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ON SIDE

Water your lawns once a week if you dare

Ruidoso residents can now water lawns once a week — if they're not worried about slipping on the ice.

Village officials loosened the outdoor watering restrictions Wednesday because local water supplies are at a healthier level.

With the change, the village is now in the less serious phase 3 of its water contingency plan, allowing residents to water outdoors once a week instead of just twice a month as in phase 4.

Residents with odd-numbered addresses can water each Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those with even-numbered addresses can water every Thursday, also between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

School board meeting is Tuesday

The Ruidoso School Board meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the central office, 200 Horton Circle. The board will hear final enrollment information and a report on the New Mexico School Boards Association Conference.

They will make budget adjustments, revise the school bus contract, and approve a financial advisor contract.

DWI Blitz Dec. 6-15

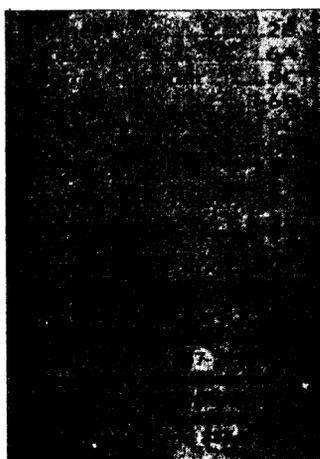
Drunk drivers will be targeted during the 24th blitz of Operation DWI which begins on Friday, Dec. 6, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 15.

The Ruidoso Police and Ruidoso Downs Police will hold an undetermined amount of sobriety checkpoints and/or saturation patrols during the statewide DWI enforcement program.

"We urge motorists to heed the holiday slogan for Operation DWI: 'Tis the Season — Celebrate Safely,'" said Ruidoso Police Officer Dewayne Goar. "Have fun, but celebrate safely by designating a driver or otherwise arranging for safe transportation home."

The Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Police are just two of 58 municipal, tribal, county and state law enforcement agencies taking part in Operation DWI in New Mexico.

INSIDE



High hopes

Capitan teacher Ric Berglund (left) and a volunteer release one of the 25 hot air balloons created by students for the district's first balloon launch festival. The event Thursday was sponsored by Berglund's third to fifth grade science classes and drew hundreds of student and adult spectators. Please see page 6 for story and more photos.

Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Ruidoso ninth grader pulls knife in fist fight during school break

A 15-year-old Alto boy was arrested Thursday after he pulled out a knife during a fight at Ruidoso High School with two other 15-year-old boys, police said.

The Taiwanese knife is approximately three inches long, and stainless steel with finger grips, police said. No one was injured in the fight.

"It was a knife, brass knuckle combo," said school superintendent Mike Gladden.

School officials suspended the three 9th graders and are scheduling an expulsion hearing next week, Gladden added.

There's been other fights at the high school this year, but Gladden said he considers this incident to be the worst. It's also

the first fight he can recall involving a drawn knife.

"Any time you have a weapon pulled it's cause for concern," he said.

The teenagers were fighting during their lunch break outside the RHS gym when the Alto youth pulled the knife, police said.

One of the fourth-degree felony charges against the Alto teenager is unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon on school premises, the same charge filed against a Ruidoso boy in fifth grade after he brought a loaded semi-automatic gun to school Nov. 27.

The Alto youth is also being charged with two counts of fourth-degree felony aggravated

assault. He was transported to the Alamogordo juvenile jail for a 72-hour stay. A detention hearing will be held Monday in juvenile court.

The Alto boy was fighting two youths from Mescalero. Those two boys were also arrested. They were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery. They were later turned over to the custody of their parents, police said.

When the fight started the Alto youth was fist fighting one of the Mescalero youths. But when the Alto youth pulled out a knife, the third male jumped into the fight, police said.

None of the youths would tell police why they were fighting, police said.

Drought affects hunter success

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A long-term drought and resulting low fawn survival meant fewer deer were killed this year during hunting season in Lincoln County and New Mexico.

Although final statistics won't be available for several months, Ben Hanson, wildlife information specialist with the state Game and Fish Department, said the deer season drew about the same number of hunters as last year. The deer season lasts three weeks and ended Nov. 15, and officials are just now getting a feel for how the season went.

Because of the drought, there were fewer deer to hunt this season, Hanson said.

In 1995, the department issued 1,900 deer hunting licenses in Unit 36 and 339 deer were killed. Unit 36 includes Lincoln County.

Hanson described the unit as covering an area from Mescalero north in the Lincoln National Forest to include the Capitan Mountains. He did not know the exact number of acres.

Deer licenses for residents cost \$23. Nonresidents paid \$180.

But while the deer kill declined this fall, the bear harvest in the county region remained steady compared to last year, Hanson said.

In 1995, 225 bear hunting licenses were issued for the Lincoln County unit and 39 bears were killed. Licenses cost \$30 for residents and \$150 for non-residents.

"They're more elusive than a lot of people think," Hanson said of the state's bruins. The season lasts two months from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

Overall for big game hunting in New Mexico, hunters post an approximate 20% success rate every year, and this year is no different, Hanson said.

"People sometimes think it's easy to hunt bear and deer, but when you look at the number of licenses versus the number of animals killed, you can see otherwise," he said.

The two-month elk season, which includes hunting with various types of weapons such as bow and arrow, muzzleloader and rifle, ended Oct. 30. Last year, 675 licenses were issued and 191 elk were killed in Unit 36, a relatively high number, Hanson said. Licenses cost \$45-\$75 for residents and \$750 for non-residents, depending on the type of elk.

The only big game season left in the Lincoln County area in 1996 is for cougar. It started Dec. 1 and runs through March 31. Licenses cost \$30 for residents and \$200 for non-residents.

Last year 22 licenses were issued and three cougars were killed in Unit 36, Hanson said.

Seasons still are open on some birds and waterfowl, he said, including Gambel's quail (through Feb. 15), dove (through Dec. 30) and sandhill crane (through Jan. 31).

The following statistics show hunting and fishing violations for five years ago and the last two years. They were provided by the state Department of Game and Fish.

YEAR	SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS	DISMISSED	JAIL DAYS	GROSS FINES (NON-FISHING)	NOT GUILTY	HIGHEST NO. OF CASES
1991 92	1,669	233	2,165	\$220,748	53	hunting with aid of artificial light
1993 94	1,167	198	32	\$127,836	52	illegal killing in season
1995 96	1,289	93	124	\$105,657	16	illegal killing in season

New state duties mean fewer hunting tickets

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Increasing management responsibilities and legal restrictions mean state game and fish officers have less time to catch hunting season violators, state officials say.

A decline in hunting citations, fines and jail time in the last five years is reflected in a comparison of figures supplied by the state Game and Fish Department.

"In the past five years, field officers have been given additional responsibility for wildlife management and habitat protection, and there has been less emphasis on law enforcement," said Jim Vaught, assistant director of the game department.

"And then as time goes on, additional restraints have been imposed because of court rulings that particularly impact misdemeanor hunting violations," he added.

Those court rulings require the department to give public notice of when roadblocks are scheduled and set up other procedures that must

be followed, he said.

"The end result is fewer roadblocks," Vaught said.

Game officers no longer can stop hunters to check their kill unless the officers have "probable cause," or reason to believe the hunter has violated the law, he said.

"If you want more time spent in management, you'll see less time in the field. If there are more restraints, there will be fewer tickets," Vaught said.

Game department statistics show that from 1991-92 to 1995-96, the number of citations for hunting and fishing violations dropped by 460 to 1,209 and fines went down by \$115,000 to \$105,657.

While fishing offenses remained the most frequent violation, hunters were cited the most often for illegal killing of big game in season (such as killing within city limits, killing too young an animal or the wrong sex of animal) for the past two years, compared to five years ago when the top offense was spotlighting deer.

Ruidoso officials outline snow plow policy at meeting

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Just about every time it snows in Ruidoso, residents inundate village hall with calls requesting immediate snow removal.

Last weekend was no different. But the questions and comments can be saved if residents become aware of the village's 2-year-old snow removal policy, a village official says.

"The priority 1 areas are the major roads that handle a lot of cars," says Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley, who will review the policy for councilors Tuesday.

After the major roads are plowed, the street crews hit the secondary, feeder roads. All other residential streets follow.

"But we have an internal policy that within 48 hours we'll have every street in the village done after it stops snowing," Briley says.

The policy was written in 1994, and gathered dust last year because there was hardly any snow. This winter looks more promising for problems with snow, however.

"The policy is designed to take care of people's questions," Briley says. "We get tons of phone calls."

The most common messages, he says, are: "My street still has snow on it.... You're too slow getting at my street.... You're treating my neighbor (on another street) differently than me.... You left thin ice when you plowed.... Your grader piled up all the snow in front of my driveway.... Your grader piled up all the snow in front of my car!"

According to the policy, crews take care not to pile snow "to extremes" in front of driveways, but in most cases a pile is unavoidable.

"The village will not be responsible nor answer calls for the removal of snow across driveways," the policy states.

And, the village will not call out crews for overtime snow clearing unless there is an accumulation of four inches or more, Briley says.

"We're not going to have crews come out at midnight if there's just three inches," he explains. "But, we do try to have Sudderth and Mechem clear before 7 a.m."

Village crews also remove snow and ice from parking lots, sidewalks, walkways and entries of municipal buildings.

Major intersections are also salted.

Priority 1 areas are:
— Sudderth Drive; Mechem Drive; Paradise Canyon Road; Hull Road; Gavilan Canyon Road; Cree Meadows Drive; Country Club Drive; Eagle Drive; White Mountain Drive; Wingfield Street; D Street; Fifth Street; Grindstone Canyon Road; Carrizo Road; Warrior Drive; Main Road; Mescalero Road; El Paso Road; Center Street, and Reese Drive.

All school bus routes are among the priority 1 routes. Any time the school system adds another bus route, the policy is amended to include it on the priority 1 list.

Priority 2 streets are:
— Porr Drive; Cliff Drive; Virginia Canyon Road; Brady Canyon Drive; Ebarb Drive; Perk Canyon Drive; Flume Canyon Drive; First Street; Grove Drive; Fir Drive; Shady Lane; Rio Arriba Road; Mockingbird Lane; University Drive; College Drive; Canyon Drive; L.L. Davis Drive; Snowcap Drive; McBride Drive; Timberline Road; Starlight Road; Rim Road; Warwick Drive; Crown Drive; Excalibur Road, and Hart Avenue.

All other residential streets not listed in the previous categories follow those in priority 1 & 2 for snow removal.



Some of Ireland's top performers hit the stage at The Castle in Ruidoso Wednesday night, as part of their U.S. tour, thanks to the pull of local Irish radio show host Emmett Downes. Singing the finale are (left to right) up-and-coming singer Clara Armstrong;

chart-topping singer Tony Kenny; talented pianist and musical director Seamus Brett; and another top record seller, singer and accordianist Dermot O'Brien. Several Christmas songs about Ireland were part of the show.

Ireland comes to Ruidoso

The "Come Home to Ireland for Christmas" musical revue included (in photos at right, pictured left to right) four-time champion Ireland step dancer Feargal Purcell, popular comedian Noel Ginnity, who had the audience cracking up constantly, and Dermot O'Brien with his accordian.

Photos by Joanna Dodder/Ruidoso News



Councilors may outlaw noisy brakes Tuesday

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When truckers wind down steep mountain roads in Ruidoso, they sometimes have to use jake brakes.

But it doesn't have to be so loud, a village councilor says.

"It's not the brake that's the problem, it's the noise," said Councilor Joe Gomez.

He is proposing a village law banning use of the exhaust system brakes without mufflers. The law will be considered at a 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 council public hearing.

A state law already requires all motor vehicles to have mufflers, but the local law would specifically ban the jake brake noise.

After the hearing, councilors will discuss setting a new policy for the Lodger's Tax Committee. The LTC advises the council on the spending of village lodger's tax collections by the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau.

LTC members Mark Doth, Dallas Draper and Morgan Clough held a workshop with councilors Dec. 3 to discuss the extent of the committee's role overseeing lodger's tax spending. The spending is done by the CVB for Ruidoso advertising, marketing and tourism promotion.

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RUIDOSO COUNCILOR

As a general consensus at the workshop, councilors decided the LTC shouldn't micromanage the spending of those dollars, but should ask the contractor to prepare a more defined budget and advertising plan.

Gomez brought the proposed ban of jake brakes to the council table last month, saying he'd received numerous complaints from residents near U.S. 70 and Gavilan Canyon Road.

But a village road department inspector disputed the proposal, saying jake brakes are safety features that enable truckers to slow or stop trucks on Ruidoso's many steep grades without danger and without wearing down axle brakes.

The inspector, Bob Tate, added village trucks have jake brakes, but they also have mufflers that make the sound of the brakes imperceptible.

"This (new law) is certainly not to cause problems or accidents, but to reduce noise. Some of the trucks are running with straight pipes and

they're the problem," Gomez said.

The law would be an amendment to the village noise ordinance.

"I think we could write some kind of jake brake ordinance like, 'Use of jake brakes without mufflers is prohibited,'" Gomez said.

While working at Sierra Blanca Motors on U.S. 70, Gomez says he's personally affected by the jake brake noise.

"I'll be conservative, and say I bet I hear them five or six times a day," Gomez said. "The biggest reason is that they hit right in front of here because they're not doing 45 (mph) like the speed limit says near the reservation border."

Judge William Butts, Gomez's work neighbor on U.S. 70, has also complained that magistrate court hearings are interrupted by the blaring sound of jake brakes.

The existing state law requiring mufflers and prohibiting excessive motor vehicle noise obviously isn't being enforced, Butts said, and most older trucks are still running with loud straight pipes.

"We need a sign up there," near the reservation line, Butts said. "I don't know if they'd enforce that either, but it would stop some from blaring their jake brakes."

Application of the muffler law could be a hit or miss type of thing, Gomez conceded, because many of the truckers would likely be gone from town by the time code enforcement officers get to the complaint scene.

"But once they know you've got an ordinance, I'll bet that 99% of these truckers will know in 30 days about it," he said. "It wouldn't take long for the word to get around."

Also at the meeting, councilors will be presented with the 1995-96 village of Ruidoso audit of financial statements and other financial information:

- refinance a lease purchase agreement with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority;
 - discuss making a policy for private advertising on the convention center electronic sign;
 - consider a bill from Zia Natural Gas for its prior underbilling of gas used at the village hot mix plant;
 - authorize advertisement for bids for the construction of a new village library and the expansion of village hall.
- REGULAR ITEMS**
- consider awarding a bid for 30 fire hydrants to Rio Grande Pump and Supply;
 - consider awarding a bid for police radar units to Applied Concepts, Inc.
- VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**
- review the village snow removal policy;
 - review the status of capital projects and discuss scheduling a special meeting.

COUNTY BRIEFS

New planner hired to detail land use in Lincoln County

Lincoln County Commissioners selected a new consultant Tuesday to assemble a county land use plan.

Commissioners canceled an agreement Tuesday with Wray Schildknecht, who was supposed to put together the plan.

The plan will not address zoning, but is meant to describe the historic use of land in the county and how residents would like to see it used in the future.

The plan is to be used by the county in its efforts to prevent more federal takeover of private property within its borders and to protect existing lifestyles.

Joel Bonnell, chairman of the county's Rural and Agricultural Affairs Committee, recommended the action. He said because the committee took time to conduct a series of hearings around the county, by the time information from those hearings was given to Schildknecht, he was immersed in another project.

Following Bonnell's recommendation, commissioners hired Dr. Alex Fall of Western New Mexico University in Silver City to write the plan.

"He believes in education instead of regulation," Bonnell said. "He said he will write a market-based plan that also protects private property."

The committee has spent about \$1,400 to date on the project and has \$4,000 left, he said.

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The Humane Society of Lincoln County would like to show our appreciation of the caring and supportive residents and visitors of Lincoln County, and for the generous donations received throughout the year.

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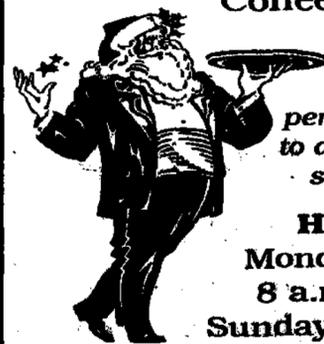
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Fellow Lincoln County commissioners gave Stirling Spencer a plaque this week for his six years of service. Pictured are (left to right) commissioners Wilton Howell, Spencer, Bill Schwettmann, and (seated) L. Ray Nunley.

Spencer bids farewell to county commission

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

After six years on the Lincoln County Commission, Stirling Spencer accepted a plaque Tuesday and bid goodbye to county staff and fellow commissioners.

