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## Preserving Indian sovereignty takes center stage at conference

• Defining the term is the key to developing a united Indian effort to preserve it, tribes conclude.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Indian groups across the nation should put aside tribal differences and unite to protect their sovereignty, say leaders from Arizona and New Mexico.

One of the first steps is to agree upon a definition of the term "sover-

eignty."

During the third meeting of the coalition of pueblo and tribal leaders Friday in Mescalero, several groups offered their own interpretations of Indian sovereignty and they enumerated the reasons they believe it must be protected and enhanced.

Among those taking a lead role in the conference were Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino, Navajo Nation President Albert A. Hale, Ty Vincenti of the Jicarilla

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Apache Tribal Council, Earl Havatone of the Hualapai Nation in Arizona and Ivan Makil, president of the Pima at Salt River Indian Reservation in Arizona.

The first meeting was conducted in a traditional hogan in Window Rock, Ariz., Hale said. "To remind us as Indian leaders we were talking about sovereignty, talking about that traditional dwelling.

"To me, sovereignty is all of the elements contained in that small hogan, fire, water, air and mother earth."

Isleta Pueblo was the site of the second meeting. At that meeting, leaders stated they were willing to support Chino in his opposition to New Mexico gaming compacts and in his refusal to pay the state 16 percent of tribal revenue from gambling, Hale said.

"For too long we have allowed

others to define sovereignty for us, the federal courts, the legislative and executive branches all telling us if there is a pie, these are the pieces you don't have," he said. "They approach it from a point of limitation and not enhancement."

One limitation Hale particularly opposes is the federal government's assertion that tribes don't have criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians

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Santa was busy Thursday afternoon handing out presents and spreading good cheer at the musical the Lincoln County Crimestoppers and Ruidoso Police Department sponsored for the Ruidoso After School Care and Learning (RASCAL) Club. Checking out Santa's goodies, left to right, are Arielle Schoof, M.J. Hawley, Taryn Yuzos, Chris Portillo and Ely Jiron.

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## A child's dream of Christmas

## Commission OKs contract for jail

A contract with Corrections System Inc. to operate the Lincoln County Jail in Carrizozo for two months was approved Monday by the County Commission.

County Manager Frank Potter negotiated the price down \$2,000 from the original offer of \$19,500. The company, based in Colorado and Texas, is to file a report in 30 days analyzing the weaknesses of the jail operation and with recommendations. A jail administrator from the company will arrive Jan. 5.

The jail has been without an administrator for more than a month since head man Wayland Hill suffered a stroke. Two guards recently were put on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into allegations of misconduct. District Attorney

Scot Key said Monday he expects the two guards to be charged, but that the investigation is not yet complete.

Former deputy Jimmy Luna asked commissioners why someone local with law enforcement experience was not given the opportunity to apply for the temporary administrator's position. He would have been willing to put in a bid, Luna said.

Commissioners contracted with CSI as an emergency action.

E.J. Fouratt, who serves on the county road review board, questioned what the county would get for its money. "Are they going to write up a new policy and procedure manual or get the computers on line or what?" he asked.

No representative from the company attended the meeting.

## Cops mix with kids, and Santa comes dancing Police take on Ruidoso's RASCALS

BY JULIE BAXTER  
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It looked a lot like Christmas last Thursday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Singing policemen, 60-plus happy children, presents, candy and a dancing Santa Claus filled a room at the Center when Lincoln County Crimestoppers and the Ruidoso Police Department held a party for the Ruidoso After School Care and Learning Club, or RASCALS.

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox said he was approached by RASCALS director LeeAnn Southard to see if Crimestoppers and the police department could help the program. And though state law prevents any donation of money, Maddox came up with something better. He started rounding up officers willing to give a little time and a little attention to the children who attend the after-school program at Sierra Vista Primary School.

The party was the first activity

growing out of that partnership. Maddox said plans are in the works for officers to visit the "rascals" and talk to them about such things as marathon running and music. Other things he'd like to see happen include starting a Police Explorers group, which would be similar to a scout troop, but would focus on law enforcement.

For the party, Maddox also rounded up some officers willing to share a

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## Home delivery by Santa Cops

Santa Cops volunteer Helen Serbousek hands over a pile of Christmas gifts collected for a Ruidoso Downs family with three children. Dozens of other volunteers delivered several hundred boxes of donated gifts, food and clothing Saturday morning and afternoon despite the heavy snow and often precarious road conditions. Santa Cops, a non-profit organization, has been distributing Christmas boxes to needy families countywide for about a decade, coordinators said.

## Federal technology discount program may lead to savings for schools

BY JULIE BAXTER  
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On the night the Ruidoso School Board approved a district-wide technology plan, the promise of more money for technology also appeared.

At their Dec. 16 meeting, board members voted unanimously in favor of the plan, which outlines goals and implementation through the year

2002. But before the board gave its stamp of approval, Paul Wirth, district director of instructional support, briefed the board on the possibility of saving money on the bills associated with technology and a way to funnel that savings into more computers, equipment and software.

Wirth told board members that the Universal Service Fund, more

commonly known as the "E-Rate," could provide the district with an 80 percent savings on the bills associated with using technology.

"The Universal Service Fund is an attempt on the federal government's part to support technology in schools," Wirth said.

He explained that the number of students qualifying for free or reduced lunches here, and the district's rural

nature, could qualify it for a discount of up to 80 percent on in-state long distance telephone bills, out-of-state long distance bills, cellular phone bills and the bills for the connection of the wide-area computer network.

Wirth used telephone bills as an example. He said if the district's bill were \$10,000, the Universal Service Fund would pay \$8,000 and the district would pay the remaining \$2,000.

"The savings per year could be about \$50,000," Wirth said.

The only stipulation of the E-Rate is that the money saved is used to enhance technology.

The district is working on its application for E-Rate, with approval expected by April 1, 1998.

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# New bids sought for water line improvement project

Water line replacements scheduled to start soon on Morgan Street and extend to other neighborhoods will be delayed for a month, village leaders said recently.

Construction bids on the project, previously estimated to cost \$450,000, came in about \$100,000 over budget, village administrators said. The lowest

bid was \$587,000, Village Manager Gary Jackson said.

The Ruidoso Village Council threw out those bids at their past meeting. Village employees now will scale down the scope of the project and seek another round of bids, which will be opened on Jan. 13, Jackson said.

The original project was to replace 21,000 feet of small

water lines with 6-inch lines in the Town and Country subdivision, the Upper Canyon, Ponderosa Heights and the Dipalo.

Jackson said he thought the village still could accomplish the majority of the work.

The project is being paid for out of a \$2 million bond approved by voters in 1995 for improvements to the village's

water system.

Before the first round of bids were thrown out, the project was scheduled to be completed by June 1998.

Residents along the targeted roads will be notified of the pending construction and asked to public meetings about the construction, village staff has said.

## DEATHS FUNERALS

### Callie McGlothlin

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at South Park Cemetery in Roswell for Callie "McCall" McGlothlin, who died Dec. 20 at the age of 76 at a nursing home. Pastor Jerry Chapman of the Roswell Christian Center officiated.

Born on June 9, 1921 in Socorro to James Franklin and Mona Estes Moore, she married married J. P. McCall, who preceded her in death in 1958, and later married Edward McGlothlin, who died in 1979.

Her daughter, Stella M. Lockaby, two brothers and two grandsons also preceded her in death.

Surviving are sons James P. McCall Jr. of Roswell and William F. McCall of Ruidoso; daughters Anna Brown, Jane Lockaby, Patricia Anderson and Pamela Hudson, all of Roswell; a brother, John Moore, of Durango, Colo.; sisters Kathryn Graham of Roswell and Emily Keller of Gila; and 17 grandchildren.

A Roswell resident for 50 years, she was a homemaker and also a Cub Scouts leader.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Roswell was in charge of arrangements.

### LaVeta Rose McLemore

Funeral services for LaVeta Rose McLemore of Alto will be at 10 a.m. today at the Ruidoso Baptist Church with the Rev. Craig Turner presiding. Burial will follow at the Capitan cemetery.

Mrs. McLemore died Monday, Dec. 22, at her home at the age of 61. Born Jan. 28, 1936 at Electra, Texas, to Rose and Leslie Cross, she married Ollie "Cotton" McLemore on May 17, 1962 at Wichita Falls, Texas.

She moved to Alto in 1983 from

Odessa, Texas.

She was a member of the Ruidoso Baptist Church and was a volunteer for the Capitan cemetery board.

Survivors include her husband Cotton, of Alto; sons Richard Lynn of Springtown, Texas and Kevin Dale of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandchildren Leslie Chad McLemore of Watertown, N. Y., and Shanna Kay McLemore of San Antonio, Texas; great-grandchildren, Cassandra Lee McLemore of Highland, Texas, and Shirley Lynn Grimes of San Antonio; her mother, Rose and a brother, Harold Cross of Denver.

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

### George Tso Jr.

Funeral services were Tuesday morning at the Mescalero Reformed Church for George Tso Jr. of Mescalero.

Mr. Tso died Friday at the age of 28 from injuries sustained in a car-pedestrian accident.

Born Oct. 4, 1969 at Mescalero, he attended the Mescalero schools and the American Indian Bible College in Phoenix. He was working with the U. S. Forest Service as a tree planter until his death.

He was a member of the Reformed Church. His family noted that he had a favorite scripture, Psalm 116.

Survivors include his mother, Perida Tso, of Mescalero; sister Clara and her son Christopher Kayitah of Mescalero; grandmothers Clara Mae Johnson and Lorraine Moquino, Mescalero.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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who live on a reservation and commit crimes against tribal members.

On the other hand, he could not leave the reservation and commit a crime and then insist he was exempt from prosecution, Hale said.

"It's time to say no more. We can't afford to give up any more," he said. "I'm concerned about my nation's people and children being able to enjoy the uniqueness of their culture and religion. And that begins with protecting our sovereignty, what we have left of our culture and regaining those things we have lost."

Some of the areas coalition members said must be included in sovereignty protection is the ability to deal with foreign sovereign nations and exclusion from taxes, such as the recently proposed tax on gasoline sold on reservations and immunity to actions like lawsuits.

"It should be up to the tribe whether it waives sovereign immunity," Hale said. "That's one of the powers of being sovereign."

Other groups across the nation are meeting on the same issue, Hale said. Before this group can reach out to them, it must arrive at a consensus on its own definition of sovereignty.

"I've been told federal officials in Washington D.C. are very interested in what we're doing here," Hale said. "They ask my people what's going on and what are we coming up with. I guess a certain amount of fear has been struck in the heart of those who oppose us."

Earl Havatone of the Hualapai in northwest Arizona said Native Americans must shed the feeling that they are wards of the federal government. Tribal members, young people, the public and government entities must change their views, he said.

The statement on sovereignty must show that Indians consider themselves federally recognized entities with the

ability to govern themselves and with all the power of sovereign nations, he said. Those powers include the right to express and exercise social and cultural traditions, the right to govern themselves and to practice self determination in the use of natural resources, Havatone said.

Chino said tribes need to remind non-Indians that Native Americans are the indigenous people of the country and their aboriginal lands were "stolen" from them. That is their contribution to the country.

When the U.S. Constitution was written, it recognized the existence of Indian groups and that they had the right to engage in commerce with the United States and that they would not be taxed, Chino said. It also pledged to protect and preserve the integrity, longevity and supremacy of treaties made with Indians, he said.

Some basic rights that

must be recognized and protected in any statement on sovereignty include those concerning water, religion, land, culture and self government, he said.

"It behooves the United States, which wants to reach out to other nations of the world, to recognize the rights of its own indigenous people to co-exist," Chino said.

Hale proposed that the coalition send a letter to President Bill Clinton telling him that before he criticizes communities for racism, he should look at his own federal agencies that have "institutionalized racism" against Indian nations.

He added that the U.S. Constitution is based on the consent of people to be governed.

"A lot of Indian nations have never given that consent, because they had never signed any treaties," he said.

Makil said pressure to take away Indian rights have increased in Congress in the last five years.

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**OUR OPINION**

**Blessed Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve in our mountain community exerts a particular magic somehow un-shared by the flatter places of the world — no matter the depth of the snow or the bite of the wind.

People who've lived even briefly in our fastness under the shadow of Sierra Blanca know exactly what we're talking about. Despite the slips and slides of commuting to work, to the supermarket, or to the movies, Ruidoso people do tend to get a particular glow when snow blankets the tall Ponderosa pines and the slopes on every turn.

True, this is a particularly gorgeous Christmas Eve, with more snow than usual to write the relatives about; with laces of white draping every sprig and tree limb; with clouds set afire when the sun finds a way through them; with hillsides rimed in silver. It's certainly not reminiscent of last year, when in retrospect fire was much more of a threat than ice.

Now those blessed with a Sierra Blanca view through their window (hopefully right next to a fireplace) can contemplate the beauty of it all even as they pat themselves on the back, knowing that probably nowhere in the Rocky Mountains is there such bountiful snow. (Just check the Weather Channel; Ski Apache's snow reports just make you proud, skier or not.)

Yes, we truly are on a storm track this Christmas week of 1997. No. 1 dumped a load late last week, No. 2 piled on many inches more on Monday, and No. 3 was blowing hell-for-leather out of Arizona and headed for our neck of the woods today...if it hasn't already arrived.

Do we tip our hat to El Niño, that extraordinary temperature phenomenon in the western Pacific Ocean that occasionally does peculiar things to the world's climate? Perhaps; but even the experts can't be certain (except those West Coast experts who get television exposure every five minutes or so, with prognostications and warnings of mud slides and tsunami).

Whether it's El Niño or not, we're delighted to have it, and hope it lasts all winter. Not only is it gorgeous contrast from last year, and an economic boon for the next two or three months, it promises greenery and flowing streams — maybe even better fishing — for a good part of 1998.

And it's a reminder to everybody that the most precious thing in our Southwest is water...cool, clear water...whether flowing down rocky streambeds or impounded behind dams. Now the gold of Cibola or Doc Noss's Spanish gold mine or the turquoise of some hidden mine in the Capitans...just plain, simple, wonderful water, frozen or not.



**THE DREAMER**

**A very special nativity scene at Saint Anne's Chapel**

Among the many traditional Christmas customs handed down to us by the early Spanish settlers of New Mexico is the *nacimiento*, or nativity scene.

Today I am thinking about a special nativity scene going back 47 years.

Our mother was preparing Saint Anne's Chapel for Christmas and our friend Elfego Polaco was keeping us. Our mother had some small figures of Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child which had been features of Christmas celebrations for many years.

Elfego said, "I am going to bring you home for these sacred little ones — a *nacimiento*."

A few days later, Elfego brought a little shelter fashioned with cedar boughs about two feet high and with an arched roof.

We placed a small electric bulb inside, for a star shining down upon the sacred little figures.

The next year Elfego showed me how to make the



BY DAN STORM  
COLUMNIST

shelter, and every year since 1950 this little cedar *nacimiento* has been placed in the church with the same figures in time for Christmas day.

**Animals in the scene**

I remember Elfego's words about stable animals in the manger scenes.

"The animals are friends of the Lord because on that night when Mary and Joseph went from house to house looking for a place to spend the night, all the people turned them away."

"So they went to the stable and here the Christ Child was born. And the animals welcomed Him, warming Him with

their breath.

"And at dawn the rooster sang the words Cristo Nacio...Christ is born."

"That is why animals are sacred in the eyes of God."

This year's little cedar shelter is almost finished and ready to go into the church for Christmas; and as I place it there, I will send up a prayer to our mother and our loved ones, and Elfego and his loved ones, in heaven.

**Winter is here**

By the time you read this we will be over into the season of winter, which begins on Dec. 21.

Today, at 20 minutes past 12 there is not much of a wintery look to things here in the vale, what with no sign of snow high or low and the temperature at 64 degrees at the yard gate.

Sierra Blanca, however, is all dressed up in its snowy best, the crown jewel of southeastern New Mexico.

**Nature's decorations**

Here in the land where we have things of both the mountain and the desert, you may find many ready-made gifts of Mother Nature that can help you with Christmas decorations.

These include cedar branches with blue berries, juniper branches with silver-white berries, algarita bush — first cousin to English holly — and pink and white mistletoe, all adaptable to the making of Christmas wreaths.

You may paint the stalk and dry seed pods of the yucca, our state flower, bright red and green. You may take a small twig off the mezquite bush and place it in a container filled with sand, and then place gumdrops or jelly beans on each thorn and have a sugar plum tree.

This will reach you in the Christmas issue of the Ruidoso News; and I am grateful for the great blessing of wishing you all happiness on the birthday of our lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

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**Tribes consider proposed 'statement of sovereignty'**

\* This proposed statement of sovereignty by New Mexico's All Indian Pueblo Council was submitted by Chairman Roy W. Bernal last Friday to a conference of New Mexico and Arizona Indian tribes at the Inn of the Mountain Gods:

From time immemorial, indigenous peoples have sought to live in harmony with the land. Our cultures, traditional practices and languages are intricately linked to the land. We enjoy health, comfort and prosperity because the land supported our needs.

We are free peoples. Our moral principals are founded on respect for mother earth, father sky, the four directions, wind, air, fire and all things living. Respect includes the responsibility to live harmoniously with all. Exploitation is not tolerated, domination is discouraged.

As the descendants of the first peoples of this continent, we seek to continue to respect the moral principals of our ancestors. We will always act to preserve and protect these valuable principals, because these values give meaning to our lives. Without these principals, we will cease to exist, as will, we believe, the rest of the world.

Our distinct cultures value cooperation more than selfishness. Since time immemorial, the principles of our societies, communities, tribes and nations have been based on the freedom

to make out own choices by determining the course of actions that best suits our needs. This is our sovereign authority. It is, therefore, inherent and customary of all Indian peoples.

The strength of our people is built on the fountain of freedom. Freedom to practice religions; freedom to speak respectfully and with wisdom and integrity; freedom to the land, air, water, fire and all living beings that serve to sustain us; and freedom to unite our strengths with other nations and cultures as we find appropriate. We believe these freedoms serve to sustain all that we understand.

During the past 500 years, a culture based on dominion over nature, selfish competition and a sense of absolute certainty, swept over the Americas. Instead of intimacy and mutual courtesy for nature, this culture sought to control and exploit. It produced great riches and terrible poverty, delightful happiness and deep sadness.

