

# Valley opposes 4-lane U.S. 70

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Eight alternatives are under review in dealing with the routing of U. S. Highway 70 between Ruidoso and Roswell.

Governmental agencies, both federal and state, as well as some citizens from the Hondo valley, weighed in last week during a formal scoping process meeting at the Hondo school complex.

The route alternatives to improve U. S. 70 range from a "no build" proposal to the upgrading of state highway 246, which runs from Capitan to Roswell's north side.

"The 'no build' alternative would not meet any of the highway's needs," Steve Reed, with the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department, said.

Data shows the Hondo Valley portion of the highway has had a higher percentage of accidents than U. S. 70 east of Riverside. Sight dis-

tance, because of curves and hills, as well as conflicts between turning vehicles and through traffic, are cited as typical reasons for the high accident data.

Alternative two, which would upgrade the current corridor, potentially creating a four-lane roadway, was presented as the state highway department's preferred pursuit. "From Roswell to Ruidoso, it is the most direct route," Reed stated.

Opponents of widening the route through the Hondo valley warned of economic, environmental and quality of life concerns.

"Use common sense," Royce Griggs of Picacho told officials at the meeting. "It will ruin the valley if you put in a four-lane highway. The river valley's not wide enough."

Presenting the state transportation department with a petition against widening the highway,

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A few valley residents join representatives of state and federal agencies last Wednesday in Hondo to hear about the planned improvement of the route from Ruidoso Downs to the Riverside area.

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Two people in the business question the feasibility of the commission's plan

# County considering buying its own rock crusher for road material

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Two road construction material suppliers in Lincoln County say county commissioners should drop the idea of buying a rock crusher.

They're biting off more costs and paperwork than they realize, said Joel Bonnell, who's been in the business since 1973.

The commission is scheduled to consider purchasing a rock crusher Thursday during the board's monthly meeting at 9 a.m. in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Commissioner Rick Simpson, who researched the proposal, won't attend the meeting, because he's the trail boss on The Last Great Cattle Drive of the

Millennium, set to head out of Roswell today (Wednesday) and to arrive in Lincoln five days later.

But Commissioners William Schwettmann and L. Ray Nunley said they're ready to listen to the proposal, see what the estimated saving may be to the county, and to hear the views of Bonnell and Tommy White, who owns Ruidoso Paving in Ruidoso.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he's concerned about county government stepping into business that should go to private enterprise.

Schwettmann said Bonnell and White should be concerned.

"I know other counties have bought their own rock crushers - like DeBata - and they're much smaller

than we are, but it's going well," he said Tuesday. "I'll go in with an open mind. We don't have the proposal and haven't seen what it could save us. I've always said private enterprise can do things more cheaply, but in this case, government doesn't have to pay the same level of wages or charge the same prices."

Nunley said he'll listen and then decide if a rock crusher is more important that other priorities for the road department, such as replacing worn out equipment.

But Nunley said buying a rock crusher is bad idea.

"I think instead they should pick specific sites around the county and let them out for bid," he said. "A lot of peo-

ple in the state have portable crushers and would probably bid and move their crushers there."

A crusher could cost about \$300,000, but that's not the only expense in figuring the price of gravel, he said.

"They may have the extra cost of the manpower," Bonnell said. "With a rock crusher, they'll fall under the Mine Safety and Health Administration and they'll have to comply with their regulations and there's a ton of paperwork with that."

"They'll also probably have to get an air quality control permit; we spent about \$20,000 for ours."

To produce a quality product, the county may need to buy a conveyor

and a screening plant, he said.

Bonnell was low bidder for the past four to five years, supplying road building material to the county.

"They way they've done it is to bid for each of the five commission districts, and we bid from the point of our pit," he said. "But if they had a specific site to bid it from, we would bid it there and move our rock crusher to the site."

Depending on the amount of work the county does in any one year, the loss to a private business could be from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year, White said.

"There also was some discussion about (the county) selling some of the material and I think that would be illegal. We need to go by the law."

# Society banks on county history

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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CARRIZOZO - Creating their headquarters in a historic building and storing their archives in a old bank vault seems to be the perfect arrangement for members of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

"With 260 members, we have more than the Chaves County Historical Society and most other societies in the state," said officer Linda Sanchez. "Our field trips brought more than 100 people out for the Lew Wallace chautauqua program and 42 for the archaeological trips."

The mission of the society is to help preserve, enhance and interpret regional history, as well as fostering a love and respect for the fragile past, Sanchez said.

Accomplishments this past year include:

- Publishing two books, "Ramblin Around Lincoln County," and the Carrizozo' special centennial work, "Looking Back, A Photo History of Old Car-

rizozo."

- Receiving a grant from the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board to improve the archives.

- Expanding the board by three to better represent various sections of the county.

- Raising more than \$2,500 for programs, education, improvement of the newsletter and public outreach through Project 2000, a fund-raising initiative.

- Presenting several public programs and field trips.

- Hosting an open house and assisting the Carrizozo centennial celebration.

- Cataloging hundreds of photos in several collections and placing information on a data base.

- Obtaining furniture for the office and file cabinets for the archives from donors.

- Physically improving the society's headquarters in the Masonic building.

Goals for next year will focus on continued money-raising efforts, and

increased programs and field trips for members and the public, Sanchez said.

"We hope to expand the hours at the archives through our volunteer corps and to develop a brochure explaining who and what we are," she said.

The society also supports the continuing effort to develop a museum in Carrizozo and will provide training for members in archival preservation, she said.

Another goal is to coordinate with the county clerk's office and other historical societies and repositories or museums in the effort to preserve the past.

In Phase II of the Project 2000 money-raising effort, members will have a choice to mark their donations for specific archival training for volunteers, the purchase or supplies such as acid free sleeves for photo protection, archival storage boxes, or con-



Sitting near the bank vault used to store historically significant documents, Rene Burton thumbs through one of the old ledger books contributed to the historical society's archives in Carrizozo

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 46  
Low ... 10



Sunny

THURSDAY High ... 53  
Low ... 15



Sunny

FRIDAY High ... 51  
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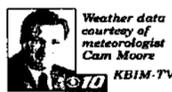


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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	44	11	.00"
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Sunday	48	12	.00"
Monday	51	17	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	45	19	Sunny
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Nov./Dec. phases of the moon



## STARDATE

Eridanus, the celestial river, meanders through December's southern evening sky. It is one of the largest constellations, stretching almost 60 degrees from north to south. The constellation's northern end is just northwest of Rigel, the brightest star in Orion.

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White Oaks Henry Clay mine

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## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

### White Oaks Eagle Dec. 14, 1899

A view of the show windows in the stores this week reminds one that the holidays are near at hand. The Christmas tree at Ziegler Bros. is a beauty.

Juan Torres of Rabenton was thrown from his horse last Saturday and very seriously if

not fatally injured. Several of his ribs were broken, besides some ugly wounds in the head.

Esolano Sanchez, county commissioner, was in the city on business Monday from his Rabenton ranch.

W. c. McDonald was in the city Saturday. He has just returned from Kansas City, where he shipped several hundred head of Carrizozo cattle.

All persons indebted to Taliaferro Merc. And Trading Co. must settle on or before Jan. 1, 1900...

## Chief nomination delayed

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
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The mayor of the Village of Ruidoso-Downs put off recommending a new police chief at Monday night's village council meeting.

Last week he had said he would submit the name of a new chief, for council approval on Monday.

At the regular meeting of the council, Mayor Joe M. Hayhurst said his appointment would be named at the next meeting of the council. He said there could be a special meeting to submit the name.

Earlier on Monday the mayor provided the *Ruidoso News* with the resumes of 21 applicants for the position. Last week Hayhurst had refused to divulge the list of hopefuls. He also declined to reveal

his preferred candidate.

During the meeting, a citizen questioned if the list of candidates would be available to the public. The mayor said, as he had done with the newspaper's request, the resumes would be available to the public upon request. Hayhurst said the cost of photocopying the resumes would be at the requester's expense.

The delay in naming a new police chief was prompted, according to Hayhurst, to allow applications to be submitted until Dec. 15.

The police chief's position opened last month when six-year chief David Hightower stepped down, citing personal health reasons. Village trustees, on Nov. 8, created a new post of assistant police chief, a position Hightower filled.

## HIGHWAY: Foresters oppose any 'undisturbed' routes

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Linda Miller of San Patricio said problems with U. S. 70 would end if semi-truck traffic was addressed. "They drive over 80 miles an hour," she said. The petition, according to Miller, contained the signatures of 500 people from the Hondo valley.

"There are a lot of concerns," said Hondo resident David Hall. "Impacts on the water, the noise, that four-laning the highway would have going through communities."

Hall told state officials at the meeting that he's contacted the Sierra Club, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, and other citizen action groups, to initiate a "strong state and federal lobbying effort." In a written statement Hall stated that litigation is not out of the question.

The eight citizens at the meeting expressed general support for alternatives three and four, which would improve State Highway 246, around the north side of the Capitan Mountain range. The proposals would either make improvements on 246 from Roswell through Capitan, or upgrade most of 246, with new pavement continuing through White Oaks, and on to U.S. 54. That route would reconnect with U.S. 70 at Tularosa, using U.S. 54.

"Both of these alternatives would add 40-plus miles from Roswell to Alamogordo," Reed

said. "In terms of getting trucks off of 70, in our opinion (the alternatives) would not work."

The state official also cautioned that there are major historic resources at Capitan and White Oaks that would likely be impacted.

Impacts to environmental, historic, cultural, protected plants and animals, biological, and scenic resources will be included in an environmental impact statement. A number of governmental agencies will have a hand in preparing the study.

Alternative five would construct new pavement, from near Riverside to Tinnie, several miles north of the present US 70. Most of those at the meeting said that would not address impacts to communities from Riverside west through the Hondo valley. State highway department officials said they do not recommend alternative five.

Alternative six would move U. S. 70 further south, bypassing Riverside, Picacho, Tinnie, Hondo, San Patricio and Glencoe. It would reconnect with the current highway at Ruidoso Downs. Forest service personal opposed the corridor that would cut a new highway through part of the Lincoln National Forest. Other governmental agencies were also critical of the highway idea that would run through undisturbed areas. Reed said his department would recommend not looking any further at al-

## Skeen moves Roswell office

ROSWELL - U. S. Rep. Joe Skeen, R.-N.M., has moved his district office in Roswell from the federal building to the executive West Office Plaza located at 1717 West Second street, Suite 100.

"The new office is a more convenient location for constituents," Skeen said. "Parking and access to the office should be an improvement..."

## HISTORY: New members welcomed to LCHS

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Continuing with Phase I emphasis on program and field trip development and equipment.

Those who donate more than \$50 will see their names inscribed on a special Phase II plaque.

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The mailing address is Congressman Joe Skeen, Executive West Office Plaza, 1717 W. Second St., Suite 100, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

The telephone number remains (505) 822-0055.

Workshop May 26, a Chautauqua presentation in June, a program on military equipment in August, and in October, a program with music and a potluck dinner celebrating the ranching heritage of the county with a slide presentation.

Sanchez also reminded members, it's time to renew their memberships and invited others to join the group. Dues are \$20 per year. The society has no source of income other than memberships and donations. Call (505) 653-4821.

ternative six.

Alternatives seven and eight would bring upgrades to part or all of U.S. 82, from High Rolls to Artesia. One of the proposals suggests building a new highway from near Riverside to Elk, thus creating a connector between U. S. 70 and U. S. 82. The present winding and steep grades on 82, from Cloudcroft down to the Tularosa Basin deemed those alternatives as "very unlikely."

Responding to opposition of four-laning of U. S. 70, a consultant for the state highway department said the "no build" alternative would result in an unimproved highway between Ruidoso Downs and Roswell. "It means don't do anything but routine maintenance," said David Pennington, with consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas, of Albuquerque.

Alternative two, said Pennington, could mean retaining the present two-lane U.S. 70, with the addition of some passing lanes, turning lanes, and other physical improvements. He labeled that a "better two-lane road." A four-lane highway was called "a maximum improvement."

An initial corridor study states that widening the current highway would require the acquisition of additional right-of-way, estimated at present to be about 120 acres between Ruidoso Downs and Roswell. An early figure on construction cost for the 55-mile distance is

estimated at more than \$90 million.

The preliminary study also says alternative two would have potential adverse effects on communities through the Hondo Valley.

"The effects could include acquisition of residences and businesses, as well as the loss of farmlands and disruption to associated irrigation systems." The report adds wetlands, wildlife habitat, cultural sites, and the "visual character of the Hondo Valley" could be impacted.

"Basically, the highway department's recommendation is to use the current route," said Reed. "This is not a final decision today. There will be two more public information meetings in the valley starting in January."

He said the "no build" alternative will be considered.

The federal highway administration environmental coordinator for New Mexico, Greg Rawlings, told those at the meeting he realized community sensitivity to widening U.S. 70. He also said he would note the support for utilizing N.M. 246, and by-passing the Hondo Valley.

As sought by valley residents at the meeting, state highway officials said a citizen advisory committee would be established, as part of a public involvement plan.



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Defense attorney Gary Mitchell drops motion to seek special prosecutor

# Accused Allsup's clerk killer to stand trial Jan. 24

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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The man accused of stabbing to death a Ruidoso convenience store clerk in August, 1998, is set to stand trial for murder Jan. 24.

Motions by defense attorney Gary Mitchell to delay the trial and for the appointment of a special prosecutor were dropped last week, clearing the way for a scheduled week-long trial in the 12th Judicial District Court of Judge Karen Parsons in Carrizozo.

