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Firm proposes 'first-class' development

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Principals in a Salt Lake City-based firm want to build a 600- to 750-lot development on the south side of Sierra Blanca Airport Road near The Spencer Theater for Performing Arts.

Mike O'Brien, spokesman for CDS Investments Inc., told Lincoln County commissioners Thursday that the proposed subdivision would have private asphalt roads, an 18-hole to 27-hole golf course, a hotel site, community water and sewer systems and a restaurant.

"So people can stop there for after-theater dining," he said during a break

in the meeting. "It will be a destination resort. We're probably a five- to six-year project. We'll do a large scale marketing program."

Robert Trent Jones is on contract to design the golf course, which will be irrigated primarily with recycled water from the sewage treatment plant, "because we know the sensitivity to water rights," O'Brien said. Corporation officials haven't decide which sewage treatment design to pursue but are looking into all options and the latest technology, he said.

"Some plants can actually discharge directly into a creek" the water is so pure, he said. "That might meet 50 percent or more of our water needs. It's

important to us and we're working on it hard. Arizona won't allow new golf courses without using recycled water."

Previously, the company bought existing buildings and created multiple family housing across the nation, he said. It owns 4,900 units and has an inventory of \$250 million, O'Brien said.

"They're financially astute and have been looking for a way to diversify," he said. "This will be their first development."

Company officials also are talking to Ruidoso representatives about building apartments in that village, he said.

With a 1,000-acre block of land to the side and back of the theater, the development, to be called "Vista Mon-

tana," will be "first class," O'Brien said.

"When we brought the principals of the corporation up here, they decided not to do it unless it was a first-class operation," he said. "Their feeling is if it costs a few extra dollars to make it appeal to the eye, then do it."

Residents will have a clubhouse and access to developed trails. Condominiums may be part of the mix, he said. The community may have security at the entrance. Utilities will be underground, according to the plan.

"This is pretty preliminary, but we wanted you to know what we have in mind," he said during the meeting. The

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A.N. Spencer dies from kidney illness

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A.N. Spencer, grandson of New Mexico's first elected governor and a former Carrizozo physician, died Thursday from a lengthy kidney ailment.

He was being treated at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces at the time of his death.

Spencer's family pioneered the area. His grandfather was William C. McDonald, who served as governor from 1912-1916, and is buried in White Oaks Cemetery.

The family was not available for details, but friends said Spencer was about 77 and had a kidney transplant about 15 years ago. His sister also suf-

fered from the same kidney disease, they said.

"I always like A.N.," said Johnson Stearns, life-long Carrizozo resident and historian. "He was a darn good doctor. I did business with him and you couldn't have found a better fellow."

"He wasn't real talkative, but he'd put his two bits in if you wanted to talk about something."

Stearns said he ran into Spencer's wife, Jackie Spencer, in Las Cruces about a month ago. She told him her husband was in the hospital at the time.

Spencer was credited with helping to start the Carrizozo Hospital in 1948, now a residential center for develop-

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'Roadless' proposal meets local opposition

Forest Service seeks input on presidential proposal

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Officials with the Lincoln National Forest were grilled over a proposal that opponents said would "close off" more of the forest lands from public access.

Opposition to the plan came Wednesday in Ruidoso, during a scoping meeting, part of an environmental impact statement process, for the proposal that seeks new protections of federal lands. The meeting, held by the USDA Forest Service, was to be repeated Thursday evening in Cloudcroft.

The initiative, called "the roadless area project" is the result of a presidential executive order, signed in October. It seeks to protect roadless area in national forests.

"No (existing) roads or trails will be closed under this proposal," Lincoln National Forest supervisor Jose Martinez

told the more than 70 people gathered for the scoping meeting.

Most of those who spoke at the meeting were skeptical, some defiant.

"This is going to put ranchers out of business. It will put fire wood cutters out of business," said J. Zane Walley of Lincoln, the most outspoken opponent of the roadless initiative at the scoping meeting.

"I have a letter from the American Land Rights Association that says (U.S. Department of Agriculture) secretary Dan Glickman will sign 'roadless' no matter what we say. So why are we having this meeting?" questioned Walley.

As the rhetoric during the meeting turned heated, Walley asked the Lincoln National Forest supervisor if his law enforcement officers carried guns,

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Gather 'round the campfire



Christie Hart of Athens, Texas, warms up at one of the campfires around the Bowen chuckwagon shortly before the start of the Last Great American Cattle Drive of the Millennium Tuesday morning. For more on the event, see section E.

Little angel



Angel La Kendra Lathan saves a forest of trees from Carol Bartlett's and Marge Cannella's second grade classes performing "The Tree Angel" at the Christmas Program at Sierra Vista Primary School Wednesday. Jacob Rigsby played the woodchopper and the three talking, walking trees were played by Alia Cornelius, Kyle Rossiter and Kirsten Welborn. Caitlin Murphy, Destiny Stubbs and Taylor Davidson ended the program by singing three Christmas songs.

Mescalero jail stands ready to renovate

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The jail on the Mescalero Apache Reservation is without detainees, as tribal police utilize the Village of Ruidoso's lock up facilities.

A new intergovernmental agreement allows police on the reservation to bring those arrested of non felonies to Ruidoso's jail, on a "space available" basis.

Bureau of Indian Affairs police chief at Mescalero, M. Troy Bolen, said the ability to use the police detention facilities at Ruidoso helps alleviate problems with using the jail in Mescalero.

"The detention facility is a mess," said Bolen, during a tour of the now empty building. The police chief, who has held the position at Mescalero since May 1, said the facility was deplorable when he first arrived.

"The lighting is poor. The heating system has not worked right. There's

a fungus, a black fungus, that has caused some illness," said Bolen. Other problems include a plumbing system that leaks, broken windows, inadequate ventilation, and a need for improved security features.

Escapes at the jail have been a problem, Bolen said.

The conditions worried the police chief, who approached the Village of Ruidoso for help, leading to the agreement that pays the village \$50 per day per inmate, housed at the Ruidoso police department's jail cells.

"It's a liability issue, both for the tribe and the B.I.A.," said Bolen.

Adding to the woes was a jail staffed without any certified detention officers. Bolen labeled that a "big problem."

"We're not getting the applicants and we really need to," Bolen said. "And we would like to see people from the community apply for the positions."

Detention officers are required to

have a high school diploma and, as the police chief puts it, a "fairly" clean record. Training is provided through the federal law enforcement training center in Artesia.

Hopes are to reopen the jail at Mescalero as soon as January. Renovations of some of the facility's physical problems - like the heating system and plumbing needs - are being addressed. Federal money in the amount of \$50,000 has been advanced.

Long term, Bolen said both he and the B.I.A.'s facilities management division estimate it will take about \$300,000 to completely renovate the nearly 40-year-old detention center.

Bolen also said he would like to see the facility decrease its monthly population. He estimates 18 to 24 tribal members were housed at the jail each month, until its temporary closure in early December. "That's a lot

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 50
Low ... 30
Partly cloudy

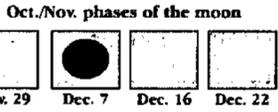
SUNDAY High ... 42
Low ... 20
Partly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 38
Low ... 18
Chance of snow

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	39	29	.00"
Wednesday	99	28	.00"
Thursday	51	20	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	50	26	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	62	28	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	60	31	Sunny
Midland, TX	64	30	Partly cloudy



STARDATE

The gibbous Moon takes aim at the giant planets Jupiter and Saturn tonight. All three are almost due south around 8 p.m. Jupiter, which looks like an extremely bright star, stands almost directly above the Moon. Saturn, which looks like a fainter, golden star, is to the left of Jupiter.



Snowy streets in Carrizozo.

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

White Oaks Eagle Dec. 21, 1899

The Eagle wishes every subscriber a Merry Christmas, and the fellow who pays up between this and the new year a continual round of pleasure throughout the rest of his natural life.

S.T. Gray, the Salado mer-

chant was in the city on business Saturday.

Manuel Sianeros died at Lincoln last week of cancer. Sianeros was a son-in-law of Spio Salazar. He was in-law of Spio Salazar in this territory as a skilled interpreter and had quite a reputation as a local politician. He leaves a wife and two children, relatives and many friends to mourn his untimely demise.

The government has refused to grant Captain a post office for the reason that it is in too close proximity to Gray.

DEVELOPMENT: The investment firm expects some opposition to the plan

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developers may opt for a larger lot count, he said.

By building 500 or more lots, the subdivision falls under the most restrictive county and state regulations.

Commissioner William Schwettmann, an engineer, warned O'Brien, who lives in Ruidoso, that people worried about water availability will oppose the proposal.

"There are 500 lot owners in Ranches of Sonterra (on the north side of the highway) who will oppose you," he said. "You'll have to prove you have the water."

"I understand that," O'Brien said. "Our idea is to do everything exactly by the book and to meet county standards as a minimum and more than likely, exceed them."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson suggested O'Brien meet with members of the Ranches

homeowners group to brief them on plans.

"No one can predict the future economy," O'Brien said after Wilson asked about a build-out date. "But Ranches of Sonterra showed what can be done and put Ruidoso in the spot light. They sold 499 lots in four years and they brought a lot of people to Ruidoso who continue to come."

"You're dealing with the county, not just Ruidoso," said Schwettmann, who lives in Alto

Village. "We look at the benefit for the county."

Capitan resident Lonnie Lippmann said many people chose Lincoln County because of its rural nature and don't want to lose that.

O'Brien said that R.D. Hubbard, founder of the Hubbard Museum of the American West and owner of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, also plans a development along the Rio Bonito north of Ranches.

FOREST: A draft of an environmental impact study will be out next spring

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and what types. About 15 minutes after those comments, an armed forest warden and armed state police officer stood in the back of the meeting room at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Others at the meeting contended the roadless proposal could lead to more areas being designated as "wilderness," limiting access and activities. Some expressed concerns for ranchers' grazing abilities, and even compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"I don't feel grazing or access with ADA will stop," responded forest supervisor Martinez.

Several attendees labeled the roadless initiative "a land

grab," that President Clinton has ordered to be a part of his "legacy." Applause occurred when a suggestion was made to stop the process until January 20, 2001, "when George Bush would be in the White House."

Questions dealing with the health of the Lincoln National Forest and fire-fighting needs were registered, and how designating new areas as roadless could hinder fire suppression and forest management in the future.

The roadless initiative was considered a "water rights" issue by two citizens at the meeting. They warned the federal government is trying to secure those water rights.

Forest officials said no existing rights would be negated in any new areas that might be designated roadless.

A show of hands found only one person, out of the six dozen citizens at the scoping meeting, supporting more restrictions on national forest use.

About 156,500 acres, at eleven locations in the Lincoln National Forest, are under review for the possible roadless designation. The areas currently have no mapped roads, according to forest officials. The areas represent about 14-percent of the Lincoln National Forest. To be designated roadless, regions are typically over 5,000 acres, undeveloped, and meet mini-

mum criteria for wilderness consideration.

Forest supervisor Martinez said he realized before the meeting that the community in Lincoln County would be opposed to the roadless initiative. "The name itself, roadless, people think roads will disappear in the forest." He said the community needs to keep providing the Forest Service with feedback.

Comments from the meeting, both written and oral, will be sent to the chief of the Forest Service, to be incorporated in a draft Environment Impact Statement (EIS), Martinez said. The draft is expected to be released in the spring, with a final EIS anticipated in the fall of 2000.

SPENCER: He and his wife contributed much to Carrizozo, Lincoln County

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mentally disabled. He grew up in Carrizozo, but attended the Military Institute in Roswell before going to medical school, Stearns said.

He married Jackie Spencer in the late 1950s. It was his first marriage. She was the widow of Hugh Bancroft, whose family held an interest in the Wall Street Journal.

Spencer also served as an

Army officer in World War II, said his nephew Stirling Spencer, a rancher, county probate judge and former county commissioner.

"He was an excellent doctor," Spencer said. "He attended football games as emergency physician when he lived here and was interested in youth activities. He helped with 4-H and cub scouts."

"He was very intelligent in school. He could fit in anywhere from New York City to the

roughest parts of the West and when he worked on the ranch, he was as tough as anybody. He was kind of the last of a generation that really knew the West."

His uncle retired from medicine in the early 1970s, Stirling Spencer said.

Together, Spencer and his wife contributed brick and mortar as well as their own time to their community. They built an airport terminal, recreation cen-

ter, golf course, park and library for Carrizozo. After moving to Alto Village, they built the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts nearby.

"I think what he and Mrs. Spencer have done for the area is immeasurable and aren't we fortunate to have had them," said County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley.

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JAIL: Mescalero has received some federal funds to renovate the facility

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in that little facility. Probably 20 should be the maximum total."

The jail has bunks for 20 men and ten women.

Sometimes holding areas are shifted around to address juveniles, who must be segregated from the adult population.

"We're supposed to have 'x' amount of space per person," said Bolen.

The B.I.A. at Mescalero also has a memorandum of agreement with a southern Colorado detention facility, to house tribal detainees from Mescalero for \$50 per day.

"But that's expensive, when you figure in the cost of transporting to the Southern Ute detention facility (at Ignacio, Colo.)," Bolen said.

From November 11 -30 the cost of housing inmates, and associated care, totaled \$17,100. Transportation charges of almost \$5,000 were added costs.

Bolen has high praise for officials of Ruidoso, for allowing non-felony tribal detainees to be housed at the village's jail.

"There have been no problems, not anymore than with any others in the jail," said Ruidoso police chief Lanny Maddox.

Fourteen tribal members, four females and ten males, have been detained through the intergovernmental agreement, which took effect on December first.

"It's time the Mescalero Tribe and the Ruidoso population start working together," Maddox said.

The police chief said he and Bolen have been discussing other possible "memorandums of understanding" to cover needs like mutual law enforcement assistance between the communities.

"I feel this is a positive approach to a cooperative effort in law enforcement," Maddox said. "It's a team concept that could come to fruition in the county."

The agreement also makes the B.I.A. at Mescalero responsible for the cost of any medical or mental health services provided to its prisoners while housed at the Ruidoso jail. The accord runs for a three month period, and can be renewed.

"I hope it gives us time to get our house in order," said Bolen.

NEWS BRIEFS

Billie Freiburg

No memorial services are planned at this time for Billie Freiburg, 85, of Capitan.

She died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 in Ruidoso.

She was born Feb. 27, 1914, in Lawton, Okla. She moved to Lincoln County from Aztec three years ago and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Perkins of Capitan; a sister, Beola Thompson of Bloomfield; and grandchildren John Perkins, Patrick Perkins, Sarah Perkins and Holly Perkins.

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

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Village focuses on urban forester job description

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Village of Ruidoso councilors will work toward an expanded job description, as consensus firms to hire an urban forester as a full time position.

In October the council directed the village manager to develop a job description, which was forwarded to councilors Tuesday night.

"Over the next month, I'd like you to put in writing other duties that might fit, to create a

full-time position," Mayor Robert Donaldson told the council.

According to the job description advanced by village manager Alan Briley, the urban forester would be responsible for developing and administering programs, policies and ordinances dealing with forest management. These include areas such as protection, defensible spaces, firebreaks, landscaping, pest and disease control. Other jobs that would fall under the purview of the urban forester include the diagnosis of

forest health, inspection of property where development is proposed, tree planting and thinning, and assisting the fire department in wild land fires is an added task.

The mayor said erosion issues, which he called of "prime concern," need to be included in the job description.

Other comments included making the position customized to Ruidoso.

"The person should come from a background on Ponderosa Pine, the kind of forest we have," said Donaldson.

CORRECTIONS

Johnny Ray Gutierrez will stand trial Jan. 24 for the murder of John Diebler, an Allsup clerk who died of mul-

tiples stab wounds in August 1998. A story in Wednesday's paper omitted Gutierrez' first name.

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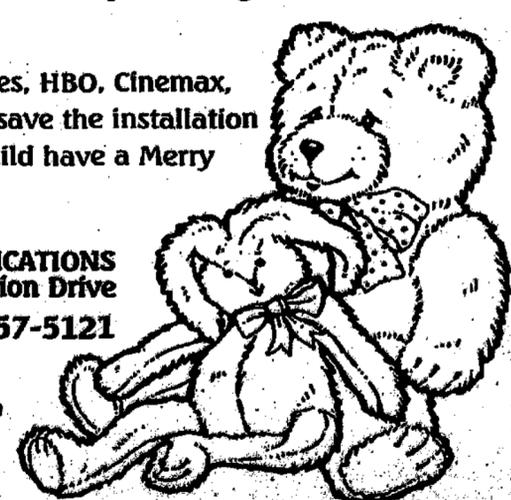
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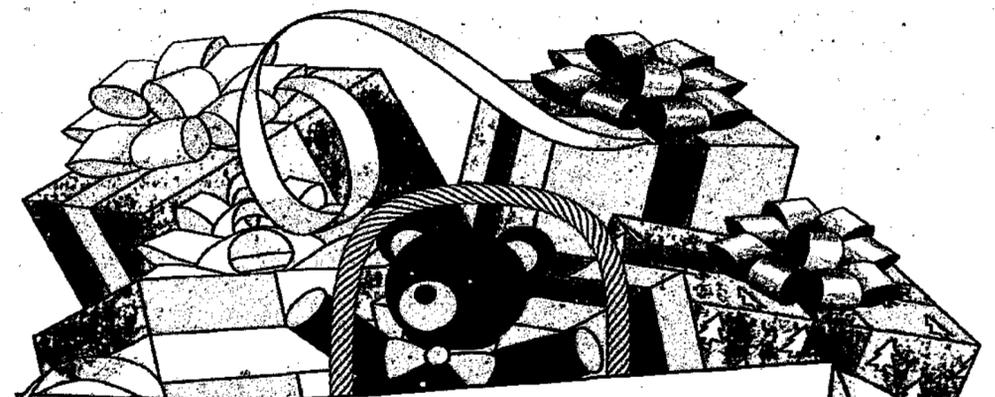


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OUR OPINION

'A little child shall lead them...'

So the solution was simple after all in addressing the ire of outraged fourth and fifth grade students in Capitan who didn't want to breathe second-hand cigarette smoke generated by older kids on their playground.

