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## Second 'Festival of Trees' starts today at Convention Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A series of holiday events begins today and continues Saturday at the second Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees.

Last year's auction of decorated Christmas trees has been expanded this season to incorporate a village-wide effort to turn Ruidoso into a holiday destination for tourists, say coordinators.

Besides an effort to cover build-

ings in town with sparkling white lights, coordinators have concentrated on turning the festival into a wonderland of music, performances and other attractions.

"We are hoping that the Ruidoso community will result in an event similar to those of Marshall, Texas' Wonderland of Lights and Carlsbad's Christmas on the Pecos," said Sandi Kuykendall, with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Kuykendall said she expects 70

lighted and decorated trees will be on display at the convention center as well as about 70 wreaths, a dozen gingerbread houses and about six Christmas stockings. All will be auctioned, the proceeds going to the Lincoln County Family Crisis Center, Disabled Skiers Association and the lighting project.

In addition to 10 performances of music and dance, the festival will feature photo opportunities with Santa Claus, a children's village, a

miniature train display, a concert by third grade students Friday night and a dance on Saturday night.

The event is sponsored by the chamber, *Ruidoso News*, Texas-New Mexico Power Co., and the village of Ruidoso. In addition, many companies are assisting with decorations and sponsorship, coordinators say.

Tickets are \$2 for adult general admission, and \$5 including the dance. Tickets for children under 12 are \$1.

### ► Events schedule

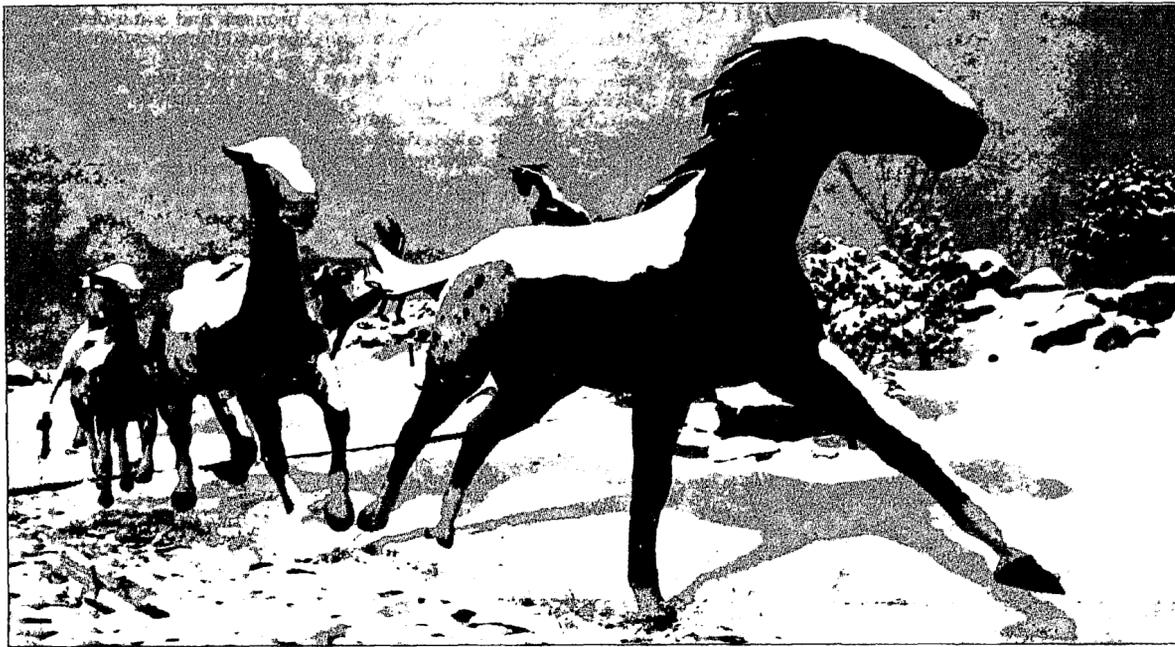
Key times for Festival events:

Friday, 6 p.m.: Doors open.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.: Concert

Saturday, Noon: Entertainment starts; 2 p.m., Santa; 7 p.m., auction; 8 p.m., dance.

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Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Frozen motion took on a new meaning as snow blanketed Dave McGary's "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" monument at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs Wednesday.

## New Motel 6 slated for site in midtown

### Sudderth-Chase corner awaits Village approval

• Work on the site may start as soon as February.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction of a Motel 6 at the intersection of Sudderth and Chase should be completed in October, according to the contractor building the hotel.

"It takes about six to eight months to finish a project like this," said Hemal Patel, president of Paaru Construction, an Albuquerque-based firm.

Hem-Ami, Inc., the owners of Motel 6, have contracted with Patel to build a three-story, 54-room hotel on the west side of Michelina's, an Italian restaurant on Sudderth Drive, Patel said.

Presently, the 1.2-acre lot is wood-

ed and undeveloped. Patel said the company has not finalized its purchase of the land, previously priced by local real estate agents at \$240,000.

Several months ago, rumors spread that the lot and another 5-acre parcel of land behind the restaurant had been optioned by a corporation planning to build a hotel. The rumors were denied at the time by a local real estate agent working with the owners.

Work on the Motel 6 will begin in February, Patel said, adding that the start date may be delayed while his company obtains permits with the Ruidoso Planning Department.

Construction of the hotel will cost about \$2.3 million, Patel said. It will include suites, an elevator and a swimming pool. Initial plans show the

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### A Kansas woman dies on a slick highway near Corona

## Big snowstorm impacts wide area

• One-two punch improves winter recreation but creates highway problems all over the county.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
AND TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITERS

The tail end of a winter storm that swept through Lincoln County this week left one person dead near Corona and 28 inches of new snow at Ski Apache.

Road crews in Ruidoso and the county were out in full force Wednesday after between five to seven inches of snow fell on highways and streets Tuesday evening. Village snow-removal crews were clearing the remnants Thursday morning.

The fatality occurred about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday 20 miles south of Corona on U.S. 54.

Maria Zapata, 49, of Kansas, was driving her 1996 Dodge pickup north when she apparently lost control on the icy and snow packed road. The pickup went into a skid and was struck by a 1994 Cadillac going south.

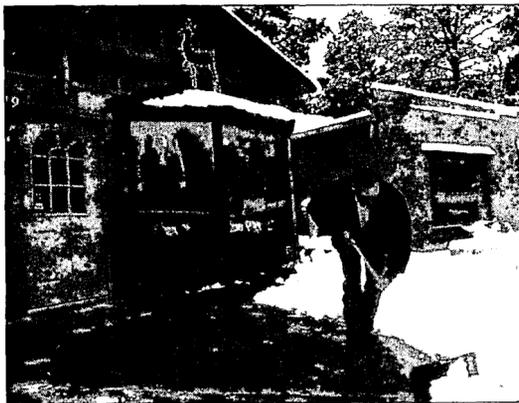
State Police Officer Mike Ramirez reported that the driver of the Cadillac, Robert Maley, 60, of Illinois, couldn't avoid the collision.

Zapata died from her injuries. Her son, Rafael Zapata, 26, and grandson, Alejandro Zapata, 3, walked away with minor injuries.

Maley received minor cuts and bruises. His wife, Bernice Maley, suffered broken ribs and possible internal injuries.

She was taken to Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo, where she was listed in stable condition on Wednesday.

The storm was good news for Ski Apache, which recorded 12 inches of



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso teacher Ron Wall, whose wife is a partner in the Sisters Too shop, puts some muscle behind a shovel Wednesday morning to clear a path through the snow for shoppers on Sudderth.

snow overnight Monday, continuous snow Tuesday and another eight inches that night for a total of 24 inches in 48 hours.

It was snowing Wednesday morning, but skies were clear on Thursday.

Eleven of 55 trails were open and five of 11 chair lifts. The gondola was open to the top of the run at 11,400

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## Hawk rescue fails

• A wounded hawk doesn't survive, despite the efforts of many rescuers.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In spite of the efforts of two agencies and several individuals, a six-month-old red-tailed hawk found injured along U.S. 54 south of Carrizozo died late Tuesday.

The case also points up the need for more wildlife rehabilitators across the state, those who tried to help the bird say.

The immature hawk was spotted along U.S. 54 south of Carrizozo by a motorist Sunday. The person stopped at the home of Jeannie Nesmith of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office after seeing a sheriff's patrol car parked outside. Nesmith notified the

state Game and Fish Department.

Game Warden Terry Scarafioti of Nogal responded and drove 100 miles Monday to take the bird to Mike Martine, with the same agency in Socorro.

Martinez took the bird to a veterinarian who works with Gay Kozusko of Magdalena, a licensed rehabilitator with a federal permit to work with injured or abandoned birds and a rehabilitator's license to handle mammals.

Kozusko and her husband, Mike, originally were from Colorado, but moved to the desert outside of El Paso where Kozusko became involved with Chihuahua Desert Wildlife Rescue that serves El Paso and Las Cruces, one of the

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### Retraction

In our Nov. 12, 1997 story "Developers hoping project back on track," we erroneously reported that the developer of the Country Club Village project, Glenn Neans, has \$21 million in judgments against him. The *Ruidoso News* retracts that statement and regrets the error. The information we relied upon was incorrect.

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### WEATHER

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SATURDAY** High ... 49 Low ... 19



Mostly cloudy

**SUNDAY** High ... 46 Low ... 26



Rain/snow

**MONDAY** High ... 45 Low ... 25



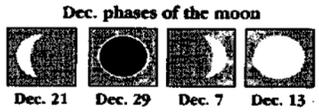
Partly cloudy

## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	37	29	.49"
Wednesday	36	18	.02"
Thursday	48	13	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	48	21	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	62	31	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	51	24	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	54	26	Partly cloudy



## STARDATE

The dark evenings offer more time for skywatching! Have you ever seen the Andromeda galaxy? If you haven't, now's a good time to try. The galaxy is just about straight up around 7:30 p.m. in early December. If you have a sky free of light pollution, the galaxy is detectable to the unaided eye as a dim, elongated glow.

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



Carmon Phillips/The Old Mill Drum major and majorettes, probably for the Ruidoso High marching band.

## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News Dec. 5, 1947

Funeral services for ex-governor, George Curry, were conducted Monday by Rev. Daniel Krahe in Albuquerque. The body was taken to Santa Fe, where Spanish-American War Veterans held special services before interment in the National Cemetery.

George Curry came to this country from Dodge City, Kans., when a youth of 18, and went to work as a cowhand on what is now known as the Block Ranch.

Then he was the Ft. Stanton Post trader before going to Colfax County. He returned to Lincoln in 1885 as chief clerk for the J. J. Dolan Mercantile Company.

Dolan at that time was treasurer of Lincoln County, and it was this association that started Curry's political career. He served as probate clerk in 1888, assessor in 1890, sheriff in 1892, and in 1894 as representative of Lincoln, Chavez, eddy, dona Ana and Grant counties in the Legislature. When Otero County was formed in 1898, Curry went to Alamogordo as the first sheriff.

## Complete weekend program for 2nd Festival of Trees

Friday, Dec. 5

- 6 p.m. Doors open to the 1997 Festival of Trees. Enjoy favorite foods as you preview the trees and wreaths.
- 7:30 Concert: "Christmas Around the World" Presented by Paul and Barbara Westbrook with third graders from White Mountain Elementary and "Ota Harid Bluegrass Band." Susie Cox, pianist and Gary Stamper, guitarist. Seasonal instrumental and vocal selections.

Saturday, Dec. 6

- Noon Marcella Garcia - Guitar and vocal entertainment
- 1 p.m. Pat McCartney - Guitar and vocal entertainment
- 2-4 Visit Santa Claus - Photos available
- 2 p.m. Gary Meyer - Piano and vocal entertainment
- 3 p.m. Ruidoso Gymnastics Club - Demonstrations
- 3:30 Butaud School of Dance - Tap & Jazz. Fifty dancers perform dance numbers
- 4 p.m. Raramuri Folkloric Dance Group from El Paso
- 5 p.m. ENMU Adult Choir - Singing seasonal music
- 6 p.m. Ballet New Mexico - Excerpts from "The Nutcracker"
- 7 p.m. Live auction of trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses
- 8 p.m. Dance to Bart Trotter, Randy Jones and Cedar Creek Band

## WEATHER: Crews out in force

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Sierra Blanca Regional Airport reported an overnight low from Tuesday to Wednesday of 20 degrees and five inches of snow.

Manager Roy Parker said surface conditions on the slopes were excellent and he reminded visitors that skiers and snow boarders receive a free all-day lesson with their lift ticket, even at the current reduced rates of \$29 for adults and \$20 for children. The lifts open daily at 8:45 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

Ruidoso village police reported only five minor accidents overnight Tuesday and early Wednesday morning.

By noon, Street Department Director Charlie Armstrong sent a truck to scoop up snow that remained in the center of village streets from earlier clearing efforts.

Capitan received about three inches of snow by Wednesday morning and delayed opening by two hours for the second day. Ruidoso, which stayed on schedule Tuesday, also pushed back classes by two hours Wednesday.

Armstrong said his trucks salted roads late Tuesday and early Wednesday. All employees were called in Wednesday morning to clear streets.

"We're out in full force," Armstrong said. "We're running every thing we have."

It usually takes two days to clear roads after a snow storm, he said, and longer if the snow fall was particularly heavy.

The hardest hit areas Tuesday evening were west Upper Canyon and the north end of town, which tend to be cooler and more shaded.

The plows worked main streets first and then moved into other areas, Armstrong said. Priorities include school bus routes, around the hospital and roads used by emergency services.

County Road Manager Albert Hernandez said Wednesday he expected county roads to be cleared by the end of the day Wednesday, except in Corona, where mud hampered efforts.

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**SKI SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**

07:00 am - Morning Departure for First Stop  
07:05 am - Castle (Ruidoso Little Theater)  
07:10 am - Enchantment Inn  
07:15 am - Action Ski Shop  
07:20 am - Pro Ski Shop  
07:25 am - West Shanda Lodge & Condo  
07:30 am - Bessie Inn  
07:40 am - Park's Parking Lot (Mechem)  
07:45 am - Packer's  
07:55 am - High Country Lodge  
08:00 am - Ski Ski Shop  
08:05 am - Baseball Field-Ski Run Road  
08:45 am - Arrival at Ski Apache

**Midday Departure at Baseball Field OW Ski Run Road**

11:45 am - Leading Stars  
12:00 pm - Departure for Ski Apache  
12:45 am - Arrival at Ski Apache

**Ski Apache Departure**

03:45 pm - Leading Stars  
04:00 pm - Departure from Ski Apache

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## CREATURES: Support needed

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few groups doing that type of work. One of the others is Dr. Kathleen Ramsey, who has a clinic and wildlife center in Espanola, and is used as a resource person by Kozusko, who has 10 years' experience.

Locally, some veterinarians have pitched in with injured wild animals on occasion, but don't specialize in such rehabilitation.

In Socorro, the injured hawk was X-rayed and Kozusko determined besides the new injury, there was an old wound that would prevent a successful return to the wild.

The newly injured wing was dislocated. It could have been repaired, but would always have been weaker, Kozusko said. The real problem was the end of another bone that had been broken previously and was hanging together by some tissue, but could not be repaired. That meant the bird would never fly.

"I accept every single thing that's brought to me," Kozusko said. That includes bobcat, elk, deer and smaller mammals as well as birds, she said.

"I evaluate their chances and talk with a veterinarian," Kozusko said. "If they have at least a 50 percent chance, I'll give it my all. I use homeopathic and herbal medication unless the wound is horrible and then I'll use penicillin."

"Some (creatures) need a lot of physical therapy and retraining."

Since expenses connected to recovery and rehabilitation are high and little money is available for the effort, creatures with a low chance of being released and ones not suitable for educational purposes are humanely destroyed, she said.

That's not easy to do since as a nurse and wildlife rescuer, Kozusko dedicates most of her time to saving lives.

If the animal is an endangered species, sometimes it can be used in a breeding program. But one such transfer from Texas to Idaho took nine months and a great deal of unwinding federal red tape to accomplish, Kozusko said.

"Overall, I have a 65 percent release rate with birds and a 90 percent rate with mammals," Gay said. She has kept one red-tailed hawk and a bobcat for educational purposes. The hawk, raised by a family and therefore unafraid of humans, was beaten with a broom and suffered several broken bones, making it unfit for life in the wild.

But Gay said she has learned not to underestimate the will to survive of injured animals.

"Each individual critter has its own ways," she said. "Some that I don't give much chance survive and others I think are a sure thing, die. Some just have a stronger will to live. It's the same thing with their demeanors; some work well with humans and some never could be used for educational purposes."

To become a rehabilitator, some practical or medical experience is needed, as well as participation in training offered by supervising agencies, which may be the state Game and Fish Department or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Rehabilitators must learn how to give injections to different types of animals and how to immobilize them, Gay said.

A federal permit is needed to handle birds, because New Mexico is on a migratory route that crosses several states.

For more information on how to financially support, become a rehabilitator or help wildlife rescue and rehabilitation work in New Mexico in general, contact Gay Kozusko at (505) 854-2187, Dr. Ramsey's clinic at (505) 753-3790, or her wildlife center at 753-9506.