He won't be leaving county government, merely stepping down from the commission and into the chair of the probate judge, a post he won in the November election.

Acting Chairman William Schwettmann said the board will miss the philosophy and guidance of "the chrome dome," referring to the building Spencer, then added that at least Spencer couldn't claim to have lost any hair over the worries of government.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he appreciated Spencer's honesty, adding, "I always knew where you stood on all issues."

During his two terms, Spencer saw the commission expand from three to five members, the wisdom of which he has questioned on many occasions.

"Many times I've not had the same ideas regarding governing as the other commissioners, but I believe that diversity is strength," Spencer said.

He sees a bright economic future

"I believe this will be the number one destination spot in the United States in the next five years."

STIRLING SPENCER
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

for the county "as long as commissioners are straightforward and do not hide an agenda, but bring the facts forward and deal with them," Spencer said.

"I believe this will be the number one destination spot in the United States in the next five years," Spencer predicted. "It will wipe out Santa Fe and Palm Springs for retirement, especially along the Hondo Valley."

The board should continue to air issues and seek public input, he said.

As he picked up his plaque of appreciation from the other commissioners, Spencer said, "It's been an interesting six years, but six is long enough."

Western States Coalition Summit reviewed

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County Commissioners received two different views Tuesday about the recent Western States Coalition Summit in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rex Wilson of the Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council, elected to the commission in November, reported a positive view on the meeting. However, he said he would like to hear more from the public and less from elected officials.

But Bob Hollis, also from the advisory board, said he thought the coalition skewed facts unfairly. He disagreed with statements by coalition members that recreational use of public land doesn't pay for itself.

The benefits Ruidoso receives from recreational use of public land

is proof of the financial rewards, he said.

"I've lived around ranchers all my life," Hollis said. "They use public land for profit and they fear the federal government will take that away. I've never heard any of them say thank you for being allowed to use the public land."

Commissioner Stirling Spencer told Hollis that ranchers may express that thanks in different ways, such as building fences, establishing water for wildlife and livestock and taking care of the land.

Hollis said while in Utah, he visited the Escalante area recently designated by President Bill Clinton as a National Monument. With only 850 residents in the town, three R.V. parks and seven motels, it was obvious that recreation was a mainstay of the econo-

my, Hollis said.

The land was too rugged to use for grazing in most areas and 97% of the county is federally-owned, he said, adding that road grades are exceptionally steep in places. But the area would attract backpackers, campers and others who enjoy the outdoors, he said.

"Obviously the 3% privately owned land doesn't pay for all the services," Hollis said. The county receives about \$190,000 a year from the federal government in lieu of property taxes on that land, he said.

"I think this is a great thing for this little town and that it will benefit the schoolchildren there as Ruidoso benefits from tourism," he said.

When Hollis said the county wasted its money by sending him to

a meeting where he disagreed with much of what was stated by speakers, Spencer said it's a waste of money to gain different opinions.

In other business, the commission:

— followed the recommendation of its administrative staff and approved a plat (design) of a 50-acre tract being divided into four lots by Ronald Hunderfund west of Wolf Creek Estates and State Highway 37;

— and approved vacating (giving up a county right-of-way) the west 121 feet of Lane One in the A.N. Runnels subdivision, as requested by Don Gunn and Paula Gammage. A house has been built on the non-existent road and straddles two lots, according to a recent survey.

RUIDOSO PLANNING COMMISSION RESULTS

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at its regular Dec. 5 meeting:

PUBLIC HEARING
— delayed until Dec. 17 the continued appeal of a denied development permit and variance for expansion of a home in the floodplain at lot 1A, block F, Ruidoso Springs Subdivision. Anna Kinneer, applicant.

NEW BUSINESS
— approved a variance of 4.5 feet allowing location of a home 15.5 feet from the lot line, and a covered deck 12.9 feet from the lot line at lot 7a, block 12, Paradise Canyon Subdivision. Sheehey Construction, applicant. Tony Sheehey, agent.

— approved a variance of the hillside protection ordinance allowing construction of a 376-square-foot home at lot 1, block 2, Pine Top Hills Subdivision. Douglas and Beverly Gould, applicants.

— approved a minor amendment to a site development plan allowing a driveway to be built without a dip section at lot 13, block 17, Town and Country North Subdivision. Mountain Top Inc., applicant. Jack Enser, agent.

— approved a minor amendment to a site development plan allowing a driveway to be built without a dip section at lot 67, block 22, Ponderosa Heights, Unit III Subdivision. David Hanna, applicant.

OLD BUSINESS
— recommended a vacation of 69 feet of public right-of-way at lot 41, block D, Singing Pines Subdivision. Timothy L. and Pam H. Ower, applicants. Wyatt Sparks, agent.

— recommended vacation of 1,429 square feet of public right-of-way at lot 39 and part of lot 40, block D, Singing Pines Subdivision. Wilma G. Hayes, applicant. Wyatt Sparks, agent.

Ruidoso's budget guru heads south

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso's expert number cruncher Leeann Nichols is leaving the mountain and heading south.

Down to Tularosa she's moving, leaving behind 11 years with the village government, 10 of those accounting for numbers and compiling budgets.

"I hate to leave the village of Ruidoso. I love the village of Ruidoso," she said Tuesday, two days before her last as village finance officer. "But this (move) just benefits me."

Nichols has taken a new job as the city of Alamogordo accounting manager as her husband Eddie, a former 21-year employee with Cantel and GTE, starts a new job with the Tularosa Basin Telephone Company. The new company, which serves Tularosa, Cloudcroft and Carrizozo, bought out US West, Nichols explained.

"He had a job requirement to move into the service area," she said. "So unless I found another job, I'd have to commute up the mountain every day."

Working for Alamogordo will re-



Leeann Nichols.

quire 12 miles of travel versus 40 each day, she added. It will also pay more than her annual village salary of \$80,943, involve less responsibility, and possibly not involve the long weekend hours required here during the budget season.

"It's less responsibility and more pay," she said. "Who could ask for more?"

Nichols gave her notice to

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson Nov. 15.

"He was pretty cool about it," she related. "He did seem to be disappointed."

"She's a key member of the staff and will be sorely missed, and will not be easily replaced," Jackson said. "Not only is she a key staff person, she's also a good person."

During her time with the village, the municipality has won three annual state Municipal League Management Association awards for excellence in budgeting, and two consecutive International awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for outstanding, understandable budgets.

Ruidoso officials start working on the fiscal budget in February when Nichols, Jackson and Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley review department requests for the next year.

In her tenure, the village budget has almost doubled from \$13.9 million to \$26.8 million, and the finance department has grown from a one-person department to a three-person operation which also oversees water billing and purchasing.

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OPINION

Nothing stereotypical about the Mescalero

It's refreshing indeed to have a headline confirmed in this age of spin-doctors and political correctness. Back on Aug. 9, we read that Ruidoso village, Lincoln County and Mescalero Apache leaders had held an "historic" meeting, and a first reaction was "well, hmmm, maybe..."

Because, of course, what's historic is what happens after the fact. In that meeting, Tribal President Wendell Chino provided figures detailing the tribe's economic impact on its near neighbors, and also talked about some of the tribe's own development plans.

Among those plans: A tribal fuel service business, an electric utility and telephone service. Sure enough, shortly afterward a butane and propane delivery service was underway.

Now comes word that Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNM), which serves Ruidoso, has signed an agreement forming an "electric alliance" with the tribe. Beginning Jan. 1, 1997, barring any bureaucratic hangups, the Mescalero Apache Telecom & Utility, Electric Division, will become the reservation provider. According to the power company, it will be the first of its kind in the state.

Under the alliance, TNM will provide distribution services and the electric division will operate the reservation system. Kenneth Ruthardt, the electric division manager, says the tribe will benefit through additional jobs. A potential reduction in overall electricity charges of up to 30% also is anticipated.

The five-year alliance agreement was welcomed, too, by TNP: Chairman Kevern Joyce said the plan also exhibits the company's willingness to work to promote local economic development and stimulate local economies by reducing energy costs.

He added that "we stand ready to align ourselves with other similar entities."

Interesting. Is that an invitation to the village of Ruidoso to go into the electric supply business? Is it an indicator that "down-sizing" is invading every corner of basic services? It's noteworthy that a new, local telephone company now is serving Carrizozo, Tularosa and nearby areas after a buy-out from a Baby Bell, US West Communications.

If what's historic is a point in time we can point to after the fact as the harbinger of a major shift in the way things are done, then that Aug. 8 meeting truly was "historic." And once again the Mescalero Tribe exhibited a kind of forward thinking that leaves others trying to catch up.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Past Tense columns have unique style

TO THE EDITOR:

Every Saturday — or lately Monday — there is some anticipation about the arrival of *The Ruidoso News* in our home. Not so much for the local stuff, no, for the stories of the "Old West" by Drew Gember in *Vamonos!* They are particularly well written accounts of what went on some 100 to 130 years ago, way back in our neck of the woods. The details indicate that there was some serious research in-

involved, so one can assume that the stories are true to the facts.

But what is so enjoyable is the way they are told, with the author's distinct irony characterizing the individual characters and extending quite often to the events as well.

There are many accounts of life in the southwest, from M.G. Fulton's "History of the Lincoln County War," to Lily Klamer's "My Girlhood Among Outlaws," and a host of earlier, in between, and later publications. None are written in the interesting style of Mr. Gember. I hope the stories will continue for quite a while, and then, when no new ones are added, they are combined in a book so that they

don't go under in the recycling process.

Dr. Bernhard E.F. Reimann
Captain

Please send cards to children's home

TO THE EDITOR:

As our Home celebrates its 18th Christmas we are reminded that, for different reasons, many of the teenagers who live with us will be unable to spend time with their families over the holidays.

One of the ways we have been able to get through this difficult time in the past is by having people to remember our young people

when they mail out their Christmas cards. Those who wish to help brighten our season, may do so by sending a card to the following address:

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The outpouring of love, concern and well wishes we receive during this time allows us to focus on our many blessings and to share the true meaning of Christmas with our children.

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Lighters-of-the-Way

One of the favorite features of the Christmas celebration in Spanish pioneer times was the "Luminario" or (Lighter-of-the-Way). These were lights to light the way to the church for midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

These could be lanterns hung on tree limbs along the trail or roadway, guiding the traveler to the church. Or they were lighted pine torches, sharpened and stuck in the ground along the pathway to the church, and sometimes all around the church yard.

Oftentimes two or three would keep fires burning through the first stages of the night as a welcome to wanderers or newcomers that there was a church nearby where midnight mass would be celebrated.

Not so many years ago, a large fire would



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

be kept burning on the high hill just west of San Patricio, as a lighter-of-the-way to the church of San Patricio, down at the foot of the hill.

Modern-Day Luminarios

One type of Luminario handed down to us from old traditions is popular today in the Southwest, especially New Mexico.

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The Nacimiento (The Nativity Scene)

The Nativity scene or "Nacimiento" handed

down to us by the Spanish pioneers of our state takes many forms. The Spanish people's talent for making good use of the material at hand comes shining forth in these Nacimientos.

In one form, live human figures and stable animals appear under roofs with fires nearby. This scene is usually in a settled community or on the roadside nearby. Another form features figures carved out of wood, about half life-size.

Sometimes a small cavern would be hollowed out of a clay bank by the roadside and the figures were placed inside.

Oftentimes in a small cave in a cliff, the sacred assemblage of Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child could be seen in the darkness lighted by a candle inside.

Some of the most original of these are made from the evergreen branches fashioned into rustic shelters representing a stable and a manger. I will tell you about one of these a little later.

An Early Christmas Visit

On Dec. 3, brother Mark's daughter Tammy Lou Schewe and her husband Millard came by Mark's new house for an early Christmas visit. They were on their way back to their home in California after having visited brother Mark in Houston.

So with this visit, the Sacred Month was on to a blessed beginning. Let us thank the Lord for the Sacred Month.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY	High ... 52 Low ... 20	
SUNDAY	High ... 56 Low ... 24	
MONDAY	High ... 56 Low ... 26	

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	50	10	.00"
Wednesday	52	14	.00"
Thursday	55	14	.12"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	53	33	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	66	37	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	68	38	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	73	40	Partly cloudy

Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore
KRN-17

December's phases of the moon



STARDATE

Everything has rotated westward since the same hour last month. The huge Summer Triangle of Deneb, Vega, and Altair has settled lower in the west to northwest; Vega, the brightest, is its lower right corner in the northwest. About equally high in the southeast is Capella, Vega's match in brightness. Can you see their color difference? Vega is pale blue-white; Capella is pale yellow.

Date courtesy of McDonald Observatory, Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate.

Mescalero Tribe signs unique electric agreement with Texas-New Mexico Power

Texas-New Mexico Power Company and the Mescalero Apache Tribe signed an agreement Dec. 4 forming an electric alliance — the first of its kind in the state of New Mexico.

Under the new agreement, TNP will provide distribution services and power supply to Mescalero Apache Telecom & Utility, Electric Division. The alliance will become effective Jan. 1, 1997, subject to any required federal and tribal governmental approval.

"This agreement is an example of Texas-New Mexico Power's willingness to work with regional utilities to promote local economic development and stimulate local economies by reducing energy costs," said TNP Chairman and CEO Kevern Joyce. "We stand ready to align ourselves with other similar entities."

The five-year agreement is the result of a few months of discussion about how TNP could help the Mescalero tribe in operating its own utility to lower its energy costs. By purchasing power from TNP, MAT&U Electric Division is expected to realize a 20-30% reduction in the tribe's overall electric energy bills.

"We will have complete control of our energy decisions," said Kenneth Ruthardt, electric division manager for MAT&U. "With TNP's assistance, our tribe will benefit from operating an independent utility."

We welcome the idea of additional jobs on the reservation." TNP also will provide advisory services and training to establish and develop necessary systems, such as information services, data processing and meter reading. An operations team with employees

from both TNP and MAT&U Electric Division will develop recommendations on reliability and safety, service standards, environment, and policies and procedures. A start-up team, also made up of members from both companies, will define pricing and budget issues, resolve details of operation and set a timetable for implementation.

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CAPITAN

Balloons lift off

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

After weeks of anticipation and work, hundreds of Capitan students crowded into a playground Thursday for the launch of 25 hot air balloons.

A chilly winter wind, which insisted on twisting and turning the balloons as children and adult volunteers tried to inflate them, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the teams that created the balloons or those watching the launches.

Capitan's first Hot Air Balloon Festival was put together by the third to fifth grade science classes of teacher Ric Berglund.

"It was windy, but I guess a lot of people found out there are wind currents up there (in the sky)," Berglund said after the event.

Finding out about the forces of nature and other elements of science is a by-product of the 2.5 month project, which most students enjoyed just for the fun of designing and assembling the balloons.

They devoted about one hour a week to the project, working together on 25 teams. Berglund used a hot air popcorn popper to test the balloons in the classroom for leaks.

"I think the biggest accomplishment is that they learned teamwork," Berglund said of his students. "At the start, they had no team skills. It was, 'That's my glue.'"

Some teams started with much too elaborate designs and learned to scale down to fit the fragile tissue-type material, Berglund said. The crowd favorite may have been a team's version of Garfield, pink instead of orange, but with a tail.

The first few launch attempts were aborted because the boilers were too hot and damaged the material. A few others simply refused to accept the air. But when a balloon and the wind cooperated, the ball filled with air. The balloon was released from two sticks secur-

ing it, then headed skyward to drift just a few yards or into a neighboring playing field.

It didn't make any difference how far the balloons traveled to the cheering crowd. If a freed balloon lifted into the air, it was applauded enthusiastically.

Most of the balloons were about three feet in diameter and nine feet tall.

The Capitan flight was Berglund's 10th year for launching miniature balloons. In his off hours, he's trying to earn his pilot's license for full-sized hot air balloons, working with two crews that operate out of Ruidoso and Capitan.

"My first (miniature balloon launch) was while I was doing some graduate work in Silver City and 140 kids came out," Berglund said. Unfortunately, the launch site was next to a road traveled by heavy copper transport trucks.

At one point, about 10 balloons were in the sky, but as one descended, a truck approached. Students tried frantically to alert the driver, who was unaware of the impending encounter.

"He thought they were being friendly and waved back," Berglund said. The truck swept up the balloon on its front bumper and the low flyer was never seen again, Berglund said.

Three years ago, he staged a balloon launch while teaching with the Ruidoso school system.

