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Killer of a Lincoln County deputy up for parole again

• The victim's family suffers annual agony as appeals for parole keep coming.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Eighteen years ago, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas (Honey) Bedford Jr. was gunned down next to his parole car in Nogal Canyon by Robert Elton Cox.

Cox, now 58, is scheduled to be considered for parole from his life sentence next April and victims' advocate Louise Arnold is preparing

a packet of objections to be sent by Dec. 22 to the parole board in Santa Fe.

"I strongly object to this vicious cop killer being released," Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said Wednesday. "His sentence says he's to spend the rest of his life in prison and that's exactly where he should die. That's the way I feel about it."

Sullivan has submitted a letter to Arnold to be included in her packet of objections. Petitions against Cox' release are being circulated at the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments, as well as the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Steve Bare of Carlsbad, who married Bedford's widow, Beverly, and is stepfather to his son, Michael Bedford, 20, said every time Cox comes up for parole, "It's just like it happened yesterday. Every time we go through this it's like a frenzied nightmare."

His mother-in-law carried on an annual campaign to block Cox' parole until she died three years ago, Bare said. First he took over the job and now Michael has become involved. But he'd like to see it stop.

Arnold said Michael Bedford told her that Cox received a life sen-

tence, but "he gave the rest of us a life sentence of grief and heartache."

Chris Martinez, who is preparing a parole plan for Cox in Santa Fe to be presented to the parole board next spring, said he could not discuss the findings of his investigation of Cox' suitability for release.

The confrontation

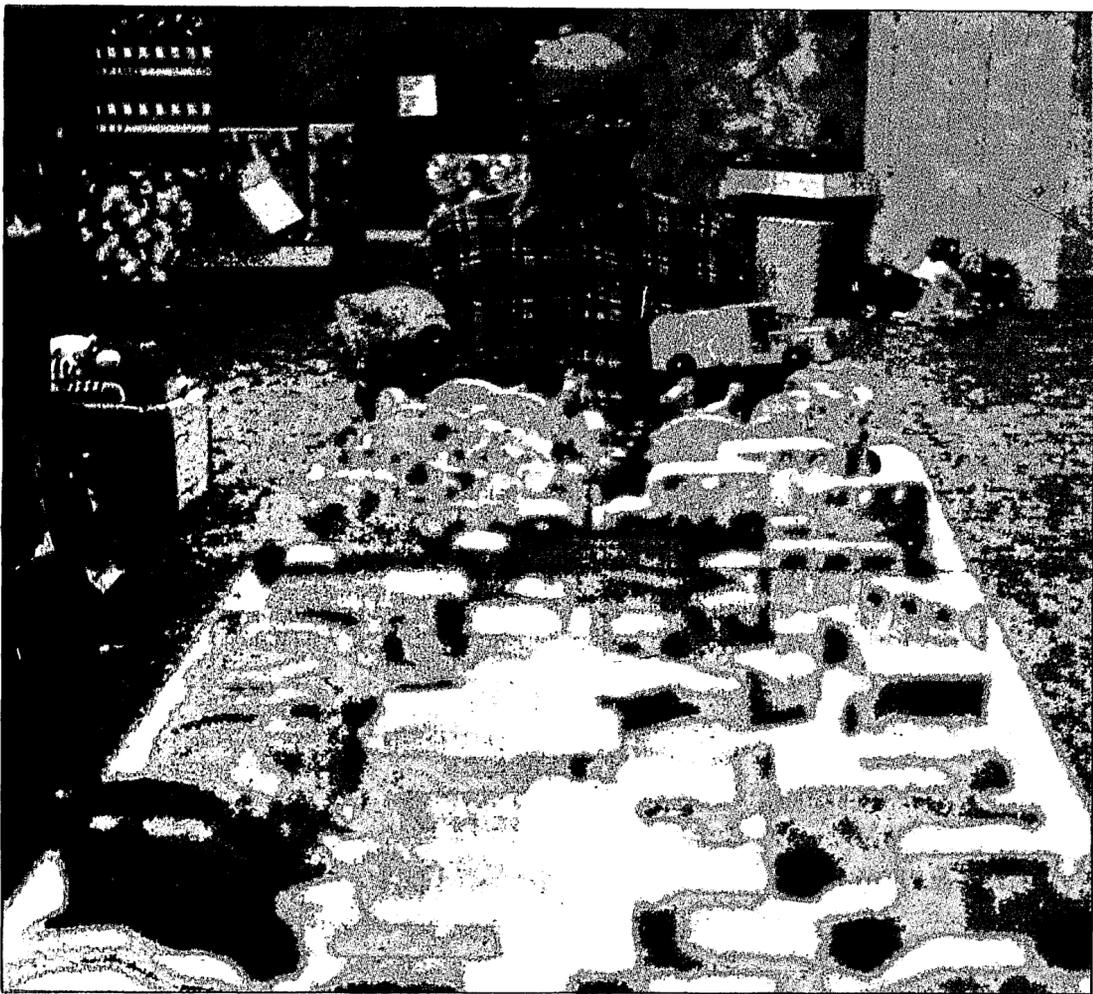
Bedford, who was 30 and just beginning a career in law enforcement, was in Nogal Canyon about



Deputy Bedford was 30 when he was gunned down in Nogal Canyon on Oct. 8, 1979

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Thomas Bedford



Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

Bob Bohannon amidst the 80 hand-crafted wooden toys he made for Santa Cops. The donated toys will be distributed to needy families by the non-profit organization in Christmas baskets including other children's presents, clothing and food items.

One man's hands to benefit 80 kids at Christmas

BY TONI K. LAXSON
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It took woodworker Bob Bohannon four months to make 80 toys.

It will probably take scores of children only minutes to unwrap them come Christmas morning.

"It was a labor of love," said Bill Allen, president of the Ruidoso Lions Club, on Thursday.

Bohannon donated the dozens of toy race cars, trucks, elephants, cows and other animals to Santa Cops on behalf of the civic club.

Santa Cops, a local clearing-house for benevolence, will distribute

those toys in its Christmas baskets to needy families throughout Lincoln County on Dec. 20. The baskets include other toys as well as clothing and food for families screened for need by the non-profit organization. Coordinators say they expect to deliver more than 300 baskets to families this holiday.

Santa Cops volunteer Ross Dingman estimated Bohannon's donation at about \$700.

The 80 wooden toys are carefully constructed, varnished and painted. They all are on wheels, and some, such as the cars and trucks, included little wooden riders.

"I've always worked with my hands," said Bohannon, a retired

construction contractor from El Paso.

For the past 12 years since his retirement, he's been involved with woodworking, he said. "I make presents for my kids, grandkids and my great-grandkids," Bohannon said.

People have told him he should sell his wooden toys. "But I can't even make minimum wage making them. So I make them and give them away," he said.

He started the toys shortly after joining the Lions Club in July, Bohannon said.

Allen said the donation is representative of the club's purpose. "This is in the true spirit of our club motto, which is 'We serve.'"

Highway 48 project 'liaison' proposal gets village review

• The Village Council may select a community group to act as go-between during long-running widening of Mechem Drive.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In an effort to avoid the pitfalls of the extensive Ruidoso Main Street project, state officials this week suggested a village liaison group between the contractor widening State Road 48 and the community.

"Because we did have some problems with Main Street here, we think this might be an opportunity to try a task force," Virginia Lorenz, a construction engineer with the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department, told Ruidoso village councilors Tuesday night.

"It's not a necessity, but we do want to be able to funnel the information to everyone who's going to be involved," she said.

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Construction is expected to begin sometime in March on about three miles of Mechem Drive, from Sudderth Drive to White Mountain Road. The project is the first of three phases to widen and improve State Road 48 all the way to the Rio Bonito at State Road 37, highway officials say. They expect the total project will take at least three years. Work to widen U.S. 70 is also expected to begin next year, officials say.

The Main Street project, the first half of which was largely completed last year, was plagued with delays and contractors unable to fulfill their contracts, village officials said.

Lorenz said a committee for the State Road 48 construction could be composed of a few village councilors and representatives of property own-

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... Now, happy snow

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Shrieks and laughter tumbled down the sledding hill at School House Park Thursday as children celebrated a five-inch snowfall that close Ruidoso schools for the day.

The winter storm dropped 18 inches on the slopes of Ski Apache Wednesday and Thursday, and it still was snowing in the afternoon.

Ski rental shop owners were dancing in the streets to hear that 41 of 55 trails were open at the resort and snow depth registered between 46 inches to 58 inches of powder and packed powder.

Ski Run Road was snowpacked, but undaunted hardy skiers slipped chains on their tires and headed up for the excellent skiing.

Road conditions were snowy and icy enough also to close Capitan school and cause a two-hour delay for Hondo School. But Corona students were expected to show on time, as were those in Carrizozo, which escaped the snowy weather.

Mescalero schools also were closed and the State Police were discouraging travel over Apache Summit on U.S. 70, which was snowpacked and icy.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Rayla and Morgan McMakin of Ruidoso found snow fun on Thursday.

The slick roads caused some fender-bender accidents across the county Wednesday evening, but things were quiet Thursday. No serious injuries resulted from any of the accidents, according to the State Police and Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments.

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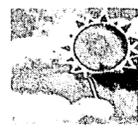


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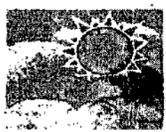


Mostly sunny skies through Sunday, then clouds

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 40
Low ... 16



Mostly Sunny

SUNDAY High ... 46
Low ... 14



Sunny

MONDAY High ... 47
Low ... 19

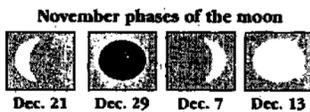


Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Monday	24	10	Trace
Tuesday	39	18	.08"
Wednesday	29	11	.12"

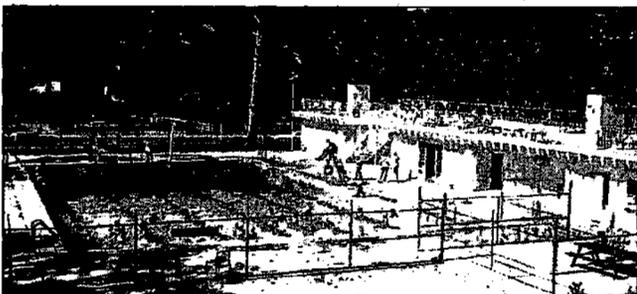
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	42	15	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	40	14	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	41	18	Mostly sunny



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The moon passes by the star Aldebaran tonight. Aldebaran is just east of the Moon as the star pops into view not long after sunset. During the night, the Moon will cross directly in front of Aldebaran, blocking the star from view for most skywatchers in the United States.

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Carmon Phillips/The Old Mill

A reminder of Ruidoso's non-winter season in the 1960s.

I.G. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News Dec. 12, 1947

The newly incorporated Cree Meadows Country Club held its first meeting Friday, Dec. 5. Joe C. Palmer was elected president.

Other officers are John J. Christman Jr., of Ruidoso and Lubbock, first vice-president; Lake Frazier, Roswell, second vice-president; and Jack Hull,

Ruidoso, secretary. Other stockholders present...were C. C. Chase, Ruidoso, and Dr. J. P. Turner and Dan R. Branton of Carrizozo.

Two established businesses in Ruidoso are moving to new locations this week. Bonnell Hardware is moving into the newly erected building in the Palmer Gateway Addition, and Sacra Brothers are moving into their new building in Upper Ruidoso one block west of the Post Office.

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HIGHWAY: Liaison has been tried in other communities

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ers along Mechem. The committee would meet with state officials and the contractor to learn the construction schedule and its impact on businesses.

"This would allow the village to have some say in whether they want the contractor to start doing a certain portion sooner or later," Lorenz said. "We know that once you get into the summer season, it's going to be pretty busy here and we don't want to impact the businesses any more than we have to."

Councilor Robert Donaldson said construction on Mechem would affect businesses winter or summer. He opposed the creation of a liaison committee, saying the vil-

lage council should "take the heat," when concerns arise. The project's impact should not be soft-pedaled as something that can be alleviated, he added.

"It's just that there's an inference that there may be a way to avoid some discomfort of business people during the summer," Donaldson said. "The reality is that we are going to be in full-fledged construction when summer comes and we are probably going to be in full-fledged construction when the next summer comes. Basically, it's better to tell people up front so they can understand."

Councilor Bob Sterchi supported the creation of liaison committee and suggested that representatives from the merchant group Spirit of Ruidoso

There's an inference that there may be a way to avoid some discomfort. It's better to tell people (about the project) up front so they can understand."

Robert Donaldson,
Village Councilor

be appointed.

Village Manager Gary Jackson said representatives from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce should be included as well.

The council on Tuesday took no action to establish a liaison committee. A decision is expected at one of the council's January meetings. The Dec. 30 council meeting has been can-

celed. At one point during Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Jerry Shaw asked Lorenz if a liaison committee was standard procedure for similar highway projects.

"It's something we do on some projects, especially in the smaller towns. We did this in Roswell for the Main Street project there," Lorenz replied. "The committee was informed of what was going on in the project so that if people had questions and they couldn't get somebody with the highway department, they had a fellow business owner or property owner to talk to."

If Ruidoso councilors decide against the committee, then a village staff member could attend construction meetings and report back to the council.

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DEATHS FUNERALS

Thomas B. McNeil

Memorial services for Tom McNeil of Ruidoso, who died on Dec. 8 in Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque at the age of 76, were on Dec. 6 at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ruidoso, where he had served as an elder.



Tom McNeil

Eulogies were given by Mike Gladden, William Butts and Tom William McNeil.

A one-time Ruidoso village councilor, Mr. McNeil was born Aug. 2, 1921, in Dexter.

He was a graduate of Dexter High School and was a farmer in the Pecos Valley for 21 years. Enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, he received his degree in education in 1964, and earned a master's degree in administration and education the next year.

He taught history at the

Ruidoso Middle School until his retirement in 1983, and later served as a process server for the courts.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Sadler McNeil of Ruidoso; son Thomas William, Loveland, Colo.; daughters Patricia Ann Courter of Roswell and Mary Cynthia Thompson, Ruidoso; a brother, Bill, of Las Cruces; grandchildren Greg and Kelly Courter, Kevin McNeil, Kyra, Marshall and Bradley Thompson; and a great-grandson, Quin Courter.

He was preceded in death by parents Jim and Ollie McNeil, brothers Jim and Bob, and a twin sister, Mary Bagwell.

Memorials to a children's home, institution or foundation have been requested. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of French Mortuary, Albuquerque.

Danny Racher

Memorial services for Terence Dan (Danny) Racher, who died on Dec. 6 in San Angelo,

Texas, at the age of 85, will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Drive, in Ruidoso.

Mr. Racher was born Feb. 11, 1962 in Salina, Kans., to Terry and Patsy Racher. He moved with his family to New Mexico when he was 2 years old and lived in Lincoln County for a number of years, graduating from Ruidoso High School.

He attended college at Christ for the Nations Institute, Dallas, and Angelo State University, San Angelo. He worked in several churches as minister of music.

He married Dana Durham on Dec. 19, 1987 at Fort Davis,

Texas. They had two daughters, Daci Ranae and Danielle Elyce. His wife and daughters survive him in San Angelo.

Other survivors include his parents, Terry of Rota, FM and Patsy of Hondo; two sisters, Jayme Avery and husband Brent and children of Socorro, and Trish Marr and husband Brad and children of Los Lunas; his maternal grandmother, Louise Joiner of Hondo, and his paternal grandmother, Florence Racher of Carrizozo.

(The date of death was erroneously stated in a notice published in the newspaper on Dec. 10. The Ruidoso News regrets the error.)

Firewood cutting curtailed

Firewood permits will no longer be available for cutting areas in the Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest because of recent snowfall, forest officials said.

Snow has made some roads inaccessible near Cloudcroft; however, people who already have permits for Ivan, Bluewater or Dry Burnt may continue to collect wood as long as they can safely get to the firewood areas.

District Ranger Max Good-

win said driving can be extremely hazardous now and many roads cannot be traveled by cars built for highway travel.

"Know your limitations and those of your vehicle," Goodwin said.

"Do not take chances. You could be stuck in the forest for a long time before anyone would find you."

Always carry emergency supplies with you, including all-weather clothing and blankets, he said.

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OUR OPINION

Educating teachers

Some years ago, the New Mexico Legislature established a requirement that every public school district annually publish a "report card" showing the district's performance in a variety of areas, ranging from scores on standardized tests to teacher salaries. It was a noble effort, and still serves a purpose.

The main problem is that it very nearly takes an academic expert to interpret the report, which is a bit short of what we think the Legislature had in mind. But a careful examination of any one of the reports usually leads to a sad conclusion: Too often, the "bang for the buck" in public education isn't what it should be.

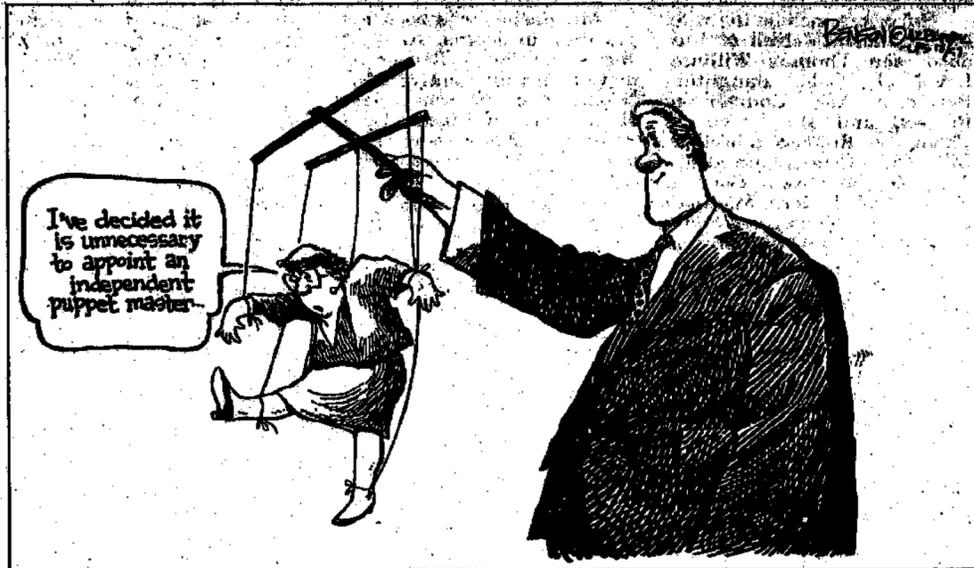
We've suspected that part of the problem is that teachers sometimes just aren't up to par. Now, we find, Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, recognizes that as a problem as well, and this week proposed a comprehensive federal initiative to improve the quality of teaching in the public schools. It calls on the states to ensure that qualified teachers are in every school classroom, and provides more incentives to states to help recruit new teachers. The New Mexico Parent-Teachers Association gives its backing, too.

Bingaman's legislation, called the "Quality Teacher in Every Classroom Act," addresses the need to make sure teachers are fully qualified to teach in their subjects.

Bingaman cites *Education Week's* national report card for 1997 showing that barely half of New Mexico's high school teachers have degrees in their subject areas, compared with 63 percent nationally. And, he says, New Mexico doesn't require teachers to hold a bachelor's degree in a subject such as English, history or math.

Says Bingaman: "This effort is to not only improve education for our children, but to help ensure that teaching continues to be the noble profession it's long been."

It also just might get the schools a better report card.



People with stories to tell

We're reminded frequently that everybody in the world has a story to tell that, in fact, people are their stories. That's particularly true in Ruidoso, we've concluded, because practically everybody is from somewhere else. They chose to come to Ruidoso; they didn't just happen to be born here and are residents from sheer inertia.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

Among the people with stories we wish we'd met, but didn't, was Tom McNeil, who in his 78 years of life was a career farmer, and a career teacher right along with wife Marie. Anyone who goes to college with his own wife and daughter, then receives bachelor's and master's degrees in two years, then focuses on living in Ruidoso, and does it, and after retiring in his '70s becomes a process server for the courts, of all things, must have had a million stories to tell.