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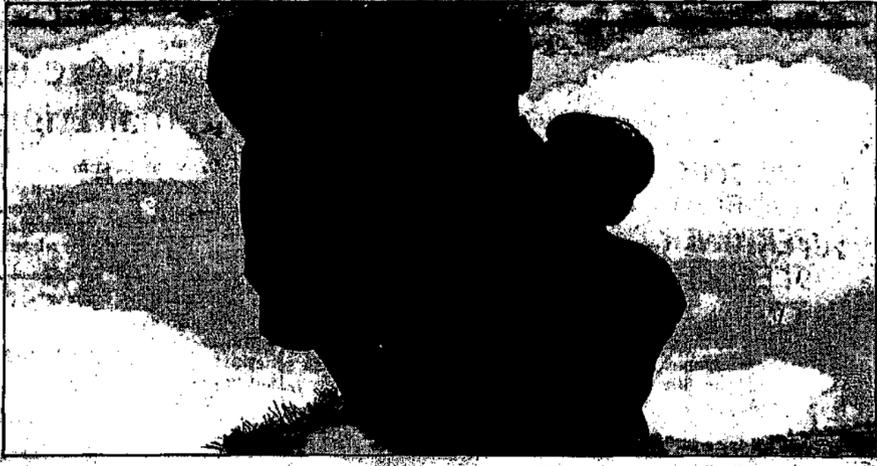
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Decorations were going up Thursday at the Convention Center for the opening of the Festival of the Trees.

**Embezzlement case goes to District Court**

• Real estate agent Bill Rickard is accused of cashing and keeping a client's check for \$584.63.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Magistrate Judge William Butts on Thursday afternoon said enough probable cause existed in an embezzlement charge against real estate agent Bill Rickard to send his case to the 12th District Court.

Rickard, owner of Top Brass Realty, is accused of keeping \$584.63 intended to pay back taxes on a client's condominium.

The fact that the check was cashed at Mr. Payroll and that the taxes were never paid is sufficient to find probable cause in the case, Butts said during his ruling.

Rickard has said he is innocent of the charge. Before the preliminary hearing Thursday, he said his business was destroyed after a newspaper

article about the charge in September.

During the preliminary hearing, which lasted about an hour, condominium owner LaVern Japhet told how she had a verbal agreement with Rickard to provide maintenance of two units at the Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

This spring, she sent Rickard the check for back taxes on one of the condos, and had noted on the check that it was to be used for back taxes.

"When the check came back I noticed it had been deposited and I figured the taxes had been paid," Japhet testified.

When she came to Ruidoso in late June, she learned that Rickard's check to cover the condo's taxes as well as another unit had bounced. Her condominiums, she was told, had been placed on the state property tax list and could be sold by the state to recoup the back taxes.

Rickard had cashed the check at the Mr. Payroll outlet on Sudderth Drive. During an earlier interview with police, Rickard said he deposited the cash into an account for the condo's maintenance.

During cross-examination, Rickard's Ruidoso attorney, Don Dutton, repeatedly asked Japhet, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, about what attempts she had made to monitor Rickard's maintenance of the condos, about the expenses involved in that maintenance, and the fact that condos already had two years of back taxes owed.

Prosecutor Viola Rhodes again pointed out that Japhet had given Rickard a check to pay back taxes, and that those taxes had not been paid nor had Rickard returned the money.

A trial date for Rickard, who was charged Aug. 8, will be set by the 12th District Court.

**DEATHS/FUNERALS**

**Michael Stewart Belin**

Funeral mass for Michael Stewart Belin of Mesquero will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Mission, with burial following at the Mesquero Cemetery. A prayer service was held Thursday.

Mr. Belin died Monday, Dec. 1, in Albuquerque at the age of 52. Born June 8, 1945, in Mesquero, he was a lifelong resident of Mesquero, and was employed with the Mesquero Apache Tribe in the job training assistance program. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include sons Jeffrey Miguel and Craig Lee Belin, daughters Alice Marie and Diana Belin; brother David Lee Belin; sisters Arabelle Klinekole, Maybelle Mendez and Melinda Hiles. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ida Marie and Stewart Belin, and a sister, Patricia An Belin.

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

**Leon L. Lambert**

Memorial services for Leon L. Lambert of Tinnie, who died on Nov. 30 in El Paso, Texas, will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Tinnie Baptist Church.

Born Sept. 4, 1923, in Mound Creek, Texas, "Old Sarge" Lambert for 35 years owned a military surplus business. He was active in the Republican Party and a member of Tinnie Baptist Church. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and later studied engineering at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Survivors include his wife Brigida (Cica) Gutierrez Lambert, and his youngest son, Alejandro, both of Tinnie, and by seven older children and their families: Jillian Cole-

man, Austin, Texas; Lailey Sczeppanik, Panna Maria, Texas; Cassandra Colley, Levan, Utah; Darcy Payne, Edinburg, Texas; Bruce Lambert, Arlington, Texas; Mark Lambert, San Antonio, Texas; and Deborah Lambert, New Caney, Texas. Other survivors include brothers J. C. of Tucson, Ariz., and Bobby Joe, Fort Worth, Texas, and their families; and by 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Verlinda G. Sanchez**

Services for Verlinda G. Sanchez of Ruidoso Downs, who died Wednesday at her home at the age of 65, will begin with visitation from 3-5 p.m. today at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio, where the funeral mass will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Catanach Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery.

Born July 23, 1932, at Picacho, Mrs. Sanchez had lived in Lincoln County all her life. She was a member of St. Eleanor's Church in Ruidoso. She married Eduardo M. Sanchez on June 7, 1947, at Carrizozo. He died on May 26, 1995.

She is survived by six daughters, five sons, 36 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Daughters are Josie Torres, Irving, Texas; Margie Misquez, Ruidoso Downs; Kathy Cordova, Tularosa; Pauline Sanchez, Ruidoso; Mary Rodela, San Patricio, and Nellie Lueras, Alamogordo. Sons are Joe, San Patricio; Robert, Alamogordo; Benny,

Ruidoso Downs; Rheard, San Patricio; and Ben Montes, Glencoe.

Also surviving are sisters Magdalena M. Maccio, New Haven, Conn.; Esther Valdez, Roswell; and Cathy Sanchez, Ruidoso. Brothers surviving are Romelio Sanchez, and Henry Sanchez, Hagerman; and Paul Sanchez, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

**W. K. "Ajax" Simpson**

Funeral services are scheduled today (Friday, Dec. 5) at St. James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park, N.M., for W. K. "Ajax" Simpson of Mesilla Park, a long-prominent banker and businessman who died on Nov. 30 at his home.

His survivors include a cousin, Victor McCabe, and his wife Betty, of Ruidoso. Also surviving are his wife, Billie Ruth, and four children.

Born in 1912 in Robert Lee, Texas, he received his B. A. at Hardin Simmons University in 1933, B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II, after beginning a banking career in 1937. He subsequently was a director of banks in Las Cruces and helped organize Western Bank of Las Cruces and United Bank of New Mexico. He owned Rancho Venado at Marfa, Texas, and was a long-time benefactor to New Mexico State University.

Memorials to the Ajax Simpson Memorial Fund at St. James Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2427, Mesilla Park, N.M. 88047 have been requested by the family.

Graham Mortuary of Las Cruces handled funeral arrangements.



Verlinda Sanchez

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**A lesson for Kenny**

Talk about counting your chickens before they're hatched.

Kenny Thomas, the phenomenal University of New Mexico basketball player, has taken out an insurance policy on himself with Lloyd's of London. The idea is to insure against any future income he might lose due to an injury. The value of the policy as reported in Thursday's *Albuquerque Journal* can add up to as much as \$4 million if Thomas is injured during this year's collegiate season. The value is based on the approximate \$2 million Thomas will be worth his first year in the National Basketball Association.

While it's great to see a young man looking toward his future, it's unfortunate that he seems to be driven, or maybe pushed, by greed. That shouldn't be surprising considering the multi-million-dollar deals professional athletes sign every year. (Charles Smith, a 1996-97 star at UNM now playing with the Miami Heat, did something similar, as did Luc Longley of the Chicago Bulls.)

In an age when loyalty seems to go to the highest bidder and talent is more valuable to teams than old-fashioned qualities such as square-dealing and a good education, Thomas is only following the trend.

Granted he is a talented athlete who is most likely bound for many years of success as a pro; he has the skills. And granted it is no sin to want to make sure he and his family are well provided for in the future. The inherent flaw in all of this seems to be that the love of the sport is taking a back seat to big — very big — money.

Thomas, it's widely speculated by sports gurus, will opt out of his final year at UNM to join the NBA.

That seems a good guess, because he's worked so long and hard, on the basketball court and in the court of law, to assure a chance at NBA stardom.

Is it because he's thrilled to use the God-given talent that helps him jump, shoot and rebound better than 95 percent of the American population? Or is it simply a way to make a lot of money without having to do a lot of studying?

Considering the revocation of a multi-million contract with NBA star Latrell Spreewell for taking a punch at his coach this week, it seems these highly paid basketball players need all the education (in the broadest sense) they can get.

If Thomas really wants to ensure a financially secure future, he'll finish college and not leave until he has a degree in hand, some hard-earned wisdom, and a safety net for when he can't run, shoot and jump with the best of them.

Meanwhile, we'll enjoy watching him go head to head with the UCLA Bruins on national TV Saturday.



**THE SILVER LINING**

**Midnight snow and the sacred month**

At sundown, the young calves were running and kicking across the field, full of the pride and joy of life — a traditional sign of snow on the way this time of year. Then, sure enough, just before midnight, you look out and see all the vale in pure white dress.

There are different kinds of snows — wet snows and dry snows, cold snows and warm snows.

This snow was both warm and wet. And a cold, dry snow that becomes figures the dolls, the Teddy bears, castles, elephants and polar bears — all hold their shape through most of the day, even when the sun is shining.

About 8:15 this morning the clouds drifted away from the top of Sunrise Mountain, and at 8:20 the sun shone its gold down upon the snowy vale.

The temperature was already 38 and the snow was just barely hanging on. Then in

a twinkling, and it was a twinkling, the snow along the bare branches of the small apricot, near the house, began melting and the snow-melt drops began forming, hanging briefly and then falling, catching the sun's rays as they fell, and were into snow-drop jewelry, changing from topaz to ruby, emerald and aquamarine while on the way down.

One drop clinging to a branch sparkled and shimmered and gleamed, changing size like a tiny twinkling star of pure gold.

**Nature's Christmas tree**

You happen to glance out to the corner of the old garage, where stands a perfectly-shaped piñon Christmas tree.

The morning sun shining through transformed it into one of the most beautifully decorated Christmas trees you could imagine...like something in a dream.

The tufts were melting with the drops falling all through the sunlit tree, changing as they fell into every kind of jewelry; and also changing from one to the other: Emerald to ruby, aquamarine to opal, topaz to diamond. Now a tuft

near the top suddenly melts away sending down showers of tiny droplets which form a brief little flash of rainbow colors.

You stand there unable to take your eyes off the Christmas tree decorated by Mother Nature herself. And you say to yourself: In 88 years of watching the beloved snow I have never seen anything like this.

It comes to you that you have seen the original Christmas tree; the tree that inspired the people of Germany, Norway and other dwellers in snowy regions, who brought us our Christmas trees.

**The world changes.**

It is 12 Noon now and every drop of snow is gone from the sunny side of the valley. Even the evergreens on the other side of the vale are all green. Only a little snow is left hidden under the piñons and cedars and out on the meadow where, here now, you can see the golden grass showing where the snow is fading away.

Still the great uplift to your spirit, given you by the snow pageant of the morning, will cheer and bless you through this second day in December, the most sacred month.

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**COMMENT**

This ... is written to clarify the process which the Capitan Municipal Schools uses to meet the need of its students. Currently the Board of Education is working towards the development of a five-year strategic plan. This plan began in August with the development of a mission statement (October board meeting) and a vision statement (November board meeting).

Each statement was brought to the staff for ... input and then to a regularly scheduled board meeting for additional input and final approval. All community members are invited to attend board meetings. In fact, there is a standing agenda item for "community input."

The board is currently working on developing goals and action plans for the identified areas of concern expressed by staff and community over the past year. All community members, again, are invited to the board meetings to listen to these presentations and provide additional input to help develop the 5-year strategic plan. This plan will address

concerns regarding curriculum, technology, staffing, and facilities among others brought forward as the process develops.

The Capitan Municipal Schools has paid off all but one bond: The middle school. We have five more years to pay on that bond. The district is bonded to 14.78 percent of its capacity. For Capitan schools to request additional capital outlay funds from the New Mexico state Department of Education, it must be bonded to 75 percent of its capacity. All new bonds must be voted on and approved by a majority of those living within the Capitan School District.

The ... district is indeed growing in population. Our own growth has caused the need for additional classroom space this year at the elementary level. From the 1990-91 school year to the 1997-98 school year, the Capitan student body has grown by 160 students, or by 33 percent.

The Board of Education approved a policy this fall which requires that new students must live within the district. Consequently, the district has to turn down requests from approximately 30 students from other school districts wanting to enroll in Capitan.

Gov. (Gary) Johnson has published his Legislative agenda for education, "For the Children's Sake." In it, Governor Johnson mandates "waiting lists and open enrollment for any public school." That would mean that Capitan will have

no choice but to allow out-of-district students to enroll. The Capitan schools have prided themselves on small class sizes, which facilitates student learning and keeps our local values.

The board ... is open to all suggestions on providing a quality education to students in a safe learning environment. This means that we must be forward-looking at renovations, additions or new buildings to meet the student growth in our own communities...

The cafeteria is used from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, plus clean-up time afterwards. The Cummins gym is used daily for elementary P.E. (physical education) and the Traylor Gym is used daily for middle school and high school P.E. classes.

Neither the cafeteria nor the gyms are appropriate for classrooms. Portable buildings are meant only as short-term solutions. Eventually they must be replaced by permanent structures.

The taxpayers of this school district have prided themselves in providing excellent educational facilities for their children in the past, as evidenced by the quality facilities we now have. They have a right to be proud of what we have, of what we will have in the future, and more importantly of the quality of our Capitan graduates.

**Cards are in the mail, right?**

Why is it that at a time when our conscience begins to nag about getting Christmas cards in the mail, invitations and/or reminders about all those office and neighborhood and civic club and more formal parties keep popping up?

That's a characteristic of Christmas past, present and future, of course ... but it remains one of the primary reasons we just never do get our Christmas cards in the mail before about Dec. 23, if we're extra lucky.

Naturally, those cards have about one chance in a thousand of getting delivered on time. Turns out we're not alone.

The Postal Service puts out all kinds of reminders about mailing this and that to assure delivery by Christmas — especially if that carefully wrapped (under \$10 to avoid customs charges, please) gift is bound for England or some other foreign land. (That deadline was today; sorry about the tardy reminder.)

A string of other dates are out there, too. And gifts bound for military units everywhere have a small break.

You can get all that info from the Post Office, by the way. Meanwhile...back to the Christmas cards.

We really and truly have started looking, but continue to get hung up on those insulting/raunchy (but funny) ones that we love...but can't think of a soul that would take no offense if we actually bought and mailed one of them.

**YOUR OPINION**

**Stop 'deficit operators'**

To the editor:  
You are to be complimented for having published ... Alan Settles opinion, entitled "His property tax bill went up, and he's angry." Every Ruidoso citizen should read this very factual offering of Mr. Settles exact truth and has undoubtedly spent hours of his time researching this information for you and me.

If you will listen we might help our fellow citizens, like Mr. Settles, turn things around in our town. We can't do it alone; it is going to take a concerted effort on the part of all citizens to stop these deficit operators...

John C. Schuller  
Ruidoso

**LETTERS POLICY**

The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Letters may be hand-delivered to the *News* office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The *News* reserves the right to reject any letter.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Vision session delayed

A special meeting of the Ruidoso Visioning Process Act Hoc Committee has been rescheduled from Monday to January 1998, village officials said.

The Jan. 12 meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Ruidoso Convention Center. Village officials anticipate a meeting no longer than two hours. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Obtain public input for development of a questionnaire that will address issues regarding parks, recreation, open space, hiking and bike trails; and
Discuss possible adjustments to the meeting schedule.

School meet postponed

The Ruidoso School Board has moved its meeting scheduled for Tuesday to Dec. 16. Other events scheduled for Tuesday night prompted the board to change its meeting date.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Ruidoso Schools Administration Building.

Village to vote March 3

Ruidoso will hold its municipal elections March 3 for the positions of mayor, three councilors and municipal judge. All the positions have four-year terms.

The Ruidoso Village Council approved the election date at its meeting last week.

The polling places will be at the Ruidoso Convention Center as in the past. People wishing to vote in the municipal elections must register to vote by Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

The positions up for election on the council are at-large seats. Candidates must officially file with Village Clerk Tammie Maddox on Jan. 6 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Candidate instruction packages may be picked up at Ruidoso Village Hall, 813 Cree Meadows Drive.

Downs court changes

Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court is changing its court days and hours starting Jan. 5.

Municipal Judge Harrold Mansell said the court will convene on Mondays at 11 a.m. and on Thursdays at 6 p.m. For the past 11 years, the court has convened on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., Mansell said.

"We are trying to make it more convenient for everybody," Mansell said of the day and time changes.

Potluck for seniors

A Christmas potluck luncheon will be Dec. 17 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens' Center.

The luncheon is jointly sponsored by the center and the Golden Age Club.

The center will serve baked ham, candied yams, rolls and Christmas candy. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to go with the entree.

