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And the roof came down...



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Don Fletcher tore down part of the roof at Ruidoso High School last Friday. The school maintenance worker removed the underhanging portion of the roof at the entry way and in front of the gymnasium that had been damaged by weather. Superintendent Mike Gladden said roofing work currently underway led to water seeping into the material underneath. The weight of the water proved to be too much, causing the roofing below to sag or fall. Gladden said no damage was done to the interior of the building. The damage should not set the roofing project at the high school back any, and should be covered by the roofing contractor's insurance, Gladden said.

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Candidates file for elective office in five villages

• Interest is higher in some communities as mayoral seats open up, and salaries increase.

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

In Ruidoso Downs, eight people Tuesday filed for two open council positions, making the March 3 election the village's most contested race in a decade.

In Ruidoso, three people have entered their names in the race for mayor and seven will contend for three open council positions.

Ruidoso Municipal Judge Michael Line is running unopposed.

Filing as candidates for Downs trustees are incumbents Ray Hayhurst and Margie Morales as well as challengers Chris Furphy, J.L. Wilson, Rene Olivo, Bonnie Richardson, Rebecca Lundquist and Bob Miller.

Besides Ruidoso's incumbent Mayor Jerry Shaw, councilors Robert Donaldson and Bob Sterchi are in the mayoral race.

Shaw, former publisher of a local weekly magazine, is serving her first elected term as mayor, though she was appointed to the position in 1993. She previously had been a councilor for five years, from 1984-88 and again from 1992-93.

Sterchi is serving his first term as

councilor, elected in 1996. A former Albuquerque bank vice president and an insurance consultant, Sterchi now works part-time marketing health plans for Presbyterian Health Care Services.

Donaldson, a councilor since 1992, served on the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for several years before running for the council. He is owner of Pro Ski Sport and Sun Country Mortgage Co.

Two incumbents and five challengers will vie for the three available positions on the Ruidoso council. Joe Gomez, appointed in 1993 and re-elected in 1994, decided not to seek re-election.

"Well you know, it's not anything against city hall," Gomez said Tuesday afternoon. "As much as I enjoy it, it is time-consuming. And I think to do a good job you have to spend the time."

Incumbent Leon Eggleston, a Ruidoso council member and an executive with CableVision, has filed to run for another term. He was elected in 1994. Also filing is incumbent Bill Chance, with Otero County Electric Cooperative, who is serving out an appointed term.

Challengers include M. Ovella Estes, a real estate agent and a member of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission; Ross E. Dingman, a for-

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► ANCIENT HISTORY

Nogal site seen as major center for Pleistocene research, education

• Prehistoric animal finds indicate once-active watering hole, and researchers hope to learn more, and share findings with students.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Fifteen thousand years ago, the area around Nogal probably was a watering hole for horses, bison, mammoths and other now-extinct branches of fauna.

They left behind a record of their existence buried under tons of sediment.

What started out last summer with the discovery of a mammoth tusk has ballooned into a major find of Pleistocene mammals in the gulches

around the small settlement north-east of Ruidoso.

With the help of The Hubbard Foundation, C&L Lumber and others who donate to the project, school children and the general public will be given first-hand glimpses of the excavation and will be able to follow the progress of the Dry Gulch Mammal project on the Internet.

Jeffrey Leach, of the Center for Indigenous Research in El Paso, said since his crew first worked on the mammoth last summer, skeletons of another mammoth, two prehistoric horses and a bison have been confirmed.

"It looks like the whole place is full

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U.S. Merchant Marine Capt. Victor Schaefer, left, of the and U.S. Air Force veteran Cleston Pritchett, have teamed up to gather support for the dedication of Fort Stanton Cemetery as burial ground for state veterans.

Vets' memorial at Fort Stanton wins support

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Armed with backing from Lincoln County's legislative delegation, some local veterans plan to wage a war of words to persuade the state to designate Fort Stanton Cemetery to the memory of the nation's veterans.

They've already written to Gov. Gary Johnson and to a special task force studying the need for another veteran burial space. They contend

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Snowy holiday season sets Ruidoso cash registers jingling

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The jingle of bells was heard throughout Ruidoso even after Christmas passed.

But these bells didn't belong to Santa's sleigh, they were echoing from the cash registers of local merchants.

The "white gold" blanketing the slopes of Ski Apache not only benefited local ski shops, local

business managers and owners also said they had an avalanche of holiday business.

"From Christmas to New Year's was excellent," said Marilyn Patterson, owner of Galleria West. "It was good in terms of sales despite the weather. I'd give it a thumbs up."

Cy Siano, owner of Siano's, said the nearly three feet of snow that hit Ruidoso before, during and after Christmas got

business off to a slow holiday start. But what the holiday weeks lacked in the beginning was more than made up for by the time 1998 arrived.

"There was just a lot of people," Siano said. "It was really nice."

At Misty Mountain Gourmet Shop, owner LaVeda Peterson said she watched the snow create bumper-to-bumper traffic jams on the streets, which

turned into shoulder-to-shoulder foot traffic in her store and others. On a scale of one to 10, she rated the holiday weeks a seven.

Gilbert Vigil, manager of Thunderbird Curio, also gave the holiday weeks high marks.

"I feel that sales were really good this year," he said. "The snow brought a lot of people in."

Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said she

and her staff have been hearing similar comments and that this year was "probably one of the best holiday seasons we've ever had."

That's no small feat in her eyes. "We had lots of people in town. It's a credit to our business community for making it a beautiful environment to be in," she said. "It's a very strenuous time frame; there's lots and lots of people in town, but they all need

to be made to feel welcome."

If the number of hotel rooms, cabins and condominiums that were full from Christmas to New Year's and beyond are any indication, any visitors were made to feel welcome.

Donna Jones-White, owner of Ruidoso Central Reservations, said she has an

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Clouds pick up; snow by Friday

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 42
Low ... 14



Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY High ... 44
Low ... 18



Mostly Cloudy

FRIDAY High ... 30
Low ... 19

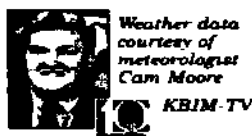


Snow Showers

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	57	18	.00"
Saturday	54	19	.00"
Sunday	54	20	.04"
Monday	46	19	Trace

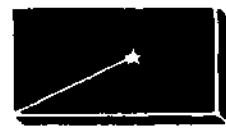
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	45	21	Partly Cloudy
El Paso, TX	50	32	Partly Cloudy
Lubbock, TX	46	23	Partly Cloudy
Midland, TX	48	28	Partly Cloudy



Jan. phases of the moon



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Mercantile White Oaks, when horses and railroads were in style.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 11, 1900

Jose Leon Padilla, the stage driver from here to Lincoln, was badly frozen in the blizzard Tuesday night. His face and feet suffered most.

W. C. McDonald was in the city from the Carrizozo Ranch.

R. D. Armstrong went to Roswell last week, taking cadets Paden and Taliaferro back to

school at the New Mexico Military Institute.

Miss May Lee is one of a number of individuals who have an attack of gripe in the mild form this week.

J. E. Wharton, John Owen and J. P. C. Langston attended the commissioners' meeting and court in Lincoln.

Miss Grace Austin is here from Bonito visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace Gumm.

Bert Timoney and Thos. Long went to Capitán last Saturday and returned Monday.

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ELECTION: Two incumbent mayors go unchallenged

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mer university professor and a member of several village committees; Alan G. Settles, a retired electronic engineer; Carolyn Sue Patton, a retired office and credit manager; Ray F. Sharbutt, an attorney.

In the county's three other municipalities:

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro is unopposed for a second four-year term at a new salary of \$500 a month.

However, five candidates signed up to run at large for two seats on the board of trustees.

Incumbents Connie Hopper, county emergency services coordinator, and Lamoyne Carpenter, a real estate agent, face opposition from businesswoman Debra Ingle, from water adviser and former mayor Bennie Coker and from Coast Guard retiree George Tippin, a newcomer to Capitan.

Trustees are paid \$100 a month.

Municipal Judge Jack Johnson, a former state police officer, faces Barbara Sanchez, owner of El Paisano Beauty Salon, in his bid for re-election to that \$400 a month position.

All races are for four years. The village has 848 voters registered for the election.

Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnle is going for a third term, but faces a challenge from former mayor Manuel R. Hernandez.

"I wasn't going to run again, but Carrizozo has had an opportunity for economic development come to our attention and I'd like to see it through," Kuhnle said. A company is pursuing permits and other items needed to begin a recycling operation, she said.

Hernandez said he's been approached by citizens who asked him to run again.

"I was mayor in the 1980s for five or six years and I kind of felt it was time to get back," he said.

Incumbent trustees Ruth Armstrong, retired, and James Silva, owner of the Four Winds Restaurant and Motel, face three challengers. They are local business owner Forrest Hansell, part time municipal clerk Cynthia Morales and Christina M. Full, who operates the Carrizozo recreation center and owns an RV park. The five will be running at large for two

seats. Although the mayor and trustees traditionally have been paid \$10 a month, they were expected at a meeting Tuesday evening to approve an increase for those elected next month. The mayor would be paid \$400 a month and trustees would receive \$100. The village has 662 registered voters.

Corona long-time mayor Ernest Lueras is unopposed.

Incumbent Lee Mulkey in district one will face Mitchell K. Adamson, who works for the Central New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative.

Incumbent Gilbert Stewart, appointed in district two to finish out an unexpired term, will face Margaret Holleyman and Bob Burroughs.

Stewart juggles municipal duties with his full-time job with the Central New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative.

Burroughs, a wrecker driver, mechanic and parts supplier, has lived in the village for 15 years.

Mulkey, a school bus driver, has served as mayor and on the council at various times during his 30-plus years in Corona.

Mitchell, who moved to Corona 2 1/2 years ago, said he decided to oppose Mulkey, because "I just thought they needed some new blood."

The mayor and council members are not paid.

SEASON: Lodging near 95 percent

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800-room inventory and not one of those rooms was empty during the two holiday weeks.

"Everybody was full," Jones-White said. "I think it was probably the best Christmas we've had in years. The town was really booked from the 23rd (of December) on, until ... well, there's still some here."

Bailey agreed that lodgings were a rare commodity and last-minute room seekers might have viewed a place to lay their heads as a gift. She said there's approximately 2,500 rooms in Ruidoso and Lincoln County, and estimated that all of them stayed at about 95 percent occupancy through the holidays.

When the rare cancellation did occur, Bailey said her office resembled a newsroom with vacancies coming "hot off the presses" into the hands of expectant travelers.

"We were working very, very hard (at filling every room)," she said. "Our number one responsibility is to keep our lodgings full. If visitors can't stay in a room, they can't eat in our restaurants, spend money in our stores ... we worked very hard to find rooms for everyone."

The success of Christmas '97 and New Year's '98 bodes well for future holidays, Bailey said.

"This reputation really sets us up for an outstanding winter season next year," she said.

BONES: April date set for opening site to students, others

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of late Pleistocene fauna," Leach said. "It's turning out to be a pocket of preservation, because the valleys have been filling up with sediment for 15,000 to 20,000 years and now, with development, water is being diverted and running down and exposing the remains where they had never been seen before."

The prehistoric animals probably came to the area for the springs, wandering up from the Tularosa Basin to

have a drink, he said.

That clustering of animals also may mean it was a kill site for early human residents of the basin, Leach said.

Jim Stoddard, executive director of The Hubbard Foundation, said Joan Dale Hubbard, a former elementary school teacher, is particular pleased with the educational opportunity the work will present to school children in Lincoln County. To help the project, along, the foundation has given the center a \$10,000 grant.

"It's a wonderful education-

al opportunity for kids in the county," Stoddard said.

A viewing platform will be constructed at the Dry Gulch Mammoth site to accommodate the estimated 2,500 to 3,000 students who will visit the excavation starting in April, Leach said.

"The site on a mixture of private and federal land will be closed to the public overall, but it will be opened up several days for the public to visit," he said.

In addition, an Internet web site has been set up under what the center is calling its Virtual Mammoth. School children and others will be able to watch the excavation on a daily basis and interact with scientists who spend time there.

"We'll take pictures every day with a digital camera, then

download it to a lap top and from there to the web site so anyone in the world can follow the dig everyday as it unravels," Leach said.

People will be able to e-mail questions for the paleontologists, archaeologists, anthropologists and others.

The excavation crew also is developing a small curriculum as part of the project, he said.

The center's first news letter will go out to supporters this month to update them on the Dry Gulch Mammoth, dated at about 9,300 years old, the nearby Mountain Breeze mammoth and other projects.

Donations to help support the excavations may be sent to the center at P.O. Box 9566, El Paso, Texas 79996. Lock on to the center's Web site at www.virtualelpaso.com/archaeology.

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Pols ponder interest in Downs council

• The council races will be the most contested in at least a decade, a village official said.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To the best of her recollection, Ruidoso Downs Village Clerk Leann Weihbrecht said the most contested race during her 10 years with the village was when four people ran for two open positions.

This year's race will be different.

Eight candidates will battle for two open seats on the Ruidoso Downs Village Council on March 3.

Incumbents Ray Hayhurst and Margie Morales are being challenged by Chris Furphy, J.L. Wilson, Rene Olivo, Bonnie Richardson, Rebecca Lundquist and Bob Miller.

"It's so bizarre because in the last election Ray (Hayhurst) and I ran uncontested," said Morales.

"I wondered if maybe the salary increase had an affect," Morales added, referring to the council's decision this year to increase compensation from \$100 to \$200 a meeting.

"It just may be that with Wal-Mart and the gross

receipts and all that, people think Ruidoso Downs is going to boom," she said.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst said he knew exactly why the village had a sudden wealth of candidates for village trustee.

"They are going for the raise," said Hayhurst, brother of trustee Ray Hayhurst. "I think it's strictly because of the raise they voted in — that's my opinion."

Several of the six challengers said it was not the \$400 a month that motivated their candidacy, but the opportunity to make a contribution to the village.

Furphy, who works at Lincoln County Medical Center as a medical technologist, said one reason he is running is because of the personal growth that the position would bring.

He knew about the increased compensation for trustees. "But it's not the money I wanted to do it for," said Furphy, a Downs resident for six years. "I thought with my opinions and the way I live I could benefit the city."

Olivo, who is a retired dispatcher supervisor for a transportation company in California, said he filed because he

would like to see Ruidoso Downs make progress.

"I like it very much here and would like to get more people involved in making decision for the city," said Olivo, who has had a home here for five years and moved permanently two years ago.

The money wasn't a factor for him, he said. "To me, that doesn't make any difference." Rebecca Lundquist, who works at Nob Hill Elementary School, has been a resident of the Downs for more than 18 years and is raising six children.

She would like to see roads fixed and the quality of life for children in the village improved. The money is a factor, "but I also volunteer with everything else around here, so it's not just the money," she said. "And I have quite a few children to get through the school system, so we are here for a while."

Bob Miller, a retired State Police captain and a former undersheriff with Lincoln County, has had a home in the Downs since 1960 and would like to offer his experience to the village.

"I can offer a lot because I am familiar with grants and I'm familiar with state govern-

ment and county government, and I can offer expertise in city government," Miller said.

Bonnie Richardson, co-owner of Ruidoso Wholesale Foods and a Downs resident for 25 years, said her motivation for filing was to do something for the village.

"And...I had enough experience in hands-on business management that I felt like I could be of service," Richardson said.

The Downs' previously uncontested elections were factors as well, she said. "I felt like the voters needed a choice."

Candidate J.L. Wilson could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Morales, who filed four minutes before Tuesday's deadline, said she was uncertain for a while whether she would seek re-election, saying she had already served six years. Morales made her decision to run because she wanted to "continue the direction we are going in and growing toward," she said.

Ray Hayhurst could not be reached Tuesday for comment on his decision to seek re-election.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Ruby Lee Carver

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 3, for Ruby Lee Carver of Ruidoso, who died Dec. 29 at her home at the age of 88.

Officiating for the last rites at the First Baptist Church was the Rev. Dom Madaris.

Born Feb. 27, 1909, at Hollis, Okla., Mrs. Carver was a member of the Ruidoso Women's Club, the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary, the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso, and a former member of American Business Women in Odessa, Texas.

She married Vernon Carver on Dec. 22, 1929, in Lamesa, Texas. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Harris of Odessa, Texas, and a granddaughter, Cynthia Bennett, of Midland, Texas.

The family has requested memorials to the LCMC Auxiliary or to Home Health of Lincoln County.

