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FLOWER POWER



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Eddie Porter prepares a bouquet of roses at Corona Schools for Valentine's Day. Porter, founder of the nine-year-old floral program, ordered 900 roses in seven different colors for the holiday. This year, students sold \$4,000 worth of flowers, which will go to school organizations. Full story page 8A

LCMC wants say in agenda

Recent County Commission meetings have perturbed the hospital's chairman.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The chairman of the Lincoln County Medical Center wants his board to have input in setting the County Commission agenda when discussions focus on the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.

Chairman Gary Mitchell complained in the letter to Commission Chairman Rex Wilson of "the deteriorating tone" of questioning when hospital administrator James Gibson appears at the meetings in Carrizozo.

He noted in the Feb. 10 letter that four years ago, commissioners and members of the hospital board of trustees recognized the importance of improved commu-

nication between the two entities. The county owns the 38-bed hospital and Presbyterian HealthCare Services manages the facility. The community board answers to Presbyterian, but last year won several points of independence from the not-for-profit corporation based in Albuquerque.

To improve communications, Gibson started appearing each month to report to commissioners and bring feedback to the hospital board, Mitchell wrote. The effort worked and resulted in some improvements, such as the handling of capital items purchased with a special property tax levy dedicated to the hospital and the county's public health clinics, he wrote.

But what started as "civil, but penetrating appropriate questions, has become argumentative and accusatory," Mitchell contended. "Often, Mr. Gibson can not even finish a response before another

unfounded accusatory statement is made."

To ensure that Gibson is properly prepared "and (with) mutual dedication toward the same goal of a constantly improving, affordable healthcare delivery system," Mitchell asked that:

- Only agenda items be discussed and adherence to those items be enforced.

- Both commissioners and board members have input in setting the agenda.

- Gibson, as representative of the LCMC board, be treated professionally by commissioners.

Mitchell, a local attorney, invited Wilson to attend the next hospital board meeting at 6 p.m., Feb. 24 at LCMC on Sudderth Drive.

Vigorous debate strengthens outcomes by presenting all viewpoints, Mitchell wrote.

"However, vigorous debate does not stand for personal

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Downs considers panhandling law

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new type of mobile business sprang up this past year in Ruidoso Downs — panhandlers. They show up a couple days a week on the corner of U.S. 70 and the entrance to Wal-Mart.

Sometimes the cardboard and pen signs they carry state that the person needs gas money or is moving through town. Occasionally, the signs indicate they'll work for money. But most frequently, the message equates to outright begging for cash.

Assistant Police Chief David Hightower said while Eddie Lerma was police chief, he suggested the town council consider an ordinance banning panhandling, because at least one group doing the begging is a local family with a home in Ruidoso Downs.

Town attorney Dan Bryant said he's working on a solution, but it won't be easy because of U.S. Supreme Court rulings. However, in neighboring Ruidoso, the situation doesn't

seem to be a problem and police officers routinely use a law against solicitation to keep beggars off their streets.

Village Clerk Irma Nava cited the village law that bans itinerant vendors or solicitors from using public property for the purpose of soliciting money or for the sale of goods on streets, sidewalks, parks and village-owned public property.

Bryant sees it differently. "There's a significant constitutional problem that stems from the vagrant laws that were pervasive in the South in the 1950s and 1960s and were thought to promote racial discrimination," he said.

"The Supreme Court struck down that kind of statute, saying it's not a crime to be broke and you can't restrict a person's First Amendment Rights to free speech and to assemble peacefully," Bryant said. "That doesn't apply across the board and end our ability to address the issue, but it does put a serious crimp in our options."

Displaying signs that a person needs gas money and is

traveling through the area if they live in Lincoln County is committing fraud on unknowing drivers who pass by and drop money in the hat, he said. Making \$20 to \$50 a day isn't a bad take, he said.

He related a personal experience with his sons in Albuquerque nearly 10 years ago.

"My son Joshua, who is 19 and in the Navy today, was 10 and we were on a get-away weekend," he said. Each boy was given \$30 to spend because they completed their chores before the trip.

"They each had spent a little when we were approached by a woman who asked for money. She got to Joshua and before I could stop him, he gave her the \$12 to \$15 he had left. He was genuinely concerned.

"The killer was the next morning, we were driving down the road and Joshua looked out the window."

The young boy told his father the woman at the wheel of a Cadillac next to them was the

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Village wants water close to Carrizozo

'Zozo officials don't like approach

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Looking for new sources of water to meet local demands, officials with the village of Ruidoso want to divert more than 1 billion gallons of water per year from new wells north and east of Carrizozo in the Tularosa Basin.

"If we get it, we'll run a pipeline," Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston said Wednesday. "We have an easement along the Bonito pipeline all the way to Ruidoso. I've talked to the highway department and they will give us an easement."

But the mayor of Carrizozo said his town will protest the proposal that was filed Jan. 16 with the Office of the State Engineer.

"I feel before they applied, they should have talked to our council and do it in a more neighborhood way," said Mayor Manny Hernandez. "I feel they went behind our backs. Just like they tried to take our jail, now they're trying to take our water. I'm sure we'll protest."

Hernandez said he plans to call a special meeting of his council to take action and he is consulting with the town's attorney.

"Water is precious," Hernandez said. "We have a sufficient amount now, but we don't want to see it carried somewhere else."

Ruidoso Councilor L. Ray Nunley said Ruidoso is not trying to "steal" water, but the council is trying to identify potential new sources throughout the county.

However, Calvin Chavez, District 4 supervisor of the State Engineer's Office in Las Cruces, said the village consultant took the position that the village could use its power of condemnation to take the land for the 14 proposed wells.

"That has to be investigated," he said Thursday. "Usually, we require an applicant to submit

Procedure allows for protests

The application by the village of Ruidoso to drill 14 new wells in the Tularosa Basin must be advertised in the legal section of a newspaper for three consecutive weeks, according to a spokesman for the Office of the State Engineer in Las Cruces.

Village Clerk Irma Nava said she expects the legal notice to be returned next week for placement, starting the time clock. A press release also will be issued, she said.

At the end of the publication period, people have 10 days to file a protest. If protests are registered, the entire application is referred to the hearings unit of the office in Santa Fe, which will schedule sessions to review the application, justifications and objections. No further action will proceed at the district level during that deliberation.

authorization to drill (a well) from the owner of the property. In this case, the village has not. It's our understanding from the consultant they have condemnation power. I think there will be protests filed by the people who own the land. Most of them were informed of the applications by this office.

"I think most of them out there have tried drilling high velocity wells and failed in the past."

The application proposes drilling 14 wells capable of pumping 3,500 acre feet of water per year. One acre-foot equates

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VALENTINE'S TREAT



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Corina Chavez gets ready to dig into a delicious sundae as part of the Valentine's Day celebration at the Ruidoso Care Center on Resort Drive. She moved to Lincoln County from Los Angeles, Calif. to be near family after "retiring from my marriage," she said.

WATER: Process started

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to about 325,800 gallons of water. The wells would be located on the Bar W Ranch owned by County Probate Judge Stirling Spencer, the Barham Family Ranch LLC, Greg, Paul and Pres Pino and the state of New Mexico.

The sites are six to seven miles north of the county seat of Carrizozo in the alluvial aquifer recharged by the White Oaks Draw on the east side of U.S. 54; two to three miles north of the town on the east side of U.S. 54 before the State Route 349 intersection in the alluvial aquifer along the Nogal arroyo; and three to four miles east of Carrizozo on U.S. 380 and north of that highway in the alluvial aquifer directly downstream of the Nogal and Tortolita arroyos.

The extra water is needed to allow the village, the population center of the county, to develop a water management plan that includes periods of rest for wells at the south end of the village, along Eagle Creek and at North Fork, Eggleston said.

"Alto has a management program where they take advantage of pumping in the non-peak times and at night for saving in electricity," he said. "We're going to have to look at that. We have all sorts of water rights in Eagle Creek,

but that doesn't mean anything without water. We need wet water. Fortunately, we have a special water fund fed by gross receipts taxes to purchase what we need."

The plan wasn't discussed publicly because the village wanted to be the first to apply for the unappropriated water, he said.

"We already had reports there was underground water there and we talked to the property owners who have the rights and want to sell," he said. "We will have to prove that the pumping will not impair other water rights owners in the area."

"This could be another source of water."

County manager Tom Stewart said he read the water application on the State Engineer's Web site and included the notice in a monthly report to county commissioners.

"When it comes to water, we always have apprehensions," Stewart said. "I notified Carrizozo officials who hadn't received the actual notice."

"It seems to me what is required is regional cooperation to solve the problems everyone faces and we should be working toward that goal. I know some protests will be registered. It's all part of the solution."

Rancher doubts water supply sufficient

■ Stirling Spencer says he will protest Ruidoso's water rights application.

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Bar W Ranch, headquartered just three miles north of Carrizozo, is one of three ranches included in the water rights application recently filed by the Village of Ruidoso.

Ranch owner Stirling Spencer is the fourth generation to actively engage the land in ranching and, as in generations before, water is always the key to any success in agriculture. Controversy over water rights has always been the core of a fight for survival.

Spencer recognizes that water laws allow such filings for rights as the Village of Ruidoso has made. He also realizes the laws require him to step up and fight for his rights and prove his legal position. Both actions cost time and money.

"Of course I have to protest it," Spencer said. "One of those springs has pre-1907 water rights on it. But the law puts the burden of proof upon me. The filing forces me to take the time and dollars to defend my water."

In the meantime, his cattle still need a drink of water

every day and his operation must plan for years ahead.

With a proposed 1 billion gallons (3,500 acre feet) per year outlined in the filing, Spencer says it is simply not going to be there. In the early 1980s he set up a small farming area on a portion of his land.

Farming approximately 50 acres and using less than 200 acre feet per annum, in three years he had pumped the pooling out of the recharge. He realized he was mining his water faster than it could replace itself and closed the operation down.

Spencer explains, "My concerns are legitimately tied to

my knowledge of the water availability. I have shown you can mine the water of the recharge. I know that this proposed water mining will cause impairment to my existing springs. One of the wells in the filing is in direct line to one of those springs."

In recent years, Spencer has lost four wells and had to re-drill deeper to reach water. One spring on his property, which has never in the verbal history of the ranch ever gone dry, is now down 30 percent.

"One of the wells in the filing is in direct line to one of (my) springs."

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The fire chief at the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department is Tony Combs.

Ruidoso High student Hannah Miller should have been credited with helping area bands play at the Ruidoso Roastery. A previous article stated otherwise.

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Second-chance love blossoms

■ For locals Slim and Helen Craig, a new marriage was the ticket.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Back in '65, it wasn't easy for a man and woman from divorced marriages to get a church wedding.

But Slim finally found one preacher that asked each of them one question: "When you got a divorce, who kept the kids?" Both Slim and Helen had taken the responsibility, so the preacher told them to set the date.

Slim and Helen Craig were married on Helen's birthday, Aug. 20. "Anyone who had anything to do with things then was there," says Slim. "It was new and the biggest thing here."

They had met at a dance in 1961 at the Navajo Lodge. He worked at the ski run, fixing anything mechanical, and she worked as a secretary for the U.S. Army.

"The girl I'd brought to the dance had to go home early," said Slim. And then he saw Helen, with her long red hair that went down past her waist.

"I just stepped out there on the dance floor and started dancin' with her. After a few dances, I asked her, 'Is this dance mine?'"

She said, "It sure is!" The Craig's had four children from their previous marriages. Slim tried to retire in 1981, but his employer kept calling him back. Even in the '60s, while working for the ski area, he came back to work after an accident. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time when the hydraulics failed on a tractor blade. It broke his back.

It seemed nothing could keep working without Slim around. So, still in a cast, he headed up the mountain to supervise repairs. Everything was up and running again by the end of the day.

Slim says he fell in love with the mountains when he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) near Silver City. Later, he went to work for Robert O. Anderson's MALCO, and then for the ski run after Anderson built it.

After Slim and Helen were married, they found they had a lot in common. Each had two



PHOTO BY P. BLAKE MARTIN

Slim and Helen Craig, ages 86 and 80, stand in front of their cabin of 38 years.

boys, and when they were unpacking in their new home (where they still live today) he says, "I'd set something out; then she'd come over and set the same thing down next to it."

"She's a swell girl, that one is," says Slim.

"And he's a wonderful guy," chimes Helen with a smile.

Slim has many stories about early Ruidoso life. And conversation is definitely not a problem, especially when Slim is asked about his famous cornbread.

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OUR OPINION

Fairness, yes, but no special treatment

It's the county manager's job alone to set the agenda

Lincoln County Medical Center board chairman Gary Mitchell wants the community board to have more input in setting the county commission agenda. His letter to commission chairman Rex Wilson dated earlier in the week stated that request, along with two others: Only agenda items be discussed and that LCMC administrator Jim Gibson be treated professionally by commissioners.

Sticking to agenda items is the law as outlined by the opens meetings act. Treating all presenters with professionalism should be a no-brainer. But thrusting an unaudited community board in the process of

setting an open meeting agenda is fraught with problems.

Mitchell is concerned with the "deteriorating tone with which Mr. Gibson's reports are received." And he has reason to be. The commission should act with the highest integrity while continuing to ask direct questions in the taxpayers' best interest. That process could facilitate a more open, communicative government.

This board, along with all residents and groups in Lincoln County, already can make requests to the county manager. It's his job to determine what does and doesn't go before our commission. Let's keep it that way.

A case of good no-news from Washington

Some of the best news I've heard out of Washington in a long time isn't about what happened, it's about what didn't happen.

That's pretty impressive, considering all that has been happening lately — just in the "war and rumors of war" category.

House and Senate negotiators this week agreed that the Pentagon's plan to detect terrorists by monitoring e-mail and commercial

databases for health, travel and financial information cannot be used against us rank-and-file Americans. In true Congressional fashion, they fixed it with an amendment.

Are you surprised that anyone in Washington would consider such an idea in the first place? Well, Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon did, all in its effort to figure out how to nail down terrorists right here at home before they nail us.

In my book, the objective is laudable, but the means is despicable.

The Pentagon's "Total Information Awareness" plan would have every American's most private information — financial, legal, Internet, medical — made available to government analysts, without legal restriction and unimpeded by oversight rules. That would be networked with such electronic gadgets as surveillance cameras at airports and ultimately analyzed.

Are you scared yet?

The plan was to feed all information about everybody through some sort of filtering computer program to find suspicious patterns and presumably help us good guys catch those bad guys before they did anything really bad.

Mind-boggling, in my view, is the fact that this "research" program has been headed by a retired admiral named John M. Poindexter, whose primary claim to fame was lying to Congress during its probe of the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s.

Yet the Pentagon is defending the whole Big Brother scheme; considers it a tool to alert the proper authorities about terrorist attacks before they occur.

Almost as perturbing as the details of the project is that until this week nobody but a few Democrats was objecting. The Republicans didn't much want to buck an administration effort, it's reported in the big-city papers, but were admirably silent when reports of the plan's de-fanging got out.

Happily, there's something built into the American psyche that can detect a raid on Constitutional rights from a long way off. Still, it all came down to an agreement by the top Democrat and Republican on a house subcommittee to accept a Senate amendment that in effect removes Americans from the program.

Sen. Charles E. Grassley, the Iowa Republican who co-sponsored that killer amendment, put it as well as anyone: "Protecting Americans' civil liberties while at the same time winning the war against terrorism has got to be top priority for the United States."



GUEST COMMENTARY

Seeking to define love on Valentine's Day

BY JULIAN WELLS
RUIDOSO RESIDENT

What a joy it is to share Valentine's Day with our friends and loved ones. We are always reminded of this special day as we see the thousands of little red hearts on cards and boxes of candy, as well as flowers and special events.

So, what is the meaning of Valentine's Day and its message? Without question, it is expressing love ... through cards, gifts and acts toward each other. Therefore, let us take a look at what love is:

It has been said that the greatest need of the human self is for love. You can have all the wealth our coffers will hold, all the fame our world can offer, all the education our schools can teach. You can have had your every wish fulfilled, your every dream come true, but if love is not among those, you will be empty, barren. The need to express love is so vital, your physical body is affected if you have no way of giving of your deepest self.

Love cannot be confined to words; it cannot be confined within any boundaries regardless of all effort by the human mind to imprison it. As love

expresses it grows, and as it grows it expands in all directions so there is no limit to where it can go. The human conception of love has, for the most part, been based upon the attitude that love is a physical expression between individuals — between man and woman, between parents and child, other family members and friends. But these are merely small examples of that which lies within you and everything of creation striving to free itself to express in consciousness the God which love is.

Love is a blending of all that exists. It is the beauty before your eyes, it is the music within your ears, it is the softness beneath your fingertips. It is knowing the realization of God in moments when we are alone and can feel the silence which exalts you above your physical being. If you would understand love for yourself, if you would realize the great need of its expression in your life, if you would know why it is absolutely essential to your being that love is an activity within you and around you ... absorb this truth. When you are with a friend and you can express toward that friend your complete acceptance of him or her as they are, you

are giving love in its purest form.

Understand love, and you have conquered the world. Express love, and you have reached the pinnacle, the highest pinnacle, any human being can reach. Know love, and you have absorbed all wisdom available to you. To know how to meditate is to express love. To learn to communicate telepathically is to express love. To accomplish your daily tasks successfully is to express love.

Consciousness of love draws into you as a magnet draws to itself. Consciousness of love makes others aware of you, because the love between them recognizes yours. Love is the moment between two human beings that when silent they can feel they are indeed one.

Seek to know love, and soon you will find love has discovered all of your secrets. Open yourself, that love may come to you and soon you will find love was within you all the time. Wow! If Valentine's Day is all this, let's try to make everyday Valentine's Day.

Julian Wells helps define the holidays regularly with essays such as this.

YOUR OPINION

Rethink that proposed car sale ordinance; it's abhorrent

To the editor:

The thought that I can't drive my car around this town with a "For Sale" sign in the window without buying a \$10 permit is abhorrent.

Enforcing an ordinance that forbids people parking their cars all day on public right of way or on someone else's property is one thing. But to tell the rest of us that we have to donate to the village coffers in order to even think of selling our vehicles is an outrage.

In a town where people can drive around for months on end with no license plate, no insurance and no valid N.M. driver's license, I suggest to the village council that their attention be directed to that more serious problem. Uninsured drivers are a threat to all of us in the event we are struck by them. ...To say nothing of the cost of insurance for those of us who abide by the law.

Several months ago I asked for an officer to be sent to my residence so that I

could point out one of a number of cars that I regularly see driving around without license plates. Because the car was, at that time, parked on private property, the officer said he could take no action.

He said an officer has to see them driving on the public right of way in order to stop and cite. And that car is still driving around unlicensed, as are others that I watch on a nearly daily basis.

Several I see haven't been licensed in

at least six months. And they have to drive on Mechem because they regularly park in the Sierra Mall parking lots.

Let's find a way to enforce the laws that are already on the books before making up new ordinances that I suspect will be as unenforced and unenforceable as the current garage sale permitting ordinance.

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

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Ruidoso Schools theater set for March grand opening

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center will celebrate its grand opening from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden announced at the Ruidoso School Board meeting Tuesday that the architects would turn over the certificate of occupancy to the school district next week and a grand opening involving all four arts departments was scheduled to showcase the new theater.

For the first hour, the public can walk around the facility at Ruidoso High School on Warrior Drive while listening to various ensembles and enjoying an high school and middle school art show in the lobby. A 25- to 30-minute one-act play will be performed in the new auditorium, followed by school board recognition of the Fine Arts Committee, the architect and contractor. The band and choir will then perform, Gladden said.

In other business, Caron Snow, business

manager for the district explained to the board that the State Department of Education announced the changed unit value, which was reduced by \$6.12 to \$2,889.89. This is based on enrollment in each program throughout the state, and despite the reduction, the result for the Ruidoso school district is an increase in the total operating budget of \$94,090.

"We didn't budget the new unit value (back in July) of \$2,896.01," Snow said. "We budgeted conservatively. The State Department was waiting on enrollment reports on different districts in the state so they could establish the unit value based on actual enrollment figures this year. They're allowed to change the unit value twice by law."

The school district based its budget on last year's unit value rather than the increased unit value announced in July, knowing that it could be changed later on.

"Not knowing until this late in the year what our state funding will actually be is frustrating at the local level," Snow said.

The \$94,090 will go into the cash balance and has not been earmarked yet but will probably go for noninstructional categories for student support, such as for choir, band and fine arts field trips.

Gladden and Snow went to an emergency meeting Wednesday with state superintendents and business managers to negotiate with the governor and his staff on the governor's proposal to take credit for school districts' cash balances for a 6-percent raise for teachers, Snow said.

The governor's contention is that school districts have too much cash balance, Snow said, although part of that is their emergency reserve.

"You can't use cash balance for salaries, by law, because that's a recurring expenditure, and he wants to use a nonrecurring revenue source for salaries," she said.

Representatives of the school superintendents and business managers from around the state are working with the governor and his staff to come up with a compromise to the governor's proposal.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The Ruidoso School Board president and outgoing board member Ronnie Hemphill with a fish to hang on his wall — after 12 years on the board. Middle school principal Ron Bennett presented him with a fishing pole and fly to honor their long friendship.

Downs official fears water usage will top supply

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

While the Ruidoso Downs Master Plan has four locations picked out for higher volume reservoir tanks, residents have expressed concerns about the overflow from tanks above Sierra Lane.

The emergency plan for water problems in the Downs includes repairing or replacing lines responsible for the 25 to 30 percent water leakage throughout the city.

Once those are under control, the city will pursue water rights and alternate sources of water. Finally, additional reservoirs will be placed to meet seasonal peaks and demands, and retain current overflow.

According to city administrator John Waters, there is no funding available for additional reservoirs unless the city can demonstrate efficient maintenance of the existing system.

The city currently utilizes several 100,000- to 200,000-gallon reservoir tanks. Ultimately, Waters sees the



PHOTO BY DEANNA MARTIN

Overflowing tanks near Sierra Lane have some residents worried.

installation of a 1 or 2 million-gallon tank.

Funding sources demand that proposals have a handle on system maintenance first. This maintenance must come from water revenues, not the city's general fund.

The administration's goal, with the CDBG-funded projects this year, is to take care of system leakage and then implement a systematic replacement of lines before they deteriorate.

Future planning like this is unprecedented in the Downs. Some water lines haven't been replaced for 40 years or more.

The bottom line, says Waters, is that demand exceeds the production of Griffith Spring.

Denton Wells, supplied by groundwater pumped from two wells near the All-American Park, primarily supplements Griffith Spring and pulls from the same aquifer.

At peak usage, Denton

Wells only supplies 1 percent of the city's water. While in the off-season, the reservoir pumps catch up during the week.

But high demand can keep pumps working every night. Waters asserts there will be no overflow by summertime because Griffith Spring will be dry.

Based on historic usage, the Downs is predicting that demand will exceed the supply in June and possibly July. "Conservation will play an important part," Waters said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Valor adjusting some area wireless billing

Valor Telecom is notifying customers in their current bills that, effective March 10, 2003, calls to certain wireless telephone numbers will incur toll charges.

David Duran, director of community relations, said that a particular wireless carrier will no longer cover the costs of long-distance calls made from the Ruidoso area to its telephone numbers based out of Roswell and Hobbs.

Currently, the wireless carrier is paying the charges on long-distance calls made to their telephone numbers with the 420, 910, 390 and 631 prefixes.

"At the request of the wireless carrier, Valor will discontinue the current billing arrangement and, effective March 10, will begin charging local customers the applicable toll rates for calls made to these wireless numbers," Duran said.

"This change is becoming increasingly common within the industry and we expect to see similar decisions like this in the future as wireless carriers

look for more ways to reduce their business costs," Duran added.

Housing 'affordable'

WASHINGTON—Low mortgage interest rates and rising family income improved housing affordability conditions in the fourth quarter of 2002, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's Housing Affordability Index was 140.7 during the fourth quarter of 2002, up 4.8 percentage points from 135.9 reported in the third quarter; it was slightly below the same period a year earlier when it stood at 141.3.

The index shows the nation's typical household had 140.7 percent of the income needed to purchase a home at the fourth quarter median existing-home price, which was \$161,600.

This index measures affordability factors for those making a 20 percent downpayment, with an index of 100 defined as the point where a median-income family has the exact amount of income needed to purchase a median-priced existing home.

The Economy and the Markets

Quick vs. messy war

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The all-time high for oil price in today's dollars was \$95 per barrel reached in 1979 when the Shah of Iran was deposed. During the Gulf War in 1990, the comparable price of oil jumped to \$47 from \$23.

However, the inflationary effect of higher oil prices could be muted this time. The economy has become more oil efficient. The global economy has a lot of excess productive capacity, leading to intense competition. The anti-inflationary monetary policy of central banks around the world has muted inflation expectations. Technological innovations have boosted productivity. There are emergency oil reserves around the world to offset temporary interruptions of oil supply.

Unlike previous conflicts with higher oil prices, the real interest rate is negative, cushioning potential shocks.

A drawn-out and expensive war would be a different story, especially if it is financed by monetary expansion. A messy war could involve a conflict lasting more than a few months, high costs, mounting casualties, terrorist attacks here and abroad, the use of weapons of mass destruction, a possible involvement of other nations in the Middle East including Israel, etc.

In this scenario, oil prices would remain high for an extended period. Inflation could spiral upward, confidence would fall, the stocks would plunge and the jobless rate would rise.

Bonds: War and oil

Before Desert Storm, Treasury yields rose in anticipation of higher prices of oil and inflation. Once our victory was clear and the supply of oil was assured, the yields fell. This time, Treasury bonds as a safe haven could rally, further depressing yields if war breaks out.

The global economy and financial markets are fragile. Today, inflation expectations are not a problem and plenty of excess capacity around the world exists. Flight-to-quality could accelerate, benefiting Treasuries, Agencies and high quality Munis. Until the outcome of the war becomes clear, the corporate quality spreads over Treasuries could widen.

U.S. financial instruments may not benefit from the inflow of petrodollars as before. Hostility toward the U.S. among some oil-producing nations is one reason. Also, many oil producers may need the money at home. Saudi Arabia, for example, has been struggling with soaring unemployment and falling standards of living despite rising oil prices. The value of the dollar is likely to trend down in the future, discouraging foreign investments here.

Stocks: War and oil

Since 1914, the Dow has risen an average of 15 percent a year after war began. After Desert Storm, the Dow was up 12 percent a month later and 25 percent two years later. In the weeks leading to war, stocks tend to fall as investors become cautious and shun risk.

Once bombs start to fall, stocks usually recover, especially if the war is short and goes in our favor. Government spending for war boosts the economy. Oil prices fall. Confidence improves.

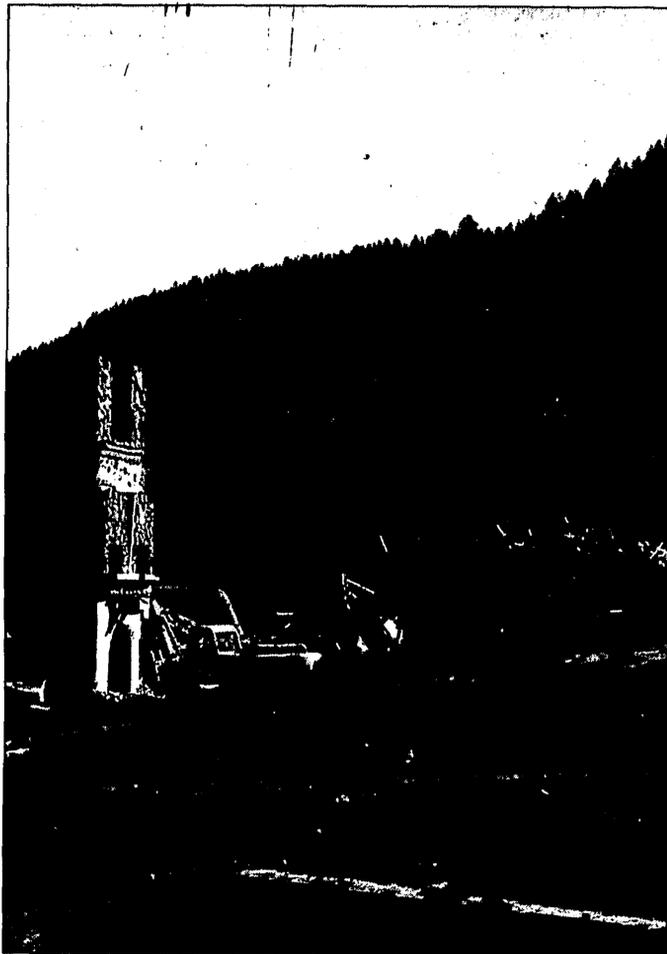
During the messy Vietnam War, however, stocks moved sideways to down.

