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Local HMO's premiums skyrocket

■ A Presbyterian plan executive cites rising rates everywhere, but some insured are finding lower rates elsewhere.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Sandra Davis opened her letter from Presbyterian Health Plan, her HMO, she literally gasped.

The company was notifying her of an increase in monthly premiums for her personal coverage from \$333 per month to \$725 — and double that to include her husband, she said.

Adding to her anxiety, she had only a few weeks during the Christmas and New Year holidays to find a new company.

"I filed a complaint with the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission, but it did no good," she said. "I haven't heard anything."

Kathy Hoyt at Gunter & Bewley CPA in Ruidoso said she faced the same type of increase. The Presbyterian HMO wanted \$1,000 per month for her coverage. She switched to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and is receiving comparable coverage for \$400 per month, Hoyt said.

A spokesman for Presbyterian Health Plan said premiums are increasing everywhere.

Todd Sandman, of Presbyterian's marketing and communications staff, cited a 2000 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the cost of health care.

"The same pressures apply in health care today," he said. "Note that 45 percent of the 2000 increase was due to prescription drugs and hospital care. Also, health care pricing in rural areas may be as much as 80 percent higher than in urban areas as a result of a smaller pool of



Phyllis Bewley of Gunter & Bewley CPA PA reviews a notice of increased premiums from the Presbyterian Health Plan, which serves many clients in the Ruidoso area.

health care providers."

But Hoyt wondered if that's the case, why was she able to find coverage for less than half the premium charged by the Presbyterian HMO?

Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez took the problem to the county commission meeting earlier this month, pointing to one of his employees who was priced out of coverage when Presbyterian asked \$1,400 per month.

Her local insurance carrier

scrambled to line up another company for her, the commissioner said.

"It's one thing to go up 10 percent to 15 percent but 100 percent to 150 percent — someone doesn't want to be offering coverage in this area," Martinez said.

Presbyterian Health Plan is a division of Presbyterian HealthCare Services. The mother corporation operates three divisions, health insurance, a physicians network based in Albuquerque and a hospital delivery network that includes

eight hospitals either owned or managed by the company, Sandman explained.

Lincoln County's hospital in Ruidoso is managed by Presbyterian HealthCare Services.

"The problem I see is that we, the same taxpayers being hit by these premium increases, are helping to support the hospital through the special property tax levy," Martinez

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Runnels now permanent head of P&Z

SBY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Former lieutenant governor Mike Runnels started work Wednesday as the new director of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department.

The position is not temporary, which was one of the options discussed with Mayor Robert Donaldson, said Village Manager Alan Briley.

"He's the full-time director," Briley said Thursday.

Runnels, who served under Gov. Toney Anaya from 1983-86, is well known in Ruidoso. He was associate village attorney for the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Board from 1987 to 1989, and has been county attorney for Cibola and Valencia counties and a city councilman in Santa Fe. Most recently, he was district attorney for the 10th Judicial District, where he was in charge of general supervision and budget for a three-county area.

"I've lived here and worked here," Runnels said. "My family has had a place in Ruidoso since the late 1950s. Ruidoso has been my first and second home."

Planning and zoning is not foreign to him, Runnels said.

"I got started as city councilman in Santa Fe and was very involved with what went on there in planning and zoning," he said. "I care what happens to Ruidoso in the future. We have a very special place here — one in which the people who live here take a lot of pride. People visit and they want to come back. I think we ought to keep it that way and do it in a way that encourages healthy economic growth for the community."

Runnels replaces Joe Patoskie, who resigned after returning from a three-month family medical leave of absence.

Rotary members pepper mayor candidates with salty questions

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Trying to ferret out differences between two candidates running for mayor seemed to stump members of the Ruidoso Rotary Club Tuesday.

After a dozen questions, one man asked Mayor Robert Donaldson and his challenger, Council Member Leon Eggleston, to define their differences in the non-partisan race. Both men declined.

"I guess it's a matter of different styles," a member in the audience mumbled.

Each candidate gave a quick background overview.

Eggleston led off detailing his years in government: eight years on the Ruidoso Village Council, two employed with the village of Capitan, two with the county of Lincoln and 12 with the village of Ruidoso.

Water, sewer and other infrastructure demands in the face of heavy growth have been and will be the focus, he said.

"I'd like to see more citizen input on what they would like to see — tell the council what they would like us to do," he said.

He and Donaldson have similar ideas on priorities, Eggleston said. No matter what the outcome of the election, he will continue to work for the betterment of the community, he said.

Winding up his four years as mayor, Donaldson said he's ready for another term.

Many things in the village were neglected under the previous administration, he said. Getting them back into shape took hard work by the council and the staff, and many long-term programs now are in place that will continue to benefit the village in the future, he said.

Meeting new environmental standards for waste water treatment will require looking for new sources of money, Donaldson said. The village already has renewed its presence in Washington, D.C., and secured \$1.5 million toward some of

its needs.

Formerly with Proctor and Gamble, Donaldson said he earned bachelor and master's degrees in finance and economics from the University of Texas-El Paso. He moved to Ruidoso in 1979, opening Pro Ski Sports, later, becoming a partner in Sun West Mortgage. He served on the village planning and zoning board and was selected as its chairman. He joined the council in 1994, was re-elected in 1996 and then was elected as mayor in 1998.

Questions from Rotary members included:

• Can the community center project rejected by voters two years ago be resurrected?

Both men said if petitions with more than 800 names — the number of votes by which it was defeated — were presented, the council would consider scheduling another election. But the effort must be by citizens and the final decision by voters.

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GIVING CHILDREN



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Representatives of the second-grade class at Capitan Elementary School presented the local Red Cross with a check for \$1,000 collected by the elementary students between November and Dec. 19. Shown above are fifth-grade teacher Tamara Rice, Red Cross manager Steve Olson, and second graders Steven Zamora, Christopher Olmstead, Parker Rice and Kirsti Davis. The students collected coins in five-gallon jugs to donate to the Red Cross relief fund for the 9-11 victims. "The money will benefit the families of disaster in the Rio Hondo Chapter of the Red Cross," Olson said. Rice said the students had wanted to donate the money to specific families in New York when they started the coin drive in November. The drive ended before the holiday break in December and employees of State National Bank counted all the coins (with Rice adding in \$6 to make it an even \$1,000). She found out that the victims of 9-11 had all they needed, and it was suggested that the children donate locally.

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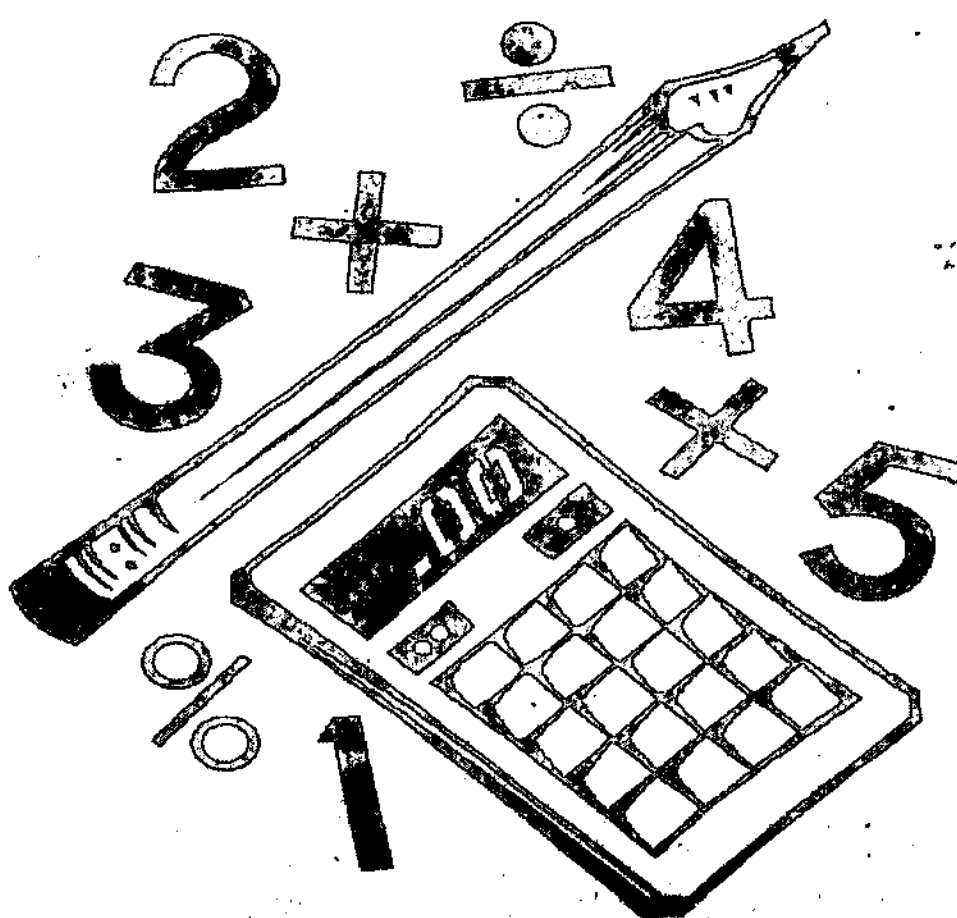
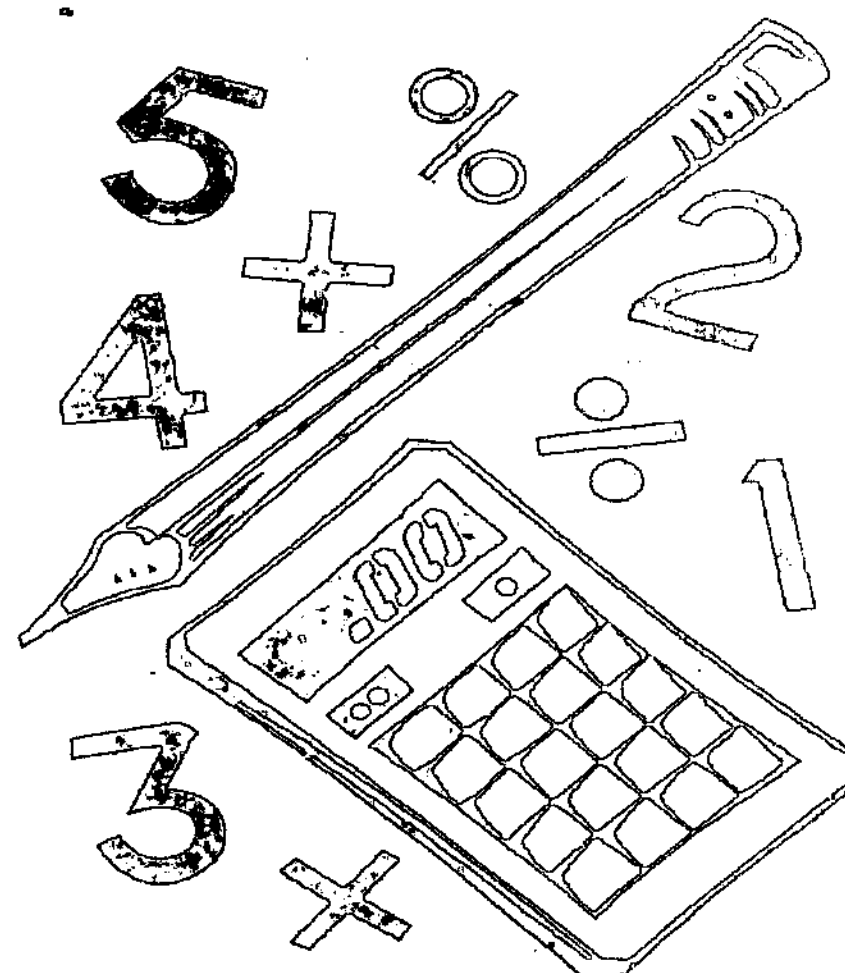
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CANDIDATES: Questions range from water to Wal-Mart

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Donaldson said because of income levels, the village isn't eligible for grants to help pay for the water and the burden would fall to taxpayers through the sale of bonds.

Eggleston agreed, but added some residents would be repaid by the village through fees from those wanting to use the water.

What can the village do about the water situation in Lincoln County?

Donaldson saw a need for more storage space to process and raw water. A bond issue would be needed, but the council could look at the water in Alto, he said. Water rights mean unless the water is there, he said.

Donaldson concurred that another lake is in the area, but contended no bond issue is needed.

A receipts tax of 1 percent passed two years ago generates \$1.2 million a year for the village. In two years, bonds will be needed for Grindstone Lake, freeing up \$1 million, if needed. Those sources would produce \$40 million over the next 20 years.

The village doesn't need to build today for the next 20 years, he said, but it should be set up systematically improving and upgrading each year.

"The funding and the plans are there," he said, "but we have to systematically never let down the village in the past."

State Engineer may not allow the village to store extra water, he said, "but Ruidoso is going to be fine."

Donaldson can the planning and zoning staff and the village be encouraged to be more conservative?

Donaldson said considering the volume of staff handles, the percentage of commercial and many come from people who weren't approved for exactly what they wanted. If incidents of specific rudeness were substantiated, an employee should be reprimanded, he said.

Donaldson said trying to provide speedy resolutions is part of the problem and sometimes ends up with last-minute changes that catch staff or petitioners by surprise.

He hopes to see a change as a result of a department review and new administrator that will extend the time for handling a request by at least one more month and will include an "exit meeting" to ensure the staff and petitioners are in agreement as to conditions and requirements.

How can Ruidoso recapture gross receipts taxes from Wal-Mart since it moved into Ruidoso Downs?

It can't, the candidates said. Those taxes belong to the other village and although some Ruidoso residents would like the two villages to combine, that option has few supporters in Ruidoso Downs, Donaldson said.

What are the chances that Ruidoso might be able to use water from Bonito Lake owned by the city of Alamogordo?

Donaldson said Alamogordo officials already turned down a request by R.D. Hubbard to use water from the lake to irrigate his Hideout of Lincoln County golf course. But with federal money proposed to finance a pilot desalinization plant, the city is exploring that option in the Tularosa Basin, he said. Ruidoso officials are staying in touch, but he expressed doubt the lake would be available for decades.

Eggleston agreed the chances of using Bonito Lake water are slim.

What can be done to ensure affordable housing for workers?

Eggleston pointed to 150 units being built on village land aimed at workers. But he added the number of "affordable" units had dropped from 50 percent to 30 percent.

Donaldson said the contract specified "up to 50 percent." The reason the number should not exceed that limit is that federal income guidelines are used and they are too low for many working families.

However, if the remaining units offer competitive rates clean and attractive options. Owners who rent out mobile homes for inflated

figures also may rethink their rents, he said.

The \$12 million project will take from nine to 14 months to complete, he said.

What is the village doing to attract a "better" customer to the area now that we have a convention hotel and center and does the convention center need to expand?

Eggleston said before considering expansion, the focus should be on filling vacant dates.

Donaldson agreed, adding that the large convention hall also could be divided into smaller rooms with moveable walls and drop ceilings to

allow multiple events. In the last few days, he also has seen a commitment from the Mescalero Apache Tribe to renovate the Inn of the Mountain Gods and to redo the casino and convention center.

Chances of attracting larger convention groups will increase if the village and tribe join together, he said.

He's seen evidence of a new willingness to that end in recent advertising from Ski Apache, the mayor said. The ads identify the ski resort as near Ruidoso instead of Mescalero.

Commissioner suspects 'profit motive'

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OK to stay in a long-term contract with the hospital where they work, but they don't want to pay as much as if they're self-employed.

Can someone afford to pay for health insurance more than they do in the past?

Personally is not affected because he is insured under his wife, who is a nurse, the commissioner said.

He said people he knows in the insurance field told him that because the rate increases must be approved by the department.

Mike Batte, life and health actuary with the insurance division of the state PRC, said that all rate increases must be approved by the department. "What we understand from our HMOs doing business in the southeastern part of the state is that the cost is higher than in other parts of the state," he said. "Whereas several years ago none of them varied their rates by geographical areas of the state — they tried to charge one rate no matter where you

lived — but in the last four or five years, HMOs are beginning to use area rating factors more commonly.

"Our understanding from past discussions with Presbyterian is that they believe their costs in the southeastern part of the state are higher than other parts and they wanted to change their rate structure to reflect that," Batte said.

Other HMOs that haven't increased rates at the same pace either are able to establish better cost relationships with providers in the area or they're not experiencing the same sort of problem as Presbyterian — or haven't recognized it as acutely, Batte said.

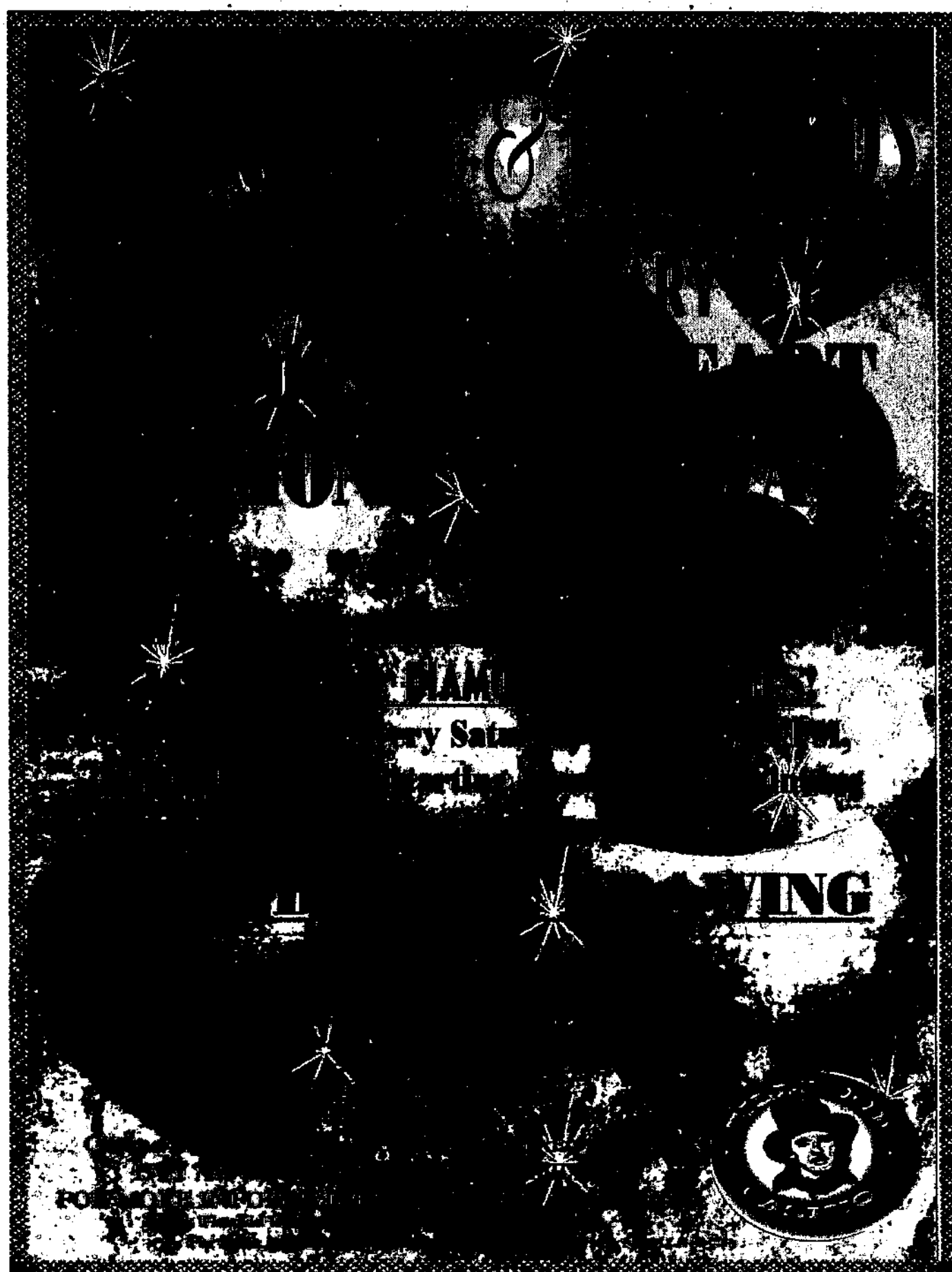
"The HMOs contract with doctors and hospitals for different services on a fee schedule," he said. "If companies find the schedule is higher in one part of the state than others, they will start charging more in premiums, and that seems to be what is occurring in the southeast."

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OUR OPINION

Some things do work right, sometimes

That's despite governmental entanglements

Tally it up: In an effort to preserve the Rio Ruidoso as a pristine cold-water fishery, many people struggled for years, got some grants, and succeeded.