They closed the gate. Specifically, a gate off the patio used by elementary students for recesses was locked with the student council's recommendation and the school superintendent's approval.

The whole affair, consuming some weeks, considerable newspaper ink, and some posturing all around, at the minimum provided a grass-roots civics lesson for those complaining youngsters.

The upset students tried to get smoking banned on the street near their school by the Capitan village council. That didn't work.

They asked the high school principal to do something about it, but the butt-smoking high school kids ignored the request; public street, you know. And it's not illegal to smoke cigarettes, even if it's illegal for juveniles to buy them.

The elementary students circulated a petition, got 187 signatures, and read it to the high school's student senate; no result, so they gathered 114 more names.

Finally, the recommendation by the student senate was accepted. The elementary students' teacher noted that the high school students have "only gone down the alley, but they're not being as rude and obnoxious. Peer pressure worked."

The State Board of Education is looking at the whole question for legislative action. Chalk one up for student activism, peer pressure, and locked gates.

Blurred lines in Lincoln County

Once upon a time, post office buildings were built by private individuals and rented to the Postal Service. Now the service finances its own buildings, using money that comes from the vast efficiency it has achieved, even if it does sometimes take days to get a letter across the state.

So how can one be surprised that the Lincoln County Commission is thinking about buying its own rock-crushing machinery to provide gravel to maintain roads, and maybe save a buck?

A couple of people who have struggled with the rock-crushing business in the private sector are nervous about what the county might run up against — mostly the huge cost of meeting safety and environmental standards.

But, as an elected commissioner amazingly noted, "government doesn't have to pay the same level of wages." Socialism, anyone?



Millennial ambitions

Poor Lincoln County at the turn of the millennium. So many problems, so many opportunities, so many points of view.

A century ago, a Lincoln County merchant put out the word that "all persons indebted must settle up on or before Jan. 1, 1900, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of a collector."

Life was so simple, and a new century boded little change—but the railroad's arrival meant modern times were here.

Now, area real estate sales are approaching \$100 million this year alone, and it's hard to find a store offering credit.

Ruidoso's mayor, looking in his crystal ball, sees the community becoming an "Aspen for Middle America" in the new century.

Then M. L. Winter of Ruidoso has dropped a line to the mayor (copying us) with a word or so worth quoting. By policy, we don't publish letters to third parties, but Mr. Winter's points were worth pondering a few days before the bright new millennium.

"As the mortgage brokers and as the mayors with BIG dreams came to Aspen, the home prices and property taxes rose in the 1980s and 1970s so that those who used to live and work in Aspen could no longer afford to live here... The moratorium on building in Boulder in 1976 did the same... Home prices and property taxes skyrocketed. Now even small towns around the Boulder area are pricey."

A century ago, Lincoln County's metropolis, White Oaks, was eager to rush into the future, capitalizing on the railroad, and people from far places, and a booming demand for products from its mines. And the leading merchant wanted to collect on his debts.

There is something about big round anniversaries, like 2000, that makes people with entrepreneurial visions, like mayors, dream big.

Let's hope the price isn't too high.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Uniforms promote unity

To the editor: I attended an organizational meeting recently that addressed the issue of uniforms as normal school clothing. This issue has been brought up because of the violence in schools across our nation.

The leaders of our school and police force are trying to prevent these problems. The kids that have resorted to these horrifying acts of violence against their peers felt that they were perceived as scum — worthless, no value to their peers.

Clothing is often how kids (and the rest of us) judge one another. Uniforms unify a group of people rather than point out and emphasize their differences.

The deepest, most real part of this issue is that the attitude of our hearts has a powerful effect on others. Cruelty and ostracizing creates hatred, which can turn to violence.

Kindness and inclusion creates gratitude and love, which helps people to be kind. What each of us does matters.

Uniforms can help this problem on the outside. We can help by the attitudes of our hearts and the actions that comes from us. Parents can help by setting good examples and by being responsible for raising their children the best way that they can.

I support this change in the

dress code because my children's safety and educational environment are more important than their freedom to express themselves. They agree!
Beth Miller
Ruidoso Downs

To the editor:

There is usually more than two sides to a story, the right side and the wrong side, plus the backside. "He shall have the Power by and with (the) advice and consent of the senate to make treaties," Article 2, Section 2 of the U. S. Constitution.

In the Tribal Constitution, Article 25, Section 1, "The tribal court shall consist of a chief judge and two associate judges appointed by the president, with the concurrence of three-fourth majority of the whole tribal council. Not advice and consent to appoint judges, Stephanie Dulos!

Shall we excuse the crooks and thieves caught on video cameras stealing and robbing convenience stores because they really needed the drinks, real bad? Shall we excuse the wicked behavior because someone that should have been taking care of them was sick?

Should the taxpayers foot the bill to keep political prisoners in the Ruidoso jail, judged in Mescalero kangaroo courts in the name of fostering an improving sense of cooperation between the two communities? Kangaroo courts, because the

"judges" are acting...outside the law! The tribal council has not approved the appointment of the judges.

The BIA police are not tribal police, to clarify the issue. BIA police use taxpayers' money. The BIA police and Ruidoso jail facilities are supported by taxpayers who are supporting detainment of political prisoners and by doing so they are subjecting themselves to expensive lawsuits. Of course that does not matter. It is only taxpayers' money.

Put any Constitution beside any law or ordinance made under that authority, which shall rule? Wrong! The crooks with the most money and lawyers with no conscience usually win.

Shall we put the candle under the bed so as not to see the evil doings and not be a trouble maker? Stephanie, can you make it snow?

Joseph Geronimo Mescalero

Generous gift

To the editor: For the generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness of the Hubbard Foundation and Jim Stoddard for donating \$500 toward the purchase of a computer for the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, we thank you....

Tommy Hood
Manager/site coordinator
Ruidoso Downs

GUEST COMMENTARY

'New West Research' doesn't love wildlife

BY RUSS MAJESTY
RUIDOSO RESIDENT

I feel compelled to respond to the front-page feature in the *Ruidoso News* on 12/8/99 entitled "Group pushes to mix state funding for predator control." The liberal environmental extremists continue their war on the West.

Mysteriously, they have the backing of the federal government and the news media, which legitimizes their patently ridiculous positions. The radical environmental movement is composed chiefly of non-ranchers, non-farmers, non-sportsmen, non-biologists, non-wildlife managers, and other non-experts in wildlife science. The "ecology" programs promoted by these environmental radicals are characterized by impractical, unrealistic and counter-productive concepts. This new group, "New West Research," is typical.

Ms. Wolf (I), its director, is campaigning to stop state funding for predator control. Predictably, federal funding prevention will be next. Ms. Wolf demands that our ranchers pay for their own control programs. Does this mean New West Research doesn't understand that

lions, coyotes, bears and bobcats not only move from ranch to ranch but also onto the BLM, the Forest and Park, and private, non-ranch property? If New West and the other "groups" are so concerned about saving tax money, why are they demanding wolf recovery at a taxpayer cost of \$1,000,000 per pair?

They are not interested in saving tax money; they are interested in preserving and increasing the number of predators in our state.

Where wolves have been recently introduced in Wyoming and Montana there is already a serious drop in the calf-to-cow elk rates.

Downstream consequences are clearly predictable. The next observable impacts will be with big horn sheep, moose, deer and antelope.

With the "ecology" clubs for friends our non-predator wildlife doesn't need enemies!

But if these "environmentalists" love all wildlife, as they say, what is the rationale behind this push for more and more predators? Their logic is unclear, but in view of their ongoing inconsistencies it has been suggested that they have no genuine interest in wildlife

at all; that they are using predators as a tool for a power takeover.

When hunting, fishing, timbering, ranching, farming, mining — whatever is cited as "interference" with their "natural balance" — that specific activity will be shut down by court order.

Already, forest roads are being closed to accommodate this principle. Other restrictions and freedom losses will follow.

The environmentalist's final goal remains elusive. But their love of wildlife is false. They are

no friend of the elk, deer, sheep, antelope, or the rancher, farmer, sportsman, lumberman, miner, fisherman, or taxpayer.

They have a secret agenda, and I, for one, don't trust them.

If I had a pet rabbit, and I told you I loved it, and then put a fox in its cage — would you trust me?

The author is a former Wyoming resident who has lived in Ruidoso for the past year. He is a hunter and life-long member of the National Rifle Association.

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VILLAGE NEWS

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Officials of the Village of Ruidoso have gotten assurance from the community's electric supplier...

Village reexamines yard waste fee

Ruidoso residents may be paying more in the future to have yard waste hauled away by the village.

yardage of garbage collections.

"There's only one truck picking up yard waste. They're working 14-hour days, six days a week," the mayor said.

The council will revisit the fee issue in January. Councillor Bill Chance suggested that the solid waste staff present a hypothetical rate increase.

Village attorney to lobby state

Ruidoso's village attorney will again lobby the New Mexico legislature during their 30 day session which begins next month.

Bonito firefighters take on 'toughest' house fire

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bonito firefighters Thursday battled one of the more challenging house fires the volunteers have had to face because the blaze was difficult to get at...

The firefighters fought the flames from 1 a.m. to about 7 a.m. Thursday. The fire at 312 El Camino filled the entire attic of the house, causing the roof trusses to fail...

Denne said it was a very hazardous situation. Two cars in the driveway blocked entry of the fire engines...

"This was one of the toughest fires we ever had to fight," Denne said.

It was up in the attic and it was impossible to get clear access. We had to peel the roof off and had concrete tiles falling on firefighters inside the house.

Damage to the ceiling was heavy. Below the ceiling line, damage was in the form of falling materials and water because access to the fire was so difficult...

"We requested and received help from Capitan, Fort Stanton and Ruidoso for water, and we needed every drop of it," Denne said.

Two women were in the house and had had heating problems since Dec. 7, Denne said. At 5 a.m. Dec. 15, a smoke alarm went off at Mountain Alarm Systems and Security...

they left a window open in the kitchen the night before.

One of the women heard water in the middle of the night and thought it was raining, so she went to close the window and found 2 inches of water in the living room...

"As soon as the ceiling fell in she realized it was more than frozen pipes," he said.

and ran out of the house, and used a cell phone to call for help.

Denne said they looked back and said there were flames coming out all over the house. He thinks this was possibly due to the ceiling having fallen...

The parents of one of the women, Corey Hyde from Texas, own the house, Denne said.

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Ruidoso school board discusses band, buses, and uniforms for students

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso High School 24 Carat Gold Marching Band is among 20 to 30 bands in the nation invited to participate in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Band director Robbie Stephens told the Ruidoso School Board Tuesday at its regular meeting about the invitation made by the National Independence Day Parade, the United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to participate in the July 4, 2000 millennium parade.

About 400,000 people will be in the parade, which will receive national coverage, Stevens said.

Fifteen bands from each state were invited to apply, Stephens said. The 24 Carat Gold Marching Band sent a videotape made during the Aspenfest Parade.

The cost per person for the four-day, three-night stay in Washington, D.C. is \$792 per person, including air transportation from El Paso, Texas, bus and hotel. Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden told Stevens that he would meet with him and the Band Boosters to discuss fundraising for the

trip.

In other business, White Mountain Elementary Principal Frank Cannella told the school board that the school ski program at Ski Apache will continue this season, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 25, and continuing for the three following Tuesdays.

Lift tickets for children will be \$2, ski rentals will be \$5 for the afternoon, and ski instruction, which is mandatory for anyone who hasn't skied, will be \$2. Parents are responsible for transporting their children from the school and to and from the ski area, Cannella said.

To be eligible for the pro-

gram, children must have good attendance and passing grades, as they would for any other activity, Cannella said.

About 2,000 children participated last year on the busiest day, Cannella said. Other districts will participate this year as they did last year. Ski Apache Ski Area opened a second ticket booth this year, so lines will be shorter than last year, he said.

At the meeting, the school board also called for proposals to take over the school bus route of Jack Kannady. This route, number 7, services 65-70 students per day in grades kindergarten through second grade for about 70 miles a day on hard paved surface roads.

Proposals for the route are to be submitted by 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2000 to the administration office at 200 Horton Circle, and the board will consider the proposals at the regularly scheduled

meeting on that date.

Gladden updated school board members on the Nov. 30 meeting of the "uniformly dressed committee." Two public meetings will occur in January, one on a Saturday and one on a school night, and the dates will probably be decided at the Jan.

10 committee meeting, he said. After the meetings there will be a survey of community members to find out what they think about the issue.

"It will be up to the board to decide the direction the district will be going after hearing the pros and cons," Gladden said.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Lions Club comes through for Santa Cops

Some of the children receiving gifts through Santa Cops will receive a wooden toy made by Lion's Club member Bob Bohannon, who made 200 wooden trucks, cars and animals this year and last year for Santa Cops' "angels."

Bohannon retired in 1985 and started woodworking as a hobby in El Paso, Texas. He joined a local woodworking club and competed with other woodworkers to see who could make the most toys for local charities (he won). For three years he made 300 toys a year.

"Then I moved here in May of '96," Bohannon said. He hooked up with the Lions to help out with Santa Cops in 1997, and has been making wooden toys ever since.

It takes about 400 hours to make the 200 toys he donates to Santa Cops. He starts around Easter and finishes up about Labor Day, he said.

Local Humane Society seeks members

One of the ways to support the Humane Society of Lincoln

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Community raffles included in ban on 'games of chance' at Wal-Mart

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Non-profit community organizations have been barred from utilizing Wal-Mart for their fund raising raffles because of New Mexico laws. Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart manager Ed Gonzalez said it is illegal to allow "games of chance" in businesses that sell alcohol or firearms.

The issue came to a head last month, when the Ruidoso Santa Cops program sought to sell raffle tickets at the Wal-Mart Super Center in Ruidoso Downs, a fund raiser done at Wal-Mart during past Christmas seasons.

In a letter to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department's Alcohol and Gaming Division, Freda McSwane, the coordinator for the local Santa Cops program states the sales of the raffle tickets would be "away and separate from the area designated for the sale of

alcohol." The letter is marked "approved" by the deputy director for the alcohol and gaming division, Lillian Martinez. The approval includes a provision that "no raffle tickets are sold within the approved liquor licensed premises."

"As I understand it, the location (for raffle sales) could be in the vestibule. That's typically not a (liquor) licensed area," Martinez said this week.

But Gonzalez said discussions with the area's special investigator for the Department of Public Safety prompted the decision to disallow raffles and other games of chance on any of Wal-Mart's property. "It's the way we have our liquor license set up. We can't even allow it in the parking lot," Gonzalez said.

State law does permit nonprofit organizations to hold fund-raising events as long as the "games of chance" are conducted in an area physically segregated from the location where alcoholic beverages are sold. Physically segre-

gated is described as separated by a wall or other physical obstruction.

A Wal-Mart location in Las Cruces was recently issued a citation for holding bingo in their alcohol-licensed store, according to state police special investigator Todd Griffin. He said the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart has not been cited for allowing past raffles conducted by nonprofit organizations.

A conviction carries a fine of up to \$3,000 for a first offense, according to Alcohol and Gaming Division officials.

Santa Cops assists needy Lincoln County children, allowing them to have a Christmas.

In past years the program has delivered gifts, food and clothing to about 800 children and 100 elderly people.

In previous Christmas seasons money raised through the Santa Cops raffle at Wal-Mart, both its Ruidoso Downs, and previous Ruidoso location, have totaled from \$4,000 to \$12,000, said

McSwane. "It's usually the largest money-making activity we have all year," McSwane said the high customer traffic counts at Wal-Mart account for the strong donations.

Wal-Mart's manager said he was told by Department of Public Safety Special Investigations Division agent Todd Griffin "absolutely don't do it."

"It's the language of our license," Gonzalez said. He added work is underway to change the description on the liquor license, to confine alcoholic beverage sales to a defined area of the store. But that is expected to take several weeks.

"In the meantime we've tried to cooperate with Santa Cops by doing other things. Like the angel tree and donating bicycles," Gonzalez said. He is hoping a change in the liquor license description will allow nonprofit organizations to return with their fund raising events that are considered games of chance.

Lack of unanimous vote leaves Ruidoso Downs police chief job open

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Without a unanimous vote by trustees at a special meeting of the village of Ruidoso Downs council, a former Dona Ana County undersheriff will wait to find out if he becomes Ruidoso Downs' new police chief.

Mayor Joe Hayhurst Thursday night recommended Edward J. Lerma of Las Cruces for the position, saying he was the best candidate out of a field of 21 applicants for the chief's job.

Approval required an absolute majority of the village council, which was short one of its four members. With trustee Jackie Branum out of town until next week, an affirmation needed the three trustees at the

special meeting to all vote yes.

Trustees Ray Hayhurst and Margie Morales cast yes votes. Judy Miller responded with a "nay."

"We should table this until the 27th (of December) so Jackie (Branum) can be here," Miller said. "And that will give us all time so we can read the resumes."

"With Mr. Lerma here, I make a motion to hire him tonight," responded trustee Hayhurst.

In seconding the motion, Morales said the selection needed to be completed.

Following the split vote, Morales said the council wasted the time of the police chief candidate.

Trustees questioned Lerma before the vote, some pointing to problems suffered by the Ruidoso Downs Police Department in the past couple of years.

"You know the turmoil our police department has seen," said Miller. "How do you handle this?"

Lerma responded five core

values for law enforcement officers can help avoid "squabbling or bickering." He said those qualities are honesty and integrity, a high regard for ethics, reverence for the law, a commitment to public service, and professionalism.

With several complaints filed against Ruidoso Downs officers in the past year, Lerma

said it's important that police know when to be assertive, and when not to be assertive. He told the council not dealing with the public correctly creates problems.

The mayor told the council the appointment will come back for a vote on December 27, when all four trustees can be present.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open
Surface conditions: Machine groomed packed powder. Conditions are excellent on open trails.
New snow past 24 hours: 0 inches.
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Yes.
Snowmaking operations continue each day, adding significant snow to the mountain.
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 15-25 inches.
Trails open: Capitan, Top Notch, Lower Deep Freeze and the lower novice slopes. More trails will be available very soon.
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: All that are open.
Lifts open: Chairs 3, 4 and 5, including the Kiddie Korral. The Lincoln Chair will open soon. The gondola is open Saturday and Sunday for sight-seers.
Hours of operation: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Early season ticket prices: adults \$29, children \$19 through today.

