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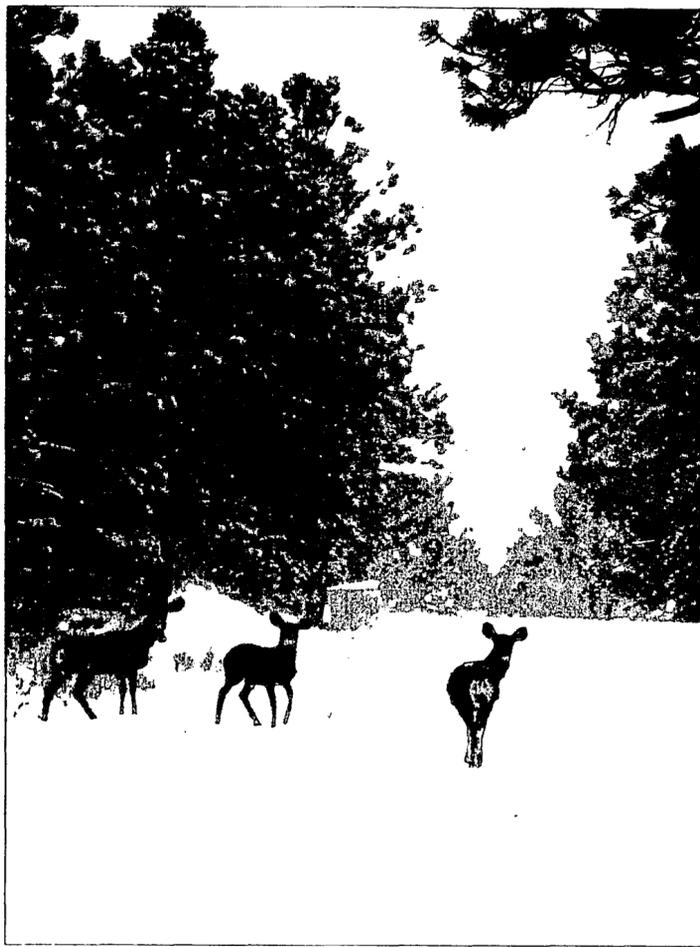
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A small herd of mule deer graze on remnants of vegetation poking through the new snow on Moon Mountain overlooking Cree Meadow Golf and Country Club.

The snow continues

Icy conditions make for treacherous highways

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Only two inches of snow fell in Ruidoso late Wednesday, but a slick coating of ice transformed Lincoln County highways into skating rinks for cars and semi-trucks.

More snow is expected late Friday and Saturday.

From Roswell to Ruidoso, U.S. 70 was closed by the New Mexico State Police at 10:43 p.m. Wednesday after four semi-trucks jackknifed, some blocking the highway and others ending up on the shoulder of the road or

in ditches. Several cars also slid off the roadway, said a state police spokesman.

Waiting for the highway to reopen, trucks headed for the old Wal-Mart parking lot in Ruidoso and lined the highway through town. A crew from the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department stayed up to help man the roadblocks.

The state reopened the highway at about 8 a.m. Thursday, but that wasn't the end of the snow-time action, it just shifted to a different location.

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Ranchers seek predator control to save industry

This is the second of two articles on the animal damage control program in Lincoln County.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Surviving as an independent rancher is hard enough in today's economy without forcing owners to try to control livestock predators on their own, says longtime Arabela sheep rancher John Cooper.

In the last few years predator problems prompted Cooper to reduce the number of sheep in his herd and to enlarge his cattle operation, he said.

"I've been ranching nearly 60 years," Cooper said. "Five years ago, I had 75 sections with sheep. Today I have 30."

While Cooper said his 2,000 sheep fared well this year in terms of losses from predators, Pete Gnatkowski, a rancher and Lincoln County extension agent, lost about a quarter of his lambs.

"I think they've gone pure out of the sheep business, it was such a bad year," Cooper said of Gnatkowski. "It really scares us, because if members drop to a certain point, you're out there fighting the battle alone - legislatively, politically, economically - the whole bit."

However, Patricia Wolff, director of New West Research, says it's time for the state to drop its voluntary funding of the program, about \$300,000 this year.

Many small ranchers don't use the service, she contends. The major beneficiaries of the program primarily funded with public money through the federal and state government, often are wealthy ranchers. They should pay for their own predator control, she said.

Cooper said environmentalists should appreciate the value to the planet of sheep as well as wildlife.

"Sheep are much more environmentally friendly to the land than any other species," Cooper said. "They can furnish more protein to hungry people with less supplemental feed than any other livestock and they can graze on land not suitable for other livestock."

Wolff and others opposed to the federal animal damage control (ADC) program now called Wildlife Services under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, aren't looking at the whole picture, he said.

While they show photographs on their Web site of dozens of dead coyotes,

there are no pictures of the lambs that are maimed or gutted by coyotes, who often don't eat the kill.

"It's not a pleasant sight," Cooper said. "The young coyotes in particular when they are learning to kill will maim and injure. It's really awful."

Patricia Wolff is a very dedicated person, Cooper said.

"But she would like to see the whole thing disbanded. She just goes about it one step at a time," he said. "She has some good points. We have tried on several occasions to discuss this thing with her, but you can't discuss things with those people. They're as narrow-minded as we are."

In Lincoln County, the ADC program employs four agents with an annual budget of \$289,504.

According to a breakdown from Alex Lara, state director of Wildlife Services, 16 percent of the money comes from four cattlemen or livestock associations that assess their members, and from a county Predator Board that also assesses livestock owners 25-cents per animal. Another 12 percent is generated from grazing fees paid by ranchers for using federal land.

To get help, a person signs up as a cooperator, but doesn't have to contribute, Gnatkowski said.

According to information from New West, control methods requested by ranchers in Lincoln County are traps, sodium cyanide poison devices, snares, "denning," shooting, dogs and aerial hunting. They have asked for control of black bears, coyote, mountain lions, bobcats, pigeons, badgers, eagles, raccoons and skunks.

The methods most common in the county are snares on fence lines where coyotes and bobcats or mountain lions dig, Cooper said.

"Steel traps aren't good in sheep pastures, because you can't get the sheep out of them," Cooper said. "There have been some humane advances in traps. They no longer cripple and maim non-targeted animals. They apply just enough pressure to hold the animal."

He acknowledged that years ago until the Nixon Administration banned them, highly toxic, long-lasting poisons were used extensively by ADC agents.

"That did kill a lot of non-target

See PREDATORS, page 7A

Saddle up for the 'Last Cattle Drive'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Horses on the "Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium" will be hauling some VIPs across the prairie and up the mountain trails from Roswell to Lincoln Dec. 15-20.

On the list are ABC newsmen Sam Donaldson, who owns a ranch in the Hondo area, and New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson. They will join film actor Richard Farnsworth, oilman Robert O. Anderson and Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard on the 75-mile ride.

Donaldson is bringing a camera crew with him to film the drive for interviews to appear on the evening news with Peter Jennings and on "Good Morning America."

Rancher Jimmy Bowen of the Triple B Cattle Company in Chaparral, N.M., came up with the idea to finish the millennium with a bang and celebrate the fast-fading cowboy way of life. The route generally follows the historic trail used by rancher John Chisum when delivering cattle to Fort Stanton and Mescalero before the turn of the century.

See CATTLE, page 2A

Santa Cops program seeks more angels

BY SANDY SUGGITT
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Santa's workshop in Sierra Mall is the scene of boxes of stacks of donated toys and clothes to make some needy children happy this Christmas.

Over the door of the shop used by volunteers is a huge sign reading "Santa Cops," and inside, at a desk, is Eva Zepeda, who from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, takes applications for gifts and food to be delivered to needy families and elderly people who may be shut-in or in need during the holidays.

What's giving her calluses, though, is cutting out paper "angels" that go out to area businesses with the names of the children and elderly, clothing sizes and what they want for Christmas. Community members can pick an angel and buy a gift or clothing for the person.

Volunteers will deliver the gifts to the families Dec. 21.

Santa Cops coordinator Freda McSwane has been coordinating the charity from her place of business, but as of Tuesday, she'll be at the workshop full-time, she said.



Santa Cops coordinator Freda McSwane stands in front of the shop at Sierra Mall where donations of food, toys and clothing will be brought by community members.

McSwane, who has been coordinator since 1992, said that over the last few years Santa Cops has gotten gifts, food and clothing for about 800 children and 100 elderly people in the county.

This year, though, unless more businesses agree to have Angel

Trees so the public can pick angels, there won't be enough donations for more than 100 families, or about 200 children, McSwane said.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 35
Low ... 21

 Snow showers

SUNDAY High ... 31
Low ... 22

 Snow showers

MONDAY High ... 39
Low ... 12

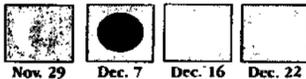
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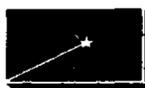
Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	53	13	.00"
Wednesday	49	12	.40"
Thursday	39	14	.04"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	47	22	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	58	29	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	57	28	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	59	31	Partly cloudy

Nov./Dec. phases of the moon



STARDATE



The Geminid meteor shower gains strength this weekend. The shower will be at its best on Monday, but a few of its "shooting stars" are visible for several nights before and after that. The best view comes after midnight, when your part of Earth faces most directly into the meteor stream.

StarDate courtesy of McDonald Observatory, Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-541-DATE



The railroad yards of Carrizozo.

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. 14, 1899

Today is the centennial anniversary of Washington's death, and has been declared a legal holiday in this territory.

What do you think of a proposition for a telephone from Roswell to White Oaks via Pichacho, Lincoln, Raventon, Ft. Stanton, Gray and Nogal.

It would be a great convenience to stockmen and everybody else, along the line, as a means of quick communication. It is often that a drive of several miles and the necessary expense of a trip between these points could be saved if we had a telephone line along the proposed route.

D.H. Lueras, as moved his family from Raventon to El Paso where they will reside for the winter. The change was made for the benefit of Mrs. Lueras' health.

WEATHER: More snow is in the area weather forecast for this weekend

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Thursday morning, a county deputy found a damaged semi truck on its side on a stretch of U.S. 54 from Carrizozo to Coroná. A sheriff's office dispatcher said he also spotted several cars with people inside, who either decided to wait for some sun to clear the roads, or found them-

selves stuck in snow on the side of the road.

But by the time a state officer reached the area around Coroná, the cars were gone. A wrecker was called for the semi, the dispatcher said.

Ski Apache reported three inches of snow, which combined with 14 inches over the weekend, encouraged operators about the rest of the season.

And while little snow fell on Thursday, the weatherman says not to put the boots away.

A meteorologist with the National Weather Service said more snow is on its way with another storm dipping down into New Mexico from the north. The storm is expected to reach Ruidoso by Friday night.

"Clouds should increase Friday and the front should

arrive late Friday, with the brunt of the storm hitting Saturday," he said. "It will be a similar pattern as the last storm, but has more moisture associated with it and that means more snow."

The low Wednesday was 23 degrees, but the temperature was expected to dip to 12 degrees late Thursday, he said, adding that the high Friday may hit 50 degrees before

SANTA: McSwane said the elderly are absolutely as important as the kids

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In the past, Wal-Mart held raffles and raised close to \$12,000 for Santa Cops, McSwane said. This year, though, the Alcohol and Gaming Division has ruled that Wal-Mart, which has a liquor license, cannot host raffles.

The money raised by Wal-Mart in the past was used to fill food boxes for needy families and to put little gifts, such as coloring books, jacks, cars and little dolls in the children's boxes.

Along with the gifts, McSwane said, will be one nice toy and clothing bought and wrapped by members of the community who pick a paper angel off a tree, and one stuffed animal for each child.

"That's what makes the angel trees all the more important this year," McSwane said of the Wal-Mart situation.

Families fill out an application and go through a

screening process, McSwane said, which allows Santa Cops to provide for each family's needs.

Then a box is labeled with the family's name. Volunteers put small items into the box, along with bags of candy. Each child's name goes onto an Angel Tree at one of the sponsoring businesses and hopefully community members will take the names off the trees and buy the gift.

Referrals for elderly people come from home health services in the county. The elderly have pretty specific needs, McSwane said, usually for personal items such as socks, underwear or foods for a specific diet they have to follow. Sometimes their requests are for automatic blood pressure cuffs, coats, shoes, or house slippers.

Sometimes the people who deliver the Christmas boxes to them are the only ones they see for the holiday, McSwane said.

The application for elderly

Looking for Angels

Santa Cops need help from the community:

- People to pick angels, purchase and wrap a gift, and take it to Sierra Mall
- People to help wrap gifts and work around the workshop.
- People to deliver the food and gifts any time starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.
- Businesses that will set up angel trees.
- Big boxes
- Donations of any kind

Angels can be picked up at one of the following businesses:

Pioneer Bank, State National Bank, Ruidoso State Bank, the Chamber of Commerce, Wal-Mart and the Ruidoso News.

people reads: "Is there something special Santa Cops could do for you to make this a very special holiday? Please let us know how we can help."

One man, 89, asked for a pair of cowboy boots because

he had never had a pair and he wanted to be buried in cowboy boots, McSwane said.

"Santa Clause delivered them. The elderly are absolutely as important as the kids are," she said.

CATTLE: The route taken will almost replicate the trips taken by Chisum

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Dennis Cavin, commanding general at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

"The historical tie-in is that John Chisum delivered cattle along roughly the same trail," said Ray Barela, education curator for the Hubbard Museum of the American West. "We can't follow it exactly," because it merges with U.S. 70.

The commandant at Fort Bliss in those days was responsible for paying the bills sent in by quartermasters for the beef, he said.

Although 20 VIPs paid their \$2,000 each for the trail drive, those interested

don't have to be a VIP to participate in the event. Tickets are available for a kick-off party at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Clubhouse about seven miles west of Roswell. A \$25 dinner is followed by dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight by Riders for the Brand. Museum members pay \$20.

For a \$10 ticket, visitors can drive to one of the five camps, welcome the wranglers and cattle and stay for a chuck wagon dinner.

Dr. Red Duke from the Houston Health Science Center at the University of Texas Medical School will be along for human care and the Franklin Veterinary Clinic of Glencoe will supply animal care

during the trail ride.

"But the people we have to thank the most are the ranchers, whose territory we will be crossing," Barela said. "If not for their cooperation and willingness to let us cross their land, this never could have taken place."

Brewer Oil, Coca Cola of Roswell and Artesia, Desert Eagle District of Budweiser, Dede Freeman of Lincoln, Wayward Farms of Artesia, Wells Fargo Bank and Win Place and Show in Ruidoso are contributing sponsors for the event.

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Council looks at waste fees

Ruidoso's village council is scheduled to discuss yard waste fees at their scheduled meeting Tuesday evening.

The village initiated a yard waste program nearly a month ago, and has found the fees fail to cover the expenses.

Other items on the December 14 agenda include the vacation of a public right of way in the Paradise Canyon Subdivision and discussion on an urban forester position.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the village is beginning to develop the position, but to justify the job, the urban forester will need to deal with more than just forestry issues.

Councilors are also expected to talk about re-subdivisions, an issue that the village's planning and zoning commission is looking at.

The item was placed on the council agenda "to offer some assistance" to the commission, according to the mayor.

The council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Census Bureau to start hiring in February

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the big day — April 1 — rolls around, about 85 census takers will hit the back roads and village streets of Lincoln County trying to compile an accurate count of full-time and seasonal residents.

The information is important, because the numbers are part of formulas used by federal and state agencies in allocating money to the county for various programs, and in determining eligibility for other programs, said county Census 2000 coordinator Larry Wimbrow.

He said he will need at least 85 people to fill the two- to three-week positions as census takers. The pay will range from \$9 to \$11 per hour. The census coordinator in Mesalero will need about 20 workers, he said.

"They'll need transportation, although there will be lots of door-to-door contact too," Wimbrow said. "People with post office boxes will

receive the forms as hand deliveries at their home."

That's one of the reasons Lincoln County requires so many census takers. The other is that the county is geographically large with population points separated by sparsely settled rural areas, he said.

One in every five residents will be asked to fill out a long form, but the results will remain confidential for 70 years, Wimbrow said.

The additional questions they will be asked, among others, include marital status, units in structure, number of rooms, value of home and monthly rent, grandparents as care givers, place of birth, ancestry, language spoken at home, veteran status, labor force status, occupation, income, when a home was built and if it is a farm.

The long form provides socioeconomic details needed for government programs and federal requirements, according to census information provided by Wimbrow. Community leaders use the information

to plan for future development and services.

The short form asks for name, sex, age, relationship, Hispanic origin, race, how long in the home and if it is rented.

"We have a lot of area to cover and a lot of houses will be visited more than once," he said.

Hiring will begin in February and will be handled by the Las Cruces census office. Applicants must take a written test to measure job skills and must meet other requirements for hiring. All applicants must be at least 18 and must pass a criminal history background check.

Hours will vary. Because some census takers will have to talk to residents who are at work during the day, they may interview in the evening. Census takers will be paid weekly and are not eligible for benefits. However, they will be paid to attend training sessions and will be reimbursed for mileage costs.

"To successfully conduct the census, we will need to

have qualified applicants in every neighborhood," said Denver Regional Director Susan Lavin. "This is the cornerstone in the Census Bureau's strategy for ensuring the most accurate census possible. We are recruiting people to work within their neighborhoods because they are most familiar with the residents and their community."

Because unemployment figures are at a record low in most areas and the positions are only temporary, the Census Bureau will target persons already working, as well as senior citizens, military and federal retirees, people looking for supplemental income and employees of other government agencies, she said.

Recruiting efforts also will focus on welfare recipients as part of the Census Bureau's Welfare to Work initiative, Lavin said.

For more information, contact the national office at 1-888-325-7733. Wimbrow said a Las Cruces number will be set up early next year.

Authority reviews future of Mechem

The rezoning of State Road 48, also known as Mechem Drive, is the only item on the agenda of the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority for its meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in Ruidoso Village Hall.

At the request of L. Ray Nunley, one of the two Lincoln County commissioners who serves on the board, members are to discuss conducting a public hearing on the issue.

The road logically will be a commercial artery into and out of the village, county and village officials have said. But not all lots will be suitable for commercial use or have adequate access, they said.

The extraterritorial zone extends for one mile around the village borders in reference to development issues and for three miles for construction regulation. The village recently took over responsibility for enforcement of the rules in the zone. The Authority consists of one village council member and two county commissioners.



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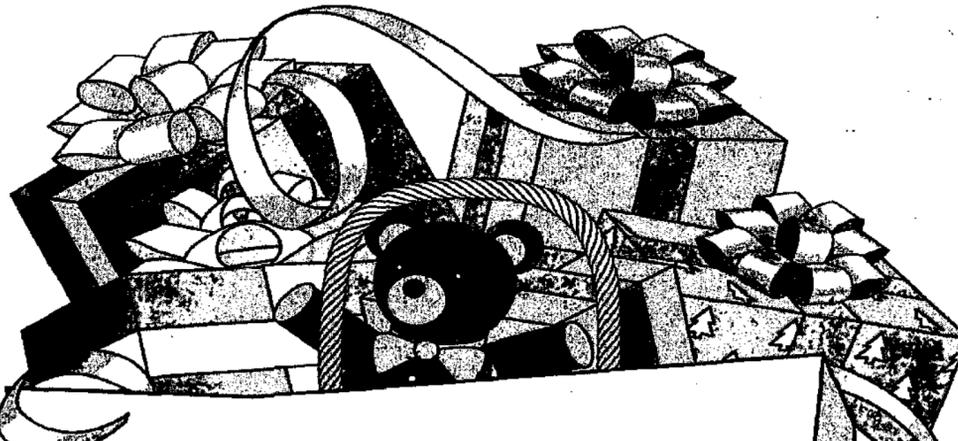
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OUR OPINION

It'll be business as usual in the new millennium

Barring something stupendously major on Y2K Day (otherwise known as the first day of a brand new century, or Jan. 1, 2000, for short), the business of the Village of Ruidoso will continue unabated.

