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## County pay raise fiasco continues

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An attempt to increase the pay of five Lincoln County elected officials who aren't eligible for raises in 1999 flopped Thursday, because the officials are in the middle of their terms.

Instead, the five — two county commissioners, the sheriff, the assessor and the probate judge — will see their salaries cut back in line with a commission decision last week to rescind a 10-percent increase approved in July 1997.

The five other elected officials in the county, who take office on Jan. 1,

will receive increases that could range from 10 percent to 18 percent for the county clerk and treasurer or as high as 40 percent for commissioners, depending on who is doing the figuring.

Chairman L. Ray Nunley clarified Thursday that his motion last week to approve raises for the five officials taking office in January was meant to leave salaries for those people at the same level they were collecting before the July 1997 raises were rescinded. But by defining the raises in terms of 76 percent of the maximum allowed in the county's population and valuation category, the increase turned out to be

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the same 10 percent for the treasurer and clerk, but a 30 percent increase for commissioners Nunley, William Schwettmann and incoming commissioner Rick Simpson. That is a difference of 30 percent (to \$13,121) a year over the base salary of \$10,005, instead of a 10 percent increase to \$11,005.

Commissioners Wilton Howell and Rex Wilson will be reduced to \$10,005, Sheriff Tom Sullivan to \$31,510, Assessor Patsy Serna to \$30,130 and Probate Judge Stirling

Spencer to \$7,015.

Following a suggestion of an attorney retained by Sullivan and several other elected officials, Nunley offered a motion Thursday to reinstate 7-percent raises that were approved in April 1994, and subsequently were rescinded in January 1995, after an Attorney General's opinion that they violated the state constitution by including mid-term officials. However, commissioners also were prohibited by state law to give raises to some elected officials and not to others.

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## Firefighters seek joint support

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Some volunteers with the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department say they have been let down by the neighboring Palo Verde/Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department.

Downs Fire Chief Nick Herrera, the only paid department member, suggested to Lincoln County Commissioners Thursday that a solution to providing adequate fire protection in the area outside Ruidoso Downs would be to merge the two departments in some manner.

County Attorney Alan Said agreements exist between counties and cities that don't jeopardize the funding of either.

Commissioners asked the two fire chiefs to meet with Morel and County Manager Tom Stewart to work out the problems.

Chairman L. Ray Nunley said it's imperative that Ruidoso Downs volunteers have access to the Glencoe equipment when needed.

"It's not Glencoe's fault, but I think we can provide better service in the county if we combine like the county emergency medical services have with the Ruidoso EMS," Herrera said. "The county could do away with the \$10,000 it allocated to cover our mutual aid agreement and use it somewhere else."

"We could put the (fire) truck (in Glencoe) on a regular service program and I could handle it as a paid employee. I live in the county (outside the town) and I worry about my house too."

It's not good for people who monitor scanners to hear the Glencoe department paged repeatedly without a response, Herrera told commissioners during the special meeting in Ruidoso Downs.

But Commissioner Monroy Montes, who put the item on the agenda, said while Glencoe needs help, the commission doesn't want to take away the department's autonomy.

Herrera said the state still would recognize the department and fund it separately, but both groups would benefit from combining equipment and manpower.

Don Smith, a Ruidoso Downs volunteer and battalion chief, wasn't as diplomatic as his chief. He told commissioners they weren't getting the

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## Dan Storm dies

Dan Storm, 89, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Lincoln County Medical Center from complications following smoke inhalation that occurred when his Glencoe home was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

The funeral will be at St. Anne's Church, Glencoe, on Monday, and burial will follow at the family cemetery. Storm was a lay reader at St. Anne's and at the Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso, and the family welcomes members of both congregations to services at St. Anne's.

Other funeral details are pending and will be available from LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## 'Tis the season



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

The Dennis Worthington family home at 206 Barcus in the Cree Meadows golf course is outlined in lights and features a nativity scene. Fourteen-year-old Jeffrey Worthington started decorating the house in October, built the platform for the Christ child display and has helped other neighbors put up their lights. Neighbor Kevin Krohn's Christmas display, and several other homes in the neighborhood, also are notable.

## Ruidoso family sets off to help Nicaraguans



Dennis, Loretta, Jeffrey and Jeanelle Worthington show off the Teddy bears that will accompany them to Nicaragua next week.

• The Worthingtons have found a different way to spend the Christmas holidays.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Armed with Teddy bears, antibiotics and compassion, a Ruidoso family leaves next week for Nicaragua, where they will spend part of the holidays helping hurricane victims fight disease and rebuild lives.

Dennis Worthington, a physician, will use the medicine against possible epidemics of cholera and typhoid.

His wife Loretta and their teenage children Janelle and Jeffrey will give the teddy bears to youngsters for psychological solace, a seemingly inconsequential, yet proven, panacea for traumatized children, the family says.

"If they have Teddy bears, they recover much faster than those who don't, for some psychological reason," Loretta Worthington said Wednesday evening from the family's Ruidoso home.

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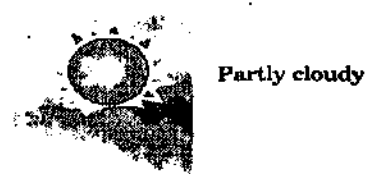
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## RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SUNDAY** High ... 42  
Low ... 24



Partly cloudy

**SATURDAY** High ... 48  
Low ... 26



Mostly cloudy

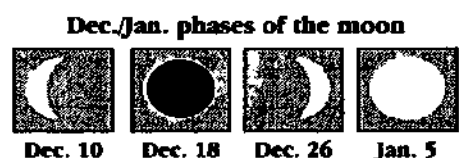
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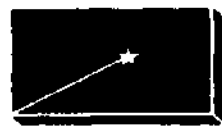
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## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	51	16	0"
Wednesday	56	17	0"
Thursday	54	17	0"
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	58	28	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	62	39	Showers
Lubbock, TX	60	37	Showers
Midland, TX	61	39	Showers



## STARDATE



On Sunday Mercury stands farthest from the Sun for its current "morning-star" apparition. It looks like a bright star, very low in the south-east, as twilight begins to paint the sky.

On Monday, winter solstice occurs at 6:56 p.m. MST, when the Sun appears farthest south in Earth's sky. It marks both the beginning of winter and the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

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## RAISES: Commissioners chose not to let county attorney speak

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According to attorney David Stevens, the 3-2 passage of Nunley's motion added another 7-percent increase on the raise approved last week. That would elevate County Clerk Martha Proctor and County Treasurer Joan Park another \$2,320 to an annual salary of \$35,463 and the three commissioners another \$918 to \$14,039 a year.

Commissioners would not waive their client-attorney privilege to allow County Attorney Alan Morel to offer specific input during the discussion. The motion suggested by Stevens was approved with Commissioners Howell and Monroy Montes voting against it.

But the motion stopped short of one of the ultimate aims that Stevens and his clients were seeking — some type of increase for the five officials facing a 10-percent reduction in their pay. It also falls short of the 100 percent of maximum allowed that Stevens argued his clients who are eligible for raises should receive.

If commissioners expect 100 percent out of county elected officials, then they should be paid 100 percent, he said, adding that commissioners may not rely on their salaries for a living, but the other full-time officials do.

Stevens said the 7-percent raises cannot be retroactive. After the meeting, Stevens cited several opinions from attorneys general dating back

to 1957 in support of that contention, although Morel questioned how officials could be denied pay to which they are entitled.

Steven also said late Thursday that since the 1995 raises were reinstated after the raises approved last week, they must be added on top. But not everyone agrees with that view. Some commissioners say raises that go back to 1995 have not real effect and are superseded by last week's action.

Howell pointed out that the motion in 1994 was to raise the salaries of all elected officials, but Stevens said, "The motion only said elected officials and if you can't give mid-term raises, then by default they would only go to newly elected officials."

Sullivan pointed out his

salary was reduced in violation of the state constitution, which prohibits lowering salaries of elected officials in mid-term, as well as increasing them. Serna will be hurt financially in her retirement, because the amount she will collect is determined by her last two years of pay, which will be the next two years, Stevens said.

The state Supreme Court in October affirmed that the constitutional prohibition against mid-term increases or decreases of salaries overrides a state law requiring equity in pay for all elected officials in a county.

Howell said the right way to handle the situation is to pass a constitutional amendment and eliminate the prohibition against mid-term raises.

## FAMILY: Worthington's daughter provided the initial spark

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Teddy bears. Loretta Worthington said the family already has a large collection of bears heading Nicaragua and may ship more. Cash donations are preferred for medicine and the much-needed water filters because those items may be purchased for less in Nicaragua, she said.

As of Wednesday, they didn't know exactly where they will be stationed, what will be available in the way of food, or where they will sleep, Loretta said.

"Maybe a hammock, maybe a mattress — who knows?" she said.

One of the few things they have been assured of is clean drinking water. They have already started taking typhoid medicine and are up on their hepatitis A and B shots, Dennis Worthington said.

The family's decision to help Nicaraguan hurricane victims started with Janelle, 18, a student at Eastern New Mexico University and an assistant youth minister at Gateway Church of Christ. By Thanksgiving, it was agreed on by rest of the family as well.

"We just like to help out," she said.

They didn't necessarily intend to go during the holidays — it just worked out that

way because it was the first opportunity when his daughter would have a break from college, Dennis Worthington said. They will celebrate Christmas before leaving Ruidoso.

Jeffrey, 14, doesn't mind spending an unconventional Christmas rebuilding a community. "I enjoy camping out in the heat and mud and things like that," he said.

As a family, they have done such "vacations" before, helping build churches and homes. In fact, they spent two weeks in an intensive Spanish language class this May in Guatemala to prepare for trips such as this.

"But this is the first disas-

ter," Loretta said. "None of us have ever stayed in a place without electricity, water ..."

"Well, they have lots of water — just not the right type of water," her husband added, laughing.

Teddy bears donations should be either new or like-new and may be dropped off at Worthington's office at 206 Porrr Drive.

Checks made out to ADRA-Nicaragua also may be left at his office or mailed to ADRA headquarters at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20904. For more information about the organization or donations, call (800)424-ADRA.

## FIREMEN: Equipment, volunteer shortage a concern

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whole picture and he's upset about the situation.

"The other morning when Dan Storm's home burned, I was in bed and so were the other (Ruidoso Downs) volunteers, but we were there fighting that fire (which occurred outside the town in the unincorporated portion of the county) in 11 minutes."

He claimed that the Glencoe substation truck won't start and

is not being maintained. When Ruidoso Downs' trucks ran out of water, one Glencoe unit that showed up for the fire with two volunteers went to get more water, but took 17 minutes while 13 firefighters were waiting, he said.

"They hauled one load of water and went home," he said.

Volunteers from Ruidoso Downs stayed on the scene until 7:30 a.m. and hauled several more loads of water, Smith said.

Angel Chavez, who recently

again became chief of the Palo Verde/Glencoe group, said he's trying to rebuild the department, which has only a few active volunteers.

"I understand what Nick is saying and I hear rumors that there is no fire department anymore," he said. "Volunteers are hard to come by. I've been at it 10 years and I'm not going to let it go down, but I don't know where he gets his information that the equipment won't start."

Chavez insisted the truck will

start and its keys are in the ignition, although a combination lock is used to secure the substation door.

"We've got to find a way to ensure these people have better equipment when they go into a (county) territory," Montes said.

"Why not spend a little money and make someone at Palo Verde full time (similar to Ruidoso Downs' fire chief)?" Chavez asked.

"Most other counties do that, but we don't have any extra money," Montes said.



Ladies out for an afternoon ride in their Tin Lizzy.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

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Dec. 20, 1900

The mining outlook for White Oaks for 1901 is very much brighter than any past era of the camp's life.

The Eagle wishes everybody on the big earth a merry Christmas, and very particularly all of our subscribers and patrons.

John Gallacher returned from the Spence ranch last week where he enjoyed a few days recreation.

John Doe was prosecuted for vagrancy before Justice Rudisille this week and sentenced to ten days work on the streets. Thus the way of the transgressor is hard.

Rev. Wood, of Chicago, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Lacey have a new baby boy at their place.

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## No room for a 'halfway' house near county jail

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nothing is available around the Lincoln County jail in Carrizozo that could be used as a halfway house for inmates who are on day-time work release and only spend their nights under confinement, County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday.

He's looking at prefabricated buildings, but has not checked with school districts in the county to determine if any portable units are vacant and available for county use, he told commissioners during a special meeting in Ruidoso Downs.

Commissioner Wilton Howell asked if the proposed 600 square feet would be large enough.

Stewart said he plans to put from 12 to 16 inmates in the building in a bunk bed arrangement with foot lockers, similar to the military. He hopes to be back at the January commission meeting with some positive results.

The jail fails to meet fire code requirements and the

commissioners had to reduce the number of inmates from 48 or more to 30 to satisfy the state Fire Marshal. The jail, built more than 30 years ago, is scheduled to be replaced with a new facility at the Carrizozo Industrial Park next year. By housing trustees and work release inmates elsewhere, it will be easier to meet the state population requirements in the interim, commissioners say.

Commissioners also decided to lower the amount of money charged to inmates each day for administration work connected to their work release when they are employed by private businesses.

Last week, commissioners imposed a \$10 charge for those being used by non-profit and other governmental entities and 25 percent of daily pay for those privately employed.

Howell, who made the motion, said after thinking it over, the 25 percent is too high for someone trying to support his family or hang onto a job while in jail.

His motion to change the charge to \$10 was seconded by Chairman L. Ray Nunley and passed unanimously.

## County employee raises to get look 'next month'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A request to look at the impact of some major spending issues in preparation for possible action at the mid-year budget review was rejected Thursday by the majority of Lincoln County Commissioners.

Chairman L. Ray Nunley said employees raises will be dealt with next month. That will be after newly elected commissioner Rick Simpson has been sworn into office and Nunley and incumbent William Schwettmann start their new terms.

Commissioner Wilton Howell proposed considering 10 percent raises for employees in line with raises approved last week by the commission for elected officials. He estimated the cost of that increase for 81 employees at from \$156,000 to \$180,000 this year. But he said commissioners need to look at the whole picture when approving any major hit to the budget.

He listed other impacts as \$92,000 for salary increases for deputies, building a new jail for an estimated annual repayment of \$350,000, indigent health care of \$250,000 a year, and \$25,000 to cover the

repayment of grant money and a contribution toward the future operation of the county's DWI program that is being turned over to the village of Ruidoso to run.

With only \$2,744,000 in the county's general fund, commissioner should start talking now about options, not wait until next month, he said, adding that he would not support an increase in property taxes that he estimates could be as high as 30 percent to cover all of the additional costs.

But Commissioner Rex Wilson agreed with Nunley the proper time to look at the issues is at the mid-year budget review.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan blasted Howell for trying to interfere with how he runs his department and for not calling him directly when he has questions.

"I shouldn't have to explain my actions to the newspaper," Sullivan said. "You call me and we can discuss it. I'm elected by the whole county and I don't work for you or the commission. It's my call and we did it within the language of the collective bargaining agreement."

Before approving the raises, he consulted the county attorney and county

manager, Sullivan said.

The money for the deputy raises is in the budget and he hasn't overspent, the sheriff said. Deputies salaries are handled separately from the county's other employees because some of them are in a union.