This week

Friday, Dec. 17
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia (Fr, JV, V), 4 p.m.
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA
Corona at B.V.C. Tournament, Estancia, TBA
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Socorro, (Fr, JV, V), 3:30 p.m.
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA
Corona at B.V.C. Tournament, Estancia, 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
Corona at B.V.C. Tournament, Estancia, TBA
Prep girls basketball
Capitan at Mountain Top Tourney, Cloudcroft, TBA
Hondo at Loving Invitational, TBA
Corona at B.V.C. Tournament, Estancia, TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 21
Prep boys basketball
Mescalero at home vs. Magdalena, 5 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Mescalero at home vs. Magdalena, 5 p.m.

Scoreboard

Monday, Dec. 13
Prep boys basketball
Mescalero 57, Gateway Christian 47
Dora 76, Hondo 62
Prep girls basketball
Mescalero 43, Gateway Christian 28
Dora def. Hondo
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso 64, Tularosa 57

Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Men's Basketball League Final Regular Season Standings

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. 14
The Players def. Rebels
Aramark Cobras def. Tequila Slammers
Alamo Pipe def. Cuties
Games for Dec. 16 — 2nd tournament round
6:30 p.m. - All Around vs. Players
7:30 p.m. - Aramark Cobras vs. Alamo Pipe
8:30 p.m. - Tequila Slammers vs. Cuties
Games for Dec. 20 — 3rd tournament round
6:30 p.m. - Rebels vs. loser Aramark Cobras/Alamo Pipe
7:30 p.m. - Loser All Around/Players vs. loser Tequila Slammers/Cuties
8:30 p.m. - Winner All Around/Players vs. winner Aramark Cobras/Alamo Pipe
Championship rounds Dec. 21
Ruidoso Parks & Rec Coed Volleyball League Final Regular Season Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Sideout	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

*Season champion
Results from Dec. 15 — 2nd tournament round
CoNets def. Sideout 15-5, 15-6
Cowpokes def. Whatever, 15-6, 12-15, 15-4
Cowpokes def. Sideout, 15-8, 15-8
CoNets def. Cowpokes, 18-16, 15-4

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Alamogordo's men's Industrial and over 30 basketball leagues
Registration for a men's industrial basketball league and a men's over 30 basketball league will be from now until league play begins in January. Entry fee per team is \$262.50. League play will run from Jan. through March 2000. Call the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center at 439-4142 for more information.

Carter steps down as football coach

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Changes are afoot in the Warrior football camp.
Coach Les Carter, who helmed the team since 1994, has resigned. Rodney Webb, who has served under Carter as defensive coordinator for five years, will take over the reins of Ruidoso football.
The change became official Tuesday when the Ruidoso Board of Education accepted Carter's resignation and his recommendation of Webb as his replacement.

Carter said the decision to step down was not made because of the early end to this year's football season.
"I've been talking to people the last couple of years about making a move and turning it over to the younger coaches," he said. "What people don't understand about this season is that we had a pretty glorious season. We lost two ballgames in the regular season and did a lot more than anybody ever expected us to do."

Carter said the decision was simply a personal matter.
"It was time for me to step down and to move on," he said. "There are personal reasons. I couldn't have had more support than what I got from this community, the administration and the school district. It was a great ride, a lot of fun and I had the opportunity to work with some of the greatest young men in this country. But it was time for me."

Carter said he will continue to teach and coach the girls golf team "for a few years." Ruidoso is his home, he said, and he has no plans to leave.
"I'm not looking to go anywhere else," he said. "We love Ruidoso, the community and the people. We decided when we came here six years ago that this would be the place we'd like to retire."

Carter said he recommended Webb as his replacement, and is confident he'll continue the Warrior tradition.
"I think Rodney will do a fine job," Carter said. "He's an excellent coach. He's as good a student of the game as



Les Carter

I've ever been around, but probably the biggest thing is Rodney cares about these kids."
Webb knows he has big shoes to fill, but he thinks he'll do OK.
"We've been to the playoffs now for five of the last six years, so there's definitely going to be some high expectations," he said. "But if I didn't think I could live up to them I wouldn't be interested in taking over the position."

The Texas native has been with the Warriors for five years. He was head baseball coach for three years, but left to focus on football, which he said is his primary sport. It's no secret, Webb said, that he wanted a head coaching position, but didn't want to leave Ruidoso either.

"It's something I've kind of been pursuing, but I never was really excited about leaving here," he said. "I'm actually getting the best of both worlds: I'm getting to be a head coach and getting to do it here."

Webb said there will be some changes under his reign as head coach, but only as a matter of style. Consistency, he said, is what makes a good football team.

"I would be lying if I told you there weren't going to be some things different, just because every head coach has his own personality," he said. "There are those things I will put more emphasis on, and there are those things I will probably put less emphasis on than Les."

The rest of the coaching staff is expected to remain the same, which will help with the consistency.

"We certainly want to have a level of continuity," Webb said. "One of the secrets to why we've gotten to be suc-

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Warrior gridders dominate all-district

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warrior football season is just a memory, but members of the team are still accumulating honors.

At the Warrior football banquet-Dec. 7, coach Les Carter announced both the school and all-district awards. The Warriors dominated the 4AAA first-team honors, and Carter was proud of his players.

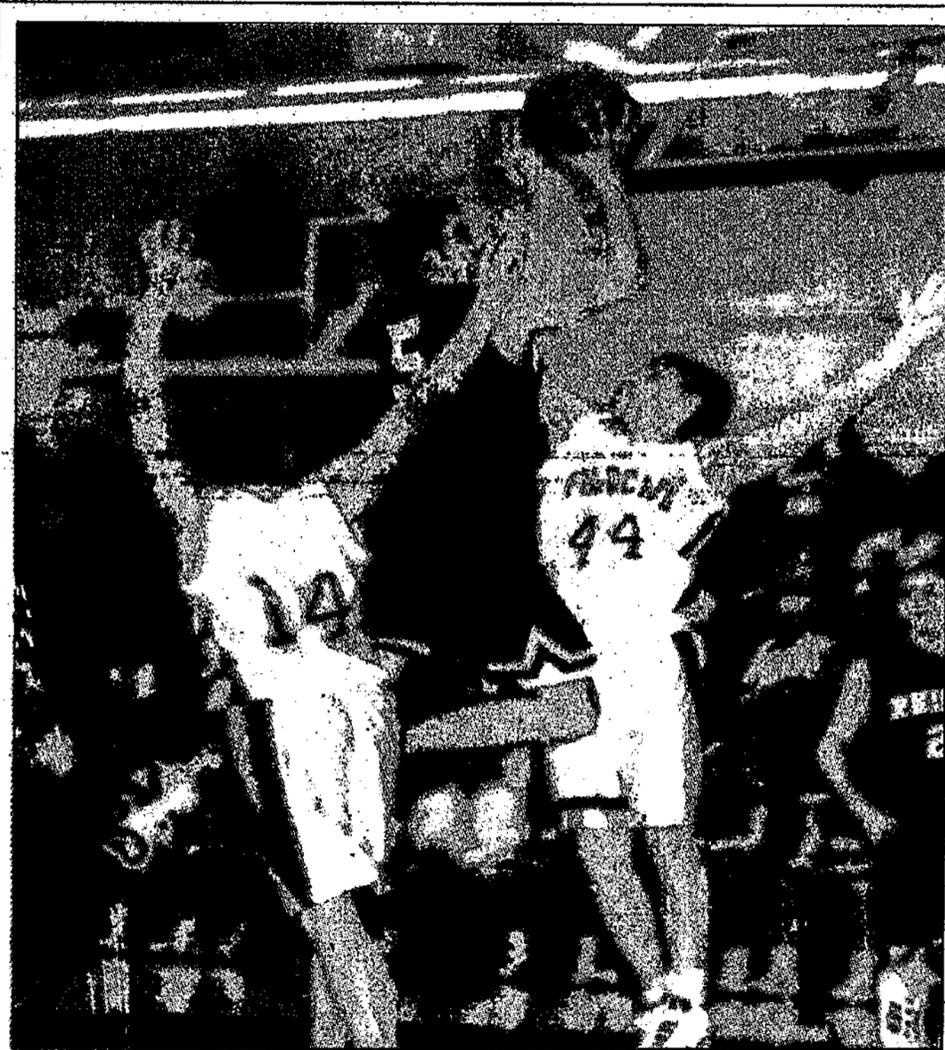
"We feel real good about our first and second teamers, all district," he said. "We feel we come from the best district in AAA and to have that many kids make it is a very big honor for those young men."

Fourteen Warriors were named to the first team, with one, Nathan Stanaland, named to two positions. Another nine players made the second team, with Ben Lundquist named to both the first and second team.

All District, 1st team
Defense: Grant Brumlow, defensive lineman; Nathan Stanaland, defensive lineman; Thatcher Hampton, linebacker; Fabian Chavez, linebacker; Frizzell Frizzell, defensive back; T.J. Montoya, defensive back.
Offense: Keith Bassett, offensive lineman; Nathan Stanaland, offensive lineman; Todd Schrader, quarterback; Frank Dorame, running back; J.R. Floyd, receiver; Thomas Schiele, receiver; Zak Lutterman, slotback.

Kicker: Jessie Anderson
Punter: Ben Lundquist
All District, 2nd team
Defense: Brandon Brumlow, defensive lineman; Derrick Dennis, defensive lineman; Cade Hall, linebacker; Austin Ritter, linebacker; Ryan Rossiter, defensive back.
Offense: Mark Mendoza, offensive lineman; Matt McMillan, offensive lineman; Patrick Hodges, offensive lineman; Ben Lundquist, slotback.

Honorable Mention
Jerrod Pritchett, linebacker
Warrior Awards
Most Valuable Player: Todd Schrader
Leadership Award: Keith Bassett
Gold Helmet Award: Ben Lundquist
Big Hitter Award: Thatcher Hampton
Defensive Back: Frizzell Frizzell
Warrior Award: Nathan Stanaland
Most Improved: Ryan Rossiter



Warrior Solomon Barnett gets through the defense of Coyotes Cody May, No. 14 and Sam Blazer, No. 44 to tally two points for Ruidoso in Thursday's game in Tularosa.

Warriors hand Coyotes first loss

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

TULAROSA — Despite being in two different classes, Ruidoso (3-1) and Tularosa (5-1) always go at it hot and heavy on the basketball court. Tuesday was no exception as the AAA Warriors handed the No. 4-ranked AA Wildcats their first loss of the season, 64-57.

"I feel real good, especially winning here in Tularosa," said Warrior coach Billy Page. "Tularosa's a tough place to play. Their kids played hard, our kids played hard. It was a lot of fun."

Both teams came out smoking, and it looked like it would be a high-scoring game. After one quarter, Ruidoso led 27-21. But then the defense kicked in, and the scoring slowed. Nathan Stanaland hit a layup early in the second quarter, then neither team could hit the bucket for almost two minutes. With 8:10 remaining in the half, Ruidoso had added four points to its tally and Tularosa two.
At the end of the half it was 40-33 Ruidoso.

The scoring slowed even more in the third quarter, and could have picked up in the

fourth except for one thing: the Warriors couldn't buy a free throw. Ruidoso shot 10-for-27 from the charity stripe, a miserable 37 percent.

"After the Roswell game, we decided we were going to work on shooting," Page said. "So we had a shooting drill. (Wednesday) I guarantee you we're going to work on free throws."

The Wildcats hit their free throws and 3-pointers, but had trouble from the paint. They also gave the ball back to Ruidoso too many times.
"We played a little flat, I felt like," said Wildcat coach Johnny May. "Didn't shoot the ball very well. But you've got to give a lot of credit to Ruidoso. They really played well. Got after us."

Rowdy Green was the top Warrior with 15 points, including three 3s. He also got a charity bucket late in the first quarter when he sent the ball up and it was tipped in by Tularosa.



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Capitan netters honored

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Three members of the Capitan volleyball team have been named to the 1999 AA all-state volleyball team.

Junior Lindsay Bush was named as a first team middle blocker, the second years she's earned that honor.

"I'm happy for Lindsay because she works hard for it," said coach Bryan Massé.

Receiving all-state honorable mentions were Krystal Roybal and Shawna Shreengost.

The list was dominated by Hatch, Animas, Texico, Jal and Capitan, teams Massé called "the best teams in state."

Chiefs win two in Roswell

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ROSWELL — The Chiefs and Lady Chiefs both had successful games against Gateway Christian in Roswell Monday, winning handily against the Warriors.

The Chiefs (3-4) had their game in control from the start, winning 57-47 but leading by far more throughout most of the match.

Mescalero held Gateway to two points in the first quarter and six in the second, leading 13-2 after one and 28-8 at the half. The Warriors picked up a few more points in the third stanza, but didn't close the gap until the fourth quarter, when Josh Davis, the Chief's strongest player, fouled out.

"Josh Davis is a pretty strong factor in the middle," said athletic director Rol Bradford. "We took him out, then they got their big guys rolling."

Gateway tallied much of its scoring from the free-throw line, while despite the physical nature of the game, Mescalero was kept away from the charity stripe. The Warriors shot 40 free throws to Mescalero's two. The Chiefs were tagged for 80 fouls to Gateway's 10.

Pike led the scoring with 22 points. Davis had 18.

The Mescalero girls (2-4) also made it look easy, talking a

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WARRIORS: Rivalry goes to Ruidoso

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Todd Schrader and Mike Blank both scored 13 points for the Warriors. Wildcat Sam Blazer led all scorers with 18 points.

As might be expected from the losing side, May is looking ahead to Jan. 11, when the teams meet again.

"I think we're looking forward to getting a chance to meet them again," he said. "These games are) always very intense. Both teams want to play real well against each other, so we play real hard

against each other."

Page, however, is only looking ahead to this weekend.

"Right now we're concentrating on Artesia Friday there, then we'll think about Portales on the way home," he said.

Both games are expected to give the Warriors more challenges leading into the new year and district play. Ruidoso's home opener against the Rams begins Saturday at 8 p.m. with the freshman game.

Against Tularosa, the Warrior JV fell 63-49 while the freshman squad won 48-36.

Hondo falls twice at Dora

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

DORA — Hondo's Eagles fell to Dora Monday, but not because of a lack of effort.

Disciplinary action grounded two of Hondo's top players, putting them on the bench and forcing others to take up the slack. That led to a 76-64 Dora win in Dora.

Eagle coach Paul Qualls was not happy with the players who were disciplined, but said their fill-ins performed admirably.

"We had to rely on some kids who hadn't been playing a lot," he said. "As far as the kids who filled in and how hard they played, they busted their butts."

Dora jumped out to a 21-12 first quarter lead, and stretched that to 41-20 at the half. But as the inexperienced players gained playing time, they narrowed the gap.

Hondo was outshot by only three points in the third quarter, and outscored Dora 25-16 in the final stanza.

Ricky Lopez was the top Eagle point getter, tallying 16 points. Manny Lopez scored 14 and Aaron Gomez 12 to round out those in double figures.

Others scoring for Hondo were Martin Richardson, 7, David Perez, 6, Carlos Miranda, 2 and Eddie Valenzuela, 1.

Adan Lerma, a new addition to the team, added eight to the final effort.

Hondo squares off against Dora in the closing game of the season in February, and Qualls said it'll be a "much different game."

The boys travel to the Loving Tournament today and Saturday.

They open with the Roswell junior varsity at 5 p.m. today, then face Mesilla Valley at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and host Loving in the tournament's closing game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Qualls said facing AAAA Roswell, even the junior varsity, "will be a fantastic challenge."

He's hoping the match against AA Loving, the No. 5-ranked Class A team in the state, will be a surprise for the host squad.

Lady Eagles

Hondo girls also fell to Dora Monday. The score was not available at press time, but coach Julie Montoya said her team played better than they did in the Hondo Tournament last weekend.

"We're still working on defense and rebounding," Montoya said. "We did much better taking care of ball."

The girls also travel to Loving for a tournament.

They open with Loretto Academy of El Paso at 3:30 p.m. today, then take on Mesilla Valley at 9 a.m. Saturday and Loving at 6 p.m.

CARTER: Coach resigns

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Successful is because we've had the same coaches. The kids hear the same terminology and the same style every year and there's nothing different."

There also won't be any changes in the Warrior goals. Webb said the team's "reachable goal" is to win the state championship.

"Not too long ago around here, the reachable goal was, 'Let's try to make the playoffs,'" he said.

"Now, we're disappointed if we make the playoffs and don't go all the way to the state championship, like what happened this year. It was a disappointment to us. And I think next year it's very attainable."

Whether or not that goal comes to pass, the Warriors will have one man on the sidelines throughout the season, hoping for the best. Carter said he'll be there, cheering on his former charges.

"I'll be their biggest fan," he said.

CHIEFS: Mescalero adds to win total

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43-28 victory over the Lady Warriors.

The girls also checked the Gateway scoring, holding the Lady Warriors to three points in the first quarter while picking up 17. Mescalero stretched its lead to 27-17 at the half and 37-24 after three.

The Lady Chiefs proved they don't wear down

late in the game, holding the Warriors to four points in the final stanza.

Sasha Aragon led the scoring with 14 points while Ophelia Prins picked up 10.

Both the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs were scheduled to meet Carrizozo at home Thursday. Mescalero then gets the weekend off before meeting Magdalena Tuesday at home.

Fishing report

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

For fly fishing —
The overall watershed stream flows are very low.

RIO RUIDOSO: Not much change from last week. The river is extremely low and gin clear. The best bet we found this past week has been green rock worms or pheasant tail nymphs. Not much dry fishing reported. Please remember the German browns are spawning and if you should catch one be extra careful and get the fish back in the water quickly.

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

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

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

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Late evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. This past two weeks soft hackle flies seemed to attract the most fish. It's time to break out the streamer flies and the sinking tip line and fish the late evenings. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster. We are to have a very windy front blow through in the next few days and this may help stir the pot a bit.