Now it might cost us taxpayers \$10 million to fix our sewage treatment plant so the river can stay pristine, thanks to our state's advice to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

And we think we have water shortage problems in connection with proposed new golf courses, but the county can't do anything about it in rural

areas until subdividing and lot sales start.

And county administrators have had trouble making timely monthly financial reports because the New Mexico Finance Authority drags its feet in providing bank account statements.

On the face of it, the problem — upon admittedly cursory examination — is too much government.

But let's not become disgruntled — at least one thing is working right. Girl Scout cookie ordering started today, right on schedule.

Still we struggle to enter the Real World

We've been interested for many years in New Mexico's long and convoluted relationship with the rest of the world — and for most of those years we've struggled to understand it.

A few governors ago, they say, Anaya in sheer frustration — with something the Legislature had done, as we recall — called our state a "banana republic," much to the dismay of the too-serious and the enjoyment of a good many people on the other side of the political aisle (of which, more later).

It's not that New Mexico is backward, it's simply that we natives (and almost-natives) always have had something of a hangup about doing things like everybody else. If we need to build a new road, for instance, we don't necessarily go find somebody experienced in New Mexico roadbuilding, we advertise and pay a company from Arizona many millions of dollars to do the job.

That's reminiscent of another governor, Lew Wallace, and his oft-quoted remark about the nature of New Mexico — to which no other place's rules apply.

What got us to thinking along these lines was the fact that next Tuesday, the BLM will hand over 120 acres it oversees between Socorro and (ugh) Truth or Consequences to the State of New Mexico.

(That "ugh," by the way, originated with a state political columnist named Will Harrison about the time Hot Springs decided to become famous and name itself for a popular radio show.)

On the roadside property will rise "El Camino Real International Heritage Center," commemorating the route that for some 400 years connected Mexico City with Nuevo Mexico and its capital, Santa Fe. The transfer of patent will be marked at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the capital rotunda, with speeches and such.

Groundbreaking will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the site, not far from old Fort Craig (and a truck-stop called the Santa Fe Diner).

There by early 2003 will rise on a bluff a 6,000 square-foot exhibit hall, theater, classroom and gift shop, along with outdoor patios, amphitheater and observation deck.

From where we sit, the new heritage center seems perfectly to commemorate New Mexico's historic effort to be connected to the "RealWorld" — which Mexico was in those days, even if now it has something of a Third World reputation.

Are we connected to that real world now? Maybe not. We got a fax message from the majority leadership of the state House of Representatives this week saying if news people need to locate and talk with a Democrat house member, "we will assist in any way possible."

And, said the fax, "We will also try to help with your requests on the other side of the aisle as well."

Is that the Isle of Despair, just across the Dine Straits, or a sea-bound banana republic?

And another example...

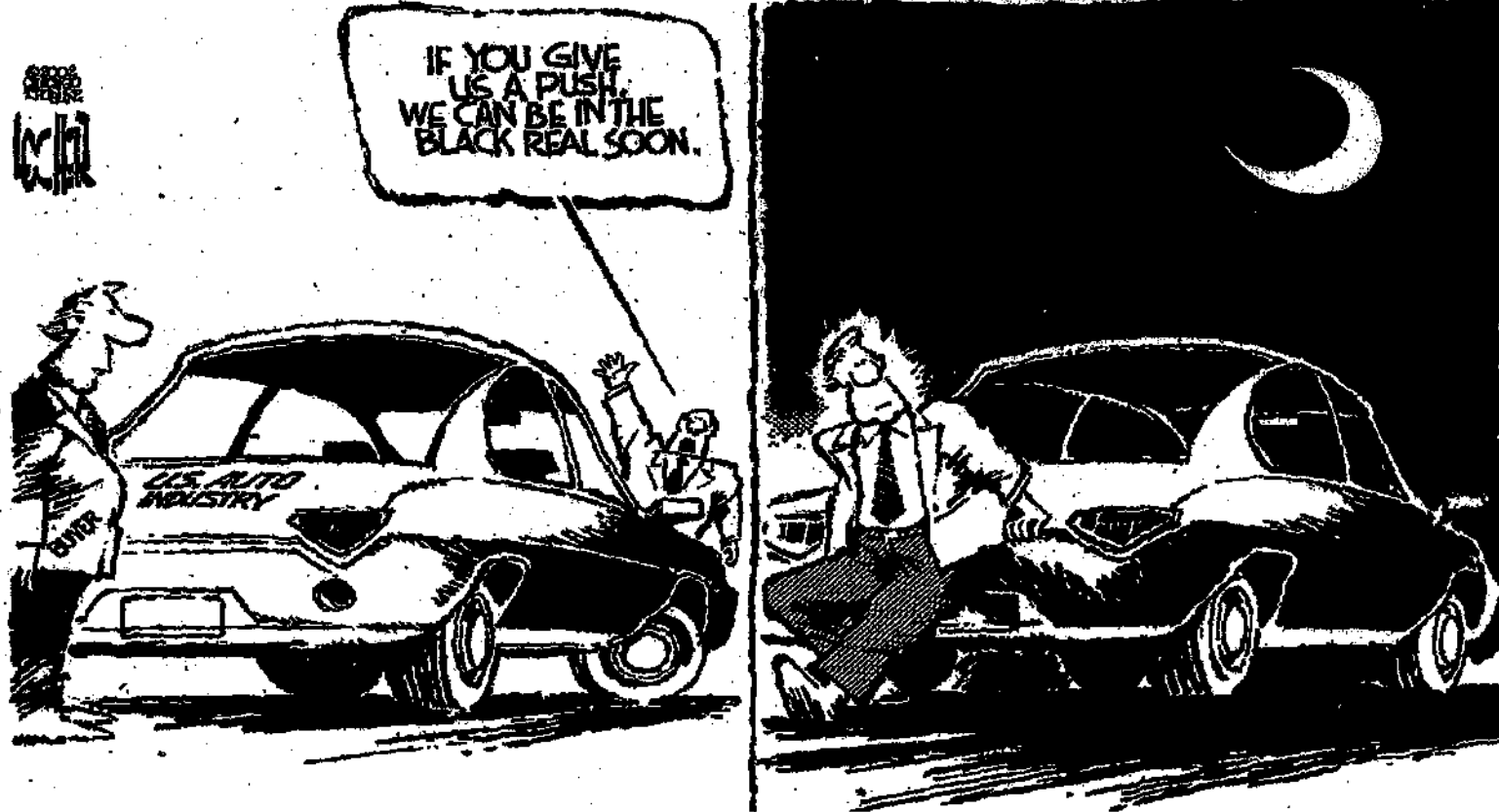
OK, Keith. Fess up. You wrote Wednesday's editorial. It talks about the early '80s. I checked the hair crop down there at the Ruidoso News. Only one guy has the... ummm... maturity... to remember what went on 40 years ago. I bet you could even write about the dirty poem that put UNM on the map.

Here's the deal Keith. You got it wrong. You identified one Penrod Toles, a New Mexico senator of that era, as having Carlsbad roots. No sir. The joker you write about came from Roswell.

Over the years, Carlsbad has sent any number of interesting characters to Santa Fe, including the distinguished Elmer Skinner, the quiet Walker Bryan, Whispering Joe Gant, the bombastic Louis Whitlock. No Penrod. I only mention this, Keith, because I feel compelled to defend Carlsbad's reputation. Also, I have way too much time on my hands.

Please do not feel poorly about your error. I, too, once wrote newspaper columns and editorials and even I once made a mistake. I think it was back in '74.

Not Carlwell Ruidoso (not Carlsbad)



YOUR OPINION

Senator Campos responds

To the editor:

I'm writing in response to the Ruidoso News's criticism of my inability to attend a meeting with other government officials in Lincoln County on Jan. 3.

As I told Mr. Tony Elias, who organized the meeting, I could not attend any meetings held on that date because it was the first day back at school following the winter break. As a part-time legislator and full-time public servant, I must divide my time among work, the Legislature and my family. My first responsibility on Jan. 3 was to the staff and students returning to school in Las Vegas.

My absence at the Jan. 3 meeting should not be interpreted as a lack of concern for the needs of the residents of Lincoln County. Each year, I solicit input from government officials, civic and business leaders and others about their capital outlay needs and other concerns.

As usual, thanks to the comprehensive list of capital outlay requests I've received, I am well aware of the needs in Lincoln County. Please be assured that, despite the relatively bleak revenue picture, Rep. Dub Williams and I will work together to see that Lincoln County receives its share of state capital outlay dollars.

I am sorry that work prevented me from visiting Lincoln County on Jan. 3 and I am sorrier still that the Ruidoso News did not learn of the reason for my absence or know that I had told the meeting's organizer of the conflict in my schedule. Please know that I will continue to vigorously represent Lincoln County and that any resident is welcome to call me at the Capitol at 936-4311 at any time to discuss issues, concerns or questions.

Pete Campos
Las Vegas

Basic philosophy

To the editor:

It didn't take long for scandals to return to Washington, only this time it isn't scandals of the crotch, it is greed (and teapots).

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Glenn Remington
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RESEARCH FINDINGS

Scientists' bias leads to extinction of species

MELBOURNE, Australia — Scientific bias towards the cute, unique or spectacular may be helping condemn a substantial proportion of the world's plants and animals to extinction, suggests an Australian ecologist.

Scientists develop and use lists of extinct and threatened species to provide social and legal mandates for conservation, to report on the state of the environment and to guide the allocation of scarce resources.

Associate Professor Mark Burgman, a University of Melbourne botanist, criticizes the way the lists are developed and our reliance on them to manage the environment. He says they are biased and largely unresponsive to the underlying true threats to species.

"We are facing the prospect of a mass extinction event to rival the loss of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago if we continue to rely on such lists as a management tool for the conservation of our environment," he says.

Burgman unveils his evidence for scientific bias in the lists and the consequences of the bias in an invited paper in the forthcoming January edition of the Australian Journal of Botany. His criticism flows from his involvement in a working group of international experts from the USA-based National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) and from an Australian Research Council grant to investigate extinction in Australian flora.

"Possibly the most striking consequence of the way national lists are generated is their focus on large, spectacular, or high profile species, and on geographically restricted and specialised species, and these tend to be the vascular plants and vertebrates," he says.

"The result is that extinction rates amongst the less well studied groups are considerably higher than the rates implied by the lists of 'known' extinctions. These less appealing species are victims of a lack of interest and are unlikely to attract resources for conservation because priorities are tied to lists whose composition depends on the interests of scientists."

"This regulatory system creates a feedback loop guaranteed to be responsive to the subjective preferences of scientists and largely unresponsive to the underlying true threats."

Other salient biases, he points out, are the result of provincialism and particular expertise of local authorities. For example, Tasmania's list of 650 threatened species includes about 200 species of Hydrobiid snails.

Burgman suggests a further problem is an inconsistency in the various lists themselves. Lists of presumed extinct and threatened species are characterized by a substantial degree of turnover. A species extinct today will be found alive and well the next. An endangered species will suddenly be considered safe.

"Examination of the lists of extinct Australian species, for example, draws

the inescapable conclusion that the majority of this change is due merely to an increase in knowledge of the listed species rather than any change to their chances of survival," he says.

"Most of the information contained in the turnover of species is therefore noise and does little to inform us about the impacts of human activities. Such a system entrenches the focus on species that seem most attractive to biologists, rather than on species most likely to become extinct."

LETTERS POLICY

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Two Lincoln County sites listed endangered places for 2002

Carrizozo Woman's Clubhouse, Hondo Valley cited by preservation alliance

BY STALLINGS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County landmarks were selected for a list of New Mexico's 11 most endangered places for 2002.

Terrie Slick, president of the New Mexico Heritage Alliance, announced the list that was selected for 2002. They included the Carrizozo Woman's Clubhouse and Hondo Valley.

This year, Fort Stanton was designated as the value of Ruidoso is especially important to Susan and Gomez and other residents because it reinforces the need for minimal change during the reconstruction of U.S. 70.

As a cultural landmark, Hispanic farmers and a beginning in the Hondo Valley came as a result of the County war of the according to Julieanne, executive director of the office based in Santa Fe.

War spawned Billy the Kid and the valley has a key place not only in Mexico history but in the representation of the West in pop culture, studio and home of an internationally sculptor, is an adapted

1930s school house. San Patricio was the home of the late Henriette Wyeth and Peter Hurd, artists, and still fosters the talents of other family members who paint there, and have earned their own art reputations.

A hand-dug communal acequia system operates not only for irrigation but also as a social system and a traditional and legal means of allocating a scarce resource, Fletcher said.

"This year's list, the Alliance's fourth, is a diverse representation of New Mexico's endangered cultural resources," Slick said. "But each site is related to the other by the stories from the past that weave the fabric of their histories into our shared heritage. The recent past represented by buildings constructed in the early 1900s and the New Deal era of the 1930s-40s is as important to who we are culturally as the Glorieta Civil War Battlefield and the archaeologically rich Hondo Valley."

The endangered designation serves as a validation for the importance of each site, Fletcher said. "It means there is a statewide organization out there that cares as much about the resource as the local community that brought the site to our attention."

The Carrizozo Woman's Clubhouse was constructed from local material adobe in

1939 as a Works Progress Administration project.

It was submitted by the club members with the support of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

A crucial element of civic pride and heritage for Carrizozo people, the personality of the clubhouse is conveyed by the circular room with a viga ceiling resembling the spokes of a wagon and the curvilinear parapet on the front facade with the date "1939" in large raised letters, Fletcher said.

The building has served continuously as the Woman's Club for 63 years, but weather and vegetation are contributing to its deterioration.

Although cosmetic repairs disguise the threat, the structure is afflicted with dry rot. Moisture has collected at the base of the walls for years. Outdated wiring also poses a threat, she said.

To be eligible for the list, a resource must be 50 years or older, within the state boundaries, historically, culturally or architecturally significant and in danger of being lost, destroyed or substantially altered, Fletcher said.

A statewide committee receives the nominations and selects the buildings, structures, houses sites, districts, ruins and cultural landscapes for listing.

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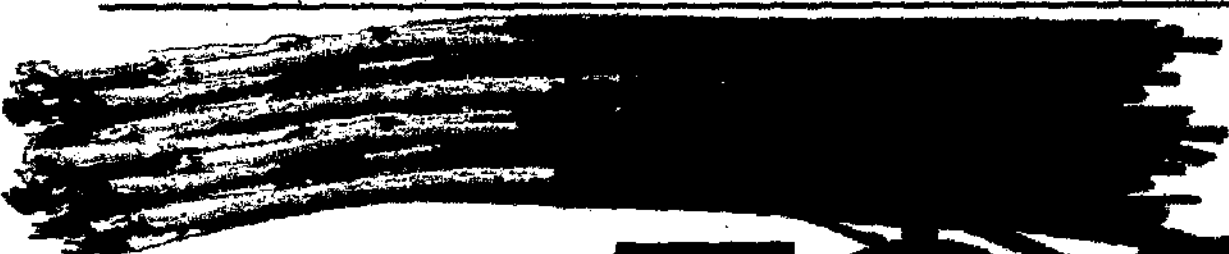
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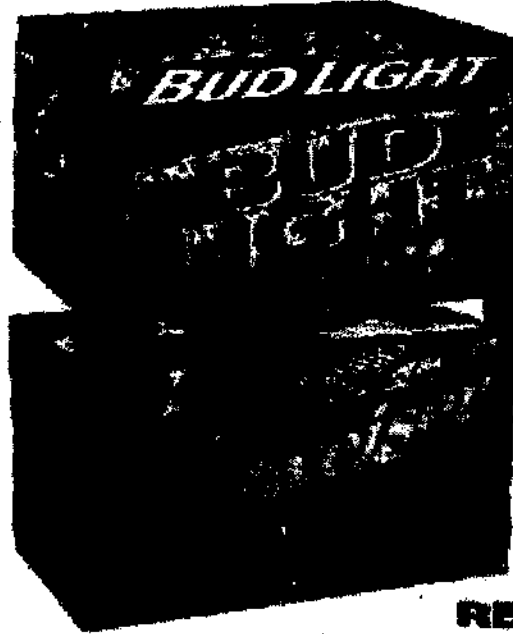
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Reception for Mershon

Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. invites its consumers, business partners and community leaders to a reception honoring William F. Mershon, who is retiring after 32 years with the cooperative. The reception will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at The Lodge Pavilion in Cloudcroft.

'Finders Keepers' firm plans Feb. 1 opening

CAPTAN — Carol Zimmerman and Oralle Robinson on Feb. 1 will open a search and locator service to assist clients with employment and criminal background and premarital screenings. It will be called Finders Keepers. In a news release, they announced that they will be able to help with genealogical traces and child-support retrieval, among other services. Zimmerman is enrolled at ENMU-Ruidoso. Robinson is studying through Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colo.

Both have nearly completed degrees in criminal justice, according to the news release. Zimmerman's emphasis is on psychological aspects, Robinson's on forensics.

Both plan to seek New Mexico private investigator's licenses upon completion of their studies. More information is available at 354-0069.

Playground safety issue

A three-day course and examination for those seeking a "Certified Playground Safety Inspector" designation is scheduled beginning on March 11 in Roswell.

The 15-hour course will be presented by the National Playground Safety Institute, working with the Roswell Parks and Recreation Department.

The course is designed for municipalities, schools, child-care facilities, food chain franchises, park and recreation agencies and others responsible for playgrounds.

For more information, call Roswell Parks & Rec administrative offices, 624-6720.

Cindy Lynch heads state Realtors Association

Ruidoso Realtor Cindy K. Lynch has been elected to serve as 2002 president of the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

An active Realtor since 1988, Lynch is co-owner and associate of Gary Lynch Realty in Ruidoso. She has served as officer and president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors and in 1991 was named that organization's "Realtor of the Year."

She was RANM's convention committee chair in 1995 and co-chair again in 2000. She was the 1999 president of the Stanley H. Mathis Foundation, a non-profit educational foundation fostering the professional development of real estate licensees.

Lynch's community service work includes a seat on the Ruidoso Downs planning and zoning committee, director and vice president of economic development for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and director and treasurer of the Economic



Cindy K. Lynch

Development Corporation of Lincoln

County. She also spent three years as a coach of boys' Little League baseball and has been involved in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Bike-A-Thon, Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association and the Ruidoso Little Theater.

Lynch also was one of the founders of the Women's Softball Association in Lincoln County.

Other officers of the state association for 2002 who will be working with Lynch include Wes Graham, president-elect, Clovis; Gayla Brumfield, treasurer, Clovis; Peggy Comeau of RANM (ex-officio).

District vice presidents are Victor Ramos, central district, Albuquerque; Theodore Terry, northeast district, Taos; Sherry Butler, northwest district, Farmington; Connie DeNio, eastern district, Roswell; Rose Feebles, southwest district, Ruidoso; and Jim Maddox, past president, Albuquerque.

Domino's Pizza relocating to Plaza Center

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Domino's Pizza will be moving south-east to the Plaza Center on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

The village Planning and Zoning Commission last week approved a variance and an amended commercial site development plan for the business owned by Phillip Beck.

The new building will be constructed at the southern entrance to the Plaza Center opposite Conley's Two Nursery and Sherrill's Video. Domino's now is located

at the west end of Sudderth Drive between the old post office building and the Great Wall of China restaurant.

"We're hoping for an opening date sometime in middle to late May," Beck said Tuesday. Beauchamp and McCravy Construction of Ruidoso will be handling the job.

"We hope to better serve our customers by offering a little sit-down space as well as adding a few employees," he said. "That wasn't the case in the past. Domino's is the world's leading delivery company, but the market is different in Ruidoso."

That difference — a heavy dependence on tourists — also led to the decision to select a site with more visibility and in the center of town, he said.

"I just took over that operation," Beck explained. "I was in a minority partnership before. We reopened that site a year ago and we've struggled a little bit. I own three Dominos in Las Cruces and a manager who has been with me three years transferred up there (Ruidoso). He loves it and wants to stay for a lifetime."

The property on which the 1,408-square-foot building will be constructed consists of 1.63 acres already zoned for commercial use. A building with space for seven businesses anchors the center.

A 15-foot variance was needed because the building will be five feet from the east lot line, but the standard setback is 20 feet from street frontage.

The planning staff commented that the variance doesn't meet requirements because the build-

ing could be moved within setback limits by using some of the required parking space. Planner Darrell Bremner pointed out that the village restricts metal buildings in commercial districts and the walls must have a non-metal facade. Metal roofs must be enameled or have commission approval.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the preliminary and final plats of a three-lot subdivision split of one tract requested by Buchanan Partners Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, Michael K. Buchanan, managing partner. The surrounding property primarily is undeveloped except on the southwest edge, where homes on Timberline Drive look downhill at the proposed subdivision.