"Once the budget is approved, it's my decision how to spend it," Sullivan said.

Howell agreed, but said if the two vacant positions the sheriff is using to pay for the raises are filled next year, he'll need more money for his department to maintain that level of pay.

"We need to discuss it now," Howell said. "I don't think you did anything wrong, but we need to talk about it. This commission refuses to address how we're going to pay for the jail. I'm not saying you did wrong. You've got a gun and you're bigger than me."

Commissioner Monroy Montes asked Nunley to direct County Manager Tom Stewart to come back with information on county obligations, "not just a snapshot."

Nunley said Stewart already is gathering the data. Including options on how to finance the jail.

## Private teen center in north Ruidoso planned

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While Ruidoso develops plans for a teen center next to the Senior Citizens Center, a couple of moms and teens have been working on "That Place," a privately owned center due to open in mid-January or early February.

Judy Stone, owner of the business and mother of two teenagers (who made up part of the informal teen advisory committee), has begun to transform the Seahorse Cafe at 1214 Mechem Drive into a multifunction center for teens to be open seven days a week.

Plans for That Place include a restaurant, weekend dances with high school and middle school bands, indoor and outdoor games, mentoring, tutoring, and teen businesses.

But according to one of teen planners, Tory Sablatara, 13,

"It's just a hangout place and on weekends it'll be partying and things like that."

Sablatara, daughter of Stone, said she "found" the building and insisted her mother check out the possibility of using it for the teen center, and it was discussions between the two of them several months ago that initiated That Place.

"There's nothing for us to do here in Ruidoso, and I got tired of going to midtown all the time and all my friends wanted something to do and so I just started talking to my mom about it, because we had one (teen center) in Austin," Sablatara said.

Her mother, who has a background in marketing, said she'd wanted to do this for a long time. "And then when we had some of the problems with kids in September - we had a death - there was no place for these kids to grieve ... and the idea came back to me."

Maddy Hartman, now an employee of That Place, but formerly owner of the Internet Cafe, closed the cafe and let the young people use it.

"That's" where it started with Judy and me," Hartman said, "we were looking after the kids that were grieving...and they were in my cafe for a couple of days."

They tentatively expect to be open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. during the week and 1 p.m. to midnight on weekends, and it'll be open to seventh graders through high school.

Meanwhile, architectural plans are under way for a 2,500-3,000 square-foot village teen center to be built next to the Senior Citizens Center in the School House Park area.

Competition between the village and the privately owned teen centers would not be a problem, Mayor Robert Donaldson said, because they're different entities. "The more things there

are for kids to do, the better.

"We're trying to provide something that for sure is long term," he said. "I hope hers succeeds ... I don't see a problem, but it won't change the direction we're headed either."

Stone said she's hoping they won't duplicate functions or activities; that they can work together on programs for the teenagers.

"I don't know why we have to duplicate facilities," she said. "If we have X amount of tax dollars, and something is already being done over here, why can't we take those tax dollars and have more programs available instead of duplicating what's already being done?"

She said That Place would open sometime between mid-January and early February, and there would be an open house so parents could look the facility over, as well as a grand opening for teenagers.

### RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council will convene at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for the following agenda items:

#### Village Manager Reports:

- Village Manager Alan Briley is to discuss road construction along Mechem Drive, where the roadway is going to remain virtually unchanged until all-out construction begins again in spring.

- Village Attorney John Underwood is to discuss the village's negotiations with a Mid-West firm about building a hotel at a site next to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

#### Regular items:

- Presentation of a village policy dedicating every Wednesday to fixing road potholes. Briley said the policy does not require council action, but

added that publicity about the program is needed. Residents are being encouraged to call the street department at 257-6023 to report potholes on village roads. The department will patch the potholes on Wednesdays, Briley said. Neither Mechem nor Sudderth drives are village roads.

- Consideration of a \$7,500 proposal from Underwood to provide lobbying services for the village during the 1999 Legislature. Underwood, a former state representative, has been a lobbyist for the village for about three years.

- Discussion on Mayor Robert Donaldson's conceptual idea for a recreational plaza next to the White Mountain Recreation Center. Briley said Donaldson wants council approval to proceed with development of the conceptual ideas. An on-call architect for the village has already begun pricing design fees for an indoor swimming pool at the site, Briley said.

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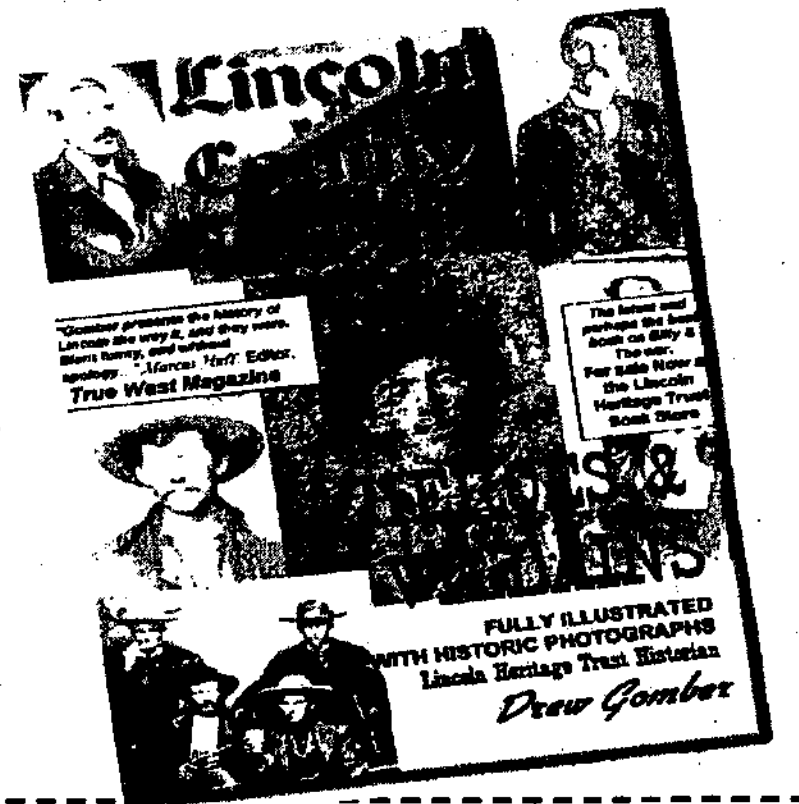
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### OUR OPINION

## Too many questions surround coach's removal

Yes, the reassignment of a school teacher is a "personnel matter" and certainly part of the prerogative of a school's administration.

But the removal of Gary Grahn, Ruidoso High School's second-year varsity basketball coach leaves too many unanswered questions for school patrons living in the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

Superintendent Mike Gladden handed this written statement to the *Ruidoso News* on Wednesday afternoon: "Following my investigation and inquiry into allegations surrounding the Ruidoso High school basketball program and coach, I have determined the following course of action for the benefit of Ruidoso School students and athletes:

"1. Gary Grahn has been offered the option of continuing as an instructor at Ruidoso High School for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year; and

"2. Billy Page has been named Interim Head Basketball Coach for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year.

"Included in the investigation, which focused upon a number of allegations and incidences, were students, parents, and educational staff."

The statement was signed by the superintendent, who declined to give additional details, describing the incident as a "personnel matter."

Such matters, of course, are extended certain privacy under New Mexico's public records and open meetings acts, but the state does provide legal procedures and remedies concerning such issues. Most school districts have established procedures for handling cases such as a parent complaining to an administrator about treatment of his son.

Apparently Ruidoso has one, too. The superintendent talks to people, then decides.

But in Grahn's case, the superintendent apparently chose not to talk to the accused; he talked, he stated, with "students, parents and educational staff."

Grahn told this newspaper that the first word he heard after being put on administrative leave was that he could continue to be a classroom teacher, but not a coach. Oh, yes; he could keep his coach's stipend for the rest of the year, he was told.

The publicized complaint against Grahn came from parent Tom Lutterman, whose wife is a member of the Ruidoso school board. Lutterman chose to bypass the athletic director, taking his complaint to the superintendent.

Were there other complaints? Were other students "abused" by the coach?

Too many questions that should be answered — if not by Gladden, then by the school board we elected.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Missing Monroy Montes

To the editor:

A statement in the *Ruidoso News* along with a photograph ended, at least temporarily, the political career of Monroy Montes. He was replaced in a recent election and will be sorely missed in his role as a Lincoln County commissioner and equally by the Solid Waste Authority where he served as a county representative on that group. Both groups will be the loser.

Over many years as county commissioner he has been shown to be a leader in making creative suggestions and in influencing changes in operations to enhance a conservative and practical approach to good government.

Being a member of the minority on the county commission has made his task very difficult of late. He and Wilton Howell, a member of the commission, in a minority role, have taken the "slings and arrows," not always deserved, in conducting the business of the county. It is hoped that, with the advent of the new commissioner, the Lincoln County Commission will accept the premise that communication, cooperation, and compromise is essential if the Lincoln County Commission is to accomplish the job of which we can be proud.

J. A. "Al" Junge  
E. & O. E. / Ruidoso

#### It truly is 'Christ-mas'

To the editor:

Christmas time is indeed a time of joy and fellowship. A time of bright lights, shiny tinsel, smiling children anxiously waiting for Santa clause.

A time for families to gather together and share their love and gifts, giving gifts of love, not just exchanging gifts. Yes, Christmas is a time of good cheer, beautiful music, talking dolls, computers, and many other things. But it is also the time of a far more wonderful event.

Let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child, "Jesus Christ"...the greatest Christmas gift of all. No matter what our spiritual belief, no one would question but that the birth of this most remarkable of men changed the world in a manner greater than anyone before or since.

During this joyous season, let us remember to keep the "Christ" in Christmas, the one who gave us the greatest gifts of all: the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of giving, and the gift of forgiving.

Dear God, on this busy holiday season make us kind and wise so we may always recognize the blessings that are ours to make...if we but open our heart's door wide to let the sunshine of love and Christ inside.

Merry Christmas.  
Julian Wells  
Ruidoso

#### Legislative leadership?

To the editor:

Is this the kind of leadership New Mexico voters want in the New Mexico Legislature?

Manny (Aragon, Senate president pro-tem) and Ray (Sanchez, House speaker) have sent word to the people in Sierra County that they will be punished, as the majority of the registered voters did not choose to re-elect their Democratic friend to the New Mexico Legislature.

I think that these two...need a refresher course in American history...the people of this nation have the constitutional right to vote for whomever they wish in the general election. The Constitution of New Mexico also gives registered voters this right.

We, the people of Sierra County, thought that we had been punished enough when our county was gerrymandered to elect their friend to the Legislature several years ago.

Do these gentlemen not know what gerrymandering is? It is to divide a voting area unfairly to benefit one party.

This is not about race nor culture, as we have been told, but it is about the constitutional rights of the people living in Sierra County.

Fortunately, the people in this county elected three people of good character and good judgement, two Republicans and one a Democrat.

Annie C. McManus  
Caballo

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## In education, 'one size does fit all'

BY RICHARD W. RILEY  
U. S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

From Boston to the Mississippi Delta to Seattle, people across America are focused on education like never before. If you aren't engaging in dinner table conversation yourself about issues affecting students and schools, you have surely seen educational headlines during the recent election or in your daily news.

But is there really one approach to better education that works in every town in America? Yes—increasing parent and community involvement.

Maybe you live in or know of a community where diverse groups are coming together to look after the well-being of students—a place where people take the extra time and energy to pull together because they believe the whole community has a stake in education. The key to building partnerships within a community to improve education is to bring together those who have something to provide, and show them how much they have to receive as well.

Opportunities to build creative partnerships are as diverse as America itself. Imagine a businesswoman inviting students to her work to learn about careers in a hands-on way, or a grandparent tutoring a young child who needs help to read, or a college student mentoring a

middle-schooler in algebra so he could be ready to take college prep courses in high school. Everyone is learning. And think of the related benefits of bringing a community together with a common purpose.

So why, then, isn't every community building these partnerships? If you've ever tried working with others to do something in your area that hasn't been done before, you know the answer is often resources, resources, resources. Well, what if there were funds and support available for such partnerships.

There are. An unprecedented amount of support is now available—almost \$600 million. There are many other opportunities from the U. S. Department of Education and through the Partnership for Family Involvement—to help strengthen or form partnerships where groups are working together to support better education. For example, through a new program called GEAR UP, community organizations, businesses, non-profits and parent associations can partner with colleges, universities and low-income middle and high schools to give students the academics, guidance and hope needed consistently and early-on so all students know that they, too will be able to go on to college.

Colleges and K-12 schools are realizing the value of partnership. Visit many campuses

and you will find America Reads tutors—college students who earn federal work-study money by tutoring elementary students in reading. Starting next fall, you will see them tutoring students in math from elementary through 9th grade through America Counts. There will be new resources available for schools that partner with community organizations, parents, teachers and family literacy service providers to support literacy in early childhood and the early grades, through the Reading Excellence Act.

Community organizations and schools, working together, can apply for funds to provide students with a safe and enriching place to be during after-school hours, through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. Nearly 300 communities have received grants so far.

Now is the time to learn about these and other opportunities, because grant competitions will be under way soon. Contact 1-800-USA-LEARN or visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) for more information on how you can receive support and publications for building partnerships to improve your schools and increase parental and community involvement in education.

I encourage caring people of all ages to form and strengthen partnerships that lift up our students, parents, teachers and schools.

## Carrying on for Dan

Dan Storm was being treated at Lincoln County Medical Center for smoke inhalation after his Glencoe home was destroyed by fire early Tuesday, when he asked me to "cover for him" while he was laid up.

Not easy; Dan had been reporting in his newspaper columns about his friends and neighbors in the valley of the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Hondo for many decades.

And, of course, nobody can report on the changing seasons in the vale, the arrival of new calves, and the glory of the mountain land's flora and fauna like he could.

So I won't try. But I will welcome telephone and letters from the valley about what's going on, and in some form will try to get those messages out to Dan's thousands of readers and fans.

So write me at Box 128, Ruidoso, or call at 257-4001. I'll return calls if I'm out.

Dan's brother, Lynn, is in Ruidoso now (along with Lynn's son, Scott), and told me that one of the greatest losses when the family home (where all the brothers lived at one time) went up in flames was the documented history of the Storm family — something that Dan had been preserving almost all his life.

And these things, covering a family's journey from Alaska to Mexico, to the Pacific Northwest, to Texas and finally to the ranch in Glencoe in the 1920s, cannot be replaced. As befits a writer, however, Dan's columns — many of them reporting on the family — do exist in other places, like the files of this newspaper. They're small reflections of the original history, but perhaps will help fill the gap for those family members.

Incidentally, County Commissioner Wilton Howell recalled on Thursday that Dan was the first man he met when Howell came to Ruidoso 42 years ago, "and over the years we became good drinking buddies."

Howell also recalled that the father of the clan, Lynn Whippo Storm, the man who brought them to the county in 1924, "was one of the most brilliant men I ever met."

So, with cooperation from Dan's hundreds of friends in the valley, I'll do my best.

Dan is gone now, but we know he even now is wishing all God's blessings to his friends. That's the way he ended so many of his columns.

### LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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## Congressman Skeen will vote for Clinton's impeachment

*\*The following is excerpted from a statement by New Mexico's Dist. II congressman on his intention to vote for impeachment of President Bill Clinton when the question reaches the House floor.*

By RER JOE SKEEN, R.-N. M.

The vote we are faced with is about a constitutional process we must follow when the President of the United States is accused of violating the law and whether or not he is guilty or innocent of committing such crimes.

This is one of the most difficult votes we must cast, but it is a vote we are bound to make in accordance with our constitutional responsibility to uphold the law and to ensure that the President of the United States receives due process.

...I will vote in favor of each of the four articles of impeachment. I believe that in each case there is compelling evidence to merit a trial in the Senate.

Articles 1 and 2 clearly note several examples whereby the president committed numerous

acts of perjurious, false and misleading testimony under oath to the U.S. Grand Jury in August, 1997 and ... in January in his deposition in the Paula Jones civil rights case. ...The crime of perjury outranks most civil crimes — including bribery — as determined by the U. S. Federal Sentencing Guidelines. ...President Clinton's administration has sought and obtained almost 120 convictions in federal court on this matter and many of these individuals went to jail for their offenses.

Under Article 3, the President is charged with...obstructing justice. The Committee noted that the President — personally and through his subordinates and agents — concocted and implemented a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay, impede, cover up and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony related to a Federal civil rights action brought against him in a judicial proceeding...

In Article 4, the Judiciary Committee recommends the President's impeachment for the abuse of power. ...I am most concerned that the President — in refusing and failing to respond and in making false and misleading statements — again compromised the integrity of his office and violated his oath of office by intentionally providing untrue and misleading information...

...I reject arguments such as "if we impeach the president and remove him from office we are overturning a national election."

...Perjury is a felony and in my view, perjury is perjury no matter how you slice it...

...The issue is about whether the president lied under oath, tampered with evidence and witnesses and abused his power as president.

...This is a grave period in our country. But we cannot ignore our duty and responsibility as set forth by the U.S. Constitution...

### YOUR OPINION

#### Presidential impeachment proper

To the editor:

In response to Charles Rennick's letter on the impeachment, I find his and his party's rhetoric severely faulted. Regarding his assertion that the people voted Clinton in—the voters were unaware of the character and lack of integrity that Mr. Clinton has now demonstrated...

Do Mr. Clinton's offenses rise to the standard of a risk to the security of the nation? The Democratic Party and Mr. Rennick comes to the conclusion that there is no threat by the actions of the president.

My conclusion is the opposite... There are monetary and other costs. Does Saddam, perhaps, now resist...because he is further contemptuous of our country, thanks to our leader?

The president, the highest law enforcement officer of the land, has lied under oath. How are we as citizens supposed to rely on his words about domestic or world affairs? How are other

nations supposed to rely on his intent when all the world recognizes this country is lead by a liar? ...What example is this for an entire nation?...

We also would disagree about the Clinton impact on our prosperity. Clinton would of course accept Mr. Rennick's appreciation for all that is right with this country and deny any responsibility for anything wrong.

For the Democratic Party to assert that these proceedings are a threat to our nation is setting a precedent for a "Congressional coup" is utterly absurd and even dangerous...

To my friend Mr. Rennick: I believe you should be a county leader, but your national view is dead wrong. The actions of Mr. Clinton do justify impeachment. The Senate will put Mr. Clinton on trial...

The process is in place as the Constitution has outlined it, and Mr. Clinton has triggered it.  
Joe Zagone  
Ruidoso

## A Lincoln Christmas Eve

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, and all of you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday season.

### LINCOLN TRAILS



BY ROSALIE DUNLAP  
COLUMBIAN

Lincoln will be a busy town on Christmas eve. Everyone is invited to join us in the various activities, which include the following:

9 a.m. — Decorating of 1898 San Juan Church.

10 a.m. — Sacking of the luminarias.

1:30 p.m. — Programs for the children.

2:30-3:30 p.m. — A living history with local storytellers.

4:30 p.m. — Lighting of the luminarias and carol singing.

6 p.m. — Santa Claus at the historic courthouse, sponsored by the Lincoln Pageant and Festivals.

7 p.m. — Episcopal church services, followed by a reception at the La Placita building.

10 p.m. — Catholic church services.

...So come and join us for the day or part of the day.

The merchants' show at the Capitan Senior Citizens on sat rday had so many pretty items for sale. This was spon-

sored by the Friends for Smokey. Barbara Whitcock, Lorene Caywood and Edith Dobbins did a marvelous job with the decorations and helping the vendors set up their tables.

Betty Lou Joiner and her mother, Bessie Jones, were busy selling chances on the quilt and the Stamp Quilt silent auction. Bessie Jones was the high bidder on the quilt. The proceeds will go toward the Capitan Post Office scholarship fund.

Wasn't that a nice snow we had last week? Although there wasn't too much moisture, it and the cold made a welcome change. Maybe it killed a lot of pollen that is giving everyone so much sinus and other problems.

Several of the parties scheduled were cancelled, but are being held this week. They were the Corriente Cowbells at Judy Arrowsmith's, La Junta Club at the Ellis Store, and the Stitches at Pam Gass's in Picacho.

Will try to have a story on the Vigils' trip to Spain soon.

Must close, as I am going to roswell for cataract surgery, and have all the red tape to go through today.

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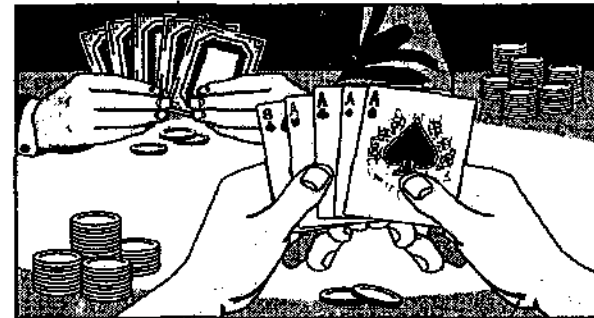
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## Auto repair shop switches gears to gifts

*Seasons Nursery at One-Stop is no longer the car wash and automobile repair shop it was last year.*

BY BEN CHRISMAN  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Local businessman Wilton Howell converted his One-Stop Auto Center to a nursery and gift shop because of the negative attitudes that customers had when they brought their vehicles into be repaired.

Howell, a Lincoln County Commissioner and owner of Seasons Nursery at One-Stop, said that while he ran a successful automobile repair business, cars became more complex and harder to work on and customers were not always happy to see him.

"The auto repair business was a negative business," Howell said. "When people come to a gift shop, they are there by choice."

Howell, who is a Lincoln County commissioner, bought the Quick Lube and car wash facility 11 years ago, and began turning the business into a nursery four years later.

This year marks the complete transition for Howell out of the automobile repair business.

Howell said that Seasons has tripled the size of the nursery and has added on an area for home gifts, which includes a seasonal Christmas store.

The gift shop, which was added in November, carries Southwest style and home-related gifts.

"We have gifts made by Native Americans and gifts imported from Mexico," Howell said.

Howell said that his wife, Demaris Howell, travels to different markets around the country in order to find unique



Seasons Nursery at One-Stop owner Wilton Howell (left) helps Sierra Vista Primary School principal Danny Flores (center) and coach Mike Howley (right) bring poinsettias to the school Monday. The flowers are being sold by Sierra Vista first and second grade students to help raise money for their classrooms. Those interested in helping out the fund raiser, call 258-4943.

### ► New business

- Who: Wilton Howell
- What: Seasons Nursery at One-Stop
- When: Open every day, including Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Where: 315 Sudderth Drive
- Phone: 257-9802

gifts that might not ordinarily be found in other Ruidoso businesses.

Howell said that his wife is scheduled to go to four different markets this spring, which include Dallas, Denver, Phoenix,

and Las Vegas.

Frances Williams, a Seasons employee, said that the nursery and gift shop is frequented often by tourists, but many local area residents also find the business affordable and convenient.

"We want the Ruidoso people to be able to shop here," Williams said.

The gift shop offers items ranging from garden gifts to wall hangings that are made by Howell's relatives in Las Cruces.

The shop also carries a variety of Southwestern style foods that include jalapeño jelly and salsa.

Seasons Nursery at One-Stop is open seven days a week, including Christmas Day.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### New Ruidoso State Bank chairman named

John P. Pennington was named chairman of the Ruidoso State Bank Board of Directors this fall, according to a news release.

Pennington and his wife Joyce have been investors in Ruidoso properties for many years, and he has been associated with the bank since 1988.



Pennington

The couple has three married children, John Jr., who lives in El Paso; Paige, who lives in Waco, Texas; and Kurt, who lives in Amarillo, Texas.

Bank-board members besides Pennington are Tom Battin, vice chairman; Herb Brunell, Bob Haynesworth, Bill Macey, Phil Mote, Bill Schwettmann, Don Swalander and Dr. Lynn Willard. Advisory directors are Dr. Donald Simms and Guillermo Wolff.

The board works together with the executive management team of Ruidoso State Bank, which includes Battin, bank president and chief executive officer; Ann Phillips, senior leading officer of loan operations; Connie Boehm, senior vice president and chief financial officer of bank operations; and Doug Conley, senior vice president and chief informa-

tion officer of data processing operations.

The bank opened in Ruidoso in 1953 due to the combined efforts of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the business community, according to a news release. Currently, the bank has two locations in Ruidoso, offices in Capitán and Carrizozo, seasonal offices at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and a new office to be opening soon in Ruidoso Downs.

Battin said the bank's executives and staff are pleased to provide full commercial, consumer and trust banking services to the communities of Lincoln County as well as proud to be the oldest and largest community bank in the area.

### Export trade show

A trade show featuring Mexican businesses, the RepCom, will be April 20-22 in Monterrey, Mexico, according to release from the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

The trade show gives U.S. businesses a way to locate agents, distributors, representatives, licensees, franchisees and joint venture partners in Monterrey, Mexico's industrial and financial center.

The show typically attracts more than 3,000 Mexican business representatives seeking opportunities for their companies. The regular price for the show is \$1,700, but New Mexico exporters may participate for

\$700.

The fee includes a 2- by 2-meter booth, furnished and carpeted, an embassy commercial briefing and assistance with appointments to locate an agent, distributor or partner in the Mexican market.

This is the fifth annual RepCom in Monterrey. Last year, 58 corporate participants reported 916 sales leads. They had immediate exports of \$4.7 million and a projected \$27 million worth of business in a year's time.

For more information about the show, contact Robert Peaslee with the New Mexico Economic Development Department at (505) 827-0816 or Karen Wentworth at (505) 827-2020.

### County unemployment numbers unchanged

Lincoln County's unemployment rate remained at 4.3 percent from September to October, according to the New Mexico Labor Market Review's Nov. 30 report.

The rate has improved dramatically, however, from the same time last year when unemployment was 6.2 percent, the report shows.

Statewide, the unemployment rate stayed basically the same, from 6.2 percent in September to 6.1 percent in October. As a state, New Mexico's unemployment rate worsened from the same time last year, when the rate was 5.6 percent.



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Terry Lewis received his usual hair cut and beard trim Wednesday morning at Mike's Barber Shop. Lewis said he only lets owner Mike Gosset cut his hair because "he will trim my beard."

## Council okays restrictions on posting political signs

People posting political campaign signs along Ruidoso streets will now have more restrictions by which to abide.

The Ruidoso Village Council recently approved an amendment to tighten regulations for political signs inside the village. The amendments were proposed back in October after hundreds of political signs sprouted on Ruidoso's roadsides.

Political signs will not be allowed in public parks or next to public buildings and facilities, according to the amendment.

All the signs must be maintained properly. And the cost for the sign permits increased by \$50, a non-refundable fee, in addition to an existing \$100 deposit.

Under the amendment, a village permit will only be

required for signs that are posted on public property. Political signs on private property, placed with the land owners' permission, do not need a village permit, but must abide by certain regulations, according to the new amendment.

For instance, both permitted and non-permitted signs cannot be posted more than 45 days before an election. Previously, signs could be posted 60

days prior to an election.

Signs for the same candidate cannot be placed less than 300 feet from each other and no closer than 10 feet from another candidate's sign.

Any signs placed in the sight line for traffic cannot be more than 30 inches tall and have to be at least 10 feet from the road, according to the new regulations.

## Santa Cops group still looking for donations, volunteers

Food items and other donations still are needed by Santa Cops, a local non-profit organization that provides Christmas baskets to indigent families in Lincoln County.

Santa Cops collects gifts for children as well as clothing and food for the baskets, which go out to more than 300 families.

Though the majority of baskets will be delivered to the families on Saturday, requests for assistance will continue to come in, and donations of money, food, clothing, toys and gift wrap will be accepted

through noon on Christmas Eve, said Freda McSwane, a coordinator.

Santa Cops also needs people to bring in children's gift requests picked up from angel trees. Though more than 300 of the gift requests were taken from angel trees located at businesses in the village, only a little more than 100 had been turned in as of Wednesday night, Ginny Dingman, another volunteer, said. She asked that people turn in the wrapped gift requests at either the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on Sudderth Drive

by Friday or take them directly to the Santa Cops workshop before 10 a.m. Saturday, when the Christmas baskets are to be delivered to families.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the Christmas

packages on Saturday. All volunteers have to do is stop by the workshop at the Sierra Mall.

To help, call McSwane at (505) 354-2359 or (505) 648-2383.

## CLUB NEWS

### Ruidosoan earns Eagle Scout rank

Tyler R. Cluff, son of Scott and Carol Cluff of Ruidoso, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a court of honor on Sunday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Cluff, 18, is a graduate of Ruidoso High School and had a 3.5 grade point average. In school he received the PHD (Pride, Hustle, Désire) Award in basketball and was named most improved player and second team all-district defensive end in football.

Cluff has been listed in "Who's Who Among High School Students," was a member of the Future Farmers of America and awarded an opportunity scholarship to New Mexico State University. He also is a 4-year seminary graduate of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Cluff is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

His Eagle Project consisted of harvesting wild flower seed from the Museum of the Horse landscape and, after a major cleanup project in the field behind the LDS Church, sowing the seed in the field to help beautify the area.

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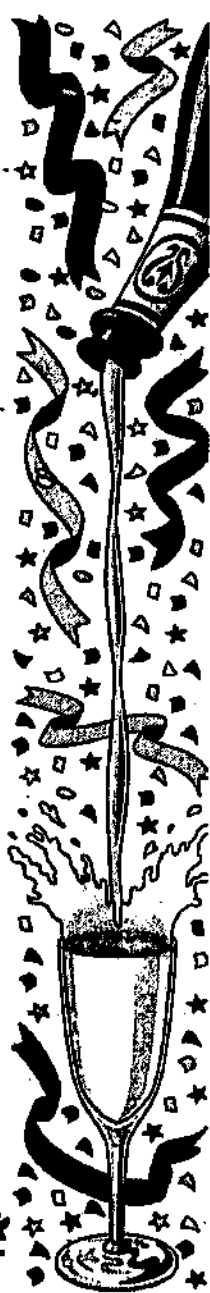
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# Commission criticizes county finance office

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Payroll records of Lincoln County will be audited by County Treasurer Joan Park, who also may loan one of her clerks to the county finance office during a temporary staff shortage.