The body of John Diebler, 48, of Ruidoso Downs was found with multiple stab wounds in the restroom of Allsup's on U.S. 70.

A witness described a Hispanic male and a white female carrying out cases of beer in the early morning hours of Aug. 29, 1998, a time period when state law prohibits the buying and selling of beer.

Composite drawings of the suspects were posted across Lincoln County, and Crimestoppers and Allsup's offered rewards to

help track down the killer or killers. But it took three months before an arrest warrant was issued for Gutierrez, who had worked for Allsup's, according to Ruidoso Detective Wolfgang Born. He may have known Diebler, the detective said.

Gutierrez has served time in prison and has a history of violent crimes, Born said at the time of the arrest.

Gutierrez was picked up by officers at his mother's home in Capitan and charged with first-

degree murder, a capital felony that could carry the death penalty, and with robbery, a second-degree felony, which carries a maximum 15 years in prison.

He offered no resistance to officers. Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox said Gutierrez became a suspect after a tip was received by Crimestoppers a few weeks after the murder.

During his first appearance hearing before Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts, Gutierrez said he was unemployed for two

months and lived in an apartment in Albuquerque. He previously worked for an electric company and for a gas station. He's never been married, but has two children.

Mitchell withdrew his motions last week to delay the trial and to appoint a special prosecutor, because one of his former employees now works for the local district attorney's office. He determined that the employee never had access to Gutierrez' file, according to court records.

## Lodging operators alerted to planned enforcement of ADA regulations

• The Americans With Disabilities Act has been around a good number of years, but few establishments in Ruidoso have paid much attention. That may be about to change.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lodging operators in the Ruidoso area were told this week to look at their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The federal law, which took effect eight years ago, requires many businesses to make their facilities accessible to those with disabilities.

"Of six properties I visited in Ruidoso, four out of the six would not meet ADA," said Art Bouffard, executive director of the New Mexico Hotel and Motel Association. At a meeting of the Ruidoso Lodgers Association, Bouffard warned the nearly two dozen attending the meeting that the Department of Justice is beginning to enforce ADA.

"The Department of Justice

is convinced hotels, motels, bed-and-breakfasts, are the culprits causing all the problems," Bouffard told the gathering. "So far they've filed 1,075 suits against hotels, mostly in big cities. Beginning in 2000 they'll be fanning out across the country. And they won't be looking in big cities."

Lodging establishments with more than six units are required to abide by the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Bouffard said the act provides for a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation.

"You need to begin implementing things right now. You need to identify ADA deficiency areas. Make a list, and show that you're making an effort," Bouffard said. "The Department of Justice will be out in force in 2000."

While a few of the innkeepers at the meeting expressed

"If you have a complaint filed against you, don't sign any agreement with Department of Justice...get a lawyer."

Art Bouffard,  
New Mexico Hotel and  
Motel Association

relief that their small number of units relieved them of ADA compliance, some questioned how to comply without spending large amounts of money.

Bouffard said federal investigators would likely be more receptive to lodging establishments that have identified deficiency with ADA, and have been making efforts to address the

needs. He urged lodgers to be documenting their addressing

of the law's requirements.

"If you have a complaint filed against you, don't sign any agreement with DOJ (Department of Justice). It's time to get a lawyer, one that deals with ADA," Bouffard said.

The New Mexico Hotel and Motel Association official told the local group that generally, lodging establishments with more than six, but less than 25

units, must have at least one ADA compliant unit. He said the lobby or business area of the facility should also be usable by the disabled.

"If you have any complaints with a disabled person, deal with them immediately," Bouffard said. "It's much better than letting a problem get larger."

He also recommended innkeepers undertake a survey

of their layout, to identify ADA problem areas, and keep the survey in their files. New television purchases should include captioning features, and recreational facilities that are a part of the motel or lodge need to be ADA compliant.

"It's for your protection," Bouffard told the lodgers. He expected a booklet, detailing the ADA law, to be available next month.

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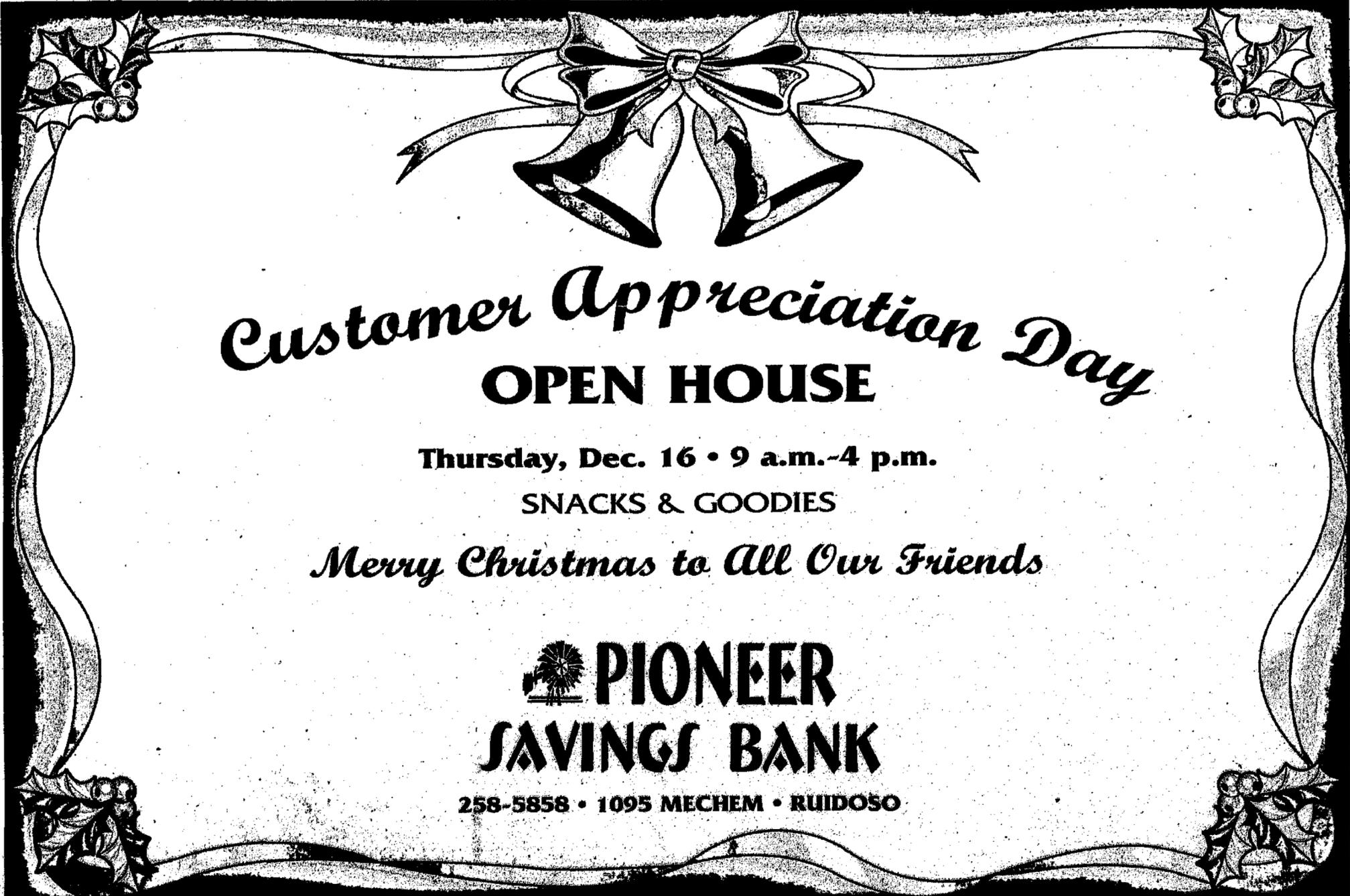
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### OUR OPINION

## A world of compromise is needed, but...

What to do about U. S. Highway 70 from Ruidoso Downs to Riverside will – as it has been for years – be a long and contentious issue for many more years.

State and federal agency representatives, along with a few residents of the Ruidoso and Hondo valleys, waded through eight so-called "alternatives" for the arterial project during a meeting at the Hondo school last week, and came up with what appeared to be no more than an agreement to disagree.

It was clear that the key player – the State Highway and Transportation Department – isn't much interested in doing anything other than widening the highway to four lanes for the entire route. Lip-service was given to additional meetings for public input on the subject. But alternatives, such as establishing State Road 246 north of the Capitans as a truck route, or pioneering a new route through the Lincoln National Forest to Cloudcroft, seemed to fly like large lead balloons.

The problem, of course, is that the valley route is dangerous to motorists, but it also is the major tourist route for thousands of Texans coming to Lincoln County monthly. It's also a major truck-route from El Paso and Las Cruces to Amarillo, Texas.

The record shows that the present state of U. S. 70 also drew major opposition before it was built.

Change is inevitable as the valley struggles to maintain its unique quality. The possibility that the state will actually compromise its four-lane position to something less will be the subject of ongoing debate.

But we wouldn't bet a whole lot of money on anything major in the way of compromise, much as it is needed.

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### YOUR OPINION

#### Make it a mission

To the editor:

This letter is to comment on your editorial of Friday, Dec. 3, on the pending vote on the Recreation Center, but more importantly your words encouraging the community to take a longer-term view and become an attractive city for the affluent baby-boomer generation.

Your comments are right on the money. Unfortunately, they are just words of a newspaper editorial. Until the community adopts these words as its mission and holds the leadership of this community accountable to sue this mission to govern its actions and decisions, we will fall farther behind the competition.

It simply is not being done today. The leadership of our community (Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, Lincoln and Mesajero) are building post offices, building jails, accepting poor performance by road construction contractors, and allowing continuing deterioration of the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Ski Apache. These are not the actions of a leadership team of a community whose mission is to effectively compete with the Flagstaffs and Sedonas of the Southwest in attracting and retaining the baby boomer generation (members) who are looking for and

can afford a high-quality retirement life.

We have the natural resources and ideal environment to do it. Let's publicly declare it our mission and get it done.

Clyde W. Ziegler  
Alto

#### A metropolitan mecca

To the editor:

After reading the comments from Scarafigo "Steve" Carri, I was prompted to respond. We too moved to Ruidoso...in our retirement years... I agree with Mr. Carri on all of the subjects he has brought forth.

It seems to me that the council members and the mayor are trying to turn our town into a metropolitan mecca with no infrastructure. Maybe the shop-owners are happy with this situation, but I think that what is happening will turn around and bite them back in so many other ways.

We don't have enough fire, police, schools and/or medical facilities to take care of our doubling population. Seems that the only thing the council sees is how to spend our \$\$\$\$ but have no plan in force to support the expenditures.

Look around you. It seems our restaurants can't handle the influx of the tourists to begin with. Scan the want

ads... this has to be telling someone in authority something. Why does the council continually close its eyes and hope these situations will go away?

As for full-time residents: I cannot understand your apathy. Don't you see what's happening here? This is becoming more like a dictatorship aimed at feeding the contractors. Building pretty fences per council mandate and not being able to do small improvements inside your own home...

What truly irks me is that our "leaders" (and I use the term loosely) are more concerned about the image our fences portray but not the image portrayed by piles of pine needles rotting in the streets for six months at a time awaiting pickup.

When there is an election, do you get out and vote? ... Seems to me that if you really cared about keeping our town the way it should be, you would voice your opinion at the polls.

Mildred (Millie) Schaeffer

#### It takes two to tango

To the editor:

Governor Johnson's plan to hold discussions on the legalization of some drugs has opened up many questions, comments, and criticism of the idea. Apparently he did not confer with his constituents,

congressmen, senators, state agencies, or Republican headquarters, all of whom have expressed strong opposition to the idea.

Republican governors, representing a majority of the states, were reported to have met on the West Coast and those committing chose George W. Bush as their choice for the next Republican nominee. Our governor did not attend the meeting, stating that his choice was Steve Forbes. Why the snub of the governors' meeting?

The fact that the use of drugs fills our jails at a tremendous cost is true. To waive jail time for rehab might cost less; however, some of us who have experienced the terrible outcome of drug use starting with very small amounts know something about the final results of small starts. Perhaps if we emptied our prisons of all offenders except those held for capital murder we would save billions of dollars. Then we could board up our homes from whatever the result would be.

The Lincoln County commissioners refused to invite Governor Johnson to Ruidoso to discuss his ideas on drugs; That decision was correct. One commissioner plans to independently invite the governor; that was wrong. This action does not serve well in improv-

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### GUEST COMMENTARY

## National Housing Act: 50 winning years

BY STEPHANIE GONZALES  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of one of the most significant pieces of legislation passed in this century: the National Housing Act of 1949. Signed into law by President Truman, this act has enabled millions of rural American families to achieve the dream of home ownership. It began as a program that allowed farm families to build homes on the land they were working but evolved into a housing program that now impacts every facet of rural American life.

The rural housing programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, begun with the passage of the Act in 1949, have played a key role in helping 75 percent of rural families become homeowners. Since its inception, these programs have helped more than 1.9 million families purchase their homes. Without this financing, most of these families would not have been able to obtain a mortgage to finance a home. It is virtually impossible to imagine what rural farmsteads and towns might look like today without this infusion of capital. However, we know rural access to quality housing would have been far more limited and the

rural living standards nationally would be significantly lower.

