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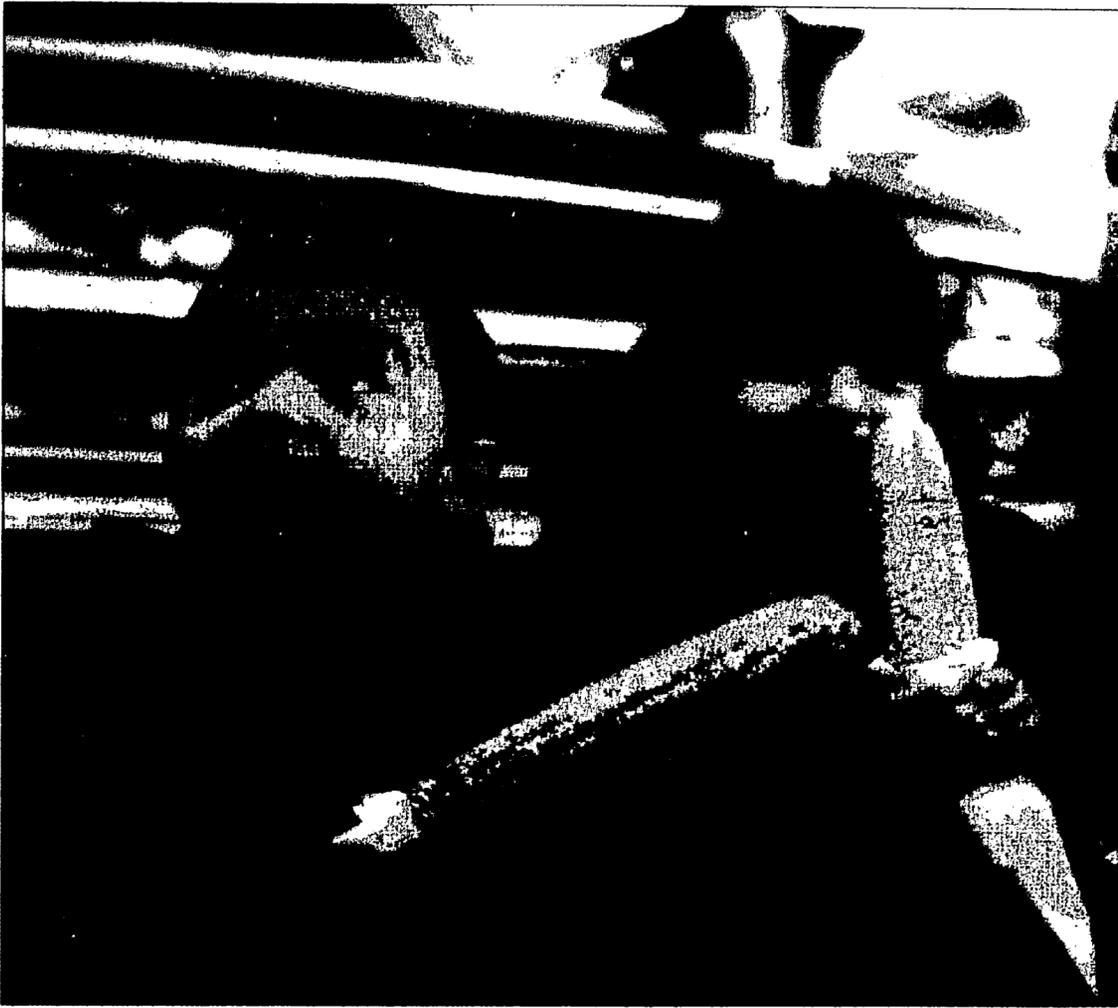
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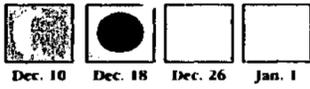
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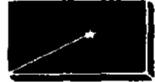


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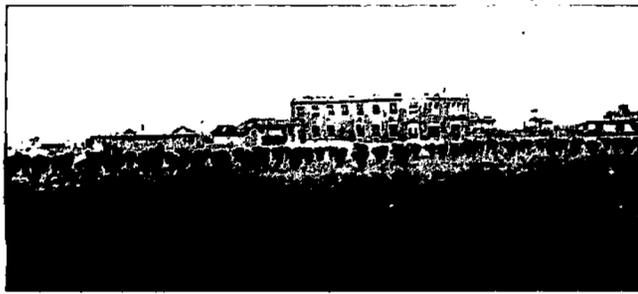


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A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 5, 1899

It begins to look like that telephone line will be built. J. E. Wharton, John Owen and J. P. C. Langston are at Carrizozo to attend the commissioners meeting. Probate Judge W. F. Blanchard was in the city Sunday and left for Lincoln

Monday, where he holds the regular term of court this week.

Contractor Mann Suterwhite was in the city Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Suterwhite has a force of men at work on the new depot at Carrizozo.

Miss Mary Lee is on of a number of individuals who have an attack of La Grippe in a mild form this week.

It is rumored that the S.P. people have sold their coal interests here to the stock holders of the E.P. & N.E.

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ly," he said. "We try to explain it's an inherent problem in our society and like it or not, we may be saving your lives."

The call to the police for help usually comes at the height of anger and frustration, he said.

"You go out there and if police officers find evidence of abuse, they are instructed by (state law) to make an arrest and they do," Key said. "From that point on, it goes down hill."

Not exclusively, but generally, women are the victims and they are more economically tied to their spouses, he said.

"Therefore, they begin to reconsider their plight, because they're either unemployed or underemployed and their husbands are the primary bread winners," Key said. "Now they find them in jail and they recantulate and refuse to cooperate."

"They figure, 'Well, he promised never to do it again. I trust him this time. I'm either going to tell the prosecutor I won't cooperate or I'll refuse to prosecute, or I'll simply say I just lied.' That's the beginning of the end. That's the number one difficulty in these cases."

"That's why we have a 'no drop' policy. We require them to go to court regardless of the strength or weaknesses."

Economics plays a role

Counselor Birgit LaMothe agrees that economics plays a role, but many other psychological mechanisms also are involved in a relationship between an abuser and a victim. After months or years of verbal and/or physical abuse, the woman may lose confidence, become isolated and

begin to believe what her abuser is saying about her shortcomings, she said.

One of the ways Key's office can get around a victim who becomes reluctant to press a criminal case is the "excited utterance."

"There's an exception to the hearsay rule called an excited utterance," Key said. "Even when she denies (later) that she (accused the batterer), the officer is allowed to testify at trial that she said it. That's how we prove cases with or without the cooperation of the (victim)."

Two fronts for action

A victim of domestic violence can pursue action on two fronts, Key said.

"Domestic violence traditionally is a misdemeanor unless a weapon used," he said. "When a woman says she's had enough, she can go down and get a temporary restraining order (TRO), which is on the civil side. The cops call it a 'stay away' order, where most often the man must leave the home and is told not to come back until they have a hearing. He can't come within 150 yards of the residence."

"At the same time, if the police officer has found evidence of abuse - bruises and that type of thing - he's made an arrest and a domestic violence case is developed on the criminal side. (The abuser) is in jail and has a bond. So these two things kind of go in tandem in the two courts."

Although women primarily are the victims of domestic abuse, he has seen cases involving men. However, they tend to be more reluctant to admit abuse, because of the possible stigma they perceive.

Klundt said after an arrest

he tries to keep the domestic abuser in jail for 24 to 48 hours as a cooling-off period. But because Lincoln County's jail is crowded, a batterer is likely to be one of the first released when the jail population needs to be reduced.

A matter of safety

"A restraining order is only a piece of paper," Key said. "The only thing we can do is make sure the people in the system know about it."

"In our district, the judge who issues the TRO has a checklist and sends copies that are posted at the police department, the victim advocate office and by other judges so everyone should know this address may be a hot spot. But it certainly doesn't help if someone goes over armed and shoots the woman."

Another alternative used in Otero County is to put a radio monitoring device on the ankle of a domestic violence offender to keep track of his location, Key said.

"In Otero County, we also can issue a panic button to the victim and they can press it if they feel threatened or are approached by the man," he said.

No panic buttons here

The panic button system isn't used in Lincoln County and the ankle monitors usually are reserved for other types of offenders, Klundt said.

On a temporary basis, groups such as Family Crisis of Lincoln County can find shelter for a victim and children, and put them in touch with the agencies that can help them start new lives, and to receive counseling.

Occasionally, cases come up

where the police officer can't determine who is at fault or if an offense occurred.

"We say we're not picking sides because there's no way of knowing and we let them both go into court and let the judge sort it out," Key said. "Sometimes a person can file a domestic violence case as a way to harass the partner. If we can determine that, we'll dismiss the case to prevent an injustice."

When a person has been a victim of domestic abuse repeatedly, yet continues to encourage an abusive partner to visit and break the terms of the restraining order, it may be necessary to put the victim in jail for his or her own protection, Key said.

"We may decide either we have to do this or they'll end up dead," he said.

The outcome, if they decide to stick with the prosecution of the misdemeanor often ends up being a suspended sentence with the judge ordering the abuser to seek counseling in anger management and possibly for alcohol addiction, Key said.

"The judge's sole interest is that it not happen again," Key said. "We hope with some counseling and changes in behavior some couples may get back together. I think we've seen a lot of success stories."

Unfortunately, some abusers are savvy about the system, victims say. To avoid accumulating a history of cases, an abuser may move from one law enforcement jurisdiction to another. Or different judges hear separate cases and, with or without the knowledge of the previous history of abuse, release the abuser to seek treatment or to continue the economic support of a family.

Characteristics of those prone to domestic violence

Several behavioral characteristics are listed by New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence as indicators of a domestic batterer. Some were listed with the article published on Dec. 30. The last four characteristics are almost always seen in an abusive partner. If a person exhibits those behaviors with at least three of the others, there is a strong potential for physical violence.

Initially the batterer will try to explain his behavior as signs of his love and concern. A woman may even be flattered - at first. As time goes on, the behaviors become more severe in an attempt to dominate.

Unrealistic expectations: He's very dependent on the woman for all his needs. She is supposed to take care of everything for him emotionally and in the home.

Isolation: He tries to cut the woman off from all resources, accusing her of being "loose" if she has male friends, of being a lesbian if she has women friends and of being "tied to the apron strings" if she's close to her family. Eventually, he may want to live in the country without a phone. He may not let her use the car, may try to prevent her from working or going to

school.

Hypersensitivity: He is easily insulted, claims his feeling are hurt when he's really very mad, or he takes the slightest setback as a personal attack. He will rant and rave about the injustice of things that have happened to him - things that are just part of living.

"Playful" use of force during sex: He may like to throw women down and hold them down during sex. He may want to act out fantasies during sex where the woman is helpless. He may show little concern about whether the woman wants to have sex and uses sulking or anger to manipulate her into compliance.

Verbal abuse: Besides saying things meant to be cruel or harmful, this behavior can be used to degrade the woman, cursing her and running down her accomplishments. The man will tell her she's stupid and unable to function without him. This may involve waking her up to verbally abuse her or not letting her go to sleep.

Past battering: The man may say he's hit women in the past, but they made him do it. The woman may hear from relatives or ex-spouses that the man is abusive. A batterer will beat

any woman he is with; situational circumstances do not make a person an abuser.

Threat of violence: This would include any threat of physical force to control a woman such as "I'll slap your mouth off," or "I'll break your neck." Most men don't threaten their mates, but a batterer will try to excuse this behavior by saying, "Everybody talks like that."

Breaking or striking objects: This behavior is used as a punishment, but is mostly used to terrorize the woman into submission. The man may beat on tables with his fist, throw objects around or near the woman. Again, this is a very remarkable behavior. Only very immature people beat on objects in the presence of other people to threaten them.

Any force during an argument: This may involve a man holding a woman down, physically restraining her from leaving the room, any pushing or shoving. The man may hold the woman against a wall and say, "You're going to listen to me."

Telephone numbers that a domestic abuse victim seeking help can call are:

The Ruidoso Police Department, 257-7365

The Ruidoso Downs Police Department, 378-4001

The Carrizozo Police Department, 648-2351

The Capitan Police Department, 354-2237 or 420-1714

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 1-800-687-2419 or 648-2541, which often relay calls to the smaller police departments.

Domestic Violence Legal Hotline, 1-800-209-DVLH

New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, (505) 246-9240

The Women's Community Association, 1-800-773-3645

Counselor Birgit LaMothe Ph.D., who conducts individual and group sessions with victims, 354-2761.

All of the above agencies should be able to refer victims to Family Crisis of Lincoln County, a volunteer group that helps a victim who has decided to leave a threatening environment. Family Crisis volunteers also can brief victims on their rights.

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ences in approaches to government and lifestyles even prompted talk about splitting the county into two parts. Talk was spawned by a perception that more populated Ruidoso was not receiving proper representation, because the majority of the five commissioners live outside that village.

Although a split had been whispered about for years, talk became louder in September after a 4-1 vote to build the new county jail in Carrizozo, the county seat. Commissioner Wilton Howell of Ruidoso voted no, saying it was shortsighted because most of the county's growth is from Capitan south to Ruidoso and transportation costs from population centers would strain the county.

The other four pointed to savings in construction, because of donated land in the Carrizozo Industrial Park and other concessions.

Talk had died down at year-end, but things still were rocky. In September, Commissioner Monroy Montes called for an apology from Commissioner William Schwettmann over a derogatory remark he made to Howell during a discussion of a study of possible jail sites. Schwettmann declined.

Howell and Schwettmann had been rancorous for years. They differed on the county's Rural Events Center in Glencoe. Although it was purchased with money from the state Legislature, Schwettmann, who represents Capitan where the county fair is staged, viewed it as a bad investment and opposed the use of more grant money to improve it or county money to operate it.

Howell, Montes and Chairman L. Ray Nunley said the county had a commitment to ensure a home for the staging of the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, but by December that point was moot; the symposium announced it will be moving to the Ruidoso Downs race track for its 10th anniversary next October.