Indian people have fought to remain separate from this culture. Our choice is to protect and preserve our sovereignty because it sustains us. Our sovereign authority has been recognized for hundreds of years by foreign governments. Our Canes of Authority and Treaties, the physical representation of our authority, deserve the respect of all peoples.

Since time immemorial, we have exercised our sovereign

rights to:

- Protect the land.
- Direct the conduct of our members.
- Judge the conduct of all who live or visit our territories.
- Protect and preserve our language, culture and religions.
- Protect our members from outside intrusions, pressure, control or undue influence.
- Enter into binding agreements with other governments.
- Ally with foreign nations.

When the foreign people arrived, we learned that their societies were founded on the principles of domination, exploitation, division and subjugation. Our offers and efforts to live in harmony with these foreign people were exploited, trivialized, exhausted and discarded. We have been decimated, removed, assimilated, terminat-

ed, repressed, reorganized, validated and exploited.

We make this Declaration of Sovereignty to all the world so that all peoples will know that the Indian Nation located in North American willingly take on their governmental responsibilities and have done so since time immemorial. We want the world to know that the Indian Nations located in the United States have been repressed and oppressed in their work to become self-sufficient and self-sustaining.

The sovereign promises made to us when we gave up millions of acres of land have never been fulfilled. We believe they never will be, but we will continue to fight for what is rightfully ours: our land, our culture, own religions, our present, past and future.

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Ruidoso Middle School Student Council Historian Kristan Force, left, and president Josh Romero load up bags of food and toys bound for Palomas, Mexico.

# Students give gift of sharing

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRITER

For nine years, the Ruidoso Middle School student council has been spreading Christmas cheer. But they don't just deck the halls in Ruidoso; they take their spirit south of the border.

Each year, the student council officers have been gathering groceries and toys and delivering them to elementary school students in Palomas, Mexico. This year the RMS library club has joined in the good will effort, which is aimed at making the holidays happy for those less fortunate.

Student council adviser Michelle Perry said the student council's yearly food drive was supplemented by a \$300 shopping trip (paid for out of the student council's fund), which stocked sacks and sacks full of food staples for the Palomas children and their families. The library club pitched in by adding toys to the sacks of groceries, and one local family

also donated yards of material scraps.

The students loaded their Christmas bounty on a bus Dec. 12, bound for Palomas and a party with the recipients of their generosity.

The project is meant to be a lesson in good will and charity, Perry said. And though the project will also be entered in competition at the state student council convention in February, the real importance hasn't been lost on the students involved.

"I think it's really great," said Kourtney Hodges, student council treasurer. "They don't have very much. (This gives them) something to look forward to."

Perry said Palomas and Ruidoso may be separated only by a three-hour drive, but their economies are as different as their climates.

"We're dealing with a very poor community," she said. "This may be the only Christmas these families have."

That stark dichotomy of money and material things is not lost on student council president Josh Romero.

"The Palomas trip is so important to us because we're delivering things to needy families for Christmas," Romero said. "A Christmas they wouldn't otherwise have. We're bringing them a lot of joy."

He described the poor living conditions.

"Most houses are shacks," Romero said. "A lot of families just have cardboard boxes and scraps of wood they live in. It makes you think not to take anything for granted."

Perry hopes the lesson will be a resounding one, not only for the holiday season, but for the whole year and throughout the students' lives.

"I hope they walk away with a sense of feeling good about themselves for doing something good for others."

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

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Photos by Polly E. Chavez/Newsletter  
Firemen John Jiron and Hayden Smith, with Chief Lee Roy Zamora, load the luminarias.



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Folder of bags are (left to right) Don Helm, Bob Stearns, Hayden Smith, Kim Roper and Virginia Curtiss.

## The tradition continues...

The streets of Carrizozo will turn into softly glowing pathways of light tonight, Christmas Eve, as hundreds of volunteers set up little paper bags filled with sand and a lighted candle. In southern New Mexico, they're called *luminarias*, and Carrizozo's exhibit is one of the largest.

People of the northern counties have their own name, *farolitos*.

Whatever the name, the tradition is that these lights were to guide Mary and Joseph through Bethlehem, in search of an inn...for the Christ Child was about to be born.



Community Kids Mary Beth Shivers, Jennifer Shafer, Baby Shivers, Michelle Shivers, Tyler Scaralotti, Jesse Scaralotti, Marshall Wilson and Lauren Smith.

## AROUND TOWN

### Music highlights Carrizozo holidays

BY SUZI FERM  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Carrizozo Community Choir sang to an audience of about 120 on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

John E. Coates' cantata entitled "Rejoice, Believers," was a worship experience for all who attended.

Also a part of the afternoon program was "A Renaissance Christmas," with violin, recorder and piano, and three nativity selections by community children called "Kala's Community Kids."

The Carrizozo FCE (Fami-

ly & Community Education) Roadrunners celebrated the holidays with a Christmas potluck and gift exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Betty McCreight, Lincoln County extension home economist and advisor for the group, was presented with a poinsettia. A special treat was the presence of Dianne James singing carols of the season with her own guitar accompaniment. A songwriter, she also presented a new composition titled "Unto Me," about the true meaning of Christmas: Caring for others.

Sympathies to the families of Catherine Cornett and Casper "Bill" Davis.

## Schools face legislative challenge

BY PAULA PAPPONI  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On Thursday, Dec. 4, I was in Albuquerque for a superintendent's meeting. I stayed over for the New Mexico School Board Association's annual fall convention. This was held on Friday and Saturday at the Marriott, where we spent two nights.

Friday morning was the general session. Board members and superintendents from around the state attended, eagerly awaiting further word on the Governor's legislative package "For The Children's Sake."

This draft contains 13 separate pieces of legislation along with 6 considered working drafts, and the governor's office is working with individual sponsors to formalize this legislation and get it prepared for early introduction during the legislative session.

I will refrain at this time from commenting in depth on this legislative draft. Suffice it to say that the package was not warmly received by educators and board members from our state.

Hopefully, the governor will take the comments that were made into consideration and make the necessary changes to the plan which will create a more equitable and

supportive legislative package for our children. We look forward to this happening as discussion continues.

The good news from the convention was that Education Day at the Legislature will be on Jan. 26, 1998. I plan on taking a group of students from the Carrizozo Schools to Santa Fe on that day with hope that this year the governor will make the time in his busy schedule to make an appearance before the students of New Mexico, and welcome them to the Round House.

Although the inevitable bit of politics prevalent this time of year reared its controversial head and could have cast an aura of doom on all of us, the signs and symbols of the holiday season were too wonderful to allow that to happen. The night air smelled of piñon in blazing fireplaces. The view from the 10th floor of the Marriott at dusk was a vision of tiny, white lights on bare trees that stood out like crisp lace; and the Sandia Mountains took on all of the colors in an O'Keefe painting. Inside, there were huge Christmas trees everywhere you looked, decorated with wide velvet bows, globe-size ornaments and golden angels.

At the reception, the Mariachi Alce de Pojoaque, students from Pojoaque Valley Schools,

performed for us. These students gave a truly outstanding and memorable performance! How marvelous to be part of the sights, sounds and smells of the New Mexico winter season. Feliz Navidad, Prospero Año y Felicidad!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, especially our children, a holiday season filled with peace and joy. Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Joyous Kwanzaa!

## Learning about horses

BY TEACHER TONNEY HAMBY

The Midschool Ag students at Carrizozo studied equine science this fall.

They learned about the breeds, anatomy, nutrition, reproduction, dental and hoof care as well as other topics of interest associated with horses. The semester concluded with each student building a pair of spurs from strap metal.

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Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News  
What's wrong with a little practice before hitting the slopes? Nothing say these five teen-agers from Dallas. This crew was up for the holidays and for a little snowboarding. Getting the feel for the board are (from left) Kathleen DeNooyer, Chris Lewis and Stephen Niles, while Nathan McCormack (kneeling) checks Christie Wade's bindings.

## Santa delivers powder for Christmas

Skiers should wake up Christmas morning with plenty of powder on the slopes of Ski Apache. Two winter storms have built the ski area's base to 44-59 inches, resulting in some of the best skiing in the state. The second storm wasn't finished late Monday afternoon, after delivering about

six inches of new snow. All 55 of the area's trails are open and all 11 lifts are running, weather permitting. Chair Six in the Apache Bowl was closed because of the lack of visibility at times over the weekend. General manager Roy Parker described skiing conditions as "excellent" on all

trails. Surface conditions are powder and packed powder. Road conditions haven't dimmed Parker's optimism. "I'm sure there will be people having trouble but as long as we don't get blizzard conditions, the skiing is wonderful," Parker said. "It would be nice if it snowed today and tomorrow and the next day."

## Snowstorm sends Eagles flying home

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A winter storm, which blew in late Friday night, chased home the Hondo basketball teams before the Eagles had a chance stake their claims in the championship games of the House Tournament. The Hondo girls and boys basketball teams both won their opening round games of the two-day tournament Friday, spent that night in Fort Sumner, and then, on orders from Hondo Valley Superintendent Barbara Casey, headed home Saturday because of the weather - before Saturday night's championship game. "Our superintendent called us and said we had to come home now, or spend the night (Saturday) in Fort Sumner," said Hondo boys coach Michael Booty.

Booty called House officials and explained his predicament. It was agreed to play the championship games, which feature House and Hondo in both the girls and boys title games, Jan. 3, when presum-

ably, weather conditions will be better. Casey's call for the Eagles was a good one. It took Hondo three hours to travel the some 80 miles from Fort Sumner to Roswell. "By the time we got to Roswell and checked, (Hwy) 70 was open but it was 'travel at your own risk,'" Booty said. Six inches of snow had fallen in Roswell and it was still coming down, Booty noted. So after a good snowball fight, the Eagles nested in Roswell for the night. "She (Casey) didn't want us coming home in the dark," Booty said. Two days after they left, the Eagles landed home safely Sunday. **Flying start** Booty's boys are off to one of their best starts in school history. The Eagles have soared to a 5-0 record behind the play of point guard Josh Candelaria, wing Adam Herrera and post player Jeffrey Sanchez. What impresses Booty the

most, however, is the Eagles' overall balance. In Hondo's Friday night game against the Estancia junior varsity at the House Tournament, three starting Eagles had their wings clipped with three fouls each after just one quarter of play. Booty had to reach deep into bench. "Our second-stringers came in and did a real nice job," he said. And so did his other starters, who usually don't lead the team in scoring. Wing Ricky Lopez rose to the occasion to lead the Eagles in scoring with 17 points, while Kevin Slocum added 10 points. Meanwhile, the Hondo girls upped their mark to 3-3 overall with a victory Friday as well. Both teams will play in the House Tournament championship games against House on Saturday, Jan. 3.

### PREP BASKETBALL

## Warrior bid for upset falls short; coach sees promise in RHS effort

The Warrior boys take the defending state champion Bulldogs to the limit.

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso boys basketball team tasted what it's like to play with the "big boys" of Class AAA basketball, but the defending state champion Artesia Bulldogs didn't let the Warriors savor it.

Friday, Artesia turned away the Warriors, 84-82, in front of a packed gym of rabid Bulldog fans.

A fourth-quarter Warrior rally pulled Ruidoso within two points. Then Bulldog fans held their collective breath as Ruidoso's last gasp to send the game in overtime rolled off the rim, preserving the Artesia victory.

The loss dropped Ruidoso's record to 4-3 overall.

Assistant varsity coach Billy Page said the Warrior coaching staff was excited about the Ruidoso effort in hostile Artesia territory.

Head coach Gary Grahn praised the team in his post-game locker room meeting. Grahn, who left Saturday for Oklahoma on Christmas vacation, was not available for comment.

"He was real proud of them and said that they've proved that they can play and not fold like they have in the past," Page said of Grahn's comments.

"These guys kept coming, kept coming back and never did quit. We're not going to lay down for anybody any more," Page added. "We tried to let them know that if we were in this game than we could play with anybody."

Twice, Ruidoso had chances to send the game into overtime.

With two seconds remaining, junior point guard Corey Saenz stepped to the free-throw line with two foul shots and the Warriors trailing 84-82.

Every other time during the game, Saenz delivered for the Warriors. This time however, his free throw attempt didn't find the mark. Saenz's shot touched every part of the rim before bouncing out.

With just two ticks left on the clock, Saenz purposely missed his second charity shot to give the Warriors a second chance at a tying the game. Warrior post player Adam Windham got a good piece of the rebound, enough to tip it at the basket, but his effort was too strong.

The Warriors trailed 65-61 heading into the final period. Grahn's team, which had trouble with the Artesia press all night, finally found some seams.

"We were starting to break the press," Page said of the Warriors' fourth quarter. "Our big men were starting to score."

It wasn't enough to over-

come the Bulldogs. Artesia harassed the Warriors into 34 turnovers for the game, and it's difficult, if not impossible to beat anyone (much less the state champs), doing to that.

Ruidoso returns from the holiday break Tuesday, Dec. 30, for practice. The Warriors play Portales Jan. 3 in a rescheduled game before hosting Capitan on Jan. 6.

The Warriors were scheduled to play Portales Saturday, but that contest was postponed because of a winter snowstorm.

Ruidoso athletic director Les Carter said Portales officials called to check on the roads.

"I guess the roads were icy and wet over there. They weren't as concerned with getting here as much as getting home," Carter said.

The 10-day layoff shouldn't hurt the Warriors, Page said.

"Hopefully we'll be hungry when we come back and keep going to way we have been," Page said.

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# Two local people on oversight board for Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile facility

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

County Commissioner Rex Wilson and attorney Gary Mitchell are the two Lincoln County representatives on the Board of Trustees that oversees Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile

facility. Florida based Associated Marine Institutes (AMI) opened the camp in August to the first few juvenile offenders under a \$2.6 million contract with the state Department of Children, Youth and Families. The inmate count is up to 51

boys, ages 14 to 18, at the camp about 18 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

The company operates several other juvenile correctional facilities, mostly in the East. The state Legislature allocated \$750,000 to remodel the facility when it was changed

from an adult minimum security prison to a rehabilitation center for juveniles.

A board of local people was appointed to give community oversight and to keep AMI in touch with community attitudes, said Scott Willis, camp administrator.

"We call it a local board, although it includes members from different places in New Mexico, because we accept kids from all over the state," he said. "We want to educate policy makers as to what we do. Having people in different areas opens up job possibilities for placement after they kids leave here and it can help in raising money for projects."

"We chose men and women from different cultures and diverse backgrounds to give some balance in skills and experience. The board gives us guidance."

Besides Mitchell and Wilson, other members of the board are:

- 6th Judicial Judge Chip Johnson of Roswell, Division VII
- Charlene Knipping of Albuquerque, chairman of the state parole board
- 5th Judicial District Judge Alvin Jones of Roswell, Division II
- Eliseo Torres of Albuquerque, chairman of the education department at the University of New Mexico
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- Leslie Lawyer, a Roswell attorney.
- Chef Caldwell, a businessman from Albuquerque, who owns a chain of McDonalds and other enterprises.
- O.B. Stander of Tampa, Fla., representing AMI.
- Tom Rutherford of Albuquerque, a former state senator.
- and Richard Melton, chief of police in Farmington.

# Alcohol sale 'sting' in Ruidoso given complete report

Editor's note: This is the complete report on a recent "sting" operation targeting sale of alcohol to minors. A section of the report was inadvertently removed from the story published Friday, Dec. 19.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF REPORTER

An 18-year-old woman, reportedly carrying only her true driver's license, was able to purchase alcohol Saturday, Dec. 12, from 6 out of 17 local establishments hit in sting operation, state police said.

"We are doing sting operations throughout the state" targeting underage drinking, said Special Agent Todd Griffin, with the state police special investigations office in Alamogordo. "I can say that I was disappointed by findings here in Ruidoso and Alamogordo."

In Alamogordo, officers cited 8 out of 16 establishments hit by a similar sting. In Roswell, 4 establishments out of 20 were caught selling alcohol to minors, Griffin said in a prepared release.

He did not know how Ruidoso ranked statewide in the sting because all the statistics had not been compiled yet.

Many of the Ruidoso establishments, which range from convenience stores to restaurants, didn't ask to see the drivers license of the 18-year-old woman, Griffin said. Others looked at the license, but not close enough to notice that the woman was a minor, he said.

"But the majority did check the ID and refused the sale," Griffin said. "In Ruidoso, there were three additional ones that began to make the sale until another employee stopped the sale."

The woman acting as the undercover agent is a volunteer with the Roswell Police Department, Griffin said. She has recently turned 18. "And she looked young," he said.

The stings, which were witnessed by special agents as well as videotaped, may result in penalties

against both the employees selling the alcohol and the owners of the businesses, state police said.

Employees who sold the woman alcohol, if found guilty of the petty misdemeanor, may be assessed penalties of up to six months in jail as well as a fine up to \$500.

At least three of the establishments cited said the charged employees had been put on suspension until the charges are resolved.

The owners of the establishments will have their citations go before the State Regulation and Licensing Department. The state's Alcohol and Gaming Commission then may fine the owners as much as \$2,000 and revoke their liquor licenses for as long as two days, Griffin stated.

Griffin initially declined to reveal which of the 17 Ruidoso establishments in the sting had been cited, saying minors would try to purchase

alcohol from those businesses.

"I don't want any kids getting hurt before Christmas," he said.

Businesses caught selling alcohol to minors in the stings sometimes continue to sell to minors, rather than becoming more rigorous in checking identifications, Griffin said.

However, several owners and managers of the cited establishments strongly refuted that statement.

"That's a bunch of bull," said Wayne Wash, owner of Rich Gas and Wayne's Place. The woman being served a beer at his bar was a fluke occurrence and unlikely to occur again, especially as his regular clientele is an older crowd, he said.

Mark Neighbors, manager at the Wal-Mart Super Center, said employees are put through training and the store's registers always prompt a cashier to ask for identification.

"It's nothing that we accept and

nothing that we will tolerate," Neighbors said of the sale of alcohol to minors.

The following establishments were cited under the sting:

Wal-Mart, Circle K in Ruidoso Downs, The Winners Circle, Allsup's at Sudderth and Mechem, Wayne's Place, and the Ruidoso Bowling Center.

