effect' building as natural gas producers struggle with demand

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If you've filled your propane tank recently you're aware that LP gas prices have soared to record levels this winter.

"The prices keep going up constantly," said Richard Neill, manager of Cortez Gas Company, a LP supplier at Ruidoso Downs. "It's pretty much tied to natural gas. A lot of it comes from natural gas wells."

Clifton Tuggle, president of the New Mexico Propane Gas Association, concurred. He noted natural gas prices have tripled this winter.

"The high price of natural gas has producers leaving a little more of the propane gas in natural gas," Tuggle said. "They're refusing to refine some of it because of the higher natural gas prices. It's just having a snowball effect. Along the line somewhere people are making a lot of money."

Tuggle said as a result, propane dealers are being squeezed. "The wholesale price (of propane) is triple a year ago," Tuggle said. "At retail, it's not quite double."

The squeeze comes from reduced profit

margins at the retail level. He said just one bad account now can have a serious impact on the bottom line.

Tuggle said dealers in New Mexico are hearing from their customers about the higher cost of filling LP tanks. Locally those who use LP as a fuel are also grumbling.

"People just can't afford the prices," Cortez's Neill said. "Some are using credit cards to pay the bills, so you know it's hurting."

Richard Neill
Cortez Gas Company

He said his firm has been in contact with federal elected representatives from New Mexico over the rising price of propane.

While the prices have escalated, the amount of LP being sold to residential customers in the Ruidoso area is falling

despite chilly temperatures. Neill said he's aware that many of his customers are looking for ways to trim their bills through conservation. He said thermostats apparently are being turned down, unused rooms are not being heated and more wood is being burned.

"We're in the same boat as everyone else," Neill said of the higher prices. "Everyone's in the same bind."

The National Propane Gas Association said the average retail price of the fuel was \$1.65 - \$1.73 across the country. The national average had been around the dollar mark the last several years.

An official with Servi-Gas/Clark and Newsom, another Ruidoso Downs LP supplier, said there would be no comment on propane pricing. The local distributor said questions should be addressed to an industry trade group.

Tuggle said the past two weeks have seen no increase in wholesale prices, which he called a promising trend. Tuggle said only time will tell if propane costs diminish.

Where to find tax information

WASHINGTON - Facing a lot of different tax questions this year? IRS experts have pulled together an overview of common tax issues in one place - Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," available at www.irs.gov, contains a vast array of information in one guide.

From stock sales to student loans, people can get many of their questions answered in the 276-page publication. It's free.

To get a copy, visit the IRS web site at www.irs.gov under the "Forms and Pubs" section. It can be accessed directly at ftp.fedworld.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf.

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lished business practice in your area.

3. The points paid were not more than the amount generally charged in that area.

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7. The points were computed as a percentage of the principal amount of the mortgage.

8. The amount is clearly shown on your settlement statement.

9. The funds you provided at or before closing, plus any points the seller paid, were at least as much as the points charged. You cannot have borrowed the funds from your lender or mortgage broker.

More information on buying, owning or selling a home is available from the IRS. Call 1-800-829-1040 or look for more information on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. Publication 530, "Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners," and Publication 936, "Home Mortgage Interest Deduction," are available on the Web site.

Are you in a new home?

Did you buy or build a new home in 2000? Many new homeowners don't know they can deduct points paid on home mortgage loans. The IRS reminds homeowners this can really pay off because some home mortgage points are fully deductible in the year they are paid.

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conforming bank loans. FNMA allows for as little as a 5 percent down payment on a primary or secondary home. You should be aware that anything less

than 20 percent down payment, PMI (private mortgage insurance), is added to your monthly payment. Therefore, the cost of your loan increases.

FHA has at least two programs for the purchase of a primary home: One provides for a 3 percent down payment, another "The First-Time Homebuyers" program (MFA) enables you to purchase a home with closing costs only. Both programs have slightly different requirements to qualify, so speak with a knowledgeable lender.

The benefit of a VA loan is that there are minimal monies required from the applicant and certain closing costs the seller must pay. Depending on your VA eligibility, you might be limited as to loan amount. Fixed interest rates follow closely with the Conventional FNMA loans.

A non-conforming program allows the purchase of a home

by those who otherwise might not qualify. Included would be self-employed persons whose income as stated on their tax returns would not support debt, or applicants with less than perfect credit. Because of the increased exposure, interest rates are generally higher than those programs mentioned above. Collateral, too, can determine where a loan is placed; i.e., a single-wide mobile home or a double-wide not meeting the criteria of one of the government programs.

Interest rates today are lower than they have been in months. You can obtain a fixed interest rate of 7.5 percent or lower on a 30-year loan. An adjustable rate may begin at 6.375 percent and adjust up to 2.25 percent a year with a 6 percent lifetime cap. If you buy/sell homes often, you might want to consider an adjustable rate that is fixed for the first 3 to 5 years, adjusting annually thereafter. Generally, adjustable rate loans begin at a lower rate than those loans fixed for the full term. If you're conservative and want to know what your payment is always going to be, opt for the fixed rate. Understand that certain loan programs do not provide a choice, so ask your lender early in the application process.

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A ribbon is cut by Larry Colson of Choice Hotels, as the Comfort Inn in Ruidoso marked its grand opening Jan. 18. To the right of Colson is Valari Chavez, general manager. Nearly 100 people, including representatives of the village, local chamber of commerce and the Ruidoso Valley Greeters were on hand.

Comfort Inn formally open

While accepting guests since October, the new Comfort Inn at Ruidoso officially opened Jan. 18 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The three-story hotel houses 54 rooms furnished with one king or two queen-size beds. Suites with microwave oven, refrigerator and sofa bed are available. The Comfort Inn includes an indoor pool and spa, fitness center, guest laundry and a meeting room that can accommodate up to 24 people.

The hotel features a complimentary continental

breakfast.

The location, at 2709 Sudderth Drive, is at the west end of Ruidoso's Midtown shopping district.

"This is exciting," said Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso mayor, who was at the ribbon cutting. "It's a new downtown hotel, in the walking district, and will be good for shopping and the restaurants."

The facility is owned and operated by Hem-Ami Inc., based in Albuquerque. The owners also have lodging properties in Santa Fe, Tucumcari and Silver City.

Smokey Bear district to add nearly 30 jobs

Substantial summer hiring increase an aftermath of the severe fire season of 2000

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last year's severe fire season, both in New Mexico and nationwide, will create new summer jobs in Lincoln County this year.

The USDA Forest Service will hire about 3,500 employees nationwide in fire fighting positions. Almost 1 percent of those will be in the Lincoln National Forest, said Matt Reidy, fire management officer at the national forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso.

While many of the jobs will be temporary or seasonal, lasting up to six months per year, some will be permanent positions.

Reidy said the nearly 30 jobs will be the largest summer hiring by the ranger district. Positions will be for fire crews, both hot shots and engine crews. Reidy said the job openings are ideal for those looking for a short-term job or a career change.

"If they work for us for a summer they may come back for another summer," Reidy said.

"Or as people are promoted and move on there is an opportunity for people to move up in the organization."

He said often people are looking for ways to make money before heading off for

college or are between jobs.

Forest firefighter training is the reason for the increased job openings, but those hired also will work on the Lincoln forest, especially on fire prevention. But there's more.

"There's (tree) thinning, fuels reduction work, trail work, fence maintenance," Reidy said. "There's always a million things to do."

Strength and agility are required for many of the employment slots, which frequently require long hours of arduous work in steep, mountainous terrain.

"It's challenging, but rewarding," Reidy said.

Job applications are available at the district headquarters on Mechem Drive. Work locations will be primarily in Ruidoso or Capitan. Wages will range from \$7.47 to \$15.52 per hour. Overtime hours will be available.

Reidy said he didn't think the district would have a difficult time filling the record hiring roster.

"That should have an impact," Dan Hall, with the state labor department, said of Lincoln County's job market. "It should have an impact because you're dealing with fairly small numbers." The state labor official said despite the small labor pool in

the Ruidoso region 30 new positions should be doable.

The employed portion of the county's labor force is about 7,500. The number of people listed recently as out of work is about 435. Hall noted the labor pool and Lincoln County's population have been growing in recent years.

"This should help sustain the growth that has been going on," Hall said. "It might tighten your numbers up a little bit."

The state labor economist said 30 new hires could represent a 7 percent reduction in the unemployment rate this summer. In recent years Lincoln County's jobless rate has been in the 4 to 4.5 percent range.

"I think the Lincoln County area certainly could absorb it," Hall said.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and between the ages of 18 and 35. Commercial drivers licenses will be required for some of the positions. Some jobs will require random drug testing. Physical fitness tests may also be required.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1.

Additional information is available at the Smokey Bear Ranger District or on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/jobs>.

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE

Tax cuts, affordable health care tops NFIB agenda

SANTA FE - New Mexico's small-business community is gearing up for this year's legislative session with tax cuts and affordable health care the leading priorities they hope the Legislature will approve, according to the state's largest small-business organization, NFIB.

Garth Simms, director of NFIB/New Mexico, said small-business owners are focused on two things this year - tax cuts and the cost of health care. Simms called lowering the state's personal income tax rate a crucial concern for small businesses.

"Neighboring states have much lower rates than we do," Simms said. "The higher rate discourages businesses from

locating or expanding in New Mexico. It makes the state less attractive to entrepreneurs who might consider locating here."

Affordable health care is another "hot-button" issue for New Mexico's small-business community, stated Simms. "We urge lawmakers to pass legislation that would make health insurance affordable for those businesses that aren't able to afford it now," he said. "We support a proposal that would allow businesses with fewer than 50 employees to buy catastrophic coverage with a \$1,000 minimum deductible and an exemption from all mandated coverages. The point is to bring costs down to levels that allow small companies to purchase it."

Legal reform will also get

attention from the small-business group. Simms said small-business owners would work to get a cap on punitive damage awards, noting that caps are needed to bring equity to the system.

"Capping punitive damage awards not only lowers the cost of liability insurance, it also discourages lawsuits by people who see the civil justice system as a chance for a big financial windfall," said Simms.

Raising the "prevailing wage" cap for government construction jobs is another small-business agenda item. Simms said increasing the cap from \$20,000 to \$250,000 would give small businesses a better chance to compete for small jobs.

Simms said NFIB/New Mexico would also be on the defensive opposing any tax hikes, excessive state regulations and incursions on property rights.

With 3,500 members statewide and 600,000 throughout the U.S., the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the largest small-business advocacy group in New Mexico and the nation. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its members before legislative bodies in all 50 state capitals and in Washington, D.C. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

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ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

Mysterious, remote Chaco Canyon

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Ancient cultures have always fascinated us. We've visited Mexico's Teotihuacan pyramids, Olmec, Toltec, Aztec and Mayan ruins.

Closer to home, we've explored Arizona's Canyon de Chelly, Colorado's Mesa Verde and the Gila Cliff dwellings near Silver City.



The Barones

When we moved to New Mexico nearly three years ago, we were excited to live close enough to visit Chaco Canyon — one of the true wonders of the ancient world — located in the high, harsh San Juan Basin, 90 miles northwest of Grants. Last April, we finally made it. A jarring 20-mile ride down a rough dirt road brought us to the ruins. Unlike many other Anasazi ruins, these aren't cliff dwellings. These lie at the base of, rather than on, the wind-swept, rust-red sandstone walls that surround the canyon.

Archaeologists theorize that Chaco Canyon served as a major center of ancestral Puebloan culture between A.D. 850 and 1250. Though today an eerily silent and lonely land, it was once the hub of a vast homeland that

encompassed some 40,000 square miles. This included the 13 Anasazi pueblos. At Chaco, massive structures that once rose as high as five stories and held hundreds of rooms. A network of nearly 500 miles of "roads," complete with staircases carved into steep cliff sides, connected almost 100 outlying settlements.

Surprisingly, some New Mexico residents have never heard of or visited this prehistoric treasure. Its remote and isolated location and primitive access routes have kept it from becoming a major tourist destination, unlike the more famous, but less complex, site at Mesa Verde. Located about midway between Grants and Farmington, New Mexico, just getting to Chaco is an adventure. No matter which direction you enter from involves navigating 20 miles of poorly maintained dirt road.

By 1100, Chaco had become a highly sophisticated grouping of pueblos and trade center for much of the Southwest and parts of Mexico. Shells from the Pacific have been found at Chaco, as have remains of scarlet and green macaws, birds that are indigenous to southern Mexico. By 1200, it had been almost abandoned.