The most energy-intensive sector of the economy is transportation, followed by construction, agriculture/food, government, retail/wholesale trade, chemicals and mining. Hotels, fast food, petrochemicals, recreational vehicles, entertainment, etc. are also very energy sensitive.

After Desert Storm, oil prices fell, increasing buying power. Consumer cyclical and financials benefited. Energy, consumer staples, utilities and technology suffered.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisors.

THE END OF THE OLD INN



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Six weeks into the 22-month project that will replace the Inn of the Mountain Gods, demolition is the order of the day. The Inn closed on Jan. 6. However, Casino Apache, the 18-hole golf course, Apache Tee restaurant, the stables, sporting clays course and big game hunts continue. Centex Construction and the WorthGroup, the Mescalero Apache Tribe's design/build partners, are scheduled to complete construction of a much-enlarged hotel, convention center and casino by November 2004. The tribe's new Travel Center on U.S. 70 south of Ruidoso, itself including a 14,000-square-foot casino, is on track for completion this May. The Inn opened its doors as "New Mexico's Most Distinguished Resort" in 1975, during the tribal presidency of Wendell Chino.

County jobless rate among N.M. lowest

2002 steady in 4 percent range

BY BARBARA LANE
RUIDOSO NEWS INTERN

Figures tallied in November 2002 show 6 percent of the labor force in the United States was unemployed. Of that percentage, the highest and lowest ranking states were, respectively, Oregon and North Dakota. New Mexico was 14th highest with an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent. The previous year, the national percentage was at 5.6. New Mexico's percentage raised from 5.1, 24th in the country at that time.

Latest statistics show that, within New Mexican borders, counties have ranked from Union's 2.2 percent unemployed to Mora's 15.5. Lincoln County's unemployment percentages have stayed between 3.6 and 4.8.

November 2002 statistics show Lincoln County with a civilian labor force of 7,482. Of those able to work, 7,153 were employed, leaving 329, or 4.4 percent, unemployed. In that month, the county was ranked 21st in the state's unemployment percentages. In contrast, November 2001 showed a labor force of 7,408 with the number employed at 7,091. The remaining 317 people left unemployed made up the 4.3 percent which also ranked Lincoln 21st in the state.

Though the Lincoln County unemployment rates have risen, Chris Gonzales, employment representative at the New Mexico Department of Labor, said that much of the local job market is seasonal. January through March as well as October and November, are slower times due to the absence of tourists and snow. Most of the job opportunities available at this time are in restaurants.

Gonzales said that as summer is nearing, office and construction jobs should be opening as well as positions at the race track and casinos.

Current employment opportunities and posted resumes may be viewed online at <http://jobs.state.nm.us>.

New residential permits surge in January

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New home construction in Ruidoso continued its record-breaking pace unabated into the new year.

The 19 permits for new residences issued by the Ruidoso planning department in January represented \$3.452 million in value and topped the same month a year ago by 44.5 percent. Should that pace continue, new home value in Ruidoso during all of 2003 would top \$41 million — a 33 percent gain over the record pace of 2002.

New residences issued construction

permits in January averaged \$181,681 each and ranged from a \$95,800 project in Enchanted Forest No. 2 to \$278,876 for owner-builder Salvador Nunez of Mesilla to be built in Deer Park Meadows No. 6.

Total construction activity during January came to \$4.407 million, that itself a 32.78 percent gain over the same month a year ago. Percentage wise, the permit category with the greatest month-over-month increase was in residential alterations and additions, which at \$729,392 was more than 197 percent ahead of the prior year.

Manufactured home permits also were high — up 155 percent at \$148,000.

But no new commercial construction permits were issued in January, while commercial alterations and additions totaled less than \$13,000. In January of 2002, total commercial activity topped \$657,000.

No permits were issued for multi-family residences, nor were there any demolition permits.

The village of Ruidoso collected \$30,006 in permit fees during January, up 85 percent from the \$16,295 of the prior year.

Focus on Agriculture

Consumers confident about food supply

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The Consumer Confidence Index has been near historic lows as many Americans worry about the economy and their future, but a study of consumer confidence in the nation's food supply is far more positive.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in partnership with Philip Morris Management Corp., whose parent company recently changed its name to the Altria Group Inc., commissioned the study.

The good news for farm and ranch families is that consumers are generally satisfied with the food they eat and the farmers who produce it. RoperASW conducted the survey. Researchers asked 1,000 consumers to share their opinions of farming practices and how well farmers are meeting food supply needs. In addition, 700 farm-

ers were asked to assess consumer expectations and to predict their future farming practices.

The highest consumer ratings (clearly satisfied) were for taste of food (81 percent), freshness and selection (74 percent each). The survey also showed that farmers are becoming increasingly aware of what consumers expect from their food supply system, but must keep working to meet those expectations. In other words, the gap between farmer perceptions of what consumers want and what consumers say they want is narrowing — another good sign.

Farmers did the best job of closing the "gap" between themselves and consumers in the area of food safety. The study is a follow up to a 1999 research project sponsored by Farm Bureau and Philip Morris. In 1999, only 41 percent of farmers and ranchers said that consumers worry

"some" or a "great deal" that the food they buy might not be safe to eat. In fact, 58 percent of consumers reported that level of concern. Three years later, farmers actually overestimated consumer responses. They said 58 percent of consumers probably have these worries. The actual consumer response in 2002 was 55 percent.

Consumers and farmers also agree that almost everyone in the food chain has "a lot" of responsibility for food safety.

There are still some gaps in consumer and farmer attitudes about pesticides, and the use of hormones and antibiotics to promote growth or production, but most future farming practices are in line with consumer expectations. About half of farmers expressed intentions to increase their use of environmentally friendly practices. These included an emphasis on using renewable fuels, pro-

tecting ground and surface water and managing the soil for long-term productivity.

One indication of consumer support for farmers is that 85 percent of them said they would be willing to accept higher food costs in exchange for environmental gains on farms. Most would prefer to have taxes cover the bill, rather than paying more at the supermarket. Another measure of support is evidenced in 80 percent of consumers surveyed saying that farming should be protected from economic ups and downs.

Farmers don't take consumer confidence lightly because satisfaction with the food supply really all starts with them in the field, livestock barn or other production facility.

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

Downs attorney concerned about GRT

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BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Wednesday's Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting was smooth sailing until City Attorney Dan Bryant cried something to the effect of "Man overboard!" During public input, he expressed great concern over possible elimination of gross receipts tax revenues.

Bryant referred the council members to pending state legislation for exemptions to gross receipts and compensation. The move would involve the "complete exemption of 40-60 percent from that portion of our tax base," cautioned Bryant.

If the legislation passes, gross receipts will be eliminated from medical services,

prescriptions and groceries.

Bryant said that an informal agreement had been made to "take a complete look" at the legislation in special session scheduled for September through October. However, Bryant explained, "I have a feeling we'll have to deal with it a lot sooner," referring to actions by Rep. Cisco McSorley, D-Bernalillo Co., a powerful legislator.

He will supply the councilors with a 40-page copy of a UNM Law Review article to bring everyone up to speed on New Mexico's tax structure.

"It's gonna hit our community harder than most," said City Administrator John Waters, referring to the grocery and pharmacy at WalMart.

Councilor Margie Morales added that the Downs has "been there before" without the needed gross receipts.

Otherwise, the council's consent agenda

passed with no objections. Mayor Bob Miller and councilors recognized police officers Manuel Tejada and Edward Armijo as recent graduates from the 5 1/2-month long State Police Academy program.

"The experience you gained will be with you for the rest of your career," said the mayor.

City Clerk Carol Virden was granted approval for Destruction of Public Records Phase II, in her efforts to make room for more storage. She credited the Total Destruction Company for finishing Phase I's 256 lbs. of paper in 40 minutes.

Acting Chief of Police David Hightower recommended that the council write a letter in support of not dissolving the magistrate court in Carrizozo. A bill introduced this month by state Senator Manny Aragón proposed doing away with several magistrate courts in New Mexico.

DPS warns bars to deny drunk patrons

Recent investigations have caused several taverns to be fined, have sales suspended

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Violating state laws regulating the sale of alcohol can result in hefty fines and, in some instances, cost a business owner his operating license.

The Screaming Eagle Lounge at the former Enchantment Inn on U.S. 70 was fined \$1,000 and ordered to suspend alcohol sales for one business day after selling to an intoxicated patron in May 2002, said Todd Griffin, public information officer with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Special Investigations Divisions.

On Feb. 8, the division charged the bartender of the C & C Bar in Tularosa for serving beer to a highly intoxicated patron. Griffin said while conducting a routine patrol of licensed liquor establishments in the Otero County area and assisted by plainclothes troopers of the New Mexico Mounted Patrol, he saw a man stagger out of the bar and into the street.

The troopers took him to a safe place. Subsequent interviews and investigation revealed the man had been drinking at the bar for about three hours, Griffin

said. His blood alcohol level was .268 percent.

The server was issued a criminal citation for the SID also will file administrative charges against the bar and server for the violation, Griffin said.

A server offense carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and/or up to 60 hours of community service, and possible suspension or revocation of the person's alcohol server permit.

The administrative charges will be forwarded to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department's Alcohol and Gaming Division, which may assess other penalties, including fines up to \$10,000 and/or suspension of an establishment's liquor sales.

The division also has the authority to revoke or suspend alcohol servers' permits.

"Though the majority of liquor establishments and their employees are doing a good job of preventing sales to intoxi-

cated persons, many need to slow down and pay close and careful attention," Griffin said. "In light of New Mexico's devastating problem of alcohol abuse, the need for responsible alcohol service cannot be overstated."

As a result of recent investigations, enforcement and charges filed by the SID, an establishment in Gallup and another near Cuba were closed and fined \$10,000.

Griffin said Banana Joe's, a popular downtown bar in Albuquerque was fined \$3,000 and had its alcohol sales suspended for two days this month for selling to an intoxicated patron, allowing patrons to remove open containers and selling to a minor.

"We ask establishments and their employees to take the matter of alcohol service seriously and to be cautious when selling and serving alcoholic beverages," Griffin said.

"Those who violate the law can expect consequences."

"Those (establishments) who violate the law can expect consequences"

Todd Griffin
DPS spokesman

BEG: New statute a possibility

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A few years ago, Ruidoso Downs revamped its business licensing laws after many roadside enterprises fled to the town and into the unincorporated portions of the county after they were banned in Ruidoso.

"We made the licenses pretty expensive, because they don't pay gross receipts taxes like other business and every dollar spent with them is not spent with a licensed and registered business and the state loses GRT," he said. "As soon as I have a report, I will discuss it with the council. Several on the board have asked about it."

One possibility is to require a license to panhandle like any other business.

same person who took his money the previous night. "He was just crushed," Bryant said.

The attorney said he's checking with other towns to see how they handle panhandlers and has attorneys in Albuquerque examining options.

"They have them (panhandlers) at every intersection, but said no one ever asked if something was on the books to regulate them," Bryant said.

Several on the board have asked about it."

LCMC: Board wants say

FROM PAGE 1A

posals from other hospital management or acquisition companies to compare with Presbyterian; that the hospital should not offer services competing with private enterprise; and that if the hospital was privately owned, the county would collect property and gross receipts taxes. A special property tax levy approved by voters could be discontinued and the county budget for other services could benefit from the hospital being sold, he suggests.

attacks, unfounded accusations or false and unfounded statements by a commissioner pursuing his own agenda," he wrote.

At the last commission meeting, questions were posed by new Commissioners Earl Hobbs and Maury St. John, but the most out-spoken and constant critic of the operation is Commissioner Leo Martinez.

His points of contention are that the county should seek

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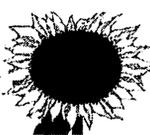
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BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At the close of his reporting portion of the Carrizozo City Council meeting, Police Chief Angelo Vega tendered a letter of resignation from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board and requested the council to accept it. Vega will continue to serve until the end of February.

The position on the LCSWA board is open for appointment. Mayor Manny Hernandez requested that anyone considering the position send a letter of interest to him specifying reasons and qualifications for the job.

In his police report, Vega said they had collected \$4,500 in penalty assessments, issued 99 citations, had nine cases closed and one pending, four arrests and one juvenile referral.

Dirk Norris, city Webmaster,

reported he has placed an event site on the Carrizozo Web page. Within that page is a link to a form visitors can fill out on line to report upcoming events.

The forms will then electronically go to Norris, who will place the listings on the calendar of events for advertisement. It is a useful tool for all businesses and organizations to promote their upcoming events. The Recreation Center will be linking its schedule of events and specials to this page as well.

In the report for the Recreation Center, manager Jim Mack cited an increase in business on both the recreation and the restaurant side of the center after a lull during the holidays. Both sides show a profit for January in spite of some large equipment and repair obligations.

Students from the high school enjoyed a period of daily bowling during their P.E. period and Mack reported that seemed to have generated new business in off-school hours. The

Women's City Tournament held in early Feb. was successful and a Men's City Tournament is scheduled for Mar. 8 and 9.

Mack said he had made a deposit on the bowling alley sound system. In March, the center will begin featuring a special all-you-can-bowl or play pool session for \$2 session for youth. Check with the Recreation Center for specific start dates and times.

Mack also reported that the application for a state beer and wine license for the center had been made and will take three to five months to process.

Airport manager Bill Hayes reported the sale of 450 gallons of fuel for January. No progress was reported on the planned improvements as the funding is still held up in Congress.

Jim Payne, city Maintenance Supervisor reminded the council of impending needs of the golf course well as spring watering time approaches. The well needs to be pulled in order to assess viability of repairs to the pump or necessity of

replacement. With no formal bids taken at this time, Payne said one contractor told him it would be around \$800 to pull and inspect the turbine pump.

Stirling Spencer of the Bar W Ranch was on the agenda to discuss development of a coalmine on his ranch north of Carrizozo. Spencer was requesting a resolution of acceptance from the council to present to the state Land Commissioner. Spencer outlined the project, the basics of the operation and the probable economic impact it would have for city, county and state.

After considerable discussion of the pros and cons by the council and the guests present, the issue was set for approval on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

In other business the council:

- Denied Cathy McAllister vacation of a road by her property.
- Agreed to go out for RFP's for a new cable service.
- Approved streets to be included in the FY2003/04 Local Government

Road Program. In a state/city matching funds program, this funding can be used to refurbish streets off main arteries or school bus routes. The city is considering 13th Street for two blocks behind the post office, 8th Street from Highway 54 to E Ave. and 17th Street.

- Approved 28 business registrations

- Approved livestock permits to Wesley Lindsay, Cathie Eisen, David Arteche and Richard Vega

- Tabled a proposal for city funding for the concrete foundation for a sun shelter at the Chamber Caboose. The shelter has been gifted to the city and the Carrizozo Yacht Club has agreed to erect the structure.

The council went into executive session with Chief Vega on personnel matters. At the conclusion of the session no actions were voted on or taken.

A special city council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17. The next regular council meeting will be March 11 at 6 p.m.

Corona Valentine program carries sweet smell of success

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It has been a traditional Valentine project for Corona Schools for nine years now. Three days before Valentine's Day, a small room designated as the ag classroom fills with parent volunteers, students and the exquisite aroma of 75 dozen roses.

Eddie Porter, the mastermind and founder of this massive rose production came to Corona by way of Houston, Texas, where she owned two large flower shops. Her husband, Fred, is a Corona native and they came home to retire on his grandfather's homestead. Edie's love for flowers did not stay in Houston. She continually finds ways to use and teach the skills to the community and benefit them in many ways. Edie also is the transportation director at the school.

This particular project begins months ahead of time when Edie orders the roses. This year she ordered 900 roses in seven different colors. They arrive by bus from Valentines Burkett's of Animas. The students put them in the walk-in cooler at the school kitchen



Ag/FFA instructor Jerry Sharp and FFA members Rachel Lueras and Shaline Lopez work on the rose cleaning table.

roses are usually sold by the time they arrive.

Offered by the dozen, half dozen or individually, the roses go from buckets to the table, where volunteers begin cleaning thorns and unnecessary leaves. They are then wrapped with a special wire to keep them standing tall and strong.

The vases are donated by people who have been storing them for years and didn't know where to put them. Porter says all donations of vases of all sizes are welcome.

Edie ties up about 60 big bows in various colors before the actual days of creating the bouquets. Then she will tie more as the orders come in and she can get a count on the needs. Usually about seven volunteer adults, different ones at different times, are helping in various phases of the bouquet making.

The students work as they can coming and going from classes and after school. About 30 long hours of rose creations take place before the close of the

project on Feb. 14.

Customers range from organizations to the lone rancher who would never get to town to buy his wife flowers for Valentine's Day. The students make phone calls continually to get orders and many bouquets are delivered to those that just can't get them picked up.

The project nets the school organizations about \$4,000 which is a huge sum in a rural community with a very small school. The fact that they always sell out is proof positive this project fills a need on both ends of it.

Edie Porter has brought the flower mentality to a spot where it was thought it couldn't exist. She directs and oversees the Homecoming Mum project at school, another student money maker. The senior class each year takes money earned and purchases the material for Edie to make three cathedral size arrangements for commencement and graduation. These are then donated to area churches after the exercises.

At Christmas, she makes centerpieces and poinsettia arrangements that are auctioned off after the school program, and the proceeds are used to buy books for the Accelerated Reader program.

Pencil in the Corona kids for next year's holiday of love.

Silva elected as assessors' chair

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva was elected chairman of the New Mexico Association of Assessing Officers.

The election took place during the association's annual conference in Santa Fe last month.

Raul Turrieta, Grant County Assessor, was elected vice chairman by assessors throughout the state.

The main agenda this year is education and uniformity among assessor's offices, Silva said.

"I am very pleased with the board that I have to work with," he said.

MEETING WATCH

- Monday Feb. 17: Special Carrizozo City Council Meeting 6 p.m. at City Hall in the Recreation Center

- Tuesday Feb. 18: Carrizozo School Board Meeting 6 p.m. Conference Room of the Administration Building

- Wednesday Feb. 19: 7 p.m., Lincoln County Fair Board Meeting Fairground Building, Capitan

4-H looking for volunteer leaders to help children across Lincoln County

The 4-H program in Lincoln County has opportunities for youth and adults alike. This youth program, administered by the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, strives to teach life skills to young people ages 9 to 19.

Volunteer adult leaders are the heart of 4-H. With their guidance, the youth have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and projects in a safe, wholesome environment.

Lincoln County currently has six organized 4-H clubs. The club setting provides the opportunity for the kids to develop leadership and social skills as they serve as officers or committee members and participate in-group activities within their club. In addition, members "sign up" for individual projects that enable them to learn more about areas of their specific interest.

These projects range from home economics where the focus is on cooking, sewing or consumer education, to animal projects to creative or mechanical arts where members learn to make useful items with their hands. Each project includes a curriculum to help guide the member, his parents or the leader to the completion of project.

In most projects, the 4-H member is required to keep financial records, set goals and provide a narrative of what they have learned. Many projects are progressive with each succeeding year requiring more skills so that the 4-H members grow in knowledge and development as they move through their 4-H experience. Most projects are exhibited at county, regional or state fairs where they compete against similar work by other members.

The CloverBud program in the county is for younger children and was

implemented to enable little brothers and sisters of 4-H members to participate in 4-H activities. The 5- to 8-year-old CloverBuds complete projects appropriate to their age group.

In addition to actual project work in 4-H, numerous activities are held to contribute to the growth and development of youth. Judging competitions are used as teaching tools to promote critical thinking in ranking classes of livestock or produce or in identifying insects, plants or wildlife.

As members get older they are required to present oral critiques of the classes. As a result, they become more poised as they speak in front of other people. Some clubs sponsor field trips for their members to provide a greater knowledge of the world around us. Lincoln County members participate in county, district and state contests where they interact with 4-Hers from other counties or around the state.

A specific activity that we are currently promoting is Shooting Sports. Members learn skills in firearm and archery disciplines with safety being

the primary consideration. There is much interest among the youth in Shooting Sports but this program is hampered by a shortage of qualified volunteer leaders to assist. Lincoln County Extension is sponsoring leader training Feb. 28 and March 1 in hopes of training more people to help with this activity.

There has long been a perception among the public that 4-H is only for rural kids. 4-H clubs and activities are adaptable to any area or situation. Over the years we have had clubs in Ruidoso but have had difficulty maintaining them for lack of sufficient leaders. Being a 4-H leader doesn't require any special skills or knowledge, just an interest in working with and helping youth. Most of the knowledge needed to help with the different projects is easily acquired.

Aside from the regular club work, we plan to do more work in cooperation with the area schools. Instruction can be provided to children in areas like nutrition, consumerism or health in the school setting.



County Views
BY PETE GNATKOWSKI

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Help your Valentine get a healthier heart today

BY MARK GENTRY
LINCOLN COUNTY TOBACCO PREVENTION

This is a continuing series of health-related columns from the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council

Men, today is VALENTINE'S DAY! You're welcome.

I know you didn't see all those red hearts hanging everywhere, or hear the attempts of your "sweetheart" to prompt you as to the perfect gift to buy her. So, there is still time... as long as you are reading this article, today! Otherwise, I am sorry for you.

However, since you've taken the time to read this far, please read on. I am going to share information with you that just may keep your "Valentine" living longer!

Obviously, it is no coincidence that the American Heart Association declared February as "American Heart Month", what, with all those red hearts

hanging around everywhere. But the reason AHA did this is to raise awareness of their mission to defeat coronary heart disease - the single leading cause of death in the United States.

Health and Wellness

Like you finding out that today is Valentine's Day, it comes as an equal surprise to many women - and to many of their doctors, too - that coronary heart disease, and not breast cancer, is the number one cause of death among American women.

According to a New York Times report authored by Dr. Benjamin J. Ansell, over 375,000 American women will die this year from heart disease, compared with 44,000 who die from breast cancer - and while heart disease and breast cancer are the leading causes of death in females over 65, in nearly every age group, more American women die from heart disease than breast cancer. Surprised?

Karen Lurie, in her February 2002 article in PopPolitics offered this observation, "Breast cancer is a popular Lifetime movie disease... heart disease is not 'sexy'... Is this why we'll never see a Lifetime movie about a woman with heart disease?" Loss of a lung or a heart attack will not cause a woman to confront issues of sexuality or body image.

Nevertheless, more women will die from heart disease than all other forms of cancer combined. And a fact we've known since 1960 is that cigarette smoking is one of the leading coronary risk factors among women... women sure have "come a long way, baby"; they are now smoking more than men. And, quitting slower!

More smoking-related deaths are attributed to heart disease than any other illness. To reduce her risk of heart disease, encourage your "Valentine" to quit smoking! Help is available by calling (505) 434-3011

Developer increases number of lots to help pay for hydrological study

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Developers of 54 acres north of Ruidoso submitted altered plans last week to the village, increasing the number of lots off Sierra Blanca Airport Road to cover the cost of a required hydrological study.

The project, to be called Legacy Estates and proposed by the Peebles Family Revocable Trust, falls within a zone around Ruidoso that requires approval by both the village and Lincoln County.

Surveyor T.C. Collins said 22 residential lots containing from two acres to 2.6 acres are part of the submitted sketch plan. One commercial lot with frontage on State Route 220 will consist of 2.4 acres. A sketch plan is a preliminary look at a proposed development to give the owners advance notice of any problems before a final application is submitted.

New utilities will be underground, but existing already are overhead, he told members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Access will be from SR 220, also called Sierra Blanca Airport Road. Collins said the developer will do nothing to the lots created, including designating driveways. A 600-foot turn-around should be adequate for emergency vehicles, he said.

Board attorney Charles Rennick said the subdivision meets the regulations and is typical of subdivisions in the extraterritorial zone around the village.

Collins said with the approval of the sketch plan by the commission, the developer will start the hydrological study. Commission members decided last month that with statewide and local water availability problems, they should ensure hydrological studies are completed for all new subdivisions.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Boards hoarded

Ruidoso police reported that \$1,075 in snowboarding equipment was rented and not returned on Jan. 22 at Sierra Ski Rental, 1800 Sudderth Drive. A letter was sent to the renter's address and returned stamped by the post office with "No such address." The report stated that the person drove a 1997 Chevrolet with a Texas

license plate.

Break-in reported

A cabin in the 400 block of 1st Street was broken into between Oct. 10 and Jan. 15. The intruder had apparently broken the padlock latch to enter, left beer cans and bottles around the house and the trash can full of them, but no property appeared to be miss-

ing.

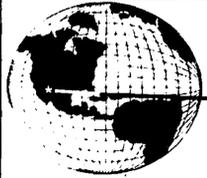
House burgled

In another break-in, a Magnavox television, a VCR and two remotes were taken from a residence in the 100 block of Signal Peak. The kitchen door appeared to have been pried, and the door was bent near the handle and the small window on the door, the report states.

Ruidoso Care Center would like to thank those in the Lincoln and Otero County area for graciously giving your time, donations and friendship this past year...

If we fail to mention everyone, we apologize, but we would like to acknowledge the following:

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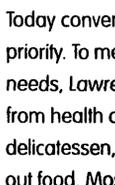
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Sandel to lead committee on tax structure review

■ The former state Representative wants to focus on making the GRT more equal.

BY PAULA PENNELL
RUIDOSO NEWS SANTA FE BUREAU

SANTA FE - When Gov. Bill Richardson decided it was time to take a hard look at the state's tax structure, he turned to a seasoned political veteran to head up the effort.

Jerry Sandel, a Farmington Democrat who served 15 terms in the state House of Representatives, said it was his past experience in the legislature chairing the budget and tax committees that convinced Richardson he was right for the job.

Sandel said the governor approached him about chairing the tax reform commission soon after he took office.

"We kind of have a common goal," said Sandel. "We both have a desire to look at the tax structure and this commission was one way to do it."

Legislation authorizing the creation of a Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission is currently making its way through House committees.

House Bill 168 provides for a 17-member commission to develop recommendations for reform of New Mexico's tax laws by examining the tax system, identifying its strengths and weaknesses and then considering ways to make it more conducive to economic growth.

The commission will also be tak-

ing a close look at the issue of gross receipts taxes, Sandel said.

"The big problem with the gross receipts tax is the pyramiding," he said. "The same service is often taxed two or three times."

"We need to look at how to change it to make it more equitable," he said.

A bill seeking a gross receipts tax deduction for physicians is also making its way through the House, but opponents of the bill, including the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Association of Counties, say the deduction could mean a loss of almost \$20 million to cities and counties.

Sandel said the issue of retaining doctors is a big one for the state, but he said, "We can't destroy our towns in the process. We've got to take care

of them."

The make-up of the commission will include three members from both the House and Senate, along with 11 members appointed by the governor to represent a broad range of views and expertise on tax issues, with one to represent municipal governments, one to represent county governments and at least one Native American.

The bill also provides for an appropriation of \$200,000 to pay expenses for the commission including staffing needs.

Sandel said commission members would meet at least twice a month, with the staff working full time.

Although the commission has its work cut out for it, said Sandel, there are plenty of readily available studies they can draw on to help them

achieve their goal.

"We'll be spending quite a bit of time on this, but we'll be able to pull past studies and then see how New Mexico compares to surrounding states," he said.

"The governor has some great ideas for economic development and we just need to have the right tax system to make them work," Sandel said.

The bill stipulates that the first meeting of the commission is to be held no later than May 1, with a report of its findings and recommendations sent to the governor and legislature no later than Sept. 1.

Sandel, the owner of Aztec Well Servicing in Farmington, made an unsuccessful bid for the office of lieutenant governor in 2002.

Rep. pushing Otero Mesa plant

BY MICHAEL SHINABERY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

ALAMOGORODO - Terry Marquardt is making another power play.

The state lawmaker, who represents Otero and Doña Ana counties, has reintroduced legislation that will create a State Power Board to study financing a gas power plant in Otero County.

House Bill 286 passed the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, on Monday, and will next be heard in the Business and Industry Committee.

Marquardt seeks to turn a massive natural gas find under Otero Mesa, south of Alamogordo, into an electrical generating facility. Constructed with New Mexico funding, it will be privately operated on a long-term lease.

According to Marquardt, New Mexico residences and businesses will receive reasonably-priced power. Only then will the surplus be sold outside the state. He has touted it will entice businesses to locate here because of guaranteed power, thus creating jobs.

"High electricity prices cause hardship for almost one-half of our citizens," Marquardt said. "If an individual can't afford higher prices, or their electricity is shut off because of

non-payment of the electric bill, the absence of air conditioning during the summer months can be fatal to many of our older citizens."

Funding, from Marquardt's perspective, is an investment that can quickly turn profitable.

"What would our state's public schools look like with adequate funding for construction and maintenance, with resources for better teacher pay and enhanced programs for our children?" Marquardt said.

