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Village property tax bite well under 1974 projection

BY CALE DICKEY
Editor

As Ruidoso property owners eyeball their tax statements from the Lincoln County Treasurer, reaction has ranged from "no surprise" to completely flabbergasted.

The actual fact is: this year's ad valorem property tax bite is substantially under the figure projected in September of 1974, prior to the overwhelming vote (239

for, 156 against) to approve the \$5 million General Obligation bond issue to finance the 1,100 million water storage dam and the system to transport water throughout the village.

This year's figures are:

— The municipal tax increased from the \$15.63 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 1975 to \$25.02, per \$1,000, in 1976.

— The increase to village taxpayers stands at \$9.39 per \$1,000.

— The Ruidoso School District tax increased from 1975's \$12.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$17.88 per \$1,000.

— The tax increase in the school district is \$5.10 per \$1,000.

— The total tax hike, due to the G.O. bond and school bond issues, amounts to \$14.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Taxpayers have been registering complaints with Ruidoso village manager Jim Hine, loudly accusing the village trustees of misrepresenting the cost of financing the G.O. bond issue, in terms of a healthy tax increase.

The facts on the projected tax increase, based on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as presented to the voters at the time of the G.O. bond election Oct. 9, 1974 (which were "educated guesses") were:

Series A \$5.42
Series B \$6.84
Series C \$8.67
The sale of Series A, \$1,000,000 and Series B, \$2,000,000 are reflected in the current tax statement.

According to the projections, taxpayers were advised to anticipate a tax increase of \$12.26 for the Series A and B bond issues.

The actual increase, as reflected in this year's tax statement, is \$9.39 per \$1,000

assessed valuation due to the G.O. bond issues.

The increase in the school taxes is \$5.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The tax jump for both increases is \$14.49 per \$1,000.

The projected jump in property taxes for Ruidoso, for all three series of bonds, was pegged at \$19.93 per \$1,000.

Based on this year's \$9.39 hike, even the projected \$6.67 bite that will appear next on tax statements, would be \$16.06, total, compared to the estimated cost pegged at \$19.93.

The good news is that the last tax boost, estimated at \$8.67, will be less than anticipated, due to the continuing increase in assessed valuation in the municipality of Ruidoso.

And the best news of all is that the final tax bite on the G.O. bond issue will be considerably under the cost that the village trustees used when pointing out the need for the new dam and distribution system, to advise the voters of how much they could reasonably expect to pay.

So ... the village dads overestimated the cost, taxwise, to Ruidoso property owners.

And isn't it nice to know they did?

County valuation up \$6.7 million

Assessed valuation, based on one-third the market value, for property in Lincoln County is up \$6.7 million over the 1975 figure.

Valuation for the eleven districts is \$59,038,153 compared to last year's total of \$52,327,405, according to Julia Samora, Lincoln County assessor.

Based on mill levies for each district, total tax billings amount to \$2,429,680.90 for 1976. These tax dollars are distributed monthly among the general county, schools, state, hospitals and municipalities, Samora said.

A breakdown follows:

LOCATION	MILL LEVY	VALUATION	TAX
Outside Ruidoso	.029906	\$ 1,115,654	\$ 35,821.82
Ruidoso Limits	.055673	24,946,620	1,390,339.69
Outside Carrizozo	.028696	3,412,957	101,888.76
Carrizozo Limits	.052418	1,259,166	66,181.78
Outside Corona	.025403	7,698,239	196,623.05
Corona Limits	.026628	256,084	6,839.51
Hondo Valley	.028465	4,746,352	136,414.91
Outside Capitán	.023718	9,561,582	250,211.01
Capitán Limits	.043521	1,506,925	65,739.28
Outside Ruidoso Downs	.029906	1,556,410	60,668.10
Ruidoso Downs Limits	.042846	2,978,164	127,954.79

Tax statements are mailed out once a year and can be paid in two installments. The first half is due November 1 and delinquent December 1. The second half is due April 1 and delinquent May 1.

CPR training can save lives

CPR — Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation — can save lives.

Hypothetical situation:

You are present at the instant a person dies from drowning, shock or heart attack. Do you know what can be done? First, you have four minutes. Four minutes between the moment of death and the allotted time to apply CPR — a life function support system.

Four minutes is the time limit before damage from lack of oxygen sets in in the nervous system.

If successful, within the four minutes, CPR can restore the bodily functions — breathing and heart action — to insure normal living for the person who has died.

Should a person's life function support system be restored well after the passage of that fourth minute, the likelihood of that person becoming a vegetable materially

increases. This situation may occur from brain damage due to lack of oxygen.

CPR is, for all practical purposes, a stop gap system that may or may not start the life function support system while the patient is being transferred to the hospital.

The application of CPR offers a much better chance of survival, after the victim has been taken to the hospital, than if the technique was not applied.

Twelve volunteers are being sought to take CPR training, from 6 to 10 p.m., Nov.

30 and Dec. 1, at the Ruidoso Library with Police Chief Paul Lukens and police dispatcher Ross Schwarz instructing.

Registrations are being accepted at the Ruidoso Police Department today, through Nov. 26, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Should there be more than 12 volunteers, Lukens said, additional classes will be scheduled. The course is sponsored by The American Red Cross and The American Heart Association.

No greasepaint for Paul

BY BILLIE SURMICK
Staff Writer

There will be no illusions of the smell of the greasepaint and roar of the crowd for Paul Jaramillo. ... he's not interested.

"A movie star has to do stuff right about seven times and learn all those lines," said Paul who recently returned from on-location filming in Louisiana of "Casey's Shadow".

Paul was "discovered" when the film crew was in Ruidoso in September. His similarity to Michael Hereshewe, the young boy who plays Casey in the movie, landed him a job as Michael's stand-in. The crew wrapped up filming here last month and invited Paul to meet them in Lafayette, Louisiana, for the remainder of location shots.

"Casey's Shadow" relates the trials and tribulations of a Cajun horseman (played by Walter Matthau) trying to win the All American Futurity. The Columbia Pictures film is directed by Martin Ritt and produced by Ray Stark.

Paul rode horses when the filming was being done here and he expected to carry on the same activity when he got to Louisiana.

"I took Michael's place when he was in school. I had a tutor every day, too," Paul said, "and took along my books that I was studying at Nob Hill School."

"I didn't say any lines and I sat around the bar a lot for different scenes. I would sit, stand and walk around and play some. My mother worked as an extra while we were in Louisiana."

Paul is the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jaramillo of Ruidoso Downs.



PAUL JARAMILLO



His father is custodian at the high school and his mother is a cook at Nob Hill School.

"We got Sundays off," Paul said, "and Michael and I got to go swimming and to some of the shops in Lafayette, but I missed football and my horse. I missed my brother Victor and sister Monica, too. I don't know if they missed me."

Paul said he had to go to the set or location where he was made up and dressed in clothing from the wardrobe department.

Nobody knows how Paul stood still long enough for a few freckles to light on his nose. He is a walking, running, jumping, over and under field of energy. His face lit up as he said, "I got a bunch of money for working. My mom put it in the bank for me to go to college."

Mickey McGuire, Paul's sixth grade teacher, best sums up this jinxed cricket kid, "Paul is full of life and believes in living it to the hilt."



Thanksgiving 'Ruidoso Style' teams selected

Thanksgiving "Ruidoso Style" will be off and stumbling, thanks to the selection of team members, promptly at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Ruidoso High School gymnasium.

Even casual perusal of the list of team captains, in this annual event sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, informs fans that it's loaded with faculty members — indicative of nothing whatsoever.