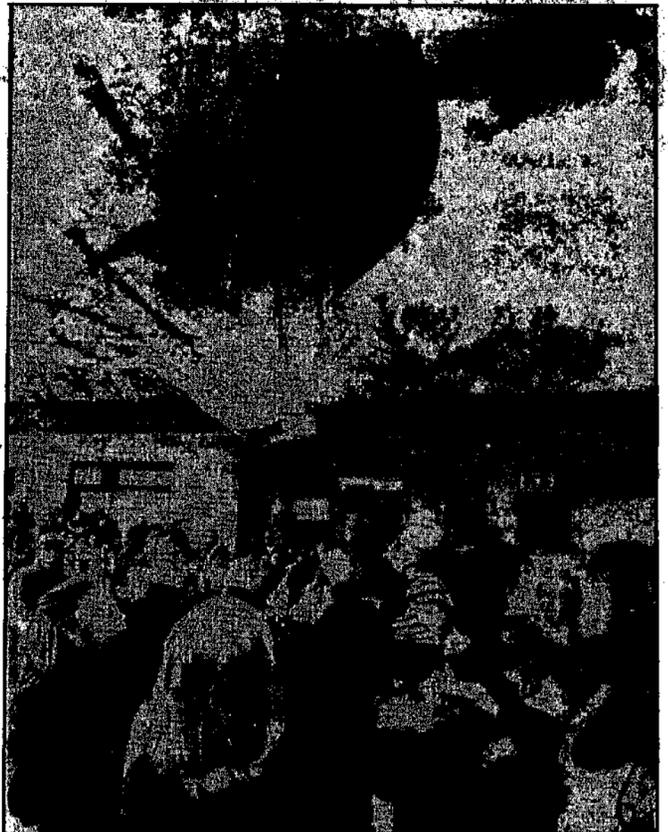
"I think it's an outstanding project with the world's largest balloon festival in Albuquerque," Berglund said.

Team names selected by the students were the Capitan Stars, Rainbow Flyers, American Tigers, Sham-Rocks, Boy Scouts, Red Dogs, Tigers, Tiger Rule, Ratlers, Garfield, Skydancers, Flying Flame, Color Express, Ghost-Rider, 8 Seconds, A Piece of Paradise, Dark Stars, Twisters, IID Cruisers, Shooting Sunflowers and Morning Sunflowers.



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Capitan science teacher Ric Berglund struggles with the lip of a balloon as hot air shoots up from a boiler during the first miniature hot air balloon launch at the school complex. Students designed and assembled their own balloons.



Children cheer as one of 25 balloons launch skyward Thursday, despite windy conditions. The balloon assembly and launch project was sponsored by the third to fifth grade science classes of Ric Berglund.

Teachers' group asks for special school board meeting Monday

A special meeting of the Capitan School Board has been scheduled for Monday at the request of the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers.

Association members want to discuss a recent board decision that reversed a student disciplinary action. The meeting includes time for public input on the issue.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the administration complex.

Bazaar, open house and caroling with Art Loop Dec. 14

A full day is planned for visitors to Capitan Saturday, Dec. 14, in conjunction with the Art Loop self-guided artists' studio tour from Hondo to Carrizozo.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Capitan Chapter of the Lincoln County Historical Society, will offer work by local artisans at the Senior Center.

From 6 to 8 p.m., an open house is set at Smokey Bear State Park, and Christmas caroling will begin at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by Friends of Smokey. Some merchants will have open houses and award special door prizes.



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Warriors outlast Tiger cagers

SPORTS SHORTS

Men's basketball league standings

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Record. Includes Ruidoso Taxi, Tequila Slammers, Alamo Pipe & Supply, etc.

CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 6 Basketball- Ruidoso boys host Belen for a freshman game at 3:45 p.m. followed by JV and varsity contests.

Saturday, Dec. 7 Basketball- Ruidoso boys host Tularosa for a freshman game at 10 a.m. JV plays at 5:30 p.m. and varsity tips off at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Basketball- Ruidoso boys host NMMI for a 5:30 p.m. JV game followed by a 7:30 p.m. varsity contest.

SCOREBOARD

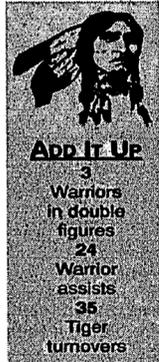
Table with 2 columns: Game Type and Score. Includes Prep boys basketball, Prep girls basketball, etc.

SPORTS REPLAY

This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from The Ruidoso News. 10 years ago - Ruidoso rolls past Belen, 42-20, to advance to the Class AAA state championship game versus Lovington.

Warriors wear down Capitan's Tigers

by LAURA CLYMER Ruidoso News Sports Writer Tuesday's boys basketball contest between Ruidoso and Capitan left one coach worrying about the realities and the other one thinking about the possibilities.



Add It Up 3 Warriors in double figures 24 Warrior assists 35 Tiger turnovers

impressed Montes. "I didn't think they would be that ready in five days," the Tiger coach said. Sanchez also noted his team's play after less than six days of practice with a full squad.

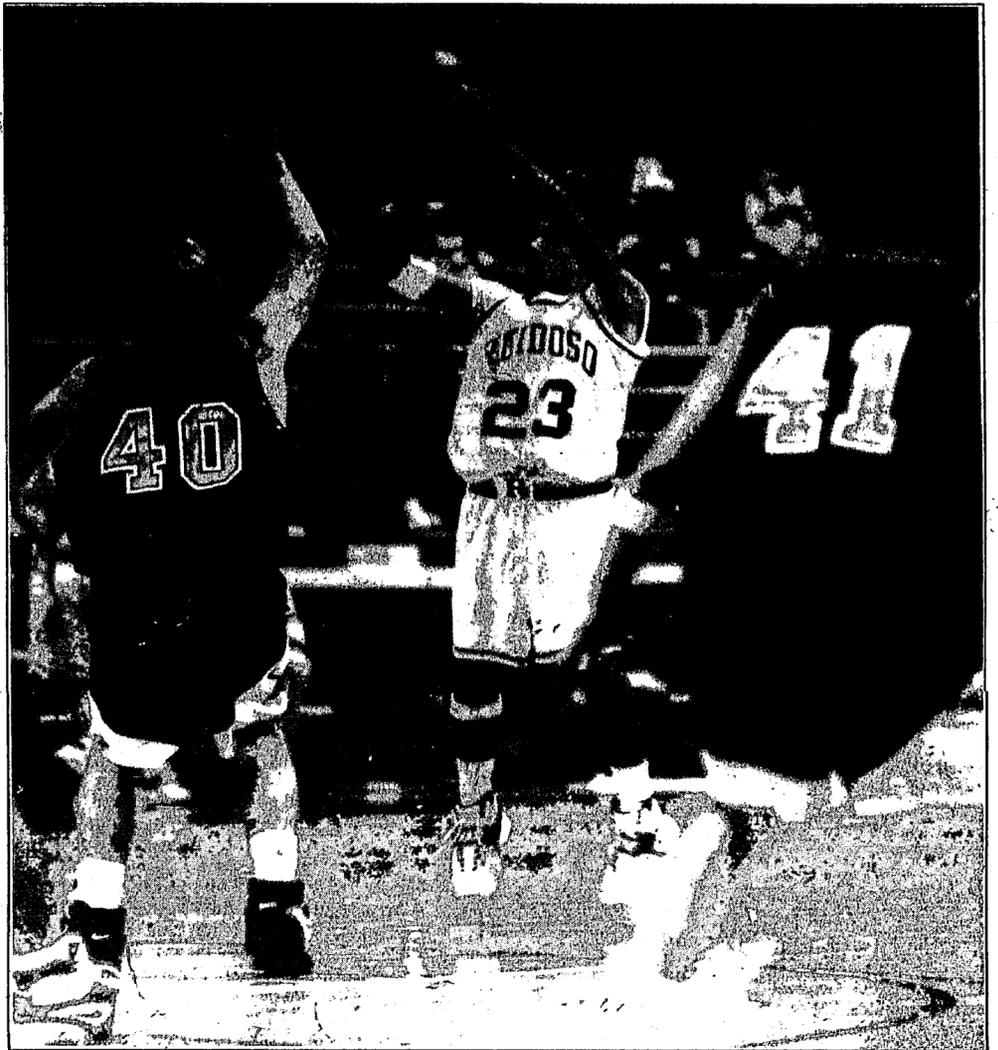
Ruidoso also had good efforts in its full-court press and half-court man-to-man defense. The Warriors' pressure didn't create turnovers in the first half, but it did push the tempo of the game, which pleased Sanchez.

All of which Ruidoso hopes to build upon tonight (Friday) when it plays Belen and Saturday when it takes on Tularosa.

Ruidoso point guard Corey Saenz showed no ill effects of the extended football season when he nailed the first 3-pointer of the season from several steps beyond the arc.

Three Warriors finished in double figures. Senior post player Erik Padilla led the way with 14 points, followed by Saenz' 11 and Scott Sebastian's 10.

Eric Helmstetter paced Capitan with 14 points. Teammate Eric Ferguson added 10 points. You can be sure Montes will



Ruidoso sophomore Corey Saenz didn't miss a beat Tuesday night, scoring 11 points and handing out seven assists. Saenz and his Warriors showed few signs of rustiness in Ruidoso's 72-46 season-opening win over the visiting Tigers Tuesday.

be at the Ruidoso/Tularosa game, if possible. Tulic is a district opponent, and Montes wants to see how his Tigers stack up with the perennial, state-contending Wildcats. "Ruidoso is a good basketball team. I think what will be a pre-

Gimme da rock, baby ~ En fuego ~ Tipoff '96 ~ From way downtown ~ Good!

Ruidoso Warrior Boys

Last year's record: 10-14; lost in first round of district tourney to Socorro, 67-44

District 3AAA record: 3-7, tied for fourth

Coach: Ben Sanchez (2nd yr. at RHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Erik Padilla, sr., post; Corey Saenz, soph., PG; Arthur Rojas, sr. guard; Scott Sebastian, jr., forward

Top newcomers: Matt Blank, 5-11, jr. forward; Adam Windham, 6-4, jr. forward; Tyler Cluff, 6-3, jr. forward; Garvin Grant, 6-3, soph., forward; Pascal Enjady, 5-9, sr., guard; Billy Rogge, 5-9, sr., guard.

Team strengths: Sanchez has to like his team's depth. The Warriors can go 10-deep - a luxury not afforded to most high school teams. The second-year coach also thinks the Warriors can play some defense.

Areas of concern: Rebounding, rebounding and rebounding. Senior Erik Padilla is tops in the district for his size. Roswell Goddard transfer Adam Windham at 6-4 and 6-3 forward Tyler Cluff, who is up from junior varsity, will shore up the rebounding line for the Warriors, but Sanchez needs consistency.

Season outlook: "I think this bunch has real chemistry. They have the right mix," Sanchez says. "This team has the ability to be a very good pressing team and a very good man-to-man defensive team."



Erik Padilla

Ruidoso Warrior Girls

Last year's record: 0-21; lost in first round of district tourney to Santa Teresa, 69-44

District 3AAA record: 0-10, sixth place

Coach: Dwayne Rogers (2nd yr. at RHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Bailey Bishop, 5-9, jr. forward; Denise Rodella, 5-7, jr., PG; Brandi Dollar, 5-4, sr., guard; Mandi Lewallen, 5-6, jr., forward.

Top newcomers: Patty Ramos, 5-1, sophomore, guard; Priscilla Rojas, 5-3, guard, sophomore.

Team strengths: "The guards are the strength of the team," Rogers says. "They have a lot of skill. They just need more confidence."

Areas of concern: The Warriors are riding a 40-game losing streak that dates back to Dec. 9, 1994. Ruidoso is young again and lacks depth at the post position.

Season outlook: "We're going to take each game one at a time. We're going to play hard and look up at the scoreboard and hope we're ahead," Rogers says.



Coach Dwayne Rogers



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Richard Loverin is a graduate of The Real Estate Institute and a certified residential specialist. As a team, the Loverins have a combined 27 years of real estate experience and pride themselves in promoting the community they love to live and work in.

Robert Rist, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates, Inc., presented Loverin with his award at the company's international business conference, held recently in San Francisco, Calif. More than 7000 Coldwell Banker sales associates, brokers, managers, and employees attended the event that also celebrated the company's 90th anniversary.

"The International President's Elite designation is the preeminent honor among our sales associates," Rist said. "Richard has demonstrated superior sales performance and is a credit to the Coldwell Banker team."

The Loverins, or their licensed full-time assistant Diann Piper, can be reached at 505-257-5111.

Construction rate slows in November

Overall construction values for the month of November were down

10.3% from last year, according to building comparisons from the village of Ruidoso.

The village also issued fewer permits this November, compared with November 1995.

Still, year-to-date construction values are up 79%, boosted by the \$17 million Spencer Theater.

Comparing November 1995 to November 1996, new commercial construction values took a 20% drop from \$315,000 to \$251,914. Commercial remodeling values increased from zero last November to \$254,864 this November. Seven permits were issued this November for remodeling businesses, included The Texas Club (\$125,000) and Ruidoso Office Supply (\$107,000).

Residential construction was slower this November than last year. New home permits dropped from 13 to 11, and permits for residential additions dropped from 36 to 19. This caused a 59% drop in home remodeling values, \$123,000 compared to \$307,000 in November 1995. New home values fell 18% from \$1.65 million in November 1995 to \$1.35 million in November 1996.

Regal Mortgage adds loan officer

Regal Mortgage has added a new loan officer to the staff, Paula Gammage. Gammage has a background in home construction and is also a member of the National Ski Patrol. She moved to Ruidoso two years ago from Austin, Texas.

Regal Mortgage offers residential and commercial loans, and no-cost refinancing on homes. The office is located in Lincoln Tower on Mechem Drive. Call 258-1075 for more information.

Interest Rates

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported Dec. 5 from local banks.

CD Rates (Minimum \$500 balance)	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
3 months	4.25%
6 months	5.10%
1 year	5.25%

New Car Loan Rates	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
48 months	8.75%
60 months	8.75%

All Lincoln County banks are welcome to have their interest rates listed free each Friday on the Business page. Call Pamela Cromwell at 257-4001 or fax current rates on Thursdays to 257-7053.

by PAMELA CROMWELL, Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The former Marie La Veaux restaurant is changing hands again, now reincarnated as Dos Amigos. The Mechem Drive location has been unlucky for several restaurateurs, but its incoming owners have a few tricks up their sleeves to change that.

Linda Lavado has a lifetime of experience in the restaurant business, and her business philosophy is based on family.

"I've been in the restaurant business since I was old enough to see over a table," Lavado said.

She joins her knowledge with the construction and electronic skills of her fiancée James Vann. Their business partner is Vann's lifelong friend Jay Cole. The men hail from Amarillo, Texas, and Lavado grew up in Muleshoe, Texas.

Lavado and Vann discovered the Ruidoso restaurant during a vacation two months ago. Vann and Cole, *los dos amigos*, always wanted to own a restaurant, Lavado said. The fact that others have been unable to keep a restaurant profitable at this site was no deterrent for Lavado.

"I'm a person who takes a challenge," she said. "My goal is to show a profit even in the slow times."

At age 18, Lavado went to work for Pepsi Co. and was quickly promoted into the restaurant division. Pepsi Co. owns an endless number of major companies like Kentucky Fried Chicken and Taco Bell. Lavado worked as a troubleshooter, saving failing restaurants from their own mistakes.

"I would find the problem and fix it," she said. "I have yet to have a store that didn't make it."

Lavado's mentor is her godfather Jesse Leal, a successful Muleshoe businessman in the food business for 37 years. Leal agreed with Vann and Cole that Dos Amigos could be successful in Ruidoso.

"The stigma here (at this location) is terrible," Lavado said. "But we have a good product, and I've



Dos Amigos owners Jay Cole, Linda Lavado, and James Vann are backing up their business sense with a family attitude and a few tricks for good luck.

been picky with selecting my crew."

Local businesspeople warned her that good help is hard to find around here, but Lavado has found just the opposite to be true.

"They bend over backwards to help me," Lavado said. "They've been wonderful. I'm in shock."

Lavado held an employee orientation meeting before the restaurant opened, laying down clear ground rules and the benefits of following them. She says she treats her employees like family, helping them with personal problems when she can, and always expecting the best from them.

"This is like a tight-knit family," she said. "I plan to make it a home here."

The Dos Amigos head cook, David Garcia, and head waitress, Ernestina Hernandez, are Muleshoe hipsters, each with extensive restaurant experience. The other 15 or more employees are locals hand-picked by Lavado for their skills.

While Dos Amigos is building its business family, it's also attracting the good will of the Ruidoso community. Everyone has recommendations and ideas, Lavado said.

"I feel like they're building their own restaurant," she said.

Dos Amigos will take over and renovate the bar side of the former Marie La Veaux when the liquor license transfer goes through. The rock-n-roll format will continue, and at customers' request, a Tejano music night will be added. Through her music business connections, Lavado plans to bring in bands from South Texas and Austin.