Capitan merit raises top trustees' agenda

A proposal for merit increases for Capitan village employees is on the agenda of the Capitan Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in village hall.

"We usually give them a \$500 one-time merit increase at Christmas," said Trustee Lamoyne Carpenter. "I'm not sure what we put in the budget..." The village has about a dozen employees, including two police officers and a chief.

Other items on the agenda include adoption of a schedule of employee holidays, the Lincoln County recreation project and adoption of the state Open Meetings Act.

Trustees also plan an open house from 12:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

MOTEL: Some steps approved

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hotel will be an "L-shaped" building, with the base of the "L" against the property line adjacent to Michelina's.

This week, Patel's company gained approval from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for both a commercial site development and a variance request. The variance applies to the distance of the hotel's setback from one side of the lot, said Director of Planning Cleatus Richards.

The company is to provide the village with a traffic impact analysis and evidence of a shared parking agreement, Richards said. Current plans for the hotel do not provide enough parking spaces to meet village ordinances, he explained. Patel, who is a part-

"The sooner they get it built the better."

Nick Orciuoli, Michelina's Restaurant owner

owner in other Motel 6 facilities, said the hotel will employ about 10 to 15 people when it begins operation.

Subcontractors will be used for all of the construction work, which will be bid, he said.

The hotel building will be about 33 feet from Michelina's, said restaurant owner Nick Orciuoli, who isn't upset about the proposed development.

"The sooner they get it built the better," Orciuoli said. "It's fantastic for business."

Orciuoli is anticipating increased business from hotel patrons, and said he would like to offer delivery service.

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# Village may keep looking for convention center hotel

**RUIDOSO POLICE**

• Despite no bites last time around, village leaders continue fielding inquiries from firms interested in building an upscale hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A market feasibility study may be the bait needed to finally land a hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center, Village Manager Gary Jackson said Thursday.

"Probably the most prevalent statement we have heard from interested parties is the lack of feasibility information showing there is a market today for an upscale type of facility in Ruidoso," Jackson said.

Despite inquiries from seven firms in September, the village did not receive any proposals by an Oct. 31 deadline, Jackson said.

For about 10 years, the village has attempted to lure a hotel developer to the 3.8-acre site next to the convention center.

On Tuesday, Jackson will recommend the Ruidoso Village Council again solicit companies. This time, however, the village might consider doing a market feasibility study to pique corporate interest, he said.

"A relatively detailed study could be done in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range," Jackson said. "Do we want to leave it up to the hotels to do it or do we want to do it ourselves?"

Money is available from a

forfeiture paid by former lessee Allhub Enterprises when it pulled out of its first contract with the village, Jackson said. Allhub, a company of Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard, has optioned the site on and off since the mid-1960s.

While some of the default money was used to build the convention center's sign, about \$57,000 remains and could be used for landscaping as well as a feasibility study, Jackson said.

Interest in the proposed hotel blossomed after a Santa Fe firm pulled out of its contract with the village, shortly after Allhub declined to renew its contract. At the time, executives with Santa Fe Hospitality, Inc. said the village's contract was too restrictive, especially a clause

requiring the company to put a restaurant in the hotel. Ruidoso councilors opened the site up for proposals and left it up to companies to decide what amenities — such as a restaurant or sauna — to include. The village would then pick the company with most amenities and that also met other requirements, village leaders said.

"There was a comment from one (company) that our criteria was too strict," Jackson said. "I have not been able to track down exactly what part was too strict."

Another company wanted to purchase the land instead of leasing it from the village, he said.

One of the companies that continues to express interest in the site is the Texas-based firm of Choice Hotels International, owners of a group of hotels

including Comfort Inns and Quality Inns.

"In fact, I talked with one of their corporate people just in the last few days," Jackson said.

The lack of proposals probably cannot be attributed to a \$400,000 claim by Allhub on any new leases, Jackson said. Allhub has said the money was spent improving common areas, such as parking lots, at the convention center with the understanding the money would be paid back if Allhub didn't build the hotel.

"I really don't know that is a substantial factor," Jackson said. "I think the real issue falls into the justification of an upscale hotel of this caliber in this market, and whether this market on a basis of every day, every week and every year will support that."

## Ax-wielding man's case headed to district court

A man accused of chasing his girlfriend with an ax will have his case heard in the 12th District Court.

Daryl Sunquist of Ruidoso, who has been released on an unsecured \$10,000 bond, is also accused of hitting his girlfriend over the head with a bottle of wine on Nov. 22, resulting in a deep cut above her right eye, court records state.

Sunquist has been charged with a felony count of aggravated assault on a household member.

Following a preliminary hearing on Sunquist's case earlier this week, Magistrate Judge Williams Butts bonded the case over to the 12th District Court.

## Gun, ring, pistol stolen on Mockingbird Lane

A 35-year-old Ruidoso woman on Tuesday reported the theft of about \$1,500 worth of items from her home on Mockingbird Lane, Ruidoso police said.

A derringer .22-caliber pistol, a purse, \$100 in cash and a diamond cluster ring were taken from her home apparently while she was out shopping Sunday night, police said.

Cellular phone reported missing from vehicle

A cellular telephone was taken from a 1988 Chevrolet sometime on Nov. 28, Ruidoso police said.

These incident reports are obtained from the Ruidoso Police Department or other area law enforcement agencies.

# Deer season slack in Ruidoso area

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The deer season around Lincoln County was quiet this year.

Game Warden Ron Moore estimated that the number of hunters tracking the herbivore dropped by as much as 50 percent this year.

"It hasn't been this quiet in the last four or five years," Moore said Thursday. "We didn't have the hunter numbers."

He attributed the drop to low hunter success the last few years, but said hunter interest tends to shift every few years from one area to another.

"Last year, this country was covered up," Moore said.

This year, although fewer hunted, the deer they killed tended to be larger, because of

the extra moisture and amount of food available.

In 1996, the estimated number of deer hunters in Moore's district was 1,168 hunting with rifles and another 248 hunting with muzzle loaders and bow and arrow. Moore's district includes the area around Ruidoso and the White Mountain Wilderness, east to Tinnie, south to the Mescalero Apache Reservation and west to Nogal.

His biggest headache every year is responding to criminal trespass incidents during deer hunting season.

"It's the (most frequent) offense we deal with," Moore said. This year, it was the worst north around Corona. Although we still see a mixture of everything, always on the deer hunt, like shooting from the road, shooting from a vehicle, hunting

without a license, hunting with someone else's license or hunting in the wrong region."

The reason there are more violations is because there are more casual deer hunters than there are for bear, elk, quail, duck and mountain lion, he said.

"On elk hunts, there may be 150 permits," Moore said. "But on the rifle hunt for deer, anybody can buy a license. We have people who dust off their rifles or go out and buy a rifle, because it's deer season."

Moore said he's noticed a steady increase in the number of hunters who take a lazy approach.

"Traditionally, you hardly ever found hunters on the road," he said. "But now you see most of the hunters in their vehicles just driving the roads."

## Tourism magazines seek information

Some national travel-tourism magazines and authors are looking for information.

Writer Madelyn Miller, who is working out of Dallas, Texas, is seeking hotels, guest ranches and other lodgers that have played host to celebrity guests.

She wants to know what the star did while in town (like act in a movie or ski) and any interesting stories from their stay like the homemade crossword puzzle delivered to Dana Delany at Paz de Nogal that won the *Ruidoso News* an interview.

Mail the information to Miller at 9616 Rocky Branch, Dallas, 75243.

Spirits & Cocktails

Magazine editor Kim Harwell is looking for places in Lincoln County where visitors can find unique beverages or visit historic bars like the White Oaks Saloon and the Wortley Hotel.

Contact Harwell at 12645 Beta Road, Dallas, 75244; phone her at (972) 851-1734; fax her at (972) 851-1753, or e-mail her at kharwell@xcscx.com.

The bimonthly newsletter DogGone wants information on hotel properties, guest ranches, and bed and breakfasts that are "pet-welcome." If your property welcomes canines, drop Wendy Ballard a note at DogGone, Box 65115, Vero Beach, Fla., 32965.

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All-conference soccer honors for Ruidoso grad

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Hood and teammate Jake Schneider represented Culver-Stockton College on the team which was selected by the conference soccer coaches.

Culver-Stockton advanced to the HAAC postseason tournament for the first time in the school's history. The Wildcats ended 3-4 and in fifth place in conference play.

Local horses place in top 10 at championships

Truckle Bob, owned by Ruidoso's Tara Coombs, was a top 10 finalist in jumping at the 1997 American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, Nov. 9-22 in Oklahoma City.

Another Ruidoso jumper, Willie Do It Leo, scored a top 10 finish as well. Willie Do It Leo is owned by Claire Greenwood, who is also Coombs' mother.

By Laura Clymer, Ruidoso News Sports Editor

Just a week into the season, skiers have reason to rejoice. Ski Apache officials opened portions of the upper mountain Thursday, nearly tripling the number of trails available.

After three days of overcast skies and snow, the Ruidoso skies cleared Thursday, revealing a covered Sierra Blanca. Thirty inches of new snow fell at Ski Apache from Monday through Wednesday, adding to the area's snow base.

"It sure left us looking good," said Roy Parker, Ski Apache general manager. In all, 30 of 55 trails are skiable via six lifts. Midway on the mountain snow depths range from 30 to 42 inches.

Parker opened Chair 2 to the top at 1 p.m. Wednesday, followed by the startup of the gondola on Thursday.

"I think everybody had a ball," Parker said of the Chair 2 lift opening.

In addition to Chair 2 and the gondola, lifts 3, 4, 5 and 7 are open. Most of the upper mountain trails are accessible except the Apache Bowl.

Parker's crews won't turn their attention to the bowl until they have shaped up the other upper trails.

"By next weekend we should have everything in shape. Of course I wouldn't object to another 10 to 12 inches (of snow)," Parker said.

All the trails on the upper mountain are looking good. He might get his wish; another front is forecast to come through by Monday.

Wednesday represents one of the earliest upper mountain opening dates in the last several years, Parker said.

"On top of that it was excellent skiing," he added.

Excellent skiing at a good price, too.

Parker said early-season discount lift tickets will continue through the weekend. Adult lift tickets are \$29 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. Children's tickets are \$20 and \$10.

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Men's Basketball Standings

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Wins/Losses. Includes Cobras, White Dove, Alamo Pipe, Marks Team, Slammers, Whatever, Players, Gaimko.

What's biting

GRINDSTONE LAKE - The reservoir has been producing some fairly good catches for the last month. Surface water temperatures have dropped dramatically bringing trout up from the depths.

BONITO AND RUIDOSO STREAMS - Fishing is fairly good, flows are low and stable, and the spawning activity is slowing down. Nymphs with choices being Pheasant tail, rock work and Copper Gordons.

IN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS - Boating had ended but fishing permits are still for sale. Hornbergs, Caddises, and instriables. The same holds true here relative to water temperature at Grindstone.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. White Sands Missile Range will host a women's basketball tournament Jan. 10 and 11. The deadline for entry in Jan. 6, or the first 10 teams registered. A \$50 deposit must accompany entry to confirm a place in the tourney.

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▶ SEASON PREVIEW

# Seven seniors pace Warrior girls

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Mincing no words, Ruidoso girls basketball coach Dwayne Rogers expects his Warriors to be playing in Albuquerque come March.

"If we don't make it to the state tournament, it will be a disappointment," Rogers said.

The third-year coach has seven seniors to lead Ruidoso to the Duke City. And there should be few surprises from Rogers for that core of players who have played for since sophomore year.

Rogers' turnaround of the Warrior program hasn't progressed as quickly as he predicted in wins and losses - Ruidoso finished 5-17 last year - but the Warriors' play has

improved; they're staying in games for longer than the first quarter.

Rogers has done that with defense. The Warriors will focus on defense again this year, using a variety of full court presses and man-to-man defense.

"We're going to use full court man press and zone press," Rogers said.

The object is to neutralize opposing teams' quickness at the guard positions.

Offensively, the Warriors will stick with their motion offenses and, new this year, is a low-post offense when Rogers wants to pound it inside.

Senior guard Jana Morris is the Warriors' most consistent offensive threat, earning Rogers' moniker as "our go-to girl."

Last year Rogers fiddled with the Warriors' schedule, and this year he has been able to fine tune it even more. Ruidoso has dropped the Goddard Tournament, which starts the day after Christmas, replacing it with this weekend's Alamogordo Tournament.

It's not ideal, but better than last year.

"We did not like playing after Christmas and that had just gotten old. We did want to play an early-season tournament - but I'd rather have more practices," Rogers said.

The Warriors will return to the Smokey Bear Tournament in early January before opening District 3AAA play in the middle of the month.

### Lovington 78, Ruidoso 57

For three quarters, the Warriors stayed with the Wildcats before wilting in the final quarter.

"We did real well. We just had three players playing

### ▶ Heavenly seven?

Coach Dwayne Rogers' third Ruidoso team has seven seniors on the roster. Can these heavenly seven lead the Warriors to the promised land in March?

• 1996-97 record: 5-17

• Key player: guard Jana Morris. Morris has been the most consistent offensive threat for the Warriors since the start of last year.

### • Roster:

- Senior class
  - Bailey Bishop
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  - Amanda Kakuska
  - Mandi Lewallen
  - Jana Morris
  - Denise Rodella
  - Priscilla Rojas
- Junior class
  - Jessica Daniels
  - Amanda McClendon
  - Patti Ramos
  - Mandin Spence
- Sophomore class
  - Amber Green

hard; we just have to get all five playing," Rogers said.

Ruidoso fell behind early, trailing 26-16 after one quarter. But the Warriors stayed close and cut the Lovington lead to six points at the end of the third quarter, 54-48.

"In the end it just came to conditioning and ours just wasn't there," said Rogers, explaining Lovington's 24-9 fourth quarter advantage. "We have some volleyball girls who have to get into basketball shape."

Lovington exploited the Warriors' lack of helpside defense and rotation on the press.

Morris scored 11 for RHS.



First-year coach Gary Grahn says there won't be anything fancy about his Warrior basketball team. Grahn stresses the game's fundamentals. The Warriors will play good man-to-man defense and run the motion offense.

▶ SEASON PREVIEW

# New coach's testimony: he's a basketball fundamentalist

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso boys basketball coach Gary Grahn likes to keep the game simple: in-your-shorts man-to-man defense and a motion offense which emphasizes fundamental skills of passing, catching, screening and shooting.

It's a philosophy that those preachers like Bob Knight in the basketball "Bible Belt" would uphold as gospel, while snake charmers like Jerry Tarkanian would denounce as heresy.

Grahn brings his brand of basketball to Ruidoso from Texas, where he carved out a nifty record of 103-55 in five

years at Lubbock.

"Our overall goal is to make it tough on them (the opponent) every time down the court," Grahn said. "I want us to play hard and play really good defense because good things can happen from that."

The Warriors won't rely on anything fancy to achieve that end.

"Scout us once and you've seen us all year," Grahn joked.

The first-year coach has solid foundation on which to build his program. The Warriors finished 9-14 last year under Ben Sanchez, but Grahn said that could have easily been a 14-9 mark. Ruidoso lost a number of close games.

It might take the Warriors

several weeks to gel. Four key players, including all-district point guard Corey Saenz, just joined the team from the football squad.

Saenz anchors the Warriors backcourt, where he averaged nearly 6.5 assists per game. Seven seniors should provide leadership as well.

"They've got a chance to really do something special. If they can turn the corner and make the playoffs, then I think it's something they'll remember all their lives," Grahn said.

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### Ruidoso rally falls short in Alamogordo

The Warriors nearly pulled off a miraculous rally in the first game of the Alamogordo Tournament Thursday afternoon.

Ruidoso (1-2) trailed by as many as 21 points before pulling to within four with two minutes to go. However, Alamo held on for a 61-55 victory.

"We just got down by too much," Coach Dwayne Rogers said. "We were a little bit intimidated in the first half playing Alamogordo, and that got us down."

Denise Rodella scored 16 for the Warriors. Priscilla Rojas and Mandi Lewallen each added nine.

In second-round action today, Ruidoso plays the either Coronado or Carlsbad at noon.

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# County cage fray goes to Warriors

For three quarters, the Capitan Tigers stayed close to their bigger, county cousin, Ruidoso. But then the Tiger guards wilted under Warrior defensive heat, and Ruidoso pulled away for a 77-50 victory in Capitan Tuesday in the season opener for both squads.

"We played well for three quarters, but we just wore out in the fourth," Tiger coach Gerald Montes said. "Other than our guard play, I thought we played well."

First-year Ruidoso coach Gary Grahn said his team was able to break away from Capitan when the Warriors went on

an eight-point run in the third quarter. Grahn recognized the Tigers' ballhandling woes and turned up the defensive pressure. That resulted in some easy lay-ups, which loosened up the Ruidoso shooters.

The Warriors outscored the Tigers, 54-28, in the second half.

Ruidoso's size wore on Capitan as well.

"They were very physical on the boards. They flat put a body on us, and it wore us down," Montes said.

Grahn said the Warriors played well defensively, but didn't move well enough when

they had the ball.

"We were standing on offense," Grahn said. "At half-time, we talked about getting movement."

Most of that second-half movement started with the Ruidoso defense.

Warrior junior guard Corey Saenz led all scorers with 28 points. Ruidoso Aaron Gillespie added 11 as well.

Capitan (0-1) resumes play this weekend in the Roadrunner Tournament at Hagerman.