The following establishments checked the woman's identification and refused to serve her alcohol:

Marie La Vaux Night Club, The Johnson Village Store, Allsup's on Mechem, The Best Western Swiss Chalet, Hollywood Inn, Allsup's in Ruidoso Downs, Furr's on U.S. 70, Win, Place and Show, Thriftway, Furr's on Mechem, Farley's Pub.

Griffin said the special investigations division has been conducting the sting operations since 1987 and will continue to operate them as well as random checks of licensed liquor establishments.

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**MRS. ROMERO'S CLASS**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want for Christmas a squirt gun, toy gun, army men, a jet, toy little airplane, nintendo 64, a play station, bugs bunny, tacktoo, stickers, taz toy, Lego, toy eyeball, batman car, Batman and Robin, Spidermans web blaster, and a sled with breks. p.s. I forgot the movies I want Lost World, Batman and Robin, Space Jam, Men in Black, and Twister, Toy Story, Power Ranger Turbo, Liar Liar, The Santa Claus, Jungle to Jungle, Wild America, Star Wars, 101 Dalmations the movie, All Free Willy, 1, 2, 3, Land before time 4.

Keith Yeager

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a hot wheels volcano. I would also like a lowrider remote control singing car.

Steven Powell

**Dear Santa,**  
I want you to have a wonderful christmas. Can I please have a eating doll and a easy bake oven.

Halle Day

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been so sweet. I would like the black and white pony down the road. Merry Christmas.

Alissa Wise

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Britney Montoya and I wish you could bring me a little mermaid so I can play with. Thank you.

Britney Montoya

**Dear Santa,**  
Feed your reingeer I am ready for Christmas. Dress warm so you do not catch a cold. For Christmas I want my size barbie, a diamond ring, a live horse, a book shelf for my books, a crazy curls doll, a shiny new dress and a Hercules movie. That is all for now. Mave a merry Christmas Santa.

Destiny Huebner

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope to get a "Super Auto World" and "The Tic Tac Toe, dog". I also, would like a Horse that winnies and walks by it self. The nurf gun's are fun looking, too. I love you Santa.

Josh Thompson

**Dear Santa,**  
Quiero que me hagas el favor de traerme una bicicleta, una bolsa de clacetas y gue si puedes vayar a la casa de mi nanita Queta en Mexico y le lleves salud y poquito dinero para que no se la pase triste en la Navidad querido Santa quiero que mis mejores amiguitas reciban regalos de ti y que a mi maestra la vaya muy bien y a todos las maestras del mundo pasen feliz Navidad con sus hijos y que tu querido santa cuando nieve que no te me vayas a respriar porque te quiero

mucho santa y no te olvides de mi mama Lila que tambien le hace falta salud y poquito dinero hay disculpa que te pida mucho cosas pero todo esto es lo que mas deseo gracias santa.

Nancy Ponce

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Lyndsey Norwell and I have been a very good girl this year. I want an easy bake oven, a teddy bear because I collect them. I also want you to bring me the new dress up game, Barbie CD Rom for my computer, a barbie doll house, corvette and jeep, a club house, but most of all what I want is for my mommy, daddy, and me to be a family again.

Lyndsey Norwell

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good. I love my mom and dad. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and some snow. Could you bring them for me?

Celina Lopez

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a pair of barbie skates and some puzzles.

Priscilla Mountain

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good girl this year. I try to go to school everyday I like my teachers and all the childrens at school. I like my family and all the people in the world. My Grandma too. God Bless all of us. I want a Teddy Bear, Barbie dolls with a Big House, pencil, coloring book, radio, TV and a VCR, Chicks, rabbit and a horse. I want a horse also for my bothers and sister. Thank you Santa for Coming every year, and giving us everything we ask for.

Ressilynn Scott

**Dear Santa,**  
Quiero Saludar y pedirte y me traigas una Troco grande y una pelota Tambien me gustan lo power Rangers Sabe me gusto mucho Lo Navidad porque me gusta Lo lidea de Estar esperando por Santa Claus Adios

Eric Castillo

**Dear Santa,**  
I am writing because I want some toys cause I've been good lately. I want a rocking horse, remote control truck, new backpack, a nintendo game boy, and a TV. with a VCR too. And three more things a cd player, Jurassic park race set, and a Jurassic, and a Jurassic park command center. Thank you Santa. That's all I want for Christmas.

Trever Atole

**Dear Santa,**  
This Christmas I want a konrol car and a telephone.

Jose Luis Nava

**Dear Santa,**  
I've been good at home and at

school and been good to my parents and sister I love my parents so what I want for Christmas big brownie do I bealeave. Thank you.

Tina Barrios

**MRS. GOMEZ'S CLASS**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you santa. I have been a good girl. This year I would like a Barbi house, sleeping bad, and a car for my family.

Heather Stewart

**Dear Santa,**  
I am five years old and I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Blossom Barbie, a Stroller Baby, a paint set, and some skates, some new snow boots, and that's all. We do not have a fireplace this year so I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Christina Whitman

**Dear Santa,**  
Querido Santa Claus en esta navidad quiero ver si me puedes traer una bicicleta, una pelota y un cambiador topa eso es todo porque que tienes que traerles a todos los ninos del mundo una cosa para que se sienta felices en esta navidad. Que pases feliz navidad.

Mario Varela

**Dear Santa,**  
Hola! Quiero que esta Navidad me traigas una bicicleta de color morado y muchas dulces y chocolates. Te digo que hago todas mis tareas de la Escuela y soy una nino obediente. Y que tengas una Feliz Navidad!

Arturo Romero

**Dear Santa,**  
I see Christmas is coming. And I want The Baker. The Baby Go Bye-Bye. I also want ABC computer I am a very good girl. I listen to my mommy and daddy. My stocking is hanging on the wall and waiting to be filled. Cookies and milk are on the table for you.

LeeAnn Richardson

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! I've been good. Here is a list of things I would like the triplet babies, the lollipop baby, m & m easy bake oven, everybody to have a merry Christmas. Thank you.

April Portio

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been working hard to be a good boy. I would like a velasoraptor dinosaur and a Star Wars toy. Thank you for the toys, and have a safe trip.

Joshua Bowen

**Dear Santa,**  
I think I have been pretty good this year. Sarah a Huber. So this year santa I am asking only for a few things this year. I would like to get my dad a tool set, and

mom, a set of new dishes and brother a new fishing pole and sister a new set of books I read and no it is my turn. Well santa I would like to ask for a new pair of shoes and a new dress and tights. I would also like to have a new doll the little mermaid and most of all I would like to ask if you could please send the kids that don't have mommies and daddies to please dont let them be sad you could give them one of my toy.

Sarah Huber

**Dear Santa,**  
Pocahontas, Bambi, Dalmations, Board Games, Winnie the Pooh, Puzzles.

Desirae Archuleta

**MRS. SULLIVAN'S CLASS**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa Claus, you quiero  
1) maquina  
2) pistola  
3) carro de control

Hugo Galvan

**Dear Santa,**  
Here is my Christmas list for this year. I know I get to send you a list because I've been a good girl. I would like the new Rapunzel barbie that stands three foot tall, I would also like a Chicago Bears 48 in. standing locker. I seen a Kenner Easy-bake microwave oven and a Kenner Spinnin Sam that make candy or ice pops I would also like. But most of all I want it to Snow! I'll have your cookies and milk and Carret for your reindeers ready for you on Christmas eve.

Emily

**Dear Santa,**  
I am good at school and at home. I love you very much! Please send me a toy loggin truck, truck, horse trailer, horse and man. They have them at the new Wal-Mart. I want a big circle thing that has bulls horse and pigs with it. Can you get my brother J.R. a robot and Isaac a chair. Get my sister Stella a Santa Claus like you. Get mom some gum and get my dad some tools to work on his truck and everything. And that's it.

Luke

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Barbie Jeep, A baby doll, and clothes for Christmas.

Taylor

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a batman car that I can ride in. A remote control motorcycle. A dirt bike. But most of all for Santa to watch over my wella.

Isaac

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a barbie house and a boy Ken doll. I have been a good, good girl forever. I am going to leave milk and cookies by the fireplace for you to eat.

Ashley Whitaker

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Thomas Cole and I would like: 9" Sesame toy, Big Action set, Mouse Trap, stretch armstrong, Gig-A-Pet, wagon, santa pillow, beast war, rebound gator gold, Big Action Play Set, hot potato, Space balls.

Thomas

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Megan and I'm in kindergarten in Mrs. Sullivan class. When I go home I do all my chores and when I'm at school I do all my work. I've been a good girl all year long. So for Christmas, I like to have a barbie doll with the Barbie Playroom, a Barbie car, and a Barbie telephone so I can call Barbie and talk to her.

Megan Trujillo

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for you a Merry Christmas and want to say thank you for the presents last year. This year could I please have the video "Beauty and The Beast- the Enchanted Christmas"? Some other things I would be happy to have are Casper videos, flannel sheets (not Barney), a full trampoline, an outdoor tent or teepee, a medium size bean bag chair, stickers, puzzles (dalmation if possible), and a toy mouse for the cats. I'll leave you a snack of chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Rebecca

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like a Karate fighter they have buttons to help kick and punch. I would like an ABC toy and a big Ninja as tall as me. I would also like a holster with two guns. I also want some dinosaurs, and a drum. Please take care of my brother Samuel and my sister Julia and Joshua. This is all.

Stewart J. Klinkole

**Dear Santa,**  
Could you please make a toy car for my brother Troy? I would like a Cabbage Patch baby and a Baby All Gone for me. Also, I would love to have a backpack baby. I would like some new glassed for mom, because hers are broken. And I would like some new clothes for my daddy. How are your elves doing? How are you doing? And Mrs. Claus? I love you. Also could you please bring baby twins for Lily, Ashley and meghan? I hop you have a good trip!

Jordan Gibbons

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good boy all year and I would like to have a little Harley Davidson bike, a fire truck, a fire hat, money for my mom and dad, a big new bike, a guitar, a amplifier, a battery operated batman car, a robin suit, a horse, saddle and bridles, Santa Claus Monies, a BB gun, a dart gun, clothes for me and a fireplace for the house. When you

come to my house I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you.

Berilo

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a robot toy. I want a leago set. I want some clothes. New coat, 4 wheeler, bike, phone, root beer, doll, watch, hat, BB gun.

Courtney

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a bike. I want a remote control car. I want a good toy skate board, BB gun, fire truck, jeep.

Cody

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a very good little boy this year. I would very much like for you to bring me a remote control bulldozer. I would also like a new now suit and snow gloves so I can be very warm in the snow whenever I build a snowman. Thank you very much. Oh yes, I would also like a basketball goal that's just my size with a new basketball.

Vincent Reynolds

**Dear Santa,**  
Four siberian huskies and a dog sled. A big remote control. A super nintendo game Mario Cart. Spiderman blasters. A bulls cap and four wheeler, a Miami Dolphins uniform. A big ninja turtle. A bulls shirt, some JNCOS. A bulls locker.

Michael

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm not picky I want swimming Ariel and Rapunzel Barbie and the 3 foot Rapunzel Barbie. Gouke pet

Atia

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good all year. I would like a Easy-Bake-oven and a trampoline and Melanie's mall, but most of all I want it to snow and lots of love. Merry Christmas and I Love You.

Danille Rae Cadena

**Dear Santa,**  
Merry Christmas. I want a Daffy Duck Nintendo laser guns and a lock. Thank you.

Zachary

**Dear Santa,**  
I am a good boy. This year. I want to ask you for a few things for X-mas. I please want a Nano, some clothes, gloves, and a couple of power rangers, baseball bat and ball, 2 swords. Most of all my mom not to work for Christmas.

Herman

**Dear Santa,**  
I need a games, (power rangers and sonic) that's Sega. I need it, please. I need a horse, but not a real horse, that's a toy and I need a teddy bear I need a ship (barquito) I need a baseball, cars, and an airplane and three bat-

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Luke 2:30-32

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man cars, and a turkey toy I know I need. Oh yeah! Beetle Borg Toys. That's it. I see you tomorrow.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a 3 ft. Rapunzel Barbie with long hair, yo, a twirling Christmas tree 6 inches tall. I have been a good girl. I want to visit the north pole.

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! How are you? Please can I have some legos? Please may I have a skateboard? Please can I have a sled? Hey, Rudolph, while you are there shine the world with your light. And I want a basketball hoop. I wish you a merry Christmas to Santa and Mrs. Santa. And merry Christmas to the reindeer.

**MRS. FORREST'S CLASS**

**Dear Santa,**  
Please may I have Opps Daisy and a Little Mermaid doll. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

**Dear Santa,**  
I will like the Bell Barbie in the yellow dress, Rapunzel Barbie that has the long yellow hair and the Cabbage Patch doll that brushes her teeth. I would like to hug you.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like the spaceship that shoots out missiles and the action figure that goes with it and that spaceship that shoots out the top. I will give you cookies and milk.

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello! I love you Santa Claus. Please buy me some counting numbers and a real truck.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like presents, a little big truck I can ride in. I'd like a computer like my Mom's. Please bring me a mouse and a CD Rom with my computer.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like to get a nice present. It's called Beetle Board. I would like roller skates and a bunch of candy too.

**Dear Santa,**  
I like your reindeer. Please bring me a race car and a horse.

**Dear Santa,**  
I'll leave you cookies and milk. I would like a lot of candy and a Batman.

**Dear Santa,**  
You are nice and you give everyone presents when they are sleeping. You will come down the chimney, not through the door. Could you give me some play dough with hair cut equipment.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like toys and a robot. Please give all the children in the world a toy.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you and I like all your gifts. You are so nice and beautiful. I would like to ask for a bike and a race track.

**Dear Santa,**  
I like you. I love you. I would like a present for Christmas.

**Dear Santa,**  
How is Mrs. Santa and Mr. Santa? Could you get me a soccer ball? I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are the reindeer? I don't know what I want for Christmas. Please bring me something nice.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Barbie jeep that I could ride in.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Little Mermaid and a Little Princess. Uncle Joseph helps me with my homework.

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me a roll-around on a ball.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a black puppy and a bird. I am working hard in school.

**Dear Santa,**  
Would you please bring me a new pink bike. I'm being good.

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm real happy for you. Please

buy me a cowboy hat. I would like lots and lots of presents. I love snacks now.

**Dear Santa,**  
I like you. I would like a dump truck remote control. How are you doing?

**Dear Santa,**  
My mom needs a new fishing pole. I would like a new red bike. That's all now.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like some bubbles. I will leave you cookies and milk.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Work-out Barbie. Thank you for all the toys you've given us.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are the reindeer doing? I would like to have a scary leggo castle set. Please can you get it for me.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want Barbie clothes. I have lots of Barbies but not enough clothes. All my brother needs is boy toys.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want for Christmas a big size Rapunzel Barbie Doll. Santa I love you. Would you please give my sister a present like a teddy bear to sleep with.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a teddy bear to play with and a computer. Please bring food for my mom, dad, and brother. I would like to play with a little toy house. I want a clock for my hand to see what time it is.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Mermaid doll and a book. I would like to give Santa a hug.

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a new big giant train track with more trains. How are your reindeer doing? I leave you some cookies and milk.

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**MRS. GOMEZ'S PM CLASS**

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I'd like to

have a Power Ranger, one that can talk, how is Rudolph? Are you magic? I'll leave you a Christmas tree and some cookies and milk.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you feeling, are you tired? Is your wife coming on your trip too? Please be careful for Christmas. I'd like a big ball, Barbie car and a little Teddy Bear Doll, also some new black shoes. My sister Alyson would like a Teddy Bear like the one I want.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? I want to know how the reindeer walk in the sky? I will have a surprise for you when you come to my house. Please bring me a Barbie, and bring Ryan a truck and my sister a baby shirt. When you come to my house you will see a snowman I just built. I want a real puppy and a baby. There will be milk and cookies for you.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want to know how the reindeer fly? I want a doll house and a dentist Barbie. Can you bring something for Melissa too? I also would like some puppets. This Christmas there's going to be some cookies waiting for you. I love you!

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? How is Rudolph? Will you bring me a Christmas tree and some clothes? Bring Rufus a present too. Santa Claus is coming to town.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? Tell Mrs. Claus "Hi". Please bring me a big Rapunzel Barbie and also a little Rapunzel Barbie. My brother would like itty, bitty cars. I think he would also like a toy boat. I am going to leave cookies and milk for you.

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? Are you working hard? I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me candy

and a cabbage patch doll that goes in the water. I want a baby newborn. We will have some cookies that mom made for you.

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me a toy horse. And please bring me a Raggy Ann and please bring me 2 stuffed dogs. We will have a surprise for you Christmas Eve. I hope you have a happy Christmas Eve.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. For Christmas I'd like a Barbie Doll, and Barbie car. I wish I had a radio too. My little sister would like a lot of dolls. We've been good. I'm doing my best in school.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you all the time. I would like for Christmas a Giga Pet, it's like a computer thing. You could get me a Kitty Giga Pet. Please Santa, could you get me a real big Teddy Bear like my brother Nathaniels. We'll leave you a snack under the tree. Please let me see your Reindeer when I get up to use the bathroom. I wish I could see your face.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I've always wanted to give you a hug. I really like the gift you gave me last year. I like you and I'll make you a present. I will leave a flower for you in the living room because you're so special. I would like a baby doll.

**Dear Santa,**  
I've been a good girl and when it snows I'll make a snowman. We're going to set up our Christmas Tree, we haven't got one yet. I'll leave you a candy cane outside the door. I'll leave a card too. Thank you for the walking horse you gave me last year. I still have it. Can I please have some make up for Christmas. Monica would like to have a baby doll and my brother Jaren would like a movie, he's 6 years old. Please say hello to Mrs. Santa. Have a safe trip.

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you, I like for you to bring toys to us. I'll always like you and the things you gave me last year. I really like Christmas too. I'd like you take a ride on your Reindeer Sleigh. I play with all the toys you gave me, especially the Power Ranger. This year I'd like to have you bring me just cars. I'll leave you a present and a sack. Santa, what does the North Pole feel like? Is it real cold?

**Dear Santa,**  
I like the toys you gave me last year, but my mom lost them. What I want this year is a Robot. Not just any king- it's a Big Bad Beetle Board, it has wheels. I'd also like an Indian Drum and a Jurassic Park toy. I wish one of your Reindeer would come visit me. I'd like to ride on one of them. Have a very safe trip.