Chaco Canyon, the most important archaeological site in New Mexico, was once the social, economic and religious center of a complex and highly developed society. The pueblos themselves — like Pueblo Bonito and Chetro Ketl — suggest the existence of

a well-organized workforce. The most impressive of the ruins is the famous Pueblo Bonito. The immense D-shaped structure once stood four or five stories high and contained 650 rooms and approximately 40 kivas roofed with pine logs brought from 30 miles away.

As we wandered among the crumbling ruins we could almost feel the presence of the "Ancient Ones."

Chaco Canyon has an intriguing history, partly because so much of it is speculation. Did they really trade as far south as southern Mexico? Why did they leave? Where did they go?

Chaco offers many hints as to what, why, who and how, but archeologists are continually revising their options. It may never reveal all its secrets. In recognition of its significance, Chaco is both a National Historic Park and a World Heritage site.

If you go, plan on a full day. The park offers few amenities, so you'll need to bring your own food and drinks. Grants and Farmington are the closest communities that offer lodging. We stayed at the cozy, family-run Sands Motel (800-424-7679) in Grants.

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.

Three county communities receive development grants

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Projects submitted by three of Lincoln County's five municipalities were selected under the latest round of community development block grants.

At a hearing Jan. 16, the state Community Development Council announced its Community Development Block Grants allocations, funded from a \$14 million pool.

In Lincoln County, those selected were the village of Carrizozo, which received a \$354,750 colonia grant for waste water treatment, the village of Capitan for a \$25,000 grant to pay for a master plan update, and the village of Corona, which was granted \$181,000 for improvements to a health clinic.

The County Commission and the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs didn't submit

projects. The average income in Ruidoso is considered too high to qualify the area for most development grants.

Of 22 applications submitted by the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments, 14 were approved.

The Local Government Division of the state Department of Finance and Administration has administered the small cities community development block grant program since 1983. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In the last 13 years, more than \$225 million has been distributed in CDBG assistance to 33 counties and 103 municipalities.

In that same time period, the five counties and 21 incorporated municipalities of the southeastern economic district have received more than \$65 million.

COMMISSION BRIEFS

Commission says 'no' to property tax rebates

Lincoln County Commissioners on Jan. 18 rejected an option to implement a property tax rebate for low-income taxpayers.

County Attorney Alan Morel explained that the state Legislature requires counties to consider the option every two years. The proposal would shift the payment of taxes to those with higher incomes, he said.

It could provide rebates to people making as much as \$24,000 a year, he said.

"Almost half of the county would be eligible based on a study we did before," Morel said.

Capitan resident Duane Williams suggested the county treasurer send a letter to county taxpayers asking how much they'd like to consider paying on someone else's tax bill.

The vote to reject was unanimous.

Clinic RFP plan OK'd

County Manager Tom Stewart was given the authority Jan. 18 to proceed with requests for proposals to operate rural health clinics when the time is right.

Commissioners postponed action while waiting for a decision whether to include the Hondo Valley Health Clinic on the advertisement that now covers clinics in Corona and Carrizozo.

Stewart said he is meeting with the state Department of Finance and Administration to get authorization to transfer \$180,000 set aside from a special property tax levy, Stewart told commissioners.

The state had said Hondo had to justify why it chose a firm in Roswell without competitive bids and that a community health committee had no standing to sign a contract with the firm for the clinic. The state wanted the county to be involved and competitive bids to be sought.

County backs its Senior Olympians

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Securing required liability insurance to cover Lincoln County's Senior Olympics should be no problem — the activity may already be covered by the county commission's existing insurance, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

Bart Young, event chairman and county coordinator, gave county commissioners a summary of participation and activities for the olympics group last week.

Young also said he was told that liability insurance is required for the local event and he had secured a quote of \$984. Stewart told commissioners if the event isn't covered under the current agreement, the quote Young secured "is doable."

The coordinator said in April and May, during county qualifying for the state event,

56 people participated in 11 sports, he said. All qualified for the state meet by placing from first to third in one or more local events.

During July in Las Vegas and August in Roswell, 21 men and 18 women competed in the state meet in 26 sports. Their ages ranged from 51 to 78. They brought back 17 first places, 13 seconds and 17 thirds.

Thirteen residents qualified for the National Senior Games in Baton Rouge, La.

Qualifying will begin for this year in February. The 23rd state meet is set for May 30-June 3 in Las Cruces.

In other matters, commissioners reappointed County Clerk Martha Proctor of Nogal and Bob Curtiss of Carrizozo to the county's 911 Committee, Frank Higgins from Alto was named to the Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission

and Gary Vega of Carrizozo will replace John Hemphill on the county Road Review Committee. Dennis Nosker of San Patricio, Duane Williams of Capitan, Ralph Romero of Ruidoso Downs and Donald Hawley of Ruidoso were reappointed to the committee.

The commission also:
• Awarded a contract to Essential Fire Protection Systems of El Paso to install a fire sprinkler system at New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo for \$35,396. Kaufman Fire Protection Systems of Albuquerque bid \$40,082. The project will begin April 1.

• Designated Mike Pittman of Alamogordo as the first choice out of six firms competing to provide architectural services. County Manager Tom Stewart is to discuss the accounting method for the \$35-per-hour price.

• Accepted the low bid of \$52,890 from Ruidoso Paving to resurface roads in Palo Verde Slopes Subdivision. The bid was the lowest of three submitted.

with T-Netex of Englewood, Colo., and then EVERCOM of Irving, Texas.

• Accepted the low bids for various types of bunker gear for the Vencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department. CASCO Industries of Albuquerque will provide 10 sets of coats and pants for \$5,700, 10 leather boots for \$1,950, 10 pairs of leather gloves for \$280 and 10 Nomex helmets for \$150. AAA FirePro of Clovis will provide 10 pairs of rubber boots for \$770 and 10 helmets for \$1,440.

• Rejected a \$10,900 price for rewiring the county courthouse submitted by Ron Roybal. Under the county's contractual arrangement with Roybal, Stewart can seek competitive bids for any job that is more than \$5,000.

• Approved the budgeting of \$1,031,923 by the Lincoln County Medical Center to cover payments under the state's Sole Community Provider program for 2001-2002. Quarterly payments would be \$64,495 to be matched with the federal portion of Medicaid and returned to the hospital in quarterly payments.

• Reviewed continuing reports of poor U.S. Postal mail delivery since the distribution center was moved from Carrizozo to Alamogordo.
• Approved the sale of a surplus 1988 ambulance to the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department. Dixon is north of Santa Fe.

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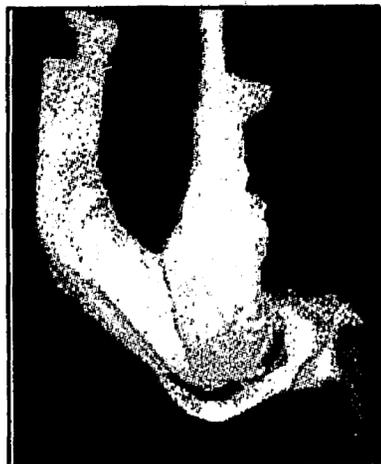
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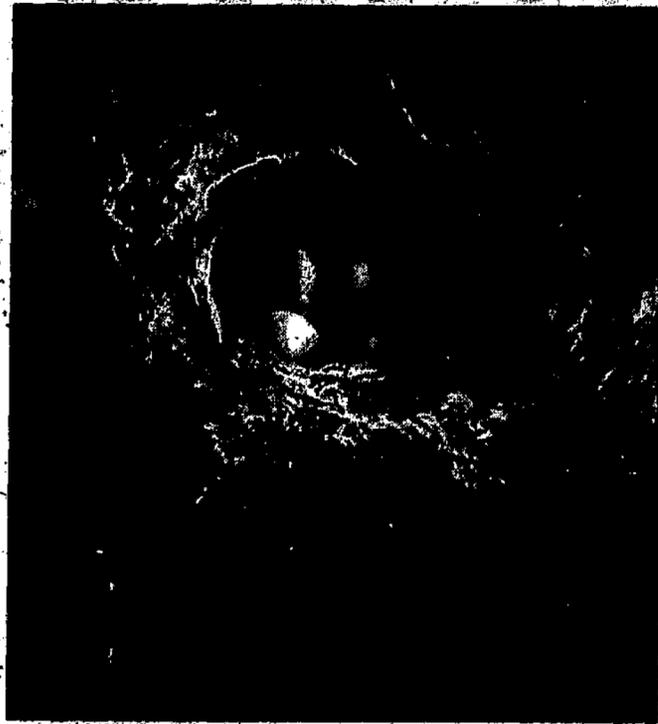
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Linda Miller

"ASPARAGUS FERN NEST," is a good example of Linda Miller's Vermeer-like painting style. For more, turn to PAGE 6D

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Winter Homecoming Dance in Ruidoso

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Everett Thompson*
VAMONOS! INTERN



Musician heals through finding life's vibrations: music, chanting and poetry

by *Dianne Stallings*
NÁMONOSI WRITER

A powerful spiritual experience many years ago moved Sarah Benson from being simply a musician to using sound as a medium of healing.

Benson, who gave a poetry reading and brief demonstration Friday in Ruidoso, said her spiritual awakening opened her up to new dimensions and guidance, all

based on an overwhelming sense of love.

Originally from Minnesota, she spent years in the Boston area and now lives in Western Massachusetts when she's not traveling. A classical musician on flute and piano, she's authored several books of poetry focused on her spiritualism and has released eight tapes of original music.

She was in Lincoln County last week for her workshop "Make Me an Instrument," sponsored by the Sierra Dove Project, a local community-building organization.

People need healing, spiritually, mentally and physically, she said.

"Lots of alternative approaches to healing exist," she said. "We're waking and remembering what we know. There's color therapy, crystal healing, acupuncture. They are very old and are coming back."

"As our consciousness expands, we remember more who we are and what our gifts are."

Following a particular healing method doesn't require any particular belief, she said.

"Embrace what is real for the person," she said.

Personally, she has come to accept that people live many lives and death isn't an end.

She began the demonstration Friday with a small shepherd's hand flute she called her "little bird."

Her poetry selections included reflections on the "total balance between masculine and feminine within our bodies, whether we are male or female,"

Another urged listeners to "free the song inside," and to open hearts "to let the song go free."

She paused briefly to chant to the beat of a drum.

When asked the language, she said, "It's just something that came through."

She asked that question of her spiritual guides in 1984, she said. She was told it was a language that came "from beyond the stars. It's a universal language."

"I continue to get that answer today."

Reading from more of her poetry, she said people should remember the important times of change in their lives, their first birthday, first death, first grandchild, their own death: "Go through the light. Don't stop there, let the unraveling continue. Let all the lives be present, let the old ones sing."

After some more reading, Benson played a haunting melody on an Indian double flute.

The audience at the Books and Beans shop responded, but Benson said healing music differs from person to person.

"There may be a similarity depending on the soul grouping, because they may be of the same vibration genre," she said. "But never is anything exactly the same."