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

Carmen Edwards

Funeral services for Carmen K. Cook Edwards, formerly of Ruidoso, were conducted on Jan. 1 in Perryton, Texas. Mrs. Edwards died on Dec. 29 at the age of 68 in a Houston hospital. Burial was at the Ochiltree Cemetery.

Born in Perryton, in the Texas Panhandle, on Sept. 14, 1929, she had lived in Richmond, Texas (near Houston), since moving from Ruidoso about four and one-half years ago to be near family members.

In Ruidoso she had been advertising manager of the Ruidoso News for a number of years.

Married to Wendell Lee Cook, she had two sons, Michael and Gregory, of Richmond, who survive. Mr. Cook died in 1963, and she subsequently married Don Edwards.

he preceded her in death in 1986.

Other survivors include brothers Jack Looney of Shattuck, Okla., and Larry Loony of New Mexico; grandsons Jason Kilpatrick of Gulf Port, Miss., Troy Cook of College Station, Texas, Keith Cook of Oregon; and granddaughters Tina Cook of Kansas City, Mo., and Tammy Cook of Oregon; and one great-grandchild.

Russell Jenkins

Graveside services for Russell Jenkins, who died on Dec. 29 at his Ruidoso home at the age of 71, were Friday at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Born April 3, 1926, at St. Elmo, Ill., he was a retired mechanical engineer and a Navy veteran of World War II. He had moved to Ruidoso from Texas 15 years ago.

He married Arlene Giles on Aug. 21, 1946, at Effingham, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, of Ruidoso; a son, Robert E. Jenkins of Ruidoso Downs; daughters Martha Ellen Manley of Ruidoso and Nancy Lee Mayer of Ruidoso Downs; brothers John and George and sisters Carey Siple, Effingham. Donna Claar, Effingham; Phyllis Whitehead, St. Peters, Ill.; and Nellie Arnold, Clinton, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

Services were arranged by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Edwin H. Haddock

Graveside services for Edwin Hudson Haddock, 85, of Alto, were scheduled at 2 p.m. today at Englewood Cemetery, Slaton, Texas.

Mr. Haddock, whose daughter, Ann Edmunds, lives at Alto, died at her home on Jan. 5 after a sudden illness.

Born Feb. 28, 1912, in Portia, Ark., he lived in Slaton for most of his life, and moved to Alto in 1995.

Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ruidoso could ask bond issue approval at municipal election

• The Ruidoso Village Council will decide today whether to put a bond issue of as much as \$4.6 million up for a vote on the March ballot.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Ruidoso councilors first discussed the possibility of a bond election when they reached an agreement this fall with Capitan over Eagle Creek water rights.

Though an appraisal of the

Eagle Creek assets is not yet complete, village administrators have projected the agreement's cost to Ruidoso in the seven-figure range.

The village council is to decide in a special meeting at 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) whether to put that bond election on the March 3 municipal ballot.

By doing so, the village could avoid calling a special election at a later date at a cost of several thousand dollars, Village Clerk Tammie Maddox said.

The amount of the possible bond has not yet been determined, pending completion of the Eagle Creek appraisal.

If approved by voters, the bond would be paid for through an extension of a 1-cent gross receipts tax already in effect, said Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson.

Besides Eagle Creek, bond proceeds could encompass other water improvement projects, Jackson said.

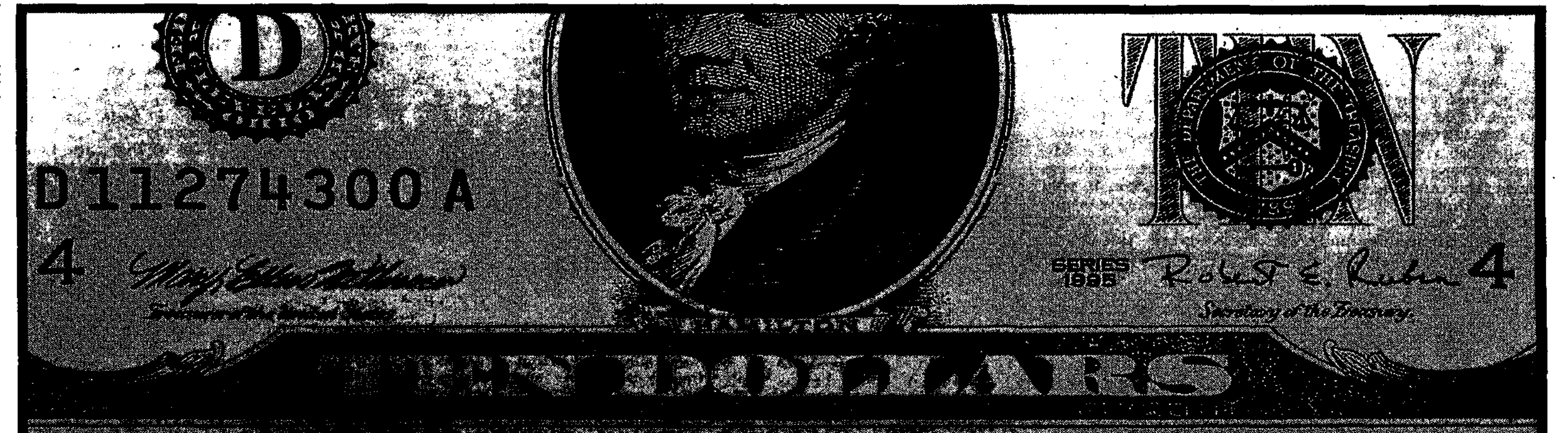
"This goes beyond even what Eagle Creek would represent," he said. "We have 30

miles of old, deteriorating water lines."

Ruidoso's capital improvement plan calls for \$3.4 million in work on its water system in the next five years, Jackson said.

"We know that there are things that have to be done. And these are minimal numbers," Jackson said.

Neglect, an arid climate and mountainous terrain has made Ruidoso's water problems so great, Jackson concluded.



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OUR OPINION

It's time to pay attention

We hope everybody in every village in these parts will take a close look at the list of candidates for municipal office published elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper.

That list is of all the people seeking a string of policy-making offices in Lincoln County's five scattered municipalities, plus two municipal judge slots. In all, 17 elective offices in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona will be there for the taking by whoever gets the most votes in each race at the March 3 election.

The sad thing about it is that probably a small minority of the electorate will decide who takes office. That is because such a small number of registered voters actually go to the polls in a typical municipal election.

It's happened all too frequently in Lincoln County and across the state and nation. And many excuses have been given by politicians, sociologists and maybe even psychiatrists: Inertia, lack of trust in government, a sense that everything's fine, or (worst of all) a sense that one's vote won't make a difference.

Incredibly, Ruidoso's last (1996) municipal election attracted less than 14 percent of registered voters. Presumably, this year, with a mayoral race thrown in and some presumably hot issues like taxes and municipal services to talk about (and maybe even a \$4.5 million bond issue question), the turnout will be higher. But don't count on it.

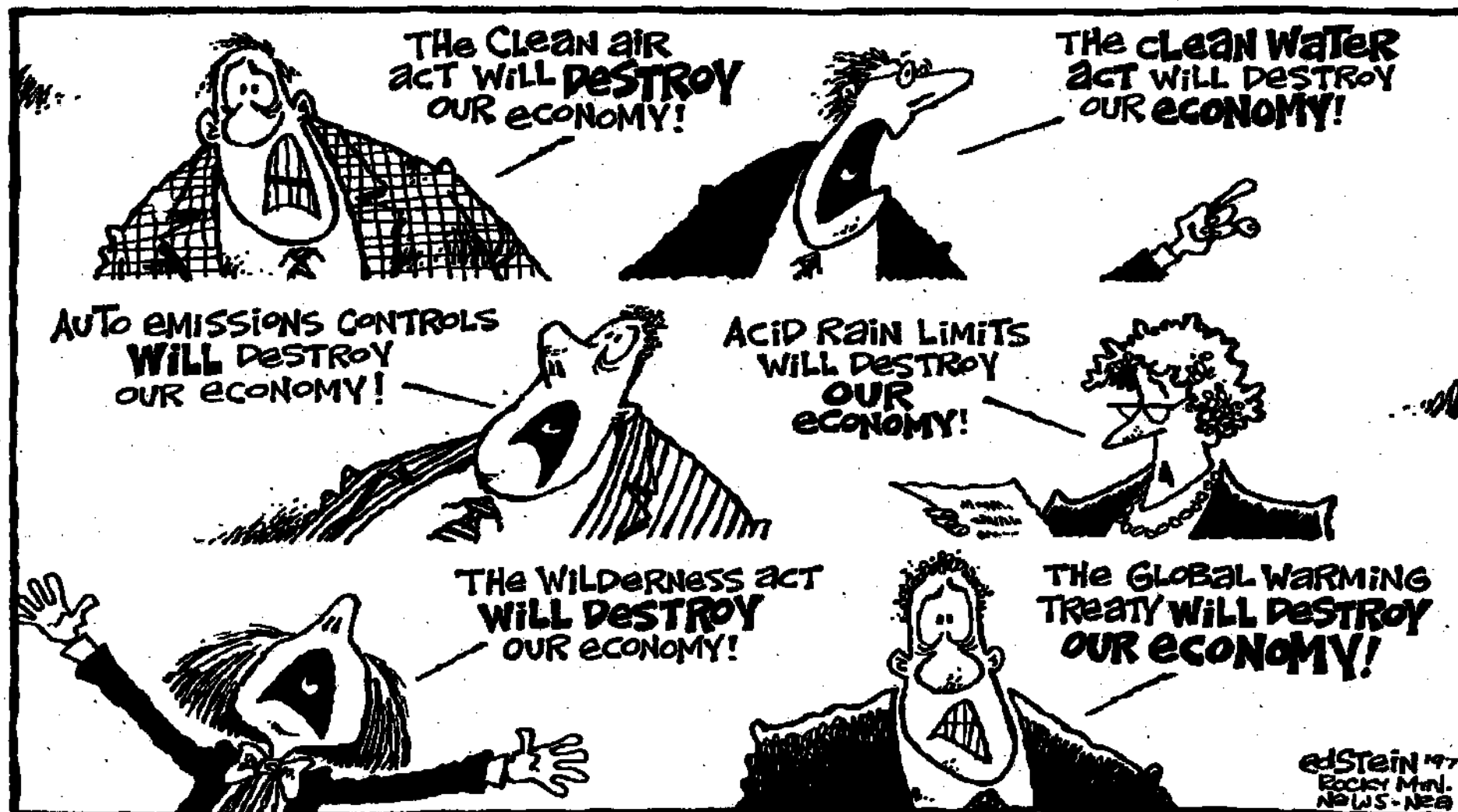
Certainly the voters in Ruidoso Downs should take a new interest in village affairs; they'll have 8 candidates in the field seeking 2 seats — the most contested in many years, apparently. And that village, thanks to the Wal-Mart relocation, for perhaps the first time ever will have some gross receipts tax revenue to spend toward upgraded services, and maybe even add a few amenities.

Ruidoso Downs and Capitan have raised pay for councilors, and Carrizozo was moving toward doing so Tuesday night. That might have added to a few candidates' interest in seeking office, but might not have increased the desire of the voters to participate.

In an ideal community with 6,000 residents and 4000 registered voters, and everybody voting, at least 2001 votes would determine a single candidate's election.

But let's look at an example: If a community has 4000 registered voters and 400 votes are cast for two candidates, then just 201 voters (or barely 5 percent) can determine the outcome. In the last Ruidoso election it was almost that bad: 283 votes, or barely 6.8 percent, was sufficient to win.

In such circumstances, it's anything but "the will of the majority." It merely demonstrates that the majority doesn't give a damn.



ENVIRONMENTAL ALARMISTS

THE DREAMER

In memory of Russell Jenkins

Mementos were on Jan. 2 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso for Russell E. Jenkins, who was called home by our Lord on Dec. 29.

Eulogies were given by Tom Workman and Dan Storm. Mr. Workman traced the 40 years he and Russell worked together in the field of mechanical engineering.

He said of Russell: "He was my teacher, my friend and my father-figure."

Mr. Workman further stated that Russell was a Christian gentleman who lived out his Christian principles in his everyday life.

Russell E. Jenkins was born April 3, 1926, in Saint Elmo, Ill., to Dewey and Cora Russell. On Aug. 21, 1948, he was married to the former Arlene Giles.

They have three children,



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

Robert, Nancy Mayer and Martha "Mitzi" Manley, and six grandchildren.

Russell served in the Navy during World War II. His memorial American flag was presented to his widow, Arlene.

Beside being a loving and devoted son, brother, husband and father, Russell was like a brother to his many friends.

The old saying, "he never met a stranger," was especially true of Russell.

He was always ready to

help a neighbor or a stranger, especially those in need.

Russell Jenkins will always hold a fond spot in our hearts and we rejoice that our dear friend is safe and happy in heaven with our Lord, welcomed by loved ones who have gone before.

Happy 86th, New Mexico

This is being sent to you on Jan. 5, the eve of New Mexico's 86th birthday.

Our state was admitted into the union on Jan. 6, 1912, as the 47th state.

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New Mexico's climate is

one of the most healthful in the country.

The New Mexico state flower is the yucca; the bird, the Roadrunner or "paisano," and the tree is the piñon.

Over the next week or so we might have a little something more to say about New Mexico.

Meanwhile, wish our beloved state many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

The weather warms up

For the last few days the warm west wind has been melting the snow so that it is almost all gone here in the vale.

Let us thank the Lord for the warm days, the snows and all the blessings of the holiday season.

YOUR OPINION

The end, or what?

I recently watched a program on HBO; it was about the predictions for the future by Nostradamus. He has predicted Napoleon's Waterloo, the rise and fall of Hitler, the assassinations of Lincoln and the Kennedy brothers, the European Common Market, the destruction of the earth's ecology and natural balance, and possibly Saddam in Iraq.

If the rest of this prediction comes true, and it looks like it, we are in for some dark days.

The other predictions that were made as to what is to come in 1998 and through the year 2000 look even bleaker. But Nostradamus did say "if" these were to come or happen, so we can control our future if we listen to the wise men of our past, and our past experiences/failures are not repeated anymore, and if the President's psychic would also pay attention to these predictions and to the fact that Nostradamus has been right on most of what he predicted.

Are we going to follow the world to destruction or take control of our future, or what?

Rick Nordland
Ruidoso Downs

Why fix waste system?

To the editor:

The Ruidoso News on Friday, Dec. 26, reported that the Village Council, in closed session, had decided to withdraw from the Lincoln County Solid Waste program. The article failed to provide the necessary

information as to what the costs will be and just how the Village Council plans to pay for all this. My immediate reaction was "here we go again." Another of their abjectly silly schemes that will ultimately cost Ruidoso taxpayers (us) in the form of higher property taxes. I can't help but ask, whatever became of the concepts of financial responsibility, logic and common sense? They certainly aren't being practiced in our village offices.

It's all well and good to request a grant of a million dollars from the state for a new trash compactor, but what happens when the state turns the request down? It's also well and good that a high-priced consulting firm tells the council that they need light-weight trucks and trailers to haul the collected trash to the Otero landfill, but where are these trucks and trailers to come from? Who will pay for them? How many trash collection trucks and associated equipment does Ruidoso own at this time and how much will it cost to purchase whatever will be needed? In other words, what's the bottom-line cost going to be? I noted that Mr. (Gary) Jackson addressed none of these items.

The article spoke of some six former employees being rehired, but it's obvious six employees would fall far short of the number needed when the scope of the administration, maintenance and operation of this trash collection scheme is considered. Do we really want it, or more pointedly, can we afford more employees on the village payroll?

Who are all these people who supposedly have been complaining about our existing trash collection system? I find that they probably exist only in the minds of the few who stand to personally profit from this plan. I contacted friends, neighbors and acquaintances, asking how they felt and the answer I received was that trash collection could be improved, but really wasn't that bad. This being the case, wouldn't it be far better, more logical, practical and cheaper to fix whatever is wrong with the existing system than to tear it down and start over from scratch, as the council proposes?

If the council isn't stopped, you won't need a crystal ball to predict yet another bond issue that will raise our property/business taxes even higher. It's time for Ruidoso to cut spending — not engage in yet another ill-conceived and impractical scheme that most certainly will result in each of us paying higher property taxes in the near future, no matter what our elected officials might tell us now.