Who are the families that have benefited from the USDA's direct-lending program for single-family homes? They are families who contribute to their communities in the most significant ways. They include teachers, nurses, local police, firefighters—the entire scope of the rural population. They also include very low-income families who also make contributions to their communities. These families have incomes which average around \$18,000 per year, but some earn as little as \$9,000 per year.

Many children have enjoyed growing up in a safe, decent home because of the housing act. Many elderly couples – as well as widows and widowers – have been able to remain in their communities as a result of housing built through the Act. USDA's rural housing programs provide critical subsidies for homeowners and give them a boost on the road to prosperity.

Rural economies throughout the nation have been bol-

stered with the construction of each new home financed through USDA. On average, 2.5 jobs are created with each new home built. The wages and revenues generated for local and state governments also extend the impact of these federal dollars well beyond their initial reach.

But what does home ownership really mean for the millions of individuals who have benefited from the home loan program? Testimonials are plentiful. They include expressions of gratitude from those who had been homeless as well as those who had lived in unsafe and unsanitary housing. But what it really means is that someone has been able to say to him or herself "This is my home and I am very proud that it is."

People who own their own homes also generally take better care of their property and their community. The streets

are often safer and cleaner, which attracts business investment and new jobs. The higher tax base leads to better public schools, another major draw for potential newcomers. The home mortgage interest deduction increases the consumer power of home-owning families, who often pump that money back into the local economy by supporting local merchants.

In recent years, USDA has expanded its rural housing program menu. We now work with mortgage banks and community development corporations to leverage more financing dollars and provide homebuyer education services. We also allow homebuyers to reduce the size of their mortgage by investing sweat equity in their homes, by working with their neighbors to build their house themselves. These new approaches also have enabled hard-to-reach families in more remote communities and more minorities now participate in these programs.

The new century will bring new challenges, no doubt, but we can continue to build on this highly successful effort and make home ownership a reality for everyone in rural America.

### Two men arrested here on drug-related charges

Ruidoso Police arrested Justin James, 20, of Ruidoso and charged him with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and driving on a revoked license. James was stopped for speeding at Paradise Canyon and Meander Drive at 7:03 a.m. Dec. 13.

Officers responded to a call to Gabe's Morsels and Cordials, 1214 Mechem Drive, to take care of an intoxicated customer who re-

refused to leave. After offering to drive the customer home since he did not have a car, police pat-searching him for weapons found four plastic baggies with what was tested to be marijuana.

Instead of taking him home, police arrested Kerwin R. Lester, 34, of Ruidoso, and charged him with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute it and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### TANGO: Don't waive penalty on drug use

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ing cooperation and understanding on the commission.

Mr. Martinez, our new commissioner, is chock full of pith and vinegar; lots of ideas and energy, but like the juggler who tosses one ball long, results can be total disaster. Understanding and cooperation among commission members is important if the public is to be well served.

Pursuing too many objectives at one time can result in a stalemate with nothing accomplished. Yes, it takes two to tango.

To study current laws regarding drug penalties would be worthwhile if the end result would be to improve the penalty phase and to eliminate the

weaknesses in the present application of those laws. To waive the penalty for minimal initial drug use would not be in the best interest of drug prevention.

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

### Less affordable living

To the editor:

Living in Ruidoso is becoming less affordable for a larger portion of the population that are full-time residents.

Our sales (gross receipts) tax is the highest in the state. My property tax rates have increased 132 percent within the last five years. Services have not improved anywhere near the same rate. In fact, in some cases, service has flopped.

Our neatly paved county road was paid for by the residents of my neighborhood. The county's maintenance program has turned it into a multi-leveled, dusty gravel road. There are other examples with the same results. The point is, we are paying more for less. The county employees tell me we are paying more because of the bonds and levys that are passed by a minority of voters.

For those of us who do not benefit from the programs being funded, it is a burden which some day could be overwhelming, not only for the individual but the community as a whole.

How would you like to be taxed out of your home?

Inge Cahill  
Alto

## Hwy. 48 re-zoning aired

### It's now a mixed bag of commercial and residential use

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An official request is on its way to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission to start hammering out a proposal for the rezoning of portions of State Road 48.

The ETZ Authority, a three-member board composed of two Lincoln County commissioners and one Ruidoso village councilor, voted unanimously Monday to ask the ETZ Commission to conduct a hearing to gather public input.

The hearing may be set by the zoning commission at its 6 p.m. meeting Monday in village hall off Cree Meadows Drive.

"I brought this up for a possible hearing because we have a new highway (with construction on SR48, also called Mechem Drive) and a lot of development," said County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, who serves on the ETZ Authority. "We need to consider what development there should be on SR 48. Thousands of cars use the road. We know commercial

traffic may be heading that way and we need to address the whole highway."

The ETZ boards by law can only handle a one mile stretch from the border of Ruidoso, marked by a point between the Swiss Chalet Hotel and the Alto Store, to a point just beyond Ski Run Road. That zone was created to ensure compatible development around the village, which someday may annex the land.

Nunley, ETZ Authority Chairman Linda Flack, a village councilor, and County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson, the third member of the board, reviewed maps prepared for them by Tim Vega, village planning staff adviser to the boards.

The road is a mixture of residential and commercial uses. The boards need to decide which lots are suitable for commercial development and which are better suited for residential or some other use, Rennick said.

Unless the boards take action to zone correctly, each time a property owner asks for com-

mercial use and the request is approved, the authority will have spot zoned, Flack said. A better approach is to decide now how to pattern the road and where there is sufficient access and egress, she said.

"State Road 48 is the only future commercial area we have to grow," said Flack, who is a mortgage broker.

Members of the ETZ Commission and Authority also will meet Monday to take another vote on amendments to the ETZ law that transfers enforcement responsibilities to the village from the county.

Rennick explained that a question arose over the legality of the last ETZ commission vote, because a quorum was not present at the time of the vote, although it existed when the meeting began. Without a legal vote from the ETZ commission, the ETZ Authority can't act.

The easiest way to handle the situation is to redo the votes, Rennick said. The village has been handling enforcement since mid-October.

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### Council to guide zoning commission

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's planning and zoning commission will get some "guidance" dealing with the village's code governing the creation of single family residential lots.

"Making new subdivisions is not a problem," Mayor Robert Donaldson told village counselors at Tuesday night's regular meeting. "New subdivisions now are controlled." Donaldson said the issue

is the further splitting of existing residential lots.

The mayor said a commission proposal would affect not just re-subdivisions, but all subdivisions. He wanted to see changes limited to further splitting of residential lots.

The mayor suggested a two-acre minimum before consideration of a further division of a residential lot. "I think their (planning and zoning commission) idea of a minimum square footage is a good idea."

## Airport construction halted for the winter

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Winter has halted construction of a new runway at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Work on the runway began this past summer, with current projections for a spring completion, said airport manager Tim W. Morris.

The new landing pavement will provide a second runway at the 11-year-old air terminal near Fort Stanton, which replaced Ruidoso's in-town airport.

"We lose a lot of (air) traffic to Roswell and Alamogordo that would rather land here," said Morris.

The new runway, which will be aligned more north and south, is expected to address crosswinds on the facility's main runway, which runs east and west.

"This will increase our traffic, and make things safer for general aviation," Morris said.

He explained that the configurations of the southern Sacramento Mountains, and the Capitan Mountains, sometimes results in gusty winds from the north, a concern for smaller planes. Crosswinds are less of a concern for larger aircraft, Morris said.

The \$6-million dollar project received 90 percent of its funding from federal dollars, for airport improvement projects. Five percent of the funding is provided by the state, with Ruidoso providing the remaining five percent.

"Actually the project includes gross receipts taxes, which really makes Ruidoso's cost two-and-one-half to three percent," Morris said.

The new runway project had forced, since summer, the closure of about half of the present runway, because of federal regulations. Morris expected to have the entire 8,100 feet of runway reopened this week.

Lighting along the closed half of the runway should reopen the full length by next week, Morris said.

The new runway corridor has been leveled and graded, with pavement work on the 6,500-foot long landing strip expected to begin in the spring.

The airport manager felt improvements at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport will help in efforts to lure commercial services. The airport has been without a commercial air carrier since 1998. Morris also said the new runway will be a benefit to general aviation, letting those with smaller aircraft land close to their final destination, instead of Roswell or Alamogordo.

"My intention is to have it (the new runway) operational by May, by the time horse racing starts," Morris said.

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The first episode, "The Journey Begins," attempts to find out why anyone would build a space station and how. The biggest challenge the project faces is testing the hundreds of components that compose the finished space station. These parts can only be tested together when they are assembled in space — a task never done before. The program concludes with the launch of Russia's Zarya Module into orbit, planting the seed from which the International Space Station will grow.

Episode two, "The Next Step," continues the project's slow germination as the astronauts aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour take the U.S.-made Unity Node, the second element of the station, into space to connect with Zarya.

Space Station airs Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m. beginning December 14th.

### Washington Opera Production

#### "La Rondine"

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A new tragic ending, rediscovered text, and stunning sets and costumes highlight The Washington Opera Production of "La Rondine," a two-hour special. Actress Dixie Carter ("Designing Women") is the host for The Washington Opera production of this poignant work, written by the composer of *Madama Butterfly* and *La Bohème*. Puccini's evocative score, with its waltz and dance hall rhythms, delectable duets, riotous choruses, and dreamy quartets, chronicles the romantic tale of a beautiful young courtesan who masquerades as a working-class girl to pursue her dream of true love.

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# Gate closed on Capitan student smokers

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**CAPITAN** — The closing of a gate apparently eliminated the problem of students smoking within view of Capitan elementary school children.

The issue was discussed at the school board meeting Dec. 9, said Superintendent of Schools Diana Billingsley.

A gate off the patio used by fourth and fifth grade students for recesses was locked after the student council recommended it and the superintendent approved it, so high school students wishing to smoke have to go around the school to get out to the street, Billingsley said.

With the closing of one gate, it's taking the students who do smoke away from the sight of the (elementary) students, she said. They're moving closer into town and away from the elementary. ... They were told they couldn't stand in front of the elementary. It's resolved.

Five fourth and fifth grade students had tried unsuccessfully to get the issue on the agenda of a Capitan village council meeting to have smoking banned in the street across from the elementary school. Then they asked the high school principal, Darrell Stier-

walt, to do something about it. He asked the students to move, but they didn't.

The children then circulated a petition and after gathering 187 signatures, read it to the high school Student Senate. When nothing happened, they sent another petition to the Student Senate with 114 more student signatures.

Senate President Holly Schlarb said the only way to deal with the problem was through peer pressure. Senate sponsor Frank Walston said it's illegal to buy tobacco but not illegal to smoke it, so the high school students were not breaking any laws.

Sydney Tregembo, the teacher of the protesting elementary students, said the high school students have "only gone down the alley, but they're not being as rude and obnoxious. ... Peer pressure worked. I think they realized they were going to have a closed campus."

Other schools in New Mexico have had similar issues over high school students smoking within the view of younger students, and the State Board of Education is considering a legal solution, Billingsley said.

"The board has a legislative issue; it's going to ask the legislature to pass a law mak-

ing it illegal to be in the possession of or illegal to use tobacco products," Billingsley said.

The committee appointed to formulate a drug-testing policy for the Capitan district has not developed it yet because there was so much discussion, Billingsley said. They expect to have one by January or later because they don't want to "hurry" and develop a policy that will be challenged. We want to give everyone a fair hearing so the policy and wording won't lead to litigation," Billingsley said.

The school board approved a change in the grading for seventh period athletics. Stierwalt explained to the board that students taking academics, choir or band divide the numerical value of their grades by 7 for the seven class periods. Students taking athletics seventh period receive only a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grade for the seventh period and divide the total numerical value of their grades by 6, resulting in a lower grade average.

The superintendent reviewed Capitan's School Report Card, or accountability report and the school board approved it.

Enrollment statistics in the report show a slow growth over the past seven years, with a

total of 660 students in the 1998-99 school year, compared with 549 students in the 1992-98 school year.

Academic achievement scores show higher scores for Capitan than the state and national averages in students tested in the fourth, sixth and eighth grades.

The report shows that for the first time in six years, there were no high school drop-outs for the 1997-98 school year.

The accountability report also is on the school's Web site: [www.capitan.k12.nm.us](http://www.capitan.k12.nm.us).

## RUIDOSO POLICE

### Assault charged

Ruidoso Police arrested Tracy Lee Newton, 40, Dec. 11 and charged him with assault against a household member.

### Burglar strikes

Someone broke into a residence in the 100 block of North Loop Road between 12 a.m. Dec. 8 and 9:45 a.m. Dec. 10 and took two televisions and a VCR, for a total value of \$450, and damaged a window screen.

### Vandals hit cabin

The people renting a cabin

at the Apache Village Cabins, 311 Mechem Drive, vandalized the room between 2 p.m. Dec. 3 and 11 a.m. Dec. 5, police report. The renters smashed a fan, broke the door to the bathroom, broke the bed frame and took two pictures from the frames. The report states that the cost of the damages is about \$210.

### Bicycle found

A bicycle valued at \$75 was found in a yard in the 200 block of Junction Road. According to the police report, the bicycle was left there between 9 p.m. Dec. 12 and 9 a.m. Dec. 13.