Hot on the heels of New Year's Day will come the first hearing of the year (century, millennium, etc.) by the village's Planning & Zoning Commission. At that Jan. 4 meeting, property-owners, developers, and other miscellaneous citizens will have a chance to determine whether the Ruidoso Village Council should consider revisions to R-1 (single-family residential) zoning.

The commission earlier this week looked hard at some problems of growth, and decided to seek changes in the size of residential lots that could be split off and sold or otherwise be separately developed.

We can see why: Presently, anybody owning a 10,000-square-foot lot (less than a quarter-acre) can split it in two and build on it — barring any covenants in effect. That's the crux of the issue; the village's planning department has the numbers. Under present regulations, 1,113 lots could be subdivided, potentially, into a total of 3,050 lots.

Every one of those lot owners then could insist on water and sewer service, and that scares village planners struggling with an already overburdened infrastructure.

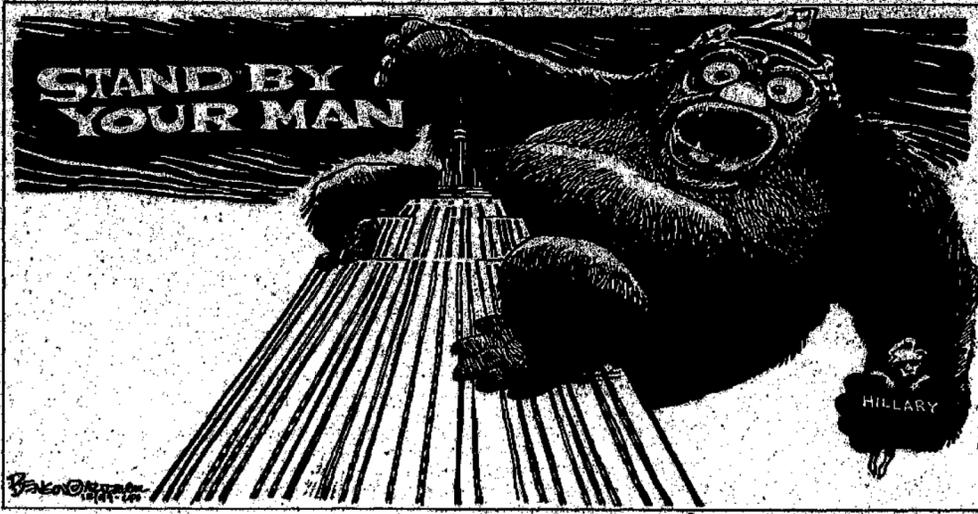
Earlier efforts to finance the growing infrastructure, you will recall, got nowhere. Developers didn't like impact fees; standby fees on undeveloped lots couldn't be defended.

The P&Z commissioners on Jan. 4 will propose a minimum lot size of 18,000 square feet, or .41 acre, before a split is allowed. But (and there are always buts) citizens at the public hearing will have a chance to argue sizes, and existing exceptions would be grandfathered as acceptable.

The commission properly is trying to head-off problems in the future, but some of them sense what's ahead when a recommendation is made to the village council: Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld knows the council will do whatever it pleases.

Commissioner Leroy Nowell is more succinct: "The only problem I see is for developers. They couldn't make as much money."

And that, if past history holds, means the village council will — whatever the recommendations — go along with whatever the developers want.



Shooting down the canards

As is the case with most businesses, those of us in the newspaper business have a cultural bias or two.

Traditionally, news department people claim to have little in common with those who pound the streets selling advertising.

Sometime once said the main difference between them was that reporters couldn't do math and salesmen couldn't write a complete sentence to save them.

(Neither make a whole lot of money to count; well, maybe sales people were a bit ahead of the game, counting commissions. But then they never get paid overtime.)

And a saying has it that publishers spend thousands of dollars producing a product that they give to a 12-year-old to deliver.

But the big rub always has had to do with writing skills. Reporters could, sales people couldn't.

Then, belying the canard, came along a little poem by an advertising man named Art Kudner that has graced my desk — as a reminder and a lesson — for some years now:

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When you don't know what you mean, use big words.

That often fools little people.

P. S. — Speaking of big words, a "canard" is a fancy word for a smart-mouth put-down.

YOUR OPINION

alternative but to turn to the court for help.

Maurice & Judy Martin
Brownfield, Texas

Pistols or cannons?

To the editor:

I understand that most New Mexicans are for legalized alcohol (pistols) while they are against legalizing other drugs (cannons).

We have been told that drug abuse is a moral, then a lifestyle, and now a health issue.

I'm for drug users seeking and obtaining a cure before they are arrested for drug-related crimes. Additionally, I'm for drug education as long as misinformation isn't palmed off as information.

Prior to the 20th century, our country's liberal drug prac-

tices were disastrous. This century, I have seen and heard of numerous drug-related tragedies and problems. We must focus, primarily, on reducing the demand. This can't be done by legalizing drugs. After Prohibition, the annual per capita consumption of absolute alcohol soared from 1.1 to 2.0 gallons. (Funk & Wagnalls).

I'm a non-drinker, and since I'm anti-drugs and support the punishing of criminals, I must also be a "glutton for punishment."

Parents, would you rather your children obtain drugs from illegal or legal drug dealers, or would you prefer they not use them. You are your kids' primary role models.

Happy holidays!

Franklin L. Boren
Tinnie

Runoff problems

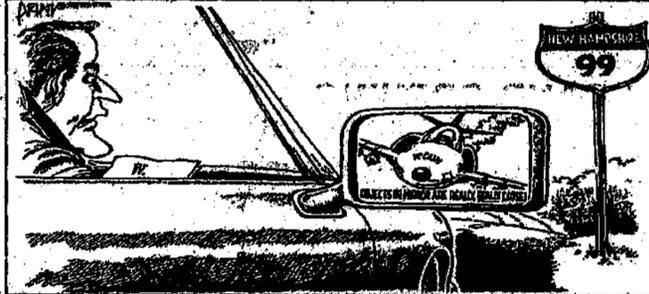
To the editor:

Three years ago we purchased property at 108 Ike Wingfield in Ruidoso, with plans to retire there. We have enjoyed the serenity of this beautiful quiet village. This property has a low area on the front...between the street and the house. We had never seen water running in front of our property until recently.

Our problem began when it started to rain back in the summer, and all of a sudden we had water in front of the house so deep no one could get in or out. The village was quick to block off the street and started to remove and replace the small culverts. This in turn allowed the water to drain off the street. This also fixed the water problem for the apartments east of our property.

However, our neighbor's drive to our east side and our driveway were under water with no way to have convenient access to the trash container or to the street. My neighbor contacted the village, county and highway department, and no one seems to want to do anything about our situation.

We wonder if other people have had this problem, and what can be done to alleviate this situation. We may have no



GUEST COMMENTARY

Federal agencies aren't above the law

BY DEAN KLEICNER
PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

No one knows the importance of high quality water better than America's farm and ranch families.

We spend millions and millions of dollars to improve and enhance our water supplies. Voluntarily, we have done much. And various government incentive programs have paid decades. In fact, soil erosion is almost a thing of the past. Sensible state laws also help us conserve our valuable resources.

But that's not enough for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Regulators there are at it again. They are issuing a flood of regulations because they believe agriculture is the prime villain in the incidental pollution of America's rivers and streams. Their scientific basis is worse than suspect. So are regulations that are neither needed nor justified.

States throughout the country have instituted their own water quality programs that allocate limited resources and prioritize water problems in that state.

This case-by-case approach bothers EPA, which prefers a "one size fits all" straitjacket. There is little question that increased federal regulation would result only in increased coordination costs for federal and state governments and unnecessary, expensive regulatory burdens for producers.

Most important, EPA's own water quality data show that impact on watersheds by feedlots and agriculture in general is only a problem in a few, localized areas. Yet the drive for massive restrictions continues, a drive that would result in EPA dictating what, when and where we farm. Harvesting, pest and fire control and even the use of natural nutrients are among the farming practices affected by proposed regulations. These regulations are a significant intrusion into private activities and override state and private control of land-use decisions.

Farm Bureau tried to help the agency understand agricultural needs and practices. That effort bore little fruit. EPA proposed a set of regulations that were so burdensome and counterproductive that even USDA (U. S. Department of Agriculture) found flaws.

The USDA natural resource specialists pointed out that "In general, we feel that if the proposed rules are implemented they will likely cause disruption to existing (water quality) programs that have proved to be effective and will unnecessarily divert scarce resources to a top-down, process-oriented approach that may not work."

The EPA did not appreciate USDA's input and, in effect, refused to accept it, just as they ignored us. So we are suing them. EPA, all government agencies for that matter, must realize that their say-so does not supersede the law. Agencies can't implement

laws. They cannot write them. That is what EPA is doing by setting unattainable standards.

Congressional intent was clear when the Clean Water Act was written. Congress made a conscious decision to treat point and non-point pollution sources differently. And they should. There is a big difference between point source gunk being piped directly into a river compared with non-point farm field run-off after a downpour.

In fact, the Clean Water Act specifically excludes agricultural stormwater from EPA regulations. Members of Congress apparently are satisfied with the role they established for EPA and believe there is already enough federal involvement in state and local land use issues.

The cost of complying with EPA's misguided guidelines could be substantial. The small-

er the farm, the greater the hardship. So, the consolidation of agriculture that many people fear would be accelerated because large operations could spread additional costs over more units of production. Small farms could not. Farm Bureau analysis indicates that the typical cost of developing and implementing a nutrient management plan capable of satisfying the EPA's proposal would cost most farms \$50,000, and exceed \$100,000 on larger operations. With agriculture suffering one of the worst price droughts since the Depression, throwing away that amount of money is unconscionable. Congress has already held one oversight hearing on this matter. We thank them. We need and look forward to more Congressional interest and action.

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Letters may be hand-delivered to the News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

VILLAGE NEWS

Village recycling in place

Recycling dumpsters are now in place at four sites in Ruidoso.

The village's solid waste department has placed the recycling locations at Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive, the free parking lot on Sudderth Drive, at the old Wal-Mart parking lot on Hwy 70, and the village's solid waste shop at 107 Close Drive.

The recycling dumpsters are labeled for cardboard, news print and aluminum cans. Solid waste officials say the department will empty those dumpsters on a daily basis. The department has also put cardboard dumpsters at about thirty businesses.

FUNERALS DEATHS

J.B. Exum

Visitation for J.B. Exum, 80, of Ruidoso will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Fairview Cemetery in Pecos, Texas with the Rev. Banky Stocks officiating.

Mr. Exum died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born June 24, 1919 in Red River County, Texas. He was retired from Texas and Pacific Railroad as a signal maintenance person. He moved to Ruidoso from Pecos, Texas, 20 years ago. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ruidoso where he was also a deacon.

He married Vivian Nelson on Dec. 26, 1953, in Clarksville, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian, of Ruidoso; daughters Gail Jones of Crosbyton, Texas, and Sharon Mitchell of Pecos, Texas; sons Nelson Exum of San Francisco, Calif., Bob Exum of Kingwood, Texas, and Rickey of Pecos, Texas; sisters Tommie Quarles and Carol Crain, both of LaGrange, Texas; four granddaughters; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Weldon Exum.

The family requests memorials to the Building Fund at First Baptist Church or to the Bible program with Gideon's International.

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

Roy Warren

Graveside services for Roy Lee Warren, 69, of Maljamar are scheduled for 2

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Lovington Cemetery with Pastor Jimmy Sportsman officiating. Services are under the direction of Bethany Funeral Home of Lovington.

He died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999 at his home in Maljamar.

Mr. Warren was born Nov. 25, 1930 in Tularosa to Daniel Granville and Julia May Warren.

He has been a lifelong resident of Lea County and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lovington. He had owned and operated many radio stations in the past and was the station manager of W105 FM at the time of his death. He had been a great basketball player for Lovington High (Starters Letterman) and was a graduate of Lovington High in 1948. He then attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces for two years. He had graduated from barber school in 1958 and owned his own shop. He was a member of the

New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and was the past director of Lovington Country Club for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Jo Coffman Warren, on June 17, 1998.

Survivors include sons Gregory Warren of Lincoln County, Michael Warren of Ruidoso Downs, David Warren of Ruidoso; his mother, Julia Williams of Ruidoso; grandsons Travis Warren of Texas and Matthew Warren of Ruidoso Downs; granddaughters Amber Warren and Jessica Warren, both of Ruidoso Downs, and Bailey Warren of Ruidoso.

The family will gather and receive friends at the home of Leo Winkles, 801 Adams St. in Lovington immediately following the graveside services.

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The Ruidoso News will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

After the first death there is no other. James Gregory Doyle died the morning of December 4th, 1999 at his home in Ruidoso, NM. He would have been 80 in the year 2000. A decorated and wounded two Jima marine, Jim continued his service to America working for the Dept. of Defense at Kirtland Airforce Base in Albuquerque. He had a distinguished 30 year career. Originally from Glen Cove, Long Island, he moved to Ruidoso NM along with his friend and companion, Carol Baldwin in 1990. They lived quietly feeding the birds and watching the deer. A superb handicapper, Buddy enjoyed the Downs and never failed to buy a Powerball ticket. His memory will be kept alive by Carol, his two sons Gregory and Phillip, his daughter, Tricia and her husband David, his granddaughters Erin and Kristy, and his daughter-in-law Wendy. He will especially be missed by his sister Nancy of California and sister-in-law Jean in Florida. He was a warm, honorable man of deep compassion. He was a good man and he led a good life. Another warrior is called home. The last of the Landin Boys is gone. At his request, no services will be held. His ashes will join his wife Jane's in the Watermelon Mountains. Let us all grieve him in our own way. Semper Fi. Jim may be sent to the New Mexico Rehabilitation Center 31 Gail Harris Avenue, Roswell NM 88201.

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Public input sought on 'roadless' issue

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

About 160,000 acres of the Lincoln National Forest could be affected by the Clinton Administration's initiative to protect "roadless" areas within national forests.

The first local meeting by the U.S. Forest Service about the initiative is set for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Public meetings are the first step in the rulemaking process that proposes long-term protection for more than 50 million acres of national forests to ensure they are undisturbed by logging or road building.

In the Smokey Bear Ranger District lying within Lincoln County and around Ruidoso and Capitan, 55,000 acres are being reviewed for inclusion, said Ron Hannan of the Forest Service's Alamogordo office.

"That's the Forest Service's best guess of what's going to be considered," he said Monday. "A national team still is putting the plan together."

The three portions of the national forest that may be targeted are a tract lying south of the Capitan Wilderness Area, the Tucson Mountain area west of State Road 48 and north of U.S. 880 and the Carrizo Peak and Patagonia Mountains area south of White Oaks and east of U.S. 54, Hannan said.

The format of the meetings will start with a review of the initiative and a formal presentation followed by an open discussion period for questions and answers, he said.

"The purpose of the meeting is to describe the initiative and ensure interested people know how they can have local input to the proposal," Hannan said. "Comments will be captured through comment cards provided at the meetings."

Ten national meetings across the country are scheduled in addition to local meetings by each national forest. The public outreach effort is part of the ongoing 60-day comment period started in October when the Service issued the official Notice of Intent to protect roadless areas.

The comment period ends Dec. 20. After that, the Service will begin writing a draft Environmental Impact Statement and the proposed rule. The agency will release the document next spring and again seek public involvement in the process before a final decision is issued in the fall, Hannan said.

People may email comments to roadless@wo-caet-slc@fs.fed.us or send written comment by fax to (801) 517-1021 or write to U.S.D.A. Forest Service-CAET, Attention: Roadless Areas NOI, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122.

Telephone comments will not be accepted.

Ruidoso Downs mayor to recommend police chief

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst said Thursday he would make a recommendation on a new village police chief at Monday's village board meeting.

The mayor, who declined to identify his selection, did say the candidate was one of "about 15 applicants."

Hayhurst said state law afforded him the right not to disclose the name of the applicant he has selected for the chief's position. He did say his selection would require the approval of the village's board of trustees.

In refusing to divulge neither the name of his selection, nor a list of applicants, the mayor said "it is not a public deal." "I have the prerogative to make the appointment as mayor," he said. Hayhurst said the appointment would be based on the resumes he's received.

"The files are only for me to look at. I'm the only one," Hayhurst said.

But the executive director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government said the mayor is not standing on firm ground.

"When he receives applications and resumes of people who want to be chief of police, it's a public record," said Robert Johnson. The foundation director said New Mexico's Inspection of Public Records Act only makes exception in the application process for presidents of state universities and colleges.

"The mayor is right about his authority to make the appointment," said Johnson. "But he's not right to say a public record is not a public record."

Johnson said a similar situation occurred several years ago when Bernalillo was hiring a new police chief.

Hayhurst stated his selection will not be revealed until Monday night's village of Ruidoso Downs trustee meeting.

Ruidoso schools to review policies, uniforms

The board also will call for a proposal for bus service and hold a closed session on the superintendent's contract

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso School Board policy manual is to be reviewed and revised section by section starting in January.

How this will happen is a topic to be discussed at the board meeting, 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Administration Office.

"We're going to take it section by section and see if there's a need for revision," said Mike Gladden, superintendent of schools for the school district. "We'll make everyone aware of what is in the policy manual."

Gladden said different school sites would be informed of what sections will be covered and would have a month to think of additions or changes that need to be made or to decide if a new policy is needed.

"We involve the sites to get as much input as possible," Gladden said. "The board has the final approval for any change or new policy."

In the past, only outdated

sections of the policy manual were reviewed and revised, said administrative assistant Patty White. This year the entire manual will be reviewed and revised.

At this meeting, the board also will call for proposals for a bus contractor to take over the route of Jack Kannady, a contractor who is retiring.

The Uniformly Dressed Committee will give board members an update on its

plans to inform the public and create a survey to poll the community on the issue of school uniforms.

During closed session, the board will go over personnel and the superintendent's evaluations leading up to the February board meeting when board members will either renew or terminate the superintendent's contract, Gladden said.