Sue Patton
Ruidoso

Care Center says thanks

The residents of the Ruidoso Care Center would like to express their appreciation for this year's annual Christmases Party and to Chief Maddox and all the officers who make this event "special" with live entertainment, refreshments and gifts for all of our residents. We would also

like to thank Mike Gladden, superintendent of the Ruidoso schools and Matt Bryant, bus contractor, for the use of the handicapped buses, which made the transportation of the residents to and from the convention center easier and more time-efficient.

As a result...of these buses, an estimated two-thirds of our resident population was able to participate in this event...

Dawn R. Reyes
Ruidoso

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CEMETERY: Fort Stanton site offers state a bargain for added veterans' burial grounds

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the arrangement is ideal because the state already owns the land, the cemetery already exists but has plenty of room to grow, and maintenance could be provided at no additional cost by inmates of the nearby fort's minimum security prison for women.

Warden Sandra McFadin said Monday that caring for the cemetery, painting and refurbishing crosses, and preparing the grounds for annual memorial services gives the inmates a sense of pride, especially when they are invited to attend the memorial and are recognized for their efforts.

Former Air Force Pilot Cletson Pritchett, a member of the fort cemetery's memorial service team, said only one-third of the 10 acres dedicated to the cemetery have been used. The remaining land should last another 100 years, but if that projection is off, several hundred acres of adjacent land, already owned by the state, could be used for expansion, he said, adding that approval also will be sought for spouses to be buried with their veteran husbands or wives.

Many branches of the ser-

vices already are represented in the cemetery, as are several different countries.

Besides American service men, four German seamen, part of the crew of a German luxury liner pursued by the British off the east coast of the United States before America's entry into World War II, are buried there. The crew of the liner Columbus was confined at Fort Stanton after the vessel was sunk rather than risk capture by the enemy. A corner section of the cemetery also contains the remains of several long-time staff members of the fort.

Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam actions also are buried there, as well as men who fought in the Spanish-American War and who served in the armies of other countries before joining the United States services.

The cemetery's history and setting recommend it as a choice, Pritchett said.

The death in 1855 of a young U.S. Army Captain Henry Whiting Stanton prompted the decision to build Fort Stanton for the protection of settlements in the area. Completed in May, 1855, it was named after the fallen officer.

In 1899, when the fort was

no longer needed as a military base, the U.S. Public Health Marine Hospital Service selected it for a tuberculosis sanitarium because of the moderate and healthy climate.

The first man laid to rest in the cemetery was John Dower, a member of the U. S. Merchant Marine, who died on Dec. 16, 1899.

In 1987, Captain Victor Schaerer of the Merchant Marine and Naval Reserve, and his wife, Jean, were touring the county, driving down side roads, when they discovered the stark 25-foot tall obelisk monument that marks the cemetery.

"The weeds were five feet tall and the gates were open," said Schaerer, one of the veterans pushing for the state dedication. He was surprised to read on the monument dedication that the cemetery was used primarily for veterans of the Merchant Marine, in which he served. Many had been treated at the hospital.

From then on, Schaerer took the cemetery as his project. Brush was cleared, some markers were restored, crosses were installed to replace others that had crumbled, graves were mapped and occupants identified. Fort Stanton prison war-

den Sandra McFadin has indicated to Schaerer that native and low-maintenance trees will be planted by inmates around the perimeter.

About one year after Schaerer, a third-generation skipper and one of the youngest in the Merchant Marine, adopted the cemetery, former and fallen Merchant Marines who served in war zones were recognized by the Congress as veterans.

With the help of New Mexico Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales, various states represented among the dead were contacted and many sent Schaerer their flags to be displayed during services.

Schaerer and Pritchett hope that veteran's groups get behind the proposal, which would be the next step in preserving the cemetery, as well as providing

an official veteran's burial place. Michael D'Arco, director of the state office of the Veterans Services Commission, has visited the cemetery as has Rob Perry, Secretary of Corrections.

Fort Stanton cemetery would be a money-saving action for the state that would benefit Lincoln County by increasing tourism and visitors to the burial site, Pritchett said.

"The beauty of it is that the state already owns the site," he said. "And it certainly would be a more beneficial job for the women inmates to keep it clean than cleaning up along roads. It's something they and the public could feel good about, and it could be a continuous reminder of the sacrifices these veterans made to preserve our way of life."

He pointed out that recently

former senator Bob Dole proposed a World War II Memorial for Washington, D.C., at a cost of \$100 million. In April, Gov. Gary Johnson dedicated a \$7.4 million memorial at Las Cruces. Santa Fe spent \$26.4 million on a new home for the New Mexico National Guard and an additional \$9 million more to convert an old armory into a war memorial. And the city of Albuquerque is spending an estimated \$7 million remodeling a park into a veterans' memorial.

Compared to those types of figures, Fort Stanton cemetery is a bargain, Pritchett said.

Comments may be mailed to the New Mexico Veterans Service Commission, P.O. Box 2324, Santa Fe, NM 87504, or interested persons may call Pritchett at 258-9055 or Schaerer at 257-7971 for more information.

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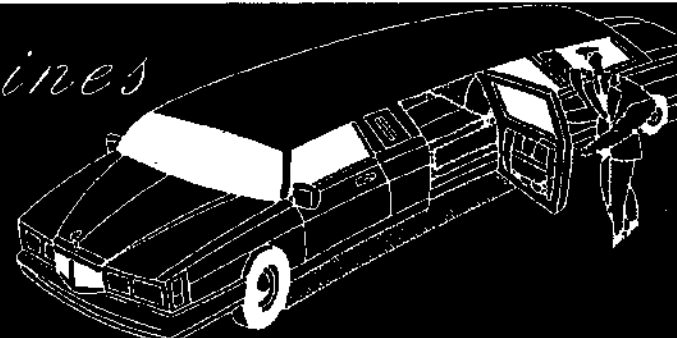
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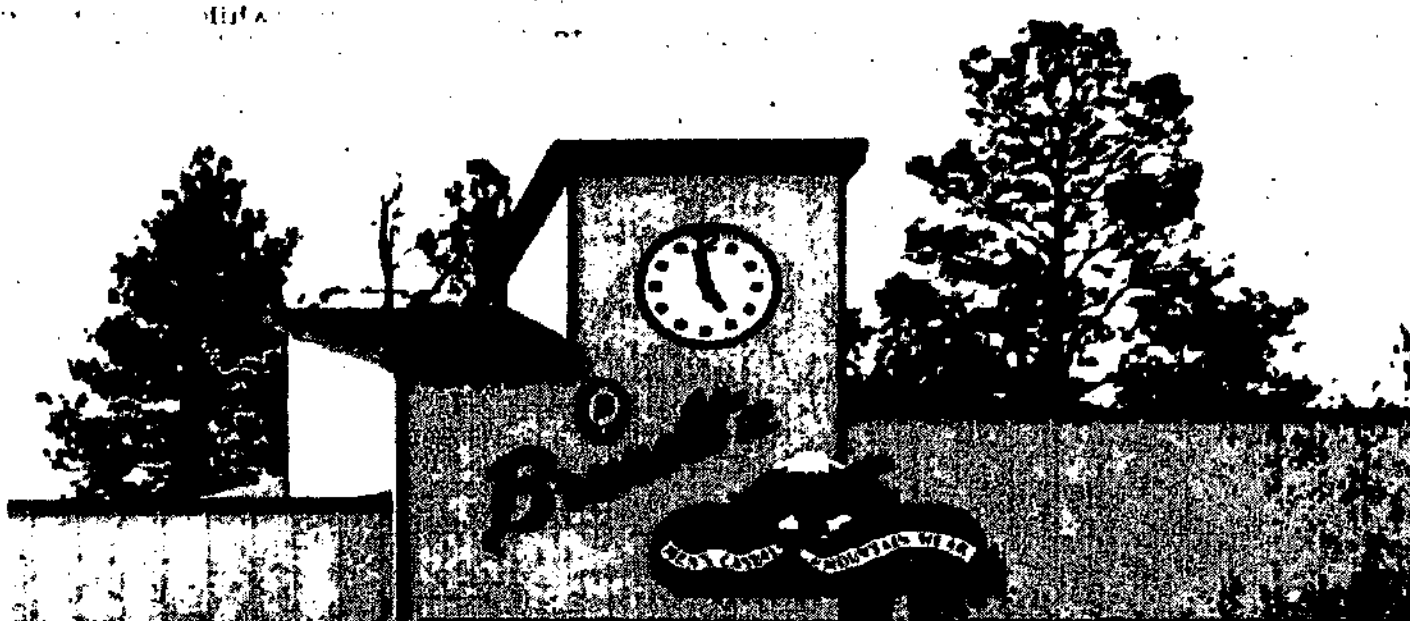
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Home-town 'higher ed' finds a place in Ruidoso as ENMU-R broadens base

A recent RHS grad finds that home cookin' is pretty good after a semester at Texas Tech.

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For Pacasha Baldrige, college wasn't what she thought it would be.

The 1997 graduate of Ruidoso High School spent a semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. But now she's returned home to continue her education.

Of her time at Texas Tech, Baldrige said "it was really impersonal and it just eats you alive."

Baldrige, according to Jim Miller, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso director, is one of a growing number of students learning to take advantage of learning at home. He said college often can be an expensive, frightening venture for younger students. By comparison, Miller said taking classes for a year or two in your own backyard can provide a comfortable, affordable alternative.

"It certainly gives a number of students a more affordable option because college is getting more and more expensive," he said. "It also provides a small class size and a degree of close, personal attention from the office, the library and the instructional staff. You're not in a room with 600 other people where you're number 422."

With students like Baldrige in mind, ENMU-Ruidoso is preparing to start the spring semester and is offering more classes, more times to take those classes and more ways to register for them.

Miller said the college is offering five ways to register for the spring semester which starts Jan. 20 - by phone, by mail, by fax, in person or via the university's home page on the Internet.

The college office will also be open extended hours to make

registration easier. Monday through Friday the office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will hold a special Saturday registration from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Jan. 18.

A sampling of new classes includes a course on banking for employees of financial institutions, an advanced welding class, a medical terminology class for anyone interested in a career in health care and a community orchestra class led by new director Ugo DiDio.

The boundaries of ENMU-Ruidoso classrooms also have been extended to Corona, Capitán and Carrizozo. Miller said this is the first time in about three or four years that the college has offered classes at sites across the county.

ENMU-Ruidoso is maintaining its tradition of continuing education through its community education classes. The college is offering seminar courses, coordinated through the Small Business Training Center in Roswell, for small business owners, prospective owners and home business proprietors.

Financial aid is available for the spring semester, Miller said, and will stay available all the way through May.

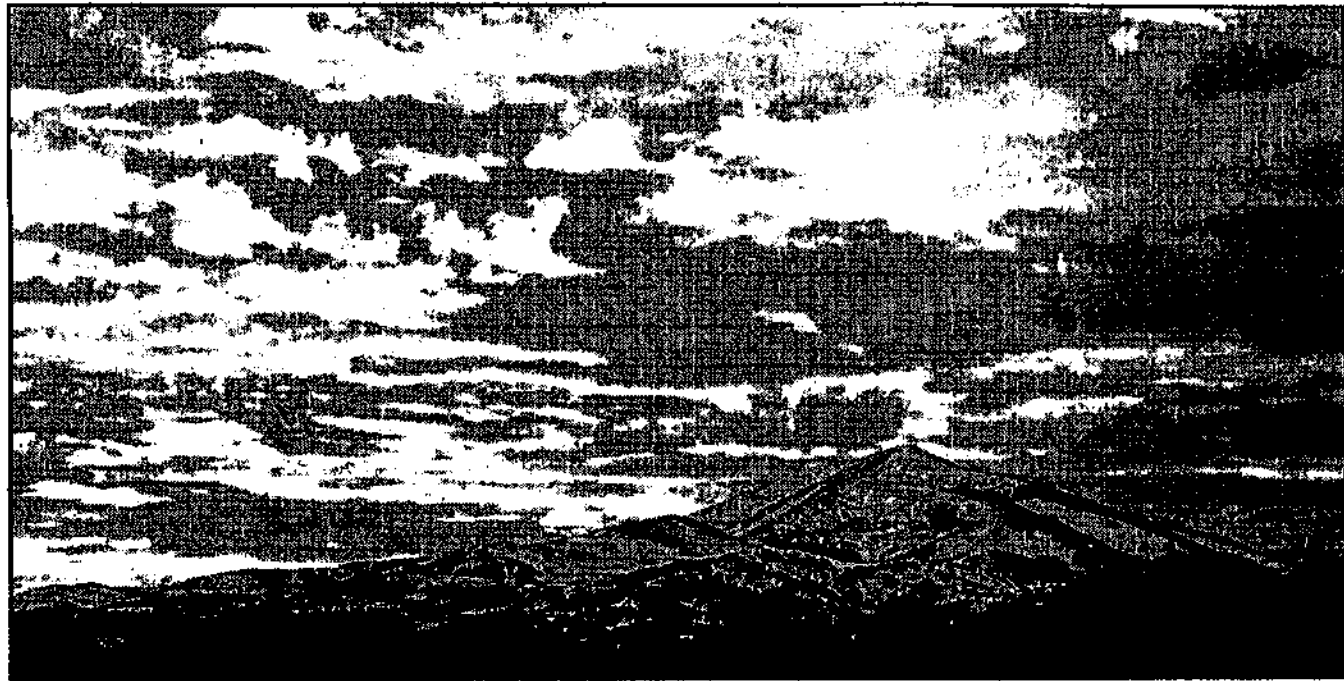
To be considered is the New Mexico lottery scholarship program which is open to almost every New Mexico student.

And though there's still plenty of money available for students to fund their education, space in classes may not hold out as long.

Some computer classes are already filled and others are filling quickly. Registration will continue through Jan. 23, but Miller said a \$10 late registration fee will be added once classes start on Jan. 20. His advice was to register early (and save \$10) and make sure you get the class you want.

For more information on registration or classes offered during the ENMU-Ruidoso spring semester, call 257-2120.

After the storm



A Sierra Blanca sunset on Jan. 2 ushered in a few days of clear skies after a Christmas snowstorm.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Insulin delivered

A plea for help for a snow-bound diabetic woman who needed insulin was answered by Lincoln County emergency services coordinator Connie Hopper and an Army helicopter from Holloman Air Force Base.

After consecutive heavy snow storms Christmas week that dropped 36 inches on the county, Melissa Mulkey, called the sheriff's office Dec. 28, saying her aunt was snowbound at a ranch about seven miles south of State Road 247 in the county's isolated northern ranching area.

"We got the insulin here and took it to Melissa in Corona," Hopper said. "The next morning, bright and early, a MAST helicopter went in and picked up the woman with the insulin and flew them to her aunt."

"It was a great feeling to see that kind of cooperation."

Capitan board called

The annual evaluation of Capitan School Supt. Diana Billingsley is scheduled during an executive session of the School Board at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 15, in the board room at the administration building.

The session is closed to the public, but the regular monthly meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m.

Under business items, board members will continue their pursuit of a strategic plan to obtain stated educational and campus development goals.

Billingsley also will report on a meeting of board members with state legislators Thursday in Alamogordo.

Cindy Jackson and Becky Schultz will talk about the Reading Renaissance project.

Water session called

A public forum on local and

regional water issues will be held Jan. 8 in Hobbs, State Engineer Tom Turney has announced.

"This is the first of several meetings the State Engineer Office will hold this year to inform the public and elected officials about water matters of interest to their region and to receive information and suggestions from them," Turney said.

He added that he and his staff and that of the Interstate Stream Commission would be present to address citizen concerns.

The emphasis for the Hobbs meeting is on matters involving the Ogallala aquifer, the Pecos River drainage, water rights, legislation, environmental concerns and other water issues in Southeastern New Mexico, but Turney will respond to all the water-related questions people in southeast New Mexico feel are important, he said.

First Sierra Blanca juveniles graduate; Rep. Skeen speaks

The first two "graduates" from a new juvenile offender rehabilitation program at Camp Sierra Blanca were handed their papers Tuesday after listening to some departing advice from U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, R-NM.

The camp, operated by Associates Marines Institutes about 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso near Fort Stanton, is New Mexico's first detention center for low risk juveniles placed in the custody of the state.

"Camp Sierra Blanca, which opened in July, has helped reduce severe overcrowding in our juvenile facilities," said Secretary Heather Wilson of the Children, Youth and Families Department. "The programs these graduates have gone through strongly emphasize education and vocational skills so these kids can become productive members of their communities."

Graduates from the program are required to fulfill individualized plans, increase their educational level by 2.5 years or attain a high school diploma and have a firm placement by graduation, said camp director Scott Willis.

