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'Tis the season



Santa Claus Bobby Hobbs listens to the Christmas wishes of Troy Padilla, 4, and sister Kayla, 3, after thousands of tree lights flashed on at Schoolhouse Park Thursday.

Commission continues jail confrontation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The battle over a new Lincoln County jail continued this week with the county's newest commissioner on the losing end of the latest vote.

Commissioners voted 4-1 Tuesday to hire Nims Calvani & Associates of Albuquerque as the architectural firm to design and supervise construction of a 98-bed jail.

Commissioner Leo Martinez voted against the motion by Commissioner Rick Simpson and seconded by Commissioner L. Ray Nunley. Martinez cited the number of a guaranteed figure for the number of beds and design preferred by the commission.

But the majority voiced confidence that a maximum estimated figure of \$4.08 million would cover the project.

The decision is just the latest in a number of skirmishes over the jail that include a months-long debate over its location and questions about its size and method of financing.

In September 1998, commissioners in a 4-1 vote settled on a 12-acre site in the town of Carrizozo's industrial park, but have yet to close the deal and receive a deed. Earlier this year on Aug. 19, they decided in a 4-

1 vote to levy a one-eighth of a cent gross receipts tax to generate income to repay the cost of construction over a period of 15 to 20 years. In both cases, the late Wilton Howell voted against the action.

Commissioners still must decide how to pay for construction as it proceeds, although they appear to be leaning toward a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Martinez said Wednesday he wasn't pushing for any company over another, but he preferred approaching the project as a "turnkey" operation with one firm handling the design, construction, equipping and financing all wrapped up in one price.

If anything goes wrong under that arrangement, the county has to "eat the difference," he said.

But questions about the legality of that approach prompted commissioners months ago to turn toward the more conventional method of hiring an architect, advertising for construction bids and obtaining a loan to be repaid through the gross receipts tax levy.

Then last month, Ray Mitcham, whose firm handles package deals, reappeared at the commission meet-

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Navigating forest trails

New guide outlines paths for hikers in the woods

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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When he retired after 30 years with the National Park Service, John Stockert satisfied his love of the outdoors by hiking trails in the Lincoln National Forest around his new home in Alamogordo.

He soon saw that a comprehensive guide with accurate mileage and updated descriptions would be handy for hiking devotees as well as the occasional weekend visitor.

Stockert took three years to cover more than 370 miles on 165 trails, working with officials of the Sacramento, Smokey Bear and Guadalupe districts to determine what trails should be included.

In last August, the 208-page "Trail Guide to the Lincoln National Forest" was released by the Public Lands Interpretive Association, which sponsored the mammoth, but enjoyable effort by Stockert.

Born in Ohio, Stockert was working as a junior high science teacher when he picked up a National Parks magazine and read about a new group

called the Student Conservation Association, formed in 1957, that was looking for volunteers to serve during the summer at national parks.

Stockert thought he would see how he liked that kind of life, "And boy, did I like it," he said Thursday.

The assignment was at the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. After eight weeks, his career direction changed and he returned to Ohio to take additional courses in natural sciences at Kent State University.

His first permanent assignment was at Carlsbad Caverns. While at Montezuma's Castle in Arizona a year and a half later, he met his future wife. Next came stations at the Grand Canyon as a naturalist for five years, Yellowstone for three years, the Blue Ridge Parkway and then into management at Moore's Creek National Battlefield in North Carolina.

His last assignment was at Fort Donaldson National Battlefield in Tennessee, where he retired.

"We considered two places for our retirement and gave ourselves four

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Former police officer appeals conviction

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A former Ruidoso police officer, who also served briefly as Belen police chief, is appealing his embezzlement conviction in Lincoln County, citing 11 possible court errors.

Luis Torres was sentenced in October to 2 1/2 years in prison for stealing money from a purse turned into him while he was on duty in July 1998.

A jury convicted him in June of criminal trespass, a high court misdemeanor, and embezzling more than \$250, a fourth-degree felony, but acquitted him of a more serious second-degree felony charge of aggravated burglary.

The charges stemmed from a reverse sting by the Ruidoso Police Department and from an incident

June 8, 1998 after hours at a local shop.

The appeal was mailed Thursday by Torres' attorney J. Robert Beauvais, who said he thinks he showed the basis for ordering a new trial for Torres, whose 27-year career in law enforcement ended with his conviction.

The former officer is living in Belen with his family while the appeal plays out, a spokesman for Beauvais' office said.

District Attorney Scot Key of the 12th Judicial District, said Thursday he thinks the trial court rulings were all proper, "even the ones that were unfavorable to the state."

"As a matter of course, we expected Mr. Torres to appeal, but

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Winter slows highway construction

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Winter shutdown" and "partial winter suspension" are the December descriptions being used when it comes to the road work taking place around the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs area.

Highway projects, along U.S. 70 in the Downs, and state route 48 through Ruidoso, will continue into the new millennium's first summer. But any laying of pavement will be curtailed as soon as the cold weather really sets in.

"We are 75 percent done with paving," said Mike Davenport, the construction project manager for the 6.1 mile project along highway 70. The official with Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. anticipates that before Christmas his crews will go into the "winter shutdown" mode. That would curtail cold-weather sensitive work, such as concrete or blacktop jobs.

If the weather cooperates, Davenport predicts the U.S. 70 project will see four lanes opened along much of the construction zone within the next two weeks. Some crews will remain over the winter working on "everything behind the curbs and sidewalks," said Davenport.

"As long as the weather stays the way it is, we'll continue to work," said Harry Campbell, Meadow Valley's project superintendent on the in-town portion of the State Highway 48 (Mechem Drive) project. "But we're already on a partial winter suspension," he added in a Wednesday interview.

That road reconstruction and widening, known as "phase one" of the Mechem project, covers 2.8 miles, from its intersection of Sudderth Drive north to White Mountain Drive.

Some paving along Mechem Drive could take place on Monday, from several hundred feet north of the Mechem Drive/White Mountain Drive intersection south to Rio Aribba Road "if the weather holds" Campbell said.

The Mechem Drive/White Mountain Drive intersection had its traffic signal activated on Thursday. Campbell said he worries that drivers, not accustomed to the signals, and those speeding downhill from the north, could create a dangerous situation at the onset.

While actual pavement work is likely to cease soon, Campbell said some crews will remain.

"There is some other work we can accomplish. What we'll do, I don't know yet." Storm drains and other earth work were examples Campbell pointed to as "over winter" endeavors.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays with heavier traffic on Mechem Drive with Ski Apache open, Campbell urged slow going.

"Actually the highway is the most traversable that I've seen it since I've been here," Campbell said.



A new traffic signal at the Mechem Drive/White Mountain Drive intersection is part of the ongoing Highway 48 construction.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 32
Low ... 19

 Snow showers

SUNDAY High ... 39
Low ... 10

 Partly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 45
Low ... 11

 Mostly sunny

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	60	19	.00"
Wednesday	58	27	.00"
Thursday	57	26	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	42	32	Rain/snow
El Paso, TX	61	39	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	60	37	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	60	39	Partly cloudy

Nov./Dec. phases of the moon



Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore
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courtesy Ysabel Hernandez

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
Dec. 7, 1899

Gone with a Handsomer Man — Ramon Ulibarri authorized the Eagle to announce that Perfecto Archuleta had not only gotten away with his wife, but had taken \$7.00 post office fund and \$23.00 belonging to the Rabenton school dis-

trict along with them. Ramon is much troubled over the loss of his post office funds and the school district money but the unkindest cut of all is the loss of his better half.

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Village moves to more stringent water restriction phase

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Tighter water use restrictions have gone into effect in Ruidoso because of a lack of fall precipitation.

The village has enacted "phase two" of its water conservation plans, which limits outdoor watering to specific days of the week.

Phase two moves village water users from phase one, a

non-emergency condition.

The heightened designation allows outdoor watering only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Ruidoso's water conservation code prohibits watering between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., regardless of the water conservation phase.

"If your watering now, when it's allowed, you're just making ice," Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said, in reference to the permitted hours for outdoor watering.

JAIL: The county commission approved the contract at a special meeting

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ing, assuring the board that the county could legally go with the design-build-finance approach for a flat \$4.6 million. The county would lease the building until construction costs were repaid and then would own the jail, he said.

Commissioners delayed a vote until the special meeting Tuesday to give them time to review the proposed contract and for County Attorney Alan Morel to take another look at the legal requirements. But after walking through county-inserted changes to the Nims Calvani contract with Morel, the majority preferred sticking to the course already mapped out.

"The changes mostly were deletions and we had time to look over the contract," Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said Thursday. "We'd already decided against (a package approach) and to go this route based mostly on the attorney general's opinion. I'm confident in the firm we selected and the approach we've taken, even though it may not be the

fastest."

He has visited a jail handled by Nims Calvani in Luna County and officials there are pleased with the finished product, Wilson said.

"They'll be some expenses on top of the figure the architect has given us," he said. "These are only preliminary sketches. Some things will be added, but some will be deleted."

Martinez said he disagrees with taking such a significant action in a special meeting.

"We should never have acted on something this important in a special meeting that nobody attended except elected officials and the wife and friend of one of the commissioners," he said Wednesday. "We were handed the revised contract at the meeting. I stayed up until 11 p.m. (Tuesday) reading the 40 pages and I don't see a set price in this contract."

"I jumped on this train as it was running by, but I do know when I see irresponsible people spending tax money."

He pointed to provisions in the contract that absolve the architectural firm of responsi-

bility if construction bids come in higher than the \$3,722,444 cost estimated by the firm and established as a cap by the commission.

If bids come in higher, the firm and commissioners must find places to cut, such as lowering the bed count, or the county will have to come up with more money, Martinez said.

The cost doesn't include \$294,713 in architectural fees and another \$66,458 in expenses to furnish the jail, install a telephone system, test soils, pave a parking area, print bid documents, buy kitchenware and medical equipment estimated by County Manager Tom Stewart.

The total cost was estimated at \$4,083,615.

Martinez said the architect should have compiled the equipment estimate so that Stewart "didn't have to put his name on the line." He also was critical that the contract doesn't include a 10-percent contingency, which would be another \$401,715.

But Commissioner William Schwettmann, an engineer, disagrees with Mar-

Year's Day. Phase three would limit outside watering to just Tuesdays, and urge water users to minimize their indoor use of water.

The most extreme condition, phase four, prohibits all outdoor watering.

Violation of the water use restrictions results in issuance of a warning for the first offense. After a first warning, citations are issued. Citation penalties are left to the discretion of the municipal judge.

Reviewing the estimate by Stewart, Schwettmann said \$6,799 seems in line for a telephone system in the new jail.

"We'll have a maximum of 122 hotel residents, but they won't have a phone in every room," he said with a chuckle. "They probably will only be in the main monitoring center."

Commissioners Rick Simpson and Nunley could not be reached for comment.

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GUIDE: It has been in the works since 1992

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days for that monstrous decision," Stockert said.

Three of the days were spent in Alamogordo. It only took one day for them to decide that the Verde Valley, where his wife was born, and the towns of Cottonwood and Sedona, Ariz. were too crowded.

In 1989, they settled in Alamogordo.

"I soon got interested in the mountains here and I found out there really was practically no information available - a little about the more popular trails," Stockert said.

In 1992, an agreement was struck with the Public Lands Interpretive Association for Stockert to produce a trail guide.

"But before I could come up with a guide, I had to work with the individual districts to find out what they wanted to cover," he said. "At Smokey Bear, it's pretty well determined what trails are official, but with the other two, it had not been."

He hiked every trail designated.

"I measured most by engineer's wheel except the White Mountain Wilderness, where I had already hiked in 1991 on a noxious weed assignment," he said. "The biggest problem by far was getting accurate maps, particular for the Sacramento district where many trails had never been mapped and what information there was, wasn't



The new guide provides accurate maps of trails and paths in the Lincoln National Forest.

very accurate."

Stockert worked six years to compile maps and the book was released in August, selling for \$14.95.

His favorite trail in the Smokey Bear District is Crest, a 21-mile giant that connects most of the other trails in the White Mountain Wilderness.

Trails in the Capitan Mountains about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso are not as heavily used, but are wonderful hikes, Stockert said. Summit Trail is a favorite.

"Even though they are great trails, a lot of preparation is needed. You shouldn't hike alone and you should be well equipped," he said, adding that he arranged for his wife to be waiting at the end of a trail that he attempted in one day. He doesn't advise others to follow

his lead. Some trails should be split into two-day treks, he said.

"They have a lot of down hill hiking and if your knees aren't too good, don't try to do it all in one day," he said. He also recommends using a four-wheel drive vehicle to access the trail heads.

Easier hiking is found on Park Canyon Trail, off Main Road in Upper Canyon of Ruidoso. Accessed by Ebarb Street, the route is mostly flat or gentling sloping. No expansive views, but a real forest experience.

The trail book can be ordered by contacting the Association at (505)345-9498. Copies also are sold at the U.S. Forest Service's Alamogordo headquarters and Sacramento Ranger District office in Cloudcroft.

OFFICER: Torres has 11 points supporting his appeal

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we're confident our appellate attorneys with the attorney general's office will uphold the trial court," he said. "Hopefully, within a few months, we'll get Mr. Torres to start serving his sentence."

Torres, a Ruidoso police officer for about five years, obtained the rank of corporal before he was fired in July 1998 after being charged with the three offenses.

During trial, Detective Wolfgang Born testified that he received a complaint from a shop owner, who claimed she caught Torres entering her store through a back window at about 2 a.m., June 8, 1998. She noticed he was wearing a badge and uniform with a patch on the shoulder.

She called the police department and was told by a dispatcher that an officer was checking doors and windows. She didn't report the incident until encouraged by a friend.

An internal investigation of Torres' conduct was started, but later was stepped up to a criminal investigation with district court approval, according to Beauvais.

Born testified that he enlisted the help of Janis Hunt to turn in a "lost" purse with \$279 to Torres on a late night shift when no supervisor was around.

In the appeal, Beauvais wrote that at trial, "Born admitted the sting was staged in such a fashion that no one but Torres would be available as a supervisor to respond to the call. He also admitted that

Hunt was told not to mention the purse so that information would not go out via radio.

"Lastly, Born admitted he had selected the sum of \$279, because he knew it would result in a felony charge if Torres took the money."

Among his 11 points of appeal, Beauvais contended the court erred:

- By not dismissing the embezzlement charge based on his motion claiming entrapment, saying the crime for which Torres was convicted "was manufactured from whole cloth as a result of excessive police involvement and not reasonably designed to deter further crimes or protect the public at large."

- By refusing to instruct the jury on the state Police Officer Employer-Employee Relations Act, which requires that when a criminal investigation of an officer is launched, the officer must be notified immediately and be given all constitutional protections.

- By refusing to suppress evidence and a confession obtained from Torres under a "stale" warrant.

Officers obtained a warrant on July 7, 1998, but failed to execute it when they spotted the purse in Torres' car.

They waited eight days and obtained a second warrant, that Beauvais contended differed only in the address of the residence to be searched and did not explain how officers knew Torres had changed his address.

- By refusing to consider evidence at sentencing that showed Torres' sentence was being considered differently

than sentences of other persons who committed the same degree of offense and who were first offenders.

Beauvais wrote that he attempted to introduce evidence that no person sentenced by the 12th Judicial District Court on a fourth-degree felony as a first offense in the last year was given a prison sentence.

- By denying Beauvais' motion to suppress evidence, including the purse and Torres' remark that he spent the money, because officers failed to "knock and announce" they had a search warrant.

Torres' law enforcement career was rocky before moving to Ruidoso.

He joined the Belen Police Department in 1986 and was promoted to chief in March 1990, according to personnel records at Belen city hall.

He was demoted to sergeant in July 1992 and resigned in December of that year.

The resignation occurred after he was placed on paid suspension by his successor for "gross insubordination, malfeasance and neglect of duty," according to a report in the *Valencia County News-Bulletin*.

His attorney at the time claimed the actions amounted to retaliation for a suit Torres filed against the town. He later was hired by a predecessor of Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

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OUR OPINION

Keeping up with the other guys

A defining moment will come in Ruidoso next March 7 when the voters decide whether to obligate themselves to provide upwards of \$6 million for a new public recreation center near the White Mountain school complex.

As proposed by the village administration and Mayor Robert Donaldson, the "recreation plaza" will include (in order of space allocations in the design): a 50-meters-long indoor recreational swimming pool, a basketball court with a running track circling it on the second level, a community multi-purpose room, and a teen center. All that, plus offices for the village's parks and recreation department, and locker rooms, showers, restrooms and such.

Access would be from Hulls Road south of Warrior Drive. The paved parking area would serve the plaza, and provide spill-over parking for the nearby Ruidoso Convention Center. (The new convention hotel, by the way, will have its own swimming pool and spa facilities, the mayor said.)

Action by the Ruidoso Village Council on Tuesday made the bond question official. The mayor has advised that design of the facility has reached the point that realistic cost estimates are possible, and that the bond issue, plus other funding, should make the project buildable.

That is, if Ruidoso residents are agreeable. It is a "lifestyle" project, and appropriately should have voter approval before proceeding.

But it is actually more than something nice to have for residents. It is a necessity if Ruidoso is to compete effectively for visitors, retirees and others who are seeking a vacation destination, a new home, or a new business location. Our village now is competing, not with the Red Rivers or Pagosa Springs of the West, but with Boulder and Flagstaff and Sedona and other burgeoning communities that have learned the value of providing the amenities that make active living pleasant.

Ruidoso in recent years has become much more than a nice place to visit in summer or to play in the snow in winter. More and more, in a nation and region enjoying unprecedented prosperity, Ruidoso is becoming a magnet for those who love its climate and landscape, but who don't want to lose the opportunities of metropolitan areas.

Consider, also, the demographics of the baby-boom generation: Millions of people seeking a better life as they move toward retirement.

The question for Ruidoso voters on March 7, 2000, ultimately, is whether they want to be in that mainstream, or become a backwater of the departed 20th century.

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YOUR OPINION

Inclusive lifestyles

To the editor:

Some people's lifestyles include a life of crime. Unlike many drug or alcohol abusers, con artists rarely kill or maim their fellow man or themselves. Since we can't legislate lifestyle, should we legalize the confidence games?

The Dutch legalized drugs and later regretted it. Today, the Netherlands' drug policies are still more lenient than our own and many people praise the Dutch for their liberal drug stance. For 72 years, people and countries also praised and emulated former Communist Russia.

Many children of imprisoned drug abusers are better off than the unfortunate kids who live with their drug-addicted or alcoholic parents.

Do the drug legalization proponents actually want true and open debates. As a drug opponent, I merely spoke my mind and was publicly and falsely accused of hypocrisy. In addition, I was told, "Sir, if you favor Turkey's situation, maybe you should move there."

I don't like many of the other Turkish first and last names, etc. I'm first and last a loyal American who served 22 years in the military.

"The first rule of debate is attack the speech, but do not attack the speaker personally." This rule is more flexible in the political arena.

Franklin L. Boren
Tinnie

Substitute tribal judges

To the editor:

Joseph Geronimo accused Steve Wall from Mescalero of serving illegally as a judge on the Mescalero Tribal Court.

I know from experience that any time we are discussing legal matters, there are more sides to each question than we can ever find time to study.

In this particular instance, I do know that Mr. Geronimo is referring to the Tribal code, section 2-1-1A. If, however, we were to read Tribal Code, section 2-1-3C9, we find the following: "Where necessary, due to disqualification or extended leave of one or more judges, the president is authorized to appoint one or more substitute judges to hear a given case or cases."

Judge Morin has been extremely ill and unable to work, and Judge Teclanny retired for medical reasons. That left the Tribal Court with only two judges to hear an extremely

heavy case load. It seems to me that at least one more judge was necessary. It also seems that the latter section of the Tribal Code would allow action by the tribal president without advice and consent of the tribal council.

Stephanie Dubois
Tularosa

Home-delivered pies

To the editor:

The Ruidoso Downs Senior Center would like you to put the following thank-you in (the newspaper):

The generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness of Michelle, Eric Ament and Mark Littlejohn of the Log Cabin Restaurant for donating 26 pumpkin pies to the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center for home-delivered meals, on behalf of the staff, seniors and volunteers that delivered the pumpkin pies to the homebound.

We would like to say thank you very much. (We're certain that each of these people on home-delivered meals is very thankful for such a nice gesture...)

Martha Erhard
Tommy Hood
Ruidoso Downs
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A lady of ambition

Patricia Madrid is a petit person who's been a lawyer and judge, after growing up in southern New Mexico, and now is the state's elected attorney general.

We met her some years ago at one of the state's crossroads, the Owl Bar on the Rio Grande in San Antonio, when she was running for lieutenant governor.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



By Keith Green
Ruidoso News

She didn't win, but came back with a strong campaign after Tom Udall went off to Washington as a Congressman, and now is the chief law enforcement officer in the state.

Unlike Udall, she actually has been making some waves from her bully pulpit. In mid-November, for instance, she came down with an advisory letter that financial records and audits of Indian casinos are public information, and that the New Mexico Gaming Control Board must open up those records.

"The purpose of the Inspection of Public Records Act is to allow the public access to information about government actions. I consider open government vital to the function of a democracy. From the facts available about the financial information in question, we believe that the information is subject to inspection by the public, unless and until the Gaming Control Board can establish that the information provided by the tribes and pueblos is genuinely proprietary," the AG stated.

Needless to say, a storm is brewing. One pueblo's public relations officer said Madrid's letter was "an opinion, and that's where we're going to leave it."

Oh yes, the Democrat AG stopped by the office last month and admitted that she wouldn't mind being governor of New Mexico some day.

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WASHINGTON - Funding secured by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici to improve New Mexico law enforcement, border protection and economic development is now law, following President Clinton's signing of the FY 2000 Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary (CJS) Appropriations Bill.

The president on Monday signed the bill that provides, among other things, \$7.85 million to construct a new Border Patrol station at the Santa Teresa port of entry, and another \$750,000 for an after-school program for Rio Arriba County.

The CJS Appropriations Bill passed Congress as part of a consolidated appropriations package. A member of the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee and chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Domenici played a key role in securing the funding for southern New Mexico.

"For New Mexico, the bill provides resources for crime prevention, including after-school programs for at-risk youth. It is also the primary foundation for supporting the best possible international travel and trade through our international border," Domenici said.

In the FY 2000 CJS Appropriations Bill, Domenici worked to secure funding for

these projects immediately related to New Mexico:

- \$7.85 million through the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a new Border Patrol station at Santa Teresa,
- \$367,000 for border fencing at the Santa Teresa border crossing;
- \$750,000 for an after-school program targeted to Rio Arriba County in order to provide alternatives to substance abuse and delinquency;
- \$9 million to continue support for the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System, a network to collect and share criminal information among Southwest border states including New Mexico;

- \$3.5 million to continue support for a first responder training program in conjunction with the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro;
- \$1.75 million to continue construction of the Rio Grande Canalization

- Project between the Caballo Dam in New Mexico and the America Dam in El Paso;
- \$3.2 million for claim settlements under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, a Domenici-authored law with significant impact for northwest New Mexico; and,

- \$275,000 for detainee facility renovation at the U.S. Courthouse in Las Cruces.

Funding in the bill is within the spending guidelines set in the five-year, bipartisan 1997 balanced budget agreement reached by the Congress and White House, and reaffirmed in the congressional budget resolution this year.

The Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Bill also includes these programs of interest to New Mexico:

- Economic Development Assistance - \$388.4 million is provided for EDA, a reduction of \$4.0 million below 1999. At Domenici's request, the Senate

committee strongly urges the EDA to give consideration to a grant request by the Jicarilla Apache Tribe for a water and sewer infrastructure project and to provide the grant if warranted.

Public Television and Facilities Program (PTFP) - \$28.5 million for public telecommunications facilities, an increase of \$5.5 million above the 1999 level.

This is a funding source for New Mexico's public television and radio stations to assist with digital conversion, in addition to rural broadcasters that have not yet converted to a digital format.

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

Letters should be 300 words or less in length, be of public interest and must avoid name-calling and libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to edit letters, so long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

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The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

CHRISTMAS BRIEFS

School choirs perform Christmas concerts

The Ruidoso Municipal Schools will present two holiday concerts at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts Monday and Tuesday.

The high school ensembles, La Scala Sierra Chorale and Sierra Sound, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6.

The White Mountain Intermediate School Choir, the Ruidoso Middle School Choir and Sierra Sound will perform at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

Admission is free, however a ticket is required due to limited seating. Tickets are available from choir members or by calling the Choral Musical Department at 258-4910 extension 237 between 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Hospice lights up Tree of Life

The switch will be flipped at 4 p.m., Dec. 5, on a memorial tree trimmed with Christmas angel ornaments to benefit Hospice of Lincoln County, which is owned by Presbyterian Medical Services.

Situated in the Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive, the Tree of Life is a way for residents to show their support of hospice services by buying ornaments for \$5, \$10 or \$25 each. Memorial ribbons are \$1.

The hospice staff invites the public to share in a time of

remembering with music by the James and Cindy Hobbs family and Apache Spirit Arriga, and refreshments.

Purchases may be made at the mall or by calling the hospice office at (505) 257-4924.

Private, corporate, and business donations also are accepted and can be mailed to the office at 117 El Paso, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Hubbard Museum hosts Santa Claus Saturday

Area children are invited to visit Santa Claus at two Christmas parties Saturday.

The first one will be at the Visitors Center in historic Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The second will be at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Arbitration up in the air with new compact proposal

BY JAMES KALVELAGE RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Legislative tinkering with proposed new tribal gaming compacts could impact revenue sharing dispute resolution efforts now underway between the state and several New Mexico Indian tribes.

New compacts, that would replace 1997 agreements permitting Indian casinos, were disclosed last month by Gov. Gary Johnson's office. The pending agreements will receive lawmaker scrutiny during a 30-day session of the legislature next month.

"I know there is discontent right now in the legislature," said representative W.C. "Dub" Williams of Glencoe. "The people I'm talking to, in the legislature, they're not happy that some tribes haven't paid anything."

The current compacts

require gaming tribes in New Mexico to make quarterly payments to the state equal to 16 percent of their net gaming revenues.

Some Native American communities in the state balked over revenue sharing terms in the 1997 compacts, paying less than the compacts require. The Mescalero Apache Tribe has never made any of the quarterly payments, contending the revenue sharing provision is a violation of the 1988 federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. They initiated the arbitration process, and other tribes have joined on.

Williams, whose state house district is made up of Lincoln County and parts of Otero and Chavez Counties noted the 16 percent revenue sharing level was higher than other locations around the country. "But the

state needs to get something out of gambling," he said.

"Legislative amendments to the compacts could impact arbitration," said Alamogordo attorney Gregory M. Quinlan, who is representing the Mescalero Tribe in the arbitration process. "Some amendments would make the compacts more compatible with federal law, some less so. At this point, it's too early to tell whether the legislature wants to make the gaming compacts comply with federal law."

Revenue sharing in the proposed compacts would require payments on a sliding scale, from four to six percent.

Williams said that figure was in line with revenue sharing in other states, whose compacts have received federal approval.

The next arbitration hearing, over disputes in the present compacts, is scheduled for Feb. 21-25, according to the attorney representing the state in the arbitration process. Attorney Eliza Stewart of Albuquerque said approval of new compacts would terminate the arbitration. But Quinlan reiterated that changes to the proposed gaming agreements could impact the arbitration process.

"The Mescalero Apache Tribe would like to reach an amicable resolution to the gaming compact dispute," said Quinlan. "The disputed tax monies have been placed in an escrow account pending a ruling from the American Arbitration Association. Until the matter is resolved, through negotiations or litigation, the funds can not benefit anyone."

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Ruidoso schools mull proposed student uniforms

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Students, parents, teachers, board members and administrators met Nov. 30 to plan the first steps for implementing uniform dress procedures for next school year - one of the goals of the Ruidoso School Board.

Patty White, administrative assistant for the Ruidoso Municipal School District, said the purpose of the meeting was to decide how to assess the feelings of the community.

Students from White Mountain Elementary through high school attended the meeting so they could inform their classmates about the process and get feedback from them.

"I was asked to be there and to give the students information," said Jennifer Lewicki, a freshman.

Maddy Orio, a seventh-grade student, said she was chosen at one of the Student Council meetings to act as class representative for her homeroom.

Alexis Hoff, a senior, said the role of the committee is to bring information to the community "to help them make an informed decision, ... to be able to say 'Here's the pros and here's the cons' so people can see both sides."

High school biology and electronics teacher Joe Avalos said he is in favor of uniform dress because it puts students on an equal plane so atten-

dance goes up. Students who don't have "pretty clothes ... \$85 cargo pants by The Gap" or the nice car in the parking lot, find it easier to stay home, he said. These are the borderline students at risk of dropping out of school, and if they don't come to school, Avalos doesn't have a chance to teach them, he said.

"With uniform dress I can see the people that don't belong here instantly," Avalos said. "The little gang-bangers from Roswell stand out like a sore thumb instantly."

Avalos plans to do some research and put together a presentation for the school board, he said. He said most students he has talked to are "amicable toward" the idea of uniform dress, once they discuss it.

Lewicki said uniform dress would help students feel better about themselves so they can concentrate more on their work. In addition, she said, "In baggy clothing people could hide guns and weapons."

Lewicki said she's going to have a meeting next week to talk with the freshman class. She said most students she's talked to are against the idea, as she was before she got more information about it.

Hoff said she was against it also but began to see the positive side of it after listening to people at the meeting Tuesday.

"I think there's more research to do," she said, "but I think it might be a good idea."

Hoff said the topic of students judging each other by their clothing came up, and that teachers see it affects students. She agrees that this does go on but said she thinks they were exaggerating "a little bit."

"I've talked to a few students," Hoff said, "and overall I think it's not a popular subject, but most of them are open."

Candace Valcarcel, a parent, said she feels a uniform dress code is a violation of everyone's Constitutional rights and cited the Tinker vs. Des Moines decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968 that stated that clothing is an expression of free speech.

"It's a public school and I believe in the public school system not being a totalitarian system," Valcarcel said. She added that parents need to teach their children economics and what are good and bad buys.

"It's up to the parents to set the standards," Valcarcel said. "We say no to our child; my son recognizes a good buy."

Middle school coach and physical education and communications teacher Robyn Johnson said more information is needed, but from what she's seen visiting schools in Roswell and Albuquerque that have uniform dress codes, "In the schools we've played this year, ... those kids look sharp," she said.

Johnson said the halls were quiet (5-10 minutes before school was dismissed),

people were studying and nothing but schoolwork was going on.

"In comparison, at Ruidoso Middle School, I see kids not taking school seriously at all," Johnson said. "They're just there almost as a babysitting service."

Johnson said she feels that the students will put their creativity into their schoolwork if they aren't worrying about their clothes. She also said it would be easier not to have to deal with students who "one minute have a jacket on and another minute have quite revealing clothing on."

Beth Miller, a parent, said she was in favor of uniform dress, but feels it's a "Band-Aid solution."

"I was surprised they didn't address the real problem, which was relative intolerance, lack of compassion and feelings of isolation that cause kids to feel angry and violent," Miller said.

Although Miller thinks dressing homogeneously will help students educationally, she said it's not going to create equality.

"It's not going to create an equal reality because the same kids will drive up in a brand new red Mustang versus a beat-up pickup," Miller said.

The committee will meet again Jan. 10 and work on a survey that will go out to parents through the schools, and schedule community meetings to answer questions and provide samples of clothing.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Burglaries reported

Several items were reported missing from a unit at A-1 Storage, 258 Carrizo Canyon Road Nov. 30, according to police reports. Police are investigating the case.

Police are investigating a burglary that took place between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the 400 block of Second Street. Items taken include a television, a VCR, a CD player, a video game, clothes and a remote control airplane, all valued at about \$1,465.

A firefighter told police a fire pager valued at \$368 and a jacket valued at \$150 were taken from the inside of the fire station, 210 Rio St. between 8 a.m. Nov. 19 and 4 p.m. Nov. 21. The jacket was embroidered in silver with "E. Espinosa," a Maltese Cross, "Ruidoso Fire Department" and "Ruidoso Fire Rescue" on various parts of the navy blue jacket. The pager is a gray dual-call fire pager, frequency # 154.885.

Money 'lost'

The general manager of the Best Western Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem Drive, told police that \$1,289.66 put into a safe by an employee Nov. 28 was reported lost Nov. 30 when he opened the safe, according to police reports.

Assault reported

Police arrested Patricio A. Almager, 18, of Ruidoso Downs Nov. 27 and charged him with two counts of aggravated battery, a minor allowing self to be served alcohol, and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. Police responded to a call about a fight in progress at 7:47 p.m. at Allsup's Convenience Store at Sudderth and Mechem Drives and found two men lying on the ground near the front of the store, the report states. They were covered in blood and there were several pools of blood around them. Medical personnel attended them but they refused to be taken to Lincoln County Medical Center. The suspect had left, but another officer found him and brought him back for the clerks at Allsup's to identify. Almager was taken to the Ruidoso Detention Center for booking and placed in a cell. Another criminal complaint for battery upon a peace officer was filed against him there for pushing a police officer, the report states.

Shoplifting reported

Joseph A. Kyle, 19, of Ruidoso was booked for shoplifting at Allsup's Convenience Store, 723 Mechem Drive, and being a minor in possession of alcohol at about 10:45 p.m. Nov. 28, police report. Two juveniles were also charged with shoplifting and being minors in possession of alcohol, and released to their parent.

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Council holds steady on fence issue

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Fences in Ruidoso will continue to be erected with the finished side facing adjoining property.

While the village admits the standard has only been intermittently enforced in the past, the village council deadlocked on removing the aesthetic language from the fencing ordinance, with Mayor Robert Donaldson breaking the three - three council tie, in casting a no vote. "This basically would eliminate what direction the fence faces," the mayor said, before his tie breaking vote that left the current ordinance unaltered.

The Village Planning Commission had advanced the ordinance change to the village

council with a recommendation for approval. As with the October 19 commission hearing, there again was no public comment at the November 30 council meeting.

The amendment to the fence ordinance would have deleted wording that requires the "finished" side, defined as not having the fences support columns visible, exposed to adjacent property. Some fence contractors had reportedly said they had lost jobs because customers want the finished side facing their homes.

Voting for deletion of the wording were councilors Bob Sterchi, Ron Anderson, and Frank T. Cummins. Against the change were Bill Chance, Leon Eggleston, and Linda Plack, with the mayor casting the final vote, to retain the current fence ordinance.

Capitan school board, committee revisit student drug testing issue

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Parents, teachers and students will meet Dec. 8 to decide how to establish a drug-testing policy for the Capitan Municipal Schools, and may present their findings to the school board at its regular meeting Dec. 9.

A group of about 10-12 people who expressed an interest was appointed by high school principal Darrell Stierwalt as a task force to discuss the feedback from a community meeting Nov. 4. At that meeting, which was attended by about 200 people, a variety of issues surrounding the drug-testing issue, such as who would be tested, were discussed.

The task force will formulate a drug-testing policy for the Capitan district, said Superintendent of Schools Diana Billingsley. Board member Irvin Aldaz is also on the task force, Billingsley said.

Although there were questions raised at the public meeting whether to test students in sports and activities programs only or to test the entire student body, the majority of people who spoke up were in favor of drug-testing in the schools.

Billingsley said that after the first reading by the school

board, the policy will go out to parents for proposed changes and comments, and there may be several readings at board meetings before a final version is adopted.

A first reading of a drug-testing policy is on the agenda of the school board, but because the task force has its first meeting the day before the board meeting, the policy may not be ready, said Stephanie Aldaz, high school secretary.

Also on the agenda of the Capitan School Board is a discussion of the enrollment analysis comparing enrollments of October 1999 with October of 1998. Last year there were 660 students on the 40th day of school in October, and this year enrollment is down to 606.

"We lost 18 kids this year in a smaller kindergarten class of 31, while 49 students graduated last year," Billingsley said. "You hope that the class coming in (kindergarten) will be the same size as the class going graduating."

Billingsley said the loss of 54 students won't hurt the district this year because this year's budget is based on last year's enrollment figures, and it's too early to predict the financial implications of lowered enrollment for next year because they're dependent upon

the state's budget.

A more entertaining item on the agenda for the school board meeting is the presentation of elementary school speech awards by elementary principal Dick Clevenger, Billingsley said. The combination fourth and fifth grade class winners will present their speeches to the board.

The regular monthly meeting of the Capitan Board of Education will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

A special board meeting to open bids and award a company the contract to replace the heating system in the high school will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 16.

NEWS BRIEFS

Board of Realtors installs new officers

At a special luncheon last month at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, the Ruidoso Board of Realtors honored its outgoing officers and director, and installed new officers and director for the coming year.

Recognized for their dedicated service to the Ruidoso Board of Realtors during the past year and presented with special hon-

orary plaques were Nancy Lore, 1998-99 president; Kathy Osborne, 1998-99 vice president; Harvey Foster, 1998-99 secretary/treasurer; and Sandy Davidson, director.

Cindy Torres, 2000 president of the Realtors Association of New Mexico, conducted the installation of Scott Miller, 1999-2000 president; Sandy Davidson, 1999-2000 vice president; Mary Miner, 1999-2000 secretary/treasurer; and Alberto Robles, director 1999-2002.

Continuing as directors of the Board of Realtors are Ron Wright, whose term ends September, 2000, and Ed LeBlanc, whose term ends September, 2001.

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors is a professional organization chartered since 1953 under the National Association of Realtors. The 170 members of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors are granted the right to use the term "Realtor" in connection with their real estate activities.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Vera-Pirelli

Antoinette (Toni) Lily Vera of Dalhart, Texas, and Franklin Samuel Pirelli of Ruidoso will exchange wedding vows Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso.

She is the daughter of Triney and David Vera of Dalhart. He is the son of Erolene Pirelli of Ruidoso. They became engaged on Oct. 1.

The bride-to-be is a social worker for the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in Ruidoso. She is a graduate of Dalhart High School and Lubbock Christian University.

The groom is a firefighter for the Ruidoso Fire Department and owner of the Pirelli Lock Shop. He is a graduate of Ruidoso High School.

They plan to make their home in Ruidoso.



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This week

TODAY
Prep wrestling
Ruidoso at Las Cruces Inv., TBA
Prep girls basketball
Carrizozo at Mesilla Valley, 7 p.m.
Capitan at Roadrunner Tournament, Dexter, TBA
Prep boys basketball
Capitan at Roadrunner Tournament, Dexter, TBA
Carrizozo, Ruidoso JV at Hondo Tournament, TBA
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Ruidoso at West Las Vegas, (Fr, JV, V), 2 p.m.

Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Men's Basketball League
Standings through Nov. 30

Team	W	L	Pct.
Culligan	9	1	.900
Alamo Pipe	9	2	.818
Aramark Cobras	7	4	.636
The Players	4	6	.400
Rebels	4	6	.400
Tequila Slammers	2	8	.200
Cuties	1	9	.100

Results from Nov. 30
Alamo Pipe 70, Tequila Slammers 48
Aramark Cobras 59, Cuties 42
Culligan 69, The Players 62
Games for Dec. 7
6:30 p.m. - Rebels vs. Tequila Slammers
7:30 p.m. - Alamo Pipe vs. Culligan
8:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Cuties

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Coed Volleyball League
Standings through Dec. 1

Team	W	L	Pct.
CoNets	10	1	.909
Sideout	8	1	.888
Cowpokes	7	3	.700
Whatever	5	4	.555
The Crew	3	7	.300
Regulators	2	8	.200
Brawlers	0	9	.000

Results from Dec. 1
Cowpokes def. Regulators, 15-7, 15-5
CoNets def. Regulators, 11-15, 15-13, 15-5
Cowpokes def. Whatever, 15-10, 15-8
Sideout def. The Crew 15-17, 15-8, 15-5
Games for Dec. 6
6:30 p.m. - Cowpokes vs. The Crew
7:15 p.m. - Brawlers vs. Whatever
8 p.m. - Sideout vs. Regulators
8:45 p.m. - Sideout vs. CoNets

On deck

Riding clinic Dec. 11 and 12
The Equibest Equestrian Center is hosting a riding clinic for the public to watch Dec. 11 and 12. Bernie Traurig will be the clinician. Traurig has competed internationally in three disciplines - show jumping, dressage and eventing. He has competed in six World Cup finals, finishing fifth in 1992 in Del Mar, Calif., as the highest-placing American rider and eighth in Dortmund, Germany in 1990. Admission to the event is \$10 each day. A barbecue lunch for \$8.50 each day will be offered as well. For more information, call Sharon Wells at 336-7090. Equibest Equestrian Center is located 3.6 miles east on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

15th Reindeer Run, Dec. 11
The 15th Reindeer Run in Roswell will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. All races start and finish at the Roswell Racquet Club, 200 E. Mesalero, Roswell. Entry fee is \$15 plus a can of food for Lend-A-Hand, or \$20 and a can of food if registered after Nov. 27 or on race day. Races offered are 2-mile walk, 2-mile run, 10K walk and 10K run. For more information call Bob Edwards at 627-5507.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hatch's defensive pressure wears on Tigers

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hatch Valley Bears took advantage of their 12-deep bench to sink Capitan 39-25 in girls basketball Tuesday.

Capitan (0-1) hung tough until the third quarter when the Bears turned up the defensive pressure and outscored the Tigers 18-10 in that frame, expanding a 19-9 half-time lead into a 31-19 advantage.

"They finally kind of wore us down," Tiger coach Bryan Massé said. "We were getting tired and not making the cuts we needed to get

open."
Hatch's defense forced several turnovers that led to easy baskets.

"We just got a little careless with the ball, but for our first game it wasn't too bad," Massé said.

Massé was impressed with his girls' conditioning, even though the Tigers haven't spent much practice time running to get into shape.

He also noted that Capitan played its 1-2-2 zone defense well, ran its inbounds plays well and showed good effort and attitude.

"We had some real good looks at the basket," Massé said.

Jessica Castanada came off the bench to lead the Tigers in scoring

with eight points. Krystal Roybal had six points, and Lindsey Bush tallied five despite being saddled with foul trouble much of the game.

Senior point guard Alicia Garcia, who is recovering from an early-season sickness, showed good stamina. She played the whole game and scored four points.

Hatch's Shaina Franzoy led all scorers with 19.

"They had played a game and I think that helped them a bit. They didn't have the first-game nerves that we had," Massé said of the Bears.

The Tigers turned right around to play in the Roadrunner Tourna-

ment, which began Thursday in Dexter. Capitan played Fort Sumner at 2:30 p.m. Win or lose it advances to a 2:30 p.m. game today against the respective winner/loser of Dexter and Loving.

"This tournament will help us because it's three games in a row," Massé said.

The Tigers will be thinner than usual, however. Senior starter Holly Schlarb will miss all three games to go on a family vacation.

After the Roadrunner Tournament, Capitan will have a week to prepare for a Dec. 11 date with the Loving Falcons in Loving.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Free throws sink Tigers

Capitan coach looks for first wins of the season at Roadrunner Tourney

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan's season-opener against Hatch Valley Tuesday revealed to Tiger coach Royce Brown just what Capitan needs to work on.

The Tigers should start on the free-throw line.

Hatch Valley nailed 18 of its 25 free throws while the Tigers managed just 11 of 27 from the charity stripe, resulting in a 78-78 Hatch Valley victory.

"It let us know where our weaknesses are," Royce Brown, Capitan basketball coach

know where our weaknesses are," Brown said of his team's first game.

Free-throw shooting tops the list of "needs improvement," followed by defensive rebounding and protecting the ball.

But other than those three areas, Brown was pleased with his Tigers, especially the way they pushed the ball up the court.

Heading into the season Brown was concerned about his team's depth, but junior Dustin Sultemeier and freshman Bo Sparks eased those worries a bit with their play.

Hatch used its height advantage to pound the ball inside and get Tiger post player Kenny Stahl in early foul trouble. A pair of 6-foot, 5-inch Bears combined for 69 points.

Senior guard Truman Armstrong paced the Tigers with 23 points. Stahl added 13 and Anthony Garcia chipped in 11 for Capitan.

Capitan (0-1) is in Dexter for the Roadrunner Tournament, which started Thursday. The Tigers play at 4:15 p.m. today and again Saturday.

It's the start of four consecutive tournaments for Capitan. After this, Capitan is in the Tularosa Tournament Dec. 9-11, the Mountain Top Dec. 16-18 and then the Smokey Bear Invitational Jan. 6-8.

Brown said it's a demanding schedule but it's not without rewards.

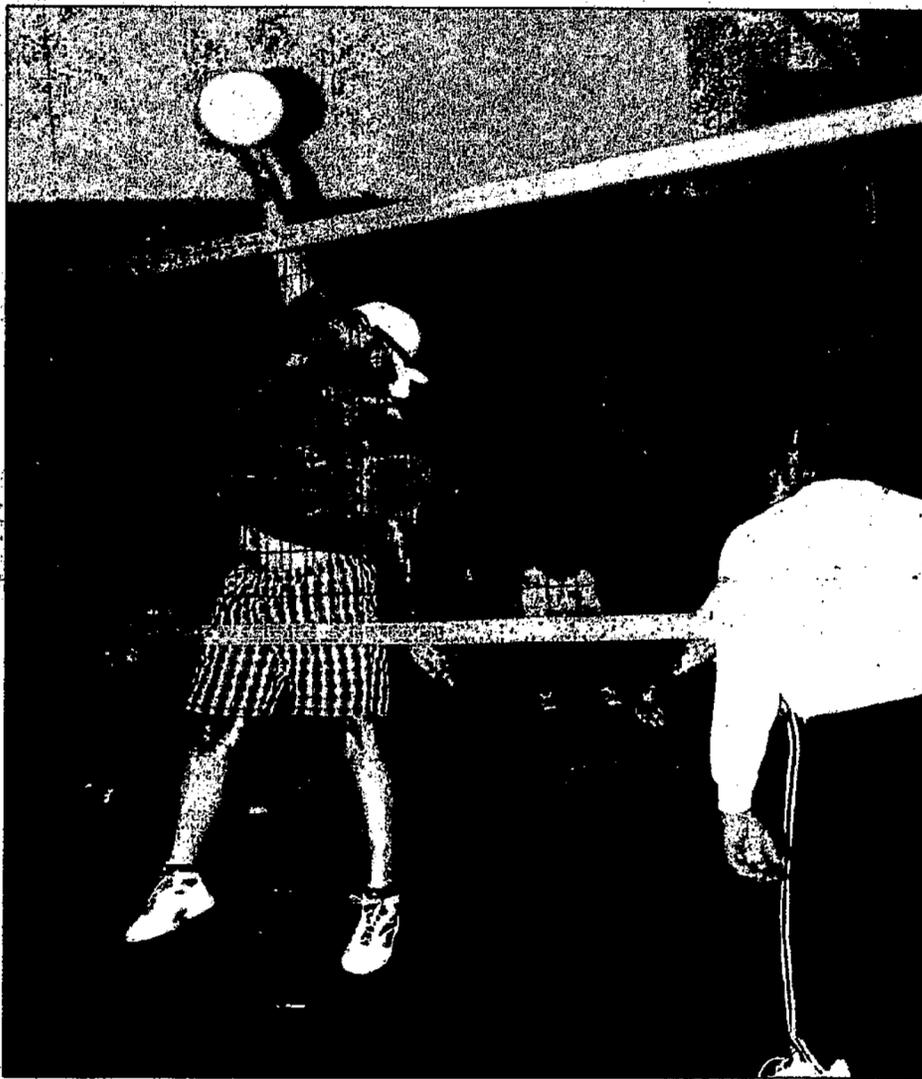
The Tigers will get in a lot of game-time minutes because of it and could develop into a good tournament team because of it. Both should help when district play rolls around, in particular the district tournament.