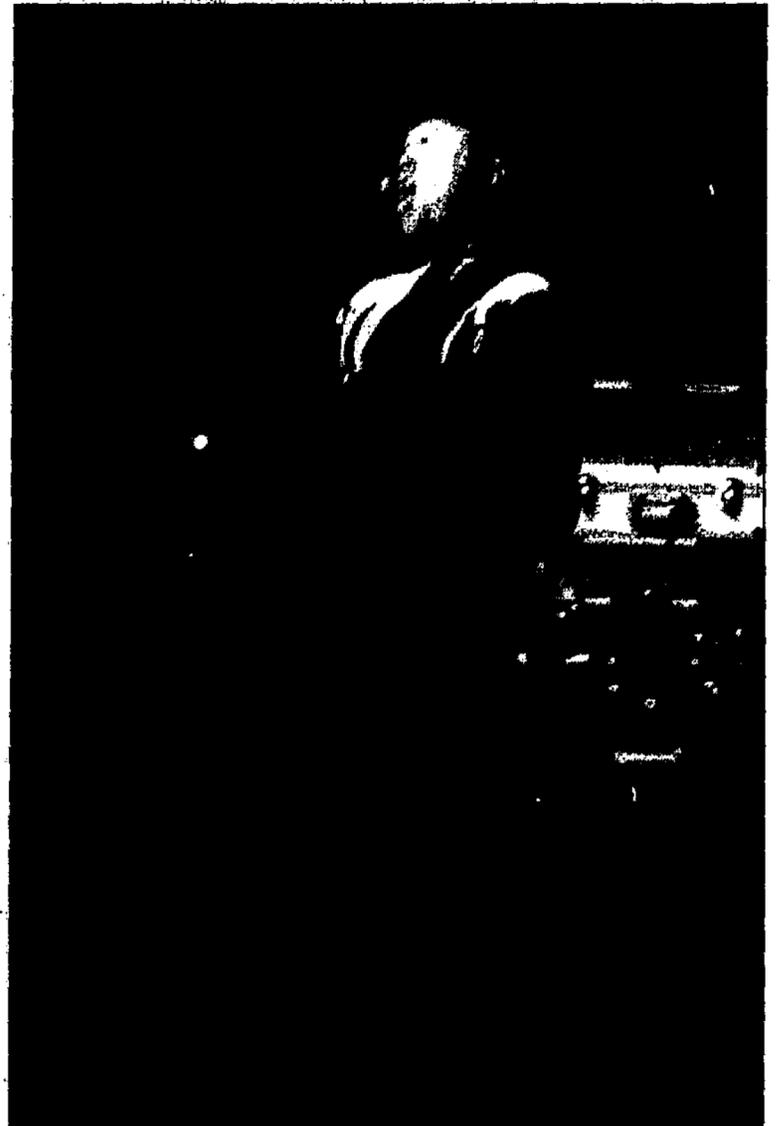
Benson consults with individuals as well as presenting workshops. She can be contacted at (413) 339-5721 or through email at Saruah@aol.com.



Dianne Stallings

SARAH BENSON is shown above. Benson gave a workshop in Ruidoso last weekend.

Garrick Sissons thrilled crowds as 'Garth Brooks at The Quarters last weekend, the second Las Vegas Live performance this year



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

Saturday, January 27

'Aida' on FM radio

"Aida" by Verdi will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with James Levine conducting. The cast includes Deborah Volgt (Aida), Olga Borodina (Amneris), Luciano Pavarotti (Radames), Mark Delavan (Amonasro), Gennady Bezzubenkav (Ramfis), Hao Jiang Tian (King). In ancient Egypt, an Ethiopian slave princess, Aida, must choose between loyalty to her beleaguered homeland and her love for Radames, the leader of the Egyptian forces.

Tuesday, January 30

After-school Tuesdays

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

Wednesday, January 31

Pre-school Storytime

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

Thursday, February 1

After-school movie

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

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

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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. 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.

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

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

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

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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

Jewelry designer/artist, Paula Becker is the January Exhibit of the Month at the Chamber of Commerce.

Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

Through April 8, drawing from dozens of private and corporate art collections throughout El Paso and the surrounding region, Roundup showcases more than 50 works of art in all media, with a strong focus on 19th-20th century American artifacts, master paintings by the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies and the Mexican modernists Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamayo, as well as major contemporary works by Matthew Barney, Ross Bleckner, James Drake, Luis Jimenez.

Movies

Thirteen Days

Drama. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language. Starring: Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood, Steven Culp, Dylan Baker, Tim Kelleher.

Directed by Roger Donaldson.

Produced by Arnyan Bernstein, Kevin Costner, Kevin O'Donnell and Peter O Almond.

Written by David Self.

Distributor: New Line Cinema

Synopsis: In *Thirteen Days*, the power and peril of the American presidency is dramatically explored by director Roger Donaldson, who captures the urgency, suspense and paralyzing chaos of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The alarming escalation of events during those fateful days brought to the fore such public figures as Robert McNamara, Adlai Stevenson, Theodore Sorenson, Andrei Gromyko, Anatoly Dobrynin, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Acheson, Dean Rusk, and General Curtis LeMay. In addition many others — politicians, diplomats and soldiers — were on the front line of the showdown.

In *Thirteen Days*, we see all of these people, — and, above all — President John F. Kennedy and his brother Bobby, through the eyes of a trusted presidential aide and confidante, Kenneth P. O'Donnell (Kevin Costner). O'Donnell, who served as Special Assistant to the President, was a key White House insider with a birdseye view of the crisis. His office was next door

to the President's Oval Office, and he was a major behind-the-scenes figure in the Kennedy White House. In the film, O'Donnell serves as a conduit to this gripping dramatization of one of the most dangerous moments in modern history. Showtimes: *1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

The Wedding Planner

Comedy and Romance. Rated PG-13 for language and some sexual humor.

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson, Judy Greer, Justin Chambers.

Directed by Adam Shankman.

Produced by Peter Abrams, Robert L. Levy, Jennifer Gibgot, Deborah Del Prete, Gigi Pritzker and Robert Levy. Written by Mike Ellis, Andrea King, Michael Ellis and Pamela Falk.

Distributor: Columbia TriStar
Synopsis: When you spend most of your time as a busy wedding planner organizing other people's romances and weddings, there isn't much time left to think about your own love life. And what happens when you finally meet Mr. Perfect? He turns out to be the groom of the wedding you're planning!
Showtimes: *1:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:45 p.m.

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., 7 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 direc-



Courtesy

Steven Culp (Robert F. Kennedy), Bruce Greenwood (John F. Kennedy) and Kevin Costner (Kenny O'Donnell) in New Line's *Thirteen Days*.

tor 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: 4:15 p.m., *9:45 p.m.

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Popular Viennese concert coming to Macey Center

Socorro — The Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque will bring its popular "A Night in Vienna" concert to New Mexico Tech's Macey Center at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Viennese concert is part of Tech's Performing Arts Series, and will be the fourth and final performance of what has become a Chamber Orchestra post-holiday tradition.

Each of the other three Viennese concerts, in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Placitas, sold out, and the Socorro venue is expected to draw regular PAS members as well as out-of-town music lovers.

The concert is being sponsored by Science Application International Inc. and TIAA-CREF, both first-time sponsors and faithful patrons of the arts, and New Mexico Arts.

"This is the Chamber Orchestra's most popular concert of the year," said Ronna Kalish, longtime PAS director. "People love Viennese music, and the Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque hasn't been to Socorro in some time." Kalish credits violist and former Helios Quartet member Willy Sucre of "Willy and Friends" with helping organize the concert.

Conducting the Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque is David Oberg, musical director and general manager of the orchestra for 26 seasons. The orchestra said Oberg has been performing "A Night in Vienna" since 1989.

"Psychologically, after the holidays, some people feel a letdown," he said. "This [concert] is a way to get them back up again." The concert's popularity has grown over the past dozen years, Oberg said, in part because of the familiarity of works by members of the Strauss family.

Oberg, however, alluded to what might be another reason for the success of the Viennese series. "Despite the gaiety of all these works — and they are great pieces of music — there is an undertone of something almost melancholy at times, which is kind of like life itself."

The Viennese series also marks efforts by the Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque to reach people in communities that don't often experience live performances.

Socorro, said Oberg "is certainly a wonderful community, and the facility [Macey Center] is very nice. And, of course, working with Ronna Kalish is always a pleasure."

Visitors to Macey Center for "A Night of Vienna" also will find an improved concession service. "Macey is now offering pastries by Martha's Black Dog, and fine coffees from Whittings Coffee in Albuquerque," said Kalish.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for children under 12, and \$8 for seniors. They can be purchased at the New Mexico Tech Bookstore, the Cashier's Office in Brown Hall; and at the following Socorro businesses: Brownbilt's Western Wear, Video Shack and Video Tyme.



The Arts

Reflections

Story by
Sandy Suggitt
IVAMONOS! EDITOR

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enriette Wyeth remarked, when she saw Linda Miller's painting, "The name is signed too big. Paw (N.C. Wyeth) said if it's that good, they'll walk up to see who painted it. If it's that bad, you don't want them to know who painted it."

Wyeth commented that the two shared the same palette, Miller said, "and she said we're going in the same direction," although Miller had never seen Wyeth's paintings before meeting her.

This was the beginning of a 10-year mentorship between Wyeth and Miller, when the latter was 19 years old. For the next five years, Miller drove back and forth between Snyder and San Patricio with five new paintings, and Wyeth critiqued them, often brutally, concluding with "This is a wonderful painting. It makes me want to paint."

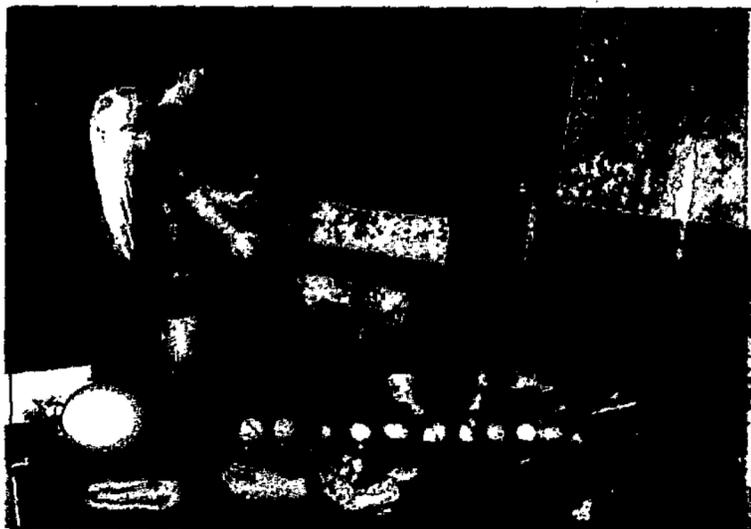
Miller, who's lived in the Hondo Valley since 1972, grew up in a ranching and farming family in Snyder, Texas, and her mother, who was a seamstress, actively stimulated her creativity.

"She encouraged me to follow my heart and to follow my dream, (saying) that I was capable of doing the things that I dreamed of," the artist said. "I can remember when I was five, drawing. I knew then that I wanted to be an artist. My first-grade teacher had my mother come up to look at a painting of a horse I'd done. Then, when I was 14, my great-aunt took me to Ruidoso for lessons with Katherine Hail Travis, who didn't take students under 16 because they don't know proportion." Travis ended up recruiting the teenager to help her teach.



Sandy Suggitt

LINDA MILLER holds one of her 200 chickens (some of which model for paintings).



Sandy Suggitt

MILLER'S STUDIO is full of still-evolving still lifes — fascinating collections of items that mean something to the artist.



When she was 19, the Snyder High School assistant principal, Merrill Kayser, saw Miller's "Onions and Cherries" painting and said, "Henriette Wyeth!" He then introduced her to the director of Texas Tech Museum in Lubbock, who was friends with Wyeth and her husband, artist Peter Hurd.

Hurd had an opening in Hobbs, and Miller and the director took a dozen of her paintings along to show him, standing them against Hurd's camper for an informal viewing.

"Peter said, 'But Henriette will never help you,'" Miller

"It was very inspiring to me," she said. "It made me want to go home and work twice as hard."

When she was 21, the director of the Texas Tech Museum put on a show of Miller's work, and Wyeth and Hurd backed the show and wrote the preface for it:

"... In her work, we have what could almost be described as a phenomenon — for here is a young person willing to go to the basic things needed in the training of any serious painter; the study of draftsmanship, of color and design. So often the ambitious student naively believes there is a shortcut to the near perfection of the masters. ..." The show sold out in 45

minutes, launching Miller's career.

In 1972, after five years of traveling from Snyder to San Patricio with a new batch of paintings every two or three months, Miller moved to Picacho. Then in 1976, she bought land and began building a house and a studio patterned after Wyeth's, with its window facing the North Star for indirect lighting.

"You get more beautiful shadows with less light," Miller said. "I don't paint from photographs because I have to see how the light reflects. I love reflection: You lose the context without shadows."

In 1985, Miller quit showing her work in galleries because she wanted to know the people who collected her paintings, and she found that when they knew why she painted what she did, it meant more to them.

Many of Miller's paintings are of the many animals that have come to live with her (besides horses, dogs, sheep, goats and cats, she has about 200 chickens), and somehow she persuades them to pose for hours in the same position — a goat named Miss Lily, a pair of barely-hatched chicks, a newborn colt, a rooster. Other paintings are of the myriads of objects collecting in her studio, waiting — sometimes for years — until they're "ready" to paint.

"I paint things that mean something to me," she said. "I don't turn out a lot of paintings. The elk skin dress took a year to turn out, but others I do in half a day. ... With the dress, every bead is counted."

Miller finds painting extremely hard work, even after more than 40 years of daily painting. At times, she said, she'd like to give up. Once she asked Wyeth if it gets easier, and Wyeth replied, "No; it only gets harder."