Both boys have jobs lined up. One also will attend college and the other is signed up for vocational training, he said.

The 50 juveniles at the camp, ranging in age from 14 to 18, arrived in small groups each week since it opened and their graduations will be staggered. It takes about six months to complete the program, but individuals do not leave until they have satisfied all of the requirements, Wilson said.

A six-month follow up program in a boy's community will help to provide successful reintegration, Willis said. The boys may be placed back into the program if they fail to maintain expectations.

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White Christmas not a blessing for some in Lincolntown

We had a white Christmas, but I don't think anyone expected such a storm. In the Lincoln area we had anywhere from 20 inches to more than three feet on the level. This before the Christmas Eve snow.

The ranchers really are in dire straits. They are snowed in and can't get out. Consequently, they have not seen their livestock since before Dec. 23. Even though Lincoln County has been declared a disaster area, there has not been any help from the National Guard or other entities. Those ranchers who have been able to check on some of their livestock have not found too many still alive.

The county road crews have been working as hard as they can, but the wind started to blow and that created more drifts and undid the roads that they had bladed.

Christmas Eve day saw the group out filling the luminaria sacks and the youngsters putting them on top of the snowbanks. Karl Christensen used his little red wagon to put out the sacks. Everyone was ready for a hot drink and to get warm at our house.

Ralph has been busy shoveling snow and Murray Arrow-smith used his tractor and front-end loader all day after the State Highway Department cleared the highway. Murray did all the driveways and cleared some more on the edge of the highway so the cars could have a place to park.

In spite of the snow and cold, there were 76 worshippers at San Juan's.

Father Berg held the Catholic Church services later. They also had a good attendance.

Chris and Dora Zamora had a houseful of family for Christmas - last count I had they had 25.

Frances and Joe Gallegos also had a houseful of relatives for Christmas. Frances and her daughter, Gloria, and two sons helped decorate the church. Thanks.

Matt Borowski and Becky Angell-Borowski, Alena and Alex spent the holidays with Matt's folks in Tucson.

Kay and Glenn Dennis had most of their family home for the holidays. They included the Dunlaps for their Christmas dinner.

At the Shrecengost home, Thomas and Jennifer Shrecengost made it to Lincoln from Arizona to spend part of the holidays with the family.

The Wortley Hotel had an open house Christmas Eve. I don't know if anyone made it as most of us were busy lighting the luminarias and the children were seeing Santa Claus at the firehouse.

It seems to be thawing today. We have some of the most beautiful icicles and snow patterns as the snow slips off the buildings. The icicles were three feet or longer and were parallel to the ground and were beautiful. Then when it thawed a little bit we had the icicles going straight down. Hope my photos come out.

Wishing all of you a happy New Year and hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

LINCOLN TRAILS



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Joseph Graham and Troy Parker, with Texas-New Mexico Power, feed a former Christmas tree into a mulcher Saturday in a recycling effort initiated by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

'Tis the season to recycle

• The effort to recycle Christmas trees into mulch is the first for the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tyler Merrill's mother made soothing statements as her 5-year-old son on Saturday anxiously watched the family Christmas tree being chewed up by a loud machine.

"He didn't want to give it up," Tammi Merrill confides. The Merrills' once glittering tree was mulched that morning along with 25 to 30 others in the Thank You Very Much recycling effort of the village's newly formed anti-litter committee, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful.

The recycling program continues this Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. People may bring their trees to the parking lot next to the Ruidoso State Bank on Sudderth Drive.

There, employees from Texas-New Mexico Power Co. will put the trees into the company's donated mulcher. The fragrant chips of pine trees will be collected in a truck, and offered free to anyone with plans to embellish their garden. Mulch not used by residents will be placed in Ruidoso's parks, a village employee said.

Susan Lutterman, chair of the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful

Committee, said Monday she was surprised by the number of people bringing in their trees Saturday in light of the committee's recent formation.

"We had our first meeting in December and we've already done very well - we've already mulched trees," Lutterman said.

She and co-member Jacques Craig, who came to watch Saturday's tree mulching, said they didn't expect the program to do very well this year because most people are unaware of the recycling opportunity.

"We are going to try to make next year really big," said Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell-Blaney, a supervisor with the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, who works with the committee.

"We just have to get the word out. We are still trying to get organized, still trying to find our way," Lutterman added.

The group also is promoting a corresponding effort to plant live Christmas trees. The program, called the Giving Tree, had as of Saturday only three donated live trees, but coordinators said they expect response to grow in coming years. The donated tree will be planted in village parks, at schools and along walking trails, Lutterman said.

To promote the Giving Tree, the five-member committee had more than 300 tags put on live trees sold at both Wal-Mart and One Stop Auto, Bizzell-Blaney said. The tags tell the owners how to care for the trees so the trees would survive through the holidays. The tags also provides a receipt form for people wishing to donate their trees, Bizzell-Blaney said.

Lutterman said two efforts to recycle Christmas trees are only the start for the committee, soon to be a chapter of the national litter clean-up program



Tyler Merrill watches as his family's Christmas tree is transformed into post-holiday gardening mulch.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

"Come spring, we are going to be doing all sorts of things," Lutterman said. "And we are going to try to have an all-out appeal to 'Toss No Mas,'" she added, referring to the state's anti-litter slogan.

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful still has several bureaucratic hurdles to jump before it receives full certification with the national program, Bizzell-Blaney said. And though the village is currently funding the committee's efforts, the goal is to find local support from a non-profit organization, she added.

The committee has already received community support for its tree recycling programs. Besides contributions from Texas-New Mexico Power, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is loaning a roll-off (a large garbage container), Ruidoso State Bank has offered the use of its parking lot and Sierra Contracting will dispose of any trees that come in either Saturday afternoon or Sunday after the mulching has stopped, Bizzell-Blaney said.

WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Frances Baca celebrate 50 years

Joe and Frances Baca will celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a 6 p.m., Dec. 27 mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Alamogordo. The mass was followed by a reception for the couple, their family and friends.

Both Joe and Frances were born in Lincoln and were

married Dec. 27, 1947 in San Patricio. They moved to Alamogordo in 1948.

Joe started working at White Sands Proving Ground (now White Sands Missile Range), eventually transferring to Holloman Air Force Base and then moving his family to Italy.

After completing 34 years in civil service, Joe retired and the Bacas returned to Lincoln for 10 years. They moved back to Alamogordo

four years ago.

They have five children, 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Their son Ernest Baca and his daughter, Audrey Boeldt, and her husband, Keith, are from Mesa, Ariz.; daughter Ida McGrath lives in Lincoln with her husband, John; daughter Gerry Vigil and her husband, Roberto, live in Alamogordo, and their son Andy died in 1979.



Joe and Frances Baca in 1947



Joe and Frances Baca today.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

music

Blues & BBQ - Ruidoso Convention Center

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

Beginner Sign Language Class

Class starts January 20th and runs for 10 weeks. The class is held Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. and will be held at the The Reeves Auditorium at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo. The class costs \$30. This class is FREE for parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. If you are interested and want more details call 505-827-6738.

Eighth International Chamber Music Festival

Jan. 11-25 - El Paso plays host to 14 internationally acclaimed

artists for two weeks of non-stop musical thrills and chills. Music lovers from across the nation will be listening on National Public Radio. Sponsored by El Paso Musica, the concerts will be at First Baptist Church, 805 Montana, in El Paso. Individual tickets at \$14 for adults. Contact Pro Musica at P.O. Box 13328, El Paso, Texas, 79913, for more information.

clubs/meetings

Village Of Ruidoso

2:00 p.m. Jan. 7, Scenic Byways Committee at the Village Hall.

4:00 p.m. Jan. 7, Special Council Meeting at the Village Hall.

4:00 p.m. Jan. 8, Arts Commission at the Village Hall.

6:00 p.m. Jan. 12, Visioning Process Ad Hoc Committee at the Convention Center.

9:00 a.m. Jan. 13, Annex Ad Hoc Committee at the Village Hall.

9:30 a.m. Jan. 13, Utility Council at the Convention Center.

3:30 p.m. Jan. 13, Cemetery Board at the Village Hall.

6:30 p.m. Jan. 13, Council Meeting at the Village Hall.

Alpine Village Sanitation District Monthly Meeting

9:00 a.m. Jan. 10, at the ENMU-Ruidoso offices. The agenda will include presentation of current bills, committee reports, and a status report on the water line installation. A question and answer session is included in the meeting. Area residents are welcome to attend. Call 257-5783

for more information.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees

10:30 a.m. Jan. 13, at the Ruidoso Downs senior Citizens Center. NARFE member, Alma Russell, will be the guest speaker. For more info call Joyce Walker, 378-4669.

Yes-Drug Free Schools VIPs Meeting

11:45 a.m. Jan. 28, 1998 at the Ruidoso Schools, Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle. Public invited! Bring "brown bag" lunch and dessert/beverages to be provided. 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.

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.

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.

parks/recreation

Funtrackers

101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

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.

Ruidoso Municipal Skateboard Park

White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

library

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.

Nogal Store 9:00-10:00

Captain Smokey Bear Cafe 10:30-12:00

Lincoln P.O. 2:45-3:00

Hondo Store 4:00-5:00

Captain Public Library 5:30-6:30

Captain Public Library

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

6:30 p.m. Jan. 13, Library Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting in the Library. Public is welcome to attend.

Ruidoso Public Library

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," "Jackie Brown," "Mouse Hunt," and "Tomorrow Never Dies." Call the theater for

CLUBS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at noon and 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Tower (rear entrance), 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-3643

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

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

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-9071

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30. 378-4468

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

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

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CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

First Assembly of God El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lerard, 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 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Tim Gilliland, 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 Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

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

Mescalero Baptist Mission Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Ruidoso: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday school: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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

BAHA'I FAITH

Bahai Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7779

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Richard Casanach, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass: Sat. 10:30 a.m.; San Patricio: 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Carrizozo, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30

p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; 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 Gavilan 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 Captain - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jimmy Spentzer, 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 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 Schickelbrecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

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

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 9 a.m.

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

FOURSQUARE

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

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, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:30 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregación Hispana de los Testigos de Jehová 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Domingo: Reunión Pública 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 2:30 p.m. Lunes: Escuela de Libro 7 p.m. Miércoles: Escuela del Ministerio Teocrático 7 p.m.; Reunión de Servicio 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills 1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Rev. 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.

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/Captain. Bob Boyd Pastor. 648-2893, 648-2846. CARRIZOZO: 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., Captain, 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.

Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon. 10:30 a.m. high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. High school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs. Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

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

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

Christ Community Fellowship Captain, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vanson, 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. (on la Iglesia Metodista). Pastor Carlos Carrion. Reunion General: Domingos 6:00 p.m., Jueves 6:00 p.m. Reunion De Oracion: Lunes 5:00 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: Intercessory prayer-noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanie Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Services: 11 a.m.

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-9464. Al and Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministries 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; service 10:30 a.m. Thursday: home Bible study 7 p.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday,

1:30 Dec. 10 Christmas music by Ruidoso Elementary School. 257-2308

Ruidoso Garden Club Meets 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations. 258-5500 or 257-7157

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

Ruidoso Picnicking Meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2446 or 336-8064

Ruidoso Public Library Board Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

Ruidoso Shrine Club Meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Cree Meadows Restaurant. 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. 257-2776, 258-9169, 257-2487 or 258-9069

Ruidoso Vegetarian Club Meets at 6 p.m. monthly for potluck at the Gallopap Potstove coffee house across from Castle Baron on Sudderth, Ruidoso. Also monthly lunches at various restaurants. 257-2172 or 257-5765

Service Club Council Meets at K-Bo's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. 257-2135.

Sierra Blanca Duplicate Bridge Club Meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the public library for weekly open and novice games. 257-9228.

Sierra Blanca Swingers Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 354-2484 or 336-4808.

Thursday Bridge 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. 258-3631.

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nob hill good citizens

a.m. class

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center recently named its Good Citizens for December. Honorees from the morning class are, back row, left to right, A.J. Peralta, Aaron Williamson, Megan Mirau, Britney Montoya, Devon Ryan and Taylor Morrison. Middle row, left to right, Josh Thompson, Isaac Sanchez, David Cardona and Mario Varela. Front row, left to right, Niko Carrillo and Joshua Padilla.

Courtesy photo



p.m. class

Good Citizens from the afternoon class are, back row, left to right, Adam Carruth, Danielle Bruggink-Brey, Dakota Emberlin, Aaron Yarbrough, Herman Najar and William Kenney. Front row, left to right, Claudia Marmolejo, Frances Hobson, Taylor Herrera, Danielle Cadena, Keith Yeager and Cassandra Box.

Courtesy photo



A dog's (or a cat's) best friends



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

White Mountain Intermediate School sixth-grade students became a dog and a cat's best friend recently when they took it upon themselves to gather food, toys and other supplies for the Lincoln County Humane Society. Pictured with the donations they collected are, back row, left to right, Nadine Hommedieu, Ryan Reynolds, Sterling Rei, Uvaldo Collazo, Janice Bauer, Shelly Thomas, Cody Small and Deana Commanche. Third row, left to right, Troy Saenz, Xavier Martinez, Bryan Tenoria, Kristen Johnson, Erika Lugo, Michael McLesky, Case Forrest and Luke Shelton. Second row, left to right, Bonnie Chavez, Adrian Olvera, William Stuart, Corey Weise and Colby Gibson. And front row, left to right, Davis Warner, Cody Sisson, Katosha Candelaria, Diego Ortega and Tiffany Thompson.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Space Center, PBS offer 'Science Odyssey' camp

The Space Center in Alamogordo is teaming up with the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Jan. 23 to host a camp-in tied to the network's series "A Science Odyssey." The series explores science and technology in the 20th century, a time when our understanding of the world and our place in it has been revolutionized by new discoveries and ideas. Space Center Education Director Kenn Hitchcock said funding for the project is provided by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Participants in the camp-in will spend the night in the International Space Hall of Fame.

"It gives young museum visitors the time to slow down, take a closer look and 'do science,'" Hitchcock said in a press release. "Sleeping overnight beneath the globe of the moon and important space artifacts gives students a special sense of ownership and comfort with science."

The Jan. 23-24 camp-in curriculum includes information and activities to help young people, ages 9 to 14, explore how developments in science and technology throughout the 20th century have changed our understanding of the world.

"A Science Odyssey" will premiere on PBS Jan. 11 and will be broadcast in five two-hour programs. Each program will focus on a different scientific area - medicine, physics and astronomy, human behavior, technology and earth and life sciences.

Several core themes of the Space Center's camp-in unite all of the "Science Odyssey" resources: science is a human endeavor; science cannot be separated from its historical, cultural and social contexts; science is a way of asking questions and finding answers; in scientific investigations, failure can be as important as success; scientific and technological answers to a problem sometimes create new problems, and the search for answers never ends.

For more information about "A Science Odyssey" or the Space Center's related camp-in, call 437-2840 or 800-545-4021.

WNMU releases dean's list and honors

The 1997 fall semester dean's list and high honors listing for undergraduate students at Western New Mexico University in Silver City has been released.

SCHOOL MENUS

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Wednesday, Jan. 7 - Breakfast: cherry muffin, milk, fruit. Lunch: baked lasagna, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Jan. 8 - Breakfast: sausage biscuit, milk, fruit. Lunch: red beans and corn bread, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, Jan. 9 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.
Monday, Jan. 12 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Taco Bell Fiesta burrito, nacho rounds, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 13 - Breakfast: sweet roll, fruit, milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe with Fritos, pork 'n' beans, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 14 - Breakfast: churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Jan. 15 - Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: beef pizza, tossed salad, fruit. Lunch: Rice Krispy treat, milk.
Friday, Jan. 16 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14 - Breakfast: churro,

Rebekah Sharp of Alto, Joshua Hodges, Carla Rojas and Eric Stephens, all of Ruidoso, made the dean's list. Adrienne Ames of Ruidoso received high honors.

Students who carry a full class load or the equivalency of 12 hours or more, and who have attained a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.5, with no Ds, qualify for the dean's list. Students who carry a full class load or the equivalency of 12 hours or more, and who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or better, with no Cs, qualify for high honors.

Local student chosen for Coe College music groups

Forrest Green of Ruidoso has been selected by the Coe College music department to perform as a member of the college's concert choir, concert band, "Collage," and orchestra. Green, a 1995 graduate of Ruidoso High School, is the son of Cindy Green of Ruidoso and James Green of Roswell.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa college's concert choir performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary acapella choral literature and major works with instrumental accompaniment in both on- and off-campus venues. During spring break in March, the choir will tour and perform in Italy and Greece.