Grahn's Warriors (1-0) visits Tularosa for a tangle with the Wildcats at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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# Met Life comes to Ruidoso; brings insurance, investments

BY JUNE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Eleven years with the same company has Brian Mirau convinced he's working for and with quality. Now Mirau is offering that same quality to investors and insurance buyers in Ruidoso.

Mirau opened a Ruidoso Met Life office in September. The opening marked his transition from management in Metropolitan to agent, and Mirau is pleased with the change.

The reason for the switch was a matter of lifestyle. At one point, Mirau said, he had as many as 35 to 40 agents under his supervision, and his work week could run in the 80 to 90 hour range.

"I've been in management for the last 10 years ... I relinquished that hat," Mirau said. "I decided to slow life down a little bit."

Slowing life down meant moving to Ruidoso from El Paso and opening the Met Life agency. Mirau, his wife, Karen, and their three children are adjusting nicely. And Mirau said he's getting to be active in his children's lives more than he ever has before.

"I didn't want them to grow up not knowing who their father was," he said.

But just because he's taken his pace down a notch or two, doesn't mean he's not working for his clients.

"It's not that this business doesn't dictate a lot of time and effort," Mirau said. "But I've

got a little more control."

Met Life also means Mirau has more control over the services and products he can offer clients. He said Met Life, probably best known for the famous cartoon spokesdog, Snoopy, covers all facets of insurance needs and investing. Whether clients are looking for home, life, auto or disability insurance, or mutual fund and investing advice, Mirau said Met Life can handle it. And if the company can't fulfill a client's needs, Mirau said Met has a general agency contract with other providers so they can track down the right product.

Mirau is confident that clients can take comfort from dealing with a company like Metropolitan.

"We're the number one insurance company in America," he said. "We have \$300 billion worth of investments under our management. Metropolitan has been around since 1868."

Service is also a big part of the company's and Mirau's mission.

"We're a very service-oriented company," Mirau said.

He's built his offices mission statement around service. It reads: "We strive to be an excellent organization providing quality insurance and financial products and services to our clients in a professional and caring way. We seek to improve the quality of life for all people we come in contact with by providing our services in a manner that results in a



Brian Mirau, left, and Mike Lynch stand with Snoopy, the animated spokesdog for Met Life.

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positive experience for all parties concerned. We will also demonstrate our commitment by involvements in the community and actively solicit feedback on how we can improve."

Mirau has taken service one step further, by continuing his education in tax law, investing and other areas to assure his customers he's up to date on his industry.

But he said an insurance agent or an investment advisor can't do it alone. His advice to clients is to know as much as they can about their policy or investment and to communicate goals and objectives.

"You should know as much as possible," Mirau said. "Just like dealing with a doctor or an attorney. Most people probably spend more on insurance than they do on any other item each year and most don't have a clue what they have. You should know as much as possible."

Mirau can help educate clients on their policies and investments, and also has several pamphlets and information books at the office to help clients tackle issues like aging parents, driving teen-agers and more.

And he said he's happy to be in Ruidoso and is looking

forward to meeting all the Met Life customers in the area. His plans include an open house to introduce himself to policy holders and contacting every client in the next month or so.

Ruidoso seems to be happy he's here, too. Since opening in September, Mirau has had to move to a bigger office and hire another agent, Mike Lynch.

"The community has received us well," Mirau said. "We're excited and looking forward to an outstanding 1998." Brian Mirau's Met Life office is located in the North Creek Professional Park, 1221 Mechem Drive, 257-6424.

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**LOOKING FOR A RETIREMENT HOME?** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, almost new home in great condition. One level, split septic, covered deck, lots of storage underneath, easy access. Priced to sell at \$99,900.00.



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40 Lost & Found: LOST FEMALE GRAY AND WHITE CAT. Missing since 11/20/97. Call 257-6004

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29 Pets & Supplies

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30 Yard Sales

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HUGE GARAGE SALE AT ENMU! (South garage door) Lots of furniture, Nordic Track, lots of misc. Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-?

31 Household

LARGE UPRIGHT FREEZER \$150.00 Call 258-9071, 257-0280 Evenings

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33 Antiques

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36 Miscellaneous

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**RESOLUCION MUNICIPAL**  
**REGULATORIA**  
 Es el resultado por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Ruidoso que:  
 A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 1998. La hora de votacion en las escuelas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.  
 B. En la eleccion municipal regular seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:  
 1. Un Alcalde por un tiempo de cuatro años.  
 2. Tres concejales por un tiempo de cuatro años.  
 3. Un Juez Municipal por un tiempo de cuatro años.  
 C. Los precintos 6, 8, y 10 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.  
 Los precintos 7 y 9 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.  
 D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:  
 1. Los votantes en los precintos consolidados 6 y 8 votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.  
 2. Los votantes en los precintos consolidados 7 y 9 votaran en el Centro de Convenciones de Ruidoso, 111 Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.  
 E. Votantes en el precinto de votantes aborrigenas votaran en la oficina de la Escribana municipal, ubicada en el camino Crown Hill, numero 313 en Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.  
 F. Las personas que desean registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del Condado de Lincoln, no mas tarde que el martes, 3 de Febrero de 1998 a las 8:00 p.m. La fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro.  
 G. Se archivarán todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con las Escribana Municipal el martes 3 de enero de 1998 entre las horas de las 6:00 a.m. y las 8:00 p.m.  
 Las personas que desean declarar la candidatura en esta eleccion deben tener los siguientes documentos:  
 Una declaracion de candidatura y una copia certificada de la actual declaracion de votante registrado en el archivo con la Escribana del Condado para la eleccion municipal para la misma eleccion no mas temprano de la resolucion de eleccion.  
 Todas las registraciones para votar, de los candidatos declarados, tienen que incluir una direccion fisica, como el numero y nombre de la calle o ruta rural. No puede tener el numero designado postal.  
 H. Se hace un record de los electores municipales calificadas en métrica para votar.  
 Adoptada y aprobada este día 03 de noviembre de 1997  
 /s/ Jimmy G. Shaw, ALCALDE  
 Date:  
 /s/ Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana Municipal

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETINGS**  
 December 15, 1997 7:00 P.M.  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regular, scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Courthouse, 101 West Broadway, Ruidoso, New Mexico.  
 Copies of the agenda for the December 15, 1997 meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager upon request.  
 Agenda items are available upon request. Contact: J. Martin Guevara at 475-2285 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Please call if you have any questions.  
**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
 ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER  
 1337 11th St.

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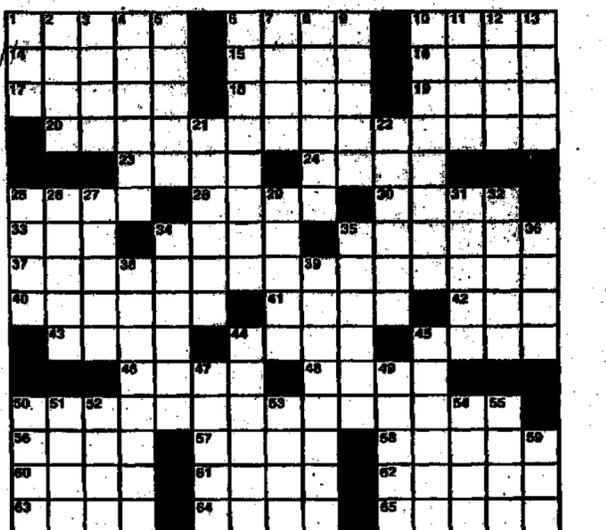
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Edited by Will Shortz

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 1 Old math aide  
 6 The color of honey  
 10 Leave off  
 14 Play salesman  
 18 "The Morning Watch" author  
 19 Polar bear  
 17 Light-headed?  
 18 Patricia of "Hud"  
 19 Culture site  
 20 Opinions of Greg Louganis?  
 23 Skater's leap  
 24 Shadow  
 25 Barker of 40's films  
 26 "Cheerio, Luciano!"  
 30 Drug shipment  
 31 Cockpit reading: Abbr.  
 32 Speck  
 33 "Sweet Lavender" playwright  
 37 What a Beach Boy's firecracker might do?  
 40 Lout  
 41 Tiny ringing sound  
 42 Speck  
 43 Seat of Jackson County, Tex.  
 44 Soup bean  
 45 Colon's meaning, in analogies  
 46 Foreign friend  
 48 Birds in herds  
 50 Qualities of Bennett Cerf's food?  
 56 Dyeing plant  
 57 Spicy cuisine  
 58 Cream of the crop  
 60 Port, e.g.  
 61 Sports period  
 62 Own up (to)  
 63 Pentagonagram  
 64 Vogue competitor  
 65 Erstwhile catalogue

- DOWN**  
 1 Celebrant's robe  
 2 Forward  
 3 Marne mine  
 4 Sailcloth  
 5 End table?  
 6 Nerve center  
 7 Kind of arch  
 8 Hobo's shelter.  
 9 It may be found around the mouth  
 10 Showing cowardice  
 11 Exhort  
 12 Second of an ancient trio  
 13 Gobs  
 21 Right-hand pages  
 22 Hägar of the comics, e.g.  
 25 Binges  
 44 Murderous  
 45 Wagnerian title woman  
 47 "\_\_\_ Mood" (1940 hit)  
 49 The eyes have them  
 50 Kit's mitts  
 51 Part of B.T.U.  
 52 Perfumer — Ricci  
 53 Ebb  
 54 Abel's "Green Mansions" love  
 55 Arouse  
 59 U.F.O. pilots



Puzzle by Cathy Millhauser

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
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 SUIT ALONE AMIS  
 STRAUSS STONEPOEM  
 THORN CONSPIRE  
 TRAM PITH  
 SAC IVAN SEIZES  
 UPA PERES RENT  
 ROMBERG OPERETTA  
 FREE ENATE ARI  
 STORMS STAB SYR  
 MALT ELUL  
 TROUSERS TEASE  
 BONDHEIM MUSICAL  
 ASEA PLEAS GRAB  
 REBS SLEDS NERA

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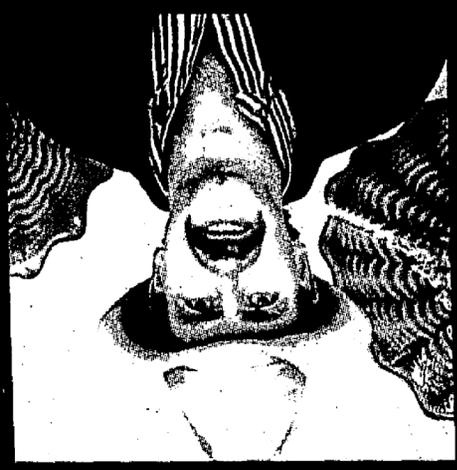
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### on the cover

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts has a holiday lineup full of sounds from around the world. December fare at Spencer will include Anonymous 4, A Cowboy Christmas and the Romeros. See page 10C

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Vámonos!, the arts and entertainment magazine of Lincoln County, is published every Friday by The Ruidoso News. Literary submissions for consideration of publication are welcomed, as well as photographs for "Parting Shot." Submit to Laura Clymer, Vámonos editor, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or call 505.257.4001.

## The beauty of books

*Mother-daughter duo makes making books a labor of love*

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Beverly Wilson and her daughter Paula didn't start out thinking about opening a business.

They just delighted in creating their own handmade paper and books, many featuring the original artwork of Paula in lithographs, pastels or watercolor, and incorporating flower petals and other natural items within the pages themselves.

"But what are you going to do when you have 200 books," Wilson said.

After much coaxing from artist friends, the duo launched Fruit of the Trees, their unique endeavor located just west of Lincoln.

Their studio home between mile markers 95 and 96 on U.S. 380 west of Lincoln will be one of 18 stops along the annual winter Art Loop tour Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14. Artists in various mediums situated along a route from Carrizozo to Nogal, Capitan and Lincoln will offer visitors refreshments and a glimpse of the creative process from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Each journal, photo album or note card is one of a kind and was born from the loving touch of the two talented women.

Coming from Chicago and from Massachusetts, where her husband is a professor at Harvard University, Wilson is a Master Gardener as well as an expert on Egyptian and Syrian history and culture through her work as a museum docent.

Not satisfied with producing a beautiful garden, she wanted to interact with her plants on another level and began sketching her herbal offspring.

About the same time, her daughter, then in the eighth grade,

attended a summer camp in Michigan dedicated to the arts, with the focus on music and performances by top musicians.

"I was interested in acting, but all of those classes were filled up and Mom said take art classes," Paula said. "They were mainly in drawing and print making and that's pretty much where I still am interested today."

When her daughter brought home paper-making skills, both women were inspired to take it a step further.

"I had always wanted to make book," Wilson said. "We both love paper. I write a lot of letters so I can use beautiful paper. There is something textural and sensual about a beautiful piece of paper."

Wilson and her husband, Bill, took several vacations in the Southwest during spring breaks. Wilson taught high school English and also worked at the University of Chicago Press as a manuscript editor.

They went to Arizona and Santa Fe, but weren't sold on any of their stops. Then Wilson read an article in the New York Times Sophisticated Traveler about following the Billy the Kid Trail. It listed several places that sounded interesting. The next two vacations were spent in casitas at the Hurd Ranch in San Patricio.

When her husband went to Japan on the next break, Wilson said she knew she wanted to return to Lincoln County instead.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Beverly Wilson, left, and her daughter Paula at their studio, which also doubles as their home west of Lincoln.

Halfway through her two-week stay, "I knew I had to be here," Wilson said. "This house had just gone on the market. I saw it Saturday, Bill called that night and we put a bid on it Sunday. I went back to Chicago and we did the whole transaction by mail.

"We were thinking this would be our second home, but I couldn't leave."

"I've never felt such a sense of place as I do here," Wilson said. "There's something magical. When I go away and hit the Capitans on my way back, my heartbeat accelerates, because I'm coming home. It's such a great feeling."

Although Paula attends Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where she studies painting and print making, she's not bored in the more rural setting of her new family home.

"I spend all my breaks here," she said.

On one of her visits, she pre-

sented a birthday present to her mother with paper containing pressed native plants. Wilson was impressed and saw another way to interact with her plants. She attended two book making courses at Papers, an Albuquerque store featuring imported and handmade paper that Wilson considers an oasis away from home.

By the time her daughter returned, both were ready to create their special books. That was about a year ago.

"We lose track of everything and stay up until 1 a.m., we're having such a wonderful time," Wilson said.

This summer they made more books using Paula's artwork, handmade paper, fabric and nature prints. The books come in all sizes and they are priced depending on how many special features they

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## Local artists shine in museum competition

Artists from the Ruidoso-Lincoln County area proved to be prevalent in the statewide competition of the sixth annual Fall American Art Show and Sale at the Museum of the Horse, Nov. 22. Approximately 400 people attended the gala opening of the show.

Ann Templeton of Ruidoso Downs was awarded second place in the entire show and a \$500 prize for her oil painting "Dusky." P.A. Peggy Jones of Ruidoso won the Sponsor's Award of \$200 given by Ruidoso State Bank to the best Lincoln County artist for her pastel "Choices."

Albuquerque artist Deham Clements' black and white acrylic painting "Taos Deputy" was awarded the \$1,000 first prize, and was selected from the 100 pieces in the show.

Other Lincoln County area artists who won honorable mention awards were Barbara Diehl-Westbrook of Ruidoso for "Double Enchantment," V.W. Jones of Capitan for "Guardian IV" and Neil Caldwell of Lincoln for "Plowing in Oxaca."

The show was judged by Howard J. Taylor, the director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and the recent past president of the Texas Association of Museums.

The exhibit will run through Jan. 5 and all works featured are also for sale. For details, call the Museum of the Horse at 378-4142.

## Author at Aspen Tree

Author Lisa Streeter Wenner will be at The Aspen Tree, 2340 Sudderth Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday to sign her book "Shoes in the Window" and meet her readers.

The story goes something like this: Santa's sad. It's Christmas Eve and his sleigh has crashed on a tiny volcanic island. Things get worse for him when he realizes he's missing one of his boots. When Santa discovers the boot stuck on the head of a troll, he receives the most naughty, delightful Christmas surprise ever.

Streeter Wenner said she was inspired by Iceland to write the story, which centers on Icelandic Christmas traditions.

"When one visits Iceland it is hard not to be inspired by its rugged beauty," the author said in a press release.

After a short while, Streeter Wenner found herself exposed to the local culture and started thinking about trolls.

"I found their story to be so fantastic, that soon I wasn't satisfied with just hearing about them. I really wanted to know them," she said.

# Books: duo has art, function bound up

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contain. The note cards are \$3.50 and little journals are \$5. The most expensive at \$28.50 contain original artwork. The largest are 8x6 inches and some small ones have been stamped with the alphabet for addresses and E-mail.

All of Paula's original artwork is signed, because she already is selling some of her other work.