As to the teams, listed by name, followed by the coach and, not necessarily in order of appearance, certainly not by capability, the players — with the latter term possibly being used in the loosest possible sense, performing for your enjoyment will be:

GOOFY GOBLERS — Mike Gladden with Brendon Cochran, Lisa Cabot, Nan Weirville, Marchand McDougal and Jane Deyo.

VALLIANT VALLIANTS — Pat Valliant with Kristi Douglass, Anita Jefferson, Veronica Calderon, Don Weems and Leon Weems.

MINCE MEAT PIES — Sid Miller with Jackie Jefferson, Joey McGuire, Betty O'Dell, Susan Miller, Dave Parks and Dr. W.D. Horton.

SCM meeting here Tuesday

The South Central Mountain RC&D will meet Tuesday at 1 p.m., at the Chaparral Motor Hotel.

The speaker will be Nick Pappas, executive director of the Southeastern N.M. Economic Development District, who will bring SCM up to date on area activities and projects.

Reports on the agenda include chairman Lewis Merritt; Ernest McDaniel with the executive committee's actions and Howard Abercrombie with the project coordinator's summation.

The executive committee will meet at 10 a.m.

SIX PAK — Tom Hansen with Tim Hansen, Lori Wright, Sally Wimberly, [SEE PAGE TWO]

Downs trustees' meeting tonight

Village of Ruidoso Downs governing body will meet tonight at 7 o'clock to discuss the proposed All American Park, a replat of River Park subdivision, change of garbage pick up days and to resolve Resolution 76-4 which appoints one person as the media spokesman for the village.

Other items on the agenda include a resume of the All Systems Grant for street improvements, a review of the occupational license tax, a report on fleet insurance and workmen's compensation and approval of recently elected volunteer fire department officers.

Fund drive starts

Friends have started a fund drive for Margie Hightower, longtime Ruidoso resident who is facing extensive surgery this week in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Hightower, a widow, has two children at home and has been unemployed due to her illness. She has no insurance coverage.

Interested persons may send contributions to the Margie Hightower Fund, c/o Security Bank, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

Pottery demonstration awes students

BY BILLIE SURMICK
Staff Writer

Tim Wierwille, potter, who owns White Mountain Pottery shop, went to White Mountain and Nob Hill schools Friday to "show kids how I make a living."

Tim provided his awed audiences with a running narrative as he worked the clay. He began by wedging the clay to smooth it and make sure no air bubbles remained.

As he was wedging, Tim told the children that clay can be found along river

and stream banks and gave them a brief history of the potter's wheel which began in ancient Egypt.

He placed the lump of worked clay on the wheel and as it began to take the shape of a "moonshine jug", the children's "oohs" and "aahs" were deafening.

Tim took the kids through the next step of hollowing out — with finger pressure — the very center of the clay. He explained how water is used as a lubricant and showed the students various tools he uses to stretch, trim and measure.

"A potter can make any shape or form

he wants to with just a few simple tools. Making pottery is one of the oldest jobs man has had," Tim said. He then displayed shards of pottery from Indian pueblos near Santa Fe which he said were more than 2,000 years old.

When asked how he came to be a potter, Tim said, "I knew I wanted to do something with my hands either in wood or clay. I took one pottery class in college and happened to be in the right place at the right time. I apprenticed for a master potter and I've been making pottery for about eight years."

Tim finished the jug, then made a pitcher, vase and plate. He told the children each piece is allowed to dry about one day then fired in the kiln. He said a ther-

monometer cannot accurately record the intense temperatures and that cones are used to monitor the heat. "It takes almost one day to fire and another day for the kiln to cool enough to remove the pot. That's the most exciting time — taking the pot out of the oven. So many things can happen from the point the pot is thrown on the wheel to the time it is baked, glazed and finished," Tim said.

He then allowed three volunteers from the audience to try their hands at throwing a pot. Afterwards, he gave the kids a chance to ask questions and they did: "Can you make knick knacks?" "Can you make a horse this big?" "Can you get the design off after you put it on?" "How do you paint it?"

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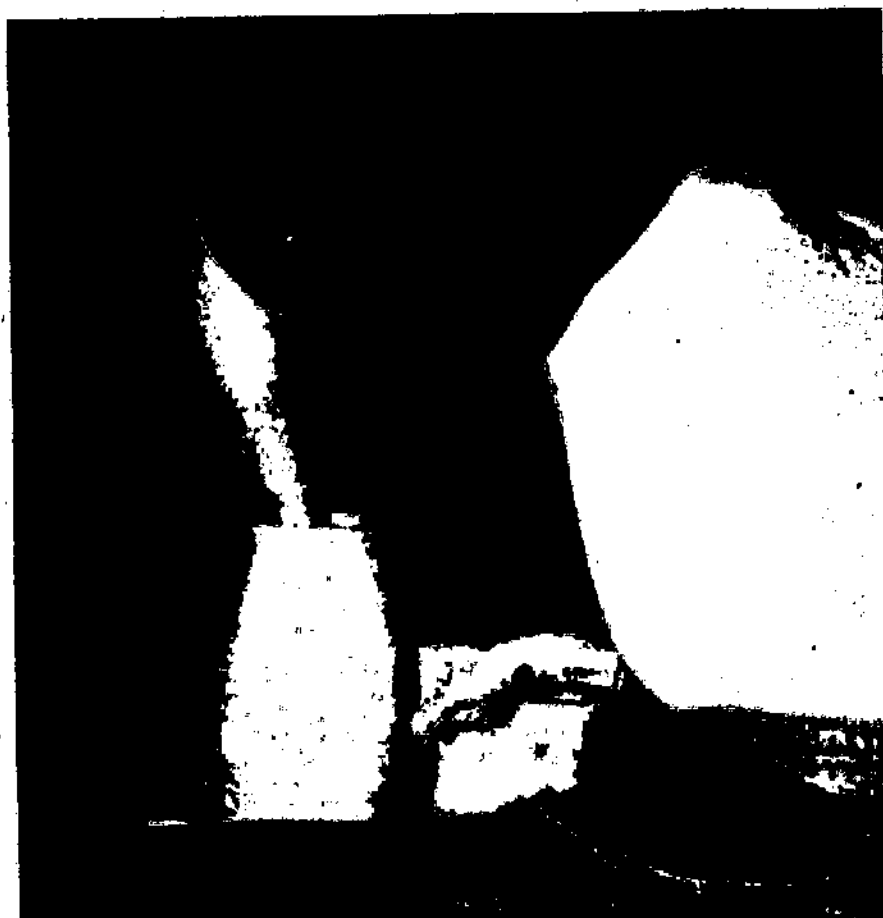
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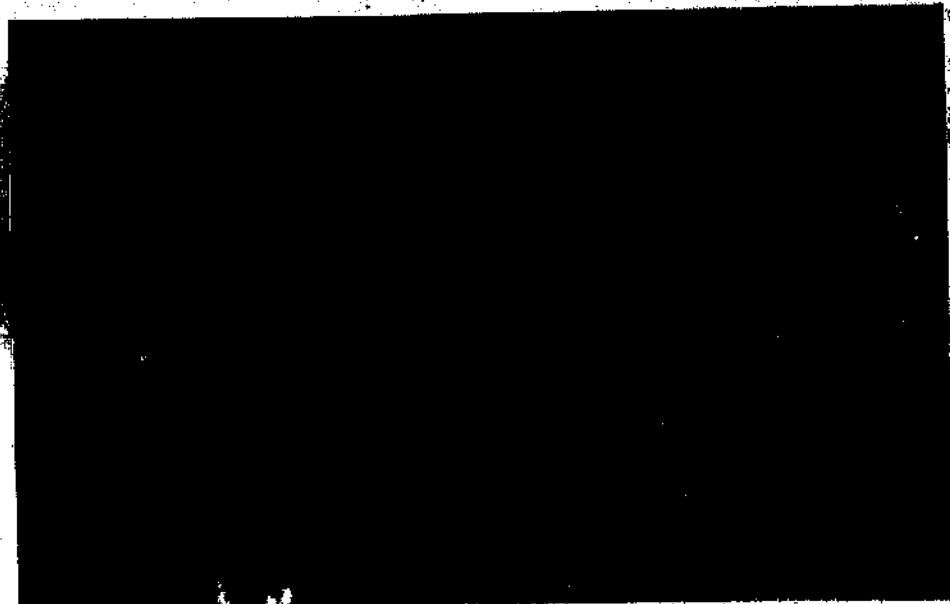
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SONJA JEFFERSON gets a quick lesson in wedging clay.