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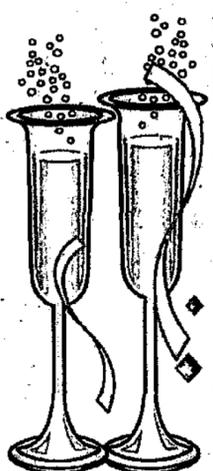
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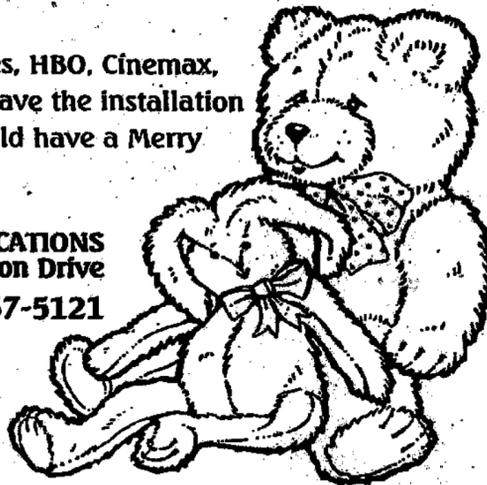
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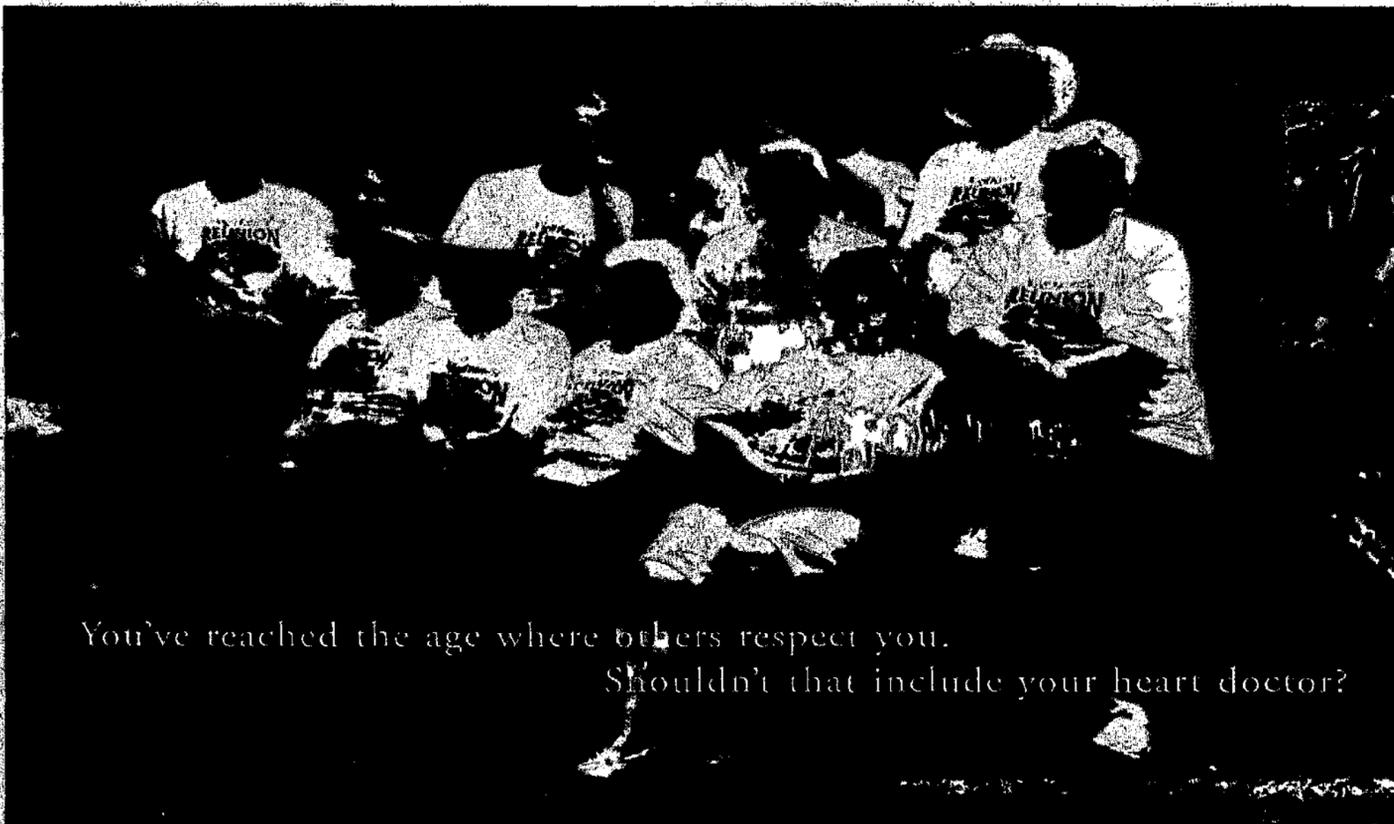
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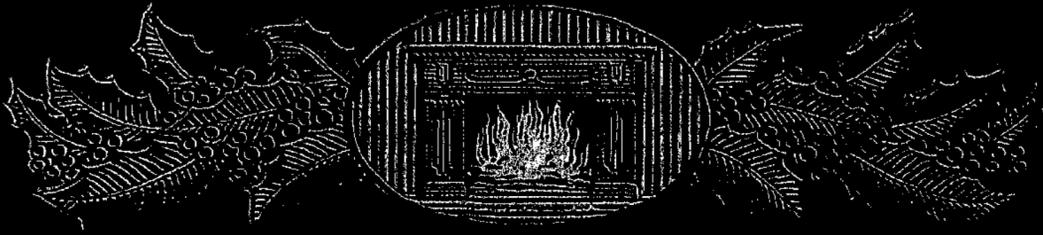
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**This week**

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
Carrizozo at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
Carrizozo at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso at Artesia  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Socorro at Ruidoso (Fr, JV, V), 3:30 p.m.  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso at home vs. Portales (Fr, JV, V), 3 p.m.  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA  
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**Scoreboard**

**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso 65, Cobre 44  
Pecos 93, Capitan 52  
Cuba 101, Mescalero 72  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Artesia 42, Ruidoso 39  
Carrizozo 55, Gateway Christian 30  
Hondo 67, Lake Arthur 28  
Corona 46, Cloudcroft JV 42  
**Wrestling**  
Las Cruces 56, Ruidoso 24  
**Friday, Dec. 10**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Ruidoso 63, Moriarty 47  
Cloudcroft 56, Capitan 30  
Mescalero 70, Native American Prep 44  
Tucumcari 113, Corona 31  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Melrose 55, Ruidoso 29  
Carrizozo 45, Cloudcroft 29  
Corona 60, Lake Arthur 28  
Hondo 66, Gateway Christian 42  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Roswell 54, Ruidoso 46  
Alamogordo JV 73, Capitan 35  
Alamo Navajo 90, Mescalero 57  
Corona 70, Clovis Christian 42  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Carlsbad 48, Ruidoso 45  
Carrizozo 52, Hondo 44  
Corona 54, Gateway Christian 33  
Loving 60, Capitan 31  
**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso 4th at Belen Tournament

**Pecking order**

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Culligan	11	1	.917
Alamo Pipe	9	3	.750
Aramark Cobras	7	5	.583
The Players	6	6	.500
Rebels	5	7	.417
Tequila Slammers	3	9	.250
Cuties	1	11	.083

Results from Dec. 9  
Rebels 69, Cuties 67  
The Players 72, Tequila Slammers 45  
Culligan 69, Cobras 62  
Games for Dec. 14 — 1st tournament round  
6:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Rebels  
7:30 p.m. - Aramark Cobras vs. Tequila Slammers  
8:30 p.m. Cuties vs. Alamo Pipe

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Coed Volleyball League Final Regular Season Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Slideout	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. 13 — 2nd tournament round  
CoNets def. Cowpokes, 15-7, 15-7  
Brawlers def. The Crew, 7-15, 15-7, 15-8  
Cowpokes def. Regulators, 15-5, 6-15, 15-7  
Whatever def. Brawlers, 15-11, 15-12  
Games for Dec. 15  
6:30 p.m. - Slideout vs. CoNets  
7:15 p.m. - Whatever vs. Cowpokes  
8 p.m. - Whatever/Cowpokes winner vs. Slideout/CoNets loser  
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# Warriors open season on high note

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Second place in a tough tournament during your first weekend of play isn't bad at all.

That's what the Warrior (2-1) boys accomplished at the Artesia Basketball Tournament.

Ruidoso's first game of the season was an easy 65-44 win over the Cobre Indians Thursday. Coach Billy Page felt the team should have even played better.

"We had first game jitters," he said. "We had a lot of turnovers."

Although the Warriors led throughout, the Indians kept the match close

until the fourth quarter when Ruidoso outscored Cobre 20-9.

"They're a good little team," Page said of Cobre. "They're real young and I think that's where we had an advantage."

Todd Schrader led all scorers with 15 points. Mike Blank and J.R. Floyd had 14 each.

Ruidoso's next challenge was against Moriarty, a top AAA team that made it to the state tournament last year and beat host Artesia in the opening round of the tourney.

"I was a little worried they might be a little quicker than they were," Page said.

The Warriors won 63-47 but had to

fight off a determined Pinto squad who started hitting shots from the get-go.

"We just wanted to stay with them and wear them down," Page said, and that's what the Warriors did, using their depth to wear down Moriarty.

Schrader tallied 15 points and Solomon Barnett 12. Although those were the only two Warriors in double figures, Page said "quite a few people contributed."

Saturday's tournament final saw the Warriors pitted against AAAA Roswell, which many watchers said would be an easy win for the Coyotes.

Ruidoso didn't let that happen, falling 54-46 but staying close until the very end. "I expected us to play well,"

Page said. "I didn't know we'd play that well in the championship."

Roswell led throughout, but the Warriors stayed right with them. The score was 10-8 Roswell after one quarter and 22-20 at the half.

Page said the Coyotes played a different game than they had Friday against Carlsbad.

"Against us, they weren't confident enough to run their offense, so they kept the ball out of the paint because they were afraid we'd have the ball in our hands and try to make something happen to get back in it," he said. "Our game plan was right on the money. We

See RUIDOSO, page 2B

## Capitan boys seeking elusive first victory

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan boys basketball team (0-7) is still looking for that elusive first win.

The Tigers tried to find it in Tularosa at the Tularosa Basin Classic last weekend, but couldn't.

### Pecos 93, Capitan 52

The Tigers went into half-time during Thursday's opening game against Pecos thinking they had a chance to win. They trailed 25-10 after one quarter, but picked up points in the second to pull within 12. That despite having 32 turnovers in the first half.

Turnovers allowed the Panthers to outscore Capitan 48-19 in the final half to take a 93-52 win. Kenny Stahl led all scorers with 23 points. Truman Armstrong had 11.

### Cloudcroft 56, Capitan 30

Brown was not happy after the Tiger's 56-30 loss to district rival Cloudcroft Friday. The team was having trouble getting the ball through the hoop, but turnovers were again the big problem. The Tigers had 38 for the game.

"We're not executing, just really not playing as a team right now," Brown said.

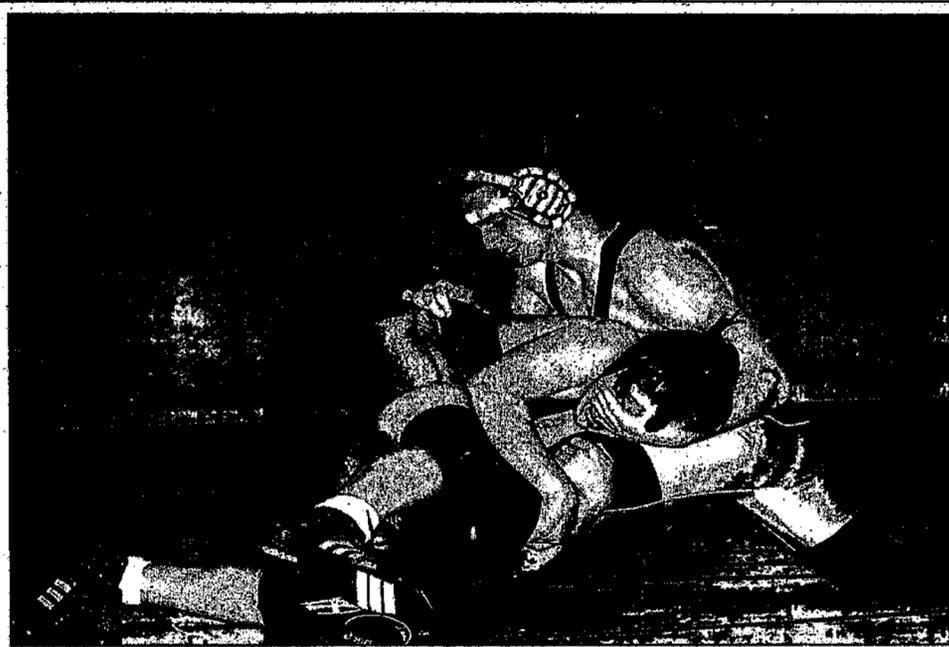
Cloudcroft coach Jimmy Swope was more pleased with both his squad and the Tigers.

Stahl was the only player on either team to score in double figures with 12.

### Alamo JV 73, Capitan 35

Things didn't get any better Saturday, as the Tigers fell 73-35 to the Alamogordo junior varsity. Brown said it was more of the same for the Tigers.

Capitan will spend next weekend at the Cloudcroft Tournament, trying to see if they can turn things around. They'll open, as they did last year, with last year's Class A state champion, Cliff.



Brandon Brumlow gets ready to pin Bulldawg Rafael Medina during Thursday's match in Ruidoso.

## RHS wrestlers place in Belen

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's wrestlers had an impressive Saturday in Belen, finishing fourth of 10 teams at the Belen Invitational, and just missing the third-place medal by 12 points.