Commissioners also wrangled over the number of meetings to be in Ruidoso, settling in a split vote on at least six of during the next year.

They ended 1998 debating the legality of new raises for elected officials after the state Supreme Court declared May 1997 mid-term raises illegal. In a 3-2 split, Howell and Montes on the failing side, raises were approved for five of the 10 elected county officials.

3. Road warnings

Torn up roads, detours and long traffic delays became a part of the Ruidoso experience in 1998 when four state highway construction projects started in the spring.

Seven state highway construction jobs, costing about \$40 million, are scheduled for the area in the next few years. They include two projects on U.S. Highway 70 and three on Mechem Drive (SR 48). The state repaved Ski Run Road this summer.

Most notable of the projects are two on Mechem Drive; it is

being widened in from Sudderth to White Mountain Drive, and both widened and realigned from White Mountain Drive to the turn-off to Ski Run Road.

Early this year, Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., the company which received state contracts for all four of the highway projects, announced its intention of completing the new road from Sudderth to White Mountain Drive before winter. However, one delay followed another, and the company "but-toned up" the first Mechem project at roughly the half-way point for the winter. The second Mechem project, which includes extensive dirt work, is to continue.

4. Murder and mystery

Perhaps the most sensational crime of 1998 was the strangulation death of Elizabeth Ballard-Lankhorst, a 27-year-old mother, who reportedly at one time was involved with Christopher J. Faviell, one of two men accused of her murder. Faviell and his live-in companion, Charles Martinez, who also went by the name of "Eva," are scheduled to stand trial in district court for her murder separately on June 14 and May 3, respectively.

Ballard-Lankhorst was reported missing by her mother on March 8. Her body was found in April buried in a shallow grave on property owned by Faviell's mother outside Tularosa.

Attorneys for Faviell, 31, and Martinez, 39, didn't offer a defense during the magistrate court hearing on the case in May, but attacked the credibility of the witnesses against the two men. The judge ruled enough probable cause existed to send the case to district court for trial.

5. Convenience store death

Allsup's clerk John Diebler, 48, of Ruidoso Downs, was murdered in the early hours of the morning of Aug. 29 during a robbery of the convenience store for beer and cash.

Allsup's and Crimestoppers advertised rewards for information leading to a grand jury indictment of the perpetrators, and police arrested a suspect on the basis of a call that came into Crimestoppers - a couple of weeks after the multiple stabbing of Diebler.

Johnny Ray Gutierrez, 39, a former Allsup's employee, was arrested Nov. 25 in Capitan and booked for robbery and murder. Charges against a female suspect are pending a determination of the degree of her involvement.

Gutierrez was arraigned in Magistrate Court at 2 p.m. on the same day in Judge William Butts' court, and later, defense attorney Gary Mitchell was assigned to represent Gutierrez. The preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 17 in Butts' court.

6. Officer accused

On July 15, Ruidoso police arrested one of their own officers, Luis Torres, on charges of embezzlement and aggravated burglary.

Torres, awaiting trial in dis-

Three memorable contributors

Ray Reed

Western culture lost one of its biggest boosters Feb. 4 when Ray Reed, founder of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, died from a heart attack. The 81-year-old cowboy, musician and promoter collapsed while on the road after performing at a cowboy poetry gathering and after sealing a deal for the Cowboy Symposium of the Air, a one-hour syndicated program now broadcast weekly from Dallas, Texas. The ninth annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium this year drew 13,000 people through its gates.

Ovella Estes

Ovella Estes, a Ruidoso village counselor who had battled breast cancer, died on May 25, Memorial Day. More than 700 people attended the memorial service for the 49-year-old real estate agent. After winning her seat on the council a few months before her death with a 100 more votes than her nearest competitor, she was able to attend only a few council sessions, twice carrying an oxygen tank. She had decided to run for office believing she was free of cancer after a year-long battle.

Dan Storm

The special, heart-warming view of life by Dan Storm featured twice a week in the of the Ruidoso News ended this year when the 89-year-old writer and rancher died Dec. 17 of complications from smoke inhalation. Storm's home at Glencoe had burned two nights earlier. Just as he had paid tribute in writing about the deaths of other friends during his half century with the newspaper, about 300 family members, friends and acquaintances gathered at a memorial service to pay their respects.

trict court, is accused of trying to burglarize a business while working the night shift as an officer, and of spending \$279 from a recovered purse.

The purse was part of a sting operation conducted by the department after hearing reports that Torres may have been trying to break into mid-town stores at night. A woman, acting on behalf of the department, turned the purse over to Torres, saying she had found it. Torres reportedly never filed a report about the found purse and never turned it in.

Torres was fired by the police department at the time of his arrest. He had been a Ruidoso police officer for five years and a Belen police chief before that.

His attorney, Robert Beauvais, has said he will ask for the trial to be transferred out of Lincoln County. No trial date has been set. The prosecutor and defense attorney objected to two earlier judges assigned to the case, so the case is before a third judge.

7. Government shifts

While last year's elections brought new leadership for the village of Ruidoso, governmental representation in Lincoln County remained about the same.

On March 3, Councilor Robert Donaldson emerged from a three-way Ruidoso mayoral race with 51 percent of the vote, ousting former Mayor Jerry Shaw, who had held the position since 1993.

Since his election, Mayor Donaldson has been active, changing village policies, such as the manner the council agenda is put together, and recommending ordinance amendments to the council. Recently, the council endorsed a 26-page proposal from Donaldson to build a recreational plaza in the

White Mountain subdivision.

Incumbents Bill Chance and Leon Eggleston held onto their council positions against five contenders. Ovella Estes, a first-time candidate, received an overwhelming vote and assumed the council seat of Joe Gomez, who chose to not run for re-election. She died May 25 from complications of breast cancer. Donaldson appointed mortgage broker Linda Flack to the council seat, and also appointed local business owner Ron Anderson to fill the council position he left vacant when elected mayor.

Three Lincoln County commissioner positions were up for re-election in November. All three were contested, and two incumbents returned to the commission.

Monroy Montes, a Glencoe orchard owner who served eight years on the commission, lost in the primary to Rick Simpson, a Glencoe hunting guide and rancher, who went on to win in the Nov. 3 election.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann and Commission Chair L. Ray Nunley retained their seats, though Nunley's margin over contender Chay RENNICK, a Ruidoso attorney, was barely two dozen votes.

8. Winter storm

Many Lincoln County residents had a snowbound New Year's Day introduction to 1998 after back-to-back storms dropped 3 feet of snow during the last week of 1997.

The snow, freezing temperatures and high winds prompted county officials to file for emergency disaster relief. In all, much of southeastern New Mexico was declared a disaster area because of the storms.

Ranchers north of Capitan were unable to get food to all of their livestock because of snow drifts that were impassable

even with four-wheel drive vehicles. County Manager Frank Potter reported at the time that snow drifts had buried some ranchers' vehicles up to the windshields.

Hap Canning, who runs the Block Ranch, northeast of Capitan, said the storms' impact was the worst he's seen in 30 years. About 20 percent of the ranch's 1,200 head of cattle could not be reached in the days following the storms. County and village road department employees worked around the clock trying to clear roads.

Icy roads sent cars sliding off roads or into each other. An airplane slid off a runway at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

And Ski Apache reported 48 inches of snow in a week's time - a base that translated into a lucrative ski season for the resort and the surrounding area.

9. Lincoln Trust problems

Historic Lincoln's archive of history, the Lincoln County Heritage Trust Museum, shut its doors Nov. 1 because of financial troubles.

After more than a month of speculation about when, if ever, the museum would be able to reopen, another private museum in mid-December agreed to take over operation of the Lincoln museum, where the only authenticated photograph of Billy the Kid and other memorabilia is housed.

The Museum of the Horse is set to assume management of the Lincoln museum following the dissolution of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust's assets and the trust itself, a step initiated by the trust's Board of Directors in early December.

The board had decided in October that the museum could no longer continue to operate at an annual loss of about \$50,000 a year, and had discussed closing the museum during the winter and re-opening in the summer. The board sold the Wortley Motel, a restaurant that was operating during the historic Lincoln County War, to ensure that all the trust's debts would be paid.

Dede Freeman, chairman of the Heritage Trust Board, said earlier that she was delighted with the agreement with the Museum of the Horse.

10. Gridiron heroes

The Ruidoso Warriors made fans out of everybody with their march to the Class AAA State Championship football game. The Warriors lost to perennial power and longtime nemesis Artesia in the title game, 35-22, but won the community's heart with their effort.

Les Carter's team ran through its pre-district cam-

paign with a 6-1 record. Ruidoso then opened play in District 4AAA with a loss to Artesia, 51-21. The Warriors, facing must-wins, in its final two district games delivered just that, beating Portales, 24-7, and then clinching a playoff berth with a 10-7 win over Lovington.

That began a playoff run of three-straight victories - 59-21 over Santa Teresa in the first round, 40-20 over Kirtland Central in the quarterfinals, and 36-0 over Raton in the semifinals - putting Ruidoso in the state title game for the first time in 10 years.

When all was said and done, the Warriors finished 11-3 overall, as the Class AAA's second-best team and had two players, quarterback Corey Saenz and receiver Josh Varnadore, named to the Class AAA state football first team.

LATE '98 UPDATE

Hearing scheduled in killing at Allsup's

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The preliminary hearing for murder suspect Johnny Ray Gutierrez has been set for 2 p.m. on Feb. 17 in magistrate court with Judge William Butts presiding.

Gutierrez, 39, was arrested Nov. 25 and charged with the murder of Allsup's clerk John Diebler, 48, that took place during a robbery of the Allsup's Convenience Store on U. S. 70 on Aug. 29.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigated Gutierrez, a former Allsup's employee, after Crimestoppers received a tip. He was arrested at his mother's home in Capitan and has family in Albuquerque where, he said at his arraignment, he lived alone in an apartment.

Magistrate Judge William Butts forwarded an application for public defender's office in Alamo, and Gary Mitchell was selected to represent him.

A female suspect is still under investigation as to the degree of her involvement and no charges have yet been made against her.

Warriors win

The Ruidoso Warriors basketball team took third place in their own High Country Shootout Thursday afternoon, with an 88-73 win over Lydia Patterson Institute, and moved to 4-5 on the year.

Garvin Grant and Corey Saenz were named to the all-tournament team.

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OUR OPINION

A brand new year and what it portends

Happy 1999, everybody — a year absolutely guaranteed to be different than any that have gone before, because people change and perceptions change, even if all the rivers continue to flow to the sea...

Here in Ruidoso, as the new year begins (speaking of rivers), a new sign has cropped up beneath the "cold water fishery" one at Rio Ruidoso crossings—this one urging everybody to keep our river clean, and signed by the "Village of Ruidoso, riverkeeper."

That is one positive result of what happened in 1998. Concern with a clean and tidy river did get attention, and action, and cooperation between village, Forest Service and ski area, with considerable kibitzing from an outfit called the Ruidoso River Association.

There are other signs of considerable portent. Despite the current mess along Mechem Drive, a.k.a. State Road 48, the intersection where Mechem joins Sudberth was completed, replete with new traffic signals, and the result is a much more organized and less frustrating intersection.

And the multi-million-dollar Mechem improvement project has signaled the start of many, many other construction projects along the route, from brokerage houses to restaurants, ski shops to car washes.

A new, larger, post office building at the entrance to the Ruidoso Convention Center, to open before year-end, very nearly guarantees a continuing shift of commercial activity northward. A few years into the next millennium, the strip of Mechem from Cree Meadows to White Mountain Road might well be thought of as "up-town" while today's midtown will be "old-town," relegated even more to tourism than it is today.

Mayor Robert Donaldson's push for a recreational plaza in the same general area, not to mention (finally) a resort hotel adjoining the convention center also was notable. If his estimate that Ruidoso's economic future is as a "recreation destination" is proven right over the next few years, then the south end of the Links golf course could well become the civic center of the village. (But, please, no fast-food joints.)

Ruidoso Downs is not going to disappear, it, too, will grow apace, and four-plus miles of U. S. 70 upgrades (already started) will help assure it.

And Fort Stanton Mesa, from Alto to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, will develop right along with the rest.

In fact, if we're not super-careful, by 2025 there might be a freeway running all the way from Ruidoso Downs to Capitan. Whether the Rio Ruidoso will continue to be a cold water fishery is another question. Time, of course, will tell. Anyway, happy new year.



YOUR OPINION

Sierra Mesa closing

To the editor:

On Jan. 1, 1999 (today), after 11 successful years of doing business in the Ruidoso area, the Sierra Mesa Lodge bed & breakfast inn is closing its doors. (We) have decided to retire and enjoy our golden years here in paradise.

We want to thank everyone in Ruidoso and Lincoln County for their wonderful support and encouragement, which made our inn so successful. We especially wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce visitors' center, the other local lodging establishments and the many restaurants for sending so many guests our way.

This has been a prime example of a community working together!

Larry & Lila Goodman
Alto

'Miracle-type man'

To the editor:

This man (Dan Storm) was a miracle-type man; he had friends from all nationalities; I'd bet any amount of money (if I had it) that Dan Storm had more friends in this area of New Mexico than any other person.

The Storm family lived in a big beautiful home on the University of Texas space. Dan's brother, Joe, was editor of the

Texas University paper. As most know, Joe was killed in World War II.

The Storms took me from my home, Alto, and sent me to school at the University of Texas for my freshman year. Storms made it possible for me to get what education I got; Dan helped me get my Spanish credit; the other four brothers treated me like their little sister while in their home.

My everlasting praises to you, Dan, "The Ridge Runner" and "Silver Lining."

Louise Coe Runnels
Alamogordo

'El pobre gringo'

To the editor:

On Aug. 24, 1965, my dad Johnny Montes and his dad Juan Montes and other members of the family celebrated a "coincidence," as "rioted in the Ruidoso News" ("Around Town by Nosey Waters"), "Johnny Montes' race horse Battle Lina won the same race on the same day a year later at Ruidoso Downs."