In return for community support, Lavado is promising good food at prices that won't strain a Ruidoso budget. Appetizers cost less than \$3.09, combination plates are priced under \$6.29, and fajitas are \$5.29. The menu also includes traditional Texas food, such as chicken fried steak for \$6.79.

If a family attitude and a solid

business plan won't overcome the challenges facing Dos Amigos, then maybe Lavado's traditional medicines will. Raised in the heritage of Native American grandmothers, Lavado still practices the folk remedies for bad luck.

Besides her superstition about pricing items with rounded numbers, Lavado keeps plenty of limes and pure creek water in the restaurant for good vibes. She's not the first to hold superstitions about making a business successful. Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, never used a 5 at the end of his prices, either.

None of the food is bagged or canned, Lavado said. Having grown up on this kind of food, she has everything made from scratch. Vann and Cole expect Dos Amigos to become known for having the best Mexican food in the area.

Dos Amigos restaurant is now open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Marketing conference shows farmers new outlets

Agricultural tours, marketing seminars, farmers market planning and taste tests of Southwestern cuisine will all be on the agenda at the 1997 North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Conference Jan. 28 to Feb. 2 in Albuquerque.

About 1,000 conference attendees from across the country are expected to converge at the Albuquerque Hilton to learn new methods for marketing their agricultural products directly to consumers.

The educational conference is being hosted by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service; New Mexico and Colorado farmers' marketing associations; agriculture departments from New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona; the Colorado Organic Producers' Association; the Farm Connection; Tri-Area Association for Economic Development; and the Santa Fe Area Farmers' Market.

"We're really excited to be host-

ing the conference in New Mexico this year," said Gerald Chacon, northern district department head for the Extension Service. "It's an excellent opportunity for regional farmers and ranchers to learn how to market their products and generate income from other sources."

The conference begins with a three-day tour of farm-related businesses and cultural sites in Mexico and central and southern New Mexico. The tour includes a stop at The Gift Shop and Frank's Fruit Stand in Ruidoso, as well as other roadside operations, Stahmann Farms, and White Sands Ostich Farm.

Returning to Albuquerque, the conference will feature seminars on roadside stands, farmers' markets, agricultural tourism, ranching and hunting, marketing on the Internet, marketing to restaurants, and business management.

"There will be something for

everyone at the conference," Chacon said. "Farmers, ranchers and anyone else in business for themselves can learn new marketing and sales techniques."

Other seminars will discuss roadside bakeries, traditional farming, marketing livestock, and culinary and medicinal herb production.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Lowell Catlett, futurist and professor of agricultural economics at NMSU. Catlett teaches and conducts research in marketing, policy, management and futures markets. He also serves as a consultant to private industry and national organizations including the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Interior, Defense and Labor.

Also speaking at the conference will be Allen Savory, founder and director of the Center for Holistic

Management. Savory will discuss making decisions and introduce a decision-making model he created.

On the final day of the conference, attendees can either participate in workshops about "haunted house management" and making traditional Southwestern crafts, or tour farms, orchards and farm-based businesses in the Santa Fe, Velarde and Tacos areas.

"We're anxious for the participants to see New Mexico's unique food products and tourism-related industries," Chacon said. "They've not seen direct marketing opportunities like the ones in this state before."

The early registration deadline is Dec. 15. For more information or a conference registration packet, contact the New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association, 430 West Manhattan, Santa Fe, NM 87501, or phone (505) 983-4010.



Jane McCasland, outgoing president of the Cree Meadows Ladies Association, listens as Amanda Vega from Lincoln County Medical Center shares local breast cancer statistics.

Cree Ladies donate to Caring Citizens

The Cree Meadows Ladies Association made the latest contribution to Caring Citizens of Lincoln County to help pay for Lincoln County Medical Center's (LCMC) new mammogram machine.

The association's \$500 check was accepted by Amanda Vega, a LCMC radiologic technologist, at the Ladies' Christmas party Dec. 3.

Since the hospital began mammography in 1992, it has run 6,136 tests for breast cancer and detected 50 tumors, Vega said. That results in a ratio of one cancer for every 125 tests.

"That's a little high, but about

average," Vega said.

Mammograms at LCMC cost about \$119. The new breast x-ray machine, which is more accurate and more revealing than the old machine, cost \$65,000. It was paid for in part by the hospital, and the difference was made up through contributions from several local organizations and private individuals.

The major contributors were the LCMC hospital auxiliary, Presbyterian Health Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Wolff, Caring Citizens of Lincoln County, Betty Bennett, and Dr. Donald Simms.

Shop spreads its wings to fly

"Panambi" is a gypsy word for "butterfly." It is also the professional name of artisan Alma Zaragoza and her new shop in LeClaire's Mountain Village on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Mike and Alma Zaragoza recently moved to Ruidoso from Seattle. They opened Panambi Gift Shop as an outlet for Alma's arts and crafts.

She makes decorative wreaths, knitted scarves, jewelry, and multimedia paintings. The Zaragozas import Mexican ceramics from Chihuahua, and have recently received a shipment of Christmas items.

Mike Zaragoza is retired from Boeing Airplane Company, and Alma was a schoolteacher in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Panambi Gift Shop is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday.



Mike and Alma Zaragoza opened Panambi, a new gift shop at LeClaire's Mountain Village.

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Capitan Tiger Boys

Last year's record: 11-13 overall, lost to Dexter in second round of District 6AA tournament

District 6AA record: 1-5, tied for fourth

Coach: Gerald Montes (2nd yr. at CHS)

Key returning letterwinner: Cody Turnbow, 6-1, sr. guard.

Top newcomers: Eric Helmstetter, 6-0, sr., guard/forward; Kris Davis, 6-8, jr., forward; Eric Ferguson 6-3, jr., forward; Jason Montes, 5-10, jr., point guard; James Robinson, 5-9, fr., guard.

Team strengths: Montes will use an eight-man rotation. The Tigers have improved their schedule in hopes that the tougher competition will prepare them better for the District 6AA campaign. Senior Cody Turnbow needs to step up and be the Tigers' leader, Montes says. "He's got to go double figures every night for us," add the Tiger coach.

Areas of concern: Montes has just one returning letterwinner from last year's team. Even though Capitan has some height, it lacks bulk, and that could make rebounding an issue all season.

Season outlook: Capitan's success depends upon how fast the Tigers mature. Eric Helmstetter returns to the hardwood after missing 2.5 seasons, and he should help Turnbow with the leadership responsibilities. "If we grow and continue to get better, I think we've got a shot at the end," Montes says.



Capitan Tiger Girls

Last year's record: 10-17; lost in first round of Region 9 tourney to Hatch Valley, 51-41.

District 6AA record: 2-4, third place

Coach: Dionne Lewis (1st yr. at CHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Andra Fish, sr., point guard; Joni Autrey, sr., guard; Casey Cunningham, sr., forward; Mandi Aldaz, sr., forward; Coye Robbins, jr., forward; Monica Johnson, jr., guard; Michelle Wilson, jr., guard.

Top newcomers: Sonya Wood, junior, forward; E'rin Autrey, sophomore, guard; K'rin Autrey, sophomore, guard; Ann Holt, junior, guard.

Team strengths: First-year coach Dionne Lewis likes her Tigers' work ethic. "They are working so hard this year. They want to do well," she says. Capitan has improved its shooting. The Tigers have good speed, and most important, hustle.

Areas of concern: With two of their best rebounders sidelined, the Tigers are thin at the post. Mandi Aldaz and Coye Robbins are out indefinitely with leg injuries. That leaves the rebounding chores to Casey Cunningham and a host of Tigers who don't top the 5-6 mark.

Season outlook: The District 6AA race figures to be a battle among four schools. "I don't think anyone is going to run away with the district title," Lewis adds. "We want to make it back to the regional tourney."



Andra Fish

Carrizozo Grizzly Boys

Last year's record: 9-15; lost in first round of district tourney to Mountainair.

District 3A record: Third place

Coach: Gerald Horacek (1st yr. at CHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Willie Silva, 5-9, sr., point guard; Bud Maynard, 6-2, jr., forward.

Top newcomers: Ryan Roper, 5-11, freshman, point guard; Jimmy Vermillion, 5-10, freshman, forward; Carlos Garcia, 5-10, freshman, forward.

Team strengths: "Our work ethic. And I think the kids believe in the coaching staff," Horacek says. Silva averaged 17 points a game last year, while Maynard added eight points a game.

Areas of concern: Horacek, a self-described man-to-man coach, is worried about the Grizzlies' ability to man-to-man. "They've just played zones," he notes. Horacek is Carrizozo's sixth coach in as many years. "They've never won consistently," Horacek says.

Season outlook: With two freshmen in the starting lineup, the Grizzlies will try to overcome their inexperience. "I'm here to build the program for the future, but I also want to do well for the seniors who will be leaving," Horacek says. "Year in, year out Fort Sumner is going to be the favorite. I think it's going to come down to us, Fort Sumner and Mountainair to make it to regionals."



Gerald Horacek

Carrizozo Grizzly Girls

Last year's record: 16-11; lost in first round of the state tourney to Roy, 104-46.

District 3A record: 4-2, second place

Coach: Kim Padilla (2nd yr. at CHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Naomi Vallejos, 5-8, sr., forward; Mandy Baca, 5-5, junior, guard; Renee Rael, 5-5, freshman, guard.

Top newcomers: Holly Schlarb, 5-4, freshman, guard; Molly Hightower, 5-7, freshman, forward.

Team strengths: "Our hustle and definitely our defense right now - it's doing it for us," Coach Kim Padilla says.

Areas of concern: Depleted by injuries, the Grizzlies are young. Seniors Michelle Barela and Keri Shafer probably won't play because of knee injuries. That leaves the leadership load to Vallejos. Vallejos is averaging nearly 30 points a game this season. Last year she averaged 21 points and 14 rebounds a game for the Grizzlies. Outstanding freshman Renee Rael has accepted some of the leadership responsibilities, Padilla says.

Season outlook: It's going to be tough for Carrizozo to return as last year's Cinderella team, but Padilla will somehow get the Grizzlies going again. "We're so young you don't know which team is going to show up," Padilla says.



Naomi Vallejos

Hondo Eagle Boys

Last year's record: 16-7; lost to Fort Sumner, 64-48, in regional semifinals - the first trip to regionals for the Eagles in 31 years.

District 5A record: second place

Coach: Omar Barragan (2nd yr. at HVHS)

Key returning letterwinners: Jared D. Baca, senior, point guard; Anthony Hernandez, senior, forward; Adam Herrera, junior, guard.

Top newcomers: Jeffrey Sanchez, junior, forward; Kevin Slocum, sophomore, forward.

Team strengths: The Eagles return two all-district selections in D. Baca (12 ppg) and Hernandez (12 ppg) plus honorable mention all-district choice Herrera. Hondo has a pair of solid outside shooters in Joshua Candelaria and Herrera. Anchoring the Eagles' play in the paint are Sanchez, who returns from knee surgery, and Slocum. Last year's success hasn't spoiled the Eagles, says Barragan. "I'm impressed with their overall attitude."

Areas of concern: Barragan worries about the Eagles' defense. "We need to work on our man-to-man," he says.

Season outlook: Letter jackets are back in style this winter, thanks to the Eagles' 1995-96 successes. The boys raised the money to purchase the jackets - something that hadn't been done in awhile. "The community is real excited about the team and the gym is filling up every night," Barragan says. "We look forward to doing some things here in Hondo that we haven't done in years." Once again, the Eagles will have to get past Fort Sumner to go to state.

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LEGAL NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 1996 beginning at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building in Lincoln. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PAUL MURPHY and HEIDI MURPHY, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. MANUEL FERNANDEZ FERNANDEZ and MARIA ELENA ABUJAUD DE FERNANDEZ, JUAN MANUEL FERNANDEZ and PARSONS PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., Defendants.
CV-98-205 Division III
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: MANUEL FERNANDEZ FERNANDEZ and MARIA ELENA ABUJAUD DE FERNANDEZ, JUAN MANUEL FERNANDEZ and PARSONS PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District

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Section 6. Sera sometido a todos los electores registrados y calificados del Distrito en la eleccion regular de distrito de escuela a ser celebrada el Martes 4 de Febrero de 1997, la siguiente pregunta:

Pregunta: "Podra la Junta de Educacion del Distrito de Escuela Municipal de Ruidoso No. 3, Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico ser autorizada a emitir bonos de obligacion general del Distrito, en una serie o mas, en una cantidad agregada principal no excediendo \$5,500,000, con el proposito de erigir, remodelar, y vendidas a dicto y amueblar edificios de escuelas, y compra y mejoramiento de terrenos de escuela para comprar de hardware y software de computadora para estudiantes para usar en escuelas publicas, o cualquier combinacion de estos proyectos, dichos bonos seran pagaderos de impuestos (ad valorem) generales y seran emitidos y vendidos a dicto tiempo o tiempos y sobre dicho terminos y condiciones como la Junta pueda determinar?"

Section 7. Precincts seran consolidados para la eleccion de acuerdo con la Seccion 1-22-6, NMSA 1978, y toda el area dentro de los limites exteriores del Distrito constituiran un solo precincto consolidado. Los limites de todo el Distrito constituiran los limites del precincto consolidado y todos los votantes del Distrito, excepto votantes en ausencia, votaran en el siguiente lugar de voto:

Ruidoso Civic Events Center
111 Sierra Blanca Drive
Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINCTO DEL VOTANTE EN AUSENCIA

Lincoln County Clerk's Office
Lincoln County Courthouse
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico
87004

Con el proposito de votacion en ausencia y votacion en ausencia temprana, todo el Distrito es consolidado en un solo precincto y la localizacion del lugar de voto para dichos votantes en ausencia o votantes en ausencia temprana es la oficina de la Escritura de Condado del Condado de Lincoln, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. Votacion en ausencia sera permitida como autorizada por la Seccion 1-22-19 NMSA 1978 y el Acta del Votante en Ausencia delCodigo de Eleccion, Secciones 1-6-1 hasta 1-6-18, NMSA 1978. Aplicaciones para boletines en ausencia podran obtenerse en la oficina de la Escritura de Condado de Lincoln, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico; sin embargo, a las 5:00 PM el 3 de Febrero de 1997, la Escritura de Condado es requerido destruir los boletines

en ausencia no usadas así que aplicaciones completas deberan ser devueltas a la Escritura de Condado antes de ese tiempo. Boletines en ausencia del Distrito, votantes podran ser marcados en persona en la oficina de la Escritura de Condado del Condado de Lincoln, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, desde el 10 de Enero de 1997 a las 8:00 AM, hasta el 31 de Enero de 1997 a las 5:00 PM. En cualquier tiempo antes de las 5:00 PM del Lunes 3 de Febrero de 1997, cualquier votante del Distrito cuya aplicacion de boletines en ausencia ha sido aceptada y quien fue enviada por correo una boleta en ausencia pero no la ha recibido podra ejecutar en la oficina de la Escritura de Condado del Condado de Lincoln, un affidavit jurado declarando que no ha recibido o votado una boleta en ausencia. Al recibir del affidavit jurado, la Escritura de Condado dara al votante una boleta en ausencia de reemplazo. Sobras selladas conteniendo boletines en ausencia marcadas de votantes del Distrito seran recibidas por la Escritura de Condado del Condado de Lincoln hasta las 7:00 PM del 4 de Febrero de 1997.

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Section 8. La escritura de condado del Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico es requerida por ley cerrar los libros de registro para la eleccion a las 5:00 PM el dia de Enero de 1997, y una persona sera permitida votar solamente si el o ella es un elector del Distrito y actual mente registrado para votar en el Distrito en ese tiempo. Cualquier elector calificado del Distrito que no esta ahora registrado y desea votar en la eleccion podra registrarse durante horas regulares de oficina en la oficina de la Escritura de Condado del Condado de Lincoln en el County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico antes de las 5:00 PM el 7 de Enero de 1997.

FECHADO este dia 12 de Noviembre de 1996.

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
MANSTREET PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES
NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, has for sealed bids to be opened on January 7, 1997.
Interested bidders may secure a copy of the applications from the Purchasing Officer at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield in Ruidoso, or by calling (505) 257-2721.
Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer no later than January 7, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. At which time the bids will be opened at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico.
The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.
By Order of the Governing Body
/s/Terr Waterfield
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso
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VAMOS!

RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO • FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1996



Billy Smith helps his younger sister Marissa McKinley top off one of the dozens of Christmas trees for the Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees, PAGE 5C

PROFILE



A man of mettle

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hark! Cloudcroft holiday festivities begin

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ENTERTAINMENT

Motown comedian featured Saturday

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CALENDAR



Weekend planner. Page 2C

PAST TENSE

Tragedy set for Tombstone

The Earp saga begins. Page 11C





Live Music

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE UNION DEPOT — Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-8 at the Union Depot, 700 San Francisco, El Paso. Performances by El Paso Chorale Chamber Choir conducted by J. Prentice Loftin; El Paso Brass Quintet; and Gary Powell, organ. Performance times are 8 p.m. on Friday, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets \$12 adults, \$9 senior/military/student. To order tickets by phone call 505-532-7653.

"AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS" — Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-8 at the Music Center Rectal Hall, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. Performance by the Las Cruces Symphony and the Dona Ana Lyric Opera of Menotti's opera. Performance times: 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets start at \$11 and are on sale at the Pan Am ticket office or any Dillard's ticket outlet. For more information call 505-646-3709.

PRE-CHRISTMAS DANCE — 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center, 393 Hwy. 70 West. DJ music by Gordon and Donna Stricler. Admission \$2 per person. Cold drinks for sale.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 247-6695 — 8 p.m. — close Friday and Saturday, dance music with DJ. 9-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Stand-up Comedy Showcase, featuring Wally Wang, Gabriel Williams and Sean "Stoneman" Towers. \$3 admission.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA — 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, Ruidoso. Performed by the Chancel Choir during morning worship.

CAPITAN COMMUNITY CONCERT — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at new gym, Capitan School, Capitan. Admission \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Sponsored by the Capitan High School Rodeo Club. Refreshments at intermission.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL — 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the RLT Castle Theatre, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Performances by the ENMU choir, local choirs and groups in the Christmas spirit. To benefit Ruidoso Little Theatre. Christmas party, too!

THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St, Tularosa, (505) 585-8262 — Saturday evening, music and dinner. 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays, "Ker" will be playing most weekends. Ker plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Apache Tee - Tomas Vigil, classical guitarist 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 27-30.

Dan Li Ka Dining Room - Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Randy Jones plays an eclectic variety of music.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs — Live music 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Monday night football: free food, fun and football.

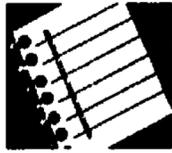
INNCREIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — Live music on week-ends.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Different rock and roll band every week-end, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — Live music every Friday and Saturday.

WIN, PLACE & SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982 — Live country music 7 nights a week, 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday - Sunday. DJ, no cover.



etc!

SIERRA BLANCA FESTIVAL OF TREES — Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Preview of trees: 6-9 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be served. Entertainment provided by musician Randy Jones. Entry fee: one can of food for the Lincoln County food bank or \$1 per person. Tree auction: 4-7 p.m. Saturday. Entry fee: hat, mittens or scarf or \$1 per person. Christmas dance: 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday. Entertainment provided by the Graham Brothers. Mystery gifts given away throughout the evening; local arts and crafts auctioned through a silent auction. Admission \$3. For more information call 257-4001.

VISIT WITH SANTA — 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, at the Sierra Mall, Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Have your picture taken, too. Sponsored by Noisy Waters Sertoma Club.

CHRISTMAS IN CLOUDCROFT: Ornament decorating — 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, children are invited to make village tree decorations at the community center. Carolling and tree lighting — 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, by the bank.

Mid-school winter music — 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, Cloudcroft Mid-School Gymnasium. Melodrama — 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, "The Plight Before Christmas" in the Cloudcroft community center. Pet parade and photos with Santa — 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, bring your pets to Burro Ave. in Cloudcroft. Elementary school winter music — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, Cloudcroft Mid-School Gymnasium.

Posada at dark — Thursday, Dec. 19, begins at the Catholic church.

YE MERRY OLDE CHRISTMAS FAIRE, Manuel Lujan Exhibit Halls, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque — 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Walk through old English village scenes as you visit more than 250 exhibitors. Sample holiday foods; discover gifts for friends, family and home. Admission \$4; children under 12 free; 6-day pass \$6; Friday, Dec. 6 seniors 55+ \$2. Costume parade and contest at noon on Saturday. Prizes will be awarded. Costumed patrons admitted free. For more information call 505-884-8476 or 505-856-1970.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH, BAKE SALE, BAZAAR — 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, 144 Nob Hill Road, Ruidoso. Admission \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

"CHRISTMAS AT ARLENE'S" — 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8. Open house weekend at Arlene's Native American Shop, 2330 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-9642. Refreshments; in-store specials; a free gift just for coming in.

LA CASA BAZAAR — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8 at Dickerson's Barn, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. A one-stop shopping spree for Christmas gifts. Two hundred vendors will descend on Dickerson's Barn from all over New Mexico and west Texas. Hundreds of arts and craft items will be available for sale. Admission \$2 at the door. All proceeds benefit La Casa, Dona Ana County's shelter for victims of domestic violence. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods please call 505-523-6403. For information about La Casa Bazaar call 505-525-1013 or, after 5 p.m., 505-522-6052.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SANTA COPS WORKSHOP, Sierra Mall, 721 Mechem, Ruidoso — 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14. The Lincoln County Santa Cops program needs your

help with donations of food, new clothing for children and cash.

SPIRITUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST — 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Cree Meadows Country Club, Ruidoso (8:30-9 a.m. registration). Cost \$7. Music provided by Lariny Maddox, Ruidoso chief of police. Guest speaker Molly Weber talks about "Listening to God." This is a non-denominational gathering open to all women. It will start your holidays with fellowship, music, prayer and an inspirational message. Please make reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 4 by calling 257-2330.

"SUMMERTIME IN DECEMBER!" HOLIDAY PARTY — 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the pool and atrium area of the Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem, Ruidoso. A celebration of the holiday season and the first birthday of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lincoln County. RSVP before Dec. 4 by calling 257-7107. Please bring canned goods to donate to Lincoln County Head Start families.

OUTDOOR CHILDREN'S NATIVITY — 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in the parking lot outside Roxanne's Bakery, 2900 Sudderth (where Sudderth and Mechem meet). Hosted by Calvary Chapel, 433 Gateway Center, Ruidoso, 257-5915.

SERTOMA SPEEDWAY, Hwy 54 north of Tularosa, 524-7913 — 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Winged Sprints/ASCS Tire rear only and Outlaw Hotstocks.

DECEMBER RETREAT — Monday through Saturday, Dec. 9-14, Pecos Benedictine Monastery, Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey, Pecos, 505-757-6415. The theme of the retreat is "Christmas: new birth for the inner child." For information call the 505-757-6415.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays during Advent at Peace Chapel, Alto North, 336-7075.

NEW LOCATION FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — Monday, Dec. 9, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center moves to its temporary location at the north branch of the Ruidoso State Bank, 707 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. The phone numbers and mailing address remain the same. The Chamber plans to move back into its new facility in May, 1997.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE SALE — Now through Dec. 21, White Mt. chapter of the American Culinary Federation is selling gingerbread houses with proceeds to benefit programs such as Chef and the Child, Horizon 2000, and White Mt. apprenticeship programs. Models on display in window of Cafe Rio, 2547 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. To place orders call Del at 378-8081 or Brendan at 257-3966.

WARRANT ROUNDUP — Ruidoso Municipal Court has hundreds of outstanding warrants for people who have not paid fines or shown up for court dates. The Ruidoso Police Department is implementing a special warrant unit to apprehend violators. This unit will attempt to locate offenders at their homes or places of employment. If you believe you might be one of these individuals, call 257-9055 to find out, or go see the Municipal Court Clerk at 421 Wingfield immediately to avoid being arrested.

CASINO APACHE, Centzo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SPORTS THEATER, half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.



Clubs & Meetings

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE — potluck dinner for members 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Royal Suite Cabin of Casey's Cabins, 2840 Sudderth Drive. Bring a dish to pass and a beverage; plates, cups and utensils will be provided. For more information call 257-6355.

ANNEXATION AD HOC COMMITTEE — 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Ruidoso village hall.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB — 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, car pool for drive to Christmas party in Roswell.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES — Christmas dinner 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Gateway Church of Christ. Meat, drinks and bread will be furnished. Bring a covered disk, white elephant gift for the Chinese auction and canned goods for the food bank.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Ruidoso village hall.

LIBRARY BOARD — noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Ruidoso Public Library.

EAGLE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Capitan village hall.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the club house, 116 Evergreen, Ruidoso.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION — 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Capitan board room at the Administration Building.

ARTS AND FILM BOARD — 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Ruidoso village hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE — noon Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon at 258-3252.

OPERATION OLD FORT STANTON — 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Texas New Mexico Power Company building. To talk about the future of Fort Stanton as a living museum, conference center and national center for the western horse. Open to the public.

RUIDOSO THURSDAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PARTY — 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Cree Meadows Country Club, Country Club Drive, Ruidoso.



Library

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Ruidoso Public Library — during normal opening hours Monday to Friday, Dec. 9-13. Come by and visit the library and enjoy the holiday flowers and refreshments furnished by The Friends of the Library.

RURAL BOOKMOBILE EAST, New Mexico State Library, 505-461-1206 — Stops at the following locations. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 4-6:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric. Wednesday, Nov. 13: 8:45-10 a.m., Nogal P.O.; 10:30-noon, Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 2-3 p.m., Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-5 p.m., Hondo Store; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD — 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 10, and 17 at the Ruidoso Public Library. Children in first grade and older are invited to explore traditions, crafts, songs, foods and special celebrations: "An early American Christmas," "The truth about Santa Claus," "Christmas trees around the world," and "A European Christmas." Betty McCreight, Lincoln County Home Economist, will enhance each festival with special foods and crafts.

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. From 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, there are puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, and creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "Daylight," "101 Dalmations," "Space Jam," and "Michael Collins." Call theater for show times and ratings.

HOLIDAY LASER SHOW, Tombaugh Dminimax Theater, Space Center, Alamogordo, 505-437-2840 — 7 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Christmas Eve. Colorful laser lights orchestrated to traditional holiday melodies. The light show is part of the Evening Triple Feature which also includes the film "Cosmic Voyage" and a multimedia show about Comet Hal-Bopp. Admission \$5.



Theater

"RUMORS" — 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7. A comedy presented by Roswell Community Little Theatre, 12th and Virginia streets, Roswell. Phone for reservations, 505-622-1982. Reservations not required for Thursday performance. Admission \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students.



Museums & Galleries

FISHER GALLERY, 1620 Central SE, Albuquerque, 505-248-0612 — "The Worlds of Russ Ball." A solo exhibit of Ball's representational watercolor rockscapes and surrealist acrylic paintings is on display Dec. 13-28. Reception 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Gallery hours 1:30-6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; noon-6 p.m. Saturday.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, 505-841-2926 — Free admission during December for residents of Dona Ana, Otero, and Lincoln counties. Admission to "Grand Canyon" in the giant-screen Dynamax Theater is by the regular charge. Museum hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day (except Christmas and non-holiday Mondays in January and September.)

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — Showing through March 32, "200 years of firearms: rifles, pistols and commemoratives from the collection of C.L. 'Bones' Wright." Museum hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday. The museum is located just east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70. Also showing through Jan. 12: Fall American Art Show and Sale. Artists from the southern half of New Mexico participate in this juried show and sale. Regular admission.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999 — works of porcelain artist Paula White of Hondo on display throughout December. The gallery is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week.

SITE SANTA FE, 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, (505)999-1199 — "Contemporary New Mexico artists: sketches and Schemas" curated by Jan Adlmann; "Portraits from Pat's downtown club" by Patrick McFarlin. Both shows will be on view through Jan. 11.

MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, University of New Mexico, off University Avenue north of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Albuquerque, 505-257-4405 — "Monos de Cochiti: historic clay figurines and their present-day counterparts." This exhibit on display through June 1, 1997.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 — 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday - public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry. Call for reservations. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

RAKOCY ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM, 2806 Sudderth Drive — An 18-panel pictorial history of Billy the Kid is currently on display. This work has been painted by gallery owner Bill Rakocy.



Neighbors

A man of uncommon mettle

BY PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

John West has little interest in pretense. As an artist, he prefers common copper instead of gold to fashion his fine jewelry. As a man, he crafts a simple life from basic elements like honesty, hard work, and creative vision.

West grew up among these basic elements on a ranch south of Santa Fe, and they forged the metal of his character. His artistic sensibilities and ambitions were first tested by his father, painter Hal West.

"When I was 6 or 7, my dad casually said that I couldn't draw," West said. "I wasn't old enough to know about suicide, and that really pulls the rug out from under you. I needed to find something he couldn't do."

The 300-acre ranch, which supported only a milk cow, neighbored the abandoned Tiffany mines, where West collected his first bits of Cerrillos turquoise. He found a pile of scrap copper behind the barn, and his own art form was born.

By the time he was 13, West was banging metal, experimenting and learning. He apprenticed at the age of 16 with Swedish silversmith Karl Larssen. In high school, West developed his first jewelry catalog, which he sent off with all the girls who went away to college.

"I almost didn't graduate because I averaged two days a week at school," West said. "I was running two businesses."

In addition to silversmithing, West created the first Santa Fe adobe company, which also turned out to be his first business failure.

"It rained .17 inches that spring," he said.

Still, the business world held more promise for young West than did the art world.

"I figured out artists ate a lot of beans, and people who worked had money," he said.

So in 1949, he went to work at a "real" job. Moving out to the Seattle area, he did construction work, then sales. Looking for a scheme to make him rich, West got into burial properties, insurance, home improvement, and anything that looked good and exciting.

He returned to Santa Fe in 1960, where he was in real estate for 12 years and served on the Santa Fe Planning Commission for 10 years.

"Working didn't work," he said. "I got mad and quit."

Business ethics didn't sit well with West's creative yearnings. He spent all his social time with artists, and he was embarrassed to admit he worked in real estate.

"When you're not proud of what you're doing, it's time to go do something else," he said.

Time and again he was drawn back to the jewelry bench, crafting something unique and beautiful out of ordinary stones and metals.

The commercialization of Santa Fe eventually drove him out. The pursuit of money was taking all the fun out of life there, he said.

"Money consciousness changes everything," West said. "Galleries there are not much fun because people with rents that high expect you to buy something immediately. You can't just visit."

He retreated to the town of Lincoln in 1976, a place he'd wanted to live since he was a child.

West was about 9 years old when his father took him to Lincoln for the first time in 1939. Hal West had illustrated one of John Sinclair's first books, and they were visiting the author at his home in the former Lincoln County Courthouse. Sinclair was the courthouse museum's first curator and lived in what is now the offices at the courthouse.

"Santa Fe was so dry, and here was the greenest country I'd ever seen," West recalled.

West escaped contentious and pretentious Santa Fe, and 10 years later, he left Lincoln for quiet, unassuming Carrizozo, with its inexpensive real estate and common nature.

"This is a good place for building an art community," West said. "People who create



Silversmith John West uses copper, sterling and polished stones in his artwork, unique jewelry expressions. Each piece is individually documented and never duplicated.

Pamela Cromwell/Ruidoso News

together cling together."

Living with his wife Ann in a renovated 1920s style house, West enjoys the small contingency of Carrizozo artists.

"People involved with art are a different breed of cat," he said. "Anyone who makes his living by his wits - that's the only honest group of people left in the world."

By West's definition, artists are those who make their livings creatively, putting their whole selves into their work before knowing if it will sell, or for how much. West returned to his own art full time in 1970, rejecting the manipulations and falsities of the business world.

"I got tired of apologizing for the thieves I worked with," he said.

Making his living by his art, West admits, took some of the fun out of it. Pricing one's own artwork is the most disagreeable part of being an artist, he said. He finds it hard to reconcile art and the business of art.

"Money is an illusion, an unreal commodity," he said. "I'd still rather give things away."

West could have entered commercial art



John West with his early jewelry business.

and found some trend to follow, which is what most galleries like to see. But that's not what West considers art. Galleries distort art and alter public taste, West said, when they're only looking for a sure seller.

"The fastest seller could be pornography," he said. "If you have to do the kind of work that's hot, it's a kind of prostitution."

This ethic is what drove West away from the business world in the first place and into the simple ways of Carrizozo. His jewelry bespeaks his personal philosophy, that some things are more important than gold.

Making 40 one-of-a-kind pieces a year, West uses copper, red brass, yellow brass, bronze and steel, all backed with sterling.

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A quilt by Carol Meyer featuring a holiday theme, "The Greatest Gift." Meyer makes quilts in addition to teaching the folk art.

New Ruidoso artist creates quilts

Carol Meyer is an international fabric artist who recently moved to Ruidoso after living in Florida for five years. Prior to that she and her family lived in Albuquerque for 23 years.