Green sings tenor in the choir.

The Coe College Orchestra performs instrumental music ranging from classical to contemporary to full orchestra. This year's repertoire includes Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings," music by Haydn and Mendelssohn, and selections from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" to be performed at various concerts throughout the school year.

Green plays tuba in the orchestra.

Coe's Concert Band performs original music for concert band and transcriptions of orchestral and keyboard music at several concerts each year. In April, the group will host a festival of bands featuring educational clinics for high school bands and a guest director who will perform with the band.

Green plays tuba in the concert band.

The "Collage" Vocal Show Ensemble is composed of singers, dancers and musicians who perform all styles of music, combined with striking choreography, costumes and staging. This year the group will present a major spring concert and a Chicago-area tour.

Green plays a synthesizer for the "Collage."

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THE WINTER HEATS UP WITH HOT HOOPS

► HIGH COUNTRY SHOOTOUT

All games at Warrior Gymnasium

THURSDAY

- Ruidoso vs. Mescalero, 1:30 p.m.
- Santa Teresa vs. Desert Christian (Ariz.), 3:30 p.m.
- Socorro vs. Chihuahua, Mexico, 5:30 p.m.
- Hondo Valley vs. Portales, 7:30 p.m.

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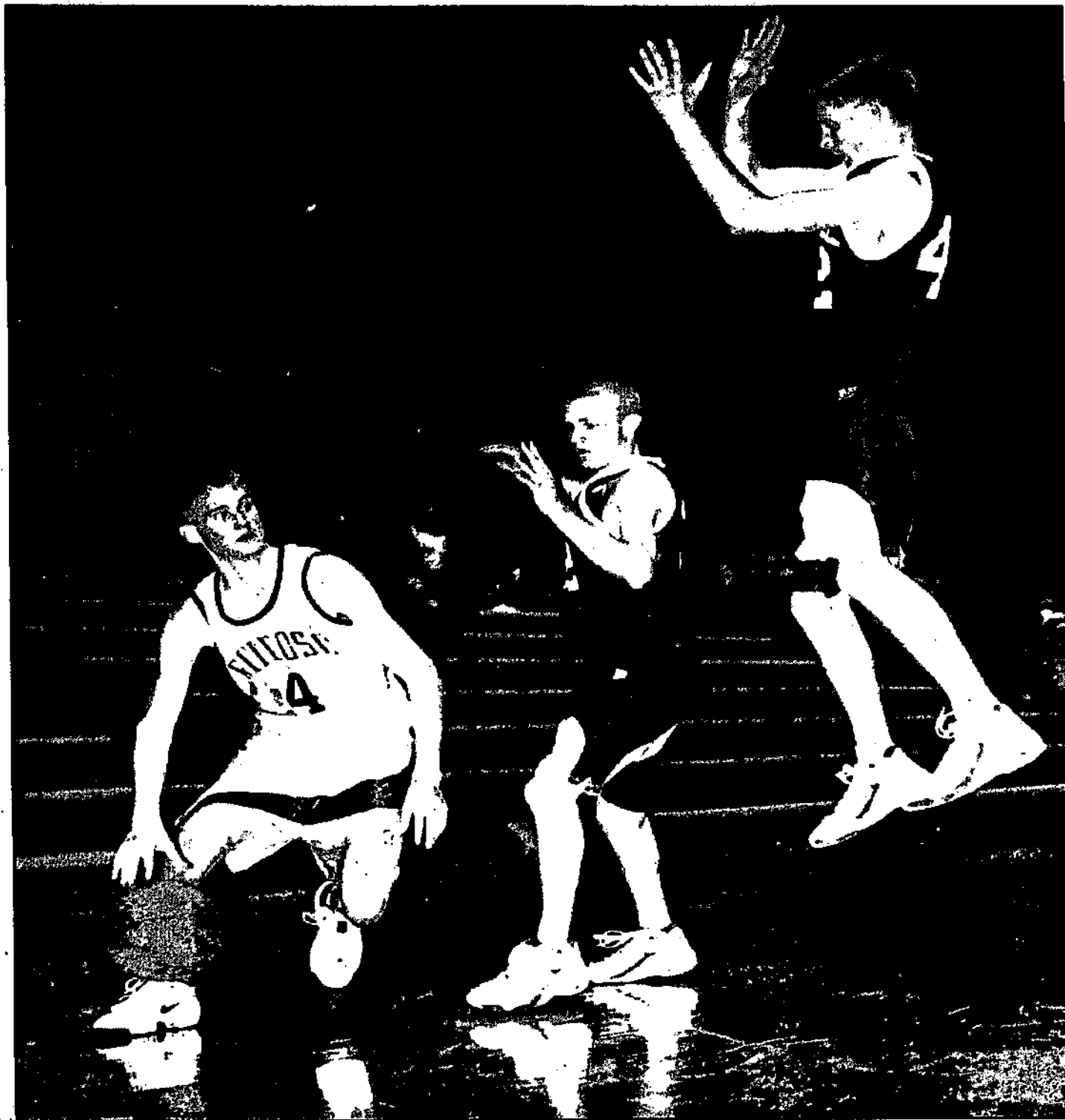
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SATURDAY

- Seventh-place game 1:30 p.m.
- Consolation championship game 3:30 p.m.
- Third-place game 5:30 p.m.
- Championship game 7:30 p.m.

► 1997 RESULTS

Champions: Lovington
Runner-up: Desert Christian
Third place: Ruidoso
Fourth place: Santa Teresa
Fifth place: Chihuahua, Mexico
Sixth place: Cobach, Mexico
Seventh place: Hondo Valley
Eighth place: Mescalero



Ruidoso's Matt Blank found room to roam along the baseline during the Warriors' win over Portales Saturday.

A new floor general to lead RHS troops

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For the Ruidoso Warriors, there is life after Corey Saenz.

After knocking off top 10-ranked Portales Saturday, 61-57, the Warriors proved to coach Gary Grahn that they have survived the shock of losing their junior floor general.

The Warriors will play the rest of the season without Saenz, who was suspended for the remainder of the basketball season for violating the school's athletic policy. Saenz, the team's leading scorer and top assist man, will be eligible for the spring sports season, noted Ruidoso athletic director Les Carter.

"It was a nice win for us. I was really concerned for us going in. Portales is a good team. And, when you lose a kid ... well, life's got to go on," Grahn said.

Senior guard Andy Schrader stepped in Saturday to run the Warrior offensive charge. Schrader immediately erased doubts anyone might have about his ability to handle the job, scoring the Warriors' first three points of the game and then feeding two teammates with passes that led to buckets for a 7-2 Ruidoso lead in the opening minutes of the game.

"It gave us confidence. From the very first three or four minutes we knew we could win this game," Grahn said.

Then, when the Portales Rams threatened to take over the game in the fourth quarter, Schrader hit two three-pointers and three of four free throws in the final minute to seal the Warrior win.

"He just played hard," Grahn said of Schrader's effort. "He made some mistakes, but he played hard."

Ruidoso will need that type of effort for the rest of the season.

"He's got to continue play hard and be a floor leader, and

he has to make better decisions," Grahn said. "He's got a lot on him. He knows that because his counterpart is a freshman."

That freshman is Michael Rogers, who is first off the bench for starting guard Matt Blank.

Blank and Rogers both have to help pick up the scoring slack from Saenz's departure.

"They've got to be more aggressive on the offensive end," Grahn said. "Michael needs to look for his shot."

Several Warriors contributed to the Ruidoso effort Saturday, which is just the way Grahn likes it. In fashioning a 5-3 record, the Warriors have remained balanced in their scoring. Saturday versus Portales was no different. Schrader led the Warriors with 16 points, followed by Garvin Grant's 14 and Adam Windham's 11.

In addition to his 14 points, Grant kept alive Ruidoso's offensive possessions with timely rebounds off Warrior free-throw misses late in the game.

A team effort will be absolutely necessary if the Warriors hope to win their own High Country Shootout which starts Thursday.

The three-day, eight-team tourney opens with four David-



Andy Schrader hit some key three-pointers Saturday.

and-Goliath matchups Thursday afternoon. Class A Mescalero meets host Class AAA Ruidoso at 1:30 p.m. followed by Tucson Desert Christian versus Class AAA Santa Teresa at 3:30 p.m.; Chihuahua, Mexico versus Class AAA Socorro at 5:30 p.m.; and Class A Hondo Valley versus Class AAA Portales at 7:30 p.m.

"It's going to be a nice little

tournament," Grahn said. "We'd like to win our own tournament but we know you have to take them one at a time."

Grahn is one of the last coaches in the state to overlook an opponent. Tuesday afternoon he was still preparing for the Warriors' battle with Capitan that night. He admitted he hadn't even thought about Mescalero - not of disrespect for the Chiefs, but because Ruidoso had to get past Capitan first.

New to this year's Shootout is Socorro, which replaces Lovington. Socorro is 4-2 overall, and a favorite to advance to the tourney's semifinals along with Portales, which returns to the mountains for its second visit in less than a week.

Michael Booty's Hondo Eagles bring to the table the tourney's best record at 5-1. Josh Candelaria, Adam Herrera and Jeffrey Sanchez lead the Eagles, who participated in last year's Shootout and beat Mescalero for seventh place.

Ruidoso will try to keep things uncomplicated. Grahn's philosophy is simple: "If you play hard, good things could happen."

Which is exactly what happened to Schrader and his teammates against Portales.

"Hopefully we can improve down the road," Grahn said.

That journey starts Thursday for Ruidoso.

DRUMBEATS: The loss of Saenz means the Warriors' will use a three-post offense, instead of the three-guard offense of before Christmas break ... Senior Scott Sebastian, who's been sidelined with a knee injury, returned to practice Monday. He might see some action Thursday, provided, of course, he earns in practice, Grahn said. "We're excited that he's playing," the Warrior coach added. "We needed his presence." ... Grahn refuses to dwell about the loss of Saenz, one of the state's leaders in assists as a sophomore. "There's nothing I or the kids can do about it, so you just have to go on," he said.

Five local teams seek momentum at Smokey Bear

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Local teams participating in the Smokey Bear Invitational for boys and girls hope they can create a snowball effect at the winter basketball classic this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Capitan.

That seems to be the emphasis for Capitan coaches Bryan Massé and Gerald Montes, Carrizozo coach Rick Bessera and Ruidoso girls coach Dwayne Rogers.

"Right now, we're focused on getting ready for districts," Tiger boys coach Montes said. "For us, we're looking at the 30th of January when we open with Cloudcroft."

The same can be said for Rogers' Warrior girls team. Ruidoso's District 3AAA campaign begins Jan. 16 and 17 with a road trip to Cobre and Silver City.

Rogers hopes his team, 8-6 overall, will emerge from the tourney with a .500 record.

"So that we can go into our district with some confidence," Rogers said. "We hope to win the tournament. But we know we have to take them one at a time."

Carrizozo coach Rick Bessera brings a boys team and a girls team to the tourney, both searching for any kind of momentum. The Grizzly boys are 1-7 overall after recent losses to Magdalena, 70-40, and Quemado, 55-40. The Grizzly girls, 1-6 overall, haven't played since the Floyd Tournament in mid-December. The girls team played some of their best ball in Floyd, however, the Grizzly coach noted.

The Capitan girls team is the one local entry that's started the snowball rolling. The Tigers are 4-4 overall, coming off a 1-1 showing at the Cloudcroft Mountain Top Tournament.

"The kids are coming around," Massé said. "Now is the time to see who is going to get better or get worse or get complacent ... We can't be satisfied with where we're at."

Admission prices to the Smokey Bear Tournament games are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

Girls first-round games

• Eunice (3-4) vs. Mountainair (2-5) at 2 p.m. Cummins Gym - Eunice returns as the 1997 Smokey Bear tourney champion. The Cardinals defeated Tatum, 70-57, for the girls title. The Mustangs are back for a second date in Capitan as well. Mountainair went 0-3 last year, and brings a 2-5 mark to the tourney. Eunice has lost to Fort Sumner twice and Tatum once this year.

• Dexter (1-7) vs. Hatch (4-3) at 2 p.m. Traylor Gym - In a replay of last year's first-round match-up, the Demons take on the Bears, who triumphed 64-49 in 1997. Dexter is better than his record indicates, taking a tough Tatum team into overtime earlier this season and beating Capitan at the Mountain Top Tournament in Cloudcroft. Gone from Hatch is floor leader and scoring machine Rachel Hinjos, who graduated in 1997.

• Capitan (4-4) vs. Carrizozo (1-6) at 6 p.m. Cummins Gym - The Tigers have to worry about not taking the Grizzlies for granted. Capitan pounded Carrizozo 57-29 on Dec. 9. "They scored 15 points on us in the fourth quarter (when they played earlier) and any time you do that, you're capable," Massé said. Leading the Tigers will be a pair of all-tournament selections from last year, Sonya Woods and Krin Autrey.

• Ruidoso (3-6) vs. Magdalen (6-2) at 6 p.m. Traylor Gym - The Warriors play the team with the best record coming into the tournament, the Coyotes. These two teams met in the first round last year where Tatum jumped to an early lead and held off Ruidoso for a 60-45 victory. Dwayne Rogers' team shouldn't be surprised by the Class A Coyotes. "We know what to expect this time," said the Warriors' coach. "Tatum is a good team." Senior Bailey Bishop leads the Warriors with a 10 points a game average. Junior post Mandin Spence chips in 8.5 a game.

Boys first-round games

• Tatum (4-3) vs. Mountainair (3-5) at 3:30 p.m. Cummins Gym - Tatum's Coyotes entered the season ranked No. 4 in the Class A preseason poll. Last year, the Coyotes outlasted Hatch, 60-52, for the Smokey Bear boys title. Jason Stephens paces Tatum.

• Eunice (1-4) vs. Magdalena (3-1) at 3:30 p.m. Traylor Gym - The Class AA Cardinals are big and physical according to Capitan coach Gerald Montes. Magdalena's Steers compete in one of the toughest, if not the toughest, Class A districts in the state. Eunice claimed third place over Capitan at the Smokey Bear in 1997 with a 70-60 victory.

• Capitan (1-6) vs. Carrizozo (1-7) at 7:30 p.m. Cummins Gym - Through the first seven games of the season, the Tigers were plagued by ballhandling woes; it couldn't get much worse against Animas in the Mountain Top Tournament when the Tigers turned the ball over 42 times, and, surprise, surprise, lost. Jason Montes and Matt Daniel admirably tried to fill in at point guard, but it just wasn't the same as last year. Things should start to look up with the return of Garydon Silva and James Robinson to the Capitan backcourt now that their academics are in order. Mainstays for the Tigers have been post players Kris Davis (12 points a game) and Eric Ferguson (8 ppg). "We're not a very good basketball team right now. We're turning the ball over too much," Carrizozo counters with Ryan Roper and Josh Vega. The two teams met earlier in the season with Capitan claiming a 59-45 decision.

• Hatch (4-1) vs. Alamo Sophs. (n/a) at 7:30 p.m. in Traylor Gym - The Bears lost to Tatum in last year's championship game, 60-52. Alamogordo's sophomore team also poses a challenge, taking seventh-place in 1997.

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10 Condos for Rent

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, large townhouse - Ruidoso \$850, 6 mos lease. (505) 682-2889

CHOICE LOCATION - Two bedroom partially furnished. Three bedroom completely furnished. Call for details 258-6825

13 Room for Rent

ATTRACTIVE BEDROOM SITTING ROOM: Private bath, separate entrance, telephone, satellite T.V., Room and board \$350.00 or Room only. Call 354-2858.

15 Storage for Rent

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy. 48 Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9463.

17 Business Rentals

NEED TENANT TO SHARE STORE FRONT approximately 650 SF available. Other side rented to ceramics store. One mile east Museum of Horse. \$325/Mo plus electric. 378-4661

FOR LEASE: 850 sq. ft. office space, Jira Plaza, available 4/1/97. Brokers welcome. Owen Russell, Real Estate Broker. 505/257-6341.

OFFICE AND RETAIL SPACE for lease at Pinetree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5155. Monday thru Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

OFFICE WAREHOUSE FOR RENT Large fenced yard on Mechan. 2400 SF \$1550 month 528-8116

650 SF COMMERCIAL RETAIL LOCATION Inquire at High Country Lodge. Bring your ideas! 336-4321

RUIDOSO OFFICE TASTEFULLY furnished. Available for sublease. Ideal for Psychotherapist. Linda 257-5900.