Brown's immediate goal at the Roadrunner Tournament is to crack the zero in the win column.

"I'd like to get a win or two this weekend," he said.

Hatch 78, Capitan 73
Capitan ...17 ...18 ...18 ...12-73
Hatch ...14 ...29 ...16 ...19-78

Net gain



Bob Walker of the CoNets goes up for a spike during adult coed recreational volleyball action Wednesday at Ruidoso Middle School. The CoNets survived a scare, rallying to defeat the Regulators 11-15, 15-13, 15-5.

Walker and his CoNet teammates are in first place. They can clinch the regular season league title by defeating second-place Sideout at 8:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6.

A Sideout victory could force a tie between the two teams.

The league's tournament begins Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

A fond, fond farewell — from the bench

Last weekend I noticed in the newspaper that my buddies from Wisconsin, Norm and Mabel, were having a garage sale. I had to stop and visit, so with a 12-pack of their favorite Cheesehead beverage in tow, I made a call.

FROM THE BENCH



BY LAURA CLYMER
SPORTS EDITOR

"Hey, guys, how's the sale going?" I said.
"Okey-dokey doncha know," Norm replied.
I asked, "Whatcha selling?"
Mabel sighed.
"Well, we've got all of this royal blue and yellow Ruidoso sports-wear," she said.
"Oh, that's right," I said as I pulled up a chair. "Now that the Warriors are officially navy blue and gold, you guys have change your wardrobe."
"Yeah," Norm said. "It only took the student body a year to vote it in."
"Democracy works, Norm. As long as you keep you trying you'll eventually get the right vote."
"Well, I just hope they dress everyone and every team in the new colors — not just the football team," I said.
Mabel echoed her agreement.
We sat for a moment, looking at the mound of royal blue and yellow

clothing, oversized styrofoam Warriors are No. 1 fingers and blue and yellow pompoms.

"What's up with you, Laura?" Norm asked.

"I'm moving to Flagstaff," I replied. "Get out of town!" Mabel said in dismay.

"I'm trying to!" I said.

"Yeah, I'm taking a job with the paper up there."

"You traitor," Norm said, his eyes narrowing.

"Hey, hey, hey. It's a great opportunity for me. I have to go," I said.

"We hate to see you leave, Laura," Mabel said.

"You may be the only ones who do," I added with a smirk.

"Hey Laura, What are you going to miss the most? What do you remember about your five years here?" Norm asked.

"Oh, I've got too many good memories to count. I've really enjoyed this town and especially its people," I said.

"So, tell us. What are your fondest memories?" Mabel said.

"Let me think about it for a minute.... OK, here it goes. Here's what I'll miss and here's what I remember most."

"First, I'll miss coach Les Garter. His first year was my first year, and he took the Warriors to the playoffs for the first time in 50 years. I not only like the man, but I respect him immensely.

I love his intensity on the field and fatherly touch toward his players off the field. He's a good man," I said.

Norm and Mabel nodded in agreement.

"And speaking of football, I'll remember fondly both teams I covered that made it to their respective state championship football games — Capitan in 1994 and Ruidoso in 1998. Both were led by charismatic quarterbacks — Michael Fish and Corey Saenz. Two great teams that understood the meaning of the word 'team.'"

We sat for a moment, remembering both. It brought smiles to our faces.

"You know, Norm, Artesia coach Cooper Henderson gave me all kinds of grief this year about what you said after last year's championship game. You know, the 'Henderson intimidation' factor," I said. "I had to apologize up one side and down the other for you."

"Thanks, Laura," Norm said sheepishly. "I was still sore about the game."

I played with my eyebrow and thought some more.

"I tell you what," I said shaking an index finger at Norm and Mabel. "I'll never forget my first set of All American Futurity trials in 1996. That was unbelievable."

"Winalota Cash stumbles out of the gate. I swear he's down on his front knees and jockey Billy Peterson gathers him and off they go. Winalota Cash smokes down the inside lane and just

blows away the field. I mean, blows it away. I knew right then he would win the Futurity, and I was actually right. He went on to set a record for the race."

"That race was matched in excitement only by this year's race. That was a thrill, too — A Delightful Dasher winning by a neck for trainer John Bassett."

Norm asked, "What else will you remember?"

"I'll always remember Capitan's open arms when I started covering its sports and teams — much to the disapproval of a few Ruidoso people, I might add."

Norm chimed in, "Oh don't worry about that, Laura. All of the Lincoln County's teams deserve some ink in the paper."

"Mesalero, too," Mabel added. "Hmmm, what else will I miss ..."

I pondered.

"Roy Parker and his staff at Ski Apache. They gave me ski lessons my first year and I wrote about that experience."

"What a riot that was. My instructor Darrell Winter was excellent. Later that season Lisa Maue — you know, Lisa, director of the handicapped skiers' program? — took me up so I could take pictures of a kids' race. All went well until we made our way down. We were on Snow Park and it was spring snow — you know, slushy

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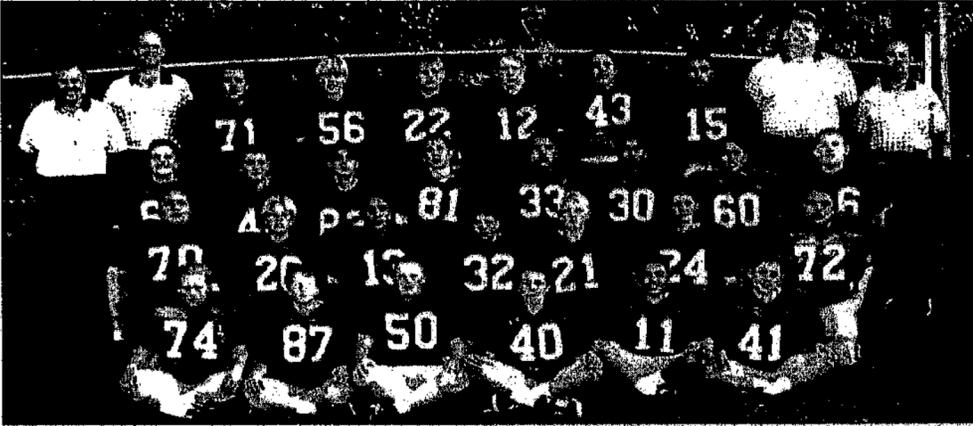
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Ruidoso Middle School Blue football team (from left) front row - Jeffrey Priddy, Casey Mirau, Guy Griffin, Justin Huffmon, Nicholas Page and Rene Villeras; second row - Chris Frizzell, Chad Crouse, Jantia Urban, Kaland Salazar, Austin Beier, Michael McLeskey and Jordan Torres; third row - coach Herman Fox, Justin Sargent, Isaac Provencio, Uriel Garcia, Chance Hopper, Jess Shendo, Miguel Flores, George Gallardo, Bruce Herrera and coach Ken Weaver; fourth row - head coach Borde Williams, Case Forest, Jacob Allen, Dusty Bolden, Cody Green, Chris Nelmerg, Troy Saenz and coach Cody Patterson.



Ruidoso Middle School volleyball players (from left): front row - Kelly Rigsby and Erin Nutting; second row - Ashley Harkey, Ashlee Powers, Kaeli Word, Anastasia Cadena, Christine Brown, Kimberly Hopper, Kalyn Arnett, Katosha Candelaria, Lexi Hall and Caydee Swanner; third row - Hannah Miller, Allecia Bourassa, Lauren Lahay, Kristen Johnson, Priscilla Navarrete, Courtney Gibson, Erika Lugo, Jenna Hendrickson and Miki Celusniak; and fourth row - manager Nici Graham, coach Robyn Johnson, Ervina Herrera, Jessica Venegas, Charli Krause, Madison Morgan, Shelly Thomas, Katie Coronado, Jessica Gibson, Samantha Serna and coach Michelle Perry.

Middle school Braves mark end of successful fall seasons

The Ruidoso Middle School fall athletic teams boasted strong numbers and winning records in volleyball and football.

The RMS Braves football program had more than 65 players out for the teams.

The Blue team posted a 6-1 record with wins over Dexter (26-14), Artesia (22-16), Moriarty (28-6), Alamogordo Mountain View (30-0), Socorro (42-0) and Tularosa (33-8).

"This group worked very hard and showed great improvement throughout the season," head coach Borde Williams said. "With each practice and game this group began to grasp what was going on, could make adjustments on the field and at halftime and did anything asked of them."

The White team had a harder go of it, dropping its three contests.

"They learned what middle school football is all about,"

Williams said. "This team was eager to learn and found out quickly that this level of football is different from what they were used to."

The Blue team consisted of upper level, experienced eighth-graders along with three seventh-graders. The White team was made up of less experienced middle school football players.

"The coaching staff is very excited about sending this group of eighth-graders to the high school," Williams said.

On the middle school volleyball court, coaches Robyn Johnson and Michelle Perry posted three winning records. The eighth-grade A team finished 9-4 while the eighth-grade B team was 11-2. The Braves' seventh-graders put together a 9-4 mark.

Most valuable player for the eighth-grade A team was Erin Nutting. Most improved was Kelly Rigsby and the Lady

Brave Leadership Award went to Shelly Thomas.

On the eighth-grade B team honors were awarded to: Katosha Candelaria, most valuable; Lexi Hall, most improved; and Jenna Hendrickson, Lady Brave Leadership Award.

For the seventh-grade team, individual awards went to: Ervina Herrera, most valuable; Charli Krause, most improved; and Christine Brown, Lady Brave Leadership Award.

Coach Johnson said all of the Lady Braves made great strides toward achieving her program's goals.

"We look forward to watching the girls progress as Ruidoso High School lady Warriors," Johnson said. "We believe their experience as members of the RMS Lady Brave Volleyball team has been a positive one."

Water Rights???
Buying Junior or Senior
430-6730

FROM THE BENCH: Sports editor fondly remembers when ...

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like a sno-cone. Lisa told me not to worry, that she would talk me down the run. She didn't need to because every 10 feet I wiped out. Ski, boom! Ski, boom! Ski, boom! The whole way down. What a saint

Lisa was. Norm laughed at the vision of the story as did Mabel.

"As for memories not necessarily related to sports - I'll miss the drive to Cloudcroft. It covers some of the prettiest country of the Mesalero Reservation. I'll miss the quaint, historic beauty of historic Lincoln; the sweeping vistas as you drive to Capitan, Carrizozo and the Hondo Valley.

"I'll never forget opening night at Spencer Theater. Wow! That was something else. And, I'll always remember one of the first Lincoln County residents who made me feel so welcomed."

Mabel asked, "Who was that?"
"I was working out in the RAC when this guy struck up a conversation with me. I can't remember the particulars of our talk, but he asked what I did and I asked what he did. He said he was an artist, a painter. Cool, I thought. His said his name was Michael Hurd."

"I went home thinking, people around here are really

nice and genuine. Later that week while on the telephone with my mom I told her about meeting this Hurd guy. She couldn't believe. She asked me, 'Do you mean Hurd of Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth?' I said, 'I guess so, Mom.'

"She proceeded to give me an art history lesson in 20th century American painters," I said. "I love going to the Hurd-LaRinconada gallery and I love watching polo down there every August."

Norm said, "Sounds like you do have lots of great memories from here, Laura."

"I've been fortunate - blessed you might say. Most of all, though, I'll miss the prep athletes. I believe the purest form of athletics is being played at the high schools these days."

"Amen," Mabel said. With that, I bid my fond

farewell to my friends.

"I'll take blue and yellow polo shirt over there and pom-poms," I said.

"Really?" Norm said.

"Why?"
"Flagstaff's home to Northern Arizona University," I said "They're the Lumberjacks, and, can you believe what their colors are."

Norm and Mabel chimed in together, "Royal blue and yellow!"

P.S. to Norm and Mabel - Keep an eye on those school boards and superintendents. Make sure they treat the girl athletes as well as the boys.

Editor's note: Beginning Dec. 20, Karen Boehler will be full-time sports editor for the Ruidoso News, taking over for Laura Clymer who will become weekend editor at the Arizona Daily Sun in Flagstaff, Ariz.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Village of Capitan will hold a Public Hearing on December 8, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Building. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss amending Section 6-4-5 of the Criminal Code under The Village of Capitan's Village Code which is entitled "Marijuana, Possession Prohibited" and adding a Section to the Capitan Criminal Code which will be entitled "Unlawful to Possess, Manufacture or Deliver Drug Paraphernalia". This item will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting held on December 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The Public is invited to attend this Public Hearing. Copies of the present ordinance and the proposed changes are available at Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
/s/ Kathryn R. Griffin
Village Clerk
Village of Capitan

Christmas Open House
for HOME INTERIORS & GIFTS
shown by Fran & Glenda
Independent Contractor Representative
Dec. 5, 1999
1-5 p.m.
Enchantment Inn
307 Highway 70 West
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First Baptist Church, Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
Invites you to accept a musical gift to the community:
"Color It Christmas"
Sunday, December 5, 1999
Two Performances:
4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Presented by the Chancel Choir

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD

Hondo Valley Public School District, Hondo, New Mexico - 1998-99

Each year, every New Mexico school district is required to collect and report to its community a variety of information about the district and its schools. This report card includes data for the five required statewide indicators:

- Student Achievement
- Student Attendance
- Dropout Rate
- Parent/Community Involvement
- School Safety

The report also contains information about:

- The Quality of Education Survey Results
- District Selected Information

About Our District

The Hondo Valley Public School District is comprised of two schools, Hondo Elementary and Hondo High School. The elementary school offers classes for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade, while the high school classes are 7th to 12th grade. The elementary has an enrollment of 88 students. The high school population is 73 students.

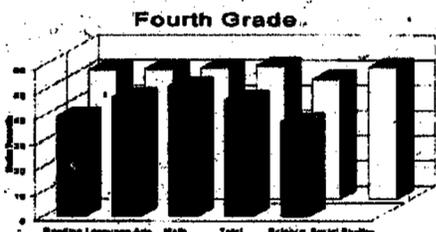
Improving reading ability and increasing reading test scores has been a priority for the Hondo schools. In the elementary school, the Accelerated Reader program which was initiated during the 1998-99 school year has been expanded in the current year in order to reach more students. At the high school level, a change in course offerings includes a class period dedicated to teaching reading to those students who are not reading at grade level. In addition, all students have been tested using the STAR computer assisted reading assessment. The students will be tested again at the end of the year to measure individual growth.

Student Achievement Data

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Student achievement is measured through the New Mexico Statewide Student Assessment system. Assessment instruments include: 1) Grades 4, 6 and 8; New Mexico Customized CTBSS/TerraNova Survey Plus; 2) Grades 4 and 6 (grade 8 is optional); New Mexico Writing Assessment; 3) Grade 10; New Mexico High School Competency Examination; and, 4) Grades 1 and 2; District selected Reading Assessment.

CTBSS/TERRANOVA SURVEY PLUS: The CTBSS/TerraNova provides norm-referenced data. This assessment is designed to provide information on how well a student or school performs in comparison to other students (the norm group) or school in the state and in the nation. If a student or school has a median percentile of 50, this means they scored as well as or better than 50% of those schools/students in the norm group. Median percentiles are reported, and a median is defined as the middle score. The median national percentile is always 50. By looking at the reported scores for this test you can determine how far above or below the national and/or state median your district has scored.

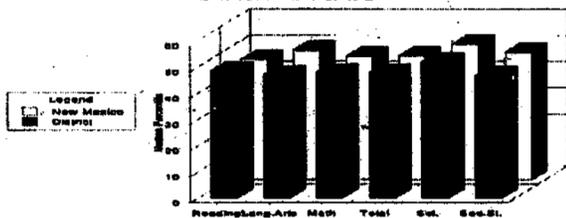
4th Grade Median Percentiles



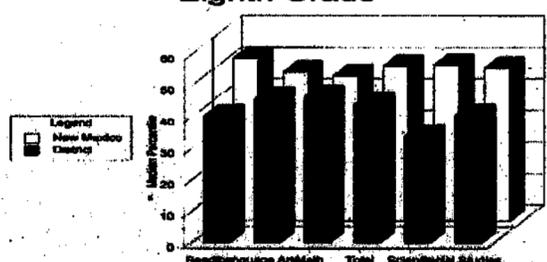
WHAT DO THE CTBSS/TERRANOVA RESULTS MEAN? Graphs can be used to depict the state and district CTBSS/TerraNova results for grades 4, 6 and 8. Results for each of the content areas - reading, language arts, math, science and social studies - and the combined content area scores for reading, language arts, and math reported in median percentiles, are also shown. Results that extend above or fall below the 50th percentile are indications that the average state or district results are respectively higher or lower than the national average.

CTBSS/TERRANOVA SURVEY PLUS 1998-99 NORM REFERENCED RESULTS

Sixth Grade



Eighth Grade



CTBSS/TERRANOVA PLUS PERFORMANCE LEVEL RESULTS: The CTBSS/TerraNova also provides information about how well students perform with regard to the state Content Standards. These scores are derived from responses to questions in the CTBSS/TerraNova and the customized assessment that accompanies this test.

There are four levels of proficiency; each level describing a student's progress toward achieving the New Mexico State Content Standards. Levels 1 and 2 describe a student's performance prior to reaching proficiency.

The district expectation is to work toward achieving a Level 3 (Proficient) or Level 4 (Advanced).

CTBSS/TERRANOVA PLUS PERFORMANCE LEVEL RESULTS SUMMARY DATA BY CONTENT AREA 1990-99 Performance Level Results

	4th Grade			
	Reading/Lang. Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico District	57.0%	23.7%	27.3%	51.1%
Hondo Elem.	38%	25%	0.0%	53%

CTBSS/TERRANOVA PLUS PERFORMANCE LEVEL RESULTS SUMMARY DATA BY CONTENT AREA 1990-99 Performance Level Results

	6th Grade			
	Reading/Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico District	39.5%	23.1%	29.4%	59.1%
Hondo Elem.	20%	13%	6%	50%

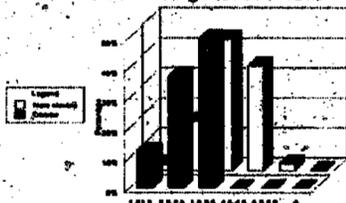
	8th Grade			
	Reading/Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
New Mexico District	35.9%	23.3%	37.5%	51.4%
Hondo 8th grade	13%	0.0%	20%	40%

NEW MEXICO WRITING ASSESSMENT RESULTS: The New Mexico Writing Assessment is administered at grades four and six (grade 8 is optional). Students have three, one-hour writing sessions during which to respond to a particular prompt in writing. Students' writing is holistically scored on a scale from 6.0 (highest possible score) to 1.0 (lowest score). A holistic score represents how well a student's overall writing communicates to his/her audience. The figures below display the percentage of students who scored in each of the holistic score ranges for the 1998-99 Writing Assessment results. A score of 3.0 or above indicates a satisfactory ability to communicate in that particular mode of discourse.

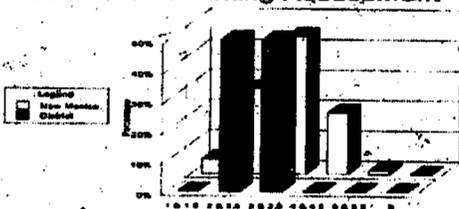
NEW MEXICO WRITING ASSESSMENT STATE AND DISTRICT SUMMARY 1998-99 RESULTS - HOLISTIC SCORES

There is no data on the 8th grade writing assessment for the district. This test is optional and the Hondo District students were not given that assessment during the 1998-99 school year.

4th Grade Writing Assessment



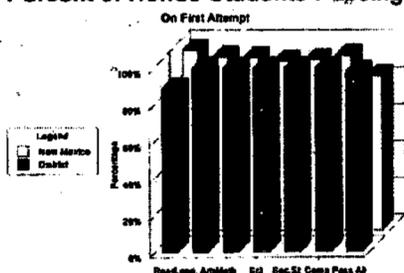
Sixth Grade Writing Assessment



NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION: Students are required to pass this examination in order to receive a high school diploma. Competence is measured in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and written composition. The results of the High School Competency Examination are reported as the percentage of tenth grade students attempting and passing all six sub-tests during each year.

NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION Percent of Sophomores Passing on First Attempt

Percent of Hondo Students Passing



STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE: Attendance rate is defined by the total number of days that students actually attend school during the school year divided by total days enrollment (the maximum number of days that students could have been present during the school year). Students are considered to be in attendance when in class or in a school-approved activity.

The Hondo Valley Public School District's attendance rate for 1998-99 school year was 95.6%

STUDENT DROPOUT RATE: New Mexico reports an "event" dropout rate which represents the total number of students, grades 7-12, who dropout during a particular school year. New Mexico's calculation of its dropout rate complies with the guidelines set by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) so that New Mexico's dropout rate can be compared with other states across the nation.

A dropout is defined as:

- an individual who was enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year;
- was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year;
- has not graduated from high school or completed an approved education program; and,
- does not meet any of several exclusive conditions (such as official transfer to another school; temporary absence due to suspensions or illness; completion of the GED; returning to country of origin; or death).

DROPOUT RATES IN PERCENTAGES GRADES 7-8

	Number of Students	Percent
New Mexico District	1,491	2.9%
	0	0.0%

GRADES 9-12

	Number of Students	Percent
New Mexico District	6,806	7.1%
	1	0.0062%

The Hondo Valley Public School District reported only one dropout during the 1998-99 school year. This student did not return to school after a temporary absence due to suspension.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The school is the focal point of the community in the Hondo Valley. Curricular and extra-curricular activities involve not only the students, but the parents and community members as well. Parents and community members are strongly encouraged and invited to visit the schools often and volunteer their time in the classrooms. Parents and community members participate in various committees: Bilingual Education committee; Title I committee; Budget Planning committee; discipline committee; policy revision committee; School-Health Advisory Council; Hondo clinic committee; Parent/Teacher/Student Organization (PTSO); Fiesta Committee, to name a few. Parents have active partners in Honor Society, Student Council, Rodeo Club, H Club, Fiesta and FFA.