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

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- Nov. 8 - Walter Ray Seidel vs. Rio Pecos Medical Associates and Norwest Bank, now doing business as Wells Fargo Bank of New Mexico N.A.; complaint for accounting, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment; CV99-254.
Nov. 13 - Vicki Jacoby Winter vs. Sierra Glass Inc., and Sylvia Hauschild; foreclosure of judicial lien, conversion and punitive damages; CV99-255.
Nov. 11 - American Express Centurian Bank vs. Helen G. McCoy; debt on open account; CV99-256.
Nov. 8 - Wayne Metcalfe and Cheryl Metcalfe, husband and wife, vs. Bary J. and Lynn K. Gross, husband and wife; prescriptive easement and easement by necessity or implication; CV99-257.
Nov. 8 - David Weibrcht vs. Village of Ruidoso Downs; notice of appeal; CV99-258.
Nov. 9 - John Bingley vs. Darryl Howell and David Weaver, all unknown spouses or heir or persons with interest adverse to the plaintiff; quiet title; CV99-259.
Nov. 9 - Richard Wayne Rotert vs. Benjamin F. Brown, Mrs. B.F. Brown, James G. Cash, Blye S. Cox, Burgess L. Gordon, Ohbe W. Skinner, Floy W. Skinner and Hall Young, unknown spouses, heirs or anyone with interest adverse to the interest of the plaintiff; quiet title; CV99-260.
Nov. 9 - Donna J. Rini vs. Warren Franklin, DVM; assault and battery,

intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotion distress, punitive damages and injunctive relief; CV99-261.

Nov. 16 - E.T.V. Trucking Inc., a foreign corporation, vs. Veronica Saenz and Hector Gomez; complaint for property and consequential damages; CV99-262.

Nov. 16 - White Mountain Villas Association of Unit Owners vs. Robert and Amelia Jacobus, husband and wife; complaint for private nuisance and injunctive relief; CV99-263.

Nov. 22 - Owen Federal Bank FSB vs. Jerry Knollin Lovelace and Robin Lovelace, husband and wife, the state Taxation and Revenue Department and the IRS; foreclosure; CV99-264.

Nov. 22 - First Union National Bank vs. Sandra Zamora; foreclosure; CV99-265.

Nov. 23 - Lonnie L. Bressler Vs. Jon Wallace, Lincoln County Abstract and Title; anul complaint over failure to allow company to disburse funds for roof repair in accordance with real estate contract; CV99-266.

Nov. 30 - Ricky K. Dutchever vs. Motor Vehicle Division of the state Taxation and Revenue Department; restoration of driver's license; CV99-267.

Dec. 1 - Oakwood Acceptances Corp., doing business as Circle Finance, as trustee, vs. Mary and Carl Applin; writ of replevin and complaint for money due; CV99-270.

Dec. 2 - Joan E. Park, in her capacity as Lincoln County treasurer, vs. Roger Romero; past judgment, replevin; CV99-272.

Dec. 1 - Randy Clark, Peggy Clark and Ken Clark vs. James Hayman; personal injury and monetary damages; CV99-271.

Dec. 2 - J. Robert Beauvais vs.

Keith Warren; breach of agreement, quantum meruit and suit on open account; CV99-278.

Dec. 3 - Collectrite Inc. vs. Dena Ballard; complaint to recover money for medical services rendered; CV99-274.

Dec. 3 - Mark Almond vs. Bob McAtee and Loretta R. McAtee, husband and wife; set aside fraudulent conveyance and foreclose judgment lien; CV99-275.

Dec. 6 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Jeanette Herrera; confession of judgment before suit; CV99-277.

Dec. 7 - Frank Candelaria vs. state of New Mexico, Motor Vehicle Division; appeal notice; CV99-278.

Dec. 7 - Citifinancial, formerly known as Commercial Credit Corp, a Maryland corporation, vs. Cecilia R. Quinones; promissory note; CV99-279.

The following domestic relation cases are taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Nov. 1 - Betty Metzroyer Hicks vs. Ralph Hicks, petition for order prohibiting domestic violence; DV99-79.

Nov. 3 - In re: Nichole Renee Olguin and Christopher Robert Carson and concerning child Robert Lee Olguin Carson; petition to establish paternity, custody, support and visitation; DM99-131.

Nov. 4 - Tresa C. Gallagher vs. Edward S. Gallagher; divorce; DM99-131.

Nov. 4 - Sandra J. Switzer vs. E. Joe Switzer; divorce; DM99-134.

Nov. 6 - Carl Allan Ross vs. Hazel Lawing Ross; divorce; DM99-135.

Nov. 5 - Nathan Fuchs vs. Kamie

Fuchs; divorce; DM99-136.

Nov. 5 - Cynthia Renee Peso vs. Geovase Raymond Peso; divorce; DM99-137.

Nov. 10 - Ralph Hicks vs. Betty Metzroyer Hicks; divorce; DM99-138.

Nov. 10 - James F. King vs. Zandra L. King; divorce; DM99-139.

Nov. 10 - Kathy Pacheco vs. David Pacheco, Yvonne Pacheco and Veronica Chalan; domestic violence petition; DV99-80.

Nov. 12 - Samuel Lewis Frey vs. Molly Marie Frey; divorce; DM99-140.

Nov. 12 - Suzanne Barela vs. Marcus Barela III; domestic violence petition; DV99-81.

Nov. 12 - Teresa Mae Suchanek vs. James Russell; domestic violence petition; DV99-83.

Nov. 15 - Jaime Valdez vs. Claudia Adams; domestic violence petition; DV99-83.

Nov. 17 - Spar Marcella Austin vs. William Charles Austin; divorce; DM99-141.

Nov. 19 - Misty Hickman vs. Brent Figueroa; domestic violence petition; DV99-84.

Nov. 22 - Annette C. Vega vs. Eric R. Vega; domestic violence petition; DV99-85.

Nov. 24 - Patricia Lynn Vega vs. Edward Elias Vega Jr.; divorce; DM99-142.

Nov. 30 - Charles Ray Moore vs. Mary Lou Moore; divorce; DM99-143.

Nov. 30 - Isidro Bañuelo vs. Jeanette L'Honimediou-Bañuelo; divorce; DM99-144.

Dec. 1 - In re: Mistie Michele Poe and Lloyd Ray Cross, and concerning minor child Austin Ray Cross; establish paternity, custody, support and visitation rights; DM99-130.

Dec. 2 - Teryl Kile vs. Ida Marvine Finney; marital stipulation and settlement agreement; DM99-132.

Dec. 2 - Linda G. Word vs. Charles C. Word; divorce; DM99-145.

Dec. 6 - Jessica D. Stamps vs. Ronald J. Stamps; divorce; DM99-147.

Dec. 6 - Michelle Chino vs. Fernon Chino; domestic violence petition; DV99-90.

Dec. 6 - Pollie Birady vs. John D. Apodaca; domestic violence petition; DV99-91.

Dec. 7 - Kimberlee Brdck vs. Cody Brock; divorce; DM99-148.

The following criminal cases are taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Nov. 1 - Cynthia Encinas; 39, Los Lunas; eight counts fraud by worthless checks, special penalty felony and six counts fraud by worthless check, special penalty misdemeanor; CR99-156.

Nov. 4 - Paul Griego, 39, Carrizozo; receiving stolen property, three counts of receiving stolen property to dispose of firearm, two counts receiving stolen property, firearm; CR99-157.

Nov. 5 - Jack W. Russell, 40, Ruidoso; DWI, fourth or subsequent offense, careless driving and immediate notice of accident; CR99-158.

Nov. 12 - Darrell Johnson, 31, Eulless, Texas; child abuse, battery of a household member; CR99-159.

Dec. 12 - Cynthia Encinas, 39, Los Lunas; 14 counts or fraud by worthless check; CR99-160.

Nov. 12 - Ernest H. Davis, no age listed, Alamogordo; notice of appeal of magistrate court decision; CR99-162.

Nov. 12 - Frankie Norvell, 30, Ruidoso; forgery, third-degree felony; CR99-163.

Nov. 15 - David McLaughlin, 48, Alamogordo; possession controlled substance - methamphetamines, fourth-degree felony, possession controlled substance - cocaine, fourth-degree felony, possession drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana under one ounce, petty misdemeanor; CR99-165.

Nov. 15 - Marcy Lee Lovvorn, 36, Bovina, Texas; possession marijuana with intent to distribute, fourth-degree felony; CR99-166.

Nov. 15 - John P. Banks, 20, Ruidoso Downs; possession marijuana with intent to distribute, fourth-degree felony, and possession drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR99-169.

Nov. 16 - Rebecca Pope, 38, Garland, Texas; fugitive complaint from Dallas County, Texas; CR99-170.

Nov. 16 - Manuel Montana, 34, Ruidoso Downs; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony; CR99-171.

Nov. 16 - Charles Niederstadt, 39, county jail; aggravated battery with great bodily harm, third-degree felony, or in the alternative, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony, one count of harassment, a misdemeanor, and one count of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor; CR99-172.

Nov. 16 - Justin Kennedy, 19, Captain; burglary, four-degree felony; CR99-173.

Nov. 17 - Larry Wood, no age or residence listed; appeal from magistrate court on DWI and no insurance; CR99-174.

Nov. 23 - James E. White, 67, Carrizozo; criminal trespass, resisting or obstructing officer; CR99-175.

Dec. 1 - Dennis Lynwood Baca, 26, no residence listed; fugitive complaint on drug possession from Johnson County, Kentucky; CR99-177.

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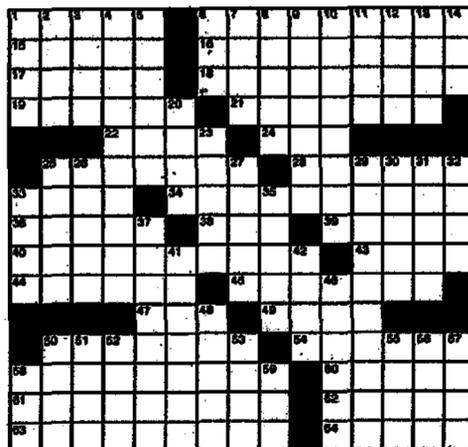
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ACROSS

- 1 Gives everything away
- 6 Without a clue
- 16 Charge
- 18 Petty crook
- 17 Green card candidate, maybe
- 19 Whoppers
- 19 "Touch of Evil" director, 1958
- 21 Like some stock prices
- 22 Fish relish
- 24 Singer Sumac
- 25 Makes well-liked
- 25 Medicinal plant
- 25 Herbal do-all
- 34 Watkins Glen, e.g.
- 36 Portions
- 36 P-Q, maybe: Abbr.
- 39 Roto-Rooter alternative
- 40 Wildly exaggerated, as a performance
- 43 Little bills
- 44 Biblical short cut
- 48 Road menace
- 47 Time in the classifieds
- 48 One of the Muppets
- 50 Basketball forwards, e.g.
- 54 Give details
- 54 Bessie de la Var.
- 60 Bit of a waltz
- 61 Path adverbs?

DOWN

- 1 Ala or coffee
- 2 Sumptuousness
- 3 Dye-producing shrub
- 4 Crooners
- 5 Sociologist Shelby
- 6 Pretense
- 7 Part of a comparison
- 8 Book publisher John
- 9 Kind of calendar
- 10 Almost any mammal
- 11 Sharp rebuke
- 12 Poet — Wheeler Wilcox
- 13 Poet's confidant
- 14 Pepper and others
- 20 Brand
- 23 Want
- 26 Foreign exchange student, maybe
- 29 Great
- 27 Carlyle's kinfolk
- 28 International monetary unit
- 30 Stretch
- 62 Philippine president Fidel
- 63 Fiascos
- 64 Celebrated Surrealist



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- 21 Seven-time Emmy winner
- 22 Bus. bigwigs
- 23 Don Juan's emotion
- 28 Abscond
- 27 Some dye workers
- 41 Indigent
- 42 Lucre
- 43 Einstein, e.g.
- 44 Tape deck option
- 50 Singer of the screen
- 51 "Coming" (1988 hit)
- 53 Book of the Book of Mormon
- 55 Starchy noun suffix
- 56 Paint
- 58 Important vows
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- 60 Hook shape

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December
Looking Back

Dec. 16, 1949

Ruidoso Roundup
 by Mary Nell Barber

Charlie Barber said the official reading for low temperature last Tuesday morning was 6 degrees below zero, and from the way it felt that is just about cold enough...

"The road from Ruidoso to Alto is not passable—not even Jackassable.

"If you want to travel it, get out and gravel it."

These words of wisdom and truth were spoken by Sunny Luck of Alto.

And speaking of roads it looks like someone could do something about Dark Canon in the winter time.

Dec. 18, 1959

Rotarians hear story to be presented in church

Dr. Paul S. Van Dyke, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday noon read the story, "Why the Chimes Rang," to the Rotarians in their regular luncheon session. The story will be given in pantomime by young people of the church Sunday evening...

Visitors were all from Ruidoso, including the Rev. C. Edward Ditterline, Methodist pastor, George Gardenhire and Ronnie Battles.

Dec. 19, 1969

Lovelace to host mission in Europe

Holt Lovelace, Corona rancher and Lincoln County Commissioner, will host a delegation of outstanding New Mexico livestock growers on a mission through Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Hungary, the Soviet Union and Holland.

The goodwill trip is privately sponsored under the Goodwill People-to-People program...

Livestock producers will participate in meetings, interviews and visits with their occupational counterparts.

Dec. 20, 1979

The Silver Lining
 by Daniel Agnew Storm

Among Mother Nature's many Christmas decorations one of the most charming is the pine cone. They can be made into little dolls or animals. They can be painted green to make a miniature Christmas tree... And in a number of ways they can add their special gift to the Christmas tide celebration.

Little Mel Dylan and Colm Brian, twin sons of Mel and Monica O'Reilly, have added a lot of happiness to the Christmas season by their work with pine cones.

Helped by their little brother, Patric Brendan, they have been out among the pine trees gathering bags full of cones and selling them to have money to buy Christmas presents for each other and their mother and father.

Dec. 18, 1989

Gov. Carruthers appoints local man to state board

Steven G. Keller was appointed by New Mexico Gov. Garrey Carruthers to the Nursing Home Administrators Board.

Keller is the administrator for Lincoln County Medical Center. HE joins one other hospital administrator, two nursing home administrators, and a practicing physician on the nursing home board. Keller's term is set to expire June 30, 1990.

"One time it seemed like everyone made potato salad. And one Easter there were 15 desserts and no ham. The person who said they would make the ham decided not to come."

Cecile Kinnen
 recalling a mixed bag of holiday fare



Fred and Cecile Kinnen prepare to host another impromptu "family" holiday meal.

James Kavelage/Ruidoso News

An 'extended family' tradition

BY JAMES KAVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Whatever the holiday, the table is set. The decorations are in place. The feeling is family.

But the participants are not necessarily family in the traditional sense. They're a cross section. A cross section of not only the Ruidoso area, but sometimes of the globe.

"It's a chance for those who are not going to family for the holiday to get together," explained Cecile Kinnen of Alto.

She, and her husband Fred, open their victorian style home every major holiday to friends, and acquaintances of those friends.

"We've done this always," said Cecile, from the wood stove-warmed family room of their home. "It started 28 years ago."

The idea is simple. The Kinnens feel people should not be alone during holidays.

"We just do it. We feel like, gosh, if we're going to be by ourselves there are others."

They open their home, creating a family atmosphere for those who happen to show up.

The holiday fare includes a big meal.

"We usually do the main entree and provide the drinks," Cecile said. "And everyone else brings a dish. We never know what those dishes might be. Sometimes we end up with 12 desserts; some make sure they get a sample of all of them."

While the Kinnens have lived in Alto for just over five years, the tradition has followed them since Thanksgiving of 1972, and through years of relocating, while Fred was in the Army.

"I was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., near Monterey," Fred said. "Our neighbors next door were from Nebraska. They weren't going anywhere for the holiday. And there were other neighbors, from North Carolina, from Ohio, and other places. And nobody was going home to family."

Over the years, the gatherings of friends saw friends invite other friends. And the holiday events turned more and more into a first-time "get acquainted" for some of the participants.

"When we were in the military it's

kind of a given," said Fred. "You're almost always away from family."

"I think what's so nice about these gatherings is people have a chance to meet people they wouldn't meet otherwise," said Cecile.

The celebrations take place each major holiday. Easter, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Each holiday includes its special flavor, from outdoor barbecuing during the summer months to a home filled with the sights and smells of roast turkey at Thanksgiving.

Table settings are attuned to the season, thanks to an extensive and creative array of tableware and accessories — right down to cloth napkins that resemble 'Old Glory' for Independence Day's festivities.

"We don't use paper plates or paper napkins," quipped Cecile. Sometimes it's china, and napkins circled by napkin rings.

First-time attendees are asked to "sign in." A register attests to the large numbers over the years — nearly 1,000.

"We tell them they have to sign so we can keep track of the silverware, if any is missing," joked Cecile.

The book also tells of the cross-section of people who have been part of "the family" for a holiday. A good number of U.S. states are represented. And distant lands. England, Sweden, Greece, France, Argentina, Germany, Iran, Sri Lanka, Taiwan.

"They just come. They're a guest of someone here in Ruidoso," said Cecile. One time a group of exchange students, staying with host families in Ruidoso, was invited. "It's really neat to meet people, people from other places."

The food is usually extensive. A main entree or two, with plenty of side dishes. And desserts. Once in a while its singularly extensive.

"One time it seemed like everyone made potato salad," Cecile said. "And one Easter there were 15 desserts and



Space for a Christmas feast is plentiful in the Kinnens' great room at their Alto home.

James Kavelage/Ruidoso News

no ham. The person who said they would make the ham decided not to come." The get-together and meal nevertheless turned out just fine.

Don't forget the occasional musical show: "Sometimes there's a jam session," said Fred, who plays, and invites others to join in, on the keyboard, guitars and violin at home in the 800-square-foot main room. The fireplace-warmed, sun-filled great room is more than adequate for orchestration, and setting up tables to feed those who show up on the holidays.

The largest group, according to Fred, was 42 people. It was a Fourth of July. "It rained. It poured rain. So everyone was in the house. But it all worked."

The holiday gatherings have been interrupted only once since moving to Alto. Christmas, 1997, was canceled, because of more than two feet of snow. Thirty people had been expected.

"It's such a good way to meet people. And it makes everyone feel good," Cecile said.

"I would hope that those who come here can start the same tradition. It doesn't take much. And others

could certainly start something like this in their own neighborhoods."