Commissioner Rex Wilson had criticisms at last week's commission meeting about the delay in receiving monthly financial records of the county operation. The commission has not yet approved the records for October or November, he said.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained that the payroll clerk in the finance office left unexpectedly and the remaining employee has been pulling double duty. She has concentrated on payroll and is trying to catch up on the bills, he said. She should be caught up by the commission's January meeting, he said. Meanwhile, he's trying to hire a new payroll clerk.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said it's time for the county to consider hiring a private firm to handle payroll and to issue reports.

"We continue to have trouble regarding timeliness," he said.

Chairman L. Ray Nunley told Stewart to look at that option.

Commissioner Monroy Montes asked what happened to a commission-approved plan to hire a central purchasing agent.

Money was set aside for the position, he said.

Stewart said he's trying to revamp the entire finance department and will tackle that subject at a future meeting.

Wilson offered a successful motion to rescind a previous motion to hire an outside auditor to check payroll records. He said the county's auditor suggested an internal audit first. Wilson proposed asking Park to do the job. An audit is needed in view of two years of problems with the Internal Revenue Service, he said. His motion passed unanimously.

"We've had significant enough errors, I think we owe it to our people to ensure them their statements are accurate," Wilson said. "It was our auditor's recommendation."

But Montes said the commission should focus on corrections in the future, not going back and digging up mistakes.

"It doesn't do any good to go back and look at problems if they're not corrected," he said, pointing out that the county auditor has noted how situations in finance could be corrected, but the commission has failed to institute those changes - including a centralize purchasing system.

"We don't want to train a person if we're doing it wrong," Wilson said.

"We need to hire a person who can do more than payroll," Montes said.

"We've had the same problems for six years," Howell said. "I appreciate Rex's motion for an internal audit rather than outside auditor, although right now may not be a good time, because they're already short-handed and an audit will require some assistance."

Wilson said he attached no time limit on his motion.

He had numerous complaints from employees that their pay checks aren't right, Wilson said, adding that 14 out of 26 times, his county pay check was different.

"It's time to clean up shop," he said. "I'm tired of being embarrassed."

"Fix it," Nunley said to Stewart, who has been on the job two months. "That's your mandate."

Commissioners told Park to start her audit from July 1997, when significant computer program changes occurred. She also asked for clearance that the payroll records are not off limits to her and was told by County Attorney Alan Morel she can have access.

Before the end of the day, money was at the center of commission discussion again.

Park argued that commissioners need to see the whole financial picture when making decisions, not isolated revenue additions or expenditures. But Howell pointed out that Park traditionally underestimates the county's revenues.

Park said that's a great compliment to her and she hopes to continue, if it will help rebuild a surplus for the county.

Howell said such an approach falsely requires department heads to cut back their budgets, then at mid-year adjustment time, the sheriff's department seems to reap the benefit of the "extra" money. He would prefer a more realistic figure for all departments to work from at budget time and a system by which the sheriff could be given a finite annual budget figure that he could spend in any manner he chose, but that would not increase at mid-year.

Wilson asked if the finance department is filing quarterly reports with the state Department of Finance and Administration.

Stewart said they were not being filed under the previous county manager, but he received a notice two weeks ago and now has scheduled the reports on his calendar.

Park said she has been filing the revenue side of the report on time and separately for a year, so she would not be in violation. County financial records have not been balanced since December 1997, but the errors are on the expenditure side, she said. One of her clerks found clerical errors and misprogramming in an expense review by her office. Once those changes are made, the two sides should reconcile, she said.

## Federal government releases control of state-run prisons

SANTA FE - Gov. Gary E. Johnson announced Thursday that the prison system of the state of New Mexico has once again regained control over its own destiny.

"This means prisons in New Mexico will be run as our citizens expect them to be run. More like prisons should be. We can be more responsive to what needs to be done to protect our citizens from criminals," Johnson said at a news conference.

Effective Thursday, the federal government is no longer dictating how the Penitentiary of New Mexico is run and the New Mexico Corrections Department is no longer under the federal court's Duran Consent Decree in all of its areas of operation.

The one exception is mental health, which will still be covered under the decree, according to the governor's office.

"For 20 years, the state has tried to end this federal mandate that has cost our state millions and millions of dollars. Today, the end is here," Johnson said. "It has been one of my priorities."

The Duran Consent Decree has cost state taxpayers more than millions of dollars. It has cost the state a lot of time and energy as well, the governor said.

"That time and energy can now be put into running a prison system that is more responsive to the needs of the law abiding citizens of our state, and not to the unreasonable wishes of inmates," Johnson said.

Judge John Conway signed the order vacating the decree Thursday.

"To me, this is an affirmation that this administration is running quality prisons that don't need the federal government's mandates," Johnson said.

Johnson pointed out that wasn't the case in 1977 when the federal courts stepped in and released a decree to regulate the conditions of prisons in New Mexico.

Johnson said getting out from under this decree was a "difficult uphill battle for the state."

"This is really good news for the state because by having control back, we can make decisions on what is best for the state of New Mexico," Johnson said.

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# Grahn fired from Warrior coaching position

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso boys basketball program has its fourth coach in five years after the firing of second-year coach Gary Grahn.

Ruidoso Municipal Schools Superintendent Mike Gladden delivered a press release to the Ruidoso News office Wednesday afternoon stating that Grahn was no longer the varsity boys coach.

The release stated that Grahn was given "the option of continuing as an instructor at Ruidoso High School for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year; and Billy Page has been named interim head basketball coach for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year."

Gladden said Wednesday he

wouldn't comment further on the "personnel" decision. Grahn was placed on administrative leave with pay Dec. 9 when parent Tom Lutterman alleged that Grahn unfairly treated Lutterman's son, Zak, a sophomore, junior varsity player at Ruidoso High School. Lutterman's wife, Susan, is vice president of the Ruidoso Municipal Schools Board of Education.

The press release from Gladden also added that, "Included in the investigation, which focused upon a number of allegations and incidences, were students, parents, and educational staff."

But that "educational staff" apparently didn't include Grahn, who told a Ruidoso News reporter Thursday that Gladden never allowed Grahn to respond to the allegations.

Grahn said he was put on administrative leave with pay Wednesday, Dec. 9. The next he heard of the investigation was Gladden's decision to remove him as head coach Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Grahn said he asked Gladden for the allegations in writing and Gladden declined. He then asked Gladden for a name-clearing hearing, and that too was declined.

"I'm surprised at how fast and how quickly this was handled without ever really talking," Grahn said. "I was never talked to about it. I was never disciplined about anything I've done."

Phone calls seeking comment from Gladden were not returned Thursday afternoon.

Grahn defended his off-season program, which had been questioned,

saying that he received approval of the program from Ruidoso Athletic Director Les Carter and Gladden.

Grahn explained that he put the program in place because philosophically he preferred not to cut players from the basketball program. Grahn had to cut players his first year because about 60 tried out for the teams.

"(When the 1997-98 season was over) I was very adamant about developing an off-season program, and a program in which the young men would basically dismiss themselves out of the program through their unwillingness to work for the program. The kids that did it would be the players and the kids that did

## Carter wants out of AD job

Athletic director Les Carter told the Ruidoso News Wednesday that he is asking to be reassigned from his athletic directing responsibilities.

"I've just put in a letter to be reassigned for personal reasons," Carter said Wednesday. "I want to spend more time coaching football."

Carter's decision came on the heels of Superintendent Mike Gladden's firing of basketball coach Gary Grahn. Carter said his request had nothing to do with Gladden's action.

Carter said he had no comment about the boys basketball coaching situation.

See COACH, page 2B

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Gymnasts compete at state meet Saturday

The Ruidoso Mountaintop Gymnastics team will attend the State Championship Meet in Albuquerque Saturday.

To qualify to the final meet, gymnasts had to place in the top 50 individually at the Dec. 5 sectional meet hosted by Duke City Gymnastics.

At the sectional meet, seven Mountaintops qualified for their respective state meets, and another two made the consolation state meet.

Competing for Level V at the state meet will be Cecily Howell, 13, who scored a 9.15 on the uneven bars and a 33.75 and a gold medal in the all-around at sectionals.

In the 11- and 12-year-old division for Level V, Jeanette Zagone, Bethany Barnett and Lauren Coker qualified for state by finishing first, second and fourth in the all-around, respectively. Zagone scored a season-high 35.30 in the all-around.

Representing the Mountaintops Level VI team at state will be Streisand Webb, Sarah Wirth and Dara Whitlock.

Two team members will attend the consolation state meet. Seven-year-old Ali Ray and 10-year-old Mackenzie Mobley, who scored a 9.0 on the uneven bars at sectionals, will compete in the consolation meet Saturday.

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Boys Basketball  
Mountaintop Tournament  
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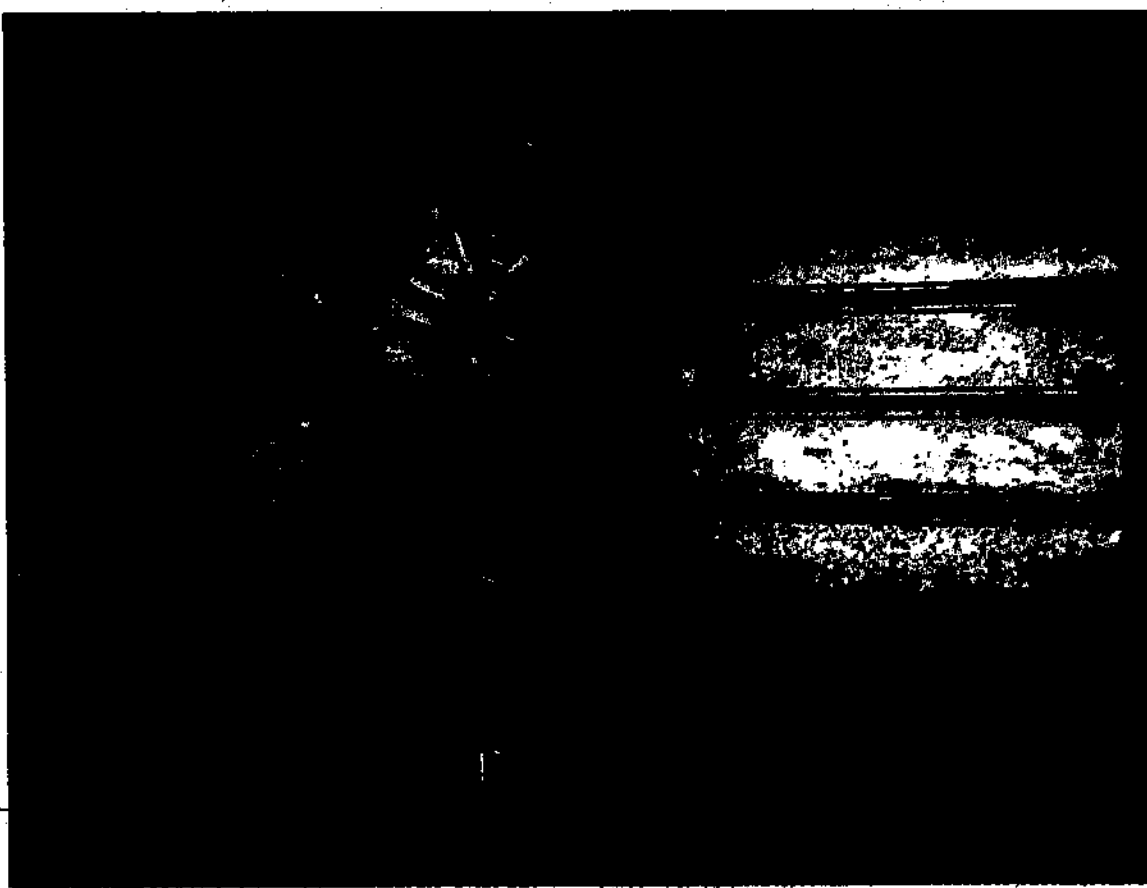
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TODAY  
Boys basketball  
Capitan versus Dexter at Mountaintop Tournament, 2:30 p.m., Cloudcroft  
Artesia at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball  
Capitan versus Cliff at Mountaintop Tournament, 1 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Socorro, 7:30 p.m.

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Ruidoso Middle School eighth-grader C.W. Gomez put in some practice time on a mechanical bull owned by Truman Bob before going to nationals. Gomez also put in practice time at his uncle's arena in Mesquero.

## Eighth-grader C.W. Gomez likes his rides on the wild side

STORY BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

When he's not weaving in and out of defenders on the basketball court, Ruidoso Middle School eighth-grader C.W. Gomez is hanging on with all his might in his "other" sport — bull riding.

The 14-year-old bull rider/basketball player was one of five New Mexicans in his age group to qualify for the American Junior Bull Riding Association Nationals held Dec. 12 at the Fort Worth Stockyards in Texas.

Gomez, who qualified as the state's fourth-best in ages 13-15, didn't "cover" his ride at nationals. (That's staying on for the mandatory eight seconds in bull riding jargon.) But the trip was a thrill enough for son of Kathy Saenz and Hector Gomez of Ruidoso Downs.

Gomez is convinced he wants bull ride professionally.

"Yeah, I want to keep doing it as long as I can. I want to be famous," Gomez said.

If he could have his ride over again at Nationals, Gomez knows what he would do the second time around.

"I would post," Gomez said of his ride. "When you post you have to push on your hand. I sat down and it popped me up and I went forward and got bucked off."

Trying to stay on a 1,000-pound bull bred to buck has its ups and downs, the 75-pound Gomez admitted. His worst injuries in seven years of riding include a near-broken jaw and arm.

"I was stepped on. I had to go to the hospital and get X-rays. My gums were all bruised," Gomez said.

But that's not enough to deter the youngster, who was once thrown into a fence.

"I want to be a professional bull rider," Gomez said.

Gomez tried bull riding after starting on much smaller, bucking four-legged creatures. "I was calf riding and I wanted to see how it was," Gomez recalled.

So he did, and Gomez won some prize money for his bull riding.

Just what does it feel like to have a 1,000 animal doing every thing it can to remove from its back?

"It's really blurry. The first one I rode, I can't remember it. It was really scary," Gomez said. "It's kind of like you're riding a horse, but there's a lot more action in it."

What's most important, Gomez said, is staying in

"It's really blurry."

C.W. Gomez,  
on what it's like  
riding bulls



C.W. Gomez outside his school.

control.

"As long as you're not flopping around the judges will score you pretty high," he said.

Gomez's mother, Kathy, said C.W. couldn't have made it to the nationals without the tremendous community support, which helped pay for his entry fees. Gomez was also appreciative.

"I just wanted to thank all of my sponsors for helping me so I could go up there, and I'm sorry for letting them down," he said.

## Assistant takes over head duties

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

In the wake of the firing of their coach, it's business as usual for the Ruidoso boys basketball players — well, almost.

"We go on. We continue with what we started. The basketball stuff is the same. The only thing that's changed is the coaches," said interim head coach Billy Page.

Senior guard Corey Saenz echoed Page. "I think we feel it's no big deal. We're still going to play with or without him (Grahn)," Saenz said.