MOONSHINE JUG takes shape on potter's wheel.



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CINDY CALDERON gives pot throwing a try.

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Thanksgiving...

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Ramona McAdams, Dub Williams and Bones Wright.

DOYLE'S TURKEYS — Doyle Howell, with Dana Stierwalt, Scotty Neal, Kim McDonald, Della Bonnell and Elmer Pirelli.

According to the Chamber's listing of players, collusion isn't necessarily to be suspected just because it appears that Sid Miller and Tom Hansen will not be active

participants in the evening's selection of rib-tickling events that might even produce guffaws and possibly a belly laugh now and again.

The events — which may be decathlon in intent but somewhat short of Olympic in standards — will find the team members engaged in such undertakings as selecting clothing, while blindfolded, from a clothes line, during which process there'll be others engaged in trying to disrobe said blindfolded contestant to his/her gym clothes — right smack dab in front of the audience.

Then there'll be a bit of nonsense involving a tennis racket and ball, with the racket used to bounce the ball on the floor down to the basket, from whence it is to be handflung into said basket — then the procedure reverses, and back down the floor the ball is supposed to be banged by the racket, basket bound.

For some unexplained reason the next episode involves a team member encased, mayhap precariously, in a shopping cart, propelled by a blindfolded participant — with the sighted one supposedly directing the vehicle through a series of obstacles.

As the nightcap to all this madcap hilarity, comes the "Trampoline Balloon Contest". Seems there's a handicap — like an inner tube — that's variously on a leg or around a waist, and players must get on and off the trampoline, collect arms full of balloons and transport same to the stage where the sixth team member must stomp on said balloons — with bare feet — to pop same with simulated machine gun rapidity... with the whole operation confined to four minutes.

Now monkey business isn't the only thing this year's Thanksgiving "Ruidoso Style" has going for it tomorrow evening — bearing in mind that it only costs adults four-bits and children two-bits to get in to watch — because the DECA club will be auctioning pumpkin pies and, as an added inducement to come and have fun, there'll be a ham and a turkey given away.

No matter what — there's more than a passing likelihood that these hijinks will surpass any hijinks of recent years — and know who benefits? — why it'll be the students, who use the proceeds for various and sundry undertakings — to advance their learning — that they might not be able to undertake for lack of regular funding. So — help yourself to a most enjoyable evening.

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Farm-city migration reverses

The movement of countryside residents into the cities of the United States may have ended, says James Kirby, Extension economist at New Mexico State University. Recent population studies show that rural areas had a greater population growth percentage than urban areas in 48 of the 50 states.

Between 1970 and 1974, 1.6 million people moved into rural areas, compared to the 3 million people who left rural America in the 1960-70 period. The Western region of the United States, including New Mexico, is gaining population faster than the other regions. Latest estimates indicate a population increase of 6.8 percent in cities and rural areas of the West. This rate is well above the national growth level of four percent during the period, Kirby says.

New Mexico's population growth in the first half of the 1970's was greater than the averages of both the U.S. and the Western region. A projection by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of New Mexico has determined that the state's population increased by 10 percent in this period.

The growth of New Mexico's largest metropolitan county containing Albuquerque (metropolitan areas are counties with urban settlements of 50,000 or more population) in the 1970-74 period was 44,600 people — a growth rate of 14.1 percent.

Other New Mexico counties with populations of 50,000 or more all continued to grow. But, more significantly, there was an increase in population in all but seven of New Mexico's 32 counties. In comparison, 17 of the state's counties lost population in the 1960-70 period.

In many of the counties of the Western region where a decline in population oc-

curred, there is a high employment dependency on agriculture. Farm and ranch manpower needs have continued to decline while alternative sources of local employment have not developed sufficiently to encourage workers to remain in these areas.

Rural growth is highest in counties adjacent to metropolitan areas. The more remote rural counties in the Western region showed a somewhat lower rate of population growth.

Why the current population turnaround? Kirby suggests, among several causes, population growths associated with resorts, second homes and retirement activities. This is most common in Southern New Mexico, Western Arizona, the Sierra Nevada foothills, and the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

There were significant population increases in the counties of the Western region having large proportions of Navajo Indians. In New Mexico, McKinley and San Juan counties showed the largest natural population increase — the number of births over the number of deaths.

In-migration — people moving from outside the state to live in the Land of Enchantment — resulted in 48 percent of New Mexico's population increase.

Other growing rural areas (now metropolitan) in the Western region reflect the sites of state capitals, state colleges and manufacturing developments.

Kirby says in many cases, Western counties with high growth rates have rather small population bases and, for this reason, the impact of in-migration is substantial.



RICH SEELEY has joined Per-teet Parks & Associates as the firm's insurance manager. A native New Mexican, Seeley is a 1971 graduate of the University of New Mexico and has been in the insurance business seven years.

Playing shape games helps pre-schoolers

Parents can help the preschool child learn shapes by using games and household objects.

Shape recognition is helpful because shapes influence a child's developing concept of letters, numbers and objects, says Leo Yates, Extension family life specialist at New Mexico State University.

Remember, an "O" in the alphabet is a circle to a child, says Yates. Therefore, as you notice a circle or a square object around the house, use the name of the shape in conversation with the child.

Looking for shapes that match around the house can also be used as a learning game. Look for circles in such objects as plates, pots and the wheels of toys. Look for squares in boxes, furniture or even a slice of sandwich bread.

Sometimes a search-for-shape game can have a goal for the day. For example, one day's game might be a hunt for circles. The next day's game could focus on rectangles or triangles.

A match-the-shape game can be fun for a child. Cut two circles, two squares and two triangles from cardboard or stiff paper. Place one of each shape on the table. Put the second shape into a small box.

Let the child select a shape from the box. Give the name for that shape and let the child try to match this to the one on the table. Praise the child as the correct match is selected and the name of the shape repeated, Yates says.

Add the more difficult rectangle and diamond shapes after your child learns the simple square, circle and triangle. Use only one color of paper when first introducing shapes; otherwise the child

might become confused by different colors.

A difference in colors may be introduced later to teach classification by matching things on the basis of color. Colors may be used to add change and challenge to the repetition of the classification game, Yates says.

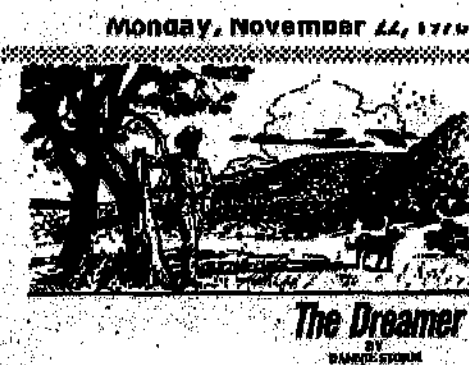
As in all games, it's important to consider what the child already knows. The less the child knows, the simpler the game needs to be. Move to a new shape after your child learns one.