"It's never a burden," according to Cecile. "People bring dishes. Everyone pitches in. Even the men pitch in washing dishes."

The Alto couple makes sure they're home for the holidays. Their vacations are planned for non-holiday times.

Benefits, they say, are numerous. Fred and Cecile both call the holidays a time for true fellowship. And food. And talk. And sometimes music.

The Kinnens say they've collected a lot of recipes, making sure they get the ones of new dishes they really liked. A favorite is sweet potato casserole.

"Some people plan way ahead of time what they're going to bring," Cecile added.

What's the fare for Christmas Day? "Roast turkey, and maybe a ham too," responded Cecile. The rest is unknown, up to those who come by on Dec. 25.

"If everyone brings pumpkin pie for dessert, that's okay. It's a vegetable," said Cecile.

"It's my favorite," hinted Fred.

Holiday

Standing next to a table full of presents, from left, Jean Mathis, Wilma Mansfield, Mary Taylor and Judy Berry were four of 18 hostesses who arranged a holiday celebration for dozens of bridge players at Cree Meadows Golf and Country Club Thursday.

Charne Stallings/
 Ruidoso News



ENGAGEMENTS WEDDINGS

Toensing/Melendez

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Briseno of San Jose, Calif., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Jeanette Briseno Toensing, to Ricardo Garcia Melendez.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arcadio Garcia Melendez.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 19 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitlan.

After spending their honeymoon in San Francisco, Calif., the couple will return to the Ruidoso area. They are owners/operators of E. J. Enterprise Signs and Mini Storage in Ruidoso.



Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Melendez

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CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednes-
day: 6 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy
220, 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev.
James Crowder, 336-4080.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave
Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST LDS

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

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

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe, Sunday-Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

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

FOUR SQUARE

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

FULL GOSPEL

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

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

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

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

METHODIST

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

Capitan United Methodist
Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United
Methodist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike to
attend Bible study Sunday morning at
8:30, followed by worship service at
9:10. Communion is offered during
worship on the first Sunday of every
month, and a potluck luncheon is
served the third Sunday at 12:30.
White Oaks and Third in Capitan.
505-848-2846.

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

NAZARENE

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

Corona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King, Worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Segring, Adult Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

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

SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 662-2503, Monday:
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study
noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive.
Wednesday: Women's Bible study
6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli, Capitan.
Thursday: High and Sr. High Youth
Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Com-
munity Fellowship.

Calvary Chapel
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway
Center, 662-5915. Pastor John
Merrill. Sunday: worship 10:30
a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible
study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinecrest Square),
Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos
Carroon. Reunion General: Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingos 10:45 a.m. Club
Antibal Sabado 11:00 a.m. (raffish).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-9464. Al and
Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday:
services 7 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 380 West,
364-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday
school: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship,
10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS

Adult Attention Deficit Disorder
Self Help/Support Group
7 p.m. on 1st Tues. Tuesday of each
month in the conference room at the
Lincoln County Medical Center.

All American Duplicate Bridge Club
7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso Sen-
ior Citizens Center for weekly
open and novice games. For more
information call 257-9228

ALMOND AL Ruidoso
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gate-
way Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso.
257-9124

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the
Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Rui-
doso, 257-9997

Alto Women's Association
11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Alto Club
Hwy. 48 for lunch and cards at
1 p.m. Business meeting the first
Tuesday of every month.

Altrusa Club
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every
month for program and as noon the
second Tuesday of every month for
lunch at the Episcopal Church of the
Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail,
258-4881

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group
7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each
month at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-
9071

American Legion
Robert J. Hayes, Post 79
7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the
American Legion Building at U.S.
Highway 48 and Highway Road in Rui-
doso. 257-7798

American Sewing Guild of NM
Neighborhood group meetings 258-
3898

B.O.B.E. No. 1086
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thurs-
day of every month in the Elk's
Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

B.O.O. Boes
7:30 p.m. the second and fourth
Thursdays of every month in the
Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 59
7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount. 420-1487

Children's Tennis/
Discipline Program
6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday
(Sept.-May) at the First Baptist
Church (420 Mechem). For children
4 years-6th grade.

Choir Group
6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso
Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool.
258-5621

Christian Horseman's Association
336-1341, pinto@ookingglass.net,
www.christianhorseman.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous
7 p.m. every Tuesday at Texas-New
Mexico Power Company. First Tues-
day of the month step study meet-
ing, topic meeting all other weeks.

Community Friends
of the Vietnam War
6 p.m. the first Monday of each
month at the VFW Post 7086 Auxil-
iary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alam-
ogordo.

Daughters of the American
Revolution
Second Thursday of the month Sept.
through May. For more information
call 257-5736 or 33622

Disabled American
Veterans Golf Society Chapter 23
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every
month in the American Legion Hall
at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso
Downs. 257-5736

Domestic Violence Victims
Noon Tuesdays at the office of Diane
Harmon, LISW, RN, Lincoln Tower,
2nd floor suites, Conference Room.
258-4708

Family Crisis Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

Internal Order of Police
Meets at K-Bob's Steak House
Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

Friends of the Library

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

Friends of the Library-Capitan, Inc.
12:30 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Cafe
in Capitan. The public is welcome to
attend all meetings and events.

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

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

HIV+ Support Group
Second Monday of every month.
Loving Others Support Group for
friends and family of HIV+ meets
the third Tuesday of every month.
257-2236

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

Kids Club
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gate-
way Church at 415 Sudderth. 257-
4381 or 378-1113

Kywanis Club
Noon every Tuesday at K-Bob's
restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting Ki-
wanis members are always wel-
come.

Knights of Columbus
Father E. Dolan Council
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tues-
day of each month in the parish hall
at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church.
William F. Studer, grand knight.

La Junta R.C.E.
10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of
every month at San Patricio Senior
Citizens building. (505) 653-4912

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County
7 p.m. on the second Thursday of
every month in the Public Meeting Room,
Lincoln County Building.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
6:30 every Thursday for social time
or varied program. Additional activi-
ties are also planned for weekends.
354-2635 www.nogal.com/ncasg

Lincoln County Food Bank
7 p.m. the third Thursday of every
month Board meets in St. Eleanor's
Catholic Church. Food bank hours:
noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday
and Friday. 257-4624

Lincoln County Homebuilders
7 p.m. general meeting first Tuesday
of each month at the Texas Club
6 p.m. Board of Directors meeting.
257-9090

Lincoln County Medical Center
9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every
month in the LC/MC conference
room.

Lincoln County Pride
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bi-
sexual groups meet at various times
throughout the year. 257-0135

Lincoln County Resource Exchange
Noon the second Thursday of every
month at K-Bob's on Highway 70.
258-3252

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every
month at the Lincoln County Fair
Building in Capitan. 354-4263

Lincoln County Youth
Suicide Prevention Task Force
6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday
of the month at Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church.

Lions International
Evening Lions Club
Tuesday in the Lions Hut on Skyland
behind Mountain Laundry for supper.
258-4754

Masonic Lodge #72
6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. meeting
on the first Monday (second Monday
if first is a holiday) of every month in
the Masonic Family Building at the
corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob
Hill Drive. 257-9604

Model Rocket Association

First Thursday of every month at the
Space Center's Hubbard Space 50-
5021 Education Building. 800-942-
4921

Narcotics Anonymous
Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gateway
Church, 415 Sudderth, near Mechem
trail church. 378-5621, P.O. Box
1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346.

National Association of Retired
Federal Employees, Chapter 1879
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every
month at the Ruidoso Senior Citiz-
ens Center 258-3493 or 378-4669

New Mexico Christian
Horseman's Association
Trail rides, Star-B-Que's, fellowship
activities, Christian programs. For
more information on membership
and volunteer positions for the 1998
summer please call 505-336-1675

Nicotine Anonymous
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior
Citizens Center 501A Sudderth
Drive, Ruidoso. 258-3726

Nifty Waters Seniors Club
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday
of a month at K-Bob's. For more
information call Evelyn Shaw at
257-3479

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)
Noon every Tuesday at Cree Mead-
ows Country Club. New members
always welcome. 258-5969 or 258-
9218

Order of the Eastern Star
Ruidoso Chapter #443
7:30 the second Thursday of every
month at the Masonic Family Build-
ing, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

Party Bridge
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. We
have a very good group playing 2-5
tables. Come join us. 354-6050

P.R.O. Chapter Art Meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesdays September
thru May. 257-1465

Photographic Society of Lincoln
County
7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each
month in the Public Meeting Room.
1st floor at the Ruidoso High School.
258-4003

Pine Top Rod & Custom Car Club
7:00 p.m. every second Wednesday
of the month in the meeting room of
the Texas-New Mexico Power
Building, Ruidoso. 257-4451

Prepared Childbirth Classes
7 p.m. Mondays, at the Church of
the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero
Trail, Ruidoso. Eight week sessions
with qualified instructors. 257-7381
(ask for OB dept.)

Republican Party of Lincoln County
6 p.m. the first Monday of each
month. 354-4230 or 258-4780

Republican Women of Lincoln County
11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of
each month. Board meeting at 10:00
a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109

Rotary International
Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club
Noon on Tuesdays at the Swiss
Chalet Inn.

Ruidoso Book Review
and Discussion Group Meeting
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every
month at First Christian Church
1211 Hill Road. Everyone is wel-
come to attend.

Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary
11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of
every month in the Ruidoso Care
Center dining room for free lunch
with 24-hour advance reservations.
1:15 program for residents and
guests.

Ruidoso Chess Club
6:00 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Mead-
ows Country Club. New players of
all levels welcome. 336-4219, 258-
4757, 354-8036

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary
7 p.m. the first Monday of every
month in the Auxiliary Building, 123
Downs Avenue, Ruidoso Downs.
378-4184 or 378-4766

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club
1 p.m. every Saturday at the Ruidoso
Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411

Ruidoso Federated Women's Club

1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of
each month. Sept. through May in
the Women's Club Building, 116
Elmwood Road, Ruidoso. 258-1239

Ruidoso Garden Club
10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every
month at various locations. 258-
5509 or 257-7157

Ruidoso Gun Club
7 p.m. first Monday of each month at
the Church of the Holy Mount,
Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Picnashers Building Group
7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every
month. 257-2446 or 336-9884

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

Ruidoso Shrine Club
6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of
every month at Cree Meadows
Restaurant. 257-3062

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club
Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for
lunch at a short meeting at Cree
Meadows Country Club. 258-9169

Ruidoso Vegetarian Club
Meets the third Thursday of each
month at the Ruidoso Senior Center
for their monthly potluck. Please
bring a meatless dish or suggested
dishes for the club. 257-1112

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Hearing Devices, Inc. - Smokey
Bear Chapter
7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each
month at the Texas-New Mexico
Power Company, 100 Mechem
Drive, Ruidoso. 258-1081

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club
7 p.m. Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior
Citizens Center for weekly open
and novice games. 257-9228

Sierra Blanca Swingers
8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays
of each month at Hill Third Elementary
for basic and mainstream square
dancing. 257-3193; 336-4808

Stress Management Group
4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling
Center, 206 Sudderth Drive, Rui-
doso. This group is free and open to
the public. 257-5038

The Party Bridge Group
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the
Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.
257-2590

Thursday Bridge
11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Mead-
ows. 258-9186

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dentist's office expands with new practitioner

The dentistry office of Dr. Vincent Straley in Ruidoso will see its office expand in January. Dr. Dylan Midkiff, who currently practices general dentistry in Fort Collins, Colo., will join the Ruidoso office starting on Jan. 5.

Dr. Midkiff, who attended the University of Colorado School of Dentistry, will allow the Straley office to handle after-hours and weekend emergency dental calls. Dr. Midkiff comes to Ruidoso with his wife Dani and two young children. Dr. Midkiff was born in Las Cruces and raised in Los Alamos. The Dr. Vincent Straley office is located at 135 El Paso Road in Ruidoso.

New Alto Cafe now open

Home-style cooking is on the menu in Alto. Cheryl and Pete Blanchard, the former owners of the Texas House Cafe in Ruidoso, are serving breakfast and lunch, at the Alto Cafe.

The new restaurant is at the corner of Mechem Drive and Gavilan Canyon Road. The eatery is the location of the former Alto Store.

"People appreciate having a place to come and have a cup of coffee," said Cheryl Blanchard. Also offered is a breakfast and lunch buffet. "We love it here. This is like the hometown cafe."

The cafe also features barbecue specials, an item Pete Blanchard was known for at the Texas House.

The informal cafe opened Dec. 3, and serves diner from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week.

"This is Alto's first cafe," said Pete Blanchard. "We're seeing a lot of local workers and people who live in Alto."

"We ourselves live out here," said Cheryl Blanchard. "And the convenience is why we wanted to open here."

Vacation sales experts

A Ruidoso firm has been acknowledged for development of expertise in the sale of travel-related condominium vacations.

The BBB certifies many Web shopping sites for reliability

ARLINGTON, Va. — BBOnLine, a subsidiary of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, has announced that more than 4,500 Web sites now are covered by the BBOnLine Reliability Seal, offering online shoppers extra measures of trust and confidence in time for the holiday shopping season.

Checking for the reliability seal is a way for consumers to find trustworthy e-commerce sites and avoid Web sites that are more naughty than nice.

Many popular destinations for holiday shopping are among the Web sites now covered by the BBOnLine Reliability seal. Consumers can visit the BBOnLine Web site at www.bbbonline.org for a complete list of sites that have qualified for the seal. The BBOnLine Web site also allows consumers to search by the type of product or service they are seeking, and link to related sites that participate in the reliability program. The search engine can be found at www.bbbonline.org/database/search.

"Our mission is to help consumers find reliable, trustworthy businesses online and this is especially important as people log on to shop for the holidays," said Ken Hunter, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, the umbrella organization for the nation's 132 Better Business Bureaus. "The BBOnLine Reliability seal is an important indication that the business op-

Inc. has been endorsed by the International Airlines Travel Agency Network (IATAN), a travel agency certification organization. Condominium Holidays president Gail W. DeLong said the designation is believed to be the first to go to a non-traditional travel agency.

The certification requires high standards for those in the travel business.

"Today's sophisticated traveler recognizes the value of dealing with recognized sales outlets," DeLong said. "It is a pleasure to be able to offer good service in fulfilling a customer's dream of travel to exotic and far away places."

Condominium Holiday is an internet company, based in Ruidoso, that works in travel related to condo, villa or resort vacations around the world. The business has no store front. DeLong called it a "hallmark" that her firm is able to use the IATAN logo.

Payroll deductions can pay for your funeral

A Ruidoso firm has unveiled a new payroll deduction product that provides pre-paid funeral and cemetery expenses.

Essential Benefits-North America, Inc. president Howard Rampy said of the program, "It is unique. It is new."

Rampy prefers to call the benefit program a solution to dealing with "final expenses" through payroll deductions. Called "Essential-plans," the program goes beyond health care, vision, prescription coverage, and other voluntary benefit plans through payroll deductions.

Rampy's firm considers final expenses as the third most costly item a person will ever face, after homes and autos. Rampy said the program, which provides a whole life insurance policy to cover final expenses, controls funeral and cemetery expenses using pre-arrangement. The payroll deductible plan uses after-tax dollars.

Essential Benefits-North America is beginning to present the plan to employers, as an added benefit for employees.

erating that particular Web site has agreed to stand behind its goods and services and has made a meaningful commitment to resolving any disputes that might arise with the customer."

The newly designed reliability seal is a gold, red and black icon prominently featuring the recognizable BBB torch.

Businesses with Web sites displaying the BBOnLine Reliability seal have qualified for membership in the Better Business Bureau, agreed to comply with the BBB's arbitration process and had their Web site reviewed to ensure accuracy of advertising claims. In addition, before granting a seal, a BBOnLine representative visits the workplace of each company to verify the business's location and its ability to deliver what it promises. No other online seal program can match the high consumer protection standards, the years of advertising and dispute resolution experience, and the high public name recognition that the BBB system brings to BBB.

Also in time for the holidays, the Better Business Bureau is offering a publication featuring the latest online shopping tips. "Shopping Safely Online" provides useful advice on how to avoid pitfalls in purchasing online. Consumers can find copies of the new pamphlet at their local BBBs.

"(Sales in 1999) could end up very close to \$100 million."

Scott Miller
 President, County Board of Realtors



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News
 New homes like this one on Royal Drive in Ruidoso have driven real estate sales to a new record.



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News
 Computerized access has greatly expanded Ruidoso's real estate market. Scott Miller, above, notes the great number of sales to people in areas outside the traditional Texas market.

Many real estate closings make a millennial bang

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Real estate sales volume in the Ruidoso area, in the last year of the 20th century, will set a record.

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors reports property sales for the first 11 months of 1999 have totaled \$94 million, already surpassing 1998's figure of \$91.6 million.

"It could end up very close to \$100 million," guessed Scott Miller, Ruidoso Board of Realtors president.

"It's probably one of the best years we've had in the last eight or nine years," said managing broker Dot Hurston at Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors. "Through October our business was up 37 percent over last year." She anticipates the year 2000 will be another record-breaker, as long as the economy remains strong.

"We're tapping into markets nationally, not just Texas," Miller said. He recalled recent sales made to buyers from New York, New Jersey, Illinois and California. "It's a snowball effect," he said, because Ruidoso is becoming better known nationally. Miller points to a number of publications that have highlighted Ruidoso, including a piece on ABC's Good Morning America. The morning show put Ruidoso on a top ten list of best places to retire. "Ruidoso is still incredibly cheap for a mountain resort area, especially if you compare it to some of the Colorado resort areas."

"Ruidoso is getting discovered," agreed independent agent Gary Lynch.

"It's not just a west Texas playground anymore." He added that the second-home market here is still strong, but the Ruidoso area is increasing in full-time residents.

Lynch has been in business 25 years in Ruidoso. He called 1999 "terrific."

"My guess is we're probably about 20 to 25 percent over the year before," Lynch said in addition to sales dollars being up, so were the number of transactions.

James Paxton, owner/broker of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate, believes there will continue to be moderate growth in the Ruidoso area real estate market going into the new millennium.

"Right now we are seeing increases in prices, but not huge increases," Paxton said. He pinned some of the price increases in the existing home market on the dwindling availability of land suitable for building.