**Querido Santa Clause,**  
Como has estado? Quiero saber si tu tienes hijas. Yo me he portado muy bien y me gustaria que me trajeras si es posible una muñeca con canastita. Cuidate mucho. Te quiero.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a real puppy. A baby one. I will take good care of it. I'd like a girl puppy and I'll name her Rosie. I'll leave you some cookies and a gift under our tree. I wish I had an Ariel Barbie like I saw at Wal-Mart, (the Mermaid one). My sister, Sarah would like a Big Barbie Jeep. You can leave it outside. I've been good. Dis you know I have a Santa Movie?

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Jenidder and I'd like to have a Barbie and a Giga Pet. I'd like a baby doll and Teddy Bear too. Santa, I've been a good girl and I'll leave you cookies and milk. I'll leave them on the table in the living room. Could you bring some shoes for my mom. My brother would like Turbo Man. Daddy would like a Christmas Tree and a rope to pull it.

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Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the late show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.  
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;

I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out or sight;  
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

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Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse.  
And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True.  
He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name  
is called The Word of God.  
And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written; King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:11, 13, 16

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For Christmas I'd like a mermaid toy and a Barbie car, also a big car like you see on TV. I'd like other Barbies too. Santa how do you make your reindeer go up in the sky?

*Eliana Figaroa*

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is James Culhane and I want a new dinosaur for my brother Steven, he's 3 yrs. old. I want for me a Power Ranger for my birthday. I'd like for you to bring me a toy Santa Claus and a toy house. I'll leave you some apple seeds.

*James Culhane*

**Dear Santa,**  
Yo quiero una mesa con sillas, tambien un mantel y una canasta para flores para la mesa. Yo quiero rapa grande para jugar y zapatitos con un corazon de azul y collard. Te quiero mucho.

*Claudia Marmalejo*

**Dear Santa,**  
I'd love you have a coo-choo train and a tornado lamp. I have been good at school I do my best all day. I'd also like a remote control car. Please take care of your reindeer.

*Aristeo Chavez*

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your elves. My Christmas list: I would like to

have one pair of small Army Clothes with hat and Hot Wheels car wash, garage, and fire truck, and a space control (Hot Wheels). I'd like a Santa Suit just like yours. Please don't forget the hat. It's okay with me if you can't get all these things, but please get me these things definitely: Santa Clothes, the Army Clothes and hat, and the Hot Wheels car wash. Here is one more thing to get me, a Navy Plane. What does Mrs. Santa help you do up there in the North Pole? I have been good and please get the airplane definitely because I really want it. Thank you.

*Scott Thompson*

**Dear Santa,**  
Is it going to snow for Christmas? I hope so. Santa, I would like a speed racer car and a toy jeep. My brother Angelo would like a motor cycle. We have both been good. I was even Good Citizen in November for my class at school. Are your reindeer at your house right now?

*Johnny Montoya*

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Rufus Lester. We moved from the house we lived in last Christmas. We live in a white trailer, kind of pinkish, you already know that don't you? Would you bring me a big toy truck that I could sit in and

drive? It has a remote control. I would like a lot of presents but just get me what you can. By the way I'm a boy Julianna, my big sister would like a bicycle, Kerri my little sister would like a Barbie Doll, the king with the bottle and it cries when you punch her stomach. I would like a bicycle too.

*Rufus Lester*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a dog, a Rotweiler. I'll take good care of it. I also would like a Bat Man toy. You can get me anything else. I'd like a radio and earphones. Have and safe trip and I love you.

*Niko Carillo*

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? Have you been working hard? How are the reindeer? Please bring me a Demolition Derby and a beetle board and Power Rangers. Don't forget to look for cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

*Jordan West*

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me a Bat Mopple and a battery for my dump truck and skis and a sled. How are your reindeer? Is Rudolph coming? I have been a good boy this year. I will leave you Macaroni and Cheese and sweets for all the kids. Could you take me in your sleigh some time?

*Jared Stirman*

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year. Please bring me a kite. I've been a good boy this year. My class needs some reindeer. There will be gum on the TV set for you.

*Robert Coronado*

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? How are the reindeer? Please bring me a toy. I have been a good little boy. Could you please bring me a dog too. I love you!

*Denver Coronado*

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Aaron and I would like a cash register. I've always wanted one. I'd like a toy jeep with a horn and gear shift. It snowed last night in Ruidoso so maybe we'll still have it by Christmas. Santa, I like your reindeer and I love you.

*Aaron Umbreit*

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm in Kindergarten and I do my best. How many elves do you have to help you? I play nicely everyday with my friends at recess. For Christmas I would like those four wheeler things. I'd

like the dump truck one. I'll leave you and your Reindeer a snack on the table.

*Fredrick Chavez*

**Dear Santa,**  
Yo doy gracias por los juguetes que me regalaste el año pasado. Si este año tienes tiempo y te acuerdas de mi, te en cargo una bicicleta y ropa y un carro de control. Hasta pronto!

*Leonel*

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I want a bat man car and also I want a big car so I could Drive it around. Also a basketball for me and my little brother Kyle.

*Nicolas*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a trampoline and my brother wants a pogo stick. Thank you.

*Cotton Parker*

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like baskets and presents. I would like a bicycle for outside to snow my friend slaihal.

*Elaina*

**Querido,**  
Santa quisero me traigas una bicicleta y una troca grande. Sabes estos fechos me gustan mas y todos las demas porque es muy bonito. Todo es muy divertido esperan Santa Claus. Adios.

*Eric Castillo*

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope fine. But I have been a little bit naughty not too much mostly I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a piano, fire truck, and paint ball gun. Also a b.b. gun, Malmi shirt, Miami hat, Miami helmet, and Miami pants.

*Fred*

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I want a new race car track and a Mr. Bucket. Also I would like another remote control race car. I have tried to be a good boy and if you could I would these things. Merry Christmas. P.S. I love you.

*Justin*

**Dear Santa,**  
Would you please give me a giga pet for Christmas. Would you please give everyone a present for Christmas this year. You are very nice. Thank you Santa and elves!

*Andrea Montes*

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like an Alligator Golf game, a bouncy ball, puzzles, and anything you want to bring me. I have been a good girl. Also an Air devil remote control car.

*Janell*

**Dear Santa,**  
This year I would like a baby tweeter bird and jumbo bean bags, 12 piece animal set, chubby cheeks bear, a Rubrats playset, musical baby squirrel cottage, power ranger (gold) sno cone machine, come to life books, construction site star wars rifle, tractor, fire truck, Ready to go, race motorcycle, socker boppers, pocket puppy, Power ranger turbo transport, Gold Beelzeberg, star wars mask, Darthvader, Boxer set and laser game. Merry Christmas.

*Skylar Nunnally*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a piano for christmas. If you can't give it to me, you can give me a keyboard. Because I need to practice for my class. That's all I want for this Christmas. Thank you! I love you. Merry Christmas. Please give a kiss to Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Cottit, Cupid, Doner, and Blitzen. Oh! Don't forget Rudolph. God bless you both for all the things you have done for all the children and adults. The end. Oh! Pepe love you both. He wanted bones for Christmas.

*Nayara Megarity*

**MRS. CORDOVA'S CLASS**  
MESCALERO APACHE  
ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADE

**Dear Santa,**  
I am respectful to my sister, and brother. I want a barbie doll. I want a little cat. I want a little Rudolph and a big stuffed animal.

*Danielle Mangas*

**Dear Santa,**  
I was wondering if you were too busy to come to my house at night and I want a Walkman and a watch because I haven't got them.

*Breanna Comanche*

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm very kind to my friends I would help my friends. I would like a christmas bear and a steelers jacket and some clothes.

*Wyndi Caje*

**Dear Santa,**  
I behave and I listen to my mom. I want a Dallas cowboy jacket. I want a Dallas cowboy cap. I want a Dallas cowboy gloves.

*Jeremy Enjaky*

**Dear Santa,**  
I help others and I have best friends and I want a Dallas Cowboys Jacket and I want a Nintendo and I want a pound puppy van.

*Talisa Lutse*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a Walkman. I want a Dinosaur and a gorilla because I

have been good all month!

**Dear Santa,**  
I behave and help my mom and dad. I want a sweater, tank and a hat.

*Shea Lallin*

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good. I clean my room. I want a puppy for Christmas. I want a rabbit for Christmas. I want a teddy bear for Christmas.

*Julie Pesewonit*

**Dear Santa,**  
I care for my mom and my sister and my dad and my god sister and my dog and other people's feelings. I would like to have a puppy and a cat and toys for myself I would like to have a beautiful Barbie Doll.

*Wanda Artrip*

**Dear Santa,**  
I care for my mom and my dad. I care for my Grandma. I want a go cart. I have been real good to my mom. I have been real good for my dad. I want a bunch of toys. I want a pet.

*Timothy Johnson*

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope Santa come to my house because I have been good and I've been nice and I tried to be my best in school and I would like can get me clothes and not to many toys.

*Bryan Shendo*

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good and I want a real puppy and I want some toys and I always pray for you Santa.

*Christlyn Kirgan*

**Dear Santa,**  
I am nice to others. I would like a dirt bike and a Green Bay Packers back pack. I also want a santa suit.

*Ryan Martinez*

**Dear Santa,**  
I been very good and tried to be nice. I want the very most presents. I like a Barbie Jeep and a Barbie dress and a box of crayolas.

*Jamie Pesewonit*

**Dear Santa,**  
I've been very good this year and I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie jeep and some Play Money.

*Krystal Kenseah*

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good all this year and I want a new toy and a new truck and a card and a glow me and a back pack.

*Tyrea Matiano*

**Dear Santa,**  
I behave for my mom. I listen to my mom. I love my mom and I want a Jeep control and a bed. I also want a 49's man.

*Waycey Comanche*

# Christmas Thanks



We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your business over the past year. May all of you have a joyful holiday season.

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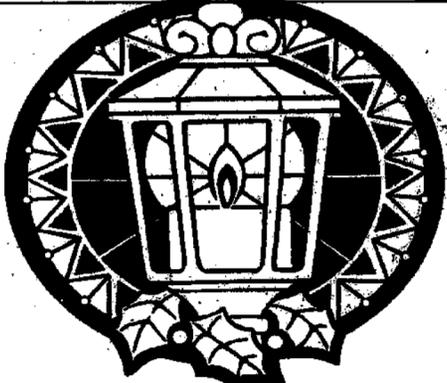


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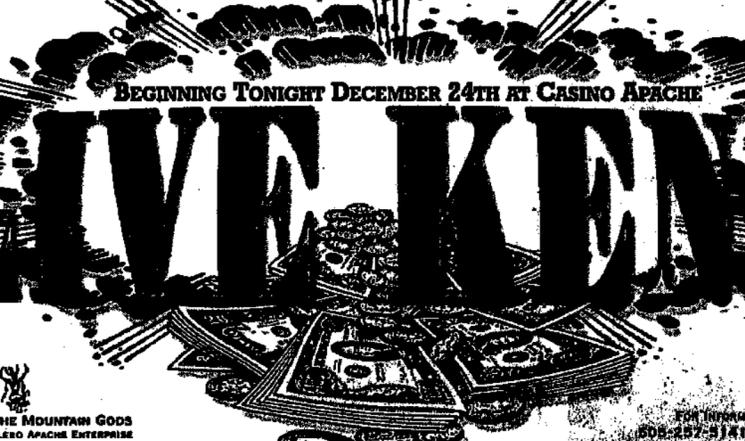
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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Entries may be submitted by mail, fax - 257-7053, or brought in to the office at the Ruidoso News, 104 Park Ave.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Blues & BBQ - Ruidoso Convention Center
Dec. 27 - FCG/Phil Czolgosz Group, The Bare Bone Blues Band, KGB Blues Band.

Jan. 10 - Bad News Blues Band, KGB Blues Band. \$5 advance, \$6 at door, \$2.50-12 & under. Dinner proceeds to benefit the Chamber's Two Rivers Park Project. Tickets available at the Texas House Cafe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Blues At The Texas House
Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays. Also Blues Sundays. For more information call 257-3506.

etc

Christmas In Cloudcroft
Dec 25, noon to 8 p.m. - The Ice Skating Pond will be open for holiday skating.

Dec 26, 2-3 p.m. - Winter sports demonstrations in the park.

Dec 27, 7 p.m. - Bingo in the convention center, sponsored by Kiwanis.

Dec 28, 2-3 p.m. - Snowmobile demonstration in the park

Dec. 29, 2-3 p.m. music by Bell Ringers and Messiah's Messengers on the balcony of Kokopelli's on Burro Street.

Dec. 30, 2-3 p.m. - Snow sculpture contest in the park.

Dec. 31, 7-8:30 p.m. - Ski Cloudcroft hosts Live Entertainment and the Torch Parade down the mountain.

First Baptist Church, Ruidoso Downs, Christmas Day Dinner 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec 25 at the complex at 361 Hwy. 70 East. Everyone is invited for fellowship and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. For more info, David Jordan at 378-4611.

Visit Santa At The Attic 1:00 - 3 p.m. every Saturday in December till Christmas and on Mon. 22. Boys and Girls bring your letters, 1031 Mechem, The Attic Complex, Ruidoso.

clubs/meetings

Yes-Drug Free Schools VIPS Meeting 11:45 a.m. Jan. 28, 1998 at the Ruidoso Schools, Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle. Public invited! Call Paul Wirth at 257-4051 for more details.

Ruidoso Senior Center Art Classes 10 am Thursdays at the Senior Center behind the Public Library on Sudderth, artist J.L. Schuller will be holding non-structured art instruction for all levels and in any medium. Participants must

have all their own materials. Fee is \$5 per session, Call Schuller at 257-6590 for more information.

Health And Wellness Board Meeting 12:15 p.m. Jan. 5, 1998 at the Circle J BBQ.

Noisy Waters Sertoma Club Meeting Place Changed 12 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Circle J BBQ. For more info call Evelyn Shaw at 257-3479.

Model Rocket Association The association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. Call Bob Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405 evening. Outside Alamogordo area call Turner at 800-545-4021.

Optomist Club The Optomist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive. New members always welcome. For more information call Lynn Price at 257-4991 or Vera Wood at 258-9218.

library

Celebrating the Season 3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec 18 at the Ruidoso Library "A European Christmas". Stories, caroling, Christmas cookery, movie.

Bookmobile Schedule Jan. 13, Feb. 10 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00-6:30 Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11

Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30-8:30 a.m. Nopal Store 9:00-10:00 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:30-12:00 Lincoln RC 2:45-3:00 Mondo Store 4:00-5:00 Capitan Public Library 5:30-6:30

Capitan Public Library 106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. The library is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with Wednesday evening hours 5:30 to 7:30. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Public Library The Library will be closed for the Christmas Holiday Dec. 24, 25, and Saturday, Dec. 27.

The library will also be closed Jan. 1, 1998 for New Year's Day. Preschool Story Hour: 2-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays. Fun for 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.

movies

Sierra Cinema 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444. "Titanic," "Mouse Hunt," "Flubber," and "Scream 2." Call the theater for show times and ratings.

theater

Betty Awards 8 p.m. Jan 10. Ruidoso Little Theater and its season patrons honor the best and the brightest at this gala event.

The Territorial Theater of Capitan Presents "A Christmas Memory" 8:00 p.m. Dec 5, 6, 12, 19 & 20.

CLUBS

Alcoholics Anonymous Meets at noon and 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Tower (rear entrance), 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-2643

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

Altruza Club Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, 257-5068

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center: 257-9071

American Association of Retired Persons AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month.

American Cancer Society of Lincoln County Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room, Jane Yowell, R.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

American Legion Post 79 Meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796.

American Sewing Guild of NM Neighborhood group meeting 258-3896

B.O.P. Does Meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

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Boy Scouts of America Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

Cancer Support Group Meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-4682

Choir Group Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool, 258-5621

Co-Dependents Anonymous Support group meeting 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

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

Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. All performances will be held at the Lincoln County Mercantile, 320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. For more information or tickets by mail, please call 505-354-2316 or 505-258-3808.

parks/recreation

Funtrackers 101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Arcade Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing. The arcade is located on Carrizozo

Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Rancho Sosegado Trout Fishing/Picnics Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Ruidoso Athletic Club 415 Wingfield, 257-4900.

Ruidoso Bowling Center Saturday nights "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557.

Ruidoso Gymnastics Association 107 Canyon Rd., Agua Fria subdivision. Year round recreational and competitive gymnastics for boys and girls ages 3 to 12. 378-4468.

Need to get the WORD OUT about your Club organization or event? Submit your information to the Ruidoso News in care of What's Happening by faxing to 257-7053 or mailing to P.O. Box 128.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.; Wednesday services 7 p.m.

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church Carrizozo. Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

First Baptist Church 4220 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Tim Gibbard, Pastor. Sunday Contemporary praise & worship 8:30 a.m.; Bible study/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; traditional worship 11 a.m.; evening prayer and worship 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer and discipleship time 6:30 p.m.; Youth Bible study & fellowship 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs. David Jordan, Pastor. Sunday: General assembly 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Trinity. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna 420 Mechem Drive, Luis E. Gomez, Pastor. Domingos Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion 11 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m.; Miércoles: Escuela Bíblica 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Mylene Joyce, Pastor; Ramel Widener, Associate Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church Captain (south on Highway 48), 354-3119. Roy Goodloe, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA Wed.: 6:30 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes, 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Richard Cazanach, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m. (beginning Sept. 14); Holy Communion: 11 a.m. (beginning Sept. 14); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: St. John's Middle School, San Francisco 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Captain, 378-9102. Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church Carrizozo, 448-2821. Father Doug Brice, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 9:30

p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m. St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavlán Canyon Road, Vern Edmondson, Interim Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ Captain - Highway 48, Las Enwood. Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between mile markers 14/15, 336-4359 or 257-9691. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. 12:10 p.m.; Primary Young Women: 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schaffner, President, 671-9204. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Caroling at 10:30 p.m. 11 p.m. Midnight Chrst. Mass. Dec. 25. Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24, Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel Gloncoo, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Dec. 25, Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Dec. 24, Holy Eucharist 6 p.m.