Children have short interest spans. Therefore, short games played frequently are preferred to longer or more complicated games that cause a younger child to lose interest quickly, the specialist concludes.

My Neighbors



"Well, there goes the neighborhood!"



The Dreamer

Winter Weather Just Half-way Through November

On the sixteenth of November I am looking out to the south. After a blue-sky morning, suddenly a band of clouds have appeared, and now they stand partly covering the sun with their fleecy edges so that the sun shines only dimly through. A mid-November or December snow stays on the ground a long time because the sun is low this time of year and much of the mountain country on the shady side of the world is in shadow throughout much of the day.

About mid-morning the wind changed from West to North and the patches of snow on the amber-colored grass were melting slowly. And now the clouds have said, to these patches of snow, "Hold it, boys. Don't fade away and leave us, we are going to bring more snow to keep you company."

Now the clouds are gathering from down the vale, making an early winter scene out of the green and white mountain slides all on the south side of the valley.

The cedar tops bend in the north wind as it whips up its pace and its little humming song is heard more clearly around the corners of the house. The snow birds now appear drinking from the metates and feeding, singing and playing, happy with the smell of new snow in the air. It is more like mid-December than November. It is an early winter sure enough.

"The Strength Of The Hills"

During the thankful month as we remember countless things for which we are thankful, some lines from the ninety-fifth psalm of David come to mind:

"Oh come let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in our salvation."

"Let us come before his presence with Thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms."

"In His hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is His also."

During the Thanksgiving season while we are calling to mind the numberless things for which we are grateful, let us remember the Strength of our own hills. Let us be grateful for their pure fragrant air, their bright sunshine to cheer the winter; and their cool breezes in the summer. In the bracing climate of our hills we gain strength. People from all over the world have found their health here in our hills.

The hills give us their strength in many ways, and not physical strength alone. They are ever inspiring us, uplifting our spirit, rejoicing our heart and comforting our soul. From the serene and quiet strength of the hills, we gain new hope and faith.

The words of another psalm come to mind, a favorite of our mother,

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help?"
"My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made Heaven and Earth."

The Happiness Bird
I think I told you some few days back about a certain bird who comes every day and lights in the tip top of a cedar tree just North East of the house and sings a beautiful warbling song over and over. The music of this winged troubador goes straight to your heart, cheering your spirit with happiness.

I have heard him at a distance through the years, but never so close. He is a plain grey bird just under the size of a robin. I wish I knew his name. His book name, that is, I have already given him a name of my own.

A Brief Message From Jack Frost
Dear Friends of Lincoln County, And the Mesquero Reservation, And all the White Mountain Country, And all over the world:

Greetings to you all during the Thanksgiving season. We all have so much to be thankful for: our health, our friends and loved ones, the blessing of living in America and so many blessings.

I guess you know that Thanksgiving is a special American day going back to our Pilgrim Fathers. You remember how the Indians helped the early settlers through those first winters.

You remember too, that this is our bi-centennial Thanksgiving coming up. So let us be especially thankful for our forefathers who carried this country through its birth and infancy.

We are bringing you an early winter, and this will turn out all to the good. I have a special message for you folks of Lincoln county next time or so.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Jack W. Frost
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A Word from Shady Logan
Dear Friends,
With our bi-centennial Thanksgiving season I want to say I am grateful to be an American citizen.

We have so many things to be thankful for in our beloved country.

Our Thanksgiving goes back farther even than the history of our country. At that first Thanksgiving we were still British subjects. But it was written in the Great Book we were to start our own country, the greatest country in the history of the world.

The Indians helped us a lot back in the first Thanksgiving, so let us remember to be thankful for our Mesquero Apache friends and remember them on Thanksgiving, and be friendly to them always.

Be happy always and help everyone else to be happy. Help the other fellow make his dream come true.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless You,
Yours ever the same,
Shady Logan

Senior citizens congress slated

A congress dealing with proposed legislation for senior citizens is slated for November 30th in Santa Fe.

A day long forum is being sponsored by the State Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Committee of the AARP-NRTA (American Association of Retired Persons - National Retired Teachers Association). The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. in the Peralta-DeVargas Rooms in the Santa Fe Hilton.

Commission director, Roberto Mondragon, stated that the day will include presentations by Fernando C de Baca, director of the Health and Social Services Department, Senator Ray Leger, chairman of the Legislative Health and Aging Committee, and members of the Commission on Aging and AARP-NRTA legislative committee.

A major part of the program will be devoted to dialogue session for older citizens in the audience and resource persons who represent various state agencies and public non-profit organizations.

"We want older New Mexicans to tell us what they want in the way of state legislation," Mondragon stated. "That's the purpose of the congress, to see if our ideas meet with their approval and to hear what things we might have missed."

There will be no registration fee for the congress. Persons interested in more information can contact their local senior center, area agency, nutrition program for the elderly, or the State Commission at 408 Galisteo, Santa Fe.

1976 Small Business Person of the Year

[No. 2 of a series]
Reba A. Fitzgerald, President, Fitzgerald White Trucks and Engine Rebuilders, Inc., Huntington, West Virginia, is one of the 1976 Small Business Persons of the Year selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mrs. Fitzgerald began her career in the late 1950's when her husband suffered a heart attack and was unable to carry on the business. He taught her from his bedside. "I knew the engine was under the hood; this was a start," said Mrs. Fitzgerald, "and the rest I could learn." Learn she did, and operated the business until her husband could return to work on a limited basis.

Together the Fitzgeralds acquired a

National Auto Parts Association (NAPA) franchise and the Ford Industrial Engine franchise for the state, which fit well with their growing business in engine rebuilding and parts.

In 1964 Mr. Fitzgerald passed away, leaving his wife well-trained in the automotive business and well-prepared to carry on his dreams.

Initially Mrs. Fitzgerald was faced with doubts that the Ford Motor Company would allow her to continue on her own, but they did. She was the first woman Ford granted an industrial distributorship.

Subsequently, Mrs. Fitzgerald obtained a White Motor Company (WMC) franchise, though it took her six months to convince the company she could do the job.

The four Fitzgerald children have grown with the business. Jerry is vice president and general manager; Tom is service manager; Connie is cashier; and Tony is studying for an accounting degree, so he can keep the books.

They employ 30 well-qualified people who have the ability to get along and work well with the Fitzgerald "working family." Mrs. Fitzgerald delights in assuring working conditions for everyone are superb.

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ALTRUSA CLUB HONORS "Career Girls of the Month" for September, October and November at a luncheon Wednesday at the Swim and Racquet Club. From left are Sara Lee Beumer, vocational service chairman; Vana Moore, Pam Bookout, Carolyn Griego and Jane Deyo, club president. Each



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Travis, welcomes all people interested in expanding and perpetuating library services and facilities. The newly-formed group, headed by president David

month a senior high school girl is honored for her plans of career choice and continuing education.

Ullman-Brown nuptials set

Dorothy Apodaca of Ruidoso announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jayne Ullman, to Michael Phillip Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Brown of Alto.

The wedding will be an event of Dec. 22, 1976.

Jayne attended Loretto Academy in El Paso and is a graduate of Ysleta High School, Ysleta, Tex. She was a former employee of the Security State Bank and is presently a bookkeeper for a private firm.

