



Commission to look at jail financing

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Lincoln County Commissioners will focus on financing for construction of a new county detention center in Carrizozo at a special meeting called for 5 p.m. Jan. 12.

Representatives from the New Mexico Finance Authority and two private firms that also bid to finance the project will attend the meeting in the commission room of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Last month, when the authority came in with the lowest rate of interest on a 30-year loan, a few commis-

sioners appeared interested in hiring Dain Rauscher or Norwest, the two other firms that bid, to review documents and ensure the county is well represented and receives the most advantageous terms.

County Attorney Alan Morel said that shouldn't be needed when dealing with the state agency. Kevin O'Connor of Norwest told commissioners that if they thought it was necessary to hire a watchdog for the state agency, they shouldn't use the Authority.

No one from the Authority attended the meeting in December to respond to remarks from Kevin Pow-

ers of Dain Rauscher and to criticisms from Commissioner William Schwettmann, who said he was upset the state had not sent a spokesman.

When contacted at his office in Santa Fe after the meeting, Tom Pollard said he was not notified of the session.

Commissioners are seeking financing for \$3.9 million to \$4.2 million to cover architectural fees, construction of the jail and associated costs.

They asked all three entities to come back Wednesday with updated interest figures, based on the level of

the prime interest on the same day. Jail construction will be paid for with the proceeds from a one-eighth of a cent gross receipts tax approved by commissioners late last year and taking effect this year.

The tax is expected to generate about \$350,000 a year, enough to cover the annual payment.

Also on the agenda, is the appointment of an alternate member to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority, Workman's Compensation Pool Board. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann already was selected as the primary representative.

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An unidentified officer reviews materials seized from an alleged methamphetamine laboratory.

Locals arrested in meth lab bust

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Three people are facing federal drug charges, following drug lab raids in Ruidoso by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Arrested for what police said was methamphetamine production were Dustin W. Bentley, 30, Christina Martinez, 30, and Robert Wilmeth, 56, all of Ruidoso.

Agents from the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, federal law enforcement, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Ruidoso Police, Bureau of Indian Affairs police, the New Mexico State police,

and the district attorney's office, executed two search warrants on Jan. 4 and Jan. 5. Residences at Apache Village, 311 Mechem Drive and 101 Apache Hills Drive, Unit No. 3, were searched.

"We found a quantity of methamphetamine and precursors, items used to manufacture methamphetamine," said Tom Sullivan, Lincoln County sheriff. He had no estimate on the quantity of the illegal drug seized in the busts. The confiscated materials have been turned over to federal authorities, who the

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Students hit the streets in search of 'shadow' jobs

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Ruidoso's eighth grade students will hit the streets on Monday looking for jobs — and employers willing to mentor them for a day as part of National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

They'll be carrying letters of introduction explaining the program and a short form for prospective employers to fill out with information on appropriate dress and hours.

Then on Feb. 2, Groundhog Day, 220 young people will do a day of work in the community — at restaurants, doctors' offices, fire stations, welding shops, schools, and banks, to name a few.

One eighth grade student wants to be a smoke jockey and hopes to do her job shadowing the Mescalero Forestry Department. Another hopes to work at the race track because he wants to be a jockey.

Others have already made up their minds on their first job, but language arts teacher Dierly Stierwalt, coordinator of the program, has asked them to come up with at least three choices in case the first two don't pan out.

"You have to have a backup," Stierwalt told her class Thursday. "We've got 220 kids out looking for a job and if some people beat you to them, you've got to have a back-up."

Stierwalt and teacher Valerie Edmister are preparing all 220 students to think about career choices,

write resumes, practice interview techniques, brainstorm reasons people are hired or fired, and learn work etiquette and ethics.

To kick off the event, New Mexico's secretary of labor, Clinton D. Harden Jr. has tentatively agreed to meet with students and business people at the middle school, said Region IX School-to-Careers coordinator Gary Cozzens.

Businesses are needed to offer job shadowing experiences and to sponsor official National Groundhog Job Shadow Day T-shirts for Ruidoso's eighth-grade students, said Joan Zagone, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who's handling some of the business aspects of the project.

More than 60 businesses are already on the list to participate, and Zagone said she's impressed with the broad spectrum of the community interested in having an intern.

Last year the job-hunting was done by Stierwalt and Zagone, trying to match students' preferences with businesses volunteering to have an intern for a day. This year, Stierwalt decided to forego the 87 hours it took them to coordinate the program and have the students get a real-life experience of contacting the businesses themselves.

"We felt that having to be appropriately dressed and having to talk to an adult — even if they have to script it and memorize it — makes it more real," Stierwalt said. "The kids were hyped today when I said 'You're on your own.'"

"I think it's wonderful because in real life that's

how it works," Zagone said. "This is going to be a realistic experience, one that the students will really learn from. Employers don't typically go to employees, you have to go out and beat the streets and sell yourself."

The students have from Jan. 10 until Jan. 21 to find a mentoring business. Stierwalt will place any who haven't found one on their own between Jan. 21 and Feb. 2.

Another new feature this year is official T-shirts for the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, and Zagone said she's looking for sponsors so all the students can wear one on the job.

"This is the official shirt of the job shadowing day and we thought it would be good for the kids," Zagone said. The chamber executive director said 220 youth in job shadowing shirts working around the community will make an impression, and for some students it's difficult or a hardship economically to dress properly for the workplace.

"We felt this would be something they would feel comfortable in and it would also be appropriate for the work place," Zagone said.

Those willing to help sponsor the T-shirts can contact Zagone at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ruidoso Middle School has done "On-the-Job Day" locally for the past 10 years, and last year was the first year for a national event.

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Veterans proponent 'Captain Vic' dies

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Victor Schaerer, 81, known locally as "Captain Vic," died in the intensive care unit of the Lincoln County Medical Center Tuesday.

He never took himself too seriously, but was a staunch defender of traditions honoring the nation's veterans and for more than a decade was a protector and promoter of the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery.

His widow, Jean Keitch Schaerer, said her husband received wonderful care at the hospital and "was surrounded by love" to the end.

Although in recent years, Schaerer battled several health problems, he appeared to conquer them all. An EKG last year prompted a physician to comment that his heart was strong.

But apparently Schaerer suffered an undetected heart attack a few days before his death, his wife said Wednesday. Because he was having

trouble breathing Sunday — thought to be connected to a viral infection — he went to the hospital emergency room twice. Despite his illness, Schaerer was walking around and joking, she said.

However, when the hospital in Ruidoso received the results of tests run on Monday, a representative called Schaerer at home and said an ambulance was on its way.

Even as he was being hooked up to monitors in ICU, Schaerer was joking that they must have the wrong person, Jean Schaerer said. He died at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday.

"He gave his entire life for his country being a ship captain," said friend and Fort Stanton cemetery supporter Cleston Pritchett. "He had one ship shot out from under him and he was the last man to leave the ship. But on his way, he found a young man frozen with fear, and salvaged him."

Schaerer decided to live in Ruidoso because he "fell in love" with the

fort cemetery, about 12 miles northeast of town, Pritchett said.

"When he found it, it was overgrown with weeds. He sought help from the state," Pritchett said. "He and his wife have dedicated their time to that and the memorial services each year. He's contacted all involved nations (for) flags."

Schaerer was trying to find someone to take over the responsibility of putting together the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Stanton to ensure it will continue, Pritchett said. Schaerer also worked toward the designation of the cemetery as an official state or federal veterans burial ground.

Although Schaerer was cremated, a memorial service will be scheduled later, said Danny Sisson with LaGrone Funeral Home.

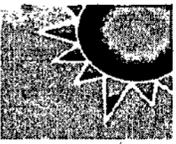
Pritchett said he hopes to take his friend's ashes to the cemetery and bury them at the memorial structure the Schaerers created to look like a ship.



"Captain Vic" Schaerer, pictured here in November 1998, holds a sextant, a naval navigation instrument that is at least 200 years old.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 49 Low ... 18



Sunny

SUNDAY High ... 53 Low ... 21



Sunny

MONDAY High ... 45 Low ... 20



Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	42	11	.00"
Wednesday	48	8	.00"
Thursday	40	9	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	47	18	Mostly sunny
El Paso, TX	50	21	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	51	22	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	52	26	Partly cloudy

Dec./Jan. phases of the moon

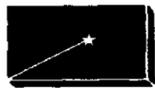


Dec. 29 Jan. 6 Jan. 14 Jan. 21



Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore KBIM-TV

STARDATE



Two bright stars in the evening sky have invisible companions: crushed stellar corpses known as white dwarfs. The stars are Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, and Procyon. Sirius is in the southeast in mid to late evening. Procyon is above Sirius and to its left.

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

County commission controls health care tax

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Decisions about how much property tax should be dedicated to the county hospital in Ruidoso and who can access the county's new gross receipts tax-funded indigent care program rest in the laps of Lincoln County commissioners.

That's the bottom line unless voters decide not to renew the special hospital tax levy, said County Attorney Alan Morel.

The attorney and County Manager Tom Stewart, tried to explain the complicated situation covering the medically indigent in the county during a meeting Wednesday with four commissioners, state Health Department Secretary Alex Valdez, many local health care providers and representatives of Presbyterian HealthCare Services, which manages the county hospital.

Several years ago, voters approved a 4.25 mill special property tax levy for "brick and mortar" and equipment at the Lincoln County Medical Center. The levy produces about \$1.2 million a year, with about \$300,000 going to the Carrizozo Health Clinic, also managed by Presbyterian.

One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. New Mexico taxes on one-third of the market value.

A few years ago, commissioners broadened the allowable use of the money to include op-

erational expenses at the hospital. That provision, which exceeds the scope of state statutes, is under review, according to a Commissioner Leo Martinez.

When the state passed down the requirement to counties to provide their own indigent care and to send quarterly Medicaid payments to the state for a three-to-one dollar return reimbursement from the federal government, the responsibility fell to the hospital, Morel said.

The arrangement was allowed, because the hospital was designated as the sole community health provider in the county.

"So we were using the mill levy (to the hospital) to go after additional dollars," Morel said Thursday. "The hospital also paid the Medicaid payment the county is obligated to pay by statute, about \$212,000 last year."

"The key on the whole issue here is who continues to make those payments."

The 1/8th gross receipts tax will generate about \$374,000 annually, he said. In most counties, the sole community health provider and Medicaid payments are made out of the gross receipts tax.

"But you add those two together and there's not a whole lot of money left," Morel said.

"Basically the issues that are out there are in November, when the mill levy question comes up again, what level (of levy) will commissioners authorize an election on," he said. "If

the hospital continues to make both payments out of the mill levy they receive, the gross receipts tax proceeds will be left for other medical care providers to be paid through the county's indigent fund."

The hospital management lease requires the hospital to provide for the county's indigent care, and hospital officials want commissioners to submit the full 4.25 mills for voters to consider, he said.

Another option being discussed is to take the one mill going to the Carrizozo Health Clinic, which shows a surplus in its budget, and direct it back to the hospital in Ruidoso, he said.

"If the commission authorizes the levy and voters don't approve it, all bets are off," Morel said. "Then the hospital obviously would have to ask reimbursement from the county indigent fund for the indigent care they provide."

"It's critical to maintain the mill levy, but the key question is at what level."