OFFICE SUITE for lease: 2 rooms, foyer, storage area and bath, approx. 800 SF good exposure, access & parking. 1216 Mechan. Echo Plaza. 258-3934

RESULTS ARE IN SIGHT when you use the classified section. 257-4001.

18 Bus. Opp.

FOR SALE: CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE with good location. Inquire at 613 Sudderth STE. H or 257-1466

FOR RENT: GARAGE STALL with lift, 1,000 SF. Available now. Good location 257-4687

19 Autos for Sale

1979 LINCOLN TOWNCAR all leather interior, excellent condition, new tires 378-5416

1976 FORD GRANADA Low mileage, original interior, \$2,000 or best offer. 354-2864 after 5 p.m.

1990 SUBARU LEGACY Wagon, L.S. Loaded, Pearl White, auto trans. All power. Must see! \$3,995.00. Rocky Mtn. Motors, 2804 Sudderth, 257-7773, 420-0443. Ask for Ron.

20 Trucks/4X4's

1991 JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO Loaded, excellent condition. 378-4998

1993 GMC SIERRA Extended Cab. 4X4 Z71 Package. Loaded with extras. \$15,700. Call 1-800-357-9271

1976 GMC JIMMY 4X4 Runs good. \$2,500.00 653-4382

4x4 1988 BLAZER 610 5 speed. Good condition \$3500.00 505-439-6428.

1990 CHEVY 4X4 3/4Ton Silverado, camper shell. Loaded. Call 258-4823

1990 DODGE 3/4 TON, 4WD, 360 engine, 4-speed transmission. Towing Package. 73,000 miles. \$7,800. 336-4524

1993 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO V8, loaded, very nice. \$13,500.00 OBO Rocky Mtn. Motors, 2804 Sudderth 257-7773, 420-0443, ask for Ron

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1994 BRONCO, full size, 4x4, extra nice. Reduced to \$14,800. A/C & cassette. Call 378-8064

1995 DODGE 1 TON 4 wheel drive, dually Laramie SLT. Towing package, V10 engine, auto. Excellent condition. Only 32,000 miles. \$22,500. 378-4311.

24 RV/Travel

1984 25FT TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER. Self contained. Good condition. \$4300.00. 257-2260 (8:30-3:00) or 378-4751. Leave a message.

RV SPACES FOR RENT off Camacho Canyon Rd. \$125 monthly. Caplan: 2 miles west \$125 monthly 354-3187

27 Feed & Grain

HAY FOR SALE: Alfalfa and oat. Three Rivers Ranch. 648-2448

30 Yard Sales

END ROLL!! END ROLL!! FOR SALE NOW AT "THE RUIDOSO NEWS"

Great For Packing, Art Projects. \$1.00 per inch. From the core out. Call first for availability. 257-4001

31 Household

"WHITE & BEECH" 2 DRAWER lateral file plus matching bookcase. New & sold. \$500 for both. Linda 257-5900

CHILD'S CAR SEAT \$30 Child car booster seat \$20. 10-Speed Men's bike \$25. Child's Big Wheel \$35. Assorted boys clothes sizes 4-6. Inexpensive 24K Gold-Plated jewelry. 4.5 inch telescope \$195. Call after 5. 258-4720

MISC. HOUSEHOLD. FURNITURE Bed, dresser, futon, table/chairs, recliner 257-7172

HOTPOINT ELECTRIC RANGE Excellent condition. Almond color \$60.00. 258-3735

2 BLUE LOUNGE CHAIRS \$300 for both. Practically new. 258-5666

Mansfield Furniture "Buy, Sell or Trade" New & Used Furniture & Mattresses. 257-3109 • 1000 Suddarth Dr.

Joyce's Furniture New & Used Furniture New & Used Mattresses Used Appliances. We Buy, Sell & Trade. 650 Suddarth • 257-7575

MOVING SALE

Couch with matching love seat \$300.00. Brand new hutch \$100.00. Honda 300 4X4 Acc. Hunt rack, footboards, Stick Stepper \$200.00. Southwest end tables w/glass tops Set of 3 - \$125.00. Uniden C.B. Radio \$15.00. Southwest Rug - Hunter Green w/red decor 8x12 \$50.00. ATV loading rack aluminum \$50.00. 100 Rowan Dr. #A3 Ruidoso 257-4855

33 Antiques

SAVING YOU MONEY!!! ALL BLANKETS & RUGS 20% OFF!!!! The Camel House 1690 Hwy 70 East Ruidoso Downs, NM (505) 378-7065

34 Arts

CLASSES IN COMPUTER FINE ARTS Air Brush Painting Taught by G. Trent MFA 267-6691

BLOW YOUR MIND AT GAIL'S 1204 Mechem Dr. White Mountain Plaza 258-9071 OPEN 10-4:30 Tues.-Sat.

SAVING YOU MONEY!!! ALL JEWELRY 20% OFF!!!! The Camel House 1690 Hwy 70 East Ruidoso Downs, NM (505) 378-7065

36 Miscellaneous

PARKING LOT PAINT STRIPPING MACHINE \$1500.00 New \$650.00 Now. O.B.O. 378-1047 Leave message

THE GUIDING LIGHT CHRISTIAN VIDEO, BOOK AND MUSIC RENTAL. Large selection, 1600 Suddarth 257-7609

CHAIN LINK FENCE 117R, 6 feet high, 2 gates 5'8". Post hardware included. \$500. OBO

Water heater 40-50 gallons. electric \$5. to \$25. 378-4427

KINGS TREASURE THRIFT STORE THURSDAY 9:30-4:00 P.M. PROCEEDS TO PCC 378-6113

FOR SALE:

Furniture, desks, chairs, credenza, file cabinet, fax machine, HP printer. Call 257-0169

STEEL BUILDINGS - new, 40x20x12 was \$15,800 now \$9,300. 50x100x16 was \$26,200 now \$18,990. 60x200x18 was \$62,500 now \$39,972. 1-800-408-5126

HOLIDAY SALE BEANIE BABIES \$5.99 Until January 10th All Christmas items 50% Off Until January 6th

Ruidoso Flower Shop 353 Suddarth 257-2812

END ROLL!! END ROLL!! FOR SALE NOW AT "THE RUIDOSO NEWS"

Great For Packing, Art Projects. \$1.00 per inch. From the core out. Call first for availability. 257-4001

HYDRAULIC CHAIN SAW with 60 ft high pressure hose. Never used. \$950. 336-1127

SUPER NINTENDO with 2 controllers, mouse and 6 games. \$150 OBO 439-8499 or 437-9495

50% OFF SALE! CHRISTMAS DECOR & SILK FLOWERS. JACQUE'S GARDEN GALLERY SIERRA MALL 721 MECHEM

ARC WELDER WITH LEADS Works Great! \$250.00 OBO 378-1047

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE: Super 8 Motel is remodeling. We are selling Jung Lamps for \$7.00 each. The money will be donated to Christ Church in the Downs.

38 Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED Full or Part-time. Apply in person or call Innsbruck Lodge, 801 Suddarth 257-4071.

NOW HIRING: COOK, DISHWASHER & CASHIER. Paid vacation & insurance benefits. Apply in person Lincoln County Grill, 2717 Suddarth Dr.

WANTED: DRIVERS Apply in person at Pizza Hut on Mechem at 1:30PM

MICHELENA'S NOW HIRING Line Cooks, Prep Person, Dishwasher. Experienced need only apply Top Dollar Pay Apply in person 2703 Suddarth No Phone Calls Please

LOOKING FOR MATURE PERSON with management potential. Apply anytime Mr. Burger 1203 Mechem

HOUSEKEEPING: I HAVE A POSITION OPEN ON OUR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF. PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON. REFERENCES REQUESTED. Super 8 Motel.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT computer literate, bookkeeping knowledge, communication skills. 26 hours per week. Send resume with references to PO Box 1864, Ruidoso, NM 88355

CHAUFFEURS NEEDED: Hourly wage plus tips. Clean driving record and drug free a must. Call for appointment. 378-4019

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PROFESSIONAL SALESPERSONS WANTED LAND SALES

Last year our top salesperson made over \$100k. If you have or can obtain a New Mexico Real Estate License and have proven direct sales success, we would like to talk to you immediately! We are a nationwide leader in land development and marketing. We offer a comprehensive training program with excellent commission and bonus structure. Come join a leader in land development and marketing. We offer a comprehensive training program with excellent commission and bonus structure. Come join a leader in the industry. Call Lonnie Phillips at 505/336-4547 for interview.

DESK CLERK

LOOKING FOR A ENGLISH/SPANISH speaking person who has some computer experience. This individual should have good people skills. Especially in the areas of dealing with customers and co-workers. Other office skills would include telephone, fax, and money handling. References are a must. Apply in person Super 8 Motel. No applications on file.

NIGHT AUDITOR

THE SUPER 8 MOTEL is now looking for a full time Night Auditor. Applications should be self-starters and dependable. No applications on file. Phone numbers are a must. References required. Hours are 11 pm - 7 am. 32-40 hours per week.

Please pick up an application at the Super 8 Motel's Front Desk.

XEROX AGENT SALES REP:

Established territories available. Sell the Best - products and services from Xerox. Salary, Commissions, Bonuses, Benefits, and Training. Earn \$25,000+... Experienced reps are currently earning \$40,000+. Requirements: Successful sales experience, computer literacy. Contact United Business Systems: 800-848-5158

SERVERS & COOKS NEEDED Apply in person Mon. - Fri. 1:30 pm-5 pm Competitive wages with benefits.

PERSON NEEDED for driving & janitorial duty, 6 day a week job. Contact Ron at Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury 378-4400

ENCHANTMENT INN needs part-time help in MAINTENANCE, RESTAURANT, KITCHEN, FRONT DESK, LOUNGE and HOUSEKEEPING. Apply in person at front desk. 307 Hwy 70.

NURSING ASSISTANTS & CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS Nursing Assistants needed for a long term facility. We will pay you while you train. Benefits available as well pay in lieu of benefits. For a career move come to Ruidoso Care Center - Caring for Generations. Contact Therese or Linda at 257-9071.

RN's, CNA's, Housekeepers and Prep Cook needed at Ruidoso Care Center. Please contact Human Resources at 257-9071

RNs & LPNs needed at Ruidoso Care Center. Contact Human Resources at 257-9071

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER Apply at CROWN POINT M-TH, 8-4. Apply in person 220 Crown Drive.

NOW HIRING Servers at Pizza Hut on Suddarth. Must be 21 years old. Apply in person.

WANTED: DRIVERS Apply in person at Pizza Hut on Suddarth at 1:30PM

WANTED: COOKS Apply in person at Pizza Hut on Mechem at 1:30PM

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LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED. APPLY "BECKER'S LAUNDRY" 721 MECHEM

BUSY DAY SPA looking for mature person for Saturday Receptionist position. Some fill-in days required. Pick up application Monday through Friday "Magic Touch" 2808 Suddarth (above J. Roberts) 1/8

EXPERIENCED WAITSTAFF, DISHWASHER

Apply at "Anna Michele's" Restaurant, located at Best Western Swiss Chalet. 258-3333

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE Restaurant staff, bartenders, waiters, part-time housekeeping. No phone calls. Pick up applications at front desk. Enchantment Inn 307 HWY 70

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED 1-2days/wk, 5-10 hrs/wk. References needed and checked. Start \$5.50/hr. Sitzmark Chalet Motel 257-4140

Region IX Education Cooperative (Lincoln County Head Start) is seeking a nutrition consultant on a contractual basis. Minimum qualifications are as follows:

1. Licensed Dietitian or Nutritionist (State of NM)
2. Able to work flexible hours/schedule
3. Willing to support Head Start regulations/values
Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Call REC IX at 257-2368 - Mary Bradley or Fred Romero for details. Application deadline is January 16, 1997 - 4:00 pm.

"AVON" A VERSATILE CAREER that fits your Lifestyle! Flexible Hours, No Door-to-Door, Incentives. 1-800-285-0045 indrap

WANTED: WAITRESSES Apply in person at Pizza Hut on Mechem at 1:30PM

ENTRY LEVEL POSITION Must be 18 or older. Apply in person. Ruidoso Flower Shop 353 Suddarth

INSURANCE EXAMS: Able to draw blood, do medical histories. Reliable person and auto necessary. 1-800-753-6365

CATTLE BARON Restaurant is now accepting applications for experienced food servers, hostesses, cooks. Apply in person between 2-4, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Health benefits available and best compensation in the area.

NEEDED "DISPENSING" OPTICIAN. Full time, training available. Call 437-6838

ROUTE DRIVER NEEDED Part-Time, Night Shift, must have valid New Mexico's driver's license. Must be reliable, detail oriented. Vehicle provided. Will train. Please pick up application at The Ruidoso News, 104 Park Avenue (behind Showtime Video on Suddarth) 1/8

39 Work Wanted

MY IRONING DONE IN MY HOME Pick-up & delivery twice a week. Charge by the hour. Call Sherie 354-4311. Leave message.

David Fryer General Contractor 257-2410 Building - Roofing Lic. #55166

JE CONSTRUCTION, INC. General Contractor & Real Estate Construction. New Construction, Alterations, Remodeling, D.R.R. (Dry Rot Repair), Masonry, Siding, Roofing, Insulation, Windows, Doors, Siding, etc. 257-7818

ARE YOU PRESSED FOR TIME? Let me do your pressing. I do ironing in my home at reasonable prices. 378-8481

UPPER CANYON CONSTRUCTION NM License #59557 Commercial & Residential Deck construction and maintenance, pressure washing, tilework, roofs, doors, carpentry, fences, interior & exterior painting and remodel. FREE ESTIMATES 257-3005 ext. 120

40 Services

T.N.T. MAINTENANCE Carpet, upholstery, floors and window cleaning. Ask about special. 268-4865

HOUSECLEANING, WINDOWS, VERY THOROUGH. Yard clean-up, General maintenance, Interior Painting. Experienced. Have Recorder 257-5173

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YOU NAME IT WE DO IT

Prompt Professional Estimates Home Repairs Chimney Cleaning Tree Removal, Yard Work Trash Hauling Gutters, Etc. 378-1047

YARD MAINTENANCE PRUNING, HAULING SNOW FLOWING. Reasonable Rates Free Estimates 257-3007

CONTRACTOR NEEDS WORK 25 Years + in Ruidoso Excellent References. Please call We have Children to feed "PLEASE" 336-9116

HOME CLEANING SERVICE 336-7893

PAINTING-HOME REPAIRS Signs, Fine Arts by the hour. 364-8148, references, 15 years in area

COMPLETE YARD CARE, tree removal, pruning, hauling, raking, mowing, gutters. FREE ESTIMATES everyday referrals available 257-8808.

Brillante Construction Thomas Brillante GENERAL CONTRACTOR Remodeling • Remodeling • Painting 258-6196 Lic. NM 06819-CE 88

METAL ROOFS REMODELS • ADDITIONS Balco Builders DECKS, PAINTING & REPAIRS WALL PAPERING 257-6357 Lic. #051280

42 Child Care

CHILD CARE OFFERED IN MY HOME Meals and snacks provided. M-F Hourly Rates Also Available 257-4008

44 Firewood for Sale

APPLE FIREWOOD \$160 per cord Delivered and stacked 505-653-4502

FIREWOOD FOR SALE Call 354-2541.

SEASONED, SPLIT, DELIVERED, FIREWOOD \$120 per cord. \$130 Stacked. 257-7921 420-6374

46 Lost & Found

LOST: AT WINDY POINT on Ski Run Rd., a Memorex video camera. Please call 257-5064

LOST: "CALLIE" CATANOLA LEOPARD Full grown, white w/black spots. Red collar w/bells. Bonita Lake area. REWARD 336-1083 or 336-1184

FOUND: BACK SUPPORT BRACE with key chain attached, on Hwy 70 East, mile marker 270. Call to identify. 653-4888

47 Thank You

THE LIAL BREWER FAMILY wishes to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, prayers, cards, food, and memorial donations during our recent loss.

48 Announcements

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49 Personals

FREE PREGNANCY TESTING CARING AND CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE 378-1222

LEGAL DEADLINES: 1 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's Paper and 1 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's Paper.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DEADLINES: 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's Paper and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's Paper.

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. Don Bradley, whose last known address is P.O. Box 4030, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 please contact Attorney Cheryl Mitchell at (516) 388-0883, Morris, LA. 71201.