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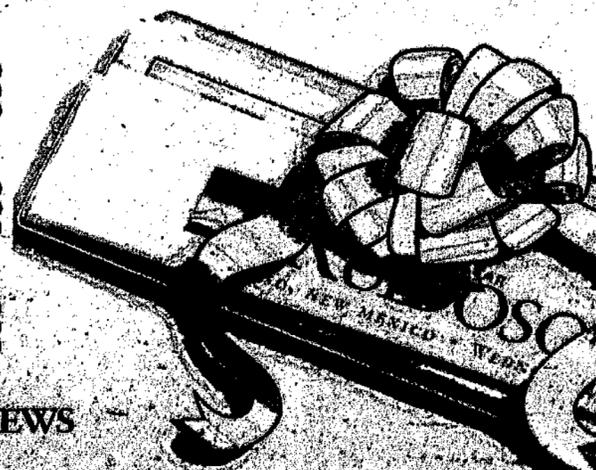
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PREDATORS: Stronger chemicals have been stopped as controllers

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species — mostly skunks, which by the way wildlife services spends a lot of time and money trying to control now because of rabies," Cooper said. "The public in general, gets a large benefit there."
"I don't know of any ranchers who liked those because they were dangerous. Sheepmen use a lot of sheepdogs and if there's poison all over the place, they can't use those dogs."
ADC also is used by golf courses and city parks to get rid

of gophers and by home owners to eliminate skunks, rabbits and woodpeckers, Gnatkowski said. Critics don't understand the whole problem, he said.
"There are two sides to this, as there are to all situations," he said. "If you leave it up to home owners and ranchers, there would probably be a greater loss of non-targeted animals because they're not as knowledgeable."
"In most cases, (agents) try to come up with a non-lethal approach, but some times that's not feasible, especially with gophers. These guys (agents) are professionals."

Lincoln County sheriff hires more personnel

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County residents will be dealing with some new names and faces if they call the sheriff's office over the holidays. Sheriff Tom Sullivan hired a new administrative assistant and three new deputies to fill existing vacancies.
"We're not adding personnel although we really need to," he said. "It seems like we're treading water. I'm sure happy, though, with the quality of people we're attracting."
"I'm happy we're able to draw qualified people when

they all start at entry level salary, which is about \$10.50 an hour."
After one-year probation, deputies salaries are adjusted to reflect the number of hours of advance training and years of prior law enforcement experience, he said.
"A lot of them jump from entry to the highest salary the second year, but that first year is kind of rough financially," Sullivan said.

Larry Bond and Chris Rutten recently resigned as deputies and Herman MacArthur is retiring, the sheriff said. Janice Silva left her post as Sullivan's administrative assistant and Sullivan hired Donna Harkey, who spent 25 years in banking, to take her place.
She's a "whiz" at matters financial and that's what he needs, Sullivan said.
Harkey grew up in Ruidoso and graduated from high school here.
She immediately went to work for Citizens State Bank, a forerunner to Norwest Bank, which recently became Wells Fargo Bank.
After 25 years, she thought it was time for a change and worked briefly for the district attorney's office in Carrizozo. But by August she moved to Sullivan's camp.
"I really like the work," Harkey said. "It's much more interesting than banking."

She should know. During her two and a half decades in banking, Harkey was a teller, secretary, bookkeeper and loan officer.

Her new position involves putting together the annual budget, handling purchase orders and payroll.

At home, she is the wife of rancher Steve Harkey, mother of 16-year-old Andra by a previous marriage and step mother to 16-year-old Jason by her husband's former marriage.

In her "leisure" hours, Harkey is treasurer of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, president of the Woman's Club, president of the school booster's club and bowls on a league with her husband, who is president of the Carrizozo School Board.

New deputy Harold Zuni and the other two deputies joined the department within the last two weeks.

He came to Lincoln County after serving as police chief of Estancia and working 13 years with the New Mexico State Police.

Born in Germany, he moved to America with his parents when he was about a year old. His father, a full-blooded member of the Isleta Pueblo, was in the military in Germany when he met Zuni's mother.

Zuni lived on the pueblo until 1985 when he joined the state police. His father was with Sandia

Labs in Albuquerque and Zuni said he "hasn't a clue" why he picked law enforcement as a career. During his years with the state police, he was stationed all over the state, but often hunted with his father around Fort Stanton. Zuni, 40, is married and has three sons.

Deputy Robert Shepperd, 35, was a police officer in Capitan before signing on with Sullivan. Born in Alamogordo, he grew up on a ranch and graduated from Weed High School in a class of 12 students.

He joined the New Mexico Mounted Patrol for an eight-year stint and worked with search and rescue for 10 years.

"I got into law enforcement in my early teens," he said. "I always wanted to be a deputy."

Shepperd, his wife and two children, ages nine and 14, live on a ranch in the Alamogordo area.

Deputy Robert Hedman, 45, previously worked five years with the Public Safety Department in Alamogordo after a 20-year career in the military police, much of that time in Germany. Born in Cooperstown, N.Y., Hedman is certified as a firearms instructor and with the operation of DWI testing equipment. He's married and has two children.

"Shepperd speaks Spanish and Hedman speaks German, so we have added bilingual talent to the office," Sullivan said.



Donna Harkey



Harold Zuni



Robert Shepperd

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Ruidoso police report that someone broke into a vehicle parked at the body shop of Sierra Blanca Motors, 201 E. Highway 70, and removed a stereo-CD player valued at \$500 and photographs.

The vehicle was at the shop for body work, the body shop manager told police, and was parked in the east section of the rear storage area, next to a 6-foot chain-link fence. Police

found the driver's side keyhole door lock tampered with, possibly by a screwdriver or knife, and the window shattered.

Trees stolen

Someone sawed two 4-foot trees to ground level from the front yard of a residence in the 200 block of Timberline Drive between 1 p.m. Nov. 20 and 1:44 p.m. Dec. 4, police report. The trees are valued at \$250 and were described in the report as green in color.

Arson reported at high school

Two high school students were questioned by Ruidoso High School principal Bill Green about three fires that occurred at the school Dec. 3 and 6, according to police reports.

Smoke damage resulted from a fire in a trash can in the boys' bathroom. The bathroom is located on the second floor of the school's main building. Another fire was reported in a locker at noon on Dec. 3. Police Corporal Art Nelson was in the office with Green and assistant principal Art Howard when the three smallest smoke coming from the gym area. They found a trash can from the boys' locker room that had been taken outside because someone had set some paper towels on fire in it, the report states.

Green was given information by four students who told him they saw who had set the fires, and a Crimestoppers call came in from two others naming the same two male juveniles. One of the two denied having anything to do with the fires and the other confessed and was taken to the Ruidoso Police Department by Green.

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Ski report

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New snow past 24 hours: 3 inches.
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Yes.
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 15-25 inches.
Trails open: 4.
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: 4.
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This week

Friday, Dec. 10
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBA
Capitan at Tularosa Tournament, TBA
Mescalero at Menaul Tournament, Albuquerque, TBA
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBA
Carrizozo vs. Cloudcroft at Eagle Classic, Hondo, 3 p.m.
Corona vs. Lake Arthur at Eagle Classic, Hondo, 5 p.m.
Hondo vs. Gateway Christian at Eagle Classic, Hondo, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBA
Capitan at Tularosa Tournament, TBA
Mescalero at Menaul Tournament, Albuquerque, TBA
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBA
Carrizozo at Eagle Classic, Hondo, TBA
Corona at Eagle Classic, Hondo, TBA
Hondo at Eagle Classic, Hondo, TBA
Capitan at Loving (JV, V), 5 p.m.

Wrestling
Ruidoso at Belen Tournament, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 13
Prep boys basketball
Mescalero at Gateway Christian, Roswell, 5 p.m.
Hondo at Dora, 8 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Mescalero at Gateway Christian, Roswell, 5 p.m.
Hondo at Dora, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa (Fr, JV, V), 4 p.m.
Mescalero at Gateway Christian, Roswell, 5 p.m.
Hondo at Dora, 8 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Carrizozo at Capitan (JV, V), 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Gateway Christian, Roswell, 5 p.m.
Hondo at Dora, 6:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Monday, Dec. 6
Wrestling
Ruidoso 78, Socorro/NMSVH 6
Prep boys basketball
Hagerman 65, Hondo 50
Prep girls basketball
Dora 48, Hondo 37

Tuesday, Dec. 7
Prep boys basketball
Magdalena 101, Mescalero 65
Prep girls basketball
Magdalena 64, Mescalero 25

Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Men's Basketball League Standings through Dec. 7

Team	W	L	Pct.
Culligan	10	1	.909
Alamo Pipe	9	3	.750
Aramark Cobras	7	4	.636
The Players	5	6	.454
Rebels	4	7	.363
Tequila Slammers	3	8	.272
Cuties	1	10	.090

Results from Dec. 7
Tequila Slammers 69, Rebels 63
Culligan 73, Alamo Pipe 53
The Players 62, Cuties 53

Games for Dec. 9
6:30 p.m. - Rebels vs. Cuties
7:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Tequila Slammers
8:30 p.m. - Cobras vs. Culligan

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Coed Volleyball League Final Regular Season Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Sidout	10	1	.909
CoNets	10	2	.833
Cowpokes	8	3	.727
Whatever	6	4	.600
The Crew	3	8	.272
Regulators	2	9	.182
Brawlers	0	10	.000

Results from Dec. 6
Cowpokes def. The Crew, 15-10, 15-9
Whatever def. Brawlers, 15-8, 15-1
Sidout def. Regulators, 15-11, 15-2
Sidout def. CoNets, 13-15, 15-11, 15-14

Results from Dec. 8 - 1st tournament round
Whatever won by forfeit
Cowpokes def. The Crew, 15-6, 15-12
CoNets def. Brawlers, 15-3, 15-11
Sidout def. Whatever, 15-13, 15-4

Games for Dec. 13
6:30 p.m. - Cowpokes vs. CoNets
7:15 p.m. - The Crew vs. Brawlers
8 p.m. - Regulators vs. Cowpokes
CoNets loser
8:45 p.m. - Whatever vs. Crew/Brawlers winner

On deck

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. Mescalero, 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.

Carrizozo gridders earn state, district honors

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Carrizozo's successful six-man football team is reaping honors weeks after the season ended.
The all-district and all-state selections saw close to a dozen Grizzlies recognized, while coach Pat Ventura was named District 1A coach of the year and south all-star coach.
Grizzlies were named to the all-state team include Ryan Roper and Wayne Franck, first team; Joe

Pawloski, Cameron Douglas and Roper, second team; and Roper, Douglas and Pawloski, honorable mention.
Roper was named District Player of the Year, and dominated the all-district selections.
First team picks included Roper, Pawloski, Douglas and Franck. Pawloski, Andy Margis and Simon Beltran made the second team, while John Greene, Roper, Franck, James Verdugo, Douglas, Bryan Bartz and Beltran received honorable mentions.
Ventura was pleased with most of the selections, but dis-

appointed one player was overlooked.
"Overall, we did pretty good," he said. "We got a few in all state and we got quite a few in all district. I thought we had one of the better running backs in the state, but some coaches never saw (Pawloski) play, and it kind of hurt."
Pawloski, the top running back in the district and second-leading rusher in the state, was not named to the first team all-stars. He was named as a second-team running back and honorable mention defensive back.

► All State
1st team, offense: Ryan Roper, running back.
Defense: Roper, Franck, linebackers; Roper, kicker.
2nd team, offense: Joe Pawloski, running back; Cameron Douglas, lineman; Douglas, receiver; Roper, punter.
Honorable mention, offense: Roper, quarterback.
Defense: Douglas, defensive end; Pawloski, defensive back.

► All District 1A
1st team, offense: Ryan Roper, quarterback; Joe Pawloski, Cameron Douglas, receivers; Roper, punter.
Defense: Wayne Franck, defensive end; Roper, linebacker; Pawloski, defensive back.
2nd team, offense: Pawloski, running back; Andy Margis, center; Simon Beltran, receiver; Roper, kicker.
Honorable mention, offense: John Greene, quarterback; Roper, defensive back; Franck, Roper, runningback; James Verdugo, center; Franck, Margis, receivers.
Defense: Douglas, defensive end; Greene, linebacker; Bryan Bartz, Beltran, Margis, defensive backs.

Pawloski, a transfer from Las Cruces, is only a sophomore and expected to garner more awards in the future.



The Hondo Lady Eagles are hoping for a district title this season. Pictured, from left, top, are Renee Lopez, Kalya Lopez, Amanda Tankersly, Christelda Acosta, Nancy Greer; middle, Patricia Montoya, Randi Gomez, Sara Romero, Sarah Sanchez; on slide: Margarita Baca, Jessica Candelaria; in slide: Jackie Chavez.

Youth no problem for Lady Eagles

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR
The Hondo Lady Eagles are young this year, but that's nothing new for coach Julie Montoya.
"Every year we've been like this," she said. "This is my third year, and I've never had starting seniors."
The Eagles graduated two seniors, but neither were starters. Montoya did lose two starters, Kristen Romero, who decided not to play, and Christina Sanchez, who transferred to the New Mexico Military Institute.
That leaves the Eagles with three returning

starters: 5-6 junior Christelda Acosta, 5-8 sophomore Kalya Gomez and 5-4 freshman Jessica Candelaria.
Hondo has no seniors, one junior, four sophomores and seven freshmen. Yet Montoya has set her sights high.
"Definitely first (in the district)," she said. "And I think we should have won last year. From what I hear, (Carrizozo) even thought we were going to win. But we had real young players out there."
The Eagles finished 7-1 in district, but lost to Carrizozo in the championship round of the tournament. The

Eagles then fell to Hagerman in the regionals.
Montoya said the problem, one she'll have to face again this year, was the team's youth.
"I think it was just the youngness," she said. "They couldn't handle the pressure."
With so many young players on the squad, there's also a problem with depth.
"We have the talent, but we just don't have the depth," Montoya said. "That's what makes it hard. Sometimes it hurts us towards the end of the game when we have to go to the bench."

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Wrestlers win dual meet vs. Socorro

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso wrestlers got their first win under their belts Monday at a dual meet that featured Socorro and a lone wrestler from the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.
Despite being tired from a weekend tournament in Las Cruces, the Warriors took a 78-6 victory.
"We were fatigued from a long weekend, we had one days rest, but we were also motivated because we knew we had to improve," said Ruidoso coach Jerrett Perry.
The Warriors almost made it look easy, winning all seven matches by pins. But Perry didn't take his opponents, a team new to varsity wrestling, lightly.
"We feel like Socorro has a good wrestling team," Perry said. "I think (Socorro coach) Sammy Vivian is doing a good job with those kids and you can really tell they're becoming developed wrestlers. I think the reason we were so successful was the experience factor."

"The best matches were at 171 pounds, where Grant Brumlow defeated Brett Rother with a pin in the second, and at heavyweight, where Pat Hodges edged Jonathan Estrada with a pin late in the third period.
"That 171 and heavyweight, they're both tough wrestlers," Perry said of the Socorro matmen. "I think we'll see a lot of them at the state tournament."
Ruidoso had no time to rest on its laurels.
The Warriors were scheduled to face Las Cruces in a dual meet Thursday, then travel to Belen Saturday.
Results of the meet follow:
112 Jeremy Pritchett def. Miguel Martinez, 112 pin in 1st
119 Ricky Garry def. Phillip Chaves, pin in 2nd
152 Austin Ritter def. Richard Trujillo, 34 fall in 1st
160 Brandon Brumlow def. Jeremy Romero, pin in 2nd
171 Grant Brumlow def. Brett Rother, pin in 2nd
189 Thatcher Hampton def. Stanton Nelson, NMSVH, pin in 1st
Hwt Pat Hodges def. Jonathan Estrada, pin in third.

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Steers too tough for Mescalero hoopsters

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Mescalero Chiefs boys and girls hoops teams had a tough time in Magdalena Tuesday, with both teams falling to the Steers.
Chiefs
The Chiefs (1-2) and Steers played a high-scoring game, with Magdalena coming out on top 101-65. Mescalero coach Christie LaPaz said the Steers are strong, and that his team just couldn't get things together.
"Magdalena's pretty tough," he said. "They run the ball quite a bit. We just had a bad night."
Part of the problem was illness on the Mescalero team. Although several Chiefs were

sick, they still played. Mescalero also couldn't get the ball in the bucket.
"Nothing was dropping for us," LaPaz said. "It was just one of those games you run into every now and then."
Despite being sick, Josh Davis led the Chiefs with 35 points. Tony Chimal talked 14.
The teams will meet again Dec. 21 in Mescalero, and LaPaz thinks the Chiefs will do better.
"I think we can give them a better game. Hopefully beat them," he said.
The Chiefs opened this weekend's action Thursday against Cuba at the Menaul

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Life's ups and downs bring reporter to Ruidoso



KAREN'S KORNER
Sometimes life likes to throw curve balls.
Without a doubt, November 1999 was one of the worst months of my life. I won't go into the gory details, but let's just say I didn't have a lot to be thankful about this past Turkey Day.
So when I was offered the job in early December as sports editor at the Ruidoso News (to replace Laura Clymer, who was moving on to bigger and better things), let's just say I was

wary.
The proposition sounded great, but what little disasters did life have buried under the rug? Was this the right time to take a new job?
I thought about it, considered it and reconsidered it.
Finally I said yes.
After all, what could go wrong? I know I have big shoes to fill, but it's not like I'm totally new to the job.
Many of you, especially folks in Carrizozo and Capitan, are probably familiar with my byline, my face and my blue BMW motorcycle. Since last April, I've been helping Clymer out when she couldn't be two places at once, mostly in the rural Lincoln County communities.
I spent most of the football season

on the Grizzly sidelines, with a few visits to Capitan. I also followed the Warriors to Lovington and Portales and have stopped by volleyball meets throughout the county. I've covered Warrior track and cross county meets, district track meets for both the Warriors and Capitan and actually started my work at the News with the final Warrior baseball game of the season last May.
I'll never forget watching Brad Davidson swing for six home runs in two games in his final high school effort.
Prior to moving back to south central New Mexico, I worked as the sports editor in Los Alamos, Raton and Silver City, and have recently been helping

put together a sports page in Socorro. So many AAA fans may recognize me as the reporter from across the court as well.
What that all means is that you won't be seeing many changes on the sports page.
In her five years here, Clymer established a lot of traditions. I'm going to try and stick with those while maybe starting a few of my own.
The main tradition I'm going to continue is covering all Lincoln County teams and Mescalero. Yes, this is the Ruidoso News, but we're the paper of record for Lincoln County, and whether a player is in Class A or AAA, he or she

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CHIEFS: Mescalero looking to rebound

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Tournament in Albuquerque. Lady Chiefs

Playing their second game against Magdalena in less than a week, the Lady Chiefs (1-3) lost again, but played better this time around.

"We handled the press and got them to take it off," said coach Rol Bradford. "We had fewer turnovers, but we still couldn't score against them."

The Steers, which Bradford called "an outstanding team,"

took a 64-25 victory. Magdalena led 21-4 after one quarter and 39-10 at the half. They held Mescalero to only four points in the third quarter as well, but the Chiefs finally put a few ball in the basket in the final stanza.

Bradford said the Chiefs' biggest problem was letting Magdalena have the ball.

"They run and press and they really run it well," he said. "They got most of their baskets off our turnovers."

Ophelia Prins led the Chiefs in scoring with six points. Nicole

Dolan and Jessica St. John had five each, and Kassie Kay-dahzinmie four.

Bradford thinks his squad is getting better as the season progresses.

"I think they're going to be developing as we go along," he said. "We know things we need to work on, and the biggest part of it is our shooting. I think if we start to improve that, we'll win more games."

The Lady Chiefs' next game is Monday against Gateway Christian in Roswell.

HONDO: Lady Eagles gunning for title

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The Eagles also aren't very tall. Freshman Amanda Tankersly is 5-10 and sophomore Nancy Greer 5-9, the only really tall players on the squad. So Montoya hopes to make up for that with speed.

"We'll try to do it on speed," she said. "We don't have strong post play, so we'll try to do it with our perimeter players. And we're working a lot on rebounding, because we're suffering there. That's our focus, right now, for a couple of weeks."

Montoya said the Eagles

have a solid defense, and like to press.