County Manager Tom Stewart and Commission Chairman Rex Wilson were out of town Thursday attending a meeting on the Community Development Block Grant program.

Martinez said Thursday, "I'm not opposed to Presbyterian and I want good health care. I just want the public to understand where the money goes so it can make informed decisions."

He's worried taxpayers are being hit twice to pay for indi-

gent care, Martinez said, adding that he thought commissioners decided to impose the gross receipts tax to lighten the burden on property tax payers.

Hospital Administrator James Gibson said he never thought commissioners passed the gross receipts tax with the intention of cutting the special mill levy.

"The board looked at this last summer when it passed the gross receipts tax and decided (the arrangement was) in the best interests of the whole health care delivery system, not just the hospital," Gibson said. "I don't believe it ever was meant as a trade. If we didn't get the property tax, we would have to access the gross receipts tax."

In a verbal presentation and in a letter to the county last year, Gibson pledged to move away from using the property tax millage for operational expenses.

"Our new budget takes a bite out of that" by reducing the amount of special mill levy money used for operation from \$390,000 to \$195,000 in the year 2000, Gibson said.

"As planned, LCMC will stop using operational mill levy support on July 1, 2000," he wrote Martinez Dec. 22.

He added that the mill levy reserve will be used to repair portions of the hospital roof and for an ambulatory surgery project in Phase II of the hospital's long range renovation and expansion program.

BUST: The sheriff said that meth has become the current 'drug of choice'

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sheriff said will be handling the case.

"Our information leading to the investigation came from confidential sources," Sullivan said. "They had been under surveillance for a while." He estimated the information about possible meth lab operations came within the past month or two.

According to a federal criminal complaint, information about Wilmeth's alleged drug production was provided through a methamphetamine lab seizure on Jan. 1 in Tularosa. An informant from that action stated pills and other chemicals for the manufacture of methamphetamine had been provided to Wilmeth. The informant also told investigators that it was believed Wilmeth

would be producing the drug over the New Year's weekend.

In the Bentley-Martinez bust here, items consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine were seized, according to a second federal criminal complaint. The items were listed as miscellaneous liquids, tubing, glassware, chemicals and pseudoephedrine pills. Additional items consistent with drug trafficking were also discovered, according to the complaint.

Saying the bust was part of an ongoing investigation, the sheriff anticipated additional drug enforcement action.

"I foresee some more meth labs going down in Lincoln County," Sullivan said.

About ten law enforcement officials were involved in the Ruidoso action. Sullivan said investigators believe Wilmeth allegedly had been running his

drug production operation for a short time. The other lab, which the sheriff said was allegedly run by Bentley and Martinez, may have been in operation for two to three months.

"I'm sure some of the meth ended up distributed locally," Sullivan said. He called methamphetamine, or "crank" the current "drug of choice" in the region.

"It's easy to set up (methamphetamine manufacturing), it's a lot easier than it used to be," said Sullivan.

Ruidoso Police Chief Larry G. Maddox asked residents to alert law enforcement officials if they suspect drug activity in their neighborhood.

"It doesn't take a trained nose to detect a methamphetamine lab," Maddox said. "There is a distinct smell of ether, or even a urine kind of smell."

Wilmeth told a federal

D.E.A. agent and local task force officer that he had attempted to make meth at least once at his residence at 101 Apache Hills Drive, according to the criminal complaint. The document also states that he admitted selling small quantities of the drug on a regular basis.

All three Ruidoso suspects were taken into federal custody. Bentley and Martinez were charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine by the U.S. Attorney's office at Las Cruces on Wednesday. Wilmeth was similarly charged on Thursday.

If convicted, the punishment carries up to 10 years in prison. That sentence expands to 20 years if there have been prior narcotic offenses. Bentley and Martinez made initial court appearance before a federal magistrate on Wednesday.



The Moore-Roberts store of Nogal, which burned down in the 1930s.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 4, 1900

There seems to be great prospects in store for White Oaks in 1900. Besides a general mining activity, a railroad and incidental improvements are expected.

It begins to look like that telephone line will be built.

Margie McCourt was in from the Carrizozo ranch Tuesday.

Señor y Señora Andres Lopez are the happy parents of a brand new boy baby, who was introduced to 1900 on 3rd inst.

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

The attendance during the month ending Dec. 22, 1899, was 135 school students.

JOBS: The program benefits both the students who work and employers

With a goal to match half a million young people with job shadow volunteers, National Groundhog Job Shadow Day came about through the efforts of America's Promise, General Colin Powell's youth development organization, the National School-to-Work Opportunities Office, Junior Achievement and the American Society of Association Executives.

"It's one of the most successful things we do in school," Stierwalt said. "Absentee rates are zero, and they come back and do oral presentations for all the other kids, so all the kids kind of get a taste of the different fields."

Stierwalt said she has never seen a student — not even the shyest — not want to get up and talk about the job shadowing experience.

Sometimes students find out it's not what they want to do, which is just as important



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News
"Who should be paid more — a professional athlete or a doctor? a barber or a tattoo artist?" These are some of the questions language arts teacher Dori Stierwalt is asking her eighth grade students to think about as they prepare to go out into the real world and seek jobs for a day.

as finding out what they do want to do.

"It's one thing to say, 'I

want to be a doctor; it's another to make the connection that working hard in science class

is the first step towards achieving that goal," Stierwalt said.

This partnership between the school and the business community is a natural one, Stierwalt writes in a letter students will take to prospective employers.

"Students will better understand the importance and the relevance of their education and see firsthand the range of knowledge, skills and teamwork that the workplace demands. ... For those in the workplace, Job Shadow Day can help forge personally satisfying connections with young people that could ultimately contribute to building a more prepared and focused workforce of tomorrow."

To volunteer to mentor a student Feb. 2, contact Dori Stierwalt at 257-7324. To offer sponsorship for the official job shadow T-shirts, contact Joan Zagone 257-7895.

Schaerer: Love for the sea was instilled as a young boy by a favorite uncle

In 1998, Schaerer said veterans should be a rallying point for citizens who trings at slipping moral standards.

The former captain also fought for recognition of the role of merchant marines in World War II and their right to be considered veterans, not granted until 1987.

"It wasn't until 42 years after the war that they were recognized," he said in 1997. "Yet a greater percentage of mariners lost their lives in WWII than any branch of the

military except the U.S. Marines

"We transported military supplies, bombs, fighter planes, tanks, gas, fuel and food. The ships were keeping our troops and England supplies."

The ship convoys were easy targets for the Germans.

Schaerer's love of the sea started as a young boy when he made up his mind to follow a tradition set by his favorite uncle, who used to allow the boy to visit his ship whenever

he docked in the New York area. Schaerer's mother was a nurse on board a British Troop Transport during WWI.

Captain Vic wasn't tolerant of apathy.

In 1998, he said, "When I contemplate the great sacrifices of our sons and daughters made to protect our democratic freedom and then hear only 40 percent of eligible voters nationwide bother to come out and vote, I feel very sad."

Schaerer, an only child,

was born in New York City. He met Jean Keitch on Jan. 17, 1980 in London, and although he wanted to marry right away, she insisted on a traditional one-year courtship. They were married Jan. 17, 1981.

Besides his widow, Schaerer is survived by his son Scott Schaerer of Jenks, Okla.; his two daughters, Wendy Schaerer of Itasca, N.Y., and Patricia Good of Denver, Pa.; and eight grandchildren.

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New state law brings tighter restrictions on teens obtaining drivers licenses

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As of Jan. 1, teens 14 1/2 years old can no longer obtain restricted instructional driving permits, according to a new state law.

The new law, called Graduated Driver License (GDL), is a three-stage process, said Franklin Garcia, program manager for driver's education with the Traffic Safety Bureau in Santa Fe. Beginning at age 15 or older, teens must put in at least 50 hours driving with a licensed driver before receiving a provisional license that restricts when they can drive and with whom.

A brochure on the law states that New Mexico ranks second highest in the nation in automobile crash fatalities for teenagers. It is hoped that this system will reduce the number of accidents involving teens, according to the brochure.

About 5,000 teen drivers are injured or killed every year in traffic accidents, making this the leading cause of death of teens in the state.

Teens, according to the law, will be required to hold an instructional permit for at least six months and to log 50 hours of supervised driving with a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age and has held a license for at least three years.

Ten of these hours must be driven at night, the time most

teens are involved in accidents resulting in injuries or fatalities, the brochure states.

The permit is only for those who have completed or are enrolled in state-approved driver education programs, and they must pass a written test and a vision test.

After the completion of 50 hours of supervised driving practice, the parent or guardian must certify in writing that these hours have been completed. Log sheets can be downloaded from the web site: www.nmshtd.state.nm.us (www.nmshtd.state.nm.us), but any written record will suffice, Garcia said.

If a teen is cited for drinking and driving — even at a .02 percent blood-alcohol level — the permit could be revoked. A clean driving record for 90 days before applying for a provisional license is required, according to the new law.

The provisional license, for those 15 1/2 years old who pass a behind-the-wheel driving test, restricts the times teens can drive and the number of teen passengers they can have in the car.

At this second stage, the teen driver can drive alone between 5 a.m. and midnight with no more than one person under the age of 21 who is not an immediate family member, according to the brochure. There are exceptions, however, for work, family necessity, medical,

school or religious functions.

"Less than 4 percent of miles driven by 16 and 17 year olds nationally occur between midnight and 5 a.m. In New Mexico, 18 percent of fatal and injury crashes of those 16 and 17 take place during these hours," the brochure states.

The reason for restricting the number of young passengers is that 61 percent of all teen passengers in automobile accidents in New Mexico were passengers of other teens, the brochure states.

"If it brings the kids' wrecks down, I think it's going to be great," said Becky Redmann of the Ruidoso office of Motor Vehicles Department. "People are real panicky because they think 'I'm not going to get my license until I'm 18,' but that's not the case."

"One of the biggest helps is that kids can't go cruising with a bunch of their friends. For the year of their provisional license they can only have one passenger under 21 that's not immediate family," Redmann said. "You hear a lot of wrecks kids have and they have a car-full of kids."

The provisional license must be held for at least 12 months, and the individual must remain free of traffic violations for 90 days before moving on to Stage 3 — the full drivers license.

Anyone 18 to 24 years of age can receive a full license after completing a DWI Awareness course at the local office of the

New Mexico Drivers in Crashes, 1998 (involvement by age)

Age	Driver Involvements	July 98 Drivers	Involvements per 1,000 drivers
15-19	13,652	80,136	1670.36
20-24	10,367	102,528	101.31
25-29	8,617	112,009	76.93
30-34	7,978	115,451	69.10
35-39	8,132	135,146	60.17
40-44	7,089	133,206	53.22
45-49	5,963	123,371	48.33
50-54	4,454	102,550	43.43
55-59	3,058	78,890	38.76
60-64	2,373	64,674	36.39
Over 64	6,305	155,908	40.44
Total	78,008	1,203,869	64.80

Source: New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau

Department of Motor Vehicles.

Here, the new law relaxes the old requirement that people 18-44 need to complete the DWI Awareness course, because there are no such requirements for anyone 25 years of age and older.

Garcia said the new law applies to anyone who did not have a license on or before Dec. 30.