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEBORAH G. RUMMEL, a single person, Plaintiff,

v. No. CV-87-210 Div III GROUP I

BENNY RAY RUMMEL, KENNETH DIXON, and LANITA DIXON, husband and wife, SERGIO CASTRO, and ADRIANA CASTRO, husband and wife, and KAY HENRY PRIMER, and GROUP II

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and GROUP III

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF. Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Group I: Benny Ray Rummel, Kenneth Dixon, and Lanita Dixon, husband and wife, Sergio Castro, and Adriana Castro, husband and wife, and Kay Henry Primer, and Group II: John Does 1 through 100 and their heirs, devisees, and assigns; and Group III: Any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a complaint For Quiet Title in the above-captioned cause wherein you are named as a Defendant.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the general object of this suit is to quiet title on the real estate described as:

DESCRIPTION - TRACT 1

A tract of land in the SW/4 of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Starting at the South 1/16 corner of said Section 6, an aluminum cap monument, thence along the North boundary of said SW/4 SW/4 N 89 degrees 52'30" E a distance of 609.59 feet; thence S 00 degrees 42'44" E a distance of 189.76 feet to the place of beginning of the herein described tract of land; thence containing cause said right-of-way along the arc of a curve to the right-whose central angle is 18 degrees 15'38" and whose radius is 359.15 feet, an arc distance of 114.14 feet (CH=83 degrees 15'45" E-113.68'); thence leaving said right-of-way and going S 06 degrees 30' 14" E a distance of 42.90 feet to a point being the centerline of the Rio Bonito, thence along the centerline of the Rio Bonito S 71 degrees 51'03" W a distance of 145.82 feet; thence continuing along said centerline N 66 degrees 24'12" W a distance of 119.13 feet; thence leaving said centerline and going N 00 degrees 42'44" W a distance of 27.46 feet to the said place of beginning and containing 0.520 acres, more or less.

Subject to any rights of way or other easements as granted or reserved by instruments of record or as now existing on said tract of land.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-87-187 GUYOT, Karen L. Parsons BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST, W/A FIRSTBANK, Plaintiff,

v. PETER A. FRIKE Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a Decree foreclosing that certain Transcript of Judgment entered in the above-captioned and numbered cause on the 18th day of December, 1997, the undersigned will on the 5th day of February, 1998, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Main Entrance of the Court house in Carlsbad, Lincoln County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the real estate situated in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 168-SKYLAND SUBDIVISION, Lot 168-SKYLAND SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by map thereon filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, March 30, 1995.

The physical description of the above-referenced property is 213 and 15 Apache Trail, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all information as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body Terri Waterfield Purchasing Agent Village of Ruidoso

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LEGAL NOTICE

Something about keeping warm with wood in winter



Tom K. Larson/Ruidoso News

Getting ready to build a fire in the fireplace? Just bought your first load of wood? Do you think you got a whole cord? Do you know?

Chilly morning may turn fireplace owners to thoughts of a wood fire to take the chill off and to minimize furnace heating costs. For those who need to purchase firewood, it's a good idea to know how big a cord of wood is.

A cord of wood is 128 cubic feet, according to the New Mexico Department of

Agriculture. Joe Gomez, a department employee, recommends a better way to understand the size of a cord.

"Remember you can arrive at a cord by stacking it 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet, or 2 feet by 4 feet by 16 feet," Gomez said. "That will make your 128 cubic feet, which is the legal definition of a cord of wood."

Firewood purchasers may find a cord of wood is dumped on their property when it is delivered. So to be sure a cord is delivered, stack the wood in

a row with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other. Make sure the wood is compact and has as few gaps as possible. Then measure the stack. If the width times the height times the length equals 128 cubic feet, you have a cord.

When you buy firewood, make sure to get a receipt which shows the seller's name and address as well as the price, amount and type of wood purchased. If possible, get the seller's telephone number and write down the

license plate number of the delivery vehicle.

When the wood is delivered, ask the seller to stack it (you may have to pay extra for this service) or stack the wood yourself.

Measure the wood before using any. If the cubic measurement shows you did not receive the correct volume, contact the seller before you burn any wood.

Also beware of terms used by the seller that are not legally defined by law, such as a "cord" is. For example, terms like "truckload," "a face cord," "a rack," or "pile," because these terms have no legally defined meaning and therefore no way of determining how much firewood you are actually receiving. If a seller uses such terms it should alert you to a possible problem.

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture, which regulates firewood sales, mandates that firewood must be sold by the cord, or a fraction of a cord, Gomez said. The only exception is sales by

weight when the seller declares the price per unit of weight and the equivalent price per cord. The purchaser of more than 100 pounds must be told what a cord would cost. Bulk firewood must carry the total selling price, the weight sold, the price per unit of weight, and are reasonably accurate, if not exact, price per cord.

State rules govern sale of firewood, cutting

People who cut, remove, transport or sell firewood should be aware of state regulations involving wood, forestry officials said.

Anyone who cuts, removes, transports or sells wood must have the written consent of the landowner by either a bill of sale or a letter of permission. If landowners are harvesting their own wood, they must be able to verify proof of ownership of the property where removal is occurring. A recent property tax bill will suffice for proof of ownership.

This documentation should be carried at all times by wood gatherers. Keep the bill of sale, permission letter, or tax bill in the glove box of your vehicle.

► For more info

For more information about the purchase of firewood: Contact the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for a free copy of the regulations at (505) 646-1616.

A letter of consent can consist of a written letter by a landowner of their representative which includes the landowner's address and telephone number, an authorized signature, a legal description of the harvest area, the authorized amounts and species to be removed, and the effective date and expiration date of permission to harvest.

The New Mexico Forestry Division has a wood products removal form which, when completed and signed, will serve the same purpose as a letter of permission. The form can be picked up at any district office or will be mailed to interested parties.

Firewood cutting on federal land requires a federal permit which should be carried at all times by wood gatherers.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Gun, coins stolen

A handgun worth more than \$700 and nine sets of collected coins were stolen from a home in the 100 block of Porrr Drive last week, Ruidoso police said.

The owners left the home on Dec. 19 and returned on Dec. 31 to find the door from the home to the garage open, police said. The following day, a window was found broken out.

Though several other guns were in the home, the burglar took only the one handgun, police said.

Skis taken from car

Skis were stolen from a ski rack on a vehicle at the Aspen Lodge at 201 Upper Terrace sometime over New Year's Eve, Ruidoso police said.

The owner, a 19-year-old San Antonio man, told police the skis had been locked in place on the ski rack. The skis are valued at \$600.

Wallet taken from room

A Texas man staying at the Enchantment Inn told Ruidoso police his wallet was stolen from his room on New Year's Day.

The man had left his wallet on his bed to go to the hot tub, he told police. When he returned, the wallet and its contents, worth \$241, were missing.

Golf cart recovered

A golf cart stolen from the Pine Cliff Village on New Year's Day was found later parked at the Cherokee Mobile Village, Ruidoso police said.

The cart was taken during a five-minute interval shortly before 8 p.m.

Ski apparel taken

A Ruidoso woman's wallet, skiing equipment and apparel were taken from his 1996 GMC pickup truck Dec. 22, Ruidoso police said.

When the 24-year-old woman noticed her skiing jacket missing, she didn't report it at first, telling herself it was a lesson learned, according to the police report. The next day, though, she noticed her wallet had been taken and called to cancel her credit cards. She learned they had been used several times by the thief, police said.

Equipment, items taken

A 42-year-old San Antonio man told Ruidoso police video equipment and clothing worth a total of \$1,165 were stolen from his car sometime during the night Dec. 24.

His 1991 Dodge Spirit had been parked in the 700 block of Main Road at the time of the theft, police said.

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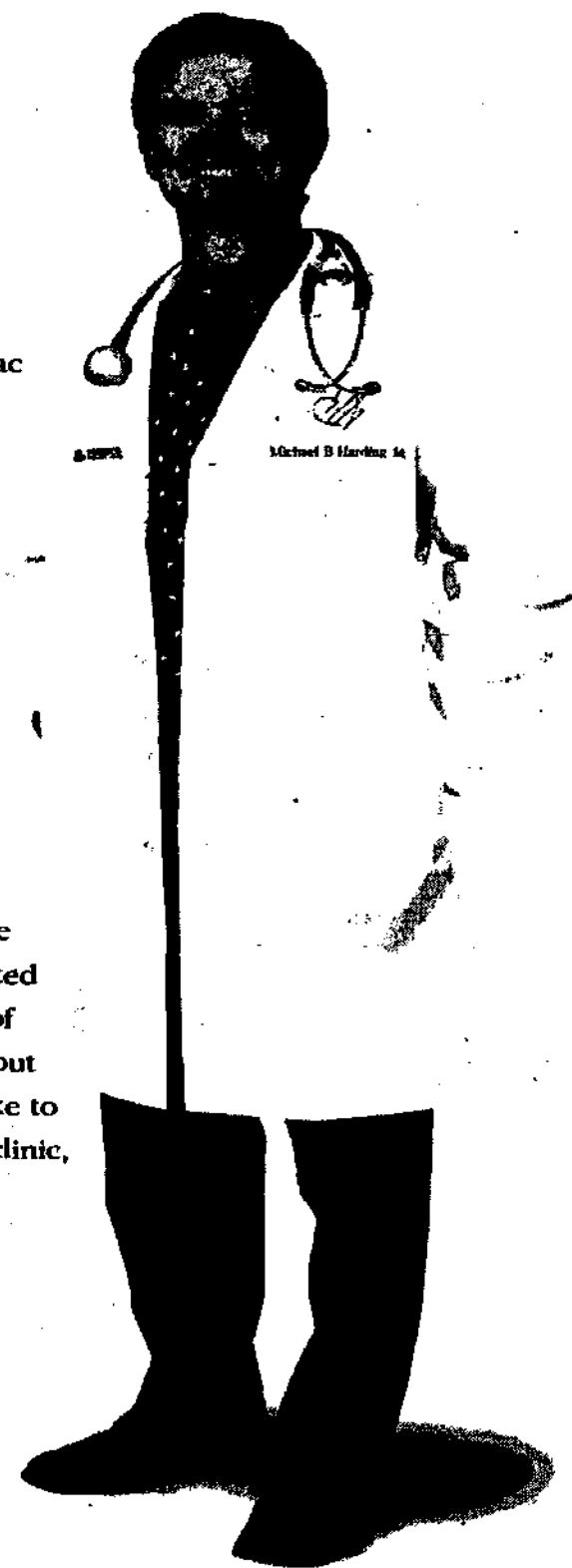
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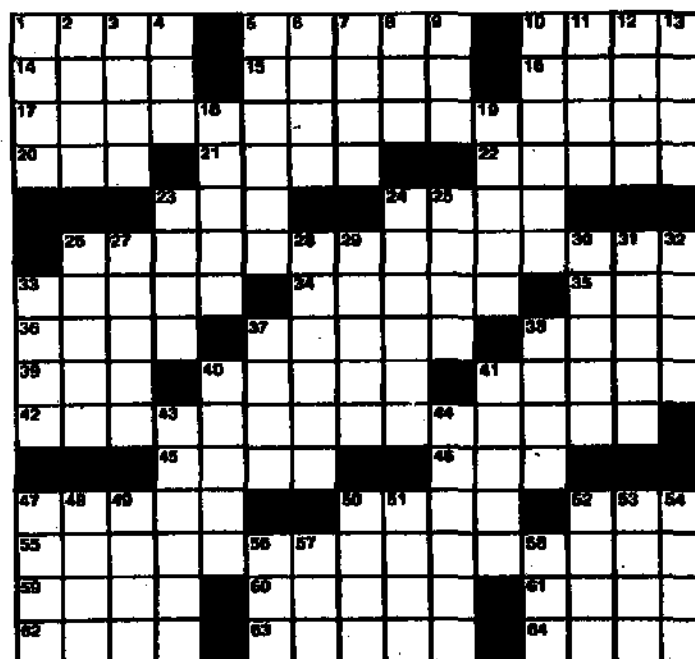
- 1 Boxer's pokes
- 5 Hammond book
- 10 "Dragnet" star
- 14 Norway's capital
- 15 Mutt
- 16 Film director Kazan
- 17 "Let's get outta here!"
- 20 Catch, as a criminal
- 21 Spots in the Seine, for instance
- 22 Grad student exams
- 23 Moray
- 24 Dull blow
- 25 Kentucky Derby
- 30 Goes it alone
- 34 Merits

- 35 — kwon do (martial art)
- 36 The triple in a triple play
- 37 "L'Étranger" novelist
- 38 Groucho or Zeppo
- 39 Neighbor of Syr.
- 40 Perry Mason stories
- 41 Stout
- 42 Outlaw's order, in a western
- 43 Mortgage
- 44 Gobbled up
- 47 Hearing-related
- 50 Kiln for drying hops
- 52 Winter bug
- 53 Show patriotic respect
- 54 London's Hyde, e.g.

- 55 — brûlée (French custard)
- 61 Banister
- 62 "One-hoss" vehicle
- 63 Made dove sounds
- 64 Memorial Day race, informally

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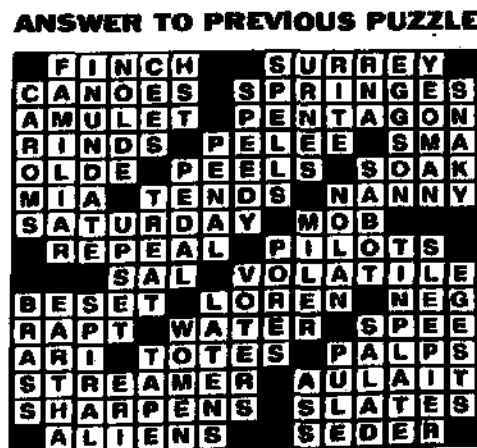
- 1 First name of four Presidents
- 2 On the briny
- 3 Tell all
- 4 Yard square
- 5 Moon-landing program
- 6 Hightailed it
- 7 Plenty
- 8 Alas, in Augsburg
- 9 "— Cried" (1962 hit)
- 10 Nut
- 11 Scat queen Fitzgerald
- 12 Invoice
- 13 Paul McCartney's instrument
- 14 Feudal estates
- 15 A doctor keeps them
- 23 Son of Seth
- 24 Rocket engine force
- 25 Roosters' mates
- 26 Wake up
- 27 The "U" of UHF
- 28 Why's answer
- 29 Circus performer
- 44 Chopped up