"We've got about three different presses we like to toss around," she said. "We just kind of mix it up. We don't go just zone or man. We try to mix that up, too."

Montoya thinks the Grizzlies will again be Hondo's toughest competition, but she's not counting anyone in the district out.

"We never like to push it off as, 'Oh, we're going to win easy,'" she said. "I always try to get the point across that even though we work hard, somebody could be working harder than you."

Although the district is missing a team this season — Vaughn isn't hosting a girls basketball squad — Carrizozo, Corona and Mountainair will still give Hondo all the competition they need.

"The district is a strong district," Montoya said.

The Eagles will get a chance to see two of their three district opponents at the Eagle Classic this weekend. Corona and Carrizozo will be playing in the Eagle's Nest, along with Lake Arthur, Gateway Christian and the Cloudcroft junior varsity.

Expect to see the district 3A schools fighting for the championship.

KORNER: Lady Eagles gunning for title

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gives the same effort. Big team or small, win or lose, I'll be reporting on as much as I possibly can.

So while I'll be at more Warrior games than I was when I was part time, I'll still be taking time to travel to Capitan and Carrizozo, as well as Hondo, Mescalero and Corona.

I'm also looking forward to once again covering a ski resort, and learning what horse racing is all about. That will be something new for me.

I know Ruidoso is big on

community sports, and I'll be there, too, whether it's Little League or youth football, bicycle racing or adult volleyball.

I am looking for someone to do for me what I did for Clymer: work part time as a stringer, covering games when there are too many for one person. Anyone interested can call me at the News.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. Life didn't let me start this job easily.

After getting back from my very first full-time story, I discovered my tape recorder, supposedly filled with pearls of

wisdom from a local coach, wasn't working. I had to rely on my more-than-meager notes.

Saturday, on my way to photograph opening day at Ski Apache, I got stuck in the snow on Texas Curve on Ski Run Road. Luckily, a pair of nice soldiers from Fort Bliss got me parked and up the hill, while marketing director Riker Davis got me back down.

But if that's all life has in store, I think this was a wise choice. After all, life has to start throwing fast balls some time.

The fat lady has sung.



Boxer Johnny Tapia warms up before a workout at his gym in his house in the Rancho Ruidoso Estates. Tapia is training for a Jan. 3 bantamweight title bout against Jorge Eliecer Julio.

Tapia training for title in Ruidoso

By KAREN BOEHLER
Ruidoso News Sports Editor

One of Ruidoso's most famous part-time residents opened his house to members of the community, staff and patients from Casa Alegre, youth boxers and the media Thursday.

Former world champion Johnny Tapia held a workout to show off his new residence and training facility in the Rancho Ruidoso Estates.

The 9,000-square-foot facility contains a complete gym, heated indoor pool and theater as well as full living facilities. Tapia will divide his time between Ruidoso and Las Vegas, Nev. The Albuquerque native said he's in love with the state.

"It's beautiful being in the state of New Mexico, where I was born and raised, and I'll live and die," he said. "I love Ruidoso. It's pretty. When you come to the mountains, you're a lot

closer to God. I try to get the top and he throws me back down to reality."

Tapia's reality will be his title fight Jan. 8 at The Pit in Albuquerque against bantamweight champion Jorge Eliecer Julio of Columbia. Tapia will try to regain the championship he lost to Victor Ayala, the first and only loss in his 24-year career.

Tapia will be training in Ruidoso until the fight, but said he's ready today.

"I wish it was right now," Tapia said. "I got my discipline, my dedication, my focus. I'm ready to go."

Tapia won't be spending much time outside the house until after the fight, but said Ruidoso can expect to see more of him in the future. He said he's amazed someone with his background could own such a home.

"For a guy coming off the streets and having such a beautiful house, I wouldn't have had this without the blessing of God," he said.

Fishing report

For bait fishing -
RIO RUIDOSO: Fishing is fair on salmon eggs.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Fishing is fair on powerbait and salmon eggs.
BONITO LAKE: Closed until April 1.
Jim McGarvey, Western Auto

For fly fishing -
This past Saturday brought us about 4 inches of snow. The moisture will help the river flow, but the overall stream level is very low.
RIO RUIDOSO: Not much change from last week. The river is extremely low and gin clear. The best bet we found this past week has been prince nymphs or pheasant tail nymphs. A few fish were found to take blue wing olives and Chemobyl ants. Please remember the German browns are spawning and if you should catch one be extra careful and get the fish back in the water quickly.

BONITO CREEK: Fishing is now spotty on the South Fork due to the reduced water flow. There's lots of pocket water fishing and lots of natural beauty to enjoy. The fish are not picky on the South Fork, so grab the best of what your fly box holds and toss it.

BONITO LAKE: The lake closed for the season Nov. 30. Reopens April 1, 2000.

EAGLE LAKES: The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 1999.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Late evening fishing will produce the better fishing here. This past week soft hackle flies seemed to attract the most fish. It's time to break out the streamer flies and the sinking tip line and fish the late evenings. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin casters.

LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well in the late afternoon and evening. Dry flies that have worked are parachute adams, Hendrickson's, mosquitoes and midges. Prop flies with a bubble rig have done well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase you day pass at the reception desk at the Inn.

Check out our web site at www.flyfishing.com.

Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

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 3.8 miles east on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

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Area students included in latest Who's Who

More than 70 students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

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Local students selected include:

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- Stella Brewer
- Daniel Garner
- Adrian Goad
- Briton Goad
- Bryan Hightower
- Mollie Hightower
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- Branden Langley
- Renee Rael
- Elizabeth Sambrano
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Carrizozo Christmas musical scheduled for Sunday

PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The annual Community Christmas Musical will be presented at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 Ave. D, in Carrizozo Sunday at 3 p.m.

A children's Christmas musical entitled "Fear NOT," by Craig Crawshaw, is under the direction of Kala Scarafioti, with Cheryl Smith at the piano.

Area children participating are named "Kala's Community Kids."

The Community Christmas Choir's presentation of "Let Us Adore Him" by Robert C. Lau, is under the direction of Phyllis Schlegel, with Jane Shafer on piano and Anne Ferguson on organ.

This presentation is an annual gift to the community at large.

Carrizozo High School grad takes ag honors

Keri Shafer, a Carrizozo High School 1997, and a Texas Tech junior, was a

member of the 1999 Meat Judging Team winning the International Meats Contest held in Dakota, Neb. in November.

The team, consisting of 15 members and three coaches, had won three contests from January to November 1999, and the win at Dakota City was a crowning finale to their year.

Another New Mexico student on the winning team was Kelly Adams of San Jon, N.M. a senior at Texas Tech.

A Lubbock newspaper stated that Kelly said meat judging has taught her to think on her feet.

"It's about the ability to be on a team, to be someone, to be recognized at Texas Tech," she said. "What basketball is for athletics, judging is for elite ag students...the secret to winning is having the heart and desire and hard work to do this."

Coach Mark Miller said "the 7 1/2 hour competition is about pursuing excellence — a lost art form."

Melissa Phillips, of Elko,

Nev., also on the team, was the house guest of Keri and her family over the Thanksgiving break. The family includes Scott, Rosemary, Rob and Jennifer Shafer of Carrizozo.

Christmas Lighting contest announced

Announcement of the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest was made at the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday, December 8, at Wells Fargo Bank.

All lighted Christmas displays in the town of Carrizozo and surrounding area will be judged on Wednesday evening, December 22 by a team of impartial judges: out-of-town guests from the local motels.

No entry blanks are necessary, but if you have decorated, and live in an area that could be missed by the judges, you may call and leave a message at the Visitor's Center Caboose, 648-2732, to be assured you will be judged.

Prizes for winners in the

residential category will be \$50, \$35 and \$15 gift certificates redeemable at businesses who are members of Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

The winner of the non-residential judging will receive the Chamber of Commerce Traveling Trophy to display for a year. The Temptations Craft Store, 112 Central Avenue, has had that honor this past year.

Pot luck supper set

Other announcements included the annual Chamber of Commerce Open House-Potluck, hosted by Joseph and Suzi Ferm, at their home 401 Central Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday night, December 18.

Members at the meeting were unanimous with their thanks to the Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for again "hanging the greens" and lighted decorations for the town of Carrizozo, the day after Thanksgiving.

County Christmas bird count scheduled for Dec. 18

The Lincoln County Bird Club will participate in the 100th anniversary of the annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, all all volunteer event which provides valuable information on the long-term health of bird populations and the environment.

This event began on Christmas Day 1900, when 27 conservationists decided to protest winter holiday bird shoots, and instead of hunting birds, they counted them.

Volunteers from all 50 states, plus

other countries, will count and record every individual bird and species encountered during one chosen day.

Each group has a designated circle 15 miles in diameter — about 177 square miles.

During a chosen 24-hour period, teams of birders scour the area by foot and car to cover as much ground as possible. Individuals can also count birds that come to feeders located within the count circle.

The data collected are sent to the National Audubon Society to be included

in an ornithological database used to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations across the Western Hemisphere.

The 1997 Christmas Bird County Count will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Lincoln County Bird Club invites all to attend. Those who want to be watchers do not need to be experienced birders to participate. Feeder watchers also are needed.

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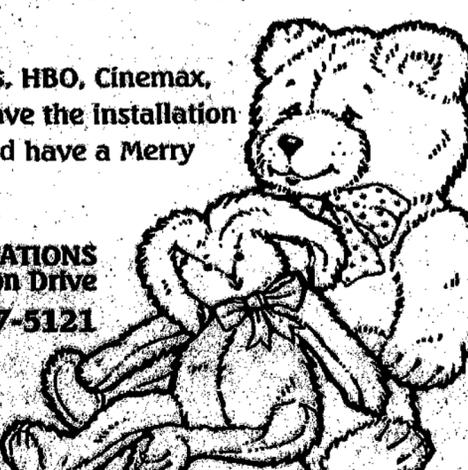
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36 Miscellaneous

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 258-8297.

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38 Help Wanted

ASSISTANT PRESSMAN NEEDED. Goss Community experience preferred. Full-time position, night time hours, will train. Apply in person or send resume to Ruidoso News, 104 Park Ave., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA now accepting applications for hostess, wait person, bus person, fry cook & dishwasher. Apply in person at 2913 Sudderth.

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38 Help Wanted

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38 Help Wanted

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

AIDE/HOUSEKEEPER for frail elderly woman. Must work weekends. Salary DOE. If interested, call Dorsey after 5pm at 258-3173.

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42 Child Care

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46 Lost & Found

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49 Personals

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Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS Competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 89001, until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened. BID NO. 98-00-024; TRENCH, DED AND INSTALL SEWER LINE AT LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at (505)849-2848. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Project Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and

award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County. JANE WILLIAMS, COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT 2504 1T(12)10

LEGAL DEADLINES

1:00 p.m. Monday for Wednesday
1:00 p.m. Wednesday for Friday

LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Friday, December 17, 1999 at 9:30 AM in the Regents' Room of the Administration Building on the Portales campus. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in executive session. Agendas for the meeting are available at the Information Center of the University Relations office located in the ENMU Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA Institution. 2508 1T(12)10

1 Real Estate

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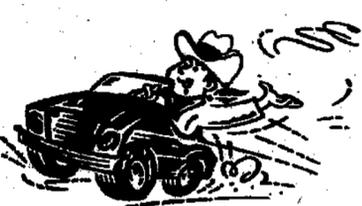
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1 Deep-six

6 "I Ain't Marching Anymore" singer

10 Exult (over)

14 Puppeteer Lewis

16 Verifier

18 Hearty companion

17 Golden Horde member

18 It begins "In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia..."

19 "O patria mia" singer

20 General description of a 26-, 46- or 63-Across

23 "I Come back!" (1953 movie line)

28 Diner

28 See 20-Across

30 Come apart

31 Promo pro

32 "Have a good time!"

36 Like good burgundy

38 Trig ratios

40 Gilbert of "Roseanne"

41 Catalogue illustration

43 Carries

48 Sidekick

48 See 20-Across

49 Pitch tents

52 Le Quai des Tuleries adjoint

53 See 20-Across

57 Dark forces

58 Promise, e.g.

59 Extreme

63 It may be due on a duplex

64 Part of CPU

65 Some athletic shoes

66 It precedes: quatro, in Rio

67 Raspberry

68 Certain retirement plan

DOWN

1 1747 alternative

2 Part of a repeated dance movement

3 Deserter

4 1984 Peace Nobellet

5 It might bite the hand that feeds it

6 Trade grp. since 9/14/60

7 Honey

8 What a drover drives

9 Rude one

10 Jumps on

11 More chips for the pot

12 Born earlier (Iran)

13 Pooped

14 Base negotiating amounts

15 Slic (into)

16 Irish county

17 Crossed one's fingers

18 Across Langtry

19 First president of the German republic, 1919

20 "When pigs fly!"

21 Queen's minesweeper

24 Skeletal unit

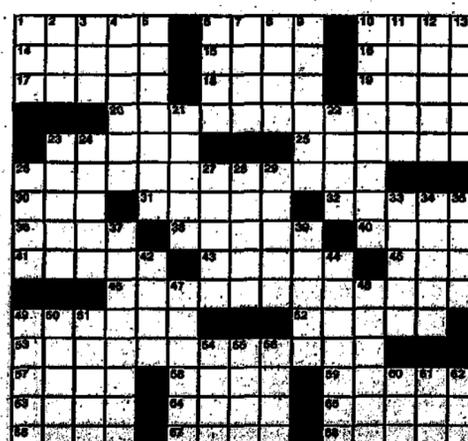
25 Former Israeli P.M.

26 Street in New York's Chinatown

27 W.E.B. decision

28 Coffee order

29 Mountain



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24 Stiff

27 Farther, e.g.

28 Tonkin delta city

29 "You're talkin'"

30 20's foe

34 Spile

36 Brown alternative

37 Bankers' woes

38 "Get"

42 Native one

44 Explore caves

47 Little one

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Dec. 9, 1949

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Dec. 11, 1959

Apaches slate election Dec. 18

The Mescalero Apache Tribal Business Committee has designated Dec. 18 as the date for the annual election of members to the tribal business committee, it was announced today.

Outgoing members of the business committee who will be eligible for re-election include Alton Pese, Andrew Little, Eric Tortilla, Rudolph Treas and Virginia Klinekole. Members remaining to serve another year are Wendell Chino, Samson Miller, Rufus Sago, John Allard and Narcisus Gayton.

Dec. 12, 1969

Large area loses long distance telephone service

Long distance telephone service in the areas of Ruidoso, the Hondo Valley and the Capitán area was cut off from Friday night to Monday afternoon when a snow and wind storm broke off several poles west of Roswell.

Area persons finding it necessary to make long distance calls were advised by radio station KRRR that Tularosa or Carrizozo were the closest towns with long distance service.

Emergency circuits were available about 4 p.m. Sunday, and normal service was restored Monday afternoon.

Dec. 13, 1979

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Today, as I send you these words on Dec. 10, the west wind is flying gently down the vale singing songs to the Christmas spirit — so bright and cheery all through the mountain land on this bright sunny day. And when the wind hushes down for a spell, we can hear the tuneful voice of late Indian Summer in the wind, as it blows through its natural harp, the evergreens and the wintery river trees. The temperature is 64 in mid-afternoon under a pure blue sky. The hills all around are dreaming in dim purple haze carried down by the western breeze, and the air is laden with the faintest incense of pinyon and cedar smoke mingled with the Christmas-like message of all the evergreens baked out into the air by the warm sun.

Dec. 11, 1989

Ambassadors have fun

Wayne and Peggy Walsh hosted a party at their Winner's Circle Saturday evening for visiting board members of the Tri-State Association of Chamber Ambassadors.

Peggy Walsh is the Ruidoso representative on the board and is angling for the 1992 convention of the group.



Marty Racine

Paul Doyal likes people, but "people pollution" is something else again.

"The (pioneers), you bring 'em back today, they wouldn't believe the world around 'em. They'd think it was a worse world. Because like I tellya, man has completely destroyed this earth."

Paul Doyal
who's tried civilization
and found it wanting

Avoiding civilization, or trying to

BY MARTY RACINE
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

CAPITAN — In the remote corners of the West live men born a century late — independent cusses who have little use for civilization.

Paul Doyal resides alone in an adobe shack on a ranch outside Capitán. At 77, he's cantankerous but personable.

"Sit yerself down, enjoy yerself and I'll getya a cup of coffee," he greets a visitor on a frigid morning. The slanting sun brightens the otherwise dingy room as he rants about a crowded world. He is not against people, understand, but "people pollution."

"You could walk right out in these mountains and see what the two-legged creatures have done to this country. Man has absolutely ruined the land, there's no ifs, ands or buts about it."

That includes politicians and bureaucrats. Doyal's home turf, the caprock east of Roswell, was settled through the Homestead Act, which allowed a family to own land after cultivating it for a specified period.

There was just one problem. "These crazy people back in Washington that set this up, you got to clear the land, you got to put in a field. What happened? The wind come along and blew all that topsoil away. Oh yeah. These bright people, I tellya."

Cedars were cut down. Less oxygen was released into the atmosphere, producing a drier climate.

"This ole man might be wrong, but I believe I'm right. I've come through the drought of the early '30s. A lot of ground that had grass on it prior to that has never come back."

Now the forests are dying, Doyal says. "You see trees that are not getting any moisture. That's what I'm tryin' to tellya, Man has absolutely destroyed this whole earth."

Doyal's parents married in 1905. His father was a Texas sharecropper, but he says, "They decided

they were not going to raise their kids in a cotton patch." In 1916 they came to New Mexico.

"He carved him out a little ranch out on the caprock, and they had five snotty-nosed brats like myself."

Then range wars broke out, between and among cattlemen, sheep men, homesteaders and oilmen.

"They all clashed. People don't know what a range war is. I hope we never see it."

Ranchers called homesteaders nesters, but nobody could lay claim to the land, Doyle points out. "The Spaniards settled New Mexico before the white man hit Plymouth Rock on the East Coast."

Many ranchers, he claims, were thieves. "I'm talkin' about throwin' a long loop and brandin' their own stock."

And hired guns did their bidding. "Of course, they worked at whatever they had to do, but they were actually gun hands. Oh yeah. And that's the way this state was built up. By the rule of the gun. No ifs, ands or buts. There were more men left lying in the fields than Billy the Kid ever thought of killin'."

So many were murdered, Doyal says, that burials were referred to as "fertilizing the potholes."

His father was a victim. In 1940 a gunman shot him in the back.

Notice, this wasn't out of the Old West, Doyal reminds. "It happened in this century, in these counties. I'm tryin' to tellya. That's the way this damn country was developed, by the gun-hands."

Events have been covered up or have withered with age. The old-timers, Doyal says, harbor stories that will accompany them to the grave. "I could tellya a lot of things that would hurt people. There's no point in it."

As a lineman for the power company in Roswell, Doyal had been supporting his wife and two children when his oldest daughter contracted polio. His bills were mounting.

"I could see myself just goin'

down, down, down."

In 1951, as the Cold War was heating up, he drifted to Alaska and worked at a radar station near the Bering Strait. Alaska was Doyal's kind of place, even if it, too, suffered from people pollution.

"You can go out in areas up there, you'd think, boy, getting' away from cigarette butts, the tin cans, the paper plates, you walk in there and by damn if you don't walk across a beer can. Now you see what I'm talkin' about? Man has absolutely destroyed this earth."