Meyer creates completely hand-made art quilts, many of which have won national and international awards. She has exhibited at the Cornell Museum in West Palm Beach, Fla.; the New York Museum of American Folk Art traveling exhibit throughout the U.S.A. and Japan; the Woodlawn Plantation at Mt. Vernon, Va.; and the Malverne Quilt Exhibit in Malverne, England, to mention just a few. Many of her pieces are now in private collections in Hawaii, South Africa, Australia, England and throughout the U.S.A.

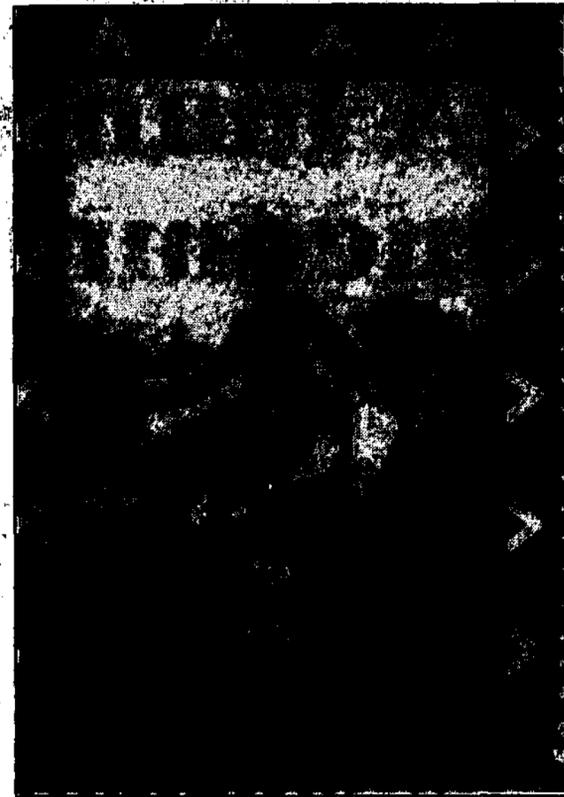
In 1986 Meyer was the New Mexico winner of the Great American Quilt Contest celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. Her quilt "Liberty: Promise of America" hung at the state capitol in Santa Fe and on July 2, 1986 then-governor Toney Anaya proclaimed Great American Quilt Day in New Mexico in honor of Carol Meyer.

Another of her quilts was purchased by the American International Quilt Association as part of a collection that was hung at the Hague in the Netherlands several years ago. In 1992 she had a one-person show at the Venice Art Center in Venice, Fla.

NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

QUITE A QUILT

Meyer's quilt "Liberty: Promise of America" hung at the state capitol in Santa Fe. The governor proclaimed it Great American Quilt Day in honor of Meyer.



Meyer's "In the Shadow of the Eagle" 1989 quilt.

Meyer also teaches quiltmaking throughout Florida and the southeast United States. She will be returning to Florida each year to do classes but plans to do her more serious work in the beauty and solitude of the mountains of New Mexico. She also plans to start her own quilt pattern business here early next year.

West: an artist of uncommon mettle



Nine-year-old John West (left) with little brother Jerry on their first visit to Lincoln in 1939.

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He cuts and polishes stones like lapis, turquoise, and agate for his jewelry. The result is necklaces, bracelets and belts that elevate common materials to the level of art.

While the Southwest has plenty of copper, the metal of West's character is a rare alloy. He sticks to doing what he loves mainly for the joy of doing it.

"Artists sustain our hope in humanity with their self-sufficiency and control of their own lives, without making money a priority," he said.

John West's Carrizozo studio will be open to the public 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15 during Art Loop, a self-guided tour of 15 Lincoln County art studios. West's studio is located at 306 Tenth Street in Carrizozo (648-2857).

IN PROFILE

John West

Age: 66
Hometown: Santa Fe
Occupation: Artist

Pet peeve: Politicians
Special interests: Archaeology, Indian ruins
Astrological sign: Virgo

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Browns

The 50th wedding anniversary of Clarence W. and Patsy D. Brown will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Browns, formerly of El Paso, have been residents of Ruidoso since May of 1992. They have three children, Sharon Hamarlund and her husband Harvey, Patrick S. Brown and his wife Michelle of El Paso, and Clarence W. Brown III and his wife Sherri of Knoxville, Tenn. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Browns were married Dec. 21, 1946 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in El Paso by the late Fr. John Buckley, S.J.



Patsy and Clarence Brown

Mr. Brown is retired from U.S. West and Mrs. Brown is a homemaker.

SERVICENOTES

Chino deployed to Japan

Marine Lance Cpl. Joel J. Chino, son of Lenore L. Kaydahzinne of Mescalero, recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with the Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Chino's unit deployed as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

The 1995 graduate of Tularosa High School joined the Marine Corps in August, 1995.

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Going Out

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Ruidoso welcomes the holidays with Festival of Trees

The glow of colorful Christmas lights will fill the room Saturday as people enjoy live music at the first Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees.

The festival runs Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Groups throughout Ruidoso have decorated unique Christmas trees for auction for this holiday benefit event.

Santa will join the festivities at 6-9 p.m. Friday and 6-8 p.m. Saturday. He'll take wishes from little and big children.

Trees can be previewed at 6-9 p.m. Friday. The entrance fee is one can of food or \$1 donation.

Trees will be auctioned off at 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The only entry fee for spectators is a pair of mittens, scarf, hat or blanket for charity, or \$1. Proceeds from the auction go to three local charities as well.

Special ribbons will be awarded for the best tree in three

height categories.

A dance band led by local favorites Randy Jones and Bart Trotter, with a special guest, entertains 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday amongst the lit Christmas trees, to produce a magical setting. Cost is \$3.

Mystery gifts will auctioned at the dance, and it will also feature a cash bar and food. People with parties of eight or more can reserve tables at the dance by calling 257-4001.

A special newspaper section about the event has been distributed throughout Southeast New Mexico.

To enter a tree in the auction and contests, send \$10 and an entry form to *The Ruidoso News* by fax (257-7053), in person (104 Park Ave.) or mail (P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso NM 88345). Deadline to receive entries at *The News* is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Please call 257-4001 for more information.

Detroit comedian headlines comedy showcase Saturday

Professional headliner Wally Wang along with Gabriel Williams and Sean 'Stoneman' Towers are slated for this weekend's Stand-Up Comedy Showcase at the Mescalero Inn Nightclub.

Wally Wang was born outside of Detroit, in a suburb called Birmingham where all the rich auto executives from Ford and General Motors lived. "Surprisingly, they didn't mind a family of Orientals in their neighborhood. But they did get upset when they'd catch us making our own cars," Wang said.

In 1990, Wang jumped into comedy on a challenge from a friend at a New Year's Eve party. He first appeared on stage at the Improv in San Diego and The Comedy Store in La Jolla, Calif. Wang has appeared in various nightclubs including The Comedy Isle as well as private conventions and hospitals. At all times he strives to deliver clean, uplifting, positive humor.



Wally Wang

Feature performer for the evening is Gabriel Williams. This fast-rising comic from El Paso tells us what it's like to be vertically challenged in an otherwise 6'0" world. Gabriel tells us of his trials and tribulations of dating and being, well, short, and having to take along a stepladder so he can give his date a goodnight kiss.

Williams also shares his experiences of fatherhood and how his daughters dress him like the "Lucky Charms" leprechaun for Halloween.

Also on the bill for non-stop laughs is Sean 'Stoneman' Towers. Local disc jockey and musician Sean recreates the do's and don'ts of dating, working and daily life. Maybe that's why he's still single.

Sean's closing routine showing up at his girlfriend's house drunk as a skunk is always a show stopper since just about everyone in the house has either been the male going through that experience or the girlfriend behind the door.

The Stand-Up Comedy Showcase runs 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.

The nightclub invites everyone to stay after the show and enjoy the sounds that DJ Mike Bush has to lay down. DJ Mike has all the hottest tracks on the charts.

The Mescalero Inn Nightclub is located 1.5 miles north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Carrizo Canyon Road. For more information or directions call (505) 257-6695.

Women gather for bridge club party

Possibly the largest ladies social event in Ruidoso each year occurs when 100 ladies gather at Cree Meadows Country Club for the Ruidoso Thursday Bridge Christmas Party. A Christmas lunch, festivities and an afternoon of bridge are the ingredients for holiday fun. This year's event is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

The Ruidoso Thursday Bridge got its start 13 years ago. It now has an average of 12 to 15 tables each Thursday and 25 tables at its annual Christmas Party.

The purpose of the Thursday Bridge is two-fold: to meet new friends, and

to learn or relearn to play bridge.

Hosting this year's festive event are: Jean Allgood, Margaret Bowden, Katherine Finley, Jean Gilliland, Lou Horton, Lois Hostetter, Mary Hudson, Charline Jones, Billie Jean Lively, Peggy Moore, Helen Strong and Loyce Watts.

Special plans for the ladies enjoyment are:

— Carolers from Ruidoso High

School Choir under the direction of Nathan Kruse

— Favors of small crocheted baskets filled with two decks of cards, a bookmark with scorekeeping information, Christmas ornaments and candy for each lady.

— More than 30 door prizes.

— And each lady attending is asked to bring canned goods for the Food Bank.

The Ruidoso Thursday Bridge meets each week at Cree at 11 a.m. for lunch and an afternoon of bridge. Anyone interested may call Cree Meadows Country Club at 257-9186 for more information.

Cloudfcroft rings in holiday celebration

Cloudfcroft is hosting holiday events on 19 days in December to celebrate Christmas.

Festivities began at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 and continue tonight (Friday) with the hanging of garland on Burro Avenue.

Children will make village tree decorations at 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in the community center.

Caroling and tree lighting will follow at 5 p.m. by the bank.

Then at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, mid-school students will perform holiday music at the mid-school gym.

Activities pick up again next weekend, Dec. 13-14, with the melodrama "The Plight Before Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and

Saturday in the community center. A pet parade heads down Burro Avenue at 2 p.m. Saturday, followed by photos with Santa until 3 p.m. Saturday.

Christmas celebration events continue through Dec. 31. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733 for more information.

Museum of the Horse Christmas party set

The Museum of the Horse's annual Christmas party will be 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. All children are invited (young and old) to participate in caroling, treats and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Admission will be free and refreshments will be served.

The celebration will continue from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with the annual Christmas party of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Co-hosted by the Museum of the Horse at Ruidoso Downs, the party is open to museum members and chamber members and their employees.

The celebration will continue at 7 p.m. with a seasonal choral presentation by the Santa Fe Desert Chorale. The chorale is an ensemble of 20-30 highly trained singers under the direction of Lawrence Bandfield. They will present a wonderful collection of holiday music.

This is the museum's Christmas present to members. Admission is free but seating is limited to the first 200, so don't come late.

Santa Claus visits Ruidoso Dec. 16-18

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso, with help from the Parks and Recreation Department, is making arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for calls to children ages 3 through 6 in Ruidoso, Capitan, Hondo and Mescalero at 6-8 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18. Forms for parents to complete are being distributed through the schools and day care centers.

Parents who wish to have Mr. or Mrs. Claus call their children but have not received forms may contact the Head Start Office at Nob Hill, phone 257-5025, or Lynn Price, phone 257-4991.

The forms should be returned by Friday, Dec. 13 to Mr. or Mrs. Santa Claus, c/o Debbie Jo Almager, Parks and Recreation Department, Village of Ruidoso, P.O. Box 69, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Library's Christmas open house next week

Friends of the Library will sponsor a Christmas Open House at the Ruidoso Public Library Monday-Friday, Dec. 9-13.

Refreshments will be served in the lobby with cookies being provided by Friends of the Library and the Ruidoso Women's Club. Free drawings will be held daily. Prizes will include children's books and decorated cups of candy. So come start your holiday season at the library open house.

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

Ruidoso News

December 6, 1946

The Ruidoso Club Bowling Tournament is getting hot and the scores are hotter. The tournament began September 20 and will end December 20.

Up to the present there have been fifty games bowled and the individual high score for a single game is held by Don Jensen who

made 235. In the ladies division the high score was made by Mrs. Marie Rooney with 195.

Approximately 6,907 New Mexican veterans are receiving monthly payments as the result of disabilities incurred in the armed forces during World War II. The average monthly payment for disabled veterans is approximately \$42.00. Compensation payments for service-connected disabilities range from \$18.30 to \$360.00 a month, depending on the degree and type of disability.

Movie ad: Roy Rogers and Trigger in "Rainbow over Texas."

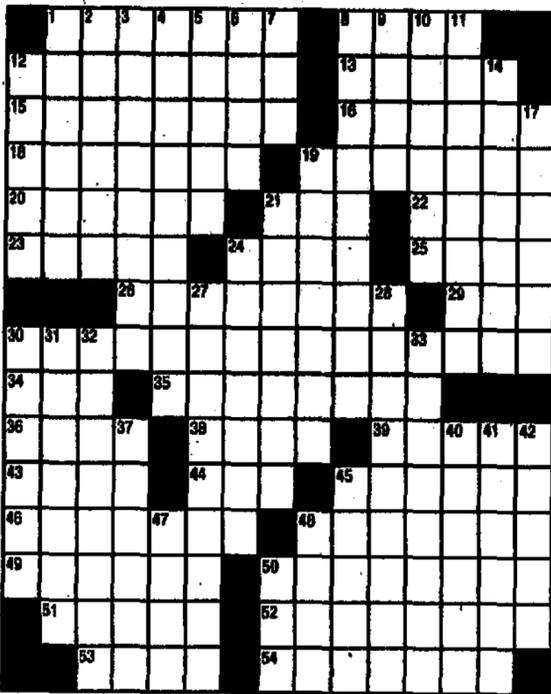
NY TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0504

ACROSS

- 1 Minds
- 8 Conks
- 12 Deserted
- 13 Baby boobook
- 15 Improve a text
- 16 Bother terribly
- 18 Evensong
- 19 On the line
- 20 Squire
- 21 "East of Eden" protagonist
- 22 Grp. making barrels of money?
- 23 Ancient Roman tunic
- 24 Frequent restaurant order, with "the"
- 25 Persian pooh-bah
- 26 California dessert wine
- 29 Junior's junior
- 30 Detective's cliché
- 34 Bradley Intl. letters
- 35 Dr. Seuss classic
- 36 Barker of Hollywood
- 38 Balanced
- 39 Commander of the Enterprise
- 43 Plant, in combos
- 44 Literary monogram
- 45 "Le Diable boiteux" novelist
- 46 City north of Seattle
- 48 Elbows
- 49 Venus follower
- 50 One providing the big picture?
- 51 Foment anew
- 52 Medes and Minoans
- 53 Hide but not hair
- 54 Part of Jordan's border



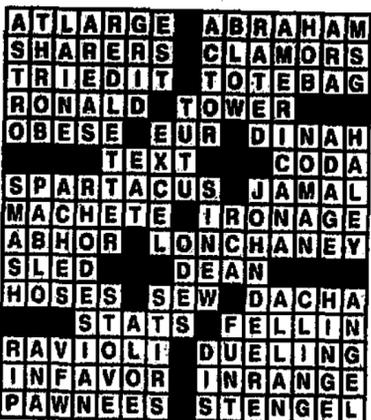
Puzzle by Bob Klajn

- 3 Temperate, e.g.
- 4 Urbanite's vacation spot
- 5 Institute
- 6 Rug rats
- 7 Opening number
- 8 Modern collectible
- 9 Has something outstanding
- 10 " — Republic"
- 11 Sistine Chapel figures
- 12 Nimes dreams
- 14 Point (at)
- 17 Electronics expert
- 19 "Bear of little brain" creator
- 21 Italian turnover
- 24 Ignore, as faults
- 27 Nowhere, now
- 28 Above, in a sense
- 30 Scratched
- 31 Entertains at home
- 32 Guinness data
- 33 A lot of the New Testament
- 37 Exposed

- 40 Baseball's Mr. Tiger
- 41 Waste matter
- 42 Breaks
- 45 Spanish writer Garcia —
- 47 Patron saint of goldsmiths
- 48 Kind of wedding
- 50 Nuts or crackers

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 1 Least likely to bite
- 2 "Oedipe" composer

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God

Mescalero
Donald Pettcy, pastor
Telephone: 671-4747
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 7 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church

Carrizozo
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

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
D. Allen Cearley, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs
David Jordan, Pastor
General Assembly-9:30 a.m.
Worship hour-11 a.m.
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Evening worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Tinnie
Bill Jones, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

420 Mechem Drive
Luis F. Gomez, Pastor
Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m.
Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission

Mescalero
Rev. Tim Gilliland, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Training Union-6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday services-6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church

126 Church Drive
Palmer Gateway
Wayne Joyce, Pastor
Randel Widener, Associate Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Capitan (south on Highway 48)
Floyd Gondloe, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
AWANA Wed-6:30 p.m.
For information, call 354-3119

BAHA'I FAITH

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Meeting in members' homes.
For information, call 257-3987 or 336-7739.