Tract one will contain 40.7 acres, tract two, 28 acres and tract three, 30.25 acres. Access will be from Gavilan Canyon Road, Homestead Circle and Wagon Trail Road.

- Approved a variance on Lot 5A, Block 10 of Ponderosa Heights Unit 2 for Don Ketchum of Edmonson, Texas, to allow a lot with less than 100-foot depth as required in a low density mobile home district. The staff noted it would be difficult to build on the odd-shaped lot without a variance.

- Approved a variance in setback for a home on Lots 147, 148 and 149 of Skyland Addition on a petition from Henschel Lambert. The home sits 8 feet, 3 inches from the side lot line in an area that requires 10 feet. The home was built before zoning was instituted, but when three lots were replatted into one lot, the new lot fell into two different zones.

- Approved a variance on Lot 15, Block 8 of Del Norte Addition Unit 3 for Glen L. Hines to allow an open deck to remain 1 foot, 8 inches from the south side lot line, because the lot is steep.



Domino's near the Upper Canyon circle is moving east to Plaza Center, near Showtime Video, in late spring.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

The Economy and the Markets

Weathering economic winds

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Economic headwinds and tailwinds will shift this year. In 2001, cars and housing, boosted by low interest rates, prevented the economic ship from sinking further.

At last, payback time is here. These sectors will become minor economic drags this year. In 2001, capital spending on equip-

ment including structures, computers, software, etc., were major headwinds; these areas will switch to tailwinds this year.

Gains in the stock market will reverse the negative wealth effect from the recent bear market. However, the biggest contribution to economic growth will come from inventories. Inventory reduction chopped about 1.5 percentage points from economic growth in 2001; it should add about 1.5 percentage points to growth this year (a 3 percentage point swing).

Economic growth will find support from the lagged effect of lower interest rates, fiscal stimulus already in the pipeline and lower oil prices. The recovery won't be V-shaped; this has been one of the mildest recessions and there is less room for a bounce back.

The next interest-rate cut at the Jan. 29-30 meeting could be the last. When will monetary policy begin to tighten?

The central bank never hiked the federal funds rate while the jobless rate, a lagging economic indicator, was rising. After the 1989-92 easing cycle, Chairman Greenspan waited 17 months before raising the interest rate.

With inflation in hibernation and the unemployment rate expected to trend up until mid-year, the Federal Reserve won't be in a hurry to raise the interest rate.

Bonds: Tighter money
Greenspan's cautious

speech on the economy, the Argentine debacle, the weak Japanese yen and Congressional gridlock over the stimulus package have reduced Treasury bond yields, but the trend has not changed.

Treasury bond yields will march upward. Economic recovery is in progress and deflationary fears are dissipating. The credit spreads over Treasuries will narrow as investors chase higher yields by shifting funds from Treasury bonds to riskier assets including Corporates and Mortgage-backed securities.

How do you make money in bonds when the structure of interest rates is headed upward? Over the past two years, bond investors made money through price gains. Now, the attention must turn to riskier assets with higher yields. Fixed-income securities fetching 6.5 to 7.5 percent are attractive when inflation is minimal.

However, bond yields should move up gradually in view of moderate economic growth and low inflation.

Stocks: Reason for caution

Stocks are a bit overvalued and the earnings reports, so far, have been mixed. The prospect for V-shaped economic recovery in 2002 drove stock prices up. Unfortunately, volatility will continue until there are convincing signs of recovery in economic growth and earnings.

Technology and financial services limit the upward potential of the market (technology 19 percent and financial services 18 percent of the S&P 500 weight). Technology constitutes the most overvalued area of the market.

Moreover, 60 percent of the increase in earnings in 2002 are forecasted to come from technology, a difficult number to meet. Financial services have limited upward potential since it has fared well throughout the recession.

Nevertheless, the market will trend higher this year. Since the Great Depression, the market has never fallen for three consecutive years. During the first year of economic recovery, the jump in stock prices has averaged 28 percent.

Focus on Agriculture

Ag folks fear income drop without new farm bill

BY LYNN FIMMERTY
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Farmers and ranchers already know that a new farm bill is critical to their economic survival. But, in case others didn't, a recent Agriculture Department report on farm income shows that, without a new farm bill or another supplemental assistance appropriation, farm income would decline 15 percent to 20 percent in 2002.

The department's economists on Jan. 10 put out the farm income report based on the current legislative situation — no new farm bill and no supplemental assistance legislation. They "assumed that the only government payments that would be made would be those that are in the underlying 1996 farm bill," says the department's chief economist

Keith Collins.

The report, USDA's first farm income forecast for 2002, showed that net cash farm income was nearly \$60 billion last year, but is expected to total about \$51 billion this year. The 2001 number included more than \$10 billion in government payments that are not included in the 2002 total. "Our analysts that put out these numbers do not assume any legislation in effect until it has been passed," Collins says.

The USDA's apples-to-oranges comparison shows just how imperative it is that we have a new farm bill within weeks, not months.

The good news is the economists anticipate no fundamental changes in the 2002 farm economy, and the farm income outlook is improving. Collins says the farm economy has been recovering slowly since it

bottomed out at \$34.2 billion in 1999, and farm income, excluding all government payments, is expected to be about \$40.2 billion in 2002. "That's an 18 percent increase in net cash farm income, excluding government payments, since 1999," Collins explains.

He adds that farm real estate values rose 8 percent last year, the debt-to-asset ratio was 15.3 percent at the end of 2001, which the economists consider "pretty good," and farm expenses will be under control in 2002 "for the first time in several years." Collins also says that farmers' interest expenses are expected to be "down about half a billion dollars in 2002" and agricultural exports will be stronger.

Nonetheless, the report shows that Congress, passing a new farm bill for the 2003 crop

year, or providing supplemental assistance, is essential to prevent a large drop in farm income. If Congress does not act soon, the next farm bill is not likely to take effect until the 2003 crop year.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told attendees of the AFBF annual meeting in Reno, Nev., that he expects the Senate to complete a bipartisan farm bill "no later than March." And House sources say they are ready to conference the House-passed farm bill with a Senate bill five minutes after the Senate passes it. Farm Bureau will continue to work hard to turn these predictions into reality in order to ensure a stable farm economy in 2002.

Lynn Fimmerty is the editor of Farm Bureau News for the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D.C.

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County requests signs for Lincoln

STALLINGS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

settlement of Lincoln, a national landmark, sometimes goes by tourists passing through County.

signs can be posted along high- and at intersections at no cost to county, letting people know why they travel a few extra miles to see the Lincoln County War and the t of Billy the Kid.

id and Virginia Vigil, who own lis Store and Country Inn in and are involved in statewide activities, approached county sioners last week asking for some

ome point, Ginny spoke to Holm a, chairman of the state highway sion, and chided him a little for ing people know where we are," id Wednesday.

said they could put up signs, but they receive a letter from the commission requesting that

"I look around the state and for a lot of places like Gran Quivira, signs are posted at intersections talking about them. Then there's Lincoln, which has the highest federal historic designation, and we are not advertising when we could do it for nothing."

David Vigil,
Lincoln businessman

action. The State Highway and Transportation Department will build, install and maintain the signs at no cost to the county.

Vigil pointed out that on U.S. 380, plenty of signs are up touting Hondo, Nogal and Capitan, but few mention Lincoln.

He especially would like several of the brown signs indicating historical sites, Vigil said.

Responding to the Vigils' request, County Manager Tom Stewart, at the

direction of the commission, wrote Robert C. Kurtz, District Two Traffic Engineer for the state highway department, asking that at least eight brown historic signs be put up directing people to Lincoln.

He suggested they be erected at the intersections of U.S. 380 and State Route 37; U.S. 380 and S.R. 48; U.S. 380 and S.R. 220; S.R. 48 and S.R. 220, east and west of the intersection of U.S. 70 and U.S. 380; on all four corners of the U.S. 64 and U.S. 380 intersection; at Interstate 25 and U.S. 380; and on I-40 and S.R. 41 (Moriarty).

Stewart also asked for green mileage indicators listing Lincoln, Hondo, Nogal, Capitan and Ruidoso, and a couple of signs for points of interest with a map and brief history.

"I look around the state and for a lot of places like Gran Quivira, signs are posted at intersections talking about them," Vigil said. "Then there's Lincoln, which has the highest federal historic designation, and we are not advertising when we could do it for nothing."

BLM plans controlled burns near Fort Stanton

Three controlled burns are scheduled by the Bureau of Land Management in the area around historic Fort Stanton, northeast of Ruidoso.

The largest burn will be 127 acres on the west mesa at Fort Stanton," said Ed Roberson, BLM Roswell field office manager.

"All three burns will be conducted to reduce hazardous wildland fuels, to improve wildlife habitat and to improve water yield along the Rio Bonito."

A 40-acre burn is scheduled adjacent to U.S. 380 at Fort Stanton and a 76-acre burn is planned for several fields behind the village of Lincoln.

Smoke from all the burns will be visible from many areas in Lincoln County, he

said. The exact timing depends on weather conditions, but the burns are planned for late winter and early spring, Roberson said.

Extensive preparations precede each burn, said Jim Desmond, fire management officer at the Roswell office.

"Preparations include putting firelines around the burn areas and doing some preparatory burning called blacklining to increase the safety zones on the burn perimeter," he said.

Personnel and equipment from local fire agencies will assist with the burns, he said.

Information about the BLM prescribed fire program is available at the office at 2909 W. Second St. in Roswell.

HERALS DEATHS

Donald L. Hart

Services are planned at 10 a.m. for Donald L. Hart, 72, of Ruidoso.

Hart died Sunday, Jan. 20, in Carrizozo.

He was born March 9, 1929, in Chicago, Ill., and moved to Ruidoso 11 years ago from

He retired from the railroad in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Catholic Church.

He married Mary Ann Bush in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Carrizozo; children L. Hart Jr. of Ruidoso, Mo., and Dennis of Westville, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

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

E. Johnson

Memorial service for Aurie Johnson, 76, of Ruidoso, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Community United Church with the Rev. Jerry officiating.

Johnson died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Ruidoso.

He was born April 7, 1925, in Ruidoso, Texas.

He served in the Navy during World War II, was a retired machinist and moved to Ruidoso 2 years ago from Junction.

He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church.

He married Sara Smith on May 15, in Plains, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years; children Steve of Roswell, Jim of Denver, Colo., and Ron of Gurley, Ala.

He has two spouses; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

and special friends Tay and Kathy Barnett and their children.

The family suggests memorials to the Pariah Health Clinic at Community United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

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

Mary Janette Whitley

Funeral services for Mary Janette Whitley, 69, of Clovis, will be at 10 a.m. at Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel in Clovis.

Burial followed at Mission Garden of Memories in Clovis.

Mrs. Whitley died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Clovis.

She was born Jan. 18, 1932, in Eastland County, Texas.

She retired from Clovis Municipal Schools as a librarian at Parkview Elementary School in 1993. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clovis and married Billie Bob Whitley June 5, 1954. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include sons Mark Whitley and his wife, Linda, of Ruidoso, and Bob Lee Whitley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Joe T. Poe of El Paso, Texas; and grandchildren Ryan, Kamron and Rachel.

The family suggests donations in memory of Jacqueline Rawlins to the William J. and Jacqueline J. Rawlins Missionary Student Scholarship Fund at the Covenant Theological Seminary, 12330 Conway Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141-8687.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Silver City, U.S. Highway 180 East at Delk Drive, 388-2334.

Jacqueline (Miles) Rawlins

Graveside services for Jacqueline (Miles) Rawlins, 75, a long-time resident of New Mexico, will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery, where she will be buried with her husband, Bill. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Silver

City. A second memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 at the University Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces.

Mrs. Rawlins died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002.

She was born Dec. 21, 1926.

She was a loving and devoted wife to Bill Rawlins, who preceded her in death in 1996. As a Presbyterian missionary to Brazil for 17 years, she worked alongside her husband in church activities, directing church choirs, caring for the poor and sick, teaching reading to women and managing a church camp in the interior of Brazil.

She was an active member and leader in many organizations including the Federated Republican Women's Association, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Community Concerts, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Silver City Senior Citizen's Center, Meals on Wheels and the American Heart Association. She graduated from New Mexico State University in 1949.

Survivors include daughters Susan Rawlins of George, Willette Owens of Georgia, Margaret Lynema of Washington, and Martha Caruthers of California; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a sister, Karen Marengo of Hawaii; and two sons-in-law.

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the route from Ruidoso Downs to Riverside.

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Nick Fajardo goes for a layup against multiple NMML defenders in Tuesday's game.

Lady Tigers down Tularosa

BY ERIC WOODS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan girls basketball coach Rusty Wilcox was much happier with his team's free-throw abilities Tuesday night as the Lady Tigers played host to the Lady Wildcats of Tularosa.

Capitan downed Tularosa in game two of district play 46-39, bringing the Lady Wildcats to 8-3 for the season and 1-1 for District 5AA play.

The win did not come easy. Tularosa took the lead late in the first quarter, only to give it back to Capitan seconds later. With a strong defense and good rebounding by both teams it was then point for point through the third quarter, which ended 33-33. Fouls began in earnest in the fourth and the Lady Tigers responded by sinking every one of nine

free throws. It seemed as if the Capitan girls squad had gotten over what Coach Wilcox had earlier called a mental block concerning free throws.

Jessica Becker led the Lady Tigers in scoring, with 17 points. Catherine Wood had 13, and Jessica Tully-Mitchell had 12. Falon Sparks and Ginger Cupit contributed the other two goals for Capitan.

Wilcox was happy with his squad's performance.

"I thought the kids hustled. Bottom line, at crunch time we came out and made our free throws," he said. "That will be a big confidence booster."

The Lady Tigers next travel to Hatch to face a tough opponent. "They're a solid team, with a good interior player," Wilcox said. He expects to win, though. "I'm not selling ourselves short," he said.

The Capitan Lady Tigers have a 2 p.m. date at Hatch Saturday.

"...at crunch time, we came out and made our free throws."

Rusty Wilcox
Lady Tigers coach

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Last Week: 4 Inches
Road at Report Time: Snowpacked, plowed, salted; no chains needed
Midway Depth: 33in.
Surface Conditions: Powder and packed powder
Trails Open: 46 of 55
Lifts Open: All lifts are open
Trails Groomed Today: 20 of 44
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: Yes
Forecast: Clearing

Prep Scoreboard

Girls basketball
Jan. 22
Capitan 46, Tularosa 39
Jan. 24
Hondo at Lake Arthur
Carrizozo at Mesquite
Late games

Boys basketball
Jan. 22
NMML 64, Ruidoso 41
Jan. 24
Hondo at Lake Arthur
Carrizozo at Mesquite
Late games

Preps on Tap

Friday, Jan. 25
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.
Corona at Bosque Prep, 6 p.m.
JV Wrestling
Ruidoso at Silver City, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26
Girls basketball
Portales at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.
Mesquite at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Capitan at Hatch, 2 p.m.

Boys basketball
Capitan at Hatch, 2 p.m.
Mesquite at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Magdalena at Carrizozo, 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28
Corona at Mountainair, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Girls basketball
Santa Teresa at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.
Mesquite at Mesilla Valley, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Baseball Team
A competitive AABC Baseball League traveling team is now forming for 13- and 14-year-olds in the area. For more information, contact Greg Kopacka at 257-0350.

Big Boys

NCAA
Saturday
New Mexico at Wyoming, 4 p.m.
North Texas at NMSU, 7 p.m.

Warriors show improvement, but turnovers still an issue

BUTTS

RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Warriors boys basketball team (1-15, 0-3 in district) struggled against the Mexico Military Institute (11-6, 2-1 in district) Tuesday night in a District 4A game, losing 64-41.

Warriors have been getting off to a slow start in most of their games this year. It's like they would turn around against the Colts.

Colts had taken the

early lead in the first quarter 17-9. The Warriors, looking for their first district win, had closed the gap to three points with three minutes left in the second quarter 25-23.

The Warriors' offense cooled off and the Colts took a 10-point lead into the locker room 37-27.

"The first half we had some shots that didn't fall that would have made the game closer. The second half we didn't execute our offense the way we wanted to — the third quarter

in particular," said Warrior head coach Billy Page. "They changed defense on us in the third quarter and it frustrated our kids. The fourth quarter we started getting back in it, but too little too late. We know we are getting better and that's what counts."

The Colts stepped up their defense in the second half,

"They changed defense on us in the third quarter and it frustrated the kids."

Billy Page
Warrior basketball coach

holding the Warriors to a single point in the third quarter. It was Warrior junior Josh Adams nailing a free-throw from the line for the only Ruidoso point.

The Warriors had 23 turnovers in the game and a struggling offense which contributed to their 64-41 loss to the Colts.

The Warriors high scorers

were Chance Hooper and Josh Adams with nine points apiece.

"Ruidoso is better than what their record says. They gave us all we wanted, regardless of the score," said Colts head coach Kevin Jones. "They missed a lot of easy shots early. That would have made it a different game, but I will always take a win."

The Warriors will travel to Lovington to take on the Wildcats tonight in District 4A action.

Quarter horse racing

The Zia Star shines in New Mexico for owners Sandy and Lisa Farris

A horse with an illustrious lineage and a Ruidoso owner cleans up in 2001.

The Zia Star, a 6-year-old quarter horse gelding owned by Sandy and Lisa Farris, a mother-daughter partnership, received three awards for his performance during 2001. Sandy is a long-time resident of Ruidoso, while Lisa lives and works in Albuquerque.

The New Mexico Quarter Horse Association named The Zia Star the Champion Running Quarter Horse of 2001.

Breeders Association named him the Champion Aged Quarter Horse of 2001.

Two awards came to the gelding from the New Mexico Horsemen's Association: Aged Quarter Horse of the year and Champion Quarter Horse of the Year.

The Zia Star won four stake races in 2001 — The Lineage Championship in May at Albuquerque, the Top Deck Handicap in June at Albuquerque, the Zia Handicap in July at Ruidoso Downs and the New Mexico Breeders Championship Stakes in September at Albuquerque.

The Zia Star, one of the last

horses H. Don Farris bred, is a daughter of the great quarter horse mare, Denim N Diamonds. He was trained for R. D. Hubbard. Denim N Diamonds is an all-time leading money earner and world champion.

Trained by Jimmie Claridge and ridden by James Gonzales, The Zia Star is racing now and will resume racing in the spring.

Sandy and Lisa Farris also will run a 2-year-old filly this year, from the same family. They bought a daughter of Denim N Diamonds in the All American yearling sale.



The Zia Star picked up a \$30,000 purse with victory in the New Mexico Breeders' race at The Downs at Albuquerque on Sept. 10. Jockey James Gonzales was up for the race.

County's senior olympians insured for summer competition

BY ERIC WOODS

RUIDOSO NEWS

To ensure that Lincoln County's senior residents can participate in the county's summer olympics this summer, county commissioners approved \$985 to cover a liability insurance premium.

Bart Young, chairman of the county senior olympics committee and county coordinator of the event, requested the coverage last week and reported on past participation. The committee approved the same coverage last year after learning that it was

required to retain the sanction of the county event by the New Mexico Senior Olympics Inc.

This year's local competitions will be in May with a state meet in Las Cruces scheduled Aug. 7-11 to qualify for the 2002 Nationals in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Each year from 50 to 63 Lincoln County people come out for the spring event, competing in 28 sports or activities that include running, cycling and swimming, as well as less strenuous endeavors such as table tennis, eight-

ball pool, a talent show and dancing. The competition also promotes a comradeship, he said.

"It helps if you're in good shape or did things in your youth," Young said. "Some people have competed all of their lives."

From the local event, people can move to state competition and may qualify for the national meet staged every two years, he said.

"We send from 30 to 40 people to state, the majority in bowling," Young said. "We have a senior bowling

league here."

Three locals went to the last national meet in Baton Rouge, La.

Young emphasized that the event is open to anyone 50 years or older. The oldest person competing is 102. He is an archer from the Laguna Pueblo, Young said.

"People don't take care of themselves and they eat wrong," Young said. "They need to get out and do something. It prolongs life, even if it's walking four times a week."

Competition is divided into five-

year blocks of age and between men and women.

A winter senior olympics is in its third year, he said.

In New Mexico, 31 counties, cities and pueblos stage competitions in their areas and send teams. From 1,500 to 1,800 people compete at the state meet. First and second place winners are eligible to go to the bi-annual national meet where more than 10,000 people from all 50 states come together, including 300 to 400 New Mexicans.