He made money—\$458 a week, four times his salary, back home. But the work was seasonal.

"You may make good money for maybe up to nine months, but I tellya those other three months are lean rascals. You look at that icebox about the time it's gonna be empty, that's your construction game. A rollin' stone ain't gonna get you no money, I don't care where you're at."

When he was 11 Doyal severely burned his leg while lighting the fire under a kettle used for washing laundry. After he dropped the gasoline can, he says, pointing yonder, "It blasted me from here to there."

In 1966 he needed more skin grafts. He couldn't work. His wife divorced him. For three years he didn't care whether he lived or died. Only the nurses in his Kansas City burn unit helped him back to the "mainstream."

He returned to Roswell, where he lived with his mother until she died in 1980. A few years later, a woman who owned a cabin near Pine Lodge, near a creek full of fish, in a forest of old-growth ponderosas, invited him up.

"Hey, she painted a pretty good picture. I fell for it. All she ever wanted from me was to help her move everything up there."

He camped in the forest, trapping, hunting, fishing. Then he "buckled up" and came to Capitán, where he worked as a handyman. One day he saw an ad for a rental house northeast of town.

It was open country. He could

lay his coyote traps and watch the sunset turn the Capitans purple. He could get away.

Paul Doyal's days pass quietly. He does some maintenance on the ranch and he traps.

"I'm not trying to take all the little critters out. I'm just trying to thin 'em down. That's where your game department today is so lax. They need some of us old-timers to tell them exactly what they should do."

He inspects his traps daily, finishing off any catch with a .22. He sells the skins. "I don't make (much), but you're helping these ranchers because these coyotes will pack, don't kid yourself. They get to be quite a menace. Oh yeah."

But his eyes are failing. "I'm getting now to where I can't even see the sights on a gun. Ole Father Time says come here! Oh yeah, it's a great ole world if you don't weaken."

There are few regrets. "I just enjoy life. Enjoy the hell out of it. I'm a get-by person. I don't believe in a lot of (comforts). I been in those nice places where you were bogged down deep in the carpet. Had maids and whatnot. No, I don't need that. Don't care to see it."

It's not that he doesn't like people — he's a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner; it's just that there are too many.

"The (pioneers), you bring 'em back today, they wouldn't believe the world around 'em. They'd think it was a worse world. Because like I tellya, man has completely destroyed this earth."

Take Ruidoso. Please. "I got a magazine right here: Ruidoso, the best-kept secret for retirement. The best-kept secret no more. They're taking off hillside anywhere they can. Maybe they'll take the top off Sierra Blanca and flatten it off and put a (house) on that, just for the view."

"Over at Alto, where they're buildin' the roads, tryin' to widen 'em out, bumper-to-bumper traffic. They call that livin'? You ain't kiddin' me."

Snow covers the valleys, ranches

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln woke up to about 5 inches of snow Saturday morning. Hondo and Arabella reported more snow and wind at the ranches near Arabella. We all welcome the much-needed moisture. I'm sure the ski

run was ecstatic about the snowfall for their opening day.

The snow storm did cancel out Santa's visit to the Hubbard Museums in Lincoln and Ruidoso.

Janice and Barry Herd were featured on last month's New Mexico Stockman magazine back page. The page is devoted to different New Mexico ranchers and other uses of Hydro Feeds of Clovis.

Wally Ferguson of Carrizozo has been appointed to the

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum Board. Congratulations.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Louise Joxner and Virgil Hall and their families. Their sister, Edith Imoe, died recently following a long illness.

Thanks to the Ruidoso News on their coverage of the businesses in Lincoln. It is greatly appreciated; the writers make the articles very interesting and informative.



FIVE, TWICE

Five generations each of the Minter and Zumwalt families gathered in the Hondo Valley recently for a reunion. Left to bottom: Jessica Minter and Phyllis Zumwalt of Hondo and Jack Zumwalt of Artesia. Right: Domingo Salcido and Johnnie McTeague of Hondo and Yvonne Zumwalt of Artesia. At bottom, the younger generation: Julie Zumwalt and Brian Tinker.

Courtesy

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Assemble In-line Assembly of God... Pastor: Donald Pettrey... Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto... Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible marker 1, Hwy 220, 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev. James Crowder, 335-4060.

First Baptist Church... Carrizo. 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/Worship Service, and St. 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 OMTT 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... Timia. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna... 420 Mechem Drive. (Sunshine Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Proclamacion 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 46) M. Caplan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft Friendship Bible Coffee: Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Awaana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (6 yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs. 7 p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

BAHA'I FAITH... Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC... St. Eleanor Catholic Church... Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend AJ Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Spanish); Sacrament 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: 9 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 2 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 8 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church... Carrizo. 618-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 8:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 8 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church... Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

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

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church... Huel and Easton 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, Les Barwood, 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. Larry Sporeman, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

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

Church of Jesus Christ LDS... Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildknecht, 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.; Wednesday: Daughters of King: noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

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

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel... Carrizo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church... Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Parry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.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

Witneses - Kingdom Hall... 104 Alpine Village Road, 258-3459. 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower 2:30 p.m.; Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet 8:20 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

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

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church... 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904. Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1200. Sunday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship... Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Ruidoso mens 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 Schlossky's Deli; Capitan Jr. High and St. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

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United Methodist Church Parish... Trinity - Carrizo, Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 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... Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hill, 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 (Voth Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

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

Corona Presbyterian Church... Worship 11 a.m.

Hogal Presbyterian Church... Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed... Mescalero. Bob Schuch, Pastor. Sunday Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m.; Morning high school meeting 6:30 p.m.; Youth high school meeting 7 p.m.; Thru: Kids Club (grades 1-2) 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 622-1200. Sunday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 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 9 p.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

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Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Self Help Support Group... 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Medical Center. In the conference room at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

All American Dialects Book Club... 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for weekly open and closed sessions. For more information call 257-9289.

All-Action of Business... 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Accolades Assembly... Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

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

Friends of Sudderth-Capitan, Inc... 7:30 p.m. at the Sudderth-Capitan Center. In public. Welcome to attend all meetings and events.

Seniors Anonymous... 3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso (rear entrance). For more information call 257-9289.

Senior Age Club... Noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center - covered dish lunch and games.

NIV Support Group... Second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family. 1st & 4th Tuesdays of every month. 2nd & 5th Tuesdays of every month. 257-2234.

Homeless Society of Lincoln County... 10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the All Country Club.

Kids Club... 11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

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Local Rocket Association... First Thursday of every month at the Rocco Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Mescalero Book Review... 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

New Mexico Christian Homeowners Association... 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County... 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

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Reliance Federated Women's Club... 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Ruidoso Garden Club... 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at various locations. 258-5599 or 257-7197.

Ruidoso Golf Club... 7 p.m. first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Capitan, 354-9102.

Ruidoso Homeowners Homeing Group... 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month. 257-4381 or 336-8064.

Ruidoso Public Library Board... Noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Ruidoso Shrine Club... 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Ruidoso Valley High School... 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows County Club, 258-9169.

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'Snowboard weekend' opens winter season

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hopes are riding high among tourism businesses in Ruidoso that more snow will turn up the numbers of skiers and snowboarders.

The nine-day delayed opening of Ski Apache, on Dec. 4, did bring the first flurry of winter activity, and the first real snows to the Ruidoso valley.

At Ski Apache, marketing manager Riker Davis labeled the opening weekend as "great," though slightly down from last year. He said requiring chains on two-wheel drive vehicles to get up to the slopes was a factor.

While man-made snow built bases at Ski Apache during November, natural snow finally occurred in decent amounts over the opening weekend. Ski Apache shoots for a Thanksgiving Day start.

"The weather was comparable to last year, when we opened the weekend after the Thanksgiving weekend," Davis said.

"It was a typical (ski season) opening," said Steve Tally, general manager of the Best Western Swiss Chalet Inn. "Maybe a little below normal opening. We won't do well until the Christmas holiday," he said, speaking of a filled inn. "Christmas to New Year's

is extremely important, and we're booked solid."

Lodgings throughout the Ruidoso area historically are sold out for the end-of-year holidays.

The opener appeared to be a mixed bag for ski rental operators. Most are betting on a mountain full of snow to move the season into high gear.

"Actually the opening weekend was pretty good, considering the amount of snow," said Crystal Schiele, a ski technician at Ruidoso Ski Rental.

"It went real well, considering," said Ronnie Taylor, owner of Mountain Ski Shop. "But if the whole mountain's open, there's no comparison."

Closer to the turn-off to Ski Apache, Wild West Ski Shop ski mechanic Taff Owens felt a couple more decent snows could really start bringing skiers to Ruidoso. "I see that starting next weekend," Owens said. He called the opener "pretty quiet, though not too bad on Saturday."

"It was a surprisingly decent weekend," said Tish Nutting, owner of Ski West Sports Company. "For the most part it was a snowboarding weekend."

Two weeks ago a lack of snow over Thanksgiving kept the slopes closed, and vacationers in town. Some retailers said they had one of their busiest Thanksgiving weekends ever.

custom work and custom painting, said Moore, who added, he and his mechanic are qualified to work on all makes and models of motorcycle.

Muhn at travel session

Lisa Muhn, group sales director for the Village of Ruidoso learned about new trends in the travel industry, networked with colleagues and brushed up on professional skills at the National Tour Association's 1999 Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn., from Nov. 5-10.

Recognized as one of the premier travel events held annually in North America, the six-day convention attracted more than 3,300 travel professionals, including tour operators, suppliers such as hotels and attractions, and destination marketing organizations such as state and local tourism offices.

The Tour & Travel Exchange offers tour companies a way to develop new travel packages, and sellers, like the Village of Ruidoso, a way to introduce tour companies to their destination.

The convention featured more than 40 professional development and continuing education seminars. NTA is an organization of nearly 4,000 North American tourism professionals focused on the development, promotion and increased use of tour operator-packaged travel.

One of the new studios being assembled at radio station KRUI, which returned to the airwaves this week.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News



Radio personality "Harvey T." on the air at country music station KWES. Walton Stations of New Mexico also operates an AM outlet, KBUY, out of the same offices.

Two competitive operations will provide more choices for listeners in the year ahead.

Radio waves rippling in Ruidoso

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's been said there are two music choices — "country" and "western" — when it comes to radio in Ruidoso.

That is changing. Within a year the selections could be numerous.

In October, Ruidoso station KBUY changed its format, from nostalgia, to oldies, playing rock and roll favorites from the '50s, '60s and '70s. The Walton station's FM counterpart has retained its country sound.

Missing from the air for a month was KRUI, an AM station licensed in Ruidoso Downs. This week the station returns to the airwaves, with a label "news, talk, tourism."

Station general manager Tim Keithley promises a Ruidoso-area emphasis. "More than anything else, the premise behind the change is to promote Ruidoso. We want KRUI to be the official news, talk, tourism station, with things like where to go, what to see."

The talk part of programming will include a morning regional talk show, followed by national programs, like Rush Limbaugh, Doctor Laura Schlessinger, Michael Reagan, Jim Bohannon, Larry King and Art Bell.

Under MTD Inc., an R.D. Hubbard enterprise, it will be more than just KRUI-AM.

"We're in the process of developing four different signals," said Keithley. The Federal Communication Commission has granted three additional licenses to MTD. Those FM frequencies are licensed for Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, and far southeastern New Mexico. MDT also has another FM station, southeast of Roswell.

"We hope to have 'on-air' by the middle of next year all five stations, all originating from studios here in Ruidoso," Keithley said the new stations will give people in Ruidoso a wide variety of formats to choose from.

"Whether it's one of our stations, or K-BUY K-WES, it's about providing different formats, different choices here in Ruidoso. It's fun to come to a town that has had limited radio and turn it around," Keithley said.

The choices began in late 1996, when KBUY-AM changed its format, from country, to nostalgia music. The AM station, owned by Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc. made another format change two months ago.

"We went from 'adult standards' to 'good time oldies,'" said general manager Tracy Walton. "If I had known

what an excellent change that would be, we would have changed sooner," she said.

"All the calls from the public, the faxes; it's a response we had never gotten from 'adult standards,'" Walton said.

The company also operates KWES-FM, which has been a long-time country station. "There will be no change, but we are looking to add new things. It will be the same format," Walton said.

KWES features local personalities Harvey T in the morning, and Mike Van in late afternoons.

The AM side moved into Ruidoso high school sports coverage this fall, featuring varsity football. Walton said high school basketball is the next venture.

"Keep listening," Walton said. "You never know what will happen next."

Both companies have moved their studios, saying each has outgrown previous locations.

Walton's KBUY and KWES are located in the Lincoln Tower building on Mechem Drive. MTD's operations are setting up shop in offices at the Links at Sierra Blanca's maintenance shop, on Mechem Drive.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Downs sign company wins honor

A Ruidoso Downs company has captured "one of the best of the best" honors by the International Sign Association.

Signs by Smith received an honorable mention for vehicle graphics, in the trade publication "Signs of the Times."

The contest entry submitted by Signs by Smith was a vehicle designed for the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department. The red vehicle was outfitted with custom orange stripes and black lettering highlighted in gold.

The recent contest, which judged more than 400 entries from around the world, marked the first time the local company entered the competition.

Signs by Smith, which produces an array of commercial signs, received the equivalent of a fourth-place finish, for the reflective graphics work in the Ruidoso Downs fire chief's vehicle.

Cycle shop opens

Ruidoso Downs is home to a new motorcycle repair shop that recently opened for business.

J.C.'s Wrench and Run is owned and operated by James Curtis Moore, who has lived in the Ruidoso area for 25 years. The shop, at 280 Highway 70 East, can repair motorcycles, do

Why the Consumer Price Index keeps sliding

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Labor shortages abound from sea to shining sea. Skilled labor is extremely difficult to find. The labor participation rate has peaked.

Unemployment insurance claims are at rock bottom. The price of oil has more than doubled this year. Global economic rebound and the dollar depreciation are raising import prices. Despite all of these ominous signs, inflation is a no show. In fact, the core inflation rate, which is carefully watched by Chairman Greenspan, is trending down. What is going on?

Housing inflation, which accounts for about 40 percent of the CPI, is one of the reasons. House prices have been rising at a good clip. However, what goes into the index is "homeowners' equivalent rent," which assumes that you rent a house from yourself. Recently, rents have been rising less rapidly

than house prices as low mortgage rates

shifted housing demand from rental units to single family homes. This situation could flip-flop. With rising mortgage rates, housing demand could shift back to rental units. Homeowners' equivalent rent could rise more rapidly, boosting the overall CPI.

Methodological changes in measuring the CPI is another reason. Back in 1996, the Boskin Commission recommended a number of changes that could cut the inflation rate by as much as 1.1 percentage point.

This year, some of the recommended changes have been made, including quality adjustments for television and computers, the elimination of automobile finance charges and a better accounting of substitution within the CPI item categories as well as mandated pollution control measures. These changes have shaved as much

MARKET GLANCE

as 0.7 percentage point from the CPI. No

wonder the core inflation rate has been sliding. In the future, the onetime methodological changes will not put downward pressure on the CPI. The core inflation rate will rise, worrying Chairman Greenspan and his colleagues.

Bonds: Time to lean against the wind

Bond yields have yet to peak. The consumer spending spree, which contributed to 85 percent of economic growth in the third quarter, continues. The stock market is vibrant. The mounting U. S. current account deficit and burgeoning global demand are intensifying competition for available global savings. The dollar has been weakening. The price of oil has more than doubled this year. In addition, the core inflation rate is likely to rebound causing the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates again.

Historically, a poor cyclical environment, as is true today, has been a good time to buy bonds. Models show that the valuation is approaching the 1994 level, especially relative to the overvalued stocks.

These valuation considerations suggest that it is time to lean against the wind and commit some cash to bonds. As the cyclical backdrop worsens, more money should be put into bonds. High quality corporate bonds are especially attractive because the spreads over Treasuries are wide in part due to Y2K concerns. Once the Y2K season passes, the spread should narrow.

The "canary in the coal mine" for bonds is stocks. The canary is indicating that long-term bond yields will edge up. But, much of the adjustments in bond yields are behind us. On the other hand, the short- and intermediate-term securities have more corrections ahead of them. The yield curve will flatten. A barbell portfolio is recommended.

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Character counts



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These Carrizozo Elementary students were selected at the Character Counts Assembly recently for exhibiting trust-worthy characteristics. Back, left to right: Biley Shivers, Troy Koroscil, Robert Morales, Casey Barela, Sofia Ramirez, Adam Zamora, and teacher Rima Davis. Front row: Sara McNatt, Marshall Ventura, Kyla King, Marshal Wilson, Sara Pawloski and Tessa Hendricks.

County's October jobless rate gains, but still below neighbors

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More Lincoln County residents were looking for work in October than the month before, according to jobless figures released this week by the New Mexico Department of Labor.

The county's unemployment rate moved to 4.9 percent for the month, after posting a 4.1 percent level in September.

State labor analysts pin much of the October upswing in the jobless numbers on the seasonal nature of the Ruidoso area's tourism economy.

The Lincoln County figure was under the state's seasonally unadjusted October rate of 5.6 percent.

"You're one of the success stories in rural New Mexico," said state labor department economist Jerry Bradley. "When you get below 5 percent in rural New Mexico something is going right," said Bradley.

The labor official said Lincoln County's labor force is growing at a 1.3 percent rate for 1999, in part because of low jobless rates here, and higher levels in nearby counties.

"The issue in Lincoln County, which is doing well, is, to some extent, people appear to be interested in moving to Lincoln County," said Bradley.

In October of 1998, the county's jobless rate stood at 4.4 percent. However, more

people were employed in Lincoln County this October—7,300, compared to 7,200 a year earlier.

Neighboring Otero County posted a 5.3 percent October unemployment rate. September's rate had been 4.5 percent. In Chaves County the October rate is listed at 7.4 percent, compared to 8 percent in September. Bradley said Chaves County was still feeling the impact of last year's closing of the Levi Strauss plant, and more recent layoffs at Nova Bus Company, both in Roswell.

New Mexico's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 percent for October was the second highest jobless rate in the nation.

IRS seeks volunteer tax helpers

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Would you enjoy helping people and learning about federal and state income taxes? If the answer is yes, then volunteering to help with free tax assistance may be just what you're

looking for. Free tax assistance is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and community groups, using volunteers from many walks of life, to assist people who need help in completing their tax returns.

Volunteers help older, disabled, non-English speaking individuals and others who cannot afford professional tax assistance. Who are these volunteers? Members of community organizations, college students, professionals and retirees have all become successful volunteers, according to the IRS. An accounting background, computer skills and the ability to speak Spanish,

while helpful, is not necessary for a tax volunteer.

During the year, 600 volunteers helped more than 43,000 taxpayers at 54 tax assistance sites across New Mexico. The IRS provides you with free tax law instruction and all the materials necessary to prepare basic, individual tax returns. Volunteers are asked to donate three hours per week from Feb. 1 through April 14. Classes begin in January.

For more information about becoming a tax volunteer, call Donna Slayton, IRS volunteer income tax assistance coordinator for New Mexico, at (505) 837-5515.

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'Champion of Service'

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We need your input

... to help us plan Community Update 2000, the Ruidoso News is seeking your opinions to shape the direction of Community Update.