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church

Ruidoso 257-2330
Reverend Richard Catanuch
Sacrament of Penance - Sat. 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment.
Saturday Mass - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass-10 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday-4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio-8 a.m.
Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday
Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan 354-9102
Saturday Mass-5 p.m.
Sunday Mass-9 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo 648-2853
Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.
Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona
Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bent
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Saturday Mass-6 p.m.
Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road
Bill Kennedy, Pastor
Sunday School-K-12/Adult-9:30 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Ruidoso Branch
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48 on east side
between mile posts 14 and 15.
336-4359 or 257-9691
Sacrament meeting-10 a.m.
Sunday School-11:10 a.m.
Priesthood Relief Society-12:10 p.m.
Primary & Young Women-11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch
Marvin Halsen, President
434-1198
Sunday: Priesthood & Relief Soc. 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & primary-noon
Sacrament meeting-10:30 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.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glencoe
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel

Carrizozo, 6th & E Street
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare 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.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water Full Gospel

San Patricio
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Evening services-7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Full Gospel

New Testament Church
441 Sudderth Drive 378-4688
(behind Gateway Exxon)
Pastor Jesse Arreola
Sunday-10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service-7 p.m.
Nursery provided, everyone welcome

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall

106 Alpine Village Road, Highway 48
258-3659, 257-7715
Sunday public talk-10 a.m.
Sunday Watchtower-10:50 a.m.
Tuesday Bible study-7:30 p.m.
Thursday ministry school-7:30 p.m.
Thursday service meet-8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

Alpine Village Road, Highway 48
258-3659, 336-7076
Reunion publica Dom.-1:30 p.m.
Estudio de la Atalaya Dom.-2:20 p.m.
Estudio de libro Lun.-7 p.m.
Escuela del ministerio teocratico
Mier.-7 p.m.
Reunion de servicio Mier.-7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Hull Road
258-4191, 257-5296
Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m. Bible Study
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METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church

Junction Road
Behind Daylight Donuts
Craig Cockrell, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan
648-2893, 257-5614
Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,
Capitan/Carrizozo
Carrizozo
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.
Wednesday choir-6:30 p.m.

Capitan
Sunday worship-9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School-8:30 a.m. 2nd
Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle

Capitan, Lincoln Ave.
(2/10 mile past fairgrounds heading
toward the business district)
257-6864
Allan M. Miller-Pastor
Bible Study-7 p.m. Tuesday
Sunday School-10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Services-6 p.m.
Ladies fellowship-6 p.m. last Thursdays

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Angus
at Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48
Charles Hail, Pastor
336-8032
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

Ruidoso, Nob Hill
257-2220
James Hovland, Pastor
Church school-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.
Potluck fellowship lunch after worship the
third Sunday; women's Bible study & brown
bag lunch at noon the second Tuesday.

Mountain Ministry Parish

Community United
Presbyterian Church
Ancho
Sunday worship-9 a.m.
Sunday School-10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Worship-11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School-10 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed

Mescalero
Bob Schut, Pastor
Church school-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Mon. junior high youth-6:30 p.m.
Wed. high school meeting-7 p.m.
Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5)-3:30

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
Ruidoso Downs, Agua Fria
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Pastor/Rick Lytle 443-1904
Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206
Sabbath school-9:30 a.m.
Church service-11 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday-7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

American Missionary Fellowship
Gregg Horn
354-2307

Ruidoso men's Bible study-noon, Monday,
Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive
Capitan youth group-7 p.m. Wednesday at the
fair building
Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays
Adult Bible Study-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Calvary Chapel

433 Gateway Center
Pastor Ben Slaboda
257-5915

11 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study
& Kids' Adventure Club

Christ Community Fellowship

Capitan, Highway 380 West
Ed Vinson, Pastor
354-2458
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Square,
613 Sudderth Drive
257-9265
B.A. Thurman, Pastor
Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Living Word Church

441 Mechem, 257-3470
Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis
Renewal services:
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday noon - intercessory prayer
7 p.m. - mid-week services

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)

Alto North
Jeamsie Price, Pastor
336-7075
Service Schedule:
Morning chapel - 6:50 a.m. (Sept. thru June)
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.

Ruidoso Word Church

Ruidoso Downs
Al and Marty Lane, Pastors
378-8464
Children's Ministries-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m.
Thursday services-7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship

Gavilan Canyon Road
336-4213
Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Prayer
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30-12 Noon Service
For our weekly schedule call
378-8391.

Please mail corrections to:

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 8

Morning Worship - Chancel Choir
Christmas Cantata

December 15

Morning Worship - Children's Christmas
Program - Children's Christmas Party at
3:00: Christmas Carols at Ruidoso Care
Center and visit with Santa afterwards

December 22

Sunday Morning Christmas Worship

December 24

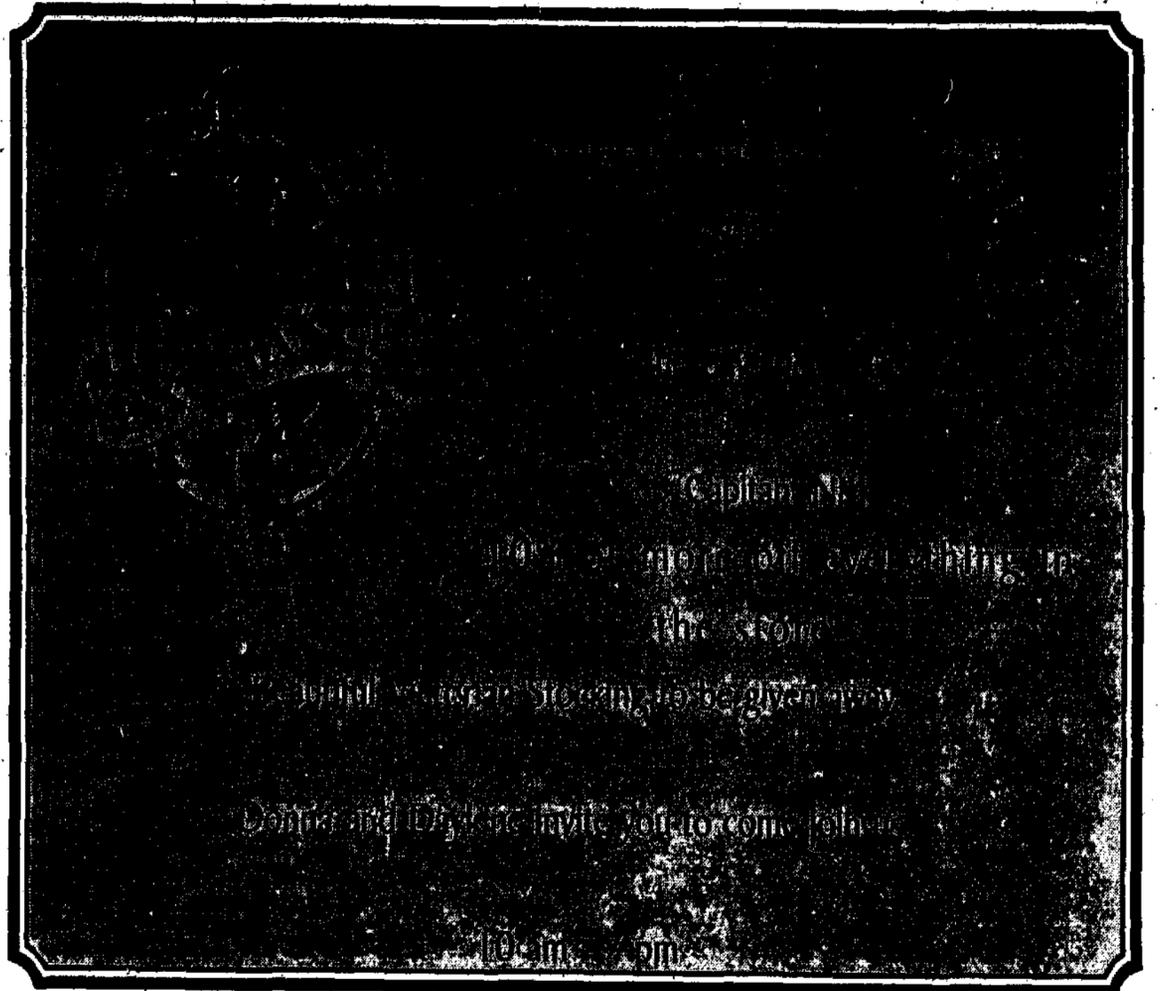
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Service

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VADONOS

Club calendar

ADULT SINGLES GROUP

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas Club, Ruidoso. The group has a no-host dinner with speakers and discussions to follow. Activities are also planned throughout the month. All adult singles are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. For further information call 258-2635 or 378-8469.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.
Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon. Noon meeting.
Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.
Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.
Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.
Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open. Noon meeting.
Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.
Birthdays, last Saturday.
Phone number 258-3643

ALL AMERICAN

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Open game. Novice players welcome. For information, call Joe Ranne at 257-9228.

ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

ALTRUSA CLUB

Meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch. President Karen Morris.

ALZHEIMER'S MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. Call 257-9071 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. President, Bart Young.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Memorial Chairman Sandy Thomas, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4041.

AMERICAN LEGION

ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO

Neighborhood group meeting. Call Jennie Powell at 258-3896.

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Elk's meets in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month.

B.P.O. DOES

Does meet in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Four chapters meet in members' homes.

7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of every month. For more information call 257-5368.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Scoutmaster Steve Norbury, 258-3417. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

CHOIR GROUP

Meets Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. at 1089E1 Pasco Road, Las Cruces. Call locally for possible carpool and information at 258-5621.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

Volunteers serving the less fortunate in the area. 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at 120 Junction Road (Church of Christ building). President Rick Osborne, 257-7162.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Meets at Texas-New Mexico Power Company. Step study meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

COUNSELING CENTER

Stress management group every Monday at 4 p.m. at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5038 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4006.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

DAV meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

24-hour crisis line answered by the Ruidoso Police Department. Call 257-7365 and ask for the Family Crisis Center volunteer. Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Free women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Birgit LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Bobbie Milburn at 257-4402 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5164.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meets at the Ruidoso Public Library at 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Library at noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month for covered dish lunch and games.

HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 257-2236 or 1-800-573-AIDS.

HUMANITY SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Texas-New Mexico Power community room.

KIWANIS CLUB

Meets at K-Bob's in the American Room at noon on Tuesdays. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

Meets in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Fred C. Knapp, grand knight.

LA JUNTA F.C.E.

(FORMERLY HOME EXTENSION CLUB)

Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. For more information call 653-4912.

LAMAZE PREPARED CHILD BIRTH CLASSES

Six-week session every eight weeks meets at the Lincoln County Medical Center with meetings at 7 p.m. Mondays. Instructors are Jacque Haddix, RN, and Jan Davey, RN. Call 257-7381 for information or to register for classes.

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. For more information call Anita Powell at 257-5352.

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meets once a month. Call Cece Griffin, chairperson at 257-7558 for date and place.

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 257-5823.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 7 p.m. President Jerry Bertramson.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the hospital conference room at 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE!

Meets the first Sunday of each month at various locations. Call Judy at 336-1006 for meeting times and more information. Lincoln County Pride! is a social and political action group for Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual community and its heterosexual allies.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Meets the third Thursday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 mechem, Ruidoso at 12 p.m. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. President Roland Caster, 257-6767.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meets in the Linns-Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry on Tuesdays for supper.

MASONIC LODGE #73

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., for dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Tim Rich, 257-6758;

secretary, Leo Mitchell, 258-4182. All visiting Brethren welcome. Coffee for family & friends each Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

Meets at K-Bob's Restaurant at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month. For more information call 258-5464; 258-4980 or 258-4023.

NOISY WATERS SERTOMA CLUB

Every Wednesday at noon at the Enchantment Inn. For more information call 257-2021.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m. For information call Emmett Hatch, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65
Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Visiting members welcome.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Advanced Hair Designs, 1101 Mechem, at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 258-3313.

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building.

QUILTING GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Judy at 336-8064 or Diana at 257-2446.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Bob Nys at 258-4372 or Pat Hume at 354-2382.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests. Everyone welcome.

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

7 p.m. (or later) every Wednesday at Pizza Hut on Mechem. No dues or fees. Beginners welcome. For further information call Alan at 258-4757 or Tony at 336-4219.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Meets in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirlene Roberts at 378-4184 or Ida Hal at 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. For more information call Margaret Bowden at 258-4678 or 257-2452.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, at 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May. For more information call 257-2309.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Meets in various locations at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month. For information call 258-5509 or 25-2877.

RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Meets at the Gateway Church of Christ, east entrance. Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting

Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PECANEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church Hall. For more information call Diana at 257-2446 or Judy at 336-8064.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125.

RUIDOSO VALLEY NOON LIONS

Meets at Cree Meadows Country Club for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

SIERRA BLANCA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information call Dusty Rhodes at 257-2135.

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. for weekly open and novice games. 1 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 257-9228.

SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

Meets at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information call 257-2135 or 257-2883.

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THURSDAY BRIDGE

11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. For more information call 258-3631.

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For information and meeting time, call Roy Propsner at 257-6600.

VFW POST 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday at American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

Don Klein VFW Women's Auxiliary Unit 7072 meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month at American Legion Hall, US 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer. Betty Beachum, President; John Liefstink, Secretary. For more information call 258-5441 or 336-9669.

YOUR HELPING HANDS

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The organization raises money for equipment and supplies for White Mountain Search and Rescue. For more information call Susan at 257-9704, Sherry at 257-4787 or Katie at 257-2295.

ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

Please mail corrections to:

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Setting the stage for tragedy

(This is the second of a five-part series about the Earp brothers in Tombstone, Arizona Territory. The Earps, who had come to Tombstone for the sole purpose of getting rich, found themselves embroiled in a feud with the local rustlers known as the "cowboys.")

On Oct. 30, 1880, Tombstone's Marshal Fred White died of the gunshot wound inflicted on him, possibly accidentally, by Curly Bill Brocius.

On March 15, 1881, the situation between the Earps and the cowboys was further aggravated by an attempt to hold up the Tombstone-Benson stage. The stage never stopped, but had to be guided into Tombstone by the shotgun guard. Driver Bud Philpot and a passenger were killed.

Wyatt Earp, along with Sheriff Johnny Behan, organized a posse and took off in pursuit of the bandits.

No one was ever charged with the crime, but the ever-conniving Johnny found an opportunity to irritate Wyatt, whom he hated for "stealing" Josie Marcus from him. Behan plied Doc Holliday's inamorata, Big Nose Kate, with liquor. Under its influence, Kate, who had been feuding with Doc, fingered Doc as one of the bandits.

There was, of course, no real evidence, but Doc was still incarcerated for a brief time. Not brief enough apparently, because when Doc was released he announced that he would kill, on the spot, the next person who said the words "stagecoach robbery" to him. No one was inclined to call his bluff.

And Kate was quietly shipped out of Tombstone for elsewhere — anywhere else — in Arizona.

Virgil appointed town marshal

In June of 1881, Virgil Earp was appointed town marshal. The possibility of hostilities between the Earps and the cowboys had been growing more and more certain with each passing day. Virgil's appointment did nothing to alleviate the situation.

On Oct. 23, 1881, a Tombstone diarist noted that things were "rather monotonous. I hope this state of things won't continue long." In three days time, on the 26th, he would get his wish.

By this time, numerous verbal altercations had taken place between the Earp faction and the cowboys. Soon these confrontations would go beyond mere words — quite a way beyond.

Old Man Clanton had made his last rustling foray into Mexico two months before. When he and a group of his employees were returning from across the border with some purloined stock, a group of Mexicans caught up with them at a place called Skeleton Canyon and wiped them out to a man.

Ike Clanton now felt that he should seize the reins of leadership among the cowboys, but everyone, even his friends, knew that Ike was all mouth. Curly Bill Brocius and John Ringo took over from the late, mostly unlamented, Old Man Clanton.

And Ike was not about to take issue with either of those gentlemen.

Ike Clanton begins stumbling over his lower lip

Things began to get ugly on the 25th. That evening, Ike and Tom McLaury had decided to take in the town. There were 66 saloons in Tombstone and Ike was determined to hit all of them.

About 1 a.m., having separated from Tom McLaury, Ike wandered into the Alhambra for a bite to eat where he suddenly found Doc Holliday in his face.