I believe Dan Storm wrote this as his by-line at the time.

The obvious joy on my dad's and grandfather's faces is to this day a great sense of pride and happiness to me. The nice touch is seeing a young and vigorous Dan Storm in the winner's circle picture with the Montes family. Dan truly loved

the races and it was not unusual to have him come by on weekends to ask my dad for inside poop on the ponies.

Sunday, Dec. 13, he stopped at the Glencoe Fruit Stand, as he had so many times in the past, to be a caring neighbor.

He didn't stop to talk about the race horses, he stopped to check on my mom's progress on her recent illness that kept her hospitalized for over 35 days.

My mom, Cleo, was released on the 18th to come back to Glencoe to recuperate at my sister Pat's home just west of the Storm ranch.

On Friday morning, I took my mom the sad news of Dan's passing.

Our family has always been fortunate to have good neighbors here in this little part of the world Dan wrote so much about. He often told me about his world travel and emphasized, "Kid, this is the best place in the world; don't leave."

We will miss "el pobre gringo" as he represented himself to us. The sparkle of his leprechaun eyes is a lasting memory to me. He paid great tribute and respect to all the people in his beloved valley as he left this life, and today I do the same.

Monroy Montes
Glencoe

Bruce King turns author

Writer Tony Hillerman, a former newspaperman who got rich and famous writing about a couple of fictional Navajo cops, went round and round with New Mexico's Bruce King more than once when Hillerman edited the Santa Fe New Mexican in the 1950s.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

Now he tips a hat to King the author, whose political autobiography called "Cowboy in The Roundhouse" has just been published (Sunstone Press, Santa Fe; 368 pp., illustrated, \$26.95).

King dominated New Mexico politics for most of the last half of the century—three times governor over three decades (70s, '80s, '90s), speaker of the House of Representatives (60s), chair of an abortive constitutional convention that nevertheless launched major, if piecemeal, state governmental reforms.

We agree with Hillerman that King's book, "as told to" writer Charles Poling, is much better than expected. It's worthwhile reading for state political junkies who can get turned on by campaign tales from county commission meeting room (King was a commissioner in the '50s) to governor's mansion.

If there is a common refrain in every chapter, it's that King was everybody's friend—to and including his political enemies—like Republican Gov. "Lonesome Dave" Cargo.

But that is King's style; his memory for names and faces is legendary, and his country-cowboy twang a trademark.

It didn't bother Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who when he was thinking about running for president flew west to plan strategy with his friend Bruce King and a few political cronies at El Comedor Restaurant in Moriarty — where Bruce still shows up on occasion for a morning cup of coffee, it being just down the road from the King Brothers Ranch at Stanley.

An ornery man named Kusz is killed

After Charles L. Kusz, Jr. published his extra edition telling of the shooting death of Manuel B. Otero, he settled down again to setting his florid, humorous, and sometimes outrageous opinions into tiny italic type. His newspaper, The Gringo & Greaser, took on all kinds of opponents, from burro thieves to those who would restrict the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Some examples:

FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS



BY MORROW HALL
SYNDICATED CURIOSITY

"Some freebooter in the republic of burros has feloniously, and with malice prepense and villainy aforethought, abducted and otherwise got away and decamped with a quiet and unoffending jack, the property of Isidro Serna de Chato. If overtaken, the sentence of the Gringo & Greaser is that said burro kleptomaniac be kicked senseless by a Texas cow, the job to be finished by pelting the culprit with frozen buffalo chips until the very sight of another man's burro turns his stumik."

"Some of our public servants have forbidden us to criticize their official acts! Great

heavens! What a sublime blending of cheek, brass and gall! However, it don't surprise us much when we consider the 'fantastic tricks before high heaven' that our more exalted public hirelings are performing. But you little fellows must quiet down and not jaw back at us. Any more of that from you and we will discharge you."

"A living brainless baby is the latest sensation among the doctors East. Emigrate him to Colorado, let him make a 'strike' in the mines and then watch him. A thousand to one he will go to the U.S. Senate."

"For a time we kept a circulating library: our friends (?) kept it for us now."

"Baked beans is the national dish of Boston, New Mexico and Egypt. The bean is an unpretending little vegetable but we hear good reports from it wherever it is used for food."

"An Eastern Drug paper goes into ecstasy over 'A sponge weighing 11 lbs.' Pshaw! Come West, young man, come West and see the sights. While in Santa Fe, one day last week, we saw more than 50 'sponges' at the leading hotels and boarding houses, any one of them weighing from 150 to 200 lbs; and we were told that it wasn't a very good day for sponges, either."

Actually, there wasn't a lot of news in The Gringo & Greaser. Most of what Kusz printed was his opinions, of which he apparently had an endless supply.

And since there were only about 800 people living in and around Manzano at the time, I wonder how many of them actually read his paper or if he ever broke even selling it.

But apparently enough people read the paper to get Kusz in trouble. Perhaps his efforts to track down criminals were making things too hot for some of them. Whatever the reason, his brief career as a publisher ended violently, just a few months after it began.

On the evening of March 27, 1884, Kusz was eating supper with his business partner, Major John Bradford, and a visiting rancher. The window was open.

According to an account in the Santa Fe Review, two men fired through the window simultaneously. The two bullets hit Kusz in the head, killing him instantly.

The Santa Fe paper speculated that the community knew Kusz was in trouble. "Mr. Kusz, it will be remembered, was postmaster. The mail had just arrived, but contrary to the usual custom not a single inhabitant of the village came near the office that evening."

There was a lot of cattle rustling going on around Manzano, the paper said, "and the late editor of the Gringo and Greaser had been very active in trailing down several clues, until a few days before the assassination he was notified to

keep his mouth closed and to go no farther."

Those Kusz offended or frightened enough to kill him were never caught. Members of the press in the territory met and succeeded in getting the governor to put up a \$500 reward for the capture and conviction of his murderers, but it was never claimed. Kusz was buried on his ranch east of Manzano, and The Gringo & Greaser became just another part of our rich history.

Elsewhere: In 1884, the year Charles Kusz was killed, Mark Twain published "Huckleberry Finn."

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YOUR OPINION

Opinion expressed

To the editor: My name is Melissa Pettigrew, and I am in the eighth grade at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, Ore. My class are writing letters to editors around the country in hopes of getting published.

I am writing to you about year round schooling. I think it is a great idea because when you go all year instead of only nine months, you don't have to remember everything after the three months that you had off of school. Also during holidays your vacation is longer

Melissa Pettigrew Irrigon, Ore.

Rumination on Clinton

To the editor: I can forgive a man if he has a weakness for women. And if he don't want to 'fess up, well he ain't the only one in that town that can stretch the truth. I remember the line about casting stones.

If it wasn't about sex, then why is Bob Livingston quitting? I'll give ole Bob one thing, at least he's not a hypocrite.

Fact is these partisans in control of Congress have once again shot the foot, and unless they find a way out of this mess that lives with the majority, they will pay in 2000. Maybe not in New Mexico, and certainly not in Lin-

coln county, but they will pay Bill Clinton by aggressively selling America abroad has presided over the economic renaissance of our country.

He is a man of peace. The people of Iraq don't know this, but they should. He has bent over backwards so as not to spill their blood. The people of Bosnia do know it. He stopped the killing there. Ireland also is better off because of this man, and the Middle East too.

Both impeachments of an American president have been totally partisan and entirely bogus. The first failed and this one is doomed to fail also. Maybe that says something for this system of ours.

The worst part of this

whole episode is the polarization of friends and neighbors. I don't know how many callers to CSPAN I've heard say, "Because of this I will never again vote for a ——" (Insert party of your disdain.) Now that's down right stupid. I'm a Democrat (any one surprised?), but I've always voted for Pete (Domenici).

The wife and I even went to meet him when he came to town in '96 and I plan to give George W. (Bush) a good long look in the next Presidential election, that is unless Bill Bradley is the nominee of my party. Now there's a man we can all get behind.

Glenn Remington Ruidoso



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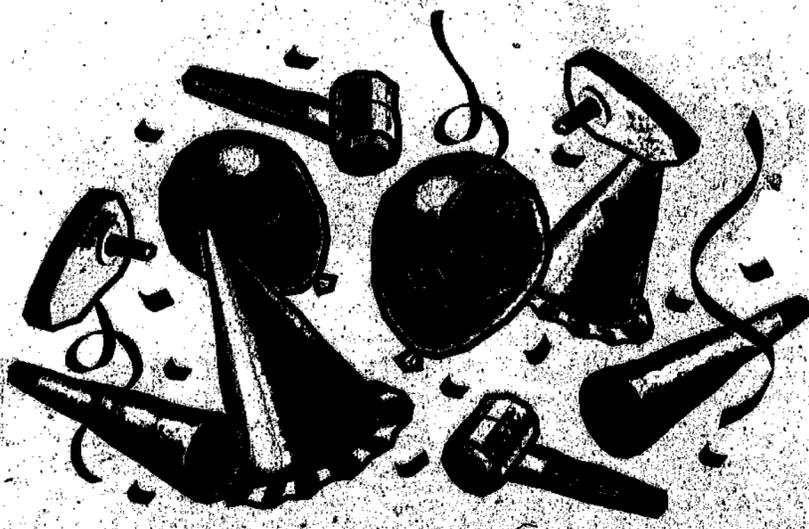
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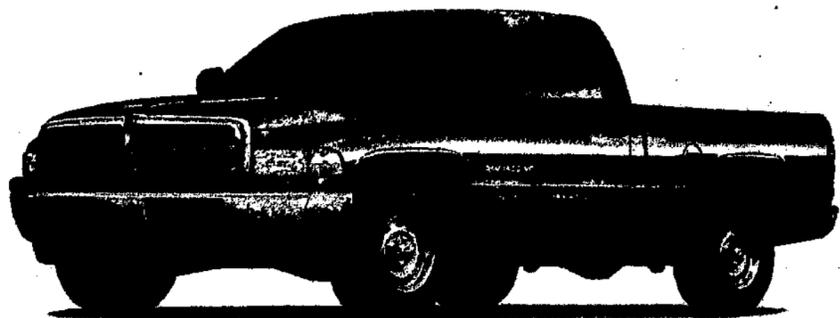
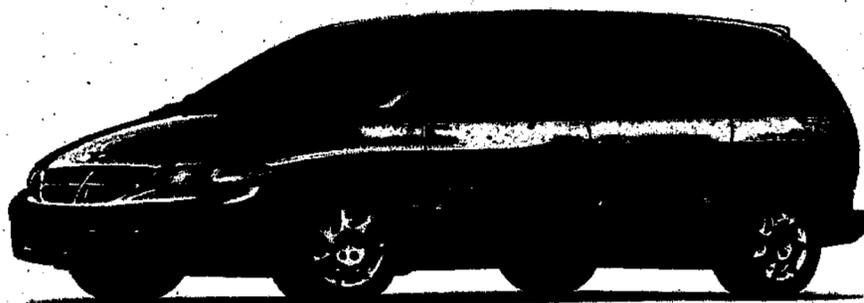
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Editor's Note

In order to accommodate for the New Year's holiday, today's sports section was printed Wednesday evening. Scores and a complete round-up of the High Country Shootout Basketball Tournament will be in the Wednesday, Jan. 6 issue of the Ruidoso News.

Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:
• **Trails open:** 47 of 55
• **Lifts open:** All lifts (10 of 11) except Chair 6, which serves the Apache Bowl
• **Snow depth on open trails:** 26 inches
• **Surface conditions:** Packed powder
• **Skiing conditions:** Fair to good on upper mountain and excellent on lower mountain
• **Snowmaking:** None Monday night

Scoreboard

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Boys basketball
Second round action at the High Country Shootout at Ruidoso H.S.

Game 1
Artesia JV def. Camp Sierra Blanca

Game 2
Raton JV 53, Carrizozo 43
Carrizozo1371112 -43
Raton JV1271618 -53
Halftime score: Carrizozo 20, Raton JV 19. Totals: Carrizozo - FG 16, FT 9-16, 43; Raton JV - FG 22, FT 7-13, 53. Three-point FGs: Carrizozo 2, Raton JV 2. Fouls: Carrizozo 16, Raton JV 15. Leading scorers: Carrizozo - James Verdugo 16, Josh Vega 12, Simon Beltran 11; Raton JV - Aaron Ortiz 17, David Segura 15.

Game 3
Portales 59, Desert Christian 45
Portales218219 -59
Des.Christ.14111010 -45
Halftime score: Portales 29, Desert Christian 25. Totals: Portales FG 16, FT 25-41, 59; Desert Christian FG 18, FT 9-23, 45. Three-point FGs - Portales 2, Desert Christian 0. Fouls - Portales 20, Desert Christian 28. Leading scorers: Portales - Jeff Howard 12, Dathan Culpepper 11; Desert Christian - Mark Denny 18.

Game 4
Mescalero 49, Hondo 47
Hondo159167 -49
Mescalero129167 -47
Halftime score: Hondo 24, Mescalero 21. Totals: Hondo - FG 21, FT 1-6, 47; Mescalero - FG 19, FT 7-11, 49. Three-point FGs - Hondo 4; Mescalero 4. Fouls - Hondo 17, Mescalero 14. Leading scorers: Hondo - Jerome Greer 18, Josh Candelaria 14; Mescalero - Phillip Pike 14, Josh Davis 14.

Game 5
Raton vs. Sudan (late)

Game 6
Chihuahua vs. Lydia Patterson (late)

Game 7
Ruidoso JV vs. Canutillo JV (late)

Game 8
Ruidoso vs. Canutillo (late)

Local boxers to slug it out in Alamo



Two members of the Downs Boxing Club return to the ring to start the new year with a bang.

Twenty-five-year-old Mario Portillo (2-0, 2 KOs) and 10-year-old Zeke Sanchez (1-1) will participate in an amateur boxing event Saturday at the Alamoogordo Civic Center on 1st Street.