"If they are students that started a driving class before Jan. 11 and they're not finishing until Jan. 30, then right now they can be keeping track of their driving hours while holding their instructional permits," Garcia said.

Under the old law, students

could receive a full license after a driver education program of 33 classroom hours and only seven hours behind the wheel, and there was not a minimum amount of time that the teen must hold the instructional permit.

Also, the full license could be obtained at age 16 under the old law. With the new law, a person could get a license at age 16 1/2.

"Hopefully that makes for a more confident and a more mature driver," Garcia said.

Fees for the learner's permit are \$5, for the provisional license \$16 and the full license \$16.

Resources for teens include

the State Highway and Transportation Department, Traffic Safety Bureau's Web site at www.unm.edu/~dgrint/tsh.html; the Motor Vehicle Division Taxation and Revenue Department at www.state.nm.us/tax/trd; and AAA's "Teaching Your Teens to Drive" can be purchased by calling (800) 327-3444.

Insurance companies may provide programs or guidelines to help teens learning to drive.

A GDL Forum, open to the public, will be from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Bondurant Room of the Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Penn to answer questions parents and teens may have on the new system.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Nannie Kallem Barham

Memorial services for Nannie Kallem Barham, 92, of Capitan will be held at a later date.

She died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000 at the Ruidoso Care Center.

She was born Dec. 8, 1907 in Ridgeway, Va.

Mrs. Barham was a seamstress supervisor and moved to Capitan in September of 1999 from Eden, N.C. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Nevon Joyce of Capitan; a sister, Mary Chatham of Montgomery, Ala.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Violet Richards

Memorial services for Violet Richards, 92, of Angus, will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 at the Church of the Nazarene in Angus with the Rev. Charlie Hail officiating.

Mrs. Richards died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000 in Ruidoso.

She moved to Lincoln County from Albuquerque 3 1/2 years ago. She was a retired retail clerk and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Angus.

Survivors include a son, Les Richards of Angus; a daughter, Iris Johnson of Fresno, Calif.; grandchildren John Richards, Jamime Sparkman, Tamra Raines; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Debbie Watts.

The family requests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association of New Mexico, 1330 San Pedro, N.E., No. 205, Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Alice Huey

Funeral services for Gertrude Alice Huey, 84, of Capitan, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Capitan Foursquare Church with the Rev. Harold Perry and the Rev. Ray Wells officiating. Burial will

follow at the Capitan Cemetery. Mrs. Huey died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 in Capitan.

She was born Oct. 10, 1915 in Center Point. She volunteered at the Smokey Bear Museum and the Capitan Senior Citizen Center, and had worked at the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital and the Fort Stanton Tuberculosis Hospital, and was Capitan municipal judge and magistrate judge from 1973-76. She lived in New Mexico

all her life and was a charter member of the Foursquare Church in Capitan.

Survivors include sons Gerald D. Huey of Capitan, Thomas A. Huey of Corona, Pat L. Huey and Kenneth D. Huey, both of Capitan; daughters Anita D. McInnes and Glenda J. Perry, both of Capitan; sisters Monk Underwood of Anderson, Calif., and Ramona Smith of Pope, Miss.; brothers Earl L. Harrison of Spasta, Calif., and Ronnie G.

Harrison of Redding, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sons Billy Joe Huey and Charles Leroy Huey.

The family requests memorials to the Capitan Senior Citizen Center.

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OUR OPINION

A program to be MADD about

Is it a trend, or a glitch? Whichever it turns out to be, those Capitan people who want the best life for their children deserve the first salute of the new millennium.

Capitan Elementary School students, parents and teachers gathered last night to talk about the MADD National Elementary School Project. The clue is in the acronym: Mothers Against Drunk Driving. That organization has prepared a 9-year-long educational effort to change the mindset of a generation—away from the damaging dependencies of older generations: Alcohol, drugs, tobacco.

Youngsters at Capitan Elementary, you may recall, took some direct action last fall to keep second-hand cigarette smoke out of their playground. They succeeded.

Whether that led to this much greater step isn't clear. What is clear is that their principal, Dick Clevenger, saw a chance to deliver a stronger message to his charges. His own research turned up the MADD curriculum called "Protecting You, Protecting Me." It's alcohol-focused, but also will include drug abuse and tobacco.

Such a long-term project, as it becomes a fixture in all classrooms for nine long years—from kindergarten onward—should be a major force in making a healthier and happier life for all those youngsters.

The MADD curriculum is such a positive project that every school system in the county, indeed the state and nation, would do well to adopt it.

Victor E. Schaerer, 1918-2000

"Captain Vic" died Tuesday. Victor Schaerer, a merchant seaman who retired far from the sea, was a defender of traditions honoring the nation's veterans. For more than a decade he was a protector and promoter of the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery.

A friend recalled that Schaerer had one ship shot out from under him in wartime. He was the last man to leave the ship, rescuing a frightened sailor on the way.

Schaerer before he died was trying to find someone to take over the responsibility of running the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Stanton to ensure it will continue.

He also hoped the cemetery might someday be designated as an official state or federal veterans burial ground.

His best memorial would be the achieving of that goal.



Ed Stein '99
DENVER ROCKY
MOUNTAIN NEWS - NEWS

YOUR OPINION

Cooperation between tribe, Ruidoso possible

To the editor:
In the Dec. 17 edition of the Ruidoso News, a radical letter writer appears to be concerned about the Tribe's attempts at "fostering and improving a sense of cooperation between the two communities," the Ruidoso jail facility, the authority of the tribal courts, and the conduct of federal law enforcement officers serving under the authority of the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I am sorry that the letter writer sees evil doing everywhere. It must be a sad existence.

However, his fear is not contagious. I am proud of the efforts by the tribal and village officials to resolve long-standing differences. There is absolutely no reason why the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Village of Ruidoso cannot work together for the benefit of both of our communities. Ski Apache, the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and Casino Apache have had a tremendous positive impact on the local economy. Thousands of workers are now employed directly by these enterprises and several thousand more bring home

their paychecks as an indirect result of the tourism that these tribal enterprises create.

Through the hard work and intelligent efforts of previous tribal officials, the tribe is now in a position where it is a leader in the area of war on poverty.

I am equally proud of the efforts of the federal law enforcement officers and the tribal judges that serve our communities. I am proud of the BIA police officers, tribal conservation officers, security officers and others who serve in support of law enforcement on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. These men and women are hard-working professionals who serve their neighbors with distinction.

I want to encourage all tribal and village officials and employees to work together to improve our communities. In re-

cent tribal-state gaming compact negotiations, the tribe worked hard to target significant funds (25 percent of the total tax) for local non-tribal government operations. Our tribal and non-tribal communities are geographically and financially locked together. Anything that benefits one of our communities will provide some benefits in the other.

So go ahead and see the imperfections, just don't pretend to see what isn't really there.

Please note: Appointment of Chief Judge Steve Wall was approved by a majority vote of the Tribal Council at the Dec. 17, 1999, meeting.

Sara Misquez
President, Mescalero
Apache Tribe
Mescalero

A tip of the creative hat

Heart-felt congratulations to The Creative Connection, a monthly newsletter published at Lincoln to encourage interaction between those artists and craftspeople who are spread so thinly across the County.

It's put together by a collection of volunteers:

Publisher Kenneth Payne, editor Leif Ancker, "scribe" Susan Weir-Ancker, and some other familiar names-in-the-arts hereabout, like John West, Polly Chavez, Ivy Heymann, Caroline McCoy, Suzanne Donazetti, Cathie Eisen, Marchele Hise...

We say "congratulations" because The Creative Connection can boast 42 published issues. It's now in its third year, and always manages to include some solid, fun reading in the form of short essays, letters, commentary, criticism—sometimes of other media, like this newspaper.

In its just-published "Penultimate Edition," the newsletter advises, among other things, that Hugh and Linda Fox plan to open an art gallery in Lincoln come May; that Chavez is showing her well-known retablos at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo through January with an opening on Jan. 11; that West and Payne now are on a mega Web site called "guild.com," a favorite site nationally for those interested in arts and crafts.

Contributor Patty Mayes succinctly makes a case for resigning her adulthood and returning to the joys of being 8 years old. Cathie Eisen learns something important while observing the angle of light over Indian Divide through the windshield of her '60 Ford.

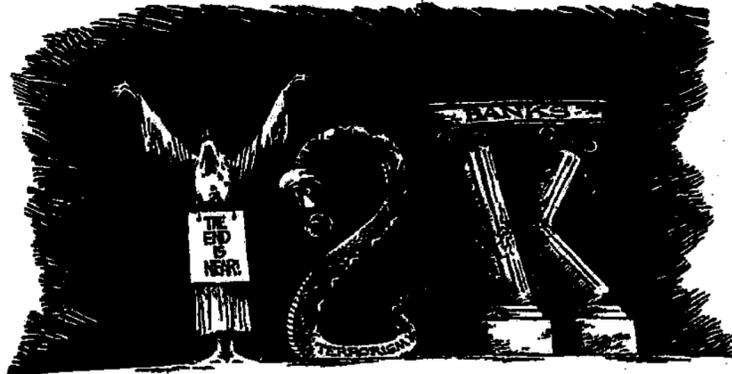
In all, it's a fine introduction to the 2000 art scene in Lincoln County. Subscribers are welcome (you don't have to be an artist or craftsman); write Box 201, Lincoln, NM 88338.

Anybody who manages to keep a periodical going deserves admiration. We salute you.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS



GUEST COMMENTARY

World hunger in the 21st century

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

A frequently seen television commercial shows people around the world connected by the technology of the internet. E-commerce and e-mail are indeed wonderful things, but a plateful of food would cause a bigger smile on the faces of millions.

Almost 800 million people in the developing world do not have enough to eat, according to a United Nations report. That's four or five times the number of internet users. This doesn't mean that communications technology is unimportant or irrelevant in this developing world. But those of us with full bellies may think it's important to get everyone wired, when it is more important to get everyone fed.

The Food Insecurity report says progress in feeding the world's hungry has been uneven. Between 1991 and 1996, the proportion of the population going hungry increased in 27 countries. In another 32 coun-

tries, it remained about the same. Only 37 countries made significant progress toward eliminating hunger.

At the World Food Summit of 1996, world leaders pledged to reduce the number of hungry people to 400 million by the year 2015. It now appears this goal will not be met. India and Sub-Saharan Africa account for the largest number of hungry people. China is third with 164 million.

At the World Food Prize Conference last October in Des Moines, Iowa, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue said there are three things the U.S. needs to do in the public policy area to set the stage for world food growth.

The first, according to Donohue, is to promote a vigorous pro-technology environment. Second, he said, we have to ensure that regulations governing food production are based on sound science and common sense. And third, we need to support a free trade environ-

ment. But recent developments don't bode well for the United States' badly needed leadership in the fight against hunger. Biotechnology and freer trade were both attacked on the streets of Seattle at the WTO summit, not by the starving people of the world, but by a hodgepodge of groups that want to slow down biotechnology and freer trade. Last October, the six-billionth mouth to feed was born.

Before we even get close to the halfway mark of the 21st century, there will be three or four billion more hungry mouths. Food and agricultural technology are on the verge of tremendous breakthroughs that will especially benefit the poor and malnourished. The specter of hunger should be conquered in the 21st century.