Brown is a graduate of Ruidoso High School and is majoring in civil engineering at NMSU, Las Cruces.

Happenings

by Jerry



A hospital room is not the greatest place to write a column — we thought ringing phones, a whirring press — the normal commotion of a news office made it difficult to make words come out of a typewriter!

Not true — writing a column with one arm hooked up to an I.V., a nurse wanting the other arm to draw more blood — then take your blood pressure and pop a thermometer in your mouth — and about that time it's "bottoms up" for another shot — that's when it's difficult to write a column!

We have had a chance for some diversion though — a wave to "old friend" Marie Martin just across the hall — a visit from Dutch Borman recovering from a heart attack three doors down — seeing Marie Erickson — whose "90 going on 50" dropping by on her way next door to check on husband Carl!

Then there's Dr. Stalker rushing down the corridor, coat tails flying but we know he'll be by to see us at least twice a day to give us that encouragement needed!

And while they draw that next blood and probe for a vein we can always look away

at the bright sunny flowers and beautiful blooming plants and we know we're missed!

And knowing you're missed — knowing your doctor cares — makes us know we'll be back at that ol' typewriter pounding away again.

And in the meantime, we've got "our team Tech" ranked No. 5 in the nation to "root on" to another victory over the weekend — this time on T.V. — so we know we'll have a good seat!

See you next week!

Garden Club installation December 21

Officers to serve the Ruidoso Garden Club during 1977 were named at a meeting Nov. 16 at the home of Mrs. Charles Neuhaus.

Elected were Mrs. J. F. Murray, president; Mrs. James A. Silkwood, first vice president; Mrs. Brown Edwards,

second vice president; Beth Daugherty, secretary; Mrs. Thomas Quaid, treasurer; Dorothy Bunyan, parliamentarian and Mrs. Ike Kennedy, historian.

Installation will be Dec. 21, the Christmas meeting, at the home of president-elect Murray with the executive committee as hostesses.

At the November meeting the theme was Home for the Holidays, featuring arrangements in the Thanksgiving motif. Hostesses were Mrs. W. E. Lyle and Mrs. Roy Lare.

Indian dances and Christmas sale scheduled at Mescalero

Indian dancing and a Christmas sale of arts and crafts are scheduled at the Mescalero Community Center, Thanksgiving Day.

The sale will begin at 3 p.m., with items produced on the Mescalero Apache Reservation being offered for Christmas gifts.

Dancing, in the gymnasium also, will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission to both events is free.

Sale proceeds are earmarked for the Traditional Counseling Program dealing in rehabilitation as well as elderly people working with the youths of the community, instructing them in tribal culture and customs.

Craft items include Indian balls, cradles, necklaces, baskets, shawls, Christmas cards and calendars as well as paintings by Ignatius Palmer. Displays will be in booths. Indian foods, including yucca products, will also be on sale.

Miss Mescalero Apache V. Florence Bigrope, will be the head lady dancer.



JAYNE ULLMAN and MICHAEL BROWN

Teen-Ager Pageant applications open now

Applications are being accepted for the 5th Annual Miss New Mexico National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held at the University of New Mexico March 25-27, 1977.

Judging is based on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality and beauty. Each contestant will be required to recite a 100 word essay on the pageant theme, "What's Right About America". There will be no swimsuit or talent competition and contestants must

be from 13 to 17 years old as of January 1.

The winner will receive an all expense paid trip to the National Teen-Ager Pageant in August and a Barblizon Modeling scholarship. Reigning Miss New Mexico National Teen-Ager is Judy Sanchez of Gallup.

Applications and further information may be obtained by writing Mrs. Betty N. Carter, State Director, P. O. Box 247, Calloway Drive, Evans, Georgia 30809 or by telephoning (404)863-5771.

News from the Home Economist

Extension Clubs in Lincoln County are looking for adults who wish to learn in an informal atmosphere. Extension Clubs are a place to learn, but there are no tests or grades given! They meet monthly to study a variety of subjects that can help them gain new skill or insight into family life. Home decorating and repair, nutrition and food shopping, buying and making clothes, personal development and consumer problems are a few of the areas studied.

There are six clubs in Lincoln County meeting monthly. They are:

— Carrizozo Junior Homemakers, first Monday of each month.

— Carrizozo Senior Extension Club, second Monday of each month.

— Capitán Extension Club, first Thursday of each month.

— La Junta Extension Club, third Wednesday of each month.

— Corona Extension Club, third Thursday of each month.

— Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Extension Club, fourth Wednesday of each month.

Extension club membership is open to men or women, married or single. They are organized by the County Extension Home Economist in cooperation with New Mexico State University. Interested persons are invited to come as a guest. The people to call and their phone numbers are:

— Carrizozo Juniors - Belinda Hernandez - 648-2938

— Carrizozo Seniors - Mary Holmgren - 648-2293

— Capitán Extension Club - Vicki Richardson - 354-2880

— La Junta Extension Club - Elizabeth Montes - 653-4531

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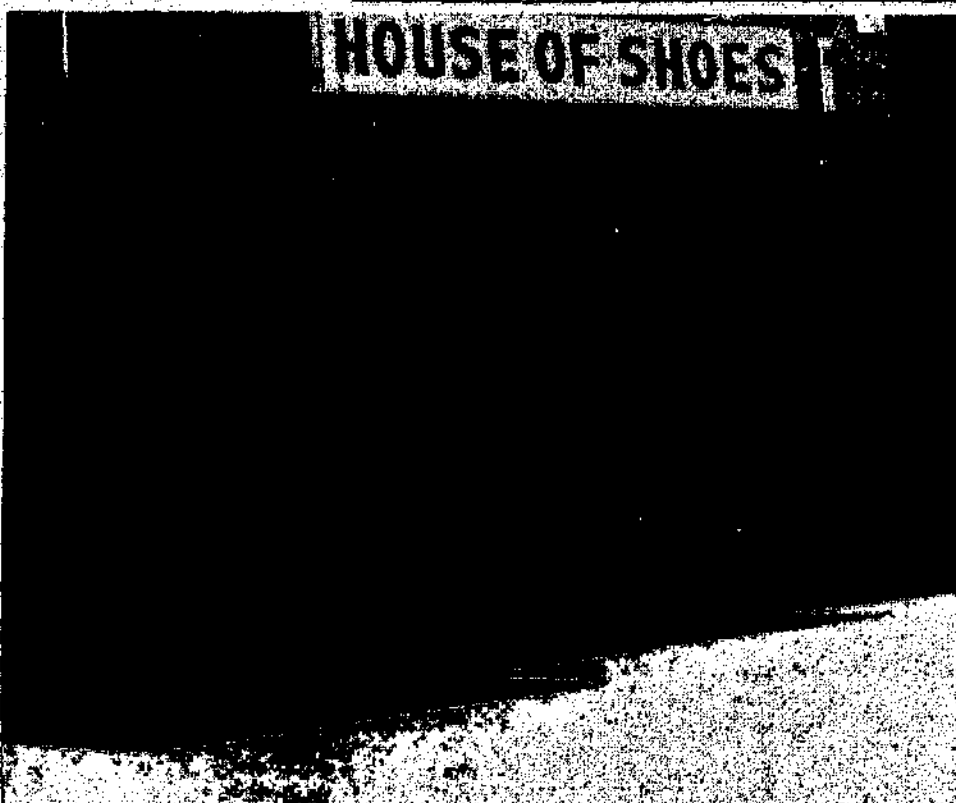
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News from the Home Economist

Three Lincoln County 4-Hers attended a health conference in Alamogordo October 29 and 30. The conference was sponsored by the Otero County 4-H Council and the March of Dimes. Attending were Donna Clarke of Ruidoso and Ramona and Philip Payne of Carrizozo. The theme of the conference was "If You Care, Take Care." The sessions were held on the campus of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped. Presentations Friday afternoon included "Communications in the Family" given by Fern Clemmer, Associate Professor-

Psychology and Sociology, NMSU-A. "Beauty is Skin Deep" and "To Your Health" — Dr. Larry Starr, local pediatrician. "Tomorrow Happens Today" — filmstrip and discussion by Mary Lattin, State Youth Advisor and Carl Malone, State Youth Chairman, both of March of Dimes.