FOUNDSQUARE

Capitan Fountains Church Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 258-3204. Sunday: Public Talk: 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Re-union Publica 10 a.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 10:50 a.m.; Lun. Estudio de Libro 7 p.m. Marc. Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. call for location. Call for events.

Wed. Dec. 3, 10, 17 will be Advent Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. with services at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m. followed by Jesus' Birthday Party at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day service w/communion 10 a.m. New Year's Eve Service w/communion 7 p.m.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Daylight Donuts. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan. Bob Boyd Pastor, 648-2893, 648-2846. CAROL ZODCO: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m. CAPTAIN: Sunday worship: 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864. Allan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church Nob Hill, Ruidoso, 257-2220. James Howland, Pastor. Sunday Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Tuesday: Bible study 10-11:30 a.m. Pastor fellowship after worship every third Sunday.

Mescalero Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church 4th Street, Carrizozo, 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church Worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Nopal Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday School 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.; Junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.; high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.; Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lyde 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Prayer services: 11 a.m. Wednesday; Church meeting 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Genery, pastor. Sunday worship 4 p.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship Gregg Horst, 354-2307. Monday: Ruidoso youth Bible study noon at Plaza Hut, Mechem Drive. Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Capitan youth group 7 p.m. at the fair building. Thursday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel

433 Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor Ben Sabados. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed.: Mid-week bible study & Kids Adventure Club 7 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion 212 Junction Rd. (en la Iglesia Metodista). Pastor Carlos Garcon. Reunion General: Domingos 6:00 p.m., Jueves 6:00 p.m. Reunion De Oracion: Lunas 6:00 p.m. Club Amistad (niños): Sabados 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Church 441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal Services Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: Interspersory pray-er noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel International (ULC) Alto Horn, 336-7075. Jeanne Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministry 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship Gavlán Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday morning prayer 8 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Youth Bible Study 7 p.m.

Family Crisis Center 24-hour crisis line: 765-7653. Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at El Niño Brown's office. Women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Brigit LaToche's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

Fraternl Order of Police Lodge #26 Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

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

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

HW+ Support Group Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month, 257-2235.

HW+ Support Group Meets 7-9 p.m. every Monday at the AAAA office, #785 Granada Center (on 1st St.), Alamogordo.

Weekly Topics: Dec. 1 - Conflict Resolution Dec. 8 - Grief: Living with loss Dec. 15 - Managing Emotion (505) 437-2460

Humane Society of Lincoln County Meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Kiwanis Club Meets noon Wednesdays at the Texas Club. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

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

La Junta R.C.E. Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. (505) 653-4912.

Prepared Childbirth Classes Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m. Mondays at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group Meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday for social time or varied program. Additional activities are also planned for weekends. Adult singles of all ages are welcome. For more information and locations, call - 258-3201, 653-4232, 354-2635.

Lincoln County Bird Club The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month, 257-5352

Lincoln County Democratic Party Meets once a month, 257-7558

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

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing, 354-2484 or 336-4808.

Thursdays Bridge 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows, 258-3831.

United We Stand For meeting time, call 257-6600.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 and its women's auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796

White Mountain Search & Rescue Meets 7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer, 258-9441 or 336-9669

Women's Networking Group Meets 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month for lunch at the Galloping Tortoise, 662 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Lunch costs \$8.25, 257-4991 or 336-9660

Women's Night Out Community Chorus Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings in the basement of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, 257-2389

You're Helping Hands Meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 257-9704 or 257-7293

Zia Girl Scout Council Meets 6 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

Meets 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Meets

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FOR SALE BY OWNER/BUILDER:  
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117 Black Forest Dr. Call Cowan Construction 257-4645

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**ROCKY MT. MOBILE HOME PARK** Mobile homes for rent. (1) 3 bedroom. (5) 2 bedroom available September 1st. Clean, affordable. 378-8088.

### 9 Mobiles for Rent

**3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH,** Approx. 12X60. Easy access, near "V" on river. HUD welcomed. Minimum 6 mos. lease. 378-4488, 378-8305. TR

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**DON'T NEED A 4 WHEEL DRIVE!** 2BR 2B Townhome in White Mountain Meadows. Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, easy upkeep! 258-3255 evenings or 336-0030 days TR

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**13 Room for Rent**  
**ATTRACTIVE BEDROOM/SITTING ROOM:** Private bath, separate entrance, telephone, satellite T.V., floor and board \$350.00 or Room only. Call 354-2858 TR

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**Classic Antiques** For sale at The Wild Herb 240 Sudderth (505) 257-1038

**34 Arts**

**Give Creativity For Christmas!** WISH CERTIFICATES AT GAIL'S FRAME OF MIND 1204 Mechem - White Mountain Plaza 258-9071

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**38 Help Wanted**

**FOREMAN - TRAINER FOR TREE TRIMMING CREW** (1) - 1000 hrs. (2) - 1000 hrs. (3) - 1000 hrs. Must be willing to relocate. Must pass drug screening. Call 378-1094 or 378-5818

**39 Work Wanted**

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Attest: /s/ Leann Weibracht, CMC

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Qualified General Contractors may obtain copies of the bid documents by depositing \$100.00, payable to the Mesalero Agency Housing Authority for each set of bid documents obtained. Proposed form of contract, bid documents, including plans and specifications are on file and can be obtained at the office of the Architect.

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Such proposals will be returned to each person who returns the documents and bid form to the center of said Ruidoso Downs on the 10th day following bid opening.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the proposed project site on December 17th, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bidders are encouraged to attend.

A certified check payable to the MAHA, or an irrevocable letter of credit, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. Furthermore, the successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment security.

The contract award for this project is subject to the approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The work to be performed under this contract is subject to Indian Preference and Equal Employment Opportunity.

Attention is called to the contractor's obligations for Indian Preference and Equal Opportunity. (See Supplementary Instruction to Bidders and Section 8 of the Special Conditions).

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MAHA in its discretion reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any formality in the bids received when in the interest of MAHA.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of MAHA.

Mr. Freddie Kaydahanne, Executive Director, Mesalero Agency Housing Authority Post Office Box 178 Mesalero, New Mexico 88340

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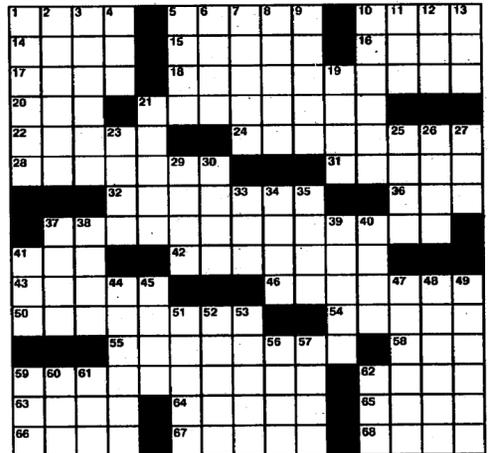
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—Pam Stevenson, Editor, *Miracle Monthly*

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:28 Family News in Focus  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
1:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT III - Mike Kellogg  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
2:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT IV - Mike Kellogg  
:28 Concert of Prayer Today - David Bryant  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
3:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT V - Mike Kellogg  
4:00 OUR DAILY BREAD - Les Lamborn  
:10 Guidelines - Dr. Harold Sala  
:15 Family News in Focus  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 A Word With You - Ron Hutchkraft  
:36 Music  
:40 Radio School of the Bible  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
5:00 TURNING POINT - Dr. David Jeremiah  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 USA SPORTS  
:33 Today In The Word - Mike Kellogg  
:35 Music  
:40 Climbing Higher - Dr. George Sweeting  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**MORNING**

6:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - Dr. James Dobson  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 Christian Working Woman - Mary Whelchel  
:34 Music  
:40 Radio Bible Class Daily - Martin DeHaan  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
7:00 IN TOUCH - Dr. Charles Stanley  
:25 Joni & Friends - Joni Eareckson Tada  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 USA SPORTS  
:33 Music  
:40 Running to Win - Dr. Erwin Lutzer  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
8:00 IN SIGHT FOR LIVING - Dr. Charles Swindoll  
:30 Alternative - Dr. Anthony Evans  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
9:00 CONFERENCE ECHOES  
:45 Music  
:40 Renewal - Dr. Gene Getz  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
11:00 MIDDAY CONNECTION  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
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12:00 Music (Community Issues-Wed. only)  
:28 Family News in Focus  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 Music  
:40 Creation Moments - Dr. Paul Bartz  
:42 Music  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

1:00. STORIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

:15 Gateway To Joy - Elizabeth Elliott  
:30 Money Matters - Larry Burkett  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
2:00 ADVENTURES - BOOKSHELF  
:15 Music  
:29 A WORD WITH YOU - Ron Hutchkraft  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 Music  
:53 Think About It - Bob Featherstone  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
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:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**EVENING**

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:25 Music  
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE  
:31 Music  
:40 Two Minute Seminary  
:42 Music  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
7:00 OPEN LINE - Chris Fabry or Don Cole  
:28 Today in the Word - Mike Kellogg  
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8:00 GRACE TO YOU - Dr. John McArthur  
:30 Music  
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9:00 SOUND OF MAJESTY - Greg Wheatly  
:30 CONCERT OF PRAYER TODAY - David Bryant  
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10:00 HAVEN OF REST - Ray Orland  
:30 Music  
:40 Living Word - Don & Naomi Cole  
:55 USA NEWS  
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:28 Getting the Message - Lud Golz  
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:27 USA SPORTS WEEKLY REVIEW  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
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:30 Storybook Room - Bob Devine  
:45 Music For Children  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
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:30 We Kids  
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:30 Jungle Jam  
:55 USA NEWS  
10:00 SPORTS SPECTRUM - Chuck Swirsky  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
11:00 JOSH McDOWELL RADIO  
:28 Pacific Report  
:40 Christian Working Woman - Mary Whelchel  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**AFTERNOON:**

12:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY I - Donna Leland  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
1:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY II - Donna Leland  
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
2:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY III - Donna Leland  
:28 Today in the Word  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
3:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY III IV - Donna Leland  
:27 USA SPORTS  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
5:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - WEEKEND  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**EVENING**

6:00 UNSHACKLED  
:30 Let My People Think - Dr. Ravi Zacharias  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
7:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT I  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
8:00 ALIVE! - Ron Hutchkraft  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
9:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT II  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
10:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT III  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
11:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT I - Mike Kellogg  
:28 Getting the Message - Lud Golz  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

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**EARLY MORNING:**

12:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT II - Mike Kellogg  
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
1:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT III - Mike Kellogg  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
2:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT IV - Mike Kellogg  
:28 Concert of Prayer Today - David Bryant  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
3:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT V - Mike Kellogg  
:28 Think About It - Bob Featherstone  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
4:00 SHOW ME THY GLORY - Miron Canaday  
:15 A New Song - Burt Kettinger  
:30 Hour of Decision - Dr. Billy Graham  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
5:00 SUNDAY PRAISE I - Gary Leonard  
:28 Today in the Word  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**MORNING:**

6:00 SUNDAY PRAISE II  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
7:00 MOODY PRESENTS - Dr. Joseph Stowell  
:30 Sunday Praise III  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
8:00 SUNDAY PRAISE IV  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
9:00 MOODY CHURCH HOUR - Dr. Erwin Lutzer  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
10:00 REFLECTIONS - Aimee Lilly  
:28 Pacific Report  
:55 USA NEWS  
11:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

**AFTERNOON:**

12:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY I - Phil Shappard  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
1:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY II - Phil Shappard  
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
2:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY III - Phil Shappard  
:28 Today in the Word  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
3:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY IV - Phil Shappard  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS  
4:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY V - Phil Shappard  
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5:00 RADIO BIBLE CLASS - Martin DeHaan  
:30 Hour of Decision - Dr. Billy Graham  
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

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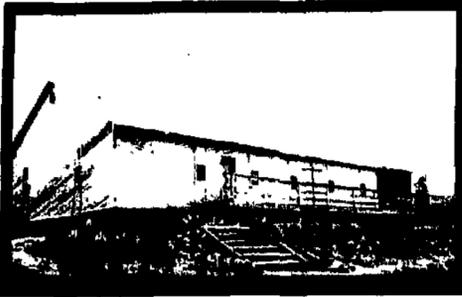
6:00 IN TOUCH - Dr. Charles Stanley  
:25 Music  
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:30 Music  
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8:00 HEARTSONG - Frank Boggs

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"...A Saviour has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11



# Carrizo Christian Fellowship

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

*Jesus, My Reason for Living,  
Jesus, My King of Kings,  
Jesus, My Greatest Possession,  
Jesus, My Everything...*

I hope this Christmas season Jesus is your reason for the season. You see, it was nearly two thousands years ago that God the Father would make a decision to redeem mankind. All must realize God the Father would make the greatest sacrificial gift ever known. (For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that who so ever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16). It is God's unselfishness that we as a body of believers could enjoy the benefits of Psalm 103:1-5.

I believe the twentieth century church has forgotten God's greatest sacrificial gift and has therefore missed God's time table for blessings and benefits. We can look and learn from scripture that sacrificial giving is a pattern that has been established since the beginning of time. From Abel's first sacrifice in the old covenant to God's only begotten son in the new covenant, giving has been a principle of multiplying the Kingdom of God and His goodness to those that would give unselfishly.

We must also realize that the wise men gave gifts to baby Jesus.

When Jesus was born, wise men presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Although these items were not usually given at a baby's birth, they were most appropriate gifts for Christ, the promised redeemer. The old covenant ended by the failure of men to give of themselves to God. The child who would bring the new covenant was found in Bethlehem, Judea, by the wise men who laid riches at his feet. This was no accident—for it emphasized in new terms the sweep of God's love that is released by our giving.

*First, the wise men gave Him gold.* Now gold was given to kings to recognize their lordship and authority. By giving gold to Jesus, the wise men affirmed that He is the King of Kings.

*The second gift, frankincense, was used only in the worship to God.* The wise men presented it to Jesus and fell down and worshiped Him. Their actions and gifts proclaimed that Jesus is the son of God.

The third gift, myrrh, was a spice used to embalm and prepare a body for burial; yet the wise men gave it to a newborn child. This gift foreshadowed Christ's death on the cross. The myrrh verified that Jesus is the sacrificial lamb.

With this in mind, let us remember to give a sacrificial gift this Christmas season. I as Pastor of Carrizo Christian Fellowship, have challenged my church to give a gift of sacrifice. I believe when we let go of what's in our hand, God will let go of what's in His. For it is with this unselfish gift that we would experience God's presence and glory. If we would only be stirred by God to do something we've never done before, our church's wouldn't split, our pastor's in this area would not have to have a second job, for what you invest in you can't walk away from.

Remember, our gift to the Lord this Holiday season will be just as the wise

## The Guiding Light



*As the Christmas season is upon us, I would like to emphasize the importance to keep Christ in Christmas. After all, Jesus is the real reason for the season...*

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*by Joshua Harris*

*"For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities: all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."*

men who first gave gold that represented lordship and authority. Your gift will declare His lordship and authority in your life. The second gift, frankincense, was given in worship to God. Your gift will also be worship to God. For you see, worship is a *relationship*, not a 'bless me, bless me, give me, give me.'

Last but not least, the third gift, myrrh, represented an embalming spice used on a body at death. Our gift this season will foreshadow the death of our everlasting failure, fears, and backsliding; and I believe will also prepare us for what could possibly be the final year of the victorious, triumphant church.

May God bless you with a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Sr. Pastor Leonard Kanesevah III

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*The Wise Men*

Although the Gospel of Matthew does not specify their number, tradition holds that there were three wise men — one for each gift. And, as early as the sixth century, names were given to them, with physical attributes coming somewhat later. Thus, the bearer of gold was said to be Melchior, an elderly Persian with a long beard; a young and beardless Indian named Caspar offered fragrant frankincense; a black Arabian named Balthasar brought myrrh, the bitter gum resin valued for its medicinal properties.

En route home from China at the end of the 13th century, marco Polo reported that he visited the wise men's graves near Tehran — though a century earlier the Holy Roman emperor claimed to have moved their bodies to Germany for preservation. The most scholars will say about the wise men is that, being guided by the star, they were probably astrologers from Persia.

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*And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

# "Peace on Earth..."

Gazing reflectively across the room, the assortment of "fat's," knife scars, and bullet wounds are glaring signposts of the world we live in. These young men of Camp Sierra Blanca are a constant reminder of the harsh realities of life on the streets in the "land of the free and home of the brave." Recently, as I sat reading the evening journal of one young man just returned from week-end furlough, haunting words jumped from the page before me, "can't we all just get along?"

The trade off for a few days of freedom was an overwhelming sense of frustration. Masked behind his smile was a deep concern for the state of his world. It's no wonder so many question the religious accolades, of we who lead the way, when no peace filters to their streets. Where is the peace?

American sons and

daughters have struggled and fought for over 200 hundred years to preserve it. The principles of peace upon which this nation was founded hang around the necks of today's youth. The inalienable rights of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness have become the very entanglement we've feared. In the headlong pursuit of these freedoms we have lost the most basic right of every human being, "PEACE!"

If the answer is not within the appeasement and fulfillment of self, where is it? "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 (NIV) The "Good life" we so badly desire is still found in the one who promised it "ABUNDANTLY."

The pronouncement still rings across the miles of time as

loudly as it did almost 2000 years ago to the shepherds on that quiet Judean hillside. "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:9-14 (KJV)

"I do not give as the world gives..." What a divine understatement! The secular world can't give it! We can't educate, work, or theologize our way to it! It is the promised gift from before the worlds were

created to sum up all things in Christ Jesus. Why CAN'T we just get along? Perhaps in our pursuit of self we have forgotten that in the dying to self we really find the happiness. "I have seen crucified with Christ and have longed for death, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal 2:20 (NIV)

Perhaps the PEACE we so badly need and want begins not with self but with others. Foundational truths will make our world a better place in this generation and those yet to come. The reality is, "... the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:7 (ASV)

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There was a time in my life when I had a lot of questions. I really wanted to know if God was real. I wanted to know not only if He was real but did He care about me. I wanted to know not only if He cared but could He reach into "my" world and help me. I had "tapped" on His door a few times but it wasn't until I knocked knocked like I wanted Him to answer that He did.

God gives us this promise in Matthew 7:7,8: "Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks." (New Living Translation)

Why did God wait for me to do the knocking? He tells us in Hebrews 11:6: "So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."