Marquardt first introduced the legislation in January 2002 as HB-437, but it did not make it to the governor's desk.

He began formulating the idea in spring 2001 - when electrical problems plagued the west and most notably California.

Marquardt even took the idea to the White House to discuss with President George W. Bush. He has worked with the U.S. Senate Energy chairman, and U.S. senators Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., "to relieve any federal agency road blocks to the advancement of the as yet untapped natural gas resource," he said.

Michael Shinabery is a reporter for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

Senator asks firm to rethink Carlsbad

CARLSBAD - Carlsbad has again been mentioned in connection with a uranium enrichment plant, now slated for Hartsville, Tenn.

"I've heard that your selected site in Tennessee may be encountering unanticipated challenges," wrote Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., Tuesday to Louisiana Energy Services president and CEO George Dials, as reported in a press release. Dials is a former Carlsbad federal Energy Department manager.

Last year, manager called attention to Eddy and Lea counties as possible sites for the \$1.1 billion plant, which is expected to employ at least 200

people. "That letter noted the superb attributes for your facility that are available in the area around the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant," Domenici wrote this week, asking that southeast New Mexico be reconsidered if the Tennessee site was withdrawn.

"A single search team evaluated a year site in the Carlsbad area, and I understand that it was not your first choice. But many other sites could have been proposed for consideration in this general area," Domenici wrote. "Nuclear technologies are well understood and appreciated in this area."

Forty sites were initially under consideration. Company representatives were hosted in Carlsbad before a site was selected. The final two contenders were in Tennessee.

LES is part of a group of utilities working with Urenco Inc., a European company, to explore expansion into the United States. The plant would be the first in the country to use post-World War II technologies. Current facilities exist in Ohio and Kentucky.

Uranium enriching is the process of increasing the capability of uranium - by increasing the concentration of an isotope - for use in commercial nuclear power.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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March 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd

TIME: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

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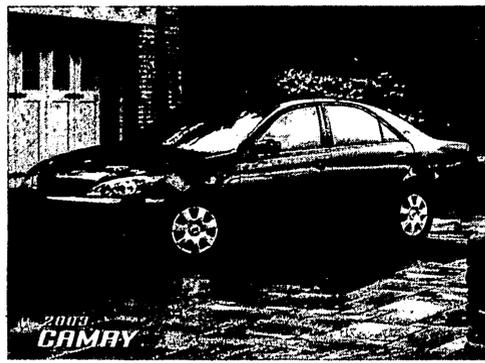


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I love you with all my heart,
Love Chelsea

Happy Valentine's Day
Orlando Montes
Love you!
Love, Viola



Happy Valentine's Day
Love you always,
Love, Norma

Happy Valentine's Day
Paige
Love,
Meme -n- Poppy

Happy Valentine's Day
Marcus
Love,
Meme -n- Poppy

Happy Valentine's Day
Courtney
Love,
Meme -n- Poppy



Happy Valentine's Day
Grandma & Grandpa Campbell
Can't wait to meet you, love your
New Granddaughter!

Happy Valentine's Day
Remember that our love for each
other will let us through anything!
Love Veronica

Happy Valentine's Day

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Happy Valentine's Day
Aisushi Sasaki
Love Always -
Your Sister, Hltomi



Happy Valentine's Day
Junko Kando
Love Always -
Your Sister, Hltomi



Happy Valentine's Day
Tomoko Sasaki
Love Always -
Your Daughter, Hltomi



Happy Valentine's Day
We love you,
Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day
Chlca Greening
Best of Friends, John & Hltomi



Happy Valentine's Day
Hannah Greening
Best of Friends, John & Hltomi



Luu Bug -
Each morning I awake to gaze in your
eyes as we face each magical day
together.



Happy Valentine's Day,
Simona Ramos
We love you very, very much,
Love Mama & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day
Hltomi Sasaki
Love Always -
Your Husband, John



Happy Valentine's Day,
Monique Ramos
We love you very, very much,
Love Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day
Kristy Cruce
We love you very, very much,
Love John & TJ



Happy Valentine's Day
Baby Girl,
We love you very, very much
Love Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day
I love you,
Sanida



Happy Valentine's Day
Brenda Lucero
I love you,
Love, MOM



Happy Valentine's Day
Alyx Nielsen
With Love, Ryon



Happy Valentine's Day
Cory Prudencio
I always love you,
Love, Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day
Patrick Gonzales
We'll love you always
Love, Mom & Father



Happy Valentine's Day
Linda Gonzales
We'll love you always
Love, Mom & Father



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Viola Montes
I will always love you,
Love, Orlando

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HARD LUCK WARRIORS

Ruidoso's boys and girls basketball teams are each winless in District 4-3A, but it's not for a lack of trying

Lady Warriors play tough, still lose to Lovington

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Despite their District 4-3A record, and despite the score Tuesday night, the Ruidoso Lady Warriors did not lay down and die.

It's just that, every time they came within spitting distance of Lovington, the Lady Wildcats would find a way to pull ahead. Lovington eventually won the game, 60-50.

"You've got to give credit to Ruidoso, this town knows that team is a whole lot better than their record indicates," said Lovington coach Pilar Carrasco. "If they're in any other district, they're going to regionals and beyond."

Unfortunately for the Lady Warriors, they're in District 4-3A, where they're now 0-4 after two losses each to Lovington and Portales.

The Lady Wildcats (14-5, 3-1 district) jumped out to a 10-4 lead early and controlled the first half before Ruidoso (5-13 overall) woke up and began to play some ball.

"We played a bit better (than last time)," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "But it takes time for us to warm up. That's been our problem all year."

The Lady Warriors were victimized in the second quarter by the Lovington press, as the Lady Wildcats went on a 9-0 run to open the period and continued to pull away with loads of three-point shooting.

Lovington had eight treys in the game, as Kimberly Choate had a school-record five and led the game with 21 points. Genevieve Olivas added two 3-pointers and 11 points of her own.

"Genevieve and Kimberly shot the lights out," Carrasco said. "That's just a tribute to their hard work, they've been putting in extra hours in the gym."

Even more frustrating to Ruidoso fans is that the Lady Warriors did start to claw their way back into it after halftime. After being down by 16 points, the Lady Warriors struggled to within five points just before the end of the third quarter — only to see Choate hit another shot beyond the arc with three seconds left to keep Ruidoso at bay.

"We got a little lax, and that's what I was scared of, coming out of the locker room,"

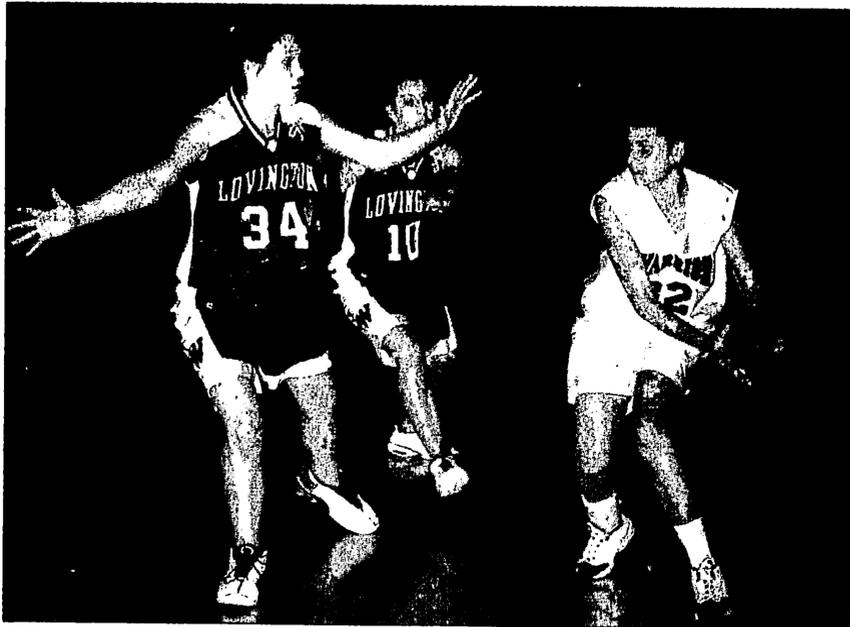
Lady Wildcats 60, Lady Warriors 50
Lovington (14-5, 3-1 District 4-3A)
Melissa Marquez 0 0-0 0, Jenna Compton 2 2-7, Kimberly Choate 5 2-21, Monique Perez 1 2-4, Shanna Hardin 0 0-0 0, Melissa Foster 0 0-0 0, Genevieve Olivas 4 1-4 11, Clara Cunningham 0 0-0 0, Jessica Jameson 1 4-6 6, Michelle Alexander 4 3-5 11, Raven Chino 0 0-0 0, Dominique Aranda 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 14-25 60.

Ruidoso (5-13, 0-4)
Jorjia Carrasco 4 0-2 8, Lynette Woodward 0 0-0 0, Clarissa Silva 4 4-6 12, Samantha Soria 0 0-0 0, Jessica Gibson 2 0-2 4, Jacyrui Castanon 1 0-0 2, Vicki Colusnak 0 0-0 0, Christine Brown 5 2-4 12, Dusti Franklin 3 1-7 7, Beth Robinson 2 1-2 5. Totals: 21 8-17 50.

Lovington 17 20 11 12 — 60
Ruidoso 10 11 19 10 — 50

Three-point goals: Lovington 8 (Choate 5, Olivas 2, Compton). Rebounds: Lovington 27 (Alexander 9), Ruidoso 34 (Brown 9). Steals: Lovington 8 (Jameson, Choate 2), Ruidoso 4 (Gibson 2). Blocks: Lovington 6 (Alexander 6). Turnovers: Lovington 22, Ruidoso 28. Total fouls: Lovington 16, Ruidoso 18. Fouled out: Lovington, Alexander (2:32 in 4th), Ruidoso, Franklin (1:27 in 4th).

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Christine Brown, far right, looks to pass the ball past Lovington post Michele Alexander (34) and Lovington guard Kimberly Choate (10) Tuesday at RHS. Choate had 21 points and Alexander 11 points and six blocked shots in the Lady Wildcats' 60-50 win. Brown had 12 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

St. Michael's to remain in District 2-3A

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Following successful petitions to the New Mexico Activities Association, three schools retained the right to change their district alignment which had previously been set by the NMAA.

Two schools' petitions — St. Michael's of Santa Fe and Vaughn — affect districts in this area of the state.

St. Michael's had been set to move into District 4-3A, pitting them against Lovington, Portales, New Mexico Military Institute and Ruidoso. While the prospect of regular district

matchups between St. Michael's and Ruidoso in all sports would have made for some interesting games, the amount of travel St. Michael's faced was a factor in their decision to make the request to remain in District 2-3A.

District 2-3A includes Cuba, Pojoaque, Raton, Robertson and West Las Vegas.

The decision does not affect the St. Michael's softball program, which will play in 4-3A this season and possibly next season, as the realignment of softball districts was finalized two years ago.

Another change affecting Lincoln County schools was the

successful request by Vaughn to be moved from District 3-1A into District 7-1A with Carrizozo, Corona, Foothill, Mountainair and Temple Baptist. Vaughn was a district rival with Carrizozo and Corona last year before the current alignment took hold.

One school which did not succeed in its bid to change districts was St. Pius, which didn't receive the needed votes from Class 4A members to move to District 2-4A.

St. Pius will remain in District 1-4A with Aztec, Farmington, Kirtland Central and Piedra Vista for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.

Ruidoso boys again fall to NMMI

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Try as they might, the Ruidoso Warriors just can't seem to answer the challenge posed to them by Max LeBaron and the rest of the New Mexico Military Institute Colts.

NMMI continued its winning ways Tuesday with an 80-45 decision over Ruidoso, upping its record to 4-0 in District 4-3A and sending the Warriors to their seventh straight loss.

Actually, Ruidoso coach Billy Page attributed his team's woes to a lack of good shooting.

"We just can't get one in the basket," Page said. "Our shooting percentage was poor. We missed a lot of easy layups."

"Lack of concentration, focus; who knows why we're doing that?"

NMMI (15-5 overall) wasted little time in taking an early lead, going up 16-7 after the first quarter and entering halftime with a 39-19 advantage.

Leading the way — as always — was the 6-foot-6 LeBaron, who had 14 points at halftime and ended the game with 25 points total.

"He still got a lot of rebounds and second shots, and we turned the ball over a lot," Page said. "We stopped ourselves on offense more than they stopped us."

To be fair, not many other teams in the state have been able to stop LeBaron, which is why the Colts are undefeated in district. That doesn't make Page and the Warriors feel any better, though.

Colts 80, Warriors 45
Ruidoso (6-14, 0-4 District 4-3A)

Nick Page 0 4-6 4, Garrett Born 1 0-0 2, A.J. Richardson 0 0-0 0, Nick Fajardo 0 1-4 1, Steven Stroup 0 0-0 0, Auson Beler 3 0-0 8, Chance Hooper 0 0-0 0, Josh Adams 2 0-1 4, John Ordoica 0 0-0 0, Cody Small 3 3-6 9, Patrick Valliant 5 7-11 17, Aaron Romero 0 0-0 0. Totals: 14 15-28 45.

NMMI (15-5, 4-0)
Tai Otani 0 0-0 0, Tres Segovia 8 2-6 18, Leo Castro 4 3-3 11, Galsge Sippy 2 1-2 5, Bryson Reid 0 0-0 0, Trey Moore 0 4-4 4, James Williams 0 0-0 0, Reid Marley 1 7-8 9, Casey Williamson 1 0-0 2, Jarrod Long 3 0-0 6, Max LeBaron 9 7-13 25. Totals: 28 24-36 80.

Ruidoso 7 12 10 16 — 45
NMMI 16 23 20 21 — 80

Three-point goals: Ruidoso 2 (Beier 2). Total fouls: Ruidoso 26, NMMI 20. Fouled out: Ruidoso, Hooper.

Another frustrating thing was the foul situation, as Chance Hooper — Ruidoso's big presence in the middle — was on the bench early with several fouls and eventually fouled out of the game with no points at all.

Patrick Valliant had 17 points to try and pick up the slack, but the Warriors (6-14 overall) were unable to counter more scoring by Tres Segovia (18 points) and Leo Castro (11 points) for the Colts.

Now with just two games left this season and a hope for no better than a 2-4 record in district, the Warriors face Lovington tonight at 7:30, then host Portales Feb. 21.

Page still believes in his team and is convinced they have the talent needed to win those two games.

"I truly feel we could be a state team," Page said. "We have the kids and the potential to be right in the middle of it."

Warrior wrestlers to host district tourney Saturday

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso hosts this year's District 4-1A/3A wrestling tournament Saturday at RHS, and will have their hands full trying to gain the top team and several individual spots in a quest to get to the state tournament.

Actually, just the act of getting to state won't be that challenging, there are only three full teams in the district — Ruidoso, New Mexico Military Institute and Cobre — and the top two teams and top three individuals in each weight class go to state, but Ruidoso coach Brian Brown wants to go as the district champion.

That job is made difficult by a very solid Cobre team, which defeated Ruidoso 60-17 Feb. 4 in Cobre.

Actually, there will be at least four schools — and possibly a fifth — represented at this year's district tournament. Brown reported two individual wrestlers from Alamo Navajo will be traveling to Ruidoso, and it's possible there will be more coming from New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo.

The tournament will be held in triangular fashion, with Cobre and NMMI facing off first, followed by a dual between Cobre and Ruidoso, then finally a dual pitting Ruidoso and NMMI.

In between those matches, the individual wrestlers from Alamo Navajo and NMSVH will face off against competitors in their weight classes. The entire meet gets underway at 1 p.m.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Past Week: 8 in.
Weather at Report Time: Partly cloudy
Road at Report Time: Wet
Midway Depth: 41 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed powder and machine groomed
Skiing Conditions: Good
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed This Morning: Apache Bowl, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Cliff, Elk Liffline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Lower Deep Freeze, Moonshine, SBT, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, The Face, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Snow advisory above 9,000 feet

Prep Scores

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Boys Basketball
Tatum 87, Hondo 44
Tularosa 50, Capitan 38
NMMI 80, Ruidoso 45
Girls Basketball
Tatum 54, Hondo 30
Capitan 44, Tularosa 40
Lovington 60, Ruidoso 50

Preps on Tap

Friday, Feb. 14
Boys Basketball
Lovington at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Gateway Christian at Mescalero 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Gateway Christian at Mescalero, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15
Boys Basketball
Capitan at Hatch, 6 p.m.
Corona at Vaughn, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Capitan at Hatch, 4 p.m.
Corona at Vaughn, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso in District 4-1A/3A tournament at RHS, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Boys Basketball
Hondo at Mescalero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Mescalero, 6 p.m.
Portales at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

On Deck

Softball sign ups to begin
Sign-ups for 12 and Under softball teams are now being held for the season which begins in April and ends in July. Girls who turned 13 years old after Jan. 1 are eligible. There are only six slots available on the team. To register, contact Kim Chavez at 258-1308, or call 910-3730 or 420-2549.

Fundraiser for Trujillo
A fundraiser for Special Olympian Ernest Trujillo will be held tonight at the Capitan Fairgrounds from 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Music will be provided by Little Anthony Y La Banda Sierra, and raffles for a window tint job, one cord of wood and dinner for two at La Espuela will be given away. All proceeds will be used to send Trujillo and his family to the Special Olympic World Games in Ireland May 31-June 1. For more information, call 378-8561.

Sierra Blanca Scramble
The Optimist Club of Ruidoso announces its 11th annual Sierra Blanca Scramble to be held May 10 at Cree Meadows Country Club. Cost to enter is \$50 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart and prizes. For more information, contact Eric Eggleston at 257-5815 or Lane Adams at 257-4033.

Youth Basketball in Albuquerque
North American Youth Sports will hold an annual youth basketball tournament at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque April 11-13. The tournament will feature brackets for boys and girls for grades 5-12, and all grades are based on what grade in which the student is currently enrolled. Entry fee for the tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Entry deadline is March 17. For additional information or entry forms, call the NAYS hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Susan Kabala at (505)-898-0969.

Lady Tigers remain atop District 5-2A

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS



that up, we'll do fine throughout the rest of the season."

CAPITAN — In a closely matched game Tuesday night, the Capitan Lady Tigers narrowly beat Tularosa with a score of 44-40. Both teams still have their eyes on the horizon.

"The win is great," said Capitan Coach Sherry Gowen. "I'm really proud of them."

The last time the two teams played, the Lady Tigers lost by six points.

Capitan (11-9, 5-1 District 5-2A) came on strong in the first quarter scoring nine points to Tularosa's one.

By the end of the second quarter the Lady Wildcats (13-7, 3-2) came out on top edging Capitan by a basket.

"Last time they were 14 points ahead of us by halftime," Gowen commented. "But this time we took over the momentum."

Overall, Gowen was pleased with her team's performance. "Our goal is to outscore and dominate each quarter each time. If we can keep

In the third quarter, Lady Tiger Stephanie Kelsey passed to Catherine Wood in an assist that tied the score 28-28. On the next possession, Jessica Becker raised the mark with a hook shot from a frenzied mass below the backboard.

Tularosa's Christian Syling — who had 11 points along with Angel Gonzales to lead the Lady Wildcats — tied the score again with a jump shot. From then on, it was Capitan all the way home.

Becker had 22 points to lead all scorers before fouling out for the Lady Tigers, including going 8-for-8 in free throws. As a team, Capitan was 12-for-14 from the foul line.

Gowen praised her team for their improvement in free throws. "When we're put on the line we're going to score," Gowen said.

The coach predicted the Lady Tigers and Lady Wildcats will meet again for the district championship.

Lady Tigers 44, Lady Wildcats 40
Tularosa (11-9, 3-2)

Christian Syling 3-5-6-11, Dedra Davis 0-0-0-0, Julie Rocha 0-0-0-0, Sammi Jo Harbeck 0-0-0-0, Ashley Allen 2-0-2-4, Corina Gonzales 2-0-2-4, Casey Blazer 0-0-0-0, Kyndra Hooper 0-0-0-0, Tasha Romero 2-2-8-6, Angel Gonzales 4-3-4-11, Christa Wohlgemuth 0-0-0-0, Sarah Kinopa 0-0-0-0, Letoya Mender 2-0-0-4. Totals: 15-10-22-40.

Capitan (11-9, 5-1)

Catherine Wood 2-3-4-7, Stephanie Kelsey 1-0-0-2, Alyx Sheehy 1-0-0-2, Melissa Becker 2-1-1-5, KayCee Gilson 0-0-0-0, Ralynne Stanbrough 0-0-0-0, Roxie Hall 0-0-0-0, Jessica Tully-Mitchell 2-0-1-4, Jessica Becker 7-8-8-22, Kelsey Stierwalt 1-0-0-2. Totals: 16-12-14-44.

Tularosa 1 14 13 12 — 40
Capitan 9 4 15 16 — 44

Three-point goals: None. Total fouls: Tularosa 17, Capitan 20. Fouled out: Tularosa, Syling, Allen, Capitan, J. Becker. Technical Foul: Capitan, Tully-Mitchell.

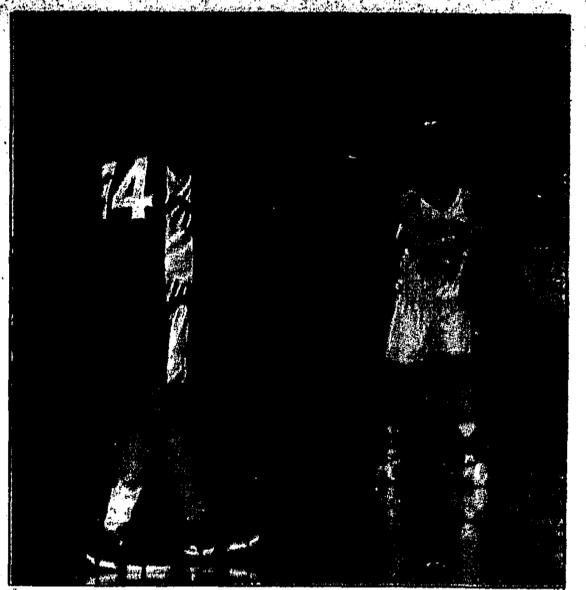


PHOTO BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
Jessica Tully-Mitchell, left, surveys the floor for the Capitan offense while Angel Gonzales defends Tuesday in Capitan



ELLIS NEEL/ALAMOGORDO DAILY NEWS

Capitan forward Bo Sparks (10) springs through the air against Tularosa's Daniel Munoz Tuesday during the Wildcats' 50-38 victory.

Capitan boys lose chance at district title

BY TODD FIQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Just four days after narrowly missing a big upset over District 5-2A leader Lordsburg, the Capitan Tigers entered Saturday's game against Tularosa needing a win to make a strong claim on second place or, even better, the top spot in the district.

Even if they lost, a close enough loss would still give them a good chance at the runner-up slot. Unfortunately, Tularosa was just as hungry for a district win, and got it — defeating Capitan 50-38 to all but guarantee them the second-place spot with just under two weeks left in the regular season.

"We could still end up second, but if we tied with Tulie, they'd beat us in the point spread now," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "We'd have to have some help to get second."

The Tigers (11-8, 3-3 district) were hampered from the very beginning, having lost Drew Haynes and Stephen Silva to illness, Robbie Burchett to an injury and playing with more team members fighting the flu.

"It hurt us depth-wise," Brown said of the lineup problems. "We still had some that weren't feeling very well."

"Not to take anything away from Tulie," he added. "They came at us pretty hard and shot the ball well. They shot better than us, and that was the biggest key."

Brown said Capitan did well on the boards, getting several key rebounds and holding onto the ball when they had it, but just weren't able to score as much as they'd like.

Of course, Tularosa (11-9, 3-2) had the same problem, and the Wildcats had a slim 18-17 lead at halftime.

But then Isaac Vigil caught

Wildcats 50, Tigers 38
Capitan (11-8, 3-3 District 5-2A)

Kurtis Lee 0-0-0-0, Bo Sparks 4-0-0-10, Sheldon Moor 4-0-0-11, Chance Huddleston 0-0-0-0, Elliott Taylor 0-0-0-0, Weston Richardson 2-3-3-7, Josh Osborn 1-1-2-3, Rusty Martin 0-0-0-0, J.D. Mitchell 2-0-1-4, Josh Castañeda 1-1-3-3. Totals: 14-5-9-38.

Tularosa (11-9, 3-2)

Matt Porter 0-0-0-0, Josh Harper 0-0-0-0, Josh Cox 3-1-1-7, Jude Otero 1-0-0-2, Sam Lueras 0-0-0-0, Nick Pino 2-0-1-5, Cris Melendrez 0-0-0-0, Robert Abercrombie 0-0-0-0, Bill Turner 0-0-0-0, Daniel Munoz 3-3-4-9, Aaron Marrujo 0-0-0-0, Walter Messer 0-0-0-0, Isaac Vigil 9-5-6-27, Nash Kowatch 0-0-0-0. Totals: 18-9-12-50.

Capitan 10 7 4 17 — 38
Tularosa 10 8 15 17 — 50

Three-point goals: Capitan 5 (Moor 3, Sparks 2), Tularosa 5 (Vigil 4, Pino). Total fouls: Capitan 12, Tularosa 17.

fire and the Tigers just couldn't put him out.

"We just had to hope that he didn't keep hitting them, and unfortunately he did," Brown said. "We were in a zone in the first half and they had a problem with it. Then they started getting Vigil open and we couldn't stop him."

Vigil scored 21 of his game-high 27 points in the second half, including all four of his three-pointers, and was the only Wildcat in double figures.

Capitan, meanwhile, couldn't get much scoring from anybody. Sheldon Moor led the team with 11 points, while Bo Sparks had 10.

Not every foul was that big a problem for the Tigers. Indeed, Capitan was whistled just one time in the entire first half, compared to nine infractions for the Wildcats.

Capitan now has two more games left in the regular season — Saturday they travel to Hatch for a 5 p.m. contest, then host Cloudcroft Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

"We just have to take care of what we can," Brown said. "We have to go to Hatch focused. We have to get back on track and get back into our winning ways."

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Hondo cager teams swept by Tatum in District 8-1A

HONDO — The Tatum Lady Coyotes' mix of height and quickness has made them one of the teams to beat in District 8-1A. Hondo, though very quick itself, was not able to overcome its size deficit, falling to Tatum 54-30 Tuesday night.

The Lady Coyotes (16-3, 4-1 district) were led by Tina Burnett, who scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Vanessa Barriga scored 13 points and Stephanie Bretz chipped in 11 for Tatum in

the win. Angelica Garcia was the only player in double figures for the Eagles (7-12, 2-3), who put in three of her teams' four 3-point goals on the night.

Coyotes romp over Eagles

The Tatum boys had an easy time remaining undefeated in District 8-1A play, breezing past Hondo 87-44.

Five Coyotes (11-8, 5-0) finished in double figures, led by Grady and

Gary Herrera with 15 and 14, respectively. Wade Parks, Jorge Sanchez and Abraham Rodriguez all finished with 10.

Tatum outrebounded Hondo 42-19 and forced 34 turnovers in the game.

Eddi Valenzuela and E.J. Sanchez each had nine points to lead the Eagles (2-17, 1-5).

Both the Hondo boys and girls host Mescalero Jan. 18 before traveling to Lake Arthur Jan. 21 for the regular season finale.

Lady Coyotes 54, Lady Eagles 30		Coyotes 87, Eagles 44	
Tatum (16-3, 4-1 District 8-1A)	Vanessa Barriga 4 3-5 13, Bianca Lopez 2 2-3 6, Angie Sanchez 1 0-0 2, Tina Burnett 7 3-4 17, Dana Watson 1 3-9 5, Stephanie Bretz 5 1-2 11	Tatum (11-8, 5-0)	Mike Ramirez 3 0-0 6, Wade Parks 4 0-0 10, Jorge Sanchez 4 0-1 10, Robert Martinez 1 0-0 2, Rene Cruz 3 0-0 8, Gary Herrera 7 0-0 14, Abraham Rodriguez 5 0-0 10, Grady Herrera 7 1-3 15, Jacob Eubank 3 0-0 6, Marcos Barriga 2 0-0 4, Totals 38 1-4 87
Hondo (7-12, 2-3)	Mercedes Lopez 0 1-2 1, Angelica Garcia 5 0-0 13, Jamie Garcia 1 0-0 2, Jackie Chavez 1 0-0 3, Patricia Montoya 1 0-0 2, Josephina Gutierrez 4 1-4 9	Hondo (2-17, 1-5)	Derek McTeague 3 0-2 6, Saul Acosta 1 1-2 3, Steven Chavez 4 0-0 10, Eddi Valenzuela 4 0-0 9, E.J. Sanchez 3 0-0 9, Teta Salcido 2 1-2 7, Totals 17 2-6 44
Tatum	15 12 19 10 — 54	Tatum	22 21 20 24 — 87
Hondo	7 4 8 11 — 30	Hondo	10 13 12 9 — 44
Three-point goals: Tatum 2 (Barriga 2), Hondo 4 (A. Chavez 3, J. Chavez 1), Total Fouls: Tatum 16, Hondo 17		Three-point goals: Tatum 8 (Sanchez, Ramirez, Parks, Cruz 2), Hondo 8 (Sanchez 3, Chavez, Salcido 2, Valenzuela, Salcido 2), Total fouls: Tatum 13, Hondo 9, Turnovers: Tatum 18, HHS 34, Rebounds: Tatum 42, Hondo 19.	