The school sponsors several book fairs during the year. In addition, health fairs and holiday carnivals are held on a yearly basis. The schools hold an open house every nine week period and set aside an afternoon for elementary students' parents to visit with teachers individually. Parents and community members volunteer to read to students. Parents are very supportive in that they readily help out at the schools, either working on a special project or working with individual students.

One of the district's goals for increasing parental involvement is implementation of a reading tutorial program in which parents volunteer to visit the various classrooms and work with individual students in helping them practice their reading.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS: Every year, all school districts are required to send out to parents of every student enrolled in the schools, the Quality of Education Survey. Questions 4 and 8 directly relate to parent/community involvement with the school.

SUMMARY OF QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY QUESTIONS - 1998-99 (PERCENT IN AGREEMENT)

	School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.
New Mexico District	80.0%	85.8%
	89.2%	86.7%

The district does not currently send out a newsletter to parents; however, this portion of the community involvement plan will be initiated in December. Newsletters will be mailed out to parents and will be written in both English and Spanish.

SCHOOL SAFETY

REPORTING SCHOOL SAFETY: To demonstrate school safety, schools are asked to report an accepted school-level safety plan; a plan for community involvement in the implementation and revision of the school-level safety plan; a plan for staff development in the area of school safety; identified goals and benchmarks for progress toward school safety; the number of police-reported incidents of vandalism, student-to-student incidents; and, responses to questions #1 and #2 of the Quality of Education Survey.

The Hondo Valley Public School district development of a school level safety plan with emphasis on student assistance services, parent and community involvement, school health programs and student discipline. The plan has three main goals: prevention, intervention and response. Specific goals are: 1) To provide direction for school staff for intervening in potentially harmful situations; 2) To provide direction for school staff in the prevention/deterrent of potentially harmful situations from occurring; and 3) To provide direction for school staff in planning, preparing and training for potentially harmful situations.

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM: There were no incidents of student-to-student or non-student violence.

SUMMARY OF QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY QUESTIONS - 1998-99 (PERCENT IN AGREEMENT)

	My child is safe at school.	My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.
New Mexico District	79.5%	74.0%
	93.3%	82.5%

A little over ninety three percent of the parents of children enrolled in the Hondo Valley Public schools agreed that their children were safe at school. Eighty two and a half percent of the parents agreed that school facilities were adequate.

NUMBER OF POLICE REPORTED INCIDENTS - 1998-99

	Violent Crimes						Other Criminal Offenses					Vandalism						
	Assault/Battery Aggravated	Assault/Battery Simple	Assault/Battery Knife	Assault/Battery Firearm	Assault/Other	Other Violent Crime	Possession Firearm	Possession Knife	Possession Other Weapon	Gang Activity	Drug Violation	Alcohol Violation	Graffiti	Criminal Damage	Break/Enter	Arson	Missing Property	Other
New Mexico District	652	968	52	13	85	55	58	398	121	151	1,309	193	253	545	451	46	504	50
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QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY: By statute, all New Mexico schools are required to administer the Quality of Education Survey to parents on an annual basis. The first ten questions of the survey are provided by the New Mexico State Board of Education. The next five questions may be developed by the locale board of education and the final five may be developed by the individual school site. Neither the Hondo Board of Education or the individual school sites chose to develop extra questions for the 1998-99 survey. Schools and districts are required to report the annual results from the Quality of Education Survey.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS PERCENTAGE AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE SPRING 1999

	New Mexico	District
TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVEYS RETURNED	141,883	90
1. My child is safe at school.	79.5%	93.3%
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.	74.0%	82.5%
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.	80.8%	80.6%
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	80.0%	89.2%
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.	68.8%	91.7%
6. School staff maintains consistent discipline which is conducive to learning.	70.6%	83.3%
7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	65.5%	55.6%
8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.	85.8%	86.7%
9. The school's staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.	75.6%	76.4%
10. My child takes responsibility for his or her own	87.9%	81.6%

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17 Commercial Rentals

OFFICES, RETAIL AND CONDO SPACE for lease at Pinetree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5165, Monday thru Friday, 8AM to 4PM.

RARE MIDTOWN RETAIL space available Spring 2000. Spaces from 625 to 2500 sq.ft. Reserve now & customize your new interior. 257-8935

OFFICE SPACE FOR lease; 200 Sudderth, Suite A. \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5611.

SMALL COMMERCIAL Building, Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs. 3 bdrm house and storage bldg. \$750/mo. 378-4812 or 420-9465.

EL RINCON DE RUIDOSO First Meet has space for rent. 123 Carizo Canyon Rd., across from Funtrackers. 630-1220

18 Bus. Opp.

PRIME LOCATION in Ruidoso, approx 4175 sq.ft. Restaurant Building. Lease \$2,200 mo plus taxes and insurance. Call James Paxton, CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate. 800-658-2773

FOR SALE; FULL SET of Slenderest Toning Tables, \$5,000 or best offer. 378-8443, 430-4125

START YOUR OWN Business! Set your own schedule. Control your own income. Sell from your home, at work, through fund raisers. Be an Avon Representative. Call 888-942-4053.

19 Autos for Sale

1984 CHEVY CAVALIER; 4 door, automatic, \$1,100 OBO. Call 378-4841.

1971 MUSTANG COUPE Body; \$500 or best offer. 354-9209

1984 SUBARU GL; 4 door, good shape, many new parts, \$600 firm. 258-4168

ADORSABLE CLASSIC for sale. 1971 Super Beetle convertible VW. Reliable. New light blue paint with white top. New upholstery. New tires. Asking \$5,500. Call Kody at 257-4175.

1982 CHRYSLER LeBaron Convertible; needs transmission and top. New tires, \$400 or best offer. 354-9209

1991 FORD EXPLORER; 4x4, 2 door, lots of extras, runs great. \$6,500 OBO. 420-5065 or 420-4941.

GOOD DEPENDABLE auto: 1986 Ford LTD, one owner, all power, asking \$2,295 OBO. 1879 GMC 4x4, 5 speed, asking \$1,750 OBO. 257-5046

74 PLYMOUTH DUSTER; auto transmission, 6 cyl, needs minor work, runs good. \$750. 378-5413 or 378-4155.

19 Autos for Sale

FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ruidoso is now accepting bids on a 95 Cadillac Deville and a 98 Ford Escort. You may call Lane or Megan at 257-4033 or come by 451 Sudderth Drive for more information.

98 HONDA CIVIC EX; 20,000 miles, excellent condition, white. \$14,500 OBO. 378-8193, leave message.

20 Trucks/4X4's

YOU MIGHT SPEND LESS, but it wouldn't be an Explorer! Be ready for the snow! 1991 XLT, \$7,295. Susan 257-5111.

1986 FORD RANGER; Runs good, high mileage, manual transmission, camper shell, \$1,200 OBO. 336-4291 or 336-4380

1999 FORD SUPER LONG bed 4x4; extended cab, long bed, 6-speed, diesel, includes \$2,000 worth of accessories, \$30,000. 626-8105, 420-2875.

1987 JEEP; V8, automatic, all original, 4x4, \$8,500. 420-0517

20 KW GENERATOR in bed of 1991 E-250, 4x4. Runs off PTO enough electricity for four homes; 1/2 gallon per hour, also LP gas. 336-9118

1996 FORD EXPLORER; 4x4, excellent condition, \$13,500. (605)395-3731

21 Vans for Sale

1997 GRAND VOYAGER; 5dr, mtl, clean, \$16,000. 257-2492, evenings 257-9288.

99 DODGE GRAND Caravan LE; all wheel drive, 4 captain's chairs, CD player, 4 door, \$26,125. (505)434-0431, Alamogordo.

22 Motorcycles

1992 JAWA MOPED; 836 miles, \$375. 257-7368

24 RV/Travel

1976 MOBILE SCOUT 5th wheel in very good condition. Completely contained with generator and ready to roll. Call Leon at 257-9450.

1995 JAYCO 5TH WHEEL; 28', excellent condition, 14' slide-out, \$14,250 OBO. 378-5410 or 378-1836

1989 WINNEBAGO; Inside fully remodeled. Needs paint job outside and brakes. \$4,000. Call Christine 420-6784 or 258-5222.

FOR SALE: Overhead camper; built contained, stove, fridge, heater, propane tanks, sleeps 5, \$400. Call phone 430-4100. Place your ad in this space and hear the calls begin. Call 257-4001 today.

25 Livestock

FOUR HORSE TRAILER; new tires, \$800, 354-2794

FOR SALE: REGISTERED half Arab and half Pinto \$1,200, 378-8191

15 YEAR OLD GELDING; gentle, easy to load, show good condition. Call 354-2864.

26 Farm Equipment

D-7 CAT WITH BLADE, root plow and grubber. Call 853-4959.

27 Feed & Grain

HAY FOR SALE: Three Rivers Cattle Co., 648-2448.

29 Pets & Supplies

BEAUTIFUL 6 WEEK OLD Saint Bernard puppies; ready to go to new homes. Show quality dogs. (505)266-8145, after 6pm.

SAVE A PETS LIFE!!! By sponsoring a pet on the Pet Page in the Ruidoso News every month you can let Ruidoso know you care at a cost you can afford. Only \$25. + tax per month and we'll donate part of the proceeds to the Humane Society. Call Karen or Carole today. *257-4001*

30 Yard Sales

STORAGE SALE AT A & H Self Storage #82, Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs; Sat, 9-5. Furniture, 2 small refrigerators, clothes, 89 Jeep pickup.

GARAGE SALE: SAT 4TH, Sun 5th. 132 Birch, behind Furr's on Mechem, 8:30 till dark. Furniture and misc items.

BIG SALE: SAT, SUN, 8am-5pm. Tools, wire, TV cable, 87 Suburban; \$3,250, household items, clothes, coats, candles, too much to list. 400 Walnut Dr., behind Ruidoso middle school. 257-1161.

SAT ONLY! 9AM-1PM 427 Mechem at Ruidoso Motorsports.

MOVING SALE: Hide-a-bed couch, recliner \$30. Table, 4 chairs \$30. Waterbed with under-dresser \$30. Computer desk with hutch \$30. More items. Negotiable. 430-1271 or 378-4827.

MOVING AND IT DOESN'T fit. Saturday, 8:30 till 7 Furniture, tools, construction material. 1102 Hull Road.

MOVING SALE: Great stuff! 458 Mechem, across from Casa Blanca, lower level. All day Saturday, 12-4-99.

31 Household Goods

BIG SCREEN PROJECTION television \$250. King size mattress and box springs; clean and in good condition. \$125. Queen size waterbed with extra nice headboard and frame \$250. 378-5474

MIKASA POTTERY Stoneware; 'Firesong' Southwest design; 5 place, 8 place settings plus serving pieces \$400, valued over \$800. Call (800)794-0866.

TRANE FORCED AIR furnace, category 1; updraft. Three years use in 3,000 sq. ft. house. \$350.00. 378-4058.

33 Antiques

THE BARN & ANTIQUE Liquidators has furniture, glassware, collectibles, etc. 519 Hwy 70 West.

36 Miscellaneous

FREE, FREE, FREE. Debt consolidation application with service. Reduce payments up to 65%! No advance fees! Special cash back offer. Call now. 1-800-328-8610 ext 6.

UTILITY TRAILER with 6th wheel hitch. Enclosed wheat & electric. \$1,000 @ The Barn, 519 Hwy 70 West. 257-5510

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NEW STEEL BUILDING in orate. 40x20 was \$5,880. Now \$2,300. Must sell! 8am 1-800-282-0111.

KINGS TREASURE THRIFT STORE Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30pm Sat. 10-2pm, Christmas items available after Thanksgiving. Daily Specials! 100 Gavilan Canyon Rd. 378-8113

HUGE SALE: THE BARN 519 Hwy 70 West

CALLIGRAPHY: Exhibition signs, illuminations, certificates, invitations, business cards, caricatures, flyers. Sandy 257-0308

YAMAHA BABY GRAND Piano; excellent condition, \$5,000. Pro-Form 525 Performance treadmill; like new \$350. 420 Base condition; make offer. 8 place Rattan sofa, chairs, tables, etc. \$1,000. 258-3157

CONVERSATIONAL Spanish classes. Learn by playing games. Certified community-college Spanish teacher. Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm. For info call Craig at 336-4050 or Sandy at 336-1478.

GET RESULTS! Place your ad in this space. 257-4001

36 Miscellaneous

HOT TUB; very good condition. Hot Spring Spa with one year warranty. Will deliver and setup, your location. 258-3834.

FIREPLACE; Martin; New, zero clearance, corner model with stainless steel pipe and flues. Used one season. \$200. 336-7746

LIKE NEW WEDDING SET for sale. Engagement ring has 1/3 carat solitaire surrounded by 6 diamonds. Wedding band enlarged with diamonds, \$750. Call 258-5222, leave message.

STEEL BUILDINGS SALE: 5,000+ sq. ft. 40x60x14 \$8,007. 50x75x14, \$10,105. 60x100x16, \$15,127. Mini storage buildings, 40x160, 32 units, \$16,534. Free brochures. www.sentinelbuildings.com Sentinel Buildings, 600-327-0790, Extension 78.

GOLD GUNS, KNIVES, misc items. The Barn, 519 Hwy 70 West

ALL CASH RECEIVING PAYMENTS on a mortgage? Why wait? Best prices paid nationwide, plus we pay transfer costs. Sell all/part. Purchase Equity Investors, 1-800-999-9882.

CASH IMMEDIATE \$\$\$ Up front cash for income streams from Private Notes, Real Estate, Annuities and Insurance payments. Call James Gerald at J.G. Wentworth 1-800-454-9368.

20 TON WOOD SPLITTER \$575. Husqvarna 288 chainsaw \$350. 336-7934 or 420-2323

FOR SALE 2 YEAR OLD Berber carpet and pad; light color, 800 sq. ft. Still on floor. Replacing carpet with tile. \$450. 338-9166

UPSIDE DOWN SALE: Over 4,000 movies and games @ \$4.97 & \$10. Shelves and much, much more. At the Movie Co. 2204 Sudderth.

CREDIT CARD DEBT? Avoid bankruptcy. Stop collection calls. Cut finance charges. Cut payments up to 50% debt consolidation. Fast Approval! No credit check. 800-270-8884.

QUEEN BEDROOM SET. White Wicker; includes headboard, frame, double dresser, mirrors & nightstand. Mint condition. McPherson English saddle and many accessories. Call 336-7890.

WATER RIGHTS for sale. Call (605)653-4959.

WOLFF TANNING BEDS Tan at home. Buy direct and save! Commercial/Home use from \$199.00. Low Monthly Payments. Free Color Catalog. Call today 1-800-842-1310

FOR SALE: JVC 400 WATT amp, 2 channels, \$200. Two 12" Kicker speakers in sealed box, \$300. Sony CD player, \$200. Call 258-5222 or 258-9287.

36 Miscellaneous

MUST SELL! Twilight Zone pinball machine \$900 OBO. Bedroom dresser with beds for tables; sturdy; just \$225 for all 3 pieces. Wedding band set; his and hers, \$400 for both. Desk and chair \$100. It all must go. Call and make an offer. 257-4175

250 GALLON BUTANE tank; good condition, \$100. "In Ruidoso". Call 916-677-5201 daytime, 915-892-0284 nighttime.

BUILDING SALE. No Salesman. Go Direct and Save. Final clearance. 20x26 \$2,600.00. 25x30 \$3,145.00. 30x40 \$4,750.00. 35x50 \$8,100.00. 40x60 \$7,800.00. 45x90 \$12,000.00. others. Pioneer 1-800-658-5422.

MR BURGER NEEDS experienced part-time cook and experienced Front Counter person. Apply in person. 1203 Mechem

RECEPTIONIST POSITION available at H & R Block, 1404 Sudderth or call 257-4223.

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DRIVERS/CDL New contract Lease a condo, payment @275 with full service maintenance agreement, no credit check, no \$\$\$ down, free reater fuel. 72% contract. 1-800-446-4782. Students Welcome.

38 Help Wanted

DRIVER-DRIVERS West of the Mississippi enjoy great pay, 80% west coast runs, top of the line equipment, 100% lumpers paid, great benefits/in-cab e-mail. John Christianer Trucking. 1-800-528-3875

DRIVERS - NEW PAY package. Applications approved in 2 hours or less. Long haul and drivers. Class A CDL, Continental Express 1-800-745-9670

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1 Real Estate

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Looking for your dream vacation getaway? There's a good chance we have the address. SUPERB QUALITY and WORKSMANSHIP on this newly constructed Alto Village home. Located on a level lot with a spectacular view of Sierra Blanca, the Capitan mountain range and Kokopelli golf course. Lots of Pella windows. Refrigerated air. 2 Kiva fireplaces w/gas logs. \$325,000. #92274 CALL COLLEEN WILSON OR SUSAN P. MILLER AT 336-4248 TWO COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS Alien Auto Parts - 2,052 sq. ft.; Art and Flower Nook, 1,000 sq. ft. Buildings only-great location - "as-is" condition. \$158,000. #91554 CALL JAMES PAXTON AT 257-9057 CHAMPION'S RUN CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit, balcony and deck. Close to swimming pool. Double attached garage and fireplace. Good income property or vacation home. \$69,500. #92170 CALL JOSEPH A. ZAGONE AT 420-3807 PRESTIGIOUS RANCHO RUIDOSO ESTATES Gorgeous Sierra Blanca, valley and Capitan views from this treed 5.721 acres. Minimum 2,000 heated sq. ft. living space. Domestic well. Very choice. \$68,900. #92197 CALL PEGGY JORDAN AT 257-9057 LEVEL ACCESS IN A GREAT LOCATION 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Open

38 Help Wanted

WAITSTAFF NEEDED. Must be 21 years old. Apply anytime. Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem.

DRIVER SWIFT Transportation. Experienced & inexperienced drivers & teams wanted! Contracted CDL training available. Excellent pay/benefits, assigned equipment. Consistent miles. Job stability. 1-888-890-7938. (eoc-mv)

WANTED DREAM! Lose 10-30 lbs in 30 days. All natural weight loss product. Call today. 505-896-4605.

WANTED EXPERIENCED Full time servers. Flexible hours, excellent pay! Apply in person at Pizza Hut, 725 Sudderth.

WEB PRINTER SEEKING Press Supervisors/Operators. Great pay. 40 hr. insurance, relocation assistance, advancement opportunities. Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado. Call: Joe Gray @ 1-800-678-9785.

PIZZA HUT NOW HIRING phone operators. Apply in person at 725 Sudderth.

39 Work Wanted

GARDEN GREEN & SUPER Clean-Powerwashing, deck refinishing, lawncare, pineneedles, roof/gutters, tree/brush removal, firebreaks, hauling. Estimates: 257-2172 or 420-8225.

40 Services

TRACTOR WORK - Small jobs preferred. Mowing, blade work and leveling, backhoe, trenching, sugar. Water, electric, sewer lines installed. "We're Cheaper than renting equipment!" Call anytime 258-3788, 354-7000. (7am-6pm: 430-8644)

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YEAR AROUND PAINTING; Ruidoso's oldest painting company. We do it all. Power wash, exterior, interior, docks sealed 7 year warranty. 336-9116

40 Services

T.L.C. WINTER PAINTING. Remodeling, Decks, Carports, Additions, Metal Roofs. We have been building in Ruidoso for over 30 years. References. 336-9116 Merry Christmas to our all friends, families & customers.

HOUSE CLEANING; FAST, reliable, reasonable; references. Estimates, call 257-7601.

COMPLETE YARD CARE: Tree removal, pruning, hauling, raking, mowing, gutters. Free Estimates everyday. Referrals available 257-5806.

YOU NAME IT, WE DO IT Services, Etc. Cabin Watch Service, Home Repairs, Chimney Cleaning, Tree Removal, Yard Work, House Painting, Gutters, Drywall, etc. 788-1047

HOUSE SITTING, PET & plant care. Long or short term. Call Sandy 257-0305

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41 House Sitting

ATTENTION HOME Sellers: I'll keep your home alive and show-ready plus keep house insurance intact. Call (505)628-0602, leave message.

42 Child Care

MOTHERLY LOVE State Licensed Child Care; 24 hours, 7 days. Attentive, loving care. Toddler and Preschool classes. 378-4334

44 Firewood for Sale

FIREWOOD: SEASONED, split various types, lengths and amounts. Delivered and stacked. Available everyday. 257-5808.

TOP QUALITY FIREWOOD: clean burning fir, \$120 cord; oak, \$140 cord or mixed, \$145 cord. Free delivery. Stove-cut available. 378-4069

FIREWOOD: SEASONED and split different lengths, and stove cut available. Juniper, pine, cedar and oak. Pick-up at the ranch or we deliver and stack. Call 1-505-653-4021.

PREMIUM FIREWOOD; Apple, Oak, Black Walnut. Mixed or separate. Split and delivered. Call for prices. 257-3684 before 5pm, leave message.

FALL SPECIAL: Seasoned Cedar, Pinon/Aligator, Full Cord. Delivered. Free box of kindling! \$125.00 + Tax/ Rask Ranch (605)849-2849.

49 Personals

FREE PREGNANCY TEST Caring and confidential assistance. 258-1800

NO PAPER?? Home Delivery of the Ruidoso News by Sam Wednesday & Friday CALL US!! at 257-4001 if you have not received your paper by Sam

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 16, 1999, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following: 1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03 All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER 2498 1T(12)3

LEGAL NOTICE

RUIDOSO-LINCOLN COUNTY EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING COMMISSION AND AUTHORITY. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 99-01

Notice is hereby given that the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission and the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority shall conduct a public hearing at a meeting scheduled on December 20, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Center for the purpose of adopting the following Ordinance: ORDINANCE 99-01: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO-LINCOLN COUNTY EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83-S, ARTICLES I THROUGH XXIV RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND PROVISIONS." Copies of Ordinance 99-01 are on file in the Planning Office, at the Village of Ruidoso at 313. Cree Meadows Drive and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. 2497 1T(12)3

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for two members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, in making the appointment to the Board, the Commissioners shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 14, 1999. MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER 2500 1T(12)3

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for three members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in primary agriculture production or in secondary agricultural services; must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 14, 1999. MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER 2498 1T(12)3

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO JOY BOWEN Petitioner, vs. JAMES BOWEN Respondent. Cause No. DM-99-126 Division III AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION TO: JAMES BOWEN GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and number cause of action has commenced and is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The general object of this is for Dissolution of Marriage. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Petition, on or before January 3, 2000, judgment will be entered against you by default, and the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein. The Petitioner's Attorney is H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on November 10th, 1999. /s/Cheryl C. Castro Clerk of the District Court By: /s/Elizabeth Lueras Chief Deputy Clerk 2462 4T(11)12,19,26(12)3

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-15 WHEREAS the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico meeting in regular session on the 18th day of November, 1999 has set the meeting dates for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners; and WHEREAS the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, unless otherwise specified. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln

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County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following regular meeting dates: Thursday, January 20, 2000 Thursday, February 17, 2000 Thursday, March 16, 2000 Thursday, April 20, 2000 Thursday, May 18, 2000 Friday, June 9, 2000 Thursday, July 20, 2000 Thursday, August 17, 2000 Thursday, September 21, 2000 Thursday, October 19, 2000 Friday, November 10, 2000 Thursday, December 21, 2000 RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 18th day of November, 1999. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO /s/ REX WILSON, CHAIRMAN /s/ L. RAY NUNLEY, MEMBER /s/ LEO MARTINEZ, MEMBER /s/ WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, MEMBER /s/ RICK L. SIMPSON, MEMBER ATTEST: /s/ MARTHA M. PROCTOR, CLERK 2486 1T(12)3

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO NOTICE OF ADOPTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on November 30, 1999 at 8:30 p.m. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance: ORDINANCE 99-27 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 54 LAND USE, ARTICLE 11 ZONING, DIVISION 2 ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 67 SKETCH PLAN AND DIVISION 1 GENERALLY, SECTION 54-3 DEFINITIONS." Copies of Ordinance 99-27 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. /s/ Tammie J. Maddox, Clerk 2501 1T(12)3

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
JOHN BINGGELY
Plaintiff,

No. CV 99-258
Division III
NAMED PERSONS IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: DARRAY, HOWELL and DAVID WEAVER
GROUP I: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: DARRAY, HOWELL and DAVID WEAVER
GROUP II: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: DARRAY, HOWELL and DAVID WEAVER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: DARRAY, HOWELL and DAVID WEAVER; AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that John Binggely, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-258 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you. The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is

the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows: Lot 11, Block 2 of Mt. Capitan Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, on the 5th day of February, 1995 in Plat 1068 No. 270.