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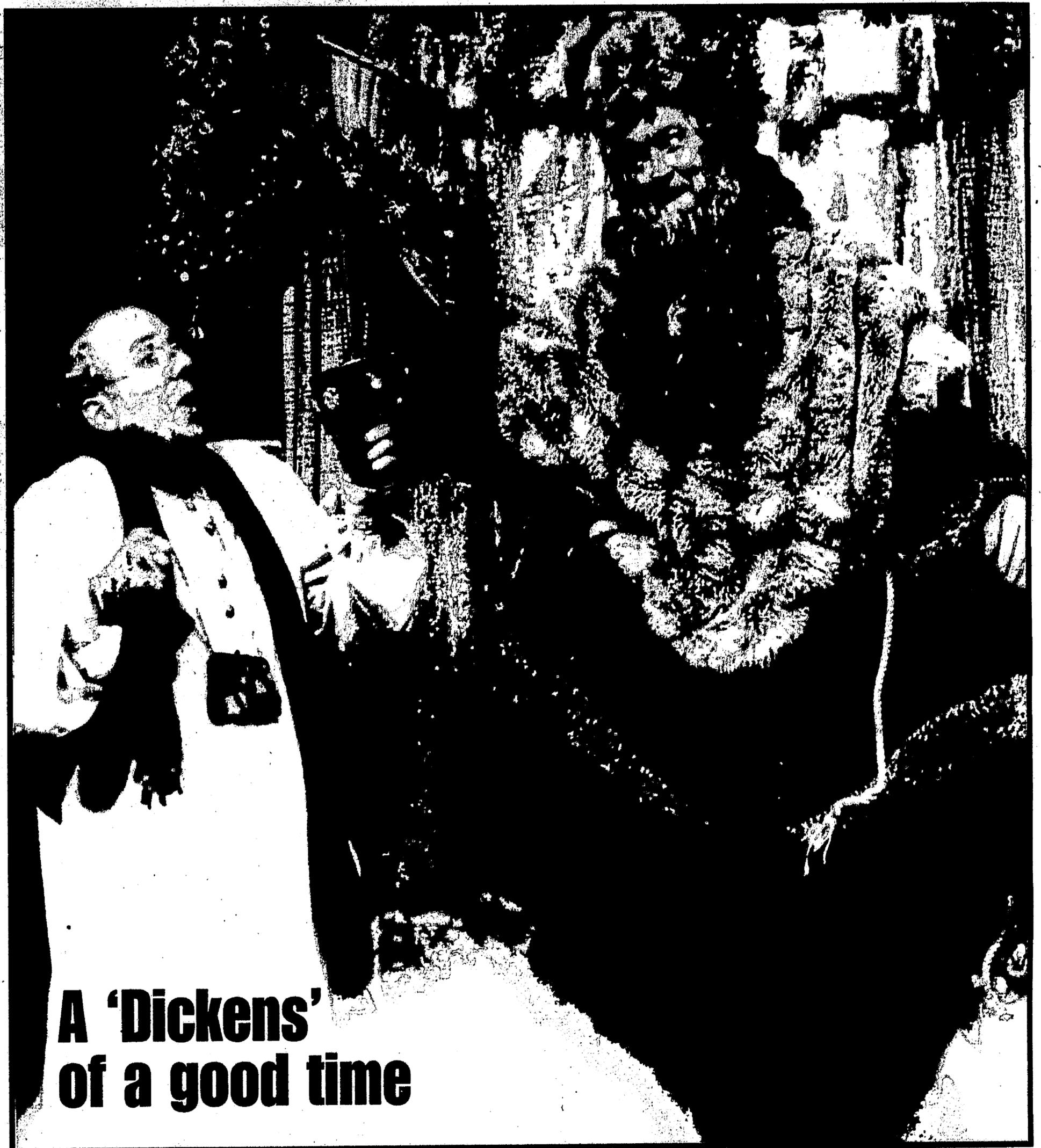
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**A 'Dickens'
of a good time**

ON THE COVER



Courtesy Brad Cooper

"HOLIDAY SPIRITS" TAKES ON A DIFFERENT MEANING with Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," which will be performed Saturday at the Spencer Theater. For more on the presentation, see page 10D.

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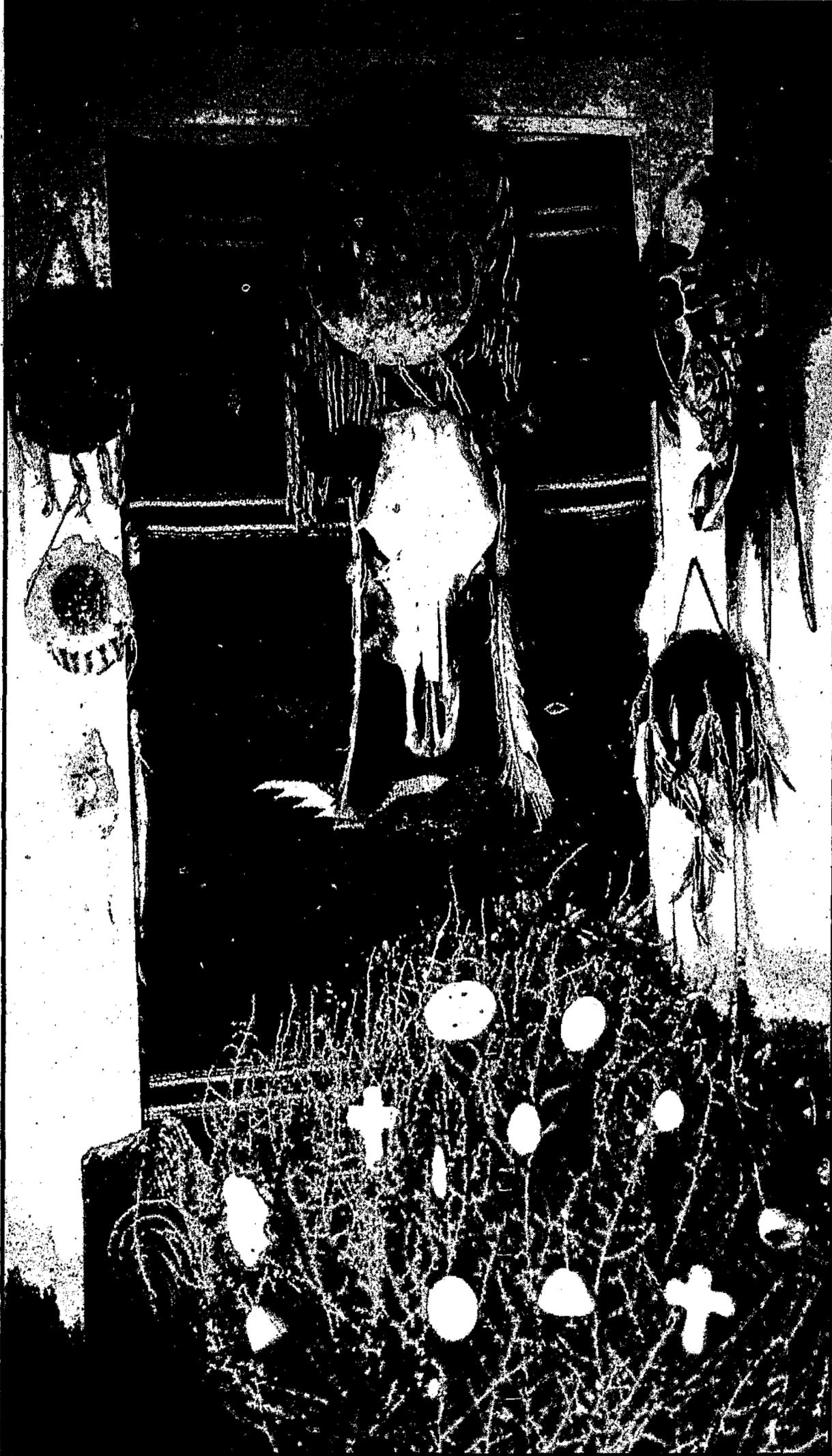


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The Arts



RUSTIC ornamentation

story and photos by Dianna Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

*A bit of a renegade,
Kathie Eisen chose her
own unique path in life.*

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A DISPLAY of Kathie Eisen's ornaments.

THE ARTS

RUSTIC

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*'I plant my seeds,
because I believe
if you give
something away,
it comes back
ten fold.'*

KATHIE EISEN
ARTIST

Born in upstate New York, she hitchhiked across the country and lived in a camper before following the race horse industry to Ruidoso Downs. Even after deciding to stay a while in Lincoln County, she worked a variety of jobs including construction.

But when her son, Dave, was a year old in 1990 and son Steven was close to preschool age, she decided it was time to settle.

Although she still worked various jobs, one of them drew her into her own world of art.

Eisen comes from an artistic family. Her sister is a commercial artist, her mother a gifted pastime painter and her father is talented



KATHIE EISEN adds a southwestern flavor to traditional Christmas tree decorations.

enough to have been a writer, but chose a more secure field of advertising, she said.

On the move too much to think of art for herself, an art career only occurred to Eisen after working with Adrian Henry, a singer and artist who lives in Ruidoso.

"She needed an assistant and I poured the molds for her lower retail line, but she said I learned in one week what it takes most peo-

ple six months," Eisen said from her home in Nogal, a picturesque former mining town about 14 miles north of Ruidoso. "I did some line drawings and she encouraged me to pursue my own work. I started with inlays, and from day one I have been able to generate some income."

Eisen, whose work features horse and Southwest themes in wood, clay and leather, created Christmas ornaments this year out of New Mexico clay. Lizards with brilliant turquoise stripes, Zia symbols, horses and other designs are hand painted and etched into the clay resulting in some unique and charming ornaments to add to holiday decorations.

Several years ago, the Monty Wade Gallery in San Antonio, Texas, picked up Eisen's work after she participated in a Starving Artist Show on the River Walk. Wade especially liked her stylized horse designs routed in wood panels.

She uses a similar design on the sideboards on her truck, prompting people to chase her



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EISEN'S FONDNESS for horses is readily apparent.

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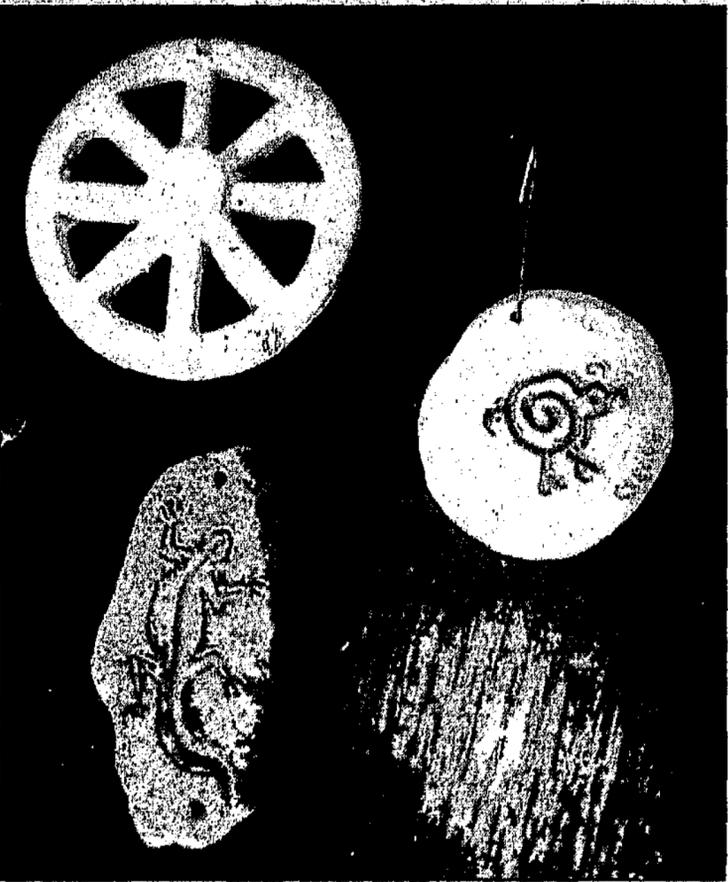
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CLAY, PAINT AND LEATHER come together in Eisen's art.



SHIELDS also incorporate her favorite image.

through town to find out where they can buy the panels, she said.

With her success, Eisen remains a person who values friendships and acts of kindness and tries to return the same.

"I plant my seeds, because I believe if you give something away, it comes back ten fold," she said.

Her pieces include coasters, dream catchers, wall plaques, mirrors, shields and tiles, and she is moving into larger items, such as table tops.

"Horses still are my favorites," Eisen said. "I like their movement and action."

Her shields incorporate horse designs burned and painted on leather and trimmed with feathers. One shield at High Country Outlet in Ruidoso is edged in barbed wire.

"I'm doing more painting and moving into bigger pieces," she said. But she also will continue the smaller items, such as the ornaments, which remain a constant source of sales.

Eisen's ornaments, wall hangings and other pieces are sold at High Country Outlet and The Wild Bunch Gallery in Ruidoso and the Hubbard Museum of the American West gift shop in Ruidoso Downs. Other businesses carrying her work are Merlinda's in Old Mesilla near Las Cruces, The Horse Feather in Tularosa, The Blue Stone in Alamogordo, Nogal Mercantile in Nogal, the Monty Wade Gallery in San Antonio, Texas, and the Cactus Symposium in Roswell. Eisen said people might also recognize one of her designs in leatherwear at Stampede Leather in Ruidoso.

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2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748

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Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal

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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.

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Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985.

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy 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.

The West Mesa Aquatic Facility

The West Mesa Aquatic Facility local selection committee (LSC) seeks to commission or purchase interior, 3D artwork/s to be suspended in the indoor recreation pool area in Albuquerque.

The LSC is seeking bright, colorful and fun banners or a mobile. The media must be able to withstand high humidity and chlorine. Style and scale are open.

Project amount: \$7,500. Open to New Mexico residents only.

For more information or a prospectus, contact Art in Public Place, New Mexico Arts, P.O. box 1450, Santa Fe, N.M., 87504-1450, (505) 827-6490, instate toll free (800) 879-4278.

Deadline: Jan. 13, 2000; Prospectus No. 131

The University of New Mexico Los Alamos Campus

The University of New Mexico Los Alamos Campus local selection committee (LSC) seeks to commission an interior, 3D work of art for the new Student Services Building in Los Alamos.

The LSC is seeking a site specific, sculptural artwork that will be suspended from the 20-foot high barrel vaulted ceiling in the student lounge. The artwork should illustrate the theme of a sense of place on a university campus.

Media, style and scale are open with a maximum weight of 600 pounds. Up to three finalists will be compensated \$250 each for two site visits and a maquette.

Project amount: \$14,250. Open to New Mexico residents only.

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Deadline: Jan. 13, 2000; Prospectus No. 126

A call for blacksmiths, wrought iron workers, artists

New Mexico Arts invites New Mexico blacksmiths, wrought iron workers and artists working in iron or other durable materials to submit entries for four in-state art projects.

A selection committee will purchase or commission unique functional or decorative exterior pieces, such as benches, gates, wall reliefs or free-standing sculpture.

Project amounts range from \$1,200 to \$5,000. Open to New Mexico residents only.

For more information or a prospectus, contact Art in Public Place, New Mexico Arts, P.O. box 1450, Santa Fe, N.M., 87504-1450, (505) 827-6490, instate toll free (800) 879-4278.

Deadline: Jan. 21, 2000; Prospectus No. 133

The University of New Mexico Main Campus

The University of New Mexico Main Campus Local Selection Committee (LSC) seeks to commission an exterior 3D work of art for the turnaround that marks the terminus of Yale Boulevard and is the principal north entrance to the main campus in Albuquerque.

The LSC is seeking a site specific, major sculptural work that might incorporate a water feature to fit within and distinctively mark this space and reflect the campus setting.

The media, style and scale are open. Up to five finalists will be compensated \$1,500 each for two site visits and a maquette.

Project amount: \$137,500. Open to artists residing in the U.S.

For more information or a prospectus, contact Art in Public Place, New Mexico Arts, P.O. box 1450, Santa Fe, N.M., 87504-1450, (505) 827-6490, instate toll free (800) 879-4278.

Deadline: Feb. 2, 2000; Prospectus No. 132

FUNKY BONE

Mr. Language Person on nitches, yores and defective sea lions

It is with great verisimilitude that we present another installation of "Ask Mister Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar, punctuation and unwanted body hair. This is the ONLY language column to receive the coveted Lifetime Bathroom Pass from The American Society of University Professors Who Are Never in Their Offices.



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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We will commence the onset of today's column by beginning with our first question, which concerns a basic rule of business grammar:

Q. What is the proper way to begin a formal letter?

A. The proper beginning, or "salutatorian," for a formal business letter is: "Dear Mr. Or Ms. Bob Johnson As The Case May Be." This should be followed by a small dab of imported mustard.

Q. What if the person's name is not "Bob Johnson"?

A. Then he or she will just have to change it.

Q. What is the correct way to conclude a formal business letter to a cable-television company?

A. "I Spit On Your Billing Department."

Q. Like millions of Americans, I cannot grasp the extremely subtle

difference between the words "your" and "you're."

A. Top grammar scientists are often confused by these two words, which are technically known as "bivalves," or words that appear to be identical and have hinged shells. The best way to tell them apart is to remember that "you're" is a contraction, which is a type of word used during childbirth, as in: "Hang on, Marlene, here comes you're baby!" Whereas "your" is, grammatically, a prosthetic infarction, which means a word that is used to score a debat-

ing point in an Internet chat room, as in: "Your a looser, you morron!"

Q. What about "yore"?

A. That refers to "the days of yore," when there was a lot of yore lying around, as a result of pigs. Also in those days, men would augment their personal regions by wearing "codpieces," which were pieces of actual cod.

Q. Yuck.

A. Yore telling us.

Q. What is the correct usage of the word "compunction"?

A. It may be used as a medical term ("a compunction of the left exterior vestibule") or in the name of a rock band ("DeWayne Hurmont and the Compunctions of Soul")

Q. Speaking of music, does it make you suspicious that "Barry Manilow" and "Busta Rhymes," in addition to sounding EXACTLY alike, have "conveniently" never once appeared on stage together?

A. It is time to end the charade.

Q. While viewing ESPN's Sept. 18 broadcast of the Indiana-Kentucky football game, did you hear an example of language usage so excellent that it caused you to spew beer from your nose?

A. Yes. The color commentator referred to a former coach as "a liv-

ing legend when he was still alive."

Q. Can you give some other examples of powerful language, sent in by alert readers?

A. Certainly:

— Trudy McDaniel sent in the instructions for putting together an Ikea desk, which state: "It is advisory to be two people during assembly."

— Doug Gordon sent in the instructions for a set of Tama brand drums, containing this warning: "Stay away from the drum set if an earthquake occurs."

— Dave Zarrow reports that he saw a sign making this appealing offer: "I Lost 40 Lbs. In Two Months! Call For Free Samples!"

— Joe Bays sent in a glossy color brochure for the American Standard "Cadet II" model commode, featuring the slogan: "Get more out of your toilet."

— Sandra Bowers sent in a story from the Akron Beacon-Journal headlined, "Police find man dead to death in motel."

— Paul Morrill sent in a story from the Santa Cruz County Sentinel, concerning a man who was arrested when he attacked some sea lions "because they constantly defected on his boat."

— Jeanne Reed sent in a bulletin

from Weatherby Health Care, a physician-placement firm, with this headline: "Born and Raised in the Midwest, This Very Talented Surgeon is Looking for his Nitch Back Home."

Q. You hate it when a surgeon loses his nitch.

A. Let's hope he didn't leave it inside a patient.

TODAY'S "TIP" FOR FICTION WRITERS: To make your writing more vivid, insert a literary device.