Saturday topics included: "Touching Me, Touching You", by Loretta Armenta, March of Dimes staff representative, Albuquerque. "Smoking & Alcohol: The \$50,000 habit", filmstrip and discussion. "Girl Talk" by Mary Kelly and "Boy Talk" by Dr. Franklin Ashdown. "I've Been There!" by Phillips Jaramillo, former drug addict, now rehabilitation worker, DARE Center, Albuquerque. Panel Discussion: "Careers Available in the Many Health Fields" — Billie Kissiah, associate professor, NMSU-A, Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology, Fred Livingston, speech and hearing specialist, Zia School and Therapy Center, John Maxson, co-ordinator of Mobility Inhabilitation, N.M. School for the Visually Handicapped and Jeff Logue, March of Dimes Health Service.

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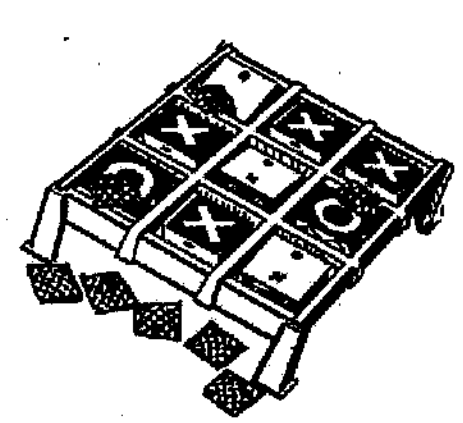


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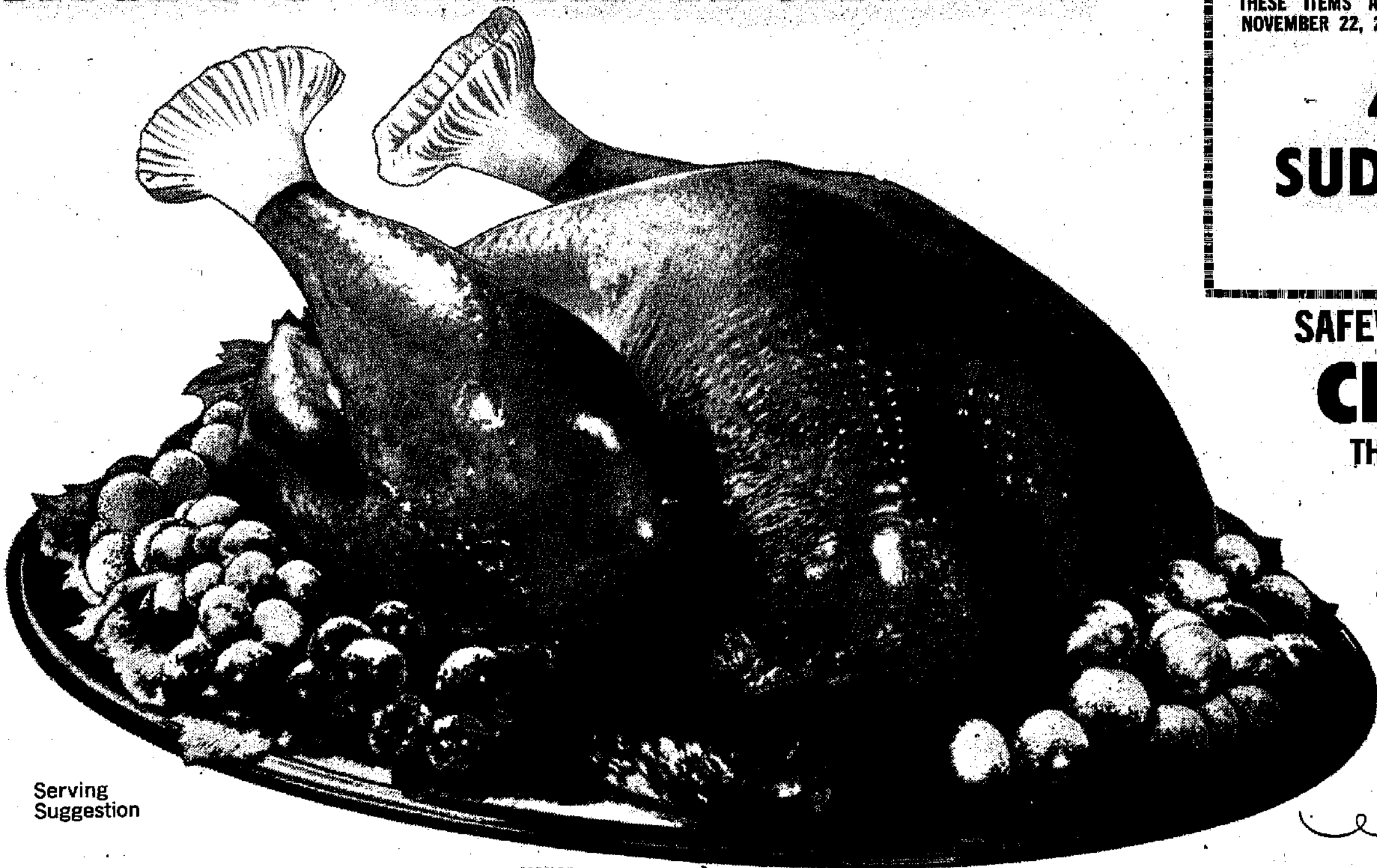
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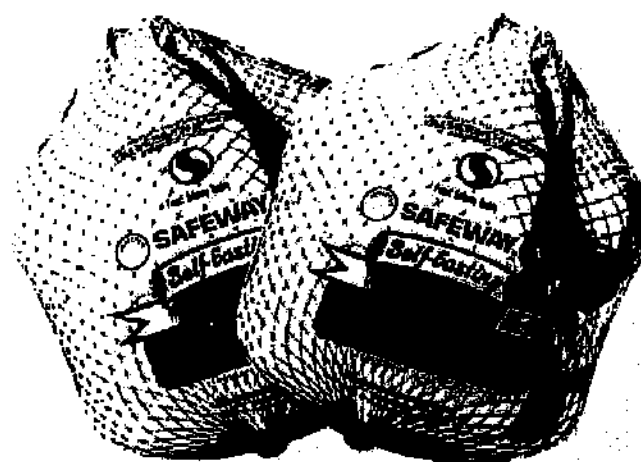


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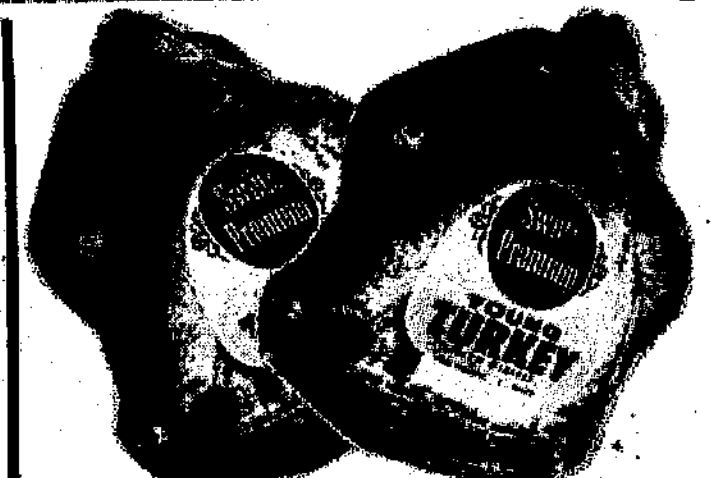
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If, for instance, a pound of meat is to serve six or eight persons, you might combine it with vegetables in a casserole or stew. Add milk to the menu as a beverage and serve cheese-topped apple pie for dessert.