Do you want to know if God is real? Do you want to know if He cares about you? Do you want to know if He can come into "your" world and help you? You have to answer this question first: "How much do you desire to find God?" If you sincerely seek Him then as He promises in Matthew 7:7,8 you will find Him.

God is real. "...I AM THE ONE WHO ALWAYS IS." (Exodus 3:14a NLT) God does care about you. "You saw me before I was born. Everyday of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." (Psalm 139:16 NLT) God already has come into your world through the form of Jesus Christ. "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." (John 3:17 NLT) He has sent His Holy Spirit to help you with anything you may be facing. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth." (John 14:16,17a NLT)

Stop "thinking" and start ASKING. Stop "scanning" and start LOOKING. Stop "tapping" and start KNOCKING. You have questions? God has the answers.

With **God** all things are possible

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# Teen Testimonies

*to the Ruidoso Regional Community*



## **My Life and "The Man Upstairs"**

My name is Jeronimo Romero. I'm 18 years old and a strong believer in Jesus Christ. While growing up in Raton, NM, I found myself in trouble from doing stuff I thought was fun. When I was 11 years old, my family moved to Greeley, CO and I met new friends who thought it was cool to "hang out" and soon found myself involved with drugs. One day, while looking in the mirror, I noticed I was getting thinner and I began to get scared. I began to pray and asked, "the Man upstairs" to forgive me for all my sins and to rebuke the evil in my life. He must have heard me, 'cause, until I was 17 years old, I did real good. Then, we moved back to Raton, NM. I found myself with the old friends and soon in trouble again. Eventually, I was caught, given a court date, but chose instead to run... to Colorado. I was found at a friend's house late one night and returned to the State of New Mexico.

As they told me I was under arrest, I heard a voice saying, "don't run, don't fight," and I listened. I was convicted and began my time of incarceration as a part of the judicial system. When I was chosen to come to Camp Sierra Blanca, I had just about given up on myself. By the time I arrived, I felt like a nobody and sometimes felt like hurting myself. One night I began to pray again to "the Man upstairs" and asked for help to do the right things in His sight and not my own. Over and over I prayed and continue to do so even today. Again, He heard my prayers and I woke feeling the power of a hundred men and to keep going, and going, and going.

I believe He has helped me a lot while I've been here at C.S.B. I've begun to learn to respect myself and others. I'm learning the tools I need to be productive here and on the outs. Now, I think of myself as a somebody, not a nobody. I no longer think of myself as empowered by Satan, or part of a gang. I am a different person. That is a power that comes from "the Man upstairs". He has given me cause to believe I am somebody and I can make it through life. I think I have always known there was a God and He has been there to help, not only for me but for others also. No matter if you're locked up or free, He is there. He can do things for others like He has done for me in my life. I know He can change other people and their lives also.

Sometimes I think back to when I was down and wanted to hurt myself and what would have happened if I had done what was on my mind. Where would I be now? Hurt? Dead? On a one-way road to Hell?

I am so glad "the Man upstairs" is a part of life and brings change to His world.

## **How I Found Christ...**

Hi! My name is Fernando Nez, and I'm a 17 year old Native American from Gallup, NM. All my life I felt like a nobody. It seemed, no matter what I did I was always getting locked up. In and out of jail, it was always the same old thing. I never thought there was a God upstairs. One day, after being locked up again, I sat down in my cell and started to think. I was tired of the way I was living and I fell to my knees and began to pray, "Lord, help me, help me to change my life." I cried out all night looking for release from my anger and frustration. For some reason, from that day on I felt different. I felt like someone had just cleaned me out. From that day forward, I began to let the Lord take over my life.

Now, I find myself here at Camp Sierra Blanca. This place has really turned my life around, and I thank the Lord for answering my prayers and hearing my cry that night. Here at C.S.B. I see right and wrong taught and exemplified in front of me. I've also learned the negative influence of gang involvement. I've learned how to make my own decisions in life and not let the crowd cause me to get into trouble. I am getting to know, and love, myself and others more. Life seems to be about respect, respect for ourselves and those around us. Learning to help ourselves and those around us. That was something I never knew how to do before. Now, I'm glad I have someone to talk to when I'm down and lonely. I just get down on my knees and pray to the Lord. I know there is a God looking over each person in this world and answering prayer.

Here at C.S.B. our motto is, "Kids First." The staff care about us a lot and try to help us out. Sometimes when I get into my bed at night, I thank the Lord for sending me here and answering my prayers for renewal. I know there is a God and He loves each one of us. I know He walks with me, loves me, and cares for me. I hope, for those reading this letter, He'll find you soon. Ask Him into your heart and for His salvation.

I am Fernando Nez and I have found the Lord. I wish you all the best during this Holiday Season and that most of all you find Him too.

## *Back in the Right Mind*

So lonely a world, so little the time...  
How could it be, the Lord  
has changed me all around, and  
put me back in the right mind?  
He saved me from evil and sin,  
I've always prayed it would work  
out this way in the end.

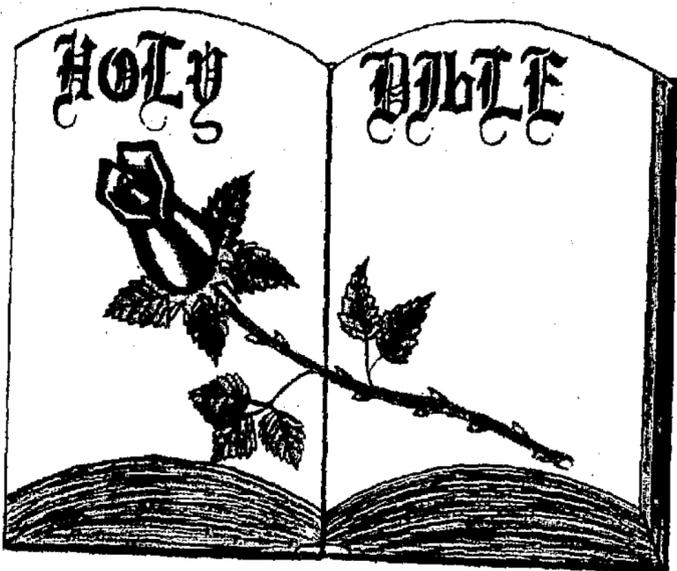
I hear voices in the middle of the night,  
trying to wake and show me  
the way of the bright light.  
My painful thoughts disclose, thus  
do these voices speak, and flit like  
shadows past, My Spirit falters  
in despair, tears flow thick and fast.

Oh, when shall I see Jesus, and  
dwell with Him above, and  
drink from flowing fountains of  
everlasting love? When shall I be  
delivered from this vain world of sin, and  
with my blessed Jesus, drink  
endless pleasures again?

The Lord is my Savior and blessed Father  
above...

God bless all who read...

*Jeronimo Santiago Romero*



Sketch by  
Fernando Nez,  
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*Where would we be without Jesus?*

He gave Himself so that He could bless us in every way!

Rom. 8:32

*Christmas Greetings from Miracle Monthly*

# Fellowship of Christian Athletes

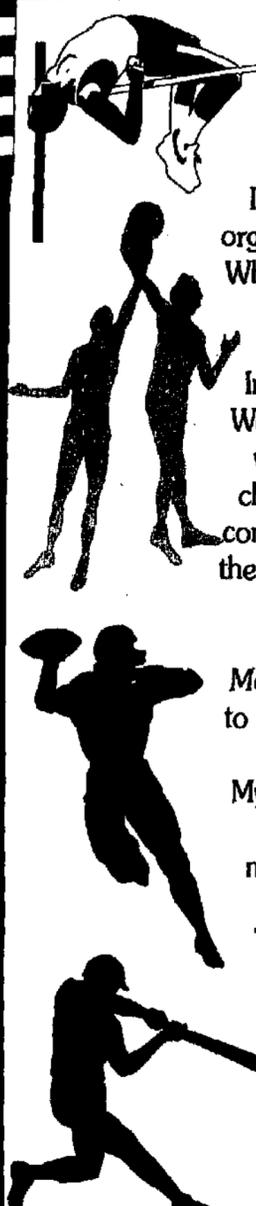
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I am a high school senior at Ruidoso High School and have been in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization for a little under a year. During the past year my life and my morals have changed dramatically. When I first joined FCA I was a believer in God and a Christian, but I was easily tempted to party, lie, cheat, etc.. I never let my "habits" get in the way of my studies, but it was a problem between God and I.

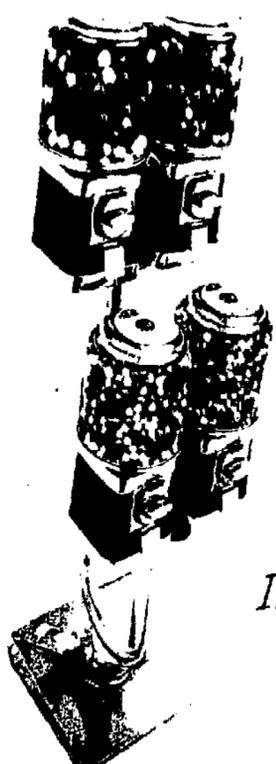
In June, my FCA group traveled to Acuna, Mexico to take part in a mission based out of Del Rio, Texas. We spent four days there and came back, our lives changed forever. While in Mexico we were able to see what true faith really is. We saw people in the worst of conditions walk three to four miles just to go to church. These are people that take baths in the middle of the neighborhood, that share one waterline of contaminated water with the rest of the community, and that live in dirt-floored cardboard houses. And yes, these awesome people still have faith in God. Meeting these people made me question my faith and it made me realize everything I have.

The FCA trip to Mexico has not been the only thing about FCA that has changed my life. With every Monday night meeting I grow and get closer to God. I have begun reading my Bible, I witness, and I try to stay as far away from sin as possible. FCA has given me the stability to be a "good" Christian. It has led me to other people with my same beliefs that can pick me up when I fall and correct me to be a light. My FCA huddle has reached out to our community and student body in many ways. It is announced in the school announcements and newspaper. We have a prayer meeting in the cafeteria every Wednesday morning and we have opened it up to everybody. FCA is not just for the athletes. The FCA huddle has quadrupled in the past year and this clearly shows proof that FCA can and has changed people's lives. There are new faces at every meeting and new hearts devoted to God. Through FCA, God has shown many people his love and truth. He has changed my life forever.

Sincerely, Sundae Elwell



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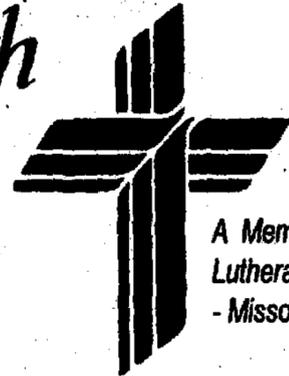
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*He came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.*  
 "For the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is His name."

Luke 1:49

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## The "When" and "How" of Christmas!

by Rev. Kevin L. Krohn

To Christians, the incarnation, the Son of God becoming man, is the most central event in all of history. All previous ages looked forward to the coming of Christ, and all subsequent history gains meaning from Christ's coming. The gospel writers Matthew and Luke carefully give us the historical setting to Jesus's birth — under the reign of Caesar Augustus when Quirinius was governor of Syria and while Herod was ruling Palestine. Yet, the exact date of Jesus's birth is unknown, and the early Christians did not even celebrate Christ's birth. Birthdays and their celebrations had always been Roman festival days. The resurrection was the big event for Christian celebration.

By the fourth century, however, many Christian groups had begun to observe Christ's birthday, though the day chosen for the celebration differed from place to place. Christians in the East generally celebrated on January 6 (many still do); those in the west celebrated on

December 25. Others set dates in March, April, or May... (support for those wishing to leave Christmas decorations up all year!). About 350 A.D., Pope Julius set December 25 as the date of Jesus's birth. This corresponded with the Roman feast of Saturnalia, the festival of the Unconquered Sun. Since ancient days, people throughout the northern hemisphere had celebrated at this time when the daylight hours reached their shortest and again began to increase. Temples were decorated with greenery and candles; there were feasts and parades with special music; and gifts were given to family and friends. Among the Saxons, they used holly and ivy in their winter religious ceremonies. As Christianity spread throughout Europe, many of the pagan customs and festivities of the winter solstice were absorbed into the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The English Puritans and Reformed Protestants across Europe determined to purify religious belief and removed everything that was not directly commanded or described in the Bible. They

believed the observance of Christmas on December 25 was pagan, taken from the Roman Catholic calendar. In 1644 the Puritans banned Christmas observance in England, but the ban was quickly rescinded when King Charles II took the throne. In America, however, the Puritans of New England continued to treat December 25 as just another day in winter well into the 1800's. By the 1830's Puritanism was being thrown off in New England, and people were beginning to celebrate Christmas with a mix of Dutch and English traditions. By the end of the century, most

Americans were celebrating a Christmas with all the traditions of today — lighted and decorated trees, Christmas cards, carols, fruitcakes, festive parties, shopping and giving gifts.

Whatever has transpired throughout history... the intent of the Christian is to keep the central message of Christmas clear, very clear... for the salvation of all who believe it is the day of our Savior's birth — the Son of God, Jesus Christ!

## How Christian is Christmas?

by Rev. Kevin L. Krohn

How much do you know about the history of Christmas? Certainly, we all know the familiar Scriptural history according to Luke, chapter two. But what about after that? Ever wonder how Jesus Himself looks at all our present Christmas fanfare?

It can be as disappointing as a child's discovery there really is no Santa Clause — finding out the Early Church didn't celebrate Christmas and had no commercial interest in it. The Gospel writers didn't even bother to tell us the date of Jesus's birth.

Ever wonder if Jesus would be pleased with our celebration of His birth? Is He angered, embarrassed, angry, or disappointed?

Our society frantically celebrates Christmas but isn't at all interested in the words. In the past, it is no longer proper to say "Merry Christmas." Better "Happy Holidays." And the centuries old marking of time with BC — "Before Christ," and AD — "Anno Domini."

But what about the new BCE — "Before the Common Era" and CE — "Common Era," an astonishing disguise that pretends that there was no landmark event and definitive reference point for marking time established and accepted for ages by Western Civilization.

Perhaps Jesus does not lament the loss any more than the early church would have. It's hard to imagine Jesus

claiming title to the commercial orgy that Christmas so often becomes!

Yet, even a secularized Christmas still awakens something wondrous and out of the ordinary. Despite deliberate efforts to beat out any religious connotations to Christmas, non-believers have been unsuccessful. When else do we see that glimmer of openness of the human heart, the lingering hope that we might live together in a better way, a joyful release of generosity, care and concern for others in need? All Scriptural truths.

Where does all this come from? Even for the unbeliever, where does the human heart soften, become almost childlike, begin to put others first before itself, even expressing a warmth perhaps not even evident before? All of this comes from a special seed and soil — though many would not admit or confess — the "good news" and joy that "unto you a Savior has been born."

## A Blessing Christmas!



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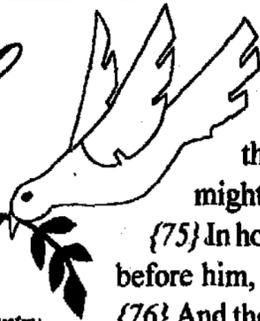
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## The Peace of

## God

by Pastor Mark Gentry



Here at Christmas time, there is one drawer in our home that receives quite a bit of attention. We call it the "junk drawer". It seems every Christmas we have some last-minute shopping we need to get done, (usually on Christmas Eve); and those gifts must be wrapped. This is when someone asks, "Where is the Scotch-tape?" And sure enough, there in the back of this drawer we can find a nearly empty spool of tape with just the right amount to finish the last package.

I've been in a lot of homes in my life time; and without fail, I found each one contains a "junk drawer". Some even have junk closets, and I've even seen whole rooms set aside for the express purpose of collecting "junk". The contents of these



The Gentry Family: Ryan, Christopher, Eric, Ashley and Pastor Mark with his wife Sheila

so-called "junk drawers" belong to the owners, yet what occupies these individual treasure chests are easily forgotten. In many ways this reminds me of the heart of the Christian.

In Galatians 5:22 and 23, Paul wrote that "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, *peace*, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." One of the characteristics of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart of a believer is the *peace of God*.

At Christmas time we talk a lot about peace. Our Christmas cards say, "Peace on earth, good will

toward man" or "Best wishes for a peaceful Holiday Season". Our carols sing of peace, and of a peace-giver: "Hail the heaven born Prince of peace..." Yet, statistics show the season to be one of the most depressive times of the year. During this time of the year the majority of suicides and suicide attempts are recorded. Talk of peace is not the answer.

*The peace of God only comes by making peace with God.* A very powerful New Testament definition of the word peace is "to set at one again" or "to reconcile". Let's take a look at prophecy inspired by the

Holy Spirit and spoken by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist in the First chapter of Luke. "{67} And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, {68} Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, {69} And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; {70} As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: {71} That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; {72} To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; {73} The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, {74}

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, {75} In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. {76} And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; {77} Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, {79} To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ; and according to this prophesy, he was to prepare the way of the one who would "guide our feet into the way of peace". Jesus is the way to peace with God. The word peace in this passage literally means "to be at rest, to be reconciled". Jesus came to assure the absence of hostility between God and man, and to reconcile man back to God. Jesus set our relationship with God "at one again".

Upon the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord (Rom. 10:9,10), the believer obtains right-standing with God the Father; or **Peace With God!** In James 3:18, James wrote that the

fruit of righteousness is sown in peace; and Peter said the "word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching *peace* by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)" We receive peace with God at the new birth, and the entrance of His Peace into our hearts.

Cultivating and applying the peace of God in our lives gives us protection and divine direction. Let's learn to develop the peace of God in our lives by first looking to Isaiah 26:3,4 in *The Amplified Bible*, "You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord..." The result of trusting the Lord in every situation is divine protection. You can trust a God who says in Isaiah 49:15,16, "...yet will I NOT forget you. Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed) a picture of you on the palm of each of My hands..."

We lose our peace when we fight our own battles, and do not submit to the will of God. In Proverbs 16:7, God tells us to trust His ways and walk in the way that is pleasing to Him, and He will make our enemies



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1 John 4:9

to be at peace with us.