WEAK: "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room."

STRONG: "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room and a metaphor sliced off his head."

GOT A QUESTION FOR MISTER LANGUAGE PERSON? He truly does not care.

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Dave Barry's Holiday Gift Guide

Once again we are proud to present our annual Holiday Gift Guide — the gift guide that has been helping holiday shoppers find "just the right gift" for the past 2,000 consecutive years.

That is correct: This is the same Gift Guide that was consulted by the original Three Kings, who, following our recommendations, went to Bethlehem bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. All of these gifts were big hits, except for the frankincense and the myrrh,

which turn out, when you look them up in the dictionary, to be gum resins. This is not really what people are looking for, in a gift. People rarely say: "You know what I really hope to receive this holiday season? Gum resins!"

But despite that early setback, the Holiday Gift Guide has grown over the centuries to become what it is today: the world's leading source of unusual gift ideas that sane people would never think of on their own.

As always, every item in the Holiday Gift Guide is real. These are all gifts that you can actually buy or make yourself. We know this, because WE bought or made them all and have thoroughly tested them by letting them sit around our office for weeks. That is why we are able to offer you the traditional:

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If you purchase any of the items featured in this Gift Guide, and you are, for any reason whatsoever,

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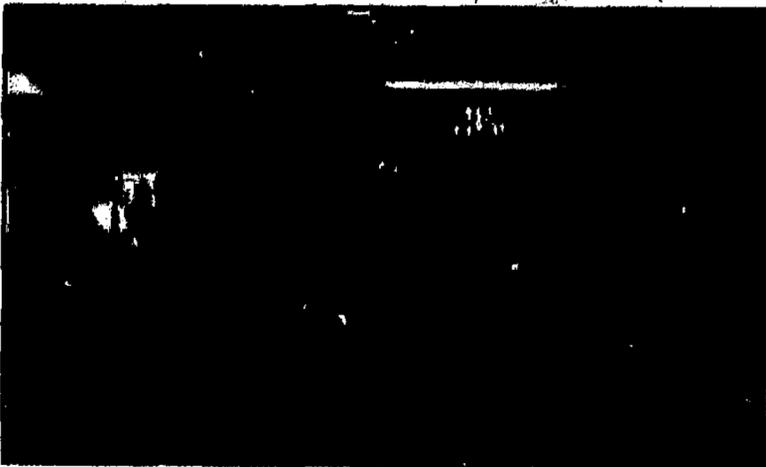
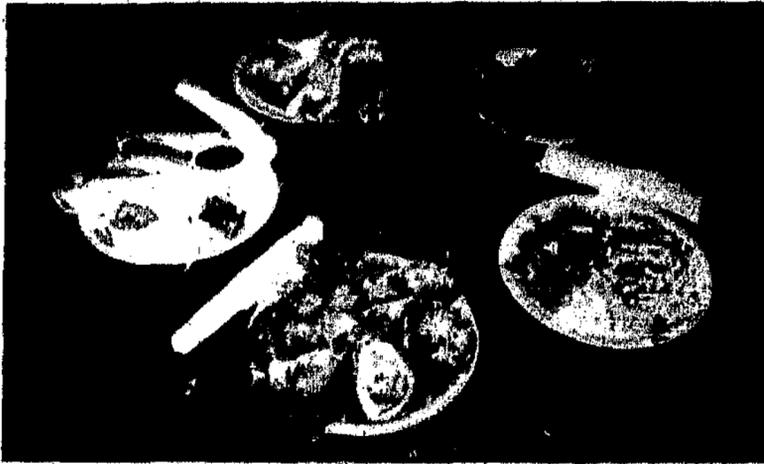
OK! Now that we have the "legal technicalities" out of the way, let's get to the 1999 Holiday Gift Guide! Our first item is one that is bound

to be a real "life saver" for you parents out there who would like to "save a few bucks" this holiday season on gifts for your younger children:

Do-It-Yourself Pokemon Cards

Pokemon is of course the name of the latest "craze" for youngsters. Pokemon — the name comes from the Japanese phrase meaning

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Gabe's Morsels & Cordials

We offer the best appetizers in town including fresh seafood, fresh vegetables, pork filled wontons, nachos and oysters Rockefeller. We have daily lunch specials and the best morsels and cordials you will ever taste, from sandwiches, steaks, seafood, salad and burgers. Come try our French onion soup - you will not regret it.

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Cattle Baron

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Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring daily specials. Great food, great atmosphere and great prices. We have live music in the lounge. We also book private parties.

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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.
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 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.

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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.

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 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.
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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.

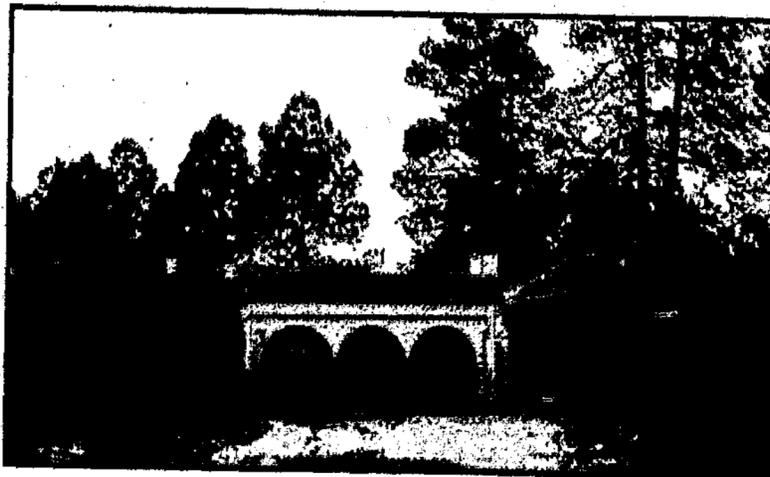
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



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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VAMONOS!

A 'Dickens' of a good time

"I have endeavoured in this Ghostly little book, to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses pleasantly, and no one wish to lay it."

Their faithful Friend and Servant,
C. D.
December, 1843.



courtesy

"GOD BLESS US EVERYONE." says Tiny Tim, who is held by his father, Bob Cratchit. The Charles Dickens classic of Christmas will be performed at the Spencer Theater.

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Look for joy, fun, humor and play in Michael Muller's version of the Charles Dickens' classic about stingy Scrooge and his spiritual transformation as he confronts both the loneliness of his youth and the day of his death.

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music

Win, Place & Show
Live music by Back Swing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. through Sunday at 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters
Live music through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club
Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

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

performances

Trumpeter Joe Burgstaller comes to Ruidoso

Ruidoso Community Concert Association welcomes trumpeter Joe Burgstaller Friday, Jan. 14, 2000. The concert will feature band members from Ruidoso High School.

Burgstaller began playing the trumpet at age six and by age 12 was a soloist with bands and at jazz clubs. By 15 he had been on national television and was the youngest member to perform with the Virginia Opera Orchestra.

Now residing in New York City, he tours the world with the acclaimed brass quintet and percussion group, Meridian Arts Ensemble.

For more information, call 336-4015.

Las Cruces Chamber Ballet presents "The Nutcracker"

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" Dec. 16, 17, 18 and 19 with show times at 7 p.m.

Performances will be held at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall.

Ticket prices are \$10, \$12, and \$15.

For ticket or show information call the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet at (505) 523-1654.

movies

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

The Straight Story

Rated: G

Show times: 1 p.m.*, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

The Green Mile

Rated: R

Show times: 12 p.m.*, 3:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m.*

Toy Story 2

Rated: G

Show times: 12:30 p.m.*, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*



courtesy

SCROOGE MAKES HIS POINTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS CHARITY quite clear to employees and those looking to raise money for the poor.

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"Scrooge is spectacular," Muller said. "He has a way of involving the audience in his transformation and is also cold and heartless in a way that everyone loves to hate. He is very funny in the end, entertaining, and very touching in his reconciliation with family and essentially the world around him."

In what is possibly the longest continuous seasonal tour in America, Muller, director and producer, brings this adaptation written by Charles Jones to New Mexico.

The company opened on Thanksgiving in Fort Smith, Ark. and performed for the Galveston, Texas Dickens Festival the first weekend in December, when the whole town dresses up in costumes of Dickens' times.

Muller started out as an actor with this play 20 years ago, and somewhere along the line he started directing, and later producing it. His

training was in Shakespeare, traditional theater and some commercial theater.

"For all those 20 years, I loved the story," Muller said. "First of all I think it's an incredible story and I love the way we approach the show. We find that it's a show of joy and redemption rather than dark, Dickensian troubles."

The merriment viewers will experience Saturday was written into the novella by Dickens in 1843, Muller said, and this production stays close to what Dickens wrote, with only a few variances in the language.

"It's very accessible language," Muller said. "I don't see any reason for modernizing the language; it's not deep and difficult."

Victorian carols, supported by a five-piece chamber ensemble, move the show forward, and the technical effects are fun and evocative: an enormous bed that takes Scrooge to various locations by spinning around the stage, an 8-foot-tall

Ghost of Christmas Future, much smog and fog and perhaps a snowstorm.

Written during the Industrial Revolution when people were moving to the cities and losing their sense of family and neighborhood, the story is still relevant, Muller said.

Dickens' purpose in writing the novella was to expose the abuses of the working poor, Muller said. He said even though laws were written because of the book that helped to eliminate some of the social problems of urban industrial areas, the disadvantaged still exist and the pursuit of money still tears apart families and communities.

"This book," Muller said, "almost single-handedly, reinvented the idea of the family-oriented and community-oriented Christmas, as opposed to the church Christmas, which was formal," Muller said.

"Christmas carols were banned at the time this was written and just started to be reintroduced into the community. ... Most Christmas car-

ols were used in family celebrations, which I think is still necessary. That's what I think Christmas is about: family and community, taking care of each other."

A bit about Dickens

English novelist Charles Dickens (1812-1870) was at the height of his career when he wrote "A Christmas Carol" in 1843. His novels (highly recognized through his journalistic use of the popular devices of sentimentality, melodrama, broad humor, familiar characters and turns of plot) had already gained attention among devoted readers as far away as America.

With the publication of "A Christmas Carol," that appeal was immortalized.

A prime motivation for Dickens, who had worked his way from the humble, often brutal experiences of a poverty-stricken childhood to the drawing rooms of London's social-literary set, was the wish to expose the suffering and hopelessness of

the working poor in England during the Industrial Revolution.

Through this pursuit, his body of works are thought to encompass Victorian England to the same

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degree that Shakespeare typifies Renaissance England. Dickens restlessly called for reform at every level.

Born in Portsmouth on February 7, 1812, the second of John and Elizabeth Dickens' eight children, Charles' childhood was interrupted when he was forced at the age of 12 to work in the Warren's Blacking Factory after his father, who moved the family to London in 1921, fell into financial disaster, was arrested for debt and imprisoned in the Marshalsea Debtors' Prison. His father, who was joined in prison by his wife and other children, was released after the family finances were temporarily straightened by a relative.

Charles, already scarred psychologically by the experience, was further wounded by his mother's insistence that he continue to work at the factory, but his father rescued him from that fate and sent the boy to be a day pupil at a school in London.

"A Christmas Carol," written in a month's time, contains Dickens' "Carol philosophy." He believed in the brotherhood of man, in the necessity of good will in human conduct. A Christmas Carol's composite characters, brought to us now after more than a century of revision and elaboration, remain powerful and vivid in their original symbolic stance. Packaged in the warm, sentimental setting of Christmas, Dickens' political social idealism assails us. We see Scrooge mistreat Bob Cratchit with cold-hearted arrogance, precisely as organized society visited its injustices upon the defenseless working class. Here is a cruel paradox of the Industrial Revolution.

Scrooge is the embodiment of the acquisitive, middle-class society whose value system focused exclusively upon profit and gain. The Cratchit family are the working poor, with all the tender honesty, limited prospects and tragic problems which typified that class in England. Even the medical problems of Tiny Tim strike a note central to the theme, as London had no hospitals in 1843 which would admit a child as a patient.

The ghosts help Scrooge recall youth and the promise of a better being, and as a result, his imagination is extended sympathetically beyond himself and he is redeemed.

Charles Dickens became the spokesman, the dramatist of Victorian England's soul search, and his vision of a society redeemed through love and generosity haunt his works forever.

Noteworthy events of Dickens' life

- 1812 — Born on February 7 to

THE SKINNY

WHAT:
A Christmas Carol, the classic Charles Dickens adapted for the musical stage by Charles Jones produced and directed by Mike Muller

WHERE:
The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

WHEN:
8 p.m. 2 p.m. Saturday

ADMISSION:
2 p.m. \$15 \$20
8 p.m. \$20 \$25



THE CRATCHIT FAMILY shows that poverty does not have to dampen the Christmas spirit.

John and Elizabeth Dickens.

- 1824 — John Dickens arrested and sent to the Marshalsea prison. Charles Dickens worked at the Warren's Blacking Factory.
- 1827 — Reenters the workforce as the clerk of an attorney.
- 1830 — Dickens meets Maria Beadnell, his first love interest.
- 1833 — The relationship with Maria Beadnell ends. A Dinner at Poplar Walk is published.
- 1834 — Began using the pseudonym "Boz". Meets his future wife, Catherine Hogarth.
- 1835 — Becomes engaged to

Catherine.

- 1836 — The first chapters of Pickwick Papers are published. Marries Catherine Hogarth.
- 1837 — The first of his 10 children is born.
- 1838 — Publication of Nicholas Nickleby begins.
- 1841 — Charles and Catherine tour Scotland.
- 1842 — Set out on his first tour of America.
- 1846 — Publication of Dombey and Son begins.

- 1848 — Dickens' sister, Fanny, dies.
- 1849 — The publication of David Copperfield begins.
- 1851 — His father, John Dickens, dies. What Shall We have for Dinner?, a cookbook by Catherine Dickens is published.
- 1852 — The publication of Bleak House begins.
- 1856 — Works with Wilkie Collins on The Frozen Deep. Purchases Gad's Hill Place.
- 1857 — Entertains Hans

- Christian Anderson at Gad's Hill. Meets Ellen Ternan.
- 1858 — Separates from Catherine, his wife.
- 1867 — Tours America for the second time.
- 1870 — Dies at Gad's Hill Place.

(The Spencer Theater and the Gad's Hill Place Web site at: <http://www.perryweb.com/Dickens/index.html> contributed to this report.)

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"huge profits through nagging" — is based on a cast of cute cartoon "monsters" whose images are featured on a wide variety of products, the hottest of which are trading cards. Walk into just about any store in America, and you'll hear a chorus of annoying voices whining, "Please can I have some Pokemon trading cards c'mon please please PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE. IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME SOME POKEMON CARDS NOW I'M GONNA LIE ON THE FLOOR AND SCREAM!"

And those are the PARENTS. They're desperate for these cards, because their kids want them more than anything in the world. The trading is fierce: Certain rare cards are viewed as so valuable that kids are getting into fights over them at school. Lawsuits are being filed. It's only a matter of time before Al Gore proposes some kind of massive federal Pokemon program.

So what's a parent to do? We here at the Holiday Gift Guide have come up with what we think is the perfect solution ... You can make your OWN Pokemon cards! It's simple and easy! Here's all you do:

1. Ask your child what Pokemon card he or she would really like to have. Your child will probably name a card featuring a character such as "Charizard," which is very rare.
2. Get some shirt cardboard.
3. Cut out a rectangle the size of a Pokemon card.
4. Using a pen or marker, draw on the card a picture of what you think "Charizard" would look like. Also write the words "Official Pokemon Card" on the top, as shown in the photograph. (Note: We checked with the folks in our Legal Department about this, and they assured us that we do not have a Legal Department.)
5. Put the card in a big box, wrap it, and write, "A VERY SPECIAL GIFT FOR A VERY SPECIAL POKEMON FAN" on the outside. Imagine the look of surprise on your child's face when he or she opens the box and sees — instead of some impersonal product manufactured by strangers — a gift that was made by hand by a loving parent! Ha ha! This is bound to be a moment that both you and your child will remember always, no matter how many years you both spend in therapy.

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\$49 plus shipping and handling from The Sharper Image, P.O. Box 7031, San Francisco, Calif. 94120, phone 1-800-344-4444, Internet: <http://www.sharperimage.com/>

(Suggested by Jeanne Zornes of Wenatchee, Wash.)

We can all agree that there is nothing in the entire world worse than having to leave an air-condi-

tioned building on a sweltering hot summer day. So just imagine what it would be like if you could step out onto the sidewalk wearing an ACTUAL AIR CONDITIONER around your neck!

It would be very unpleasant, because air conditioners weigh hundreds of pounds. It would be like having Gov. Jesse Ventura clinging to your upper body. You'd stagger a few steps and collapse. Eventually you'd be eaten by sidewalk ants.

So instead of an actual air conditioner, you should consider this Personal Cooling System. This is a small device that looks sort of like the thing that Robocop wears over his eyes, except that you wear it around the back of your neck. It uses a few ounces of water and a small battery-powered fan, yet — amazingly — it will cool your entire body! This is assuming that your entire body is the size of a bratwurst. If you're a normal human, this device will cool a small portion of your neck.

"Trail Boss" Western-Style Cowperson Hardhat

\$25 plus shipping and handling from Forestry Suppliers, Inc., P.O. Box 8397, Jackson, Miss. 39284-8397, phone 1-800-647-5368, fax 1-800-543-4203, Internet: <http://www.forestry-suppliers.com/>

(Suggested by Joe Galvin of Murrsville, Pa.)

This is the ultimate gift idea if you're thinking about giving somebody a hard hat this holiday season, yet you are not happy with the boring styles that have dominated the hard-hat fashion industry for far too long. This is a hat made of genuine high-impact plastic, yet styled to look like exactly like the hats worn by such "rip-tootin' cowpokers" as "Hopalong" Cassidy, "Roy" Rogers, the "Lone" Ranger and former President Lyndon "Baines" Johnson.

Just imagine what would happen if the lucky construction worker on your list showed up at the job site wearing this hat, accessorized with a colorful neck bandanna, a fringed vest, a pair of steel-toed cowperson boots and perhaps a pair of "six-shooter" style holsters carrying manly power tools! We are sure the other construction workers would shout "Yippee-yi-o," among other remarks.

Run-N-Chute

\$54.95 plus shipping and handling from Strength Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 73190, Metairie, La. 70033-3190, phone 1-800-451-JUMP (5867), Internet: <http://www.strength-systems.com/>

(Suggested by Pam Spencer of Klamath Falls, Ore.)

This item is a small parachute that is designed to be attached via a belt to a runner. This is a precaution in case the runner ever falls out of an airplane.

No, I am kidding. The real rea-

son is to provide wind resistance, which, according to the Run-n-Chute manufacturer, will "improve your speed, acceleration and endurance." But we think the Run-n-Chute would also make an excellent gift idea for:

— Law-enforcement personnel, who could attach it to criminals, to make them easier to pursue if they escape.

— Parents, who could attach it to small children to slow them down in case they run off, or fall out of an airplane.

— The Secret Service, which could attach it to the president and deploy it via remote control in the event of a sudden lunge toward an intern.

Astral Projection Kit

\$24.95 plus shipping and handling from Pacific Spirit/Whole Life Products, 1334 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove, Ore. 97116, phone 1-800-634-9057, fax 1-503-357-1669, Internet: <http://www.mystictrader.com/>

(Suggested by Dan and Cheryl Edmonds of Deland, Fla.)