Tom McNeil died in an Albuquerque hospital last week, and was eulogized at the First Christian Church, where he'd spent years as an elder, on Dec. 6.

Supt. Mike Gladden remembers Tom's 17 years in the schools as "having a tremendous impact on Ruidoso." Tom was "a bit gruff in demeanor, but with a tremendous heart," Gladden recalled this week. "He was totally dependable."

In April of 1996, the newspaper profiled Tom, McNeil, then 74, in his adopted profession of process server, and the overwhelming impression was of good sense and good humor.

If somebody was unhappy at being served with legal papers, he'd merely say:

"Buddy, you've been served. You can leave them there 'til Christmas as far as I'm concerned."

As noted earlier, there was a man we wish we had known from the beginning.

THE SILVER LINING

New Mexican holiday traditions

This is being sent to you in mid-morning of Dec. 9 and all the vale is cast in morning sunlight and shadow as the west wind brings the white clouds through the blue sky overhead.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

You look out to the south at the hillside of evergreens and the golden mountain meadow, and you see not a single sign of snow. All the heavy drifts of a few days ago are all melted away.

As you see the many features of Mother Nature's Christmas decorations stretching away on every hand, your mind drifts back to the early Christmas celebrations of pioneer New Mexico, handed down to us as a legacy by early Spanish settlers of our state.

Practical among these customs were "the luminaria" (lighter of the way or illumination); and "el nacimiento" (the manger scene) and "Las Posadas" (searching for lodging).

Let us have a few words first about luminarias.

Luminarias

Luminarias were placed along rural roads, trails, and on hill-tops guiding folks to the church to attend midnight mass.

One method was to sharpen sticks of pitch-pine and drive them into the ground along the pathway to the church, and then lighting them, so they were rustic torches blazing through the night.

Along the trails and paths, lanterns would be hung on tree branches, or candles placed in a small cave in a clay bank.

Old-timers used to tell about a special luminaria, a fire built on top of the high hill just north of the village of San Patricio, welcoming the night travelers and the rural residents to midnight mass at the Church of San Patricio.

Modern-day luminarias

A special luminaria popular today is made by filling a paper bag half full of sand and then placing a candle inside. The sand holds the bag open and the candle upright. They send forth a special golden light into the darkness.

These are placed along walkways to homes, places of businesses and churches. Often

times they are seen in rows along the edges of roofs or in windows.

The Christmas electric decorative lights of today are modern-day "lighters of the way."

El Nacimiento

The nativity scenes handed down to us from early times take various forms, in which the gift of the early Spanish for making good use of the material at hand shows clearly.

In one farm, live human figures and stable animals appear under a roof of evergreen branches, with small fires and pitch-pine-torches nearby for light.

Sometimes a small cave would be dug out of a clay bank, and inside would be figures of Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child, and the burro, cow, rooster and sheep inside, carved out of wood or fashioned out of clay.

Along a highway or road the three sacred figures could be seen high on a cliff in a small natural cave, lighted by a candle.

And so, the traditions handed down from early times return to us, adding their own charm to our Christmas season.

Let us be especially thankful to our Lord, during the sacred month of December.

YOUR OPINION

Preserving the Bonito, lake and river too

To the editor:

I would like to...voice a different view to the Bonito Lake controversy concerning fee access expansion. However, a brief explanation of the current land status in the area, the previous state of the Bonito drainage, and use of its water in general must be undertaken.

Bonito Lake and some of the surrounding land is owned by the City of Alamogordo. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has leased the lake itself and the U. S. Forest Service is the proprietor of the surrounding land. Both Alamogordo and the Forest Service currently operate fee camping and parking facilities in the area.

Alamogordo purchased the land and lake for future water supply. To my knowledge, the water line from the lake to Alamogordo is not complete and most likely never will be, as it only reaches Nogal.

This is my view of this controversy: Growing up here, I remember the Bonito River below the dam as running with a good flow, numerous fishable pools, some beaver dams in the Mills Canyon area and a fairly healthy population of trout, all the way to the confluence of the Bonito and Ruidoso rivers in Hondo. In the last decade, the lower Bonito has gone dry in

the summers and has had marginal flow the rest of the year, with the exception of the rainy season, affecting the flow in Angus, Sontera and Lincoln. As a result, the trout population has plummeted, and the wildlife that depend on this stream has been seriously affected.

All of this ... a direct result of Alamogordo's refusal to use some of its unused water to insure the river has a reasonable flow year round. Somewhere back there I remember Nogal Lake; it was great great fly fishing, the water being just over waist deep, lots of ducks, geese, and usually a pair of bald eagles if not more in winter. Also, an occasional sighting of osprey year round.

Well guess what — Nogal Lake was filled via the pipe line from Bonito Lake. However, when the pipeline was reconstructed the spur line to Nogal was not part of the plan, thus drying up more critical habitat seemingly forever. In lieu of the actions of Alamogordo, the inactions of the Forest Service, Game and Fish and Lincoln County, any fees charged in the Bonito Lake area (are) unacceptable until negotiations for the responsible stewardship of the land has been completed and acted upon.

As far as paving the road goes, I feel the county should bite the bullet and pave the road, thus freeing up much

needed money and manpower of the other three entities to negotiate and return the neglected areas...to usable recreation and healthy ecosystems. Then we will all benefit from the additional lake and increased property values along the now-flowing Bonito River.

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso

Live in Capitan

To the editor:

Even more spectacular than the recent celestial alignment of moon and planets was the debut of live theater in Capitan.

The old mercantile building — restored to usefulness and now housing local artists and their work — was tastefully converted into a theater setting. A small stage and curtained seating area, warmed by a wood stove, refreshments and 50- or so comfortable seats (all filled).

The play, "A Christmas Memory," was poignant and timely, the direction, casting and acting superb.

The nurturing of local talent and local enterprise is important to the health and growth of our community.

For information on this and other plays at the Lincoln County Mercantile, call 854-2316.

Harold Einkelstein
Capitan

Special gifts remembered

To the editor:

There are a couple of special people that I feel you should know about who have embraced the spirit of the season in a unique way.

Two individual Lincoln County residents (one of whom prefers to remain anonymous), purchased nearly 100 tickets to "A Christmas Carol" at the Spencer Theater and donated them to those who may not have had the opportunity to attend the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's performances otherwise.

In one instance, tickets were donated to the Capitan schools and given to the most improved student in several grade levels. (These were students who were not among the 500-plus that came to the theater for a free performance on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 4.)

In another, Cindy Clay-schumpert, the theater's executive assistant to the director, and her husband, Mark, purchased tickets and donated them to area senior citizens in memory of Cindy's grandmother.

Thank you for giving the gift of the performing arts.

From the joy reflected on the faces in our audiences, it was a gift well appreciated.

Theta Smith
Spencer Theater
Executive Director

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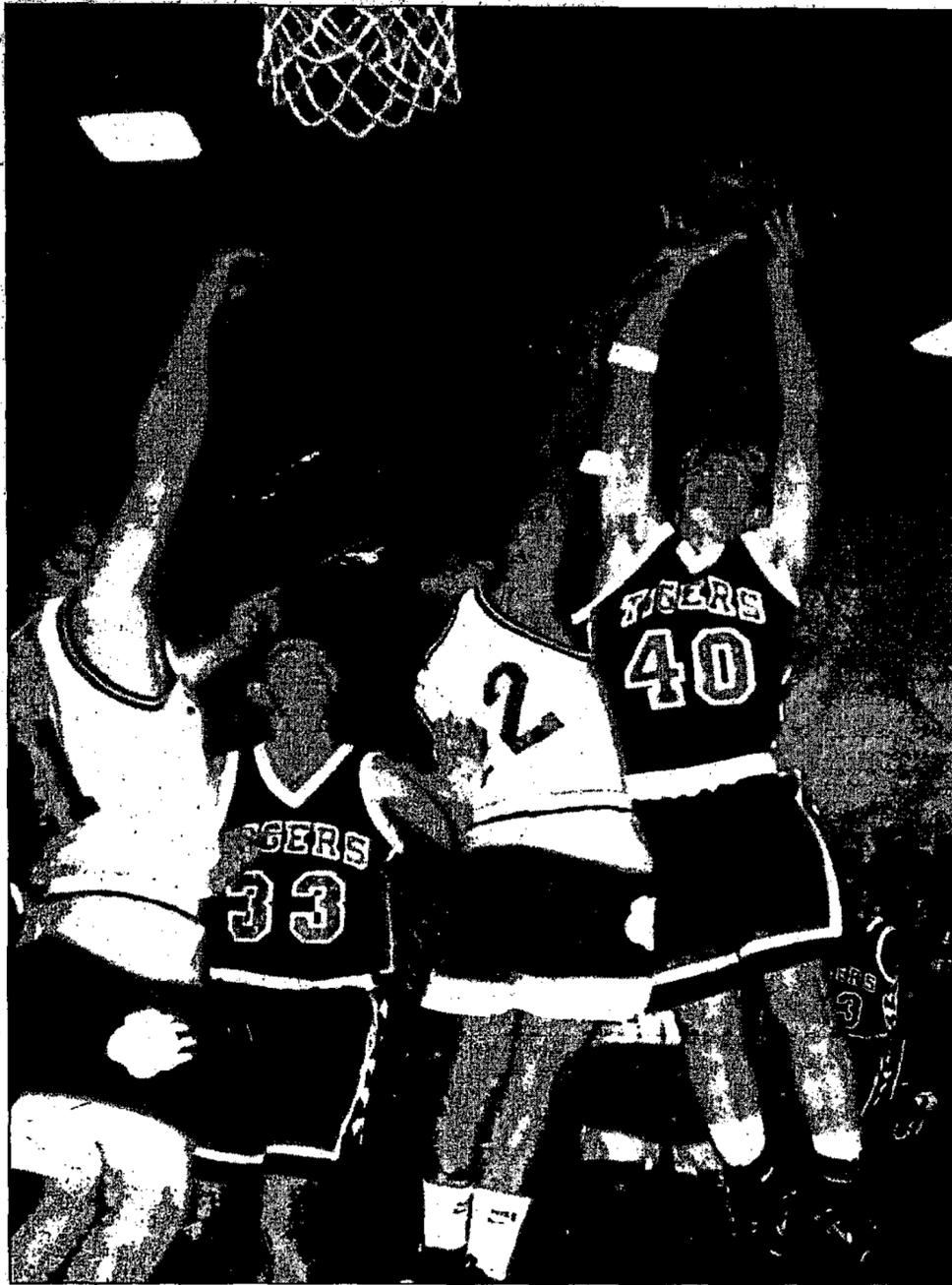
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Tigers rough up Grizzlies for hoop sweep



The Tigers' size advantage was too much for Carrizozo. Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News



Capitan's Eric Ferguson found the going on the inside easy Tuesday in Carrizozo. Ferguson scored 13 in the Tiger win. Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News

Capitan boys pick up first win

BY STEVE BENNETT
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Capitan Tigers basketball team nailed down its first victory of the season by beating Carrizozo 59-45 Tuesday night in the Grizzly gym. The win brings the Tiger season record to 1-4 while Carrizozo remains winless at 0-3.

Coach Gerald Montes said on Wednesday, "It's good to get a win. I felt we played with more intensity against Carrizozo. The kids also worked hard at execution."

The Tigers were led by lanky post-man Kris Davis with 16 points. Eric Ferguson added 13 and Jason Montes chipped in 10 for Capitan. However, overall high-point honors went to Carrizozo sophomore Ryan Roper who blistered the nets for 19. John Paul Ortiz pumped in another 15 points for the Grizzlies.

Those drawing praise from Montes for their play Tuesday were Anthony Garcia, Kenny Stahl, Truman Armstrong, Davis and Jason Montes.

"They all had good games. Also, our press was much better," he said.

One sore point for the Tigers thus far this season has been turnovers.

"We did cut down on

turnovers, but we still need to improve in that area, we had 19 Tuesday night," he said.

At Carrizozo, first-year coach Rick Beserra isn't happy being 0-3, but he's beginning to see some bright spots in his team's performance. "I was pleased with our execution. I think the boys are starting to believe in what we're doing. John Paul Ortiz is starting to be a floor general, a real leader out there," he said.

Beserra pointed out that his team's lack of height (no starter is over 6-foot 1) forces him into strategies he'd rather avoid.

"We can't go man-to-man because of our height. We've also got to do a better job blocking out and rebounding," he said. Despite that, Beserra had good words for his post-man Simon Beltran: "Simon had a great game, he rebounded well."

Carrizozo returns to the hardwood at 7 p.m. today against Mescalero, the second half of a doubleheader with the Chiefs. The Carrizozo girls play Mescalero in the first game at 5 p.m.

Montes's boys get the weekend off before playing Animas in the first round of Cloudercroft's Mountain Top Tournament Dec. 18.

Capitan's pressure defense flattens Carrizozo girls for 57-29 victory

BY STEVE BENNETT
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Capitan girls basketball team improved its season record to 2-3 by handing the Carrizozo Grizzlies a 57-29 whipping Tuesday night in Carrizozo. The Grizzlies fell to 1-4.

The Tigers were led by Monica Johnson with 18 points followed by guard Erin Autrey who added seven. Carrizozo's high-point girl was Renee Rael with 13 points.

Tiger coach Bryan Massé said Capitan's pressure defense was the difference.

"We hurt them early with our press. Our guards had a real good game," he said.

Massé was speaking of Erin and K'ren Autrey as well as Johnson, Tawnya Reynolds and Michelle Wilson who hounded the Grizzlies into numerous turnovers.

"We got our running game going and the turnovers created a lot of cheap baskets for us. The whole team played unselfish ball," he said.

Massé's Tigers built up a commanding 30 point-plus lead by halftime and never looked back, though the Grizzlies put up a fight and cut the lead to 19 early in the fourth quarter.

On the other side of the court, first-year Grizzly coach Rick Beserra was missing the services of senior guard Mandy Baca.

"Mandy injured her knees and will be having surgery. That took away any floor leadership that we had," he said.

Although Beserra admitted that his girls are in a "character-building year

and will continue to take a few lumps on the court, he remains positive. "The girls work really hard for me. They're improving all the time. They played very well against Mesilla Valley," he said.

The Grizzlies play tonight (Friday) in Mescalero. Carrizozo and the Chiefs meet at 5 p.m.

Capitan's next contest is Saturday when the Tigers host Mountainair for junior varsity and varsity contests beginning at 4 p.m.

SEASON PREVIEW

Tiger girl hoopsters seek an about-face

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan Tiger girls basketball team plans to "mix it up" with its opponents this season.

That doesn't mean the Tigers will lace up the gloves and duke it out, however.

Third-year Capitan coach Bryan Massé returns to the sidelines as a varsity basketball coach for the first time since the 1994-95 season, when he directed the Lovington girls varsity before coming to Capitan. Last year in Capitan he coached the junior high boys basketball team.

But now he's got the girls, many of whom played for him during the volleyball campaign.

Massé's basketball Xs and Os philosophy doesn't differ

much from what the Tigers tried to run last year; he likes a variety of defenses and a push-it-up-the-floor offense. He also favors the three-point shot.

"You can shoot 25 percent from the three-point line, and it's the same as 37 percent from inside (the three-point line). Plus, especially with our height, you get long rebounds with the three-point shot. It kind of plays into our hands," Massé said.

He wants the Tigers to be known for defense by the time districts roll around.

"I want our strength to be our defense, but it's not yet," he said.

One thing is for sure. Massé said the Tigers don't want to repeat their performance in 1996-97, when they started out a respectable 6-4 only to finish the season with a 12-game losing streak and a 6-

16 mark. "They are fairly smart, and they don't want another season like last year. They want to get away from that," said the first-year basketball coach.

Massé said he'll utilize a variety of defenses from full court and half court man defenses to match-up zones and straight zones.

On offense, the Tigers will run a motion against man defenses, take the fast break when it's there and fire up the three-pointer when it's open.

To execute his plans, Massé has five seniors to lead the Tigers. Returnees include Monica Johnson, Michelle Wilson and Sonya Woods, plus Tawnya Reynolds, who rejoins the team, and newcomer Courtney May. At just 5-foot 7 inches, Woods is the Tigers' leading threat inside, although Massé said he's not afraid to pull

Woods out of the paint. May is 5-9 and adds depth to the post position.

Capitan's other post player is 6-1 Lindsay Bush, a freshman who could see more playing time as she gets more varsity experience.

There's no shortage of guards on the Tiger squad. Juniors K'rin and Erin Autrey are the top outside threats for Massé, who also has four sophomore guards competing for playing time. They are Crystal Royball, Holly Schlarb, Shauna Shrecengost and Alicia Garcia.

The Tigers have two months before district competition starts, which Massé hopes will give his players time to absorb everything that he's throwing at them.

"Hopefully by district, we'll be able to do a lot of things," he said.

► UP & COMING The Bowl opens Saturday

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker couldn't have orchestrated it better himself.

Earlier in the week, dense snow fell on the Ski Apache slopes, building the base on all of the runs. Then Wednesday, yet another storm system blew in, dumping 18 inches of "fluff" snow on the ski area's runs.

It's resulted in an early Christmas gift for skiers, ski shop owners and Ski Apache officials; Parker will open the entire upper mountain to skiing Saturday.

Through Thursday afternoon, measurements at Ski Apache were more like recent mid-season numbers instead of early December numbers. Snow depth bases range from 46 to 58 inches.

Saturday, skiers will have access to 52 of 55 trails via 10 of 11 lifts. Chair lifts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and the Gondola will be running skiers to all portions of the area. Ski conditions are excellent according to ski officials, and surface conditions are powder and packed powder.

Today, however, marks the last skiers can take advantage of the early season discount lift ticket of \$29. Lift ticket prices return to the normal, non-holiday price of \$39 for an adult, all-day ticket.

"Every thing is shaping up nicely for Christmas," Parker said.

On deck

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Ruidoso at Bruce King Tournament, Moriarty, TBA
Hondo Valley at Vaughn, 6:30 p.m.
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Senior Monica Johnson and four classmates hope to turn around the CHS fortunes. Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News

'He traded off with me... I was supposed to be working

Ex-Sheriff McSwane remembers October of 1979

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When James McSwane thinks about that October day in 1979 when Lincoln County Deputy Thomas Bedford was shot dead on an isolated road, a shiver goes through his body. Not just because he lost a good friend and working buddy. "He traded off with me," McSwane said Wednesday. "I was supposed to be working." Both men were deputies at

the time. McSwane went on to serve as county sheriff, but did not run for re-election in 1996 and has left law enforcement. He described Bedford as "real gentle and kind hearted. The kind of person willing to listen, real understanding. He practiced to be a preacher. I think that's what his family wanted him to be." But Bedford chose law enforcement, working first in Roswell as a police officer and then in Lincoln County. He was

30 when he was shot five times by Robert Elton Cox in Nogal Canyon. Although Michael Bedford, the 20-year-old son of the deputy, doesn't remember his father, his half sister was eight when he died. She also remembered Bedford as a kind-hearted man who did everything for her. "She found out when she came home from school and there were cars lined up outside our home for blocks,"

Michael said. "Mother heard it over the scanner. His parents also were there. My mother collapsed at the funeral." "It's anger more than anything now," Michael Bedford said. "Anger at a judicial system that allows something like this to happen year after year." Although he said he loves his stepfather, there are times he thinks what would it have been like if his real father had lived. Tom Bedford visited

McSwane's home the night before he died. "He was aware of the danger in the canyon," McSwane said. "I think he was put in a position where any officer would have been killed." Authorities believe the first shot occurred when Bedford reached into his patrol car to call the sheriff's dispatcher, McSwane said. Bedford hadn't worked for the sheriff very long when the incident occurred. He lived in Capitan with his wife, son and stepdaughter, but he was a certified deputy with all of the necessary training, McSwane said.