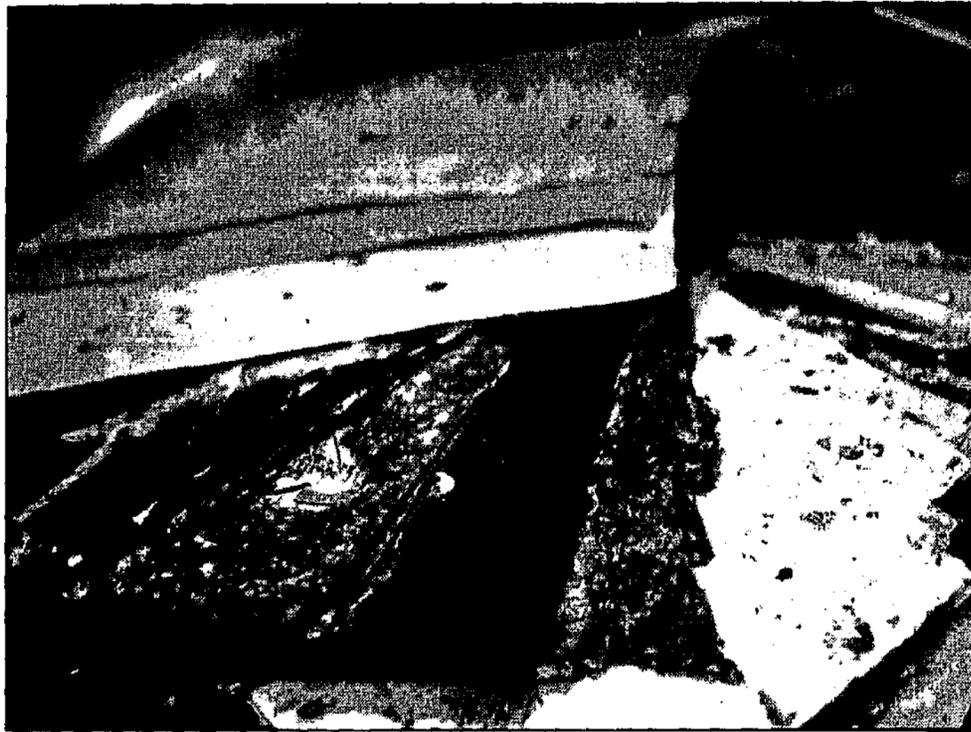
The women also apply different techniques of Japanese stab binding, where the stitching on the outside of the spine becomes a decorative part of the book. Some journals are decorated with beads from Africa and Tibet or colorful ribbons.

"I like to think we're pretty experimental," Paula said. "It's such a delight when someone picks up something you make and likes it. It's a sharing and passing along of the creative process."

"No journal is like another," Wilson said. "We don't mass-produce."

Wilson has passed along more than her books to the community. She also teaches a class on gardening once a month to Capitan fifth graders. The lessons encompass more than just how to grow plants. She covers cooking and will show them paper making, incorporating mathematics, English and other disciplines.

The Art Loop is one of the first



marketing efforts by the twosome.

"We became friends with a lot of artists who have been so supportive and encouraging," Wilson said. "So we don't feel like we're doing it alone, I really don't know if we would have done it any place else. They have a generous spirit."

The Wilsons will be serving some special goodies and hot cider for guests, who can expect a genial greeting by their four dogs and three cats.

Turn at the Serendip Orchard sign, follow the drive, turning left to enter the Wilson property through a yellow gate.

**Clockwise from above, the hand-made paper that goes into a book at Fruit of the Trees. Beverly Wilson handcrafts one of her and daughter Paula's creations and Paula drills the holes for binding a new book.**

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



Courtesy photo

Artist Gary Miller with actress Dana Delany.

# Gallery adds new life to old Lincoln

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

An artist whose talent helped create the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln and the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, Gary Miller, is opening his own gallery at the historic Lesnett House in Lincoln.

After a private reception Saturday, the gallery will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Miller and his wife, Dee, recently returned to their adobe home in Lincoln after being away several years.

The gallery, across the street from the Dr. Woods House Museum, will focus on Miller's watercolors, but other guest artists will exhibit periodically.

Miller's work, which he characterizes as loose realism, includes scenes from England, the Savannah area, the East Coast, from France, from port towns

around Seattle, Wash., and from the local area.

Although the emphasis will be landscapes and historic buildings, some still-lives also will be displayed, Mrs. Miller said.

Living and traveling in many parts of the world and the United States have influenced significantly the diversity of subject matter in Miller's watercolors.

His father, a Naval officer, was assigned near London. While Miller was recovering from a serious knee injury suffered at school, his mother shared her paints and brushes with him. Ultimately, painting became more than a means to aid his convalescence and grew into a full fledged passion. He sold his first painting at the age of 12.

A native of Seattle, Miller studied art in New Mexico and was captivated by the special light so many artists have discovered. But he had little time to experiment, because he left to fight in the

Vietnam War immediately after graduation.

After six years in the service, Miller turned his attention again to the arts and his studies.

In 1978, he was asked to create the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum. His talent for three-dimensional design was honed during those years in Lincoln, Miller said. After that, he was founding director and the creative spark for the design and exhibits of The Museum of the Horse, then later for the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, a multi-million dollar museum with a national focus in Savannah, Ga.

Just before arriving in Savannah, Miller was in Belize, where he had been invited by the government of the Central American country to serve as a consultant to the exhibit design team for the new national museum.

For more information about the Uptown Gallery and its operating hours, call (505) 653-4650.

# BELLAS ARTES

## Benson Fine Art

Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2813.  
Saturday, Oct. 4, award winning photographer Paul Kozal will present a new selection of his prints. The gallery features period artists of the Southwest, specializing in California impressionists, including Maynard Dixon, Edgar Payne and Ed Borein. Also recent landscapes by emerging artist Jim Boyer and work by recently rediscovered N.M. modernist and WPA muralist, William Warder. Ethnographic art, historical prints and maps are also available. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment.

## Duncan Studio Gallery

Downtown White Oaks, (505) 648-2253.  
The studio of post-impressionist representational artist John Duncan and the impressionist works of his wife (who paints under the name Palla) is the historic Taylor Home (1887) in this living ghost town and budding artist colony. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, as well as most week days. Call ahead to be sure.

## Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.  
Elaine Armstrong's sculptural raku vessels and Patsy Blasdel's watercolor and pastel paintings will be featured during September. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

## Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-9071.  
The gallery features a continual display of original art by Gaylon Gillem, Barbara Diehl Westbrook, Bernice Landrum, Billie Long, Bruce Chapman, Teresa Hughes, Red Moore, Marcia Bizeau, Monty and Barbara Jones, Denise Dorn, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper and Virgil Stephens.

Also showing antiques from various vendors. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, (505) 653-4331.  
The gallery exhibit includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Michael Hurd, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

## The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the traffic lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-1056.  
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

## L.C. Mercantile & Trading Post

320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 354-2316.  
Discover the art of Southern New Mexico with works by Peter Rogers, Jose Rivera, Suzanne Donazetti, Ken Payne, Geraldo Kirwin, Elaine Armstrong and others. On-premises studios of photographer Lionel Lipmann and Marilyn Quinell, designer of fine objects in stained glass. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and by appointment.

## The Montañó Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372.  
Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montañó family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town.

## Mt. Legends Gallery & Foundry

610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040.  
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and foundry tour.

## Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.  
Sixth annual Fall American Art Show and Sale, and Peter Hurd's Wartime Sketches. Opens Nov. 22. The Fall American Art Show features 90 New Mexico artists on display and for sale. The Hurd sketches from World War II are also for sale. Museum hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## McGary Studios and Expressions in Bronze Gallery

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 1-800-687-3424.  
Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

## Quenyada Studio & Gallery

2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743.  
Located at LeClaire's Mountain Village. Colorful paintings of people and places. Studio hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment.

## Spanish Colonial New Mexican Retablos

Lincoln Heritage Trust, Lincoln (505) 653-4372.  
Featuring local artist Polly E. Chavez of Carrizozo. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the

Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every day.

## The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, (505) 354-4206.  
The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

## Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán (505) 354-4203.  
Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewellery and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

## White Oaks Pottery Studio

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2985.  
From her hand-built adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman throws mostly functional pieces in the shadow of Patos Mountain. The studio is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday (and just about every other day of the week, but call first to confirm).

## White Mt. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.  
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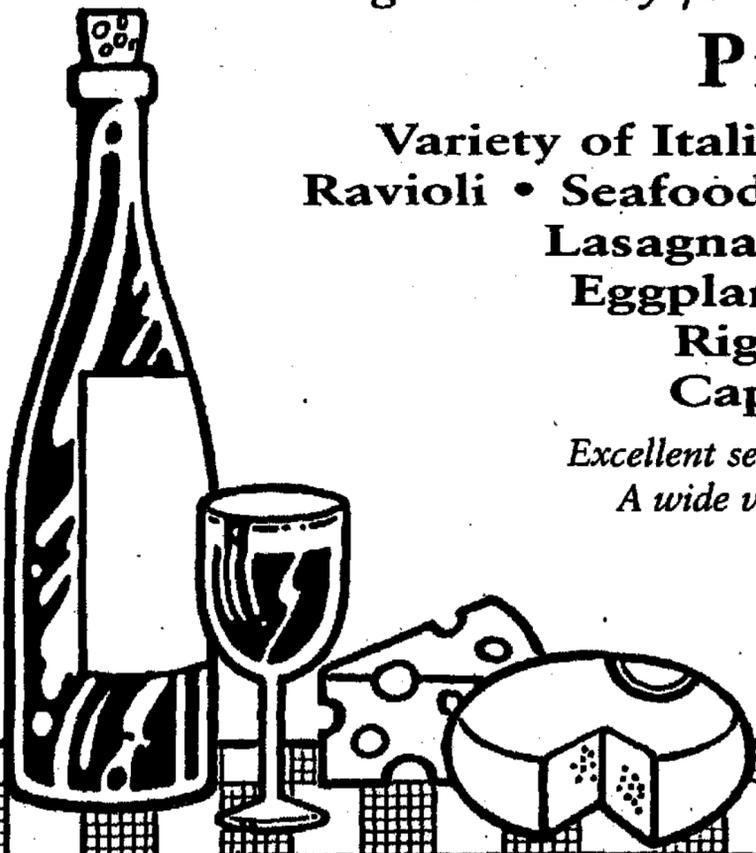
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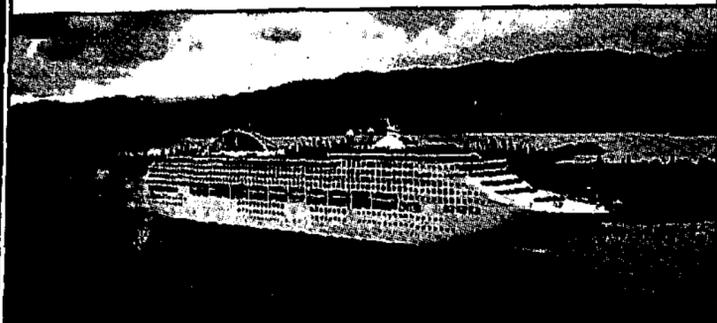
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**THE ARTS**

**Christmas, Catholicism celebrated in exhibit at Eagle Ranch Gallery**

Hispanic culture and its roots in Catholicism will come alive at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery in Alamogordo this month when it features the work of Carrizozo artist Polly Chavez.

Chavez, a santera or image maker, will display art tracing back to the early days of religious icons. Her retablos — paintings on wood — are reminiscent of the paintings that flourished in New Mexico from 1780 to 1880. The art form itself dates back to the Spanish colonial period.

The settlers came after Hernando Cortes conquered the Aztecs in 1521, laying claim to much of the Southwest. When they came, they brought with them their deeply held religious convictions. But the icons of Catholicism — woodcuts and lithographs — were not easy to come by. Enter the native artists.

Early santeros did not have formal art training and were not well versed in phrases such as visual realism. Instead the images were made with inspiration stemming from deep religious beliefs.

Lincoln Heritage Trust in Lincoln has an on-going exhibit of 20 of Chavez's retablos. The show at Eagle Ranch, which runs through Dec. 31, will include here new series of Christmas retablos — nativity scenes, St. Nick and various angels.

For more information, call 1-800-432-0999.



"San Gabriel Arcangel" by Polly Chavez

Courtesy photo

**Delta wasn't the only place blues took root**

As we have discussed in the previous articles, there were three areas in the South where blues originated. Although the Mississippi Delta was the most famous, the Piedmont and East Texas areas were equally important.

The Piedmont stretched from Atlanta, Ga. north to Richmond, Va. It was bordered on the east by the Atlantic coastal lowlands and on the west by the Appalachian Mountains.

The Piedmont style of blues began developing several years after the Delta blues. This area was isolated from the Delta so the styles had different beginnings and evolved differently.

Ragtime music formed the basis for the Piedmont blues and was usually played by groups of musicians rather than a single performer, as it was in the Delta and East Texas.

**SINGING THE BLUES**



Gary Stampler for the Ruidoso News

As the banjo, which was the stringed instrument of choice, gave way to the guitar in popularity the finger picking techniques associated with banjo were transferred to guitar. Guitarists would play an alternating bass pattern on the lower strings while playing chords and a melody line on the upper strings.

The Piedmont style of blues did not transfer easily to the electric guitar, therefore, it fell into relative obscurity. However, if you are interested in this style look for recordings by Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee, or Reverend Gary Davis.

East Texas blues originated in the cotton belt area, which was bordered by Houston, Austin and Dallas. The blues sprang from the plantations and the prison farm systems.

The worksongs were the largest

influence on the early Texas blues. Vocals tended to be lighter and less raspy than the Delta style and the instruments were played more percussively.

If you are interested in the early East Texas blues listen to recordings by Blind Lemon Jefferson (1897-1929) and Lightnin' Hopkins (1912-1982).

East Texas blues adapted easily to the invention of electric instruments. Because of this, it continued to grow and change. It not only evolved into the great music that's coming out of Texas today, it also formed the basis for the West Coast blues sound.

There are so many great Texas and West Coast blues artists it would be impossible to list them all. But if you are interested, listen to T-Bone Walker, Freddie King, Albert King, Albert Collins, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Jimmie Vaughn, Debbie Davies, Marcia Ball or Anson Funderburgh.



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### Southern Accent

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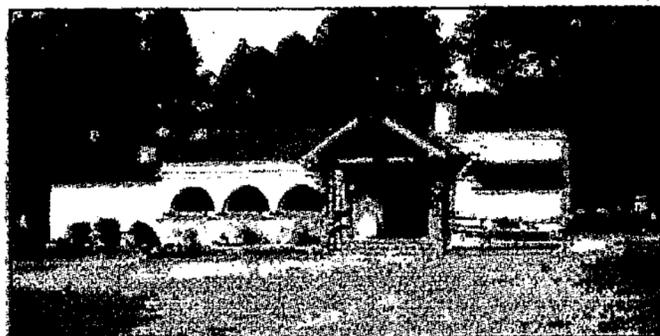
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**Price Range:** \$-\$\$

**Phone:** 258-3325

**Address:** 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso

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## RLT's Christmas Gala takes stage Dec. 11

The Ruidoso Little Theater will hold its second annual Ruidoso Community Christmas Gala at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at The Castle on Highway 70.

The event, sponsored by the Lincoln County Bar Association, is billed as a Christmas variety show. Acts slated to appear include the Eastern New Mexico University Community Choir, the ENMU Chamber Choir, the Sacramento Dance Theater, the Holy Mount Episcopal Choir, Ballet New Mexico, ballroom performance dancers, the Flying J Wranglers and several local solo and duet performers.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and all proceeds will benefit RLT, Inc. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the RLT box office or at Candle Power.

For more information, call the Chamber at 257-7395, the RLT box office at 257-5190 or Apache Spirit at 257-7227.

## RSO offers annual Christmas concert

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro John Farrer, will present its popular annual RSO Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, at New Mexico Military Institute's Pearson Auditorium.

The annual Christmas concert opens with Humperdinck's "Prelude to Hansel and Gretel" followed by Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." The evening continues with seasonal favorites like "Silver Bells" and selections from "The Nutcracker."

Tickets range from \$10 to \$18, with half-price tickets available for children and full-time students. Tickets will be available at the door, the day of the show on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information or to charge tickets by phone, call (505) 623-5882.

## Alamogordo parade steps off Dec. 13

The 1997 Alamogordo Christmas Parade will march through town beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in Alamogordo.

This year's themes are "Joy to the World!" and "Christmas Around the World."

The sounds of the season

## Spencer holiday lineup spans the globe

BY PAMELA CROMWELL  
Special to the Ruidoso News

Skis shooshing through powder ... Doorbells and sleighbells ... Snow crunching and kids bunching ... Sacred music celebrating the birth of Christ and traditional carols anticipating peace on Earth and the good will of one jolly St. Nick ...

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas, and at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts the sounds of the season give a whole new meaning to holiday "tradition." The Holiday Series began this week with Nebraska Theatre Caravan's unique interpretation of the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol." Now the season turns to traditions well outside of the Currier & Ives portrait, bringing music from medieval Europe, to the Wild West, to romantic Spain.

The acappella vocal group Anonymous 4 brings haunting medieval sounds and a not-often-told story in their "Legends of St. Nicholas" (4 p.m., Sunday, \$10-\$25).

Most people know some story about how Santa Claus came to be, but the real-life history of St.

Nicholas is rarely depicted in the television shows and popular movies about Santa. This program tells the remarkable history of a saint who was known as the patron of children, students, sailors, Russia, travelers, merchants and perfumers. His American name comes from the Dutch "Sinter Klaas," adopted in New Amsterdam (now New York) during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Nicholas demonstrated "saintly" qualities from his infancy when he stood shortly after birth and refused his mother's breast on fast days, to his death when his bones exuded a fragrant, healing oil. Born around the year 300 in what is now Turkey, he was eventually made bishop of Myra through divine intervention. His miracles, recounted in the Anonymous 4 program, were once well-known - returning a drowned boy to his



Scott Wells

father with a golden cup meant for the pilgrimage to Nicholas' tomb; tossing bags of gold through a man's window to save him from selling his three virgin daughters into prostitution; reviving the dead, healing the sick, and inspiring the sinful to repent and be baptized.