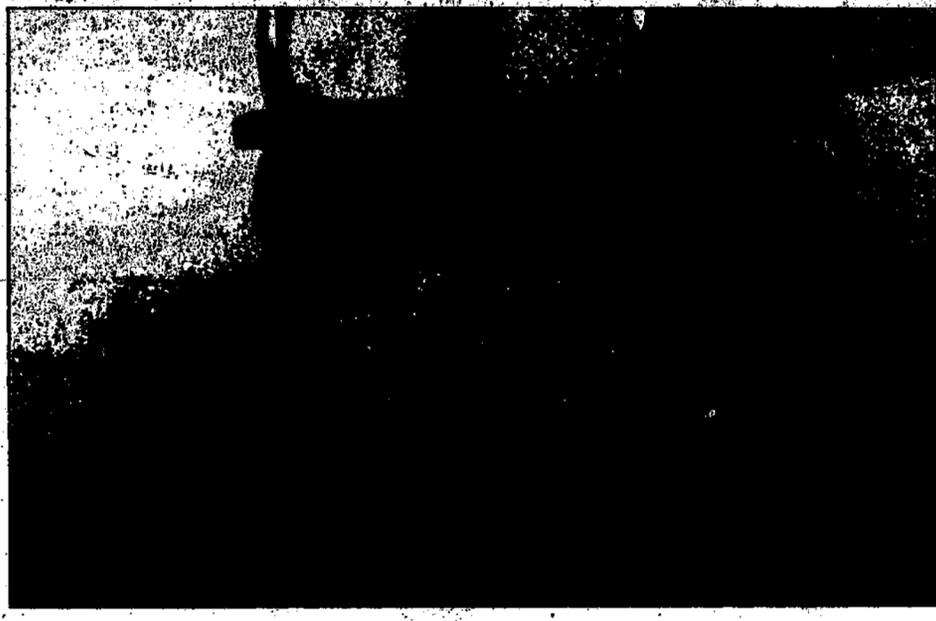
Hundreds of boxers from all over the state and parts of Texas will participate in the Homeboys Boxing Smoker. The event begins at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Portillo will fight in the 165- to 170-pound open class. He's scheduled to go three rounds.

Sanchez is scheduled to compete in the 85- to 90-pound weight class for 10- to 12-year-olds.

At left, Downs Boxing Club trainer Tony Bolden puts Mario Portillo through the paces. Portillo is 2-0 in the ring with two knockouts to his credit. Portillo enters the ring again Saturday for another bout. Below, Zeke Sanchez also prepares for Saturday's fight, his third of his young career.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



Chiefs still have Hondo's number

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Another game, another thriller and another victory for the Mescalero boys basketball team.

For the third time this season, the Chiefs have been on the winning end of a close game with the Hondo Eagles.

Eight points have separated these two teams, including Wednesday's 49-47 Mescalero victory at the Ruidoso High Country Shootout. The win put Christie LaPaz's 13-0 Chiefs into the championship game of the Class A Varsity/Class AAA Junior Varsity division.

(Results from Thursday's games were unavailable by press time because of the New Year's holiday.)

Mescalero trailed most of Wednesday's game and even until the two-minute mark, with the Eagles holding a five-point lead.

LaPaz ordered up some full-court man-to-man pressure and the Chiefs forced the Eagles to turn the ball over. That was the difference, LaPaz said.

Hondo coach Michael Booty agreed. The Mescalero pressure defense took its toll on his Eagles.

"I think we just ran out of legs. By the fourth quarter, we didn't have any legs under us," said Booty, who also credited Mescalero's play down the stretch.

"I was pleased. The kids kept scrapping but we just ran out of gas. We made some young mistakes. Next week we'll be better," Booty said.

The Eagles may be young, but so are the Chiefs and that strikes fear in many of their opponents.

LaPaz has only one senior on his roster. A pair of juniors led the way past Hondo. Josh Davis scored 14 points from the paint while classmate Phillip Pike buried three three-pointers to keep the Eagles honest on the outside.



Ben Christian/Ruidoso News
Josh Davis of Mescalero controls a rebound.

"All the boys can score, but today (Wednesday) we were kind of flat. One guy usually comes through," said LaPaz, Mescalero's second-year coach.

The result has been an impressive 13-0 start of the season for Mescalero which will compete in District 5A.

Hondo will have one more shot at this season's rematch Jan. 8 when it hosts Mescalero in the last regular-season game between these two schools - call it the battle of Highway 70 since both schools are located on that road in their respective villages.

Shootout continues

Other results from Wednesday's early action of the High Country Shootout:

• Raton JV 53, Carrizozo 43 - The underclassmen Tigers rallied with a big second half to send Carrizozo to the seventh-place game of the small school division bracket. Aaron Ortiz scored 17 and David Segura added 16 for the Tigers. Three Grizzlies reached double figures, but it wasn't enough.

• Portales 59, Tucson Desert Christian 45 - The Rams shrugged off pesky Desert Christian with a 21-10 advantage in the third quarter. Portales moved onto the consolation championship game of the large school division bracket with the victory.

The first thing we do is kill all the bowls

It used to be so simple: win your conference, go to a bowl game, win the bowl game, take home a trophy, maybe a national championship. It was classic holiday stuff, after finals and grades were in, except at Texas A&M, where grades are discretionary with the coaches.

OFF THE BENCH



BY GRAY HERRICK
GUEST COLUMNIST

There was a week of minor bowl buildup, with second or third-tier teams - all in the top 20 - going to the Sun, Gator, Liberty and Bluebonnet Bowls. That was back before big money required them to attach corporate tags to their names and before bowls like Micon PC, Insight.com, and Motor or Music City were invented. This year produced 22 bowl games (including the Humanitarian Bowl in frigid Idaho) - you do the math.

On New Year's Day, after plenty of hype and pageantry, there were the Big Four: the Rose, Cotton, Sugar and Orange Bowls (there was no Fiesta Bowl, with or without the Tostitos). Each was hosted by a designated conference winner, which also happened to be a title contender. The games were all played the same day, and we could decide for ourselves which team was best.

That was easy when Nos. 1 and 2 were playing each other. But it happened occasionally that those teams would be in different bowls. That possibility created outrage over the failure of the system to produce an undisputed

national champion, and led to widespread hysteria, panic and the most apocalyptic of adversities, reductions in alumni funding.

And so they spawned the B.C.S. - Bowl Championship Series, which is not a series at all, but a hideous mutant of the once-great bowl system. The premise is simple enough: make sure Nos. 1 and 2 meet in a bowl game. But getting there involves complex formulas, cooperation of the major conferences and the major bowls, and big bucks and big politics. Yet it still guarantees nothing.

Take the current season, for example.

The B.C.S. has arranged for No. 1 Tennessee to play No. 2 Florida State three days after New Year's in an interloper game called the Fiesta Bowl, a.k.a. the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The winner is the national champion, right?

Not so fast. Tennessee, undefeated, could rightly claim that title with a win. But what if one-loss Florida State wins? Ohio State, Kansas State, UCLA, Arizona and Wisconsin each have had one loss, each is in the Top 10, and each is going to a bowl game. Why shouldn't any of them claim the title?

And it gets worse. Beyond Tennessee and Florida State, there is little rhyme or reason to the Big 4 bowls. The once-mighty Orange Bowl, a.k.a. the Fed Ex Orange Bowl, which somehow always produced either a Nebraska or a Miami national champion, is hosting No. 7 Florida and No. 17 Syracuse, neither of which is in the running.

The once-mighty Sugar Bowl, a.k.a.

the Nokia Sugar Bowl, always home of the SEC champion, now has No. 3 Ohio State and No. 9 Texas A&M, which actually might be a pretty good game, except that Ohio State should be in the Rose Bowl and the Aggies should be on probation (Hey, Coach Slocum, can you spell "i-n-e-l-i-g-i-b-l-e"?).

And the once-mighty Cotton Bowl, a.k.a. the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic, always home to the champion of the league formerly-known-as-the-Southwest-Conference, has stooped to Texas, which finished third in its conference, formerly known as the Big 8, and Mississippi State, wherever that is.

Only the Rose Bowl has maintained tradition, declining a corporate moniker and hosting the winners of the Big 10, Wisconsin, and the PAC 10, UCLA.

But alas, what of poor Kansas State, winner of the northern division of the Big 12, formerly known as the Big 8? Ranked 4th and stopped one yard short of a title shot, they've been exiled by the B.C.S. to the lowly Alamo Bowl, a.k.a. the Builders Square Alamo Bowl, against unranked Purdue (as this article went to press, Purdue, a 14-point underdog, upset K State, 37-34 - perhaps the Big 12 was overrated this year?).

The result? Tradition is dead. Nobody can identify the significance of the Big 4 bowls, or distinguish them from the Insight.com or Outback or Jeep Dahu or Inhaman Idaho Bowls. And in the end, we may still not have an undisputed national champion if Florida squeaks by while Ohio State and UCLA post impressive victories.

Here's how it would be if we fol-

lowed the old format:

• No. 8 Wisconsin, Big 10 winner, would face off with No. 5 UCLA, PAC 10 winner, in the Rose Bowl, the same as now.

• No. 4 Kansas State, runner-up in the Big 12 and winner of the league-formerly-known-as-the-Big 8, saved from exile, would meet No. 3 Ohio State in the once-and-future Cotton Bowl.

• No. 9 Texas A&M (which is ranked fourth by *The New York Times* despite two losses and a small-eligibility problem) would go to the Orange Bowl as winner of the Big 12, against either No. 6 Arizona or No. 7 Florida.

• And the title game would be held in the Sugar Bowl Between No. 1 Tennessee, the SEC winner, and No. 2 Florida State, the same as now. Only without sinking tradition, and without devaluing the major bowls, and with all of the top teams contending.

It would all happen in one day, New Year's Day, not Dec. 29th (Builder's Square Alamo Bowl) to Jan. 4 (Tostitos Fiesta Bowl). All the big boys would be there. Kansas State wouldn't have its feelings hurt, and pretenders wouldn't intrude: Syracuse, Purdue, Texas and Mississippi State could play each other in the computer bowls.

And the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl? Well, it was created in the first place by some rich businessman in a Scottsdale suburb so that Arizona State could win a national championship at home, certainly dubious premises. Maybe they could divide into two squads and generate a hometown victory.

On deck

Knights of Columbus FT Contest
Free-throw contest for girls and boys, ages 10-14, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Entry blanks are available at the schools or at Richard Mound's office, located at the ReMax Center. For more information call Dick Mound at 258-5526.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Bonito, Hondo, Penasco
Lakes: Alto, Bonito, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - stimulators, elk hair and goddard caddis, blue winged olive, dayes hoppers, ants and beetles.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's and gold ribbed hairs ears. Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.

Lakes: Alto, Bonito, Lake Mescalero, Grindstone.

Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis, and some action on beats.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.

All waters on the reservation are closed except Lake Mescalero.

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

Barry's offers supplies with a twist

BY BEN CHRISMAN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Barry's Office System and Solutions is not your ordinary office supply store.

In fact, owner Barry Bampton said that his business doesn't sell typical office supplies at all.

What Barry's does sell is a wide variety of office equipment, ranging from remanufactured fax and copier print cartridges to Direct Digital satellite services.

"I'm still finding my niche here in Ruidoso," Bampton said. Bampton, who has been in the office supply business for 33



Barry Bampton at Barry's Office Supply

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years, offers local service on some of the equipment that would otherwise have to be sent to larger cities in the region to be repaired.

He repairs and sells typewriters, copiers, fax machines and most other equipment that is related to the office supply business. Some local businesses have even asked him to repair their cash registers.

"It all ties together," Bampton said. "It's all about dealing with people."

Bampton carries remanufactured and refurbished equipment that he said is totally guaranteed and is great for the environment.

"We can offer customers (equipment) at half the cost," Bampton said.

Barry's is an authorized dealer of Cellular-One phone systems and Direct Digital Satellite systems.

Barry's is currently offering a special rebate offer with the DDS system.

Bampton said the dish and receiver is a total rebate; all the

customer has to do is install the system, or pay Barry's to install it for them. Barry's can also assist a business in computer sales service, support and activation. Bampton said that he can work on IBM and Hewlett Packard computers, along with Sharp and Minolta office equipment.

Bampton brought his business from Alamogordo after he saw the opportunity Ruidoso had to offer.

"Ruidoso is a great place. You have everything here,"

Bampton said. "I still get to meet two to three new people a day."

Bampton continues to do business with loyal customers in West Texas, Cloudcroft, and Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo.

Family and Consumer News

Lending money to relatives risky

LAS CRUCES — Lending money to children, friends or other relatives can be a little risky, both in terms of the money itself and the emotions involved, said a New Mexico State University consumer education specialist.

"It isn't the money that causes the problem, it's the fact that the loan changes the nature of the personal relationship," said Susan Wright with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. "After the financial transaction, you begin a debtor-creditor relationship, in addition to any other relationships such as parent-child, or friend-to-friend."

Not every loan transaction turns sour, but enough do that people should think twice about getting involved in such a situation, she said.

The high cost of homes has caused more people to turn to relatives for help with the down payment. Once the decision is made to get into a financial relationship, there are three ways to approach the situation, Wright said.

"The first way to look at the loan is as a gift. The idea is never to lend money to children or other relatives or friends that you can't afford to give to them," she said. "If the money gets paid back, it's a pleasant surprise. If not, no one feels bitter or guilty."

The next approach is to handle the situation in a

strictly businesslike way, she said. Put the loan terms in writing — agree on the amount borrowed, the interest rate and repayment terms.

"The least complicated way to establish a businesslike arrangement with relatives or friends is to assign the borrower's bank loan, but make sure you are involved in the loan negotiations," Wright said. "Remember, you still have to pay the loan off as the cosigner if the borrower fails to pay."

When deciding to be a lender, consider the possibility that the borrower might default, Wright advised. Borrowing and lending money is a business transaction, and it should be treated as such.