"He knew I had been part of the manhunt," McSwane said. "He told me he killed Tom and he really had no remorse. Of course, that was in 1987." The juvenile involved in the crime with Cox also was at the prison during that period, McSwane said. When the two men argued one day, the younger man slammed the back of Cox's head with a 2-by-4 board, McSwane said. "He wheeled him out on a stretcher," he said. "At first, I thought he was going to die." Cox threatened to kill Donn Dose, the deputy who shot him, if he ever was released, McSwane said.

PAROLE: Convicted killer had worked throughout the area

Continued from page 1A

burglary at a cabin and trailer when he spotted two men walking down the road. They matched the descriptions of men suspected in a car theft in Albuquerque and thefts in the Estancia-Cedarville area.

According to reports in the Ruidoso News at the time, in his last contact with the sheriff's office, Bedford radioed for back-up, said he was with two hitchhikers and that one man was armed. A deputy was dispatched, but his tire went flat on the way. Another deputy picked him up and arrived in Nogal Canyon a half hour after Bedford's call to find their fellow officer lying in a pool of his own blood.

An autopsy later revealed Bedford had been shot five times. He was wounded in the chest, the throat, the face and his hand.

Two sets of footprints led away from the scene.

A massive manhunt was launched. The next day Cox' 16-year-old companion, an escapee from the juvenile facility at Springer, walked out of a cabin near a picnic area in Nogal and gave up without resistance. He told officers that he feared Cox would kill him and described the shooting of Bedford.

He also told officers that

Cox was armed with a .35 caliber semi-automatic rifle, a .22 caliber Ruger pistol and two .22 caliber rifles, one with a scope. By that time, more about Cox's background had surfaced.

He had previous convictions in 1956 and 1962 for larceny, in 1967 for breaking and entering and in 1975 for fraud. Cox also had paramilitary training and had been working at the Lacy ranch near Capitan, at the Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan and in Lincoln. He had worked as a trapper and a guide, and was well acquainted with the wilderness and abandoned mine sites.

Despite that training and his weapons, Cox was captured Oct. 12 in the Corona area without resistance after three officers drove to the community at the county's northern boundary on a tip that he had been seen in the area.

Papers with Cox's name on them and cans used for target practice had been found near an abandoned building on the Joe Atkins Ranch. The three officers, including the late Donn Dose of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, encountered Cox walking on a dirt road. Although he was carrying a pistol and a hunting knife, he gave up without a fight.

The officers placed the weapons in a cap to keep them together. In an odd twist, when

they arrived back at the courthouse in Carrizozo, the cap fell to the ground and the pistol discharged. A bullet struck Dose in the left leg.

Dose reportedly thought Cox had shot him with a concealed weapon, wheeled around, braced himself on an adjacent car and fired three shots through the left rear door with a .44 caliber magnum revolver.

Cox was struck in the hip and leg. Both men were taken to the hospital in Alamogordo.

When Cox later was sentenced to life, what it meant in legal terms was that he would be eligible for parole in 10 years under the guidelines then in effect, said Mike Toms of the state Department of Corrections.

Objections to a release

Arnold said she was told initially by Martinez that Cox has a good chance of being released at his next hearing in April.

"They were getting a parole plan ready and he didn't know the exact date yet of the parole hearing, but he said he was pretty sure (Cox) would get out this time," Arnold said.

He told Arnold she should submit letters in opposition or other items to him by Dec. 22.

Arnold said she intends to muster as many people behind the Bedford family as possible. "I'm going to make this as

emotional an appeal as I can," she said. In his letter to Ronald Vigil, chairman of the state parole board, Sheriff Sullivan wrote, "Robert Elton Cox is a cold blooded cop killer who should remain in the penitentiary for the remainder of his life ... (He) shot officer Bedford in the mid-section and after the officer fell, Cox stood over him and put a bullet in his head to make sure he was dead. Officer Bedford was a fine young man beginning his law enforcement career only to have his life snuffed out by a piece of garbage like Robert Elton Cox." "We implore you not to turn this animal loose on the citizens of New Mexico." "They couldn't even open the casket," Arnold said. "His wife never had closure. She still lives in a state of depression and every time this guy comes up for parole, she falls to pieces."

► Where to write
Those opposed to Cox's release from prison may write to:
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Carrizozo, NM 88301

McSwane also knew Cox from the 2 1/2 years he worked for Corrections Industries as a captain at the men's penitentiary in Santa Fe. He described Cox as a loner with very few friends, who kept himself in excellent physical condition and was proud that he wore only a T-shirt even under the coldest conditions.

"He was bitter about a few people," McSwane said. "I think Cox has been in the penitentiary so long, he's pretty much institutionalized. I don't think he could survive on the street without committing another crime. He's receiving the best medical attention where he is and a warm bed and meals."

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Decorate the Tree With Victorian Spirit

(MS) — The Christmas tree is usually the focal point of holiday spirit in the home, and every tree reflects the traditions of the family that decorated it.

In the Victorian era, people reveled in rich colors and textures. So, they adorned their Christmas trees with nosegays, silk tassels, paper and fabric fans, ornate glass ornaments, ropes of pearls and gold beads, and cornucopias. During the winter evenings before Christmas, Victorians would create these beautiful ornaments and place them on their trees.

To bring a 19th-century holiday into their home this year, people can create their own authentic Victorian decorations with these instructions from "365 Ways to Prepare for Christmas" (HarperCollins), by David E. Moen.

NOSTALGIC NOSEGAYS

Small gold or white doily
Fabric rose

12 inches of ribbon that matches the rose, 1/4-inch thick
Tape

Stick the stem of a fabric rose into the center of a small gold or white doily, pinch it so it gathers around the flower, then turn it over and secure tightly with tape. Tie a 12-inch length of 1/4-inch matching ribbon once around the tape, and leave the ends as streamers. Use the stem to attach to the tree.

For a more romantic look, use a red heart-shaped doily. You also could use a larger doily and wire together bunches of dried flowers, like tea roses, baby's breath, heather and statice. For a seasonal touch, add some cinnamon sticks.

VICTORIAN DOILY FANS

Round doily
Small fabric or dried flowers
Glue
Wire

Cut a round doily in half. Accordion pleat the half doily into a fan, and attach a cluster of small fabric or dried flowers to the front of it with glue. Attach to the tree with wire.

CORNUCOPIAS

White or gold doily
Ribbon
Dried flowers
Glue or staples
Ribbon roses, optional

Cut a quarter wedge out of a white or gold doily, and wrap the rest around until you have a cone shape; glue or staple together. If you wish, add a small bow and some ribbon roses to the front; attach a ribbon loop for hanging. Fill with dried flowers.

For a more natural look, use handmade paper. Cut out a circle pattern 12 inches in diameter, then cut into four wedges; roll each into a cone. If you wish, stencil on some leaves or a design before forming the cone.

Take some children's party hats in bright colors, tie the elastic into a knot to shorten it, and fill with the dried flowers or, as a treat for the children, popcorn or small (not too heavy) Christmas candies. Hang on the tree by the elastic band; if the candy is too heavy, use a glue gun to attach a ribbon loop.



VICTORIAN JEWEL ORNAMENT

3-inch Styrofoam ball
Gold paint
4 inches gold wire
White glue
Gold beading pins
36 inches gold braid, 1/4-inch wide
Assorted gold and crystal beads and pearls
Gold beading
Beaded or gold tassel

Paint the Styrofoam ball gold, and let dry overnight. Form a double loop of gold wire, and insert the ends into the top of the ball; glue to secure. With a glue gun and the gold pins, attach the gold braid around the ball twice to create four sections. Create a design with the loose beads, making each of the sections the same or completely different. Work very slowly to allow each piece to dry. Attach the gold beading in loops around the bottom of the ornament. Finish off with a tassel at the very bottom of the ball.
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Pork Satay Appetizers With Peanut Dipping Sauce

1/4 cup La Choy Soy Sauce
1 lb. pork loin, cut in 1-in cubes
2 T. dark molasses
18 4-inch skewers
Dipping Sauce:
1/2 cup Peter Pan Creamy Peanut Butter
3 T. red wine vinegar
1 tsp. each minced garlic and crushed red pepper
1/2 cup hot water
1/4 cup La Choy Soy Sauce
2 T. dark molasses

In plastic bag, combine soy sauce and molasses; mix well. Add pork and marinate for 30 minutes. Place 3 cubes of pork on each skewer. In saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients; simmer over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Grill or broil pork for 8 to 10 minutes, turning once until cooked through. Serve immediately with dipping sauce. Makes approximately 18 appetizers.

Nestlé Crunch Holiday Pizza Cookie

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
6 T. granulated sugar
6 T. packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups (8-oz. package) Nestlé Crunch Baking Pieces, divided
Assorted candies

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter and sugars in large mixer bowl. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup Nestlé Crunch Baking Pieces. Spread or pat dough onto bottom of greased 12-inch pizza pan or 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for 14 to 18 minutes or until set and deep golden brown. Remove from oven. Drop peanut butter by spoonfuls over hot crust; let stand for 5 minutes to soften. Gently spread over crust. Decorate with remaining Nestlé Crunch Baking Pieces and assorted candies. Makes about 12 servings.

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- 2 cups water
- 6 whole allspice
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- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup RealLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate

In large saucepan, combine juice, cider, water, allspice and cinnamon; bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add tea bags; cover, let stand 10 minutes. Remove tea bags and spices. Add sugar and RealLemon; stir until sugar dissolves. Serve warm. Makes about 2 1/4 quarts.

Cranberry Sauce

- 12-oz. package fresh cranberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 T. orange or cranberry liqueur (optional)
- 2 tsp. grated orange rind

Combine cranberries, sugar and water in a 2- to 3-quart glass casserole. Cover with wax paper and microwave on High 5 to 7 minutes or until berries have popped, stirring halfway through cooking time. Stir in liqueur, if using, and orange rind. Serve hot or cold. Makes 2 cups.

Apple Pie A La Zing

- 4 cups pared, sliced apples
- 2 cups Ocean Spray® Fresh or Frozen Cranberries
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts, optional
- Pastry for a 9-inch, 2 crust pie

Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine all ingredients, except pastry, in a medium mixing bowl; mix well. Pour into a pastry-lined pie plate. Cover with top crust. Seal edges and cut several slits in top crust. Bake 50 minutes or until golden brown. Cover edges with foil if they begin to brown too quickly. Makes one, 9-inch pie.

Frosted Cauliflower

- 1 medium head cauliflower, leaves and base removed
- 2 T. water
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 tsp. prepared yellow mustard
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- Paprika

Core cauliflower and place in 2- to 3-quart round glass dish. Add water; cover with lid or plastic wrap. Microwave on High 8 to 9 minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain. Let stand, covered, while preparing mayonnaise mixture. Combine mayonnaise, mustard and salt in small bowl. Using rubber spatula, spread mixture on exposed surfaces of cauliflower. Sprinkle with cheese. Microwave uncovered on 70 percent power (Medium High) 1 1/2 minutes to heat topping and melt cheese. Sprinkle with paprika. Let stand 2 minutes before serving.

Holiday Thumbprint Cookies

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks) softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup favorite jam

Preheat oven to 375°. In medium bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in egg and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually add flour and salt, beat on low speed until well blended. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on nonstick cookie sheet(s). With fingertip, press down on each cookie to make an indentation. Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon jam into each indentation. Bake 8 to 10 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Remove to a rack and let cool completely. Makes 48 cookies.

Plantation Peanut Bread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup Peter Pan® Chunky Peanut Butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk

In large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Add peanut butter; mix until crumbly. In a small bowl, combine egg and milk; mix well. Add to peanut butter mixture, mix until moistened. Pour batter into a greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan and bake in 325°F oven for 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from pan and let cool. Makes 1 loaf.

Sundried Tomato Cheese Puffs

- 24 Ritz Crackers
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped sundried tomatoes
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 T. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 T. chopped fresh basil
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- 1 tsp. dried basil leaves
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Place 2 crackers in each of 12 lightly greased 2 1/2-inch muffin-pan cups; evenly divide and top with mozzarella cheese and tomatoes. In large bowl, blend milk, parsley, basil and eggs. Pour evenly over cheese layer; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350°F for 30 to 35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Loosen edges and remove from pan. Serve warm. Makes 12 appetizers.

Shrimp Persillade

- 12 medium-large shrimp (about 1/2 pound in the shell)
- 4 tsp. unsalted butter or clarified butter
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 tsp. minced shallots or scallions
- 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
- 2 to 3 T. fresh white bread crumbs
- 2 to 3 T. fresh parsley, chopped

Shell and devein shrimp. Place in a leak-proof plastic bag and set bag in bowl of ice in refrigerator until you are ready to cook. Have the seasoning, shallots, garlic, bread crumbs and parsley prepared and ready for when you start to cook. Set the sauté pan over high heat, add shrimp. Toss for about a minute, swirling and shaking pan to evaporate moisture. Add butter, toss shrimp to coat. Sprinkle on salt and pepper. Stir in shallots, garlic and bread crumbs. Continue cooking and tossing until shrimp turn pink. Scatter and stir in parsley. Serves two.

Holiday Poke Cake

- 2 baked 9-inch round white cake layers, cooled
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) Jell-O brand gelatin, any red flavor
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) Jell-O brand lime flavor gelatin
- 1 12-oz. tub Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed

Place cake layers, top sides up, in two clean 9-inch round cake pans. Pierce cake with large fork at 1/2-inch intervals. Stir 1 cup of boiling water into each flavor of gelatin in separate bowls 2 minutes or until completely dissolved. Carefully pour red gelatin over 1 cake layer and lime gelatin over the other. Refrigerate 3 hours. Dip 1 cake pan in warm water 10 seconds; unmold onto serving plate. Spread with about 1 cup of whipped topping. Unmold second cake layer; carefully place on first layer. Frost top and sides with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Decorate as desired. Store leftover cake in refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.

Christmas Tree Is Bedecked With Customs and History

(MS) — Of all Christmas customs, perhaps the most universally treasured is the Christmas tree. Brightly decorated with shimmering lights and glittering ornaments, the tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family as it is those of the world at large.

From the exciting moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities.

So much so that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 200 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastime was not widely observed outside its native Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the 16th-century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit heaven.

However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early 17th century, when fir trees — decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys and candies — were reported in the German city of Stasburg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observation of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights and extending lavish hospitality to friends and family, as well as extravagant gift-giving.

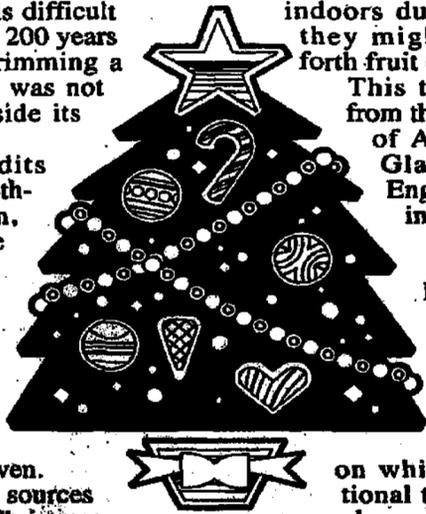
Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, like hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, whereupon it became a thorn tree and sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as it is known now.

Today, centuries later, the Christmas spirit is still represented in the timeless manifestation of the ever-beautiful, ever-enchanted Christmas tree.

When decorating their tree, people should realize that not only are they creating their own family traditions, but they are continuing centuries of history. GG976101



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Treat Loved Ones With Thoughtful Holiday Gifts

Gift Ideas Can Help Make The Holiday Season Brighter

The holidays are here. It's time for festivities, fun, good cheer — and stress. Choosing gifts for relatives, friends and co-workers can be very challenging, because there are always those people on your shopping list for whom you just can't think of a gift.

Here are some ideas that can make gift-giving easier and the season a little brighter:

• For the woman on your list who loves to be "in fashion," give her the hottest looks of the season. From simple, silhouette-conscious dresses to shoulder-baring fashions to traditional cashmere sweaters, there's something for everyone. For those stylish men you have to buy for, remember that casual dressing is at its peak. So, wardrobe essentials like a polo shirt, button-down oxford shirt, vest and v-neck sweater are sure to be appreciated.

• If you're not sure about sizes or colors, try accessories or jewelry for that fashionable woman. The simplest accessory can turn an ordinary outfit into a chic ensemble. Whether it's diamond earrings, a pearl pin or a leather handbag, your present can be the perfect addition to any woman's wardrobe.

• Put a smile on a woman's face this holiday by giving her a makeover at her favorite cosmetics shop or a day of pampering at a spa. If a friend has been feeling down lately, this could be the perfect pick-me-up to brighten her day and help her feel better about herself.

• For those high-tech lovers on your gift list, electronics could be the way to go. The choices range from stereo components to a portable cassette player and everything in

between. If someone you know just bought a new CD changer, give him or her music as a gift. For the home-theater buff, you may want to consider buying a few movies — and remember to look for releases that have the latest in sound technology. If there's a true consumer-electronics buff on your list, this person probably has several remote controls. Why not buy him or her a remote caddy? That way, he or she won't have to search the living room for the remote before changing the channel.

• Books are always a good choice for a gift. Whether it's romance, science fiction, horror, self-help, history or crossword puzzles, there is a vast variety of books available. If you're not sure about a particular author, ask the salespeople at the bookstore. They can recommend authors and titles if you don't know what to choose.

• A fun part of the holidays for children is receiving new toys — and there's quite a selection out there, from traditional favorites to the latest action heroes. When buying your gift, remember to get a toy that's appropriate for the child's age.

• If you just can't think of anything to buy, try creating a gift. Whether it's making candy, baking cookies or stitching a craft, people will appreciate the extra time and effort you put into their gift. It will show them how much you really care.

• When time is running out, stores are crowded and selection is low, don't forget about gift certificates. A certificate to a person's favorite store or restaurant is a good present; it lets him or her select something personally, and he or she knows it's special because it's coming from you. GG976105

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(MS) — If there's someone on your holiday shopping list this year who has recently had a baby or is expecting one soon, there's a special, lasting gift you can give that you may never have considered before — a guardian angel.

Minneapolis artist and writer Marianne Richmond has published "The Gift of an Angel," a 38-page book that tells the touching story of a baby's birth by recounting heaven's careful selection of a guardian angel for every new child born.

The book, which is popular among friends and relatives, has become a keepsake for many parents.

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Heat oven to 400°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Mix turkey, peas, onions and cranberries in plate. Separate stuffing into small pieces on turkey mixture. Stir remaining ingredients with fork until blended. Pour into plate. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with hot turkey gravy if desired. Makes six to eight servings.

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At prices ranging from approximately \$99 to \$199, this would make an ideal gift for the traveling executive, college student or budding entrepreneur.

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Permanent construction office site for Hwy 48 project sought in village

Meadow Valley Contractors of Phoenix is supposed to start construction of about three miles of State Road 48 in Ruidoso on Jan. 8, but is asking for an extension to avoid possibly severe weather conditions, according to a state highway official.

Some of the nuts and bolts of the \$8.4 million project came to light at a village council meeting on Tuesday.

Virginia Lorenz, an engineer with the State Highway Department, has asked the village council to consider possible locations for a trailer that will act as offices for the state department during highway construction.

The only location now being considered is on highway right-of-way across from the former Wal-Mart building on U.S. Highway 70, she said. The department would prefer a more centralized position in the village, she added.

Bill Loomis, project manager for Meadow Valley Contractors, said earlier his company will employ about 100 people during the project.