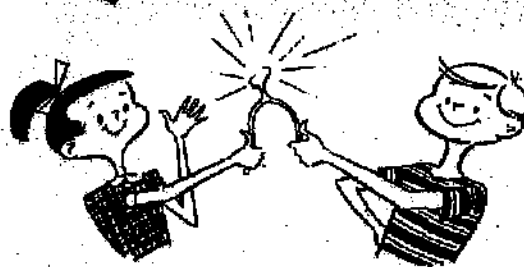
If you are making hamburgers, the meat can be extended for extra servings by adding bread crumbs, dry milk, eggs and fine-cut onions along with your favorite seasonings, of course. The dry milk and eggs also extend the amount of protein in the hamburgers.

The same thing holds true when you are making meat loaf. Adding eggs and dry milk provides extra protein as well as more servings.

Serving homemade noodles with chicken also pays protein dividends through the eggs used in preparing them. Homemade noodles aren't difficult to make. Check a good cookbook for directions and you're on your way to pleasing your family with something really tasty. Homemade bread, noodles, cakes, pies, rolls, etc., seem to be a popular way of saving money today. Besides, there is something so satisfying about "doing it yourself."

Sources: USDA Home and Garden Bulletin No. 1 - "Family Food Management and Recipes"; University of California Extension.

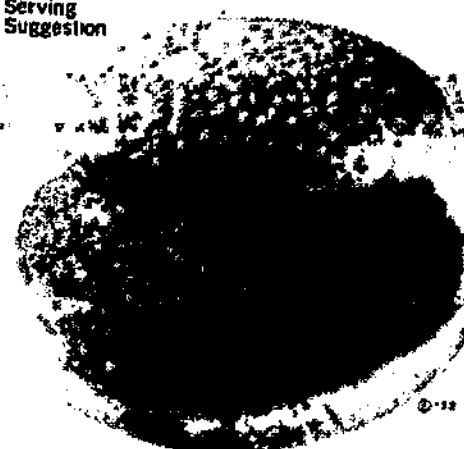
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Inside the Capital by Fred Buckles

SANTA FE — Gov. Jerry Apodaca says the cost is \$1,000 in per diem and mileage for a state board to meet.

Costs would drop sharply if Gov. Apodaca's state government reorganization plan is adopted because he would wipe out 63 state boards and commissions. Among the "casualties" would be boards on forestry, parks and recreation, electrical, mechanical and general construction; health-social services; hospitals-institutions; oil conservation; mobile housing; oil and gas accounting and the labor and industrial commission.

The Employment Security Commission would be consolidated in a new agency. The Energy Resources Board, created only last year, would be abolished. The governor's reorganization plan tries to make sense of a state government that has mushroomed.

Gov. Apodaca said: "Government at all levels was growing very rapidly between 1965 and 1974. I feel very confident that our reorganization plan is very unique in that we can slow government down and we can have savings immediately."

He added: "After a 12-month transition period you would see government smaller and, more important, the growth pattern would slow down." If the legislature approves the plan and it is implemented in fiscal 1977-78, Apodaca said, a reduction in state employees would result, probably at the top level.

He cited three objectives of state government reorganization: More efficiency, more responsive government and economic savings. Apodaca said: "For too long we have let state government just flounder along since 1912 piecemeal." Apodaca legislative liaison Nick Franklin said a study of New Mexico government showed "a massive, unruly structure."

Franklin said 395 governmental entities were identified in the study. Among them were 176 boards. Twenty-four boards would be transformed into policy advisory committees. Gov. Apodaca said their functions would vary. They would be advisory, quasi-judicial or exert limited policy effect on agency duties.

The administration is also shaping a "Sunset Law." This would require a state agency to justify its existence or be abolished. Apodaca said: "We think public input is very necessary in state government. We provided for it where we believe it is necessary." The reorganization plan preserves 24 state licensing and examining boards but places them in a central clearing house. The idea has merit but it has been attempted in New Mexico for at least 12 years without suc-

cess. Professional state boards have fought tooth and nail against even centralizing administrative services of examining and licensing boards.

Apodaca would create 12 cabinet secretaries, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Cabinet secretaries would be subject to removal by the governor. The 117 staffed state agencies would be distributed among the 12 departments. Many agency directors would become division heads in the plan.

Probably the most ambitious proposal is Apodaca's treatment of the State Highway Department. He would appoint a secretary of highways. The secretary would manage the 3,000-employee Highway Department. He would not be required to be a civil engineer. Emphasis would be on administrative ability.

Highway commissioners would serve at the governor's pleasure. Commissioners can be removed now only in State Supreme Court proceedings. The five highway commissioners would be appointed at large with consideration given to geographic representation. Commissioners are named now in highway districts specified by law. Franklin said the Highway Department revision would pinpoint responsibility in the governor who is elected by voters.

The reorganization plan faces a battle in the legislature. It is a great deal for lawmakers to consider in one session. Boards and agencies that would be wiped out or decelerated will undoubtedly fight for preservation. Besides, eliminating 63 boards removes many appointments future governors could use to please their friends.

But the Apodaca plan charts a map toward more efficiency in government. Franklin said 20 states have reorganized their state governments since 1965. Others are tackling the job. He said the New Mexico plan allows policy options and parallels federal government.

The Apodaca administration would step on many toes in the name of logic and order. Wisely, Apodaca will send the sweeping program to the legislature in 18 bills. Each of the proposed new departments will be in a separate bill so that the whole program will not fail if the legislature rejects a part. An umbrella bill will define terms of the cabinet system and span the broad spectrum. The governor fingered another top advantage of his proposal. He said: "We have been very careful in the development of this whole reorganization plan to leave constitutional responsibilities alone." The plan could be adopted without changing the constitution. The new legislature may accept many of the ideas.

OPINION PAGE

Yours and Ours

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Reflections . . .

by billie surmick



Met a government official last week who claims to be one of the "Baa, Baa Blacksheep" — a squadron of misfit heroes of World War 2 currently being depicted on a TV show. Actually, he was with the ordinance ground crew of the Navy, but his outfit was in charge of gunnery and ammunition for the Blacksheep. He said he couldn't understand why all the pilots were sergeants instead of officers until he found out they'd all been court martialed. He remembers, "They'd come to the airstrip so drunk they couldn't see their hands in front of their faces, but once they were in the cockpits, they were flying fools. It was their way of life. Sometimes all would return from a mission and other days, none would come back. I never thought I'd see the CO's ugly dog again and I almost fell out of my chair when I saw one just like him on the television show. We used to call him 'Meathall' and he was the most ungrateful dog I've ever seen. The only other one like him belonged to General Patton. That dog would eat nothing but steak and we men didn't even get steak. We were lucky to get fresh potatoes twice a year. The Blacksheep used to fill the bombay with beer, then fly up to 25,000 feet just to chill it."