The writer is director of broadcast services for the AFBF.

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

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Mescalero practices prescribed burns

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Smoke spiraled skyward in four or five forested pockets off U.S. 70 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation Thursday. But no one was alarmed. The fires were set deliberately to prevent future uncontrolled wild fires, said Tony Recker, forest manager on the reservation.



Two fire fighters under the direction of burn boss Gary Ahldley ignite dry vegetation near a home on the Mescalero Apache reservation as part of a controlled burn to eliminate potential fuel for wild fires this summer.

Fire prevention plans call for the scorching of 15,000 acres of land this year, he said. Most of the dry vegetation will be burned during the winter months when snow still is on the ground in many locations, night temperatures are chilly and winds are more predictable, Recker said.

Although much of the work is performed along the side of the highway and other roads, Tuesday, several fires were set around homes.

"The intent is to protect the houses, because if we have a large fire later in the summer when we can't control it, the fire will go out when it runs into an area with no fuel," he said.

Crews usually consist of 10 fire fighters, three or four to ignite the fire, five or six to watch it and ensure it is kept under control. On larger projects, several crews work together, he said.

"There's a mixture out

today of tribal crews and BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) crews," Recker said. "Each one is under the direction of a certified burn boss. We check with the state air quality control (division) to let them know when we're doing burning."

The number of acres burned a day varies according to weather conditions, he said, but usually they cover from 50 to 100 acres, he said.

The crews also are burning piles of slash created in forest thinning projects, he said.

"Most of these crews already have trained personnel," he said. "But the Fire Use

Training Academy, with members from all over New Mexico and Arizona, came down here to train."

The program is a combined effort of the BIA and Forest Service, he said.

Foresters on the reservation took the lead years ago in controlled burning and thinning operations to reduce fire hazards. Recker said he looks forward to the day the village of Ruidoso hires a forester to work with private land owners and businesses there on clearing, burning and other ways to reduce the fire fuel in that area.

Ruidoso council looks at vehicle purchases

The Village of Ruidoso council will decide several purchases at their scheduled regular meeting on Jan. 11.

Among the items are awarding a bid from Sierra Blanca Motors, totaling \$68,460, for the purchase of three 4X4 utility vehicles for the village police department.

The council will also decide a bid from Las Cruces Freightliner for one 4X4 refuse truck with a side-

loader. That bid amounts to \$117,826. In both requests for bids, the low bidder is recommended by staff.

Councilors will also deal with two subdivision requests. One of the requests is near Airport Rd. and Fort Stanton Rd., within the village's extra territorial zone. The other is off Gavilan Canyon Road, and involves property both in the village, and partly in the county. The village's Plan-

ning Commission, on Dec. 21, recommended council approval. The Planning Commission also recommended a number of conditions be included in the approval.

The Ruidoso village council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings, which begin at 6:30 p.m., are held at the Ruidoso administrative offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

School board to set dress code meeting schedule

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dates for community meetings on establishing a uniform dress policy in Ruidoso schools will be announced at the Ruidoso School Board Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The second meeting of the Uniformly Dressed Committee will be on Monday, said Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden. One of the goals of the school board this year was to research establishing a uniform dress policy to be implemented for the 2000-01 school year.

"The Uniformly Dressed Committee ... will continue dis-

cussing what activities we need to go through to see if this is something that would be good for the students in our district and therefore be recommended to the board hopefully by the first of February," Gladden said.

One of the community meetings for parents to discuss the topic will be on a Saturday morning and the other on a week night, he said.

At the beginning of the school board meeting, though, activities director Ron Wall will recognize students in choir and band who received all-state honors, as well as the football team, which had several ath-

letes who received all-state recognition.

Also on the agenda of the meeting is the first reading of Section 1 of the Board Policy Manual and a presentation of the 1998-99 audit report by Galen Cowan of Portales for the school board's approval.

Board members will open proposals for the school bus route of Jack Kannady, who is retiring.

The regular board meeting of the Ruidoso School Board will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the administration office. Regular Ruidoso School Board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Ethel Harral

Funeral services for Ethel Louise Harral, 75, of Ruidoso will be today, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso. Officiating will be the Rev. Winston Presnall and Rev. Cathy Caudle.

Mrs. Harral died Wednesday, Jan. 5, in Ruidoso. She was born Dec. 16, 1924, at Georgetown, Texas. She moved to Ruidoso in 1982 from Fort

Stockton and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was their choir director.

She married Walton W. Harral on Jan. 13, 1973, at Fort Stockton.

She is survived by her husband, Walton, of Ruidoso; Luther Glen Stewart III of Austin, Samuel Earl Stewart of Mesquite and Scott Edwin Stewart of Los Angeles; a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth

Corse of Big Spring, Texas; stepdaughters Barbara Nan Elliott of Blackwell, Texas, Linda Ruth Chapman of Lubbock, Texas, and Hellon Virginia Farrow of Midland, Texas; and a brother, Marvin Dawson Henderson of Georgetown; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cattle drive raises funds for Lincoln

Historic Lincoln, consisting of several buildings and a museum managed by the Hubbard Museum of the American West, will receive at least \$40,000 from donations and cattle sales tied to the Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium.

Four steers auctioned at the Millennium party of R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard netted \$10,000, said Bruce Eldredge,

Hubbard museum director. One buyer donated his steer to be sold again the same night.

A painting by Santa Fe artist Gary Niblett sold for \$20,000. Niblett rode on the cattle drive from Roswell to Lincoln last month and was commissioned by Hubbard to produce paintings from the event.

A signed violin of Charlie Daniels played at the millennium party was auctioned for \$4,000.

Put that money together, with some donations and about

\$40,000 will go toward the support of the museum and associated buildings in historic Lincoln about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

A longhorn steer, donated by Jimmy Bowen, a Texas-New Mexico rancher who came up with the cattle drive idea, will be awarded to someone as soon as all of the remaining tickets sold through the Bowen Ranch are collected, Eldredge said. The proceeds from that drawing also will go to the Lincoln operation, he said.

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The Commission would like to stress that this discussion will address self-assessment, not forced taxing or assessment to improve subdivision roads. Individuals interested in improving the roads within their respective subdivisions, through some form of self-assessment, are invited attend this meeting and make their wishes known to the Commission. The various alternative forms of self-assessment will be addressed in greater detail during the meeting.

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DOWN POLICE

Juvenile apprehended after high-speed chase

A Ruidoso Downs teenager has been referred to juvenile authorities, following a high speed chase early Thursday morning.

According to a police report, the pursuit began about 1 a.m. after a vehicle ran a red light on Highway 70 at the entrance to Wal-Mart.

The driver was observed doing "donuts" in the vacant lot on the north side of the highway, and then speeding off eastbound in the west-bound lanes of U.S. 70.

According to information from responding Ruidoso Downs officers Chris Condon and Ken Arther, the fleeing vehicle crossed a constructed median and was pursued to the east end of the village,

where it turned into a residential area.

There it collided with another vehicle, and the driver fled on foot to a residence.

The juvenile is expected to receive multiple traffic citations, according to police.

The incident has also been turned over to officials with the state office of juvenile probation and parole for Lincoln County.

Smoking prevention programs need to emphasize youth social pressures

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Active participation in learning how to "just say no" to cigarettes is much more effective than simply lecturing teenagers on the long-term health consequences of smoking.

Recent research shows that actively involving students in a skills-based program can increase their confidence in refusing an offer to smoke. These skills can also increase a student's expectation that his peers will accept the decision — without the fear of dire social consequences.

"The smoking prevention programs that work go beyond the simple delivery of health information," said Rick Petosa, co-author of the study and an associate professor of health promotion at Ohio State University.

"The successful programs focus on social pressures and on developing the skills necessary to resist those pressures.

"Other researchers have found that these kinds of programs can cut the rate at which adolescents begin to smoke by 30 to 50 percent. In light of the recent tobacco settlements, policy makers would be wise to note that it is the skills-based programs that work to prevent smoking."

Many states will receive a

portion of the multi-billion dollar tobacco settlement. Part of the money is required to go toward smoking prevention efforts.

About 25 percent of ninth graders smoke, Petosa said. Eighty-five percent of all smokers begin the habit before the age of 18.

The research appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of School Health. Petosa and his colleagues examined the effectiveness of the Minnesota Smoking Prevention Program, a six-lesson program that addresses the social pressures to smoke. Students from five sixth-grade classes attended 45-minute sessions twice a week for three weeks. During each session, student leaders facilitated small group discussions and activities with other classmates. The students evaluated cigarette advertisements and role-played various peer-pressure situations.

For comparison, five other sixth-grade classes received at least one lecture during the same time period on the health consequences of smoking.

One week before treatment began, all students completed a questionnaire focusing on their skills and beliefs about pressures to smoke. Students filled out the same questionnaire

four weeks after the intervention period ended.

The researchers assessed four objectives: the students' ability to resist positive images of smoking; how confident they were in their ability to say no; if they thought saying no would be accepted by their peers, and therefore have a positive social outcome; and, finally, if they believed the social impact would be a negative one if they refused an offer to smoke.

"The smoking prevention program had a significant impact on the students' confidence in their abilities to say no," Petosa said of the students involved in the prevention program. "It also increased their belief that their peers would think that the decision not to smoke was an acceptable one."

Yet the intervention had little effect on the students' ability to objectively evaluate favorable images of smoking they saw in the media. And although the program helped students see positive social outcomes from refusing to smoke, the results showed students still anticipated and worried about negative consequences.

"Kids have real social concerns about the negative consequences of refusing an offer from their peers," Petosa said.

MESCALERO NEWS

Mescalero appoints new tribal administrator

Freddie Kaydahzinn, long time director of housing for the Mescalero Apache Tribe, is the new tribal administrator.

He exchanged positions with Ferris Palmer, who took over the housing operation of the tribal development department.

Kaydahzinn unsuccessfully ran against Fred Chino for vice president in the

November 1999 election. Misquez appointed Kaydahzinn to his new position two weeks ago, he said Tuesday, adding, "I'm always pleased and honored to help the tribe whenever."

RUIDOSO POLICE

Icy roads prove treacherous

Ruidoso police responded to eight vehicle mishaps on Monday, when icy pavements developed during the morning hours.

No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

Several of the reports involved multi-vehicle fender benders. One of the situations, on White Mountain Drive, just after 7 a.m., involved a vehicle versus a power pole.

That crash resulted in a power line going down. The driver had lost control, according to the police report.

Traffic accident results in no injuries

No injuries were reported in a Wednesday afternoon traffic accident involving a school bus.

The 3:17 p.m. incident occurred in the 2700 block of Sudderth Drive, according to a preliminary report with the Ruidoso Police Department.

Ring stolen from home

A Cedar Creek Court resident reported to police that a \$2,500 ring was stolen from his

home. While the incident was reported on Jan. 6, the alleged theft occurred between Dec. 20 - 23. The case is being investigated as a felony larceny.

Domestic violence reported

Two cases of alleged domestic violence were registered on Wednesday. In one of the instances, a La Luz Ln. resident told officers she was hit by her husband. Ruidoso police also assisted Ruidoso Downs police in responding to a call of domestic violence on Riverview Drive.