TOGETHER WITH all Improvements thereon, SUBJECT TO Restitutive Covenants, Reservations and Easements of record. Excepting all minerals heretofore reserved or accepted by owner's predecessors in interest.
You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before December 27, 1999, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 8834, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 9th day of November, 1999.
CHERYL C. CASTRO
Clerk of the District Court
By Eugenia Vega
Deputy
2461 4T(11)12,19,26(12)3

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
RICHARD WAYNE ROTERT,
Plaintiff,

No. CV 99-260
Division III
NAMED PERSONS IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: BENJAMIN F.

BROWN, MRS. B.F. BROWN, JAMES G. CASH, BLYE S. COX, BURGESS L. GORDON, CHLOE W. SKINNER, FLOY W. SKINNER, MRS. FLOY W. SKINNER, HAL YOUNG;
GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: JAMES G. CASH, AMANDA E. FORMAN, HAL YOUNG;
and
GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: GROUP I: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: BENJAMIN F. BROWN, MRS. B.F. BROWN, JAMES G. CASH, BLYE S. COX, BURGESS L. GORDON, CHLOE W. SKINNER, FLOY W. SKINNER, MRS. FLOY W. SKINNER, HAL YOUNG;
GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: JAMES G. CASH, AMANDA E. FORMAN, HAL YOUNG;
and
GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Richard Wayne Rotert, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-260 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you. The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the

above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows: Lots 8, 9, and 12, Block 18 of the TOWNSITE OF NOGAL, as shown by the official plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico. TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon. SUBJECT TO Easements, Restrictions and Reservations of record. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before December 27, 1999, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.
The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 8834, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 9th day of November, 1999.
CHERYL C. CASTRO
Clerk of the District Court
By Eugenia Vega
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LEGAL NOTICE
RESOLUTION NO. 1999-14
OPEN MEETINGS ACT
WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session at Carizozo, New Mexico, on the 18th day of November, 1999, at 9:00 A.M. as required by law and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of the delegated authority of such board, commission or other policy making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and
WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that:
1. Regular meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall ordinarily be held each month at a time and place designated in the notice. A proposed agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Manager's Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carizozo, New Mexico.
2. Special meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice.
3. Emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Although the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon (3) hours notice.

4. For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 1 of this resolution, notice requirements will be complied with by the Lincoln County Clerk's permanently posting on the bulletin board at the Lincoln County Courthouse a copy of this resolution, as well as a notice setting forth the days and times of the regular meetings which have been set by resolution. Changes affecting the date of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for notice of public meetings at least seven (7) days prior to the new meeting date.

5. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notices in the offices of the Lincoln County Clerk and the Lincoln County Manager. The Lincoln County Manager's Office shall provide telephone notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for notice of public meetings at least seven (7) days prior to the new meeting date.

6. Every effort shall be made to follow the Robert's Rules of Order. The Robert's Rules of Order shall be specifically modified to allow the Chairman to vote in all instances.
7. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aide or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the County Manager's Office at 505-648-2385 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please

contact the County Manager's Office at 505-648-2385 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.
8. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act, of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any commission meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:
(1) If made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting.
The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be discussed in a closed meeting; and
(2) If called for when the Lincoln Board of Commissioners is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.
9. Pursuant to 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, paragraph C, a member or members of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member or members to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time

and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.
PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November, 1999.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
/ S/ REX WILSON, CHAIRMAN
/ S/ L. RAY NUNLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN
/ S/ LEO MARTINEZ, MEMBER
/ S/ WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, MEMBER
/ S/ RICK L. SIMPSON, MEMBER
ATTEST:
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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on November 30, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance as amended:
ORDINANCES 99-28
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 64 LAND USE, ARTICLE 11 ZONING, DIVISION 2 ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 67 SKETCH PLAN.
Copies of Ordinance 99-28 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
/ S/ Tammie Maddox, Clerk
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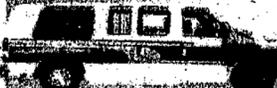
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15 Big name in cosmetics

16 German biographer—Ludwig

17 _____ looking at you, kid

18 Lady's man

19 Movers

20 Quirky

21 Impressive achievement

22 Sorbonne, e.g.

23 Tire channel

27 Peer to his servant

29 Plant with a medicinal root

32 More than peaved

34 Charles's domain

35 Hemispheric area

37 Ready to ome off the stove

38 Examined, as before a robbery

39 Skip

40 Business mag

41 Lawn

42 "The Taming of the Shrew" setting

43 Spy's byword

44 Police datum

45 Abstinence

47 Like toast

48 Final stroke

53 Fate

56 The "A" in A.D.

57 Film _____

58 Pan-fry

59 Haines part

61 Ghetto

62 Greek satirist

63 These may be fine

64 On the main

65 Driving hazard

DOWN

1 Cagney's cousin

2 N.F.L. receiver

3 Etch-a-sketch

4 Tropical viper

5 Baileys Day season

6 Give back

7 World Court site, with "The"

8 Finished

9 Tropeau subject

10 Confined, as in wartime

11 Give, as time

12 Gen. Bradley

13 Over-the-counter cold remedy

14 Obsolete

15 Aged

16 Add

17 _____ d'Azur (French Riviera)

18 Certain skin

19 Actor Jeremy

20 Long-winded

21 Compass tracing

22 Magna _____

23 Dear, as a signifier

24 Unique person

25 Military group

26 "Anything _____" (1934 or 1987 musical)

27 Levitate

28 Sioux tribe

29 Camp shelter

30 Be sleek

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Puzzle by Robert Schenkman

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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December
3 Looking Back

Dec. 2, 1949

Picacho News
 by Polly R. Bowser

As far as I can tell, everyone around Picacho enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Fuller entertained a group of twelve people at the Fuller Ranch. Their guests were Mrs. M. Foran, Mrs. Nan C. Moberly and Barbara and Davis Moberly, Mrs. Beulah Swanson, Miss Jane Swanson, Mr. Earl Swanson Jr., Mrs. Mae Rooney, and the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and Frances and Lois.

Dec. 4, 1959

Fluoridation of water OK'd for Ruidoso

Ruidoso Board of Trustees expressed themselves in favor, and agreed to back a project for fluoridation of Ruidoso's water, it was decided in the board's latest regular meeting. The stand was taken after a committee composed of Dr. James Beall and Dr. C. H. Tate, dentists, and Dr. W. D. Horton, local osteopathic physician, presented a study showing why it was advisable here. They stated the use of fluoride in the village would in a great way assist in helping prevent cases of tooth decay among children.

Dec. 5, 1969

Ruidoso Masons elect officers

Annual election of officers for 1970 was held at the Monday, Dec. 1 meeting of Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73.

New Worshipful Master is Frank Adams, Wray Burgett is Senior Warden, Andy Had-dix, Junior Warden, Travis Hicks and J. C. McDonald were re-elected treasurer and secretary.

Nov. 29, 1979

The Silver Lining
 by Daniel Agnew Storm

The other day I received word from Bonita City Lou (Louise Coe) that her brother, Ross, the boyhood friend of the Storm brothers, was called home by our Lord Nov. 18 in Roswell.

Ross is the grandson of Jap Coe, pioneer resident of Lincoln County prominent in early day history of this region. Jap established a ranch in Glencoe, close by his brother, Frank and cousin, George.

Ross was born June 15, 1917, on the Charlie Coe ranch down Eagle Creek from Alto. He attended school in Alto, Ruidoso, and Stetson School, just below Ruidoso Downs. His teacher in Alto was Dick Traylor. He graduated from the eighth grade at Stetson School.

Nov. 30, 1989

Michael Malis continues to improve

Six-year-old Michael Malis remains in a Denver hospital and is recovering nicely after receiving a new liver on Sunday. According to Brad Bawmann, a spokesman for the University Hospital in Denver, the child's condition will be upgraded to "good" this morning (Thursday).

Bawmann said Malis is out of intensive care and eating solid food.

He went on to say the Ruidoso boy has become quite a celebrity in the Denver area.



Tom Rigby of First Federal Savings Bank, Cathy Overdorf of Lincoln County Parents as Teachers and Merriken Bryant of Raindancer Youth Services hang the names of disadvantaged children in need of Christmas cheer on the Angel Tree at the bank.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



The Angel Tree project in brief...

You, too, can be an angel, and help the six local agencies who have teamed up again this year to make sure children who "fall between the cracks" have some gifts for Christmas.

The angels behind the Angel Tree

BY LAURA CLYMER
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

They are the everyday, behind-the-scenes people who work for a half-dozen different local agencies and share a common goal—improving the quality of life for Lincoln County's disadvantaged children.

They could be described as angels for those daily efforts. Together, they have put up their third "Angel Tree" to make this Christmas more joyful for about 50 Lincoln County children.

The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force is composed of six agencies that serve Lincoln County children and their families. The task force along with First Federal Savings Bank have teamed again for the Angel Tree project. Participating agencies are the Counseling Center, Raindancer Youth Services, Lincoln County Parents as Teachers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Child Protective Services and Head Start.

"This is our third year. What we're try-

ing to do is assist parents in providing for their children," said Cathy Overdorf, coordinator of Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. "A group of us who work in the agencies just saw the need for some of our families."

Last year the Angel Tree touched about 50 children. Participating agencies expect to reach that many again this holiday season.

Each of the agencies involved in the program selects children based on family need. Task force members screen the children and the families and then find out clothing sizes, needs and interests of the children chosen.

The child's first name, age, clothing size and toy preference are then put on an ornament and the ornament is hung at the Angel Tree standing in the First Federal Savings and Loan lobby.

"These are the kids who usually fall through the cracks," Merriken Bryant of Raindancer Youth Services said. The children aren't part of other programs, such

as Santa Cops.

"It's our goal that each child receive two gifts — one article of clothing and one toy or other 'fun' type gift," Bryant said.

Area residents can become involved in two ways. They can go to First Federal Savings and Loan, select a child, buy the appropriate gifts, wrap them and return them to either First Federal or the Counseling Center by Dec. 16.

Or, participants can make cash donations at First Federal to the Angel Tree fund. Agency members will then use the money to buy gifts for a child on the Angel Tree. Overdorf said leftover money will be used to pay for holiday food baskets as well.

All gifts must be returned by Dec. 16, Overdorf added. That way each agency can deliver the gift to the respective child.

To join the ranks of the angels, telephone Raindancer Youth Services at 258-3132 and ask for Bryant or Frankie Jarrell, or call Katherine Cooper at the Counseling Center, 257-5038.

Two services scheduled at San Juan Church

Christmas planning starts in Lincoln

It is that time of year to plan Christmas programs.

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
 Ruidoso News

Juan Church and everyone is welcome to attend. The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals will have their annual luminarias.

A Lincoln Thanksgiving

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Lincoln people did a lot of traveling or had their families home for the holiday. Some went as far as Tucson, Phoenix, others to

Roswell, Hobbs, and Ruidoso, and some just stayed home.

After a few days of cool weather, it turned almost summer-like over the weekend.

Tourists were enjoying the beautiful weather and visiting our historic town. The tourists were reporting unusually warm weather nationwide. A lady from Mineral Wells, Texas, said her bluebonnets were coming up.

Hall of Fame

The reception for the Ruidoso "Hall of Fame" inductees was well attended. It was nice to see so many old friends and exchange stories with each other. We did goof and not get a group picture. I thought of it on our way home.

One honoree that was missed was Carmon Phillips, who passed away shortly before the reception.

Our thanks to John Hershey who took the wonderful photographs, the Lacontura Fine Arts gallery for the framing, K-Bobs for the hors d'oeu-

vres, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Ralph and I would like to thank the good people of Lincoln County who worked with us through the years, who helped make this honor possible. You all have been great to work with, so here is a big "thank you."

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunlap of Willcox, Ariz., were among those who attended.

Old Lincoln Church

The Community Church committee worked on the Old Lincoln Church Saturday. They did work on the back of the church, redoing the drainage around the church and on the back door.

We have had problems with the water runoff hitting the dirt/rock foundation, causing it to shift.

There was an error in the date for the Photography Club party. It is Dec. 18, not 13. Another error: Snacks and drinks, not snacks and gifts. Should have made it as refreshments.

BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

Margaret Elkins Whiteley

An invitation has been extended to everyone to join Margaret (Elkins) Whiteley at her 90th birthday celebration on Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Enchantment Inn.



Margaret Whiteley

The event will be hosted by Mrs. Whiteley's daughters, Dixie Sigler, Peggy McClellan, June Waltrip, and their families.

The hostesses said a card with a memory, rather than a gift, would be welcome.

Mrs. Whiteley has lived in Ruidoso since June, 1946, and has had her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enrolled in the Ruidoso school system since that time.

She established the Burger Trolley, at 647 Sudderth Drive, in 1952, and it remains one of the oldest businesses still operating in the area.

Mrs. Whiteley has been a member of the Ruidoso Church of Christ for the past 53 years.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednes-
day 6 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy
220, 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev.
James Crowder, 336-1080.

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

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM
88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim
Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Praise and Worship
Service: 9:15 a.m. - Continental
Breakfast: 9:45 a.m. - Sunday
School/Bible Study: 11 a.m. -
Worship Service: 6 p.m. - Prayer/Wor-
ship Service, and Sr. High School
Fellowship, Monday: Noon - Ladies'
Bible Study and Fellowship, Tuesday:
6 p.m. - Sr. High School Bible Study
and Fellowship, Wednesday: 6:30
p.m. - K-5th OWT, Jr. High School
Fellowship and Bible Study, and
Adult Bible Study and Prayer.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener,
Pastor, Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.;
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening
worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

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

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive, (Sunshine Class-
room) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto
de Predicacion 3 p.m.

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

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Capitan
Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30
a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft
Friendship Bible Coffee: Wed. 9:30-
11 a.m.; Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5
yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs: 7
p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

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Meeting in members' homes. 257-
2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Gal-
van, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30
p.m. or by appointment; Satur-
day Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10
a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacra-
ment of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San
Patricio 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave
Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.
St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero, Father Tom Herbst, Pas-
tor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent, Father Tom Herbst, Pastor.
Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass:
8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Diocese of Gallup)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday
School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday
Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel
Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

Church of Jesus
CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48,
between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe
Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule:
Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday
School, Priesthood and Relief Society,
Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity, Carrizozo, Tom Woodward,
pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
Schlindknecht, President, 671-9506.
Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.;
Sunday School and Primary 11:20
a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
Women, 12:10 a.m.

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

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln, Sunday: Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glenoco, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday:
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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

FULL GOSPEL
Mission Fountain of Living Water
San Patricio, Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659.
257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30
p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Mon-
day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service
Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana
de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
336-7076. Dom.: Reunion Publica
10 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya 10:50
a.m.; Mart.: Escuela del Ministerio
Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servi-
cio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro
7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296, Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible
Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST

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

Capitan United Methodist
Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United
Methodist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike to
attend Bible study, Sunday morning at
8:30, followed by worship service at
9:10. Communion is offered during
worship on the first Sunday of every
month, and a potluck luncheon is
served the third Sunday at 12:30.
White Oaks and Third in Capitan.
258-6484.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity, Carrizozo, Tom Woodward,
pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
Schlindknecht, President, 671-9506.
Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.;
Sunday School and Primary 11:20
a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
Women, 12:10 a.m.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso,
257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45
a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fel-
lowship after worship the third Sun-
day of every month.

Mountain Ministry Parish
Community United
Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sun-
day School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; wor-
ship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero, 648 Schuit, Pastor. Sun-
day: Church school 9:30 a.m.; wor-
ship 10:30 a.m. Mon: junior high
youth 6:30 p.m. Wed: high school
meeting 7 p.m. Thurs: Kids Club
(grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor.
Sunday worship 6 p.m. Thursday
Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Ruidoso
men's Bible study noon at
Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive; Women's
Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday:
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at
Schlotzsky's Deli, Capitan Jr. High
and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.
at Christ Community Fellowship.

Cowboy Chapel
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway
Center, 257-5915. Pastor John
Marshall. Sunday: worship 10:30
a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible
study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinecore Square),
Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos
Carreon. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club
Armatid Sabado 1:00 a.m. (infic).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and
Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday:
services 7 p.m.

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

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth
Drive, 257-9265; B.A. Thurman,
Pastor. Sunday Services: Adult and
children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible
Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday:
7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glenoco Rural
Events Center. Everyone's welcome.
Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo.
Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213.
Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.;
Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

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

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

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Innkeepers group wants boost in state spending on tourism

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lodging operators in Lincoln County will get an idea Tuesday of what the New Mexico Hotel and Motel Association (NMHMA) wants from state tourism spending next year when the Ruidoso Lodging Association hosts the executive director of the state group.

The association will ask lawmakers to increase tourism spending by nearly \$5 million, said Art Bouffard, executive director of NMHMA. "Two years ago we launched an initiative in the legislature to get an additional \$2.9 million, and

succeeded. This year we're asking for \$4.9 million on top of what the Department of Tourism now spends," Bouffard said.

Bouffard's presentation will be before the Ruidoso Lodging Association, an 85-member organization representing hotel, motel, and bed-and-breakfast operators. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at Casa Del Cocinero on State Road 48.

President Bruce Kernodle, calls the Tuesday morning session with Bouffard "a very positive program," for area lodges, who put \$10 million dollars annually into the Ruidoso economy.

The present tourism budget is \$7.7 million. Bouffard said New Mexico needs to keep pace with neighboring states, which are spending more each year to lure vacationers. Arizona is currently spending \$8.82 million annually. Oklahoma has earmarked \$9.45 million. And Texas is spending \$29.4 million to promote tourism.

"We anticipate all the other states will hike their tourism budgets," Bouffard said.

"We have done quite a bit of research on the last (tourism budget) increase, and as a result of the additional publicity there's been a tremendous im-

pact on the New Mexico economy."

Bouffard said the Ruidoso area, heavily dependent on tourism, reaps the benefits. "For every dollar invested in promotion there is a near seven dollar return," he said.

"They (legislators) have been receptive in the past, and we believe we have enough justification to show them they need to continue to invest," Bouffard said. "And we're optimistic. We know tourism is one of the few industries that brings additional money back into the state."

Bouffard said Ski Apache, the race track and casinos are key factors to the

Ruidoso economy that could be promoted on a larger scale with increased tourism dollars.

The NMHMA legislative agenda seeks a \$2.5 million boost in general tourism promotion advertising and \$1.065 million for increased co-op advertising, where local non-profit organizations submit for requests to the Department of Tourism on a matching basis, to promote local events.

An additional \$650,000 is being sought for the state's "fulfillment center", which Bouffard said would assure inquiries for tourism packages and vacation guides are met.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Realtors sell pancakes

Ruidoso's "Santa Cops" program will get a boost from a Dec. 8 pancake supper, being established by the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. "We wanted to begin an annual event for the community that was not only fun, but also supportive of well-established causes, like Santa Cops," said Scott Miller, president of the board.

The pancake supper will be at Ruidoso High School's cafeteria from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets, available in advance from area Realtors or at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for those 13 and under.

Movers win awards

All American Moving, Inc., was selected as one of the top five moving agents among 300 Wheaton World Wide Moving affiliates vying for the van line's "quality improvement program."

The award designates the "best of the best" among Wheaton's network of agents. It's the second straight win for

the company. A driver for All American also was honored as a "super service driver of the year," the second consecutive win for driver and manager Ted LaCoe. The service awards were recently handed out by Wheaton in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Medical billing added

Doctors and other health-care providers have a new billing service provider, with the opening of Four Corners MedPro in Ruidoso. The firm provides paper and electronic medical claim service with insurance providers, including Medicare. The new business can be reached a (505) 326-2332.

New loan officer named

First Mortgage Company of Ruidoso has appointed Danielle Cannon a member of its loan officer team.

The new loan officer, along with her husband Shawn and son Trace, recently moved to the Ruidoso area from Flagstaff, Ariz.

U. S. economic expansion approaches a record

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Early next year the United States economy will break the record for the longest expansion ever. After a rocky start and sluggish mid-life, the 1990s will go down in history as a long period of increasingly good times. There is a lot to be thankful for.

Jobs and Income: The number of unemployed and discouraged workers has fallen like a rock. Jobs are plentiful, and the mix of jobs gets better as tight labor markets enable low-paid workers to upgrade into better-paying industries and occupations. Inflation has remained under control, so real income keeps expanding at a fast clip, even after the latest surge in energy prices. Consumers have the wherewithal to spend.

Social Conditions: The long expansion has lessened many problems that were once seen as intractable. Poverty is receding below the levels it reached during each of the past

two expansions. The government now runs a surplus rather than a deficit, freeing up funds to meet emergency needs and focusing attention on longer-term issues such as health care and retirement. Crime is down and educational attainment is up.

Wealth: With expanding incomes and low interest rates, more people have been able to afford homes. Wealth is generated as existing homeowners move up to accommodate entry-level homebuyers. About half of all households now own equities, so the rise in the stocks has meant an explosion of wealth that is broader based than during previous bull markets. Gains in both homes and stocks add to net worth, generating even more spending.

Markets: Still Worried

Despite the good news about the U.S. economy at the close of the century, stock and bond markets are worried. They have begun to look ahead

to next year, wondering if the good times can last. What is on their minds?

Consumer Expectations: Consumers remain very confident about present conditions, but are more sanguine about where the economy will be six months from now. A favorable job market is fueling spending for now, but expectations have been swayed by the recent hikes in interest rates and by the volatile stock market. If financial conditions deteriorate, that may cause consumers to forego spending and to save more. The stock market will suffer, since much of the gains in corporate earnings are the result of strong revenue growth, not increased profit margins.

Productivity: Recent gains in productivity have enabled the economy to grow fast without an outburst of inflation. But productivity growth must accelerate to overcome the rising compensation costs spurred by the tight labor market. Continued investment in capital

equipment are lowering unit labor costs and taking the squeeze off profit margins. It is essential that this continue. But it is still unclear how much of the advance in productivity stems from purely making high tech gear and how much comes from utilizing it.

Financial Imbalances: For the last two years, while Americans have enjoyed a consumption and investment boom, the rest of the world has been suffering recession or sluggish growth. The United States economy sucked in a lot of imports. Now saddled with a huge current account deficit, foreign funds must keep flowing in.