"We did exceptionally well," said coach Jerrett Perry. "Our boys wrestled really good."

Eight Warriors made it into the medal round, and six placed.

Finishing third were freshman Jeremy Pritchett, 112 pounds, Cade Hall, 135, Brandon Brumlow, 160, Grant Brumlow, 171, Keith Bassett, 215 and heavyweight Patrick Hodges.

Freshman Shawn Gurule, 103, finished

fourth as did senior Dusty Justus, 145.

Thatcher Hampton was on track to take a top finish despite being sick with the flu. After winning his first match in a pin, junior varsity coach Rick Rel withdrew him from the tournament.

"He's an individual with a lot of heart," Rel said. "He just is so involved with the team he showed up to be part of the team."

Perry, who couldn't attend due to an illness in the family, was nevertheless pleased with how well his team performed.

"I'm extremely pleased with our boys," he

See WRESTLING, page 5B

## Mescalero boys slip at Menaul

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Mescalero's Chiefs (3-4) faced some tough competition in Albuquerque last weekend, competing against mostly AA and AAA schools in the Menaul Tourney. But despite a poor finish in

the final game, the Chiefs still ended with a sixth-place finish in an eight-team tournament

Cuba 101, Mescalero 72

AAA Cuba jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back Thursday.

"They really got up and down the floor well,

See Mescalero page 2B

# Carrizozo girls earn Hondo tournament title

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**HONDO** — Three of the four teams from District 5A dominated the Hondo Eagle Classic in Hondo this weekend.

Carrizozo (3-0) took the title, with host Hondo (4-2) second and Corona (4-1) third. The tourney wrapped up with a 52-44 Grizzly victory over the Eagles Saturday.

Carrizozo dominated, jumping out to a 22-6 lead after one quarter, 33-14 at the half and 42-20 after three.

The host team had its opportunities, but the ball just wouldn't go in.

"We just had an off night," said Hondo coach Julia Montoya. "Two of my girls who scored in double digits (Friday) didn't happen (Saturday). The offense wasn't there, we made bad passes, we rushed it. We

**All Tournament Team**  
MVP: Renee Rael, Carrizozo  
Christa Francke, Brooke Holland, Carrizozo; Chriselda Acosta, Renee Lopez, Hondo; Sarah Stewart, Corona

just didn't take care of the ball and didn't play defense like we should have."

The Eagles had lots of chances at the line, but couldn't get it in there either, shooting 31 percent from the charity stripe. And the Grizzlies got a lot of chances at the ball because of Eagle turnovers.

Hondo finally strung together 18 points near the end of the game when the Carrizozo starters took a rest, closing the gap.

"That's one thing about these girls. They don't quit," Montoya said. "They did good. They will fight to the end,

regardless of the score."

Carrizozo coach Mel Holland said his team did well.

"We did some things right. We improved," he said. "That's what we're looking for, improvement every night."

Renee Rael led all scorers with 26 points. Brooke Holland had 11. Chriselda Acosta had 12 for Hondo and Renee Lopez 10.

Although the game could have been a preview of district, all the coaches agreed it was too early to say that.

"It's going to be tougher down the road," coach Holland said. "People are going to get better, hopefully we will, too."

"It's still early in the season," Montoya agreed. "We've got a lot to work on. But we'll be all right."

Carrizozo's other two matches at the tourney were



Corona Cardinal Delia Gonzalez brings the ball down the court Saturday during the third and fourth place game of the Hondo Eagle Classic.

pretty easy for the Grizzlies. They downed Gateway Christian 55-30 Thursday and

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## GIRLS' HOOPS

# Ruidoso loses 3

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's Lady Warriors (1-3) had a tough tournament in Artesia, playing some close games but falling all three days.

"We played well against Artesia," coach Jim Varnadore said of Thursday's opening match. "We should have beaten Artesia. We were ahead with less than a minute to go."

The Bulldogs won 42-39 after trading leads the entire game.

The top scoring was spread evenly among Sarah Fromknecht, Mindy Brunell and Amanda Fleck, who all had eight points.

Friday's game was vs. Melrose, a top AA team and the Warriors had a hard time.

"They were a very good

See GIRLS, page 2B

## Hands lacking at Loving again

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan girls faced Loving for the second time in a week Saturday, falling 60-31 in Loving. The Tigers (0-4) were again shorthanded, playing without Krystal Roybal who was taking the ACT test.

Coach Bryan Massé said the team played better than during the Roadrunner Tournament, but couldn't score.

Loving jumped out to a 17-2 first-quarter lead and that was all the Falcons needed.

Capitan travels to Cloudcroft for the Mountain Top Tournament beginning Thursday, and Massé hopes his team will be able to change their fortunes.



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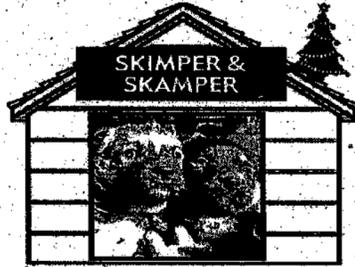
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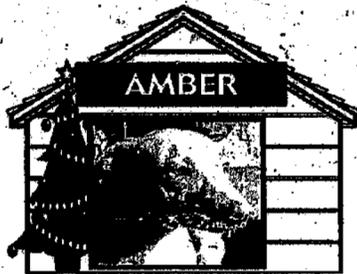
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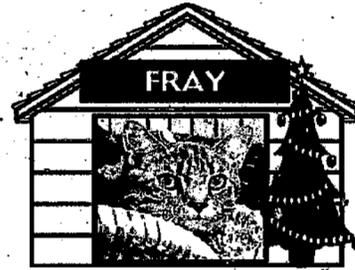
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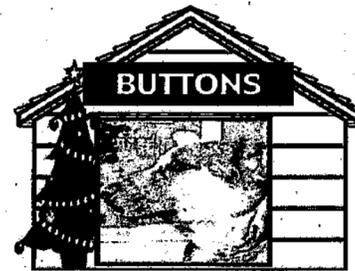
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# Women's business centers get boost

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici Tuesday said New Mexico's success at helping women succeed as business owners will get a boost from a bill signed into law to expand federal outreach and support for these entrepreneurs.

Domenici cosponsored the Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999 (S.791). The new law, signed into law by President Clinton on Dec. 9, expands and enhances the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Women's Business Centers program, which provides five-year grants to private-sector organizations to establish business training centers for women.

Through an effort spearheaded by Domenici, the new law eliminates a five-year funding limitation for existing centers. This will allow successful programs, like the New Mexico-based Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST-Corp), to continue to receive

some federal support.

"New Mexico has a good thing going in terms of helping more women succeed as business owners, and this new law should work to strengthen that economic base," Domenici said. "In this era of astonishing economic growth in the United States, we are right to expand the economic opportunities for women and minorities to excel as entrepreneurs. I'm pleased President Clinton has signed this bill which aims to do just that."

The bill increases the program authorization from \$11 million to \$12 million in 2000, \$12.8 million in 2001, \$13.7 million in 2002 and \$14.5 million in 2003.

The bill also guarantees that 17 percent of the amount in 2000 be set aside for re-competition grants among existing centers, with that percentage increased to more than 30 percent by 2002.

The business center program gives women interested

in establishing or expanding a business access to entrepreneurial training, technical business skills, low-interest revolving loans, educational assistance, and long-term mentoring and support expertise. There are now 59 centers in 36 states—including New Mexico, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

On a per capita basis, New Mexico ranks third in the nation for the number of women-owned businesses, more than 57,000 in 1996. These firms employed 35 percent of New Mexico's workforce in 1996 and generated 21 percent of the state's business sales.

With five sites in New Mexico, WESST Corp. is the only business and technical assistance organization in the state that is specifically focused on the needs of women. There are regional WESST Corp. sites in Albuquerque, Farmington, Roswell, Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

Now in its tenth year, WESST Corp. has facilitated the start-up and growth of 648 small businesses in New Mexico. It has an established revolving loan fund which has to date approved 160 loans totaling over \$400,000 to small businesses in the state.

This new law is the second significant Domenici sponsored small business bill to be signed into law this year. In November, Domenici's Program for Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs (PRIME) Act became law as part of the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 (S.900). PRIME will make micro-loans available to non-profit groups offering business assistance to low-income entrepreneurs. The law, cosponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), authorizes a four-year, \$60 million grant program to provide funding to organizations offering training and technical assistance to new entrepreneurs.

# Fund established to help cancer victim's treatment

A fund has been set up to help with the medical bills of Toni Miele, 49, owner of The Cats Pajamas in Alto, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in September.

Larry Goodman, a friend, said Toni and her husband, Mike, have no medical insurance to cover her surgery and chemotherapy expenses, which are more than \$50,000. She has finished three chemotherapy treatments at Lincoln County Medical Center and has three more to go.

"If she gets through this, she'd like to help other women by forming a cancer support group," Goodman said.

Goodman said Miele is in good shape because she

does a lot of hiking and walking, and she's in very good spirits and looking forward to some good years with her husband.

"As caring members of the community," Goodman said, "we have established the Toni Miele Fund at the Ruidoso State Bank, north branch, and we are asking for donations to this fund to assist in the payment of medical bills."

Checks can be made to "The Toni Miele Fund" and donations sent to P.O. Box 647 or P.O. Box 463, Alto, N.M. 88312.

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The following criminal cases are from Carrizozo Magistrate Court, Judge Gerald Dean Jr. presiding. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the case number.

- Nov. 3 - Alfred Sanchez, 69, Lincoln; unlawful possession of big game parts; M30-MR99-188.
- Nov. 3 - Rita M. Sanchez, 37, Albuquerque; unlawful possession of big game parts, turkey; M30-MR99-136.
- Nov. 3 - Thomas R. Toledo, 39, Albuquerque; unlawful possession of big game parts, turkey; M30-MR99-137.
- Nov. 4 - Andrew M. Garcia, 25, Albuquerque; criminal trespass Rio Honda Land & Cattle Co; M30-MR99-140.
- Nov. 4 - Johnny R. Barela, 24, Los Lunas; criminal trespass; M30-MR99-141.
- Nov. 5 - Trey Sprinkle, 19, Clovis; trespass O Bar O; M30-MR99-139.
- Nov. 5 - Felix Rodriguez, 44, Albuquerque; illegal ammunition; M30-MR99-148.
- Nov. 6 - Ricardo M. Calderon, 33, Carlsbad; illegal tagging; M30-MR99-146.
- Nov. 6 - Martin L. Baca, 41, Santa Fe; criminal trespass on the Tyree ranch; M30-MR99-142.
- Nov. 6 - Liborio A. Lopez, 43, Santa Fe; criminal trespass Tyree Ranch in Red Cloud; M30-MR99-143.
- Nov. 6 - Stanley J. Moya, 38, Santa Fe; criminal trespass; M30-MR99-144.
- Nov. 6 - Carlos Montano, 24, Albuquerque; failure to tag; M30-MR99-148.
- Nov. 6 - Casey J. Cole, 35, Clovis; criminal trespass; M30-MR99-165.
- Nov. 10 - Jonathan Candelaria, 26, Algodones; hunting without a valid license; M30-MR99-135.
- Nov. 10 - Chris Carson, 18, Alto; aggravated battery on household member; M30-MR99-13.
- Nov. 10 - Maurice Jones, 41, Fortales; criminal trespass on Canning Block Ranch; M30-MR99-147.
- Nov. 10 - Maria M. Gonzales, Ruidoso Downs; two counts issuance worthless check; M30-FR99-93.
- Nov. 10 - Kenny D. Grubbs Sr., 27, Clovis; issuing worthless check, bench warrant for failure to appear; M30-FR99-98.
- Nov. 10 - Kenneth Staples, no age

- listed, Ruidoso Downs; worthless check; M30-FR99-99.
- Nov. 10 - Jolynn Blake, 22, Mesalero; worthless check; M30-FR99-90.
- Nov. 10 - Elisabeth Hout, 36, El Paso, Texas; three counts issuing worthless check and bench warrant for failure to appear; M30-FR99-91.
- Nov. 10 - Edward Vega, 40, Carrizozo; DWI, roadway lane and open container in vehicle; M30-DR99-29.
- Nov. 10 - Elizabeth A. Mosech, no age listed; Cloudcroft; worthless check; M30-FR99-92.
- Nov. 11 - Camilla Omernik, no age listed, Ruidoso; worthless check; M30-MR99-149.
- Nov. 11 - Rosalee Moya, 41, Belen; hunting with aid of artificial light; M30-MR99-159.
- Nov. 12 - Joe A. Degado, 18, Roswell; hunting in wrong season; M30-MR99-167.
- Nov. 13 - Leroy Nowell, 41, Capitán; left of center line, DWI aggravated; M30-DR99-30.
- Nov. 13 - John P. Sedillo, 57, Capitán; failure to notch and detach tag, trespass Canning/Block Ranch; M30-MR99-182.
- Nov. 13 - Bob E. Gachupin, 42, Zia Pueblo; unlawful killing of antelope; M30-MR99-160.
- Nov. 14 - Jacob Quintana, 19, Mountainair; hunting without valid license; M30-MR99-153.
- Nov. 14 - Mac Blea, 20, Albuquerque; hunting without valid license and altering deer license; M30-MR99-155.
- Nov. 14 - Jeff Brewer, 23, hunting without a license and altering deer license; M30-MR99-154.
- Nov. 15 - Philip Watkins, 25, Sherman, Texas; failure to tag; M30-MR99-151.
- Nov. 15 - Michael J. Montano, 37, Rio Rancho; shooting game from public road and unlawful killing of a doe deer; M30-MR99-162.
- Nov. 17 - James Louis Schmidt, 51, Carrizozo; disorderly conduct; M30-MR99-163.
- Nov. 18 - Rodarte Vincente, 42, Anthony; accessory to illegal possession of deer, accessory to the killing of a deer, violation Hunter Training Act and access to license of another; M30-MR99-166.
- Nov. 18 - Charles D. Blea, 27, Albuquerque; hunting without valid license, altering deer license; M30-MR99-166.