WRESTLING: Preview of 4-1A/3A tourney

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The top two teams in district will win the right to travel to the state duals tournament Feb. 28-March 1 in Rio Rancho. Individual finishers will be decided based on best records, with the top three finishers in each weight class earning a berth in the state individual tournament Feb. 19-21 at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque.

A quick look at each weight class, and how Brown feels his men stand up against the competition:

- 103 — Desmond Warner, currently 1-5 in varsity matches this year, will likely face Carlos Ambriz of Cobre and Solomon Atishi of NMMI. "He's pretty young," Brown said of Warner, who lost his last match to Ambriz on a pin in the second round during the Warriors' dual with the Indians Feb. 4.

- 112 — Homer Romero (2-3) will face Javier Muniz of Cobre. No word yet on who will be against him from NMMI. Romero was pinned by Muniz in the first round Feb. 4, but Brown feels the young Warrior should go all six minutes against Muniz come Saturday.

- 119 — Shawn Gurule hasn't had too much success lately, having had to miss the Rio Hondo Tournament in Roswell with an injury, then losing both his matches at the Sierra Blanca Tournament and being pinned in the third period by Chris Perez of Cobre Feb. 4. But Brown thinks Gurule (8-7) can turn it around with two wins Saturday. "He really owes Cobre," Brown said. "He's been practicing very hard. If he has no mental errors, he should do well."

- 125 — Dayne Hall has a pretty successful record of 13-6, including a 9-4 decision over Cobre's Karlen Ward in the Feb. 4 dual, plus a decision over Ward in the Sierra Blanca Tournament. As a result of all this, Brown thinks Hall should have a district title after Saturday.

- 130 — Greg Crow (8-8) easily defeated Mike Ellis of NMMI during their dual Jan. 14, and lost a close decision to John Lucero of Cobre Feb. 4. The Cobre match Saturday will be tough for Crow, and Brown is hoping for a solid six minutes out of his wrestler.

- 135 — Jeremy Pritchett has a bit more dif-

icult route individually, as he'll face Brad Johnsen of NMMI, Matt Madrid of Cobre, and a wrestler from Alamo Navajo. Pritchett has amassed an 8-5 record thus far this year, and Brown thinks he can go undefeated Saturday if he wrestles tough.

- 140 — Justin Huffmon has had the best record of any Warrior this year, going 12-3 and winning a super-tough 1-0 match over Cobre's James Benevidez Feb. 4. Barring a poor performance on the mat Saturday, Brown feels Huffmon has this individual title in the bag.

- 145 — Cody Huffmon won and lost in lightning-quick fashion in his two matches against NMMI's Rich Gray and Cobre's Adrian Perrault, and is currently 8-8 on the year. "He wrestled Cobre good for 30 seconds, then got stuck," Brown said. "As long as he keeps good focus, he should do better than that."

- 152 — Elisha Hedin has also had a good year, going 7-3 in varsity matches, and easily defeated J.D. Bierra of Cobre Feb. 4, taking a huge 15-0 near-fall decision. "He's pretty capable if he wrestles tough," Brown said.

- 171 — Bruce Herrera won over NMMI's Robert Boyer and lost at Cobre. He's had a difficult year, going 5-10 in varsity matches. "He works hard, and sometimes has great wins," Brown said. "But sometimes he just has bad luck."

- 189 — Case Forrest has also had a tough time, going 5-8, including a loss to Cobre's Sam Trujillo. He did defeat Ian Behl of NMMI in the first period, though.

- 215 — This is the toughest weight class in the district — both Eric Hudson of NMMI and Laramie Perrault of Cobre won their dual matches. The task of facing them falls to Tim Lucero, who's had only one match — the dual loss to Perrault — thus far this year after coming out late during football. He replaces David Samaniego, who has a season-ending injury.

- 275 — Ricky Phillips could easily have a much better record than 5-7 this year. He's pinned J.J. Gaddy of NMMI and was up 1-0 against Mando Perez of Cobre in the third period before being pinned. "It was one of the best matches I'd ever seen," Brown said. "He can pull that match out Saturday."

LADY WARRIORS: District win still elusive

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Carrasco said of his team's second-half performance.

"I think we played better defense, we didn't play good defense in the first half," Marez said. "We pressed a little bit more and played more man so she (Choate) didn't have as many good looks."

While Lovington never lost the lead, they still had a good reason to sweat it out when the Lady Warriors — led by Christine Brown's 12 points and nine rebounds — got to within four points with 4:22 left in the game.

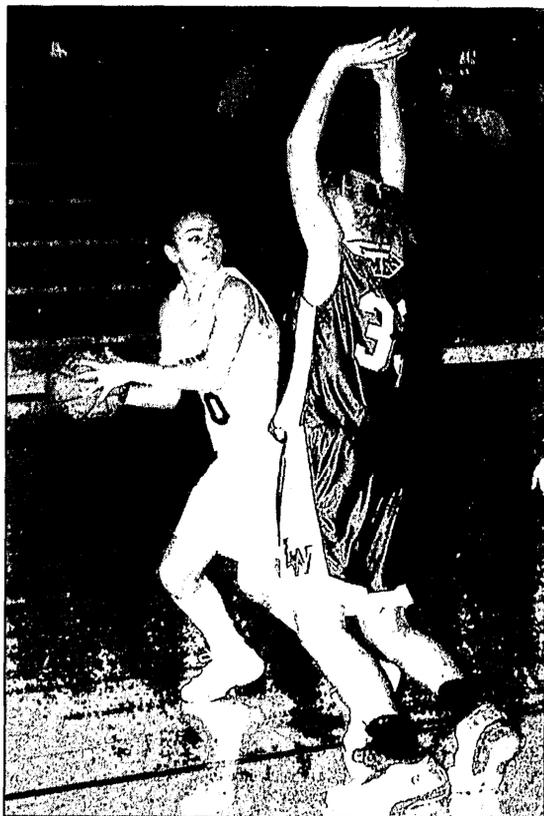
But Ruidoso had little outside shooting, and any time they tried to go inside, they ran into Michelle Alexander.

Alexander was literally a big presence inside, as she scored 11 points, grabbed nine rebounds and had six blocked shots.

"She's going to be a factor in every game she plays," Carrasco said. "She's the best female school shot blocker I've ever seen, she's just that type of player."

Alexander finally got her fifth foul with 2:32 left in the game, but it was a bit too late for the Lady Warriors to take advantage.

"We did get more open looks inside, but it didn't work the way I hoped it would," Marez said. "They were real tentative to go inside. I don't know what it



Ruidoso guard Jenna Carrasco, left, looks to pass around Lovington's Jesika Jameson Tuesday at RHS.

is, it's just a mental thing." Ruidoso hosts Portales Tuesday, then travels to Lovington Feb. 22 to finish the regular season.

Junior varsity

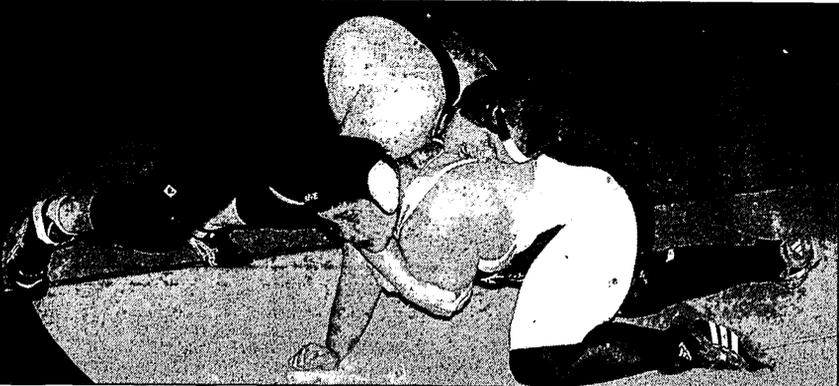
The Lady Warrior JV came tantalizingly close to a

victory, getting to within three points late before finally succumbing, 33-28.

Samantha Serna was the game's leading scorer with 10 points, while Brandi Little had seven points and Jenna Domzalski six for the Lady Wildcats.

AREA PREP STANDINGS

All standings as of games played Feb. 11					
Carizozo	8-14	2-3	Hatch Valley	12-10	5-1
Corona	3-15	0-6	Tularosa	13-7	3-2
Boys Basketball			Cloudercroft	7-11	1-4
District 4-3A			Lordsburg	6-16	0-6
Overall	District	District 8-1A	Overall	District	District 7-1A
NMMI	15-5	4-0	Tatum	11-8	5-0
Lovington	17-5	3-1	Lake Arthur	13-7	4-2
Portales	9-12	1-3	Gateway Christian	10-9	4-2
Ruidoso	6-14	0-4	Mescalero	2-14	0-5
District 5-2A			Hondo	2-17	1-5
Overall	District	Girls Basketball			
Lordsburg	18-2	6-0	District 4-3A		
Tularosa	11-9	3-2	Overall	District	District 8-1A
Capitan	11-8	3-3	Portales	14-5	3-1
Hatch Valley	6-14	2-4	Lovington	13-8	3-1
Cloudercroft	4-15	0-5	Ruidoso	5-13	0-4
District 7-1A			District 5-2A		
Overall	District	Overall	District	Overall	District
Mountainair	17-4	5-0	Capitan	11-9	5-1
Temple Baptist	16-3	3-1	District 6-2A		
		District 6-2A		Overall	District
		Overall	District	Mescalero	13-6
		Tatum	16-3	4-1	
		Hondo	7-12	2-3	
		Gateway Christian	5-13	3-3	
		Lake Arthur	5-13	0-6	



Ruidoso heavyweight Ricky Phillips, below, tangles with Roswell's Ramsy Rottman during a dual match Jan. 7. Phillips and the Warriors host the District 4-1A/3A tournament Saturday at RHS.

The ranching community of Ruidoso, was originally called Dowlin's Mill.

The University of New Mexico's Institute of Meteoritics was the first of its kind in the world.

LOUIS L'AMOUR
Set 7 of his novels primarily in the "Land of Enchantment." They are: Killoe, The Daybreakers, Conagher, Showdown at Yellow Butte (under the name of Jim Mayo), Flint, Shalako, and Radigan.



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2002/2003 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, with all students achieving at grade level by 4th grade and graduates acquiring skills to meet their career goals.
- Goal 4:** Implement K - 12 math initiative with emphasis on community and parental awareness, 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:** 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 (Charter Communications, ENMU, Hubbard Museum of the American West, Kennedy Center Partners in Education, Los Alamitos National Lab, Spencer Theater, 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.
- Area F:** Develop strategies to enhance school site Parent and Community Involvement Plans.

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 Gabilan 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).

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) via PowerSchool. Parents may access it through home internet connections and at the local Wal Mart store. 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.

2001/2002 Basic District Facts:

- Student Enrollment: 2,294
- Ethnicity: Anglo 49.47%
- Asian .22%
- Black .9%
- Hispanic 34%
- Native American 15%
- Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch: 50.0%
- Students Who are Limited English Proficient: 16.21%
- Mobility Rate: 32%
- Graduation Rate: 90.5%
- 2001-02 Scholarships Awarded: \$1,230,753.00 in total Scholarships

Mobility Factor: September 2002

Total Students Enrolled	Total "No Shows"	Total New Students to District
2,294	389	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, program 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. The school utilizes the newest reading curriculum supported by the National Reading Panel and the mathematics program is recognized by the National Teachers of Mathematics. Teachers are afforded in-service training to learn the latest trends in teaching in both of these areas as well as fulfilling the new guidelines of the "No Child Left Behind Act". Our

Character Counts Program also emphasizes social skills, respect, and responsibility. The school also provides instructional support programs, including bilingual education, Title I (reading), instructional computer lab (featuring 24 new computers and new software), library (with a high emphasis on the Accelerated Reading Program, 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. Sierra Vista Primary has an active Parent Advisory Council (PAC) where parent and community involvement is encouraged and welcomed.

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 schools and districts goals of caring for self and others, writing across the curriculum, improving reading and math achievement are incorporated into every facet of school life. 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), gifted education, Indian education and bilingual education. Instructional support programs are provided as well and include speech, physical therapy, inclusion classes, occupational therapy and the extended day/after school program.

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, publications and art history. 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, study skills, and computer technology.

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

Our mission is to enable all individuals to discover and fulfill their highest potential. 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, honors, and Advanced Placement courses.

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

Ruidoso High School is a Career Pathways School. A Career Path philosophy and program is implemented in grades K-12. Career awareness and exploration activities in grades K-8 establish the foundation for development of an Individual Career Plan (ICP) for each high school student. Through career activities, assessments and inventories, and advisement from school and home, students are guided to identify personal strength, passions, and possible career goals. The ICP is an individualized written road map to assist student decision-making in areas of course selection, work experiences, internships, extracurricular activities, community experiences, volunteering, and other related activities in order to empower students to properly prepare and pursue their career goals and passions.

The career paths are areas of study that are flexible enough to meet student needs as they acquire new knowledge and experiences. Courses, internships, work experiences, extra curricular activities, and community partnerships will be further developed to support the six career paths and the development of an ICP by each student.

Career implies more than just a job; it includes education, work, and lifestyle. Achieving a successful career requires years of planning, studying, training, and hard work. To assist students in planning wisely, the district has developed six broad career paths reflecting community input and career opportunities unique to our area. Within each path, numerous career pathways or opportunities have been identified: Industrial/Agricultural, Business/Technology, Hospitality/Tourism, Science/Engineering/Medicine, Arts/Media, and Human Services.

TerraNova, 2nd Edition, Complete Battery (CAT) 2001-2002 Norm-Referenced Results

The TerraNova, 2nd Edition, Complete Battery 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.

3rd Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	20,119	49.0	49.3	49.5	49.8	47.8
District	157	43.2	49.9	46.3	42.0	43.4

Performance of Students with Disabilities
Special Education—Excluding Gifted
Non-Standard Administration
3rd Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	1,988	13.1	14.1	18.4	25.3	28.3
District	20	11.9	11.5	17.5	23.5	29.0

4th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	20,359	51.1	51.7	49.7	49.5	51.0
District	196	55.5	53.2	56.6	52.4	57.5

5th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	20,812	54.1	52.5	47.0	46.7	43.9
District	141	58.2	56.5	50.0	49.5	46.2

6th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	20,562	51.4	53.3	49.6	47.0	47.0
District	175	54.2	50.6	57.3	50.4	52.0

Performance of Students with Disabilities
Special Education—Excluding Gifted
Non-Standard Administration
4th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,057	18.7	18.2	15.5	21.6	20.8
District	18	28.0	17.0	19.0	29.0	40.3

5th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,082	54.1	52.5	47.0	46.7	43.9
District	141	58.2	56.5	50.0	49.5	46.2

6th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,052	18.2	17.6	11.7	18.7	17.1
District	20	29.7	21.0	22.8	34.5	23.0

7th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,921	17.9	17.6	13.4	17.2	11.9
District	17	21.0	18.0	15.0	29.8	19.0

8th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,027	48.3	54.7	42.6	45.0	45.9
District	180	52.8	53.6	54.0	47.7	50.9

9th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	20,214	51.8	45.2	48.1	47.4	45.2
District	179	53.0	44.5	56.4	48.8	49.0

10th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	1,095	34.9	31.0	29.5	40.2	32.3
District	12	22.0	18.5	16.5	20.0	20.0

11th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,795	15.3	16.4	9.3	14.5	14.5
District	25	18.5	20.0	9.2	10.5	12.0

12th Grade
Median Percentiles (1996 Norms)

New Mexico	2,465	15.1	13.4	11.0	16.6	14.8
District	19	6.0	7.0	10.0	13.0	16.0

New Mexico Writing Assessment
State and District Summary
2001-2002 Results
Holistic Scores—Standard Administration
5th Grade
Percent at each score

New Mexico	22,840	1.0%	9.4%	22.8%	48.2%	17.5%	0.8%
District	193	1.8%	10.5%	23.5%	50.5%	4.6%	0%



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Performance of Students with Disabilities Nonstandard Administration Grade 5

Percent of each score	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
New Mexico	2,346	13.1%	34.6%	34.6%	16.9%	0.6%	0.0%
District	17	35.3%	23.5%	41.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Note: This table represents the performance of students with disabilities who participated in the general assessment accommodations that may affect the validity of the results.

New Mexico Writing Project State and District Summary 2001-2002 Results Holistic Scores - Standard Administration 7th Grade

Percent of each score	1	2	3	4	5	
New Mexico	21,569	0.9%	8.6%	35.3%	46.3%	7.9%
District	181	1.1%	11.0%	42.0%	44.8%	1.1%

Note: The percentages of each score reported on the table above include students with disabilities who took the New Mexico Writing Assessment under standardized conditions.

Performance of Students with Disabilities Standard Administration 7th Grade

Percent of each score	1	2	3	4	5	
New Mexico	1,277	5.2%	29.2%	42.1%	21.4%	2.7%
District	21	4.8%	42.9%	47.6%	4.8%	0.0%

Note: This table represents the performance of students with disabilities who participated in the general assessment accommodations that may affect the validity of the results.

New Mexico High School Competency Examination 2001-02 Percent of Sophomores Passing on First Attempt

Year	New Mexico	District
1999	19,410	154
2000	19,448	154
2001	19,400	154
2002	19,310	154

Percent	1999	2000	2001	2002
New Mexico	89.5%	82.3%	81.5%	81.5%
District	90.9%	81.8%	86.3%	86.3%

Note: This data reported on the table above include students with disabilities who took the NMHSCOE under standardized conditions.

**Beginning 2000-2001, the passing score was increased from 150 to 175

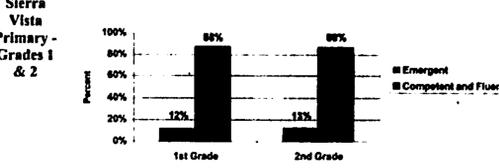
Performance of Students with Disabilities Special Education - Excluding Gifted Standard Administration 10th Grade

Number of Participants and Percent Passing on First Attempt	2000	2001	2002
New Mexico	972	981	973
District	19	19	19

Percent	2000	2001	2002
New Mexico	40.5%	43.9%	41.2%
District	26.3%	42.1%	100.0%

Note: This table represents the performance of students with disabilities who participated in the general assessment under standardized conditions.

2001-02 New Mexico Reading Assessment



Graph shows the percent of students demonstrating emergent, competent and fluent reading skills.

EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (EPSS)

DISTRICT TARGET AREA: COMMUNICATION
Goal: 1. Students will show improvement in written communication skills across the curriculum.

Ruidoso Writing Project

During the 1997-98 school year, faculty and students participated in a writing project in collaboration with ENMU - Portales. The goal of the project was to improve writing skills for students in grades K - 12. Students were tested in the fall of 1997 (pre-test scores) and again in the spring of 1998 (post-test scores). Throughout the 1997 - 2002 school years, students were instructed in the writing process and completed writing assignments on a regular basis. The scores on the pre and posttests for 2001/02 grades 2 through 12 are listed in the table below.

Grade	# Of students	Pre-Test	Post-Test	Difference
2nd	170	1.8	3.5	+1.7
3rd	162	2.0	3.2	+1.2
4th	165	2.3	3.4	+1.1
5th	174	2.1	2.8	+ .7
6th	191	2.2	3.1	+ .9
7th	182	2.7	3.8	+1.1
8th	149	2.3	2.8	+ .5
9th	115	1.9	2.6	+ .7
10th	102	2.2	3.0	+ .8
11th	98	1.7	2.4	+ .7
12th	118	2.1	3.1	+1.0

Results indicate improvement in writing skills grades 2 through 12
Grading scale: 5 - essay with exceptional insight
3 - task accomplished
1 - does not meet minimum requirements

EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (EPSS)

DISTRICT TARGET AREA: CARING FOR SELF AND OTHERS
Goal: 1. Students will recognize and apply positive options to solve peer/adult relationship issues and conflicts, and demonstrate respect and responsibility for each other.

Goal: 2. Students will promote appropriate behavior and be responsible for their own actions.

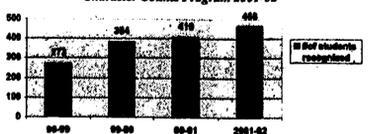
School Level Data:

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Quality of Education Survey 2001-02

Response	Number	Percent
Strongly Agree	64	62%
Agree	35	34%
Disagree	2	2%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Do Not Know	2	2%

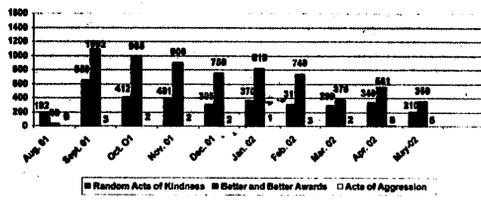
In 1999-2000, Nob Hill Early Childhood Center was one of 14 schools nationwide that received the Inviting School Award from the International Association for Invitational Education (IAIE).

Sierra Vista Primary School Character Counts Program 2001-02

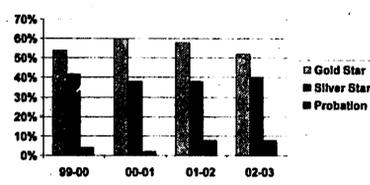


Character Counts program supports the principles of good character: citizenship, caring, responsibility, respect, trustworthiness, and fairness.

White Mountain Elementary 2001-02 NCA Goal - Caring for Self and Others



White Mountain Intermediate School Discipline status of students at the end of the first quarter for four consecutive years



Gold Star = No detention; Silver Star = detention referrals; Probation = ISS placements

Ruidoso Middle School 2001-02

Academic/Behavior Awards	Number of Students Receiving Awards
4.0 Club	44
Principal List	121
Honor Roll	318
Merit	476
Signature	89

Service Programs	Students Participating
Student Council Food Drive	215
On the Job Day (OJ Day)	200
River Clean-up with Rotary	200
Horton Circle Area Clean-up	200
Kids Connection* Playground Construction	60

Ruidoso High School 2001-02

Activity	Student Participants
Band/Color Guard	36
Choir/Drama	32
Student Government	25
MESA	68
Newspaper/Yearbook	47
National Honor Society	32
*Other Clubs	284
Fall Sports	132
Winter Sports	108
Spring Sports	167
Academic Decathlon	16
Indian Club	30
Chess Club	16
SADD	24
FCA	45
TeaPee Lounge	22
Science Bowl	25
Speech and Debate	10

Other Indicators of Success Student Attendance Rate in Percentages

Year	Attendance Rate
New Mexico	NA*
District	96.3%
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center	95.4%
Sierra Vista Primary	95.6%
White Mountain Elementary	94.9%
White Mountain Intermediate	95.2%
Ruidoso Middle School	97.3%
Ruidoso High School	97.6%

*Districts across the state collected and reported attendance data in a variety of ways. Due to the incomparability of the data, no state average could be calculated.

Parent and Community Involvement Plans 2001-02

School	Plan
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center	#1 Increase parental involvement in parent-teacher conferences. #2 Increase community participation in VIPS program. #3 Establish, maintain, and expand community partnerships.
Sierra Vista Primary School	#1 Increase parental involvement in parent-teacher conferences. #2 Increase community participation in VIPS program. #3 Establish, maintain, and expand community partnerships.
White Mountain Elementary	#1 Increase parental involvement in parent-teacher conferences. #2 Increase community participation in VIPS program. #3 Establish, maintain, and expand community partnerships.
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School Newsletters 2001-02

School	Frequency
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center	Monthly by Principal
Sierra Vista Primary School	Weekly by Principal (16 times per year)
White Mountain Elementary	Weekly by Principal (16 times per year)
White Mountain Intermediate	Monthly Newsletter, (Class/Team letters, & Daily Student Agenda)
Ruidoso Middle School	Monthly Newsletter, Daily Student Agenda, Daily Staff Bulletin & Periodic Student Newsletters
Ruidoso High School	HS Today (school newspaper), Phone Master, Power School parent component

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Summary of Quality of Education Survey Questions 2001-02

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New Mexico	88.3%	83.6%
District	98.3%	92.9%
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center	96.1%	96.1%
Sierra Vista Primary	96.9%	96.9%
White Mountain Elementary	91.8%	100%
White Mountain Intermediate	84.5%	94.3%
Ruidoso Middle School	61.4%	74.6%
Ruidoso High School	91.3%	91.7%

School Safety

School-Level Safety Plan Goals and Benchmarks 2001-02

School	Goal	Benchmark
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center	#1 Support systems established in areas of Counseling, Psychological Counseling, Health/Nursing, Social Work, Student Mediation, etc. #2 Staff trained on Student Assistance Team process and individual prevention plans developed as appropriate. #3 Checklists developed for building environmental safety and grounds maintenance, checklists monitored monthly. #4 Safety education provided all students by Ruidoso Fire Dept. and US Forest Service. #5 Student Handbook reviewed and revised as appropriate. #6 All Board Policies (Student Section) reviewed with staff and Policies/Procedures implemented.	#1 Maintain and expand as needed student support systems and professional staff. #2 Annually, maintain active Student Assistance Team process and appropriate professional training. #3 Maintain checklist system and monitoring; Review systems as needed and appropriate. #4 Annually, continue safety education program and review curriculum as needed. #5 Annually, review student handbook as needed; Continuously review Board Policies as needed; Implement Board Policies/Procedures (Student Section).
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Number of Police Reported Incidents 2001-02

Violent Crimes*	Armed Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Sexual Assault	Child Abuse/Neglect	Other Violent Crimes
New Mexico	1,223	409	23	71	181
District	0	0	0	0	0
Nob Hill School	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Vista Primary	0	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Elementary	0	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Intermediate	0	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso Middle School	0	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso High School	0	0	0	0	0

Other Criminal Offenses*

Other Criminal Offenses*	Presentations	Passive	Administrative	Other	Alcohol
New Mexico	29	456	124	79	1,910
District	1	0	0	0	0
Nob Hill School	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Vista Primary	0	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Elementary	0	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Intermediate	0	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso Middle School	0	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso High School	0	0	0	0	0

Vandalism*

Vandalism*	Armed	Other	Alcohol	Other
New Mexico	108	612	158	58
District	1	3	0	0
Nob Hill School	0	0	0	0
Sierra Vista Primary	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Elementary	0	0	0	0
White Mtn. Intermediate	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso Middle School	0	0	0	0
Ruidoso High School	0	0	0	0

*Statewide data has not been audited

Total Dropout Rate in Percentages 2000-2001

Grades 7-8	Number	Percent
New Mexico	442	.9%
District	0	0%

Grades 9-12

Grades 9-12	Number	Percent
New Mexico	5,095	5.3%
District	29	4.2%

Total Transition Year Dropout Rate

Number	
New Mexico	280
District	0

Quality of Education Survey Results Percent Agree or Strongly Agree Spring 2002

Question	New Mexico	District	Sierra Vista Primary	White Mountain Elementary	White Mountain Intermediate	Ruidoso Middle School	Ruidoso High School
Total number of surveys returned	148,217	856	104	257	208	202	106
1. My child is safe at school	78.1%	81.4	91.7	92.7	90.1	90.4	92.8
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education	74.6%	84.4	92.7	94.9	87.8	86.6	80.2
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement	80.6%	86.4	91.7	94.2	88.9	94.1	78.1
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education	79.0%	82.4	96.1	96.9	91.5	88.5	61.4
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies	71.8%	81.1	80.8	88.0	81.2	92.4	1.7
6. School staff maintains consistent discipline which is conducive to learning	77.2%	82.4	92.1	92.2	88.1	86.1	67.0
7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities	65.3%	74.1	85.5	81.1	68.6	65.6	5.5
8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress	84.8%	84.8	96.1	96.9	89.9	94.1	5.6
9. The school's staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs	75.3%	83.7	93.2	91.8	87.8	85.7	1.7
10. My child takes responsibility for his or her own learning	84.6%	88.4	90.1	92.6	81.5	88.0	91.4
11. The school offers various programs and activities to promote "Caring for Self and Others"	78.6	90.1	90.1	81.1	79.6	57.5	69.0
12. School staff uses various programs and strategies to improve my child's reading skills	86.4	95.7	95.0	87.5	91.4	61.3	71.9
13. School staff uses various programs and strategies to improve my child's writing skills	83.2	92.1	91.8	80.8	81.8	68.0	76.8
14. School staff uses various programs and strategies to improve my child's math skills	83.3	91.6	92.6	78.8	84.2	66.9	79.4
15. The school offers various programs and activities to promote Fine Arts							

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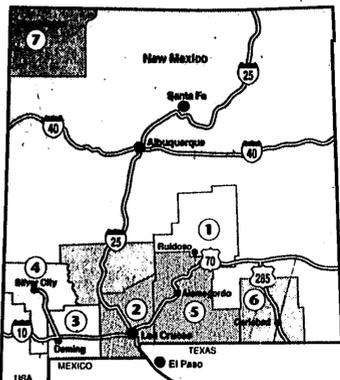
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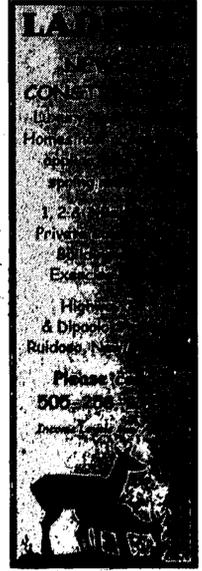
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ROOMMATE WANTED to share Big Mtn.-top house with hippy, 1 small dog, 2 fat cats, 1 cool pigeon, WD, Dish-TV, internet, \$400/mo. 257-2172

111 ACREAGE
162 ACRES. In Tularosa, this property has been in the family for 92 years. You're not just looking at land, you're looking at history. Priced at \$1000 per acre. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228

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LAND 4 Sale. Breath taking views of Sierra Blanca, Hidden Meadows, secluded & easily accessible. A place of heaven! Tall Pines 7 wild life. Subdivided into 4 tracts. \$275,000 #98493. Call Joe Zagone 420-3807 or 257-9057.