A turn lane will be added to Mechem Drive where the street now has only two lanes. The road would be expanded to five lanes from Barcus Road to the turnoff to the Ruidoso Convention Center, and 5-foot sidewalks would be added on both sides of the road.

A portion of the work will be to replace village water and sewer lines running next to the street. That work will be paid for by the village as opposed to the state. Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley said earlier the village's portion of the contract will be \$1.1 million.

The second phase of the project, also slated to begin this spring, will widen 2.6 miles of Mechem Drive from White Mountain Road to State Highway 532 (the ski-run turn-off).

The third phase, from Highway 532 to Borrito Lake, is to start in 1999.

New library now scheduled to open in late February

The Ruidoso Village Council granted a 71-day extension to the contractor who said his schedule was interrupted by heavy rains this spring and summer.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's new library will be open by late February or early March, about two months later than originally intended because of construction delays, a village official said Thursday.

"I do plan at this time to move in during the month of February — barring El Niño dumping us with 17 feet of snow before Feb. 1," said Ruidoso Librarian Nancy Osterberg. "And we will have the library open to patrons as soon as possible."

The \$1 million-plus library is going up next to the Ruidoso Village Hall off Cree Meadows Drive. With 14,600-square-feet, the building will be twice the size of the present library next to Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive.

Village councilors this week granted Greer Construction an additional 71 days to build the new library next to village hall.

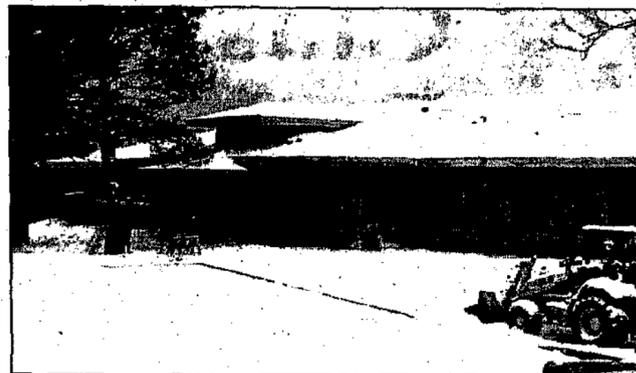
The extension was granted with the understanding that the Carlsbad-based contractor, who is also doing expansion work at village hall, will not take the full 71 days to complete the village hall portion of the total \$1.5 million contract.

Village Deputy Manager Alan Briley said the new library was to be completed by Nov. 21 under the original contract. But, "they are asking for an extension of the contract due to inclement weather," Briley told councilors Tuesday. Heavy rains during the spring and summer had stalled the work, the contractor told village officials.

Councilors could penalize the contractor \$300 for every day of work past the Nov. 21 deadline. But that option would cause the contractor to hurry "and not have the project done right," Briley said.

Another option, he said, would be to call the bond ensuring the work. However, the bond company probably would remove the contractor from the job, and it could be a year before another company finished the library, Briley told the council.

"There's not a lot of win-win situations," he said of the



New Library has faced substantial construction delays because of weather.

council's options.

He recommended the contract extension as the best solution. "They did say they would put forth their best effort," to be substantially completed by the new deadline, Briley said.

Substantial completion, defined by Village Manager Gary Jackson, would mean that the building was finished to the point where it could be moved into. Some exterior work would still remain, he said.

The company originally asked for a new deadline of Jan. 13, a 53-day extension. Village councilors, though, elected to give the company until February.

Ray Lopez, a consultant for the village on the project, urged the council grant the extension because the contractor "has had some acts of God that didn't work in his favor."

Once the building reaches substantial completion, the library will close down for two weeks to move in.

Large variety of seedlings available from Forestry Division for landscaping large areas

It's not too early to think about planting more trees in the forest, or elsewhere.

New Mexico residents who want to landscape large areas and have patience may want to order seedlings from the state Forestry Division.

The annual seedling sales program is underway with delivery next March. Order forms are available for containerized and bareroot trees and shrubs.

The seedling program is a nonprofit, cooperative effort between the New Mexico Forestry Division and New Mexico State University. The university grows the containerized stock at research centers in Las Cruces and Mora while the Forestry Division distributes these seedlings along with other acquired bareroot stock. All proceeds are reinvested

into the long-running program.

Last year's participants automatically receive a 1998 order form.

To participate in the program, purchasers must own at least one acre of land and the trees must be devoted to conservation practices.

Approved uses include windbreaks, erosion control, reforestation, conservation education, Christmas tree plantations and wildlife plantings.

Two types of containerized seedling will be offered; those is a small white 10-cubic inch tubes and a limited number of larger stock in 40 cubic inch containers.

A minimum of 50 bareroot seedlings, with at least 25 of one species is required, or 49 tube container stock all of the same species. Landowners who want to buy larger container-

ized trees (40 cubic inch) must purchase a minimum of 20 trees of the same species.

No new species have been added to the program this year. Russian olive and Winterfat will not be available. Velvet ash, also known as Arizona ash, which was not available last year, will be sold in bareroot-form. Narrowleaf cottonwood will be sold in both bareroot and small-container forms.

The Forestry Division delivers the containerized seedlings once a year at 22 drop points around the state. The closest to Ruidoso is Roswell from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., March 17 or Alamogordo from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 19.

Bareroot species

Bareroot species to be sold this season include: Black Locust, Chokecherry, Golden Current, Green Ash, Hackber-

ry, Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Nanking Cherry, Narrowleaf Cottonwood, Native Plum, New Mexico Forestiera (Olive), Noreaster, Cottonwood, Skunkbush Sumac, Velvet Ash and Woods Rose.

Prices are \$26 for 50 seedlings. Bareroot orders are shipped to the buyer by United Postal Service to a street address or can be picked up at the Forestry Division's Santa Fe tree house. The maximum order is 2,500 trees.

Small tube seedlings

Small containerized tube seedling offered this season include Afghanistan Pine, Apache Plume, Arizona Cypress, Aspen (limited supply), Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Chamisa (Rubber Rabbitbrush), Desertwillow, Douglas-fir, Eastern Redcedar, Four-Wing Saltbrush, Gambel

Oak, Mexican Buckeye, Narrowleaf Cottonwood, New Mexico Locust, Pinyon Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Scots Pine, Southwestern White Pine and White Fir.

The price is \$42 per block of 49 ordered of the same species. The maximum order is 2,499 trees.

Large cube seedlings

Seedling stock available in the 40-inch cubic containers include Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Douglas-fir, Eastern Redcedar, Four-wing Saltbrush, Gambel Oak, Piñon Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Scots Pine and White Fir.

They sell for \$42 per 20 trees. The maximum order is 200. Supplies are limited and tree planters should call the Forestry Division to determine if the large container species

they want still is available.

Applications are available at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Carrizozo, at the county extension office or at the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo. Or write the New Mexico Forestry Division at P. O. Box 277, Second and White Oaks, Capitan, NM 88316, or call (505) 354-2231 for a form, or advice on which trees are best suited.

Seedlings also may be donated to schools by specifying that on the application. Cash donations to New Mexico Re-Leaf can be submitted with an application.

The Re-Leaf program recently funded planting at the Tularosa Community Center, at La Luz Elementary, at Fort Sumner Cemetery and at sites in the city of Roswell.

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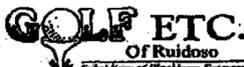
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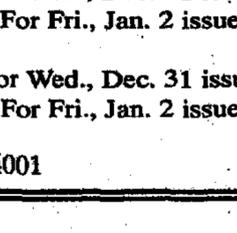
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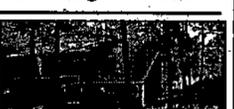
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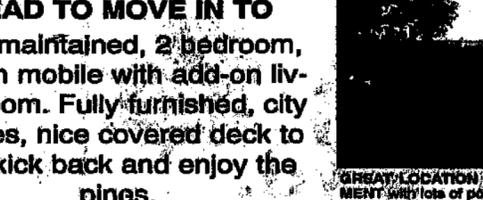
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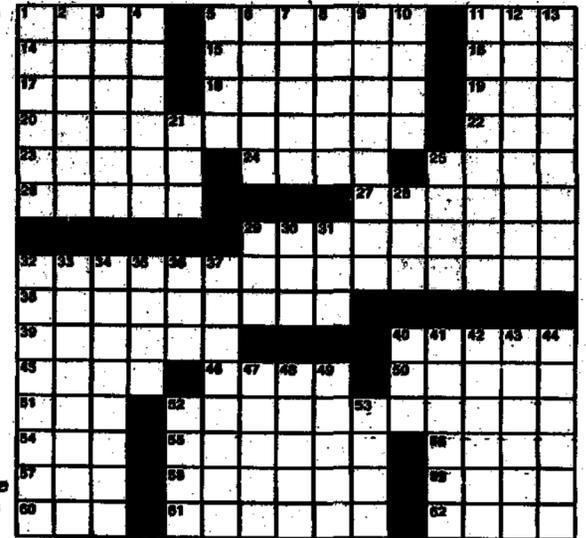
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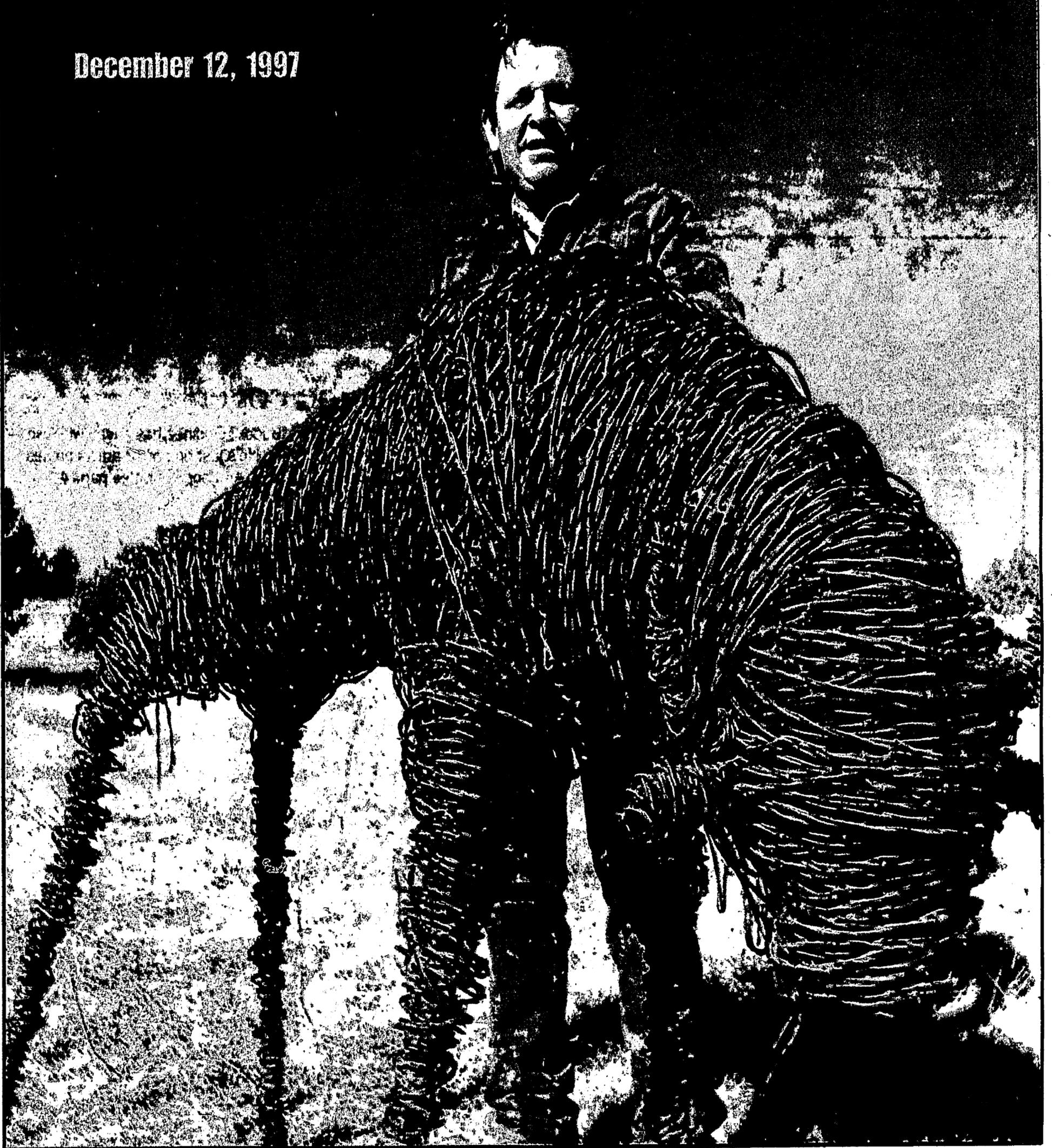
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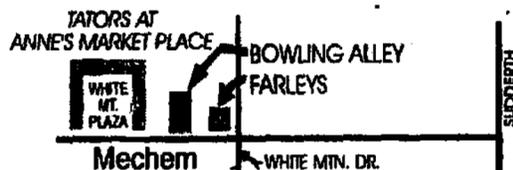
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Artist Ignacio "Buddy" Godinez has a way with wire - barbed wire that is. He's just one of 18 artists on this weekend's Christmas Art Loop Tour. See page 4C

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Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.
Carizzo artist and santera maker Polly Chavez is featured during December. Chavez specializes in retablos, paintings on wood that feature Catholic religious icons. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

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The Tree's House

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Western Trails Gallery

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Margaret Bohannon's "Alamo Arcade is one of the works featured at the Fall American Art Show and Sale at the Museum of the Horse.

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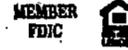
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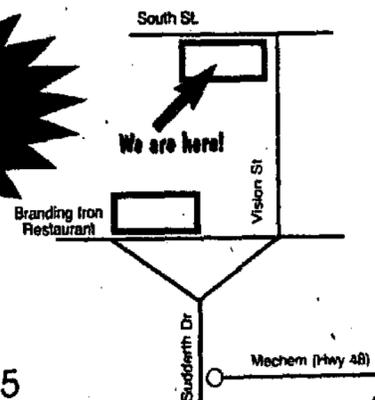
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The arts

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The art of Ignacio "Buddy" Godinez reflects the Western life around him, and uses the practical tools he mastered during his life on ranches.

From rusty barb wire, Godinez creates nearly life size, free-standing buffalo, deer, donkeys and cacti, or scaled down wall-hangings of cattle skulls or anything else that a customer might enjoy.

Godinez' studio will be part of the annual winter Art Loop tour Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14. He is one of 18 artists working in various mediums, who will open their homes and studios to visitors, allowing them to watch the creative process from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Many of the artists from Carrizozo, Nogal, Capitan, Lincoln and spots between, will serve refreshments and offer some of their creations at favorable prices.

Sketching came first

Born in Socorro, Godinez has spent his life on ranches, but became interested in art in high school. His father and brother both were artistic, although neither pursued art professionally.

"I always sketched," the former Capitan High School graduate said. "But I never tried sculpture until the last few years.

"About three years ago, I was building a fence around here and rolled out some wire," and inspiration hit.

His first try was a deer.

"I don't know why," he said. "I just made one."

Soon after, he created a buffalo.

"I loaded it on a trailer and hauled it to Hondo," Godinez said. "There's this couple from Louisiana: I just left it there and she said she wanted it and bought it."

Many of his larger pieces require about two miles of barbed wire and 10 days to complete. They sell for about \$900 to \$1,000.

Godinez starts with a rebar armature in the basic structure of the figure he's going to wrap. Wearing heavy gloves, he then begins the tedious process of applying strand after strand of wire, one at a time.

"Instead of clay over the armature, it's wire," he said. When finished, a figure weighs a couple hundred pounds, he said.

Other shapes Godinez has produced include rattlesnakes, windmills, the flute-playing spirit called kokopelli, antelope, eagles in a tree, as well as wall hangings of boots, cow skulls and the outline of a pigtailed cowgirl.

His smaller pieces, such as the snakes, run \$50 to \$75.

He sold a longhorn steer to a La Mesa, Texas woman who took the barbed wire sculpture back to Texas with her.

One special order of a deer, Godinez took to a San Diego buyer himself.

His biggest project currently is building a horse out of horse shoes for the same buyer who took his first buffalo.

"I'll make anything," said the single father, who is raising two teenagers. "I have lots of ideas. I just need the time and money. I still build fences for a living, but I'd rather do this."

Godinez works under the name of Wired West Sculptures; his workshop is two miles west of Capitan on the northwest corner of Birch Lane and U.S. 380. Watch for the quonset hut and a field populated by his animal sculptures.

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ART
LOOP

What: annual Christmas Art Loop tour of 18 local artists' studios

When: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Where: Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo and Nogal

ART LOOP: A peek at the creative process

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Bring checkbooks and credit cards, because there's no way visitors will drive away from the annual Christmas Art Loop tour Saturday and Sunday without buying something.

The self-guided tour gives visitors a chance to watch the creative process and select from the products of 18 artists who will open their homes and studios from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this weekend.

The free tour is staged twice a year, involving the talents of artists from Carrizozo, Nogal, Capitan, Lincoln, Hondo and points between. Some names will be familiar from prior tours, but many new ones have been added, said Molly Hart, an artist and one of the organizers working with Todd Shelby of Animalia Pottery.

"Not only will visitors be able to purchase artwork and gifts directly from the creators, they also will be able to experience the artist's environment and work space," Shelby said. "This is a unique educational opportunity to see first hand some of the processes and raw materials that come together in a completed work of art."

Tour maps may be picked up in advance at Ruidoso State Bank, Benson Fine Art in Ruidoso or Spanky's Restaurant in Capitan.

On tour days, maps will be available at the Sun Country Store in Hondo and on all tour stops. The studios and homes will be marked by large yellow and purple "Art Loop" signs on the highway from Hondo, through Lincoln, Capitan, Carrizozo and Nogal.

Although the artists live in Lincoln County, the scope of their work is much broader. Many regularly show their work in galleries and juried art shows across the country, Shelby said. Some have taught arts and crafts in schools and colleges, participated in special exhibitions and have been featured in national publications.

"But all of their art is reasonably priced and suitable for both personal collections and gifts," he said.

Jewelry of distinctly different designs will be featured at the homes of Zoe de Negri at the intersection of State Road 48 and State Highway 37 on the way to Nogal, Molly Hart in Capitan and Alice Warder Seely in Hondo.

de Negri, who designs for stores on both coasts, uses sterling silver and other metals

with semi-precious stones to create captivating earrings, pins, necklaces and bracelets.

At her studio/home off U.S. 380, Hart fabricates unique wearable art jewelry, frames, mirrors and vessels in a neo-industrial mode. Turn south off the highway at mile marker 83, go right at the fork for one-half a mile, then turn left at the "T," and it's the first driveway on the right.

In her Urban Fetishes studio, Seely designs and casts ethnic and primitive jewelry, reflecting her Native American heritage.

In the furniture category, Georgia and Michael Lagg of Nogal and Mike McMillan of Capitan will satisfy different appetites.

McMillan produces rustic western and cowboy furniture crafted from hardwoods at his Capitan Gallery of Cowboy Furnishings.

At their Tree's House studio/solar home built into the side of a hill, the Lags create unique functional artworks using hardwoods. The pieces range from one-of-a-kind boxes to doors, screens, lamps and cabinets. Each piece is a creative gem.

Visitors who appreciate Western themes will enjoy Virgil Stephens' Notevena Ranch Gallery in Nogal, where the artist does fine line drawings, prints and bronze sculptures depicting Western ranch life. You'll find him

on SR 37, turn west on Juniper Springs between mile markers 4 and 5, go left (south) on Bonito and west (right) on Alpine. The street name will change to Coronado, but will take you to the ranch.