The four women of Anonymous 4 - Ruth Cunningham, Marsha Genensky, Susan Hellauer, and Johanna Maria Rose - take their ensemble's name from the designation given by musicologists to an anonymous 13th-century

Englishman who wrote about the vocal polyphony then being performed at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. These women combine musical, literary, and historical scholarship into innovative programs, interweaving music with poetry and narrative.

Following Anonymous 4, the Spencer turns to Western traditions with "A Cowboy Christmas" (8 p.m., Dec. 12-13, \$10-\$25) featuring balladeer Don Edwards and yodeler Don Walser. The holiday traditions of ranch life are rounded up for a campfire evening of traditional ballads, tales of the trail, and the poetic heart of Don Edwards, who worked New Mexico ranches in his teens. Don Walser's extraordinary yodel has earned him the title "Pavarotti of the Plains."

Originally scheduled for just one night, this show sold out quickly, and a second performance was recently added for Saturday, Dec. 13, for which tickets are still available.

"I think this Christmas show is especially popular with people around here because so many of us

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## Drama troupe stages Capote novella in Capitan

BY JULIE BAXTER  
Vamonos Staff Writer

In the age of multi-million dollar major motion pictures and all-too-real special effects, theater-going isn't the intimate adventure it once was.

A group in Capitan is hoping to change that, though.

The Territorial Theater of Capitan will stage its first production this week - with a small cast, a small crew and in a small space.

"A Christmas Memory," a dramatic adaptation of Truman Capote's novella, will feature local actors John Russell and Louise Cone in the play's two roles, with fellow locals Paul Adamian directing and Patti Brimberry providing violin accompaniment. The five performances will be at the Lincoln County Mercantile in Capitan.

The independent venture into theater came for a number of reasons.

"Creative freedom, autonomy," Russell said. "We are in control of what we do, how we do it, when and where we do it."

Adamian said the group has been looking for a place for the theater to call home for quite a while. A



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

The Territorial Theater of Capitan brings Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" to stage for its inaugural performance. Five shows are slated over the next three weekends. Members participating in the performance are (from left): seated - John Russell, Louise Cone and Paul Adamian; and standing - Patti Brimberry.

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## GOING OUT

### Spencer: Ring in holiday cheer

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are horse-people and ranchers," said Spencer executive director Theta Smith.

Scott Wells of the Museum of the Horse will give a special lecture before each performance of "A Cowboy Christmas," to share his insights about the cowboy tradition and the true spirit of Christmas. Wells believes this Christmas program has a special appeal for Lincoln County residents and visitors because the life of the cowboy shares much with the biblical shepherd.

"There's something about the Christmas legend of shepherds tending their flocks on a winter's night, under cold clear skies. That's maybe an Eastern story, but it's not so different from the stockman's duties," Wells said. That the birth of the Christ child takes place in a rustic setting surrounded by livestock and their caretakers is of special meaning to the stockman and his family.

Wells hopes to increase audience appreciation of cowboy culture by discussing the genre of cowboy poetry and Western music, talking about his personal acquaintance with the performers, and maybe even reciting samples of cowboy poetry.

The Spencer Theater Holiday

Series closes with a flamenco flair as The Romeros share holiday music from Spain (8 p.m., Dec. 20, \$10-\$32), rendered by a quartet the New York Times called "the only classical guitar quartet of real stature in the world today." This one-night performance is sold out, but those wishing to add their names to a waiting list may call 336-4800.

The Romeros represent three generations of virtuosos, beginning with grandfather Celedonio Romero, who died in 1996. His sons and grandsons carry on the family tradition of dazzling and passionate classical guitar.

The Romeros are credited not only with mastering classical guitar, but also with giving rise to an original art form. Celedonio Romero, with his sons Celin, Pepe and Angel, founded the internationally renowned ensemble known to millions as "The Royal Family of the Guitar."

Single-show tickets for the entire 1997-98 Winter Season range from \$8 to \$32. Tickets are available at the Spencer Theater Box Office, located on Airport Highway 220 in Alto, 20 minutes north of Ruidoso (open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.), or charge by phone through ProTix at 1-800-905-3315.

### Drama: Troupe performs Capote

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chance meeting with Virginia Watson Jones and Lonnie Lippmann, the owners of the Mercantile, led to the stage in Capitan.

"John and I have been looking for a space for a long time," Adamian said. "We've come close and had some near misses and then someone introduced us to Virginia and Lonnie."

The meeting was significant, because finding a space meant more than finding an empty room with chairs and a stage.

"We were looking for a space conducive to smaller audiences," Russell said. "It's more intimate. (Theater's) better when it's close. It's easier to touch people when they're close, easier to interpret your piece and for people to feel moved by it."

The play is meant to be warm and personal. Russell, who adapted the script from

Capote's book, said the words are most important.

"The language is beautiful," he said. "What we are doing is telling a story as opposed to acting it out. It's not so much about

what we're doing, it's what you hear. Somebody who is blind would get the same thing out of it as someone who is not."

Adamian explained; "There are pictures to be seen, but it's not a spectacle like a lot of people are used to in the theater."

The story centers on one man and his memories of a woman who cared for him as a child. And the language that Russell referred to is meant to take the audience back to that place with him.

"The way Truman Capote writes, you smell, you taste, you sense ... the dialogue is seducing because it takes you to a place," he said.

Adamian said; "It's a human tale, it's a real tale. It's certainly heartfelt."

The Territorial Theater of Capitan will perform "A Christmas Memory" at 8 p.m. today, Saturday, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 and Dec. 20. All performances will be at the Lincoln County Mercantile, 320 S. Lincoln Ave. in Capitan.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free. For more information or to order tickets call 354-2316 or 258-3808.



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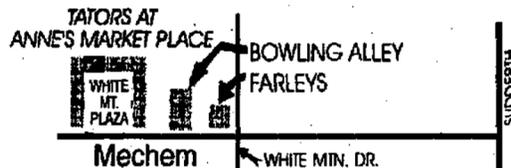
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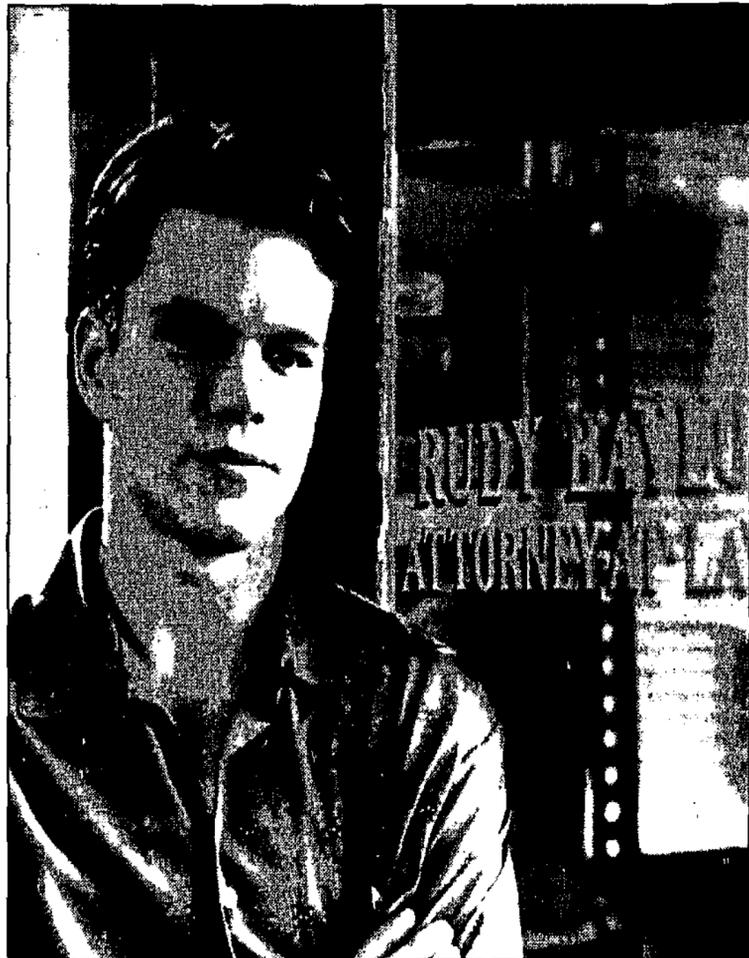
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## Royal tale of mystery spins on at Sierra Cinema

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### Anastasia

**Rated G**  
**Show times:** 12:30 p.m.\*, 2:30 p.m.\*, 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.\*

**Plot:** There was a time, not very long ago, when a young princess named Anastasia lived in an enchanted world of elegant places and grand parties. The year was 1916, and Anastasia's family, the Romanovs, were celebrating the family's 300th anniversary as the rulers of Russia. But the evil Rasputin has returned from exile and vowed to destroy the Romanovs — a feat he almost accomplishes.

Only Anastasia and her grandmother escape. With the help of a palace kitchen boy named Dimitri, they flee the palace and head for the train station. But Anastasia and her grandmother are separated, and Anastasia ends up hitting her head — leaving her unconscious, alone and anonymous.

And the greatest mystery of the 20th century begins ...

### Flubber

**Rated PG**  
**Show times:** 12:45 p.m.\*, 2:45

p.m.\*, 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.\*

**Plot:** Professor Phillip Brainard (Robin Williams) is a man so lost in thought that he appears, at times, not to pay attention. He's even forgotten two dates to marry his sweetheart Sara. But then this guy's got a lot on his mind. He's working on an idea for a substance that's a revolutionary new source of energy.

Brainard's hard work in the lab comes together when he creates a miraculous goo that when applied to any object enables them to fly through the air at remarkable speeds. The stuff defies gravity and looks like rubber. What is it? Flubber.

### The Rainmaker

**Rated PG-13**  
**Show times:** 1 p.m.\*, 3:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.\*

**Plot:** Based on the best-selling novel by John Grisham, the story centers on law student Rudy Baylor and his battle against a multi-million dollar insurance company. Once he had aspirations of breezing through law school and punching his ticket to the good life. Now he doesn't have a job or a prayer ... except for one: an insurance dispute that leaves a family devastated and opens to the door for a lawsuit, if Rudy can find a way to file it.

\* Show times for Friday and Saturday only.

### THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY

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 North-South vulnerable.

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♦ K 6	♣ A K 7 3 2	♦ A Q J 10 7 5	♣ 10 6
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ A Q J	♥ J 10 6 6	♠ K 10 9 7 5 4	♥ K Q
♦ 8 2	♣ Q J 8 4	♦ 9 4 3	♣ 9 5

**The bidding:**  
 North East South West  
 1♠ 1♦ 1♣ 1NT  
 Pass 2♦ 2♣ Dble  
**Opening lead — eight of diamonds.**

It does not pay to double the opponents for penalties unless you are reasonably sure of defeating the contract. That is why you hear it stated so often that you normally should not double unless you expect at least a two-trick set.

For example, suppose you dou-

ble non-vulnerable opponents at four spades, expecting a one-trick set. If you are right, you gain 50 points — scoring 100 instead of the 50 you would have gotten by passing. But if you are wrong, and they make four spades doubled, the opponents pick up an extra 170 points. In trying to gain 50 points, therefore, it may cost you 170. You are thus laying odds of almost three and a half to one that they will go down.

The mathematics are even more prohibitive if you double a partscore of two hearts or higher — if you are wrong, the opponents score a game worth hundreds of points.

In duplicate bridge, where other factors enter the calculations, a close double is made more readily. The hand shown occurred in a duplicate, and West doubled two spades, hoping for a one-trick (200-point) set.

He led a diamond and East won the king with the ace. East properly returned a trump and West took

the jack. West led another diamond and East won with the ten.

East could now do nothing to defeat the contract. If he led a diamond, his side would wind up with three spades and two diamonds. And if he led a spade instead, the same result would accrue. Declarer would eventually be able to discard his third diamond on dummy's ace of hearts. So South made two spades doubled for a score of 670 points.

However, the contract should have been defeated. West was the player at fault. After winning with the jack of spades at trick two, West should have cashed the ace and then returned the deuce of diamonds.

East would cash the J-10 of diamonds, bringing his side to five tricks, and then lead the queen. Regardless of what declarer did, West would score his queen of spades to secure the 200-number.

Tight doubles require tight defense.

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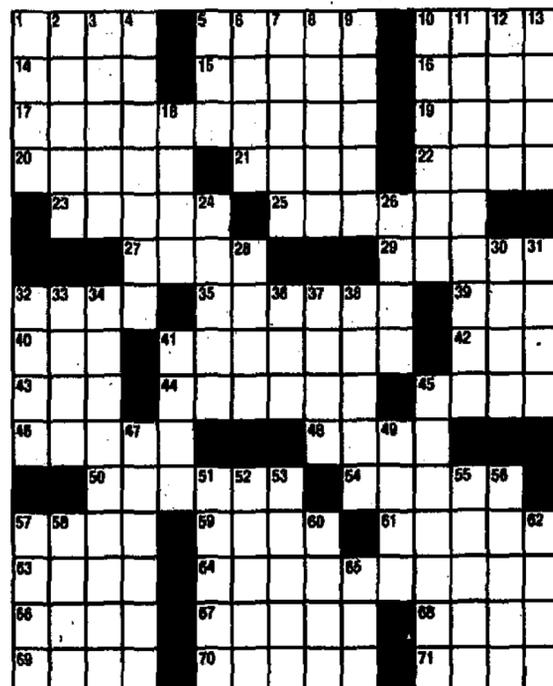
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Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

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# The escape of Harry Tracy

It was in Renton, Wash. that Harry Tracy, in the company of his human packhorse, Louis Anderson, met May Baker, the teen-aged girl destined to become the heroine of the story of Harry Tracy.

May and a friend, Mrs. McKinney, were looking for blackberries along the railroad tracks one day when they found something else ... namely, the most-wanted man in the United States.

Tracy watched them for a long time before they were joined by a teen-aged boy named Charles Gerrells. It was then that he stepped from his place of concealment in the brush.

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"Hey," Tracy called to Gerrells, "stop a moment, my boy." When the youth stared at him, Tracy added pleasantly, "Well, I guess you have heard of me."

Gerrells, who most definitely had heard of Tracy, and recognized him to boot, froze in his tracks.

Mrs. McKinney, who did not recognize Tracy, attempted to joke. "That's Tracy," she laughed. May Baker was more forthright: "No," she said. "I don't know who you are."

Well, I *am* Tracy," responded the outlaw, but added quickly, "Now don't be afraid, I won't hurt you."

Mrs. McKinney recovered rapidly from the initial shock. "Well, Mr. Tracy," she said. "I'm glad to meet you."

May Baker added that she would never have known him from his picture.

"Ah, now you are jollying me," replied the flattered outlaw. When Tracy heard that young Gerrells' home was just up the track, he instructed the little group to head in that direction. Sending the Gerrells boy ahead to "Tell her (the boy's mother) that I bring harm to none of hers." When they entered the house, Tracy took off his hat to Mrs. Gerrells, who, as may be imagined, was a trifle nervous. "Excuse me lady, for entering your home, but you have nothing to fear." Mrs. Gerrells never was quite able to put her fear of Harry Tracy aside, but his other captives were, and they proceeded to socialize and banter with the fugitive killer.

At one point, May Baker announced that she didn't care for Tracy's moustache. The outlaw

immediately shaved it off.

**More uninvited guests**

Late on the second day of Harry Tracy's stay at the Gerrells home, the place was surrounded by a posse. This fact didn't seem to bother Tracy in the slightest. His rifle remained in the corner, and, while one of the ladies hummed a tune, May Baker waltzed around the room with the most-wanted fugitive in the United States.

Then there was a knock at the door. It was a butcher from Renton who asked Mrs. Gerrells point-blank "Is Tracy here?" At first, it seemed as though the fellow was not going to take no for an answer. As he walked into the living room, he never was aware that Tracy's pistol was trained on his heart from the kitchen. Finally May Baker confronted the fellow, "What would Tracy be doing here?" she asked scornfully. The butcher/deputy stammered his apologies and left, not knowing how close to-death he had come.

After the departure of the posse, the conversation turned to general things, with Tracy holding forth on various subjects, including that of drink: "Liquor," he said, "is a dangerous thing. It should be avoided. I am glad to say I have never been drunk. A man like myself dare not touch the stuff. It dulls the brain. It's almost a curse to humanity."

So. One of the most dangerous gunmen the Northwest ever knew was a teetotaler. Go figure.

Tracy had an opinion on the weather, too. "You have beastly weather on the Puget Sound. Why it has rained all the time nearly since I landed here. I think this is an unhealthy country."

One of the Gerrells boys locked eyes with Tracy when the outlaw made the remark about "unhealthy country." The boy began to slowly grin, and Tracy burst out laughing. "No, I meant unhealthy in its ordinary sense," he said.

Finally, after the usual apologies, Tracy presented May Baker with a gold watch as "a compensation or spoiling your berry-hunting expedition."

Then, with Anderson the human packhorse in tow, Harry Tracy vanished into the forest. Neither the Gerrells nor May Baker ever saw him again.