Investors from the capital surplus areas of Japan and Europe may need higher interest rates to entice them. Meanwhile, households and companies have gone deeply in debt, more than offsetting the favorable shrinkage of the government budget deficit. Should interest rates rise much further it may set off a chain reaction of more saving and less spending.

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Nursing homes, Medicare, Medicaid, rural hospitals get some relief

President signs bill reforming health care

WASHINGTON — Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, said health care in New Mexico will ultimately benefit from the bill signed by President Clinton on Monday that will increase Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for nursing home care and medical care performed in rural hospitals.

Domenici attended the White House signing ceremony for the FY 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which included legislation amending the 1997 Balanced Budget Act (BBA) to adjust Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

The reform package addresses Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for nursing home care, home health care, rural hospitals and teach-

ing hospitals like the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. The reforms will provide \$16 billion over five years and \$27 billion over 10 years for health care providers.

The package places an emphasis on rural health care providers.

"For families struggling with elder care, this package will help alleviate the health care crisis perpetuated by ill-advised implementation of the Medicare and Medicaid reforms made in 1997," Domenici said. "These reforms will serve to shore up the nursing home industry and support our rural hospitals that treat so many low-income patients."

The new law will provide about \$2.6 billion for Medicare

reimbursements to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Domenici worked with negotiators to ensure that the bulk of this funding is made available over the next three years in order to support nursing home care, providing immediate relief for the industry.

Within the \$2.6 billion, \$2.1 billion is available to increase reimbursement rates by 20 percent for 15 payment categories, or Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs), for six months beginning April 1 or until HCFA completes refinement of the Prospective Payment System (PPS). Nursing homes now have an option on how to receive these reimbursements. Finally, the funds will support a 4 percent

increase in all RUGs in FY 2000 and 2001.

Nursing homes will also receive an additional \$600 million increase over the next three years with a temporary repeal of the current reimbursement caps on occupational, physical and speech therapy.

The new law also includes a permanent fix in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding that will bring an additional \$4 million to New Mexico hospitals annually. Domenici worked to include this fix in the bill in order to correct a shortfall in funding for health care facilities in 15 New Mexico cities.

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and smaller hospitals throughout the state are categorized as DSH facilities. They receive special payments under Medicaid because of the high number of low-income patients they treat. Including UNM, DSH payments are made to hospitals and rehabilitation centers in Carlsbad, Clayton, Clovis, Española, Grants, Hobbs, Lovington, Roswell, Ruidoso, Santa Fe, Santa Teresa, Silver City, Socorro and Tucumcari.

How the legislation will help state health care

Domenici provided the following review of other Medicare and Medicaid reforms in the package that will benefit overall health care in the state:

Nursing Homes - The bill provides a total of \$2.6 billion over five years.

- \$2.1 billion to 1) increase reimbursement rates by 20 percent for 15 RUGs for six months beginning 4-1-00 or until HCFA completes refinement of the Prospective Payment System (PPS); 2) allow nursing homes the option to receive reimbursements under the transition formula or the Federal per diem, whichever is higher; and, 3) increase all payment categories by 4 percent for FY 2000 and 2001.

- \$600 million for a two-year repeal of the two annual \$1,500 caps for outpatient therapy services.

Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) - The bill contains the permanent \$4 million DSH fix for New Mexico.

Hospitals - The bill con-

tains \$7.3 billion over five years and \$14.9 billion over 10 years.

- \$1.7 billion over the next five years for the Hospital Outpatient PPS and temporary exclusion of rural hospitals from PPS, good for New Mexico because rural hospitals often rely heavily on these payments due to their low-volume of patients.

- \$3.9 billion over five years and \$9.6 billion over 10 years by clarifying Congressional intent that the Hospital Outpatient PPS should not include an additional 5.7 percent cut.

- \$600 million over the next five years for teaching hospitals like UNM Health Sciences Center by slowing the phase-in of further reductions.

Home Health - The bill contains \$1.3 billion with almost all of the money being provided in the next five years.

- The bill delays the forthcoming 15 percent reduction in payments for home health agencies until one year

after HCFA implements the PPS.

- The bill also provides a modest increase of 2 percent in the per beneficiary limits for home health agencies below the national median and reduces administrative requirements.

Medicare + Choice - The bill provides \$1.9 billion over five years and \$2.5 billion over 10 years by slowing the phase-in to the new Risk Adjustment methodology.

Community Health Centers - \$100 million for a two-year moratorium on the phase out of the cost-based reimbursement standard for Medicaid reimbursements to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's).

Rural Initiatives - Improves the critical access hospital program, extends the Medicare dependent hospital program for five years, enhances funding for sole community hospitals, and eases the paperwork burden on rural hospitals.

Holiday Hoe-Down in Carrizozo benefits Woman's Club projects

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

annual Christmas Eve display.

CARRIZOZO - Twenty-four spaces are filled by artisans for the annual Holiday Hoe-Down sponsored by the Carrizozo Woman's Club.

Scheduled for this Saturday, doors will open at the club building on 11th street at 9 a.m.

Many artisans are annual participants in the established holiday event. Buyers and browsers are welcome to view the arts, crafts, and baked items on display until 4 p.m.

At noon a full green-chile or beef-vegetable stew dinner will be served and from 2 to 4 p.m., visitors can get Christmas desserts and wassail bowl. Door prizes will be drawn hourly.

It is the annual Woman's Club fundraiser.

Luminaria alert

Come Saturday morning, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m., volunteers will again gather at the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department to prepare 10,000 luminarias for the

It is a full day of fun, fellowship and food, as bags are filled with sand and candles and placed on trailer beds to be stored until Dec. 24.

The fire department or the chamber of commerce welcomes help in the form of storage areas for the trailer beds. Extra space is needed.

The sand for this project is donated by Carrizozo Ready-Mix.

Dec. 11 preparations will culminate Dec. 24 when volunteers line Central Avenue (U. S. 54) and adjoining streets and churches with luminarias, lighting the candles prior to darkness, so as to light the way for the Christ Child on Christmas Eve.

The luminaria fund account at Wells Fargo Bank-Carrizozo welcomes donations to purchase necessary supplies from year to year for display. Canisters, too, are in various business places for your contributions, and a "parking meter" is located at the teller counter, also at Wells Fargo.

Churches mark Thanksgiving together, group remembers teachers

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
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CARRIZOZO - Ancho Community Presbyterian Church continued a tradition on Sunday evening, Nov. 21, with a service of praise and thanksgiving, their 20th.

The Sunday preceding Thanksgiving is annually a time of fellowship with friends and neighbors. Many attended from First Baptist Church, Carrizozo, and the Presbyterian Church, Corona.

The theme this year, "In Praise of God's Goodness," was evident in Pastor Scott King's sermon, recounting the story behind the familiar Thanksgiving hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," written by Martin Rinkart in 1637.

At the close of the 30 Years' War a violent plague killed nearly 8,000 people in the community where Rinkart served as Lutheran pastor. Some were members of his own

family. He held funerals for nearly half of those who died and yet authored this hymn, which says in part:

"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices. Who wondrous things hath done, this world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today!"

Service participants included Hayden Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Carrizozo; Molly Hightower, Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Gary (Beth) Hightower, church pianist. Also, young pianists Kendal Wilson, Erin Hightower and Kaitlyn Vega presented selections, as did Jerry Graves, on saxophone, accompanied by Virginia Curtiss.

A free-will offering was received to benefit needy people in this country and around the world through the Benevolence Program of the Women of

the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Following this 20th traditional service of praise and thanksgiving, some 55 persons enjoyed the green chile supper prepared by Ancho Church women, and desserts prepared by Carrizozo Baptist women.

"Mom's in Touch" show appreciation

Gifts of appreciation surprised staff and teachers at Carrizozo Municipal Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The 40 individual loaves of apple bread presented were baked by members of the local group that prays weekly for the schools.

This group meets each Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at Carol Wilson's home in Ancho.

For more information to begin a group in your area or to carpool to Ancho, Call Beth Hightower at 648-2460.

"Mom's in Touch International" prayer groups meet across the nation and around the world.

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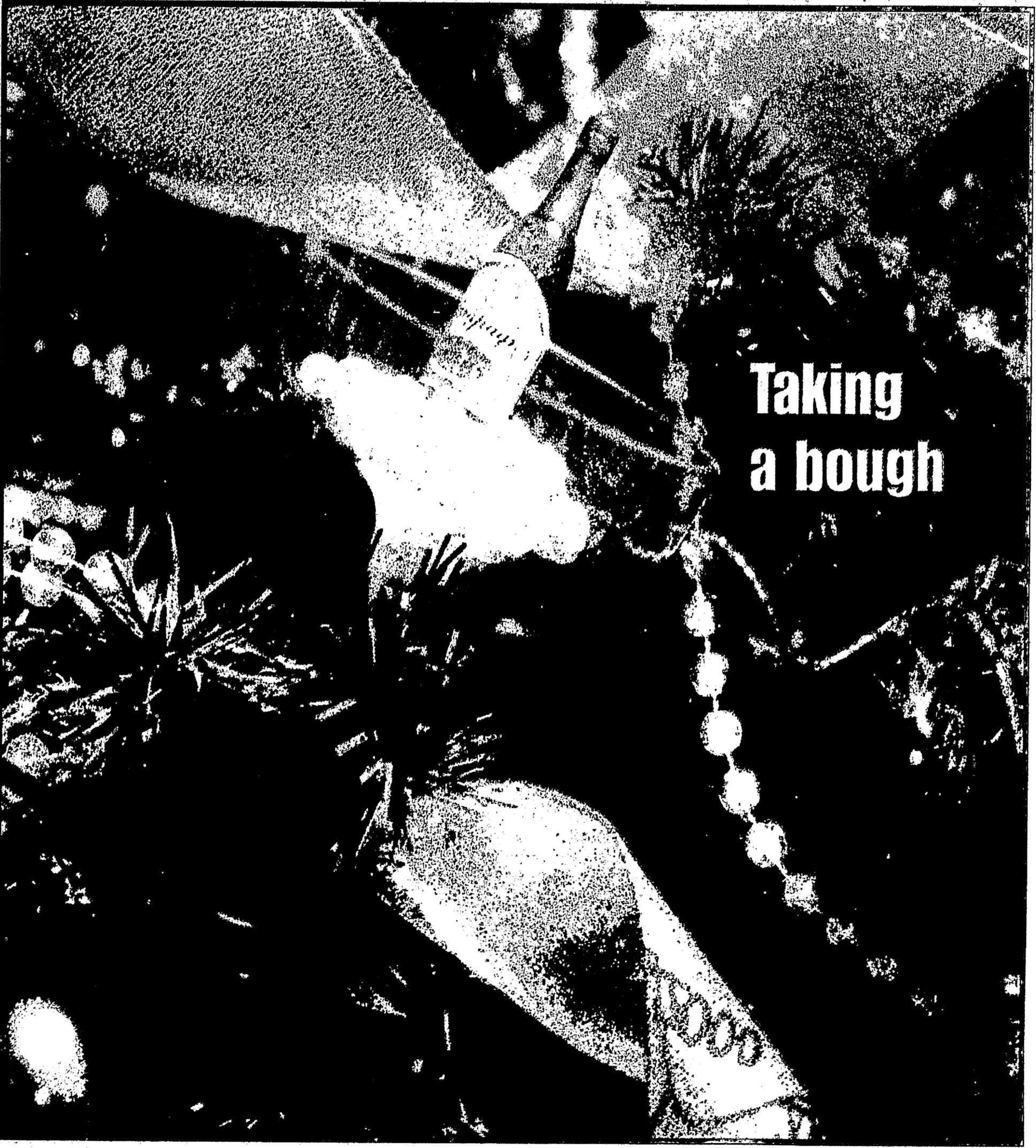
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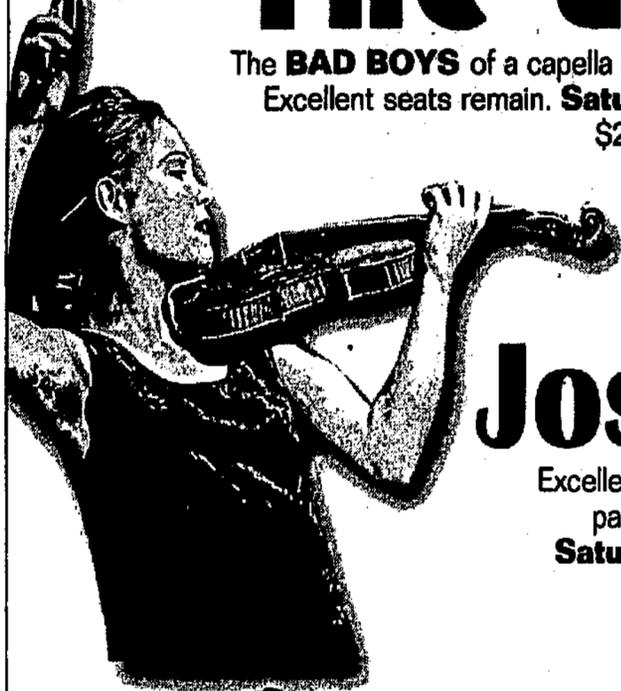


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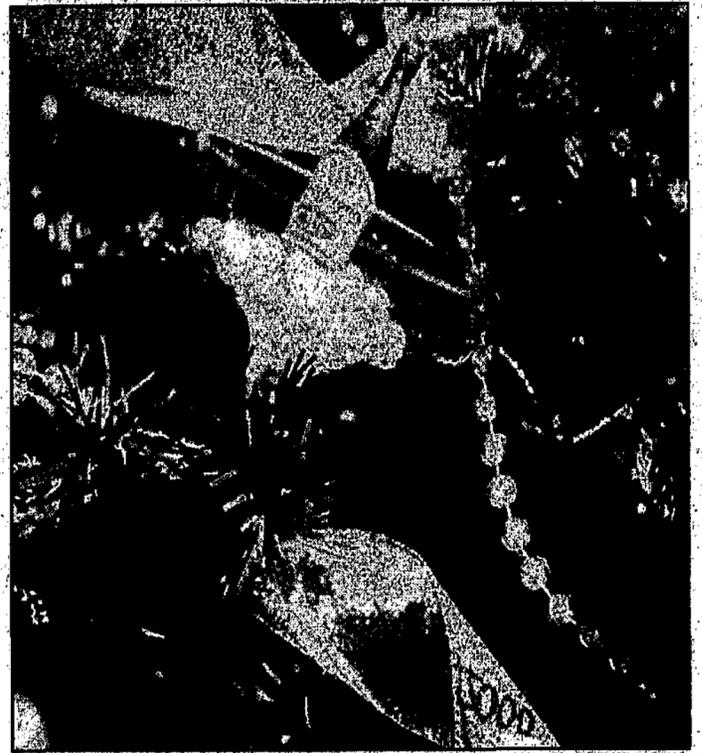


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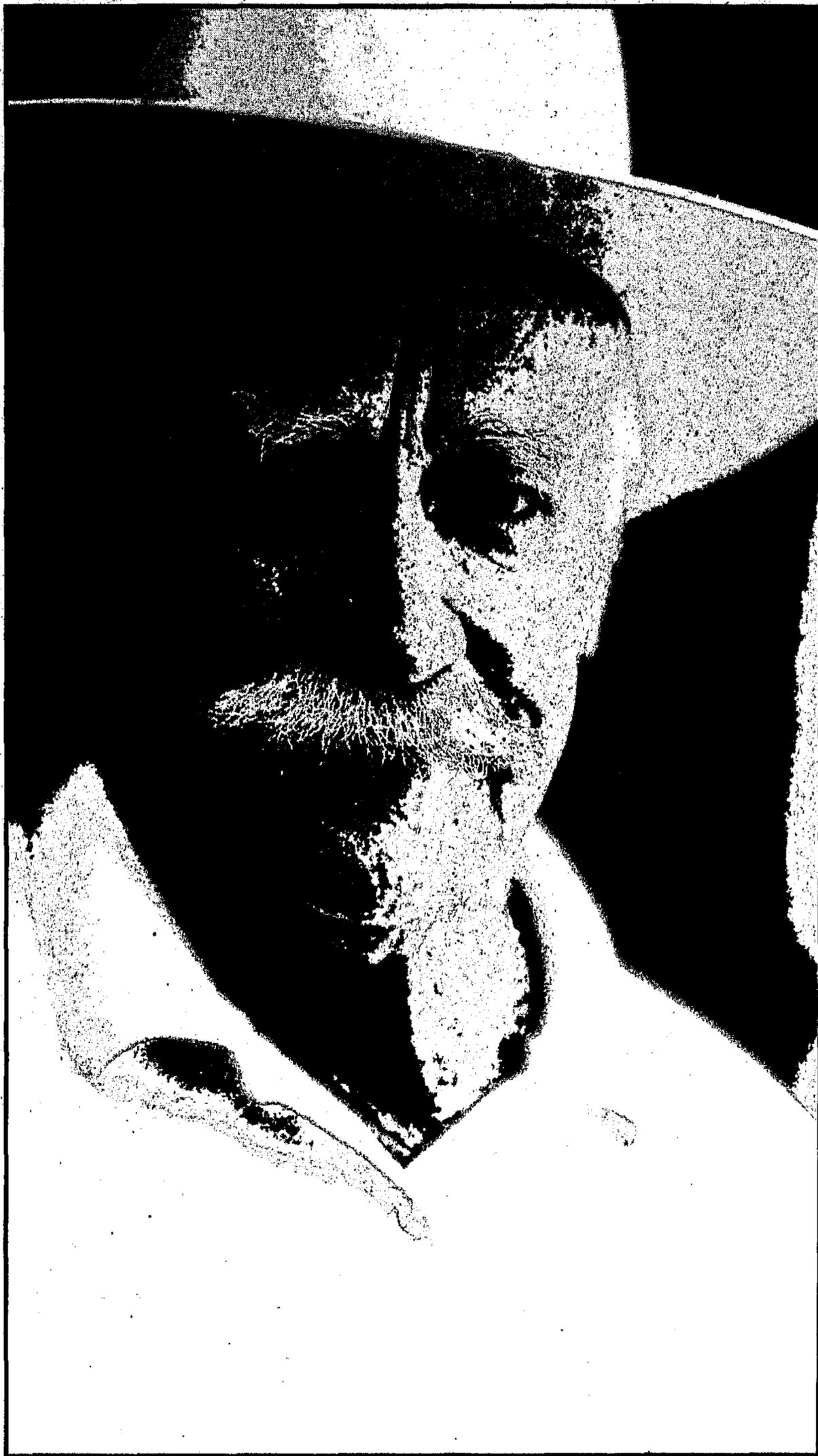
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The Arts



Straight shooter

by Dianna Stallings
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UNASSUMING AND SOFT-SPOKEN, Richard Farnsworth comes across in real life as down-to-earth and friendly as the characters he plays in films.

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RICHARD FARNSWORTH
Courtesy Brad Cooper

THE ARTS

STRAIGHT

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Although dyslexic in his early school years — a condition not recognized then — Farnsworth said he overcame that difficulty. It had nothing to do with his decision to shy away from speaking roles until later in his career.

Yet he's doubled, performed stunts for and acted with some of the biggest names in Hollywood, including Gary Cooper, Montgomery Cliff, Gregory Peck and Robert Redford.

He appeared in more than 300 films, starting at the age of 17, was Oscar nominated as best supporting actor for his first significant acting attempt in 1977 in "Comes a Horseman," and is being talked up for another nomination for "the Straight story," a film opening here Dec. 10.

The film, which will show at Sierra Cinema, chronicles the 300-mile trip in 1994 of Alvin Straight on a 1966 John Deere riding mower. Straight traveled from his home in Laurens, Iowa to Mt. Zion, Wis. to visit his estranged brother, who suffered a stroke.

In a movie career spanning more than six decades, Farnsworth turned the necessity of quitting school at 16 during the Depression into a fulfilling journey. A widower, he was married to the same woman for 38 years, raised a son and daughter and now is the grandfather of three.

About 10 years ago, he settled into a quiet and often anonymous



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BASED ON TRUE LIFE EVENTS, Walt Disney Pictures' poignant drama, "the Straight story," follows the colorful six-week journey of 73-year-old Alvin Straight (Academy Award® nominee Richard Farnsworth) as he travels aboard his '66 John Deere lawnmower from Iowa to Wisconsin.

life in the historic settlement of Lincoln, taking off occasionally for more films, showing up to cook and ride at the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, and recently, to appear on promotion tours for "the Straight story."

Rave reviews of the movie — and standing ovations at the Cannes Film Festival and in London — are exciting and reinforce his feeling that the film is something special, Farnsworth said.

Raised in Los Angeles, Farnsworth quit school in 1936 against his mother's wishes and went to work at a San Fernando Valley ranch as a barn boy, exercising horses, and doing other chores. His father, an engineer, died in 1927.

Farnsworth was at the barn about six months when a couple of men from Paramount Studio showed up looking for small Shetland or Welsh ponies that would resemble Mongolian horses to be used in the film "Marco Polo" with Gary Cooper.

After getting directions from Farnsworth, they mentioned that the studio needed 200 good riders for the Mongolian horde and would pay \$7 a day and a box lunch.

"I thought, 'Gosh darn, I'm making \$5 a week and board here,'" Farnsworth said. "I'm not a mathematician, but that sounded pretty good. So I went to the boss and asked if he could possibly spare me for a few weeks. He said, 'That won't be a problem. You're fired.'"

Farnsworth liked his new busi-



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AS ALVIN (Farnsworth, center), rides out of town, his friends, including (left to right) Apple (Jack Walsh), Bud (Joseph A. Carpenter), Pete (Ed Grennan) and Sig (Donald Wiegert) are skeptical of Alvin's far-fetched plans.

ness and found enough work to stay busy in the industry, moving to "Gunga Din" in 1938 and "Robin Hood" in 1938. As a stunt man, he worked on three or four films a week, including television series.

Although dyslexic in his early school years — a condition not recognized then — Farnsworth said he overcame that difficulty. It had nothing to do with his decision to shy away from speaking roles until later in his career.

What kept him away from acting was his tendency to break up when handed silly lines like "Get a rope" or "Hanging's too good for him," Farnsworth said.

"I was a good stunt man and



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AFTER COVERING HUNDREDS OF MILES, rolling along at 5mph, Alvin Straight (Farnsworth, left) stops for a glass of milk and a bit of conversation with a stranger, Verlyn Heller (Wiley Harker, right).

'I believe it's the best thing [the Straight

story] I've ever gotten to do

and probably ever will do.

I think it's a classic and

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RICHARD FARNSWORTH
ACTOR

made a good living at it and didn't really care about the acting," he said: "I just kind of fell into it."

His big acting break came when the late director Alan J. Pakula, who knew Farnsworth from a small speaking part in the 1975 film "Stalking Moon" with Gregory Peck, sent him home with a script for "Comes a Horseman."

His wife, Margaret, told him, "You can do this," and took the other parts in the script to help him practice his lines.

After Farnsworth's reading the next day, Pakula told him not to change a thing.

His mother, who died in 1983, lived to see her son's success in "Comes a Horseman" and in "The Gray Fox," a film that established Farnsworth as a leading man.

He found his home in Lincoln about 10 years ago after bringing some of his race horses to Ruidoso Downs Race Track for the summer.