Save money by paying off mortgages early

LAS CRUCES — Home buyers who can afford to pay a little extra on the principal of their mortgage each month will save a lot over the years.

"If you've been in your home for only a short time, the first payments you make on your mortgage are mostly interest," she said. "You pay more interest early in the mortgage. As you repay the bank, the interest decreases."

People who don't like paying the bank all that interest can use other ways to pay down the amount of money borrowed (the principal) faster. Check with the lender to make sure

there are no penalties for making prepayments or early payments, Wright advised. The Federal Housing Administration and the Veteran's Administration do not allow lenders to assess penalties.

Most mortgages companies have a space on the payment form to itemize additional principal payments, she said. Make sure the lender knows that the extra money being sent each month is to be applied to the principal.

One popular way to pay off a mortgage early is to make an extra payment every year — 13 monthly payments instead of 12.

"Add the next principal amount to your regular monthly payment or send whatever extra amount you can with each payment," she said. "This may be a uniform amount each month like \$50, or the amount may vary depending on what you can afford at the end of the month. If you earn a bonus or overtime pay, use it to pay down the principal."

Have the lender figure out a payment schedule based on paying every two weeks, she suggested. Making 26 payments each year would be the same as making 13 payments.

"Another way to pay off your mortgage is to add an additional 3 percent to each payment each year," Wright said. "If you stick to this plan, you can pay off a 30-year mortgage in a little more than 15 years."

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ERA expands staff

The ERA Simmons-Ruidoso Realty recently added a new agent to its staff. Tom Reynolds, a broker, will be representing ERA in Cloudcroft.

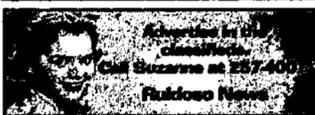
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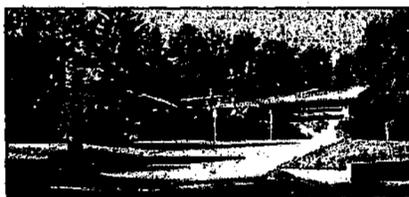
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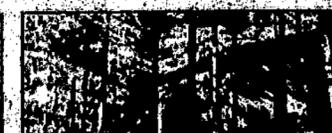
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January 26, 1999
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 28 December 1998
 s/Walter H. Argall
 President
 s/Majel F. Powell
 Secretary
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LEGAL NOTICE
 Lincoln County
 Medical Center
**COMMUNITY BOARD OF
 TRUSTEES MEETING**
 will meet on Thursday,
 January 21, 1999
 At 6:00 p.m. in the
 Hospital Conference Room
 The Agenda will be available
 at the Administrator's Office
 on Monday,
 January 18, 1999
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LEGAL NOTICE
 The Lincoln County Board of
 Commissioners are hereby
 accepting nominations to the
 Public Land Use Advisory
 Council (PLUAC) for seven
 (7) members to serve on the
 Board. Nominee(s) must be
 domiciled and registered to
 vote within the County of Lin-
 coln.
 Nominations shall be made in
 writing to the Lincoln County
 Board of Commissioners for
 appointment to the Public
 Land Use Advisory Council
 Nominations will be accepted
 by the Lincoln County Board
 of Commissioners at the Lin-
 coln County Courthouse,
 P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo,
 New Mexico 88301 until
 10:00 a.m., January 8, 1999
 MARTHA GUEVARA
 ASSISTANT COUNTY
 MANAGER
 1964 1T(1)1

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ELECTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 there will be an election held

on Tuesday January 12,
 1999, to elect two(2) mem-
 bers to Board of Directors of
 Sun Valley Sanitation District.
 The two members will be
 elected for six year terms.
 John Pulte, Jerry Steele, and
 Curt Wheaton have been
 nominated for the 6 year
 terms ending January 2005.
 Any tax-paying elector living
 in the district is eligible as a
 write-in candidate for the po-
 sition by declaring as a write
 in candidate 56 days before the
 election. No write in candi-
 date has declared.
 Eligible to vote are all tax-
 paying electors of the district.
 The District includes Sun
 Valley, La Junta and Little
 Creek Subdivisions. "Tax
 paying elector of a district"
 means a person qualified to
 vote at general elections in
 the state of New Mexico, who
 either has paid or incurred a
 general tax liability on real
 property within the district in
 the twelve(12) months im-
 mediately preceding the elec-
 tion.

Voting by absentee ballot is
 permitted. An absentee ballot
 can be obtained from the
 secretary to the Board of
 Directors by requesting it in
 writing. Requests are to be
 sent to Sun Valley Sanitation
 District Attn. Jo Steele P.O.
 Box 151 Alto, NM 88312.
 Absentee ballots once issued
 to a voter must be used by
 that voter to vote. Absentee
 ballots will be accepted up to
 the close of the polls.
 The polling place for the
 voters is the Alto-Bonito Com-
 munity Hall(Alto Substation,
 Bonito Volunteer Fire De-
 partment Building), Alto, New
 Mexico. Polls will open at
 7:00 am and close at 7:00
 PM on Tuesday January 12,
 1999. Results of the election
 will be reported to the Board
 of Directors at a special meet-
 ing immediately following the
 closing of the polls on Janu-
 ary 12, 1999. The meeting of
 the Board of Directors will be
 held at the Alto Bonito Com-
 munity Hall Alto, NM
 Jo Steele
 Secretary
 Sun Valley Sanitation District
 1950 3T(12)30(1)1,6

LEGAL NOTICE
 The Lincoln County Board of
 Commissioners are hereby
 accepting nominations to the
 Lincoln County Senior
 Citizens Olympic Committee
 for four (4) members to serve
 on the Board. Nominee(s)
 must be domiciled and regis-
 tered to vote within Lincoln
 County.
 Nominations shall be made in
 writing to the Lincoln County
 Board of Commissioners for
 appointment to the Lincoln
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 Nominations will be accepted
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LEGAL NOTICE
 The Lincoln County Board of
 Commissioners are hereby
 accepting nominations to the
 Lincoln County Lodgers Tax
 Committee for three (3) mem-
 bers to serve on the Board.
 One nominee shall be in-
 volved in tourist related in-
 dustries and two nominees
 shall represent the lodging
 industry. Nominee(s) must be
 domiciled and registered to
 vote within the County of Lin-
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'93 Chevy Blazer 4x4, low miles 0 down \$248	'98 Ford Rangers Subercabs 4x4, loaded \$17,595	'97 Ford F-150 4x4, Campershell, low miles, badliner 0 down \$295
		2 - Ford Supercabs F-150, 4x4, V8, 3rd seat 0 down \$355 or 0 down \$397

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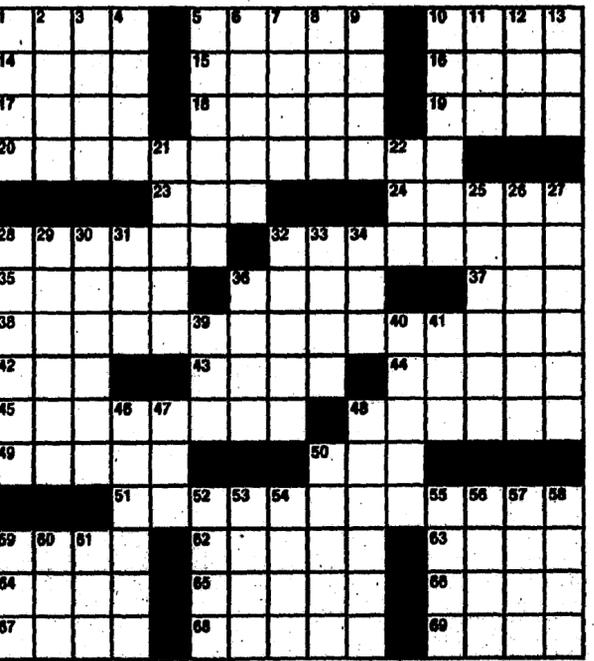
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Sandy Suggitt

DETAIL OF A CERAMIC figurine painted by 14-year-old Jerri Ann Winters, an eighth-grader at Ruidoso Middle School, at All Fired Up in the Timbers Mall. The business specializes in allowing customers to paint their own dish sets, tile mosaics, bathroom sets, custom pet bowls and more. For more creations, please see page 4C.

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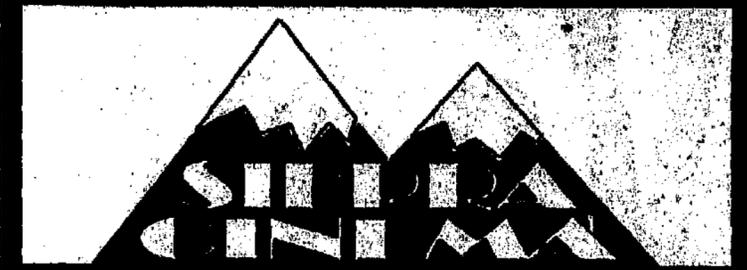


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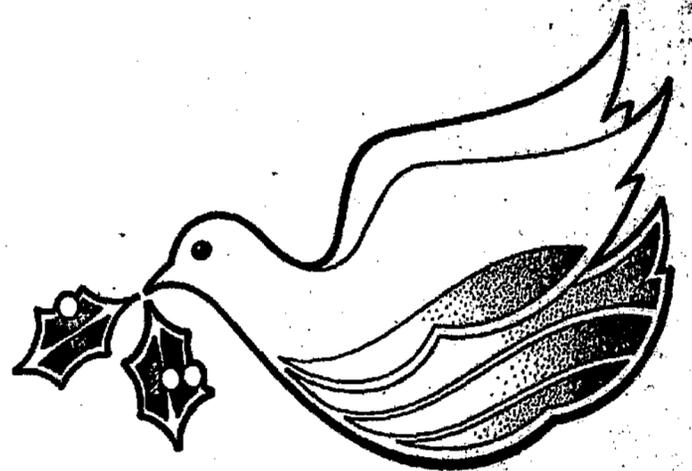
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7280 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.
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Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

On Hwy. 70 in San Francisco, 653-4321.
Solo show of Michael Hurd's latest works opened Aug. 16. The gallery also includes works by Peter Hurd, Henrietta Wyatt Hurd, Andrew Wyatt, Jamie Wyatt, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

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

Lincoln County Artists Co-op

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Twenty local artists featuring oil, pastel, acrylic, wood working, sculpture, metal art, Victorian lamps, ceramics and tile. New artists welcome. Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

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Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.
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Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Suddarth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbush, Robert Carver and Suanne Wamsley. Artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.
Free Spirits Juried Fine and Decorative Art Show, featuring the works of local artists. Winter hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazie, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Anne Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. 2016, Hondo, 653-4303.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-5561.
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burlwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

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

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4303.
Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Suddarth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.
Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985.
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Pecos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Angels at the Chamber



Courtesy photo

JIM LEASURE'S iridescent angels are the featured this month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce gallery space. Leasure has painted angels, icons, santos and has a goddess series based on world cultures. He uses acrylic paints and gold leaf on his canvases. Leasure grew up in El Paso and spent summers in Ruidoso as a child. He discovered his artistic and psychic talents in New Orleans and developed quite a following there. But when his mother fell ill, Leasure returned to the mountains to continue his work as an artist. "When I returned here, I was able to take a deep breath," Leasure said of his arrival in Ruidoso.

CALLS FOR ART

• The Sky City Visitors' Center Local Selection Committee (LSC) wishes to purchase one or more 2D or 3D artworks for the Pueblo of Acoma/Sky City Visitors' Center. The LSC is looking for artwork which has significance within the traditional and cultural values of the Pueblo of Acoma. The media is open to traditional, handmade pottery; traditional clothing or textiles; paintings; and traditional style jewelry. Scale is open. The Sky City Visitors' Center will be responsible for installation of the artwork. Project amount is \$2,000. Open to New Mexico residents only. Deadline is January 8, 1999. Interested artists may submit slides or photos of available work to NM Arts by 5 p.m. Jan. 8, or deliver the actual artwork under consideration to the Sky City Visitors' Center on Jan. 11, to be picked up on Jan. 13. Please request the prospectus for more details on how to apply for

this project. Call or write Art in Public Places, 228 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM, 87501, (505) 827-6490 or in state 1 (800) 879-4278.

• The Bernalillo County 1% for the Arts Program announces a competition for the commission of a site-specific sculpture to be placed at the intersection of Isleta Boulevard and Arenal Road, SW in Albuquerque. The theme is open to the individual creativity of the artist but should consider the unique character and history of the South Valley of Bernalillo County. Project amount is \$75,000. Deadline is Feb. 1, 1999. Open to New Mexico residents only. For a prospectus call (505) 768-4013 or write to Bernalillo County 1% for the Arts Program, Bernalillo County Purchasing Division, One Civic Plaza NW, 10th Floor, Albuquerque, NM 87102.



'All fired up' about art

Story and photos by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Dog bowls and cat bowls may be the "bread and butter" of the new contemporary pottery studio in the Timbers Mall, but what has owner Julie Tillotson "all fired up" is exposing kids to art and giving them a place to make a mess.

"I'm putting together a proposal for the arts council," she said, "I want to see if I can get some money for underprivileged kids to be able to come in here.

"There are kids who come in here with no money and dirty shirts that they've been wearing for days, dying to paint. It breaks my heart. I make deals with them."

All Fired Up is a paint-your-own ceramic studio that also does custom orders - dish sets, tile mosaics, bathroom sets, custom dog and cat bowls, and spoon rests - all painted in a whimsical, funky style. There will be classes for adults in ceramics and tile mosaics and, in the future, when Tillotson gets a wheel, in throwing clay.

Tillotson, who is close to finishing a degree in art therapy, already teaches classes at the senior center in Alamogordo, and hopes to expand the studio's classes to painting and other art forms.

As it is, the studio is still being renovated by mall owner, artist and architect Ron Tucker, an investor in All Fired Up and special friend of Tillotson. "We're dating and live together and have a dog and cat together," she said.