This Christmas Season, reach into the treasury of your heart and activate the peace that has been there all along. Develop your relationship with your Heavenly Father.



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Rev. Pat Butcher during the dedication ceremony for Abundant Life Family Church in Ruidoso on December 6. Visitors were warmly welcomed in the new location in Pinetree Square next to Schlotsky's.



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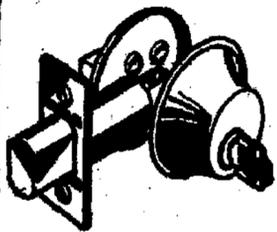
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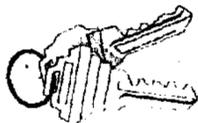
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*About the Cover...*  
featured artist **George Worley**

George grew up in New Mexico. His early years were spent at Milnesand, a "post office" town on the "Texas Strip". Beauty in the sand hills around Milnesand is a matter of opinion but the fence rows, windmills, vast and often dusty skies, and country roads were a study and often appear in George's current paintings. George lives in Alamogordo where much of his work is exhibited.

He began with watercolors as a teenager and attended art classes offered by the El Paso Museum of Fine Arts. He also studied the use of oils under noted artist Carl Cogar who taught old master methods and classical art at the Brannigan Cultural Center in Las Cruces, N.M.

Worley has participated in many fine art workshops under master artists William Kolliker of Switzerland, Bill Rakocy, Michael McCullough, Rex Lacey, Rose Russell and others. He recently participated in a demonstration/workshop with El Paso artist Lester Hughes.

He calls his painting style "painting with light" and considers himself fortunate to be able to make a living doing something that is so much fun.

George is a member of the United Council of Artists and the Desert Art League.

We are pleased to feature George Worley's art on our *Miracle Monthly* cover for December. The snow scene reminds us of the many long roads we travel to get home.

*"Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel..."*

Jeremiah 33:14

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When God came to man as Jesus (Luke 2:1-20), He brought more than a babe in a manger... He brought a Saviour. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life."

Christmas is a season filled with many mixed emotions. From joy and excitement to sorrow and loneliness. But God has a master plan and those with a 'Kingdom view' understand that the Kingdom of God displaces the Kingdom of Satan.

John the Baptist came preaching "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Jesus' example as recorded in Matt. 4:23, "Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of



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sickness and all kinds of disease among the people." The Kingdom is housed in Christ, "for where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20). "Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3).

Jesus said the Kingdom of God has already arrived. But it is not yet fully established, it will be completed when Jesus returns at the end of this age. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus said "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." (Don't worry about eats, drinks, or what to wear).

### So, what is the Kingdom of God?

First, it is spiritual—Romans 14:17 "For the Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Second, it is eternal—II Peter 1:11 "For so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The Kingdom gives life, growth and revelation. Jesus said in Matt. 13:11 "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven..." The Kingdom of God emphasizes ownership and Lordship, and the kingdom of Heaven emphasizes location. Both talk about the realm of God's rule.

In Matthew Chapter 13, Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to the following parables:

#### 1. The Parable of the Sower.

(Mat. 13:1-9, 18-23)

(Describes how the Kingdom begins)

- It begins with the preaching of the Word, the planting of the seed in the hearts of people.
- The seed is God's Word.
- The various soils represent different kinds of hearts, and the various results show how we respond to God's Word.
- God's Word is Living and Powerful just like seed.

(Note most of the seed did not bear fruit.)

- Fruit is the test of true salvation. (Mat. 7:16) and Holiness (Rom. 6:22) Christian

character (Gal. 5:22-23), Good Works (Col. 1:10), Winning Others to Christ (Rom. 1:13), Sharing What We Have (Rom. 15:25-28) and Praising God (Heb. 13:15).

f) If a plant is to bear fruit, it must be rooted in soil and exposed to sunshine. (In the parable, the sun represents persecution that comes because of the Lord. Persecution helps believers grow. But only if rooted in the Word.)

g) It is possible to "believe" and yet not be saved. (John 2:23-25).

h) 19 times in Matthew 13 we find the word "hear". (It is important that we hear God's Word.)

i) Rom. 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Mat. 13:9, Jesus said "Who hath ears to hear"; Mark 4:24 "Take heed what you hear"; Luke 8:15: "Take heed how you hear."

#### The Opposition. (Mat. 13:24-43)

a) Satan opposes the Kingdom by trying to snatch the Word from hearts. (Mat. 13:4,19)

b) But when he fails, he has other ways of attacking God's work.

c) The next three parables reveal that Satan is an imitator.

- He plants false Christians.
- He encourages a false growth.
- He introduces false doctrine.

#### 2. The Tares.

(False Christians) vs. 24-30, 36-43

a) Satan cannot uproot true Christians, so he plants counterfeit Christians in their midst.

b) In this parable the word represents people converted through trusting the Word. The field is the world.

c) Christ is sowing true believers. (John 12:23-26)

d) Satan has counterfeit Christians (II Cor. 11:26), who believe a counterfeit Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9). He encourages a counterfeit righteousness (Rom. 10:1-3)—He even has a counterfeit church (Rev. 2:9) and at the end of the age a counterfeit Christ (II Thes. 2:1-12).

e) When God's people go to sleep, satan goes to work.

f) Our task is not to pull up the false, but

to plant the true.

g) We must oppose satan and expose his lies.

h) We must sow the Word of God and bear fruit where God has planted us.

i) God will take care of the tares.

#### 3. The Mustard Seed.

(False Growth) vs. 31-32

a) In the past, a mustard seed symbolizes something small and insignificant. It produces a plant large enough for birds to sit in its branches.

b) The birds represented satan. (Matt. 13:19)

c) Daniel 4:12 & Ezekiel 17:23 indicate that a tree is a symbol of a world power.

d) Jesus did not explain this parable: The kingdom of Heaven will have an abnormal growth and satan will work in it.

#### 4. The Leaven (False Doctrine) v. 33

a) Leaven illustrates the inward development of false doctrine and false living.

b) Leaven is a symbol of evil. It had to be removed from the Jewish homes during Passover. (Exodus 12:15-19; 13:7)

c) It was excluded from the sacrifices (Ex. 34:35)

d) Jesus used leaven to picture hypocrisy (Lk. 12:1); false teaching (Mat. 16:6-12); worldly compromise (Mat. 22:16-21)

e) Paul used it to picture carnality in the church (I Cor. 5:6-8) and false doctrine (Gal. 5:9)

f) Sin is like leaven (yeast): It quietly grows, it corrupts, and it "puffs up" (I Cor. 4:18-19; 5:2; 8:1)

g) Satan tries to spread false doctrine into God's Word.

h) I Thes. 5:21; "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Study with us again, as this lesson will be continued in the next issue of *Miracle Monthly*.

Bill N. Yates,

Minister and Servant of our Lord.

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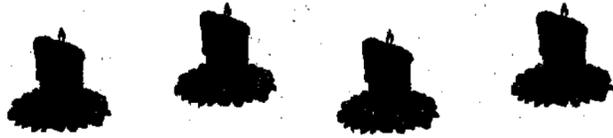
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## "Have you heard the Word?"



In previous editions of *Miracle Monthly*, we dealt with two concepts; the Bible as God's inspired revelation to man, and His commitment to respond actively and positively to anyone who reaches out to Him for help. Let's consider more specifically now God's promise to give us the things we ask for in prayer.

Shortly before Jesus was arrested and taken to be crucified, He promised His disciples He would return to them in the person of the Holy Spirit to be their counselor and guide forever. He also assured them the request they made of God in prayer would be granted. John 16:23 and 24 records this astounding promise:

(23) *In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.*

(24) *Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (NIV)*

Since, through the scriptures, God intended these words for us as well as the disciples who walked with Him in Galilee, we may appropriate this promise as ours. In addition to being given what some have termed "power of attorney" to make requests of God our Father in the name of Jesus, we are told straightforwardly and confidently that God will give us the things we ask for.

He imposes some conditions, though, which must be acknowledged and met if we are to be truly effective in prayer.

First of all, 1 John 5:14 and 15 makes clear God's prerogative to answer only those prayers which coincide with His desires for us or those for whom we are praying:

(14) *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we*

*ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

(15) *And if we know that He hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of Him. (NIV)*

As God has committed Himself to hear and grant only those requests which in His wisdom and sovereignty He desires to grant, we can conclude that the obligation falls on us to determine before we pray what God wants to do in any given situation and then to structure our prayers according to His revealed will. We can also conclude that it is possible to know His will. As we study our Bibles, we find clear indications as to God's intentions toward His people. In Ill John 2 for example, inspiring the words of the Apostle, God reveals Himself as a loving Father who wants to bless us in tangible and observable ways:

(2) *Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. (NIV)*

Having first determined God's will in a matter, we are to be so completely confident in His willingness and ability to invade and change circumstances, we believe our request is already granted. This kind of faith is prerequisite to effective prayer and Romans

10:17 tells us this kind of faith is given us as we read and study and hear God's Word.

Finally, God requires of us obedience. In John 15, verses 7 and 10, He sets before us again His astonishing commitment to answer our prayers as well as His unyielding insistence on lives yielded to His Lordship.

(7) *If you remain in me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*

(10) *If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love.*

As you read your Bible, judge your thoughts, words, and deeds according to the standard of holiness God reveals. When you confess your sins, He forgives and restores you to fellowship and right relationship with Himself. As you strive to conform your behavior to His desires, realize He has bestowed on you a great discretion in making requests of Him in prayer.



*Al and Marty Lane, Pastors for Christ Church in the Downs*

*"And Joseph also went up from Galilee... to the city of David which is called Bethlehem... And while they were there, the time came for her to deliver."*

# Cornerstone Church

## "Christmas Holidays"

by Pastor B. A. Thurman



"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!...."

We sing it, read it, advertise it, promote it, but man doesn't feel it. People today dread it. It comes too soon. They haven't payed off all their debt from last year.

Christmas was to be a time for rejoicing. I feel there has been a spiritual change. Man has exchanged the Spirit of Christmas for a commercial spirit of self-gain. Luke 2:8-11 tells of shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their

flock by night. An angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were badly frightened but the angel assured them. "Don't be afraid," he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced and it is for everyone. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem wrapped in a blanket."

Suddenly the angel was joined by a vast host of

others—the armies of Heaven, praising God. "Glory to God in the highest Heaven" they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing Him."

Christmas has become a time of giving and receiving of gifts of a humanist and materialistic world.

II Corinthians 9:15 says: Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

What is this gift?

Romans 6:23 says the Gift of God is Eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Now we can understand why the angel told the shepherds that their announcement was the most joyful news ever. For Christmas represents the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour for everyone!

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yet tragic manner, these epitaphs suggest the foolishness of living and working only for 'things'.

During this Christmas season, we are all out buying a lot of 'things' but I think we all realize that real happiness and contentment can not be wrapped up and put under the tree.

How will we portray Christ's birthday this year for our children?

of the bondage it causes them financially. Christmas is very costly when providing gifts for everyone. The Gift of God is free and it is for every one. Through Jesus Christ, the son of God who was born of the virgin Mary.

If we would change Christmas back to the original purpose, I feel it would take the drudgery out of the Christmas

holiday. Santa Claus is not real—Jesus Christ is real and alive. He left the splendor of Heaven to be born in a manger that you may have life, and have it more abundantly.

In a cemetery in England stands a grave marked with this inscription: "She died for a want of things." Along side that stone is another which reads "He died trying to give them to her." In a laughable and

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Pastor Thurman

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### "El Nacimiento de Jesucristo Fue asi: (Mateo 2:18-25)

by Rev. Benjamin Chavez

Estando desposada Maria Su Madre con Jose, antes que se Juntasen, se hablo que habia concebido del Espiritu Santo.

(Mt. 1:19-25) Jose su marido, como era Justo, y no queria infamarla, quiso dejarla Secretamente. Y pensando el en esto, he aqui un angel del Señor le aparecio en sueños y le dijo: Jose, hijo de David, no temas recibir a Maria tu mujer, porque lo que en ella es engendrado, del Espiritu Santo es.

Y dara a luz un hijo, y llamaras se nombre Jesus, porque el salvara a su pueblo de sus pecados.

Todo esto econtecio para que se cumpliese lo dicho por el Señor por medio del profeta, cuando dijo:

He aqui, una virgen concebira y

dara a luz un hijo.

Y llamaras su nombre Emanuel, que traducado es: Dios con Nosotros.

(Mt. 2:1)

Cuando Jesus nacio en Belen de Judea en dias del rey Herodes, vinieron del oriente a Jerusalem unos magos, diciendo: ¿Donde esta el rey de los Judios, que ha nacido? Porque su estrella hemos visto en el oriente, y venimos a adorale.

**Jesucristo Tiene muchos Nombres**

Is. 9:6 "Porque un niño nos es nacido, hijo nos es dado. Y el principado Sobre su hombro: y se llamara su nombre Admirable, Consejero, Dios Fuerte, Padre

**Buscado a Cristo para adorale. Buscando a Cristo Rey.**

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Lc. 1:31 Y ahora, concebiras en tu vientere y daras a luz un hijo, y llamaras su nombre Jesus.

Fil. 2:9 Por lo cual Dios tambien. Le Exalto hasta lo sumo, y le dio un nombre que es Sobre todo Nombre.

Fil. 2:10 Para que en el nombre de Jesus se doble toda rodilla de los que estan en los cielos y en la tierra. Y debajo de la tierra;

Fil. 2:11 Y toda lengua confiese que Jesucristo es el Señor, Para gloria de Dios Padre. (He. 1:4).

AP. 19:12 Sus ojos eran como llama de fugo y habia en su cabaza muchas diademas; y tenia un nombre escrito que ninguno concia sino el mismo.

AP 19:16 Y en su vestidura y en su music tiene escrito este nombre: musio Rey de Reyes y Señor de Señores.

**Los Magos Adorna Jesus**

Mateo 2:1 Cuando Jesus nacio en

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Lc. 2:13-14 Y repentinamente apareció con el angel una multitud de las huestes celestiales, que alababan a Dios, y decian:

¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas, y en la tierra paz, buena voluntad para con los hombres!

LC 2:20 Y volvieron los pastores glorificando y alabando a Dios por todas las cosas que habian oido y visto, como se les habia dicho.

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Sin Jesus no hubiera Salvador.

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The holidays are upon us and we know how busy you are, but we hope that you would take just a minute to read the last Seeds of Life newsletter of 1997. We recently celebrated our ten years of ministry in September and in reflecting back, we were humbled and yet very grateful to acknowledge God's hand of faithfulness as He has led and provided for Seeds of Life as well as our family. As a new year begins, we would like you to join with us in giving thanks for all God has done in and through Seeds of Life over the past ten years.

First of all, we give thanks to God for giving us the vision and the courage to move forward into a sometimes very "unpopular" arena. We thank Him for proving through us that He takes the foolish and weak things of this world to confound the wise and in a very real way to show His strength through our weakness. We also want to thank Him for our family and His care for each of us. We have had our struggles and joys, (just like each of you) in continuing a ministry such as this, but He has provided and directed us every step of the way. When we were in our first stages of preparation for this ministry, we had Ricky who was three and Danielle, two. Now our family consists of Ricky who is now 14, Danielle who is turning 14, Angela is 9 and Luke will be six next month. We are thankful for this precious family.



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We thank Him for the finances and resources to not only continue this ministry for the last ten years, but to expand and grow as well.

We thank Him for providing a safe and loving haven for the confused, frightened and very alone young women who have found hope through Seeds of Life. For enabling us to provide the truth, the resources and the love of Christ to thousands of men, women, and families throughout Otero county and beyond.

And last, but certainly not least, we rejoice with great Thanksgiving for all the little lives that He has so graciously allowed us to be a part of. For all the precious children, some are now as old as nine, who live and breathe and have opportunity to fulfill the plan He set before them from the beginning of time. We thank you Lord that we have been given opportunity to minister to the least of these, your little ones.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the part you play in this ministry. We ask that you would prayerfully consider committing your support to Seeds of Life in this new year of 1998, either as a first time supporter or as a continuation of past support. Whether it be financial support, prayer support or coming alongside to labor with us, we look forward to hearing from you in this new year.

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to let us share with you. We covet your prayers as we begin a new year of reaching out to the least of these. May this holiday season be filled with the true meaning of CHRISTmas for you and all of yours. We wish you the most blessed of all holiday seasons.

With Thanksgiving,  
Michael, Mary, Ricky, Danielle,  
Angela, and Luke

SOME OF OUR STAFF: (from left to right) Brian Gaffney, Missionary; Carlos Cornelius, Adm. Assistant and Missionary/Evangelist; Mike Robinson, Director



*"O come let us adore Him..."*

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:11

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### El Sueno de Maria

Tuve un sueño, José. No lo pude comprender, realmente no, pero creo que se trataba del nacimiento de nuestro Hijo. Creo que si era acerca de esto.

La gente estaba haciendo los preparativos con seis semanas de anticipacion. Decoraban las casas y compraban ropa nueva. Salian de compras muchas veces y adquirian muchos regalos.

Era muy peculiar, ya que los regalos no eran para nuestro Hijo. Los envolvian con hermosos papeles y los ataban con preciosos moños, y todo lo colocaban debajo de un arbol.

Si un árbol, José, adentro de sus casas. Esta gente estaba decorando el arbol tambien. Las ramas llenas de esferas y adornos que brillaban. Habia una figura en lo alto de un arbol—Me parecía ver un ángel, ¡oh! era verdaderamente hermoso.

Toda la gente estaba feliz y sonriente. Todos estaban emocionados por los regalos, se los intercambiaban unos con otros, José ninguno quedo para nuestro Hijo.

¿Sabes? Creo que ni siquiera Lo conocen, pues nunca mencionaron su Nombre.

¿No te parece extraño que la gente se meta en tantos problemas para celebrar un cumpleaños de alguien que ni siquiera conoce?

Tuve la extraña sensación de que si Nuestro Hijo hubiera estado en esa celebracion, hubiese sido un intruso solamente.

Todo estaba tan hermoso, José, y todo mundo feliz; pero yo senti enormes ganas de llorar.

¡Que tristeza para Jesús, no querer ser deseado en su propia fiesta de cumpleaños!

Estoy contenta, porque sólo fue un sueño.

Pero, ¡que terrible, jose si eso hubiera sido realidad!