NEWS BRIEFS

DMV expecting late arrival of stickers

The Motor Vehicle Division has made special accommodations for customers re-registering vehicles for February 2000 after learning that a vendor contracted to provide registration stickers is unable to produce those stickers in time for the mail-in and Internet vehicle registration program this

month. Renewal stickers are routinely mailed to customers at the end of the month, but stickers for February 2000 registrations will most likely be sent next month. The division will mail out the registration certificate with a letter verifying that the vehicle's registration is current. In addition, law enforcement will be notified of the temporary shortage.

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A Headstart Christmas



On Dec. 17, the Alto Ladies Golf Association joined with the Captain Headstart Class for their annual Christmas party. The teachers are Janie York and her assistant, Debbie Padilla. This is the fifth year the Alto Ladies have sponsored a headstart class in the Lincoln County area. Through their contributions, the Ladies provided toys and clothing for each child in the class.

In addition to this year Christmas project, the Alto Ladies Golf Association also contributes a \$500 check each year to the Steve Fey Christmas fund. Fey was the golf pro at Alto Lakes who contracted encephalitis some years ago and is now disabled.

Idaho sues over Forest Service's 'roadless' proposal

The midwestern state's attitude mirrors recent local reaction against the federal plan to end multiple uses of forest land

(Boise) - Attorney General Al Lance announced today that the State of Idaho and Governor Kempthorne have filed suit against the United States Forest Service for failing to provide sufficient time for the state to comment on the Forest Service's proposal to close all road development on the roadless areas.

The Attorney General also filed suit over the Forest Service's failure to comply with a Freedom of Information Act Request.

Residents in communities in New Mexico, including Lincoln County, have come out in protest against the federal proposal, although no legal action has been taken here.

On October 14, 1999, the United States Forest Service issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement that would lead to the end of all multiple use of approximately 40 million acres of national forest land around the country.

This would include over 8 million acres of land in the state of Idaho.

About 158,500 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 minimum criteria for wilderness consideration.

The Forest Service inexplicably decided to limit the comment period on this enormous proposal to 60 days. "This announcement was an abrupt departure from the Forest Service's previous efforts to manage land in a collaborative manner with affected state and local governments," Attorney General Lance said.

"Idaho was given no advance notice of the October announcement and was provided no meaningful opportunity to respond."

Governor Kempthorne stated, "As President of the Land Board, I'm extremely concerned about what this proposal could mean for Idaho's children. If the Clinton Administration has its way, many of our state's public trust lands could be severely degraded - which directly affects the foundation for school funding in our state. The way to prevent that is for the federal government to put all of the information on the table, so that everyone has an opportunity for thorough review and comment. So far, that clearly hasn't happened."

According to Lance, the goal of this lawsuit is simple. The state and the people of Idaho need, and deserve, a reasonable amount of time to review and understand the Forest Service's proposal to end all road development in currently roadless areas.

The state's and its citizens' efforts to receive current and definitive information about the proposal was further ham-

pered by the federal government's failure to provide maps or other site information that could be used to determine the total scope of the environmental impact statement's effect here in Idaho.

"Citizens attempting to visit the Forest Service's 'roadless initiative' web page have discovered that access to information, such as maps and site-specific information, was 'under development' when the comment period expired," Lance stated.

"What we're asking of the federal government in this lawsuit is to open up the process to provide a meaningful dialogue between the states that would have to live with the effects of this proposal."

Kempthorne said "any significant relationship between the states and the federal government demands 'nothing less'."

"The State of Idaho was forced to file a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain specific information about the background of President Clinton's proposal," Lance stated.

On December 10, the state wrote to the Forest Service and explained the proposal was too vast and ill defined to provide meaningful comment in 60 days.

To the knowledge of the state, the federal government has not yet responded to the state's request.

"The bottom line is that it is impossible for the state, or any Idahoan, to obtain infor-

mation necessary to understand the Forest Service's proposal," Lance said.

Typically, the Forest Service and other land management agencies, according to law, extend the comment period to allow time for the public to obtain necessary information to serve as the basis for meaningful public comment.

"In this case, because the Forest Service has made the completely unreasonable, and unprecedented, decision to favor its schedule over the concerns of Idahoans, the state was left with no choice but to take the Forest Service to federal court to provide the information and time to comment on this very important issue," Lance said.

At the recent meeting in Lincoln County, forest supervisor Jose 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," Martinez said.

Martinez said the community needs to keep providing the Forest Service with feedback.

Comments from that meeting, both written and oral, were sent to the chief of the Forest Service, to be incorporated in a draft Environment Impact Statement, Martinez said.

The draft is expected to be released in the spring, with a final EIS anticipated in the fall of 2000.

CARRIZOZO NEWS

'Zozo Christmas light contest proves difficult to judge

PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

"Judging was very difficult! All houses were decorated very nicely and creatively!"

This comment was made at the conclusion of judging for the annual Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest.

The first place winner in the residential category is George and Mabel Vega of 1500 H Avenue. Second place is Rose Wheeler of 108 Lava Loop, and third place is Joe and Nena Ortiz at 1105 Lava Loop.

Winners will receive gift certificates of \$50, \$35 and \$15, respectively, redeemable at Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce businesses.

The winner of the traveling trophy in the non-residential category is the Lincoln County Courthouse.

The trophy will be displayed at the courthouse until the results of next years contest are revealed.

Honorable mention this year goes to Gary Stout, owner of Stout Lock-N-Key, for Best Mobile Decoration.

Prizes will be awarded at the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon, Wednesday, January 12, in the meeting room of Wells Fargo Bank.

'Zozo High School grad receives degree, honors

Michael Chavez, a Carrizozo High School graduate of 1990, received the degree of bachelor of science in sociology at Eastern New Mexico University, and graduated with honors, at ceremonies December 17, in Portales, New Mexico.

After high school graduation, Chavez attended ENMU, then served two years in the Marine Corps, and then returned to campus to complete this degree.

Chavez, his wife Tina and son, reside in Portales.

Attending ceremonies were his parents, Natividad and Polly E. Chavez of Carrizozo, his brother Raphael Chavez and wife Melissa of Clovis, and his uncle, George Sanchez, of El Paso, Texas.

FCE plans meeting for Jan. 13

Betty McCreight, State Family & Community Education (FCE) Advisor, announces a planning meeting, January 13, for Lincoln County FCE representatives from the Carrizozo club and the LaJunta club.

The Yearbook 2000 and program planning will take place at the Otero County Electric meeting room.

The FCE meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

All FCE members are welcome to attend this important meeting.

RANCHING NEWS

Rancher elected to Farm and Livestock board

A Lincoln County rancher has been elected to the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau Board, the state's largest agricultural organization.

Matt Ferguson, a fifth generation Lincoln County rancher, will represent a large portion of central and eastern New Mexico on the board. Ferguson runs a commercial cattle operation near Carrizozo with his wife and two children. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Lincoln County Farm and Livestock Bureau, the Farm Services Agency board for Lincoln and Otero counties, the Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo board, the State Veterinary Board and the county Public Land Use Advisory Council.

He is the 1994 recipient of the state's Outstanding Young Rancher Achievement Award.

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A Capitan resident's passion to help leads to mapping out a new life

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The energy level radiating off Tom Schintgen should be enough to run his computer and car with power left over.

Couple that drive with an obsession for details and a dedication to the public, and one ends up with a product that could save many lives.

Schintgen and his wife, Kathy, map counties and compile handbooks to aid police, fire, medical and rescue emergency service workers find streets and homes when seconds count.

But the use of the product goes well beyond medical and rescue emergencies. The books, with his hand-drawn maps noting landmarks and other helpful information, should be an essential tool for real estate agents, utility companies, forestry agencies and businesses that send employees on the road, Schintgen said, adding that it's a tax deductible business expense.

To ensure the most recent information, the books are printed at his home as they are ordered. Schintgen constantly adds to the information, responding to new construction or requests to add details or internal layouts of developments, such as mobile home parks.

In the "Lincoln County New Mexico Dispatcher's Handbook" attractively covered with a silhouette painting by Barbara Witlock of Sanzia Gallery, Schintgen, a dispatcher with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, covers more than 90 percent of the county.

In the next few months, he will add Corona and northern ranching communities to his publication.

"This book will never be finished," he said. Just like the other three counties he's compiled, he'll update over and over again — not just each year, but as he gathers new information.

"It's an obsession on my part," he said. "When people call dispatch, they're hysterical and give half information. I have to pump the rest out of them and find them as quickly as possible. Now I can pull a map and describe the neigh-



Kathy and Tom Schintgen sit at the computer that helps them produce the Lincoln County Dispatchers Handbook at their home in Capitan.

borhood and even if they're not from there, they recognize something and can tell me where they are."

Schintgen's preoccupation with location started as an emergency medical technician in Bernalillo County and intensified when an injured disk in his back led to the more sedentary job of dispatcher.

Born in Wisconsin, Schintgen lived for years with his wife in Chicago while he sold advertising for the *Journal of American Medical Association* and studied to become a registered nurse. But when the couple vacationed in New Mexico, it didn't take long for plans to change.

They moved to Albuquerque, where Schintgen continued working multiple jobs, but decided not to finish his nursing degree. Instead, he went with emergency medical services. His wife also worked as an EMT for several years.

The company name "B.C. Streets" comes from the first book he compiled for Bernalillo County with no promise of reimbursement. He saw a need and took the chance, Schintgen said.

"I was dispatching 13 fire

districts and trying to direct them to find people calling for help," he said. "They had no maps."

"I started in an old pickup truck and put on 1,100 miles making up the 'B.C. Street Locator Aid' in 1989. I thought we owed it to the general public."

The major resistance came from residents who suspected Schintgen's motives.

"Many people move out in the country to hide," he said.

One man threw a piece of wood through Schintgen's car windshield. Another damaged his tires.

"But when I had a chance to explain that knowing where they are will be important the day their daughter is injured and they need an ambulance and call 911, they understood," he said. "Some-

times, they'd even pointed me back farther into the woods where there were five more families I didn't know about."

He became a legend in Bernalillo, where emergency services personnel would call him at home in the middle of the night for help and he could recite house number and description off the top of his head.

After 23 years in Bernalillo County, he moved to Capitan in June and immediately plunged into the task of putting together a book for his new territory, although he said the miles in the physical large county were daunting.

He's already "driven six cars to death."

Schintgen said he applauds Lincoln County's nine-year effort to compile a rural addressing system,

which will yield maps to scale. The county is one of five in the state still in the process.

But those maps won't be in book size, easily read with landmarks noted.

They won't be a convenient size to stick in a car so that deputies, firemen and ambulance drivers as well as dispatchers, can refer to them, he said.

Even if signs are removed on street corners, the way Schintgen draws his maps by hand, drivers can figure out the right location by counting intersections, he said.

Every page is color coded. The maps are displayed against a plain background so they're easy to read. North always is up. Grids are in the same location on every map page.

Schintgen's book also contains a section on forest roads.

"I can get it done, because I know what it takes," he said. "I hand draw the maps rather than to scale. Every map is on an enlarged grid for rapid location by using the reference at the front. It should take 30 seconds at the most to find a caller."

Schintgen or his wife also are available 24 hours a day at home, if someone runs into a problem or wants to order updates.

The book sells for \$79.95 and can be order by calling (505) 354-4116.