Doc had about all he could take of Ike's fighting talk and was determined to have it out then and there. Luckily for Ike, Morgan and Wyatt were also present and broke the altercation up before blood was shed, much to Doc's disappointment.

Later, however, Ike confronted Wyatt, telling him that he would meet him "man to man" in the morning. Wyatt told him that he didn't want to fight because there wasn't any money in it. He also commented to Ike, "You talk too much for a fighting man." The very next day Ike would prove him right.

Eventually, Ike wound up in an all-night poker game with Johnny Behan, Tom McLaury, and, of all people, Virgil Earp.

At 6:15 a.m. Oct. 26, 1881, as Virgil got up to leave the game, Ike grabbed his arm. Ike wanted Virgil to carry a message to Doc Holliday: "The damned son-of-a-bitch has got to fight." When Virgil remained unimpressed, Ike added, "You may have to fight before you know it." Virgil shrugged and went home to bed.

At 8:45 a.m., Wyatt was informed by friends that Ike Clanton, heavily armed, was hunting Doc and any of the Earps he could find on the streets of Tombstone.

At 9:20 a.m., a sleepy Virgil Earp was awakened by friends and informed that Ike, still armed, was staggering all over town, yelling at passersby that "As soon as the Earps show, the ball will open."

At about the same time, Ike entered Fly's Boarding House, the residence of Doc Holliday and the newly returned (and apparently forgiven) Big Nose Kate. Seeing Ike look around and leave, all the while cradling a Winchester, Kate rushed back to their room to awaken Doc.

She told him that she had just seen Ike Clanton with a rifle, looking for him.

Doc's reply was typical. "If God will let me live long enough, he will see me."

Finally, about a half hour after noon, Virgil, who had been hunting Ike for some time, found him. Ike was standing at the mouth of an alleyway, watching the street. Virgil went around the block and came up behind him. Grabbing Ike's Winchester with one hand, Virgil clubbed the surprised Ike into submission with his other hand — the

one with the pistol in it.

Ten minutes later, Ike was in court. Sitting across from him were Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp. And still Ike couldn't shup up. "I will get even with all of you for this" he informed them. "If I had a six-shooter now I would make a fight with all of you."

This was too much for the hot-tempered Morgan. Picking up Ike's own six-shooter and holding it out for the rustler to take, Morgan replied, "If you want to make a fight right bad, I will give you this one." When Ike got up to take it, a deputy named Campbell shoved him back in his seat, telling both Ike and Morgan to knock it off.

Then Wyatt spoke up. "You damned dirty cow thief. You have been threatening our lives and I know it. I think I would be justified in shooting you down anyplace I should meet you. But if you are anxious to make a fight, I will go anywhere on earth to make a fight with you — even over to the San Simon, among your own crowd."

Good sense was not Ike's strong point, as he amply demonstrated in his reply to Earp: "I will see you after I get through here. I only want four feet of ground to fight on."

Virgil, still nonplussed by Ike's rantings, asked him where he wanted his firearms left. Ike replied that he wanted them "Anywhere I can get them, for you hit me over the head with your six-shooter." Once again Virgil shrugged, and took Ike's weapons over to the Grand Hotel Bar and left them.

Wyatt, disgusted by the whole scene, stepped out into the street where he suddenly found himself face-to-face with Tom McLaury. Tom then rather inadvisedly opened his mouth. "If you want to make a fight," he informed Wyatt, "I will make a fight with you anywhere."

Wyatt Earp's patience runs out

By now, patience was a virtue that had completely abandoned Wyatt Earp. "All right," he replied, "make a fight right here." At the same time, Wyatt slapped McLaury with his left hand and drew his gun with his right.

Tom was clearly armed, his pistol bulging out of his pants pocket, but he made no attempt to go for it. "Jerk your gun and use it!" shouted Earp. When McLaury remained motionless, Wyatt hit the cowboy over the head with his revolver and walked away, commenting aloud that "I could kill the son-of-a-bitch."

Walking down to Hafford's Corner, Wyatt bought a cigar and then stepped out onto the sidewalk to smoke it. As he did so, Frank McLaury and Billy Clanton walked past him and on down to Spangenberg's gun shop. Wyatt, ever the cool customer, followed them to see what they were up to.

When Frank and Billy went into the gun shop, Frank left his horse outside. The horse stepped up onto the sidewalk, a minor infraction of city ordinances. Wyatt began backing



Josephine Marcus



Virgil Earp



Ike Clanton

the horse off of the sidewalk and Frank rushed out of the shop, demanding to know exactly what Earp was doing with his horse.

For a moment it looked as though the feud had built to flashpoint, but just then Virgil walked up and diffused the situation. Then Wyatt and Virgil stood on the sidewalk and watched as Frank McLaury and Billy Clanton went back into the store and began stocking up on cartridges.

About 1:30 p.m. word reached the Earps that more cowboys were arriving in town. By this time Wyatt, Virgil, and Morgan Earp had gathered together on the corner of Fourth and Allen streets and were watching warily as the cowboys passed them and went down to the Dunbar Corral.

At about the same time, armed townspeople representing the Citizens Safety Committee (the vigilantes) approached Marshal Virgil Earp and offered their assistance in disarming the cowboys. Telling them not to worry, Virgil sent them home.

By now a crowd, sensing that something was about to happen, began to gather.

At 2:10 p.m., the cowboys left the Dunbar Corral and walked across Allen Street, through the O.K. Corral and into the alley about 90 feet away. There, they began to pass a bottle around.

A few minutes later, John Behan approached the cowboys and began talking with them. Johnny had never been a friend to the Earps, particularly since Wyatt had "stolen" Josie from him. But not even Johnny wished to see a major gun battle in the streets of Tombstone.

It was too late to avoid one, though. Things had gone too far.

At about the same time that Johnny Behan was talking with the cowboys, Doc Holliday joined the Earps.

The stage was set.

The Ruidoso News

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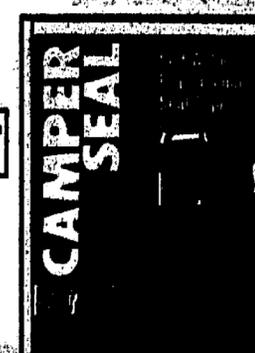
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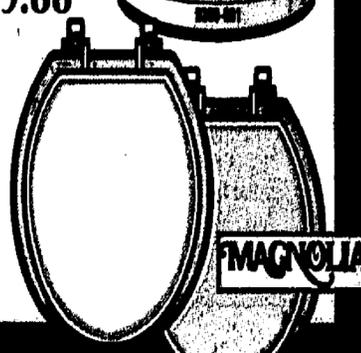
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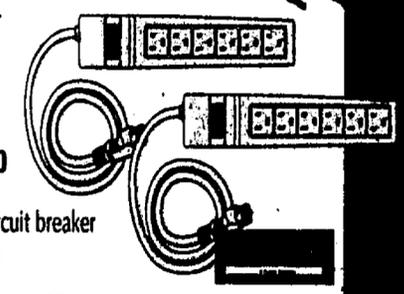


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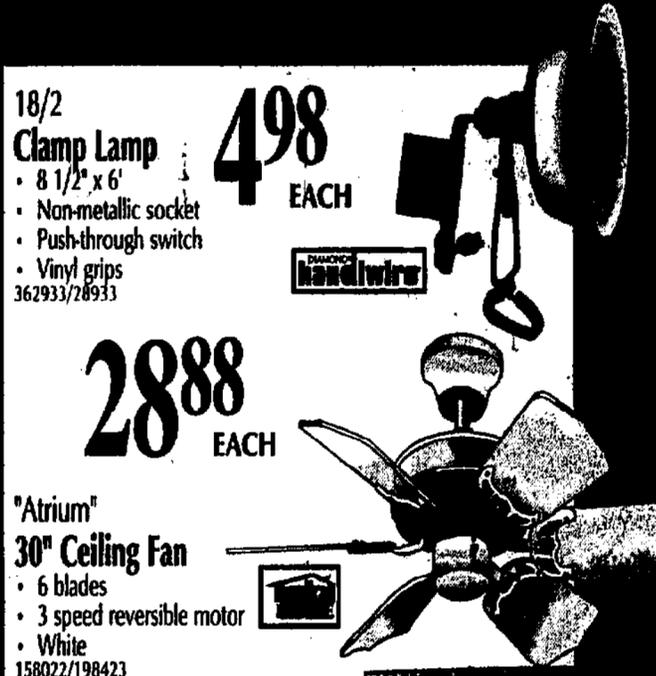
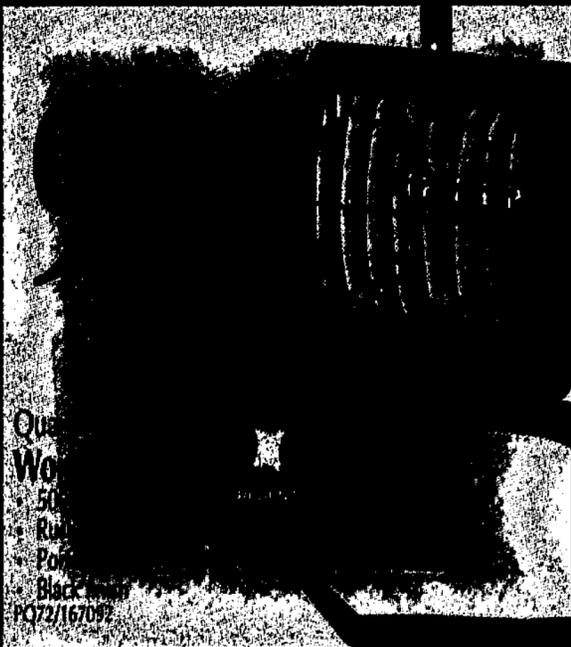
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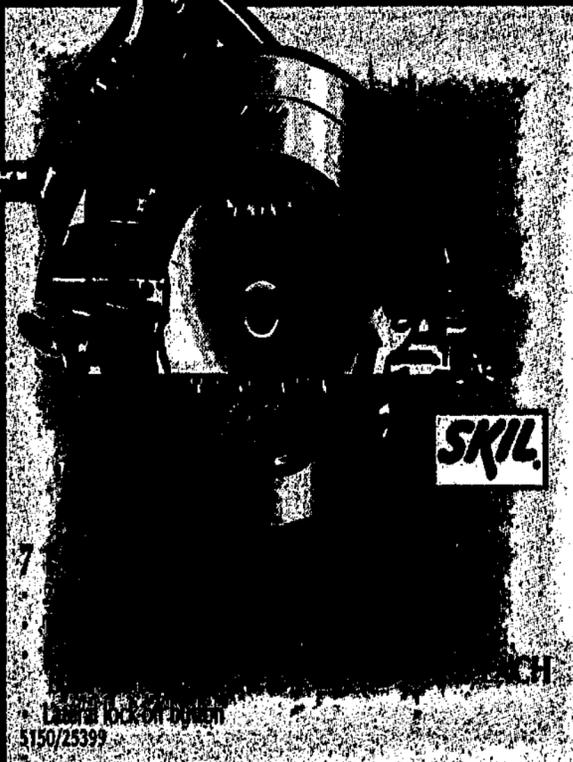
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- 1/3 h.p.
- Wood cutting blade included
- Adjustable base

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or

1/4 Sheet Palm Grip Sander

- 1.7 AMP; 13,000 OPM
- All ball bearing construction
- Compact, 1-hand design
- Sands flush on 3 sides

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Recipro Saw Kit

- Variable speed of 0-2300 spm; 6.0 amps
- 1 3/16" stroke length
- Ball & needle bearing construction
- Includes plastic carrying case and 3 blades
- Adjustable front shoe assembly

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10" Power Mitre Saw

- 13 AMP, 120V, 5200 rpm, 60 HZ motor
- 6' 3-conductor cord
- Electric blade brake
- Dust bag, wrenches & instruction manual
- 104 tooth crosscut blade included

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248
10.3 OZ.

Tub & Tile Caulk

- Mildew-resistant
- Sets a smooth, satin finish
- Paintable - allow to dry 24 hours
- White & almond

5.5 OZ. 1.58
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1/2 PINT

Fast-N-Final Spackling

- Won't crack or shrink
- 1-step application
- No sanding needed

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628
34 LBS.

Joint Compound + 3

- Lightweight
- All purpose

148
10 OZ.

Spray Brite

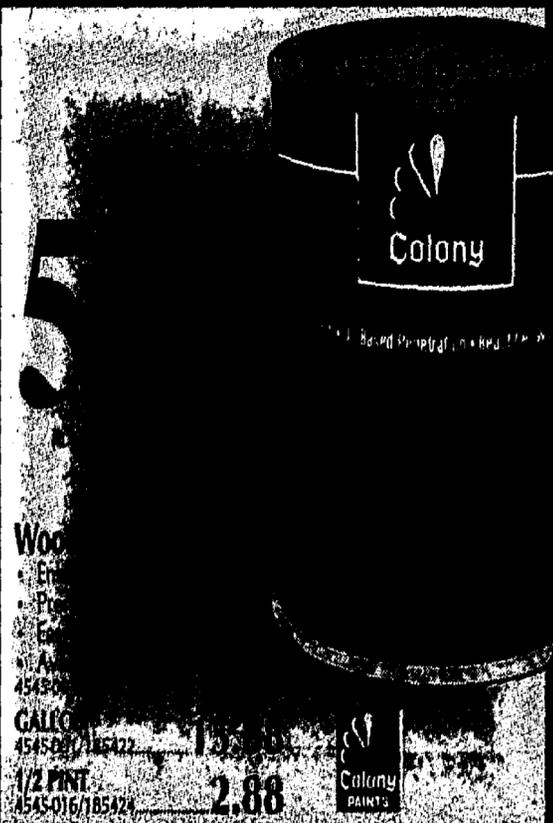
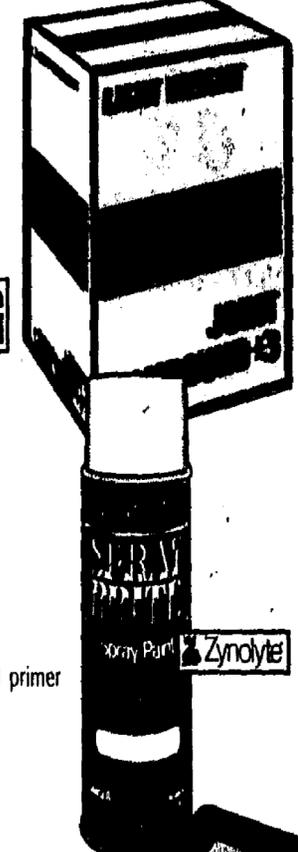
- Fast-drying
- Prevents rust
- Available in 16 colors & 1 primer

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6-Piece Premium Paint Kit

- Heavy-duty plastic tray
- 9" 5-wire cage frame
- 2 one-coat polyester covers
- 1" paint wand; extension pole

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Heirloom® Polyurethane

- Clear (not milky) when applying
- Superior durability
- Low odor, non-toxic
- Fast-drying
- Satin or gloss finish

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KS-3 Paint Remover

- Clear, semi-paste formula
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Denatured Alcohol

- Excellent for spirit stoves & chafing dish fuel
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- Fast-drying interior formula
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Latex Semi-Gloss Wall Paint

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- Covers most colors in 1 coat
- Scrubbable & fast-drying
- Soap & water clean-up
- White & custom colors

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- High-hiding & fast-drying
- Splatter-resistant
- Soap & water clean-up
- White

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QUART

Latex Gloss Enamel

- Scrubbable
- Stain-resistant
- Use on wood or metal
- Available in 11 colors

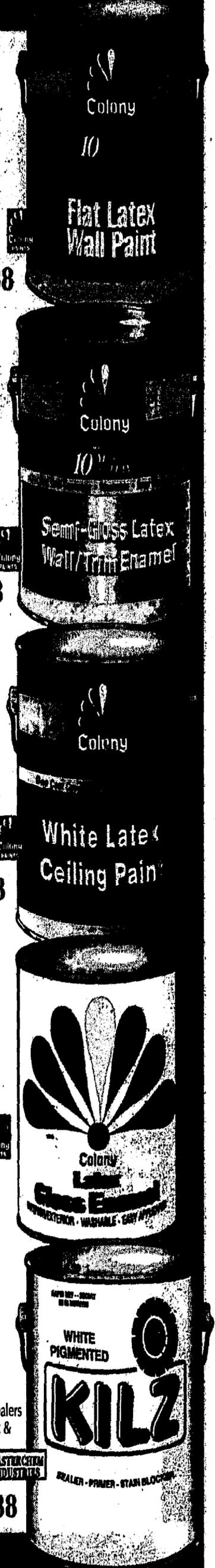
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Primer/Sealer

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