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Wolf introduction program stumbles, but continues

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Despite the deaths of three Mexican gray wolves in November and December, a reintroduction program is going well, a staff spokesman said.

"I think what has been happening in the field with the recovery program is typical of a young program," said Victoria Fox of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We've had successes. Two natural pairings occurred."

"The known survivors are the 17 radio-collared animals plus one male from the Lupine Pack recaptured Jan. 1 and placed in a reacclimation pen in Arizona."

Five litters were born last spring. Surviving pups have been spotted with two wolf packs and several yearling animals that are not collared are being seen intermittently, she said.

The Lupine Pack male was removed from private land near Datil, N.M., at the request of the property owner after it was seen feeding on a cow carcass. Although there was no indication the wolf killed the cow, because the land was outside of the recovery area and in view of the request, it was trapped and transferred for later release, Fox said.

The status of three Lupine Pack pups is unknown. They haven't been seen since the pack was released on June 20, 2001. The Lupine alpha female was found dead Nov. 15. The

cause hasn't been determined. A Saddle Pack female and Lupine pack male also were killed in the last two months of the year.

The reintroduction program still is opposed by some, but educational outreach continues, Fox said.

"I believe the recovery team has made every effort and continues to conduct outreach within all the affected communities and with individuals who may be impacted by pack members occurring on their private land," she said.

A yearling male from the Saddle Pack, who injured his left hind leg a few months ago, has traveled from Mormon Lake south of Flagstaff to an area southeast of Snowflake during the past week.

"In spite of the injury, he continues to cover a tremendous amount of ground," Fox said. "Wild animals do get hurt and heal on their own."

Two wild born pups were observed with the Cienega Pack in September and a field team confirmed at least two wild born pups with the Francisco Pack in October.

Several other packs have been seen traveling with no pups, Fox said.

The multi-agency effort to reintroduce the natural predator is aimed at eastern Arizona and western New Mexico.

Other updates include:

- A male from the Wildcat Pack was last seen near Reserve on Nov. 29. He wasn't spotted on several subsequent search flights.

- The adult male and female and one young female from the Saddle Pack have been using an area along East Eagle Creek in Arizona.

- An adult male and female from the Hawks Nest Pack is moving regularly along the Campbell Blue drainage.

- The adult male and female of the Bonito Creek pack continue to use the area around Pacheta Lake.

- The alpha pair of the Cienega Pack are using the area around Raspberry Basin. Another adult female occasionally is located separate from her parents, but most recently remained with them.

- The alpha pair of the Francisco Pack and the collared female yearling are using the area around Malay Gap. The status of the male yearlings is unknown. They are not radio collared.

- The adult male and female of the Pipestem Pack continue to travel together and are using the area between Snow Lake and Indian Creek.

Two adult males from the Gavilan and Pipestem packs and one adult female from the Mule Pack — all collared — are missing. The males haven't been seen since February and July of 2000 and the female since February of last year.

The killing of a Mexican gray wolf is a violation of federal and state laws and can result in criminal penalties of up to \$25,000 in fines and up to six months in jail, or a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

Reward pool grows for wolf-killers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A reward pool is growing in an effort to find the individuals who killed three Mexican Gray wolves that were part of the reintroduction program in Arizona and New Mexico.

A reward of up to \$10,000 is offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and another \$5,000 by the Center for Biological Diversity for information leading to the conviction of the offenders.

Authorities haven't released the causes of death in the cases involving the alpha female of the Lupine Pack found Nov. 15 near Maverick Mountain on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; a Saddle Pack yearling female discovered on Nov. 5 near Forest Road 117, south of U.S. 60 in Green Peak area near Vernon; and a Lupine yearling male found Dec. 3 about 18 miles northwest of Springerville, south of U.S. 60 in Apache Country, Ariz.

An investigation into the illegal killing of four other released wolves also continues.

- The Campbell Blue Pack alpha female's body was found Aug. 7, 1998, the opening day of bear season in the Williams Valley area near Alpine, Ariz. She had been shot.

- A Hawks Nest male was found dead near the Arizona/New Mexico state line Nov. 7, 1998. He was shot.

- Another Hawks Nest male died from a bullet wound Nov. 23, 1998, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

- On Dec. 18, 2000, a Francisco Pack yearling male was found dead from a bullet wound in the Apache National Forest Divide wood cutting area near Aragon, N.M.

To report information on the deaths, call special service agents in Mesa at (480) 885-8289 or in Pinetop at (928) 367-5689; the White Mountain Apache Tribe at (928) 338-1023 or (928) 338-4385; the Arizona Game and Fish Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700 or the New Mexico Game and Fish Department Operation Game Thief at 1-800-432-4263.

Wilson again to head county commission

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rex Wilson was selected last week to serve a fourth consecutive year as chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

He was nominated by Commissioner William Schwettmann and the vote was 4-0 with Commissioner Rick Simpson absent because of a death in his family.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, who served as chairman himself for 1 1/2 years, then nominated Schwettmann for vice chairman, noting that he is barred from seeking another term.

Nunley and Schwettmann each were elected to two-year terms when the commission first was expanded from three to five members. They subsequently won two, four-year terms, which will end this year. Term limits are imposed on county offices. However, Nunley is a candidate for a seat on the Ruidoso Village Council.

Commissioners over the last two months also selected volunteers to serve on a series of

advisory boards or as county representatives to other agencies.

Simpson was appointed as the county representative on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Board. Simpson resigned as manager of the authority in May and Debra Ingle, formerly Captain's representative on the board, now serves as the supervisor.

When Modesto Chavez resigned as the county person last month, Simpson, who previously served on the board in that capacity, said he's like to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Leo Martinez also expressed interest, saying he wants to learn more about the organization and that each commissioner should have a chance to serve. But he generated no support for his appointment for a two-year term.

In other business, commissioners appointed:

- Six people to serve on an advisory task force for the U.S. 70 improvement project east of Ruidoso Downs. They are Joe Dunlap, Ray Sanchez, Dennis Noeker, John Van Winkle and commissioners Martinez and

Simpson.

- Kathleen Phillips and Ralph Dunlap for two-year terms on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, and reappointed Ray Sanchez.

- Marcia Nilsson as a member at large for two years on the Enhanced 911 Committee. Bob Curtiss of Carrizozo was changed from member-at-large to a two-year term as District 1 appointee and four others were reappointed — Tracy Haragan, James Slocum, Kay Rucker and Martha Proctor.

- Carl Kelly of Ruidoso to a one-year term on the Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, along with reappointments for Frank Higgins and Teri Sodd.

- Ralph Romero, Doug Conley and Joseph Mulligan to one-year terms on the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs ETZ Commission.

- Tim Hagerman and Leif Ancker to serve two-year terms on the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board.

- Mary Young and Barbara Ward to the Senior Olympics Committee for two-year terms.
- Gary Vega, Dennis Noeker, Ralph Romero, Duane Williams and Donald S. Hawley to serve one-year terms on the Road Review Committee. All are current members.

- Wilson to a two-year term as a voting member of the multi-line pool of the New Mexico County Insurance Authority, and County Treasurer Joan Park as a voting member and County Manager Tom Stewart as an alternate for the Worker's Comp group of the Authority.

- Commissioner Nunley for a two-year term on the Carrizozo Health Center Advisory Board.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Drug items found

Ruidoso police discovered cocaine, hypodermic syringes and a handgun while interviewing the occupants of a vehicle involved in an accident Jan. 22 at White Mountain Drive and Jack Little Drive.

Ross O Banders, 33, of Alto, was arrested and charged with possession of a loaded firearm, a felony, second offense trafficking of controlled substances, a felony, unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon, a petty misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor and possession of forfeitable property.

Stefanie Kautz, 19, of Roswell was charged with trafficking controlled substances and possession of paraphernalia.

A paper was found in her purse with instructions for making a methamphetamine lab.

Battery alleged

On Jan. 22, Police arrested Mike Chavarria Laera, 26, of

Ruidoso, charging him with aggravated battery against a household member.

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Sheriff's posse lease request denied

NEWS STAFF WRITER

proposal to lease three lots in county fairgrounds to Lincoln County Sheriff's for 99 years was shelved last week by the county commission. The commission, led by Scott Jr., said the proposal was not in the best interest of the county. The sheriff's posse has been using the land for many years and the commission is concerned about the long-term impact on the county's finances. The sheriff's posse has asked for more time to negotiate a deal. They are hesitant to tie-up space at the fairgrounds in Capitan, he said.

and they wouldn't OK a 99-year lease for \$1 a year," the attorney said.

County Manager Tom Stewart said members of the Fair Board, who manage the fairgrounds for the county,

asked for more time to negotiate a deal. They are hesitant to tie-up space at the fairgrounds in Capitan, he said.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said his board recognizes the good work the group does for the county, but the board has to stay within the law.

Commissioner William Schwetmann said the \$27,000 set aside by the group won't go far on the project.

Stewart pointed out that the county has been working with the state Legislature on allocations to expand the fairgrounds and possibly something could be worked out through that approach to help the posse.

Wilson suggested Morison and posse officials meet with fair board officers to discuss alternatives and then come back to the county with a recommendation.

BLM, posse to improve riding trails

Members of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse will join the Bureau of Land Management in an effort to improve area riding trails.

Undeveloped horse trails were identified adjacent to the Fort Stanton preserve as part of the BLM's Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Bill Murry, BLM park manager at Valley of Fires, said the historical area contains endangered species of cactus and requires special attention and protection.

The posse will enhance and maintain trails and post identifying trail markers. Trail bedding will be improved, water bars added and other erosion control measures installed.

Posse members encourage inquiries, comments and membership applications from all county residents. Associate memberships also are available for out-of-state visitors.

For more information, write to President, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, P.O. Box 1290, Capitan, NM 88316.

DP TEN

the following entities received the most money from Lincoln County for goods or services during the month of December:

Caterpillar Financial Services, \$13,219 for payments on nine lease agreements for heavy equipment in road department.
Spatial Data Research, \$10,311 for professional services on the Enhanced 911 agency response address program through a grant.
Howard D. Hughes, \$10 for mylar covering on signs in the assessor's and finance office, and

an electric heating unit.

The county of Bernalillo, \$7,250 in two payments to cover housing of juvenile offenders from Lincoln County in November.

Livingston Associates P.E., \$6,026.59 for a review of the subdivision application of Rainmakers.

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Co., \$5,571.56 for senior citizens centers, the corrections department, Fort Stanton Volunteer Fire Department and general county government.

White Swan of Lubbock, Texas, \$5,296.58 for nutrition-

al supplies for the Zia Senior Citizens Center.

Wright Express, \$5,093.27 for gasoline for various county departments, law enforcement, volunteer fire departments and the Zia Senior Citizens program.

Carpet Connection, \$4,545.18 for floor preparation and installation of vinyl flooring and carpet at the Sonterra Volunteer Fire Department station on Airport Road.

County of Otero, \$4,270 from the corrections department to house Lincoln County inmates in November.

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Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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2001/2002 Goals of the Ruidoso Board of Education

"Where Excellence Is Expected"

Educational Plan For Student Success (EPSS)
Target Areas: Caring for Self and Others, Written Communication, Reading Comprehension, and Math Literacy

Vision Statement: The Ruidoso Municipal School District and our community believe that all children can learn. Through a positive, caring, nurturing, and safe environment, our students will develop the social, ethical, and academic skills to help set and achieve goals to fulfill their dreams.

GOALS

Goal 1: Ensure a safe, clean, and respectful school environment for students, staff, and parents with emphasis on appropriate language, dress, and constructive and appropriate behavior.

Goal 2: Demonstrate and promote positive communications with respect and responsibility among staff, students, parents, and community.

Goal 3: Implement Early Reading Literacy Initiative (K - 4) with emphasis on community and parental awareness.

Goal 4: Research and develop K - 12 math initiative with all students achieving at grade level by 4th grade and graduates acquiring skills to meet their career goals.

Goal 5: Continue to expand delivery of professional development opportunities to ensure activities support our EPSS.

Goal 6: Plan and implement Career Pathways program K - 12 to support and prepare all graduates in pursuing their future goals.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

Area A: Promote and model Warrior pride and spirit (K - 12) among students, staff, and community.

Area B: Maintain and expand community and business partnerships (Hubbard Museum of the American West, Kennedy Center Partners in Education, Spencer Theater, Charter Communications, ENMU, etc.) to support Board and EPSS goals.

Area C: Develop strategies to implement additional professional development days while continuing to ensure quality instruction for all 180 school days.

Area D: Continue to pursue technological development and facility planning for future growth.

Area E: Communicate with area/state legislators, State Board of Education, and community the need for appropriate state funding for salaries, professional development, facilities, equipment, and supplies to enhance the excellence and quality of education for our students. (8/7/01)

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Recognizing its responsibility to respond to the needs of all students, the Ruidoso Municipal Schools provide each child in the district with modern facilities, a qualified faculty, educational programs, and extracurricular activities to enhance their total educational growth. There are six school campuses in the district: Nob Hill Early Childhood Center (Head Start, DD Preschool, Kindergarten), Sierra Vista Primary (grades 1 & 2), White Mountain Elementary (grades 3 & 4), White Mountain Intermediate (grades 5 & 6), Ruidoso Middle School (grades 7 & 8), and Ruidoso High School (grades 9 - 12), along with Gavilan Canyon School, an alternative day treatment program. Many varied opportunities are provided students to expand and enrich their life experiences including: boys' and girls' sports, music, art, drama, field trips, bilingual programs, gifted education, Title I, special education, Indian education, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, etc.

All schools are certified by the New Mexico State Department of Education and accredited by North Central Association of Schools (NCA). In addition, Nob Hill Early Childhood Center is uniquely accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Ruidoso Schools are award-winning schools. For the 1997-98 school year, Ruidoso Middle School was awarded a High Performing School Award based on student performance on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) Test. In addition, Ruidoso Middle School received an award from the New Mexico Legislature under the Incentives for School Improvement Act. For the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years, Ruidoso High School received High Performing School Awards based on student performance on the New Mexico High School Competency Exam (NMHSCE). In 1999-2000, Nob Hill Early Childhood Center was one of 14 schools nationwide that received the Inviting School Award from the International Association for Invitational Education (IAIE).

Students are afforded the most current support in the area of technology. All classrooms have 32" color TV monitors, are connected to the Internet, multiple labs are located at school sites, satellite downlinking services are available, and instruction emphasizes applied technology within the curriculum. Ruidoso Schools has its own TV channel - Channel 56, which is used to communicate with parents and the community. Updated school information is also available through our website (www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us). Ruidoso Schools and a community coalition (ENMU, Charter Communications, Hubbard Foundation, Hubbard Museum of the American West, The Kennedy Center), collaborate on a continuing basis to upgrade district technology.

2000/2001 Basic District Facts

Student Enrollment: 2,505
Ethnicity: Anglo 50.4%, Asian .3%, Black .3%, Hispanic 36.2%, Native American 17.8%
Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch: 36.2%
Students Who are Limited English Proficient: 15.6%
Mobility Rate: 32%
Graduation Rate: 90.2%
2000-01 Scholarships Awarded: \$1,108,044

Mobility Factor: September 2001

Total Students Enrolled	Total "No Shows"	Total New Students to District
2,505	989	404

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center provides a unique environment representing high standards of service and instruction in early childhood education. Nob Hill remains as the only public school in New Mexico accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Center provides programs exclusively focused on child development and early childhood education, including Birth to Three Program, Parents as Teachers, programs for three and four year old children with developmental delays, Head Start, and full-day kindergarten. Students are provided opportunities to experience learning through developmentally appropriate teaching strategies, materials, and experiences. Thematic learning, using ideas important to young children, is emphasized at Nob Hill. Children have the opportunity to learn through active participation in "hands-on" activities, through active participation in the arts including movement, dance, and music, and through encouraged shared learning with the family.

Sierra Vista Primary School

The curriculum at Sierra Vista Primary School (grades 1 and 2) emphasizes the development of strong reading and math skills, as well as an emphasis on social skills, respect, and responsibility. The school also provides instructional support programs, including bilingual education, Title I (reading), instructional computer lab, library, physical education, music, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, inclusion/resource support, Indian education, and gifted education. Another unique program available at Sierra Vista is the Extended Day Program. This program provides a safe, nurturing, enriching environment for students after school hours under the supervision of certified teachers.

White Mountain Elementary School

White Mountain Elementary School is the facility for the third and fourth grade children of the district. Each student's individual needs are recognized and addressed through the creative efforts of dedicated teachers. The faculty and administration offer a well-rounded comprehensive program for the students. Educational programs include music, art, science, physical education, computer lab, library, Title I (reading and math), and bilingual education. Instructional support programs are provided as well and include speech, physical therapy, inclusion classes, and occupational therapy.

White Mountain Intermediate School

White Mountain Intermediate School is home to the fifth and sixth grade students of the Ruidoso District and serves as the next stepping-stone in their educational journey. As a true intermediate model, the school assists students with the often difficult transition from the self-contained elementary to a more independent and departmentalized secondary situation. The team or "family" concept is incorporated at both grade levels. Dedicated and effective teachers ensure a nurturing environment where students are provided with a rich and demanding curriculum and where they learn to handle the responsibility that accompanies the freedoms of preadolescence. The instructional program is enhanced through exploratory or supplementary classes such as band, choir, drama, Spanish, physical education and dance. Students have access to the most current technology and telecommunications through computer lab classrooms monitored by designated technology instructors. Special programs such as Title I (math and language arts), inclusion/resource, bilingual, library, and enrichment address the special needs of students. Parent and community involvement are encouraged and welcomed at White Mountain Intermediate.

Ruidoso Middle School

Ruidoso Middle School strives to provide seventh and eighth grade students the best education possible while easing the transition from elementary school to high school through involvement in a variety of educational programs and exposure to diverse teaching styles.

The school provides a disciplined atmosphere with instructional programs including math, science, social studies, language arts, reading, and bilingual education. Many exploratory programs are also provided, including physical education, conditioning, agricultural mechanics, life management, art, band, choir, and study skills.

As the early teen years often bring an increased interest in competitive activities, Ruidoso Middle School offers intramural athletic programs as well as several teams in interscholastic sports that compete with other area schools.

Through diverse educational and extracurricular programs, Ruidoso Middle School cultivates respect for each individual, encourages students to make sound personal choices and decisions, and provides ample opportunity to develop academic and personal skills essential for continued success in high school and beyond.

Ruidoso High School

Ruidoso High School provides outstanding academic and extracurricular programs for students in grades nine through twelve. Students have opportunities in a variety of academic and vocational subjects and are challenged to maximize their talents through remedial, general, enriched, honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Our goal is for all students, upon graduation, to achieve their maximum potential and become a valuable contributing member of the community.

Fine Arts, physical training, super computing, journalism, foreign language, internships, and many other elective courses allow students to choose areas of interest while completing their coursework. Currently Advanced Placement classes are offered in English, Math, Science, and History. New courses are being developed based on student interest and ever-changing educational expectations.

Technology is an integral part of students' coursework throughout the curriculum. Each classroom is equipped with computers with Internet access, TV monitors, closed circuit TV, cable TV, and satellite downlinking capability. Computer labs are accessible to students during and after school hours.

A partnership with the Ruidoso Instructional Center of Eastern New Mexico University enables students to earn college credits while attending high school through a concurrent enrollment program.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities provide additional opportunities for students. Many students are active in student government, activities, and athletic programs that are competitive statewide.

OTBSA Regional Survey Plan

2000-2001 Norm-Referenced Reading

The OTBSA Regional Survey Plan provides norm-referenced data. This assessment is designed to provide information on how well a student or school performs in comparison to other students (the norm group) or schools in the state and in the nation. If a student or school has a median percentile of 50, this means they scored as well as or better than 50% of those schools/students in the norm group.