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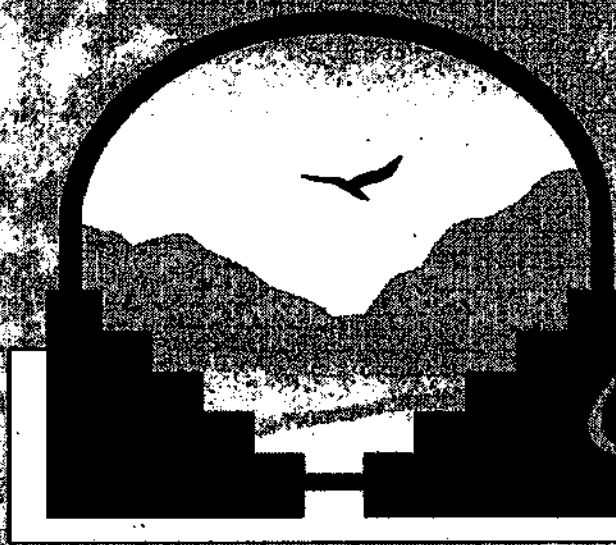
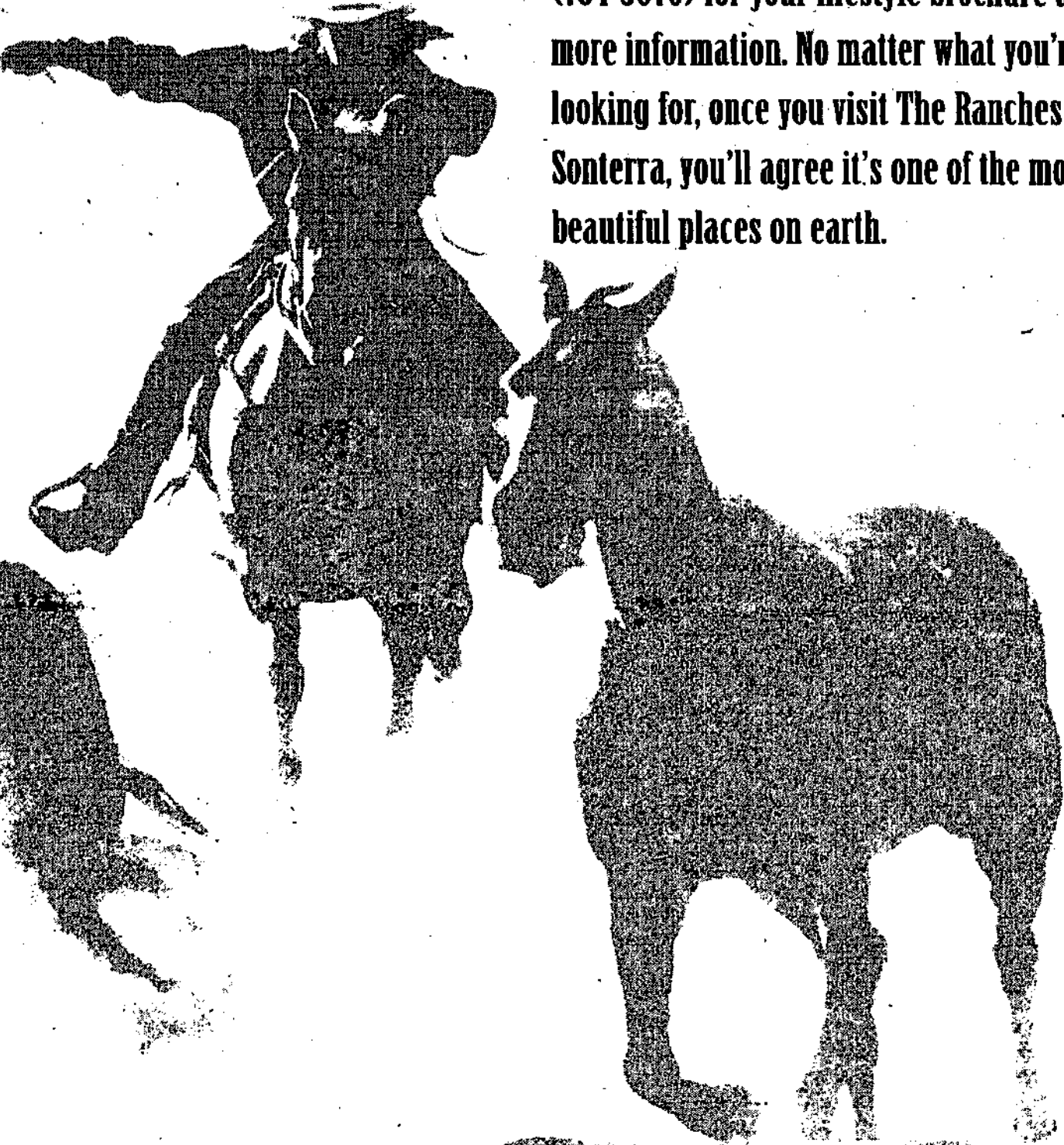
- 47 Horned vipers
- 48 Home of Brigham Young
- 49 — avis
- 50 Sandwich cookie
- 51 "Look — (I'm in Love)"
- 52 Custard tart
- 53 Set down
- 54 "The — American"
- 55 ABC and CBS regulator
- 57 Spanish gold
- 58 Thur.'s follower

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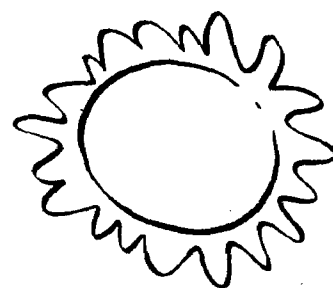
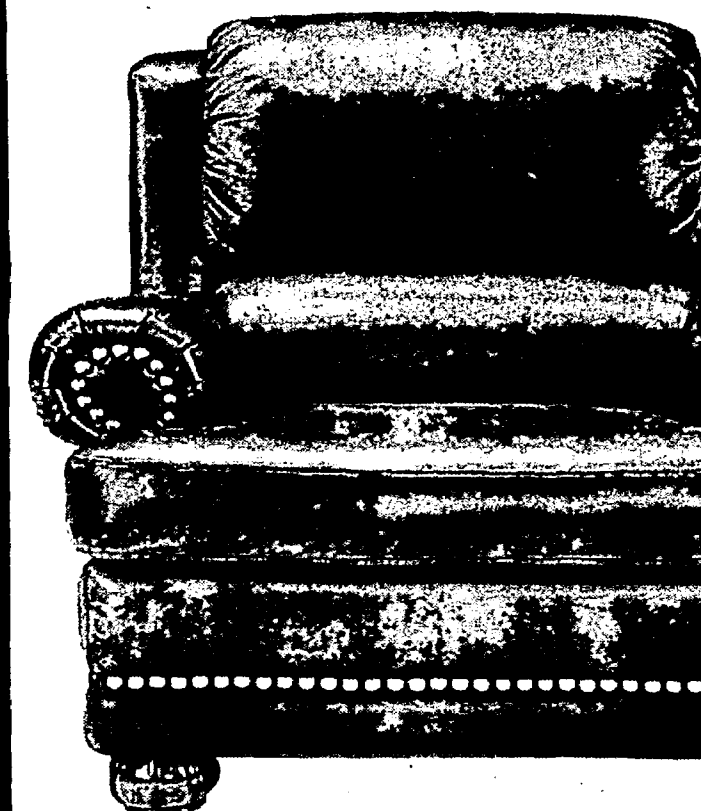
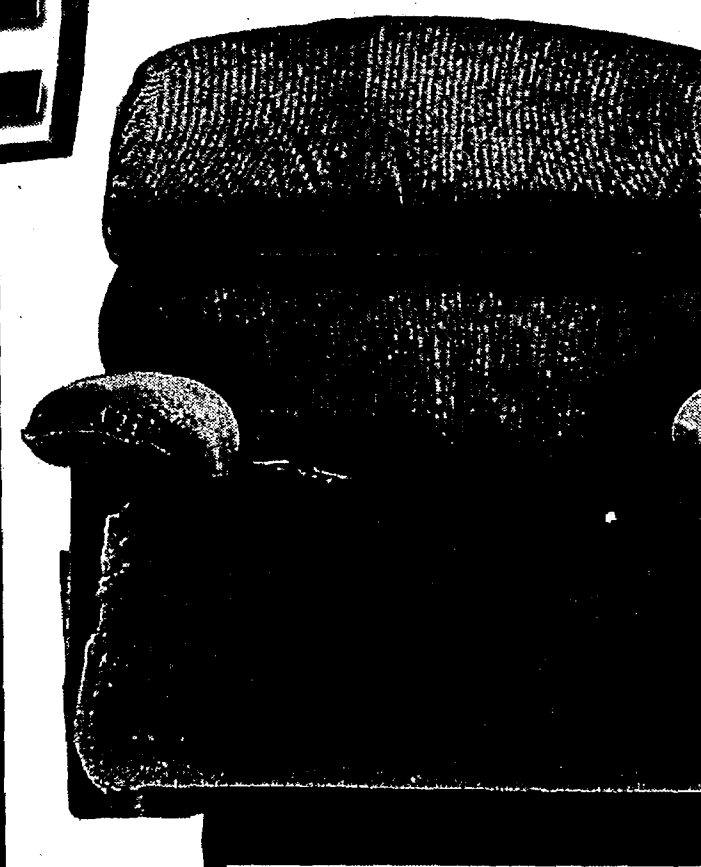
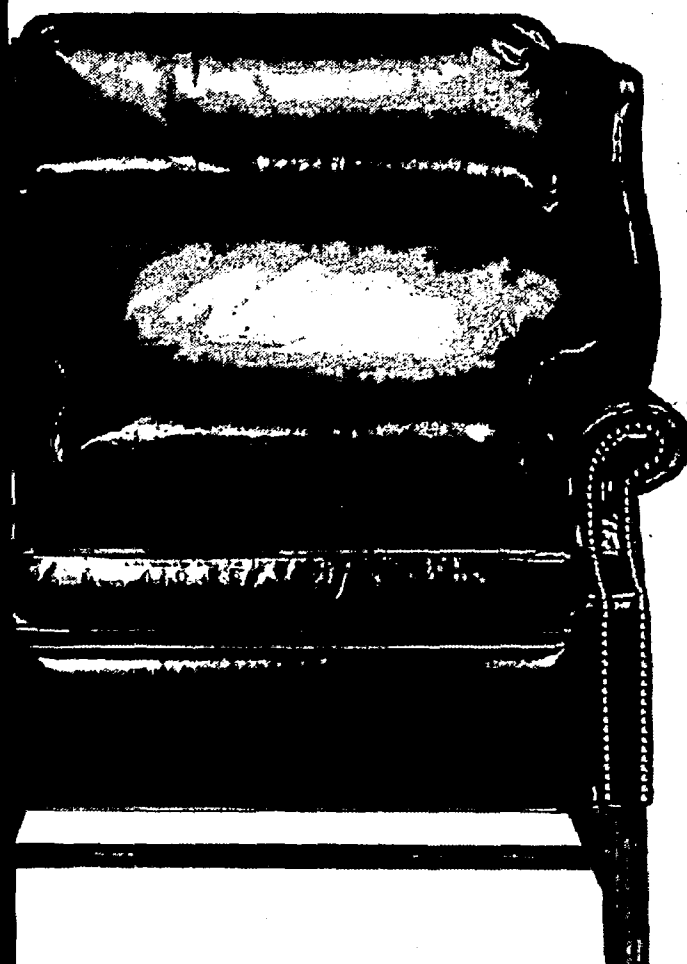
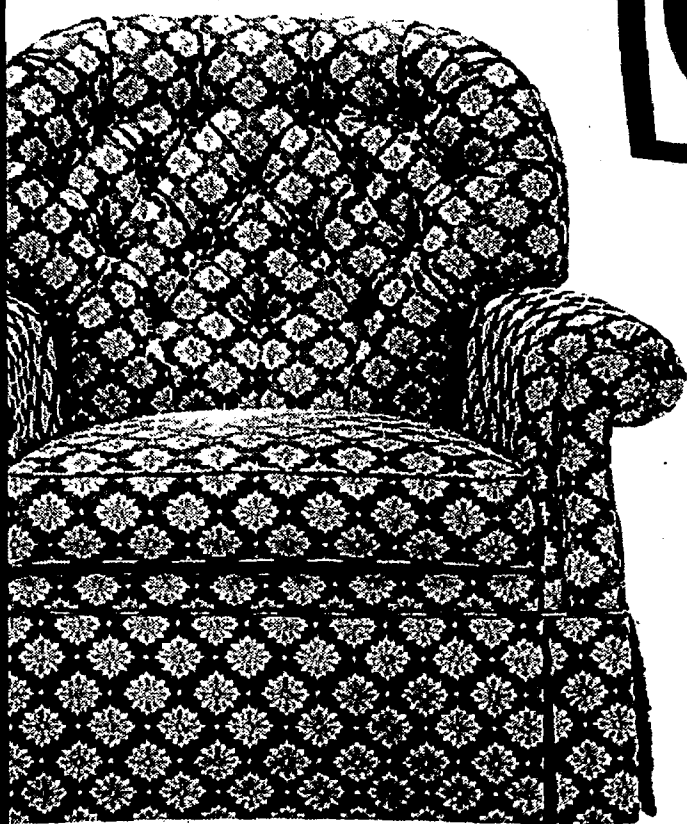
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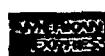
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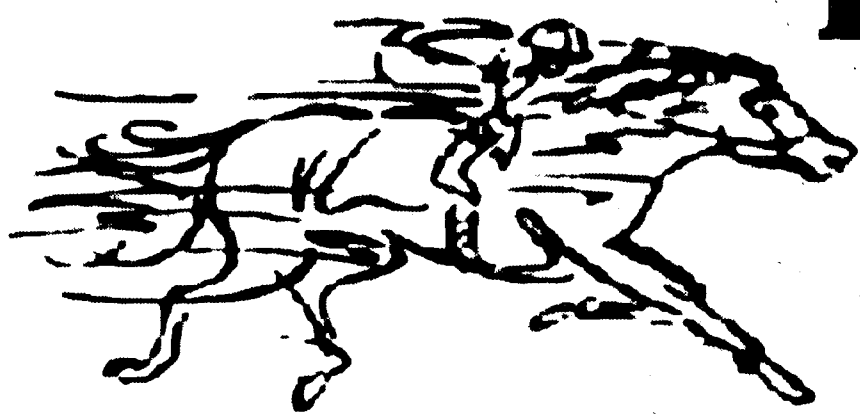


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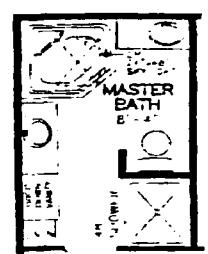


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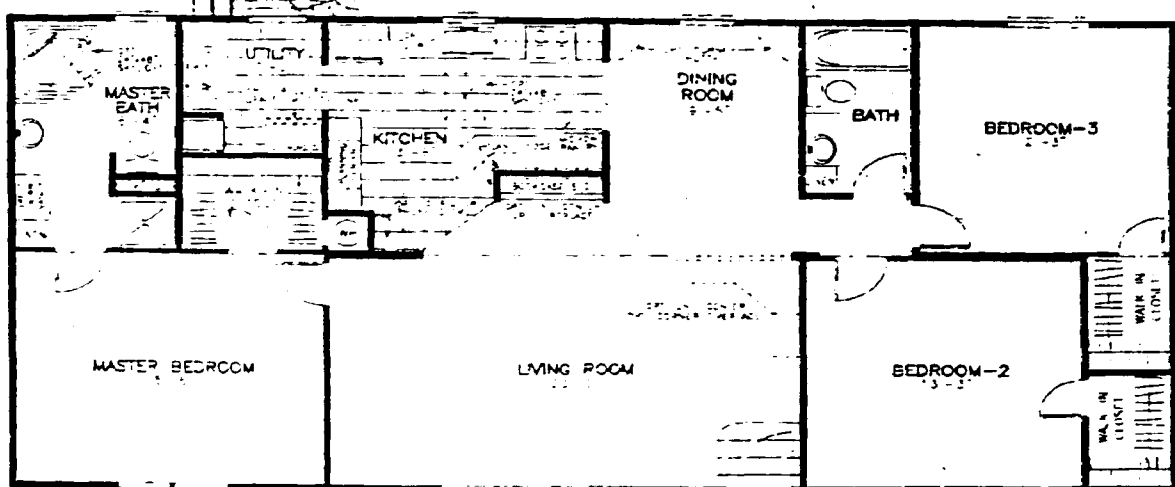
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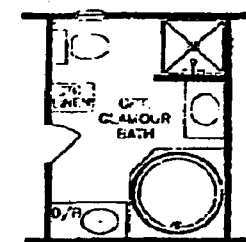
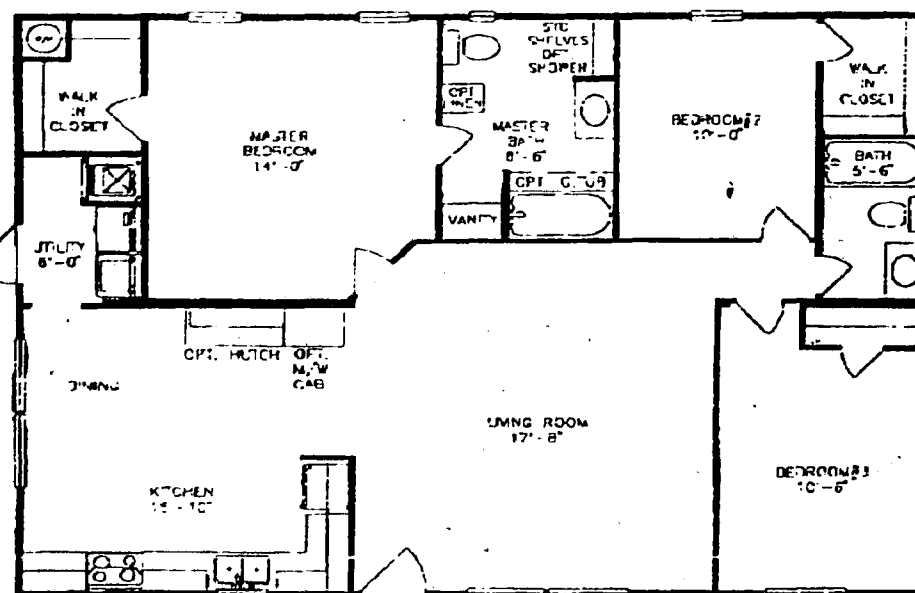


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