- Nov. 19 - Jeff S. McGarvey, 42, Capitán; driving off established roadway and criminal trespass; M30-MR99-176.
- Nov. 19 - Darren Sedillo, 18, Capitán; criminal trespass Canning-Block Ranch; M30-MR99-181.
- Nov. 19 - Michael C. Spanhanks, 20, Carrizozo; trespass and driving off established road - Stone-Eldridge ranches; M30-MR99-175.
- Nov. 19 - Jimmy W. Clifford, 49, Albuquerque; driving off roadway and criminal trespass Stone-Eldridge ranches; M30-MR99-177.
- Nov. 19 - Daniel M. Rondeau, 54, Albuquerque; criminal trespass and driving off roadway Stone-Eldridge ranches; M30-MR99-178.
- Nov. 19 - William A. Oakeley, no age listed, Santa Fe; criminal trespass; M30-MR99-161.
- Nov. 19 - Ralph Tapia, no age listed, Santa Fe; criminal trespass; M30-MR99-160.
- Nov. 19 - David S. Blea, no age listed, Albuquerque; hunting without a license and altering license; M30-MR99-157.
- Nov. 19 - Eloy Silva, 44, Belen; hunting with aid of artificial light; M30-MR99-158.
- Nov. 24 - Ann Fee, 41, Carrizozo; battery; M30-MR99-168.
- Nov. 24 - Richard D. Weis, 49, Carrizozo; criminal damage to property \$1,000 or less and assault; M30-MR99-169.
- Nov. 28 - Richard Schaffer, 48, Ruidoso; trespass and driving off roadway, Eldridge Ranch; M30-MR99-179.
- Nov. 29 - Mark A. Vigil, 40, Albuquerque; trespass, Eldridge Ranch and driving off roadway, Stone Ranch; M30-MR99-180.
- Nov. 28 - Gabriel Murry, 20, Las Cruces; driving off established road, Stone Ranch; M30-MR99-170.
- Nov. 28 - Douglas A. Goodman, 22, Las Cruces; trespass Eldridge Ranch; M30-MR99-172.
- Nov. 28 - Chris Rondena, 22, Albuquerque; trespass Eldridge Ranch; M30-MR99-173.
- Nov. 28 - Tim McGarvey, 19, Cap-

- itan; driving off established roadway, Stone Ranch, trespass, Eldridge Ranch; M30-MR99-174.
- Nov. 28 - Jeremy McGarvey, 22, Ruidoso Downs; driving off established road, Stone Ranch, and trespass, Eldridge Ranch; M30-MR99-171.
- Dec. 1 - Marsha A. Draeger-Fitzgerald, no age listed, El Paso; two counts worthless check; M30-MR99-188.
- Dec. 1 - Roger McMurdie, no age listed, Twin Falls, Idaho; two counts worthless check; M30-MR99-184.
- Dec. 1 - Julie A. Kleinachmidt, 41, Ruidoso Downs; three counts worthless check; M30-MR99-94.
- Dec. 1 - Donald R. Draeger Jr., no age listed, El Paso; worthless check; M30-FR99-95.
- Dec. 1 - Shannon M. Quinn, no age listed, Phoenix, Ariz.; worthless check; M30-MR99-96.
- Dec. 1 - Sandra M. Apache, no age listed, Mesalero; two counts worthless check; M30-MR99-97.
- Dec. 1 - Jenny Bewley, no age listed, Ruidoso; two counts worthless check; M30-FR99-98.
- Dec. 1 - Dalynn Cavale, no age listed, Capitán; issuing worthless check; M30-FR99-99.
- Dec. 1 - Richard Cajé, no age listed, Mesalero; worthless check; M30-MR99-100.
- Dec. 1 - Diana V. Hernandez, no age listed, El Paso; two counts worthless check; M30-MR99-101.
- Dec. 1 - Michael J. Tercero, no age listed, Alto; worthless check; M30-FR99-102.
- Dec. 1 - Loreina Victor, no age listed, Mesalero; worthless check; M30-FR99-103.
- Dec. 1 - Kimberly K. Wood, no age listed, Peoria, Ariz.; four counts worthless check; M30-FR99-104.
- Dec. 1 - Mary Davis, no age listed, Alamogordo; worthless check; M30-MR99-105.
- Dec. 1 - Eleazar Alvarado, no age listed, Capitán; worthless check; M30-FR99-106.
- Dec. 3 - John C. Woods, 20, Tijeras; criminal trespass O Bar O, dismissed by state; M30-MR99-164.

**WRESTLING: How they scored**

Continued from page 1B

said. "We're really starting to come around. We're really starting to wrestle well. We're starting to use more intricate moves, and I think it's really starting to pay off. We're starting to develop some really, really good wrestlers, and I'm extremely excited."

**Las Cruces 56, Ruidoso 24**

The Warriors fall to AAAA Las Cruces 56-24 at home Thursday, but Perry was pleased with what he saw on the mat.

Shawn Gurule, the Warrior's 103-pound wrestler, started things off with a pin 1:36 into the first period. Perry said Gurule has potential. "We feel (he) is a potential state champion in the next year or two," Perry said. "He's an extremely good wrestler. He has the physique and the mentality it takes to do good things on the mat. Cade Hall, 135, thrilled the crowd with a pin 14 seconds into the third period, and both Brunlows, 160-pound Brandon and 171-pound Grant, pinned their opponents. Perry said he would have liked to see heavyweight Patrick Hodges win, but his 10-2 loss was to a tough opponent.

Las Cruces coach Kevin Marks said the Warriors weren't

an easy victory. "We saw Ruidoso at the (Las Cruces) Invite, so we knew kind of what they had. We knew we'd match up well at some weights. They're always strong, tough team, well coached."

The Warriors now get a break from competition. They'll be off during the holidays, returning to action Jan. 7-8 in Shiprock.

- 103, Shawn Gurule def. David Scotler, pin in 1st
- 112, Joseph Benavidez, def. Jeremy Pritchett, pin in 2nd
- 119, Ruidoso forfeit
- 125, Frankie Pereda def. Ricky Garrity, pin in 1st
- 130, Adam Elror def. David McNally, pin in 1st
- 135, Cade Hall def. David Guerra, pin in 3rd
- 140, Nick Zepeda def. Casey Arnett, pin in 1st
- 146, Jorge Robles def. Dusty Justus, 19-2
- 152, Larry Palos def. Austin Ritter, pin in 2nd
- 160, Brandon Brunlow def. Rafael Medina, pin in 3rd
- 171, Grant Brunlow def. Felix Garcia, pin in 1st
- 189, Carlos Valles def. Thatcher Hampton, pin in 1st
- 215, Joseph Sanchez def. Keith Bassett, pin in 1st
- Hwt, Carlos Luna def. Patrick Hodges, 10-2
- Junior varsity
- Las Cruces 43, Ruidoso 15
- Ruidoso winners: Royce McMillion, 135; Luis Bates, 189; Mark Taylor, Hwt.

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### Christmas vacations coming up

Christmas vacation schedules for area public schools are as follows:

**Ruidoso:** Students have a half day of school on Dec. 17 and return to classes on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000.

**Capitan:** The last day of school is Dec. 17, and school resumes on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000.

**Carrizozo:** Students have a half day of school Friday, Dec. 17, and return to classes Monday, Jan. 3,

2000.

**Hondo:** School will dismiss at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 and will resume Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000.

**Corona:** The last full day of classes will be Thursday, Dec. 16 and school will resume on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000.

**Mescalero:** The last full 9 day of classes will be Friday, Dec. 17, and school will resume on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### Disabilities course set for teachers at ENMU

A one-credit-hour topics course, "Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities," SPED 493/593, will be offered by Dr. Sherrie Bettenhausen through the Office of Extended Learning at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU).

The purpose of the course is to assist educators, parents and others involved in the transition planning process to help students with disabilities achieve a smooth transition from school to adult life.

The course will be conducted 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. two Saturdays, Jan. 8 and 15 in Room 116 of the Education Building at ENMU Portales. It will also be broadcast over ITV at Ruidoso, CAFB, Clovis, Hobbs, and Roswell.

The undergraduate fee is \$95 and the graduate fee is \$99. The deadline to register is Jan. 7. Contact the Office of Extended Learning at (505) 562-2165 or 1-800-537-LERN (New Mexico only). Extended Learning is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., Quay Hall, Room 106, Hwy. 70 and S Avenue K, Portales, N.M. 88130.

#### Joining honor society

Ani Dorgan, a senior at the University of New Mexico and the daughter of Jennifer Dorgan of Alto and Thomas Dorgan of Ruidoso Downs, was recently invited to join the Golden Key National Honor Society.

The Golden Key National Honor Society was founded at Georgia State University in 1977 by a group of undergraduate students. It boasts a membership of more than 800,000 lifetime members as well as 11,000 honorary members.

TNMP awards grants Texas-New Mexico Power Company awarded four mini-grants of \$200 to Ruidoso area teachers.

Mandy Mader, Ellen Hightower and Linda Lott of the Sierra Vista Primary School, and Frank Cannella of the White Mountain Elementary School, all received mini-grants.

The grants are designed to assist K-8 classroom teachers in math, science and energy education.

"TNMP supports the wonderful work teachers are doing in the lives of students today," said Jim Bassett, customer

relations coordinator, "and the mini-grant program reinforces that support."

The grants provide funds for additional classroom resources to enhance learning. One focus of the mini-grant program is on energy awareness, conservation and the importance of using energy resources wisely.

#### A 'Cosmic Christmas'

Give the kids something to do during the Christmas holidays: enroll them in "Cosmic Christmas" classes at the Space Center in Alamogordo. Cosmic Christmas will offer children a variety of activities on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

**Christmas Around the World:** Students will learn about Christmas traditions around the world and participate in fun activities. This class will also include a trip to the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater to see "The Greatest Places," a film about seven of the greatest landscapes in the world, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., ages 5-8; \$6 per participant.

**Metal Work Candles:** Students make their own guiding light candle holders to lead Santa to their door. Includes a viewing of the IMAX film, "The greatest Places," 9 a.m. to noon, third grade and up, \$6 per person.

**Out of This World Gourds:** Students will make alien gourd ornaments (or Santa ornaments for the traditionalists). Students will tour the International Space Hall of Fame and experience the new interactive exhibits, 9 a.m. to noon, third grade and up, \$6 per person.

**Space decorations:** Students will create an entire package of space-themed decorations - rocket garlands, planetary ornaments, and a special take-home bag to hold it all.

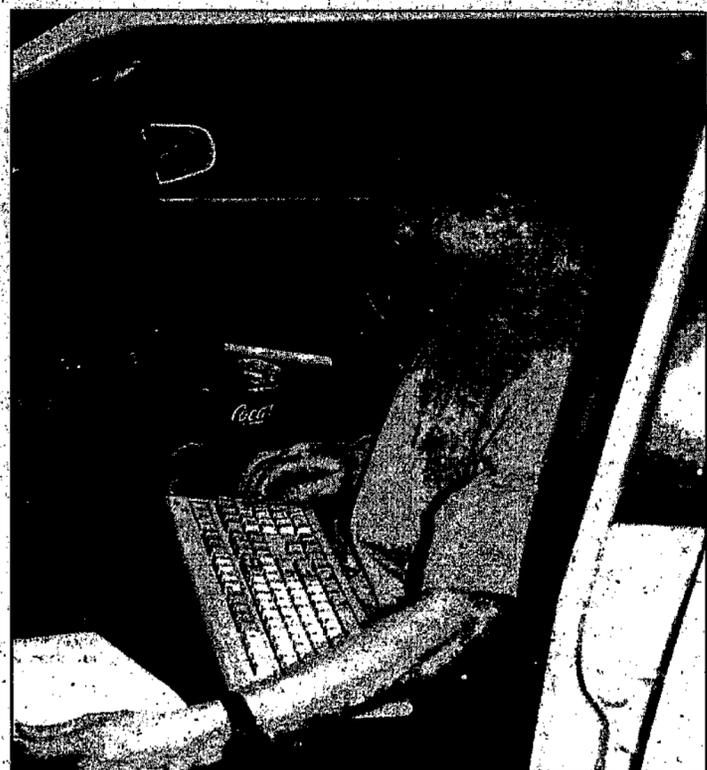
**Cookie Dough Ornaments:** Students will choose and decorate their own traditional cookie dough ornaments and while those are drying they'll tour the International Space Hall of Fame and experience the new interactive exhibits, including the Space Shuttle simulator, 1-4 p.m., third grade and up, \$6 per person.

Classes are limited to 25 students, so early registration is recommended. For more information, contact the Space Center Education Department at 437-2840.



"(The IBM PC) was working and I took it apart and looked at it, tried to figure out everything and put it back together. After a few times of putting it back together it worked again..."

Gary Micander recalling an experiment at age 8.



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News  
Gary Micander types in numbers of songs on his computer keyboard, using the booklet he made listing his 1,587 songs.