The nearby Running Horse Designs studio of Cathie Eisen showcases decorative art that reflects her love of horses and the Southwest. She's on the west side of SR 37 at mile marker 9.5, a quarter mile north of Nogal Canyon Road.

Heading east into Capitan on U.S. 380, tour participants will notice a field full of animal and cacti sculptures created from miles of barbed wire wrapped by the talented hands of Ignacio "Buddy" Godinez at Wired West Sculptures. Stop at his quonset hut studio two miles west of Capitan on the northwest corner of Birch Lane and the highway.

Contemporary hand-woven textiles and clothing are represented by Maggie Doyle at Handwoven Designs in Capitan near village hall on Lincoln Avenue, where visitors can watch her "play" a creative concert in fabric on her loom.

See Art Loop, page 6C

joyce mcmath

belly dancer

Joyce McMath is not only a part-time nurse who works in full-time in the village's Planning and Zoning Department, she's also Ruidoso's queen of the belly dancers. For almost 20 years, she's performed at birthday parties, parades, chili cook-offs and other events.

IN PROFILE

an interview by toni k. laxson

to belly dancing conventions that were for teachers. And I did quite a bit of that. That was good, really good. Now I don't keep in shape or travel to any of the conventions. But I love to go to the renaissance fairs. I went to the fair in Colorado Springs this summer. I ended up dancing over there with all the other belly dancers.

(McMath said the head belly dancer pulled her out of the audience.) She said, 'You look like a belly dancer.'

Q: How did you get started belly dancing in Ruidoso?

A: When we moved here, I had been a nurse in Texas, but there was only one licensed doctor in town then and no demand for nurses, so what I did is I taught belly dancing.

Q: When was this?

A: I started teaching belly dancing probably in '78. I taught for about four years, and also went to work for the police department because there was no demand for nurses. (She's now been with the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department for about two years.)

Q: How did you learn to belly dance?

A: I took lessons in Texas from Scheherazade.

Q: Was that a school?

A: Yes, and I traveled and went

Q: No kidding. How could she tell?

A: I couldn't stand still. All that good music. The music is what makes you dance, that's the key. Without the music, it loses a lot.

Q: What made you decide to go into belly dancing?

A: Oh, just because it was so much fun. I took tap, ballet — everything that you could take — starting from when I was 4 years old. I have danced all of my life and have been in recitals, on stage and on TV, for so many years when I was young, that it was just natural to keep that up.

Q: And how long did you



take lessons?

A: About two years in Texas before I moved here. See, I was going to take lessons over here. But they were giving the lessons at the Senior Citizens Center and they were reading it (the instructions) out of a book. They said, 'Why don't you teach?' Well, I had never taught, but I'm way past the book, you know. Anyway, teaching was so much fun.

Q: You taught senior citizens?

A: Yes, but there were students of all ages and some of them were a lot younger than I was. They had a room full of mirrors, they had the music, they had the tape recorders and everything we needed. It was just perfect. And, you know, to have something like that was really difficult back then.

But the kid's class, they were

delightful, they were more fun. This little girl, Renee, one day I said, 'We are going to do the butterfly. Hold your veils out and run around the room.' Well, I was busy and doing stuff and I looked over about 15 minutes later and she was still running around the room doing the butterfly.

Q: How many Ruidosoans did you teach altogether?

A: A lot, I mean, a lot. We would belly dance for free at the Ruidoso Care Center. One time, I think there were eight of us, and that wasn't even a one-sixteenth of my classes. Eight of us went up there, and that was a little overwhelming for those people.

People still call me. I've never advertised and basically don't dance that much anymore. But the reason people kept calling is because I was the only belly dancer

in town. I wasn't the youngest, by far, but I was the only belly dancer. We do have a new girl who just moved here from Austin and she might be doing some belly dancing. I gave her some of my costumes and some music and told her to get back into it. It's nice to dance when there's two of you; it's a lot easier.

Q: Does it ever bother you that belly dancing has a stigma, or is that stigma a thing of the past?

A: Yes. Now some dancers tend to do the more authentic, traditional type costumes — where you are covered from head to toe. And I do more of a cabaret type for clubs, where you are not covered head to toe.

Art Loop: Artists open their homes and studios to visitors

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Jake Wolfhart Leather Co., just around the corner on Smokey Bear Boulevard, features handmade fanny packs, handbags, gloves, hats and accessories of finely sewn leather and European tapestry.

Ceramics are represented on the tour at Animalia Pottery in Capitan and at Earthly Greens & Pottery and SWAN Ceramic Studio in Lincoln.

At Animalia on SR 37 as it enters town from Ruidoso, Karen Pritchett and Shelby collaborate on a vibrant line of whimsical pottery in bells, bowls, plates, platters and teapots. It's worth the stop just to see how they have carried the theme of their pottery designs into their home.

High-fired "lyrical" ceramics will be for sale at the home of Susan Weir-Ancker one mile west of Lincoln near mile marker 97. And Ronda Dougherty shows her "fun and funky" line of brightly colored terra cotta tableware at the Old Historic School House directly across from the Wortley Hotel in Lincoln.

If stained glass brings color into your life, the studio of Marilyn Quinell at the Lincoln County Mercantile and Trading Post on Lincoln Avenue in Capitan, is a must-see. She will show a variety of stained glass designs from Christmas ornaments to custom doors and windows.

Figurative and abstract art in stone and steel, as well as other mixed media creations will be exhibited at the Mountain Top Sculpture Studio in Nogal, where Pamela Topper spend her time moving from the classical form to the humorous. Turn between mile markers 4 and 5 on State Highway 37, go west on Juniper Springs Road for 1.1 mile, turn left at El Vado, another left at Este and she's the first house on the left.

Equally as unusual are the literal boxes of Kenneth Payne at Freefall Designs, 1203 C Avenue in Carrizozo, where the artist explores philosophy, translates clichés and ponders existential questions in boxes that will delight the curious.

His wife and partner, artist Suzanne Donazetti-Payne, presents a creative, but meticulous approach to metal weaving in stunning arrangements of painted gilded

copper frames, mirrors, wall hangings and room dividers.

Hand painted porcelains, tea sets and ornaments, as well as paintings on canvas and wood, ranging in style from naturalistic to abstract, will be found at the Red Rose Art Studio of Paula White.

From U.S. 70, turn south at mile marker 284, right on E015, cross the river and turn right on E016, cross a cattle guard and stop at the cream and red metal studio on the left at the chain link fence.

Urban Fetishes' Alice Warder Seely lives and works nearby. Just backtrack and go left on E016 for about three quarters of a mile to the end of the road.

Two women who are new on the tour this year and present an unusual artistic endeavor are Beverly Ann and Paula Jane Wilson. The mother-daughter duo produce hand-made paper and use it to assemble one-of-a-kind books with original signed art by Paula.

Thumbing through their books, visitors will be delighted to find pressed flowers and other bits of nature incorporated into the paper. Intriguing lithographs, imported beads and ribbons also are used so that each

books speaks to different people.

To find the Wilsons, head west from Lincoln on U.S. 380, turn left between mile markers 95 and 96 at the Serendip Orchard sign. Follow the drive, taking the first left turn and continue through a yellow gate to their home.

"We chose artists whose work is interesting, dynamic and exciting, Hart said. "We wanted artists and crafts people whose quality work represents the art of Lincoln County. But most of all, we want to make the tour an enjoyable experience for our welcome guests.

"This is our third 'Art Loop' tour and visitors from local communities as well as from Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Roswell, Albuquerque, point between and parts of Texas keep coming back. They tell us they put it on their calendars as an event they must not miss."

In preparation for the Christmas tour, Art Loop artists concentrated on creations that fit the family pocketbook and are appropriate as gifts. The art shops are close enough to be visited in several hours.

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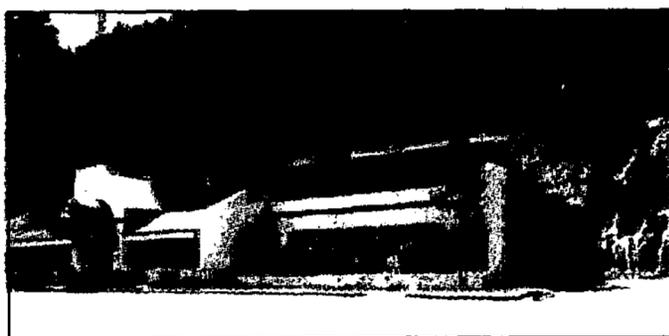
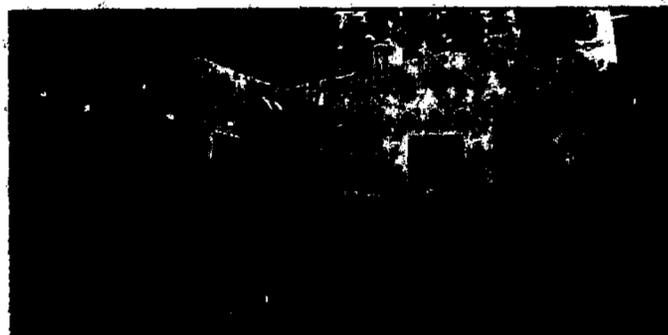
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**OUT
AND ABOUT**

Children's Christmas party Saturday

The Museum of the Horse invites all children to its Children's Christmas Party from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Museum.

The party will feature a reading of the Biblical Christmas Story and the The Night Before Christmas, plus the singing of Christmas carols and refreshments. A special appearance will be from Mr. and Mrs. Claus who will be on hand to discuss Christmas wishes.

The party is free to the public; all that is required is that attendees wear their best smile.

Capitan Christmas Concert December 21

The Capitan Public Library is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Christmas Concert from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in the Capitan School gym.

The concert benefits the library, and is under the direction of Pearl Tippin, assisted by Agatha Long.

Included in the concert will be a visit from Santa and a puppet show by the Gieb family.

Vocals, instrumental solos and accompaniment will be provided by Ellen Brewer, Joni Autrey, Pearl Tippin, Agatha Long, Anna Bernheisel, Ann Buffington, John and Palla Duncan, Joshua Jones, Betty Lou Joiner and Staci Horst.

There will be a reading from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," sing-along carols, door prizes and refreshments.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Families with two or more children will pay just \$6. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or call Pearl Tippin at 354-7021.

Going out

Artists host holiday open house

Potter Larry Davidson, woodworker Lee Van Pelt and weaver Georgia Van Pelt will throw open the doors of their new shared Wood and Fiber Studio from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and Dec. 21, in Rancho Ruidoso.

Davidson, whose work is marketed as Little Creek Pottery, has created pots since his high school days. He previously ran potteries in Idaho and Washington. He earned a master's of fine arts with an emphasis on ceramics and taught at Utah State University, Ohio State University and Eastern New Mexico University.

His pottery is wood fired stoneware, a labor intensive approach in a kiln he designed and constructed, that produces a unique effect on the outside of the pots.

He tries to use materials native to New Mexico when possible. The pottery is safe for use in ovens and microwaves and may be cleaned in a dishwasher.

After Lee Van Pelt built his first lathe, he produced his first bowl out of a Christmas log, a piece of eucalyptus from a tree a neighbor cut down.

At that time, he still was teaching school. But what started out as a pleasant pastime turned into a full time occupation under the name of WTLtd.

Pecan, oak, apricot and walnut are his favorite woods. The bowls often reflect nature with holes in them and bark edges. They feature a unique tripod base and are finished in tung oil.

His wife, Georgia Van Pelt is a weaver.

She acquired a loom in the mid-

seventies for her daughter who had cerebral palsy. The goal was to help her child develop strength and coordination, but her daughter didn't want to weave.

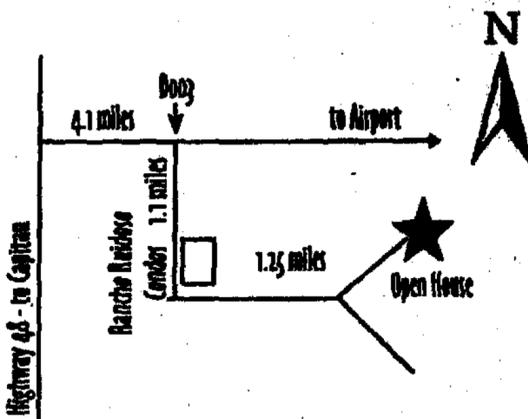
The loom collected dust for 10 years with 20 yards of brown wrap covering it. As the other children in the family grew up, they would play with it off and on with no real commitment.

At a workshop, Georgia was asked to revisit some unfinished business in her life and ended up back at the loom. The wrapping paper came off and she began weaving.

Six loom later and with the help of other weavers with generous spirits, especially Maggie Doyle of Capitan, she found herself on the road doing craft fairs.

Georgia combines hand-woven chenille and hand knits in contemporary garments. Shawls, scarves and South American inspired poncho/serape wraps are on sale in her stock under the business name of "Warped and Twisted," a name suggested by her daughter.

To find the studio, take State



Road 48 north from Ruidoso, turn on Sierra Blanca Airport Road, go 4.5 miles and turn on the road to Rancho Ruidoso condominiums, go 1.1 miles, turn left, go 1.25 miles and veer to the left at the "Y."

Tickets still available for Spencer show

Tickets are expected to be available right up to the 8 p.m. curtain for Saturday's performance of "A Cowboy Christmas" at the Spencer Theater. The show features balladeer Don Edwards, yodeler Don Walser and the three-part harmony of the Hays Country Pals and Gals.

Saturday's performance was added to the Spencer's Winter Season after the Friday show rapidly sold out.

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GOING OUT

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What is blues?
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Is it a feeling?

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When people think of the blues they often picture a single artist playing music that seems lifeless and depressing. Yet, just the opposite is true.

Blues has become interwoven in many musical forms throughout this century. It was a national craze

SINGING THE BLUES



Gary Stamper
for the Ruidoso News

in the '20s and influenced the jazz and even some of the country music of the next two decades. It was instrumental in the formation of rock 'n' roll in the '50s. Some of the early rock 'n' roll songs were simply revamped blues tunes. Many of the rock musicians of the '60s and '70s "discovered" both early and contemporary blues players and their music. This

sparked a blues revival that we still feel the effects of today.

There are many different styles of blues today. For example the early stylings of Robert Johnson or Mississippi Fred McDowell; the jazzy blues of Billie Holiday or Duke Ellington; the Chicago blues sound of Muddy Waters, Howlin'

Wolf, Buddy Guy or Koko Taylor; the guitar-driven, horn band sound of T-Bone Walker, B.B. King, Roomful of Blues or Albert Collins, and the rock blues sound of Stevie Ray Vaughn or Eric Clapton; the soul blues sound of Bobby Blue Bland or Etta James. The blues have even crept into some of the modern country music. For example, listen to some of LeRoy Parnell's music.

So what is the blues?

Is it a feeling? Yes.

Is it a musical style? Yes.

Electric? Yes.

Acoustic? Yes.

The blues is alive and well and anything but boring. It is growing and changing while, in a way, staying the same. It is looking to the future while drawing on the past. It is one of the most honest, vibrant musical forms today.

A Capote Christmas



The Territorial Theater of Capitan will be performing "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote at 8 p.m. tonight and Dec. 19 and 20 at the Lincoln County Mercantile, 107 S. Lincoln Ave. Starring in the adaptation of Capote's novela are, front (left to right), John Russell and Louise Cone, with Paul Adamian directing and, back, standing, Patti Brimberry providing violin accompaniment. For more information call 258-3808 or 354-2316.

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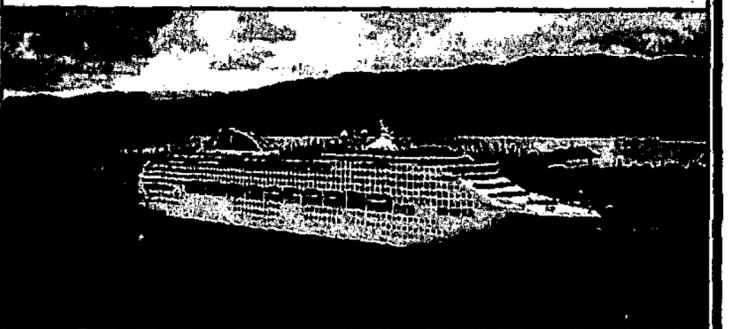
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Rated R

Show times: 1 p.m.*, 3:45 p.m.*, 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: "Scream 2" reunites the "Scream" survivors at a small Midwestern college two years after the first movie ends. Heroine Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) has grown tougher, smarter and more mature since the murders that devastated her hometown. But her safe new world shatters when a movie about the Woodboro killings, based on a bestseller by cutthroat reporter Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox), unleashes a wave of campus homicides.

David Arquette also reprises his role as Deputy Dewey, and Omar Epps, Sarah Michelle Geller, Jada Pinkett and Jerry O'Connell join the cast.

Alien Resurrection

Rated R

Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: An unholy combination of human and alien genetics is discovered, made possible by an uneasy alliance between a renegade band of smugglers and a zealous cadre of scientists and offi-

cial. One subject is familiar, a woman horrifically linked to the alien species that now elicits so much scrutiny. Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) is back and all is not what it seems.

No amount of arrogance, science or technology can control the biological destiny that compels the aliens. A destiny that only Ripley understands, on a deeply personal, primal level. To combat the alien menace, Ripley must team up with the smugglers, including an enigmatic mechanic named Annalee Call (Winona Ryder), who may be the instrument of Ripley's resurrection or the weapon of her destruction.

Flubber

Rated PG

Show times: 12:45 p.m.*, 2:30 p.m.*, 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.*

Plot: Professor Phillip Brainard is working on an idea for a substance that's not only a revolutionary new source of energy, but may well be the salvation of his financially troubled Medfield College.

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. What is it? Flubber. And it's back in an updated version of the 1961 Disney classic "The Absent Minded Professor."

* Show times for Friday and Saturday only.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 4♥ Pass
4♣ Pass 6♥
Opening lead — ace of spades.

Back in the 1950s, when Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro went to Vienna to represent Great Britain in the European championships, they agreed to play the then new Texas Convention.

The convention applies when a player opens one notrump and his partner has a good hand containing a long major suit. Instead of bidding the suit, the responder jumps to four in the suit just below it in rank.

Thus, a jump to four diamonds indicates that the real suit is hearts, while a jump to four hearts indicates spades. The notrump bidder then converts the 4 transfer to the appropriate suit and so becomes the declarer. The principle underlying the convention is that it is usually advantageous for the stronger hand to be concealed during the play.

The convention has one big weakness. Players sometimes absent-mindedly forget they are using it. In fact, when Reese and Schapiro decided to play the convention, they also agreed that the first one to forget it would pay the other a fine of 100 Austrian shillings.

Sure enough, when the present deal occurred, Schapiro forgot and jumped to four hearts instead of four diamonds. Reese did not forget and so dutifully bid four spades.

Panic-stricken, Schapiro now jumped to six hearts, hoping Reese would realize what had happened. Reese caught on and passed.

West led the spade ace and then, afraid Schapiro might be void of diamonds, mistakenly led another spade instead of the ace of diamonds. Declarer won with the queen and cashed six trump tricks, discarding four diamonds from dummy. A low club to the king enabled Schapiro to discard his diamond on the spade king, and also forced West to part with a club, so the end result was that the slam came home.

Commented Reese afterward: "So Britain got a lucky swing, and I got 100 shillings."