Tillotson worked at a contemporary

ceramic studio in Albuquerque when she was going to school. When that studio went belly-up because of lack of volume, she and Tucker bought up the inventory, including the "brand new" kiln used in All Fired Up.

Her father and uncle thinks she's crazy to go into a big-city business that requires a large volume of sales to survive, but Tillotson says she can make it by diversifying - offering classes, expanding the arts that can be taught and done there, and doing high-end custom work, like mosaic tiles and sets of dishes.

Custom work is a big part of the business now, she said. Some of her dog and cat bowls are on display at the Lincoln County Humane Society and she's going to create cat bowls for Cat's Pajamas, a boarding facility for felines.

Local artist Mary Sheets has ceramics pieces on sale at All Fired Up and does custom work on "blocks and clocks," Tillotson said. She's currently working on a cat headboard.

Tillotson also does "reconstructive ceramics." Before Christmas she replaced a baby Jesus on a 1945 nativity scene by reading the bottom of the Mary mold and order-



DEBBIE AYELA paints a ceramic truck.

ing the Jesus piece.

Another line that shows promise is recycling broken pots. Tillotson breaks the pieces further - "that's the fun part," she said - paints, fires and then glues them onto glasses for candle holders, or onto picture frames, dressers, vases, flower pots and anything else she can think of to decorate.

Most of the pieces available for people to buy and paint are bisque - fired once - so they can be painted immediately, although Tillotson does buy some greenware in Albuquerque and Alamogordo that she fires herself.

Other people - some of them from the college - come in with their own greenware and fire, paint and glaze them themselves.

Families and groups, like the Girl Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and birthday parties, spend an afternoon painting. If they're local, they come back a couple days later after their pieces have been fired 24 hours in the kiln.

"Whole families come in and paint," Tillotson said. "They pick stuff out and sit

down and paint. Tourists come in for the day. I have people who are regulars who come up here from El Paso and spend the afternoon painting, and then I ship the pieces to them after I've fired them.

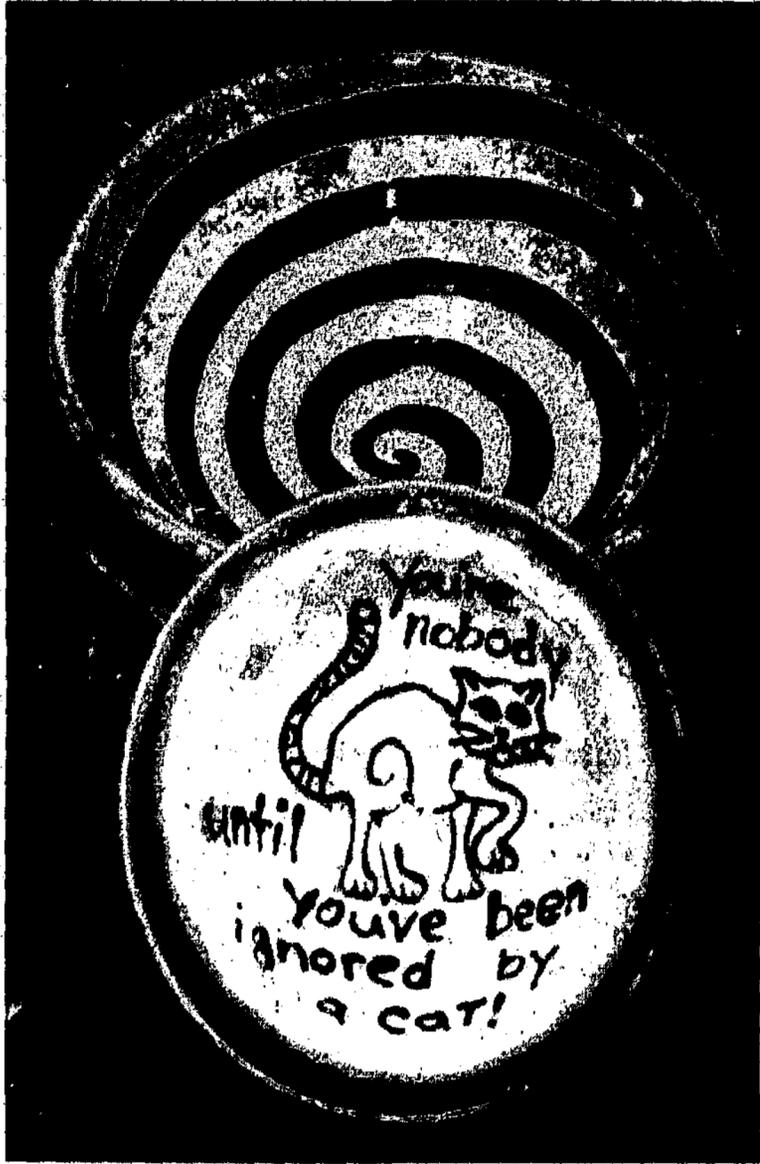
"My very first customer who came into the store, every time she comes up (to Ruidoso) she paints, and tomorrow she's going to bring her granddaughter."

Tillotson has exotic roots from which she's grown. Her mother is Indian, and Tillotson was born in Madras, India where her father worked for Bank of America. The family traveled around a lot on bank business.

"Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Korea; you name it, I've been there," she said. "I went to school in those places too."

It was sort of like being an army brat, "except I had the luxury of being a bank brat. I loved it. I still keep in touch with people from Korea and India. We stayed in contact, and I didn't mind changing schools."

Tillotson is "sort of fluent" in Bengali, her mother's native language, but Tillotson



TOP LEFT AND RIGHT, examples of work produced at All Fired Up;

BOTTOM RIGHT, Julie Tillotson, owner of All Fired Up, and her help-mate, Sienna

BOTTOM LEFT, a family from San Elíasario, a village near El Paso, spends an afternoon painting at All Fired Up. Clockwise, from left, Jasmine Hinojosa, Maria Hinojosa, Manny Ayela, Rafael Varela and Maria de Jesus Hinojosa

is losing the dialect because she hasn't been back to India for five or six years.

The family moved to Westport, Conn. when she was 7, but she, her brother and mother visited relatives in India every year and she attended school there for a month or so each visit.

Her father's family is from Alamogordo, and he's going to retire there, she said, so he can be closer to her when she starts her family. Her uncle will be moving from Chicago to Alamogordo, and her mother plans to move to Santa Fe for the same reason, she said.

All Fired Up opened on Labor

Day and has kept Tillotson busy, even through ongoing renovations.

It's open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and people frequently come in and paint when she's there on Mondays going over the books, or when Tucker is there renovating.

"My dream is to have the studio open and to have people in

here all the time, especially kids," she said.

"I'm not talking about a whole art center, but having an outlet here, being able to come in and make a mess and not be afraid, and to have some place where kids are welcome ... and have them just come in and kind of hang out and paint."



Casino Deck Buffet

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 Mescalero
 Hours: Breakfast: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Lunch: 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Dinner: 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials created by chef Brendon Gochenour and drinks from the full-service bar, the Apache Tee has the best view and the friendliest staff around.

Price Range: \$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods,
 Carrizo Canyon Road,
 Mescalero
 Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
 (Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

The InnCredible

For 30 years, The InnCredible has been treating diners to specials like Crabby Monday and Wednesday lobster, not to mention fresh fish, steaks, chicken, pasta, barbecue and more. In this business you're either great or you're history - InnCredible is both.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 336-4312
 Address: Highway 48 North
 at Alto Village.
 Hours: The bar opens daily at
 3:30 p.m. with fine dining
 starting at 5:30 p.m.

K Bob's Steak House

Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 378-4747
 Address: West Highway 70,
 Ruidoso Downs
 Hours: Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.

Cafe Mescalero

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

Price Range: \$\$
 Phone: 257-6693
 Address: One mile south of the Inn of
 the Mountain Gods, Carrizo
 Canyon Road, Mescalero
 Hours: Beginning December 8 ...
 Dinner 5-9 p.m.
 (Closed Mondays)

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

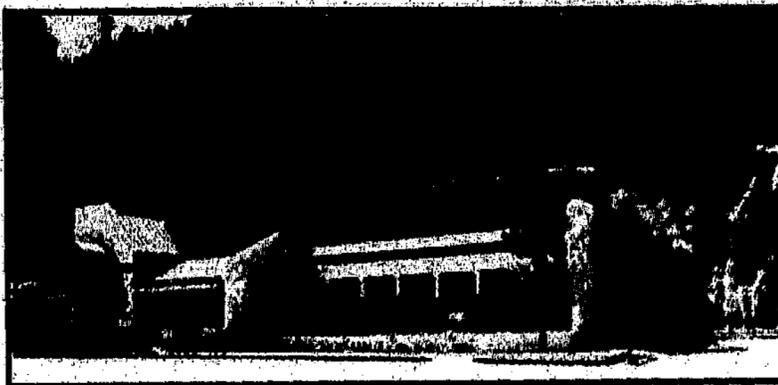
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo
 Canyon Road, Mescalero
 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
 11:30 a.m. seven days
 a week.



Texas Club Grill & Bar

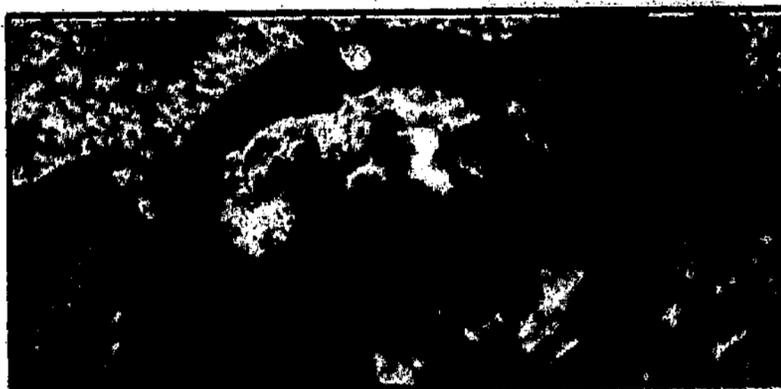
Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook
 Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,
 Dinner 5-10 p.m.,
 Closed Monday



Your Restaurant

Call the Ruidoso News advertising department at 257-4001 to have your restaurant listed here



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr. - Midtown
 Hours: Open 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Known for their pepper steak and creme brulee, they're bound to make your mouth water. Also featuring veal, lamb and seafood. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

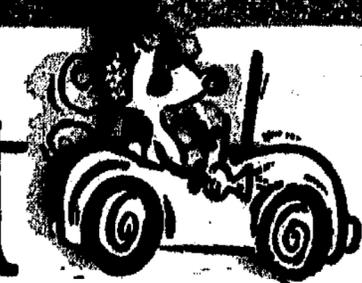
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tues.-Sat.,
 5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.- Thurs.,
 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



dining guide

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

GOING OUT



Arts and entertainment broadened horizons in '98



file
THE KGB BLUES BAND was a pillar of the blues scene in '98, playing the Mountain of Blues Festival and making frequent appearances at the monthly Blues and BBQ.



courtesy
THE ROAD TOUR of Broadway's 'big' opened at the Spencer Theater as part of the 1998 season.

review by Joel B. Carothers
VAMONOS ENTERTAINMENT CRITIC

This is not a eulogy for anyone named Art but rather a retrospective of some of the art experiences we've been able to have during the year.

We are most blessed to have the creative people around us that we do. Their names are not Ruidoso household words like the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts because nothing quite dominates the scene like the Spencer. However, as Ruidoso grows so does art — all of art.

El Niño brought us a spectacular ski season, which brought more folks to our village. They sought and they found more and more entertainment as the season progressed. Live music abounded. For example have you ever been to the Galloping Tortoise around 5 p.m. on a Sunday? These are local musicians who have extraordinary talent and it is such a wonderful place to hear some blues and some rock and some of this and some of that.

Did you manage to take in the Blues Festival at the airport this year? There were some heavy hitters from the blues world out there. Granted, it was a bit windy but it was there. How about the Blues and BBQ? Have you ever been to one of them? That was new for us last year.

Gail's Frame of Mind has made more and more teaching artists available to more and more in our community who want to learn to paint in

acrylics, oil, watercolor or who want to learn sculpting. Ruidoso is becoming a magnet for artists such as Billie Long. Her work is displayed throughout Gail's.

Did you manage to see the Nutcracker this season? Lots of locals, including our mayor, performed in it. It was very well done and deserves tremendous credit for the effort made by everyone involved. Without the Spencer Theater and all it offers the performer(s), this kind of production would not have been possible on such a scale. I hope that it becomes a Christmas tradition at the Spencer.

Speaking of the Spencer Theater, what a coup for the theater and Ruidoso. The road company for "big" performed its premier right here. With literally hundreds of theaters to choose from, they selected the Spencer.

Did you manage to see and hear that good lookin' Glen Campbell? Wasn't he something or rather, isn't he still something?

Not all ends on a good note however; the last year saw the Ruidoso Little Theater pull its final curtain and difficulty in funding to bring the building up to code in Capitan has caused the theater to close. The loss of both venues is a serious loss to the arts community.

Visitors to our community are gradually coming to expect more than fast horses and good snow and we are giving it to them. Thank you to each and every artist in every genre for his or her gifts and for your giving and sharing with all of us.

music

Win, Place & Show
Headin' South plays nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters
The Roadrunners 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.

Galloping Tortoise
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.

Lauren Pelon
Musical artist Lauren Pelon presents The Living Roots of Music, a program which traces the story of music and instruments. The dinner/concert is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. Cost for the 6 p.m. dinner and concert is \$35 and reservations are required. It won't be necessary to make reservations to attend the 8 p.m. concert only. Tickets for that are \$15 per person. Legatos Restaurant in Lincoln will cater the gourmet dinner. For ticket information, call 354-2316.

what's brewing

The Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, 257-3676
Open Monday through Thursday 7 to 5, Friday 7 to 9 and Saturday 8 to 9. A good assortment of fresh roasted coffees and all the basic espresso drinks plus bagels and pastries.