Farnsworth had raced horses for about 25 years when, in 1986, his California trainer suggested trying that year's summer racing season in the cool mountains. He connected with trainer Cliff Lambert, the jockey who won the first All American Futurity in 1959.

"Somebody wanted me to see Lincoln, because I'm kind of a Western buff," Farnsworth said. "Driving into Lincoln, I saw this ranch on the side of the road and I kind of liked it and went in and asked gentleman if it was for sale."

The owner said no, but on another trip to Lincoln six months later, Farnsworth stopped again. The owner was sitting on the porch and this time, was ready to sell.

"I bought it right there," Farnsworth said.

He brought in some registered longhorn cattle and a few saddle horses and prepared to enjoy semi-retirement, appearing in a film every couple of years. That was about 10 years ago.

"the Straight story" usurped the "The Gray Fox" as Farnsworth's

favorite film.

"I believe it's the best thing I've ever gotten to do and probably ever will do," Farnsworth said. "I think it's a classic and it's family oriented, which I like."

"And everybody who's seen it seems to agree that it's kind of getting back to normal."

In 1994, Mary Sweeney wrote the script, but didn't get exclusive rights to the story until 1996. Her husband, director David Lynch, known for his work on "The Elephant Man," "Blue Velvet," and "Twin Peaks," thought immediately of Farnsworth.

When the actor read the script, he realized it fit him perfectly.

He started shooting the film a week after he received the script. It was completed in 5 1/2 weeks.

"About a week into the shooting, I realized we had something quite different and the crew agreed and got real enthusiastic," Farnsworth said.

The "crew" includes five-time Academy-award nominee Sissy Spacek and Harry Dean Stanton, who's film career started in 1957.

"They worked hard and we got it in three days ahead of schedule, which is kind of unusual now days," Farnsworth said. "After we finished, I was convinced that - not maybe me - but the film, was Oscar quality. I heard there might be some awards in store, which is fine. If it isn't, I'm about out of the business anyway. I may do a couple of films next year, but they aren't set yet."

While filming, Farnsworth took the same route traveled by Straight, whose poor vision prevented him from getting a driver's license. He met many of the same people who extended kindness to Straight and encouraged him along the way.

"I was in Santa Barbara (California) last week and people were lined up to get in to see the film," Farnsworth said. "It was quite a thrill."



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ON THE SET of "the Straight story," director David Lynch (right) watches the monitor with director of photography Freddie Francis.



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Mescalero Apache counselor presents tribal stories

by Dianno Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Traditional Counselor and consultant, Joseph Geronimo will present a story telling and singer program at 7 p.m. today at the Apache Summit Restaurant on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

This is the first of several appearances scheduled each Friday during the winter months, the traditional time for telling stories of the coyote Geronimo learned from his grandmother, Josephine Chimal Carrillo.

"The stories are a fun way to pass down the mores of our tribe to our children without scolding," Geronimo said. "These stories were taught to me in the cradle by my grandmother" who would con-



Dianno Stallings/Ruidoso News

Mescalero Apache traditional counselor shares stories with a moral.

tinue with story after story until the children of the family were sleep.

But Geronimo said he often outlasted his grandmother, who would ask after each story if he was asleep. He would ask her to continue until, exhausted herself, she finally told him to go to sleep, he said.

Geronimo appeared at the National Folk Festival in Washington D.C., Geronimo Days in Truth or Consequences, the 21st Border Folk Festival Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso, Texas, at the Santa Fe Museum of American Indians and at the Living Desert State Park in Carlsbad.

His winter and coyote stories were published for several years in The Apache Scout and also appeared in Rolling Stones magazine.

"Coyote stories are reserved for winter months and are told only at night," said Geronimo, who speaks Apache and traces his heritage as great grandson of the famous Apache leader, Geronimo.

His grandmother, who died in the 1960s, served as historian for many tribal members in the oral tradition, Geronimo said. He continues to teach by that method.

"She was the greatest teacher who knew and taught about the whole universe and the beginning of time before man came upon this place called mother earth," Geronimo said. "Her own teachers, the ancient Apache, Nde, knew and taught about the universe, the different galaxies and solar systems and microbes before

man used the telescope and microscopes. No university on earth come close to the incredible knowledge she too had and passed down."

The winter stories and songs, especially those known as the "Moccasin Gambling Games," bring winter snows, Geronimo said.

"These songs and stories are not told until the tribe is ready for the cold and beautiful white snow," he said.

Admission is \$3. Bring pillows and blankets to sit on the floor. Hot fry bread will be available. For more information, call the restaurant at (505) 671-1711.

For a sneak preview, check out the story below.

Tales of from the tribe: Mbaye, the Coyote, learns to fly!

The following is a story told to teach Mescalero Apache children the importance of being themselves.

Mbaye, the coyote, was running along the grassy alpine ridge toward White Mountain after having drank the cold sweet and crystal clear water at the edge of the oak grove just south of the peak. he was day creaming very contentedly, when all of a sudden he stopped dead in his tracks.

He thought he heard something honking! With his ears straight up like two Apache tepees, he stopped and stood still. His eyes wide open and waiting for the honking sound, which he thought he heard. Nothing! He stood still, yet didn't hear anything.

Were his ears playing tricks on him? Perhaps his friends were right. Maybe he was getting too old and starting to hear things. He shook his head, looked around and then started trotting again. He thought of many stories and strange things others have experienced here on this sacred mountain. "Oh Boy," he said to himself. "I hope that I did not offend the spirits."

There! He heard the sound again. Honk! Honk! Honk! He stopped in his tracks again with one foot in the air as if it was frozen in the cold crisp autumn air. Moving his head very slowly with his eyes wide open, but could see nothing. Several more times, he heard the noise and stopped.

Honk! Honk! There it goes again. He looks around and then finally looks up to ask the Great Spirit for an answer. His eyes nearly pop out of his sockets. There! Something was moving through

the clear skies and honking! It looked like an arrow flying through the air and honking. Mbaye was fascinated. He was almost hypnotized by the beautiful sight.

As the arrow flew closer honking, Mbaye noticed that they were birds. The birds were honking and flying in such a beautiful pattern. The shape of an arrow. Mbaye looked closer and saw that it was Del the goose and his family and friends.

It was almost a year ago since he had first seen goose flying south for the winter and last spring when he saw him going north again for the summer. Boy! Del the goose must enjoy flying!

The other times he had seen Del, the geese were either on the lake or walking around on the ground eating seeds from the wild grasses. This time, they were all flying. Not only were they flying like the other birds, but they flew in such a beautiful pattern that Mbaye was fascinated.

He must learn to fly like the geese! He must ask Del if they could teach him so he could fly with them!

"Del, Del, Hey! Hey!" the coyote yelled as he ran toward where the geese had just landed in the wild golden field of tl uk'estase, grama grass.

Just as the geese landed, they heard and saw Mbaye, the coyote, yelling and running toward them and they all looked at Del, their leader for instructions, with questioning looks in their eyes. Some of the younger ones had never seen Mbaye and they were concerned and almost about to panic. But they saw that Del goose was still very calm and not at all concerned.

Del the goose turned toward

the rest of the geese and said, "Don't be alarmed. It is just that old crazy coyote we call Mbaye. He is really odd, so be careful what you say to him."

Mbaye the coyote kept yelling as he got closer. "Del, please don't take off from me. I just want to talk and ask you something. Please!"

"Mbaye, what do you want this time?" asked Del the goose to the coyote.

The coyote was all excited and try as he did, he couldn't control his emotions and as he spoke, his eyes got bigger and bigger, and it seemed as if his eyes would pop right out of their sockets. "I saw you all flying in such a beautiful formation just like an arrow. Could you show me how to fly, so I can fly with you?"

"No, we cannot do that. It is too dangerous. You are a coyote and not a goose like us. We cannot show you," replied Del. Del thought that surely, coyote had lost all his senses, if he ever had any.

"Please! Please! Show me how to fly like you," pleaded Mbaye the coyote.

The geese all started talking among themselves. "He will never give up asking us until we show him," said one. Another goose said, "Yeah, he will not stop bothering us until we give in and show him. So, go ahead and show him so he will go away and leave us alone!" The rest all agreed, "Yes, go ahead and show him."

Del goose called to the coyote. "Mbaye. We will show you how to fly. But remember this, you are not a goose and for you to fly with us is very dangerous."

"Do not worry about me! I know what I am doing and I will listen to whatever you tell me to

do!" said Mbaye the coyote, all excited.

"OK. Listen closely! When we start running, you run after us and stay in line and do not try to pass anyone. When we flap our wings, you flap your arms. We may fly over some villages and the Nde may yell for you to look. But do not look down! Remember! Whatever you do, do not look down!" said Del to Mbaye, as he instructed him to fly.

"Yes! Yes!" said Mbaye. "I will do exactly as you say. Let's go!"

The geese started honking and then started to run and honk. Coyote started running after them and he moved his arms as if they were wings. He even tried to honk! Some of the geese smiled to themselves and some of them even giggled.

Before he knew it Mbaye was flying. He was actually flying! He was so excited that he yelled, "Look at me, I am flying, I am flying!" He yelled and yelled!

"Yes. Yes. You are flying. But remember don't ever look down," Del yelled back.

Mbaye the coyote felt so good that he thought his heart would burst right out of his chest. "Boy!" he thought to himself, "If only my friends could see me."

They flew and flew and the miles they covered. Boy, they could cover a lot of miles by flying.

All of a sudden, he heard something. He thought he heard some people yelling.

It was a village of the Nde, the people called Apache. Out of the corner of his eyes, he could see the beautiful white tepees. People were running about and yelling.

The Nde were going about their daily lives, some of them were returning to camp when they

heard the honking of the geese and they all looked up and saw a very strange sight.

Someone started yelling, "Look! Look! Look at the crazy Mbaye. The coyote is flying with the geese. He is flying with the Del!"

The whole village became excited. Soon everyone was running and yelling to their friends and neighbors. "Look! Look! It is the coyote flying with the geese. Look!"

The excitement was so contagious that Mbaye started to get excited all over again. Mbaye's heart started pumping loudly again. He had been seen by his friends at last. Boy! Did he feel great!

The Nde were all excited and some started to yell and laugh. "Look Mbaye! Look! Look at this beautiful thing that we have! This will be your first and last time you will be able to see this. Look!"

Some of the Nde had heard that if they ever see Mbaye flying and they can make him look down, he would fall. Soon everyone was yelling to the coyote, Mbaye. "Look! Look at this beautiful thing!"

Mbaye could not resist. He looked down.

All of a sudden, he was falling. He was falling! Mbaye started crying and yelling, but he fell faster and faster, "EEYEEEOOW! EEYEEEOOW!"

To this day, if you listen closely, you can still hear Mbaye yelling, "EEYEEEOOW! EEYEEEOOW!" Especially in the evening. If you are lucky, you may see Mbaye falling from the sky!

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Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316.
A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

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Off Hwy 70, San Patricio, 653-4081.
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California Colors

201 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9011
Barbara Deihl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Chamber of Commerce

720 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-7395
The artists of Gail's Frame of Mind are featured this month at the public art space of the chamber of commerce. Hours are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cruces Art Bronze

524 Sudderth, 257-7186
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Earth, Wood, & Fiber Gallery

at Leclair's Mountain Village, 2415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso
Mickey and Larry Davidson's Gallery features pottery, woodwork, quilts and other fine crafts.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase their handmade paper, blank journals and multiple products - all with paper. Turn north at the sign on Hwy. 380 between mile marker 95 and 96, follow the drive and signs to the studio.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.
An alternative gallery featuring Lincoln County Artists. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gary D. Garrett

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6977
The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008
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ing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.
A retrospective of Veloy Vigil's works shows through Oct. 18. Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, 257-1056.
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

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McMahon Fine Art

No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, 257-9102
Tom McMahon features internationally acclaimed artists in a variety of media. American paintings and works on paper, 18th to 20th centuries.

The Montano Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.
Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$7 daily pass which can be purchased at the Store House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth 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, Suanne Wamsley and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

Rio Street Gallery

Located in Midtown at 111 Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844
Original fine art in a variety of media by nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Saturday.

Rizzo Studio

222 Sunny Slope Dr., Ruidoso, 258-3258
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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 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

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 - 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.

Unique Creations

Nogal Mesa, 354-3500 354-4203.
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Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.
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White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

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White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2983.
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gallery artists featured at Chamber

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will feature local artists from Gail's Frame of Mind Art Center throughout the month of December.

Gail Gillem, of Gail's Frame of Mind, is a well-known supporter of local arts and will be exhibiting the "cream of the crop" from her gallery located at 1204 Mechem Drive.

Some of the artists to show are Gaylon Gillem, general manager of Classic Bronze Foundry in Ruidoso Downs, who will display original graphics and prints.

Local wood carver and sculptor Rick Hall displays his "Mescalero Church," which contains more than 1,000 tiny pieces of wood.

Anaya Lynn, multi-award winning glass sculptor, will show her newest creation, "Wishes and Dream," a four-foot tall genie bottle containing more than 600 pieces of glass.

Louise Arnold and Barbara Culler are both artists from Carrizozo. Also showing are Jim Leasure, Gary Garrett, and award-winning water colorists, Joyce Jones and Bernice Landrum, both part-time Ruidoso residents from Texas.

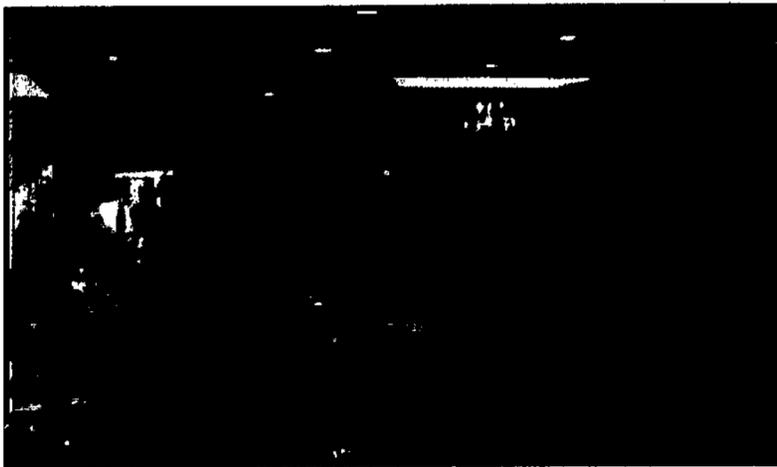
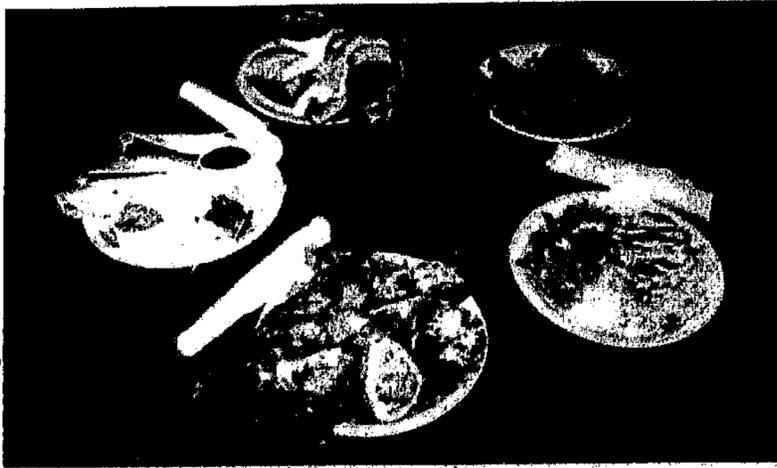


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"Wishes and Dream," a four-foot tall genie bottle containing more than 600 pieces of glass, is part of the public art exhibit at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce.

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Price Range: \$-\$\$
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 Address: ... Cree Meadows Country Club
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 Lounge 9 a.m. to ...

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 Buffet Mon.-Sun. 7-11 a.m.
 Sunday Brunch noon-3p.m.
 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Dinner Mon.-Sun. 6-9 p.m.

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. 7 days a week

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

Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials 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.-8 p.m. Daily



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
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 Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.



La Lorraine

Located in midtown Ruidoso, the inviting exterior of La Lorraine restaurant promises a memorable and exquisite dining experience inside. Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu items including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb, and Duck to name a few. The meals

are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



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.

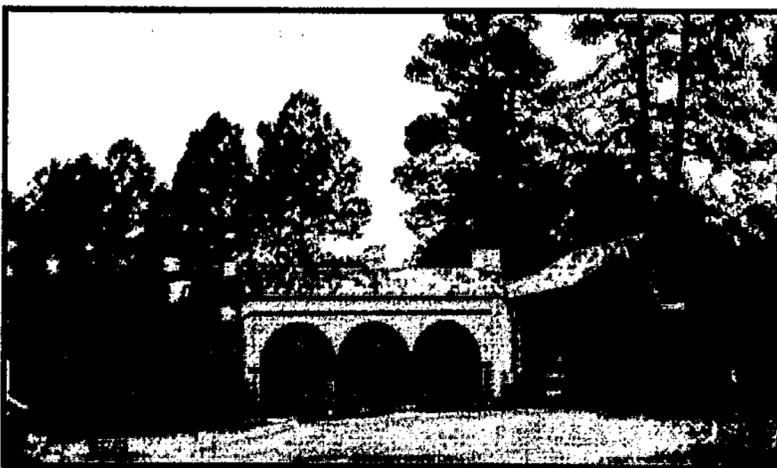
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



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 Mondays)



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The Lighthouse

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

performances

ENMU-Ruidoso Community Orchestra plays Dec. 5

The ENMU-Ruidoso Community Orchestra will offer its Fall concert performance on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail in Ruidoso. Conductor DiDio has arranged especially for this concert three Bach preludes for organ and orchestra. The musical program will also include Schumann, Beethoven and contemporary composer P. Creston. Admission is free. For more information call Sharon Stewart at 257-6964 or the ENMU office at 257-2120 or toll free at 1 (800) 934-3668.

Japanese influenced jazz and R&B comes to El Paso

The popular Japanese American group Hiroshima and jazz-new age pianist Kelko Matsui are the featured attractions when Lola Productions and Public Radio KXCR wrap up their 1999 Concert Series and Special Events Dec. 5, 1999 at the Abraham Chavez Theater. For more information, call (915) 532-8950 or (915) 542-2900.

movies

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

Toy Story 2

Rated: G

Show times: 2:15 p.m.*, 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.*

The World is not Enough

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Sleepy Hollow

Rated: R

Show times: 2:30 p.m.*, 4:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.*

The season through the trees



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

ONE OF THE SIX CHRISTMAS TREES put on display by Sue Patton that will be featured in the tour of Christmas trees Saturday.

by *Sandy Suggitt*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

It started off rather modestly with a small rocking horse ornament.

See Trees, page 11D



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

IF NOT THE HALLS, the front porch of Sue Patton's home is certainly decked with holiday cheer.

Trees

continued from page 10D

Now Ruidoso resident Sue Patton needs six Christmas trees to display the more than 1,000 decorations she has collected over the years.

With such an assortment, she and Ruidoso resident Cookie Rodriguez started a Christmas tree tour in 1996 with Denise Dean, owner of Ruidoso Office Supply and Hallmark.

"They initiated it," Dean said, "and it's doubled every year. Everybody loves it. People volunteer every year (to be included on the tour of homes) and we try to change it up."

Patton has been collecting Hallmark ornaments since the late 1970s, she said, but she never had enough room to put as many trees as it would take to hang all her ornaments until she and Rodriguez moved to the area in

1996.

"The first year I started out with three trees," Patton said. "The next year I went to five and this year I went to six trees. I finally have got all my ornaments on trees, but next year I'll have to get a new tree to start the 2000 stuff."

One of Patton's latest additions to the trees tour this year is a New Year's tree on the front porch of their Chelsea Drive home. The tree is adorned with champagne glasses.

It takes several weeks to put up the Christmas trees and decorate them, she said, and about a week to "clean up the mess."

Patton worked at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City before the company started making ornaments.

She started her collection a few years later, when she wasn't working for Hallmark.

"They started with this cute little rocking horse and I just loved it," Patton said. "And the trains. So

I started getting into the series, and then they had the cats, and mice were cute and the Santa Clauses were cute. ..."

Now she is a member of a club of collectors who can obtain certain ornaments nobody else can get, she said.

This year van tours will leave Ruidoso Office Supply & Hallmark, 1203 Sudderth Drive at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dean said. But people can follow in their own cars. Dean said the tours take about an hour and a half.

Holiday munchies will be served and there will be door prizes back at the store after the tours, Dean said. For those who cannot make the Saturday tours, private showings of the Christmas trees can be arranged by calling 257-2281.

"Part of the purpose of this tour is we're hoping we could get a club started here for trading ornaments and doing charity work," Patton said.



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

SUE PATTON shows off a few more of her Christmas trees.



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

WITH MORE THAN 1,000 DECORATIONS, Sue Patton can adorn a forest of Christmas trees.

Hallmark does a quarterly newsletter for club members that show what clubs are doing for their communities.

Patton said she hoped a club would form with a charity goal. Then more people would open their houses for tours and those who went on the tours would bring toys for needy children or make donations.

This year's tour has three private residences to visit, Dean said. Patton's six trees are exclusively Hallmark ornaments, Dean's and

another house has trees with a mixture from many different collections.

Patton is probably not finished collecting ornaments, even though now she's got six fully laden trees.

"Has Hallmark quit making ornaments?" she asked rhetorically. "I'm kind of cutting back, but some run in a series so when you have some in a series that's 20 years old, you continue buying them."

Kid's play

• where to take the children •

Fun places for the young and the young at heart abound in Ruidoso. Here's a list of places to take the kids.

• **FUNTRACKERS**, located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Road (257-3275), is an amusement park that offers bumper boat rides (children 7 or older), three tracks for go-carts (children 14 and up only on the "pro" track), 18 holes of miniature golf, video arcade, and a snack bar. Bumper boats, go-carts and miniature golf cost \$4 each; the "pro" track costs riders \$4. Funtrackers is open Saturday

and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• **PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS** Also at Schoolhouse Park is a playground. It features 15 different play equipment, some of which are accessible to wheelchair-bound children. The play equipment includes a slide and jungle gym. Four, lighted tennis courts, picnic tables, three pavilions and restroom facilities are available as well.

A short jaunt west on Sudderth takes you to Two Rivers Park, located behind the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrizo Creek meets the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park, which offers a playground with swings, a slide, a circular ride and picnic pavilion area. The park closes at nightfall.

Skateboarders and roller bladers can skate, jump and hot-dog to their hearts content at Northpark, another relatively new village addition. Northpark is next to Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive. It's open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian is required to be in attendance at all times with children under 13 years of age.

In Alamogordo

The Space Center is located at the top of New Mexico Highway 2001 in Alamogordo. The International Space Hall of Fame and the John P. Stapp Air and Space Park is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Toy Story 2



Courtesy Walt Disney Pictures

TOM HANKS is the voice of Woody in "Toy Story 2."

Genre: Kids/Family and Comedy.
Rated: G.

Starring: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Don Rickles, Jim Varney and Wallace Shawn

Directed by: John Lasseter; produced by Karen Robert Jackson and Helene Plotkin; written by Andrew Stanton, Rita Hsiao and Doug Chamberlin.

Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures

Synopsis: Toy Story 2 is the exciting, all-new sequel to the landmark 1995 computer-animated blockbuster from Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios. This time around, the fun and adventure continue when Andy goes off to summer camp and the toys are left to their own devices. Things shift into high gear when an obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody - who hasn't the slightest clue that he is a greatly valued collectible. It's now up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang from Andy's room - Mr. Potato Head, Slinky Dog, Rex, and Hamm - to spring into action and save their pal from winding up a museum piece. There are plenty of thrills as the toys get into one predicament after another in their daring race to get home before Andy does.

The World is Not Enough

Genre: Action/Adventure
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of action violence, some sexuality and innuendo.

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, Denise Richards and Serena Scott

Directed by: Michael Apted; produced by Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli; written by Bruce Feirstein and Neal Purvis.

Distributor: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Synopsis: Pierce Brosnan returns as sexy super-spy James Bond. The agent's assignment is as follows: he must protect Sophie Marceau, the sole heir of a British oil tycoon, from terrorists' influence. Unfortunately, she double-crosses him and the world's oil supply is put in peril. Now, he must take on a villain who feels no physical pain, with the help of do-gooder scientist Denise Richards.



Courtesy Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

PIERCE BROSINAN in another installment of the James Bond series "The World is Not Enough."

Sleepy Hollow



Courtesy Paramount Pictures

CHRISTINA RICCI AND JOHNNY DEPP star in "Sleepy Hollow," an adaptation of the classic story by Washington Irving.

Genre: Suspense/Horror and Romance.
Rated: R for graphic horror violence and gore, and for a scene of sexuality.

Starring: Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci, Casper Van Dien, Miranda Richardson and Michael Gambon
Directed by: Tim Burton; produced by Scott Rudin and Adam Schroeder; written by Washington Irving.

Distributor: Paramount Pictures

Synopsis: A retelling of Washington Irving's 18th Century classic "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," with a few Tim Burton twists. Ichabod Crane is an investigator assigned to the case of the series of beheadings in the New York City area, which the locals claim are the work of the spectral Headless Horseman... which Crane doesn't believe for a moment. But it seems he'll soon discover the truth... and heads will roll.



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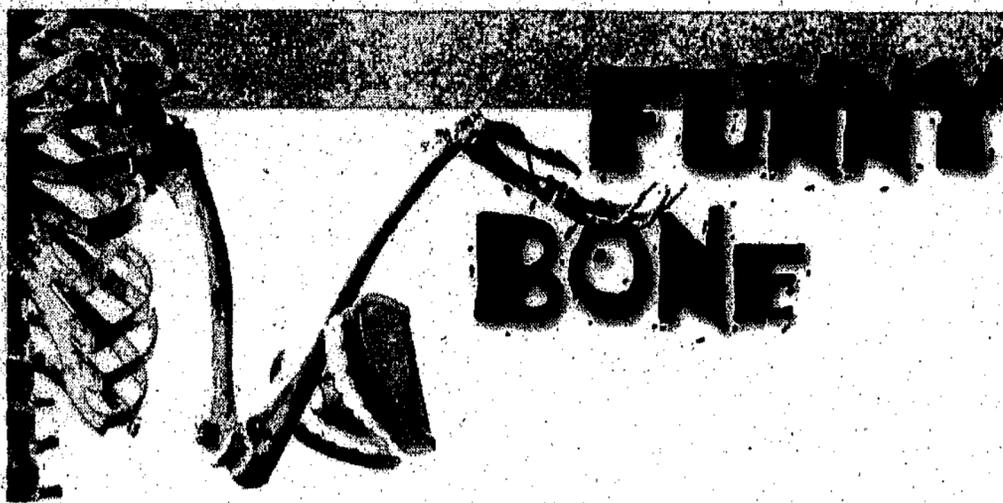
Top 10 video rentals

1. Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged Me
2. Entrapment
3. Notting Hill
4. The Blair Witch Project
5. Life
6. Big Daddy
7. Instinct
8. Arlington Road
9. Never Been Kissed
10. The Haunting

Top 10 video sales

1. Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged Me
2. The Blair Witch Project
3. The Mummy
4. Big Daddy
5. The Iron Giant
6. The Prince of Egypt
7. Muppets from Space
8. Pinocchio
9. There's Something About Mary
10. Jack Frost

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



At last, a platform worthy of a come-from-behind candidate

Here is your update on Election 2000:

On the Democratic side, Vice President "Al" Gore and Bill Bradley have been debating the issue of health care before "town meetings" made up of ordinary citizens, who are later revived with fire hoses. Gore remains the front-runner, but has been hurt by polls showing that many voters view him as "not necessarily a human." In response, he has boldly decided, on the advice of his consultants, to switch to wearing earth-tone suits. If this does not work, the consultants say, "We will dress him as various members of the Village People, starting with the Construction Worker."

On the Republican side, front-runner George W. "W" Bush was ambushed by a snotball TV reporter asking tricky questions about foreign countries that are not located anywhere near Texas. This resulted in an embarrassing moment, when "W" incorrectly identified Afghanistan as "a kind of duck."

I was not surprised by this incident. As a leading presidential candidate myself, I am used to having the news media ask me cheap-shot, below-the-belt questions such as what my views are, what party I belong to, whether I have ever been convicted of murder, etc. In fact, just recently I was grilled by a TV reporter clearly hoping to make me look bad, as we can see from the following verbatim transcript:

REPORTER: Mr. Barry, can you name the prime minister of India?

BARRY: Sure! Lean closer and I'll tell you.

REPORTER: OUCH! You bit my ear!

The point I was making is that the president of the United States does not NEED to know the names of leaders of foreign nations that have fewer nuclear weapons than



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we do. If I were the president, I'd require foreign leaders who visited the White House to wear name tags that said, "HI! I'M (NAME), THE LEADER OF (NAME OF COUNTRY), WHICH HAS (NUMBER) NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

One foreign leader I would definitely invite to the White House would be the president of Gabon. I don't know where Gabon is, but I do know that the president is named — look this up if you don't believe me — "Omar Bongo." I think it would be way cool to have a formal White House function where the announcer would say: "PRESENTING THE PRESIDENT OF GABON, AND MRS. BONGO." Inviting the Bongos to White House functions would be the cornerstone of my foreign policy. They would have a permanent room in the White House ("The Bongo Room").

And now let us turn to domestic policy. As your president, I want to address the issues that matter to YOU. And I want YOU to tell me what those issues are, using the Internet, which is a high-tech thing invented by Al Gore. Specifically, I want you to go to a Web site —

[www.pbs.org/newshour/election2000/special\(underscore\)emphasis.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/election2000/special(underscore)emphasis.html) — that was set up by the PBS TV show "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" so that people can vote on which issues they think should be addressed in the presidential election campaign. As of Nov. 2, a total of 12,000 viewers had voted, and I am shocked to report that only ONE PERSON — identified by PBS as Lee Shagin of Woodland Hills, Calif. — named low-flow toilets. I am referring to these useless toilets that Congress foisted on the public by the Useless Toilet Foisting Act of 1992; the toilets you have to flush at least three times to eliminate the evidence from the scene of the crime. This issue came in dead last in a field of 41, behind such snore-o-matic issues as "health care," "foreign policy," "leadership" and "infrastructure/energy."

I refuse to believe that this poll truly reflects the opinions of you, the voters. I have never once heard a voter say, "You know an issue I am very excited about? Infrastructure/energy!" But every day millions of voters say "Yuck!" upon lifting the commode lid and encountering a previous user's inadequately flushed foistings.

So I am calling on you, the voters, to stand up and be counted. Don't let a bunch of elitist, infrastructure-obsessed, organic-tofu-eating, whale-saving, opera-listening, earth-tone-wearing PBS viewers set the election agenda for you! Boot up your computer right now (Windows 98 users, allow six hours). Then go to [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/election2000/special\(underscore\)emphasis.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/election2000/special(underscore)emphasis.html), click on the word "Forum" and cast your ballot for the low-flow toilet issue. Let's start a "movement," voters! Let's see if we can make this issue "crack" the top 10, perhaps even

reaching "number one!" If we can, then I, as your president, will be able to force Congress to "pass" a meaningful Toilet Reform bill. Because Congress will know that I have you, the voters, behind me.

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Dumb and Dumber

Everything went as planned, except for one thing: they held up the wrong train. The train that they should have stopped was loaded with cash. The train that they did stop carried exactly \$46.

There were a few outlaws in the Old West who were known for their intelligence, such as Butch Cassidy, but by and large, the majority of them weren't any brighter than the "gangstas" of today. Except perhaps for the fact that many of them would have been able to actually spell "gangster" correctly. And then again, many of them were just as illiterate and moronic as their modern counterparts.

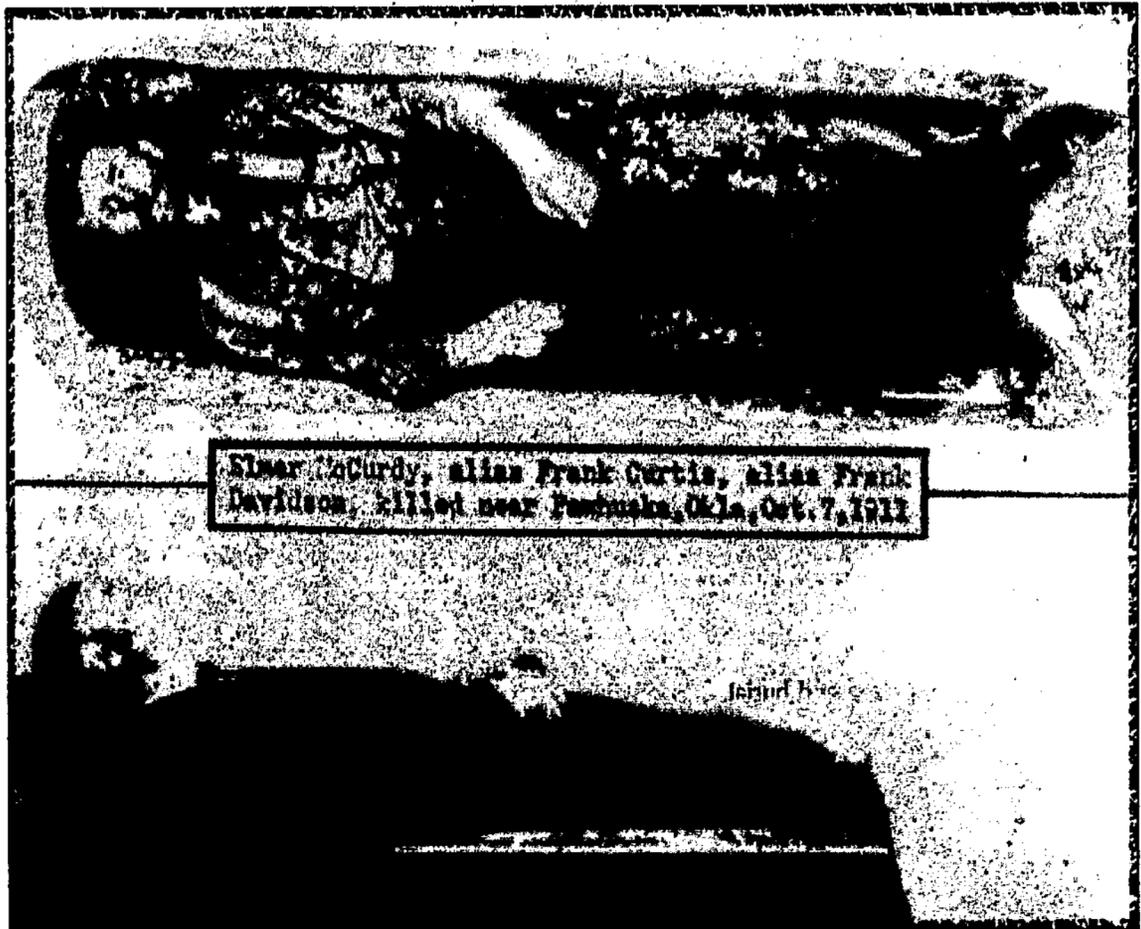
Elmer McCurdy is a good example. As an outlaw, he didn't exactly shoot his way into immortality. His career as a highwayman was undistinguished at best. It was his *second* career that makes him memorable. The fact that he was already dead when he started this career is immaterial and irrelevant.

Beginnings

Little is known of the early life and career of Elmer McCurdy. He more or less just shows up in Oklahoma in 1911. Oklahoma, of course, was a place where many legendary outlaws came to prominence: Bill Doolin, the Daltons, Henry Starr, etc.

Elmer was not among them.

In the spring of 1911, Elmer, along with some like-minded souls, staged a successful train robbery



Elmer McCurdy, alias Frank Curtis, alias Frank Davidson, killed near Pawhuska, Okla., Oct. 7, 1911

ELMER MCCURDY, alias Frank Curtis, alias Frank Davidson, killed near Pawhuska, Okla., Oct. 7, 1911. Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma Libraries

near Coffeyville, Kansas, just over the Oklahoma line. Thinking that this just might be a good career move, Elmer and a couple of his cronies decided to stick up the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad — the "Katy."

Elmer's planning could have been a little better. He and his cohorts stopped the Katy near Okesa, Oklahoma. Everything went as planned, except for one thing: they held up the wrong train. The train that they *should* have stopped was loaded with cash. The train that they *did* stop carried exactly \$46. Disgruntled, Elmer took the conductor's watch and some whiskey that he had discovered on the train.

As Elmer took leave of his friends and left on foot, he attempted to console himself with the tonsil paint that he had made off with. So, at that point, there was an inept outlaw who wasn't even savvy enough to cover his own tracks. And, if that wasn't enough, he was also drunk as a skunk.

The end of Elmer (well, sort of)

As one might expect, the posse that was formed didn't exactly have a lot of trouble tracking Elmer. If nothing else, he was gracious enough to leave them a trail of empty whiskey bottles to follow. The posse tracked Elmer to a farm where he had passed out in the barn and was snoring loudly. Nevertheless, they decided that they would wait until daybreak to make the arrest.

At about 7 a.m., Elmer stumbled to his feet and couldn't help but notice that there were some men wearing badges and wielding weapons outside the barn. Grabbing his rifle, Elmer opened fire on the posse. He took at least one shot at each posse member before the lawmen's patience ran out and they returned fire. Needless to say, Elmer had missed everyone.

The gun battle went on for about an hour before one of the lawmen's bullets slammed into Elmer's chest, ending his criminal career along with his life. Elmer's corpse was hauled back to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, a town where not too much happened. After he was identified, Elmer was handed over to the local undertaker's for embalming and burial. The embalming part was no problem. In fact, they filled him full of so much arsenic that they virtually mummified him. And it was then that the undertaker had an idea.

New beginnings

Remember how I said not much happened in Pawhuska? Well, what the undertaker did with Elmer's corpse proves that

beyond a shadow of a doubt. Instead of burying the dead outlaw, the undertaker stored Elmer in the back room and charged a nickel for the curious to go and look at him. In the words of historian Robert Barr Smith, "a 5-cent outlaw was better than no outlaw at all." Elmer was billed as "The Bandit Who Wouldn't Give Up."

This was quite the going concern until one of the customers tearfully announced that Elmer was his brother and he wanted to take the body and give it a decent burial. Depending on which account that you read, Elmer was either given to this man, or was sold to him. As you have probably guessed, the man was no relation at all. He was, in fact, a carnival operator who planned to exhibit Elmer in a sideshow.

The fact that he was dead didn't stop Elmer. He embarked on his new career with all the gusto he could manage, all things considered. Taking his act from sideshow to sideshow, Elmer, over the years, made a good deal of money for his various "caretakers." He spent some time hanging around movie theater lobbies in the '20s and even spent a couple of decades in storage. And he never complained once.

The one thousand-year-old-man

Eventually, Elmer wound up in the Nu-Pike Amusement Park in Long Beach, California, where he seemed, to those that knew him, to be relatively happy. In what he undoubtedly considered to be a good career move, the owner of Nu-Pike painted Elmer with a special paint that glowed orange and red under an ultra-violet light. Elmer was billed as "The One Thousand-Year-Old Man."

The fact is, by this time, everyone thought that Elmer was a *real* dummy. Of course, anyone who had known Elmer in life would have agreed with this assessment.

Elmer's Big Break

Elmer's big break in show-biz came 65 years after his death. On December 8, 1976, an episode of "The Six-Million Dollar Man" was filming at the Fun House that Elmer called home. By this time, Elmer's job involved hanging from a hangman's noose in something called the "Laugh In The Dark Fun House."

While setting up for a particular shot, one of the TV technicians attempted to move Elmer and well, the years had not been kind to Our Hero — one of his arms fell off. The television folks, while used to dealing with the unreal, couldn't help but notice that, at one time, Elmer had been an actual living person.

The Los Angeles Coroner, the

famed Dr. Thomas Noguchi who had performed autopsies on many of the rich and famous, was called in. Of course, John Doe #255 was not the sort of corpse that even Noguchi was used to.

The good doctor could not figure out whether or not Elmer had died at work, although he did list it as a homicide. Of course, we know now that while Elmer had been a dummy in life, he did not *actually* become one until after his death. Well, professionally, at least. Noguchi also noticed that Elmer had been embalmed with arsenic, a practice among those purveyors of the dead that had ceased sometime around 1920. The bullet that killed him was a .32-20 — a round that had not been manufactured since before World War II.

Elmer's fate

Needless to say, Elmer had grown quite weary of all this brouhaha and wanted to, well, lay the matter to rest. Ultimately, the Los Angeles Coroner's Office was not only able to identify Elmer, they actually traced his movements down through the years. The fact that they had discovered a 1911 post-mortem photograph of Elmer helped, and several of the people who had assisted Elmer in his travels came forward to tell what they knew.

In the end, Elmer was far more famous than he had ever dreamed of being in life. He was interviewed by none other than Leslie Stahl on NBC News. The interview went well, considering that Elmer was not overly talkative, as one might expect. He did have a certain presence though, and even though he seemed a little stiff on camera, Ms. Stahl managed to carry the ball, as it were, and Elmer's fame, however momentary, was insured.

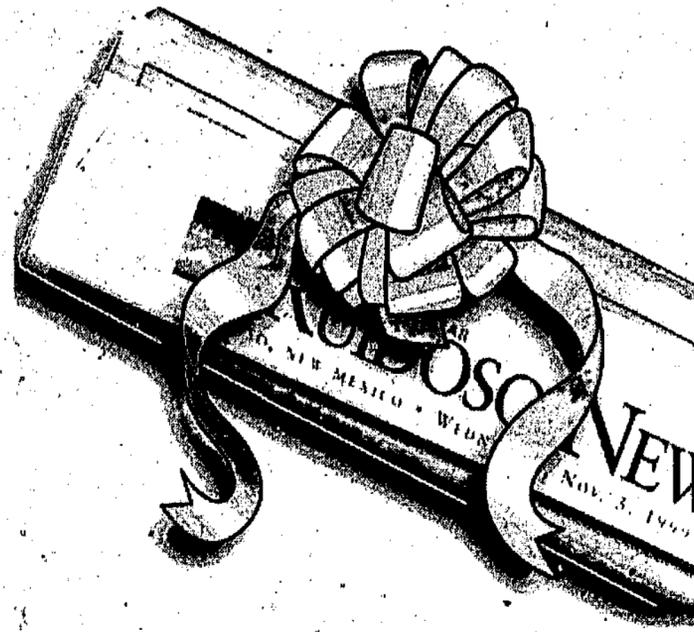
In the spring of 1977, Elmer relocated back to Oklahoma as the guest of the Oklahoma Historical Society, who were delighted to see him. Elmer, of course, was happy to be home.

He was *finally* laid to rest at Guthrie, Oklahoma, which had been the old Territorial Capital. It was a nice funeral, however late, and Elmer now slumbers amidst an assortment of soldiers, pioneers, and his fellow outlaws, almost all of whom were more proficient at that trade than Elmer had been, although virtually none of them managed to stay at large as long as Elmer had.

At that, he was the undisputed best.

SOURCES: "Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West" by Richard Patterson; "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal and "Elmer McCurdy" by Robert Barr Smith.

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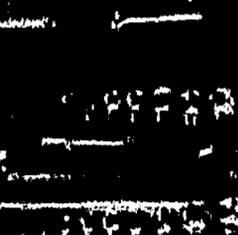
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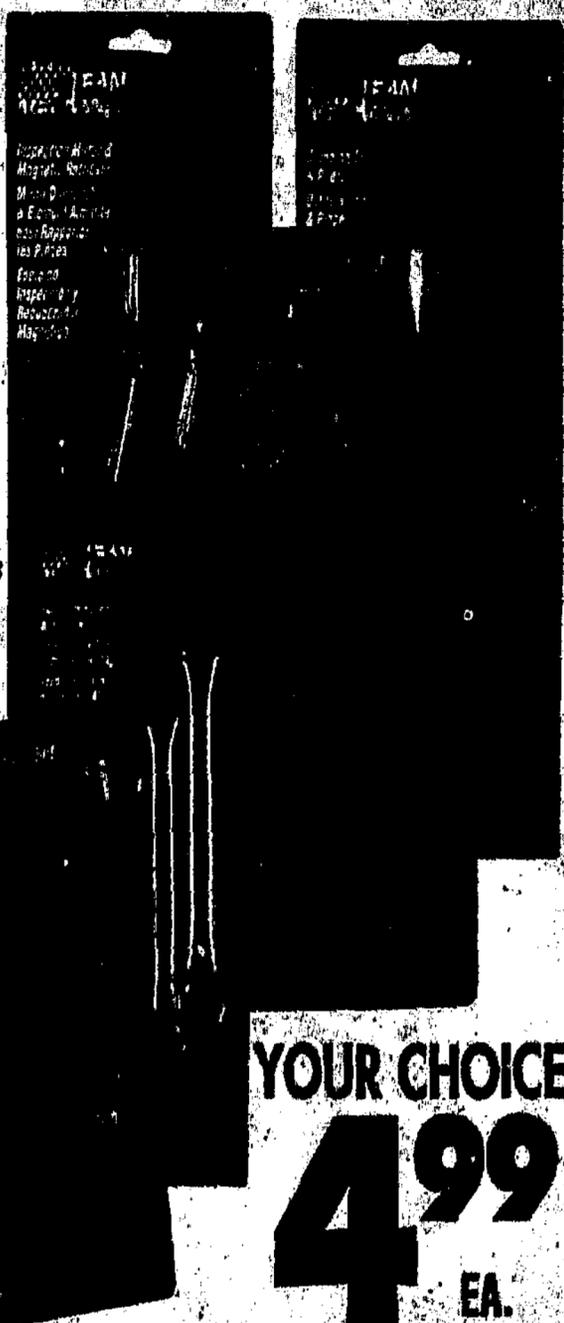
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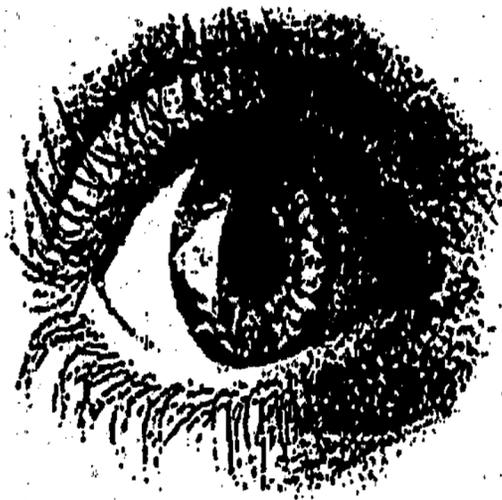
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