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3rd Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico 51.5	51.4	57.7	53.5	51.2	49.0
District 63.9	49.7	60.8	51.4	63.0	51.4

4th Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico 53.1	54.7	57.0	54.9	49.6	53.1
District 55.0	54.4	54.7	54.7	53.9	53.4

5th Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico 51.7	51.1	57.9	53.6	51.4	49.2
District 54.8	52.5	52.2	53.1	53.4	53.6

6th Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
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District 52.9	51.7	57.9	52.2	53.7	52.4

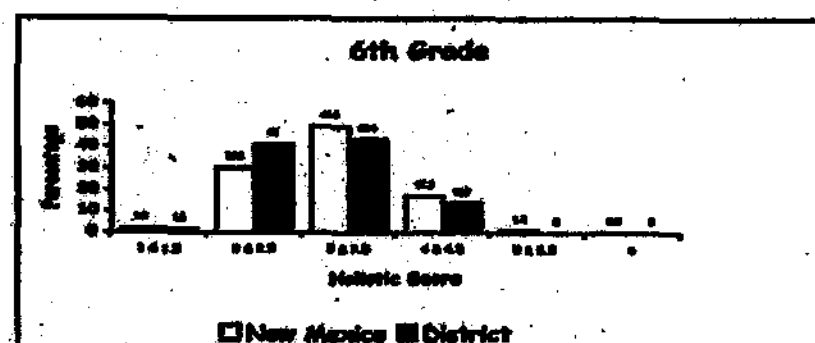
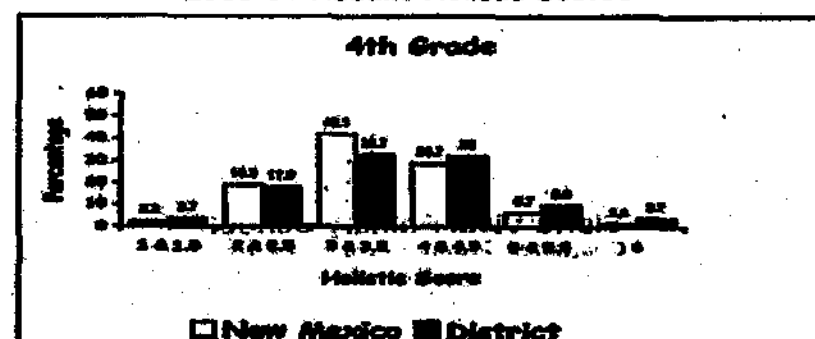
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District 50.4	51.3	58.8	53.5	50.7	50.7

8th Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico 54.8	52.0	52.4	53.0	54.5	50.2
District 53.6	51.0	52.1	52.2	52.4	50.9

9th Grade Median Percentiles					
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Total	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico 51.3	49.8	47.4	50.1	50.5	50.5
District 50.8	48.7	52.7	50.7	52.7	49.6

*Total includes reading, language arts, and math only. Scores are consistently above the National scores.

New Mexico Writing Assessment State and District Summary 2000-01 Results Holistic Scores*



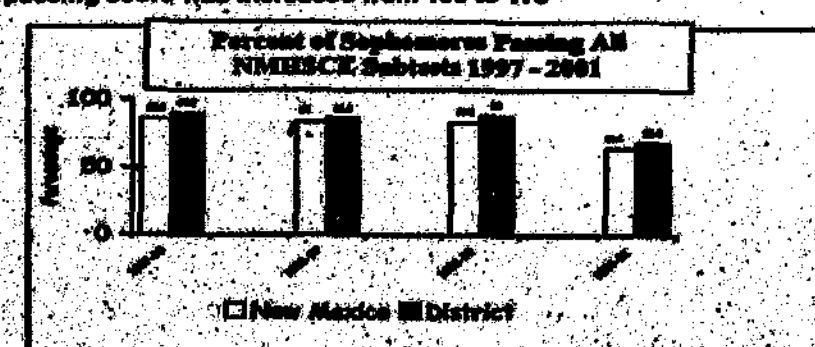
*Bar graphs show the percentage of students who scored in each of the six levels of the New Mexico Writing Assessment. (1 is lowest score, 6 is highest score)

New Mexico High School Competency Examination 2000-01 Percent of Sophomores Passing on First Attempt

This % represents 10th grade students who took all six subjects and

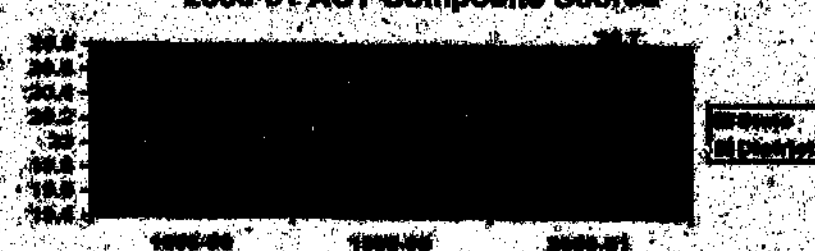
Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	History	Physical Education
New Mexico 82.2%	82.2%	82.2%	80.3%	78.5%	85.2%
District 87.6%	86.1%	86.3%	81.2%	78.2%	86.4%

passed all six subjects on their first attempt. *Beginning 2000-2001, the passing score was increased from 150 to 175.



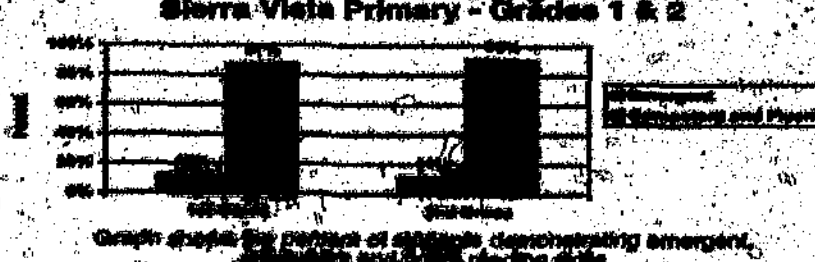
*Since 1997-98, Ruidoso students consistently pass all NMHSCE subjects at a higher rate than overall state results. Note that beginning in 2000-01, the passing score was increased from 150 to 175.

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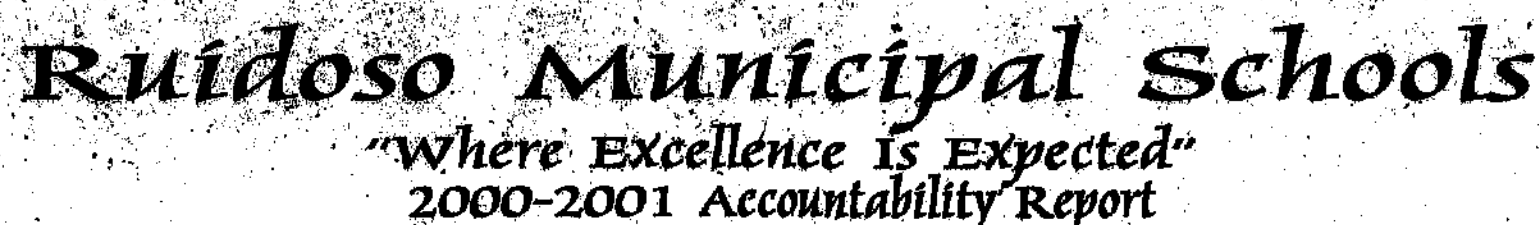


2000-01 New Mexico Reading Assessment

Sierra Vista Primary - Grades 1 & 2



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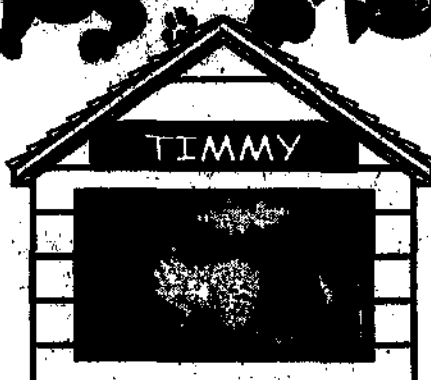


2000-01 Buldozer Writing Assessment

Academic Decathlon, Chess Club, Indian Club, SADD, Science Olympiad, Motor Sports, Art Club, FGA, TeePee Lounge, FFA

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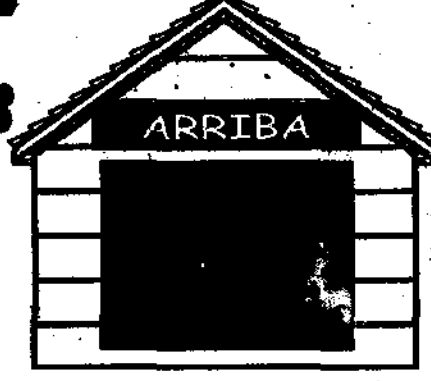
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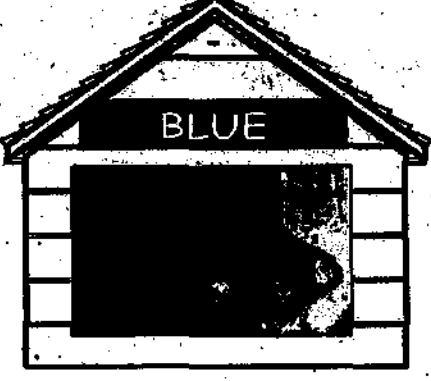
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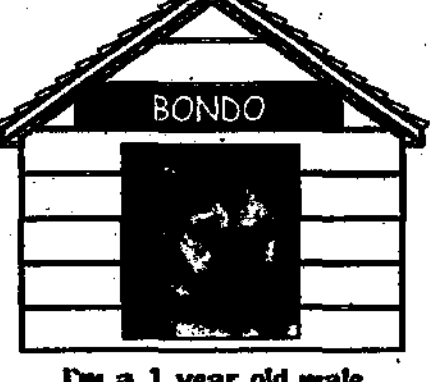
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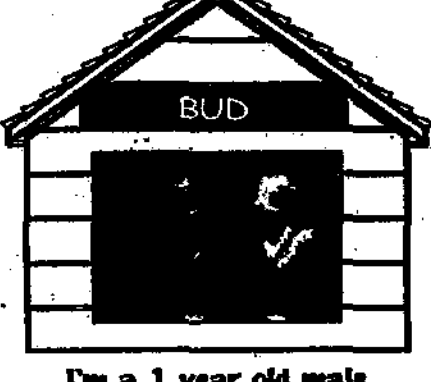
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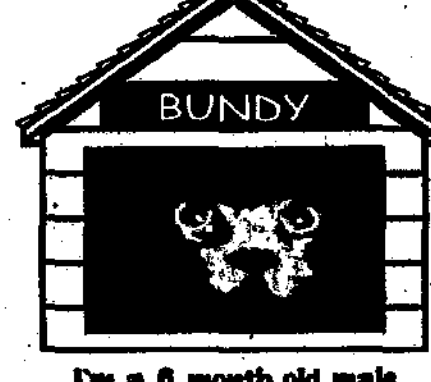
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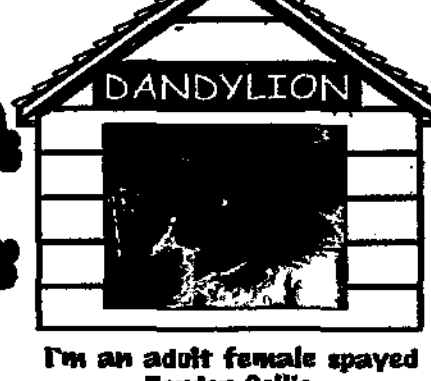
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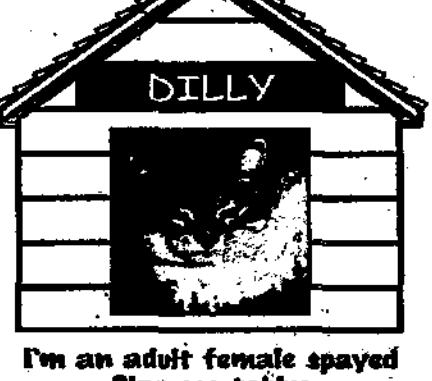
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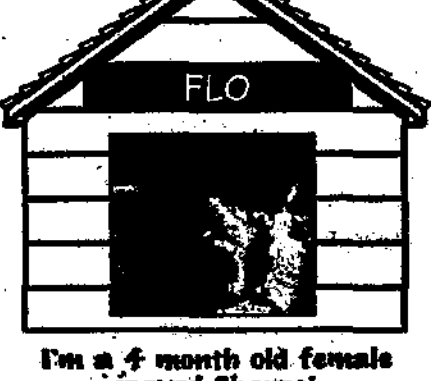
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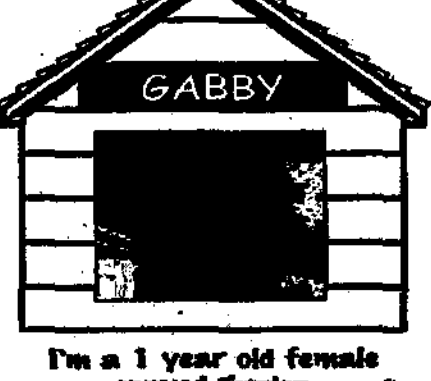
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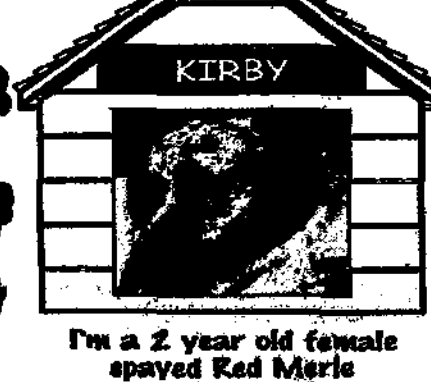
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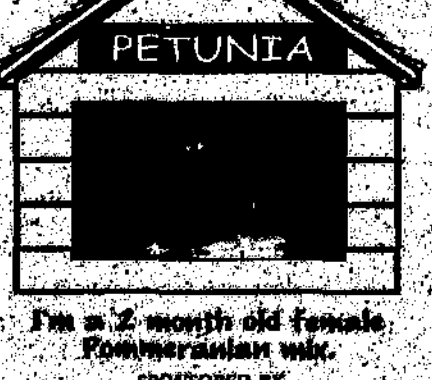
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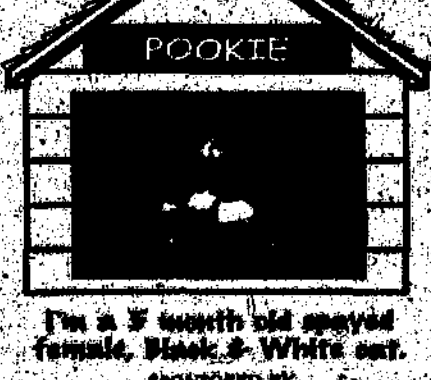
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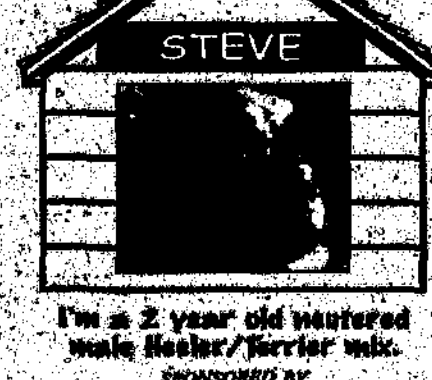
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Auction to benefit disabled skiers

Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program Silent Auction will be 6-9 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

All proceeds benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program. Lots of ski and snowboard and other items from the community. Call 336-4416 for more information or to make a donation.

Summer program meeting Saturday

The first planning meeting for the annual Fine Arts in Historic Lincoln Summer Art Program will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Anderson-Freeman Visitors Center in Lincoln.

For more information, call Elizabeth Becker at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, 378-4142.

Healing center to hold workshop

The "Heaven on Earth Workshop" with Ken Page will be at High Mesa Healing



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Sunshine Boys

'Sunshine Boys' at Spencer Theater

Starring acting veterans Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin, "The Sunshine Boys" is an immensely winning backstage comedy about vaudeville and the tentative reunion of two former partners who made the early revues so memorable. Spencer Theater show dates

are February 2 at 8 p.m. and February 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$38 for the matinee and \$42 and \$45 for the evening performance. Call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for tickets, or visit the theater Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

Treasures from the trees

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Scott and Trish Thompson began coming to the Ruidoso area when they were delivering custom-designed metal and log furniture to their customers from Midland, Texas. In 1999, they moved to Alto and set up shop as T Cross Antler Lighting and Home Furnishings.

But they're still on the move: They've outgrown their shop in Alto, and by Feb. 1 will move their business to 1023 Mechem Drive, next to World Automotive, where they'll have more space for work and display.

Scott Thompson hails from Midland, Texas, with a background in mechanical engineering and design. Trish Thompson also is from Midland, and her background is in advertising, marketing and design. They started out wholesaling log furniture in Midland while creating their own custom welding designs and contemporary furniture from old barn wood, using what was available, which, in Midland, does not include trees. Through this process, they learned what they liked and what they didn't like about the log furniture, and eventually began designing their own, improving on the design and durability.

"We go to the woods to cut the trees, either on the Mescalero Reservation or on Forest Service/BLM land," Scott Thompson said. "We don't just cut randomly. We look at each tree and we don't



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Trish and Scott Thompson stand near a headboard they're working on in their shop in Alto, amid a whirl of dust.

bring home any materials we aren't going to use."

"It's so beautiful out there, even though it's hard labor," Trish Thompson said. "It's so serene, gathering the materials for your art."

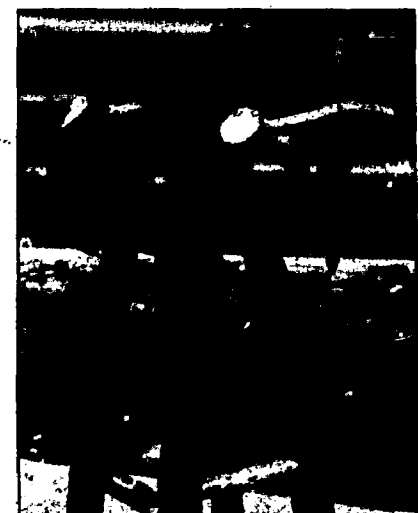
The Thompsons waste not: They take only dead standing trees, making room for new forest growth. Each piece has unique characteristics because all of it comes from burn areas, mostly the Cree Fire and the Chino Well Burn areas — and it's dry, so most of the cracking and curing has already been done.

"There's so much to choose from, we can be very selective

and get a wide variety of wood from these burns," he said.

The Thompsons have showcasing their work in the homes in Alto owned by their Midland customers, and much of their business comes from referrals because of the relationships they develop with them through the process of designing antler, log and metal furnishings.

"Our business is such a happy business because people that buy have waited a long time," Trish Thompson said. "They have looked forward to having that lodge look in their home — it's a mountain-living look and they're



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This bar stool with elk antler arms is one of many items the Thompsons craft from burn areas, recycling the standing trees into unique furniture. They also design antler chandeliers, headboards and beds, lamps, bureaus and other furniture.



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Gamed table sets are beautiful as well as comfortable, the way the Thompsons make them.

finally realizing a dream. Most people, if they love the mountains, would love to have log furniture. It's kind of like bringing nature inside."

To see some of that "nature inside," visit their Web site at www.tcrossantlerlighting.com or call 336-9171. Their work can also be seen at Brunell's (a log chair and ottoman), Galleria West (display shelves) and the Hubbard Museum of the American West (a horseshoe Christmas tree).

Send in your weasel jokes (unless you're Canadian)

The scientific community, having run out of things to clone, is now trying to identify the World's Funniest Joke. I refer to a project called Laugh Lab, being conducted by Dr. Richard Wiseman of the University of Hertfordshire (pronounced "Scotland").

Dr. Wiseman has set up an Internet site — laughlab.co.uk/home.html — that has received more than 10,000 jokes, which have been rated by more than 100,000 people; most of them wrong. I say this because the joke they have so far rated as the funniest is this:

"Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are going camping. They pitch their tent under the stars and go to sleep.

Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes wakes Watson up. Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you deduce."

"Watson says, 'I see millions of stars, and even if a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like Earth, and if there are a

few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life.'"

"Holmes replied: 'Watson, you idiot, somebody stole our tent!'"

Now, I'm not saying this is a bad joke. I'm just saying this is not even close to being the funniest joke in the world. It would be funnier if Holmes woke Watson up and said, "Watson, there's a weasel chomping on my privates!" I'm not sure where the joke would go from there, but you can't go wrong with a setup like that.

Of course, some would disagree. And when I say "some," I of course mean "women." Women generally dislike groinal humor; this is one of the startling findings — and when I say "startling" I mean "not startling" — of the Laugh Lab project. I have been listening to people — and when I say "people," I mean "men" — tell jokes for longer than 50 years (I don't mean the jokes take longer than 50 years to tell, although some of them come close) and I can state for a scientific fact that the funnier a

joke is, the more likely a woman is to react by saying: "That's disgusting!" As if that's a BAD thing.

According to a Laugh Lab press release, women don't like jokes that involve aggression, sexuality or offensiveness — also known as "the three building blocks of humor." The release states that women prefer "jokes involving word plays." It gives the following example of a joke that women like, but men dislike:

"A man had a dog called Minton. One day Minton ate two shuttlecocks. When the owner found out he said bad Minton!"