(De autor anonimo)

### Un Nuevo Año

*Un año viejo termina  
 y otro año que empieza  
 sin saber amigos míos,  
 lo que el destino depara*

*Lo que si te recomiendo  
 que a Dios tu vida encomiendes  
 pues con el la paz tendras  
 y la verdadera vida encontreras.*

*La vida sin el, no es vida  
 pues puros tropiezos convida  
 a los que perisiten en llevar  
 y su propio camino extraviar.*

—Gaby Carreon

*Este año que termina, quizás como muchos tu te detengas a reflexionar, que hice mal, que pude haber logrado o simplemente ponerte a pensar que perdi o que gane.*

Y en el que principia te pongas a meditar, si eres padre o madre de familia pensaras que puedes ser mejor y dedicaras mas tiempo a tu familia. O que ya no los quieres tratar tan duramente. O en tus metas personales quieras dejar algun habito o bajar de peso. Si eres una persona soltera, quizás anheles casarte o viajar, ir al gimnasio. Buscar algun familiar, en prision alguien que amas esta. Quizas tengas anhelos que tu crees imposibles realizar, pero te tengo noticias que no debes olvidar.

Aquel que te creo, lo hizo para que tu reines con el, para darte la victoria, sobre aquello que en tu vida es divicil de vencer. Pueden ser debilidades o alguna persona te hiere, o aquellas cosas que se



Pastors Carlos and Gaby Carreon and son Carlos, Jr.

repite en tu familia, y que no entiendes el porque, te has puesto a pensar porque tanto divorcio en tu familia, alcoholismo, accidentes o suicidio.

Solo el Señor puede romper las cadenas y saciar la sed que nada ni nadie ha podido llenar, te has puesto a pensar que artistas al suicidio van a dar con dinero, fama y fortuna, que no se niegan asi mismos ningun placer, pero al final de su vida estan decepcionados. Hay un verso de la Biblia que dice: "Fiate de Jehova de todo tu corazon, y no te apoyes en tu propia prudencia, reconocelo en todos tus caminos y el enderezara tus veredas." "No seas sabio en tu propia opinion, teme a jehova y apartate del mal." Proverbios 2:5-7

"Delectate asi mismo en Jehova y el te concedera las peticiones de tu corazon." Salmos 37:4

"Busca primeramente el Reino de Dios y su justicia y lo demas vendra por añadidura."

El puede ordenar tu pasos, tus pensamientos, tu vida, entregale ahora mismo tu corazon, no lo dudes mas. Una cosa si te aseguro que encontraras paz y felicidad, si aquella paz que el mundo no puede dar y que solo en Jesus la felicidad encontraras.

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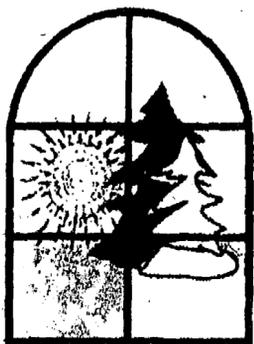
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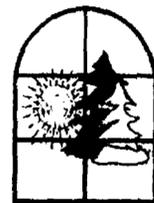
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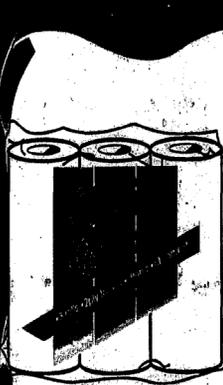
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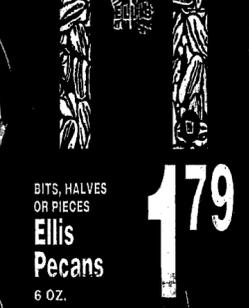
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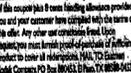
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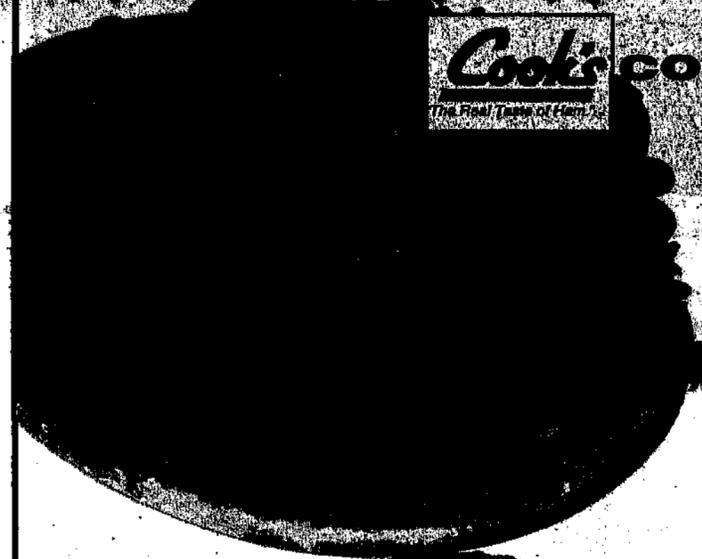
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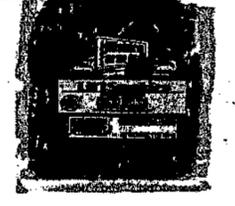


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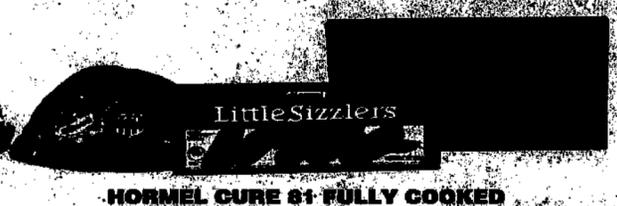
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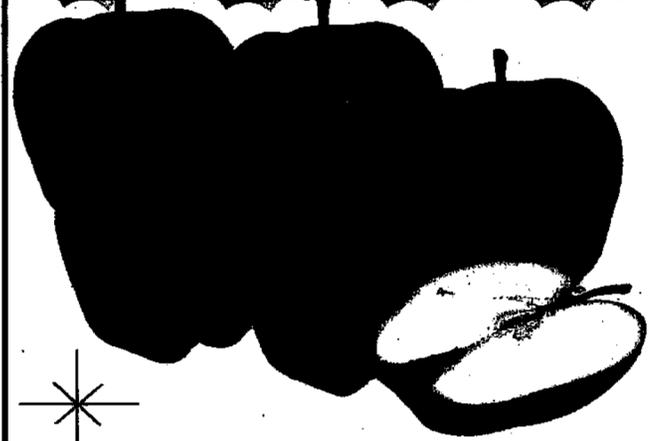
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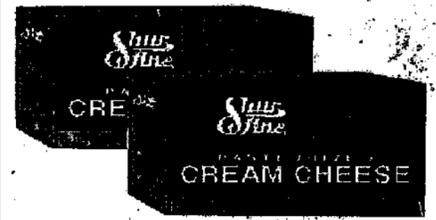


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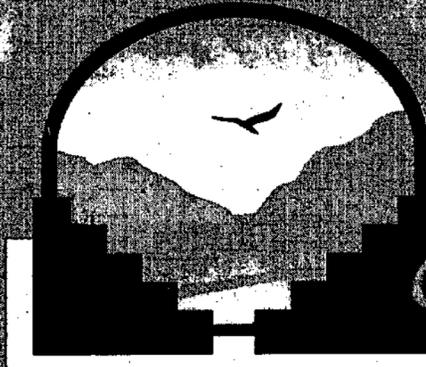
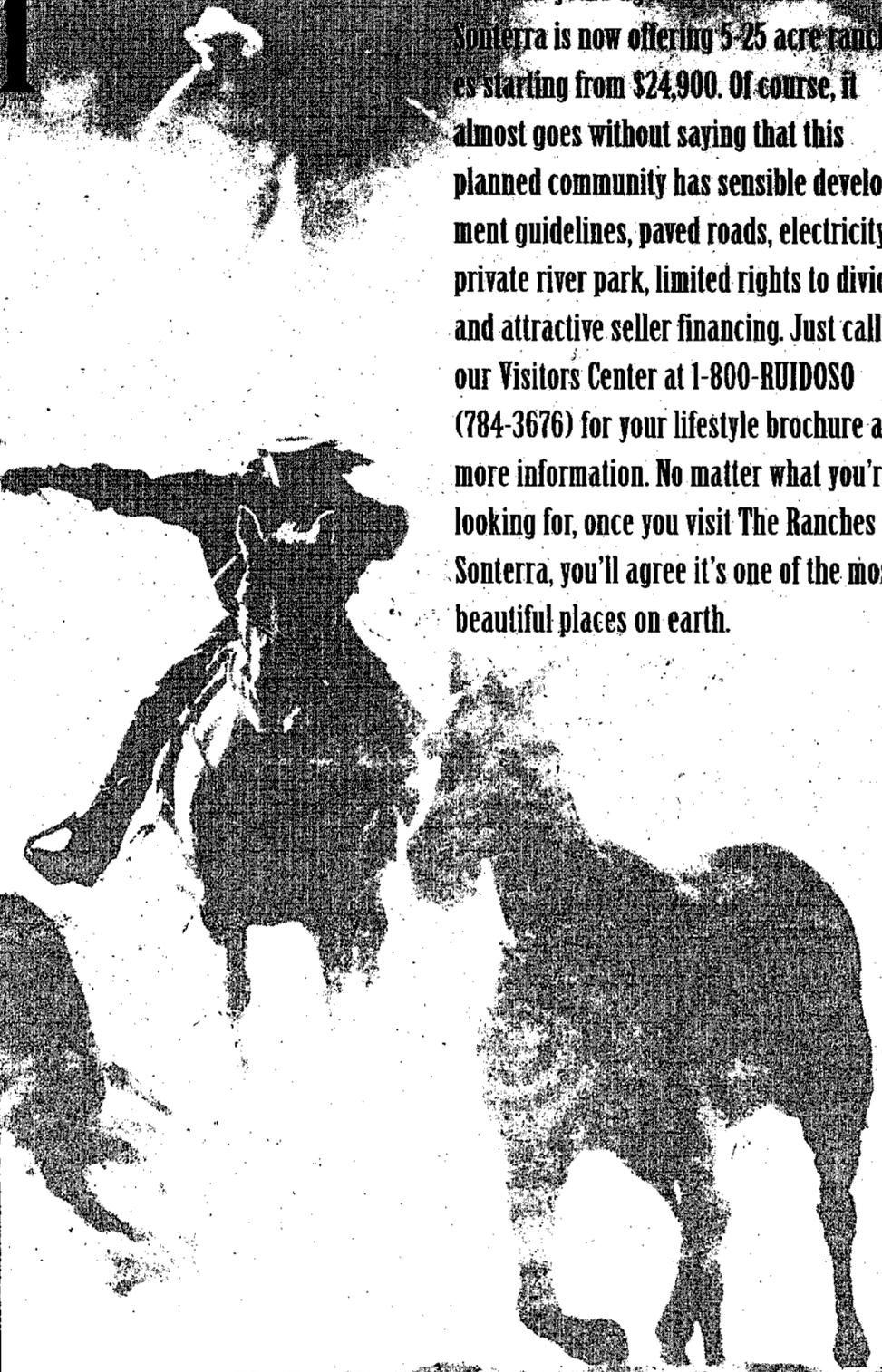
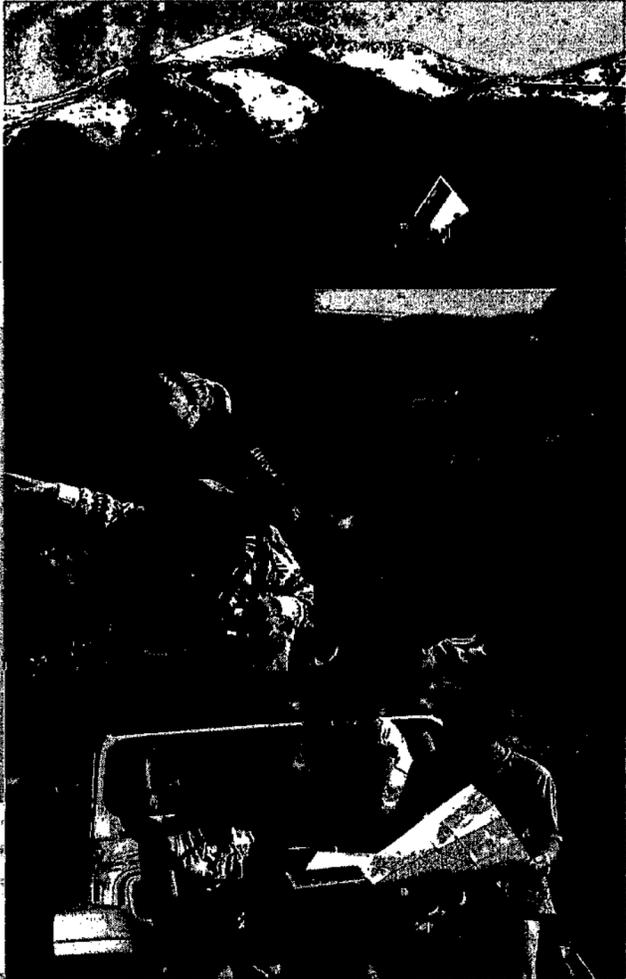


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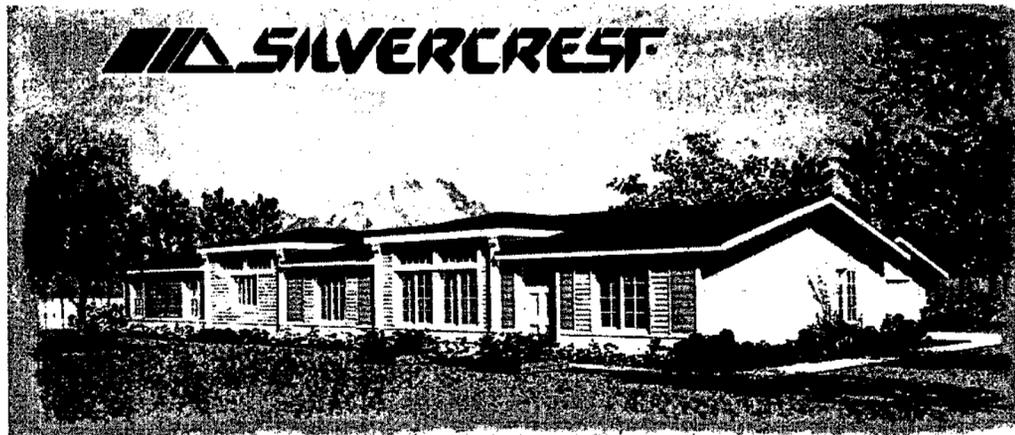
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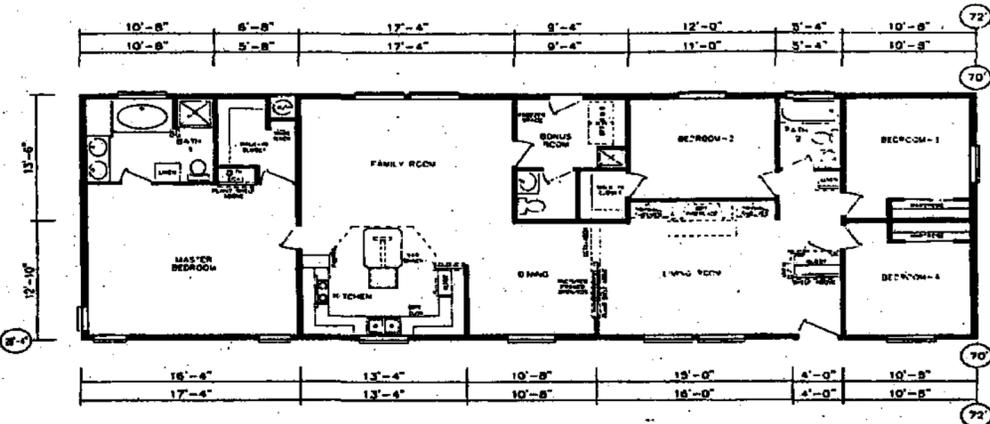
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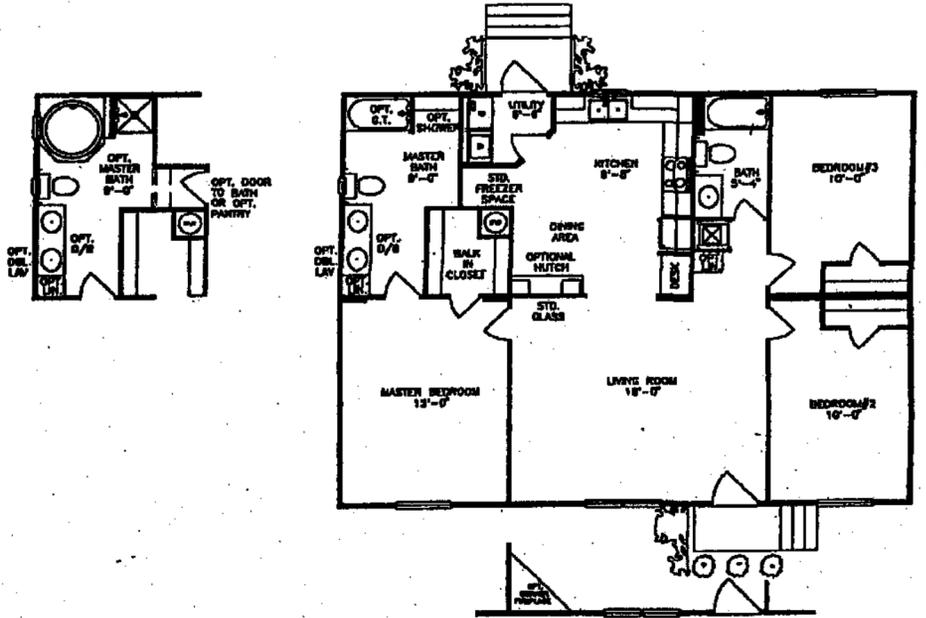


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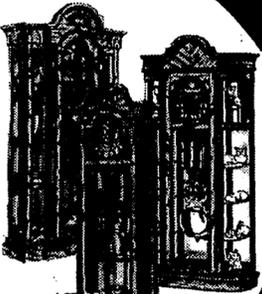
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