Another senior Garvin Grant agreed that some team members are glad to see Grahn go, but others are not. "Coach Grahn is one of the better coaches we've had here and we let him go, like coach Cooper Henderson (Artesia's football coach)," Grant said. "Coach Grahn didn't have any favorites. He treated everybody equal. He wasn't going to have any favorites."

Page is no stranger to the Warrior program. For the last two years he assisted the varsity coach. In 1996-97, he assisted Ben Sanchez. Last year he helped out Grahn.

When Grahn was fired, Page said he threw his hat in the circle. The players needed a familiar face and someone they could look up to, Page said — someone who could help with a smooth transition, someone who knew the players.

"I've always wanted to be a head coach, but not under these circumstances," Page added. "I'm going to do the best I can for the boys. Right now they're my main concern."

Page is an instructional assistant in special education at the high school. He hasn't earned a bachelor's degree. Page said he's taken some college-level coursework at New Mexico State University, and that he's currently enrolled in classes at ENMU-Ruidoso Instructional Center. He has a New Mexico coaching license and accreditation through the American Coaching Effectiveness Program.

The Warriors 1-3 overall heading into a tough doubleheader beginning at 7:30 p.m. tonight with Artesia. Then, Portales' Rams come to town Saturday.

What has been the emotional toll, if any, on the players?

"Some kids I know are upset about it. Some are not. Some of the kids just didn't like Gary, but they'd play for him. It's going to affect us somewhat for awhile," Page said.

Page and the Warriors won't count on any sympathy from either the Bulldogs or the Rams.

Drawing Page's concern is Artesia's ability to run the fastbreak. The Bulldogs nipped Ruidoso, 64-63, Dec. 10 in the opening round of the Artesia Tournament.

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# COACH: Ousted basketball coach says he was never asked his side of story

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not want to participate would simply drop out," Grahn said.

Grahn met with the basketball players, their parents and his administrative supervisors and explained the off-season program, he said.

Grahn said Zak Lutterman chose not to participate in all of the off-season programs. Zak's father Tom confirmed this when he told a reporter that Zak chose to work his summer job and pay for a car instead of attending the off-season basketball programs.

"At no time did I yell at him (Zak) about it or scream at him about it (the summer program)," Grahn said. Zak Lutterman played on the freshman team under coach Jim Varnadore.

"I don't ever remember really getting on Zak about anything. I never had any conflicts with him. I really never coached him. The last time I talked to him was in mid-May," Grahn said.

Grahn said he met with Zak's mother, Susan, early in the summer to let her know that Zak was choosing not to participate in the off-season program and what affect this might have when the season rolled around.

Grahn also said he never harassed the younger Lutterman, but did publicly ridicule him on one occasion. Grahn told his players how proud he was of their work and commitment, and mentioned Zak and others who "quit" the program.

"I should have never said that and I was wrong for saying that," Grahn said. "It goes

against my grain or my philosophy of letting the kid decide. I should have never brought up names. I was wrong for doing that."

Grahn said Ruidoso High School Principal Ron Hodges and athletic director Carter asked him to allow Zak to try out for the team and Grahn agreed to let Zak try out for the junior varsity when the football season was over. He issued Lutterman a uniform and Zak suited up for the Ruidoso junior varsity game against Hondo Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Grahn said he talked to his coaches about the game and instructed them not to let Zak play in the game.

"We didn't feel like we could just bring Zak in and play him in front of other kids who had done everything we asked them all summer long," Grahn said.

Tom Lutterman confronted Grahn before the JV game was over and questioned why his son wasn't playing, Grahn said.

"After the game was over, I called coach Carter, my athletic director, and explained to him that we had a problem up at the school that we'd have to deal with it in the morning," Grahn said. "The next morning I came to school and at about 10 in the morning Mr. Gladden came in and gave a paper that (stated) there were allegations made that I was treating athletes unfair and he put me on administrative leave."

"The following Wednesday morning he set up another meeting with me and simply told me that his investigation has brought him to the conclusion that he needed to relieve

of my coaching duties.

"I've asked for the allegations and he declined to give them to me," Grahn said.

Before he was dismissed from his coaching position, Grahn said three other players were on the team who didn't participate in the summer off-season program: a transfer student from El Paso, an exchange

student from Switzerland and another player assistant coach Billy Page recommended.

"I asked Mr. Gladden to tell me exactly what the allegations were and tell me what needs to be done," said Grahn, who said he offered to resign at the end of the year if that was the decision of the administration.

"I think we are very talented. I think we have a very good basketball team coming. It makes me sick that I'm not going to be able to finish what we tried to start. I think coach Page and coach Nelson are quite capable of handling it. I think we have incredible young men whose off-season work ethic will pay off," Grahn said.

"In the scheme of life, whether or not I'm the head basketball coach at Ruidoso is really small and irrelevant," said Grahn, who will still collect his \$3,800 coaching stipend.

"No matter what his investigation has found. This, in my opinion, didn't need to happen now," Grahn said.

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## WARRIORS: Team must go on

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"They push the ball up the court really well," Page said of the Bulldogs.

Portales will bring a new look to the gym, in part because of its new coach. Mark Gallegos, an assistant under Alamogordo's Ron Geyer, takes over the Rams' program.

"I don't know a whole lot other than what I saw this summer. They are a decent team, but they aren't what they have been in the past," Page said of the Rams.

Page hasn't settled on a starting line-up yet. But Saenz will probably see his first playing time of the season.

Saenz didn't play in the Artesia Tournament because he was still recovering from the bruising football season. Saenz quarterbacked the Warriors to the state championship football finals, where they lost to perennial power Artesia.

"He had an ACT test he took that weekend. His ankles were really bad. They were sore and they're still sore," Page said of Saenz.

In addition to determining a starting line-up for the weekend, Page has had to consider some new players into the mix. Page said he was asked to allow several players to try out for the team.

"I've opened it to kids who weren't allowed to come out for the team because of the off-season program," Page. "I was asked to do this."

The last day to try out was Thursday. Page will spend the next couple of weeks determining who will make the final cut. John Friberg, Andrew Longbotham and Aaron Williams are the new players vying for spots on the varsity squad, Page said. Additionally, four more players are auditioning for the junior varsity team and one more freshman is trying out as well, in hopes of making the cut.

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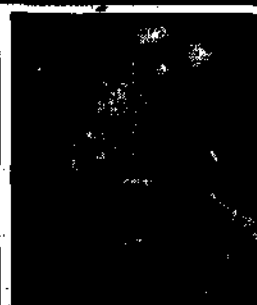
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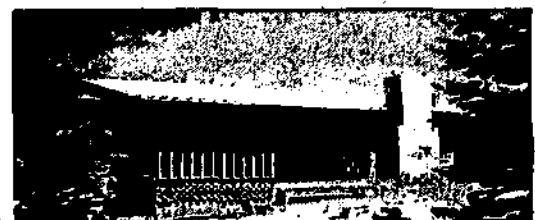
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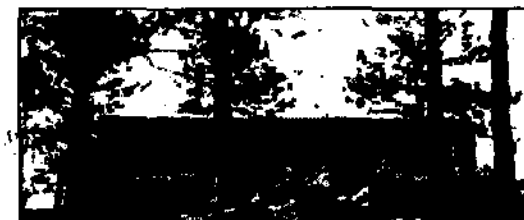
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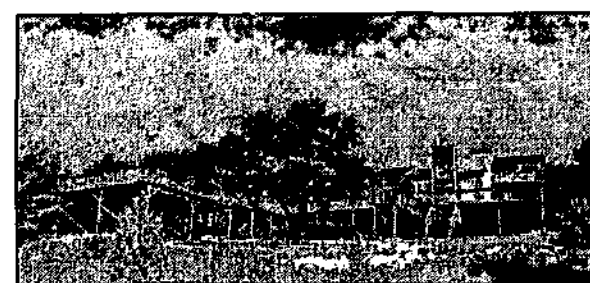


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**1985 F350 DUALY:** A good one, clean, good rubber, 4sp. 81 wheel, grill guard, custom seats, air, 120,000 highway miles, 20,000 since 480 engine overhaul, \$5,500. Call 354-4287.

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### 7 Houses for Rent

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on January 5, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property: Lots 1-13, Block 5, Midway Townsite Sd. and Lot A, Carters Park, Sd. Ruidoso, NM. The above described Lots are now zoned C-2, Community Business District and will be considered for rezoning to C-3, Mid-town Commercial District. By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M. /s/Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator 1951 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on January 5, 1999 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV98-059 a Variance request for the following described property: Lot 1AA, Block 1, Cree Meadows Country Club, Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator 1953 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for two (2) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in primary agriculture production or in secondary agricultural services; must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 a.m., January 5, 1999. Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 1945 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for three (3) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 5, 1999. Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 1944 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees in their regular meeting of December 14, 1998. Ordinance No. 98-01, An Ordinance Adopting the Latest Edition of the Uniform Building Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code and Electrical Code and repealing all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith. Copies of such are available for review at the office of the Village Clerk in Ruidoso Downs Village Hall Complex during normal business hours. /s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC Clerk/Treasurer 1948 1T(12)18

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**Sarah sez change is in the air at Homebodies...**

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened. BID NO. 98-99-015: Pickups (2) (RE-BID). The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, January 12, 1999. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above. Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive

minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County. Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 1948 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for three (3) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be property owners in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 5, 1999. 1943 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on January 5, 1999 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV98-058 a Variance request for the following described property: Lot 13, Block 2, Flume Canyon, Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator 1952 1T(12)18

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 6, 1999. Any proposals received after the above date and time will be retained unopened. RFP NO. 98-99-018: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WHITE OAKS FIRE STATION (RE-BID). RFP NO. 98-99-017: INTERSTATE/INTRA-STATE CALLING CARDS/TOLL FREE SERVICES (RE-BID). The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, January 12, 1999. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385. All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the proposal number(s) shown above. Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County. Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 1947 1T(12)18

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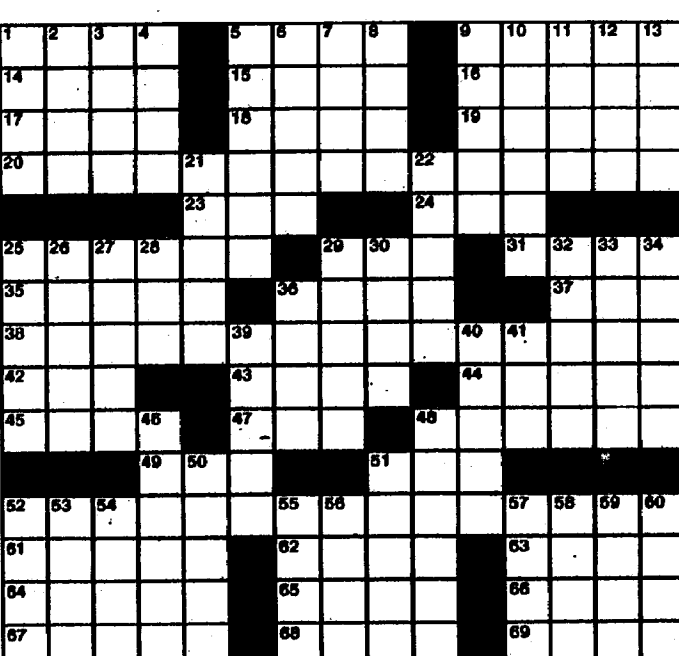
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT IN LINCOLN COUNTY



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graces the  
Spencer  
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Dianne Stallings

PAT BRAZIE (left), owner of the Nogal Store and Gallery, and artist Georgia Lagg confer on the upcoming two-day sale that will benefit Home Health Services of Lincoln County. Local artists have donated their works as have local bakers for the event Saturday and Sunday at the Nogal Store and Gallery. See page 4C for more information.

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EXAMPLES OF THE WORK of the artists who will be contributing to the benefit sale are on display at the Nogal Store and Gallery.

When Georgia Lagg received a letter from Home Health Services of Lincoln County asking for community financial help to keep the non-profit organization going, she took the appeal seriously.

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"We have a group of Lincoln County artists who are donating their work to generate a contribution to home health," Brazie said.

The benefit will span two days starting Saturday and will include musicians performing free and a baked goods sale.

The benefit will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at the gallery in Nogal — an interesting place to visit on any afternoon. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

If visitors would like to sample the feeling of community in the unique settlement, they can stay around until 6 p.m. Sunday and attend the Nogal Community Christmas Concert at the Presbyterian Church. The event started several years ago and showcases the musical talent of local residents. Poetry readings and story telling also are part of the group's celebration of the holidays.

No admission is charged for either event.

"People can purchase items or make cash donations," Brazie said of the two-day benefit.

Maureen Coleman with the home health organization said letters were mailed throughout the community to raise money for the operation.

"We're having a response, but we need more," she said. "Nationwide changes in Medicare threaten the fiscal operation of small rural home health agencies such as this one. Changes in Medicaid also hit this year.

"I'm so delighted (with the Nogal benefit). Some of us will be there over the weekend. We would love to see everyone turn out. This happened without prompt. It's such a gift and it's a way for people to give back to the community, even if they are not users of the service."

She emphasized that, "No donation is too small."

Participating in the benefit are artists from varied mediums including sculpture, pottery, oil painting, woodworking and sculpture, jewelry and wall hangings. They include: Mike and Georgia Lagg, The Nogal Furniture Co., Pam Topper, John West and Anne Buffington, LeRoy Anderson, Jane Baker, Cathie Eisen, Maureen Quemada, Pat Brazie, Ivy Heyman, Susan Mueller, Palla, Dorothy Harvey, Susan Weir-Ancker and the Graystone Foundation.

Nogal is 14 miles north of Ruidoso. Take Mechem Drive, also known as State Road 48, to its intersection at the Bonito Stream, then turn on State Highway 37 as it branches off toward Carrizozo.



# THE ARTS

## Folk Alliance Annual Conference

The Folk Alliance Annual Conference will be held Feb. 25-28 at the Hyatt in Albuquerque. The conference is a working business event featuring showcases, discussions, seminars and exhibits. Upwards of 2,000 performing artists, presenters, record companies, distributors, retailers, merchandisers, service providers, agents, managers, print and broadcast media, arts administrators, educators, scholars and various folk music organizations attend the conference.

For the regional showcase, the local committee, which is all volunteer and is open to anyone interested, will select four music and/or dance performers to represent the cultural communities of New Mexico and the Southwest.

Those selected will perform two 15 minute sets Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening. The idea is that these performers will provide an educational as well as entertaining experience for people from outside our area. These performances will not be paid, however performers will receive badges allowing them to

attend all conference related events.

In addition to the regional showcases, the Folk Alliance is also donating a showcase room at the Hyatt for one night that may be used in any way the committee sees fit to present more New Mexico artists who may not fit the above criteria. There will also be a table in the exhibit hall where all local showcase performers can display their product and contact information.

To apply for either of these showcases, artists need to submit a short bio and a video or audio cas-

sette tape of their music or performance to By Hand Productions Recording Studio, Attn: Laura, 117 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108. For more information call 265-8273.

## Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group

Margaret Pugh will present the book and video Tuesdays With

Morrie An Old man, a Young Man's Life and Life's Greatest Lessons by Mitch Albom at the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group meeting, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

## N.Y. TIMES BESTSELLERS

### Hardcover Fiction

1. *A Man In Full*, by Tom Wolfe. Life in Atlanta on the cusp of the millennium, as Old South values collide with a new world.
2. *The Simple Truth*, by David Baldacci. The appeal by a man serving a life sentence for murder creates chaos in Washington's legal community.
3. *Mirror Image*, by Danielle Steel. Identical twin sisters experience quite dissimilar lives in New York and France early in this century.
4. *When The Wind Blows*, by James Patterson. A young girl helps a widow and an F.B.I. agent uncover a deadly plot.
5. *Bag Of Bones*, by Stephen King. A series of terrifying events besets a best-selling novelist four years after his wife's sudden death.
6. *All Through The Night*, by Mary Higgins Clark. The mystery of a missing child and a missing chance is solved in time for Christmas.
7. *Rainbow Six*, by Tom Clancy. John Clark, heading an international task force, investigates terrorist incidents in Switzerland, Germany and Spain.
8. *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Five female characters, a missionary's family, narrate this novel set in the Belgian Congo during that country's fight for independence.
9. *The Vampire Armand*, by Anne Rice. The progress of an eternally young man from ancient Constantinople to contemporary New Orleans.
10. *The Path of the Daggers*, by Robert Jordan. The eighth volume in the fantasy series "The Wheel of Time."

### Hardcover Non-fiction

1. *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom. A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
2. *The Century*, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster. An account of the 20th century, complete with photographs and first-person narratives.
3. *Conversations With God: Book 3*, by Neale Donald Walsch. More discussions of moral questions.
4. *For The Love Of The Game*, by Michael Jordan. Edited by Mark Vancil. The N.B.A. superstar's profusely illustrated memoir.
5. *The Professor And The Madman*, by Simon Winchester. How a murderer helped compile the Oxford English Dictionary.
6. *Lindbergh*, by A. Scott Berg. The checkered public and private life of Charles A. Lindbergh.
7. *Blind Man's Bluff*, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew. American submarine espionage from the early cold war years to the present.
8. *... And The Horse He Rode In On*, by James Carville. A critical account of Kenneth Starr and his investigation.
9. *The Ten Commandments*, by Laura Schlessinger

and Stewart Vogel. The significance of the Ten Commandments today.

10. *The Death Of Outrage*, by William J. Bennett. The former Secretary of Education takes a critical view of the Clinton Presidency.

### Paperback Fiction

1. *The Ghost*, by Danielle Steel. On a trip to New England, a troubled man finds answers to his problems in diaries in an old trunk.
2. *Midwives*, by Chris Bohjalian. Trouble haunts a midwife who may have killed a woman while trying to save the baby's life.
3. *The Winner*, by David Baldacci. The tribulations of a poor woman who participates in a scam to win the lottery.
4. *Survival Of The Fittest*, by Jonathan Kellerman. Alex Delaware pursues the killer of a diplomat's teen-age daughter.
5. *Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Ruthless.com*, created by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg. America is imperiled by computer-based terrorism in the year 2000.
6. *Divine Secrets Of The Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, by Rebecca Wells. Three generations of Southern women.
7. *All I Need Is You*, by Johanna Lindsey. In 19th-century Texas, a spunky woman helps a New Yorker who has come to revenge his father's murder.
8. *Runaways*, by V. C. Andrews. Four orphan girls—Butterfly, Crystal, Brooke and Raven—try to find happiness together.
9. *The Macgregors: Serena — Caine*, by Nora Roberts. Two stories in which a strong-willed patriarch plays matchmaker.
10. *Cat & Mouse*, by James Patterson. Alex Cross contends with two serial killers determined to take his life.

### Paperback Nonfiction

1. *The Perfect Storm*, by Sebastian Junger.
2. *A Civil Action*, by Jonathan Harr.
3. *Into Thin Air*, by Jon Krakauer.
4. *Adventures Of A Psychic*, by Sylvia Browne and Antoinette May.
5. *The Millionaire Next Door*, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko.
6. *The Seat Of The Soul*, by Gary Zukav.
7. *Citizen Soldier*, by Stephen E. Ambrose.
8. *Under The Tuscan Sun*, by Frances Mayes.
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Dinner: 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



## Apache Tee Cafe

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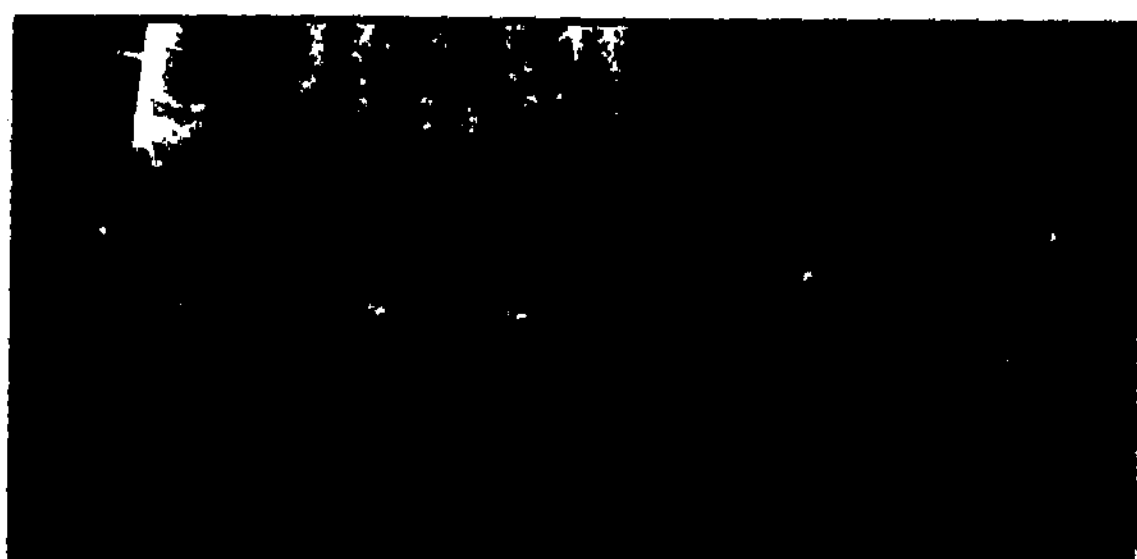
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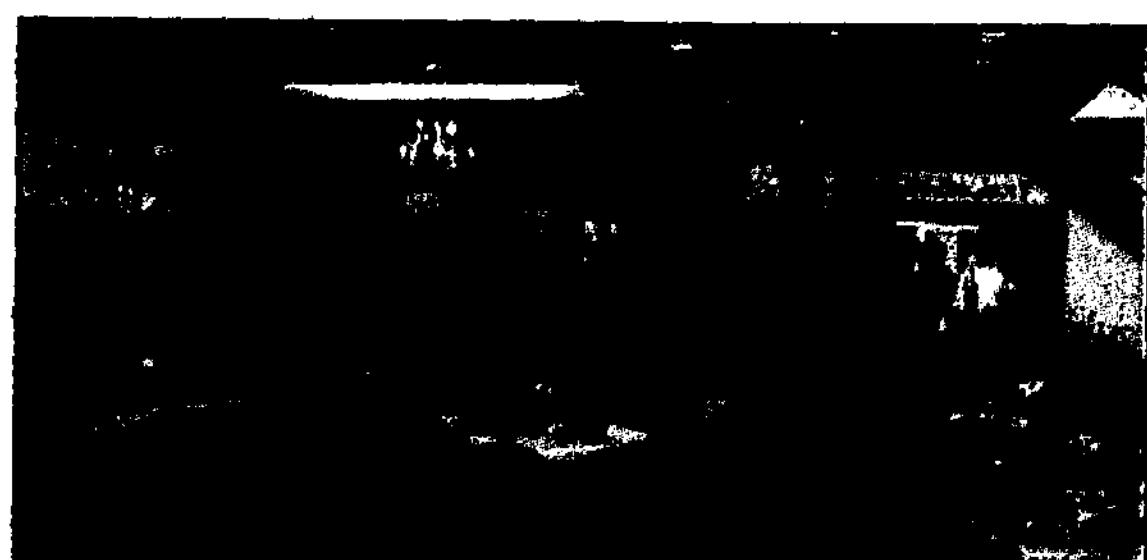
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Ruidoso Downs  
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Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food Southwest favorites for lunch and dinner.

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(Closed Mondays)



## Dan Li Ka Dining Room

Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$  
Phone: 257-5141  
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo  
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Hours: Breakfast: Mon. - Sat. 7-11 a.m.  
Sun. Breakfast: 7-9:30 a.m.  
Sun. Brunch: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Lunch: Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Dinner: 6-9 p.m.



## Cattle Baron.

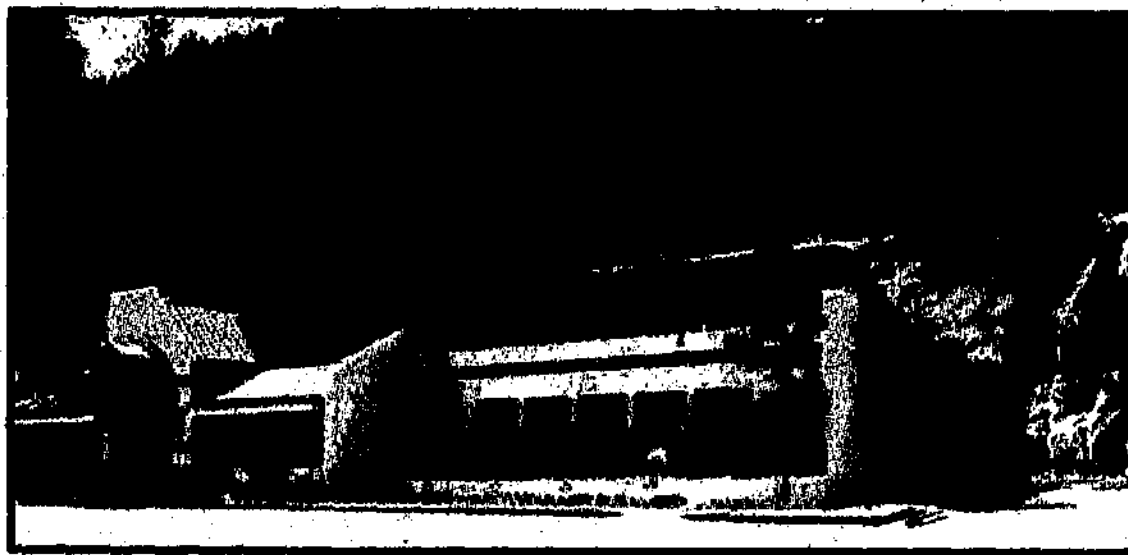
Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

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

Phone: 257-9355

Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-  
Thurs., 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat.



## Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 258-5676

Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: The restaurant opens at  
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a week.



## Texas Club Grill & Bar

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Price Range: \$-\$\$

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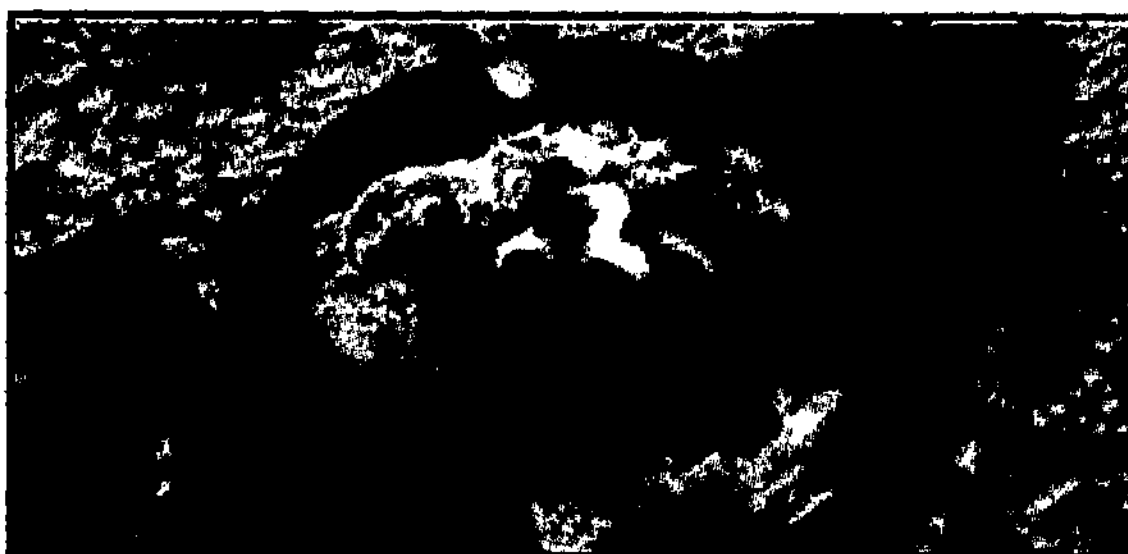
Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook  
Village, Ruidoso

Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
Dinner 5-10 p.m.,  
Closed Monday



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Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 257-5753

Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr. - Midtown

Hours: Open 11:00 a.m.



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

Phone: 257-2954

Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tues.-Sat.,  
5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.,  
5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$, entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$, entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

dining guide

# GOING Out

## A tradition in harmony

story by Sandy Suggitt  
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

*What they're trying to do  
in their shows is take the  
audience through a range  
of music and a range  
of emotion*



ONE OF THE MOST sought-after and acclaimed vocal ensembles in the world, the King's Singers, bring Christmas carols and hymns from all over the world to the Spencer Theater Friday and Saturday.

courtesy

Six English chaps, who, for the last 30 years, have taken their eclectic repertoire to major concert halls all over the world, performed in television specials and recorded more than 60 albums, will perform today and Saturday at the Spencer Theater.

legacy," Crouch said.

The group consists of David Hurley (countertenor), Nigel Short (countertenor), Paul Phoenix (tenor), Philip Lawson (baritone), Gabriel Crouch (baritone) and Stephen Connolly (bass). They all live in or near London, but, for obvious reasons, only spend about half the year at home. Next year they're scheduled to perform in Russia, Sweden, Australia, China, Japan, Singapore, Korea, Taiwan, Israel and all over Europe.

Crouch is the second newest member. He's been in the group for almost three years. One member has been a King's Singer for 12 years; one for eight years; two for five years; and the "newest guy" has been in the ensemble for a year.

"For a group that performs over 100 shows a year, you become a veteran very quickly," Crouch said.

They do occasionally run into the "pioneers," as in the case of one of the original singers who was in an audience in Kansas at a performance recently, and for the current members, this is a thrill.

The King's Singers' philosophical continuity is rooted in that the group continues to stand for "experimentation and for broadening its horizons and pushing back the barriers of modern music," Crouch said. "That's what we're continuing to do; we're not just turning out the same old repertoire."

They do this by singing music from across the centuries, and by including in their repertoire, songs from all over the world, often singing in foreign languages.

The King's Singers ensemble formed at King's College in Cambridge in 1968. Although there are no original members left, they've managed to maintain the diversity and style of the original group of singers.

"In terms of the sound we make, continuity is pretty easy because there've only been 17 singers and 11 changes, and for 30 years, that's not many changes," said baritone Gabriel Crouch, who wasn't even born when the original King's Singers began making appearances all over the world.