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101 ACREAGE
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111 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
FOR SALE by owner 1200 sq.ft. steel building on 3/4 acre land East of Race-track on Hwy 70. 378-4465

FOR SALE Commercial Lot Alto, New Mexico High Sierra Estates. Highway Frontage \$55,000. Please contact 1-800-426-9390.

OFFICE for sale or lease. Good location-mid-town on 10th Street in Alamogordo. Approx 3000 square feet; parking front and rear 5 private offices, conference room, 2 rest rooms. Large work area for secretary's desk. Lobby area, 2 storage rooms and closets; kitchenette or coffee room. Central heat-refrigerated air. Call (505)437-6326

115 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY RENT
3,000 SQ.FT. Includes two apartments. Prime location on Sudderth across from Cattle Baron. 258-2212

FOR LEASE: 4 office suite, approx. 1,000sf (plus shared reception area, kitchenette, and storage), partly furnished, 1206 Mechem 258-4030

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OFFICE SPACE for Rent. Located at intersection of Sudderth and Mechem. 2825 Sudderth. 257-7521, 910-3065 or 420-5095.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE space for rent. Plenty of parking, good location, nice decor. Call 257-9806

116 STORAGE RENT
AA STORAGE Vacancy
 Most All Sizes Storage Units Very Secure and Private! On premise Manager compare Rates
 On Hwy. 70 Across from Ford Co. 378-7030

INSULATED STORAGE w>Loading dock. 30'x40' \$300/mo. 13'x24' \$100/mo. 378-4661

117 WANTED TO RENT
2 VERY responsible Women 55+ looking for 3 bedroom home to rent long term, lease option possible, have very well-behaved dogs. Call 257-9883 or 208-867-7311

LOT FOR Sale. Fantastic view of Sierra Blanca, great building site. 140 Coronado Drive, (505)653-4774

OWNER DISSOLVING partnership. Three mobile lots, to be sold together, almost two acres with city water and natural gas available. Owner will finance. \$30,000 BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

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101 LOTS FOR SALE
NEW CEDAR House 4Bd/4Ba, sleeps 10-12, views, White Mountain Estates, garage, stone fireplace, decks, 12 minutes from skiing, \$400/night (505)890-3303

100 HELP WANTED
THE ATTIC Complex. 800 sq. ft. \$750 per month 400 sq. ft. \$400/mo., + \$100 utilities Call Donna at 257-7577.

100 WORKERS Needed. Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. \$480 plus weekly. Free information package. 24 hours. 801-428-4630

ANNOUNCEMENT-NOW hiring for 2002/2003. Postal jobs \$13.21 - \$28.16/hour. Full benefits/paid training/no experience necessary. Accepting calls 7 days 866-844-4915 ext 103.

ATTENTION! WEBER'S GRILL
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AVON. ENTREPRENEUR wanted. Must be willing to work whenever you want, be your own boss, and enjoy unlimited earnings. Let's talk. 888-942-4053.

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP FLOP. CFI is now hiring Company Owner Operators* Singles* Teams* Loads with miles available immediately! Ask about our spouse-training program. Call 1-800-CFI-DRIVE. www.cfidrive.com

DENNY'S DINER is now hiring hostesses, servers, and dish washers. Apply in person at 2219 Hwy 70 West Ruidoso Downs New Mexico. All shifts available. Interviews upon application admission.

DOMINO'S PIZZA
 Help wanted - Delivery Drivers needed. Looking for management personnel also. Apply in person Friday and Saturday after 11a.m. Ask for Chuck. 1717 Sudderth.

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 Fax #505-464-2658

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Job responsibilities will include:

Type correspondence; Create PowerPoint presentations; Create Excel spreadsheets; Maintain department supplies (Stationery, Equipment and Kitchen); Create and maintain files and records; Read and distribute incoming mail/faxes; Answer telephones; Maintain daily calendar, conference room calendar and monthly newsletter; Various projects as assigned; Back-up Office Manager.

Qualifications: At least three years prior experience as an Administrative or Executive Assistant; Comprehensive PC Skills including experience with Word, Excel, Lotus Notes and PowerPoint; Excellent interpersonal and phone skills; Self-starter; Innovative.

Please send your resume to: Blind Box C c/o Ruidoso News P O Box 128 Ruidoso, NM 88355-0128

Resumes must be post-marked by February 28, 2003.

FRAMING CARPENTERS and helpers needed at Centex Construction Company, 454 Lipan Drive, Mesalero, NM. Apply at project site. \$11-\$15 an hour, drug screen required, 2-3 weeks work.

FULL OR PART TIME laundry help needed. Apply in person Backer's Mountain Laundry 721 Mechem

HELP WANTED cooks, prep-cooks, and wait staff. Apply in person at G-08 Lincoln Tower.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED at the Ramada Limited. Apply in person, must have own transportation.

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LPN NEEDED in busy doctor's office in Ruidoso. Experience required. Job requires extensive use of the computer, friendly attitude, neat appearance and good typing skills. Pay depending on experience. Send Resume to: Dr. Seidel, P.O. Box 7309 Ruidoso, NM 88355. NO PHONE CALLS ACCEPTED.

NIGHT MONITOR (Security Guard)

Mescalero Tribal Human Services is accepting applications for Night Monitor (Security Guard), if interested, submit application (resume) to Mescalero Tribal Human Service, P O Box 228, Mescalero, NM 88340, Attn: Executive Director. Offer of employment is contingent upon background check. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled. Salary: \$7.50 per hour.

PART-TIME COOK needed. Apply in person at Hwy 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd, Alto Cafe. 336-1980

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 Daily Work/ Daily Pay
 Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers clerical. All Skill Levels!
 Apply Today! 257-7876
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105 HOUSES FOR RENT

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100 HELP WANTED
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Call (505) 258-5858 for Dawn McCarty or fax your resume to (505) 258-4963.

PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY wanted for Ruidoso Executive Office. Microsoft Word and Word Perfect computer experience very desirable. Nice working environment. Please send resume in confidence to Blind Box A, c/o Ruidoso News, PO Box 128 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY POSITION Ruidoso area. Seeking an individual with office operation knowledge, computer skills to include MS Word and Excel. Data entry, customer relations. Office business experience "A Must" Company benefits. Please apply in person at 1600 E Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

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105 HOUSES FOR RENT

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FOR RENT
 • 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, nice unfurnished house. \$1200 plus utilities. Available March.
 Tall Pines Realty
 257-7786
 Donna Mobley (Lic. # 114745) Mark Mobley (Lic. # 9979)

114 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE
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 Each office independently owned and operated.

CHAMPION RUN: VERY nice, large 2 1/2 with new carpet, tile, floor plan, pet lot stove. Fully furnished and nice decor. Can sleep 6. Great investment for rental, weekend or permanent residence. Stucco finished on exterior. \$86,500 #98503

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH HOME with workshop, storage building, and open deck in the beautiful mountains of Ruidoso! Priced at \$112,000 for over 1500 heated sq. ft. #98617

FULL GOLF LOT IN ALTO with septic and water meter in. Nice, gentle downhill slope #97272 \$49,500

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT level for building and close to entrance and #15 Green. Easy access, big trees, and beautiful homes surrounding the homesite #97502 \$57,500

GREAT LOT WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS and a gentle downhill slope in The Ranches of Sonterra. 6.75 acres/lot #477 \$63,000 #97939

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QUALITY THROUGHOUT!
 Furnished 4 bedroom home with golf membership. 2 fireplaces, hot tub, tile roof, wood windows, security system. Fabulous bunk room... sleeps 8. Many extras! \$650,000. #98629

PICTURE THIS!
 Custom 3-4 bdrm. home. Mstr. suite w/adj. covered porch w/SB views. Lg. living area w/large lg. FP. Gourmet kitchen w/baker's party & lg. dining area. Private den w/surround sound. Nearest completion. Call for complete pkg. \$479,000. #98673

CHARMING NEW MEXICO STUCCO
 Lots of tile, 10' ceilings, high accent windows, lava fireplace, 3 sets of atrium doors to back deck. Oversize garage. Spacious den - 4th bdrm for grandkids? Handy to club house w/Alto full golf. \$299,333. #98679

GRACEFUL ALTO STUCCO
 W/Full golf, this charming 3 br., 2-1/2 ba. home is situated in Alto's tall pines. Wood flooring creates warm ambience. Great master on main level. Dbl. garage. Nice view too! \$284,500. #98643

CONTEMPORARY BEAUTY
 Unique architectural design on Upper Canyon lot. See & hear the river from the wonderful deck. Distinctive 3 bedroom home. \$239,500. #98684

ENCHANTING!
 2 yr. old 3/2 home, open den/kitchen/dining area. Back room can be office or game room, pitched ceiling in den, 2 covered decks. View of valley & Capitán Mtns. \$169,500. #98691

CONTEMPORARY CONDO
 Lovely 3 bedroom condo with 2 fireplaces, wet bar, garage, living room and study. The study could also be a 4th bedroom. \$149,000. #98634

GREAT BUY...
 on this 3 bedroom, 2 bath. One level, corner lot, covered front deck, fenced back yard. New flooring & kitchen cabinets. Only \$78,000. HURRY! #98661

Looking for a weekend getaway?
A seasonal retreat? A reason to smile?

DELIGHTFUL REMODELED
 Split level in quiet neighborhood. Tree mixed view of Sierra Blanca. Spacious kitchen, room for office or 4th Br. \$129,000. #97652 CALL JOAN ZAGONE

MAIN ROAD/ SHERWOOD FOREST
 Upper Canyon. Peaceful 2 Br, sleeping loft, 3 Ba, immaculate & furnished. \$125,000. #97364 CALL KAREN HIGGINS

TOWNHOME W/GARAGE
 In prestigious White Mt. Meadows. Nice views, pleasant surroundings tucked into neat corner. 2 Br, 1 3/4 Ba, master on 1st level & level entry. \$129,500. #98226 CALL JORISE HENRY

WONDERFUL LOCATION
 Big lot, walk to Cedar Creek. One level older home, wood floors, oversized garage, big utility room. Easy paved access across from Cree. \$159,500. #98564 CALL JOSEPH A. ZAGONE

SUPER CLEAN, ONE LEVEL HOME
 Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, large kitchen, covered back deck, A/C, water softener & R/O system. All on 2 lots. Level access to 1+ acre. \$209,900. #98698 CALL J. SCOTT MILLER

SUPER BUY ON DEER PARK DR
 Very well kept 3 Br, 2 Ba home on almost level lot! Wooded view from this corner lot. Full golf membership. Some furnishings to sell separately. \$270,000. #97996 CALL VAN PATTON

EXTRA SPECIAL VIEWS
 of Sierra Blanca. Private setting in town, spacious living & kitchen, beautiful master bath. Paved drive to this well maintained home. \$299,500. #98541 CALL HARVEY FOSTER

GREAT LOT
 In tall pines. City utilities. Close to town. \$19,900. #97801 CALL LOANDA LOCKRIDGE

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NICE DUPLEX LOCATED IN CAPITAN
 Walking Distance from schools and shopping. One 2 bedroom, 1 bath and one 1 bedroom, 1 bath. These have been remodeled inside and out. Some appliances stay with the units. Only \$82,500!

ALTO VILLAGE CONDO Extensively remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 and 1/2 baths. One car garage with additional room for a golf cart. Enjoy the lovely fireplace from this ample living room with adjoining dining area and open kitchen. You'll get a view and privacy from the covered patio and uncovered deck. This fine property comes furnished with the possibility of additional items plus golf cart could be available. Alto Full Golf Membership! \$299,500.

JUST LISTED, ONE LEVEL CONDO!
 Enjoy easy, year round access to this beautifully and fully furnished 2 bedroom 1 3/4 bath condo. Private, yet close access to town on the mountains and conveniently located near the Links Golf Course. \$112,500.

"Making New Friends While Keeping the Old"

OWNER MOTIVATED, WANTS TO SELL RIGHT AWAY!

A convenience store, pizza parlor were once housed in this very popular convenient store with gas station, and separate living quarters. High traffic location on Highway 70. Property overlooks a brook. Future plans for this area could make this that prime business that you could be looking for. \$245,000.

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 Casey D. Widener, Property Manager; Phe: 491-8088

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2003 HELP WANTED

The Mescalero Care Center
has the following openings:
Certified Nursing Assistants
for all shifts &
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Contact Human Resources
at 257-9071
for more information
on pay and benefits.

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Brilliant Construction
Thomas Brilliant
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Painting - New Construction
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CUSTOM SHEARLING
coats, chaps, furniture up-
holstery, motorcycle & win-
dow seats. Call Bill @ 257-
2544

2003 HELP WANTED

CORRAL PANELS
10 ft. x 5 ft.
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unpainted \$29.95
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Ironhorse Pipe & Steel
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2003 HELP WANTED

ANTIQUE UPRIGHT
HAMMOND Piano.
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YARD & GARAGE SALES

4 PIECE sectional: In-
cludes queen sleeper sofa;
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House full of furniture,
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clothes, toys, crystal,
bronzes, linens, popcorn
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Fri-Mon 9-5. Alto + Hwy 48
- 1/2 mile from mile marker
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FURNITURE AND house-
hold goods, Couches, din-
ing table, lamps, beds, and
miscellaneous. 112 White
Mountain Meadows Drive,
behind White Mountain
Fire Station. Friday only
9:00a.m.

Is Your Lot
up to
CITY CODE?

TREES
Trimmed
starting @
\$5.00 & up.

TREE
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2003 LEGAL NOTICE

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 the undersigned person-
al representative at 1221
Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso,
NM 88345, or filed with
the District Court of Lin-
coln County.

/s/ Richard A. Hawthorne
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Mary L.
Hinman, Deceased
1221 Mechem, Suite 2
Ruidoso, NM 88345

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2003 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

Series *1997-1 Created
Pursuant to A Pooling and
Servicing Agreement Dat-
ed As Of March 1, 1997,
Among UCFC Funding
Corporation, As Depositor
United Companies Lend-
ing Corporation, As Serv-
icer, United Companies Fi-
nancial Corporation, As
Provider of the Limited
Guarantee, and The First
National Bank of Chicago,
As Trustee.

Plaintiff,
No. CV 02-17 Div. III

vs.

FRANK W. DORAME and
DEBERLY S. DORAME,
Defendants.

2003 LEGAL NOTICE

C & C ENTERPRISES, a
New Mexico partnership,
CRYSTAL I. TIVIS and
CAROL KRATOCHVIL, in-
dividuals and as partners
of **FAMILY RESTAURANTS,**
INC., and **JOHN VAN-**
DERPOL and JO VAN-
DERPOL,

Defendants.

RUIDOSO PAVING, a di-
vision of **SEWING,** Inc. is
currently seeking permanent
part-time (30-35 hours per
week) office assistant.
Come by 106 Close for ap-
plication or fax resume to
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required.

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GARDEN GREEN +
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Light snow and ice
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NEW PIPE
2 7/8 x .110 .89/ft.
2 3/8 x .125 .82/ft.
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Ironhorse Pipe & Steel
US 60/84 East
Fort Sumner, NM
505-355-2277

2003 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

FOR SALE established
forty year old mountain
cabin operation in Cloud
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Business for sale, all
trucks, equipment, ac-
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more growth. Call for de-
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Center is seeking qualified
applicants for the following
positions:

Maintenance Supervisor
Successful candidates
must be able to maintain
facility physical plant and
essential mechanical,
electrical, and resident
care equipment in safe op-
erating condition. Must
have sufficient technical
knowledge and analytic
ability to diagnose and re-
pair equipment functions.
Must be familiar with all
state and federal regula-
tions and assure compli-
ance as they relate to
maintenance department.
Will have supervisory op-
portunity and oversee
building upkeep and clean-
liness.

2003 HELP WANTED

HOUSE CLEANING &
handyman services. 257-
6464.

NEED AN extra pair of
hands to help around the
house or someone to drive
you to appointments or run
errands? Just call 430-
0967 and ask for Renee or
leave a message.

2003 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

MOVING SALE! King-size
solid Oak bedroom set-
stunning! Frigidaire 18
cu.ft. almond refrigerator
/freezer with ice maker,
two years old-perfect
\$400. Maytag washer and
electric dryer-white, top-of-
the-line \$650/both. Sculp-
tured sand colored carpet
plus pad from a 3200sq.ft.
house \$600/all. Miscella-
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fans 258-2288

YARD SALE 131 Hourton
circle, Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday

2003 SERVICES

All Complete Yard Care.
Tree removal, thinning,
pruning, hauling, raking,
mowing, gutters. Free es-
timates. Referrals available.
Ruidoso since '83 257-
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HANDYMAN and REPAIR:
maintenance and repair,
concrete, carpentry, power
washing, sealing or paint-
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ences available. 257-0649.

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SILVER 1999 Grand Am
In Great Condition! Call
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655 FOUR WHEEL

1988 CHEVY Suburban,
4x4, w/sunroof, runs great,
new tires, w/warranty. Ask-
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2003 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW
MEXICO,
COUNTY OF LINCOLN,
12TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Mortgage Electronic Reg-
istration Systems, Inc.

Plaintiff(s),
Case No. CV 02-209

vs.

(1) Jeffrey J. Wallace a/k/a
Jeffrey Wallace
(2) Leihua R. Wallace a/k/a
Leihua Wallace
(3) Union Federal Bank of
Indianapolis
(4) Unknowns: All Un-
known Occupants And/Or
Tenants Of The Subject
Real Estate
(5) Unknowns: All Un-
known Spouses Of Any
Party Hereto And All Other
Persons Living Or Dead
Whose Names Are In-
cluded In The Subject Real
Estate

Defendant(s).

2003 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned Special
Master will on March 27th,
2003 at 10:30 AM be at
the main entrance of the
Lincoln County Court-
house in Carrizozo, New
Mexico, to sell and convey
to the highest bidder for
cash all of the above and in-
terest of the title named
Defendant in and to the
following real estate locat-
ed in said County and
state, which is more particu-
larly described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY:

Tract 1:
Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block
32, Town of Carrizozo,
Lincoln County, New
Mexico, as shown by the
plat thereof filed in the of-
fice of the County Clerk
and Ex-officio Recorder of
Lincoln County, New Mexi-
co, July 13, 1911.

The property is commonly
known as 507 Aspen in
Carrizozo, New Mexico.
and

Tract 2:
A tract of land in the NW/4
of the NE/4, being also
known as Lot 2, Section 2,
Township 8 South, Range
10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln
County, New Mexico, de-
scribed by metes and
bounds as follows:

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baby. Expenses paid Jack-
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2003 PERSONALS

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2003 MISCELLANEOUS

4 JOCKEY Club Seats
for sale. Seats \$30E across
from bar and ticket win-
dow. For information call
(915)337-7513

4 PIECE sectional sofa,
258-1065

GYMPAC 1500 weight
exercise machine \$130, 354-
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2003 SERVICES

1996 AEROSTAR XLT 7
passenger van. 79,000 miles,
new tires, excellent con-
dition. \$8,025 retail value,
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to sell at \$5,950. Call Bill
Dean at 257-4828 or 258-
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1997 SUBARU Wagon,
5-speed, all wheel drive,
beautiful dark blue, doc-
tor's wives car, 72K miles,
\$8,995 430-8692

2003 SERVICES

1998 CHEVY Suburban,
4x4, w/sunroof, runs great,
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3-Drawer Metal Desk
4-Drawer Metal Filing Cabinet

Plaintiff's Judgment directed from the real and personal properties to satisfy the following judgment liens:

a) Judgment - State National Bank:
 Principal and interest through 3/02/03 \$111,150.00
 Costs of suit 1,552.00
 Attorney fees 4,862.04
 Special Masters' fees 300.00
 \$117,864.04

(b.) Judgment - Family Restaurants, Inc.:
 Principal and interest through 3/02/03 \$15,780.89
 Attorney fees 300.00
 \$16,080.89

The Special Masters sale will be conducted pursuant to a Stipulated Judgment, Decree, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on January 28, 2003, in an action against the Defendants for collection of a Promissory Note, foreclosure of Mortgages and real property, and sale of personal property secured as collateral for the Note.

In addition to the judgment liens referred to above, additional costs will accrue, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the sale of the real and personal properties by appearing at the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building on March 6, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., and announcing the postponement of date to another specific date.

/s/Sarah Prothro, Special Master
 Attorney for Plaintiff: Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Village of Capitan for RFP 2003-01.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Village of Capitan Water Treatment Plant Improvements (CDBG #02-C-RS-1-7-G-60). A preliminary engineering report will be required to provide recommendations for upgrading the existing system for the purpose of bringing the plant into compliance with NMED regulations and to comply with requirements for future discharge permits.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitan until March 10th, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at Village of Capitan Office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM or mailed to P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Municipal Clerk/Treasurer at the Village of Capitan office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM or at the SE Council of Governments, 201 N Nevada, Suite B, Roswell, NM. Copies may also be picked up by contacting Dora Batiata at (505)624-6131 or Kathryn Griffin at (505)354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal conference will not be held. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

/s/Kathryn Griffin
 Purchasing Agent
#5422 1T (2)14, 21

LEGAL NOTICE
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SEEKING SUPERVISOR NOMINATIONS

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is asking those who might be interested in serving as a district supervisor to stop by the district office in Capitan, NM at 516 Smokey Bear Blvd. and fill out a questionnaire about why you would like to serve, along with a brief resume. This must be completed and returned to the office no later than March 3rd. If more information is needed about the supervisor position, please call the office at 354-2220

#5421 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE
RESULTADOS DEL LA ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 4 DE FEBRERO DE 2003

ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUMERO 3 DE RUIDOSO

VOTOS TOTALES REGISTRADO: 7217

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: 427

Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro anos comenzando el 1 de marzo de, 2003

Susan Marie Lutterman 315

Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro anos comenzando el 1 de marzo de, 2003

Franklin D. Saynor 321

Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro anos comenzando el 1 de marzo de, 2003

Strand M. McDougal 145

Thomas F. Vigil 121

Jacquelyn M. Branum 85

Bill G. Chance 70

Question Sobre Impuestos Para Mejoras Materiales de Las Escuelas Publicas
 Por: 323
 Contra: 67

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978, 14h de Febrero, de 2003.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

#5422 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE
Resultos for RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 03

School Board Election held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 7217

Total Voters: 427

School Board Member - Position 1, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Susan Marie Lutterman 315

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

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School Board Member - Position 3, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

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Public Schools Capital Improvements Tax Question FOR 323 AGAINST 67

Publication made this 14th day of February, 2003 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk
#5423 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE
 Results for HONDO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

School Board Election held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 572

Total Voters: 96

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four year term commencing March 1, 2003

Luis A. Jimenez 41

School Board Member - Position 3, for a four year term commencing March 1, 2003

Rita A. Dickinson 61

Braulio Alavarado, Sr 33

School Board Member - Position 5, for a four year term commencing March 1, 2003

Godfrey K. Gomez 71

Publication made this 14th day of February, 2003 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

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RESULTADOS DE UNA ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 4 DE FEBRERO DE 2003

ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUMERO 20 DE HONDO

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Corrine P. Prudencio 66

Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro anos comenzando el 1 de marzo de, 2003

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Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978, 14th de Febrero, de 2003.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

#5426 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on March 4, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-002 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 7, Block 6, Airport West 2nd Addition Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
 /s/Tim Vega
 Planning Department
#5427 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on March 4, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-003 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 4, Block D, Singing Pines Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
 /s/Tim Vega
 Planning Department

#5428 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on March 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zone map area for the following described property:

The Strain Tract, Camelot Sd. Ruidoso, NM

Lot mentioned and exact maps are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Above referenced area is now zoned C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District and will be considered for R-PUD, Residential Planned Unit Development.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.
 /s/Tim Vega
 Planning Department
 Case # ZA03-001

#5430 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and

#5431 3T (2)14, 19, 21

LEGAL NOTICE

Zoning Board for the City of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 04, 2003, at 6:30 PM in the Council Room, at the City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

DISCUSSION ON Skarr Subdivision cul-de-sac and dedication of road.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE for temporary placement of RV at 2051 Wood Lane requested by Javier and Josephine Cadena, owners.

REQUEST FOR REZONING Armstrong Tract 3 on Miriam Drive from a R-1 Zone to a C-1 Zone requested by Carl and Betty Euford, owners.

REQUEST FOR REZONING 533 West Highway 70 from a C-1 to C-2 requested by Dusty Beavers and Deanie Chappell, owners.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANNING and ZONING RESOLUTION for Open and Closed Meeting for the City of Ruidoso Downs.

All citizens will have opportunity to make written and/or verbal comment at this time.
 /s/Emma Herrera
 Code Enforcement/Secretary

PROPOSAL LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

NOTICE is hereby given that until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2003, sealed proposals will be accepted from licensed New Mexico attorneys for a contract to provide LEGAL SERVICES for LINCOLN COUNTY Solid Waste Authority.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the specifications from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, or by calling (505)378-4697.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Legal Services Proposal, 02-24-03". Any proposals received after the deadline shall be returned unopened.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposals and to waive all informalities, and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Authority.

LEGAL DEADLINES
 1 p.m. Friday for the Wednesday issue
 4 p.m. Tuesday for the Friday issue
 Call 257-4001 for more information

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 Edited by Will Shortz
 No. 1218

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 1 Hockey disk
 5 Stately trees
 9 Cousin of the raccoon
 14 Symbol on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
 15 Cat's hello
 16 Milk dispenser
 17 Indian dress
 18 Island east of Java
 19 Paris divider
 20 1948 Olivia de Havilland drama
 23 Ages and ages
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 32 40 days and 40 nights boat

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 1 "Hey... over here!"
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 36 What horses with sulkies do
 37 Old-fashioned 301
 38 See 58-Down
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 43 Tax pro, for short
 44 Where meals are made
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 49 Hunted rodents
 50 Yield and No Parking
 51 Pinhead
 52 Chutzpah
 53 Anxious feeling
 57 Two semesters

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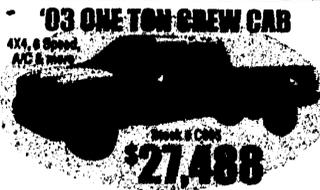
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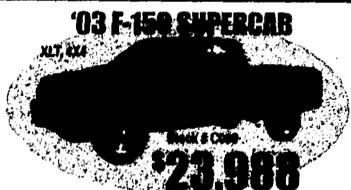
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Work that's hard to bead

Pricey pieces inspired artist to do it herself

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sandie (Cherno) Emons started making jewelry for herself about 15 years ago, but when people started

complimenting her on it, she began doing custom work for others.

"I would go to Santa Fe and see beautiful jewelry for \$800-\$900. I couldn't afford it, and I said, 'I think

I can do that,'" Emons said. "So I started little — making pieces for myself — and just through the years looked at different gemstones and experimented, developing my own

style."

Emons creates different types of jewelry with a large variety of beads from all over the world: amethyst, aquamarine, rhodacrysalite, peridot, amazonite, Canadian jade, carnelian, Russian blues, faceted turquoise, citrine, hessonite, and handmade beads from Africa, Tibet, Russia, Europe, Thailand, China.