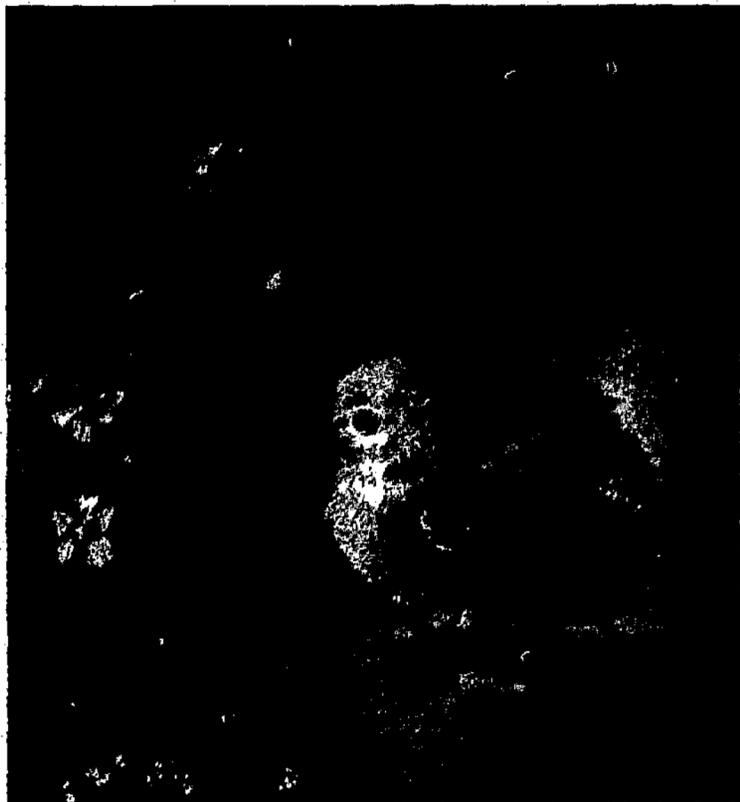
Recently, Miller discovered a new printing process called Lumira that produces prints of her paintings so vivid they "made John Meigs think they were original brushwork," she said. She also has a line of note cards of her best-known paintings.

Miller's story continues to unfold: A filmmaker and writer is preparing a scripted documentary film on Miller's life and work that is expected to be filmed in 2002, and she's turning to some new subjects for her paintings.

Although Miller has done some landscapes, now she plans to do a series of night scenes and is studying the New Mexico skies at full moon in preparation.

"I have to be able to work in the dark," she said. "I want to do it for a show the first week in November at Scurry County Museum in Snyder."

The show will be up for a month and, for the first time, Miller will give gallery lectures on her paintings to college students in conjunction with the show's opening.



Above left: detail of "Two and the Half Shell." Above is "Joseph's Coat."

Center left is "Prayer." Below is "They Honor Her," a painting of an elk skin dress used by a Lakota Indian woman to attend tribal meetings.

Below left is a photograph of the first painting Henriette Wyeth saw of Miller's work, "Onions and Cherries."

These photographs were taken by Linda Miller, except "They Honor Her," which was taken by Sandy Suggitt.



recalled. Within two months, Wyeth was at an opening of the paintings of her father, N.C. Wyeth, in Snyder, and the museum director and his "pushy wife" shoved Miller onto the bus taking the artists from the Diamond M Museum in Snyder to the country club — with "Onions and Cherries" in her arms.

After the comment about the signature being too large, the two visited for the rest of the afternoon, and from then on, Miller drove to San Patricio for Wyeth's critiques.



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The party's at Sewell Skating Rink in Zenith Park off Highway 82 in Cloudcroft. Refreshments will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Bring your own skates, or, if you have none, Mel Adams will provide you with skates for free.

There will be a bonfire, hot chocolate and coffee, a marshmallow and hot dog roast, and other munchies provided for the guests. You can't beat this great excuse for anyone to get away to the mountains.

Make a weekend of it and enjoy skiing, tubing, snowmobiling or spend the day eating at local cafes and shopping on the boardwalk.

The Paul Taylor Dance Company to perform in Santa Fe

Santa Fe Stages opens its seventh annual summer festival and its inaugural performances at the Lensic Performing Arts Center with the return of The Paul Taylor Dance Company.

A giant among modern dance choreographers, the 93-year-old Taylor has perfected a style of dance that is entirely his own and is at the same time uniquely American — a style that celebrates vigor, athleticism and strength. The Paul Taylor Dance Company's 1998 Stages performances were completely sold out. During this visit, they will perform two completely different programs of visceral, stellar contemporary dance.

Performances are at 8 p.m., May 24-26, and at 3 p.m., May 27, at Santa Fe Stages at the Lensic Performing Arts Center, 211 West San Francisco Street. Tickets to Santa Fe Stages' 2001 season range in price from \$8 to \$50. The Day Seat program invites theatergoers to queue up at 10 a.m. on the day of the performance for a limited number of \$8 tickets. Half-price tickets to children ages 3-18, \$10 discounts to educators, \$2 discounts to seniors and active military, and half-price Student Rush tickets one hour prior to the curtain.

For more information, call (505) 982-6683.



Artist's Bulletin Board

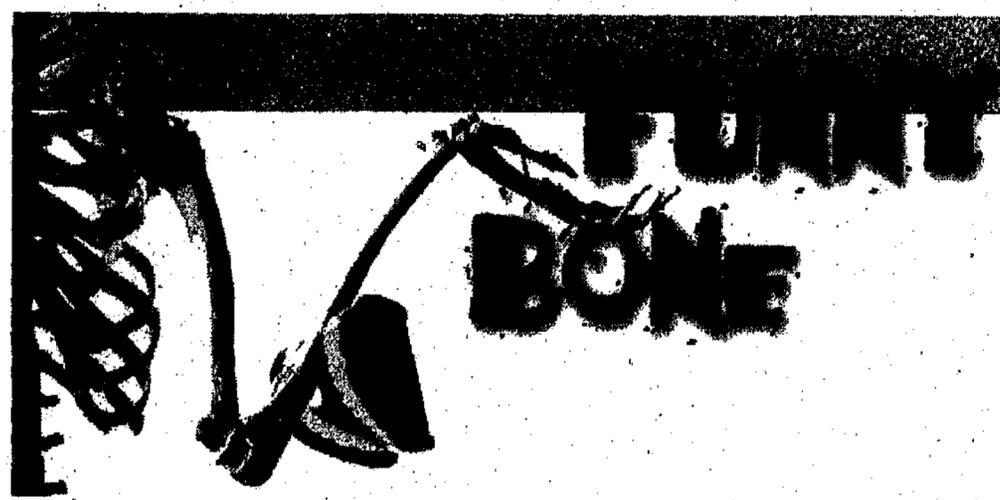
Through March 16 at Paula White's Home Study School of Art, a 10-week course in watermedia/watercolor or acrylics will be offered 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m., for \$25 per class.

White has painted professionally for 25 years and has been teaching beginner to professional artists. White is thorough and organized in her teaching skills. Lessons in the Paula White Home Study School of Art will be used in the class. Lessons on color, design, composition and abstraction will be covered.

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By the way, those turkey snakes have fangs, too



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Despite these safeguards, newspapers are not perfect, as evidenced by the recent front-page *New York Times* story incorrectly identifying Gen. Colin Powell as "the capital of Guam." (He is, in fact, the capital of Vermont.) But what makes newspapers special is that, in the words of the great 17th century editor Walter Cronkite, "When we mess up, we fess up."

That's why I want to correct an error I made recently in a column on preparing a Thanksgiving turkey. Specifically, I wrote that you should be careful when reaching inside the turkey, because:

"... you are intruding upon the territory of the deadly North American gilet snake, which can grow, coiled inside an innocent-looking 12-pound turkey, to a length of 55 feet. In one of the most horrifying moments in cooking history, one of these monsters attacked Julia Child during her live 1978 Thanksgiving TV special; it would have strangled her if she had not known exactly where to insert her baster."

After that column appeared, I received a letter, which I am not making up, from a woman in Lima, Ohio, who stated:

"I have a friend that will not eat turkey now and is afraid to put her hand in the cavity to clean one. I tried to tell her it was humor and no way could a 12-pound turkey hold a 55-foot snake, nor could Julia Child kill one with a baster. She is not to be consoled. Please write about this in the near future, so my friend can enjoy turkey again."

I also received a letter from a woman in Canada who said that her 83-year-old mother now refuses to eat turkey because "people were finding snakes in

the internal cavity." So it seems that my column inadvertently started an "urban myth," like the one about albino alligators in the New York sewers, or the one about the president of the United States being chosen by some "Electoral College."

To clear this up, I did some research on the Internet. I wish I'd done so sooner, because with just a few mouse clicks, I was able to locate many photographs of naked people. After researching these for several days, I went to an Internet research site and typed in the words "turkey snakes"; this led me to a site called "Reptiles and Amphibians of Europe," where I learned that there is a snake, found in Turkey, called the Large Whip Snake, or, in Latin, "coluber jugularis jugularis" (literally, "chronic truncator") that grows to a length of 120 inches. According to the description, this snake "... strikes with an open mouth ... the recurved teeth are apparently very difficult to remove if lodged in the skin."

So I want to set the record straight about reaching into turkey cavities: There is NO DANGER that a 55-foot snake will strangle you. The snake will be at most 10 feet long, and it will merely lodge its teeth permanently in your skin. My mistake!

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This does not mean, however, that we should let our guard down regarding poultry. I say this in light of news reports, sent in by many alert readers, concerning a woman in Newport News, Virginia, who purchased a box of chicken wings at a fast-food restaurant that, in the interest of avoiding a lawsuit, I will call by the totally made-up name "Fcfonald's." Inside the box, the woman found — you guessed it — Walter Cronkite.

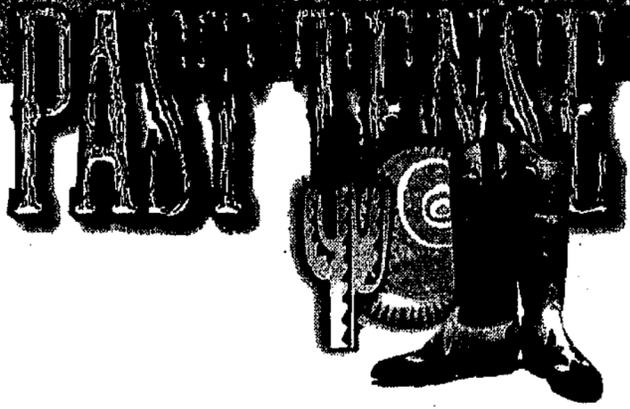
No, seriously, she allegedly found a deep-fried chicken head. She alerted the media, which published photographs of the chicken head: It looks like Sen. Strom Thurmond, only with a more-natural hairstyle. When I saw this, I got right back on the Internet, because I wanted to answer a question that has no doubt already occurred to you: Is there a band called the Chicken Heads? It turns out there is. Some band members dress as chickens, but before you dismiss them as a bunch of "wackos," bear in mind that other members dress as a giant carrot and a wedge of cheese. They have a song called "The Man Without Nostrils."

I hope this clears up any confusion. If you have further questions, please write to me, c/o This Newspaper, 123 Main St., Colin Powell, VT 12345. I'll be at the bar.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the *Miami Herald*. Write to him c/o *The Miami Herald*, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.)

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Drew Gombor
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Entertainment, Oklahoma Style: better than television

The son of the legendary Sam Temple was something of a volatile character himself and after a couple of verbal disagreements and one where it looked as though shooting would be involved, local citizens waited breathlessly to see if Houston and the Jennings would actually shoot it out.

The best known outlaws from the early days of Oklahoma are arguably the Daltons and the Doolin gang, all of whom were either dead or in jail by the turn of the 20th century. Among

Bill Doolin's more able recruits was an outlaw known as "Little" Dick West. Dick was one of the few gang members still among the living when Doolin himself was dispatched to the Hereafter by lawman Heck Thomas one dark night in August of 1896.



AL JENNINGS is open for business.

Courtesy

West, like so many other outlaws of the time, failed to see the writing on the wall. Instead of seeking healthier climes and a new line of work, he elected to form his own gang and pick up where Doolin had left off. And that was, eventually, a terminal mistake. However, before his own demise, West was responsible for helping to launch the careers of the Jennings brothers, two Oklahoma outlaws who were, well, *different*, from most of their contemporaries.