"When new members have arrived over the years, they've arrived as part of a very established group; they are assimilated into an established group, an ongoing

### THE SKINNY

#### WHO:

The King's Singers

#### WHERE:

Spencer Theater for a Performing Arts

#### WHEN:

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11

8 p.m. Saturday

#### COST:

\$10 and \$15 (both available Oct. 11-12)

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### music

#### Win, Place & Show

Eric Diamond and the Playboys play nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

#### The Quarters

Mike Pritchard with Blue Thunder and the Lightning Horns play through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

#### Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

#### The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

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Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn and more.

### performances

#### The Hornheads

An exhilarating horn quintet performs a wide variety of music at 7 p.m. Jan. 11. The third performance in the Ruidoso Community Concert Series. Call 336-4015 for details.

### what's brewing

#### The Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, 257-3676

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#### The Gallopig Tortoise,

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Basic espresso drinks, homemade desserts, deli sandwiches and live music jams featuring local artists.

See TRADITION, page 9C



Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema. For more information call 257-9444. \* Indicates show times for Friday and Saturday.

**You've Got Mail**

Rated: PG

Show times: 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

Plot: Once upon a time there were two bookstore owners. One was a passionate young woman who ran a small children's bookstore. The other was the owner of Manhattan's largest book superchain, a man whose enterprise could put every independent bookstore out of business. The man and the woman were natural enemies. But when they coincidentally - and anonymously - met in cyberspace, they accidentally fell in love.

Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star as Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly, two booksellers who face off against each other in real life as they unwittingly romance each other via modem.

**The Rugrats Movie**

Rated: G

Show times: 1:20 p.m., 5 p.m., 8:40

p.m.

Plot: The Pickles family faces its biggest adventure to happen in any household - the birth of a new baby. As Stu and Didi Pickles struggle with the changes associated with the arrival of baby Dylan (Dil), big brother Tommy and his pals decide that the baby's antics are cramping their style and attempt to take him back to the "hop-sickle."

Attempting the trip to the hospital in one of the Stu's wacky inventions, the Reptar Wagon, the Rugrats lose their way and end up lost in a vast forest, populated by looming shadows, a wily wolf, a mysterious wizard and a group of hungry monkeys that have escaped from the circus. Throughout the big adventure, every member of the Rugrats clan learns deep lessons about the value of friendship and the rewards of family.

**Prince of Egypt**

Rated: PG

Show Times: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Plot: Born a slave. Raised by kings. Chosen to lead. His story is known around the world; his name is

revered by millions ... Moses. This is an epic drama of heritage and destiny, the first full-length animated feature by DreamWorks. The story of Moses and his passage from slave to prince to deliverer is one that has endured for thousands of years, inspiring generation after generation with its timeless themes of faith, hope and freedom. "The Prince of Egypt" stars Val Kilmer and Ralph Fiennes as Moses and Rameses, two brothers raised on a lie and ripped apart by a secret revealed.

**A Bug's Life**

Rated: G

Show times: 11:30 a.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m.

Plot: The creators of "Toy Story" return with another computer-animated story. This one is about a misfit ant who helps to save his colony from a gang of nasty grasshoppers. Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Kevin Spacey, David Hyde Park and Denis Leary provide the voices.

**VIDEORAMA**

**Showtime Video's new December video releases**

**December 15**

Bone Daddy  
Halloween H2O  
Have Plenty  
Madeline  
Lethal Weapon 4  
Air Bud Golden Receiver  
Sticks and Stones  
My Brother's War  
Point Blank  
Thursday

**December 22**

Blade  
Cousin Bette  
Rat Pack  
Wrongfully Accused  
Basketball  
Bram Stokers Mummy  
Knock Off  
Montana

**December 29**

The Avengers

**Top Rentals for Dec. 11-Dec. 18**

Mask of Zorro  
Lethal Weapon 4  
Halloween H2O  
Parent Trap  
Six Days, Seven Nights  
Negotiator  
Doctor Dolittle  
Deep Impact  
Armageddon

Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.

**Tradition**

Continued from page 8C.

"Our speciality is our diversity," Crouch said, "the fact that when you come to our show you will hear something from the 15th century and you will hear a contemporary pop song, or a slow, jazzy piece, all in the same show, and hopefully, because we believe in everything we sign, you'll enjoy it as well."

What they're trying to do in their shows is take the audience through a range of music and a range of emotion, to "keep them interested all the time, challenging them a little bit and entertaining them a lot," Crouch said.

One of the ways they pique the interest of the audience is by creating new sounds with their voices, undoing established vocal techniques.

In some cases these new vocal sounds are musical instruments,

such as in a Duke Ellington piece where they imitate brass instruments, harmonicas, music trumpets and string base, or in their vocal adaptations of Rossini's overture to "The Barber of Seville," where they sing the part of the orchestra.

"These are sort of party pieces," Crouch said. "It's not really our speciality. It's something we spend time with and hope we're good at, like little treats at the end of the show."

Crouch said the program they've planned for the Spencer Theater performances will include a collection of European-language Christmas pieces, carols from Spain, Germany, Holland, and England. They'll sing in Spanish, German, English and Latin.

In one of their recent releases on the RCA Victor label, "Street

Songs," they record with Evelyn Glennie contemporary music from South Africa written and arranged for six voices and percussion.

Another release, "Spirit Voices," is an assortment of pop music with Bruce Johnston and Mike Love of the Beach Boys, Midge Ure of the English band UltraVox, and jazz trumpeter Tom Harrell.

The King's Singers are approaching their 30th anniversary as a younger, fresher group that's maintained the style and purpose of the original, pioneer members.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be having a 50th anniversary," said Crouch. "As long as we're still fresh in our approach to music, we find that people still want to hear us, which is wonderful."

# Celebrate the season in historic Lincoln

Historic Lincoln will host a full day of Christmas Eve activities open to the public. In addition to the local museums, which will be open for the day, the Lincoln Pageant and Festivals Corp. is inviting the public to attend the annual decorating of the 1887 San Juan Church beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 24.

The community and anyone who would like to participate is welcome to help with luminaria making at 10 a.m. and a Children's Hour with a Christmas video at 1:30 p.m.

An hour-long living history program will start 2:30, with local storytellers Sam Corbett, Scott Taylor Ealy and Sophie Poe giving

insight into the famous and infamous events which put Lincoln on the map.

Local businesses and museums will serve coffee and hot apple cider before the lighting of the luminarias and caroling at 4:30 p.m.

Children can visit Santa Claus at the Courthouse Museum from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend Episcopalian church service at 7 p.m. or Catholic Mass at 10 p.m. both at the San Juan Church.

For more information on holiday activities or local businesses, or for directions to Lincoln, call the Lincoln State Monument at 505-653-4372.

The Ruidoso Downs Auxillary will be judging the

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Dec. 19-22

**SIERRA CINEMA**  
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**YOU'VE GOT MAIL (PG)**  
12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG)**  
12:00 2:00 4:00 6:30 8:30

**THE RUGRATS MOVIE (G)**  
1:20 5:00 8:40

**A BUG'S LIFE (G)**  
11:30 3:10 6:50

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# Willie Boy



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*In the land of Hol-  
lywood, being  
"covered" means  
that you take a  
genuine Native  
American hero and  
have him portrayed  
in a film by a rich  
Hollywood star,  
preferably white.*

Once upon a time, there was a strange and mystical place called by its inhabitants "Hollywood." In this place, anything was possible: the future, and even the past, could be adjusted to suit the viewer. Ugly was made beautiful and beautiful made ugly.

Those blessed with attractive countenances were not required to possess a brain, nor were many of those who worshiped them.

#### The Producer

One day, as the sun was setting on the Pacific Ocean, a resident of mystical Hollywood, who was known as a "producer," or sorcerer, was sitting on the beach, watching the sunset. He was ruminating on whether or not any possible way remained to further rob and/or abuse Native Americans. It seemed as though all the good things had already been done by other producers, of whom there were many in the land called Hollywood.

Other producers had already made great, huge stacks of money by covering many of the more famous Native American leaders: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull and Cochise, among others, had all been covered. In the land of Hollywood, being "covered" means that you take a genuine Native American hero and have him portrayed in a film by a rich Hollywood star, preferably white. For authenticity, throw in a few actual Native Americans (working for scale, natch) whose lines consist of saying "Hey-yuh, hey-yuh" over and over again.

This producer was at a total loss. Then suddenly, without warning, he had a thought. This always hurt his head, but he courageously



BEN DECREVECOEUR: not exactly Robert Redford, who played him in the film.

attempted to hold onto it nonetheless. (Actually, the only kind of brain activity that *didn't* hurt his head was the act of counting money).

Anyway, when he had this thought, he leapt to his feet, almost swallowing the expensive Cuban cigar in his mouth. "I've got it!" he shrieked to the seagulls, "I'll make a film about a Native American villain and treat him like a hero! Who's to know?" He then began dancing about the beach. Now that he knew what to do, he also knew how to do it. "There will be much about the white man's guilt, which everyone likes, especially the white man, and I'll make a fortune from that guilt!"

And so, the movie "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here" came into being.

#### The Movie

Halliwell's Film Guide describes the 1969 film "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here" thusly: "In 1909 an Indian turned cowboy comes up against old prejudices and is pursued into the desert after an accidental death."

Well, that certainly describes the film, which starred Robert Redford as the local white lawman who leads the pursuit for Willie Boy, as played by white-guy Robert Blake, and his, um, significant other, as played by Katherine Ross.

In this film, poor, put-upon Willie Boy and his one true love flee from those who would destroy that love. It made for a moderately entertaining movie, but unfortunately, it ain't exactly what really happened ...

#### The Reality

Willie Boy is remembered as something of a ladies man. Unfortunately, he was the type of ladies man, who, if rebuffed, simply relied on force.

Born in 1881 and orphaned as a youth, Willie Boy, by the turn of the century when he was 19, was living with his sister and her husband in Victorville, Calif. It was there that he met Nita Bonifacio, age 14. It is not recorded whether or not Nita returned Willie Boy's affections at first, but is absolutely certain that later, she did not.



## PAST TENSE

Early in 1909, Willie Boy took Nita and the pair fled into the mountains nearby. Nita's father, known to one and all as "Old Mike" (he was 74), in the company of several of Nita's brothers, tracked the couple down and retrieved Nita at rifle-point.

At this point, Willie Boy decided to close the barn door after the cows had left, and asked for Nita's hand in marriage.

We can only imagine Old Mike's reaction.

### Willie Boy crosses the line

In September of that year, the Bonifacio family went to work the harvest on the Gillman Ranch near Banning, Calif. The summer lasted well into September and the Bonifacios elected to sleep outdoors in the cool night air.

On the night of September 27, Willie Boy broke into the Gillman home and left with a .30-30 Winchester and about 20 rounds of ammo. He then crept up to where the Bonifacios were camped and put a bullet through Old Mike's head as he slept. The old man died instantly. Holding the rest of the family at bay, Willie took Nita and fled into the night.

The crime outraged the countryside. Old Mike had been popular with both whites and Native Americans, and both groups volunteered men to be posse members. It became obvious later that Willie Boy had not thought very far ahead. He had no food, water or horse, and he had dragged Nita off so hurriedly that she had no shoes.

It wasn't until late the next morning that local Banning constable Ben DeCrevecoeur was called in. The constable immediately notified Riverside County Sheriff Frank Wilson and then left Banning with a quickly recruited posse of four men.

Later in the day, a larger posse consisting of 14 men led by the

sheriff, rode hard in an attempt to overtake DeCrevecoeur's posse and join forces.

When the big posse overtook them, the little posse was just making ready to pursue Willie and Nita up into Morongo Canyon. The two posse leaders came to the conclusion that they had to act fast, or they would lose the fugitives permanently. They sent out riders to guard known water holes in the event that Willie Boy should show up.

On September 29, a couple of possemen riding near the upper reaches of Morongo Canyon thought they heard a girl crying, but were unable to find the source of the sound. At about the same time, a \$50 reward was offered for the fugitive as incentive. Not much incentive, but incentive nonetheless.

The tracks began to indicate that Nita couldn't hold out much longer — Willie Boy was alternately carrying and dragging her.

Apparently, Willie was aware of Nita's ever-weakening condition. He must have realized that with her, he could never escape. Consequently, he put a bullet into her back and left her where she fell. So much for true love.

When Ben DeCrevecoeur and the six men who had accompanied him broke off from the main posse in order to cover more ground found the body, they resolved grimly to bring Willie Boy to justice — one way or the other.

### The Battle

About noon, on October 6, 1909, DeCrevecoeur's posse had dismounted and were discussing the fact that Willie was not far ahead, when rifle fire rent the air. After shooting one of the possemen through the hips, Willie Boy proceeded to shoot four of their five horses.

After dark, the posse retrieved the wounded man and took him

down the mountain in search of medical aid. He eventually recovered from his wound.

By October 14, the posse was back in the hills, and on the 15th, they approached the site of the October 6th gunfight. When DeCrevecoeur saw Willie Boy lying behind a boulder, he snapped off a quick shot at the outlaw. But Willie Boy did not move. When they approached the body, they found that Willie Boy had been dead for some time — by his own hand. They had heard one final shot on the day of the gunfight, but they had assumed that it was aimed at them. It was not.

Willie Boy's body was in no condition to be transported anywhere, so the lawmen decided to cremate it on the spot. So ended the existence of a Native American who was, well, not so noble.

### Epilogue

Perhaps the makers of "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here" began with the best of intentions — I don't know so I apologize to any of that group who might chance to read this.

At any rate, if they had done more than scratch the surface of history and delved further they could have told the true tale. It was still a good yarn — but was not what the audiences of 1969 wanted, which is sad.

If the true story had been a successful film, the makers could have had the satisfaction of knowing that, aside from making a profit, they could have advanced an accurate picture of our past.

After all, when the applause dies down...

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— William Shakespeare "Hamlet."