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Close but no cigar — Warriors miss by one

BY J.R. MOORE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

SOCORRO — Free throws made and missed decided the Ruidoso vs. Socorro basketball game Tuesday in Socorro. Socorro's Crystal Hignight made hers while Ruidoso's Elena Aguilar missed what would have been a game-tying bonus shot, letting Socorro survive 61-60.

"If Crystal hadn't made those free throws, we would have lost," Socorro coach Joseph Garcia said. "Thank goodness she was the one fouled, because she doesn't miss. She hasn't missed a free throw since early December in Shiprock. We're usually a good free throw shooting team, but not tonight. We were just 17 for 36."

It was the same kind of game the two teams played three weeks ago in Ruidoso when the home team made up a halftime deficit and won 53-49. This time Socorro was able to cling to their lead, but just barely, to eke out the win.

Socorro squandered all but one point of a 16 point lead and survived a furious fourth quarter comeback by Ruidoso. The visiting Lady Warriors outscored the home team 18-3 in the

final period when Socorro didn't record a field goal but did manage three free throws. Ruidoso could have tied the game with one second remaining, but Aguilar, who was fouled when she scored to make it 51-50, missed the bonus shot.

"The home court was the difference," Ruidoso coach Jim Yarnadore said. "The teams are pretty even, but they took advantage of their home court. Everyone played hard and that was a heck of a comeback. I'll take a game like that every night."

For most of the night it looked like Socorro was going to run away and hide. Renee Gallegos buried a tray at the end of the first half to put Socorro up by 15, and Crystal Hignight did the same with 14 seconds to go in the third period, boosting the lead to 16, 48-32. The closest Ruidoso came in the third was eight when the scoreboard read 37-29. Except for having numerous inside shots blocked by Ruidoso's 6-4 post Amanda Fleck, everything was going right for Socorro for the first three quarters.

But Ruidoso opened the fourth by scoring 14 unanswered points in five minutes to close the gap to 48-44 before

Tiffany Grigg finally converted a free throw for Socorro. Bad passes, traveling violations and missed free throws hampered Socorro in the final period.

The visitors made it 49-48 on a Fleck basket with just under two minutes remaining.

In the final minute and a half, Socorro missed two layups. Ruidoso had a bucket that would have put them ahead called off and got the ball out of bounds instead when a foul was called before the shot. With 16.8 seconds left, Socorro's senior point guard Hignight drained two free throws to set up the exciting ending.

"We didn't have an answer for Fleck," Garcia said. "She's hard to guard out at the high post. It seemed like she had a lot more than 14 points."

Fleck led all scorers with 14. Aguilar added 11, Sara Fromknecht chipped in nine, followed by Mindy Brunell five, Crystal Rojas four, Kammi Sparks three and Billie Maldonado and Carrie Line with two each.

Socorro had three players in double figures, Gallegos with 13 and Grigg and Roberta Smith with 11 each.



J.R. Moore for the Ruidoso News

Ruidoso Warrior Elena Aguilar tries to move around a Socorro Warrior on the way to the basket Tuesday. Ruidoso overcame a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but missed winning by one point. Ruidoso is home tonight against Lovington, beginning at 4 p.m., with the freshman matchup.

Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open
Surface conditions: Skiing is good on open trails on machine-groomed snow.
New snow past 24 hours: 0
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Yes
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 16-27 inches
Trails open: Capitan, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SBT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: Most trails that are open.
Lifts open: Chairs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, including the Kiddie Korral with Pinocchio surface lift.
Hours of operation: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Regular season ticket prices: adults \$40, children \$25.
Ski Apache is open daily through early April. First time skiers and snowboard riders always receive a free lift ticket with this lesson. Sign up at the Ski School desk.

This week

Friday, Jan. 7
Prep boys basketball
Capitan, Carrizozo, at Smokey Bear Tournament, Capitan, TBA
Hondo at home vs. Mescalero, 7 p.m.
Corona at home vs. To'hajilee, 6:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero at Smokey Bear Tournament, Capitan, TBA
Corona at home vs. To'hajilee, 5 p.m.
Prep wrestling
Ruidoso at Navajo Nation Tournament, Shiprock, TBA
Saturday, Jan. 8
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at Portales (V, JV, Fr), 3 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, at Smokey Bear Tournament, Capitan, TBA
Mescalero at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
Hondo at Vaughn, 5:30 p.m.
Corona at home vs. Lake Arthur, 3:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Lovington (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero at Smokey Bear Tournament, Capitan, TBA
Corona at home vs. Lake Arthur, 2 p.m.
Prep wrestling
Ruidoso at Navajo Nation Tournament, Shiprock, TBA
Monday, Jan. 10
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at West Las Vegas (V, JV), 4 p.m.

Scoreboard

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Prep boys basketball
Hondo 65, Gateway Christian 49
Prep girls basketball
Socorro 51, Ruidoso 50
Hondo 52, Gateway Christian 25

On deck

Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program
The Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program is seeking volunteers to work with developmentally disabled and usually impaired school children. The children do one day a week for six consecutive weeks beginning Jan. 24. Volunteers are needed on Mondays and/or Wednesdays during that period. A training clinic is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday and will cover what to expect, how to teach and pointers on personal skiing. The clinic will be held at Ski Apache from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. Volunteers should be strong intermediate skiers, over 18 years old and have access to ski equipment. Lift tickets will be provided for the training clinic as well as on the days when skiing with the children. Completion of the clinic will also certify volunteers as Special Olympic coaches in alpine skiing. Additional training clinics will be held as time and demand permits throughout January. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling Brett at 336-4416 or 354-3191.

Ski Apache gears up for students

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The slopes at Ski Apache are usually full on weekends and holidays, but this year, as in years past, Tuesdays will also be busy. Ski Apache is continuing its school ski program, allowing students from Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo and Tularosa to learn to ski.

"It's a really great deal for the kids," said Frank Cannella, White Mountain Elementary principal and ski program coordinator. "The whole purpose of it is to introduce kids to the sport of skiing."

The program began sometime in the 1980s, although no one remembers exactly when. Recently, there was a five-year hiatus, but last year the program resumed, with more than 2,000 students participating. The good news is that lift tickets, instruction and ski rental are still the same prices they were when the program began years ago.

"The price for a lift ticket for kids in the sixties was \$2 and that's what it is now," Cannella said.

Instruction, which is required for all students new to the sport, is also \$2. Basic rental equipment is \$5, with parabolic (shape) skis and snowboards a bit more.

Cannella said besides getting students interested in the sport, the program is designed to encourage local residents to get out on the slopes.

"As a town, there were less and less people on the slopes," Cannella said. "This really got us charged up again on skiing. Got people from the community to the ski area."

Roy Parker, Ski Apache general manager, said that's why he supports the program.

"What I feel very strongly is it keeps us in touch with the town, because the kids will go home and talk to their parents, most of whom probably don't ski," he said. "Most importantly, I think, is it gives the kids an opportunity to ski. In the wintertime, this town is devoted to a great deal to skiing."

Ski Apache is helped in the program by Ruidoso's ski rental shops, which all participate in the program. Students planning on skiing are encouraged to go to the shop of their choice the week before their first outing, to get fitted and measured for their equipment. Then parents or students can pick up their equipment the Monday night before their adventure.



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Kindergarten through second grade students can learn how to ski at the Kiddie Korral at Ski Apache. The facility will be open during the school program.

This year's program will run each Tuesday from Jan. 25 through Feb. 15. Participating students will be dismissed at lunch, with lift tickets going on sale at 12:30. Students may ski until 4 p.m., what Cannella, himself a skier, calls "a good half day."

All students are encouraged to head to the mountain (students not skiing will be required to stay in school), but participants must have good grades and good attendance.

Parents are also encouraged to participate.

Students must be taken to Ski Apache by personal vehicle (buses will not run to the ski hill), and Cannella encourages parents to either join their offspring on the slopes or at least relax in the lounge.

"We want the parents to participate," he said. "We want the parents up there."

Parents skiing will have to pay full price for lift tickets and rentals. In case of inclement weather, which Cannella said "would be a nice problem to have," Parker will notify the local radio stations to announce a cancellation and the afternoon will be rescheduled.

Home schooled students are welcome to attend, but must contact their district office, and disabled students may participate by contacting the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Association at 886-4416.

Cannella said 80 to 70 percent of Ruidoso students, from kindergarten through high school, participated last year, and he'd like to see at least that many hit the slopes this year.

"Kids and parents are real excited. It's a great deal," he said. "We really want to encourage all the kids to go up there."

Lady Eagles take new year's win

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ROSWELL — Hondo's Lady Eagles (8-6) made their first win of the new year look easy, crushing Gateway Christian 52-26 Tuesday.

"We did a lot better holding them down (than last time)," said coach Julie Montoya. "I felt

like last time we played them, they scored too many points."

The teams were fairly even until the final quarter when Hondo exploded both offensively and defensively, scoring 21 points while holding Gateway to three.

Jessica Candelaria was back on the floor after an injury, leading the Eagles with 15 points. Kristen Romero, a

starter from last year who didn't play the first part of the season, scored 11. Montoya said having her back will help.

"Veterans are always basketball smart, so that helps out a lot. And she has a pretty consistent shot."

Hondo now gets a break before opening district play Jan. 14.

Eagles solid after break

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ROSWELL — Despite being out of shape from the holiday break, the Hondo Eagles (5-5) started the new year with a solid win, cruising to a 65-49 victory over Gateway Christian.

Hondo and the Warriors battled neck and neck through the first half, with the Eagles leading 11-10 after one quarter, and the Warriors taking a slim 23-27 lead into the locker room.

"We struggled," said Hondo coach Paul Qualls. "We weren't ready to play. I'm thankful we didn't play a Hagerman or someone that is much better prepared."

But he gave his team a halftime pep talk, and they came out primed.

"Third quarter was the one I was really looking at," Qualls said. "That was the halftime challenge I gave them — to come out and see how much

better they could really do. And when you allow a team to only score six points in a quarter, you're doing a pretty good job defensively."

The Eagles outscored Gateway 16-6 in the third quarter and 22-15 in the final stanza.

"I knew the offense would be low," Qualls said. "I knew conditioning would be weak, but I wanted hustle and desire out of the team, and I think I got it. I was really happy."

Everybody played, and, for the first time this year, everyone scored. Jerome Greer led the scoring with 21 points, including a trio of treys.

"I put a personal challenge out to Jerome," Qualls said. "This kid ought to be putting in 20 plus points a night. He stepped up to my challenge, and I just hope he'll continue to do that."

The Eagles square off against Mescalero Friday at 7 p.m., then open district Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Vaughn.

District 3A gets early start

BY KAREN BOEHLER
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District play starts early for the Hondo Eagles.

They open 3A action Saturday at Vaughn, and coach Paul Qualls thinks his team will be ready.

"My concern is I don't know enough about Vaughn this year," he said.

"You hear so many different rumors. I know they're a scrappy bunch of kids and they've always played us tough. The challenge we have is just how tough do we want to be? If we're playing to our potential, we're going to be tough to beat. But if we let the other team show up, and we're not ready to play, then just anybody can beat us."

The Eagles were scheduled to work out hard Wednesday and Thursday, trying to get back in condition after the long holiday break. A game tonight against Mescalero will add to that conditioning, then the Eagles have to be ready to go.