The Galloping Tortoise, 662 Sudderth, 257-2528
Basic espresso drinks, homemade desserts, deli sandwiches and live music jams featuring local artists.

King's Singers reveal why they are a world-class talent

For two evenings this past December a six-man choral group called the King's Singers, took the stage at the Spencer Theater. Spellbinding is one of the first words that come to mind when attempting to describe them. Perfect is another.

Their voices are pure, in perfect pitch and the harmonies these men present are not to be believed, and all presented with humor, excitement and tremendous musicianship.

To be honest, I had some thoughts before attending the concert that I was going to be listening to the same Christmas music I had heard the last 50 or so years and that it was going to be "nice" and since it was at the Spencer, maybe even a little special.

Ha! Did I get the surprise of my life.

Since the King's Singers are as versatile as they are, they began their performance with nary a song in English. Spanish? Yes.



Joel B. Carothers
IN REVIEW

Dutch? Yes. French, German and even Latin? Yes. And you know what? I loved every minute of it. They explained the story of the song prior to singing it and of course, threw in an ample measure of British humor (yes, Virginia, the Brits are funny).

When singing for us they would use simple but all-telling gestures to get their collective points across and we guffawed right along with it.

Because of their versatility with ranges and musical styles we were treated to some of the very best vocal music imaginable. With two countertenors singing in we would identify as the soprano and alto ranges; one tenor singing in the first and second tenor ranges depending upon the selection; a baritone who occasionally sang bass and a bass who occasionally sang baritone, the songs encompassed a wide range.

Whenever I hear a countertenor I know what a gift that man truly possesses. I, a

woman, have trouble with the alto range and a countertenor just breezes through a range that very often hears him singing a high A. Simply breathtaking.

I felt electricity in the audience during this concert. I believe we all were in collective awe of the combined rhythms, foreign languages, extreme ranges and brilliance of the King's Singers. Perhaps the three standing ovations at the concert's conclusion spoke directly to that.

Midway through the first half of the concert the singers performed a piece entitled "La Bomba," a madrigal piece described as a mixed salad because it was a medley of emotions and musical styles. "La Bomba" described the various experiences during the sinking of a ship. The crew was trying to decide whether to pump out the incoming water or bail out. They bailed.

Having done that they were undecided as to "swimming" for it or dying. Prayer seemed to be the logical answer. It worked of course. The sea calmed and a ship appeared on the horizon. Happy they were

about to be rescued they decided to sing.

Luckily one of the crew had used his guitar as a life preserver. This life preserver, however, was becoming waterlogged and quite difficult to tune. The King's Singers "sang" the plunking guitar sounds so well that you could close your eyes and hear the sound of a guitar.

With more than 60 CDs and albums to their credit they have sung in every musical style: jazz, classical, madrigal, folk songs and commissioned works. They have entertained throughout the world and claim that Ruidoso set an altitude record for them.

On a scale of one to five (highest), they hold position five as my favorite for the year. I sincerely wish to have them return next year. In the event they don't return however, you can visit their website www.kingssingers.com or purchase one of their CDs at amazon.com.

SILVERSCREEN

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

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 even as they unwittingly romance each other via modern.

Nighty Joe Young

Rated: PG
Show times: 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:40 p.m.*

Plot: Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton) is exploring the remote Pangani Mountains in Central Africa when he comes upon an incredible discovery - an awesome 15-foot gorilla. Fearsome and dangerous when provoked, he is tame in the hands of Jill (Charlize Theron), the 21-year-old orphan who raised the gorilla and named him Joe. When Joe's life is threatened by poachers, Gregg and Jill rescue Joe by moving him to a California animal preserve. However, Joe is not safe for long. His newfound notoriety makes him a target for an enemy of his past ... a ruthless poacher who is eager to steal Joe for his unique value in the endangered species black market. Feeling threatened and confused in his manmade confines, Joe escapes and attempts to navigate the modern metropolis of Los Angeles, leaving a

trail of destruction and chaos in his wake.

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.

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new December and January video releases

December 29
The Avengers

January 5
How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Out of Sight
Disturbing Behavior

January 12
The Truman Show
Studio 54

Dance with Me
Pi
High Life

January 19
Smoke Signals
Mafia
Buffalo 66
Return to Paradise
Good Cop Bad Cop

Top Rentals for Dec. 25-Jan. 1
The Avengers

Basketball

Blade
Lethal Weapon 4

Madeline
Parent Trap
Six Days, Seven Nights
Mask of Zorro

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



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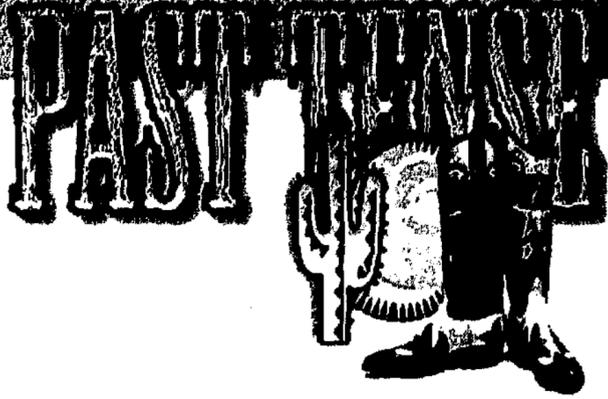
Sunday, Jan. 24 • Spencer Theater
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

If you register by January 4, 1999, admission is \$95 per person.
If you register by January 11, 1999, admission is \$110 per person.
And anytime after that, admission is \$225 a couple.

For more information,
please call Diane at 257-7854.



Looking for something to do this weekend?
Check out Mamonos!
(Inside the Ruidoso News every Friday.)



The Mayor of Tombstone

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 LINCOLN HERITAGE
 TRUST HISTORIAN

Clum's first actions were to banish all soldiers from the reservation, disarm all the Native Americans living there and set up a police force that was composed of Apaches — not white men.

Like many frontiersmen, he was adept at many trades. Today, he is primarily remembered as the man who was the mayor of Tombstone, Arizona Territory (A.T.), during the time that the Earp-Cowboy Feud was raging. He also founded the *Tombstone Epitaph*, a frontier newspaper that is still in existence today as a monthly historical newspaper. But these were not his only accomplishments. John Clum was more than just a politician and newspaperman. Much more.

Origins

John Philip Clum was born on September 1, 1851 in New York to William and Elizabeth Clum. He attended the Hudson River Institute before being accepted into Rutgers College in 1870, and it was there that he participated in the first intercollegiate football game with Princeton University.

The Clums were not a wealthy family however, and John was forced to drop out after his first year.

In 1871, young John headed west in the employ of the Weather Department. From 1871 until January of 1874, he retained the title of Observer Sergeant for the Signal Corps.

His classmates back at Rutgers did not forget him, and in 1873, having heard that John was in New Mexico, volunteered him for the job of Indian Agent. At that time, the Indian Agency at San Carlos was run by the Dutch Reformed Church, of which Clum was (rather conveniently) a member.

Clum's three predecessors at the job had not fared particularly well, which is putting it mildly. Two of them had been murdered and the third had grown ever so weary of those pesky bullets flying all around him. Consequently, he had sought employment elsewhere — namely about as far east as he could get without falling into the Atlantic Ocean.

The Indian Agent

On February 27, 1874, the 22-year-old Clum accepted the position of Indian Agent at the San Carlos Agency. Like most white men from back east, Clum knew only what other white men had told him about "the savages." When he began to gather his own data, Clum was amazed to discover that it was the white men and not the Native Americans who had been regularly breaking their word. By all accounts, Clum was determined to treat the Native Americans fairly — something that they were decidedly not used to.

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WYATT EARP and John Clum in 1900 in Alaska.

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John Clum was one of those men who went bald at an early age (20), and was forever after thought to be older than he actually was. The Apaches couldn't help but notice, and gave him a name that they felt fit him: Nantan Betunnykahyeh: "Boss with the high forehead." Clum turned out to be pretty popular among his charges. In 1876, when Clum announced that he was going back east to be married and that he was thinking about taking a bodyguard of Native Americans with him, there were a few more volunteers than he expected: 4,500 to be exact.

In the end, only 22 got to go. Among them was Tahzay, the son of Cochise who contracted pneumonia in Washington and died tragically in that place. He is buried in the Congressional Cemetery.

Geronimo

By the time 1877 rolled around, every Apache in Arizona was on the Reservation — with the notable exception of a fellow named Geronimo and his followers. While many people today (this writer

PAST TENSE

among them) feel that Geronimo was a freedom fighter, in those days the name most often applied to him was "renegade." After the U.S. Army had all but given up any hope of ever capturing the elusive Apache leader, they decided to let Clum give it a try - after all, he was popular among the Apache.

It should be noted however, that Geronimo was not one of the Apaches who lived on the Reservation, and he had no particular love for any white man, and even less for a white man who had gone around giving orders to his fellow Apaches.

Nevertheless, in the company of 22 of his Apache policemen, Clum tracked the wily Geronimo to Ojo Caliente where the youthful Indian Agent proceeded to call the most feared Native American leader of all time a thief, murderer, liar and treaty breaker.

Geronimo listened to Clum's defamatory tirade and then responded that not only did he not like Clum's words, but that he had absolutely no intention of going back to San Carlos, or any other Reservation, for that matter. He then went on to add that he had serious doubts as to whether or not Clum and his 22 policemen would be returning there, either.

Clum was ready for this, however, and as soon as Geronimo was finished speaking, the legendary Native American found himself looking down the muzzles of 22 rifles, all held by his fellow Apaches. The great warrior thought long and hard about the situation and finally decided that he had been out-bluffed.

Over the years that he was at large, Geronimo surrendered to the U.S. Army on several different occasions. But the one and only time that he was ever captured was when he faced John Clum and his 22 Apache policemen.

It wasn't long after this that Clum sent a telegram to the powers-that-be in Washington stating that if he was given an increase in salary and two more companies of Indian Police, all army troops could be removed from Arizona. Of course, the politically-naive Clum did not know that this was the last thing that the men in Washington wanted. The presence of the army in Arizona and the idea of hostile Apaches was most definitely good for business in Washington. And the last thing that the politicians wanted to do was lose money just for the sake of men living in peace together.

Clum resigned in July of 1877, but his adventures in the West were far from over. Following his resignation, Clum and his wife moved to Florence, A.T., and published the first newspaper in Pinal County: "The Arizona Citizen". The first issue came out on November 16,

1877. When the Clums moved to Tucson in the summer of 1878, they brought the newspaper with them. In February of 1879, the *Daily Arizona Citizen* became the first daily newspaper published in the Arizona Territory.

Finding life in Tucson a tad dull, John and his wife relocated to a new boomtown called Tombstone in December of 1879.

The Epitaph

Noting that "every Tombstone must have an epitaph," Clum founded the "Tombstone Epitaph" on May 1, 1880. Clum immediately began attacking local law enforcement officials for their friendly relations with known outlaws. Clum's dedication to his new home did not go unnoticed by its citizens, and he was elected Tombstone's first mayor. Sadly, in December of 1880, John's wife Mary died of natural causes and was buried in Tombstone's Boot Hill.

Clum supported Wyatt Earp and his brothers throughout their feud with the "Cowboys." When guns roared near the OK Corral on October 26, 1881, Clum immediately came to the aid of the Earps in print, much to the annoyance of a number of people who it was not a good idea to annoy - noted killer Johnny Ringo among them.

Clum, along with the Earps, Doc Holliday and others, was marked for death.

An attempt on Clum's life was not long in coming. On December 14, 1881, Clum boarded the Tombstone stagecoach for the first leg of a trip to Washington where he intended to spend Christmas with his parents and 3-year-old son who had been sent back there to live in relative safety.

About three miles outside of town, the stagecoach was greeted by a group of armed men that Clum assumed (he was undoubtedly correct) to be Ike Clanton and some of the others of the "Cowboy faction." Several pistol shots rang out and the stage lurched forward - the horses had been frightened by the gunfire and galloped out of control past the bandits, or more accurately, assassins.

Clum, working under the assumption that the outlaws would attack again farther on up the road, leapt from the coach with a six-shooter in each hand. The outlaws were undoubtedly aware of Clum's presence out in the mesquite, but wisely decided not to try and find him in the dark. They too, were aware that the mayor of Tombstone had lived among the Apaches for years.

On foot, Clum made his way to a place called the Grand Central Quartz Mill where he telephoned back to Tombstone and announced that he was unscathed. After about two hours rest, he bor-

rowed a horse and continued his journey to the nation's capitol.

That's right, there WERE telephones in the Arizona Territory in 1881.

On May 1, 1882, two years to the day since he had founded the Epitaph, Clum sold all of his holdings in Tombstone and moved on.

After Tombstone

While Clum was in and out of Tombstone until 1886, he was never the power there that he had once been. Throughout the late 1880s and 1890s, Clum bounced back and forth between California and Washington, D.C., frequently working as a postal inspector.

From 1900 to 1906, Clum spent the summers in Alaska, hobnobbing with old friend Wyatt Earp, and the winters in Washington D.C. or New York.

In 1911, he resigned his position with the government and became "official lecturer" for the Southern Pacific. Wherever he went and whatever he did, John Clum made a success of it.

In 1929, he re-lived a little of his past when he returned to Tombstone for its first "Hellorado" celebration. Sadly, when he visited Boot Hill, he was unable to find the grave of his first wife, Mary.

On May 2, 1932, 50 years and one day since he had sold his *Tombstone Epitaph*, John Clum died at his Los Angeles home. He had out-lived most of his friends and enemies, including Wyatt Earp, who had died in the same city a little over three years previous. He left behind a legacy of honesty and courage - attributes that are still much in demand today.

Sources: "Apache Days and Tombstone Nights," by John Clum; "When All Roads Led to Tombstone," by John Plesent Gray.