"I'm always trying to come up with new ideas and I try and stay on top, create something different a little bit of everything have something to choose from."

Some pieces are silk knotted, and others wire wrapped, which

is more time consuming.

"It takes four tools each time you do the wrap-around (for wire wrapping). One to make the loop, one to pull it around, one to clip it off and one to close the wire so it's snug," she said.

Emons' trademark is "little things hanging down" (see photo) — beads on silk thread or wire-wrapped bead chains hanging off bracelets and necklaces.

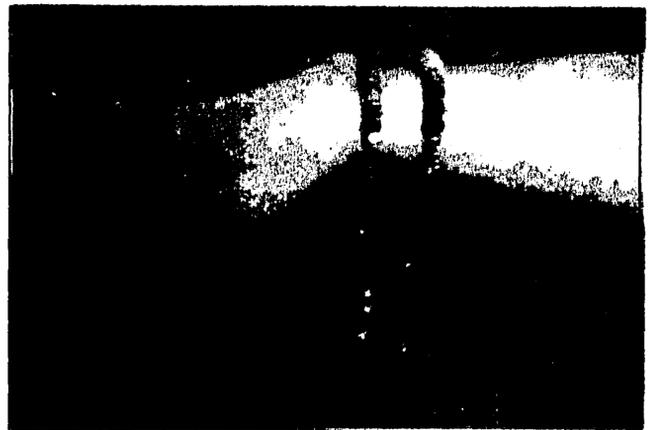
She also likes to use antique pieces as focal points on her jewelry, such as old jade mala beads, which are from Tibetan prayer beads — but she's superstitious and won't break

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Sandie (Cherno) Emons' touch with jewelry design can be seen on the necks, wrists, ears and ankles of many area residents — or check out the body parts of personnel at the Wild Herb.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

These bracelets carry the Sandie Emons trademark: strands of gemstones hanging down from the wrist. Beads used in these include Canadian jade, orange carnelian, Hill Tribe silver from Thailand, red jade, faceted yellow jade, and sterling silver.

Valentine's concert makes for sweet sounds

■ The Moscow Chamber Orchestra will perform Saturday, and afterward, guests will be treated to champagne and chocolates.

A free champagne and chocolate reception caps off a night of extraordinary music with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra this Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.

The 22-member orchestra, conducted by Maestro Constantine Orbelian, is performing a passionate program of serenades and concertos by Mozart, Haydn, Tchaikovsky and Kreisler — timeless pieces fusing emotions with sweeping unity on violins, violas, cellos, bass, oboes, horns and piano.

The Moscow Chamber Orchestra has been honored throughout the world for its tremendously high artistic and professional standards

as well as its spontaneous spirit in performance. Immediately following the program (around 10 p.m.) the Russian musicians will join patrons in the lobby for the theater's Valentine's champagne and chocolate reception. Everyone is invited to indulge in the complimentary spread of bubbly (must be 21 or older) and rich bonbons in celebration of the heart in art.

Bring your date to the most romantic spot in town. Excellent seats remain for \$35 and 38 to the Moscow Chamber Orchestra's special Valentine program at Spencer Theater. Call (505) 336-4800 for more information.



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The Moscow Chamber Orchestra will perform Saturday as part of a Valentine event at the Spencer Theater.

Step 1 toward being a famous ballerina: Potty training

We have discovered the secret of happiness. Our lives are filled with joy. We have joy morning, noon and night, so much joy that I don't think we can take any more.

Our secret? Potty training. As you veteran parents know, potty training requires you, the parent, to react to every successful effort by the child with an outburst of near-lunatic rapture, as though the child had produced a commercially viable cold-fusion reaction right there in the potty. So that's what we do, many times per day.

"GUESS WHAT!?" I shout to my wife at the top of my lungs, despite the fact that my wife is standing one foot away.

"WHAT?!" my wife shouts back.

"SOPHIE MADE PEEPEE IN THE POTTY!," I shout.

"SHE DID?," shouts my wife. "LET ME SEE!! OHMIGOSH!!!" She is staring into the potty with an expression of stark astonishment, as if she had expected to see, I

don't know, a banana daiquiri. "YES!!" I shout. "WE HAVE TO CALL BUBBE!!"

"Bubbe" is Sophie's name for her grandmother, who, as far as Sophie is concerned, is standing by her telephone on Full Red Alert 24/7, waiting for breaking updates from the tinkle front. When we call with the incredible news, Bubbe is of course astounded and overjoyed almost to the point of total nervous collapse. Pretty much everybody reacts this way. For example, recently a plumber came to our house to fix a leak, and we had the following exchange, which I am not making up:

ME: It's the kitchen sink. It...

SOPHIE (running urgently into the room): Tell him I went potty!

ME (to the plumber): She went potty.

PLUMBER: Wow.

To summarize the Joy Technique of potty training, we're using the Role Model Technique. Sophie wants to be

a ballerina, and we have told her, repeatedly, that if you want to get anywhere in the field of ballet, the number one prerequisite, insisted upon by every major dance academy here and abroad, is that you be potty-trained. Over the holidays, we watched The Royal Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" on TV, with my wife and me offering a running commentary, as follows:

MY WIFE: Look! The Snow Queen! She goes potty!

ME: And there's the Sugar Plum Fairy! She's not wearing a diaper!

These techniques are working: Our daughter now tells us when she has to use the potty. That's the good news. The bad news is, she has the bladder of a goat, which means we go to the potty a LOT. And sometimes we must use less-than-ideal facilities, especially when I'm the sole caretaker, meaning that I have to take my daughter into ...

(CUE SCARY MUSIC)

... men's public restrooms

(motto: "Men Aiming Badly"). I used to take my son into public restrooms, and it was no big deal, because boys can, well, you know what boys can do. But girls need a place to sit, and the typical men's room has no surface I want my daughter to come into contact with, including the ceiling.

In an ideal world, I would always carry, in Sophie's bag, along with the juice box, the change of clothing and the emergency backup Barbie, a military flamethrower. That way, as a hygiene precaution, I could briefly raise the temperature inside the restroom stall to 1200 degrees centigrade, so as to kill, or at least temporarily stun, the predatory commensal-dwelling bacteria, which in some men's restrooms, reach the size of mature hamsters, which would be a good name for a rock band.

But because of this nation's strict and, in my opinion, unconstitutional flamethrower-control laws, I don't have this option. Instead, I have to

painstakingly construct, using 200 linear feet of toilet paper, an elaborate protective seating barrier for my daughter. When I'm done, I put her on the seat, where she produces, after a dramatic pause sometimes lasting 10 minutes, a total of four peepee molecules. Which I am of course required to be joyful about.

"YAY!! I AM SO PROUD!!!" I shout, startling the bacteria and causing the other men's-room occupants to wonder what kind of sick perversion is taking place inside the stall.

But I don't care what people think. What matters is that, although this whole ordeal has been exhausting and emotionally draining, we're almost through. Soon we won't need diapers at all!

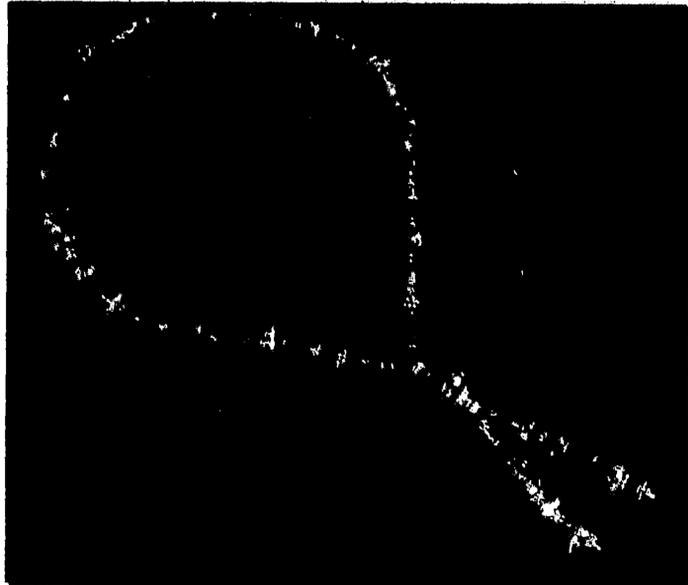
For Sophie, anyway. I give myself five years.

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The necklace above is made of handmade glass beads, each of which can take up to an hour to create. Below is a 44-inch lariat Emons designed, choosing a wide variety of colorful gemstones.

BEADS: Color and variety in jewelry

FROM PAGE 1C

up a necklace of prayer beads and only uses them in her jewelry if they come to her loose, she said.

She designs "spirit keepers," patterned off Thai coming-of-age necklaces given to girls to protect the spirit, using silk thread, knotted turquoise, jade mala beads, old bone beads, hessonite, citrine, yellow jade, Australian gaspeite and sterling silver beads.

Besides making lariats, necklaces, bracelets, earrings and ankle bracelets, Emons also makes beads.

Each bead can take as long as an hour to make, depending on the number of colors she uses and the pattern.

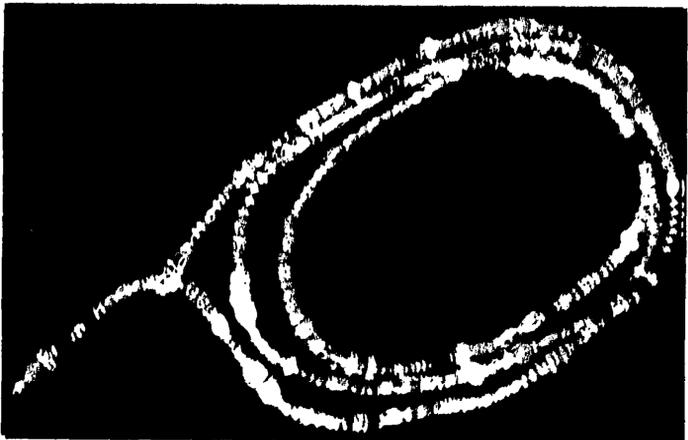
"It's very creative — and time consuming," she said. "I love doing the glass beads. It's meditative and soothing to sit out there, and sometimes it can be frustrating. I like designing the jewelry and creating glass beads. I love color. It's fun to take two colors that you think will not complement each other and then you have it on a bead and it pops out."

Emons' jewelry business is called "Manipura," which is Sanskrit for "City of Jewels." Her work can be seen on some of the personnel at Wild Herb, or call for an appointment at 258-9483.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Emons used an old Afghan coin to make this set special. Coins such as this disappeared when the Taliban took control and have recently begun resurfacing at gem shows.



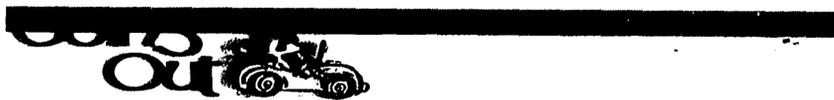
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From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, Jasmine Jaslow will give a free workshop on "The Work." For more information, call 336-4808 or 336-7777.

Nursing program

Barbara Mader, RN, CHTP, RM, will facilitate an introduction to healing touch, an energy-based program the nursing profession designed to clear, align and balance the human energy system through touch, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at High Mesa Healing Center. The fee is \$60. For more information, call Mader at 336-4808

or 366-7777, or visit www.ruidoso.net/highmesa.

Cloudfcroft Mardi Gras

New Orleans is coming to the region with a Mardi Gras in Cloudfcroft Celebration sponsored by the Cloudfcroft Chamber of Commerce Feb. 28-March 2.

Costumes, floats, parades, bead-throwing, masks, red beans and rice and more is promised for the three-day holiday. The chamber and The Lodge at Cloudfcroft will incorporate a three-day Murder Mystery weekend to coincide with Mardi Gras festivities in town.

Kickoff is Friday with a mask parade put on by the elementary school children on Burro Street (the main street in town). Saturday's celebration starts at 10 a.m. and will continue well into the night. Festivities include mask decorating, umbrella decorating, costume design and face painting in preparation for the big parade at 4 p.m. The Lodge will assist guests in decorating golf carts and cars to be used as floats in the parade. There will

also be street performers, authentic Cajun food, drink, music and street sales. A street dance and live bands will follow the parade and a DJ. A masquerade/costume ball at The Lodge pavilion begins at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday brings yummy beignets — a New Orleans breakfast tradition — and chicory coffee under the big street tent and shopping on Burro-bon Street.

Call for artists

The Rio Grande Art Association invites all New Mexico artists to participate in its first annual statewide show with Wilson Hurley as judge. The May 2-11 show will be at New Mexico State Fair Grounds, Fine Arts Building, in Albuquerque. Slides of entries are due by March 15, and notification of the jury will be made by April 4. The deadline for shipped work to arrive at Mail Bank is April 29. For a complete prospectus call Mary Lea Lane at 378-4302, Freida Thorsen, president, at 293-3811, or Nancy Singleton, show chair, at (505) 286-4694.

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This year can be different. Material gifts are fine, of course, but the greatest gift you can give that special love in your life...that treasured relationship...is not one you can buy. It is priceless.

That gift is the one you give away when you give your heart to God this Valentine's Day. In Hosea 2:19-20, the Lord said, "And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord". Knowing the Lord as a couple is the greatest gift you can give yourselves to ensure the closeness you crave and to strengthen your bond when the world threatens to separate you.

Won't you worship together this week? If you don't yet have that special person in your life, that's all right, too. God has a plan for each of us that belong to Him.



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- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
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Mescalero, 671-4747 Donald Petty, pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday services 7 p.m.
First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso, Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brankel, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church), Sunday evening praise 6 p.m., Wed. family night 7 p.m.
- BAPTIST**
Alto Baptist Church 1212 Mechem Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday 6 p.m. 336-1979
First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-2081 Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Contemporary Services, Saturday 7 p.m. & 8:15 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 11 a.m., Sunday School all ages 9:45 a.m., Youth Power Hour, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Activities for all ages, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship hour 11 a.m., Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m., Wed. Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.
Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
361 East Hwy 70, (Sunshine Classroom)
Ron Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.
First Baptist Church,
Tinnie Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Training: Sunday 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.
Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
Mountain Baptist Church- Location: Park behind the Smokey Bear Monument on the northeast side. Times of
- CATHOLIC**
St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330 Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance. Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, Sun. 8 a.m.
St. Theresa Catholic Church Compa. Sunday Mass 6 p.m.
St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhang Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Paul Botenhang. Saturday Mass 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass 8 a.m.
- CHRISTIAN**
Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town, 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise & Worship. For more information call: 378-7076
Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church 1007 Mechem, Suite 5, Phone: 258-1740 Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth Ruidoso, 257-4381 Jan Willmon Minister. Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m. Sun. worship 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS**
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Captain. Lee Magill, 36-4359 Sunday schedule. Sacrament starts at 10 a.m. Sunday School, Priesthood and Relief Society.
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630 E.W. Gunkel, President, 354-1388 Sunday Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.
- EPISCOPAL**
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist 8 & 10:30 a.m., Wednesday. Daughters of King. noon Eucharist & healing, 5:30 p.m., Choir practice 7 p.m.
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln Sunday. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
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Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3671. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m., Watchtower Study 2:00 p.m. Monday, Book Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Times: Ministry School 7:30 p.m. Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.
- LUTHERAN**
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hill Road 258-4191, 257-5296 Kevin I. Krohn, Pastor
Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m. (May-Oct), 10:30 a.m. Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. call for location.
- METHODIST**
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road behind The Coffee House. Bob Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.
- PENTECOSTAL**
Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Eternal Life Ministries- Minister Harry A. Peyton, call for your personal Home Bible study: 430-9640, (Web page: http://www/1DoctrinesOfChrist.com)
The Apostolites of Lincoln County, UPC Remas (c) 1049 Mechem Dr. Unit #1. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM, Adult, children's & youth classes. Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.
- NAZARENE**
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032 Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- NON-DENOMINATIONAL**
Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188, Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.
American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999, Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's
- NON-SECTARIAN**
Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.I.C. weekdays 1 p.m. • 257-1569
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Studs 2:00 p.m. Monday, Book Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Times: Ministry School 7:30 p.m. Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.
- CONGREGACION HISPANA DE LOS TESTIGOS DE JESUVA**
106 Alpine Village Road 258-3659 336-7076 Don Reunion Pablosa 10:00 a.m. Estadio de la Atalaya 10:50 p.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Testificas 7 p.m. Reunion de servicio 7:30 p.m. Mart. Estadio de libro 7:00 p.m.
- PRESBYTERIAN**
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutter Drive (at Hill) Ruidoso, 257-2220 rev. Kenneth Davis, interim pastor Sunday Church school 9:45 a.m. worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month
Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King Sunday worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church Reverend Scott King Sunday Church School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.
Nagal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. worship 11 a.m.
- REFORMED CHURCH**
Mescalero Reformed Mescalero Bob Schut, Pastor Sunday Church school 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Mon. junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. high school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs. Kids Club grades 1-5:15:30
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fru, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161 Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760, Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206 Saturday Sabbath school 9:30 a.m. Church service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
- UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**
Sacramento Mountains Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes Call 258-1181 www.mtsun.com/smuac

Capitan Churches

BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA: Sunday 4-6 p.m.
Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental, Pastor - WG. Carter.
Sunday School: 10 AM, Sunday Worship: 11AM & 6 PM.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 7:15 PM
(Next to BBQ Place on Hwy 380)
Capitan, NM (505) 378-6134

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

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

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

METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and members of Capitan United Methodist Church worshipping in Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Luncheon is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2658. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Church, Minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)
Johanna L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.
Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanewseh III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 318 W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789

RELIGION

Youth need our attention

The Treasure of our nation could be considered our Constitution or our national resources or the melding together of many nationalities. However, in the column, today, I want that the Treasure of our nation is our youth. Many people are down on our youth, because they are irreverent, impolite, unpatriotic, and so on.

They are tomorrow's citizens and they have much to learn from their study of world and American history, of civics, of manners and etiquette, and of the Bible. They are worth the investment of our time, money, and energy. For some reason or the other, we are willing to invest time, money, and energy in the athlete, the choir singer, the band member, and the academically successful. But, what about the youth who does not fit into one of the more desirable categories? What about the loner, the confused, the rebel, the troubled, and the insecure?

Part of the loneliness, the confusion, the rebellion, and the insecurity arises from the travesty of adolescence. Youth, today, don't know whether they are "fish or fowl." They long for the privileges of adulthood and want the irresponsibilities of childhood. They don't

want to be held accountable and yet they demand the freedom that they lack the maturity to manage.

The transition from child to adult is difficult to make, and in American society, we have not helped the situation. We have created a period of time in life called "adolescence." This is a time where children are allowed to ease their way into adulthood. Some cultures have what are called "rites of passage." Our Native Americans, Jews, and many African tribes look on these "rites of passage" as benchmarks for the beginning of the life of a responsible adult. As the Bible says, "When I became a man, I put away childish things."

What are we doing to help our teenagers put away "childish things"? If we are to succeed, we must invest our time, money, and energy: All of us investing in all of them. Yes, those who have raised their children need to invest in the child of someone else. Where? Through Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the Y, the Scout troop, the church. They are worth it. They are our national Treasure. We need to help them today, because they are our hope in the future.



Claryfications
By CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Kids a product of environment

QUESTION: More and more, I keep hearing about children and teens being involved in shootings, stabbings and the like. What has caused many members of the younger generation to be so violent?

DR. DOBSON: Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in research to answer that question. The findings are startling. In addition to the violence children have

first year or two of life produce high levels of stress hormones — notably cortisol and adrenaline. Those substances put the body on an "alarm reaction state" in order to cope with the crisis at hand. But in a small child, the brain is a vacuum cleaner for stress-related hormones. The human neurological apparatus is bombarded with chemicals that shouldn't be there in a child that age.

The result is impairment of the boy's or girl's thinking apparatus and emotional development.

What I'm saying is that many of today's abused kids can kill and destroy without pangs of conscience because they are literally brain damaged. I feel they can't empathize with helpless victims the way they should, because the emotion of compassion flows from cognitive functions that no longer operate.

I am not excusing their violent behavior, of course. The bottom line is this: We are paying a terrible price for the disintegration of the family and for the victimization of children. Any society that doesn't protect the most vulnerable in its midst can expect to suffer at the hands of those abused individuals when they get old enough to strike back.

QUESTION: Our junior high boy is the most disorganized kid I've ever seen. His life is a jumble of forgotten assignments and missed deadlines. What can I do to help him?

DR. DOBSON: Educational consultant Cheri Fuller considers massive disorganization to be the most common cause for

school failure, above both laziness and poor study skills. Show me a student's notebook, Fuller says, and I'll tell you whether that individual is a B student or a D student. An achieving student's notebook is arranged neatly with dividers and folders for handouts and assignments. A failing student's notebook is usually a jumbled mess and may not even be used at all.

Some children are naturally sloppy, but most of them can learn to be better organized in the elementary school years. Once they enter junior high, students may have as many as five teachers, each assigning different textbooks, workbooks, handouts and requirements from various classroom subjects. It is foolish to assume that kids who have never had any organizational training will be able to keep such detail straight and accessible.

If we want them to function in this system, we need to give them the tools that are critical to success. You might consider having your child evaluated to see if he has attention deficit disorder or some temperamental characteristic that makes it difficult for him to organize. When you've determined what he is capable of doing, work with an educational consultant or a school psychologist to design a system that will teach him how to live a more structured life.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide," published by Tyndale House.

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Dr. James Dobson
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Pride keeps many people from God

QUESTION: My uncle is one of the kindest persons you will ever meet, always helping and encouraging others. But he doesn't believe in God, or in life after death, or anything else religious. How can he be such a good person and yet not even believe in God? — V.G.



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ANSWER: Believers should be the kindest, most thoughtful people imaginable (although I admit we aren't always this way). After all, Christ comes to live within us when we open our lives to Him, and when we submit to His control, His love begins to flow through us.

But people who don't believe

in God can be kind and thoughtful also. After all, we were all created in the image of God, and even when sin has marred God's image in us, we still may reflect something of His love and concern for others. Some people also may gain a great deal of satisfaction out of helping others.

I have found, however, that people like your uncle are often very resistant to the Gospel, and refuse to face their own need of Christ. One reason, I find, is because they don't think they need God; they think they're perfectly OK without Him. Another reason, frankly, is pride. They don't want to admit they also are sin-

ners who need to humble themselves and seek God's forgiveness.

Pride is very dangerous because it will keep us from God. The Bible warns, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). Pray for your uncle, and ask God also to give you an opportunity to confront him — lovingly but directly — about his need for Christ's forgiveness and salvation.

Write to Rev. Graham at: "My Answer," c/o the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440, call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM or visit his Web site at www.billygraham.org.

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NOTABLE NEW MEXICANS

John "Blackjack" Pershing - general

Pope [Po-png, or Pumpkin Mountain] (? - 1688?) - a leader of the Pueblo revolt of 1680 that drove out the Spaniards and kept them from Indian land for 12 years; a forceful leader, he tried to remove all traces of Spanish influence from Pueblo life.

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Foreign travel not needed to see impressive sights

This week we are switching the focus closer to home. It still involves a four-hour journey, in which time you could almost cross the Atlantic, but it doesn't require visas, passports, inoculations or even leaving the state. We're zooming in on Chaco Canyon, one of the most photogenic but least known sites in the United States.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

glory. Anybody can go along for the ride, but of course the site is open year round and a visit can be made at any time. Chaco Canyon is located in the high, harsh San Juan Basin in northwestern New Mexico,

about 160 miles northwest of Albuquerque, most of it along easy highway. The final stretch involves a bone-jarring dirt track drive, best suited to off-road vehicles. But Chaco Canyon has vital historic — in addition to purely picturesque — allure.

Built by the ancient Anasazi people between 850 and 1250 A.D., the remains of this early civilization stand at the base of the wind-swept rust-red sandstone walls that surround the canyon. Archaeologists believe that by 1100 Chaco was the major trade center for much of the Southwest. It's hard to

imagine this eerily lonely place was once the hub of a world that covered some 40,000 square miles and included 13 huge pueblos.

The Anasazi built an impressive network of more than 400 miles of road connecting more than 75 outlying settlements. The roads were laid out in straight lines, regardless of the terrain, so parts of them include staircases carved into the steep cliffsides. All this required astonishing engineering and architectural skills and, like the Romans, but obviously without any knowledge of their techniques, the Anasazi used astronomy to align their buildings and roads. While the Anasazi enjoyed their power, Europe was largely living through its Norman period, but this was an equally important time in our own nation's developing history.

Unlike the better-known Anasazi cliff dwellings, which are tucked away and hidden, Chaco's sprawling ruins are spread out before you as you walk along. The most imposing ruin is the famous Pueblo Bonito.

Many of this immense D-

shaped structure's walls are still intact.

As you weave your way through the maze of rooms, you will experience a true feel for the volume of people that once lived here. With more than 650 rooms, and standing four or five stories high, the pueblo was the Anasazi equivalent of a high-rise apartment building.

Chaco Canyon is an intriguing place, especially because so much of what we know is based on speculation. Did the Anasazi really trade as far south as southern Mexico? Why did they leave? And where did they go?

Archaeologists continually revise their opinions, and Chaco Canyon may never reveal all its secrets. But exploring with a camera in the footsteps of this long-lost culture is an experience you'll never forget.

Americans delight in discovering the glories of ancient

Europe yet are often blissfully unaware of treasures such as this located almost literally in their own backyard. To join the Photographic Society's Chaco excursion (or to join the society itself) contact Leland DeFord at 257-4539 or David Travis at 258-4006 or dhtravis@charter.net. Or just dig out the New Mexico maps from your glove compartment and start planning the trip yourself. But whichever route you choose don't forget the camera — and be sure to pack plenty of film; it will be worth it.

What you need to know:

For more information check out Chaco's dedicated Web page, www.nps.gov/chcu or call the park direct at (505) 786-7014.

The Park's sites and trails are open daily year-round from sunrise to sunset; the Visitor Center is open daily (but check

for major holidays). There's a nominal fee that's valid for a week.

The park's Gallo Campground offers 48 campsites on a first-come, first-served basis (no trailers over 30 feet allowed). Because the location is so remote, plan ahead — there's drinking water and rest rooms only at the Visitor Center.

The closest lodging is the Chaco Inn at Nageezi Trading Post, which has three rooms. For information call (505) 632-3646. The next closest lodging is in Grants and Farmington.

The Barones are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in rural New Mexico. The work appears in a wide variety of regional, national and international publications. To learn more visit their Web site at www.intlmediagroup.com.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Daredevil
Science Fiction/Fantasy
Rated PG-13 for action/violence and some sensuality.
Based on the popular Marvel Comics character, this is the story of Matt Murdock, son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight. That same accident, however, also granted him exceptionally advanced senses of hearing, touch, taste and smell, as well as providing him with a strange sort of mental radar that helps to compensate for his lack of vision. After training hard in the martial arts, as well as excelling in law school, Murdock becomes a lawyer by day and a vigilante calling himself Daredevil by night.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Michael Clarke Duncan, Jennifer Garner, Colin Farrell, Jon Favreau
Directed by: Mark Steven Johnson
Produced by: Arnon Milchan, Gary Foster, Avi Arad
Written by: Mark Steven Johnson
Showtimes: 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

Produced by: Roger Birnbaum, Gary Barber, Jonathan Glickman
Written by: Alfred Gough, Miles Millar
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 50 min.
Rated PG-13 for some sex-related material.
A regular ladies' man (McConaughey) bets his friends (Goldberg, Lennon) that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unluckily for him, however, the girl (Hudson) that he picks just happens to try to get rid of him almost immediately.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Adam Goldberg, Thomas Lennon, Michael Michele
Directed by: Donald Petrie
Produced by: Lynda Obst, Robert Evans, Christine Peters
Written by: Kristen Buckley, Brian Regan, Burr Steers, Michele Alexander
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

Shanghai Knights
Action/Adventure and Comedy, 1 hr. 47 min.
Rated PG-13 for action violence and sexual content.
After taming the wild west in the comedy "Shanghai Noon," Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) are back in the saddle, but off the range — this time, they're out to settle a score in civilized London in the sequel, "Shanghai Knights." When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes to England, Chon and Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds. Chon's sister, Lin, has the same idea, and uncovers a worldwide conspiracy to murder the royal family — but almost no one will believe her. With the help of a Scotland Yard Inspector and a 10-year-old street urchin, Chon gives Victorian Britain a kick in the pants as he attempts to avenge his father's death — and keep the romance-minded Roy away from his sister.
Starring: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aidan Gillen, Fann Wong, Donnie Yen
Directed by: David Dobkin



Jackie Chan and Fann Wong in Touchstone's Shanghai Knights.