"I do think that one of the challenges for the town as it relates to real estate is affordable housing," Paxton said. The median price of a home in the Ruidoso area is up about \$10,000 over the past year, to near \$140,000, he estimated. There are cabins selling for \$40,000 and large estates that soar into the \$500,000 to \$800,000 range.

The average sales price of an existing home listed through the Coldwell Banker SDC office was just over \$94,000 last year, said Hurston. This year it's been close to \$102,000.

While the second-home market remains strong in the Ruidoso area, Miller also sees more and more year-round residents moving into Lincoln

County. He reasons that advancing technology, especially the Internet, helps make "small town" Ruidoso even more attractive.

"The number of baby-boomers coming to the age they are, and the money they have, I think will keep (Ruidoso's real estate market) really solid for some time," Miller said. "We are being found out about. People are discovering Ruidoso."

"The size of the town attracts a lot of people," said Paxton. "And the climate too." He said a lot of new residents from the eastern part of the country call the climate here "just fine, just what they're looking for."

Sales volumes during the '90s showed a steady increase, with the exception of slight pullbacks in 1995 and 1997. In '97 volume totaled \$85.6 million; 1996 was \$87.4 million; and 1995 registered \$73.7 million.



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News
 For Sale signs are plentiful, and indicate an increase in transactions as well as dollars.

Wage gains small despite tight labor market

BY SUNG WON SOHN
 CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Despite labor shortages, a lot of workers are coming out of the woodwork. New workers are coming from immigrants, the disabled, prison inmates and retirees. The payroll data, which recorded 1.1 million new jobs since June could be misleading; the household survey from which the unemployment rate comes, shows only 653,000 newly employed persons during the same period.

Why aren't wages going up faster? More of the workers pay is in variable compensation such as bonuses and stock options (often not a part of the wage data) instead of the traditional fixed pay.

Those workers who are willing to jump ship to another job are getting huge pay hikes; the quit rate in the labor market jumped to 14.6% in November from 13.4% in October.

While those who move are getting hefty pay increases, the loyal workers who stay at present jobs are getting much less. Not surprisingly, the average pay increase of the newly hired with fancy pay hikes and the loyal employees with small pay raises has been meager. The disparity in pay-gap among workers is creating morale problems within some businesses. The quit rate is likely to rise and average labor costs including variable compensation should rise at a faster rate, contributing to higher inflation.

Bonds: Attractive buys

Bond yields will not peak until there are convincing signs of an economic slowdown and lessening credit demand. An economic slowdown requires a sustained stock market correction. Without the help of Chairman Greenspan,

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there will not be a stock market correction. At the moment, there is no meaningful sign of an economic slowdown. The economy and the stock market have shrugged off the slow-motion monetary policy. However, the New Year could be a different story. The Federal Reserve will ratchet up interest rates.

Eventually economic growth will decelerate. The long awaited correction in the stock market could come, helping bonds.

Even though bond yields have not peaked, we continue to recommend purchases of bonds based on attractive valuations, the best since the blood-bath in 1994. If bond yields rise, valuations will be more attractive. In recent weeks, the spreads of Corporates, Mortgage-backed, Agencies and Tax-exempts over Treasuries have decreased as the liquidity concerns related to Y2K have

diminished; still these securities are attractive and the spreads are likely to narrow in the New Year.

Stocks: Millennium worries

The combination of robust economic growth and low inflation as well as the slow motion monetary policy has been good for stocks. But the new millennium could bring some headaches to the market. Tighter monetary policy will gradually squeeze economic growth, hurting corporate profits. The technology and internet stocks, whose valuations have soared to the stratosphere, could be vulnerable to higher interest rates and economic slowdown. The global economic recovery has been positive for corporate profits, but the flow of funds away from the United States, the weaker dollar and the intensifying competition for limited global savings are worrisome factors in the New Year.

About that last great cattle drive, besides the celebrities and TV cameras

• Five days of history reenacted with the "last cattle drive of the millennium" began Wednesday and will conclude in Lincoln on Monday. It's a resurrection of a time that by and large is long past. In some areas, they round up cattle with helicopters.

BY SHEREE NELSON-MANRIQUE
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

His demeanor and dress appear casual and relaxed, but Ray Barela, curator of education for the Hubbard Museum of the American West, has worked at a furious pace over the past couple of months, planning and coordinating the Last Great Cattle Drive of This Millennium.

Santa Claus to arrive in Carrizozo Saturday

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

CARRIZOZO - Santa's annual visit here will take place this Saturday, Dec. 18. He will arrive in town atop a fire truck, accompanied by his helpers, the Carrizozo volunteer firefighters.

Candy and goodies for the children will be given out when he visits Spencer Park, about 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather, come to the main fire department building on 8th Street, near the Visitors Center Caboose.

Prior to visiting the park, Santa will visit with shut-ins and senior citizens of the town, sharing a bit of Christmas with them.

After his visit with children of the town, Santa and his helpers visit New Horizons Developmental Center, 804 E Ave., where 19 residents will receive gifts and candy and a time of sharing ensues.

Before leaving for the next town, Santa will visit the county jail, sharing candy with the

inmates there. Throughout the year, Carrizozo firefighters sponsor various fund raisers for this project.

This is another event showing the community spirit of Carrizozo.

10,000 luminarias ready
In record time, 10,000 luminarias were prepared last Saturday by volunteers, for the 7th Annual Luminaria Tour in Carrizozo.

Beginning about 9 a.m., some 60 persons ranging from three years to 90 years of age, placed sand and candles in cuffed brown paper bags, in readiness for lighting the way for the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. This preparation project was completed by 2:30 p.m.

All the candles used were donated by Sturges Venture Market, and the sand, given by Carrizozo Ready-Mix.

The group was treated to coffee, donuts, hamburgers, and chocolate candy for dessert, the latter being donated

by Roy Dow, of the Gift Gallery and Don Goldring, of Carrizozo.

Visitors welcome
Out of town visitors wishing to experience this traditional event, are welcome to help anytime on Christmas Eve day.

Come to the Carrizozo Fire Department building, near the Caboose, on Saturday morning, Dec. 24 at 9 a.m. to begin placing the luminarias along U. S. Highway 54 South (Central Ave.) and adjoining streets.

At 3:30 p.m. lighters and instructions will be given at the fire hall to those volunteering to begin the lighting process.

An added incentive from 11 a.m. to closing that day, is an open house, hosted by Chamber of Commerce president Peter Wolfe, at his place of business on 12th Street, the Carrizozo Hardware. Dorothy Forsythe, and others, will assist him with soups, food and beverage for the volunteers.

and has managed the fund-raising for the Museum. His "right hand" and "the person who keeps me straight", Paula Nelson, a recent transplant from Minnesota, has worked in conjunction with him on the plans.

The casual dress would be traded in by Barela for cowboy gear from the beginning of the drive at Roswell on Wednesday, until its conclusion in Lincoln on Monday.

He will juggle two roles — one as a wrangler and the other as the go-between the cattle drive and the museum. As go-between, he will communicate daily with them to get the number of people who will

attend the evening camp. A \$10 ticket and a pass purchased at the museum will permit entrance to dinner and the entertainment each evening, beginning around 7 p.m. A map identifies the location of each camp. Storytellers, singers and balladeers are featured entertainers.

Barela feels it important to emphasize that a "cattle drive" similar to the ones in the 1800s are a thing of the past. The cattle were rounded up and driven from the ranch headquarters to a railhead and then put on trains to go to cities like Chicago, Fort Worth, Dodge City, Kansas, and Kansas City, and on to market.

"There are very few working cattle ranches today and the existing ranches have "round-ups". The reason for this is there is no open range land left—all of the ranches are fenced into various pastures."

Barela had to request permission from the ranch owners to cut and repair fences on the land the cattle drive would pass through.

Each pasture has its own holding pen. The cattle are taken to the pens, branded, vaccinated, dehorned, castrated and the yearlings are separated from the mothers. In some cases the mothers are loaded onto cattle trucks from the pastures to be taken to headquarters and from there to market.

Although some ranchers still use a branding iron heated in a campfire, there are other methods.

Electric branding irons are used extensively and some



Courtesy Hubbard Museum of the American West
Ray Barela, coordinator, and Rick Simpson, trail boss, got together for some branding at the Bowen Ranch before Wednesday's start of the trail drive from Roswell to Lincoln.

ranchers have computer chips inserted under the skin on the left side of the neck. The latter method makes the job of tracking down "rustled" cattle simpler.

"A working cattle ranch today," Barela points out, "employs several full-time cowboys who work the cattle every day moving them from one pasture to the next, mending fences, checking water tanks, doctoring and feeding."

The Bowen Ranch employs 12 full-time cowboys and a cowgirl to work the 88,000 acre ranch, split evenly between New Mexico and Texas.

Bowen began buying the property from his family in 1953 and is now sole owner.

In the spring, when the cattle are rounded up to get the yearlings in, a ranch will hire day work cowboys. These cowboys and cowgirls may have

jobs in a city or on other ranches. Along with the daily pay, (Barela said three years ago as a day worker he made \$100 a day), a chuck wagon lunch is provided and a sumptuous evening meal is prepared at the end of each day by the rancher's wife or on a big spread, the cook.

Horses as transportation for the daily chores are rarely used. Many ranches use 4-wheel drive pickups, some use All-Terrain Vehicles, ATVs, while in Montana and Wyoming, helicopters are used to round up cattle.

Inundated with telephone calls and anxious to wrap up last minute details, Barela finishes by saying 20 volunteers, including trail boss Rick Simpson and from 12-14 guests paying \$2,000 each for the 5-day drive are ready and geared up for this event. And so is he.

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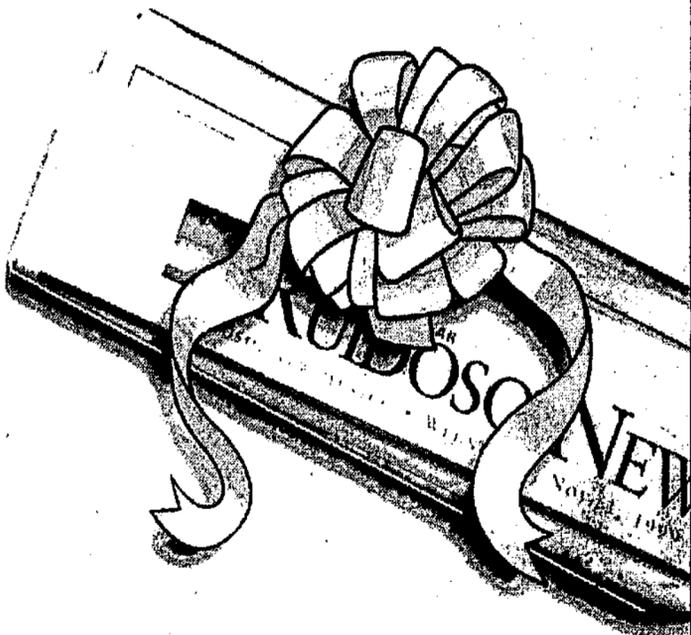
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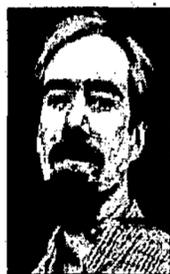
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JAMES LEASURE, artist and owner of Sacred Images, Angels and Icons, with his gilded "Angel of Joy." For more on holiday art, please see page 3D.

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The Arts



The art of Christmas

story and photos by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some local galleries and studios in Lincoln County will celebrate the holidays with new exhibits, open houses and some special sales.

See CHRISTMAS, page 4D

JIM LEASURE'S "MADONNA" emerges from shades of blue.

THE ARTS

CHRISTMAS

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Christmas is the perfect time of the year to view the art of James Leasure, a New Orleans artist with family ties that brought him back to Ruidoso.

"This is my season," said the painter of "Sacred Images, Angels and Icons," also the name of his business.

His work was selected as the first exhibit of the millennium for the Ochner Medical Hospital's continuing exhibit called "Art Through Healing" in New Orleans.

He also is compiling a body of work on the Native American shaman, the first called "White Buffalo." His "Angel of Healing" is one of the pieces selected to benefit Oprah Winfrey's charity for abused children.

While viewing his art, some on canvas and others emerging from the walls of his home, visitors also may tap into his metaphysical knowledge, guaranteeing a fascinating holiday experience. His studio home is open by appointment, call (505) 257-6627.



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Benson Fine Art Gallery

Benson Fine Art Gallery in San Patricio will welcome visitors to an open house with refreshments from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 30, to premiere the work of several artists and new work by some of the artists featured previously.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday over the holidays, or by appointment.

The entrada of the main house will be hung with early Southwestern artists including Maynard Dixon, Ed Borein, Edgar Payne, Albert Groll and other nationally recognized landscape painters.

The contemporary gallery will also show new works by award-winning photographer Paul Kozal, drawings and watercolors by cowboy artist R. Loren Schmidt and oils by Jim Boyer.

New to the gallery will be the New Mexico pastels of Kathleen Gray Schallock, local landscape oils by Jeff Tabor, P.A. Jones and J. Waid Griffin, watercolors by Dorothy Peterson and nature photographs by Joe Dominick.

For more information, call (505) 653-4081.

The Mountain Arts studio

The Mountain Arts studio of artist Teri Sodd on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso will celebrate the release of Sodd's new limited edition print, "Protectors from the Rain." The artist will sign 500 of the prints.

Her design will be the first in a

plate series called "The Apache Wedding Ceremony," to be released by the Franklin Mint.

Specials offered during the holiday month include a sale on pottery, weaving and flower arrangements, and free matting with a complete frame order.

California Colors

Barbara Deihl-Westbrook, the artist behind California Colors on Country Club Drive off Sudderth, is branching out beginning this month into food for the body as well as the soul.

She's joining forces with Elsie Schiavone to produce Edible Art Goodies under the name of "Celebrations."

"We're going to mix art, antiques, gourmet coffee and gift baskets," Westbrook said.

The two also will give cooking classes in her 18x36-foot kitchen, as well as going over the finer points of a good table setting.

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Trains are the focus of a holiday exhibit at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

Members of the Pecos Valley Society of Model Train Men assembled a collection sure to spark Christmas memories of young and old train enthusiasts.

Betty Hahn also is featured this month in an exhibit called "Photography or Maybe Not," at the museum, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The museum will be closed on



"EMERALD ANGELS," a painting by Leasure, depicts angels reaching toward rays of light emanating from a central figure.

Christmas Day and will close at 2 p.m. New Year's Eve, reopening at noon New Year's Day.

Rio Street Gallery

The art of Julie Thigpen, a New Orleans oil artist who recently moved to Alto, is the holiday addition to the Rio Street Gallery.

Thigpen paints the female form in everyday situations. Her mastery of light and shadow garners raves from art critics.

She earned a masters of arts degree from the University of Houston, has shown in San Francisco, won awards in four national juried exhibitions in 1997 and won first place in a competition among Southern representational painters sponsored by the Comer Museum in Birmingham, Ala.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

In Capitan

Open houses also are planned from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Art and Artifact and El Paisano Restaurant in Capitan.

Art and Artifact owners Virginia Watson Jones and Lonnie Lippmann are offering 20 percent off on some of their merchandise and El Paisano is offering the same discount on its Caywood Art Collection items and Mata Ortiz pottery.

Et al

Bronze sculptor Dave McGary

won't be doing anything for the holidays at his local Expressions in Bronze Gallery, but 20 of his pieces recently were taken to the International Museum of Art in El Paso for an exhibit during December.

Beverly and Paula Wilson of Fruit of the Tree Gallery in Lincoln set a "Thank You for Our First Year" sale for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, when everything will be discounted by 10 percent.

The mother-daughter duo create handmade paper, personal journals, notebooks, photo albums and other hand-bound books, many decorated with original art by Paula, a gifted and university-graduate artist.

"It's our way of showing appreciation for our friends, patrons and customers," Beverly Wilson said.

Fenton Gallery on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs is ringing in Christmas and the new year with a Tack and Saddle Show and Sale. At Fenton's "Picture This" business on Sudderth, framed art is 25 percent off and unframed art runs from 25 percent to 50 percent off during the holidays.

The Wild Bunch Gallery on Sudderth Drive started a 40 percent off sale this week on many items, which will continue through New Year's.

Some other galleries also may stage holiday celebrations, check with your favorites.

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California Colors

61 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9011
Barbara Delhi-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Chamber of Commerce

20 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-7395
The artists of Gail's Frame of Mind are featured this month at the public art space of the chamber of commerce. Hours are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cruces Art Bronze

24 Sudderth, 257-7186
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Earth, Wood, & Fiber Gallery

11 Leclaire's Mountain Village, 2415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso
Mickey and Larry Davidson's Gallery features pottery, woodwork, quilts and other fine crafts.

Expressions in Bronze

1002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his 'Images in Bronze.' Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase their handmade paper, blank journals and multiple products - all with paper. Turn north at the sign on Hwy. 380 between mile marker 95 and 96, follow the drive and signs to the studio.

Gail's Frame of Mind

204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.
An alternative gallery featuring Lincoln County Artists. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gary D. Garrett

306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6977
The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

Handwoven Designs

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Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.
A retrospective of Veloy Vigil's works shows through Oct. 18. Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, 257-1056.
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

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McMahon Fine Art

No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, 257-9102
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The Montano Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.
Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$7 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

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

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

Rio Street Gallery

Located in Midtown at 111 Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844
Original fine art in a variety of media by nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Saturday.

Rizzo Studio

232 Sunny Slope Dr., Ruidoso, 258-3258
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Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

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

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

Stribling Fine Art

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

The Tree's House

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

Unique Creations

Nogal Mesa, 354-3500 354-4203.
Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art furniture, etched and stained glass, original macramé headboards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.
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White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.
Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2965.
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

'Last Day' photo contest open to all

Load your camera, check your batteries and prepare to snap the day away, Dec. 31.

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County is sponsoring "The Last Day of 1999 Photo Contest," with a \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize and \$25 third prize.

"The photographs must be taken only on Dec. 31, 1999," said society official Herb Brunell. They may be taken during the day or at night with the aim of showing what the person thinks most represents the last day of 1999, he said.

The contest is open to everyone, Brunell said. Prints must be matted in a plain mat.