**The manhunt continues**

The manhunt continued for weeks. At one point, Tracy telephoned a sheriff from a country store: "I just wanted to let you know I'm still around!" he announced cheerily. When the lawman began sputtering, Tracy added, "Oh, don't get mad, after all

at least you talked with the man you're after. Goodbye."

But things were getting grim for the outlaw. The very same telephone lines that he used to taunt the sheriff were being used to coordinate the manhunt that would run him to ground.

Tracy was spotted with increasing frequency. At one point a posse got close enough to him that he wound up with a partial load of buckshot in his back. He appeared, said those who saw him, to be losing weight. But despite all this, those who actually spoke with him were invariably impressed by his courtly manners.

Eventually, Tracy sought shelter at the ranch of the Eddy brothers. He had, some time before, released Anderson the human packhorse from bondage. He was alone, and becoming more desperate, which, of course, made him more dangerous.

The Eddys were nobody's fools. They realized almost immediately that if they did this man's bidding he would not hurt them. Therefore, they became remarkably agreeable.

The ranchers, as well as their youthful neighbor, George Goldfinch, who Tracy had forced to lead him to the Eddys', were all impressed with the fact that "... he (Tracy) was always good-natured and did not seem to worry."

After several days, Tracy finally made what would turn out to be his fatal mistake. He released young Goldfinch. First, he had informed the youth that if he (Goldfinch) were to inform the authorities of Tracy's whereabouts, that he (Tracy) would kill the Eddys.

In a way, it was Tracy's good manners that "did him in." At first, Goldfinch had no intention of going to the law. But after reflecting on the situation for a time, the young man decided that Tracy was just bluffing. He went for the sheriff.

**The end**

On Aug. 5, 1902, Constable C.A. Straub, J.J. Morrison, Dr. E.C. Lantner, attorney Maurice Smith and a man named Frank Lillengren, all armed to the teeth, headed for the Eddy Ranch. For reasons lost to history, these five men decided that Tracy would no longer be at the Eddy Ranch, but that they would be able to find out in which direction he had fled.

When they arrived, this suspicion was confirmed when they saw one of the Eddy brothers plowing a field. They decided that if Tracy were still about, there was no way this fellow would be tending his fields. They were wrong.



Harry Tracy defied the law by eluding his last capture.

"Haven't you a visitor?" they inquired.

"I had Tracy here for a while, but he's gone now," replied Eddy.

"When did he leave?"

"This morning," said the rancher, but something uneasy about the way he said it put the posse on their guard.

Just at that moment, Eddy's brother stepped out of the blacksmith shop. Harry Tracy stood next to him. Luckily for all concerned, the posse was just out of Tracy's line of vision. They scampered for cover behind a small hill, instructing Eddy to go down and keep Tracy occupied.

One has to wonder just how Eddy felt about that.

When the two Eddy brothers were again alone with Harry Tracy, he made a casual-sounding remark that made their blood run cold: "Do know who those men are up there?"

He had known the posse was there all along.

Smiling a small smile and nodding to the Eddy brothers in farewell, Tracy snatched up his hat and rifle and bolted for a large boulder about 150 yards away.

The men on the hill fired at the fleeing desperado, and, never breaking stride, he returned their fire with such accuracy that they were forced to keep their heads down.

Reaching the cover of the boulder unscathed, Tracy kept up quite a lively little duel with the posse, but the sun was in his eyes, and in order to command a better field of fire, the outlaw broke again toward another boulder in a barley field.

At the edge of the field, the seemingly indestructible outlaw went down, his leg shattered by a rifle ball.

Tracy then began to crawl through the barley field, no longer toward a rock, but now to some horses tethered in a shed. After crawling an almost unbelievable 75 yards, under fire with a broken leg, Tracy fired once at his pursuers. The shot came close enough to throw dust into their eyes.

At this point, the posse began to saturate the area where they thought the outlaw to be with rifle fire. Another round struck Tracy in the thigh, severing an artery, and still he crawled on.

He was dying, but he probably thought that he was only fainting. Nevertheless, Tracy had sworn that he would not be taken alive, and it was a vow that he had not forgotten.

Harry Tracy was so weak he had to use both thumbs to cock the pistol that he held to his own temple.

When the possemen heard a muffled report from the barley field, they poured volley after volley in the direction of the shot.

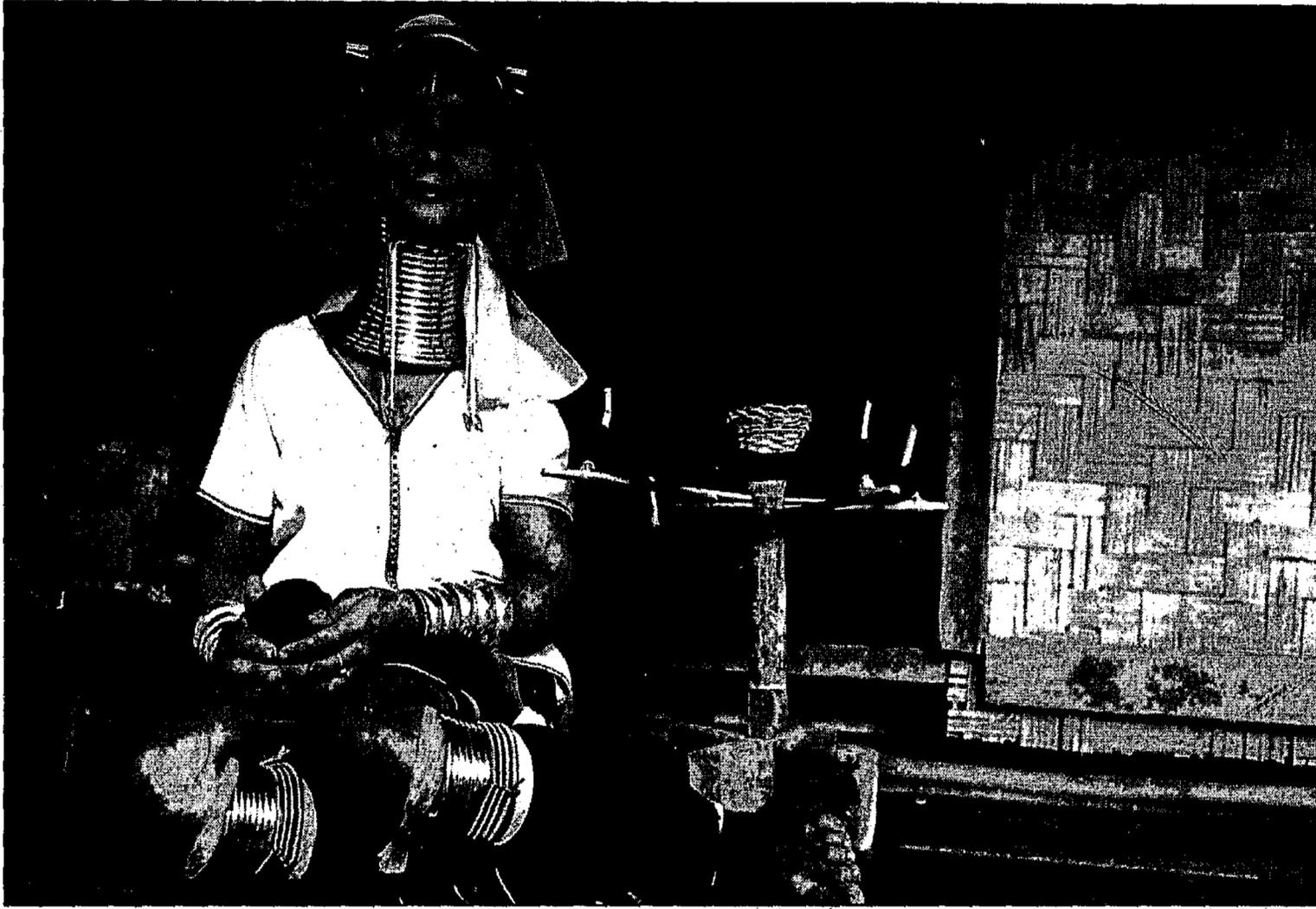
It was almost 24 hours before anyone had the courage to approach him. But it made no difference.

Harry Tracy had escaped at last.

**Correction**

Because of a production error, a photo appearing with last week's Past Tense was mistakenly identified as Dave Merrill. The photo was actually of George Peppin.

**PARTING SHOT**



**Jan Butchofsky-Houser**, a travel writer-photographer and member of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County, recently attended a national convention of the Society of American Travel Writers in Bangkok, Thailand. While there, she captured this shot in a village of the Padaung – a subgroup of the Karen hill tribes in Northern Thailand. In the tribe, chosen women, or long necks, wear brass rings around their necks and limbs.

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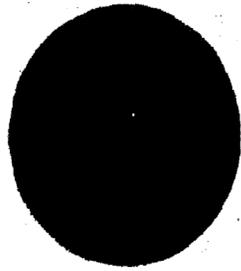
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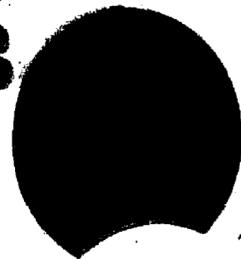
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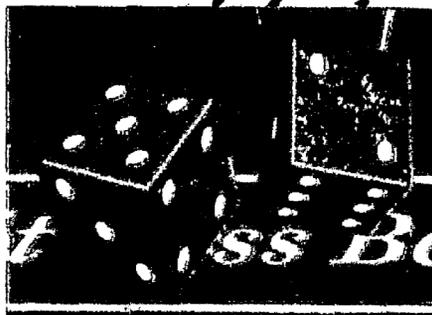
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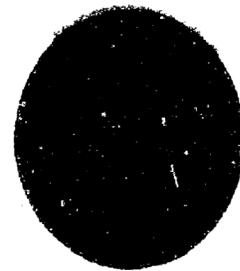
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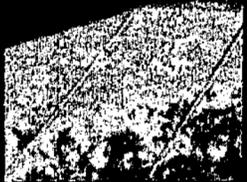
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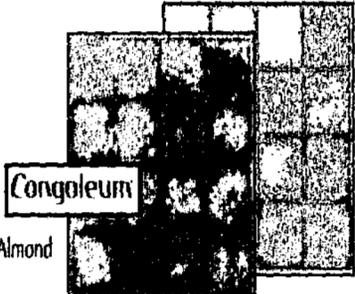


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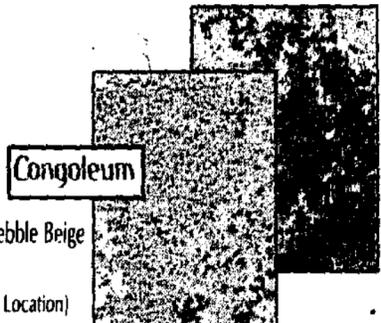
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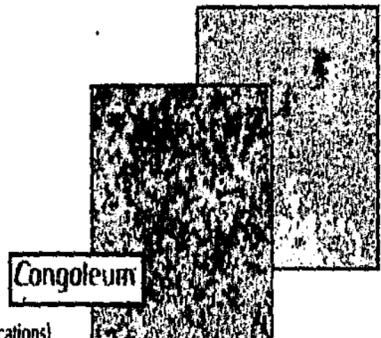
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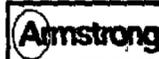


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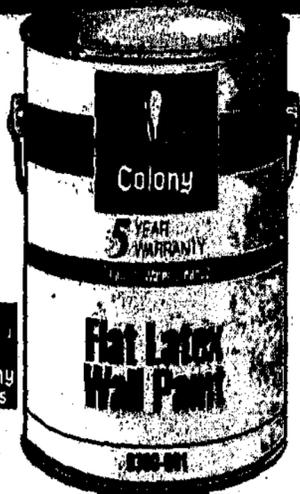
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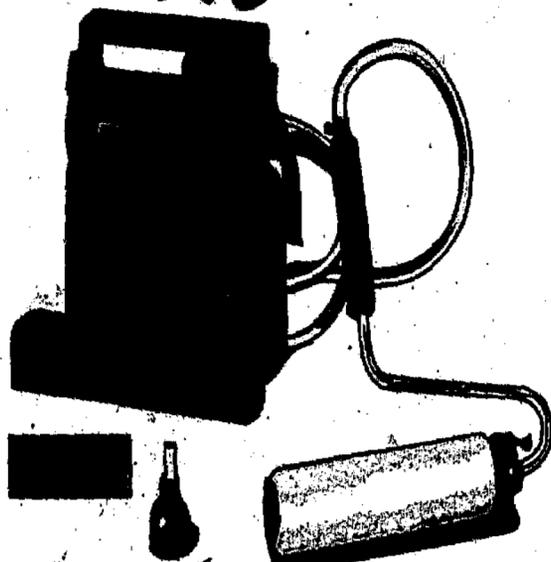
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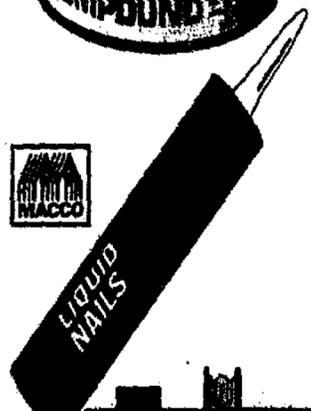
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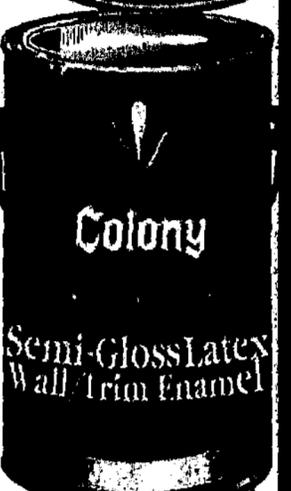
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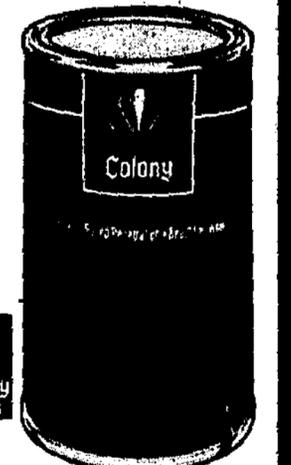
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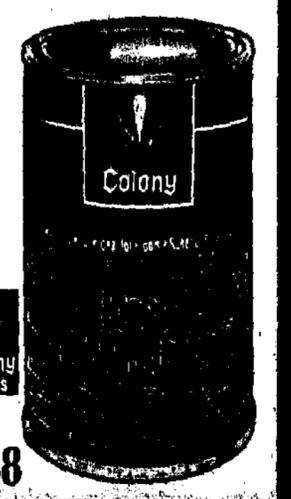
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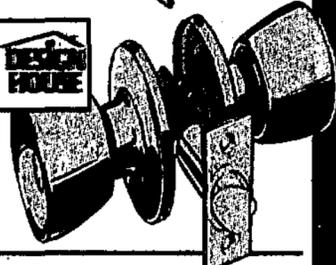
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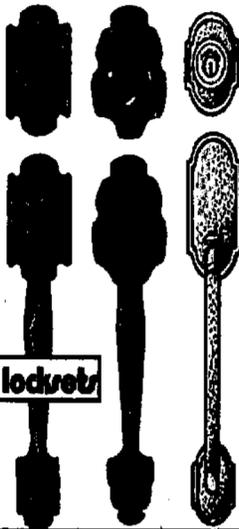
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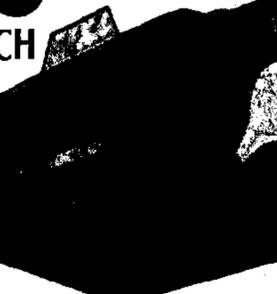
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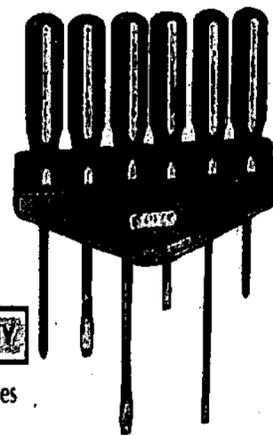
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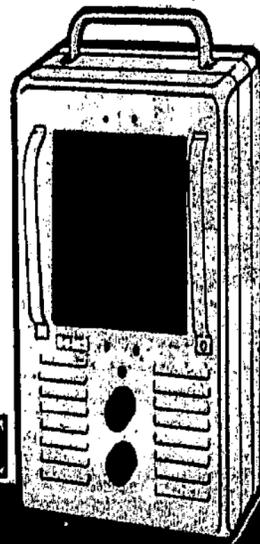
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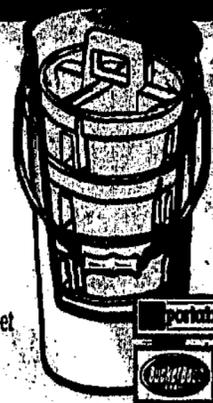
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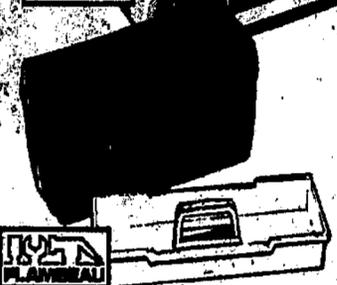