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Jimmy Riley and the Newton General Massacre

When one thinks of the gunfighters of the Old West, many names leap to mind. They are the legends — Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Billy the Kid, and the deadliest of them all, John Wesley Hardin. The list goes on and on. One name that is not so familiar is Jim Riley. This may be because Riley participated in only one documented gunfight. But what a gunfight. In the course of this violent encounter, Jimmy Riley displayed the one characteristic that truly distinguished a gunman. Most folks, thanks to Hollywood, think that what made a gunman deadly was his speed and accuracy, with an accent on the speed. Both of those things are important, but pale next to that one thing, that single most important component in a gunfight: liberation.

A man can be fast and accurate, but without the ability to remain calm under fire, those two components are frequently worthless, unless good luck happens to play a part. Unless a man was ready to kill, ready to unhesitatingly take a human life, he was liable to tremble, blink an eye, do something to prolong that moment prior to pulling the trigger. It takes a special kind of person — and I'm not saying whether it is good or bad, I'm not so perfect that I can judge others — to pull a trigger without the slightest hesitation. Most normal people will prolong that moment just prior to the moment. In the back of most of our minds is a little primal voice telling us not to do it. What I am trying to say here is that the absolute best quality to have in a gunfight was the ability to calmly take aim and fire while bullets are whistling around one's head. That ZZZZZIIIIIPPP sound will

downright rattle most folks, as it should.

Fateful encounters



Drew Gomer
HISTORIAN,
THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Slim and sickly, about 18 years of age, Jimmy Riley had drifted into Newton, Kan., in 1871. From where, no one ever knew. A "lunger," (the compassionate term used to denote someone with tuberculosis in those days), Riley was broke and wracked almost constantly with fits of coughing when he arrived in town. Needless to say, most people were not overly anxious to spend any time in the young man's company, so in addition to being sick and broke, he was also friendless and lonely. That is, until he met Mike McCluskie.

Mike McCluskie was a gambler by trade, although he had, on occasion, been a lawman. He was rumored to have left Missouri one jump ahead of the law because of an altercation involving firearms that left his opponent dead. He had originally come to Newton as a section boss for the railroad. And, as was usually the case, along with McCluskie and the railroad, all manner of prostitutes, pimps, gunmen and thugs had also arrived in Newton. It had become a boom town almost overnight.

Most of the towns on the frontier in those days had a section of town that catered to vice, and Newton was certainly no exception, with the southeast corner of town (known as "Hide Park") hosting all manner of shady characters. Of course, it was still a part of the town, however sleazy, and a policeman was needed to patrol its seedy streets. The title was "Night Policeman," and it was Mike McCluskie who took on the job.

(Note: Being a lawman was a perfect job for a gambler in the Old West. Most of the time, he didn't have anything to do but hang around the saloons and gamble, which was why he was there in the first place, and it also allowed him to legally carry a gun. Therefore, to assume that McCluskie took the job out of some sense of civic duty is probably erroneous.) However, he had to have known it would be dangerous. Credit where credit is due, after all.

At any rate, it was Mike McCluskie who became Jim Riley's only friend in Newton. He found employment for the young fellow and it seems that he may have served as something of a father figure for Riley, who would later be described by a county judge as being always "quiet and inoffensive in deportment."

The trouble begins

In August of 1871, there was a bond proposal that the city was voting on and a special policeman was hired just for that day to protect the polls. William Bailey, a Texan by birth, was, as one citizen put it "the very worst choice for such duty. As a peace officer, he was no more than a very dangerous clown with a badge." Bailey himself proved this quotation to be correct on election day when he spent the morning preparing for his duties by imbibing as much of the liquor in Newton as he possibly could. When he spent the early afternoon terrorizing the election officials, the city fathers decided that this was not included in his job description, and they sent for Mike McCluskie.

When McCluskie arrived, he dragged the Texan out into the street and turned the air blue cussing the drunken officer. It began to filter into Bailey's consciousness that his employment was ending sooner than he had anticipated, so he retired to the nearest saloon to imbibe in still

more tonsil paint.

Bailey spent the entire afternoon over-lubricating himself and then set off in search of McCluskie to avenge his erstwhile honor. He found the lawman/gambler in front of the Red Front Saloon and apparently rethought his drunken strategy. Rather than call McCluskie to task for the previous incident and possibly get himself hurt, Bailey began shrieking that McCluskie buy drinks for everyone. As you can imagine, McCluskie found this proposal to be unacceptable and proceeded to treat Bailey to an even more lurid demonstration of his vocabulary than he had earlier.

Bailey then very foolishly attacked McCluskie with his fists, and the former section boss knocked him into the middle of next week. Then, Bailey got seriously stupid. When Bailey got up, McCluskie couldn't help but notice the pistol in his hand, and drawing his own revolver, shot Bailey squarely in the chest. The Texan lingered through the night and died the next day.

Hugh Anderson

Among the late William Anderson's friends was Hugh Anderson, another young Texan rumored to have a couple of shooting scrapes down his back trail. After Bailey's death, Anderson, in the company of several friends, went gunning for McCluskie. They found him in Perry Tuttle's Dance Hall.

It was just past midnight on the night of Aug. 20, 1871, when Anderson bulled his way up to McCluskie's table. Pumped up, drunk, with his gun already in his hand, Anderson shrieked "You are a cowardly son-of-a-bitch. I'll blow the top of your head off!" Evidently feeling that shooting a man without giving him a chance to defend himself was not cowardly, Anderson opened fire. His first bullet hit McCluskie in the neck. Mike lunged to his feet and drew his

own pistol, which misfired, as they so often did. Anderson's second bullet hit Mike in the leg and dropped the Texan. At that point, Anderson continued firing into McCluskie's body and pandemonium erupted.

Another Texan, a man named Jim Martin, tried desperately to quell the violence and got himself fatally shot in the process. Men all over the room were jerking pistols, and the shooting became general. Two railroad men were hit in the leg and stomach (the latter fatally, as it turned out), respectively. Already there were four men on the floor, three wounded fatally, and the main player had yet to arrive.

Hecere's Jimmy!

Mike McCluskie's friendship may well have been the most important thing in young Jim Riley's life. Riley was quite aware that the rough but kindly McCluskie was the best friend — the only friend — he had in Newton, and perhaps anywhere else, for that matter.

Riley had been down the street when he heard the gunfire, and, knowing that his friend was in Tuttle's, headed for the place. The gunsmoke was just clearing when he arrived. Seeing McCluskie on the floor, Riley walked over to him, bent over for a few moments, then straightened up and headed for the door. But he wasn't leaving.

Instead of passing through the door, Riley closed and locked it. When he turned back to face the crowd there was a gun — the one no one had known he had — in his hand. There was a moment of silence, and then the Texans opened up. Several bullets whistled past Riley's head, but he remained motionless. Finally, as though he had just finished thinking it over, he raised his pistol and opened fire.

He stood quite still, in the classic shooter's stance, giving only his profile as a target. And

what a profile it was. Emaciated from the disease, Riley presented almost no target at all. Plus, all of the other men in the saloon were at various stages of drunkenness — not a particularly good thing in a gunfight.

Riley began squeezing off shot after shot. As cool — one might even say cold-blooded — as a man could be, he was, at that moment, as deadly as a gunman could be — and a long way from "quiet and inoffensive."

He was dropping Texans one after the other. First, Hugh Anderson went down with two bullets in him (neither of which proved to be fatal), then Billy Garrett took one in the throat and Henry Kearnes took one in the chest. Two other unidentified cowboys also went down, badly wounded.

Within minutes, Perry Tuttle's place was emptied of everyone who could walk. There were bullet holes and splintered wood everywhere, to say nothing of the grand total of the eight men down, four of whom, including Mike McCluskie, would never rise again.

Hugh Anderson survived that night, but two years later, Mike McCluskie's brother, Arthur, found him in Medicine Lodge, Kan. They fought a horrific and bizarre duel that started with pistols, ended with knives, and left both men dead. It is a story for another time.

And Jimmy Riley? The "quiet and inoffensive" young man who displayed characteristics that clearly identified him as a natural gunfighter? With his only friend dead, and chaos all around him, Riley had saddled up and ridden sadly out of Newton. In his wake, he left what has come to be known as the "Newton General Massacre." No one ever saw or heard from him again.

Sources: *The Newton General Massacre* by Robert Barr Smith and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

In pursuit of trivial information

Quizzes, crossword puzzles, trivia — all are different ways to exercise the brain. They help develop our creative thinking skills. The Tonight Show's host Jay Leno sometimes asks very intelligent looking people on the street questions that catch them by surprise. This week's Art, Craft & Such column will feature such questions. Go ahead and see how many you can answer now,



Art, Craft and Such
PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS
TO INCLUDE FUN IN
EVERYDAY LIVING
BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

- 6. What is the art of Japanese paper folding called?
- 7. What is a baby kangaroo called?
- 8. What does a philatelist collect?
- 9. What is the left-hand side of a ship called?
- 10. What type of hat is Abraham Lincoln famous for wearing?
- 11. What do we call the water-filled ditch around a castle?
- 12. How many eyes did Cyclops have?
- 13. How many feet does a centipede have?
- 14. How many faces are carved on Mt. Rushmore?
- 15. How many musical instruments are played in an acappella performance?
- 16. How many strings are on a guitar?
- 17. How many squares are on a checkerboard?
- 18. How many sheets of paper are in a ream?
- 19. What do we call a picture painted on a wall?
- 20. What aircraft has no engine?
- 21. What does a numismatist collect?

- 22. If one is superstitious, over which shoulder should one throw salt?
- 23. Who is Garfield's owner?
- 24. From what material is the lead inside a pencil made?
- 25. A sphinx has the body of what animal?
- 26. What vehicle is used to explore the deepest parts of the oceans?
- 27. Which variety of oranges do not have seeds?
- 28. In the painting American Gothic, what farm tool is the man holding?
- 29. What does Robinson Crusoe call the only other person on the island where he is shipwrecked?
- 30. What does "my true love give to me" on the first day of Christmas?

- 1. Are there more red or white stripes on the U.S. flag?
- 2. The statue of Liberty holds her torch in which hand?
- 3. In "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," how many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?
- 4. How many sides does a snowflake have?
- 5. In "The Wizard of Oz,"

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician
CHIROPRACTIC TREATS JOB INJURIES
Workers' Compensation Insurance normally covers Doctors of Chiropractic for good reason. Studies show that with chiropractic care, individuals who are injured on the job can heal and return to their employment much more quickly. In the year 2000, there were 664,000 cases that kept people away from work. Types of injuries included:
• Cases involving sprains, strains, tears-728,202 in the year 2000
• Cases involving injuries to the back-11,143 in the year 2000
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Musica New Mexico will perform later this month at Cree Meadows. The group will be joined by six musicians from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra.

Playing beautiful music

■ Musica New Mexico and members of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra will join to perform later this month.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Our own newly formed community orchestra, Musica New Mexico, is rehearsing for a Feb. 23 concert and luncheon buffet at Cree Meadows Country Club that will feature the clarinetist and five other musicians from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra in Albuquerque.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lori Lovato, the clarinetist from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, will join local group Musica New Mexico for a concert this month.

Clarinetist Lori Lovato will perform "Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, First Movement - Allegro by W.A. Mozart and Divertimento by Torrie Zito." Lovato is also clarinetist of "Three-Two Jazz," Santa Fe Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque, Santa Fe Concert Association Orchestra and is a founding member of the New Mexico Woodwind Quintet.

Conductor Ugo DiDio, with more than 50 years of musical experience in composition, conducting and performance in New York City and Europe, led the orchestra in its first concert in August of 2002 in the Ruidoso Public Library, after re-forming the orchestra from the former Eastern New Mexico University Community Orchestra.

"We're particularly excited to have the clarinetist and five other musicians from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra," said Sharon Stewart, a member of Musica New Mexico.

A luncheon buffet at 1 p.m. will precede the concert.

Tickets are \$20 for the combined buffet/concert and are available at Candle Power, 2605 Sudderth Drive and Print Write Now!, 2957 Sudderth Drive, or from any orchestra member. To use credit cards or make reservations, visit or call Candle Power at 257-9508.

Musica New Mexico is a non-profit organization established to create a group setting for area musicians to perform and express their artistic talents, to encourage music appreciation by bringing a wide variety of quality concerts to the Lincoln County area and to encourage the study of music by our youth.

For more information on the orchestra or how to join, call DiDio at 257-4979 or e-mail your questions along with your name, address and telephone number to orchestra@zianet.com.

BULLETS IN BRONZE



COURTESY PHOTO

McMahon Fine Art's sculptor, Tom Knapp, has been invited to show his work, "Mr. Jack Elam," at the All Western Show, at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa, from Jan. 25-March 25. Knapp is recognized as one of the country's leading Western bronze artists. His works are in 13 museums and public spaces, such as the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. McMahon Fine Art is at 700 Mechem Drive in the Jira Plaza.

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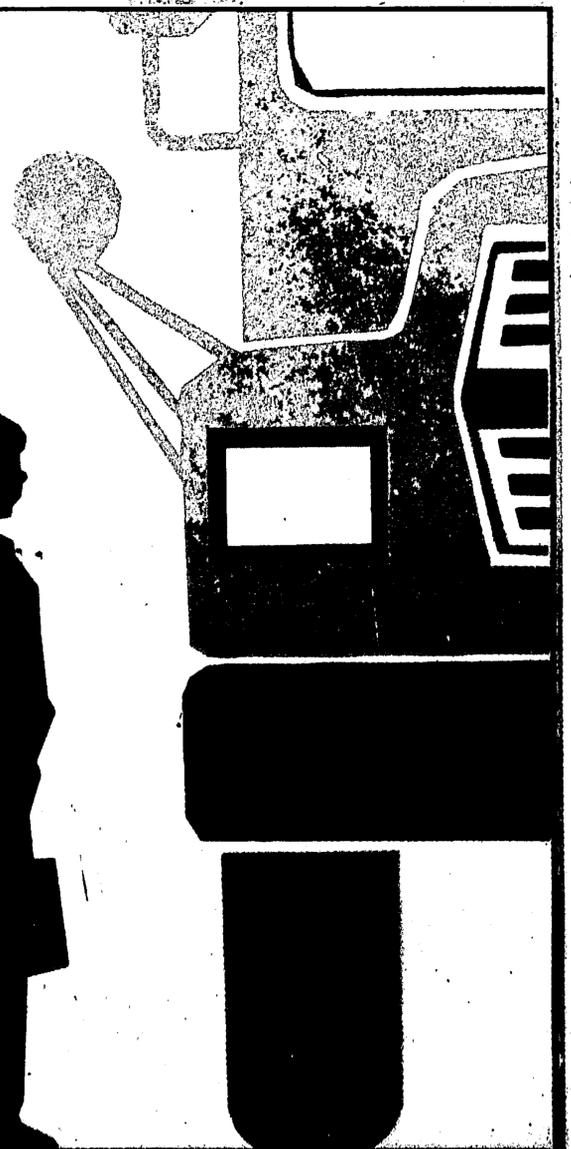
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Ned Cantwell

■ The Ruidosoan who writes Wednesday's "Looking Askance" column for the Ruidoso News has had a few adventures over the years — one of them deep in Carlsbad Caverns.

BY TERI BURNS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

He was headed for the priesthood when he met the love of his life and stumbled into a profession he now says he could never leave.

And on Nov. 2, 2002, that profession honored former *Carlsbad Current-Argus* publisher Ned Cantwell in return by naming him to the New Mexico Press Association Hall of Fame. He now lives in Ruidoso.

"I think that says that my peers have determined that I have been around a long time and that my contribution has been a positive one," Cantwell said, adding the honor is nothing less and nothing more than that.

And he's quick to sidestep any ego in the situation, "You know, you don't have to hit a lot of home runs to get this, you just have to come to bat a lot and not be a flake," he said laughing. "I'm very flattered, obviously."

Cantwell came to Carlsbad in 1971 to serve as *Current-Argus* publisher, but his love affair with journalism was already well-established — however round-about his journey into it.

He spent two years at a Catholic seminary in Columbus, Ohio, studying for the priesthood before he met Roberta. Both grew up in Redlands, Calif., and were married there in 1959.

And somewhere along the way his focus changed. "I was working at the post office and was a happy guy. Then I got engaged, and realized I needed to do something," Cantwell joked. "I realized I was not smart enough to be a rocket scientist, and by process of elimination, I chose journalism because I always liked writing in high school and college."

Not newspaper writing, Cantwell said, giving credit instead to a ninth- and 10th-grade teacher who demanded a 500-word essay on her desk each Friday.

"At 13, you've got nothing to write about," he said, the ever-present hint of humor in his voice, "so you make it up. I got pretty good at it, and that's where I found out I was pretty good at writing."

Cantwell said he got his journalism start at the *Fontana Herald News* in Fontana, Calif., where he was a reporter for a couple of years.

"Then I decided that to get ahead in this business, I better learn about the business side, so I switched to advertising, and that worked. That was working for me, so they placed me in charge of the *Banning Record Gazette*," he said, adding both southern California newspapers were owned by Buckner News Alliance.

That was 1969, and two years later, Buckner gave Cantwell the chance to come to Carlsbad, where all four children were born: Cathy Roberson, who teaches at a Carlsbad school; Mike Cantwell of Bakersfield, Calif.; Julie Snider of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Sheri Fava of Ringgold, Ga.

Eight years later, on a hot July day, Cantwell faced perhaps the greatest challenge — and most exciting event — of his career.

It was 3:20 p.m. on a Tuesday, when four men — two of them American Indians — with a small arms cache and half a bottle of whiskey took over the Carlsbad Caverns National Park lunchroom and unsuspecting 24-year-old park employee Linda Phillips.

At one point, they wanted \$1 million and a plane to Brazil. At another, they would have traded negotiators for another bottle of booze.

But the one constant was the demand to see a member of the media.

"I had been talking with them on the phone, and they wanted their story to be told," Cantwell said, adding he tried to convince them to relay that story via telephone, but to no avail.

"I was so convinced when I went down there that I was coming back up," he said remembering the two-

hour ordeal that began with a lonely elevator ride at about 5:30 p.m. that day — armed with nothing more than a recorder, a notepad and his wits.

But his story in the next day's *Current-Argus* tells another tale.

"Park personnel were controlling the elevator's movements," Cantwell wrote. "It is a good thing. I was eyeing the control buttons. Had I been able to reverse its direction, I might have."

He tried desperately to pull a story out of the rambling comments that followed — something about the general chaos of society, the fuel shortage, OPEC and the plight of the American Indian. He asked to see the hostage, and a woman he described as "extremely calm considering her plight" was brought before him briefly.

The men kept saying they knew they would die in the standoff. At some point, they made Cantwell promise to go upstairs and "tell people we want to walk out of here, we don't want to be carried out in body bags."

"I start to get a handle on the gunmen and what brought them together," Cantwell wrote, "It is an incredible story. They represent no particular organization, their takeover of the Caverns was almost a spontaneous act."

Two of the men had met only the night before. Another joined the group the previous morning, and the fourth had only met the ringleader within the last few weeks.

"Their cause?" Cantwell wrote. "It is one of personal frustration with life."

At some point, the men offered to trade him back to the surface for a bottle of whiskey.

Cantwell begins to negotiate, asking them to release him to write his story and let him take Phillips with him.

"It is the indecision that is making me nervous," he wrote. "The gunmen sense some kind of end is near, but they have no plan."

Shortly before 7 p.m., the heated debate began, and the decision was made to release both Cantwell and Phillips. They headed for the elevator, but one man grabbed Cantwell's arm — bunning his lighter.

"We wait for the elevator," he wrote, "being sent from controls above, to welcome us to its sanctuary. We try not to let our fear show, waiting, half expecting for the gunmen to suffer one of their frequent changes of mind and come back and get us. After about a million years, the door finally slides open. We are inside. The door closes, it opens again. Two false starts later, we are on our way to safety."

Soon after, the four men down below negotiated their own release, and were arrested to face misdemeanor charges of false imprisonment.

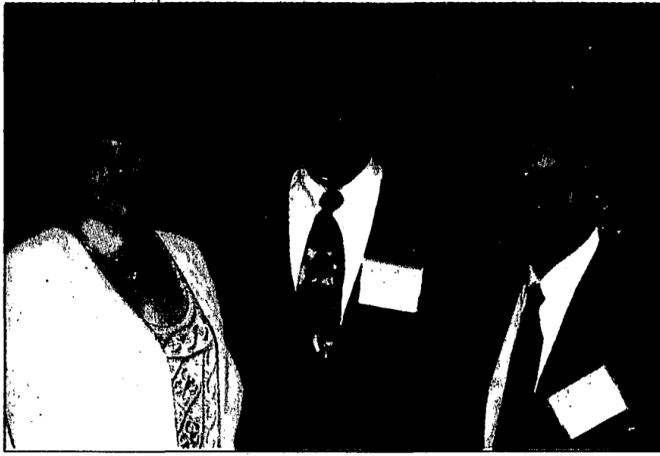
Cantwell said then that he wasn't sure why he agreed to the FBI request to go down into the cave with the hostage-takers — and he still isn't.

"Why did I go down? I'm not sure why. We had an over-the-phone-type understanding, and I just had total confidence I could go down there and come back up," he said.

But reading the tale, it sounds harrowing, and perhaps worthy of the accolades it brought to the author. Cantwell won a writing award for his first-person account, as well as numerous community service awards and recognition for public service from the Department of the Interior.

Still, Cantwell is quick to point out how the reading public put the situation into a whole other perspective.

"I was down there with those guys and I brought the hostage up, and they surrendered, and, you know, I thought I did something pretty good, but the word all over the street the next day was 'You spend two hours in a cave with Ned Cantwell and you'd surrender,



Ned Cantwell, center, with *Current-Argus* staffer Deanie Bartlett and present publisher Sammy Lopez (who a decade ago was publisher of the *Ruidoso News*).

too," he said, the normal humor tinged with a slight hint of hurt feelings.

Cantwell stayed with the *Current-Argus* as publisher until 1993. In 1991, he and Buckner executive David Martens had bought the paper and operated it together until they sold it two years later to World Newspapers of Omaha, Neb.

"I just enjoyed the pace of it," he said of his more active newspaper years. "It was something new every day and the people were either complimenting you or criticizing you," he said laughing.

"I was very opinionated," he said, adding he editorialized strongly on issues about which he had strong opinions. "And a different segment of town would be mad at me at different times."

He said he believes having a strong opinion was a good thing as a publisher, but that no publisher should "slip into the mindset that they are infallible."

"I was wrong," he said, "are three words useful in any newspaperman's vocabulary."

During that time, Cantwell said he worked hard not to fit into any kind of clique, keeping everyone guessing as to his affiliations on any issue.

"I don't think you could have labeled me. I can't label me now," he said laughing. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

When he sold the paper, Cantwell tried to leave the profession behind.

"I quit writing the column when I left Carlsbad, and I just couldn't stand it. Not writing a column requires one to mind one's own business, and I ain't got it in me," he said laughing.

Things seem to have come full-circle. Cantwell now keeps his hand in journalism with a weekly syndicated column from his Ruidoso home that again runs in his once beloved *Current-Argus*, the *Ruidoso News* and a number of other papers, and he serves as a consultant to the Buckner News Alliance that made it all happen in the first place.

As such, he oversees three papers in West Texas: the *Monahans News*, *Pecos Enterprise* and *Alpine Observer*. He founded the *Alpine* weekly in 1999 with the help of its first publisher, Ralph Damiani.

"I think it's important work that we do," he said of his journalistic passion.

Cantwell remained active in the New Mexico Press Association, serving in several offices and joining fellow Hall-of-Famer Ken Green in spearheading purchase of the clipping bureau in the 1980s, which he said gave the struggling press association a firm financial foundation. He said he has also been a strong supporter of the NMPA annual Summer Journalism Workshop, donating his time for many of its 22 years.

"I'll always be involved somehow," he said of the business.

"And, you know, the most rewarding part to me, no doubt, is seeing a lot of people that are all over the country now that started at the *Current-Argus* and are now making a contribution all over," he said.

"It's the fascinating folks that come through the doors at the newspaper," he said of cub reporters who get their first break at a paper the size of the *Current-Argus*, adding "The best part of it has been the people I've done it with."

Teri Burns is a staff reporter for the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*, a sister paper of the *Ruidoso News*.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Feb. 13, 1953

1/2 wit & 1/2 wisdom

By VIC LAMB

Jack Hull said when he built his home out on Hull's High Acres, he wondered if he'd ever get water, if he'd ever get lights, if he'd ever get gravel roads, if he'd ever get a telephone, and if he'd get radio.

Well, he said he finally got all of those, and then he wondered if he'd ever get television — and he got that. We visited in his home the other night and can report we saw television in Ruidoso, something many of us doubted could happen because we're hemmed in by mountains.

Feb. 13, 1963

New food mart opens

J. C. McDonald's all new Hollywood Food Mart opened for business the first of this week in the Wimberly building beside the Hollywood post office and the bus center.

All new fixtures, all new merchandise and a store with as much floor space almost as his original Ruidoso Food Mart in the post office shopping area of Ruidoso can be found in the new retail establishment.

Feb. 16, 1973

Biggest pot find

Approximately one-half ton of marijuana, with a street value of more than \$300,000, has been taken into custody by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo.

The pot, in 19 plastic bags, was noticed at the end of the runway at the Carrizozo Municipal Airport on Monday by a local rancher...

Sheriff Leandro Vega Jr. said the ... marijuana, with a wholesale value of approximately \$175,000, is the largest find of the intoxicant weed ever made in the county.

Feb. 17, 1983

Care Center changes

Beverly Enterprises has named its third administrator at Ruidoso Care Center since taking over the nursing home Nov. 1, but more staff stability is anticipated for the future.

Feb. 18, 1993

County attorney replaced

After two closed meetings, the county commission ... emerged Wednesday to hire a new law firm.

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■ The Ruidosoan who writes Wednesday's "Looking Askance" column for the Ruidoso News has had a few adventures over the years — one of them deep in Carlsbad Caverns.

BY TERI BURNS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

He was headed for the priesthood when he met the love of his life and stumbled into a profession he now says he could never leave.

And on Nov. 2, 2002, that profession honored former *Carlsbad Current-Argus* publisher Ned Cantwell in return by naming him to the New Mexico Press Association Hall of Fame. He now lives in Ruidoso.

"I think that says that my peers have determined that I have been around a long time and that my contribution has been a positive one," Cantwell said, adding the honor is nothing less and nothing more than that.

And he's quick to sidestep any ego in the situation, "You know, you don't have to hit a lot of home runs to get this, you just have to come to bat a lot and not be a flake," he said laughing. "I'm very flattered, obviously."

Cantwell came to Carlsbad in 1971 to serve as *Current-Argus* publisher, but his love affair with journalism was already well-established — however round-about his journey into it.

He spent two years at a Catholic seminary in Columbus, Ohio, studying for the priesthood before he met Roberta. Both grew up in Redlands, Calif., and were married there in 1959.

And somewhere along the way his focus changed. "I was working at the post office and was a happy guy. Then I got engaged, and realized I needed to do something," Cantwell joked. "I realized I was not smart enough to be a rocket scientist, and by process of elimination, I chose journalism because I always liked writing in high school and college."

Not newspaper writing, Cantwell said, giving credit instead to a ninth- and 10th-grade teacher who demanded a 500-word essay on her desk each Friday.

"At 13, you've got nothing to write about," he said, the ever-present hint of humor in his voice, "so you make it up. I got pretty good at it, and that's where I found out I was pretty good at writing."

Cantwell said he got his journalism start at the *Fontana Herald News* in Fontana, Calif., where he was a reporter for a couple of years.

"Then I decided that to get ahead in this business, I better learn about the business side, so I switched to advertising, and that worked. That was working for me, so they placed me in charge of the *Banning Record Gazette*," he said, adding both southern California newspapers were owned by Buckner News Alliance.

That was 1969, and two years later, Buckner gave Cantwell the chance to come to Carlsbad, where all four children were born: Cathy Roberson, who teaches at a Carlsbad school; Mike Cantwell of Bakersfield, Calif.; Julie Snider of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Sheri Fava of Ringgold, Ga.

Eight years later, on a hot July day, Cantwell faced perhaps the greatest challenge — and most exciting event — of his career.

It was 3:20 p.m. on a Tuesday, when four men — two of them American Indians — with a small arms cache and half a bottle of whiskey took over the Carlsbad Caverns National Park lunchroom and unsuspecting 24-year-old park employee Linda Phillips.

At one point, they wanted \$1 million and a plane to Brazil. At another, they would have traded negotiators for another bottle of booze.

But the one constant was the demand to see a member of the media.

"I had been talking with them on the phone, and they wanted their story to be told," Cantwell said, adding he tried to convince them to relay that story via telephone, but to no avail.

"I was so convinced when I went down there that I was coming back up," he said remembering the two-

hour ordeal that began with a lonely elevator ride at about 5:30 p.m. that day — armed with nothing more than a recorder, a notepad and his wits.