Winners will be announced at the society's regular meeting Feb. 17. Selected winning pieces will be on display for one month.

Photographers may submit an unlimited number of entries as slides or prints. The deadline is Jan. 29, 2000. No entry fee will be charged.

Mail entries to PSLC, P.O. Box 3060, Ruidoso, NM 88355-3060.

Return postage and packaging should accompany mailed entries, or entries may be hand delivered to Brunell's Department Store on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

For more information, call or email David Travis at (505) 258-4006, dhtravis@trailnet.com or Brunell at (505) 258-4003, hbrunell@zianet.com.

New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair looks for art

ALBUQUERQUE — The New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair (NMACF) announces a call for entries for the 39th annual fair. Entry deadline for the June show is Jan. 21, 2000.

Entrants must be New Mexico residents and submit five slides for each category entered. There is an \$18 jury fee for each entry. For a complete prospectus, contact NMACF at 5500 San Mateo NE, Suite 105, Albuquerque, 87109, or call (505) 884-9043.

An entry workshop at 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at the NMACF office in Albuquerque will be held for artists interested in how to enter, how to prepare slides or what category to enter.

More than 200 artists from all over the state will show and sell their work. In addition to the arts and crafts exhibit, the New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair hosts a jurors' exhibit and a youth art show. Live musical performances, educational activities for children and outdoor food booths round out the festivities.

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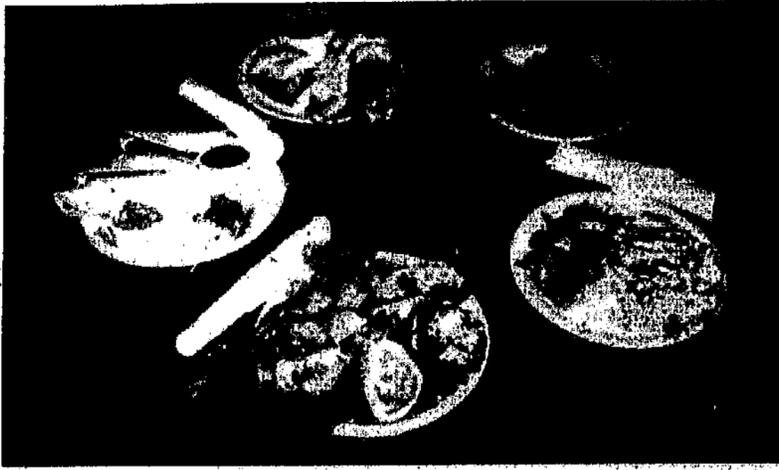
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Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-9355
 Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
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 Address: Cree Meadows Country Club
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 Lounge 9 a.m. to ...

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
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 Sunday Brunch noon-3p.m.
 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Dinner Mon.-Sun. 6-9 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
 11:30 a.m. 7 days a week

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

Apache Tee Cafe

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

Price Range: \$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
 Hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily



K Bob's Steak House

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 378-4747
 Address: West Highway 70
 Ruidoso Downs
 Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.



La Lorraine

Located in midtown Ruidoso, the inviting exterior of La Lorraine restaurant promises a memorable and exquisite dining experience inside. Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu times including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb, and Duck to name a few. The meals

are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday- Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

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

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



Texas Club Grill & Bar

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr.
 in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
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The Lighthouse
Live entertainment: Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

performances

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

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

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

For more information, call 336-4015.

Las Cruces Chamber Ballet presents "The Nutcracker"

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

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

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

movies

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

Green Mile
Rated: R
Show times: Noon*, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

Stuart Little
Rated: G
Show times: 1 p.m.*, 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Toy Story 2
Rated: G
Show times: 12:30 p.m.*, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

For more on the movies, see Synopsis on page 9D.



courtesy

THE SINGING GROUP EDLOS — which stands for Excessive Decibels Levels from Outer Space — performs at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts Saturday. The group brings their own off-beat flare to Christmas classics and originals.

Christmas carols from another planet

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Four former opera singers whose credo is to have fun in harmony, will grace the stage of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Saturday for a Christmas show to please the whole family.

See EDLOS, page 9D

EDLOS

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Mixed amongst the Christmas carols will be some wacky originals, like "Gimme Some Presents" and "Down at the Mall." Between zany costumes and flawless harmonies, listeners can expect to be delighted.

The name of the a capella group hints at the unusual background of the four classically trained vocalists: the group's name, "EDLOS," is an acronym for "Excessive Decibel Levels From Outer Space." Their agent, Ralph Pavone, explained that they got kicked off the planet "A" in the star system Capella a couple of centuries ago for singing too loudly, and fled to Earth to avoid execution.

Once on earth, "they sonically clubbed four friars with excessive decibel levels and inhabited their bodies so they could sing as loud as they wanted to for as long as they wanted," Pavone said.

Up until about 10 years ago, all four members of the group were opera singers. They met backstage and decided to form their own a capella group, and on a whim entered a harmony sweepstakes in the Bay area, Pavone said.

"They won the thing and were voted audience favorite in 1989 and they've been doing this ever since," he said.

The EDLOS have three shows: the holiday Christmas show, an all-country program with new and old country, and their potpourri show that they started off with, "a mixture of original tunes and

some covers, music from the '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, with costumes, wigs and tomfoolery," Pavone said.

The EDLOS, considered the "bad boys of a capella," perform about 60 concerts a year at colleges and universities; performing arts centers and festivals. They've appeared at the Grand Ol' Opry and in programs with David Crosby, Graham Nash, Ray Charles, Bonnie Raitt and others. They've also released seven CDs with Auriga Records.

The Christmas program includes 18-century French carols, Welsh songs, and their own humorous arrangements. They also replicate instruments with their voices, all of them having played such instruments as banjo and saxophone for diverse bands, including jazz and blue grass.

"They don't want to be just another group that stands in front of the mike and sings," Pavone said. "They utilize props, costumes, and wigs and use lighting effects to make it more of a theatrical endeavor.

"Beyond the tomfoolery and gyrations, they have that music education in the classical tradition. They may be singing "The Duke of Earl" and doing crazy stuff, but behind the antics are these incredible voices," Pavone said.

The EDLOS also give master classes, lecture demonstrations and clinics in a capella singing.

After a recent performance at the Lied Center in Lincoln, Neb., the Lincoln Journal Star said the quartet got a standing ovation from the audience of 1,700 and that "vocal music teachers and

their students should have been grateful to The EDLOS for their lessons in singing techniques. It takes a world of practice ... to create the wide-ranging palette of tone colors, sounds and breath support The EDLOS have developed," said The Lincoln Journal Star.

This is their last Christmas performance, and, as an added attraction, the Fourth Annual Lighting of "the Edlow" will take place during the show, Pavone said.

The EDLOS are hoping to come out next fall with a millennium show, which will include a classical piece from each century beginning in the 10th and going through the 20th century, and adding some futuristic original music that they will write, with an EDLOS slant to it.

For ticket information, call the

Kid's play

• where to take the children •

'Fun' places for the young and the young at heart abound in Ruidoso. Here's a list of places to take the kids.

• **FUNTRACKERS**, located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Road (257-3275), is an amusement park that offers bumper boat rides (children 7 or older), three tracks for go-carts (children 14 and up only on the "pro" track), 18 holes of miniature golf, video arcade, and a snack bar. Bumper boats, go-carts and miniature golf cost \$4 each; the "pro" track costs riders \$4. Funtrackers is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• **PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS** Also at Schoolhouse Park is a playground.

It features 15 different play equipment, some of which are accessible to wheelchair-bound children.

The play equipment includes a slide and jungle gym. Four, lighted tennis courts, picnic tables, three pavilions and restroom facilities are available as well.

A short jaunt west on Sudderth takes you to Two Rivers Park, located behind the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrizo Creek meets the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park, which

offers a playground with swings, a slide, a circular ride and picnic pavilion area.

The park closes at nightfall. Skateboarders and roller bladers can skate, jump and hot-dog to their hearts content at Northpark, another relatively new village addition.

Northpark is next to Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive.

It's open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

A parent or legal guardian is required to be in attendance at all times with children under 13 years of age.

In Alamogordo

The Space Center is located at the top of New Mexico Highway 2001 in Alamogordo. The International Space Hall of Fame and the John P. Stapp Air and Space Park is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Stuart Little



Columbia Tristar

STUART LITTLE, voiced by Michael J. Fox, learns about life and family in "Stuart Little."

Genre: Kids/Family and Comedy.
Rated: G
Starring: Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, Michael J. Fox and Gene Wilder

Directed by: Rob Minkoff; produced by Jason Clark; written by Douglas Wick, E.B. White and M. Night Shyamalan.

Distributor: Columbia Tristar
Synopsis: He's clever, enthusiastic, a 'can do' guy with attitude and he's a mouse.

Combining live-action with groundbreaking visual effects technology by the artists and innovators at Sony Pictures Imageworks, it's the story of a mouse who is raised by the Littles, a human family who learns to dream big and live large when they think little- Stuart Little.

As Stuart embarks on adventures with a variety of characters, including his nemesis, Snowbell the cat, Stuart learns the true meaning of family, loyalty and friendship.

The Green Mile

Genre: Thriller and Suspense/Horror
Rated: R for violence, language and some sex-related material.



Castle Rock Entertainment

TOM HANKS, left, and Michael Clarke Duncan in Castle Rock's "Green Mile."

Starring: Tom Hanks, James Cromwell, Michael Duncan, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Clarke

Directed by: Frank Darabont; produced by David Valdes; written by Frank Darabont and Stephen King.

Distributor: Castle Rock Entertainment

Synopsis: Set on Death Row in a Southern prison in 1935, The Green Mile is the remarkable story of the cell block's head guard, who develops a poignant, unusual relationship with one inmate who possesses a magical gift that is both mysterious and miraculous.

Toy Story 2

Genre: Kids/Family and Comedy
Rated: G

Starring: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Don Rickles, Jim Varney and Wallace Shawn

Directed by: John Lasseter; produced by Karen Robert Jackson and

Helene Plotkin; written by Andrew Stanton, Rita Hsiao and Doug Chamberlin.

Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures
Synopsis: Toy Story 2 is the exciting, all-new sequel to the landmark 1995 computer-animated blockbuster from Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios.

This time around, the fun and adventure continue when Andy goes off to summer camp and the toys are left to their own devices. Things shift into high gear when an obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody - who hasn't the slightest clue that he is a greatly valued collectible. It's now up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang from Andy's room - Mr. Potato Head, Slinky Dog, Rex, and Hamm - to spring into action and save their pal from winding up a museum piece.

There are plenty of thrills as the toys get into one predicament after another in their daring race to get home before Andy does.

CINOPSIS



Drew Gamber
HISTORIAN,
THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

The Kinsley train robbery

*The plan had been to
rob the eastbound
train when it stopped
to take on water ...
Imagine their reaction
when the train kept
right on going.*

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In a way, friendship is a little like love... you never know who you are going to wind up with.

A good case in point is the January, 1878 train robbery near Kinsley, Kansas, that led to the friendship of "Dirty" Dave Rudabaugh and J.J. Webb.

The Robbery

Shortly after the first of the year of 1878, there were six men camped at a place called Wolf Creek in what is now northwest Oklahoma. They were busy planning a robbery. On New Year's Day, these same six had planned to rob a train at Dodge City, Kansas, but had been foiled by an act of God — a heavy snowstorm had blown in and ruined their plans.

They were determined, though, and were now planning a robbery at Kinsley, Kansas, 37 miles east of Dodge. On January 22, 1878, the group departed Wolf Creek and rode through bitterly cold weather for four days, arriving at a point 10 miles south of Kinsley on the 26th. They ate supper, blackened their faces with wet gunpowder, and then waited for darkness to fall before riding into town.

As they rode through town, they could-

n't help but notice that it had started snowing again. Stopping at a point about two miles west of Kinsley and tethering their horses to a railroad trestle, they settled back to watch the snow and wait for the train.

The plan had been to rob the eastbound train when it stopped to take on water. When they heard and saw the train coming through the snow, they took their places and got ready.

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The gang

The gang consisted of Mike Roarke, Edgar West, Tom Gott, Dan Dement, J.D. Green, and most notably, Dave Rudabaugh. "Dirty" Dave was a career criminal known throughout the West. Several years later, when he rode with Billy the Kid, he was said to have been the one man to make the Kid nervous.

Born in 1854, probably in Illinois, Dave had come to Kansas with his mother and siblings in 1870. Three years later, at the age of 19, he began his career of crime by rustling cattle and horses, but by 1878, he had graduated to bigger, if not better,

crimes.

The fact that the eastbound had not stopped did not deter Dave and his pals. They simply changed their plan. They would rob the westbound instead. The new plan called for West and Dement to get on board the engine of the train when it stopped at Kinsley, and Rudabaugh and the others take over the express car. The sound of two pistol shots was set to be the signal for the men in the cab to start the train moving west. They would then rob the train, stopping it two miles west where they had left their horses.

The best-laid plans...

As is usually the case in such matters, things did not go precisely as planned. When the train pulled into the station, it accidentally overshot the platform by about two car lengths. Before the engineer had a chance to back the train up, he was boarded by Dement and West.

Ironically, the express car was already open when the train arrived at Kinsley. However, because the car was not in front of the platform, the height from the ground to the car was too great for the bandits to manage. Through that open door, Roarke ordered the expressman, a man named Henry Brown, to "give up or I'll shoot." Brown, far from giving up, jerked a six-shooter and opened fire. The bandits returned fire and the two men in the cab couldn't help but notice that they were hearing considerably more than the two-shot signal previously agreed upon.

Rudabaugh, standing on the platform, took the conductor hostage and opened fire on the townsmen who had begun to gather. At the same time, West and Dement, on the locomotive, decided that now might be a



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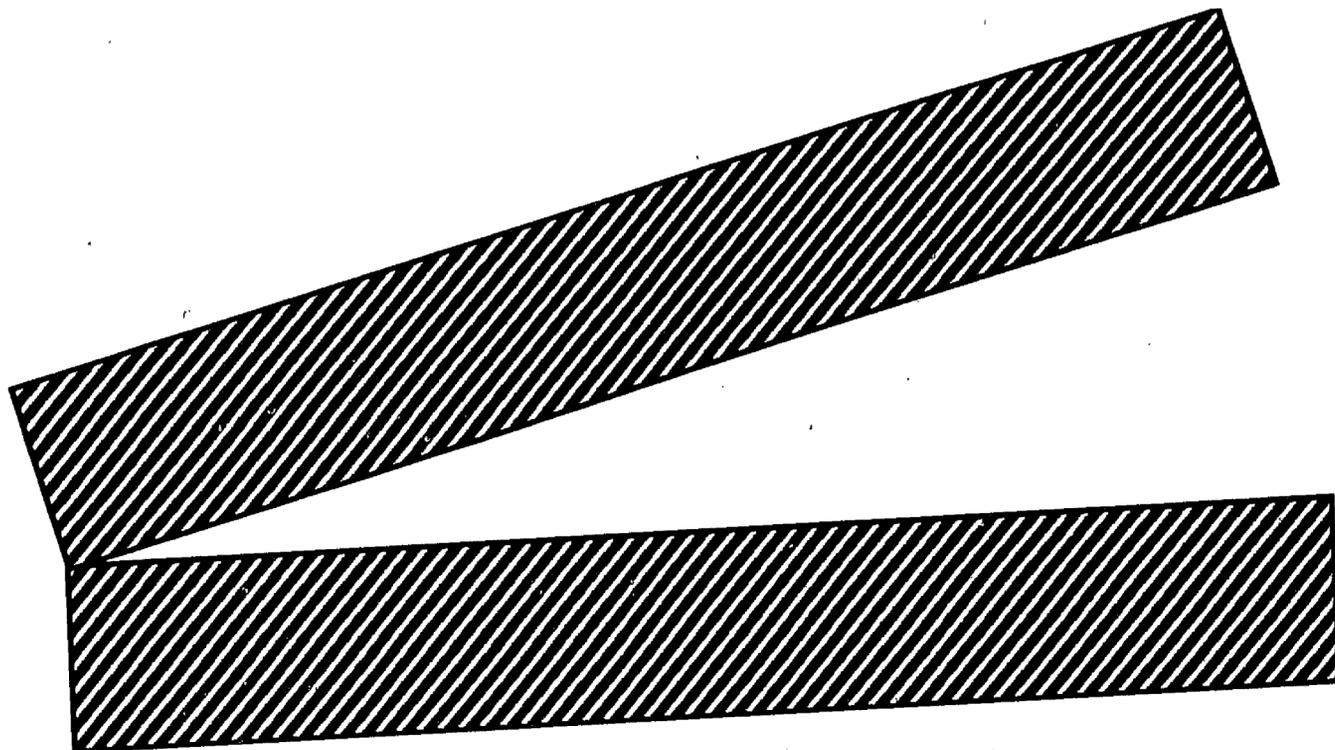
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The Last Great American Cattle Drive of the Millennium



Riders are silhouetted in the sunrise Wednesday morning at the beginning of the Last Great American Cattle Drive of the millennium. The drive started just outside of Roswell and will finish in Lincoln. At left, flames from a campfire lick at a coffee pot — a welcomed beverage that kept the cattle drivers warm on a chilly morning.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



Round up rounds up celebrities and national media attention

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

AS THE SKY in the east bleeds streaks of orange and red, chuckwagon cooks from the Bowen Ranch hunch over a fire stirring pans full of bacon and eggs.

Horses snort clouds of frigid morning air while wranglers gather around hot pots of coffee, fighting the 14 degree temperature that numbs fingers and toes.

The scene on the plains west of Roswell came right out of a Remington painting, except that just beyond the 1880 tableau, flood lights and video cameras are set up and technicians scurry into the darkness to test sound levels for a broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Texas-New Mexican rancher Jimmy Bowen and race track owner and museum founder R.D. Hubbard were there at 6 a.m. Wednesday to watch about 25 wranglers and 50 other guests on horseback round up 500 head of cattle for what they billed as the Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium.

ABC newsman Sam Donaldson, who owns a ranch in Lincoln County, said he will compile

a daily video diary of the six-day drive from Roswell to the historic settlement of Lincoln that spawned the legend of Billy the Kid.