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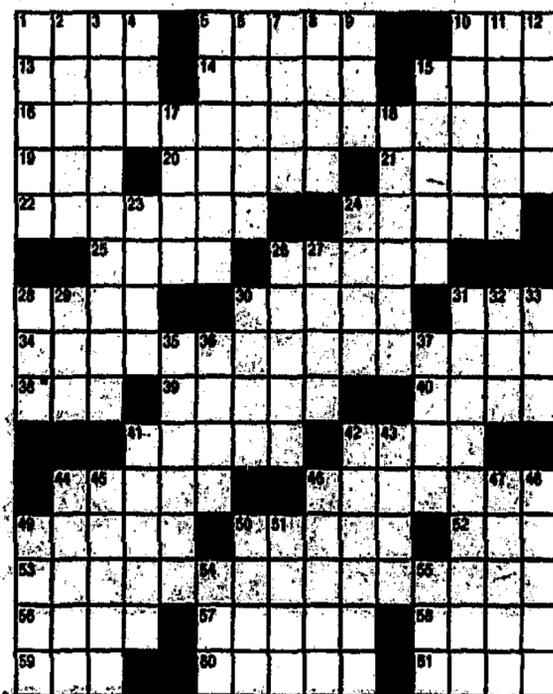
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| 13 DeeJay Don | 38 Be in hock | |
| 14 Two-time Grand Slam winner | 39 1977 U.S. Open champ | |
| 15 Missile housing | 40 Likable | |
| 16 "Relax!" | 41 Manipulate | |
| 19 — gratia artis | 42 Predominant | |
| 20 "I have half — to..." | 44 Chiseler | |
| 21 Part of a bouquet | 46 James Bond backdrop | |
| 22 The Beatles' last movie | 49 Not so bold | |
| 24 Brush, so to speak | 50 Former Soviet First Lady | |
| 25 Baseball's Charlie Hustle | 52 Guinness specialty | |
| 26 Meager | 53 "Relax!" | |
| | 56 Cravings | |
| | 57 "The Brady Bunch" housekeeper | |

DOWN

- 1 "Myra Breckinridge" author
- 2 That's a subject for Dean Martin!
- 3 Summer ailment
- 4 Therapy fad
- 5 Like a plum pudding
- 6 "C'est —"
- 7 Kenmore product
- 8 Crack the books
- 9 Semicircle
- 10 Indonesian island
- 11 Cousin of a gazelle
- 12 June award
- 13 Work like a slave
- 17 Items at a lost-and-found
- 18 First game
- 23 With 49-Down, "Say Anything" co-star
- 24 Cutting remark
- 25 Lieu
- 27 True-crime TV series

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Puzzle by John D. Leary

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| 29 Vulgar | 44 Root on | 50 Preside over |
| 30 Peddle | 45 One raising a howl? | 51 Bone-dry |
| 31 It's found in a runoff | 46 Pancho's amigo | 54 Clod |
| 32 And so on | 47 Going stag | 55 Admiral competitor, once |
| 33 1987 Monkees song | 48 Signs a lease | |
| 35 Zoo section | | |
| 36 Dr. Atkins's plan | | |
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The one of a kind 'Bear River' Tom Smith

There were many famous lawmen in the Old West, but very few of them made a name for themselves without using firearms. "Bear River" Tom Smith was one of the few.

He was born around 1830 in New York City, the son of immigrant Irish parents. He seems to have been a lawman from the start, spending several of his early years on the New York City Police Force.

But by the time he was in his late 20s, he had decided to take the advice of legendary newspaper publisher Horace Greeley and "Go West."

Little to nothing is known of Smith's early years in the west. He first appears in 1867, working for the Union Pacific Railroad.

PAST TENSE



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The last straw

When another railroad man was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, the railroad workers reached the end of their patience. They felt, with much justification, that virtually everyone in Bear River City, railroad man or not, could be arrested on the same charge. So, without further ado, around 200 railroad men stormed the town.

Their leader was Tom Smith. When Tom and his followers, many of whom were stewed to the gills, liberated any and all railroad workers from the town's jail, they felt that this wasn't entirely the statement that they had come to make. So they burned the jail to the ground.

At the same time, the "decent" citizens, now known more appropriately as the vigilantes, were arming themselves. Tom Smith and his men were unaware of this. Continuing on their rampage around the town, they torched the tent office of a newspaper that had been inflammatory in its treatment of the Union Pacific.

Wholesale slaughter

Unfortunately for all concerned, as the mob turned to leave, they were confronted by the locals.

No one has ever been able to establish exactly who shot first, but it was a slaughter for the railroad workers. Dozens were wounded, including Tom Smith, and the next day the bodies of at least 50 railroad men were dumped into a mass grave.

Nevertheless, the Union Pacific Railroad recognized Smith's leadership ability as well as his courage under fire, and in every succeeding "Hell on Wheels" town, he was appointed marshal. This lasted until the line was completed at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869.

Out of a job, Tom Smith headed back to Abilene, Kansas, and applied for the job of town marshal. At first, the city fathers turned him down, feeling that he was simply too soft-spoken.

However, it wasn't long before they realized that applicants for that particular position were not going to be banging down the doors of city hall anytime soon. When Smith applied again, they hired him. After all, what did they have to lose?

The Taming of Abilene

On his first day on the job, Tom Smith was confronted by a large drunken cowboy who had been boasting that no one could disarm him. He dared the new marshal to try.

Big mistake.

First, Tom Smith politely asked

the cowboy to surrender his weapon. After the torrent of verbal abuse stopped, Smith asked again. This time, when the cowboy began to rant and rave at him, Smith sprang into action, according to one man, "with the speed of a rattlesnake."

Almost before the cowboy knew what had happened, he was lying on the ground dazed, and Marshal Tom Smith was bending over him and removing his weapon. The marshal then told the cowboy to get out of town, which the now-chastened drover did just as fast as he could.

"Frenzied Maniacs"

There are few quotes on record from Tom Smith, but one of them graphically points out his attitude in the matter of liquor and firearms: "Might as well contend with a frenzied maniac as an armed and drunken cowboy."

It wasn't long before he had to "contend with" another "frenzied maniac." A cowpuncher calling himself "Wyoming Frank" came to the conclusion that Smith's disarming of his colleague was a one-time affair, a fluke, and that he, Wyoming Frank, could teach this new lawman a lesson. In fact, he couldn't brag to the other cowboys enough about what he intended to do to Bear River Tom.

Open mouth, insert foot.

When Wyoming Frank confronted the marshal, things didn't go quite as he had planned. Despite Frank's blustering, the marshal kept calmly walking toward him. Frank backed into a saloon with Smith following him. As in the case of the first cowboy, in the middle of Frank's bluster, Tom Smith lit into him.

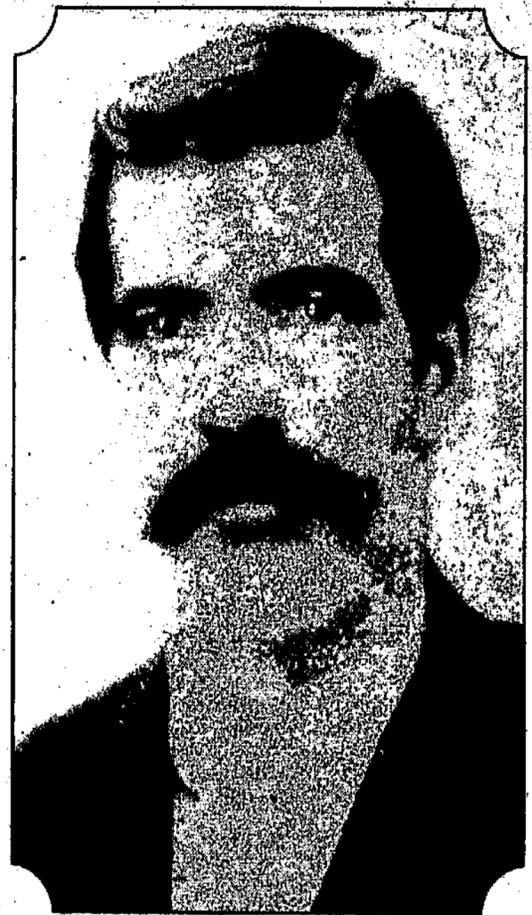
Frank, however, didn't go down quite as quickly as his predecessor. The result was that Bear River Tom suddenly jerked his pistol and laid it squarely "up side of" Frank's head. This dramatically ended the discussion.

The saloon's bartender approached the marshal "That was nerviest act I ever saw," he announced. Unbuckling his gunbelt, he handed it to Tom Smith. "Reckon I won't need this as long as you are marshal of this town." One by one, the other men in the saloon began to do the same.

Marshal "Bear River" Tom Smith had tamed Abilene, one of the toughest towns the Old West ever knew, without firing a shot.

The Final Confrontation

A man named Andrew McConnell had a falling out with his neighbor near Abilene, a fellow



'Bear River' Tom Smith

by the name of John Shea. After an argument about cattle, Shea, according to McConnell, pulled his pistol and fired a couple of shots at McConnell. Shea missed. McConnell, who was armed with a hunting rifle, did not. Shea fell dead with a bullet in his chest.

It seemed to be a clear-cut case of self defense, but some of McConnell's neighbors felt otherwise. The upshot of their complaints was that Marshal Tom Smith was sent out with a warrant for McConnell's arrest.

It was on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1870, that Tom Smith, in the company of deputy Jim McDonald, headed out to the McConnell place.

McConnell's "place" was actually a dugout—a dwelling built into the side of a hill. When the two lawmen arrived, there appeared to be no one about. Leaving McDonald to hold the horses, Tom Smith approached the house. When the marshal knocked on the door, McConnell answered. He was not alone. A friend, a man named Moses Miles, stood behind him in the dugout.

Smith politely introduced himself and informed the duo that he held a warrant for the arrest of McConnell. Suddenly, and without any warning, McConnell pulled a pistol and shot Tom Smith in the chest at point blank range.

Far from going down, Smith jerked his own pistol and managed to get off a shot that struck McConnell in the hand. At the same time, Moses Miles leapt from the dugout and proceeded to open fire on Deputy McDonald. McConnell flung himself at the badly wounded marshal and the two tumbled into a ditch where they struggled desperately with one another.

At this point, Deputy

McDonald, hurriedly deciding that discretion was indeed the better part of valor, took off like a frightened jackrabbit for the home of McConnell's nearest neighbor, about a half mile away.

In other words, the deputy left his badly wounded boss to the less than tender ministrations of two desperate and enraged men. If McDonald hadn't run, the fight may have had a different outcome. But he did run, and in doing so, he doomed Tom Smith.

Smith, despite the bullet in his chest, was beginning to get the better of McConnell. But now he was alone, and probably didn't know it. Moses Miles raced up behind him and smashed his skull with a gunbutt. Then, snatching up an axe, Miles swung it at the marshal, nearly severing his head from his body, killing him instantaneously.

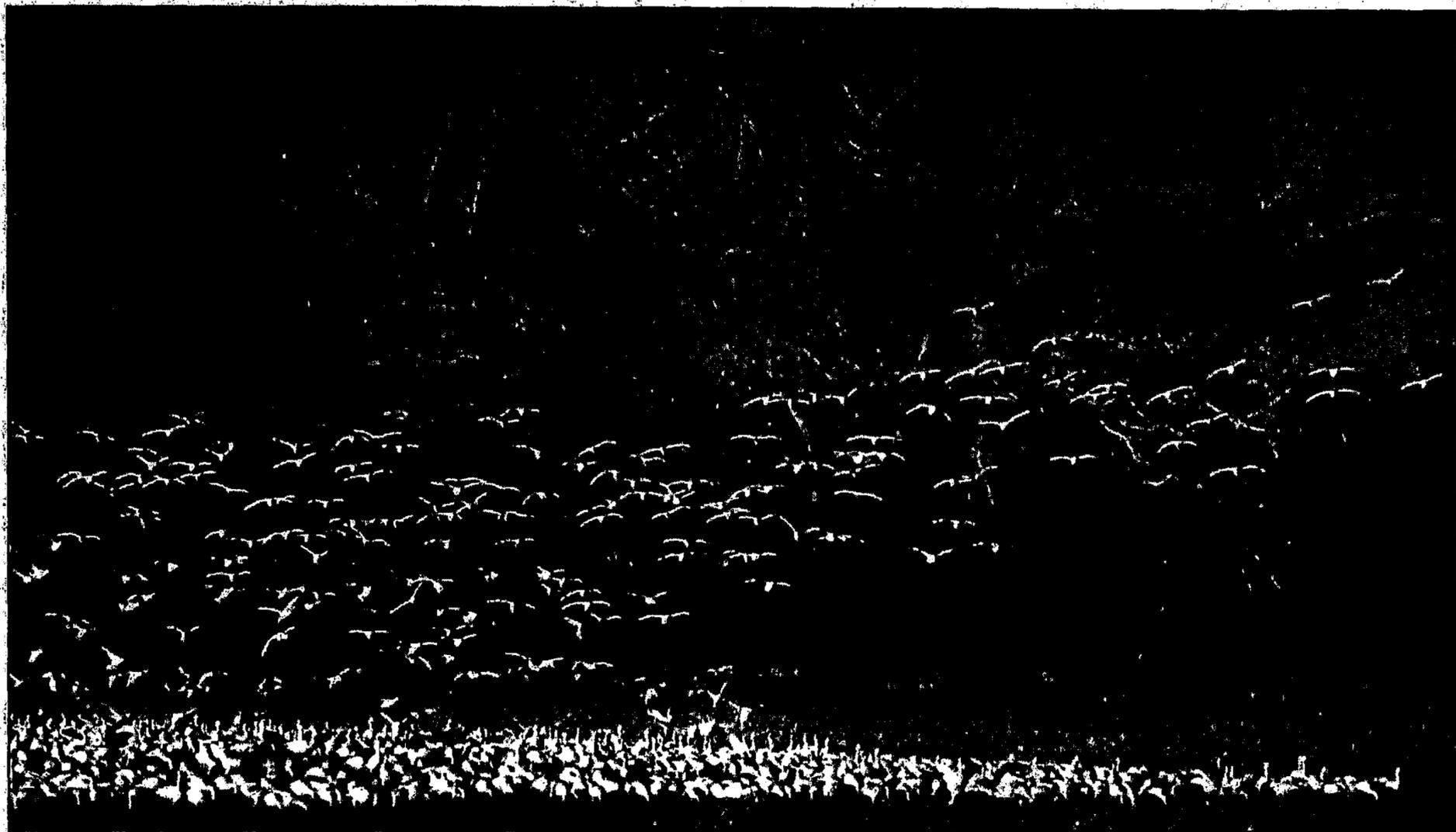
On Nov. 4, 1870, exactly five months to the day since he had accepted the position of Abilene's marshal, Tom Smith was buried with honors.

Abilene never forgot Tom Smith. In 1904, a bronze plate was attached to his tombstone. It reads:

*Thomas J. Smith, Marshal of Abilene, 1870
Died a Martyr to Duty,
November 2, 1870
A Fearless Hero of Frontier Days, Who In
Cowboy Chaos Established the
Supremacy of Law*

Tom Smith may well have been the last lawman on the frontier to attempt to introduce law and order with his fists. His successor, a fellow named Hickok, always felt that your fists could take you a long way. But he also felt that your fists and your gun could take you a lot further. It wasn't for nothing that he was known as "Wild Bill."

PARTING SHOT



Rankin Harvey, travel writer/photographer and member of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County, captured these Canadian snow geese in flight over the Bosque del Apache. The geese often make their winter homes in the wildlife refuge south of Socorro.

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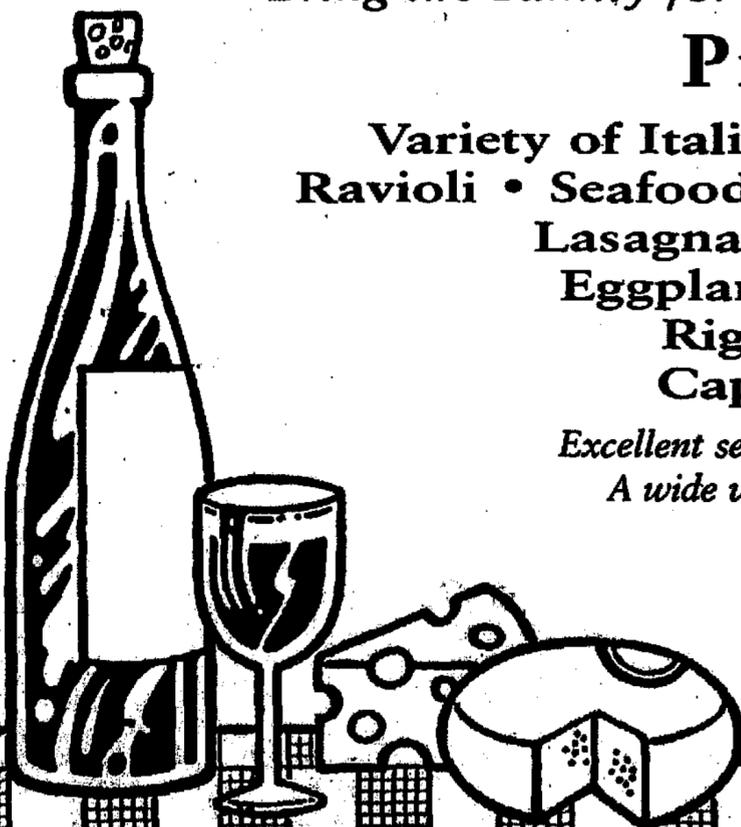
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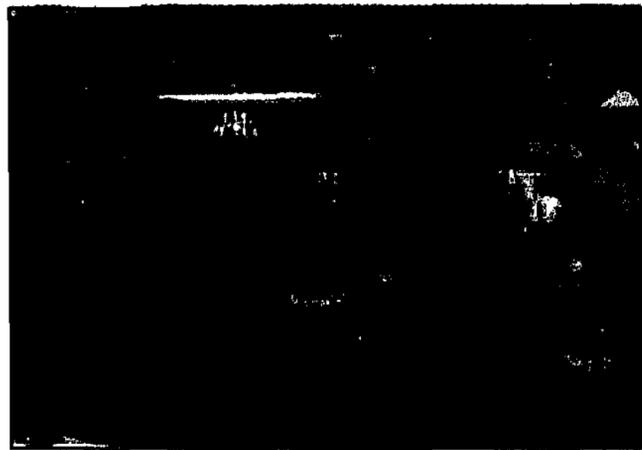




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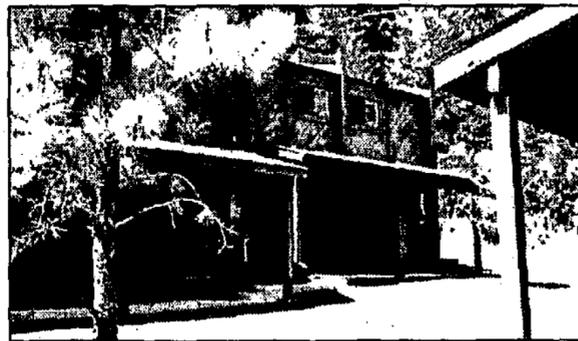
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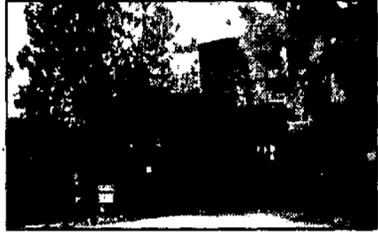


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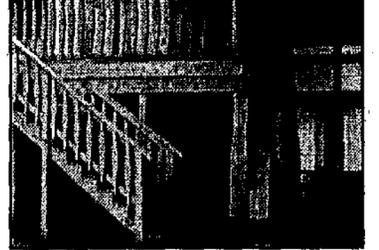


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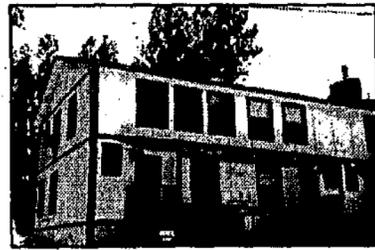


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GREAT DUPLEX WITH GOOD RENTAL HISTORY - This well kept duplex has good rate of return. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, each unit fully furnished, easy year round access. \$112,000. 97-71306



FABULOUS RIVER PROPERTY located in wonderful Upper Canyon. Two houses decorated in Ralph Lauren style. 175 ft. river frontage. Easy access, possible owner financing for short term. \$189,000. 97-70841



Rose Peebles
257-3200



IDEAL FOR LARGE FAMILY - fully furnished condo in Alto Alps; 3 bedroom, 4 baths, living room and game room with wet bar and spa. Clubhouse, tennis and swimming pool. \$169,000. 97-70176



Alberto Robles
258-3492

TOP OF THE WORLD LOT! Just below heaven. Great views including Sierra Blanca. Lots of elk, deer and wild turkey. Excellent building site. \$29,000. 97-70039



THIS IS ONE of the most affordable properties available. Nice neighborhood, great view, 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home. Put your personal touch to add value. \$27,500.