Qualls said his team, which didn't lose any players over the break, has to succeed on willpower.

"These kids have to work hard," he said. "They have to work to get the open shot. Our shooting percentage is around 30 percent. We do not shoot the ball well, so if we're not within that paint area shooting, we're in trouble."

He said he'll be putting whoever works hardest on the floor each game, giving the players who want to win most the chance to advance.

"We will win a lot more games on guts and desire than we'll ever win on our talent," Qualls said. "They're going to have to play above their heads, above their talent level, and that's great. They're just going to get better as they go."

The district, which includes Corona, Carrizozo, and Mountainair, has one thing in common, Qualls said.

"As far as I can tell, when you're a small school, most of the time you have to run. So I think every school is going to be an up and down the court school. I really

do believe that the team that is the most disciplined and best conditioned is the team that's going to win the district."

And that's what Qualls expects from his squad.

"I've put the goal out, we do not finish any worse than second and we want to be first place in the district," he said.

"We won't accept anything less than that. We don't want to be surprised by anyone in the district. We're going to take everybody as they're the dukes of our district. We're going to play the best team we can and that's how we're going to consider them. No weak opponents for us."

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3 bedroom/2 bath manufactured home, new condition, fenced, carport, all on 1 1/2 acre on Bonito Rd in the Long Grande area. \$112,000.

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5 Condos for Sale

2-BEDROOM CONDO. one of the nicest two-bedrooms in the mountains with the best location near the race track and new casino. 2 baths with spa tub in master, 2 fireplaces, large deck, interesting floor plan with high ceiling. Completely furnished including all utensils and bedding. 1400 square feet of luxury. \$85,000. Call Layne Preslar, owner/broker, 505-682-6022 or 505-987-2847.

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STARR REALTY 257-4274

716 Mechem Dr. • Ruidoso, NM THIS WEEK'S FEATURE One Meadows Golf Course property. Spectacular views of golf course and Sierra Blanca. Three bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Extra nice, full furnished. Ready to sell - call today. Call 257-4274

6 Mobile Homes for Sale

WIFE IS GONE DOG IS GONE Please buy my home before it's gone too!

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SINGLE PARENT program available for immediate occupancy. 1-800-304-7297 LUV HOMES D00643

7 Houses for Rent

SUPER CLEAN and well kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, unfurnished except for kitchen appliances, has w/d hookups, non-smoking house, easy open floor plan, fireplace. This was the owners "baby" and she had to move so it's had lots of TLC. NO PETS! 114 San Miguel. 2 BEDROOM, 2 bath unfurnished, mobile. Owner is broker, so keeps it in excellent shape. Clean, has kitchen, appliances and washer/dryer, utility room, deck, easy access, pets with owner approval. 126 Randall. Call PAT at Prudential Lela Easter Real Estate 257-7313 or 1-800-630-4597

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NOW AVAILABLE •Condo-2Bd 2 bath, \$800 inc. util. •House-3Bd 2 bath, approx. 2500 sq. ft., \$950. Dogs allowed •House-3Bd 2 bath, approx. 1200 sq. ft. \$800. No Pets •House-3Bd 2 bath, approx 1200 sq. ft. \$850 min/mo., \$950 firm. No Pets •House-3Bd 2 bath, approx. 1100 sq. ft. Unfurn. \$550. No Pets •Call CAROL @ Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors 334-8489 or 1-888-355-3489

9 Mobiles for Rent

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HOUSES: 226 SANDIA DRIVE Spectacularly furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, W/D hookups, built-in fireplace. Reduced to \$695+utilities. NO PETS. 215 VALLEY VIEW CR. What a view! Unfurnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/1-car carport, \$625+utilities. Storage shed. Stove, dishwasher, W/D hookups. No refrigerator. CABINS: 101 CARRIZO CANYON Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Refrigerator, W/D hookups, NO stove, \$525+utilities. On the market, month to month. APARTMENT: 111 RIO ARRIBA RD. Unfurnished 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath with fireplace. Refrigerator and stove. \$625 per month. Includes basic utilities. NO PETS. Call Cindy Lic. #273829 or Kathy Lic. #484728

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18 Business Opportunities

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17 Business Rentals

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FOR RENT We have 2 very nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath furnished condos in White Mountain Meadows. Please call Mark at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786 for more information.

• Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath furnished apartment in great location. \$550 per month - includes utilities. Call Kathy at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786

• Two bedroom, 1 bath house with double garage on 1/2 acre. \$700 per month plus utilities. Call Kathy at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

• Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath unfurnished home in convenient location. All one level. \$750 per month plus utilities. Call Donna at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786. Nightly rentals also available! Please call Kathy at 257-7786.

19 Autos for Sale

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We know sometimes people have difficulties, but we're here to help. Chances are, we can put you in the vehicle of your choice.

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32x44 3 Bedroom • 2 Bath

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LEGAL NOTICES

RESOLUTION NUM. 99-13

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VILLAGE OF CAPITAN
See Resuelto por el cuerpo
gubernativo del Pueblo de
Capitan que:

A. Una eleccion municipal
regular para la eleccion de
oficiales municipales se
llevara a cabo el 7 de Marzo
de 2000. Lugar de votacion
estaran abiertas al publico
entre las horas de las 8:00
a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

B. En la eleccion municipal
regular, individuos seran
elegidos para ocupar los
siguientes cargos electivos:
1. Un Fiscalado por un
termino de cuatro años.
C. El precinto tres (3) para la
eleccion municipal regular.

D. El siguiente localid ad
como localid ad para votar
para llevar a cabo la eleccion
municipal regular:
1. Los votantes en el
Precinto tres (3) votaran en
Lincoln County Fair Building,
101 West Fifth Street, en
Capitan, New Mexico.

E. Votacion en ausencia:
Todo votante calificado de la
Village of Capitan obtendra
unicamente su solicitud para
obtener una balota para votar
en ausencia, unicamente de la
oficina de la Escribana de la
Municipalidad. La Escribana
de la Municipalidad debe
llevar y aceptar todas las
solicitudes para obtener una
balota para votar en ausencia
antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 2
de Marzo de 2000. A partir
de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de
Marzo de 2000, la Escribana
de la Municipalidad
publicamente destruira
todas las solicitudes no
utilizadas. La Escribana de
la Municipalidad aceptara
las solicitudes completadas
por el votante que envia su
balota con el fin de votar
en ausencia que se le
entreguen por correo o en
personal, hasta las 7:00 p.m.
el 2 de Marzo de 2000.

F. Votacion por Anticipado:
La votacion por anticipado
se lleva a cabo en la oficina
de la Escribana de la
Municipalidad, durante las
horas y dias habituales de
lunes a viernes. La votacion
por anticipado empezara el
miercoles, 16 de Febrero
de 2000 y terminara a las
5:00 p.m. el viernes, 3 de
Marzo de 2000.

G. Las personas que despen
registrarse para votar en la
eleccion municipal regular
of Captain shall obtain only
one or her application for an
absentee ballot, only from
the office of the Municipal
Clerk. All applications for an
absentee ballot must be
completed and accepted by the
Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00
p.m., March 2, 2000. After
5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2000,
all unused absentee ballots
will accept completed
absentee ballots delivered by
mail, or in person by the
voter casting the absentee
ballot, until 7:00 p.m. on
March 7, 2000.

F. Early Voting: Early voting
will be conducted in the office
of the Municipal Clerk, during
the regular hours and days of
business, Monday through
Friday. Early voting will begin
on Wednesday, February 16,
2000 and will close at 5:00
p.m. on Friday, March 9,
2000.

G. Persons desiring to register
to vote at the regular
municipal election, must
register with the County Clerk
of Lincoln County not later than
Tuesday, February 8, 2000,
at 5:00 p.m., the date on
which the County Clerk will
close registration books.

H. All Declarations of
Candidates for the Municipal
Clerk shall be filed with the
Municipal Clerk on Tuesday,
January 11, 2000 between
the hours of 8:00 a.m. and
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I. The casting of votes by
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED
THIS 13TH day of December,
1999.

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/s/ Lory Montes, Mayor Pro
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/s/ Debra Ingle, Trustee
/s/ John Whitaker, Trustee
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/s/ Kathryn Griffin
Village Clerk
(SEAL)

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RESOLUTION 99-13
ELECTION RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN
Be it resolved by the governing
body of the Village of
Capitan that:

A. A regular municipal
election for the election of
municipal officers shall be
held on March 7, 2000. Polls
will open at 7:00 A.M. and
close at 7:00 P.M.

B. At the regular municipal
election, persons shall be
elected to fill the following
elective offices:

1. One Trustee for a four
year term.

2. One Trustee for a four
year term.

C. Precinct Three (3) is for
the regular municipal
election.

D. The following location is
designated as the polling
place to conduct the regular
municipal election:

1. Voters in Precinct three
(3) shall vote at Lincoln
County Fair Building, 101
West Fifth Street.

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qualified elector of the Village

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A - 1 Mini Storage Unit #80
Household & Misc Items
Last known owner:
John Steer
3498 San Mateo
Piano, TX 75023

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
A - 1 Mini Storage Unit #17
Household & Misc Items
Last known owner:
Charlene Chatman
PO Box 181
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88345

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
A - 1 Mini Storage Unit #20
Household & Misc Items
Last known owner:
Rosa Jefferson
PO Box 118
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
A - 1 Mini Storage Unit #33
Household & Misc Items
Last known owner:
Chris Bergerson
PO Box 781
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD:
Date: January 22, 2000
Time: 9:00am
Location: A-1 Mini Storage
253 Carrizo Canyon Rd.
Ruidoso, NM 88346
2549 2T(1)7,14

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The Ruidoso Board of
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Route for the Ruidoso
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Transportation Program.
Specifications can be
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Municipal Schools
Administration Office, 200 Horton
Circle, Ruidoso, NM phone
number 505-257-4051.

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Looking Back

Jan. 6, 1950

Canyon Echoes

Dave Parks' skis burned when their home burned not too long before Christmas. One of the biggest Christmas surprises he had was when four of his closest friends, Wade Hedgecoke, Marion Gayden, Armand Ray Clarke and Billy Don Knox, chipped in and got him a new pair, and he tried them out and pronounced them O. K. and the guys who gave them "wonderful friends."

Jan. 8, 1960

**Around Town
by Nosey Waters**

W. D. Horton, local osteopathic physician, got himself in hot water by trying to get the Lions Club to pass a petition asking local Radio Station KYAP to play less rock 'n' roll and "hound dog" records—and give more time to what he termed "better music." The club voted him down, then various members of the club have been calling the radio station for days asking that records of the type that "tires" him be dedicated to him...

Jan. 9, 1970

**McDaniel, Stearns
re-named to county
hospital boards**

Lincoln County Commissioners Don Stark, Holt Lovelace and Charles Jones, agreed Monday during their regular monthly meeting to re-appoint Robert McDaniel and Johnson Stearns as members of the county's hospital boards, subject to their acceptance of the positions.

The terms would be for a 5-year period with Stearns being re-seated on the Lincoln County Municipal Hospital board in Carrizozo and McDaniel being re-seated on the board of the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley General Hospital in Ruidoso.