Whoo-HOO! "Bad Minton!" Get it? Here, sniff these smelling salts.

I'll tell you who else has a serious humor deficiency: Canada. I say this because, according to Laugh Lab, the following joke was rated highest by Canadians: "What do you call a woman who can balance 4 pints of beer on her head? Beatrix."

Get it? "Beatrix!" Which

sounds sort of, but not quite enough, like "Beer Tricks!" Ha ha! Maybe it would be funnier if they called her "Minton."

Laugh Lab also had people rate jokes that were generated by a computer. This is important research, because if computers can produce workable jokes, humanity may finally see the long-awaited day when humor columnists have to work even less than they do now. Unfortunately, the highest-rated joke that the computer produced was: "What kind of murderer has fiber? A cereal killer."

Granted, that's better than what Canada came up with. But it's not up to the standards of, say, Yemen.

Anyway, if you want to participate in the Laugh Lab project, you can go to the Internet site and rate some jokes.

But I warn you: Don't have food in your mouth! Because the hilarity level of these jokes is sure to make you go:

"Huh?" For example, here's one I was asked to rate: "Why do elephants have big ears?"

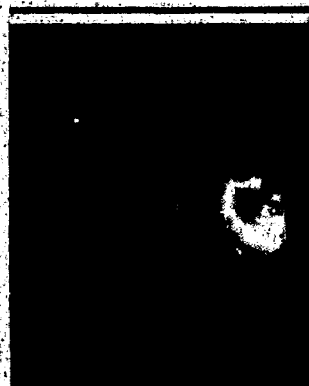
Noddy wouldn't pay the ransom." Allegedly this joke is funny in England, which uses metric humour.

But here's the good part: You can also SUBMIT a joke to the Laugh Lab. In the interest of improving the overall joke quality, I urge everybody reading this column to submit a joke incorporating some variation of the phrase:

"There's a weasel chomping on my privates." (Example: "Why do elephants have big ears? Because there's a weasel chomping on their privates.") Also, if you see this phrase in a joke you're being asked to rate, give that joke the highest rating. Do it now. Do it for humanity. Do it for the most noble of all possible reasons: to get to the other side.

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Hard men: On the trail of a notorious gang

Part 1 of 4

Much has been written about the James/Younger gang's Waterloo at a town in Minnesota called Northfield. In contrast, little has been written about the events of the two weeks following the famous raid on the quiet little Minnesota town. Men from all over the area searched, in foul weather, for the desperados who everyone knew were wounded and apparently wandering about the area, lost.

What they did not know was the identity of the robbers, a fact that would have undoubtedly given some of them pause. The James/Younger gang was America's premier band of outlaws and was known from coast to coast. No one, had they been aware of the identities of the fleeing bandits, would have been overly anxious to be the first to make contact with them.

Then again, there were some pretty hard men in those days and a statement like the one I just made may just be selling the citizens of Minnesota short. While the citizens did not know the actual identity of the robbers, they couldn't help but notice how good the desperados were at their chosen profession. During the battle, some of the outlaws actually held the reins of their horses in their teeth as they thundered up and down Division Street, using both hands to fire at anything that moved. This was a little trick they had picked up as Confederate guerrillas during

the vicious Kansas/Missouri border wars.

Jesse James and Cole Younger, among others in the gang, had been with William Clarke Quantrill when he raided the Kansas town of Lawrence in August of 1863. The raid has been resoundingly condemned ever since, but it is, after all, the winners who write the history.



Draw Gumber
Historian,
THE MURDER MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN WEST

Guerrilla war had been raging on the Kansas-Missouri border since the 1850s and when Quantrill and his raiders rode into Lawrence, many of them actually recognized items of furniture from their own homes that had been carted back to Kansas by the self-righteous abolitionists. In point of fact, very few of the Missourians who were killed or otherwise victimized, were slave owners. There was even a preacher in Lawrence, Hugh Fisher, who had gone on raids across the Missouri border. Much of the borderland on the Missouri side was known simply as "The Burnt District."

Many of the Missouri farmboys who rode with Quantrill had a legitimate bone to pick with the citizens of Lawrence, the seat of abolitionism in Kansas. And just after dawn on that August morning they did so with a vengeance. (Note: J.C. Lea, Roswell pioneer, was among Quantrill's men.)

By the time Quantrill and his raiders rode out of Lawrence, they left something like 150 men and teen-age boys lying dead inside the city limits. (Note: If you are interested in the Kansas/Missouri border wars, rent the video

"Ride with the Devil." This film is proof that Hollywood can, on occasion, get it right.)

The beginning of the end

Even knowing the little they did about the men they were pursuing should have been rather daunting to the Missourians, but pursue them they did. And in nasty weather to boot. But I digress. Lets start with the outlaws' arrival.

It was about 11 a.m. on September 7, 1876, that three men (mounted on magnificent horses that everyone remembered later), rode slowly across the Cannon River Bridge, approaching Northfield from the west. It would have been clear to anyone who had cared to notice that the men had come a long way, as they all wore long dusters to cover their clothing. In the distance behind them, two more riders, similarly attired (and well mounted), appeared.

About an hour later, all five men strolled into a restaurant and ordered ham and eggs with four eggs per man. Bystanders remembered later that they seemed to be arguing politics.

Before coming to Northfield, the gang had scouted the bank at Mankato, which looked good to them until Jesse James bumped into a rather startled man who recognized him from years before. The fellow rushed to the local authorities, who laughed at him. The James/Younger gang? In Minnesota? Absurd. Of course Jesse didn't know this, so he led his men to Northfield - and disaster.

The gang was pretty streamlined, probably the best band of outlaws that even

Jesse had ever led. There was Charlie Pitts and Bill Chadwell, both fearless men of "the most desperate class." Of course, there was Jesse and Frank James - and then there were the Youngers, the most loyal recruits and efficient bandits the James boys would ever know. And they were more than just recruits, too. Cole Younger and Frank James had ridden together with Quantrill during the Civil War and it has been stated that Cole was every inch the leader and planner that Jesse was - but remained in Jesse's shadow nonetheless, a fact that reportedly grated him.

After dining, the men mounted and left town, again in two groups.

Mid-afternoon, Northfield, Sept. 7, 1876

It was the middle of the afternoon before they returned. Again, it was a group of three riders who rode in first. People who had noticed them before, took little notice of them this time, which was unfortunate, because this time, the long coats concealed many weapons. The trio was Jesse and Frank James and Bob Younger, at 18, the youngest Younger. The three men dismounted around the corner from the First National Bank and began talking quietly among themselves. No one paid much attention.

Cole Younger and Clell Miller came riding up the street from the opposite direction from which Jim Younger and Bill Chadwell were approaching. Seeing their four approaching henchmen, the two James boys and Bob Younger turned and strolled

into the bank. Not one of them, for all their experience, remembered to shut the door behind them.

The bank, except for the employees, was empty, and they all looked up at the approach of the three men with the long-shanked, jangling spurs. Suddenly all three pulled revolvers from inside their coats. One of the men shouted, "Throw up your hands! We intend to rob the bank and if you halloo we will blow your goddamn brains out!"

There were three employees present to hear this less-than-gracious announcement: acting cashier Joseph Heywood, teller Alonzo Bunker and assistant bookkeeper Frank Wilcox. All three of them froze. One of the bandits asked which one of them was the cashier and Heywood replied, "He's not in," which was, apparently, the wrong thing to say. As one, all three of the bandits vaulted the counter and each employee had the uncomfortable feeling that one gets when looking down the business end of a revolver at close range. It is not unlike looking down at an open manhole.

The bandit in front of Heywood noticed that he was sitting at the cashier's desk and shouted, "You are the cashier! Now open the safe, you god-damned son-of-a-bitch!" Heywood was an incredibly brave man. "It's got a timeclock on it and cannot be opened," he calmly replied. By this time, the bandit was looking past him at the outer door of the vault, which seemed to be open. When he walked over to try the door on the inner safe, the courageous Heywood leapt forward and attempted to slam the door, locking the fellow inside. As he did so, one

of the other bandits sprang forward and stopped him by dragging a knife across his throat - not enough to cut him badly - just enough to get his attention.

Outside, the sound of increasing gunfire echoed up and down Division Street. It may seem unsophisticated now, but the James/Younger gang's standard mode of operation was to gallop their horses up and down, firing their pistols and clearing the street. It was a method that had worked like a charm for 10 years. But not on this day.

Beware of hardware stores

Sixteen years later, when the Dalton gang was shot to pieces at Coffeyville, Kansas, one of the reasons the citizens were able to put up such a determined fight was because the local hardware store handed out rifles and pistols to anyone wanting them. The same thing happened in Northfield back in 1876. In fact, the owner of the store, Anselm Manning, acquitted himself quite bravely in the battle. Even merchants tended to be hard men in those days.

Chadwell, Miller, Pitts, and the other two Youngers, out in the street, knew almost immediately that this town was not going to be like all the others. When they saw the citizens rushing to the street, armed, they abandoned their usual practice of simply firing wildly and began taking aim. The battle had begun in earnest.

Back inside the bank, the James boys and Bob Younger were having a good deal of trouble with the stubborn teller, Joseph Heywood.

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A young Virgil Reynolds was talked into becoming a volunteer fireman in the 1960s by his brother-in-law, and now it's come to

35

years of service
... and counting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Marking his 35th year with the Ruidoso Fire Department, Chief Virgil Reynolds looks out his window on the growing village he spent his adult life protecting.

He was honored last month by village officials at an awards banquet for three and a half decades of service, starting as a volunteer firefighter.

He was working odd jobs just to get by when his brother-in-law, who already had volunteered with the fire department, asked Reynolds to join. At that time, no one was paid and the volunteer group consisted mostly of business men in town, along with village trustees.

When the department switched to a few paid positions in 1965, Reynolds applied but wasn't brought on board until the next year. At the time, the department operated primarily out of the station on Eagle Drive, just off Sudderth Drive, which earlier had served as city hall and the jail.

"We probably had 25 to 30 volunteers," he said.

Two other stations, one at

School House Park and the other at the current village hall site at Cree Meadows Drive and Kansas City Road also were used.

Some of the major fire dangers facing the community today were problems 30 years ago, he said.

"Upper Canyon was a fire concern even then, but probably not as much because there weren't as many people," Reynolds said. His level of anxiety has climbed as more and more people move into that area and more tourists visit.

"Back then most of the fires involved chimneys and fireplaces and people dumping ashes on the ground," he said.

Four fires especially stick out in his memory during his years with the department, the Gavilan Fire in 1967, which Reynolds considers the worst; the Warrior Fire in 1970; the Moon Fire in the late 1970s; and the Cree Fire in 2000.

The Gavilan Fire started at the bottom of Alto Hill near what is now Alpine Village, but there were no houses in the area then.

"Some people were camping and left without putting out their camp fire," Reynolds said. "It went up the canyon and spread as it traveled all the way to the Deer Park area of Alto. No homes were lost, but it came close to three in Deer Park. People were on top of roofs with garden hoses."

The Warrior Fire, which started close to the current site of White Mountain Elementary, wasn't quite as big.

"It went northeast

from there and ran into the area of the previous Gavilan Fire, so it ran out of fuel," Reynolds said. "We never pinpointed the cause."

The Moon Fire started in a canyon off Starlite Drive.

"It kept spreading, getting bigger as it moved," he said. "We didn't lose any of the houses there, except one that was under construction and was made out of foam in a geodesic dome style. It melted."

Few people need to be reminded of what happened with the Cree Fire in May of 2000. Started by some young people in a cave, the fire charred 8,265 acres, took out homes under construction and required massive evacuations around Ruidoso and in Alto. By the time costs were tallied, the price tag was estimated at \$6 million.

Before Reynolds was hired as chief in 1981, he was one of three supervisors who pulled shifts to provide oversight, he said. By that time, he also had married wife Betty. They have three sons. All live in the area, but work in other professions.

Since he took over, two more stations were added to provide better coverage for the village.

"I felt we needed them for quicker response," he said.

Two years ago, a new station went up on Main Road to focus on Upper Canyon. Another is one White Mountain Drive.

"My goals have been for better coverage and quicker response," Reynolds said. "Developers have been putting in hydrants, but under new rules, we want them every 400 feet. The water department is doing a good job upgrading water lines. We've come a long way in the last two to three years."



Ruidoso Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds, standing in front of the main station on Eagle Drive, stays in touch with his firefighters spread across the community.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 25, 1952

Highway 70 second most fatal

U. S. Highway 70, Ruidoso's tourist lifeline, was the second most dangerous highway through New Mexico in 1951, the State Traffic Bureau reported at year's end. The U. S. Highway 66 traffic toll was the highest, with 72 deaths recorded on that route, which splits New Mexico almost in half from east to west.

Highway 70's death toll totaled 36 persons, the report said. The state toll (outside incorporated limits) was 195 deaths, and the total for all the state, cities and the rural area included, was 390.

JAN. 26, 1962

The Silver Lining, by Dan Storm

I have been crossing "our beautiful river" for quite a while now — since I was about 13 years old. I have crossed horseback, on foot, hand over hand on overhanging branches, jumped across. One time my three younger brothers, Lynn, Mark and Joe, carried me across.

But the other day, the morning after that cold night, was the first time I ever walked across on the ice. Sixteen below here at the Five-S Ranch — that is 10 degrees lower than I have ever seen here.

JAN. 28, 1972

Nunnally re-elected fire chief

Sam Nunnally, long-time Ruidoso resident, was elected this week to his third consecutive term as fire chief of the Ruidoso Fire Department.

Others elected to the department were Virgil Reynolds, assistant fire chief; Red Farus, captain; Tommy Reynolds and Don Boone, lieutenants; and Jerry Kannaday, re-elected secretary-treasurer. ... The year 1971 recoded the greatest number of fire alarms in the previous five years, with a total of 95 alarms of the 343 (in five years).

JAN. 28, 1982

Dorman owner of dam site

The portion of Grindstone Canyon in which the Ruidoso trustees are considering building a 1,000-acre-foot water dam is owned by Dan Dorman of Ruidoso.

Dorman, with Mike Mulholland, Ruidoso, began planning residential-commercial development of the tract of land, presently encompassing about 300 acres, in 1978. Mulholland is no longer associated with the project.

"In all action by the village trustees concerning this project," Dorman said, Trustee Benny Coulston has abstained from voting, because he is my exclusive real estate agent."

JAN. 30, 1992

County official hobbling

An unnamed five-year-old gelding sent his owner, Lincoln County Commission Chairman Stirling Spencer, to the hospital last Thursday.

"He slipped (on some muddy ground), and when he came up he was nasty," Spencer said. "He could have just walked away, but he kicked me instead."

The kick jammed Spencer's thigh bone down into his knee joint, according to Gail Spencer, who was out riding...with her husband.



Virgil Reynolds, fourth from right in back, was a volunteer firefighter in the mid-1960s when this group posed for a photograph.

The movies, an many other things, come from cattle

An artist friend invited me to the movie, "The Majestic" at Ruidoso's Sierra Cinema. Since I rarely go to walk-in movies, it was a treat. Ebert & Roesper gave the movie "Two Thumbs Up." Jim Carrey, as a blacklisted Hollywood screenwriter, inspired me to figure a way to reopen the former Carrizozo Lyric Theater.

So what if it is a private residence today. I have also seen "Vanilla Ice, Sky..." whatever, written and directed by Cameron Crowe, Ben Cruise, Manhattan publishing executive, Penelope Cruz and Cameron Diaz failed to educate me about the publishing world, nor did they or

Crowe answer my questions about the nightmarish screen confusion.

I have a Canyon Cowbelle friend who keeps me informed on how a cow is more than a cow. Most people usually think of beef as a hamburger, steak or roast for a satisfying meal. Vegetarians and the movie industry would have trouble getting through the day without using some beef byproducts.

For example photographic film is made from cow gelatin. The art/craft world benefits from beef byproducts that are used to create candles, crayons, paints, leather goods, paint brushes, piano keys, records,

crochet hooks, violin strings, adhesives and felt pens.

The beef industry serves as a source for materials, with its byproducts, for hundreds of other industries. The medical world relies on them for pharmaceuticals. Byproducts are used in mechanical items for transportation purposes. Edible products from byproducts that are not so obvious are sausage casings, chewing gum, marshmallows, deep-fry batters, and cake mixes.

Inedible byproducts of beef cattle are used in food for poultry, pork, dairy cattle and domesticated fish. Items manufac-

tured from inedible parts surround us in our daily environment:

- From hide — luggage, boots, shoes, baseball mits, footballs (they are not made of pigskin).
- From hair — binders for plaster and asphalt paving, fan belts, house insulation, rug pads upholstery.
- From fats — industrial oils, lubricants, soap, tanning, tallow, cosmetics such as lipstick, face cream, hand cream, shaving cream.
- From fatty acids — biodegradable detergents, pesticides, garden hoses, surgical gloves, deodorant, fires, floor wax.
- From bone, hooves, and horns — buttons, fertilizer, wallpaper, sandpaper, combs, toothbrushes, pet food, dice, teething rings.
- From blood and bone marrow — runway foam in case of airplane accidents, fire extinguishers, shoe polish, Band-aids, cork.
- From gut — surgical sutures, tennis racquets.

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TO INCLUDE FUN IN EVERYDAY LIVING
BY POLLY B. CHAVEZ

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

A Beautiful Mind
Drama, 2 hrs. 25 min.
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Starring: Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly, Adam Goldberg, Paul Bettany
Directed by: Ron Howard
Produced by: Brian Grazer, Ron Howard
Written by: Akiva Goldsman, Sylvia Nasar
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Richard Gere and Laura Linney in 'The Mothman Prophecies'

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When John Klein, a respected Washington Post journalist, and his wife Mary find the dream house they have been hunting for, life could hardly get better. Then on their joyful ride home the dream is shattered when Mary crashes the car and is killed.
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MPAA Rating: PG-13 for terror, some sexuality and language.
Starring: Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Will Patton, Debra Messing, Nestor Seldin, Alan Bates, Lucinda Jenney.

Black Hawk Down
Drama and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 40 min.
Rated R for intense, realistic graphic war violence, and for language.
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Ideas, inspiration and public places

MARY LEA LANE
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

As the Arts Coordinator for the Village of Ruidoso, I am most fortunate to work with several committees in developing the overall, larger, organized arts community for Lincoln County and Mesalero. It would be impossible to accomplish much without the involvement of these wonderful people. Ideas flow freely and are developed, tasks are undertaken and shared, and events are being scheduled which have the potential to involve many local artists — both performing and visual — and an ever-expanding audience of tourists and locals.

Outdoor Sculpture

This is an exciting new project, based on the highly successful work of the Abilene,

Texas, Cultural Affairs Council. Three works of outdoor sculpture will be selected for exhibition in highly visible locations in Ruidoso. These will be on loan to the Village for a minimum of six months, but may remain as long as one year. All will be installed in early May with an opening planned for the afternoon of Mother's Day. The project is open to all New Mexico and regional artists.

Call-for-artists brochures have been mailed. Again, if you are interested in submitting and did not receive a brochure or need further information, please call Pat Hucksins, project chair, at 257-9281.

The purposes of the project include to exhibit work of area artists, raise the awareness of art in the general populace, and enhance our public thor-

oughfares. However, in the 20 years it has been involved in this project, Abilene has changed from a city with no public sculpture, to one that abounds with it. Many private individuals have purchased these works, which were originally on loan from the artists, and given them to the city for its parks and public spaces.

"September 11, 2001"

Did the horrific events of 9/11/01 result in an outpouring of feelings through your art? Did you write or paint or stitch or sculpt in order to find relief from your fear? Or did the unity of the American people, which resulted from the events of that fateful day result in a new expressions of love for your country and its people?

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by
Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician

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At one time or another everyone suffers from headaches. These can occur for a number of reasons including tension, exhaustion, diet, allergies and blood pressure changes. Regardless of the cause, a recurring headache is a strong sign that something is wrong. While pain relievers like aspirin may temporarily relieve the problem, they do nothing to correct the source of the pain.
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They even went so far as to fire a pistol next to his ear to intimidate him. Nothing worked. When they began pistol-whipping Heywood, Alonzo Bunker took off like a jackrabbit for the back door. Bob Younger raced after him, shouting for him to stop. Then Younger stopped, took aim and fired at the fleeing taller —

twice. The first bullet missed, but the second slammed into Bunker's shoulder. It not only didn't knock him down, it seemed to energize him. Bunker picked up speed and crashed right through the closed screen door, taking a good deal of it with him. He disappeared down the alley. He survived.