UNIQUE LOCATION: COUNTY/CITY. This is a 3/2 DOUBLE WIDE with a unique feature: part of the prop. is in the County. It has lots of potential for shop or comm. Very close to schools. Flat easy access. \$69,000. 97-71257



NEW! HOME BUSINESS? CAPTAN zoning and highway visibility allow for commercial ideas. Garage and room to build shop or park an RV. Light & open with ceramic tile floors. Three bedroom, 2 bath. \$76,500. 96-61015

ADJACENT TO NAT'L FOREST - 3 +/- acres on Ski Road. Large 2 story metal building w/apartment, shop space & storage. Many sites to build. 80 GPM well. \$99,500. 95-01348



Lisa Smith
336-7834



PERFECT GETAWAY PLACE! Upgraded, light and clean mobile in a nice quiet cul-de-sac area. Two bedroom, 1 bath w/full size washer & dryer. Front & back decks, deep lot. Has natural gas, new paint, new plumbing and furnished too! \$39,900. 97-71640

AWESOME VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA PEAK from this getaway cabin that sits up above it all. Covered deck to enjoy the view. \$49,900. 97-71764

GREAT SIERRA BLANCA + VALLEY VIEW! Horses allowed. Buildable slope with terrific Sierra Blanca and Valley views, lots of trees for privacy. Two horses allowed per lot. Southern exposure. Country feeling yet close to town. \$15,000. 97-71565





FANTASTIC VIEWS! 3 bdrm., 2 bath home sits privately on 2 lots! Good sized kit. w/lots of cabinets & breakfast bar. Sitting area w/brick fireplace. Separate dining room, walk-in closets, large deck. Owner is licensed NM Realtor. \$72,000. 97-71218



SANTA FE STYLE ON APPROX 4.0 ACRES - 1 yr. old Santa Fe style stucco home on wildflower covered 4 acre tract w/views of Sierra Blanca and Capitans. 2bdr, 2ba, w/lots of Mexican tile. \$137,000. 97-70754



Karen Yoder
257-3974

OUTSTANDING VIEWS - 4 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath, over 1500 sq. ft. of decks. One bedroom, bath and efficiency kitchen down, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath up. Mostly furnished. Open kitchen. \$139,000. 97-71282

SPACIOUS HOME IN UPPER CANYON - Runs street to street on almost 1 acre, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, large master w/dressing area & big closet. 2 covered decks, 2-car garage + a 1-car garage & large fenced area. \$153,000. 97-71071



SUPERB ALTO VILLAGE - FABULOUS VIEWS! Exquisite custom home, cul-de-sac, light & airy w/sliding doors & windows to take in panoramic, super views! 4bdr, 4ba, 3 living areas, southwest architecturally designed. \$499,500. 97-71547



NEW CONSTRUCTION! SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS! One level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, master w/tub & shower in master bath separate from others. Well built, heavy duty shingles, open plan, lots of light, light oak cabinets, covered decks. \$149,900. 97-71766



Mary Lou York
336-9154

SIERRA BLANCA & VALLEY VIEWS! Cul-de-sac, convenient location yet feels secluded, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, recently remodeled, jacuzzi, all city utilities, natural gas heat & water heater, may owner finance. \$174,900. 97-70629

ALTO VILLAGE! - Secluded, fairway, treed lot! Full golf membership. Mt. charm, "woody" cabin feel, knotty pine ceilings, wooded views, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fully furnished, great vacation get-away. \$169,900. 97-71853



HOMESTEAD ACRES - Approx. 10.2 acres. Very nice tract. \$110,500. 97-71897

GIANT SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - Tract adjacent to Airport Road, easy year round access. Owner is licensed NM Realtor. \$59,900. 96-61849

16 LOTS - 3.5 ac. to 7.5 ac., near Enchanted Forest, prices from \$22,900 to \$28,900. Power to some and could be brought to others, valley and Sierra Blanca views, very buildable, prices as \$7,000-\$10,000 less than recently listed. 97-71465

GREAT BUILDING LOT - Wooded view with all city utilities. Hull Rd. access. Possible owner financing. \$25,000. 96-60248

BUILD A 2-STORY AND GET A VIEW! Inexpensive social lot in Alto. Priced to sell. Take a look and make an offer. \$7,000. 97-71238

GREAT BUILDABLE SITE ON HULL - Rolling down to flat open meadow w/Magado Creek running thru. \$27,000. 96-61704

FIVE ACRES, LOVELY VIEWS IN ALL DIRECTIONS of the foothills and the Capitan Range. Southern exposure & gentle terrain. Community water and natural gas is available. On the school bus route in Loma Grande Estates. \$38,500. 97-70969

FAIRWAY LOT W/SIERRA BLANCA VIEW! Beautiful Alto Village. All utilities available and priced to sell! \$48,000. 96-62143

APPROX. 10 ACRES, SECLUDED WITH WELL! Great well already drilled. Electricity, natural gas available. 2 tracts, one is meadow, trees & views; other is more views & corner touches national forest. \$79,900. 97-71307

GREAT VIEWS OF CAPITANS framed by a canyon. Flat terrain slopes down gently, grass & Juniper. \$38,500. 97-71513

GREAT COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITY - This busy corner will provide the right buyer with the location of a lifetime. Unzoned, tree covered & very buildable. Mobile & garage already there. \$299,900. 97-70415

APPROX. HALF ACRE buildable lot in White Mountain Estates. One of the most beautiful lots in Ruidoso w/valley views. \$44,500. 97-71070

A BUILDER'S DREAM LOT IN DEER PARK WOODS - Gently sloping w/great views. Full golf membership. \$65,000. 97-70101

ON THE GOLF COURSE IN ALTO! Great lot, tall Ponderosa pines, useable slopes, very accessible. Great for permanent or second home. \$42,500. 97-71680

ENCHANTED FOREST 5+ ac. with view of Capitans, lots of trees, water, mobiles OK, possible owner finance. \$25,000.

CEDAR CREEK - Wonderful corner lot, tall pines and creek nearby, level access. Approx. 1/2 acre, water meter in place. \$21,500. 97-70187

ALTO SOCIAL LOT - Builders lot that needs a custom home! Several plans to choose from or bring your own. Views front & back. \$14,900. 97-70970

ANOTHER GREAT SPEC. LOT has come available. Plenty of building area, tall trees, easy access, in good resale subdivision. \$10,000. mls new

GOOD LOCATION - over 1 1/2 acres available on this buildable, gently sloped property. Easy access, yet secluded, 1200 s.f. min. close to new airport. \$29,900. 93-20603

NEARLY LEVEL 3+- ACRES in the pines and horses are allowed! Convenient to town, easy access yet quiet & secluded. Near Nat'l Forest with nice southern exposure and gorgeous view of pine studded horizon. \$49,500. 96-61827

40 ACRES ON THE RIVER! Glencoe, Hwy 70 E to #270 NM, frontage rd. 7+ acres water rights. Gorgeous river property! \$350,000. 94-40940

HUGE VIEWS - Gorgeous building site, view of river. Lazy paved access w/3 building locations. Capitan & Sierra Blanca views. \$54,500. 97-70959

CAN HAVE 2 HORSES @ 1/2 ACRE! Close to airport and Spencer Theater. Approx. 2.26 acres. \$19,500. 97-71833

ALTO VILLAGE - FAIRWAY - FULL MEMBERSHIP LOT! Beautiful, very buildable. \$45,000. 97-71869

SUPER NICE LARGE BUILDING LOT w/excellent Sierra Blanca views. Level access in front. Sellers are licensed NMREC. \$52,000. 97-71550

FANTASTIC VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA from approx. 3.1 acre tract. Enormous potential on Hwy 48 for multi-family units. \$99,000. 97-70720

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TALL PINES & VIEWS! Approx. 2.7 acres with community water, electricity. Horses allowed. Only \$29,500. 95-00764

FULL MEMBERSHIP LOT just past the Alto Post Office. \$16,500. 97-71838

COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL! Great horse property or business location on way to Spencer Theater. Fenced, well, pump house, septic, RV pad, driveway in. Huge Sierra Blanca view. 20 acres. \$239,000. 97-70471

ALTO SOCIAL LOT on Sierra Blanca Dr. Buildable w/potential for outstanding view of Sierra Blanca. \$8,000. 97-70782

RUNNING CREEK! South facing 8/10 acre tract in beautiful shady Middle Cedar Creek area. \$9,500. 97-71433

CUL-DE-SAC, LUSHLY TREED LOT! Large level lot at end of Jann Lane, off Heath Dr., beautiful area of homes. \$29,900. 97-71607

ALTO VILLAGE FAIRWAY LOT! Full membership, beautiful trees, fairway lot, very buildable, priced to sell! One of the few left in gorgeous, magnificent Alto Village. \$46,500. 97-71213

5.21 ACRE TRACT on Rio Ruidoso near San Patricio. 4.5 acres of water rights. Has orchard. \$79,500. 93-20646

OPEN VIEWS & MUCHO SOL! 3.5 acres on Magado Creek Estates. Close to Hwy 37. Great start for a mini-ranch. \$17,000. 96-61470

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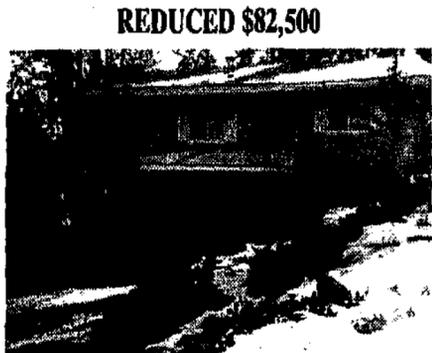


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Village Homes at Chase Forest

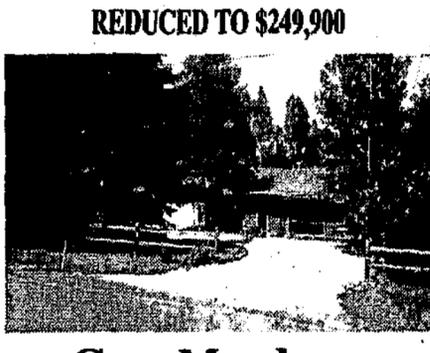
Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keyes Dr.
Units 46C and 46E. 2bdr, 2 bath units.
New! Great downtown location!



REDUCED \$82,500

Pine Top Hills

Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Doll house, cute!



REDUCED TO \$249,900

Cree Meadows

Daulton • \$259,900 • 306A Country Club Dr.
3 bdrms., 3 1/2 baths. The interior is
styled like a log cabin home with
hardwood floors! Creek frontage.



Pinecliff

Proctor • \$99,500 • 104 Cardinal Dr.
2 bedroom, 2 bath. Workshop and large
RV carport. Beautiful yards!



REDUCED \$104,000

Western Hills

Adams • \$109,900 • 112 Bridle Dr.
2/1.5, 2-car garage. New with owner
financing. Secluded.



Green Meadows

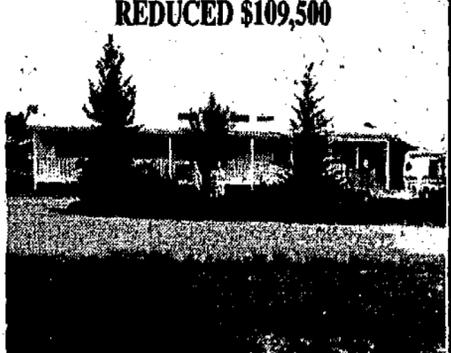
Vestal • \$113,900 • 112 Clover Dr.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. All
one level. Nice fenced yard.



FABULOUS NEW HOME WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS

Highwood Addition

\$325,000 • 108 Lupine Loop
3 bdrm, gameroom, workshop. Must
see! Jacuzzi tub, cherry wood cabinets,
hard wood floors, operable remote sky
lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress
yourself ... check it out! INFO ON
SIGN!



REDUCED \$109,500

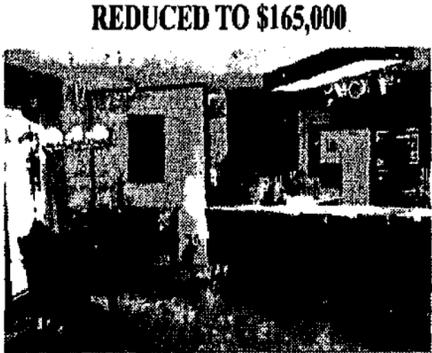
Golf Course Estates

Christian • \$119,950 • 404 Barcus Rd.
3/2, 1 level w/carport, nicely fur-
nished, sunny lot, golf membership.



On The River

Valliant • \$125,000 • 142 Meander Dr.
3 bdrm., 1.5 baths. Cute older cabin on
1/2 acre river lot. Awesome yard!



REDUCED TO \$165,000

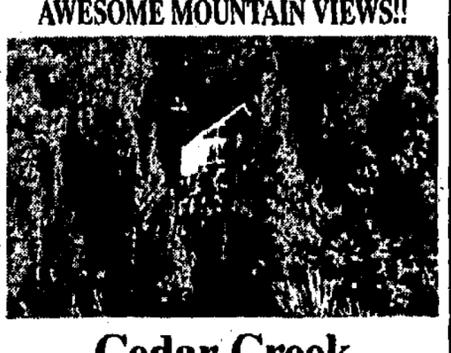
Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home.
Fenced yard, well maintained.



Town & Country North

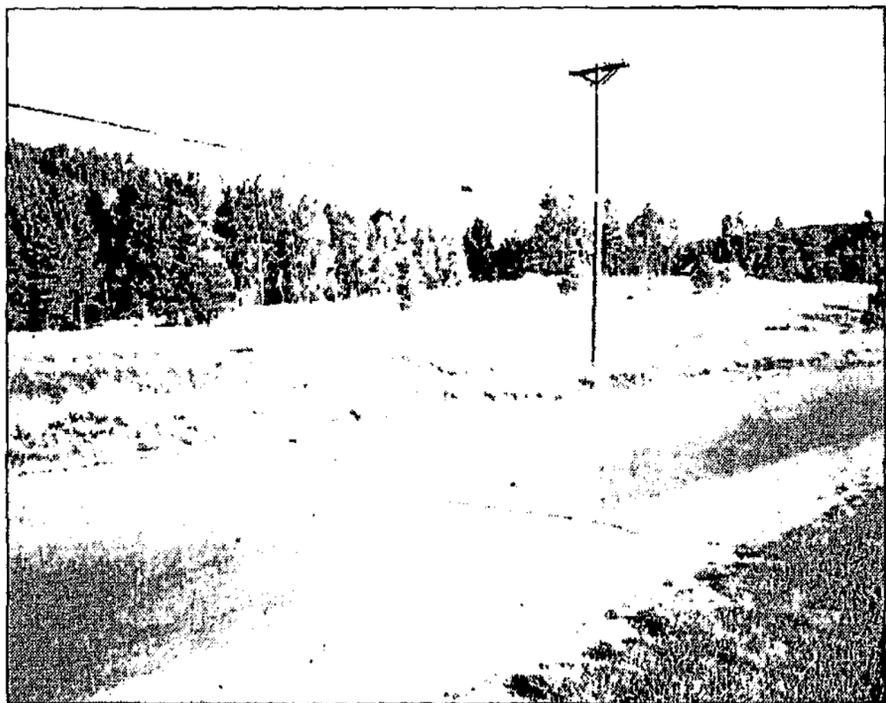
Barbee • \$101,400 • 301 Otero Dr.
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Appliances only + new
washer & dryer. A must see!



AWESOME MOUNTAIN VIEWS!!

Cedar Creek

Duran • \$179,900 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.
Bedrooms 3, baths 2 1/2, jacuzzi tub,
deck, on 1 acre. 2 car garage.



The Country Club Tract

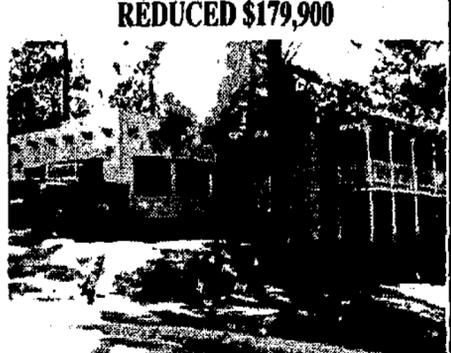
270 Country Club Dr.

As the photo to the right reflects, this is an exceptional 14 acre tract that is PUD-zoned. Planned unit development. Multi use potential! Seller financing! Utilities are nearly finished. A complete package available. Asking \$950,000.



Las Lomas

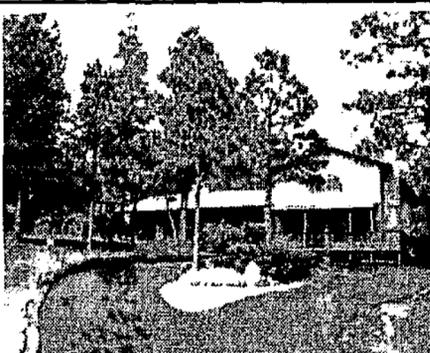
McGarvey • \$67,500 • 604 Colorado St.
4 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice fenced yard.
Large den.



REDUCED \$179,900

White Mt. Meadows

Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Court
Bedrooms 3, baths 3. Trade consid-
ered.



White Mtn. Estates

Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage.
Owner/agent.



Upper Canyon River Home

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main
3 bdrms, 3 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, 2
car carport! Large game room!



Alto

Cowart • \$17,500
206 Mira Monte Rd.
Level with view of Sierra Blanca. Alto social lot. Full southern exposure.



UNHEARD OF!

Alto

Allen • 2 Lots For \$32,500
One is full golf, the other is social. All for one price. Buildable.



Ft. Stanton Rd.

Vianna • \$28,000 • 604 Ft. Stanton Rd.
Alto, full golf membership. View of Sierra Blanca. Lot size is 238 x 328 x 25 x 174!



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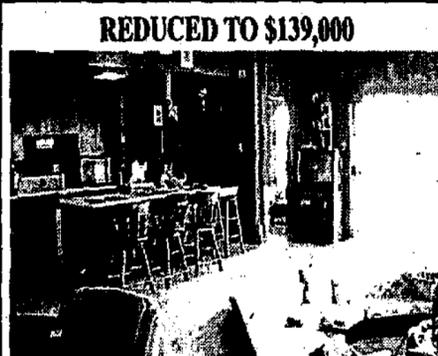
Alto

Stevens • \$155,000 • 423 Sunrise
3/2 log home. Full golf membership. Owner wants offer!



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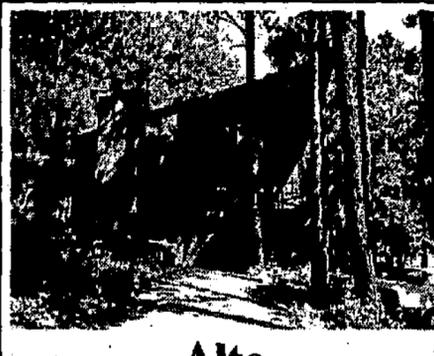
Rae • \$125,000 • 234 Mira Monte
3/2, full golf membership. Unfurnished.