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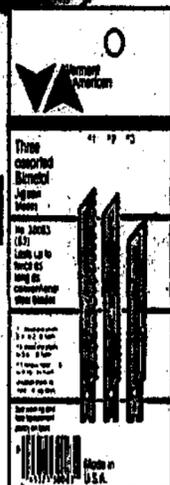
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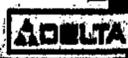
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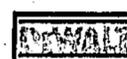
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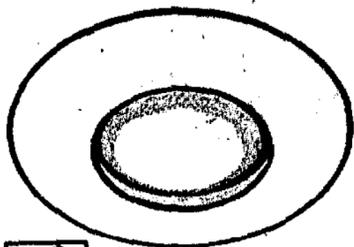
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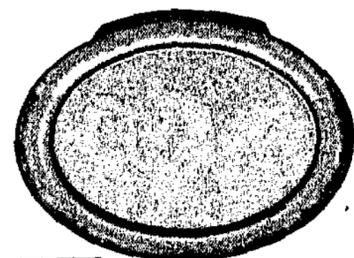


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- For new construction or remodeling

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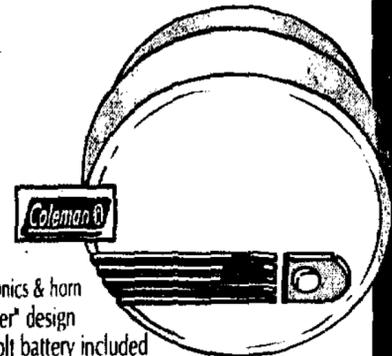
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**Small Track Light Heads**

- White porcelain socket
- Baffle included
- 3 3/4" diameter, 5 1/2" long
- or 3 1/2" diameter, 6" long

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- Test button checks electronics & horn
- Advanced "dual chamber" design
- Low battery signal; 9 volt battery included
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- For gasoline, oil, & grease fires

466140/150609

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**CO Alert Detector**

- Detects carbon monoxide
- 3 year warranty
- UL listed

03110/198588

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**3-Light Ceiling Fixture**

- Clear ribbed glass
- Polished brass trim
- 7 1/2" high; 15" wide

503516/186532

**2998**  
EACH

**Ceiling Fixture**

- Lotus-designed glass; semi-flush
- 7 3/4" high; 13" wide
- Polished brass trim

503367/186530

**4698**  
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**5-Light Chandelier**

- Clear ribbed glass
- Polished brass finish
- 14" high; 24" wide

500546/190059

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**4-Light Chandelier**

- Smoke beveled etched glass
- 10 1/4" high; 14" wide
- Polished brass finish

500470/186448

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**5-Light Chandelier**

- Clear ribbed glass
- Polished brass finish
- 16 1/2" high; 24" wide

503433/186452

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**5-Light Chandelier**

- White opal glass
- Polished brass finish
- 15" high; 22 1/2" wide

501056/190060

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**"Atrium"**

**30" Ceiling Fan**

- 6 blades; white finish
- 3 speed reversible motor

158022/198423

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**52" Ceiling Fan**

- 5 reversible oak/cane blades
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**2-Light Ceiling Fixture**

- White glass
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- Clear, diamond-cut glass
- Polished brass trim
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**1-Light Ceiling Fixture**

- White opal ball
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**Ceiling Fixture**

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- 6" high, 11 1/4" diameter

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- Completely assembled and wired
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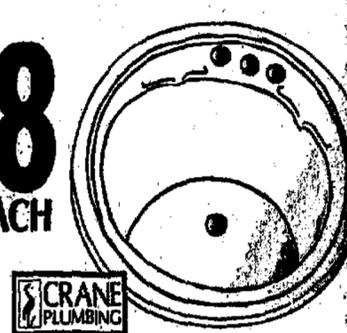
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**Lavatory Faucet**  
• Solid brass construction  
• With pop-up  
• Clear handles  
• Chrome finish  
101-D/86743



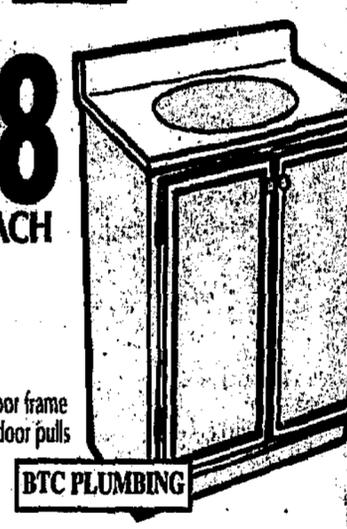
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• White enameled steel  
• Self-rimming  
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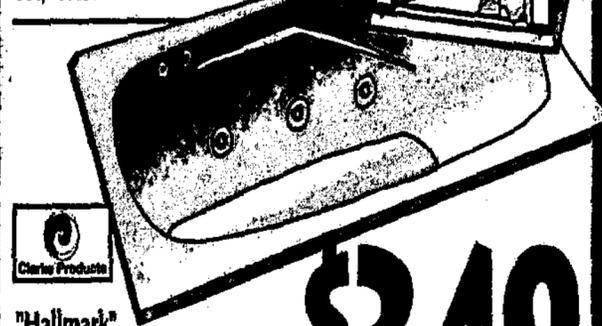
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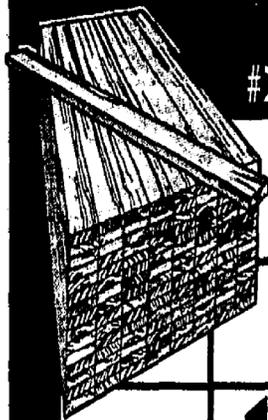
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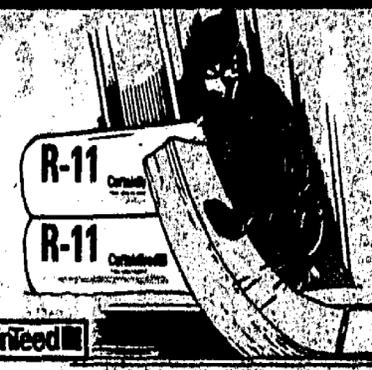
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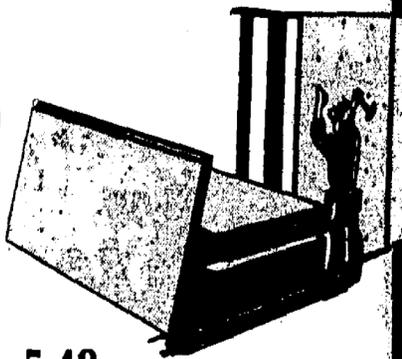
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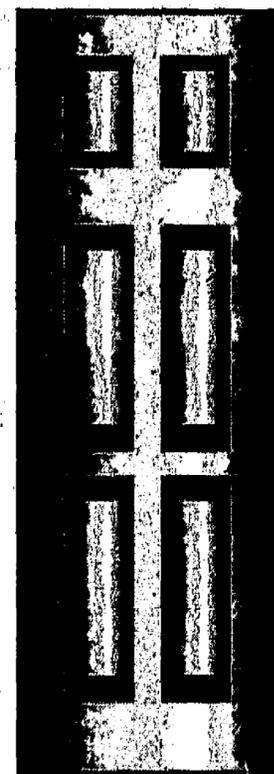
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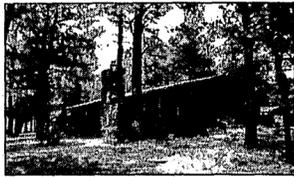
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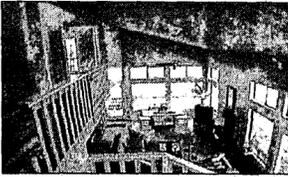
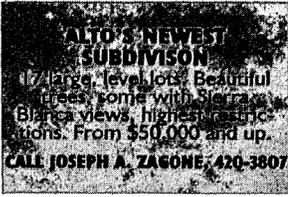
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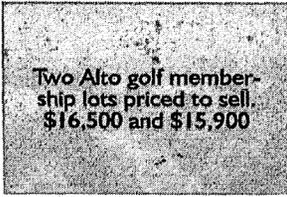
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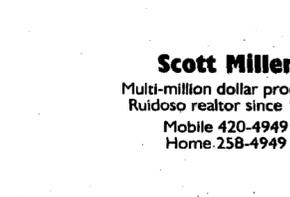
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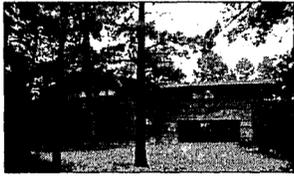
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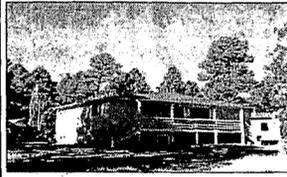
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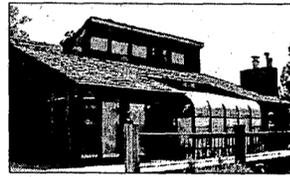
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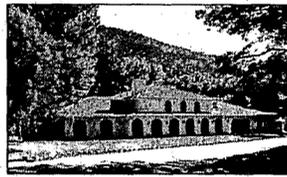
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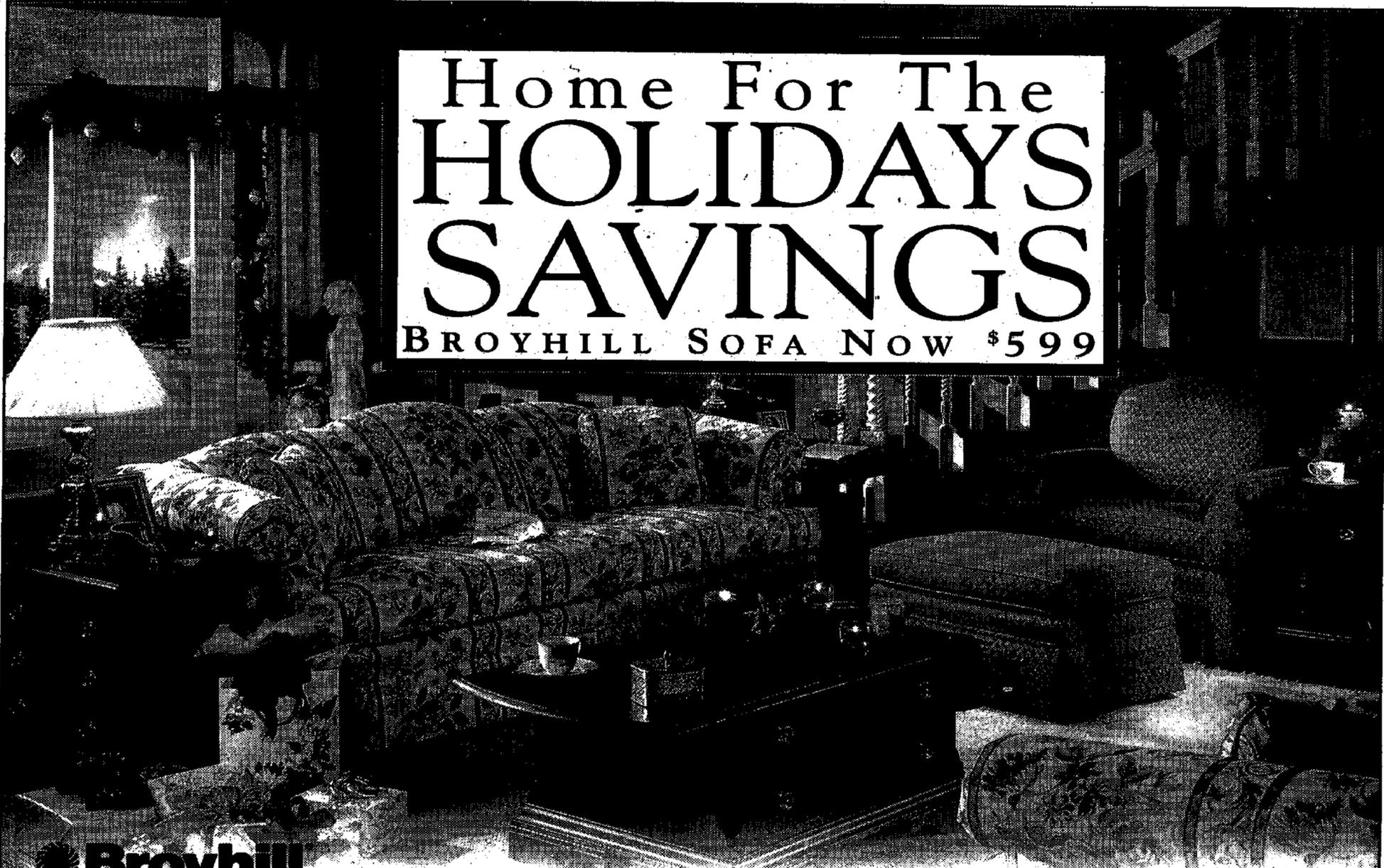
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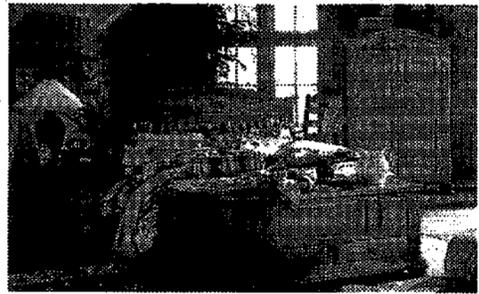
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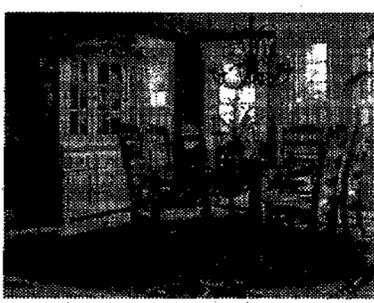
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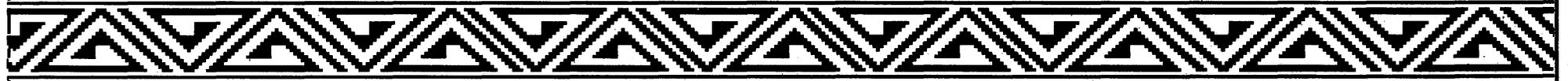
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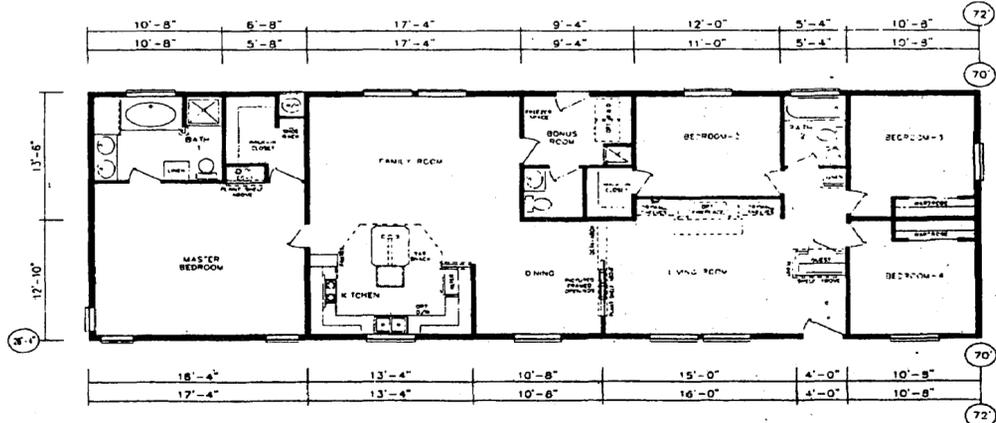


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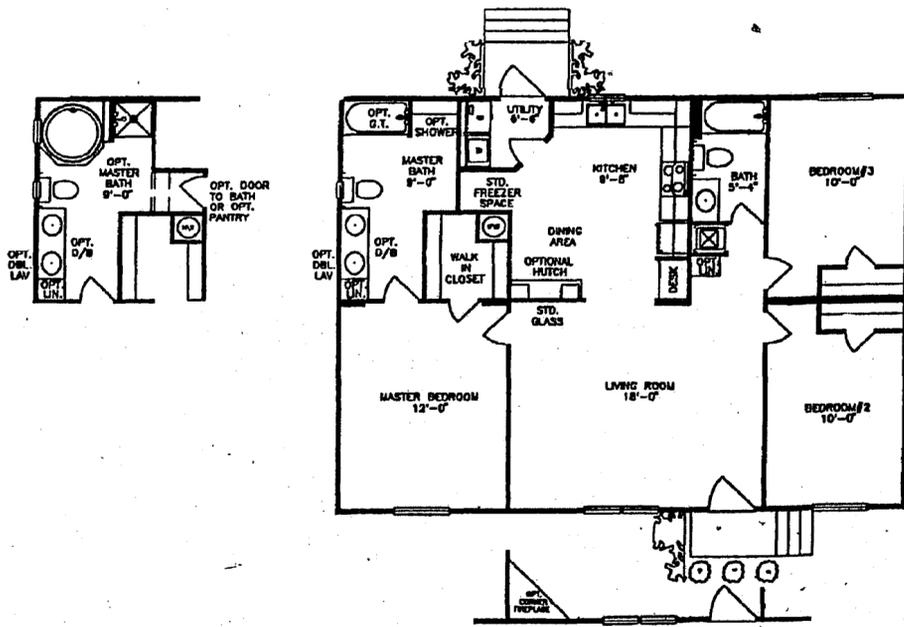


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