At that point, Cole Younger

rode up to the front door and shouted something that no one in the gang had ever heard before: "The game is up and we are beaten!" The three bandits raced out the front door and into the street that was rapidly becoming a death trap. One of them, probably Frank James, turned back and, in frustration, put his pistol to the brave Heywood's head and

pulled the trigger, killing him. And the battle was just beginning...

SOURCES: "I, Jesse James," by James R. Ross; "The Story of Cole Younger," by himself; "Jesse James," by John Ernst and "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters," by Bill O'Neal.

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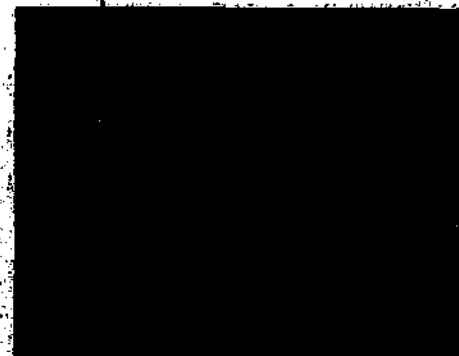
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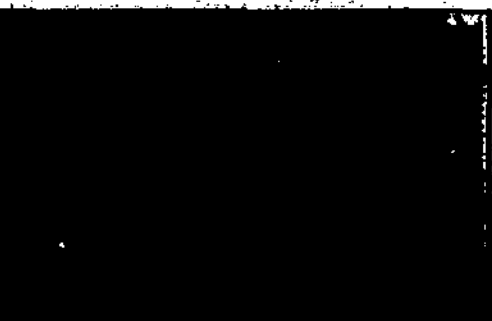
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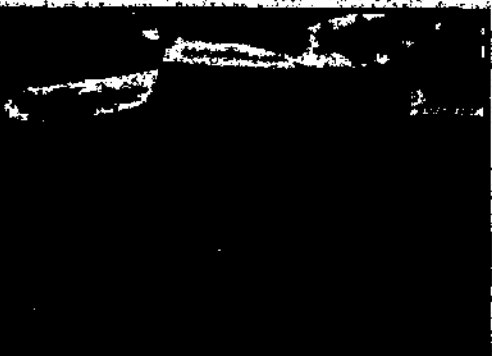


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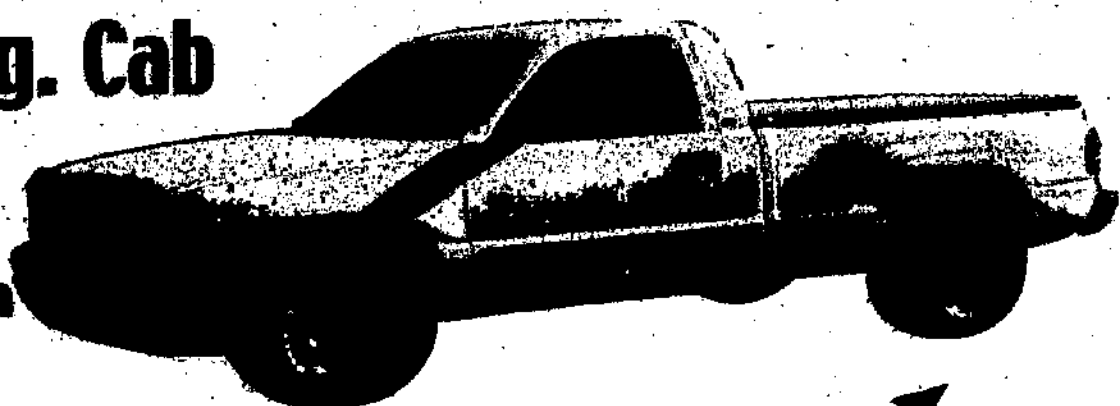
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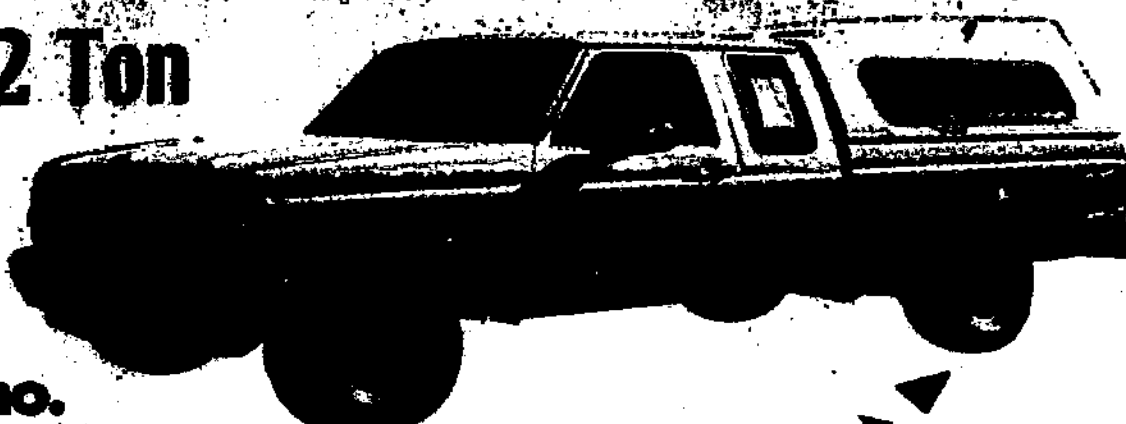
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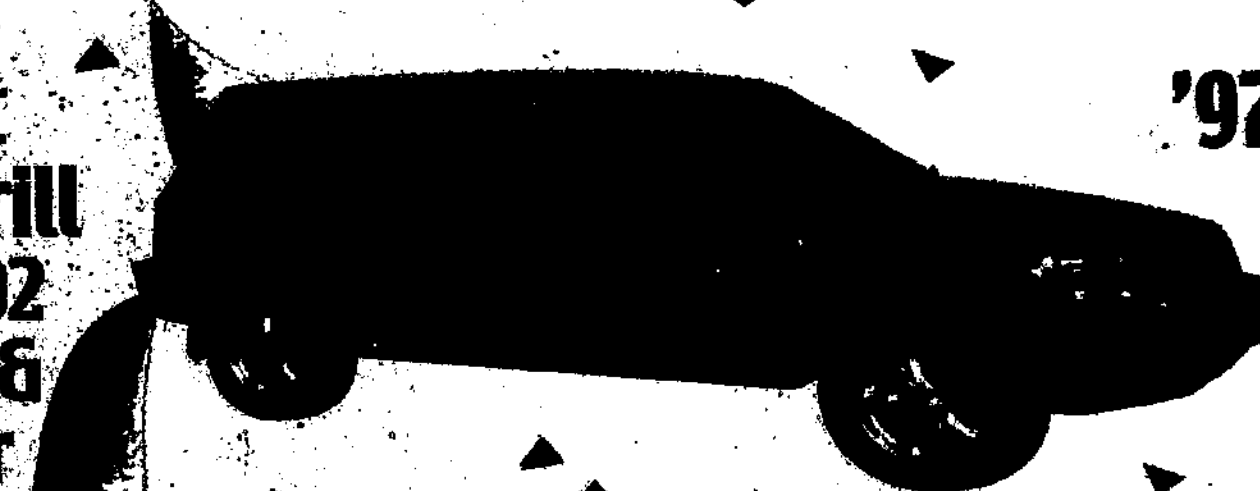
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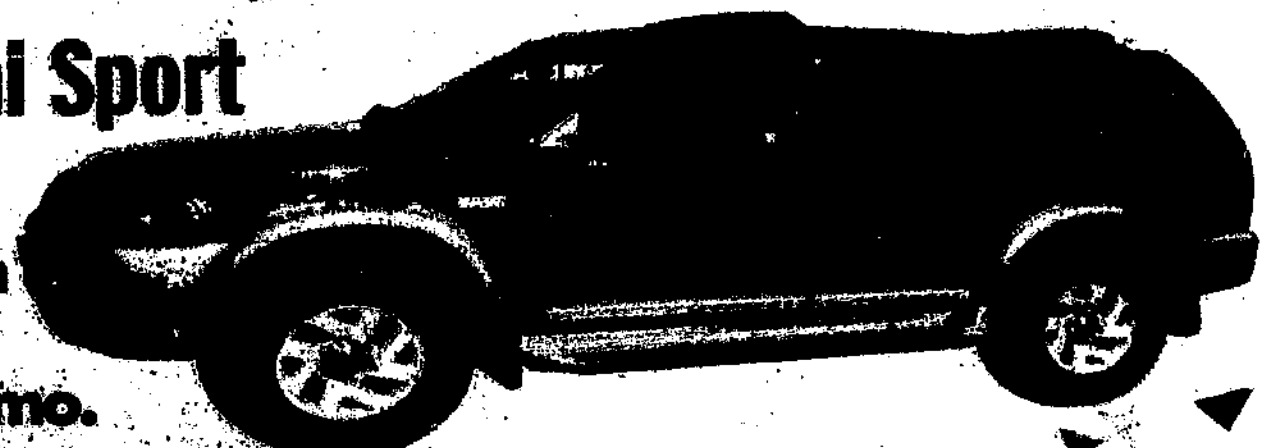
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DIV. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICKI TERRELL BURDINE, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Timothy L. Terrell and TRAE TERRELL DIEDIE are the Domiciliary Foreign Personal Representatives of the estate of VICKI TERRELL BURDINE, DECEASED. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to Timothy L. Terrell or Trae Terrell Dieder, Domiciliary Foreign Personal Representatives, or their attorney, at the address listed below, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301-0725.

Dated 12/28/01

/s/Timothy L. Terrell
9 Flowing Circle
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Dated 01/01/02

/s/Trae Terrell Dieder
1248 Watson Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

/s/Marcia J. Denny
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PUEBLO DE RUIDOSO

ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR

EL 5 DE MARZO DEL 2002

Por medio de la presente se hace saber que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 5 de marzo del 2002, con el fin de elegir:

UN ALCALDE POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO ANOS.

1. Robert P. Donaldson
2. E. Leon Eggleston

TRES CONSEJALAS POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO ANOS ELEGIDAS EN GENERAL.

1. Jules B. Videau
2. Lonnie Ray Nunley
3. Deborah Marcum-Byars
4. Bill G. Chance
5. Ronald D. Hardeman

UN JUEZ MUNICIPAL POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO ANOS.

1. Michael S. Line

La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 13 de febrero del 2002 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 15 de marzo del 2002. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles. Se lunea a viernes. Aquellas personas que deseen votar por anticipado tienen que hacer su solicitud en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el 313 Cree Meadows Drive. Se hara un record de los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en maquinas para votar.

Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Tammie J. Maddox, 258-4343.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana de las Municipalidades

3914 2T(1)25, (2)6

LEGAL NOTICE

SOLICITACION DE INTERES

US 70 Hondo Valley Highway Project
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Mr. Tom Rath
HBG Flatiron Structures
114 Industrial Park Place
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1431
(505) 994-8302

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TABATHA RUE a single person,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALFRED and STELLA BACA, husband and wife, DOROTHY SKARDA, JASON PARNELL, KITTY SALAS CANDELARIA, HOPE SALAS, and DION SALAS,

Defendants,

DOE 1-10,

GROUP II DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Group II Defendants, The known and unknown Heirs of Celedonio T. Salas, deceased and Jacob Alexander Salas, Jr., deceased

Notice is hereby given to Group II Defendants, and each of them, that Tabatha Rue has filed a petition to Quiet Title and to obtain a prescriptive easement to lands located in the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, out of the Pedro Salas y Nunez Tract, more particularly described in said Complaint.

The attorney for Petitioner is The Dutton Firm, Ltd., 1096 Mechem Drive #229, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 258-2323.

If you do not file an answer or other responsive pleading within twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, Plaintiff will request the court to grant her the relief sought in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HANDS AND SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this 10th day of October, 2001.

Jan Perry
District Court Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Yeast
By: Deputy

3907 4T(1) 18, 25, (2) 1, 6

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

LITTON LOAN SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR H. POWELL, a single person, aka KIM POWELL, a single person, and VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 12, 2002, 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 Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 199 Oak Drive, Ruidoso, NM and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 37, BLOCK 30 OF PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 15, 1988, IN TUBE NO 146.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 7, 2002, beginning an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$87,347.84 and the same bears interest at 9.5% per annum from November 22, 2001. The amount of such interest to

the date of sale will be \$1,687.88. 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 on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega,
Special Master
P.O. Box 393
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 848-2217

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

STATE NATIONAL BANK, a Texas banking corporation, success in interest to RUIDOSO STATE BANK,

Plaintiff,

MONROY R. CHAVEZ and JOANNE CHAVEZ,

Defendants,

NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2002 at 9:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 1 of Palo Verde, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on December 28, 1944;

and

The E1/2 of the alley way lying between Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 1, Palo Verde, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 28, 1944.

The physical location of the property is 1871 W. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgement, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the court on January 7, 2002, as action for foreclosure of Mortgage. Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgement liens:

Aggregate principal as of 2/13/02 \$219,001.85
Accrued interest 2/13/02 \$22,818.13
Costs of suit \$430.94
Attorney fees \$5,266.48
Special Master's fee \$200.00
\$247,237.40

In addition to the Judgment liens noted above, there will be accruing interest and costs including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing at the time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

WITNESS my hand on January 10, 2001.

/s/ Bobbi Streator
Special Master

/s/ Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES, INC.,
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
Attorney for Plaintiff

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV-02-08
DIV. III

PATRICIA WHISENANT, a widow,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I

THE ESTATE OF THELMA G. OSBORN, DECEASED; AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS, AND THE ESTATE OF R.L. W H I S E N A N T, DECEASED, AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, ASSIGNS, and

GROUP II

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS; and

GROUP III

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants,

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

The Estate of Thelma G. Osborn, Deceased, And

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380 HELP WANTED

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her Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns, and The Estate of R.L. Whisenant, Deceased, And His Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns;

and

John Does 1 Through 100 and Their Unknown Heirs, Devisees And Assigns; and

All Unknown Claimants of Interest in The Premises Adverse to The Plaintiffs.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Lee Griffin, Legal Services Inc., 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intended to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint on or before February 28, 2002, being 20 days from the last date of publication of this notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 15th day of January, 2002.

Jan Perry
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Elizabeth Yeast
Deputy

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Crossword

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No. 0305

- ACROSS**
- 1 Moon shine
 - 5 Trample (on)
 - 10 Vile Nile creature
 - 14 "Super" star
 - 15 Wood for a storage closet
 - 16 Ark builder
 - 17 "Roots" author
 - 18 Jim Carrey's pet detective role
 - 20 Angry natives go on them
 - 22 Crushed the sea
 - 23 German "Oh"
 - 24 Store department with jackets, ties and such
 - 25 "The Dead Zone" novelist
 - 30 Foxy
- DOWN**
- 33 Thick soup
 - 34 Bridge seat
 - 35 Peg with a dent on top
 - 36 Small
 - 37 Light bulb units
 - 38 Volcanic flow
 - 39 Fishing pole
 - 40 New York canal
 - 41 Instant Messenger user
 - 42 Prior to, in poetry
 - 43 Ralph Bellamy's master detective role
 - 44 Type of "Judging Amy"
 - 46 Mo. with most of Leo
 - 47 Harebrained
 - 48 Deep down
 - 49 "White Fang" author

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BRANISIAID BUCK
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HARPER PISTAZO
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67 Song with trills
68 ____ vers
69 End of a hangman's rope
70 ____ a one
71 On a pension: Abbr.
72 "Oklahoma!" aut
73 First word of Carroll's "Jabberwocky"

DOWN

- 1 Chew (on)
- 2 Singer Falena
- 3 Partner of "Gone with"
- 4 Bakery box liner
- 5 Reprove severely
- 6 Kind of support for a computer user
- 7 Lyrical verses
- 8 Dallas helicopter, briefly
- 9 Things kept under wraps?
- 10 Those "agh" it
- 11 Mervin Gays music
- 12 Out back
- 13 Roe source
- 14 Da ____ Vietnam
- 15 Reason for an ice pack
- 16 "Fly ____"
- 17 Way a fern reproduces
- 18 English royal house
- 19 Get away at

45 Hit with the flats
47 Not quite closed
48 Barn dance beat
49 Dundee denizen
50 One getting bags of fern mail

51 Bloodhound's seat
52 Take a card
53 Milano model
54 Pop rally cheer
55 Cambodia's Lon

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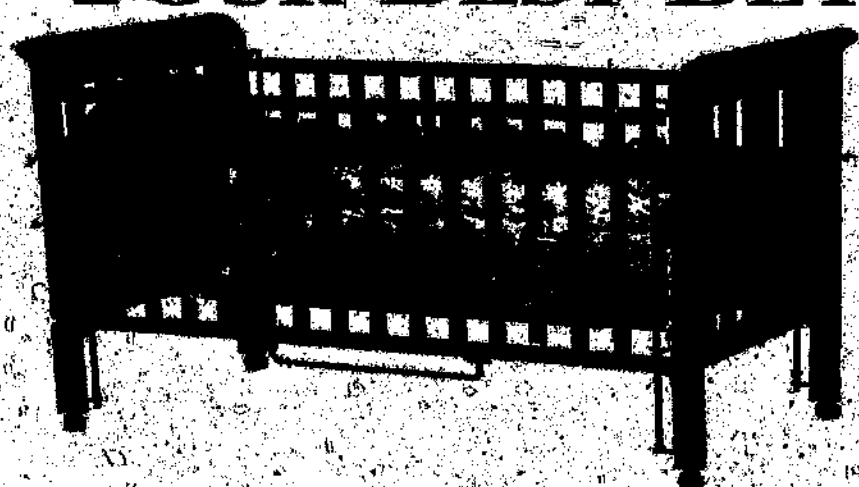
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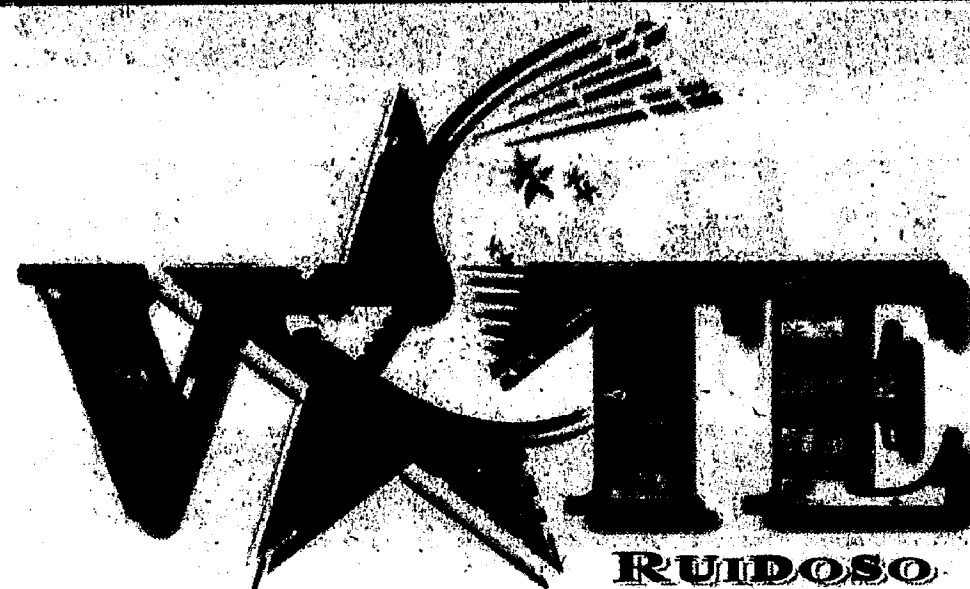
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MIDDLE CEDAR CREEK



CLEAR • \$129,500 102 Musket Ct.