But his story in the next day's *Current-Argus* tells another tale.

"Park personnel were controlling the elevator's movements," Cantwell wrote. "It is a good thing. I was eyeing the control buttons. Had I been able to reverse its direction, I might have."

He tried desperately to pull a story out of the rambling comments that followed — something about the general chaos of society, the fuel shortage, OPEC and the plight of the American Indian. He asked to see the hostage, and a woman he described as "extremely calm considering her plight" was brought before him briefly.

The men kept saying they knew they would die in the standoff. At some point, they made Cantwell promise to go upstairs and "tell people we want to walk out of here, we don't want to be carried out in body bags."

"I start to get a handle on the gunmen and what brought them together," Cantwell wrote, "It is an incredible story. They represent no particular organization, their takeover of the Caverns was almost a spontaneous act."

Two of the men had met only the night before. Another joined the group the previous morning, and the fourth had only met the ringleader within the last few weeks.

"Their cause?" Cantwell wrote. "It is one of personal frustration with life."

At some point, the men offered to trade him back to the surface for a bottle of whiskey.

Cantwell begins to negotiate, asking them to release him to write his story and let him take Phillips with him.

"It is the indecision that is making me nervous," he wrote. "The gunmen sense some kind of end is near, but they have no plan."

Shortly before 7 p.m., the heated debate began, and the decision was made to release both Cantwell and Phillips. They headed for the elevator, but one man grabbed Cantwell's arm — bunning his lighter.

"We wait for the elevator," he wrote, "being sent from controls above, to welcome us to its sanctuary. We try not to let our fear show, waiting, half expecting for the gunmen to suffer one of their frequent changes of mind and come back and get us. After about a million years, the door finally slides open. We are inside. The door closes, it opens again. Two false starts later, we are on our way to safety."

Soon after, the four men down below negotiated their own release, and were arrested to face misdemeanor charges of false imprisonment.

Cantwell said then that he wasn't sure why he agreed to the FBI request to go down into the cave with the hostage-takers — and he still isn't.

"Why did I go down? I'm not sure why. We had an over-the-phone-type understanding, and I just had total confidence I could go down there and come back up," he said.

But reading the tale, it sounds harrowing, and perhaps worthy of the accolades it brought to the author. Cantwell won a writing award for his first-person account, as well as numerous community service awards and recognition for public service from the Department of the Interior.

Still, Cantwell is quick to point out how the reading public put the situation into a whole other perspective.

"I was down there with those guys and I brought the hostage up, and they surrendered, and, you know, I thought I did something pretty good, but the word all over the street the next day was 'You spend two hours in a cave with Ned Cantwell and you'd surrender,



Ned Cantwell, center, with *Current-Argus* staffer Deanie Bartlett and present publisher Sammy Lopez (who a decade ago was publisher of the *Ruidoso News*).

COURTESY CARLSBAD CURRENT-ARGUS

too," he said, the normal humor tinged with a slight hint of hurt feelings.

Cantwell stayed with the *Current-Argus* as publisher until 1993. In 1991, he and Buckner executive David Martens had bought the paper and operated it together until they sold it two years later to World Newspapers of Omaha, Neb.

"I just enjoyed the pace of it," he said of his more active newspaper years. "It was something new every day and the people were either complimenting you or criticizing you," he said laughing.

"I was very opinionated," he said, adding he editorialized strongly on issues about which he had strong opinions. "And a different segment of town would be mad at me at different times."

He said he believes having a strong opinion was a good thing as a publisher, but that no publisher should "slip into the mindset that they are infallible."

"I was wrong," he said, "are three words useful in any newspaperman's vocabulary."

During that time, Cantwell said he worked hard not to fit into any kind of clique, keeping everyone guessing as to his affiliations on any issue.

"I don't think you could have labeled me. I can't label me now," he said laughing. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

When he sold the paper, Cantwell tried to leave the profession behind.

"I quit writing the column when I left Carlsbad, and I just couldn't stand it. Not writing a column requires one to mind one's own business, and I ain't got it in me," he said laughing.

Things seem to have come full-circle. Cantwell now keeps his hand in journalism with a weekly syndicated column from his Ruidoso home that again runs in his once beloved *Current-Argus*, the *Ruidoso News* and a number of other papers, and he serves as a consultant to the Buckner News Alliance that made it all happen in the first place.

As such, he oversees three papers in West Texas: the *Monahans News*, *Pecos Enterprise* and *Alpine Observer*. He founded the *Alpine* weekly in 1999 with the help of its first publisher, Ralph Damiani.

"I think it's important work that we do," he said of his journalistic passion.

Cantwell remained active in the New Mexico Press Association, serving in several offices and joining fellow Hall-of-Famer Ken Green in spearheading purchase of the clipping bureau in the 1980s, which he said gave the struggling press association a firm financial foundation. He said he has also been a strong supporter of the NMPA annual Summer Journalism Workshop, donating his time for many of its 22 years.

"I'll always be involved somehow," he said of the business.

"And, you know, the most rewarding part to me, no doubt, is seeing a lot of people that are all over the country now that started at the *Current-Argus* and are now making a contribution all over," he said.

"It's the fascinating folks that come through the doors at the newspaper," he said of cub reporters who get their first break at a paper the size of the *Current-Argus*, adding "The best part of it has been the people I've done it with."

Teri Burns is a staff reporter for the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*, a sister paper of the *Ruidoso News*.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Feb. 13, 1953

1/2 wit & 1/2 wisdom

By VIC LAMB

Jack Hull said when he built his home out on Hull's High Acres, he wondered if he'd ever get water, if he'd ever get lights, if he'd ever get gravel roads, if he'd ever get a telephone, and if he'd get radio.

Well, he said he finally got all of those, and then he wondered if he'd ever get television — and he got that. We visited in his home the other night and can report we saw television in Ruidoso, something many of us doubted could happen because we're hemmed in by mountains.

Feb. 13, 1963

New food mart opens

J. C. McDonald's all new Hollywood Food Mart opened for business the first of this week in the Wimberly building beside the Hollywood post office and the bus center.

All new fixtures, all new merchandise and a store with as much floor space almost as his original Ruidoso Food Mart in the post office shopping area of Ruidoso can be found in the new retail establishment.

Feb. 16, 1973

Biggest pot find

Approximately one-half ton of marijuana, with a street value of more than \$300,000, has been taken into custody by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo.

The pot, in 19 plastic bags, was noticed at the end of the runway at the Carrizozo Municipal Airport on Monday by a local rancher.

Sheriff Leandro Vega Jr. said the ... marijuana, with a wholesale value of approximately \$175,000, is the largest find of the intoxicant weed ever made in the county.

Feb. 17, 1983

Care Center changes

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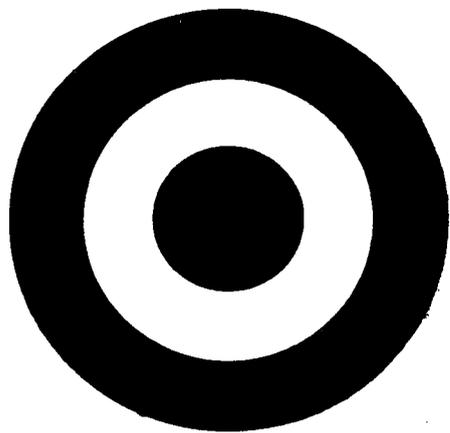
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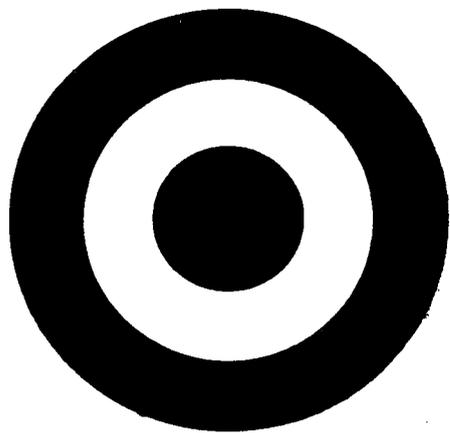
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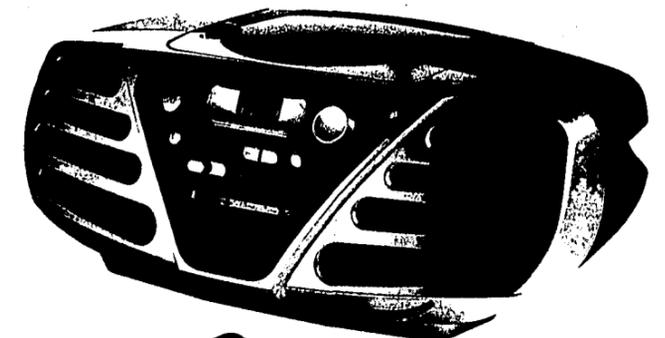
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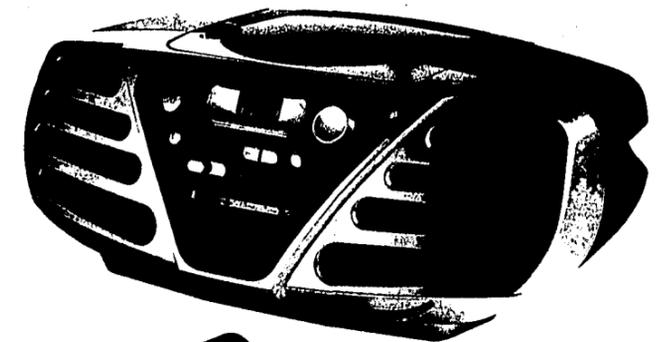
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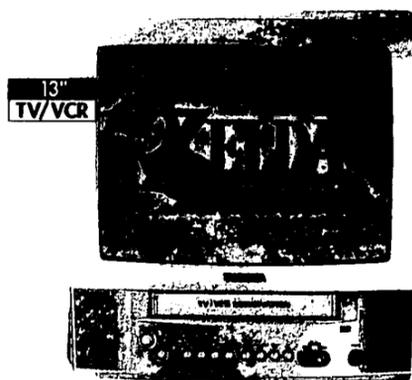
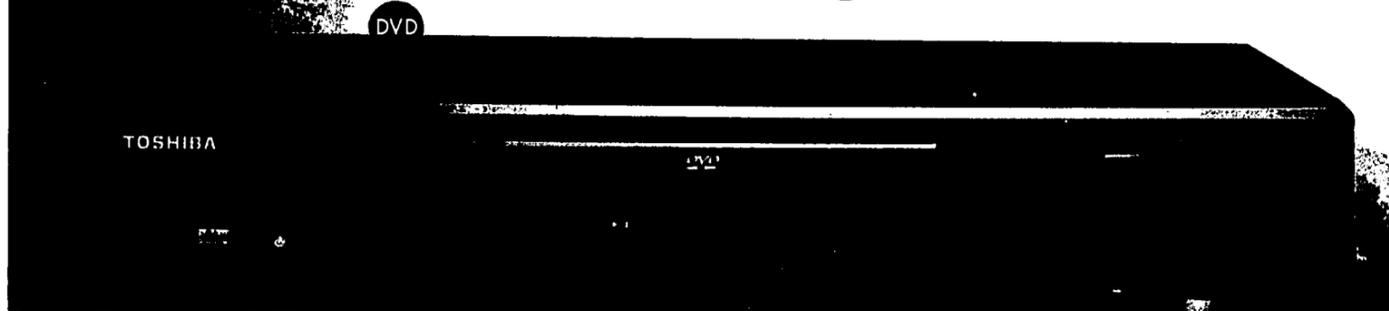
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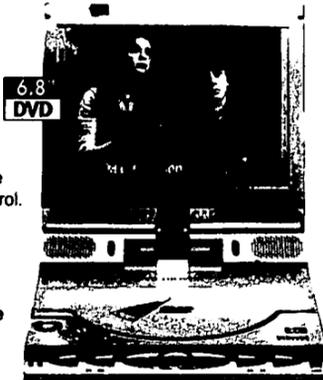
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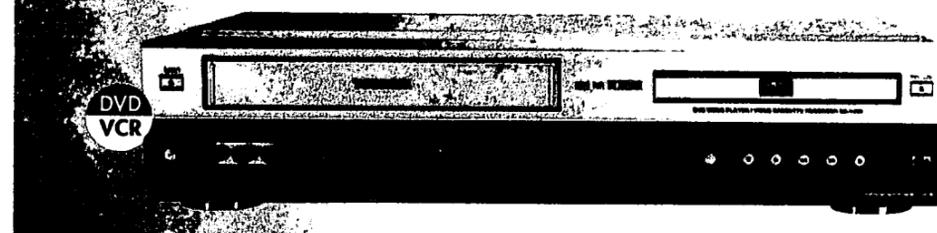
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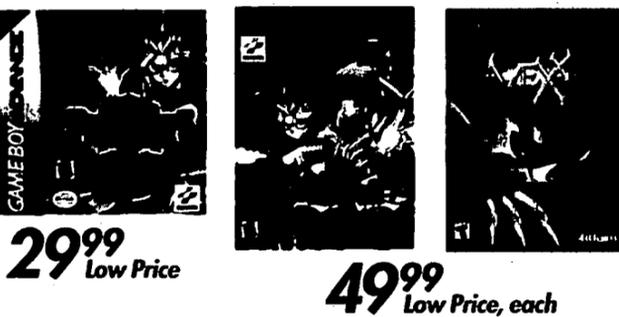
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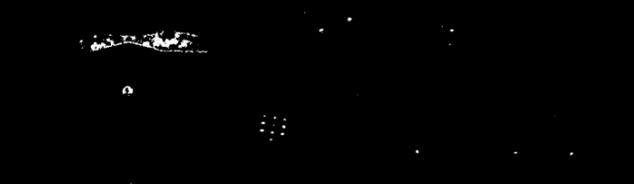


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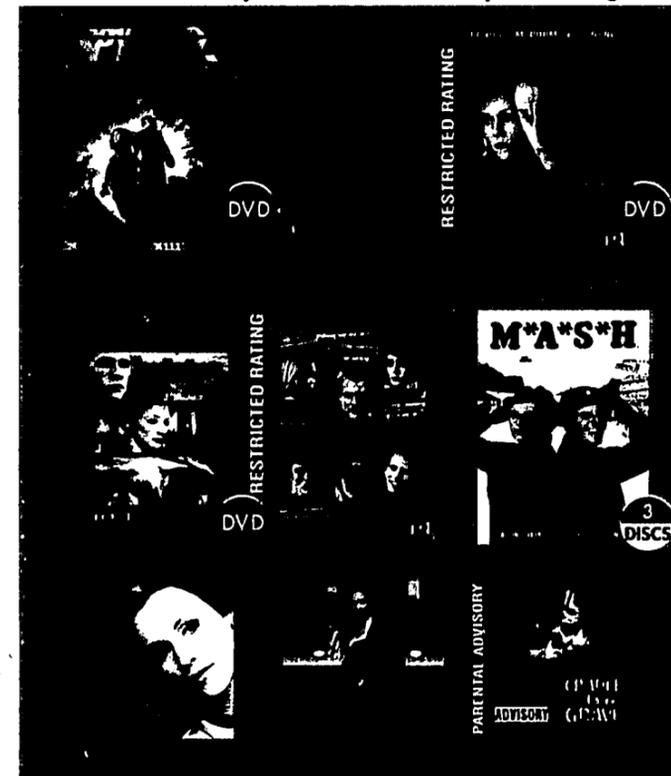
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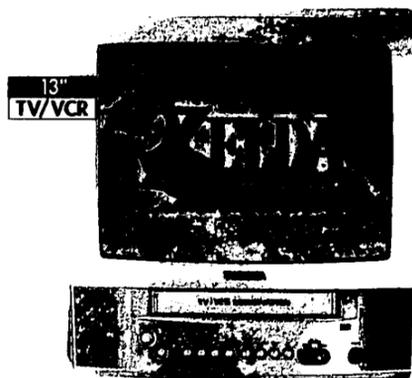
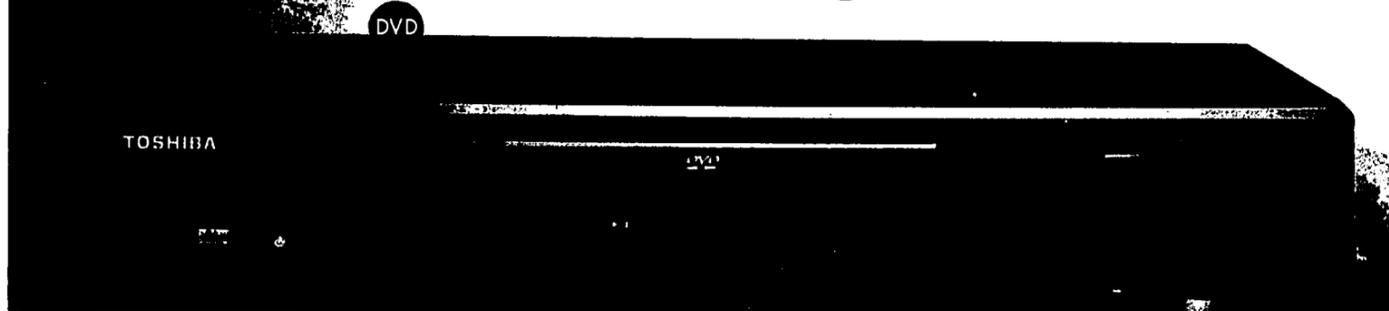


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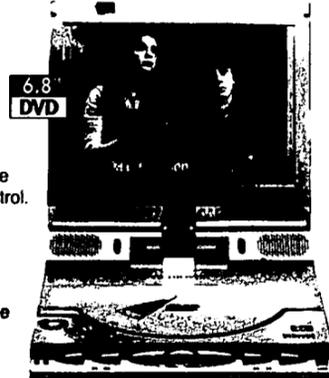
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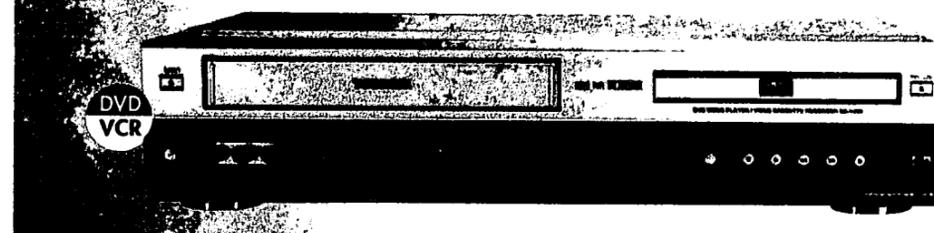
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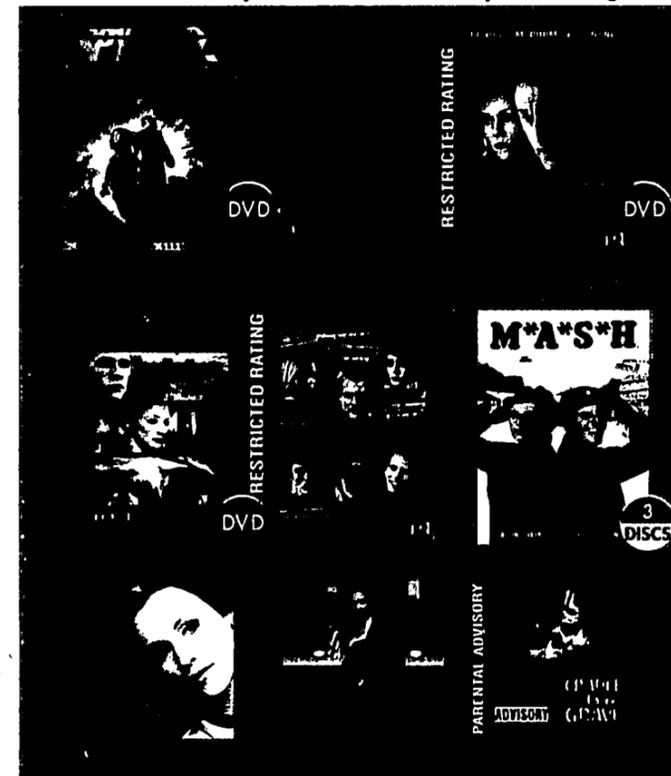
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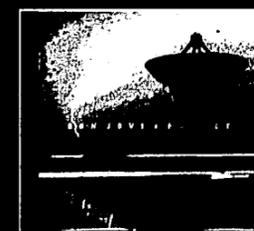
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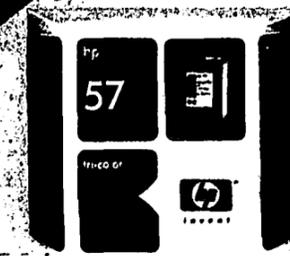
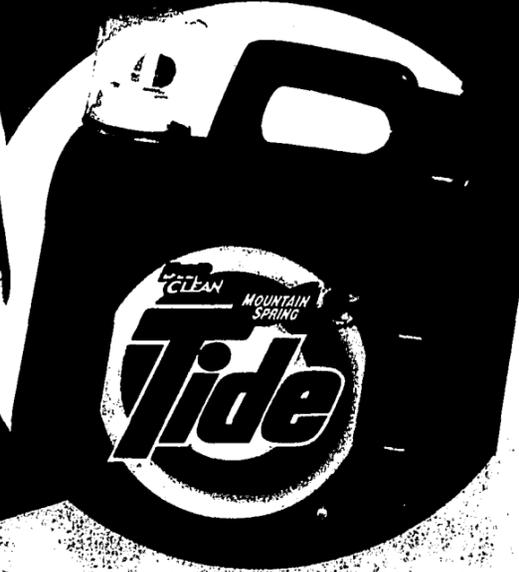


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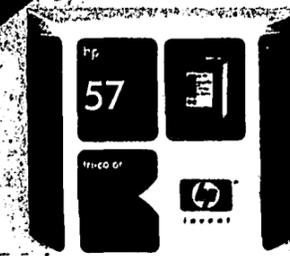
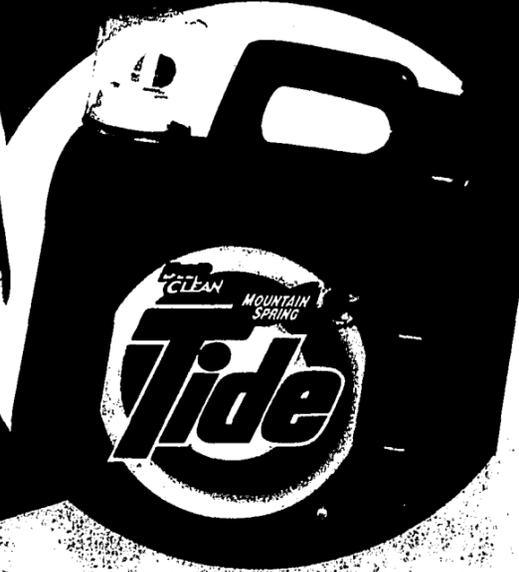
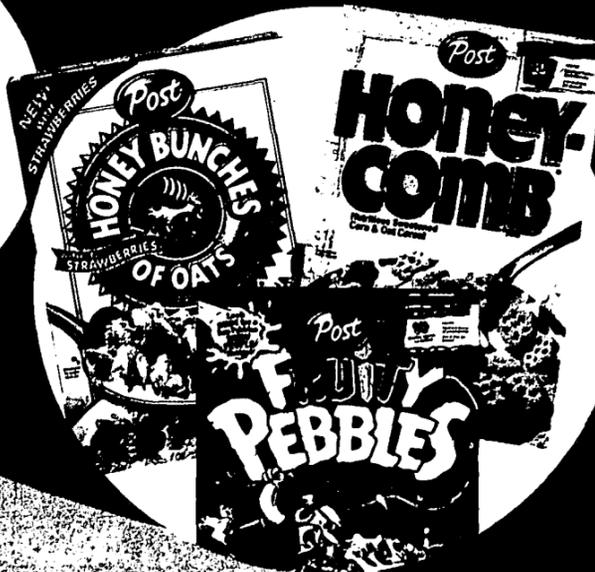
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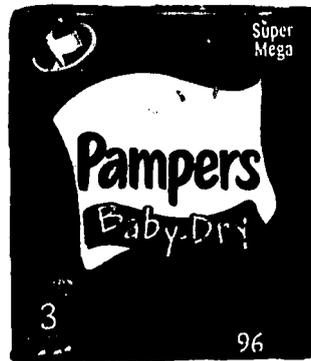
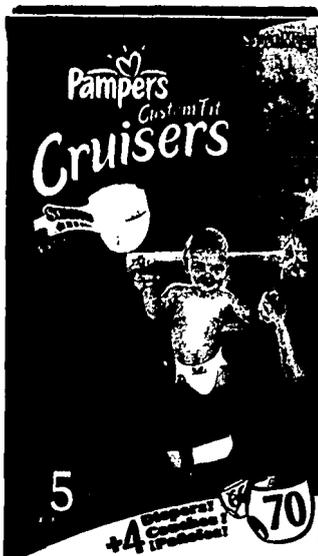
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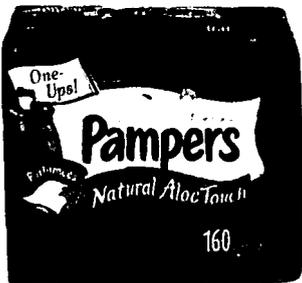
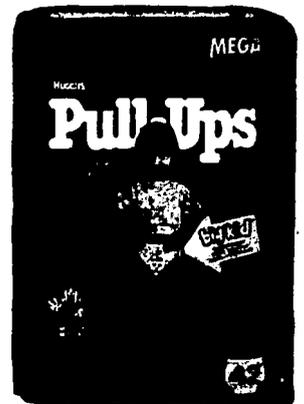


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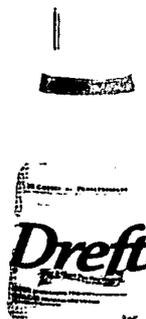
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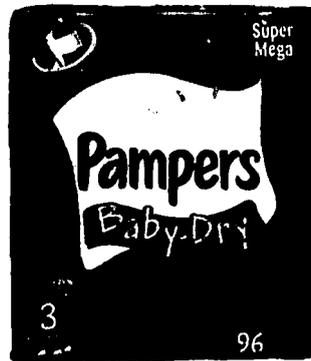
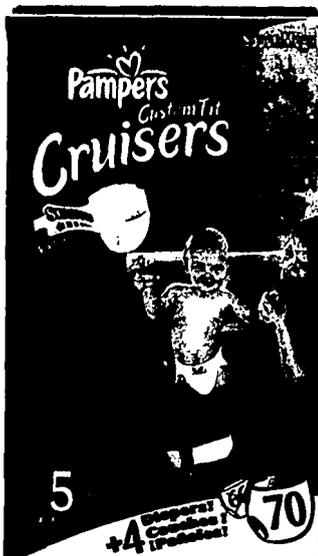
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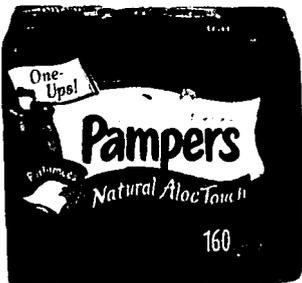
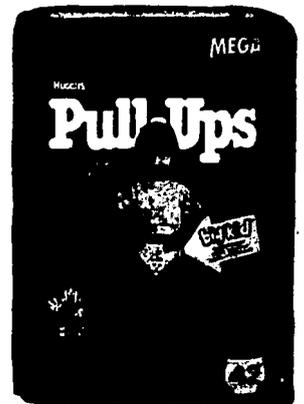


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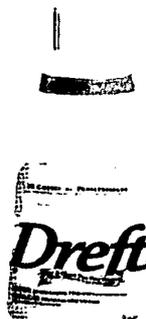
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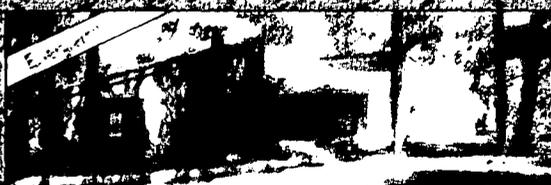
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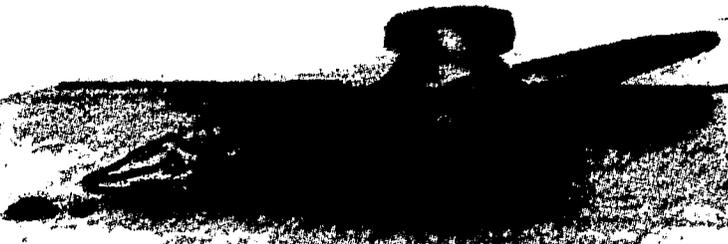
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