Attorneys

There are many among you who would undoubt-

edly argue that the transition from attorney to outlaw is not necessarily a big jump, but that of course, is a matter of opinion. Whatever the case, the Jennings brothers, Ed, Frank, John and Al, were all attorneys. At least at first.

Among the Jennings' rivals in Woodward, Oklahoma, was a lawyer by the name of Temple Houston. The son of the legendary Sam, Temple was something of a volatile character himself and after a couple of verbal disagreements and one where it looked as though shooting would be involved, local citizens waited breathlessly to see if Houston and the Jen-

nings would actually shoot it out. They didn't have to wait long.

One night in October of 1895, as Houston and a friend, an ex-sheriff by the name of Jack Love, were having a few drinks together, Ed and John Jennings approached them. When Houston spied Ed, he got to his feet, saying "Ed, I want to see you for a minute."

Ed got right to the point. "See me here and now," he snarled and jerked a revolver. At that point, two things happened: Both men's pistols roared and the lights in the saloon were suddenly extinguished.

Pandemonium reigned as muzzle flashes illuminated the establishment in a surreal, almost black-light effect. When the lights came back on, John Jennings was lying on the floor, moaning with a shattered arm. Ed Jennings also lay on the floor, but he made no sound. This was because he had a shattered skull.

Embittered after Houston was absolved of any wrongdoing, both Frank and Al Jennings hit the outlaw trail, vowing revenge on Houston. Luckily for both Jennings brothers, neither of them ever actually confronted Temple, as neither was a match for him with a pistol. Nevertheless, in 1897 they sought out Little Dick West and joined the ranks of his fledgling gang. They certainly didn't waste any time planning their robberies, as the results prove beyond any shadow of a doubt.

Their first robbery, at Edmond, Oklahoma, turned out to be classified under the heading of "attempted robbery." After fleeing the scene with no loot and then leading lawmen on a merry chase around the countryside, the gang then attempted to rob the "Katy" train south of Muskogee. After spending quite a while piling railroad ties and other debris on the tracks, the would-be bandits stood and gaped as the engineer simply built up a head of steam and plowed right through their obstruction. After that debacle, they were spotted "casing" the Santa Fe station at Purcell, Oklahoma, and skulked off before lawmen arrived.

The end of Little Dick

Even when they were successful, they weren't. On October 1, 1897, the gang took a group of section hands of the

Rock Island Railroad prisoner and forced them to flag down the train. That having been accomplished, Dick West and Al Jennings climbed aboard and set an obscenely large charge of dynamite next to the two safes in the Express Car. Well, the car itself was blown to Kingdom Come, but the safes remained unopened. Frustrated, the gang again took off empty-handed, and with a huge contingent of possemen scouring the area for them, headed for a hideout near Guthrie. It was about this time that Little Dick West, possibly recalling how much better things had gone when he was riding with Bill Doolin, took his leave of the Jennings brothers and the rest of the gang and went off to get himself killed by lawmen elsewhere — which is another story entirely.

The sun was setting on Tulsa on November 29, 1897, when lawmen Joe Thompson and Lon Lewis prepared to take off in pursuit of the Jennings gang. The lawmen had received a tip that the gang was holed up on the Spike S Ranch, some four miles south of Bixby and formed a posse to go and investigate. Aside from Thompson and Lewis, there was John McClanahan, Jake Elliot and Gus Thompson, a son of Joe who was old enough to go along on such a dangerous assignment. Joe would have been less than pleased to know that two of his other sons, neither of whom were anywhere near old enough to go along, invited themselves on the trip — unbeknownst to their father, of course.

Boys will be boys

The two lads, Noble and Roy, had noticed the activity surrounding the departure of their father's posse and had overheard talk of the Jennings boys. The name Jennings had been prominently featured in local headlines lately and the two boys decided that it would be fun to tag along and watch the excitement. Of course, when they followed along, both mounted on the same mare, they were careful to keep out of sight and earshot.

On the road, the posse was joined by Paden Tolbert and Bud Ledbetter of the Muskogee District. The two underage boys kept their distance right up to and including the time that the posse surrounded the Spike S.

The Jennings gang had a richly deserved reputation for incompetence and did not let the lawmen down on this occasion. As the two boys watched breathlessly from their place of concealment, the possemen found one of the gang members asleep in a wagon near the house. True to form, this fellow had been left as a guard. He was taken into the barn, tied and gagged.

The lawmen then got ready for what they assumed was going to be a shootout. They weren't disappointed. Paden Tolbert, probably the most experienced of the lawmen, took cover behind a chimney that was a remnant of a burned-out house. Lewis and Ledbetter remained in the barn; Gus and Joe Thompson took position in a thicket while Elliot and McClanahan concealed themselves behind a stone wall. The stage was set. The posse settled in to wait for dawn, little realizing that they had an audience in the form of two small boys.

At first light, outlaw Clarence Enscoe came out of the house, heading for the barn to feed the stock. As soon as he entered, he was taken prisoner by Lewis and Ledbetter. Enscoe was placed with his fellow outlaw in the barn, all trussed up and nowhere to go. Well, Enscoe was a brother to Mrs. Harless, operator of the Spike S, and in a short time, his sister came looking for him. The lawmen confronted her in the barn and sent her back to the house with a message for the rest of the gang: surrender — "or else." They then instructed the lady to leave the premises should the outlaws refuse to surrender. As you might expect, in a short time, Mrs. Harless exited the house in the company of another woman and a small boy — and the lawmen knew that the fun was about to begin. Incidentally, it should be noted that while they were incompetent, the outlaws were not without scruples. Much to their credit, they did not attempt to use Mrs. Harless or the others as hostages. Additionally, Al Jennings sent a message of his own out with her: as far as surrendering went, he would "die first."

The shootout

As soon as the "civilians" left the place, gunfire erupted. The number of shots fired was not recorded, but it must have been a substantial amount,

because all sorts of crockery and utensils were destroyed by the heavy fire that the lawmen poured into the place. In addition to bullet-ridden crockery, the outlaws themselves also managed to make the acquaintance of some of the bullets fired by the lawmen, and all three of them — Al and Frank Jennings and Morris O'Malley — received flesh wounds during the battle.

Suddenly the bandits burst from the back door of the place, guns blazing. All three managed to make the safety of a nearby orchard. From there, they fled into the brush with the posse in hot pursuit. The two boys, Noble and Roy, went back home — having just witnessed a slice of history. As you can well imagine, seeing something like this was a big deal to a couple of kids. Come to think of it, it would have been a big deal whether they were kids or not!

O'Malley and the Jennings brothers fled to a nearby farm owned by a family named Buck, where they liberated a buckboard and two ponies, fleeing in the direction of Okmulgee. The lawmen outwitted them and, taking a shortcut, felled a tree in the road where they knew the outlaws would be traveling. Sure enough, the tree was no sooner in place than the three outlaws in the buckboard came thundering down the road. When the horses came to a rearing stop, the lawmen leapt from concealment and covered the three miscreants. Despite his claims of intending to die

before surrendering, Al Jennings decided that discretion was indeed, the better part of valor and meekly turned his weapons over to the lawmen. It was over.

Epilogue

Al Jennings, like a number of the other old-time outlaws, became a model prisoner and was paroled in 1902. Twelve years later, in 1914, he ran for governor of Oklahoma. Don't laugh. He came in third for the Democratic nomination with a whopping 21,000 votes! He also, hard as it may be to believe, became an evangelist. Ultimately, Al became an advisor for Hollywood films, even playing himself in one of them. He lived to be nearly 100 years old, spending the greater part of the remainder of his life capitalizing on his career in crime. Who says crime doesn't pay?

And Noble and Roy Thompson, the two boys who witnessed the gunfight? Well, they had a story that they could tell to their grandchildren. And they did, too. I got much of this story from a descendant of Roy's: Nora Midkiff.

Sources: *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal; *Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West* by Richard Patterson; the files of the *Tulsa News*, 1/15/1961 and Nora Midkiff, descendant of Roy B. Thompson and to whom I am indebted for her assistance in the reconstruction of the events related in the above story.

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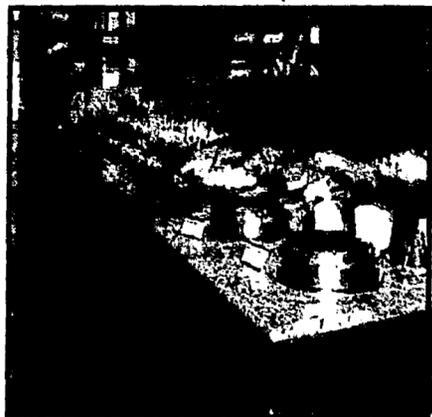
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Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

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257-9355 • 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun. • Thurs.; 11 a.m. to
10:30 p.m. • Fri. and Sat.

SANTINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

(formerly Che Bella)



Enjoy regional Italian cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere. Join us in our cozy lounge for cocktails and conversation. It's where Ruidoso meets. Open nightly. Reservations welcome.

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257-7540 • 2823 Sudderth
Lounge opens 4:30 p.m.
Dining at 5 p.m.

THE DECK HOUSE RESTAURANT



Chef Tony Carpenter and his staff welcome you to the Deck House Restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner! Come and enjoy a cold beer with your sour cream enchiladas. Now serving our "House Specialty Frozen Sangria" to go with all of your favorites.

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257-3496 • 200 Mechem in Adobe Plaza
WINTER HOURS:
SERVING LUNCH 7 DAYS
A WEEK STARTING at 10:30AM
DINNER: FRIDAY & SATURDAY until 9:00PM
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FARLEY'S FOOD FUN & PUB



Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

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258-5676 • 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
The restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m.
7 days a week

THE INNCREIBLE RESTAURANT & SALOON



The InnCredible Restaurant and Saloon is truly INNCREIBLE. For 33 years we have been serving loyal locals and visitors the finest PRIME RIB, steaks, seafood, Lamb, Poultry, and Pastas in a cozy, mountain atmosphere, Australian Lobster Tail Special on Wed. Alaskan King Crab Legs on CRABBY MONDAY. Full bar and great wine list. Bar - 3:30pm - Dining - 5:30pm Reservations Recommended - we are very popular!

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Hwy 48N at Ski Run Rd. - Alto
336-4312

MICHELENA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & CATERING



We make it good - we serve you plenty & we don't charge alot! Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

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2703 Sudderth Dr., Midtown in Ruidoso
257-5753
Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.

LA LORRAINE



Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu times including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb, and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

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257-2954 • 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso (in midtown)
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Dinner: Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m. • Friday and
Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.

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5 ACRE COTTAGE RESORT- for sale by owner \$1.5 million, 4.4xgross, 13 cabins with large comfortable home. Upper Canyon. Call 257-2557.

ANGEL FIRE, NM - Beautiful home located in the Ski Village 3BD/2BA, large game room, 2 car garage. \$199,500 will consider trade for comparable Ruidoso property. Kay Krezer Ruidoso Realty Group 630-3100

CAPITAN AREA
New on market, 161 W. Granview, 1995, 16X80 on 1+/- acre, great fireplace, large rooms, furnished! Nice home!
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030 LAND FOR SALE

CAPITAN, 2.8 AND 4 ACRE lots. All set-up for RV's, single widos or doublewidos. City water. 354-7000 or 430-5557

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1/2 acre +/- parcel all utilities available, starting @ 12K, manufactured housing allowed. Also, several pieces of large acreage available in the county.
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DRASTICALLY REDUCED! Great house, great location, for great family. You won't find anything this nice in this price range! FSBO: Juniper Hills, 3bd/2ba, on 1/2 acre partially wooded lot. Paved road, double carport, all city utilities; appliances can be included. Call weekdays: 356-4231; week nights: 258-3891; weekends: 354-2379. **MUST SELL!**

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LOCATION 217 & 219 Walton Circle. Each lot is 40X100, non-metered water well. Single car garage. Asking \$30,000 terms available

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GREAT BUYS

BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS
Super vacation or permanent appeal, big wood vaulted ceiling. Fully furnished, beautiful fireplace. Tall pines around this 3 Br, 3 Ba home \$229,000. #94062
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RECENTLY BUILT
Cedar sided, metal roof, large garage/workshop, lots of parking, custom oak cabinets, walk in closets in bedrooms. \$120,000. #93706
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Income property consisting of 7 units in 2 locations, 6 mobiles & 1 house. \$160,000. #81833
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MANUFACTURED ADD-ON
on 2 lots, level access, big deck, fully furnished. Owner financing, wood stove & lots of parking. \$49,000. #94239
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PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY! Approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of building. Prime location on Mechem, backs up to the Links golf course, close to the new post office and convention center! Owner financing available. \$450,000.