*A kid, a computer, and...*

## 97 hours of music to go

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso High School junior Gary Micander could drive coast to coast, listening to music, and never hear the same song twice—that's 97 hours of nonstop music from the system he designed himself.

Micander installed an MP3 computer in the trunk of his car that compresses music files and "uncompresses it as you play it, on the fly," he said. A power inverter plugs into the cigarette lighter socket, converting the car's power into house current, and the power supply switch is next to the armrest in the front seat, so he can turn the system on while he's driving.

He got the idea chatting with a person on the Internet who had done it.

"I thought it was a good idea, so I decided to research it a little bit..." "You researched it a lot," interjected Micander's friend, Kelcey Land.

"...So I researched it a lot. I wanted to have more music in my car. I had about 20 CDs in my car and it got awkward, so instead of buying a CD changer, I looked into this."

Now Micander has 1,587 songs and he can access any of them by punching in a number on the keyboard beside him in the front seat. Or a passenger can type in the name of a song or musician.

His collection includes "just about every type of music you can think of, from classical to rock, and even some theme songs from movies," Micander said.

To get the music into the computer, he puts an audio CD into the computer and converts it to MP3, a type of compressed file that can be stored on a computer. A program called Winamp plays MP3 files, Micander said.

"I wanted to be able to have all my music in my car. It sounded like a fun thing to do and I like to fool around with mechanics and stuff, so I gave it a try," Micander said.

Indeed, the self-taught computer whiz started "fooling around with mechanics" when he was 6 or 7 years old, taking radios apart and putting them back together. He moved from radios to the family's telephone, and when he was 8 years old, he took apart an IBM PC his aunt had given the family.

"It was working and I took it apart and looked

at it, tried to figure out everything and put it back together," Micander said. "After a few times of putting it back together, it worked again."

His mother, Beth Micander, a librarian at Capitan Elementary School, emphasized reading, he said, and he got an old book out of the library on computers, read a little bit and figured out the rest.

Neither of his parents knew much about computers, and they didn't know he took apart the family's computer - which was added motivation to get it working again.

Since then he's taken apart five or six other computers and played with them, and actually built his last three computers himself - including the one in the trunk of his car.

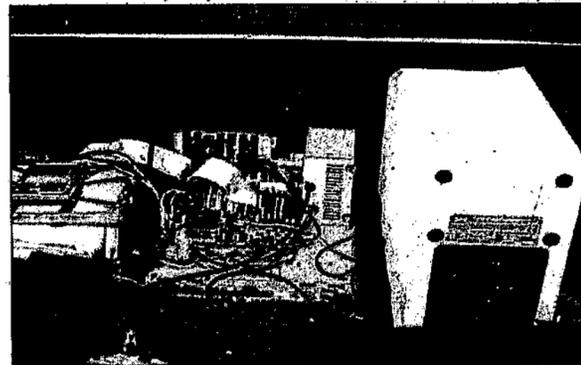
Micander is interning with Mark Hamilton, the "computer guy" for the Ruidoso schools, and he repairs computers and teaches people in the district to manage their networks, he said.

He also designs, runs and maintains the school web site.

On his own time, he's continually refining his musical system to make it easier to use, faster and more compact, and hopes to find investors to market the idea.

Although his computer-in-the-trunk will never drive the car for him, the next step is to install voice control, so he can verbally tell it what music to play. Another thing he'd like to do is install a global positioning system so he can ask for directions and have his system answer him.

As it is, he has a public announcement system and a CB radio installed with a speaker under the hood of his 1989 Pontiac Bonneville so he can talk to people on the sidewalks without opening his window - just for laughs.



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News  
A trunk full of computer - the hard drive is suspended against shocks - drives Micander's traveling music machine.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### Central Office

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Speech therapists' meeting, 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17 - Half-day for students, full-day for staff

#### Nob Hill

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Kindergarten Christmas parties

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Good Citizens assemblies at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., Headstart Parents Craft Day, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17 - No School at Nob Hill; staff breakfast

#### Sierra Vista Primary

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Staff meeting, 7:50 a.m.; if

needed; bilingual classes present Christmas program for all classes, 9 a.m.; Cannella and Bartlett classes present "The Angel Tree," 1 p.m. Bilingual classes present Christmas program for parents, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Class breakfasts, parties at teacher's discretion

Friday, Dec. 17 - Good Citizen Awards assembly, 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Santa visits Sierra Vista Primary School and presents gifts for point-of-view winners, 10:30 a.m.; early dismissal for students, 11:20 a.m.; faculty Christmas luncheon and gift exchange, 12 noon; work day for staff, 1-3 p.m.; dismissal for winter holidays, 3 p.m. (checks to be distributed so you can all enjoy)

### SCHOOL MENUS

#### Capitan Schools

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: Toast, omelet, juice or fruit

Lunch: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, cookies

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: Toast, cereal, jelly, juice or fruit

Lunch: Baked potato, nachos, chile meat, fruit

Friday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, pickle spears, French fries, fruit

Monday, Dec. 20 - Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 21 - Holiday

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary, White Mountain Intermediate

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers

Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, corn, fruit, cookie

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: French toast strips

Lunch: Beef enchiladas, green beans, fruit, roll

Friday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers

Lunch: Taco Bell tostada chips, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Hotdog on a bun with chili, baked beans, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk

Lunch: Beef taco, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Friday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Prito pie, corn-bread, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Monday, Dec. 20 - Holiday

#### Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Sliced ham, green beans, rolls, fruit

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, milk

Lunch: Pizzaburger on a roll, mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Friday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Chef salad with ham and cheese, crackers, ranch dressing, fruit

Monday, Dec. 20 - Holiday

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Epecially for kids and their families

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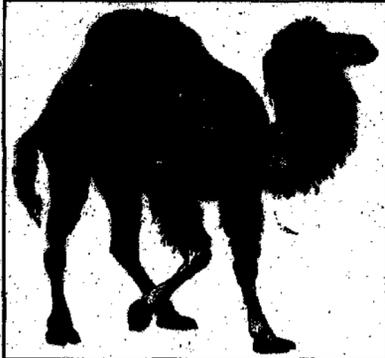
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## A Celebration of Creatures

# Animals of Christmas

### The camel

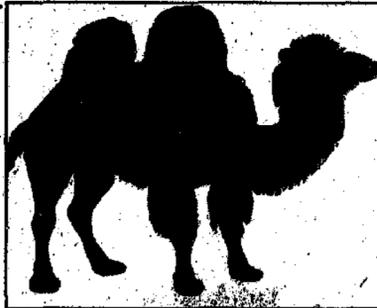


The Arabian camel has one hump. It is mainly found in the deserts of Asia and northern Africa. It is sometimes called a dromedary (DRAH-muh-dars-ee).

For thousands of years, camels have been important in Africa and Asia. They allowed



people to explore the deserts of the world and to trade with faraway cities. Today, few people still use camels for transportation. They are raised for their milk, meat, wool, leather and for racing. Dried droppings are used for fuel. Camels are known for their bad habits. They often don't follow orders. They also bite, kick and spit!



The bactrian (BAK-tree-in) camel has two humps. It is found mainly in the rocky Asian deserts. It has longer hair than the Arabian camel.

When camels walk, two legs on the same side move forward at the same time. This makes riding a camel very rocky.

Camels store fat in their hump. When they get hungry, their hump shrinks. After they eat, the hump becomes firm.

Camels are well-adapted for desert living. They can go without water for a long time because they don't sweat as much as other mammals. They also get moisture from the plants they eat.

Camels have special parts on their bodies to help keep out the sand. These include:

- three eyelids and a double row of eyelashes.
- special muscles that enable them to close their nostrils.
- special hairs inside their ears.

### The donkey



The donkey is a smaller relative of the horse. Small donkeys are called burros. A mule is a cross between a male donkey and a female horse.

In hot desert areas, a donkey can carry people or things for a long time without needing much food or water.



### The sheep



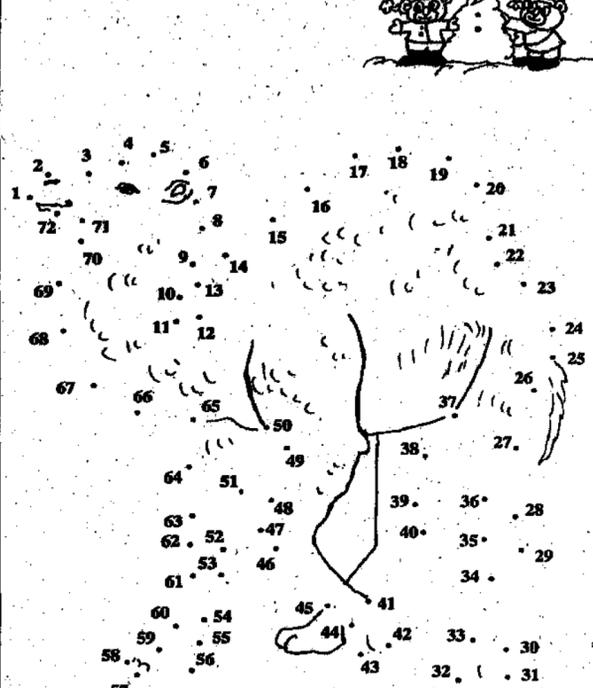
Sheep can do well in many climates. Often they are raised in dry, arid areas because they don't need a lot of water.



Shepherds throughout the world still watch over their flocks. For thousands of years, people have depended on sheep for food and clothing.

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### MAZE

Help Alpha Mouse find the donkey. He wants to deliver a holiday treat!

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### Rookie Cookie's Recipe

#### Merry Mix

You can serve this at a holiday party.

**You'll need:**

- 1 can mixed nuts
- 3 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder

**What to do:**

1. Place nuts and sunflower seeds in an 8-by-8-inch baking pan.
2. Combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well.
3. Pour mixture in bowl over nuts and seeds. Toss to coat.
4. Bake in a preheated 250-degree oven for 45 minutes. Stir every 15 minutes. Makes about 2 cups.

### HOLIDAY TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of holiday animals are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ANIMALS, CHRISTMAS, REINDEER, CAMELS, SHEEP, PETS, ZOOS, COLD, FUR, SHEPHERD, FLOCKS, DONKEYS, MALE, GIFTS, PARTRIDGE, DESERT, FLY, BIRDS, HUMP.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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### Mini Spy

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are meeting a camel. See if you can find:

- bell
- funny face
- number 7
- star
- elephant head
- fish
- sea horse
- lips
- comb
- frog
- word MINI
- lima bean
- bird
- number 8
- letter B
- man in the moon

## Holiday Creature Care

### Care for pets already there

During the holiday season there are extra dangers to pets. During this time it is important to take special care of the pets you already have.

Cats especially are very curious. They will investigate anything new. Be sure dangerous things are out of your house or out of their reach.

- Remove glass ornaments and tinsel. It would be better to use ornaments made of different materials, such as satin or wood.
- Cover the water under the Christmas tree. Pets should not be drinking it. Never put chemicals in the tree water. They might make the tree last longer, but could hurt your pets.
- If you are using candles, be very careful to keep your pets away.
- Some holiday plants, such as mistletoe, poinsettia and holly, are harmful to cats. It is better not to have them in your house.
- Animals, like humans, need to watch what they eat during the holidays. A little extra turkey is fine, but ham could upset their stomachs. Never give your pets candy. Chocolate is especially bad.
- Be sure your pets are safe inside on New Year's Eve. Loud noises and people celebrating could scare or hurt animals.

### Adopt an animal

Many caring people celebrate the holiday season by making a contribution to a worthy cause. At many zoos you can "adopt" an animal, helping to pay for its care. Although all animals stay at the zoos, the "adoptive parents" receive pictures and other benefits. Here are some of the animals you can adopt at zoos around the country. Unscramble the letters to spell out the name of the animal. Then match the name to the correct picture.

A. pgoaslaag tsotroei  
• ledogn saaehtmp  
• hheeact  
• trifu tab  
• bezra  
• lroliga

B. [Picture of a zebra]

C. [Picture of a lion]

D. [Picture of a tiger]

E. [Picture of a bear]

F. [Picture of a dog]

Answers at zebra

### Say no to pets as gifts

Giving an animal as a gift is an especially bad idea during the busy holiday times, according to experts at the Humane Society of the United States.

There is so much commotion then that people would probably be too distracted to care for a new pet properly. Also, there is a chemistry between an animal and a person. It is important that people pick out the animal that is right for them.

If you are giving an animal as a gift, it is much better to give a gift certificate. Then, when the time is right, the person can go to a shelter and pick out the right pet.

The Mini Page thanks Nancy Peterson, Issues Specialist at the Humane Society of the United States, for help with this story.

Look through your newspaper for pictures of animals. What kind of care do you think they would need?

Next week The Mini Page celebrates the millennium.

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THE BARN & ANTIQUE Liquidators has furniture, glassware, collectibles...