A French friend of ours popped in for a short visit and attended the memorial service for Smokey Wednesday. Said she couldn't wait to write her relatives in France that she'd been to a bear's funeral.

In New Mexico. She was impressed, as we all were, with the tone of the service — accentuating the positive for perpetuation of prevention and conservation rather than the negative of Smokey's death.

Got a phone call Wednesday evening from a lady complaining that a Village of Ruidoso Fire Department truck was blocking the curb on the cement area at the new Sonic Drive-In. She wanted to know why a village vehicle was being used for work at a privately-owned business. Anyone care to tell us what was going on?

We keep bumping into people who don't vote, say they have no opinions and that they go along with the majority on the issues. This attitude seems to prevail in their private lives, too. "Ignore it and it will go away. Don't communicate or discuss problems, you'll upset somebody" seems to be their philosophy. Visiting this land of limbo is fine, but it's sad to see people live there.

Happy to hear Mollie Bosh — that delightful Nogal lady who celebrated her 100th birthday in August — has recuperated from a shoulder injury she received the day after her century mark was observed. We'll be looking for her to be out chopping weeds again in the spring. Her friend and neighbor, Dorothy Guck tells us, "Those weeds just don't stand a chance against Mollie." . . . neither do the blues.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We all have heard the word "compassion" a lot lately, which has made me stop to think just how much there really is. I now know there is such an emotion — if not for our fellow human race, at least for our canine species, the dog.

Yes, we've heard all the complaints about dogs here in Ruidoso and each one of us loves our own dog and often cuss the guy's next door. But when my dog did not return home Wednesday night, I did not feel that this was perhaps good and the city had one less dog to worry about. I began searching the highway and area for what I hoped to be a lost dog, to no avail. I gave

our "Pet Patrol" a call. A service, by the way, that is far more outstanding than most and receives probably less praise. I was informed by KRNR that a dog had been hit and not left on the road to die but taken to Dr. Willard for treatment. A dog that did not belong to any of the parties concerned but belonged to me. Compassion??? Yes, I think so. If it had been probably any of us we would have been left lying on the road. This actually brings tears to my eyes to know that people are what I have always hoped they were.

Thank you, Pat Estes and Carolyn Houck's little sister. I am very grateful to you and "Flyte" is too.

Sharon Bentley

Dear Editor:

I would like to personally thank each and every person who showed up last Saturday to contribute their time and effort to clear the football field of snow so we could have our game. I can't, however, because we didn't take time to make a list and I'm sure, some deserving soul would be missed.

KRNR and The Ruidoso News also contribute their time and talent on repeated occasions to keep the public informed of school happenings.

It's great to live in a community which pools its resources and supports the schools the Ruidoso does.

Thank you, from the kids, the staff and the administration.

Tom Hansen
Principal

Clipped Comment

LITTER LAWS WEAK

Throw a can from your car along New Mexico's roadway and see what happens. Even if a policeman sees you do it, chances are good you won't be arrested, says Jose Herrera, Extension community development specialist for New Mexico State University.

New Mexico's litter laws are unbelievably weak, Herrera says. About all you can be stopped for is discarding "injurious objects" on the highway — and even that is only a petty misdemeanor, the specialist says.

Louisiana sets the penalty for littering at a mandatory eight hours of picking up trash by the offender. Herrera says such a law would make even more sense in New Mexico because the environment is exposed, with little roadside growth to hide the litter. — Graphic, Deming.

editorial

Who says there's nothing to do in Ruidoso between racing season and skiing season? Shucks, here are three suggestions: Just pick a spot anywhere along Sudderth Drive. Park, or pull up a chair, or sit on the curb. Then watch the street fall apart. Yep. It'll happen right before your eyes; that is, if your eyes can see through the dust, or if you can find enough time to look at the street in between ducking flying gravel.

Or, how about watching the dogs. They come in all sizes, and colors, and numbers. They bark; they "perform nuisances"; why, if you're patient, they might even attack you or somebody else.

Then there's government watching. We recommend this only to folks who have spent some time at road-watching and dog-watching. Government watching is really exciting. But you have to be quick. Ruidoso Village trustees often meet for only 15 minutes. You've got to be quicker though if you live in Ruidoso Downs. They sometimes don't meet at all.

Wonder if they're both out watching roads and dogs and wondering who should do something about it? — KG

Stuph & Junk

. . . by

Cale Dickey



WHIPPER-SNAPPER'S FUN

There's nothing like young whipper-snappers to keep the oldtimers from making your life humdrum.

For instance . . . you're tooling down Sudderth on the curb side lane . . . hitting, maybe, 30 m.p.h., or a shade under . . . and all's well . . . and clear ahead. From virtually nowhere, a vehicle, more or less herded along, with a young whipper-snapper behind the wheel, surges past you on the inside lane . . . and you wish him well.

Then what happens? Said young whipper-snapper zooms to his right . . . right smack dab in front of you . . . jams on the brakes . . . and with tires squealing, more or less slides sideways into a parking area . . . leaving you standing on your own brakes . . . to try preventing that delightful sound of crunching tin . . . and, as there's another car alongside you by this time . . . you've suddenly come a cropper of a most interesting situation . . . but somehow, there's no impact . . . the young whipper-snapper had a good laugh . . . at your expense . . . and you find yourself wishing you were driving a gravel truck.

But there's one consolation. Said young whipper-snapper just might make it long enough to become an old whipper-snapper and be plagued by young whipper-snappers . . . with the best part being, you might be around to enjoy it.

GOOD OLD US OF A

In spite of the problems plaguing our country . . . in spite of the ridicule we're subjected to abroad . . . like, we're ridiculed for not giving a country that doesn't like us twice as much money as we hand out . . . we're ridiculed for trying to realize the impossible dream of peace in our time . . . despite these things, where else, in recent times, has it been possible for a man to take off his farming clothes . . . shake a few hands, talk to a few people, engage in a series of televised debates . . . and don appropriate garb to be inaugurated as President of the United States?

Most of the problems facing this nation stem from politics . . . it's the politicians, presumably duly elected to represent us, who, in the throes of exercising their new powers, seem to forget their principal duty is to represent us.

Of course an elected official is an important personage . . . but it'd be nice, for a change, to have elected officials that didn't succumb to lure of feeling they are important personally. Yup, there's too much "I" and not enough "we" amongst officials . . . a fact some learn at the polls . . . and, unfortunately, those who succeed the deposed don't heed the reasons for their own elevation to lofty positions in government.

Ah, yes . . . but it's these goings on that keep life interesting . . . and expensive . . . which does little to explain why the highest priced stocks on the market aren't those of stomach queller preparations.

WILDFOWLER'S EYE

By jinkies but wildfowlers . . . especially those in quest of the elusive goose . . . airborne . . . have their challenges on Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge this season.

Seems the goose bag . . . no reflections on ganders . . . has been cut to four . . . which is still a whole bunch of down plucking. To make things more interesting . . . the US Fish and Wildlife Service has decreed that hunters may tote but eight shotgun shells . . . stuffed with no less than steel shot . . . onto said refuge. Anyhow, there'll be no refuge geese suffering from lead poisoning.

Eight shells? For four geese? Gadzooks, back in the days when I was a hunter . . . sitting on a bluebill or can pass in the North Dakota wilderness . . . I used to figure more shells than that for every bird . . . you see, the game was to shoot the ducks in the head . . . and when a can's riding a 60 mile wind . . . the duck's the one who usually came out a head. I didn't annihilate many.

BRIEF BIT: Skiers are pretty much of a with it crowd . . . a bit of a paradox, considering they don't like their rock and roll on the slopes. . . . CD

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