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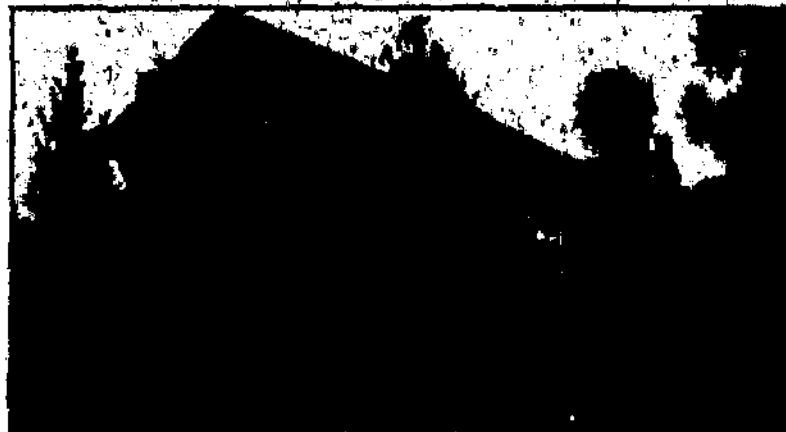
RANCHO RUIDOSO ESTATES



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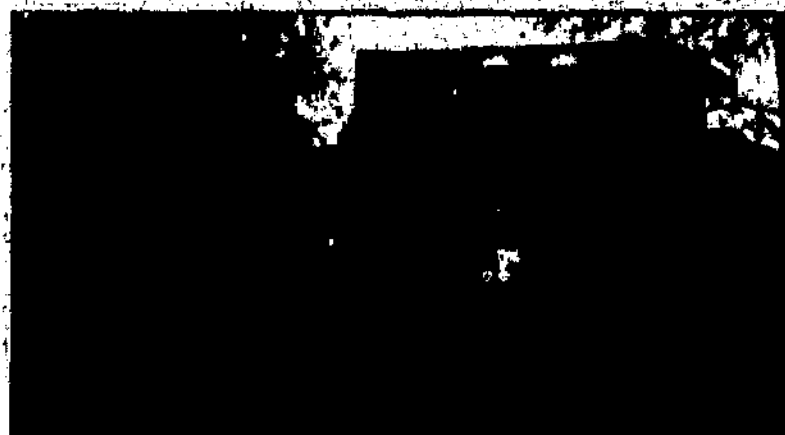
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SHANGRI LA



BANKSTON • \$189,500 #2 Shangri La Dr.

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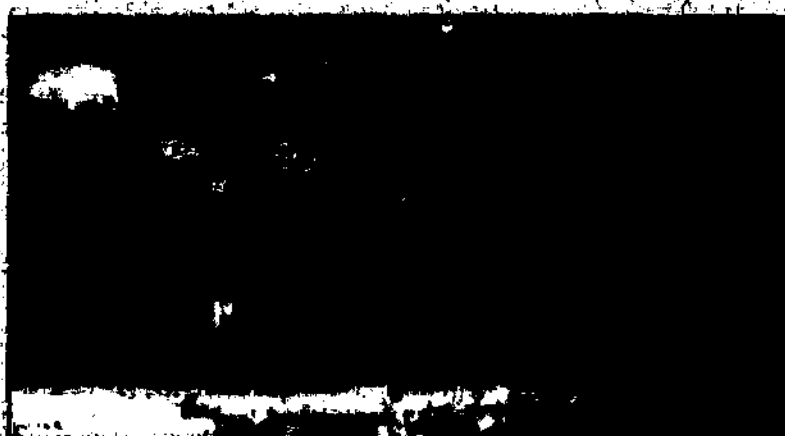
NORTH CEDAR CREEK



DURAN • \$229,500 N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrm/2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level cactus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1.25 acres, fairly secluded. 3 years old - Owner builder. Outstanding workshop area. Private park!

SHAUNA DOWNS ESTATES



BLANK • \$395,000 Silver Star Lane

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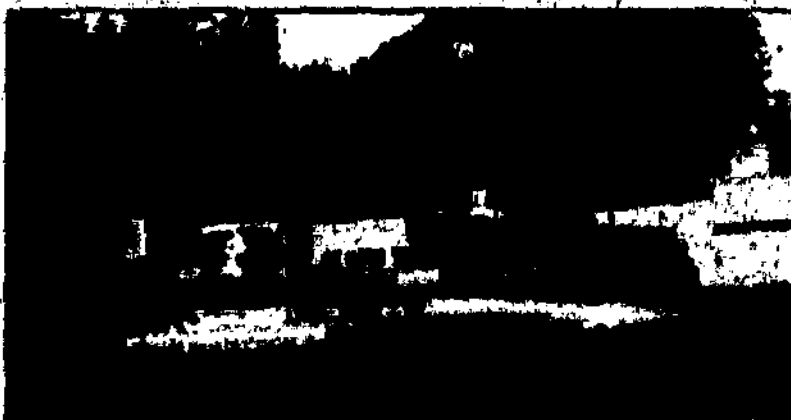


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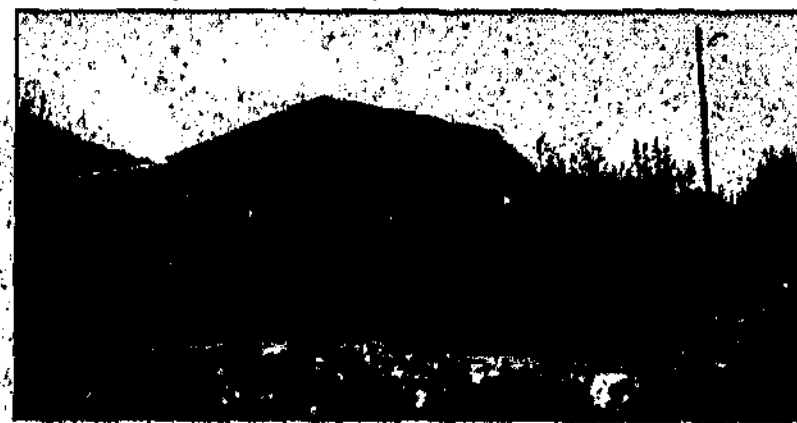


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AGUA FRIA ESTATES



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Griffith Dr. & Hwy. 70

HIGH VISIBILITY LOCATION! Come see this nice commercial building on corner of Hwy. 70 and Griffith Dr. in Ruidoso Downs. Would suit multi-purpose business or could be used as part office/part workshop. Fenced open area behind the building. Use your imagination!

SKYLAND ADDITION



WHITTEN • \$139,500

910 Sudderth Dr.

Great Potentials Abound! Right on Sudderth Dr. for great exposure! Cute, older home and 3 small mobiles. This property is zoned C-2 on a secluded knoll for privacy. First time on the market, this would work out great for on-site manager and rentals. With a bit of updating this could be a darling setup. Owner will finance. Call us today, many possibilities!

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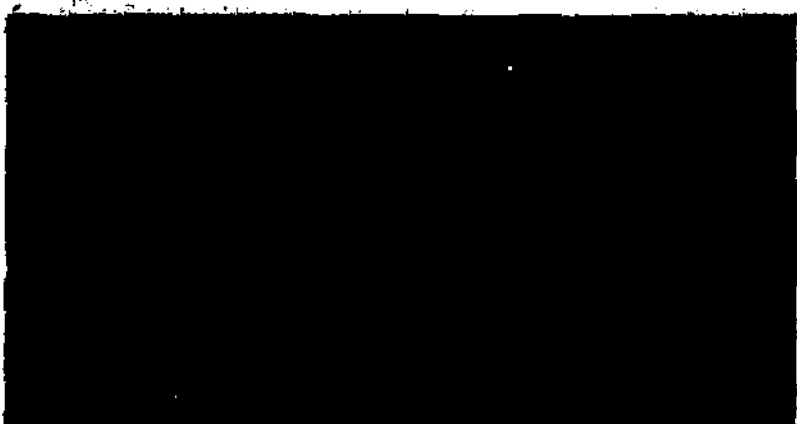
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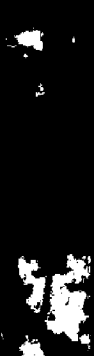


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IGA Bottom Round Steak

IGA

Prices Effective: January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31		

POSTAL CUSTOMER
PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Abilene, Texas
PERMIT NO. 57



Boneless
Ham
10-15 Lb.

\$3.99

Corned Beef
Bacon

\$3.99

12 oz.
Pkg.

Limit 2 per customer, thereafter \$1.29



Selected
Baking
Dinner

4

Wheat Thins
Nabisco
Crackers

2

6.75-10 oz.
Pkgs. For



\$4

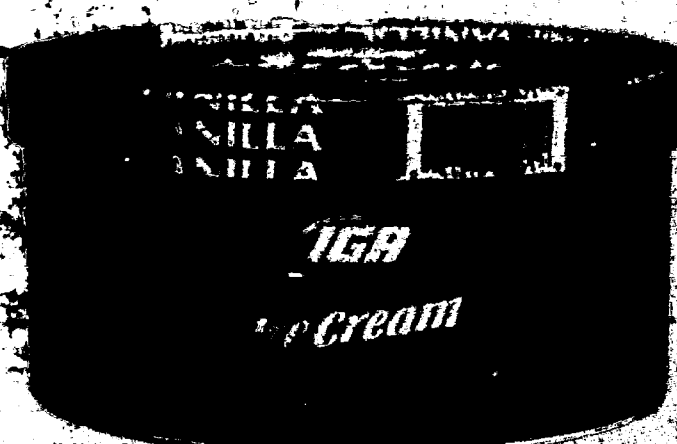
Selected Varieties
Nabisco
Ritz
10.5-16 oz.
Pkgs. For
\$5



Best Yet
Soda

79¢

3 Liter
Bottle



Selected Varieties

IGA
Ice Cream

2

Half Gallons
For

\$5

Quaker Masa
Harina
Preparada
2.39

Masa or Tortilla Flour
Quaker
Preparada

8.99

20 Lb.
Bag



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Special Cuts!

We grind our hamburger meat
FRESH DAILY in our store!

Corn King
Sliced Bacon

99¢
12 oz. Pkg.

Limit Two Thereafter \$1.29

Boneless
Bottom
Round Steak

1.49

1 Lb.

Boneless
Tenderized
Round Steak

1.69

Lb.

Boneless
Rump
Roast

1.89

Lb.

Twin Pack - Gyrovac
Boston Butt
Pork Roast

97¢
Lb.

Pork or Beef
Stir Fry

3.99

Lb.

Fresh
Pork Steak

1.29

Canned
Beef
Tripe

1.19

Catfish
Nuggets

1.69

Pepperoni
Coke Dogs

4.49

Pepperoni
Coke Dogs

2.69

Pepperoni
Coke Dogs

1.89

Pepperoni
Coke Dogs

2.19

American Chef
Cooked Ham or
Turkey Breast

1.89

American Chef
Chopped Ham

1.59

Oscar Meyer
Bologna or Salami

1.79

Wilson
Meat Bologna

99¢

Fun Pack
Assorted Varieties
Oscar Meyer
Lunchables

1.99

J Bar
Single Truss
Hot Links

3.89

Assorted Varieties
Mama Rosa
Twin Pack Pizzas

99¢

Potato King
Hash Browns

2.19

Frozen Foods

Selected Varieties
Pillsbury
Toaster Strudel

1.79

Selected Varieties
Green Giant
Create-A-Meal

2.29

Lemon Butter
Gorton's
Fish Fillets

2.55

Mozzarella
Farm Rich
Cheese Dippers

2.54

Assorted Varieties
Beck's
Burgers

2.55

Beef Stew or Turkey
Green Giant
Skillet Meals

4.99

Pepperoni or Cheese
Santitas
Apple Juice

1.19

Fudge or Cream
Pepperidge Farm
Layer Cakes

2.29

Bakery



Homemade
Pork
Party Rolls

1.79



Homemade
Pork
Party Rolls

5.99



Homemade
Pork
Party Rolls

4.59




Homemade
Pork
Party Rolls

2.99



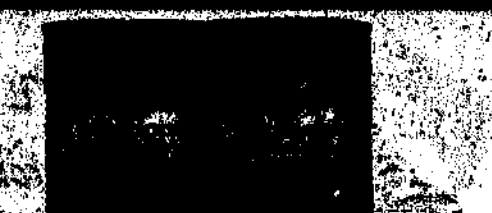
18 oz. Golden Sugar Flakes
Malt-O-Meal Cereal
 3 \$4.99
 6-18 oz. Bags For



Selected Varieties
Bush's Best Cooked Beans
 2 \$1
 15-18 oz. Cans For



Regular or Hot
Hormel Plain Chili
 1 19
 16 oz. Can



Selected Varieties
Rosarita Refried Beans
 79¢
 18 oz. Can




Wish or Wish
Old El Paso Taco Shells
 29
 4.5-5.25 oz. Pkg.




Taco Bell Dinner Kit
 19
 12 Ct. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Old El Paso Salsa
 69
 16 oz. Jar




Selected Varieties
Jell-O Gelatin
 2 1
 3.5-5.5 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Krusteaz Bread Mixes
 1 49
 14-21 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Panetini Roasted Garlic Toast
 2 49
 6 oz. Pkg.



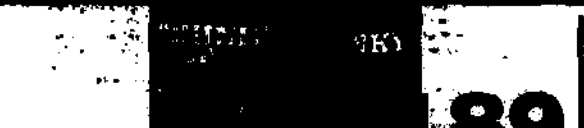
Whole or Sliced
Green Giant Mushrooms
 1 39
 4.5 oz. Jar



Selected Varieties
DiGiorno Pasta or Sauce
 2 19
 9-15 oz. Pkg.




Exceptional Value Spaghetti
Prego Spaghetti Sauce
 79
 27.75-35 oz. Jar



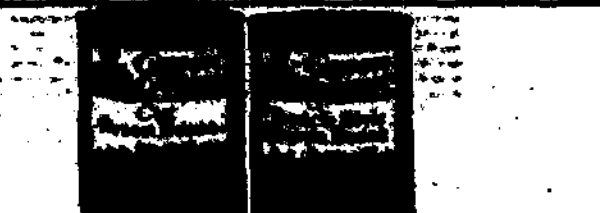
Selected Varieties
Campbell's Chunky Soup
 89
 18.5-19.5 oz. Can



Horseradish or Creamy
BestYet Specialty Mustard
 39¢
 12 oz. Bottle



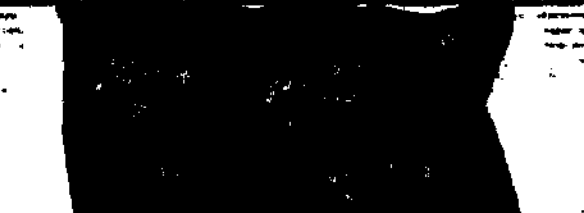
Selected Varieties
Hi-C Drinks
 2 \$5
 12 oz. Bottles or 10 Ct. Score For



Selected Varieties
Green Giant Vegetables
 2 \$1
 11-15 oz. Cans For



BestYet Fun Stripe
 1 69
 18 oz. Jar



Mrs. Fields Cookies
 3 49
 13.5 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Tostitos or Ruffles Chips
 2 \$5
 12.25 oz. Pkg. For



Selected Varieties
Kraft Handi-Snacks Pudding
 29
 17-20 oz. Cans




Selected Varieties
Pillsbury Cake Mixes
 89¢
 18.5-19.5 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Palmolive Dish Liquid
 2 19
 25 oz. Liquid or 50 oz. Gal




Regular or Antibacterial
Ajax Dish Liquid
 99¢
 16 oz. Bottle



Selected Varieties
Ultra Fab Detergent
 3 99
 33-42 Ld. Powder or 100 oz. Liquid



Mardi Gras Paper Towels
 2 99
 8 Roll Pkg.



Northern Quilted Napkins
 1 39
 100 Ct. Pkg.



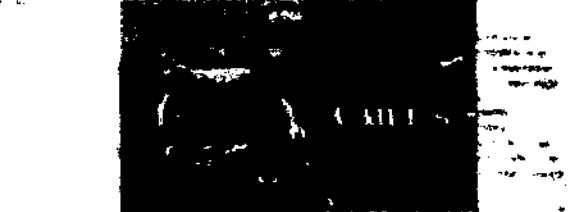
6 Double Roll or 12 Reg. Roll
Angel Soft Bath Tissue
 2 99
 6-12 Roll Pkg.




Canine Complete
BestYet Dog Food
 6 99
 22-Lb. Bag



Selected Varieties
BestYet Dog Food
 2 89¢
 13.2 oz. Cans For



Friskies Cat Food
 1 19
 16.2 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Alpo Cat Food
 3 \$1
 5.5 oz. Cans For



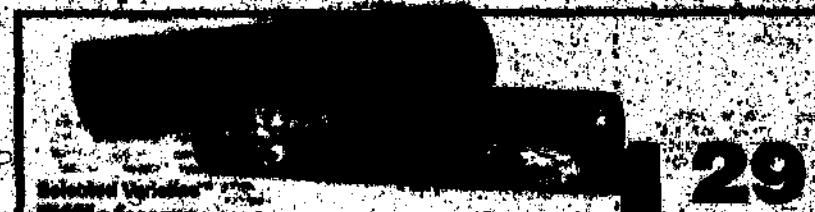
BestYet Premium Orange Juice
 2 \$3
 64 oz. Cans For




BestYet Jumbo! Cinnamon Rolls
 1 49
 18.9 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Select Brands Cottage Cheese
 2 \$5
 24 oz. Containers For



Selected Varieties
Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls
 1 29
 12.4-13.5 oz. Pkg.



Selected Varieties
Borden Cheese
 1 49
 12 oz. Pkg.



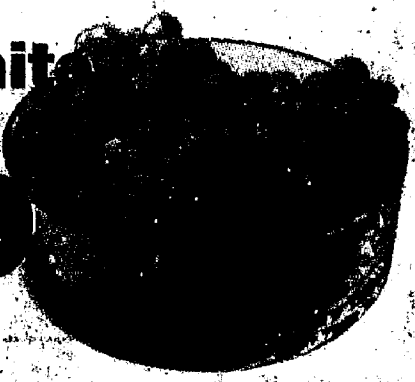
Selected Varieties
Kraft Dips
 99¢
 8 oz. Container

IGA Fresh Produce



New Crop
**Seedless White
Grapes**

1 49
Lb.



Sno-White • Whole
Mushrooms

99
8 oz. Pkg.



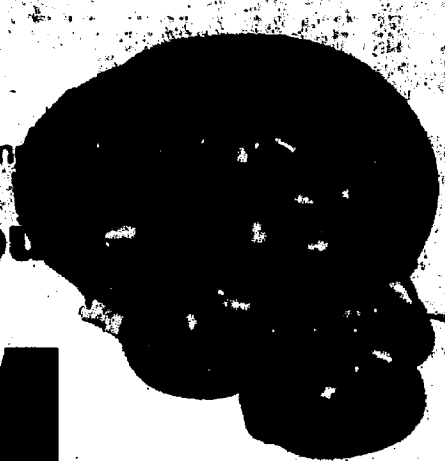
Chilean • New Crop
**Peaches or
Nectarines**

1 29
Lb.



Washington • Extra Fancy
Snack Size
**Red Delicious
Apples**

7 \$1
For



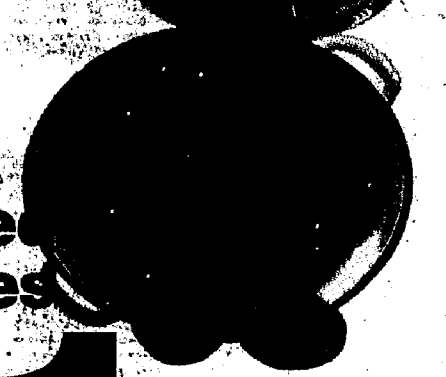
California • Naval
Seedless • Snack Size
Oranges

7 \$1
For



"A" Size
**New Red
Potatoes**

2 \$1
Lbs. For



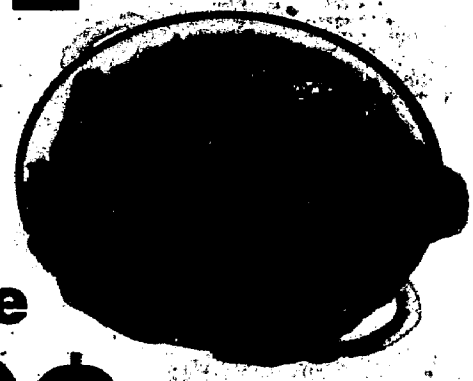
Colorado • Medium • All Purpose
**Yellow
Onions**

4 \$1
Lbs. For



Fresh Texas
**Green
Cabbage**

29¢
Lb.



**Zucchini
Squash**

99¢
Lb.



Coke • Dr. Pepper • Sprite



6 Pk 12 Oz. Cans
or 3 Liter Bottles

3/\$5

Aquafina Water



6 Pack
24 Oz. Bottles

2/\$5

Dasani Water

6 Pack 1/2 Liter

2/\$4

Fruit Works

20 Oz. Bottle

79¢

Coors and

Coors Light

30 Pack
12 Oz. Cans

\$15.99

Meridian Wine

Merlot • Pinot Noir and Grien

750 mL

\$7.99

Jack Daniels

Black

750 mL

\$15.99

Fat

Tire

6 Pack

\$6.49