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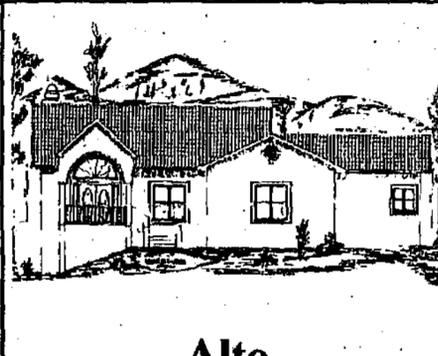
Alto

Seidel • \$149,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.
3/3, furnished, full membership.



Alto

Bates • \$154,500 • 211 Brentwood
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Garage, large deck, Sierra Blanca view, full golf, easy access.



Alto

Powers • \$319,500 • 106 Tanglewood
3 bedroom, 3 bath. Social membership. New construction.



Alto

Williams • \$164,500 • 106 Mira Monte
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances with Sierra Blanca View!



REDUCED TO \$179,500

Alto

Below • \$189,500 • 409 Sunrise
3/2 with full golf membership. Sierra Blanca view.



Alto

Twyford • \$175,000 • 105 Capitan Court
3 bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership.



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Alto

Lemaster • \$382,500 • 728 Deer Park Dr.
3/3, full golf membership! Classy!



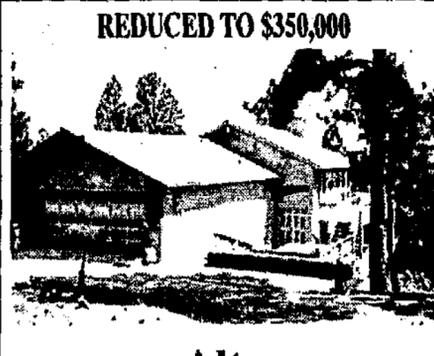
Alto

Kennedy • \$210,000 • 101 Midiron Dr.
4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, fully furnished, full golf, Sierra Blanca view.



Alto

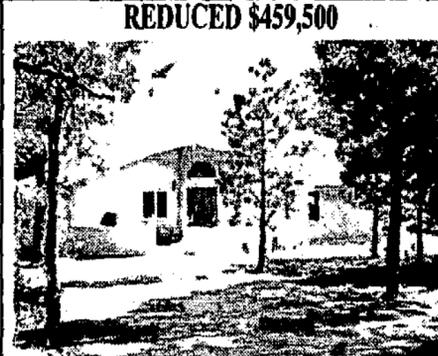
Shackelford • \$280,000 • 100 Quail Run Ct.
3/2 with full golf membership. Very nice!



REDUCED TO \$350,000

Alto

Kirby • \$375,000 • 917 Deer Park Dr.
4/3, fully furnished. Owner financing. Full golf. \$5,000 allowance being offered!



REDUCED \$459,500

Alto

Crawford • \$479,000 • 113 Raccoon Court
4/3.5, full golf membership. Unfurnished.



SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!

Alto

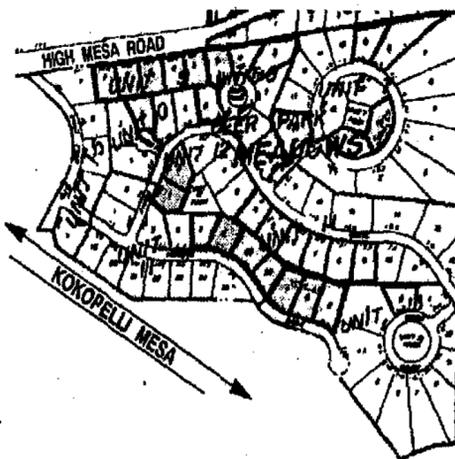
Harden • \$325,000 • 101 Juniper Court
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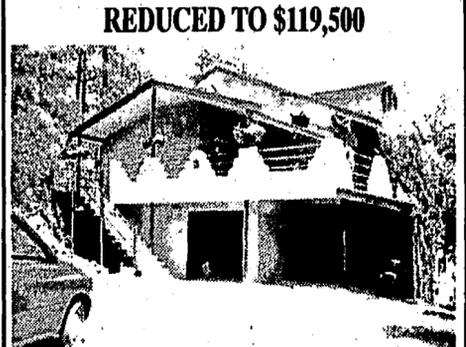
White Mtn. Meadows

577 - 583 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.
4 nice patio homes \$96,500 each. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 level, 1 car garage!



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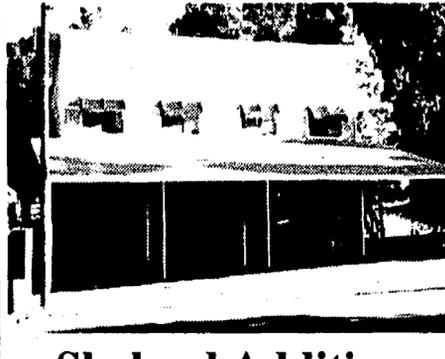
Upper Canyon Area

Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop.
Master shower. Wow!



Lake View Estates

Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14
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Skyland Addition

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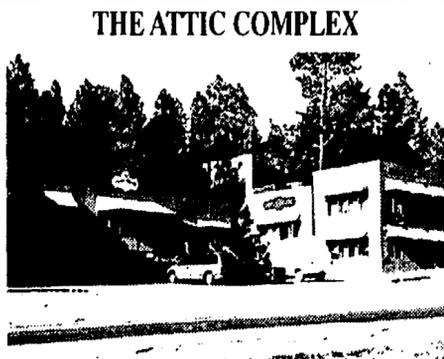
McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza
Last unit for sale - new - finished!



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Lake View Estates

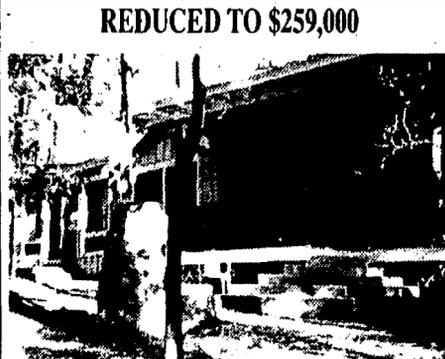
Landsheft • \$169,500
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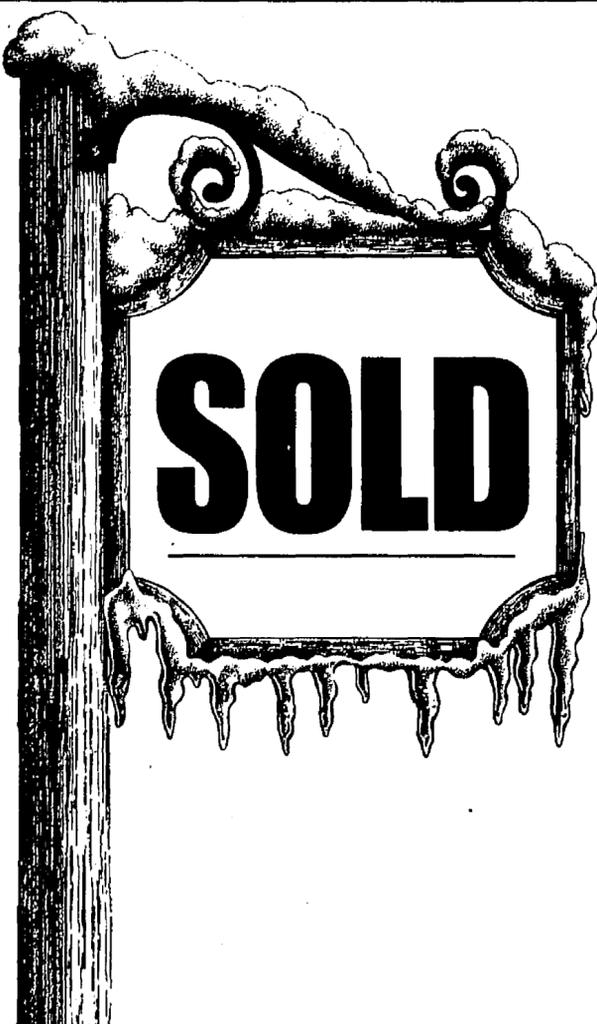
Commercial

Centre for the Healing Arts • \$598,000
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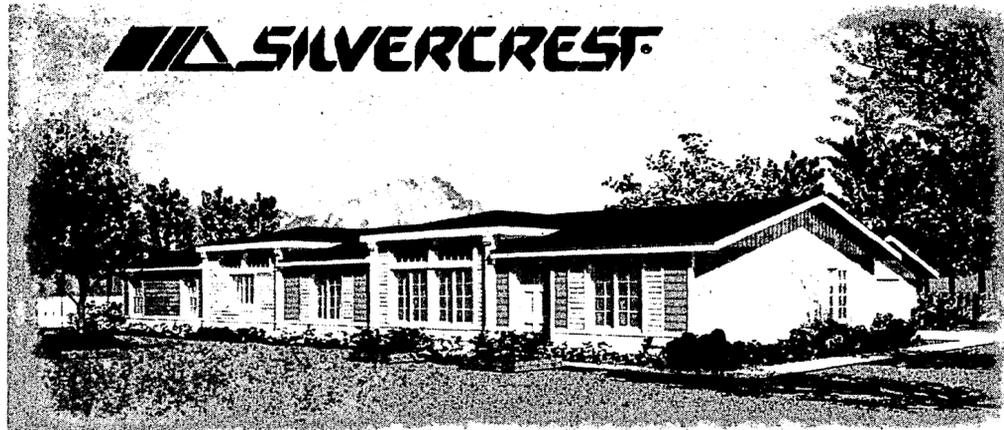
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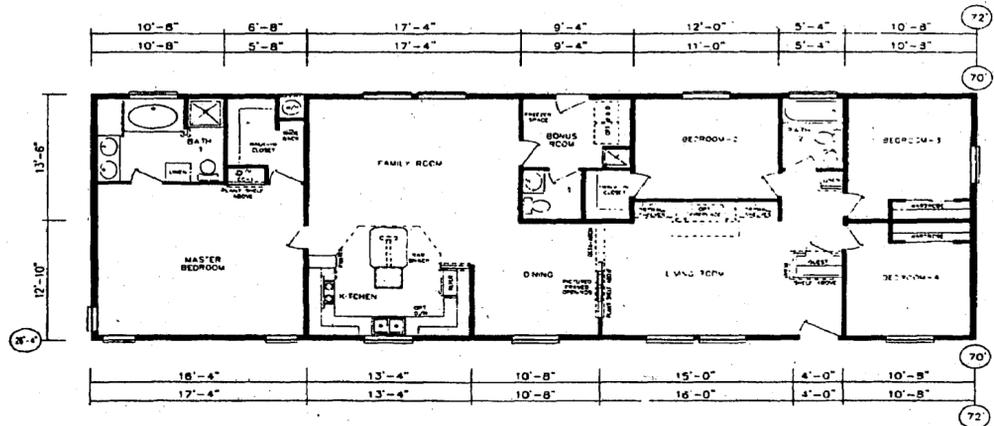


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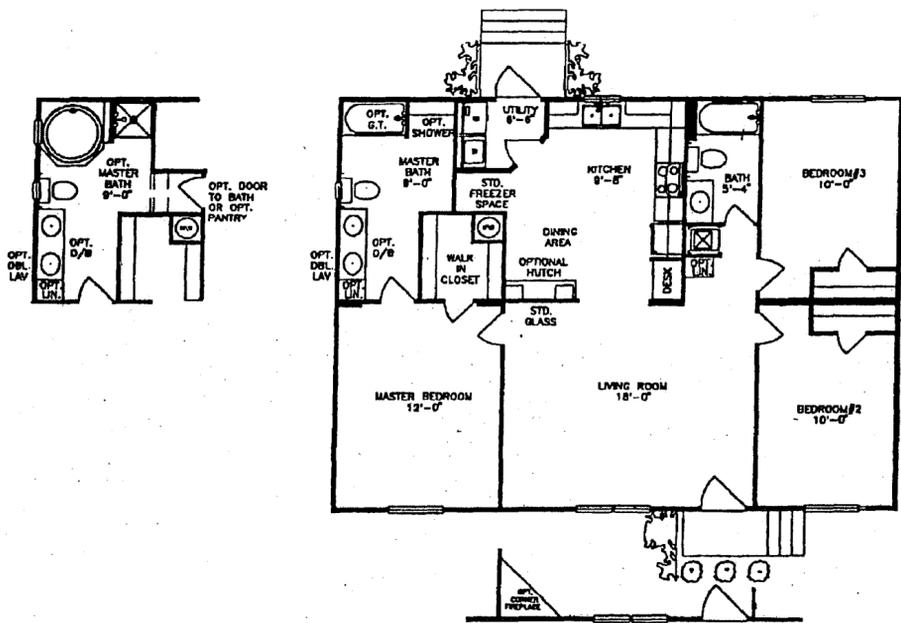


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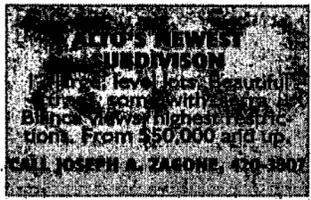
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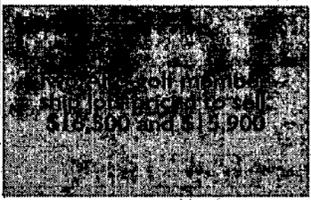
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WHITE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS - Secluded, quiet location, view of Sierra Blanca, partially furnished, lots of light and lots of pines. Priced at or below appraisal. \$199,500

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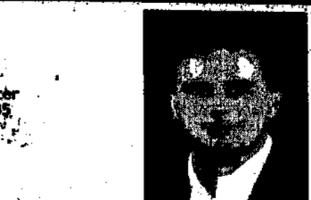
COUNTRY SETTING IN TOWN - FOUR BEDROOMS! Large home with level access, 3-car garage, new interior paint and carpet, Jacuzzi, more. Great views of Sierra Blanca. Very nice, must see! \$239,000.

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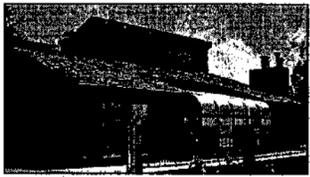
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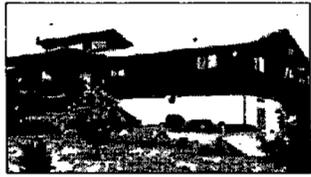


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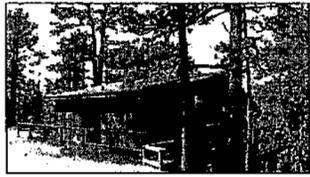


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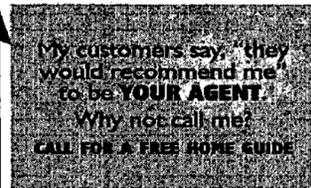


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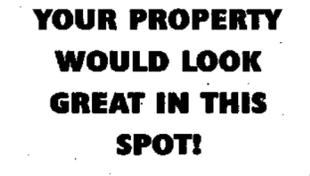
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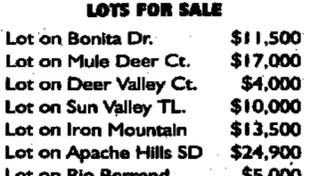
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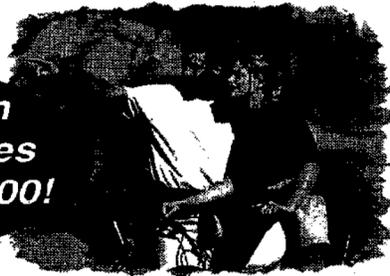


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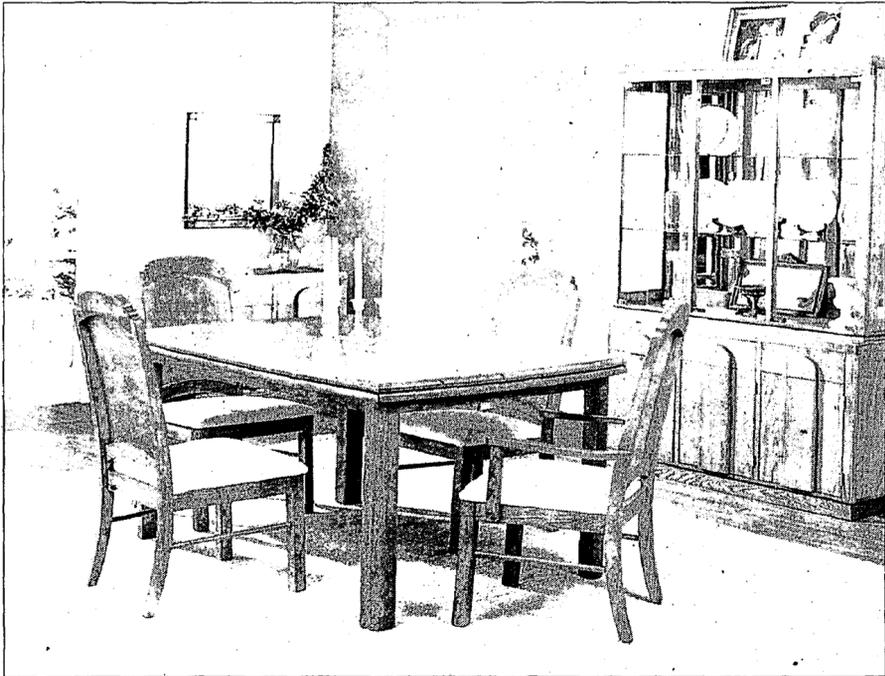
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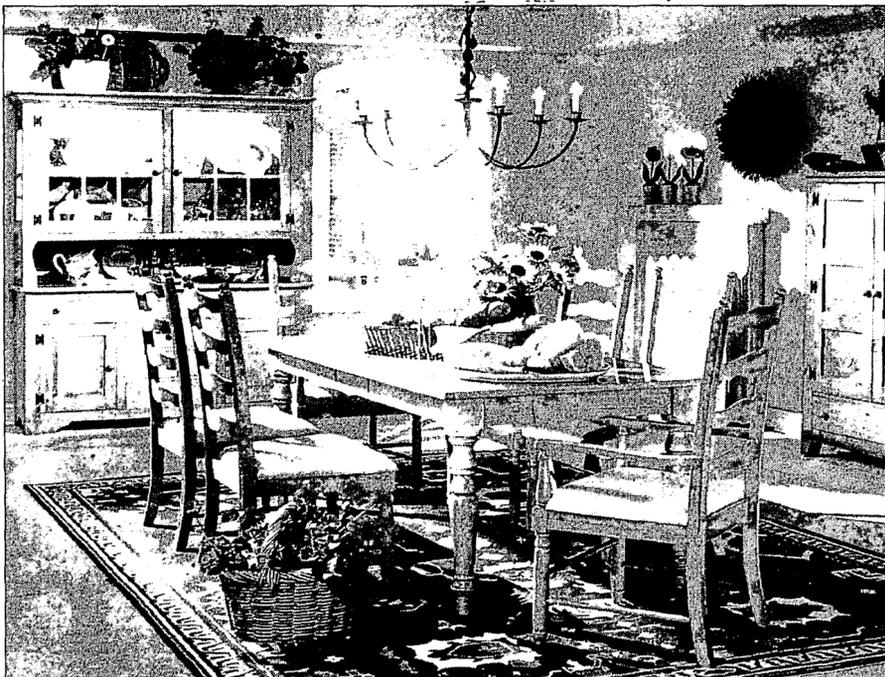
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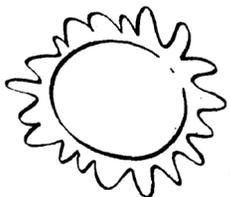
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