This kit consists of a tape and a book that teach you how to travel to the "numerous dimensions of the Astral Plane." (For the benefit of those of you who are not spiritually minded, we should explain that the "Astral Plane" is this plane that is astral in nature and has numerous dimensions.)

According to the promotional literature, "This incredible kit will show you the secrets and step-by-step procedures for safely and easily leaving your body temporarily while exploring the dimensions beyond."

We have not tried this kit personally, but we're sure it does everything that it promises, because why else would it cost \$24.95? We think it's a great idea: There are plenty of situations in which it would be very handy to be able to leave your body temporarily. During prostate examinations, for example:

"Yukon" Style Camo Hat with Flaps

\$19.99-\$22.99 plus shipping and handling from Herter's, P.O. Box 426, Greenville N.C., 27835-0426, phone 1-800-654-3825, fax 1-800-515-6791, Internet: <http://www.herter.com/>

Here is the ultimate gift for the person on your list who wants to wear "the latest" in fashionable headwear — the kind of headwear that combines the tasteful, always-in-style beauty of camouflage with the elegance of large ear flaps. These hats were designed by a leading European fashion designer whose name we are not permitted to reveal here for legal reasons relating to the fact that he or she does not technically exist. But we CAN tell you that this hat is this season's "must-have" clothing item in

the fashion centers of Paris, Rome, New York and the Yukon. Our advice is, if you're thinking of giving these hats as gifts, buy them NOW, before they're all snatched up by Cher.

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\$214.99 plus shipping and handling from Cabela's, 1 Cabela Drive, Sidney, Neb. 69160, phone 1-800-237-4444, fax 1-800-496-6329, Internet: <http://www.cabelas.com/>

Here's an important fact for everybody who is concerned about crime: According to FBI statistics, NOT ONE PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES HAS EVER BEEN ASSAULTED WHILE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BEAR.

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Jumbo Roll of Toilet Paper

\$87.45 (6 rolls) plus shipping and handling from Rest Room World, P.O. Box 1333, Pleasantville, N.J. 08232, phone 1-800-257-8557, fax 1-609-641-7766.

(Suggested by Mitch Mitchum of Astoria, Ore., and Jody Nye of Wauconda, Ill.)

Does your holiday gift list include a "Martha Stewart type" of individual — the kind of individual who is fond of hosting elegant parties in a beautiful, tasteful designer home where every tiny detail has to be "just right"? If so, then this is the

perfect gift for that individual: An industrial-size roll of toilet paper, packing TWO THOUSAND FEET of two-ply tissue.

This toilet paper is also totally Y2K compliant and makes an excellent gift for the survivalists on your holiday list. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that a family of four can make a single one of these jumbo rolls last for THREE YEARS, provided that they eat a diet consisting exclusively of lowfat kibble.

Brain Gum

\$60 plus shipping and handling from Self Care Catalog, 104 Challenger Drive, Portland, Tenn. 37148-1716, phone 1-800-345-3371, fax 1-800-345-4021, Internet: <http://www.selfcare.com/>

(Suggested by Deborah Jones of Lexington, Ky.)

How many times have you smacked yourself in the forehead and said: "Dang it! I wish I was smarter!" And then you have to be taken to the hospital emergency room, because when you smacked yourself, you were holding a hammer?

If that sounds like you, or somebody on your holiday list, then do we ever have the gift concept for you! This truly incredible product is chewing gum that can actually RAISE YOUR IQ. How is such a thing possible? Here is a direct quote from the promotional materials: "True to its name, Brain Gum improves cognitive functions by restoring a healthy level of PhosphatidylSerine in the brain."

Did you get that? A healthy level of PhosphatidylSerine! We don't know about you, but when we see a word that big, we KNOW it must be highly scientific.

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The unlikely gunfighter

Contrary to what Hollywood tells us, the most important thing in a gunfight was not speed, or even accuracy. It was the man who could remain cool under fire

There were many famous gunfights and gunfighters in the Old West: There was the gunfight at Ingalls, Oklahoma, and the legendary Gunfight at the OK Corral. And there was certainly no lack of gunfighters — Wild Bill Hickok, Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp, and the deadliest of them all, John Wesley Hardin. And then there was Doctor William McMurtry.

Who?

William McMurtry was born on August 15, 1802 in Kentucky. By the time he was 20, McMurtry had become a doctor and within a few years he had accumulated a substantial sum of money. By 1849, McMurtry, who had managed to contract malaria at some point, decided to join the California gold rush. He was married, in his mid-forties, and had five children. After a five-month trip west, McMurtry and his family settled in Oroville, California. They did some mining, but found that there was more money in cattle. After a time, they opened a restaurant about 60 miles northeast of Sacramento. A hotel soon followed.

In the early 1850s, William was joined by his brother James, who became part owner of a gold claim known as the Larimer. And that was where the trouble began.

Part of the Larimer claim bumped against another claim owned, at

least in part, by a butcher named Alexander Griffin. The claim owned by Griffin began to yield gold, but the vein led right into the Larimer claim — a problem that bothered Griffin not a whit.

Tensions mount

When the owners of the Larimer — James McMurtry among them — tried to point out that if Griffin followed the vein into the Larimer, he would be trespassing, Griffin ignored them.

The Larimer owners, deciding that time was a-wasting, sunk a shaft on their own property, and Griffin had it filled in. When they started a second shaft, Griffin announced that he would not only fill that one in, too, but would also take possession of both claims by force. He then proceeded to hire, arm, and by some accounts, fortify with tonsil paint, some 11 toughs who didn't mind how they made their money.

When he heard of Griffin's plans, James, in the company of his brother and another of the Larimer partners, Richard Kimball, went to Osborne Hill (the location of the two claims) for a confrontation. The Old West being the place that it was,



a number of locals went along as spectators. The onlookers were disappointed, however, when the two sides agreed to settle the problem by peaceable arbitration. As Griffin and his men moved off a ways, most of the onlookers departed the scene, thereby missing out on the fireworks that came next.

Violence flares

After a few minutes, the Griffin party approached the McMurtrys and Kimball, with Griffin himself mounted on horseback. The McMurtrys began to suspect that something was awry when Griffin's men began positioning themselves near trees and logs. Griffin then announced that the peace talks were off and that he wanted the new shaft filled in immediately. William McMurtry, correctly assessing the odds as being too high, insisted that he, his brother and Kimball withdraw.

As the trio began to move back, someone in the Griffin party fired a shot, and with that shot, the entire Griffin party opened fire. James McMurtry and Richard Kimball went down almost immediately, Kimball disabled by a shotgun blast and McMurtry mortally wounded with a bullet to the chest.

56-year-old Dr. William McMurtry now stood alone facing a dozen heavily armed men. As the doctor drew his Colt revolver, it hung up in his suspenders, causing some of the men in the Griffin party to smirk. Their smiles disappeared, however, when McMurtry finally got his weapon free and began to fire.

The gunfight

Contrary to what Hollywood tells us, the most important thing in a gunfight was not speed, or even accuracy. It was not the man who was fast on the draw that was most likely to kill you in one of these situations. It was the man who could remain cool under fire; who could take his time and aim carefully with bullets whistling around his head.

And middle-aged Doctor William McMurtry was that man.

McMurtry's behavior that summer's day in 1858 would have made men like John Wesley Hardin and Wyatt Earp proud. He did it right. Calm. No hurry. McMurtry's first shot killed a man named Holland, and his second dropped a man named Carney to the ground, mortally wounded. With bullets whistling all around him, McMurtry fired again. This shot dropped a local hardcase known as "Coyote Jack," who would later die of the

wound.

In fact, none of the Doctor's shots missed. His fourth bullet slammed a fellow named Patrick Casey to the ground, and two more men — unidentified — went down with his fifth and sixth rounds in them. Aware that he was now out of ammo, McMurtry calmly bent down to retrieve his fallen brother's pistol, and that was just too much for the opposition.

It was bad enough that the gray-haired doctor never seemed to miss, or even get rattled, but the idea of him now holding another fully loaded pistol was simply too much to justify whatever the money that Griffin was paying them, and the enemy departed the field of battle — in a big hurry.

Ike Clanton's spiritual forerunner

It was 23 years later, in 1881, that Ike Clanton would "distinguish" himself at the Gunfight at the OK Corral, in Tombstone, Arizona Territory. Ike had run his big mouth for much of the 24-hour period immediately preceding the gunfight, but when the guns began to roar, Ike had decided that discretion was indeed the better part of valor and had departed the scene at somewhere around the speed of light.

And on that day in 1858, Alexander Griffin displayed much of the same courage, or rather, lack of it, that Ike would display at the OK Corral.

Griffin, according to newspapers of the time, had put the spurs to his horse and departed in search of more hospitable climes the moment that the gunfire began. And, while Griffin clearly chose the wisest course of action, it was not exactly the most admirable.

Aftermath

And again like that much more celebrated gunfight in Tombstone, different versions of the fight began to surface almost as soon as the gunsmoke cleared. At least one of the Griffin gunmen claimed that the McMurtry party fired the first shot, which seems unlikely in the extreme, considering the odds.

The newspapers, as always, contained wildly conflicting accounts. One claimed that there were 12 to 20 men in the Griffin party; another that there were 10 to 15; another that there were 10 and still another claimed that there were 12, which is the number generally agreed upon today.

One thing that they all agreed upon was the fact that the doctor

did not miss. This was a remarkable achievement on several levels. For one — and anyone who has ever been in a real gunfight will confirm this — McMurtry was cool as a cucumber, even with all those bullets screaming around him. It requires almost a supernatural amount of nerve to remain calm in such a situation. For another, the good doctor was no kid and, as we all know, the older one gets, the more aware of one's own mortality one becomes. The young are not necessarily braver than the old. They are just more deluded, where their own mortality is concerned.

And what is perhaps the most remarkable thing of all is that Doctor McMurtry was not hit. In fact, he was completely unscathed — just as Wyatt Earp was unscathed in that more celebrated gunfight 23 years later.

Finale

After the hoopla over what became known as the "Osborne Hill Gunfight" died down, William McMurtry sold his business interests, took up his medical practice again, and became a gentleman farmer. He never, either before or after the gunfight, led the life of a "shootist."

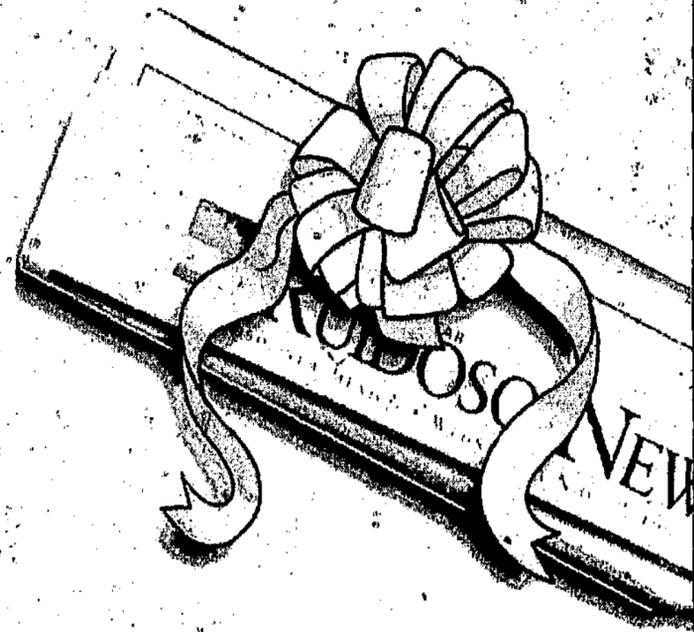
Active in his church and known as a doctor who was always ready to saddle up his horse in the middle of the night to aid a sick neighbor, McMurtry was known as a man of peace. He and his wife were well known as philanthropists, and William McMurtry never fired another shot in anger.

On March 6, 1892, Doctor William McMurtry died in Oakland, California at the age of 91. He was never called upon to display the courage that he showed in such abundance that day in 1858.

He never had to. In 1858, at the Osborne Hill Gunfight, Doctor William McMurtry displayed enough courage to last two lifetimes.

Sources: "Standing Alone, Dr. William McMurtry" by Brad Prowse; "Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal and "Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West" by Richard Patterson.

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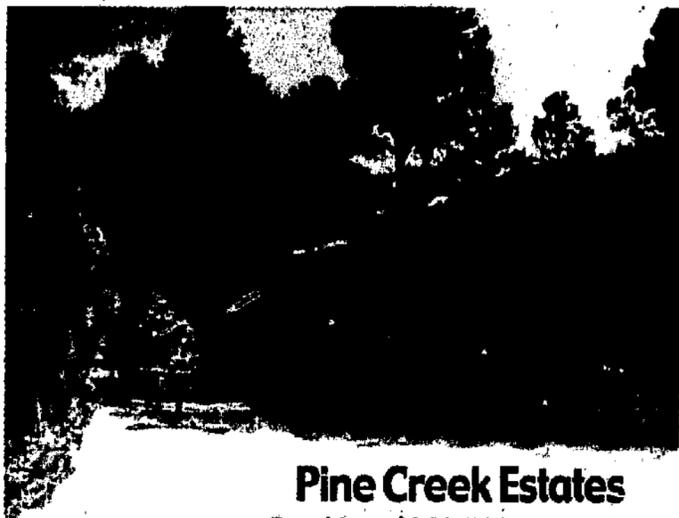
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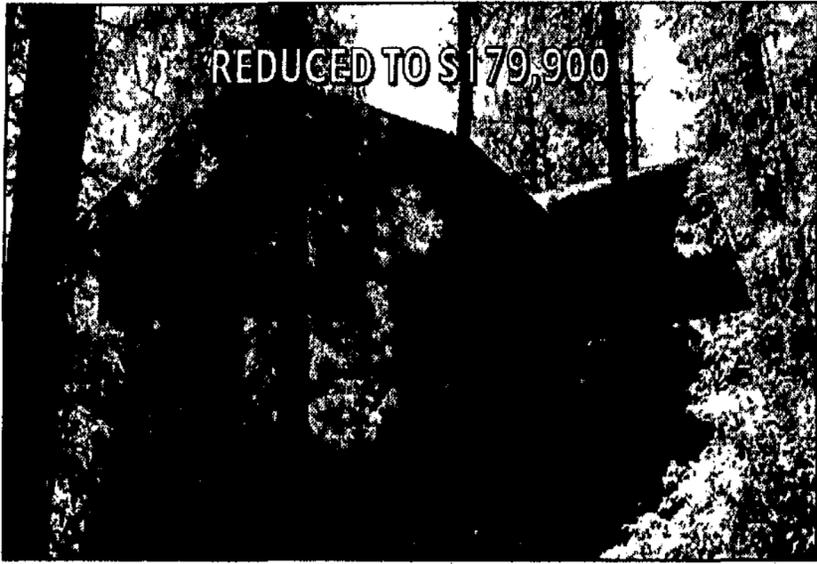
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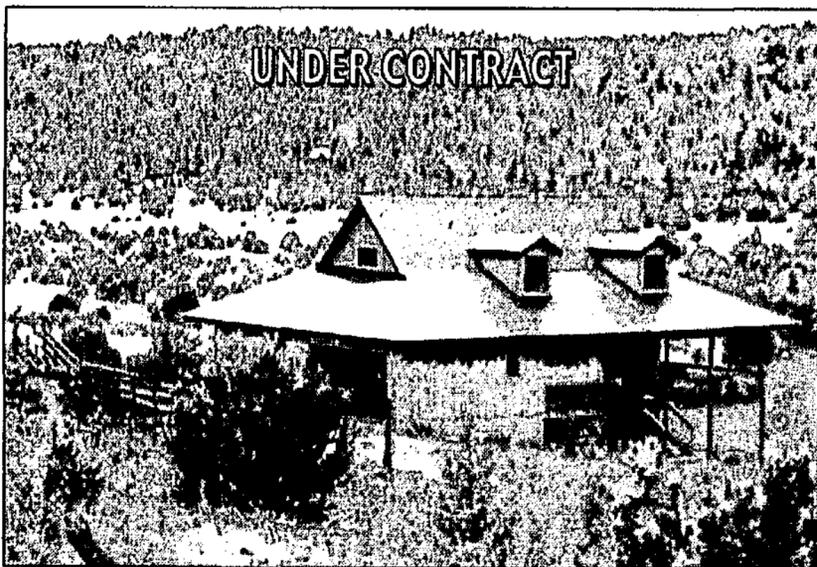
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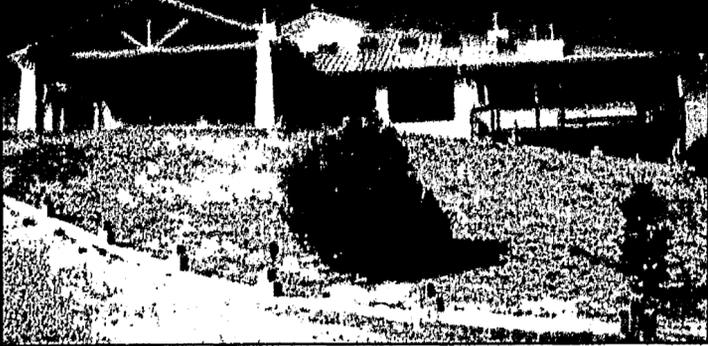


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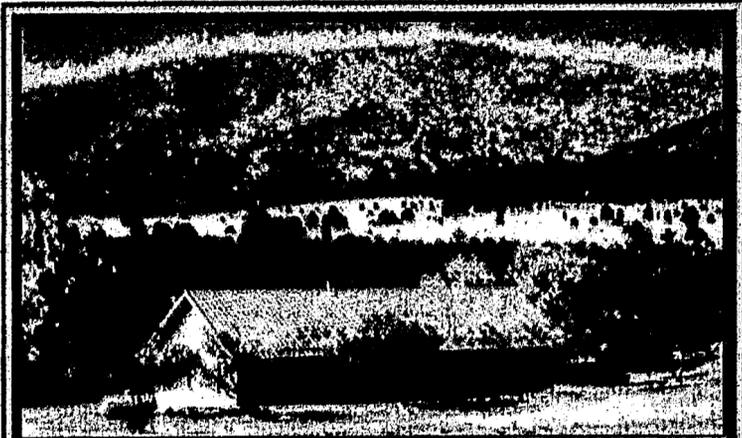
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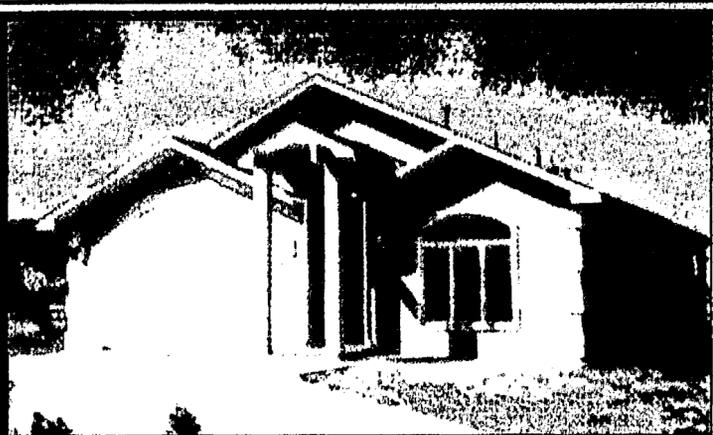
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