36 Miscellaneous
PIANO Kurzweil Mark 111 Grande: Ebony finish full keyboard...

38 Help Wanted
Laundry Staff, Housekeepers & Prep Cooks needed at Ruidoso Care Center...

40 Services
Cattle Basin: Restaurant is now accepting applications for experienced food servers & cooks...

42 Child Care
Pizza Hut Drivers & Servers Needed: Apply at 725 Sudderth - Pizza Hut, anytime.

19 Autos for Sale
YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! RUIDOSO NEWS ADVERTISING...

25 Livestock & Horses
Glencoe Store: Food • Soft Drinks • Snacks • Feed Vet Supplies...

27 Feed & Grains
TOP QUALITY Alfalfa & Hegari: 2 miles north of Tularosa...

29 Pets & Supplies
PAW PRINTS: Quality not Quantity. New Location 649 Sudderth...

36 Miscellaneous
Water Rights???: Buying Junior or Senior 430-6730

38 Help Wanted
Meeting Room Available: for up to 60 for showers, birthdays or business meetings...

38 Help Wanted
RUIDOSO READY LABOR: Daily Work/Daily Pay. Construction, framers, general labor...

38 Help Wanted
Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Staff needed at RUIDOSO CARE CENTER...

20 Trucks & 4x4s for Sale
1994 Toyota Land Cruiser: power sun roof, all options, excellent condition...

27 Feed & Grains
Gersberger Farm: 585-4578

31 Household Goods
Mansfield Furniture: Buy, Sell or Trade New & Used Furniture & Mattresses...

33 Antiques
THE BARN INTRODUCING... THE AMAZING LIQUIDATORS Antiques - Glassware - Furniture...

36 Miscellaneous
NORDIC TRACK Pro: treadmill top of line - new \$750/for sale at \$300.

38 Help Wanted
Lincoln County Grill: Hiring cashiers and dishwashers at \$8 per hour and cooks at \$9 per hour...

40 Services
KFC of Ruidoso: is accepting applications for an experienced shift supervisor...

42 Child Care
Burger King: Sink your teeth into a hot opportunity. Apply in person at Burger King #785...

22 Motorcycles for Sale
iwantacar.com

23 Auto Parts
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31 Household Goods
Joyce's Furniture: Since 1979 New & Used Furniture & Mattresses...

33 Antiques
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The Village of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico is accepting resumes for the position of Village Administrator...

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The staff of the Ruidoso News wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Table of TV programs for Weekday Morning (8:00-1:00) across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBYN, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRFP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNH, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, HAO, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, and CMAA2.

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

Table of TV programs for Weekday Afternoon (1:30-6:30) across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBYN, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRFP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNH, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, HAO, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, and CMAA2.

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 1999

Table of TV programs for Thursday Evening (7:00-12:00) across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBYN, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRFP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNH, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, HAO, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, and CMAA2.

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 1999

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SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 19, 1999. Grid of TV programs from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Channels include KASA, KSNW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNM, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, Self, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 19, 1999

Grid of TV programs for Sunday Afternoon, Dec 19, 1999. Columns: Time (1:30-6:30), Channel (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNM, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRVP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

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MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 1999

Grid of TV programs for Monday Evening, Dec 20, 1999. Columns: Time (7:00-12:00), Channel (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNM, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRVP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 1999

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday Evening, Dec 21, 1999. Columns: Time (7:00-12:00), Channel (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNM, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRVP, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

WEDNESDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 22, 1999										
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
2	KASA	Beverly Hills, 90210	Get Real "Denial"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Capitol Pursuit"	Simpsons	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	Change of Heart	(35) Blind Date	Access Hollywood		
3	KENW	Jeffrey Nutcracker	Christmas Gloria	Christmas Is Coming	News	This Old House	Charlie Rose	News	News	News	News	News
4	KOBR	Adventures in Time: The Millennium Special	National Geographic	Law & Order "Refuge" (Part 1 of 2)	News	(35) Tonight Show	Actress Winona Ryder	(37) Seinfeld	(12:07) Late Night			
5	CNN	Larry King Live Mike Wallace (Live Phone-In)	Newsstand	Sports Tonight	Moneyline	Larry King Live Mike Wallace	News	News	News	News	News	News
7	KOAT	Two Guys and a Girl	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20	(35) Cheers	(35) Extra	(35) Nightline	Victory Love			
8	EI	True Hollywood Story "Hulk Hogan"	Celebrity Profile Actor-comic Jim Carrey	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Wild On "Wild on Wild West"	Talk Soup	Search Party	Howard Stern			
9	USA	"The Mountain Murders" (1998, Drama) John Corbett, Gordon Clapp, Jonathan Scarfe	Walker, Texas Ranger "Bounty"	Silk Stalkings "Black & Blue"	News	(35) Late Show	News	(37) Judge Judy	Late Late Show			
10	KBIM	Cosby	King of Queens	The Christmas Wish	M*A*S*H	Cops	Jerry Springer	Real TV	Newaradio	Paid Program		
12	KASY	To Be Announced	Wild Discovery: Alaska Wilderness Frontier	On the Inside "Real LAPD "Super Cop"	Science of Christmas	Regling Planet Show can turn deadly	On the Inside					
13	DSC	Your New House	Waltons "The Best Christmas"	Dallas "Blackmail"	Dukes of Hazzard "Limo One Is Missing"	The Gathering	(1977, Drama) Edward Asner	700 Club				
14	TNN	"Richie Rich's Christmas Wish" (1999, Comedy) David Gallagher, Eugene Levy	Clarence	Robert Carondeau, Kate Trotter, Nicholas Van Buren	Christmas Miracles	700 Club						
15	FAM	"You've Got Mail" (1998, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Parker Posey	Chris Rock "Shock Video 2000"	Shock Video 2000	New World Disorder	(1999, Suspense) Roger Hauer	(12:10) Life of Crime 2					
17	HBO	"The Peacekeeper" (1997, Drama) Dolph Lundgren	(45) "Indictment: The McMartin Trial" (1995, Drama) James Woods, Mercedes Ruehl, Sada Thompson	"I Know What You Did Last Summer" (1997, Horror) Michael Douglas								
18	HBO-2	"Outrageous Fortune" (1987) Bette Midler, Shelley Long	(45) "The Evening Star" (1996) Shirley MacLaine, Aurora Greenway deals with three troubled grandchildren									
19	HBO-3	"Sticky Fingers" (1996, Comedy) Paul Rudd	"Gods and Monsters" (1998, Drama) Ian McKellen	(45) "App Puppil" (1986) Ian McKellen. A teenager rescues an old man's evil Nazi past								
20	SHOW	"Last Seduction" (1997, Drama) Daniel Baldwin, Sheryl Lee	James Woods, Emmanuelle Béart	"H... Dog... Rabbit" (1986) Matthew Moore, An ex-con and his brother plan a robbery in Mexico	Matthew Moore, An ex-con and his brother plan a robbery in Mexico	Fallen 2 (1998)						
21	MAX	"Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988) Ernest Borgnine, Shelley Long, Craig T. Nelson	"Troop Beverly Hills" (1989, Comedy) Shelley Long, Craig T. Nelson	Zorro	Mickey Mouse	Walt Disney Presents "Disneyland Story"	Ride a Wild Pony					
22	DISN	"Evita" (1996) Madonna. Based on the stage musical about the life of Eva Peron	One Love: The Bob Marley All-Star Tribute	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
23	TNT	"Danonov's Bear" (1983)	"What Price Glory?" (1982, Comedy) James Caan, Dori Dalton, Connie Calvert	Life in the Word	Faith Pleases God	Light of the Southwest						
24	AMC	Richard Roberts	News	Life in the Word	Faith Pleases God	Light of the Southwest						
25	KRPV	Richard Roberts	News	Life in the Word	Faith Pleases God	Light of the Southwest						
27	COM	Saturday Night Live	Daily Show	Stein's Money	"Just One of the Guys" (1985, Comedy) Joyce Hyser, Clayton Rohner, Toni Hudson	South Park	Man Show	Daily Show				
28	TLC	Operation "Breast Reduction Surgery"	Operation Surgery to correct crossed eyes	Operation "Hair Transplant"	Operation "Breast Reduction Surgery"	Operation Surgery to correct crossed eyes	Trauma: Life					
29	TCM	"Savon Days in May" (1954)	"Birdman of Alcatraz" (1962) Burt Lancaster. Immie becomes a world-famous authority on birds	Operation "Breast Reduction Surgery"	Operation Surgery to correct crossed eyes	Operation Surgery to correct crossed eyes	Trauma: Life					
32	UNI	Tres Mujeres	"A Que No Te Atrevas? Desafios por dinero"	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univision	Viviana a la Medianoche	El Gordo y la Flaca	El Blablazo	Cristina			
33	ESPN	College Basketball Cincinnati at Oklahoma. (Live)	Sportscenter	College Basketball Texas at Utah. (Live)	Sportscenter							
39	NICK	All That	Catdog	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Deeds of Eddie	Rocket Power	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore
40	SciFI	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Galaxy Monsters	Monsters	Friday the 13th: The Series	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt
41	FX	Beverly Hills, 90210	"Images"	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	The One That Got Away	X-Files "Milagro"	Wings	Wings	Wings	Wings	Wings
42	H&G	Treasure Makers	Design Basics	Modern Masters Holidays	Christmas Fair	Appraisal Fair	Treasure Makers	Design Basics	Modern Masters Holidays	This Old House		
43	CNN-FN	Biz Buzz	Entrepreneurs Only	Moneyline	Pinnacle	Digital Vam	(Off Air)					
44	WTBS	(6:00) NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Miami Heat. (Live)	Inside the NBA	"A Force of One" (1979, Drama) Jennifer O'Neill, Chuck Norris, Ron O'Neal	"One Good Cop" (1991, Drama) Michael Keaton, Rene Russo							
45	WGN	"King Solomon's Mines" (1985)	MacGyver "Prisoner of Conscience"	MacGyver "Hellfire"	In the Heat of the Night "My Name Is Hank"	Matlock "The Fortune"	Paid Program					
46	LIFE	"Kaleidoscope" (1990) Jacy Smith. A detective tries to solve the mystery of three sisters	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing Women	Unsolved Mysteries	Commish "A Christmas Story"					
48	FSSW	Hardcore Football	Goin' Deep (Part 2 of 2)	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Last Word	To Be Announced	WMTV			
49	ESPN2	(5:30) College Football Mobile Bowl - East Carolina vs. Texas Christian. From Mobile, Ala.	NFL's Greatest	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL's Greatest	Sportscenter	NHL 2Night				
50	OUTD	Danger Zone	High Country	To the Edge (Breaking the Ice)	Adventure Quest	Danger Zone	High Country	To the Edge (Breaking the Ice)	Great Outdoors			
51	HIST	Sell & Spin: A History of Advertising	Great-Ships "The Viking Ships"	Christmas Unwrapped: History-Christmas	Biography: John F. Kennedy Jr.	Investigative Reports	American Justice					
52	A&E	Investigative Reports	American Justice "Murder in the Family"	Law & Order "Savior"	News With Brian Williams	Hardball	Rivers Live	News With Brian Williams	Business Center			
54	CNBC	Rivers Live	News With Brian Williams	Hardball	Rivers Live	News With Brian Williams	Business Center					
55	CMA32	"Straw Dogs" (1971, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Susan George, David Warner	"Nine 1/2 Weeks" (1986, Drama) Kim Basinger, Mickey Rourke, Margaret Whitton									



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**POOP SCOOP**

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In Ruidoso, seeing one or more dogs riding in the bed of a pick up truck is common.

The owners usually love their dogs dearly and want to take them with on an outing to the grocery store or to a construction site. But they are exposing their dogs to great danger. The safer option is to put the animal in the cab and roll the windows up part way.

Animals left in truck beds without restraints often lean well out of the vehicle or even stand on top of a storage box, giving them no chance to recover in case of a sudden stop or curve.

Even if they're sitting in the middle of the bed, they can be thrown out.

I've picked up several animals with skinned noses, broken legs or worse injuries from falling out of a truck and/or

being hit by the following car. Besides that obvious risk, the floor of a pickup bed in the summer can become burning hot from the sun.

A dog's pads can be burned easily. Or while riding in the bed, dogs can get foreign objects in their eyes or ears.

They may be left in the hot sun without shade or water. Or in the cold months, the wind chill can be dangerous for them, especially if it rains or snows.

The coats of most dogs are only thick enough to equate to a heavy sweater for humans - not a down jacket.

If an owner will not allow the dog in the cab of the truck, a cage similar to the type used to transport dogs on airlines should be bolted securely to the floor or the dog's protection.

The HSUS knows of no brand of harness proven safe, according to bulletin on the subject.

Five states have laws against driving with unrestrained dogs in pickup truck beds - Massachusetts, California, New Hampshire, Oregon and Rhode Island. Efforts locally to pass such a law have failed.

California and New Hampshire laws describe acceptable enclosures or restraining methods.

In California, the fine ranges from \$50 to \$250 with increase penalties for repeat offenders.

**Great Deal!**

During the month of December all animals at the Humane Society of Lincoln County Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road will can be adopted for \$20.

Even if you haven't adopted an animal from the shelter, if you need your cat and dog neutered, the shelter has free vouchers for the procedure.

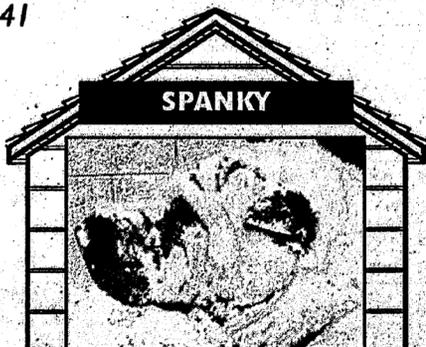
**PET CORNER**

These pets are currently up for adoption at Lincoln County Humane Society 257-9841



**NINNY**

A spayed six-month-old, wire-hair terrier/chihuahua mix. She's shy, but would thrive with some loving attention. She was found living under a house.



**SPANKY**

A neutered Shar pei, who's about two years old. He gets along well with other dogs, is attractive and affectionate. He'd be a loyal companion dog.

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