Besides interviews on his "samdonaldson@abcnews.com" program and bits on "ABC News with Peter Jennings," the drive and his video footage will be featured on "Good Morning America" Monday, Dec. 27, Donaldson said during a break.

He even agreed to allow the drive to pass through his land and to set up a night camp and chuckwagon dinner Saturday.

"I think it was Dee (Hubbard) who called me about it and I thought it was a great idea," Donaldson said, relaxing on a bale of hay after an interview with Bowen and trail boss Rick Simpson, a Lincoln County commissioner. "I have my roots here and as I get older, I feel it even more."

His mother, who died at the age of 93 in 1988, operated a farm in Las Cruces and Donaldson attended the New Mexico Military Academy in Roswell.

He combined a couple of ranches in Hondo Valley to create his own operation several years ago because, "I thought it was time to get back home."

His television work is a hobby, he said. "But if I quit that job, I'd have to sell the ranch, because of the economics."

One of the reasons he joined the cattle

drive was to celebrate the fast fading cowboy way of life, Donaldson said.

After Hubbard called, Donaldson went to producers at ABC and they agreed it deserved some national attention, he said.

At a cattle drive kickoff party Tuesday, attended by many Lincoln County and New Mexico residents, as well as western enthusiasts and ranchers from all over Texas, Bowen said the idea for the drive was the result of "a bunch of cowboys wanting to have a last cattle drive."

The 75-mile, five-day route follows the trail blazed by rancher John Chisum's wranglers as they delivered beef to Fort Stanton and the Mescalero Reservation.

Without the cooperation of the owners of the 10 to 15 ranches to be crossed, the cattle drive couldn't have happened, Simpson said. He expects to cover 10 miles for each of the first two days as the cattle move across flat land. But the third and fourth day will be hard, with a 4:30 a.m. wake-up as the herd is driven up into rough canyons and cliffs of the foothills. The last two days will be short, because the worse will be over, he said.

Cattle and tired wranglers should arrive in Lincoln about noon Monday. Legados will serve a buffet lunch for \$6.50.

Real working cowboys will mix with "dude" riders on the drive, Donaldson said, adding

that while he may look like the latter, he's ridden horses since he was two years old. However, he won't be doing the entire cattle drive, he said. He'll saddle up for a couple hours each day except Friday when he's scheduled to go to El Paso.

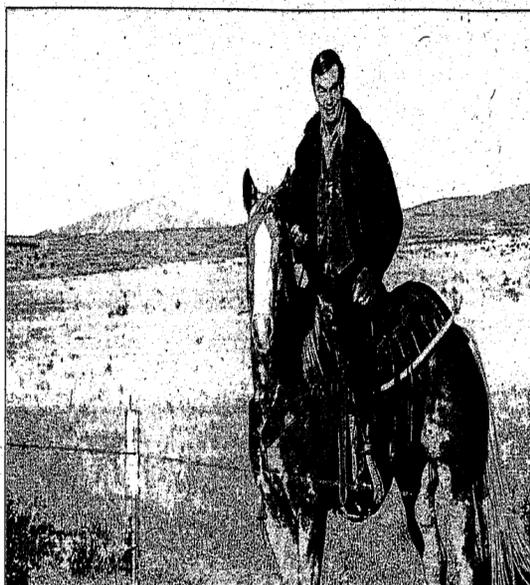
At different points in the ride, the group also will be joined by actor Richard Farnsworth, New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and singer Charlie Daniels.

Proceeds from the cattle drive will benefit the museum in Lincoln operated by the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Hubbard told guests at the chuckwagon breakfast that preservation of the western lifestyle was the basis for starting his foundation's museum in Ruidoso and the acquisition of the museum in Lincoln.

Admission to camp sites or participation in a portion of the cattle drive must be prearranged by calling Leland DeFord at the Hubbard Museum at 378-4142. Tickets for chuckwagon dinners are \$10.

Nickel belt buckles commemorating the cattle drive can be ordered for \$175 and will be distributed at the Fandango celebration at the end of the ride. Partying will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until midnight Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for museum members.



Sam Donaldson rides Golden Boy west of Roswell with a mountain as a backdrop during the cattle drive.

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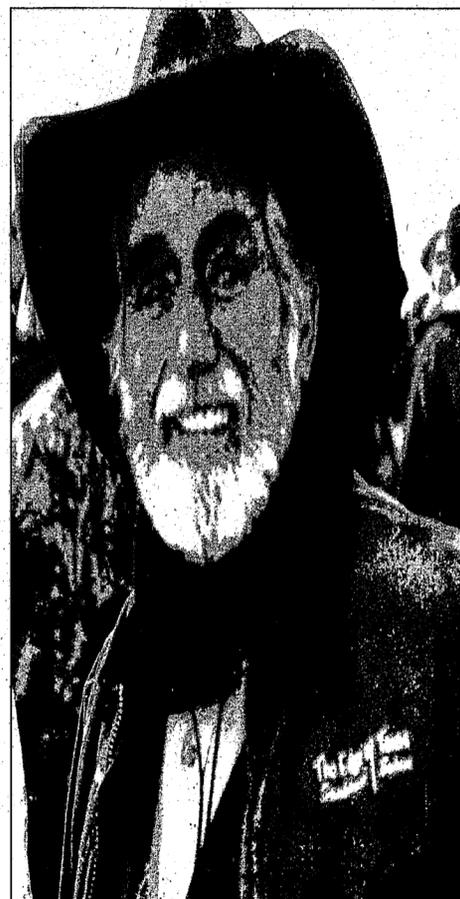
Wranglers bring the cattle put onto the open plains west of Roswell.

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Cattle are nearly obscured by dust as wranglers drive them toward the trail.

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Jimmy Bowen, who came up with the idea for the cattle drive, is all smiles as it begins.

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Bruce Seale of the Bowen Ranch takes a breather with the cattle during the drive from the starting point five miles west of Roswell to the first lunch stop.

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R.D. Hubbard helped put together and promote the cattle drive.

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Pages from the past; pictures from the present

What follows is an oral history account of early ranches and cowhands that is part of the American Memory project at the Library of Congress. They were recorded in the 1930's as a part of the WPA Federal Writers project. This account is available through the World Wide Web at <http://www.iglobal.net/mayhouse/oralhist.html> or by contacting the Library of Congress.

This particular excerpt describes life on the Chisum Trail near Roswell in the words of Sallie Chisum Roberts and Lucius Dills, a Roswell historian.

The Last Great American Cattle Drive of the Millennium is following a portion of that historical trail.

Hand-written portions, page endings and beginnings and other notes have been included to maintain the flavor of the account and its historical significance.

"In 1867 John S. Chisum brought his first herd of 'Jingle Bob' cattle across the plains and through the buffalo hunting territory of the hostile nomadic Comanche Indians.

"Scout riders, were sent ahead by the trail-blazers to protect the herd from the Indians who were numerous in the lower Pecos Valley until after the extermination of the buffalo during the years 1877-78. The 'Jingle Bobs' were brought over safely and placed on grazing lands around headquarters established at Besque Grande thirty-five miles northeast of Roswell, on the Pecos River. A younger brother Pater M. Chisum was placed in charge.

In 1932, the writer of this article was one of the 'Old Timers' who rode in the Old Timers parade in Roswell. Mrs. Sallie Chisum Roberts, riding a side-saddle and wearing her long old-fashioned riding habit, was an interesting and outstanding figure of that parade.

On this day, at the end of 'The Trail' Mrs. Roberts

told again the story, we all loved to hear, of her experiences on the journey and after arrival in the Pecos Valley, and the first night spent on the Chisum Ranch.

"It was fifty-five years ago, this next December 24th, 1932, since I arrived in the Pecos Valley," said Mrs. Roberts. "We went to Uncle John Chisum's ranch five (7) miles south of here. Uncle John was known as the 'Cattle King' of the west but that had no effect on our equilibrium."

"My Uncle John never married. My father" (James Chisum) "my two brothers" (Walter and William) "and I left home in Texas and traveled through the open country expecting Indian attacks at any time. We had three wagons, a pack and our saddle horses. We spent one month on the road. We had packed all the fruit trees, flowers and shrubbery we could in the wagons, and they were the beginning of the first Pecos Valley orchards and flowers." Some of the plants from those old fashioned roses brought over the plains by Sallie Chisum still flourish and bloom on the Bellfield place 706 E. College Boulevard in Roswell.

"Our last night on the trail we spent at the R. M. Gilbert ranch on the Pecos River," said Mrs. Roberts.

"Six tow boys had been sent by Uncle John to meet us at Horsehead Crossing to act as bodyguards, and protect our stock from Indian attack, at night. The first night we spent at the Chisum ranch, we were all tired out. We put our stock in the fenced in lot, locked the gate and all hands went to bed and slept soundly. The next morning we were amazed to find the stock all gone, and the gate still locked. The Indians," (Comanches) "had lifted the gate from its iron pivots removed all our stock replaced the gate very carefully and had completely disappeared, leaving only

their tracks to tell the tale. We could not tell how many (Begin page no. 3)

Indians were in the raiding. They got twenty-five horses and mules. I was heart sick for we had left our home at Denton Texas to get away from Indians. "Cheer up Sallie, the worst is yet to come" said my father.

I know he was right when I first saw Roswell. There was only one residence called a 'hotel' and one store which contained the Post Office. These two buildings had been built in 1869 by Van C. Smith and Aaron O. Wilburn on the block west of where the Court House stands at the present time. In (?) the post office was stationed here with Van Smith appointed as postmaster. He named the town Roswell for his father Roswell Smith of Omaha, Nebraska. There were six little trees trying to grow on the west side of the main road. On the east side there were a few houses some made of adobe and some of just mud, sticks, and gummy sacks. It was a cheerless looking (street?) and I said to Brother Walter, "This is the jumping off place I want to go back home." (Begin inserted text) (Begin handwritten) (End handwritten) (End inserted text) The request of his sister to return to her home in Denton Texas was repeated to this writer in (Begin deleted text) (?) (End deleted text) (Begin inserted text)

(Begin handwritten) 1905. (End handwritten) (End inserted text) by Walter Chisum as we walked through his beautiful orchard near the old Chisum Ranch at South Spring. It is needless to say the Chisums stayed in the Pecos Valley, and they are responsible for many of the beauty spots in and around Roswell which have caused this district to be called, "The Oasis In The Desert."



Ray Barrels, educational cur such director for the Hubbard Museum of the American West, tends to his horses.

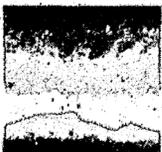
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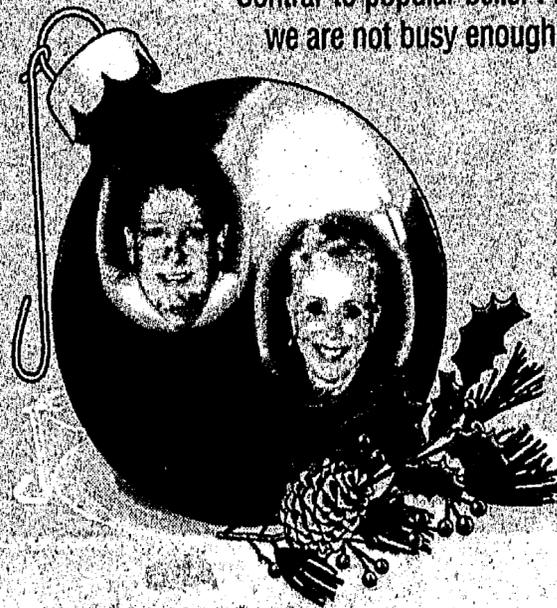
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Alto Alps

Krieger • \$125,000 • #48 Alto Alps Condos

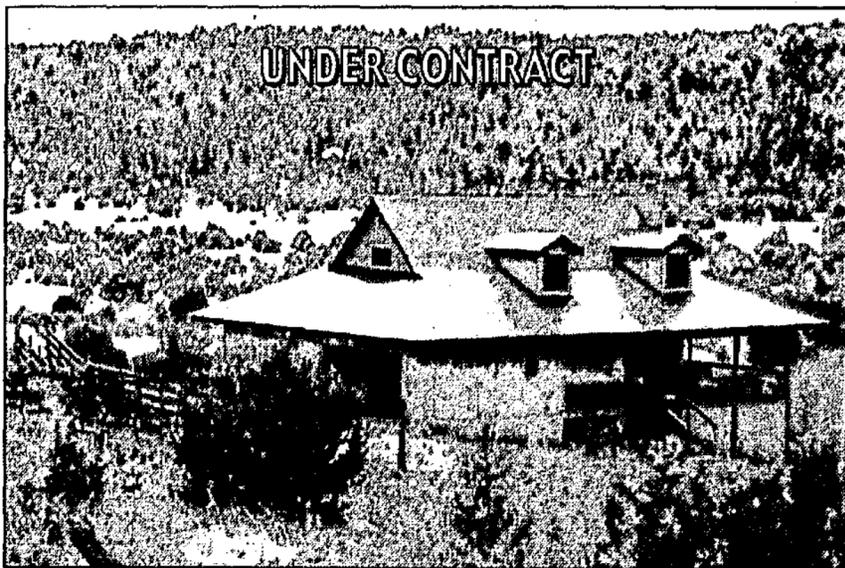
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Full golf membership. Owner needs response soon. Buyer to pay transfer fee!

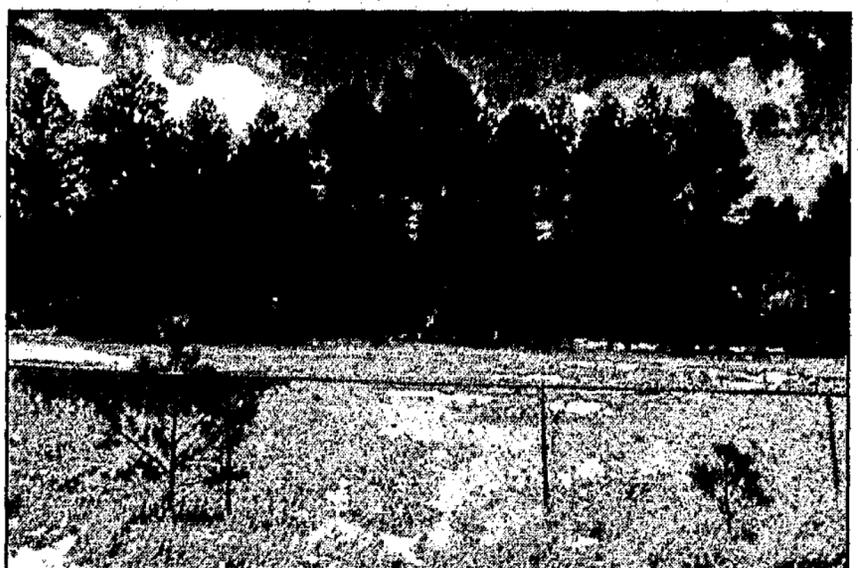


UNDER CONTRACT

Alto

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Read • \$118,000 • 209 French Drive

Full golf membership lot. Level with golf course and Sierra Blanca view lot. Excellent for building.

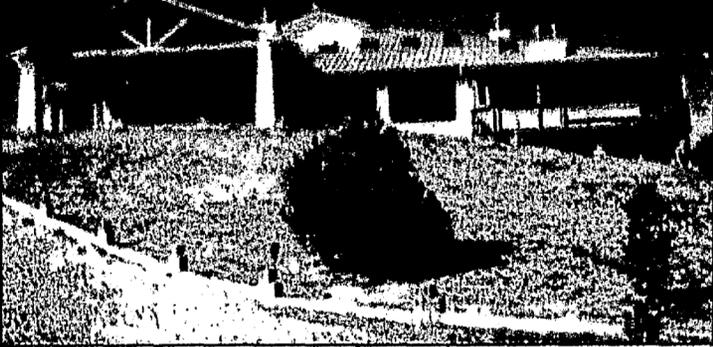


Alto

Mc Guire • 609 Deer Park Dr. • \$649,900

Three bedroom, three bath, large quality home with elaborate decor throughout. Very impressive. Social membership. Capitan view, extensive landscaping with sprinkler system. By appointment only.

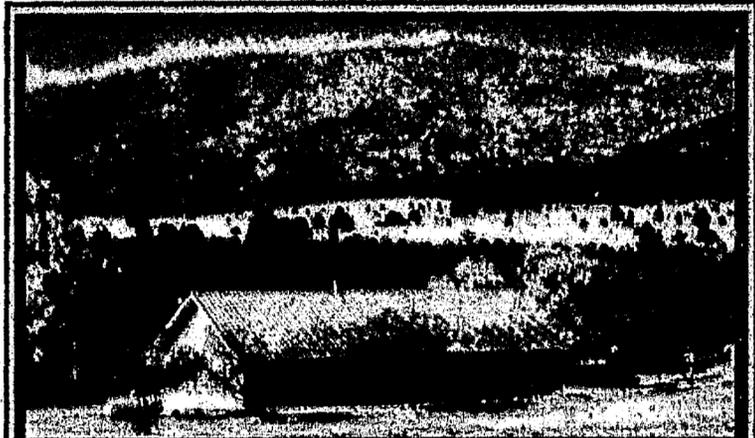
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Alto Rural

Carlie • \$719,900 • Airport Scenic Road

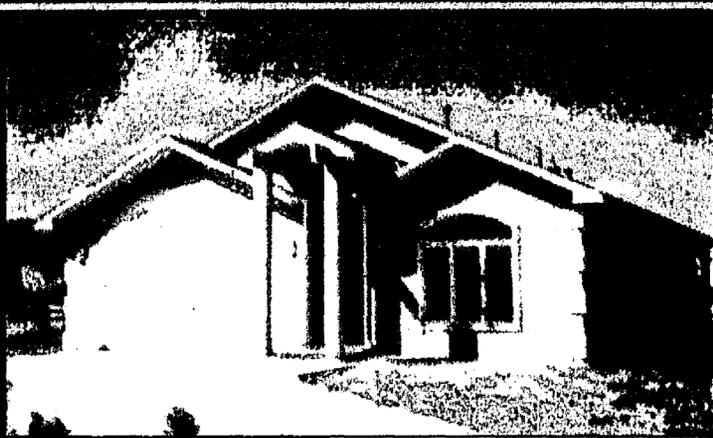
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