IDEAL FOR SKIERS OR FULL TIME LIVING! This nice end unit has an attractive setting with Eagle Creek frontage. Back deck overlooks the creek. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo boasts fireplace, breakfast bar, and appliances. It would also make an attractive rental property. \$89,900!

ALTO VILLAGE FULL MEMBERSHIP LOT! Check out this buildable lot for the money! Full Alto golf membership, approximately .32+/- acres. Could make a great location for a vacation or spec home. Only \$25,900!

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JUST LISTED in Glencoe. 83 acres with very well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath older home, barn, bunk house, commercial building with U.S. Highway 70 frontage, 75 tree orchard with water rights. Commercial building is presently used as a cafe, but rural zoning allows lots of possibilities for owner operate business. \$349,000.

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THIS COUNTRY HOME HAS 3BD/2BA with hot tub: 3 flat acres with River Frontage, fruit trees, 50x50 barn with stable and corral. Good location, nice view, 1 mile from race track. Part of an estate. (505) 257-1888 Owner Agent

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SMALL 2BD/2BA, unfurnished, kitchen appliances only, fireplace heat, \$450/mo, \$45/water. Available now. Call Casas de Ruidoso, Inc. 257-7577 or toll free 1-888-257-7577.

SMALL TWO-BEDROOM with carpet \$350, plus utilities and \$100, deposit 378-4398

SPACIOUS 1BD ON RIVER, Upper Canyon, cable, water, electric paid. References. \$575/month 257-9502

SPACIOUS FURNISHED 2BR/2BA, large kitchen, huge LR, fireplace, laundry, carport, storage. \$750/mo. 6 month lease deposit/references. Barty Beachum, Realtor 258-5441

010 REAL ESTATE

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

VERY NICE, NEARLY NEW large 3BD/1BA duplex in Capitán. Washer/Dryer and dishwasher, storage and private yard. \$410 six month lease or \$395 one year lease. References and deposit. Small pet considered. Paula 336-1146

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

LAS CASITAS DE ROSA excellent location, 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$525 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

MOVE IN SPECIAL \$675.00 2BR/1BA Single Level - Courtyard Homes. Ruidoso's all new apartment community. W.O.W. appliances w/dishwasher. Designer colors with tile & wood accents. Private w/lush landscape & some views. Within four blocks of hospital, school, churches.

Model Open 109 Nob Hill Call 257-2511 for info or brochure.

APARTMENTS ON NOB HILL

1BD APARTMENT, Available in Capitán. \$290/mo plus deposit. Water, trash and sewer paid. 354-0023 or 354-2711

CIMARRON CONDOS, \$325/mo. plus deposit, 378-5280.

CUTE & COZY! 1BD partially furnished. Good location. \$375/month. Water paid. References. 378-5250 or 257-0098

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

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

PERFECT FOR PERSON with small budget. 1 bedroom duplex, refrigerator, microwave, utilities paid, including cable. Excellent location. \$360 257-6782

SMALL FURNISHED efficiency apartment, close to race track \$275/mo. plus deposit, water paid. 378-4661

STUDIO APARTMENT, furnished. \$400/month, \$400 down, some utilities paid, pets considered. 257-0149

090 MOBILES FOR RENT

2BD/2BA, 14x76; 2bd/1ba, 12x55; HUD welcome, on river near "Y", water furnished, easy access. 378-7099 or 1-915-528-8326.

2BD/2BA, FURNISHED, fireplace, \$575/mo plus utilities. Marcia Guynas Ruidoso Realty Group 630-3100

SMALL 1BD TRAILER OFF Carrizozo Canyon Road. \$200/monthly. RV space \$140/monthly 257-5388 RV spaces Capitán 1400/monthly

010 REAL ESTATE

090 MOBILES FOR RENT

SMALL 2BD MOBILE available soon. \$300 plus utilities. \$100 deposit. 378-4396

100 CONDOS FOR RENT

3BD/3BA CONDO. \$700/MO. 2BD/2BA Condo \$600/mo. Call Filter & Associates at 378-8191

110 CABINS/VACATION RENTALS

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN, quiet, 2bd/1ba, fireplace, deck, yard. Near Furr/Mechem. \$850/mo. some utilities, \$350 deposit. 1-888-556-1348

ONE & TWO BDR CABINS and Mobile home. Furnished with kitchen. 311 Mechem 257-2435

UNFURNISHED 2BD 3/4 BA with st. \$550/month, \$200 deposit, C/D, utilities paid, no pets. References/lease 257-6844

130 ROOM FOR RENT

HOUSEMATE WANTED Responsible, Large Mid-Town home. Own bedroom/Bath. No pets. \$200 deposit \$300/month flat. 257-2390 Bruce

150 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

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

ALL SIZES STORAGE UNITS available. Affordable Storage, 263 Carrizo Canyon. Call for special 257-9417

E.J. MINI STORAGE 114 Horton Circle, across from the Hospital. 257-5699

FORTRESS MINI STORAGE at the Castle. Highway 70. All sizes, including (2) 20x60 in Prestige Cabinet Showroom 257-0313 or 257-7622

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy 48. Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9483.

170 BUSINESS RENTALS

3,500 SQ FT MIDTOWN Building on Sudderth. \$3,000 per month. Prime retail space.

2,000 sq ft Ruidoso Downs, Hwy 70 East. Lots of parking. Great for Office or Retail space. \$1,200 per month Call for more information 257-9738

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C-2 ZONING, 1,800 SQ FT 4BD/2BA house on Carrizo Canyon near Sudderth intersection. Two carports; separate entrance for possible reception + office area with bathroom access \$975/month 258-5958

FOR RENT OFFICE SUITE with 7 offices, including a reception area, handicap access. Male & female restrooms. Call Rick at 257-9570 or 354-7031.

OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE, 400 sq. ft. - \$400.00 per month, includes utilities - At the Attic, 1031 Mecham - 258-5338.

OFFICE RETAIL, 800 SQ. FT. 1204 Mecham. From \$425/mo + gas & elec, 888-735-4305

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170 BUSINESS RENTALS

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: One room to eight rooms available. Locate opposite the hospital. Inquire at LaValle Chiropractic or 257-7555

WAREHOUSE FOR RENT, approx. 1600 sq.ft. restroom, forced air heating, two 14 ft. roll up doors, 1 private entrance door. 905-434-1251 430-3114

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

A + M&M MARS/NESTLE. Established vending route. Will sell by 2/05/01. Under 9K minimum investment required. Excellent monthly profit potential. Finance available/good credit. 1-800-637-7444

CABIN OPERATION: 15 units: some rented monthly, some nightly. Also includes owner's home with garage. Many possibilities. \$385,000.00. Call Joseph A. Zagone at 420-3807, #91466.

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ESTABLISH BUSINESS FOR SALE! All inventory & 2 vehicles, large customer list, sales & service business only, serious inquiries only. WIND DANCER REALTY 257-0320

I HAVE APPROXIMATELY \$48,500 worth of inventory for sale, including art, pottery, jewelry, Southwest gifts, framing equipment, cases, counters, registers, credit card machines, file cabinets, everything to run a small business. The retail inventory will bring you anywhere from \$54,000 to \$81,000 up depending on your market. Due to health reasons, I will take \$43,500 for all. For more information, call 378-8206

1983 Dodge Ram 50 80,000 orig. miles 4X4 \$3850.00 Call Ruben @ 420-4284 ROSWELL TOYOTA 1-800-521-8012

1985 HONDA PRELUDE, \$1,500

1983 Flatbed Chevy work truck \$1,500 1985 Suburban \$1,500 378-8800

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87 CADILLAC SEDAN Deville White with big interior, needs some work. \$1,200 OBO 80 Volvo DL, great running car \$2,500 firm. Call 630-8020

95 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER seven passenger mini-van, low mileage 258-3724

96 SUBURU LEGACY Sedan L, all wheel drive, ABS, power everything \$1,500 < bluebook. Sell price \$8,925 630-2808

FOR SALE 1995 DODGE Dakota, 1989 Mercury Topaz, washing machine and other furniture. Please call 378-1434. Thank you.

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1999 Toyota Rav-4 4x4, CD, Cass., Auto, Alloy wheels, PW, PL, Call Dan at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

010 REAL ESTATE

190 AUTOS FOR SALE

1995 Toyota 4-Runner 4x4, 5 spd., PW, PL, Cass., Alloy wheels. Call Ruben at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

6 Toyota Tacoma to choose from. 97-99 models. Pick your payment, pick your color. Call Eddie, Dan, Ruben or Fritz at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

2000 Chevy 2-71 PW, PL, Alloy wheels, 4x4, CD. Beautiful truck. Call Eddie at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

1985 Toyota PU SRS. A rare find. ONLY 80K. 4X4, 5 spd. Call Fritz at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

1978 Toyota Landcruiser A Classic. 4x4 Call Fritz at Roswell Toyota 1-800-521-8012

1979 DODGE POWER Wagon, 4x4, good work truck. As is \$900 cash. 336-4856

1991 9-10 BLAZER, 4.3L 4x4, four-door, 118,000 Miles. Loaded, excellent condition. Only \$3,500 OBO 336-8435

1993 CHEVY 1500 Suburban 4 wheel drive, 3 seats, ski tracks. Excellent for ski area. Good tires. \$9,000 Call 258-5648

88 TROOPER, 4X4, 5 speed, 98 Model engine, new clutch, slave and master cylinders. \$3,500 Ron 257-3564

97 FORD EXPEDITION, Eddie Bauer. 4WD. 93K, 7 to 9 passenger. \$18,200 Call 258-5011

98 CHEVY ASTRO VAN L AWD, 8 passenger, loaded, wife's van. \$11,200 Ron 258-4381

99 GMC YUKON SLT, 4 WD, fully loaded, excellent condition, \$27,900 Call 258-1299

210 VANS FOR SALE

1990 CHEVY CONVERSION Van, 7 passenger, runs great, extremely clean, \$5,300; 1982 Dodge pick-up, runs, partially restored. 378-8072.

GREEN 1998 CHEVY Venture. 7 passenger, 5 doors, power locks/windows. Low mileage. Call Kathy (605) 378-4712

RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

1981 ALUMA-LITE 5TH Wheel, 26 ft. A/C plus awning \$8,000 258-9186

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

HOUSES: 113 WINGFIELD - Unfurnished 2 BDR (possibly 3 BDR), 1 BA with lots of room! Stove, refrigerator, W/D Hookups. \$650 + utilities.

APARTMENTS: 111 RIO ARRIBA, #6 - Unfurnished 1 BDR, 3/4 BA w/ fireplace, Refrigerator & stove. Reduced to \$600/month, includes basic utilities. NO PETS.

CABINS: 210 FIFTH STREET - Recently reduced unfurnished 2 BDR, 1 BA with refrigerator and stove, plus a Guest House, \$575 + utilities.

161 FERN TRAIL, Unfurnished 1 BDR, 3/4 BA cabin. \$400. + utilities. Stove, Refrigerator.

MOBILE HOMES: 1023 GAVLAN CANYON RD - Unfurnished 2 BDR/1BA mobile. \$425 per month (includes water) utilities. On market month to month.

CONDOS: LOOKOUT MANOR L1 - Fully furnished, 2 BDR, 1 1/2 BA. Stove, Refrigerator, Dishwasher and Washer/Dryer. \$950/month, includes utilities, basic cable and telephone. On Market, month to month. NO PETS.

Call Claudy Llc. #273528 or Kathy Llc. #359275

GARY LYDCH REALTY 257-4011

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OLD ALTO POST OFFICE BUILDING Masonry exterior, shake shingle roof, delivery area with door, paved parking lot, very level entry, some counters. \$139,500. #93981

2 LEVEL TOWN HOUSE Recently redone w/carpets. Great views of top of the Mountain Gods & Sierra Blanca. 3 Br, 2 3/4 Ba & Jacuzzi, 2 fireplaces. \$147,900. #0EJGU

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1-505-420-8715 Cell
505-257-2331 Home

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240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS
1994 ALJO 25' TRAVEL Trailer. Excellent condition...

290 PETS & SUPPLIES
NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL! Dog Grooming by Toddy!

250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES
EVERYTHING FOR HORSES Saddles, ropes, hoofknives...

PAW PRINTS DOG Grooming. Pamper your baby! Treat your best friend...