Sources: *The Hunt for Willie Boy* by Harold Edwards; *Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

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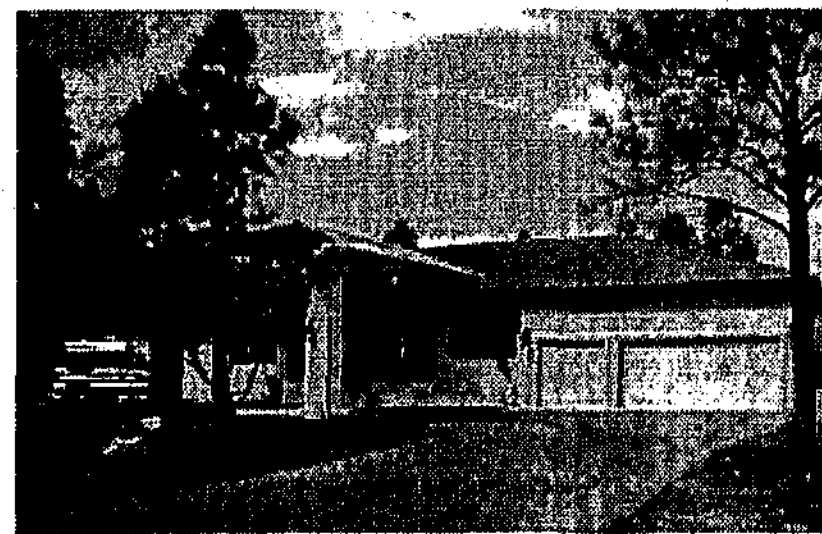
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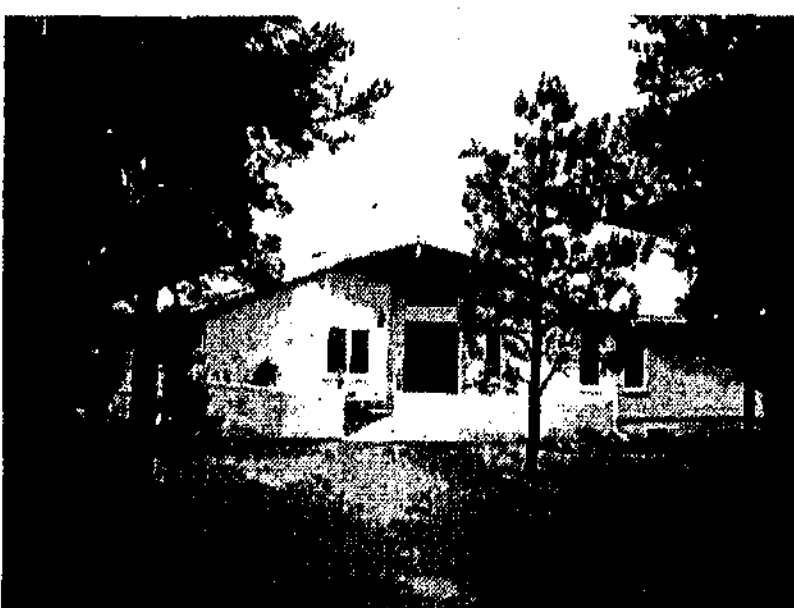
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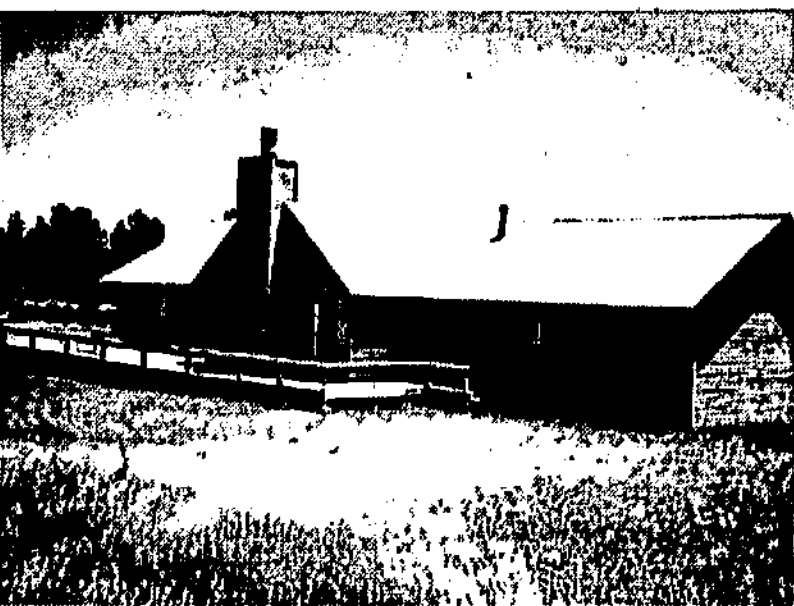
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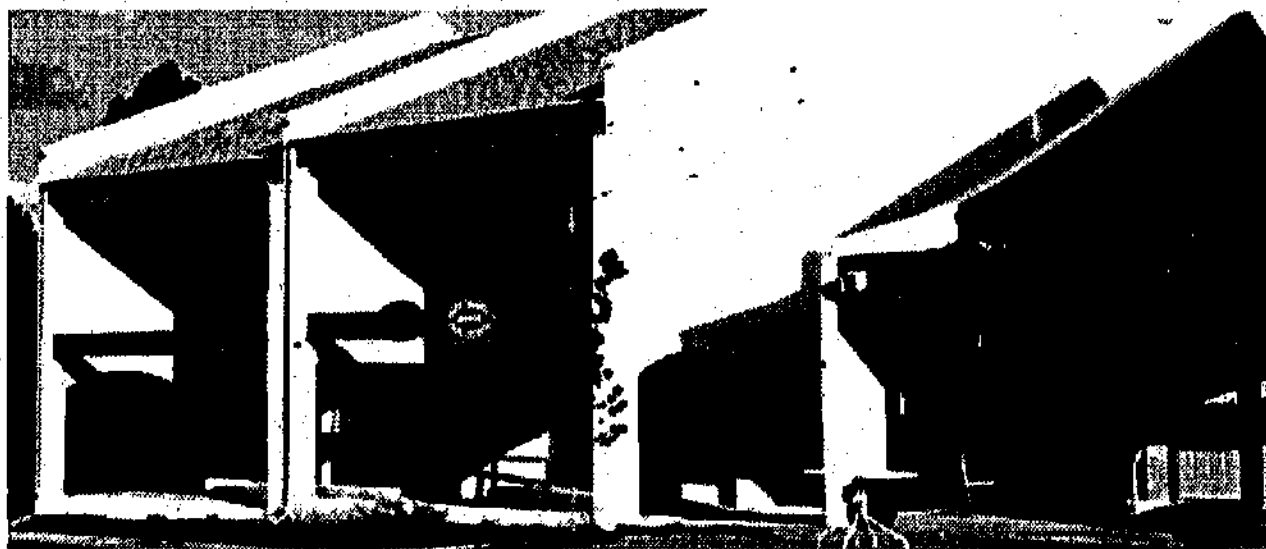


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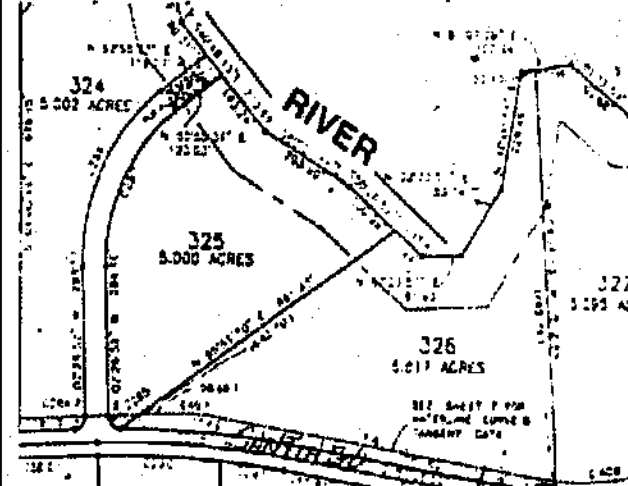
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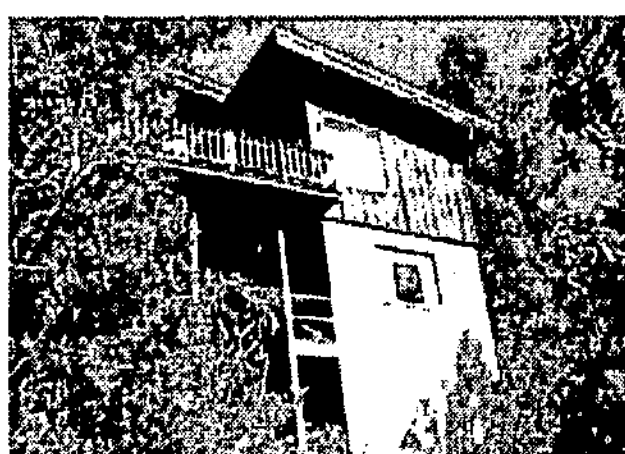
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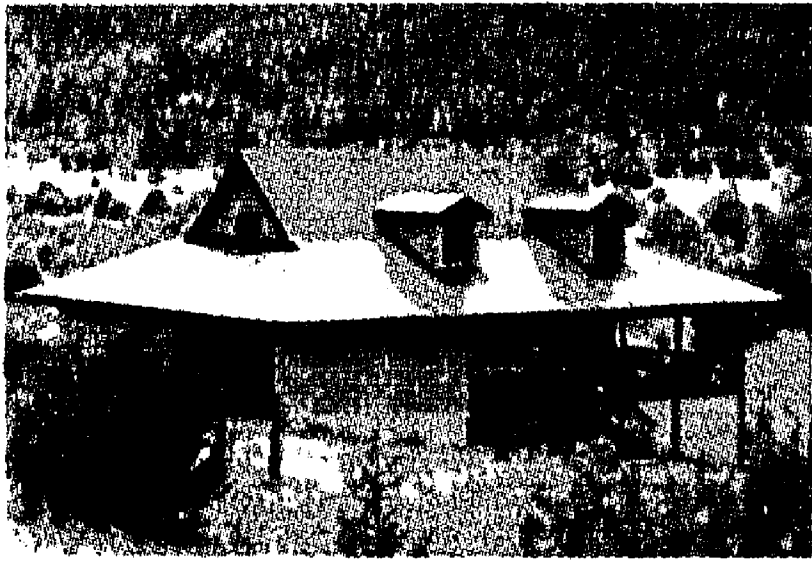
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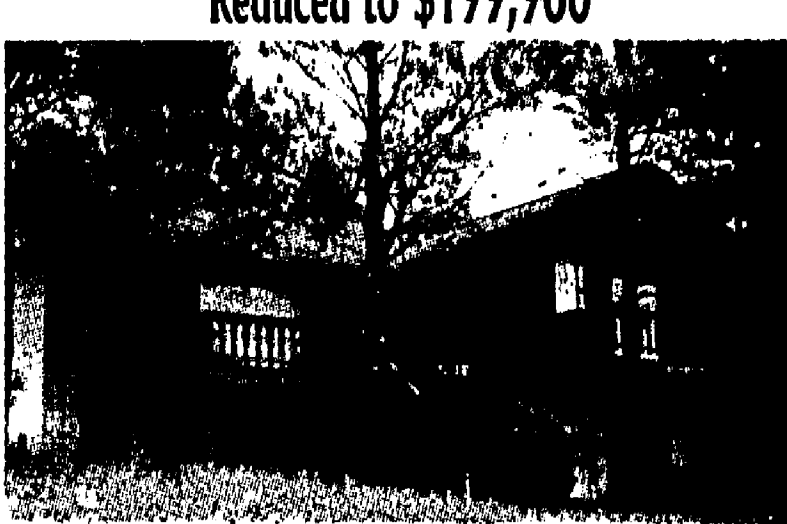
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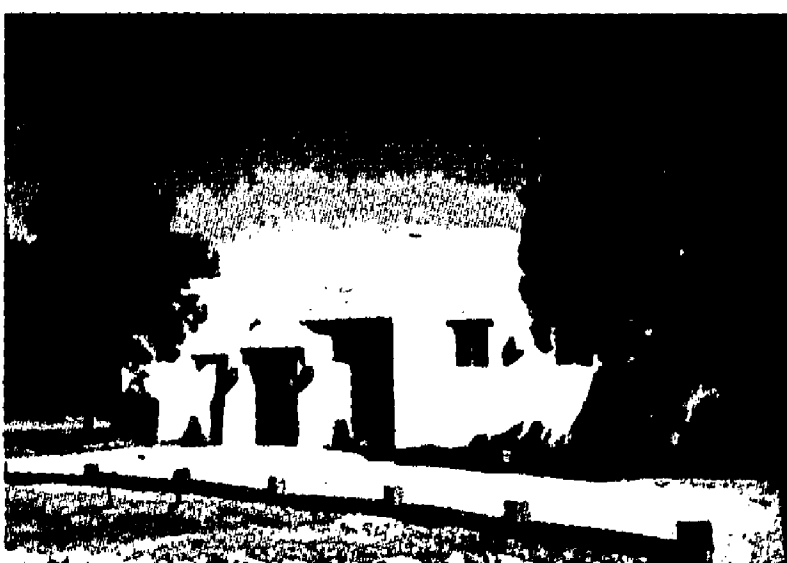
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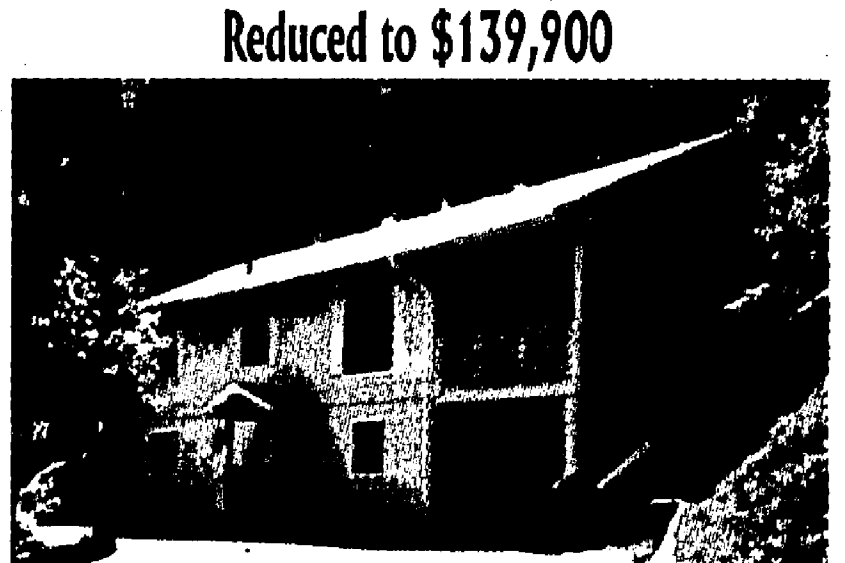
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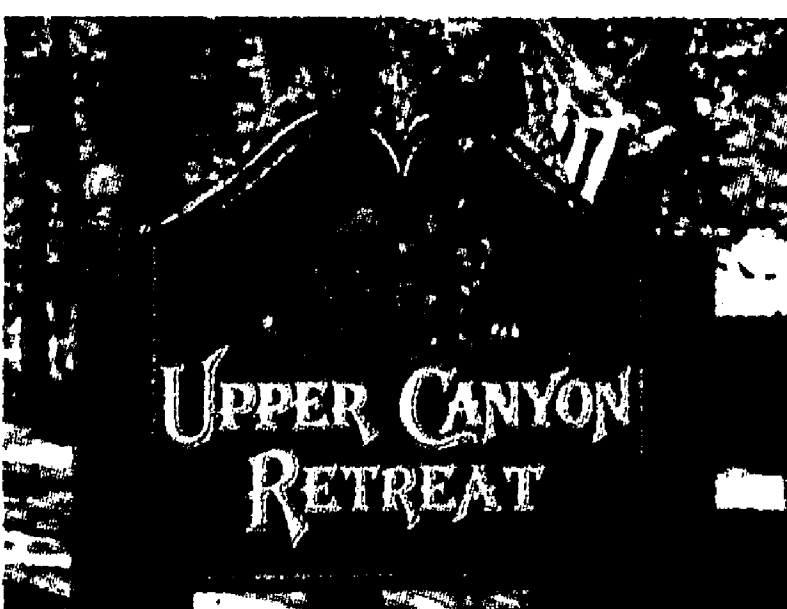


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