Parting shot



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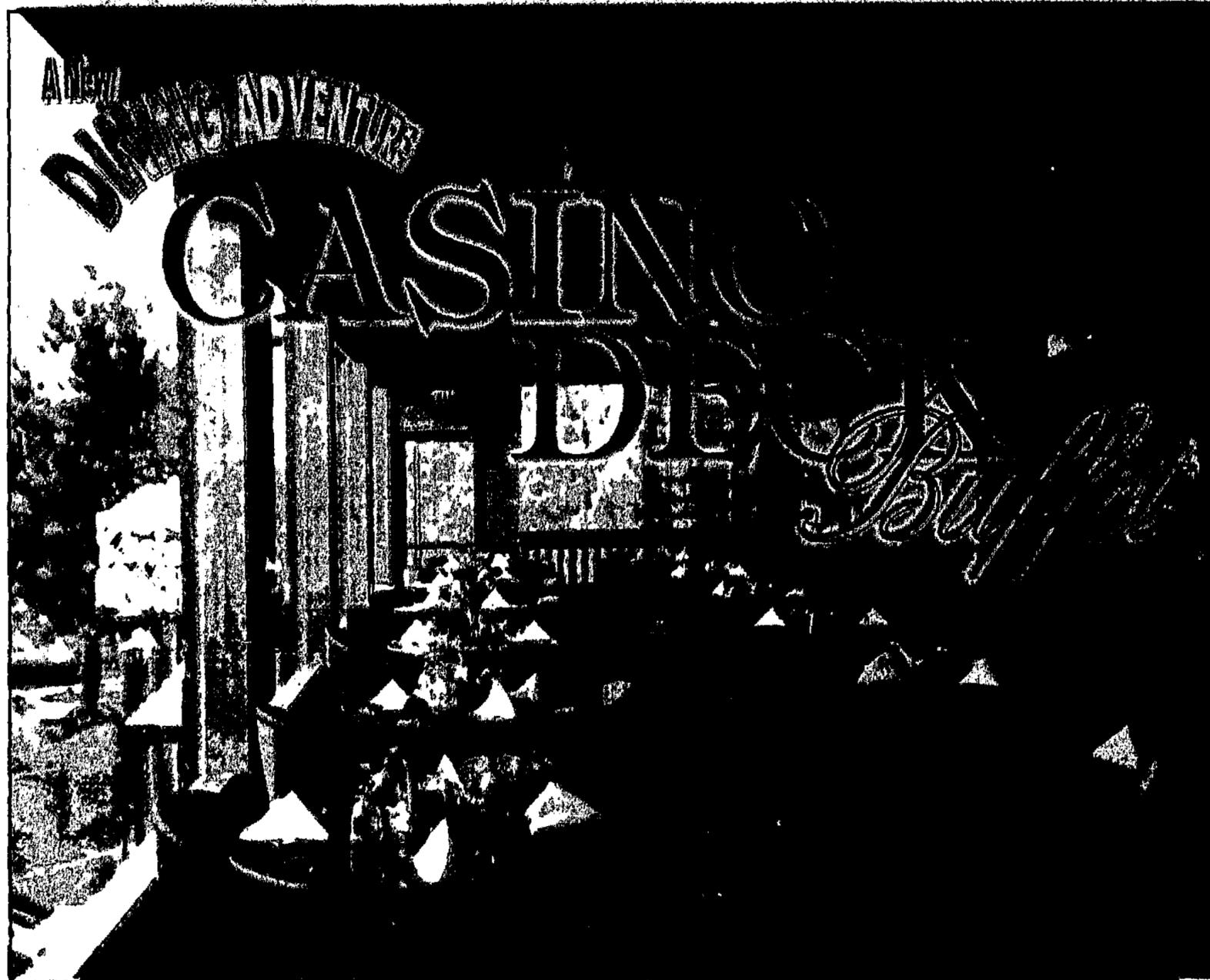
WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T FIND good valet parking in Ruidoso? Some of Sylvia Bryant's Christmas creations offer just that.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

Mike and Toni Miele of The Cat's Pajamas wish you a happy holiday filled with hope and health in 1999.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to serve the cats of Lincoln County in 1998





BREAKFAST 7-10:30 a.m. (last seating)

LUNCH Noon-3:30 p.m. (last seating)

DINNER 5-9:30 p.m. (last seating)



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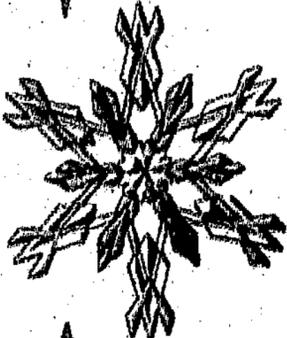
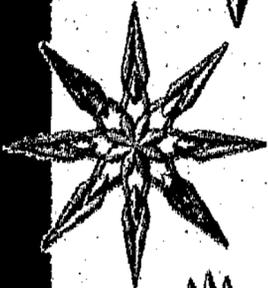
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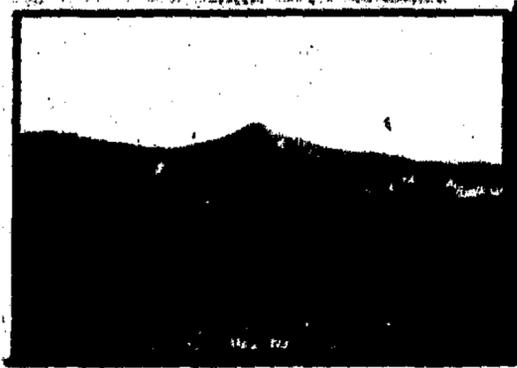
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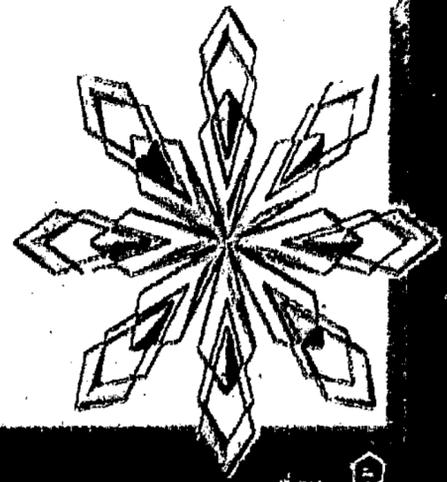
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Four bedrooms, 4 baths, full golf membership. Big Sierra Blanca view; large in style and grace. The colors of this home will embrace you!



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Seven bedrooms, 6 1/2 baths, complete guest quarters. Full golf membership. Large den with complete bar and awesome views.



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Reynolds • \$210,000 • 617 Mid Iron Drive
Three bedroom, 3 bath, split level. Full membership.



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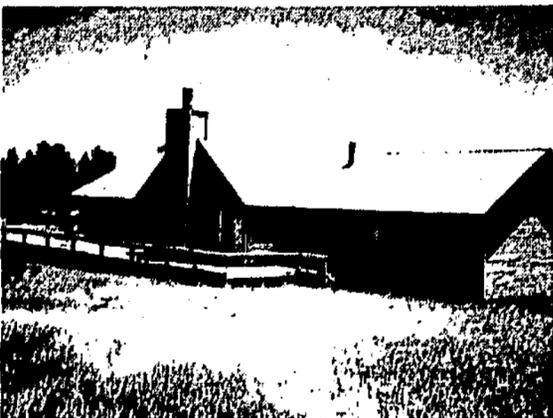
Brown • \$325,000 • 215 Broadmoor
Three bedroom, two and one half baths. Grand fairway view up #14. New sunroom, full membership.

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Kruger • \$165,000 • 206 Sierra Blanca Dr.
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Last unit for sale - new - finished!



Devon Hills

Oxford • \$28,500 • 107 Jann Lane
Beautiful lot, all city utilities. Private
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Navajo

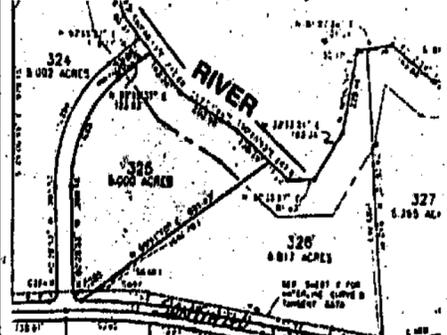
Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keys Dr.
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units. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, refrigerated
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Land, building and successful business. Deli styled luncheons, convenience
store and more. Call for details

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Beautiful river tract.



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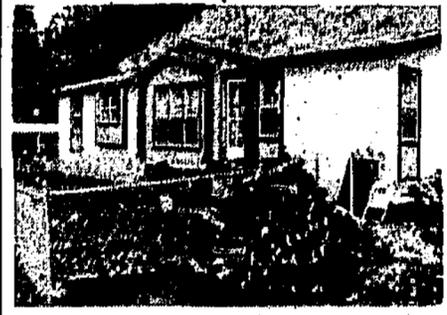
Garrity • \$105,000 • 212 Metz, Unit #225
Corner unit, 3 bedroom, 3.5 baths.
New carpet, paint and vinyl through-
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Downtown Ruidoso

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location.



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Three bedrooms, 3 baths, furnished,
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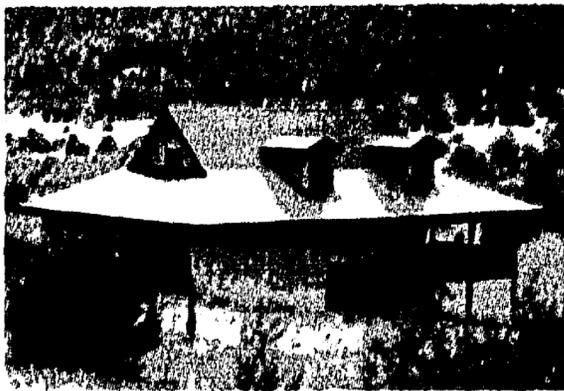
Proctor • \$149,900 • 4-Plex
New carpet and paint. All rented 1
bdm, 1 bath units. Just across from
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Lake View Estates

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Outstanding Townhome with enor-
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Alto

Howard • \$249,900 • 119 Reindeer Drive

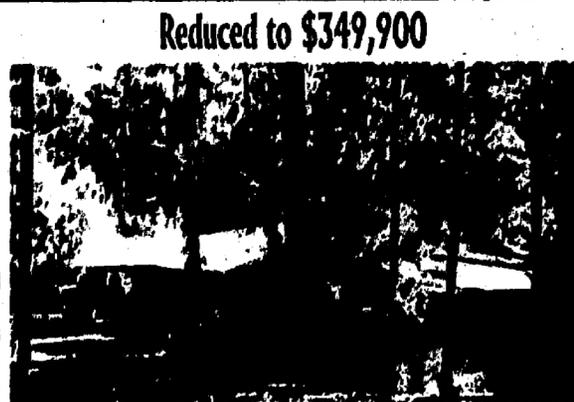
5 bedroom, 3 bath on 6.6 acres w/social membership. Big Sierra Blanca view. This country style home is 3 years old. Hardwood floors and private master bedroom and bath. Vacant and easy to show!



Upper Canyon

Hawkins • \$225,000 • 1038 Main Road

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 2-car garage. 9 foot ceilings, crown molding, wooden shutters, stained glass windows! A must see home.



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Upper Canyon

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main

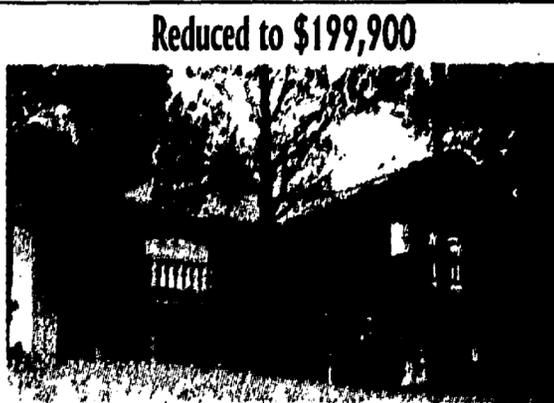
3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry, on the river on 2 lots!



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This beautiful large split level home sits on an exceptional lot in White Mountain Estates. Living room plus a nice den. Long private drive. A must see!



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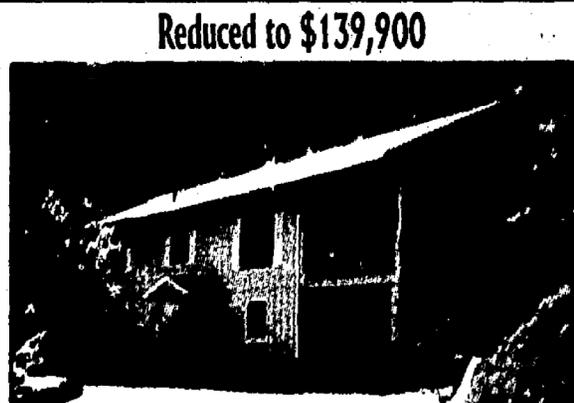
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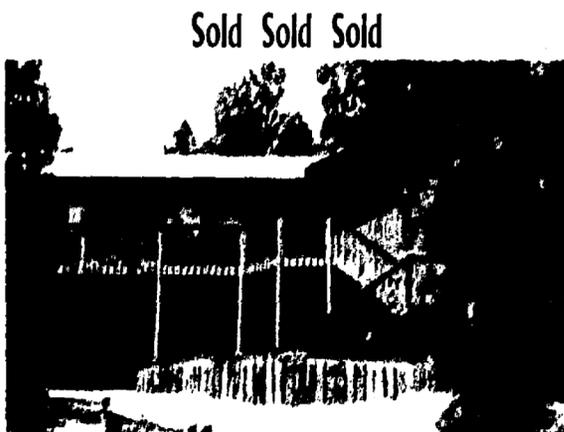


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Upper Canyon

Carzoli • \$149,500 • 213 Perk Canyon Dr.

Three bedrooms, 3 baths with decorator touches throughout. A great house for the price.



Sold Sold Sold

White Mountain Estates

Mayes • \$159,900 • 315 L. L. Davis

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