270 FEED & GRAINS
TOP QUALITY Alfalfa \$5.00 (regain in hand)

300 YARD SALES
MOVING/ESTATE SALE ANTIQUES, DECORATOR ITEMS...

Gertsberger Farm
2 miles north of Tularosa, 1.2 mile west

360 MISCELLANEOUS
\$600 UNTIL PAYDAY. BAD credit? No credit? No problem!

280 PRODUCE & PLANTS
COMPOST SIERRA CONTRACTING PRODUCERS OF WHITE MOUNTAIN COMPOST

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
MAYTAG DRYER, excellent condition, \$185 Call 257-0953

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CREDIT CARD DEBT? Avoid Bankruptcy. Stop collection calls.

Free Mulch U-Pick-Up

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GOT A CAMPGROUND membership or timeshare? We'll take it!

White Mountain Composting

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LARGE INSULATED DOG houses. Wood constructed. Call 354-3808

290 PETS & SUPPLIES
MALTESE PUPPIES (2) Males, 8 weeks old. Lovable white furballs.

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Antique Liquidators 415 12th Street Carrizozo, NM

040 HOUSES FOR SALE

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HOTPOINT ELECTRIC Range, self-cleaning oven, white \$75 257-5842

EXPERIENCE THE MOUNTAINS RARE FIND
43 Acres \$39,900.00 192 Acres/well \$119,900.00

OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 27th 10 am - 2 pm
111 Pinlon Lane in Alto New CONSTRUCTION

FOR SALE BY OWNER
If you like to entertain and enjoy having house guests, this classy home is for you.

1.76 acres (3 lots) Huge Decks and Patios 7 Sets of French Doors

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OVER STUFFED BEIGE Lounger, excellent condition \$125

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SNOW PLOW PREDATOR used 6 miles, \$2750.00, 630-8020

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STEEL BUILDING SALE! 30x40x10 - \$4,895; 30x60x12 - \$5,995;

360 MISCELLANEOUS
STEEL BUILDINGS SALE: 5,000 sq. ft. - \$14,900; 8,000 sq. ft. - \$17,900;

360 MISCELLANEOUS
WE PAY CASH FOR THE remaining payments on Trust Deeds!

370 WANTED TO BUY
WE BUY JUNK CARS. Any model, any age, any condition, anywhere in the county.

380 HELP WANTED
DIESEL MECHANIC needed. Now accepting applications. Apply in person at Ruidoso

070 HOUSES FOR RENT
FOR RENT • 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, furnished condo. \$700/mo plus utilities.

070 HOUSES FOR RENT
FOR RENT • 3 bdrm, 2 bath, furnished, including bills and cable TV, \$1095/mo.

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE
Business, building and land for sale. Call us for more information on this property in a great location near a high traffic intersection near the White Mountain area.

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**
SEE US ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

380 HELP WANTED
ACCELERATE YOUR future, run Western or 48 states. Glass/heavy 3 yrs. OTR/1 yr. flatbed exp.

380 HELP WANTED
ENCHANTMENT INN looking for front desk and lounge personnel. Apply in person 307 Hwy 70 West.

380 HELP WANTED
FULL TIME ENTRY LEVEL Position in Insurance. Benefits. Send Resume to P.O. Box 3240, Ruidoso, NM 88355

380 HELP WANTED
FULL TIME FRONT DESK position. Crown Point Condos. Apply in person. Contact Lynn Carter/Asst. Manager, Mon-Thurs., 10:00am-3:00pm, 220 Crown Drive.

380 HELP WANTED
GENERAL LABORERS needed for Cablevision Communication, Inc. Call Tabby @ 258-2359

380 HELP WANTED
HELP WANTED ANYONE willing to work. Apply at Rush Ski Shop, 101 Mechem. No phone calls.

380 HELP WANTED
HIRING ALL POSITIONS at Michelen's, please apply in person after 4:00 p.m.

380 HELP WANTED
HOUSEKEEPING position available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
Jim Spence AUTOPLEX

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'98 Subaru Legacy GT. Red sunroof, auto. Factory warranty 0 - Down - \$2999

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'99 Subaru Forester. Local car, auto. Factory warranty 0 - Down - \$3333

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'99 Dodge Durango. V8, rear air, hard seat 0 - Down - \$3888

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'98 Chevrolet N-Cab. 1.1 ton, 0 - Down - \$2999

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'91 Chevrolet Suburban. Capable for 1.1 ton, 0 - Down - \$1134

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'95 Nissan Pathfinder. 1.1 ton, 0 - Down - \$2999

190 AUTOS FOR SALE
'97 Chevrolet Tahoe. 2.8 V6, 4 door, 0 - Down - \$3666

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380 HELP WANTED
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS CAMP SIERRA BLANCA Maintenance Man/Instructor-Certified Math Teacher

380 HELP WANTED
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.

380 HELP WANTED
PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER, 2 or 3 afternoons a week. Call 257-8575

380 HELP WANTED
POSTAL JOBS \$48,323.00 yr. Now hiring-no experience, paid training, great benefits. Call for lists, days. 800-428-3680 ext. J115

380 HELP WANTED
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR Landscaping and nursery employees. Full time. Call 378-4375

380 HELP WANTED
LEGAL SECRETARY AND Receptionist needed. Experience only need apply. Please send resume to P.O. Box 2408, Ruidoso, NM 88345

380 HELP WANTED
LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER has the following immediate openings:

380 HELP WANTED
We offer a generous benefit package.

380 HELP WANTED
If interested, contact: Pam, Human Resources Box 8000 Ruidoso, NM 88355

380 HELP WANTED
LOCAL LANDSCAPING Firm seeking individuals with landscape, irrigation & maintenance experience.

380 HELP WANTED
LOOKING FOR HIGHER Income? More flexible hours? Independence? AVON has what you're looking for.

380 HELP WANTED
MEDICAL TRAINEES GET into high tech medical/dental field; paid training. Seeking H.S. grads, ages 17-34.

380 HELP WANTED
MOTEL MANAGERS Wanted! Great opportunity, seeking Motels Managers for Ruidoso lodging establishment.

380 HELP WANTED
NEED BACKHOE operator with experience digging around underground utility lines for Cablevision Communication, Inc.

380 HELP WANTED
NEED FT OBMED/SURG NM RN license competitive compensation package. Contact P. Miller, Socorro General Hospital (505) 835-8701

380 HELP WANTED
NEEDED, 43 PEOPLE TO lose up to 30 lbs by February 27. Brand New! Just Patented! Dr. Approved! Lost 23 lbs in 1 month! (888)707-5453 or www.ENewYou.Com/2be/iv

380 HELP WANTED
QUEST PERSONNEL, Inc. Positions Available: General Labor, Construction/Building, Clerical, Cooks, Counter Help

380 HELP WANTED
Insulation Installer FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY has an opening for an Insulation Installer at our location in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

380 HELP WANTED
Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center Ruidoso, New Mexico

380 HELP WANTED
Applications are being solicited for the Lincoln/Otero County Adult Basic Education program for the following position: GED Instructor (part-time)

380 HELP WANTED
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.

380 HELP WANTED
NOW HIRING DRIVERS AND PHONE OPERATORS AT BOTH LOCATIONS

380 HELP WANTED
PLEASE COME BY Between 10-2, 5-9 For Interview An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

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380 HELP WANTED

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380 HELP WANTED

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Permanent Position with well-established locally owned business. --All shifts available-- Benefits available. Health/Retirement Savings Plan. Performance raises. **APPLY IN PERSON** Come Grow with us! 2812 Sudderth Drive

380 HELP WANTED

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

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MATERNAL AND CHILD Health Coordinator - This position is active in initiating and developing conditions, activities and personal attributes that promote the well-being of individuals. Responsible for administering the Maternal and Child Health Care Program and supervising the health and support living services. The MCH Coordinator serves as both a liaison and participant in collaborative partnerships between PMS and community education or other related field, or a Registered Nurse required. Experience working as a health care team essential. Data processing, spreadsheet and word processing experience preferred. Job #00-724

To Apply: Each applicant must submit an application for appropriate job #, resume, cover letter and copy of transcripts/licenses to PMS Human Resources, P.O. Box 2267, Santa Fe, NM 87501, fax (505)982-0328. Please visit us on our website www.pms.healthierstate.org Presbyterian Medical Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer

390 WORK WANTED

Brilliant Construction

Thomas Brilliant GENERAL CONTRACTOR REBORN DECKS • REMODELING • NEW CONSTRUCTION • PAINTING 258-5198 License #NM 056319-GB 98

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Custom designed homes and remodeling. Let us show you a dream home we have built in Ruidoso. Licensed and insured. 305-624-1830.

"Dan Can" Complete Home Repair. References Available. Just Call 430-0170 Calls Returned. Appointment Only

D & D CARPET & CERAMIC Tile Sales, Installation, Free estimates, no seconds. For more information, please call Susan (505) 482-1076

DIRT WORK, TRENCHING, backhoe, land leveling, footings, landscaping, mowing. Electric service poles connects & wiring. Small dirt jobs preferred. Call 648-2668

DIRT WORK - GRADING, Excavating, gravel hauled, trenching, mowing. Septic tanks, electric lines, sewer and water lines installed. Professional, reliable service. 354-7000 or 430-5557

EARTH MOVING, Excavating, footings, trenches, roads cut, graded, culverts. Lot/Land clearing, leveling, building pads. Gravel Drives, new or repair. Bernard Excavating 378-4132, 420-0704. Licensed, Bonded, Insured.

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400 SERVICES

Patricia S. Ortiz, Attorney

505-258-9046 If in jail, call collect

1204 Mechem #11 White Mountain Plaza (North of Farley's & Bowling Center) 4 DWI • 4 Criminal Law • 4 Divorce • 4 Adoption • 4 Family Law • 4 Injuries Accidents • 4 Bankruptcy

440 FIREWOOD FOR SALE

FIREWOOD: Seasoned, split. Various types, lengths and amounts. Delivered and stacked. 257-5808

SEASONED FIREWOOD - Juniper and Pinon, pickup only. Preston Stone 354-2366

SEASONED FIREWOOD For Sale. Delivered, Juniper and Cedar \$160, Pinon \$170, Texas Oak \$210 Full Cord prices, 1/2 cords available Call 354-3119

SPLIT PINE FIREWOOD \$85. a cord. El Molino Sawmill 338-1237 or 910-4050

600 LEGALS

The branch offices to be purchased are located at 100 Smoke Bear, Capitan, New Mexico 88316 and 411 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

It is contemplated that the above offices will continue to operate as offices of First Federal Bank.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and 12 C.F.R. 683.22 of the regulations of the Office of Thrift Supervision. This notice will appear at approximately one week intervals over a 30-day period beginning January 18, 2001 and ending February 18, 2001.

Anyone desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to Regional Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 650, Irving, Texas 75082-2731. This public file is available for inspection in the Regional Office during regular business hours.

First Federal Bank Roswell, New Mexico 3288 5T(1)19,28(2)2,9,16

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 00-180

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PHILLIP D. PROVENCE, JANET E. PROVENCE and STATE NATIONAL BANK fka Sierra Bank,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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 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

400 SERVICES

LARRY'S HANDYMAN SERVICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 00-180

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PHILLIP D. PROVENCE, JANET E. PROVENCE and STATE NATIONAL BANK fka Sierra Bank,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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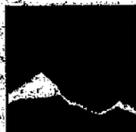
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THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 9, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$106,872.26 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 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.

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/s/ Nick Vega
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Competitively sealed bids will be received by the Owner, Village of Ruidoso Downs for IFB No. 22399.

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Project No: SAP #99-0051-S1B, SAP #00-0065-STB at Village of Ruidoso Downs, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 until February 15, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the Architect/Engineer of Record Bahannan-Huston, Inc., 425 S. Teller Blvd. Suite C-103, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Prospective bidders should attend a Pre-Bid Site Inspection which will begin at the Village of Ruidoso Downs, 122 Downs Drive on February 7, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.

This project is funded in whole or in part by a Grant from the State of New Mexico and is subject to requirements of the funding agency.

/s/ Gladys Dillard
Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Fire Marshall's Office will host a public meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2001 starting at 9:00 A.M. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Three of more Lincoln County Commissioners, Municipal Mayors, and the general public will attend this public meeting. No official county or municipal business will be conducted. The purpose of this public meeting will be to discuss revised Volunteer Fire Fight policies. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Thomas F. Stewart
Lincoln County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a Regular meeting on February 1, 2001. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 14, 2000
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - b. Selection of Meeting Dates
 - c. Adoption of Open Meetings Act
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Review of Subdivision Regulation proposed changes
 - b. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan for Sierra Blanca Airport Road, Fort Stanton Road and adjoining areas.
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURN

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary
- b. Adoption of Open Meetings Act
- c. Selection of Meeting Dates
- d. Discussion of proposed NM increase of farm and ranch taxes
- e. Comments - Invasive Plant Species

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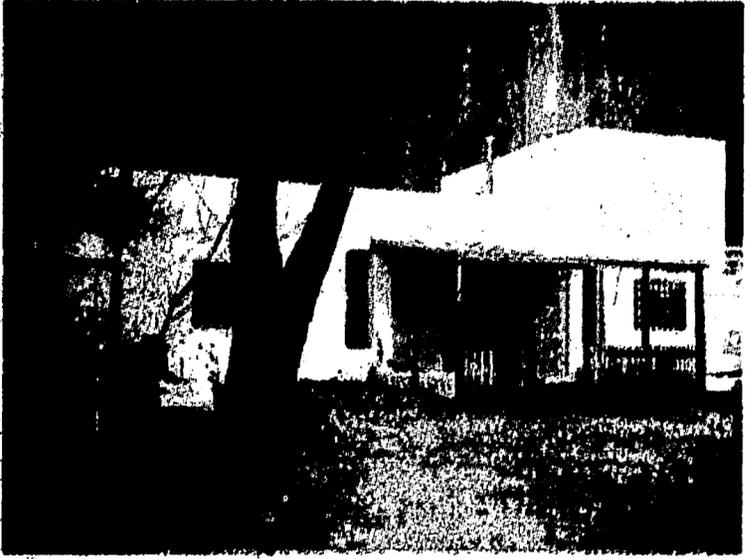
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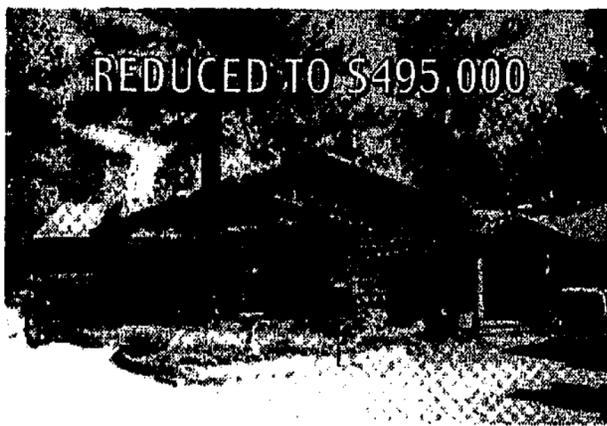
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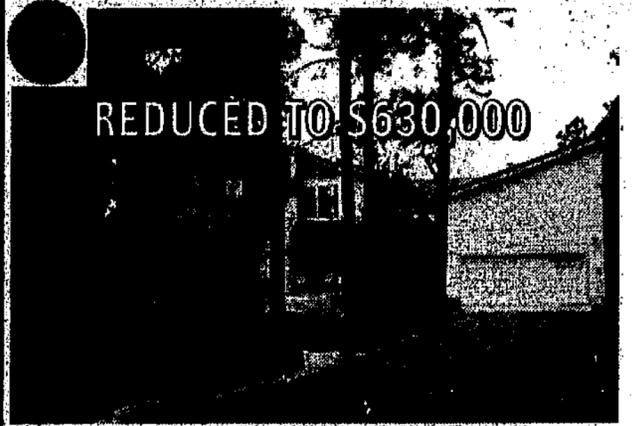
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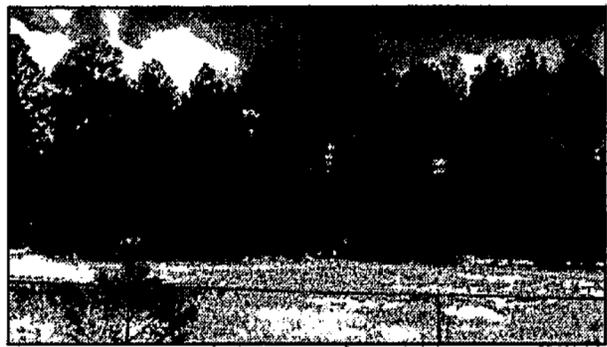


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Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

3 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished - sleeps 12 - corner location - cute and clean.

**We need new listings
for Spring inventory.**

**Call for listing
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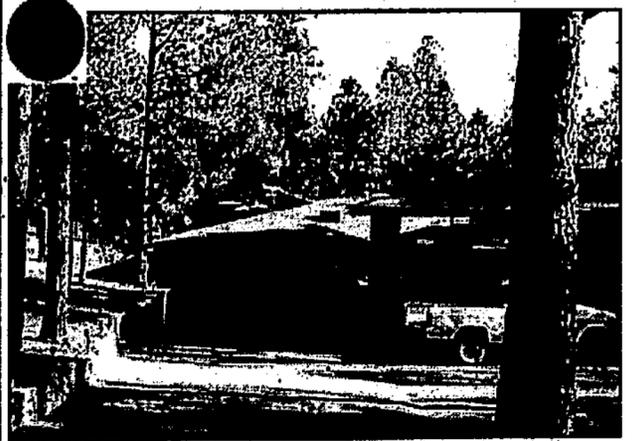


UNDER CONTRACT

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.

REDUCED TO \$269,000



Country Club Estates

Carey • ~~\$209,000~~ • 100 La Luz

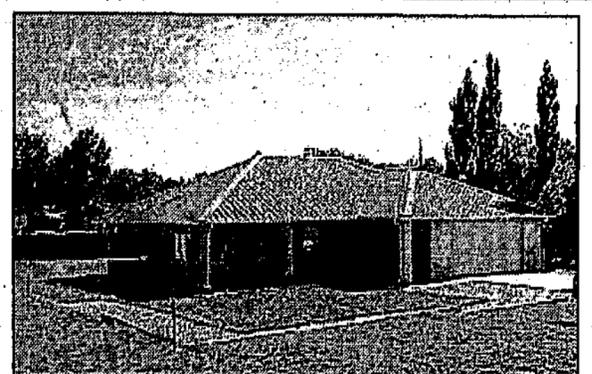
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



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.



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floor-plan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.

Call

Doug Siddens (Cell 430-8413),

Susan Miller (336-4248),

Angela Moebus (Cell 420-5327) or

Colleen Whitaker (Cell 420-1668)

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Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road

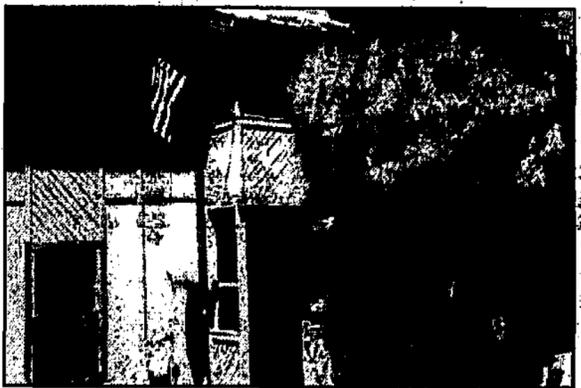
Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

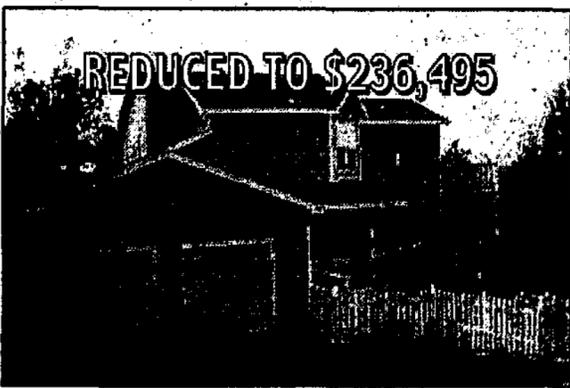
Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.



Pinon Park Condo's

Long • \$79,900 • Unit #C7

2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, completely remodeled July 2000. New carpet, paint, appliances, furniture and new wet bar.

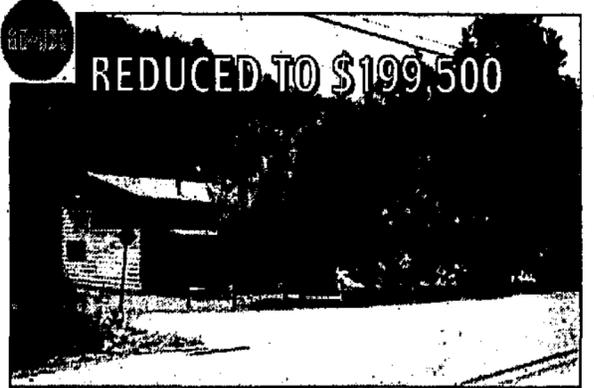


REDUCED TO \$236,495

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!



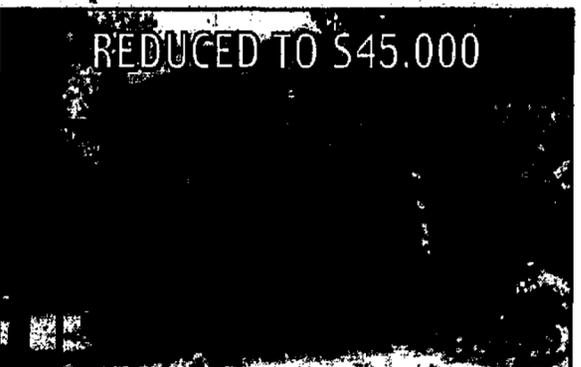
REDUCED TO \$199,500

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.

REDUCED TO \$45,000



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

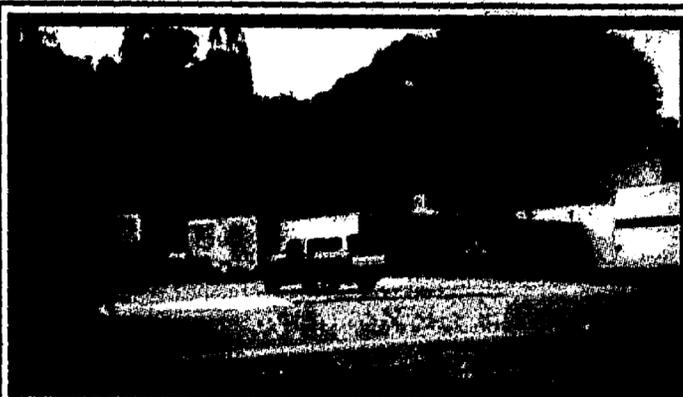
Lewicki • \$950,000 • 11+ acres on River

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights! Seller will consider dividing this property. Will sell mobile and barn separately.

REDUCED TO \$150,000

Ruidoso Water Co.!

Ruidoso Ice and Water. Water business only. \$175,000. Well established local business and 116 commercial accounts. Equipment and inventory included. Bldg. is also for sale.



Skyland Subdivision
Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door, new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



Hillside Addition
Casey • \$285,000 • 102 Cedar Creek Court

Across from Cree Meadows CC on private cul-de-sac. 5 bdrms, 2 full baths, 2 levels. Great for entertaining lots of windows - comes completely furnished. Even has new tooth brushes.



North Cedar Creek
Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level catus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1 acre, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath - partially furnished - social membership - nice lot affordable Alto!



Agua Fria Estates

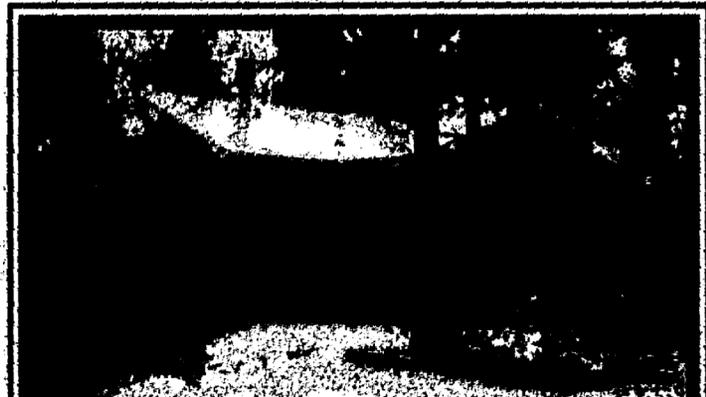
Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto

Bayless • \$425,000 • 300 French Drive

5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



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.