Jan. 7, 1980

**The Silver Lining
by Daniel Agnew Storm**

On December 30, I was away from the house for a while, and when I came home I found a bag of pine cones and some other fine gifts; and I knew right away that the O'Reilly twins, Mel Dyland and Colm Brian, had come to visit me along with their little brother Patrick Brendan, and their mother and father, Monica and Mel O'Reilly.

New Year's Eve is the seventh birthday of these great little twins, and I am going to wish them a happy birthday this evening. Let us all join in wishing Dylan and Colm many happy returns of the day...

Jan. 8, 1990

**State gets set
to widen Mechem**

Representatives of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department were in Ruidoso on Thursday and Friday conducting a field design inspection of New Mexico Highway 48.

The Highway Department plans to expand Highway 48 into a four-lane roadway from the intersection of Sudderth and Mechem drives to Ski Run Road. Consulting engineer John Shaw said the Highway Department hopes to have the basic dirt work done, with the subgrade and a base course laid down by the summer of 1991.



Editor of the student newspaper at Western New Mexico University, Silver City, in 1985, Catherine Caudle was a brash idealist.

Courtesy



The Rev. Catherine Elaine Caudle

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

'Why' is a legitimate question for a new Presbyterian minister serving in Ruidoso

BY DIANNE STALLINGS,
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A passion for her calling and an acceptance of where that leads her doesn't mean that Catherine Elaine Caudle won't ask "why" when seemingly inexplicable tragedies occur. "I argued with God a lot over the 'why,'" said the new minister of First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso. "I agree it's in God's hands, but I'm not that peaceful with it. I want to know why. I insist on justice and equity for people."

A bright and lively conversationalist, with an engaging smile and disarming honesty about herself, Caudle is one of the few women the local ministry, but says that her vocation has nothing to do with women's liberation.

Born 38 years ago in Moranci, a small town on the Arizona-New Mexico border, where her father worked in management at a copper mine for Phelps Dodge, Caudle spent much of her youth in the company town of Playas between Hatchet Mountain and Animas in far southwestern New Mexico.

"I remember as a kid it was so remote, we were 200 miles from anything," she said. "It was great."

She graduated as valedictorian of her class and attended Western New Mexico University in Silver City during a tumultuous period in its administration. As editor of the school newspaper, she earned a bachelor's degree in 1984 in English and creative writing and a master's degree in 1986.

Her life also presented a special challenge outside of school when she was diagnosed with juvenile onset diabetes. Insulin-dependent, Caudle's type was difficult to control and she faced the prospects of complications

that could include blindness and kidney disease.

"While I was at Western, I edited the newspaper and I always had a cause," Caudle said. "I was always attacking some poor person, always writing nasty editorials and was always mad. I thought I was idealistic."

But one day someone she respected pulled her aside and told her she had so many talents, "what are you doing?"

She started going to church again and regained her grounding.

"It seemed throughout my life, I would head in a direction I chose, but I always was redirected back to the church," she said.

While still in Silver City, she wrote for The Silver City Enterprise newspaper and New Mexico Magazine.

"I wrote features and I was good at writing, but one day I woke up and realized that I didn't know enough to be good," she said. "I quit and went to seminary. Mother was upset. She thought I had a great career going."

"It was a soul-searching moment."

Although she grew up attending church, Caudle said she wasn't aware women could be ministers until a minister at Western planted the seed.

"Stuff happens," she said. "You don't know why. It grabs a hold of you and leads you."

After contacting seminaries in Austin and San Francisco, Caudle opted for the former, noting that "Daddy was a Texan."

But getting there wasn't simple.

On her way out of town, Caudle went to an optometrist for a new pair of glasses. She'd notice some blurring of her vision.

"He told me that very day my eyes could hemorrhage at any mo-

ment and that I had to go to El Paso for laser surgery," Caudle said.

Her minister drove her there and the first surgery was performed. Every Friday for the next year, she had additional laser surgery in Austin.

To keep up her grades and to retain her scholarship, schoolmates read textbooks to her.

Today her vision is nearly normal. "Crises make you get to the bottom of your soul," she said "I've had lots of directive moments like that. I've learned that each day is a gift. This church is a gift."

Once in seminary, "I knew I was doing what I should," Caudle said.

In 1987, when she attended the Austin Theological Seminary, the enrollment was approaching 40 percent women. Today it's between 52 percent to 55 percent.

"I'm not a feminist. I'm a Christian," Caudle said. "Most of the women there then were radical feminists, so most of my mentors are men. The women had so much anger and I just couldn't identify with them."

The lack of importance of gender was brought home even more while she worked as intern chaplain at the Seton Medical Center on the oncology floor.

Her first ministerial assignment was to the Brady Presbyterian Church in Texas in 1991, where she was ordained and installed.

"It is a tiny country church and it did well, grew and blossomed," she said. "There were no women in the ministry anywhere near. There were some walls to climb, but that was O.K. The community ministry accepted me."

But occasionally, she meets resistance because she is a woman.

"If people have a problem with

my gender, I can't solve that," she said. "I do what I do. I was called to do this."

She was happy in Brady, where she owned a home, raised horses and spent nine years until the telephone rang one day and W.T. "Bill" Turner, her high school principal from Animas, was on the line.

"I hadn't talked to him in 20 years," she said. "He's in the church leadership and wanted to know how I was doing. I guess he picked up that I was fairly restless."

He invited her to look at some churches in the area and she did — in Texas — but the each possibility fell apart until Turner called about Ruidoso.

Caudle is confident her training and past experience on the Presbyterian general council will serve the church well. Her talents as a writer also are used in putting together sermons, curriculum and officer training.

Her mother now lives in Roswell.

Coming into a new church and knowing what it needs takes time, Caudle said.

"I'm old fashioned," Caudle said. "I visit. I spend time in their homes, stop at the hospital and get to know people."

"I'm here for them — in the office and in the pulpit. I love them and we'll work through it."

"The community is experiencing growing pains and the church reflects that," she said. "We're full on Sundays. We have a building committee and we're thinking about how to expand and how we can afford to expand."

"I think the proof of any pastor is time. That will show how the church and the people respond."

L.C.M.C. BIRTHS

Babies born at Lincoln County Medical Center between Nov. 5 and Dec. 9, 1999, are as follows:

Nov. 5 - A son, Aldo Fabian Cardenas, to Rosa and Anselmo Cardenas Jr., 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 1/4 inches long.

Nov. 6 - A daughter, Kylee Rose Flowers, to Melissa Flowers, 8 pounds, 12.7 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long.

Nov. 8 - A son, Sebastian George Polendo, to Mirna Rodriguez, 7 lbs, 13.1 ounces, 20b inches long.

Nov. 8 - A son, Triston Don Bomer, to Linda and Michael Bomer, 7 pounds, 2.5 oz, 19 inches long.

Nov. 11 - A son, Miguel Angel Aleman, to Zulema Aleman, 10 pounds, 6 ounces, 23 inches long.

Nov. 14 - A daughter, Casey Nicole White, to

Stephen and Jaclynn White, 5 pounds, 13.1 ounces, 19 inches long.

Nov. 14 - A daughter, Katerina Thoksakis, to Barbara and Nikos Thoksakis, 7 pounds, 9.6 ounces, 20 inches long.

Nov. 15 - a daughter, McKenzie Aliza Saenz, to Priscilla Rojas, 6 pounds, 13.7 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long.

Nov. 16 - A daughter, Kaitlyn Alexis Renee Anderson Guill, to Stephanie Anderson, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, 20 inches long.

Nov. 16 - A daughter, Raelynn Rose McGoosh, to Catherine Trujillo, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, 20 inches long.

Nov. 17 - A son, Antonio Jesus Gomez, to Jose and Evangelina Gomez, 8 lbs, 13.6 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long.

Nov. 18 - A son, Kyle James Bradburn, to Richele

Kaydahzinne, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, 19 inches long.

Nov. 18 - A daughter, Camron Julie Ann Baca, to Crystal and John Baca, 8 pounds, 12.7 ounces, 21 1/4 inches long.

Nov. 19 - A daughter, Jaque Brianne Clemmins, to Rebecca Clemmins, 6 pounds, 3.2 ounces, 18 1/2 inches long.

Nov. 23 - A daughter, Caroline Alaire Wright, to Crystal Wright, 6 pounds, 11.9 ounces, 19 inches long.

Dec. 4 - A son, Diego Andres Chavira, to Virginia and Juan Chavira, 9 pounds, 1.5 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 6 - A daughter, Aubrey Amanda Renteria, to Sahra Montoya, 6 pounds, 11.8 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 7 - A son, Isaiah Dreamer Fay Pineda, to Katherin Fay, 8 pounds, 7.2 ounces, 20 inches long.

**Ruidoso woman appointed
to Bridge League committee**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Billie Mitchell of Ruidoso was recently appointed to the National Goodwill Committee of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

The Goodwill Committee is one of the most active arms of the bridge organization and has made major contributions in many areas—for the hard-of-hearing, for Active Ethics in bridge, for increased personal responsibility and more happy faces at the bridge table.

Mitchell, a secretary and housewife, is a Diamond Life Master, holding more than 5,000 masterpoints.

She serves on the board of directors of the Alamogordo bridge chapter and has served as chairperson for sectional

tournaments. "In a new town, the best way to make friends is to go to church and the bridge club," said Mitchell.

The American Contract Bridge League is headquartered in Memphis, Tenn. It conducts more than 1,000 bridge tournaments each year, including three 11-day North American Bridge Championships, for duplicate bridge players throughout North America who number more than 200,000.

Also, nearly 4,000 bridge clubs are affiliated with the ACBL. The league estimates that more than 15 million people play bridge throughout the North American continent.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

Best Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sudderth, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday:
6 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy
220, 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev.
James Crowder, 336-4090.

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
Clifford, Pastor. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Praise and Worship
Services: 9:15 a.m. - Continental
Breakfast; 9:45 a.m. - Sunday
School/Bible Study; 11 a.m. -
Worship Service; 6 p.m. - Prayer/Worship
Service, and 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-Sch OMT. Jr. High School
Fellowship and Bible Study, and
Adult Bible Study and Prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secret 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, 649-2853. Father Dave
Briggs, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 8:30
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
(Mescaleros of Christ)
Hull and Cavilan 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 Spotsman, 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
Schilke, 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.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659.
257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30
p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Mon-
day. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m. Service:
Meet 8:20 p.m.
Congregacion Hispana
de los Testigos de Jehova
104 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659.
336-7076. Dom.: Reunion Publica
10 a.m.; Encuentro de la Acalaya 10:50
a.m.; Mart: Escuela del Ministerio
Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de ser-
vicio: 7:50 p.m.; Juev: Estudio de libro
7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD
Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; 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
Diner. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship:
8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.
Capitan United Methodist
Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United
Methodist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike to
attend Bible study Sunday morning at
8:30, followed by worship service at
9:10. Communion is offered during
worship on the first Sunday of every
month, and a potluck luncheon is
served the third Sunday at 12:30.
White Oaks and Third in Capitan,
505-648-2846.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - Carrizozo, Tom Woodward,
Pastor. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;
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Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed
Mescaleros. Bob Schrie, Pastor. Sun-
day Church school 9:30 a.m. wor-
ship: 10:30 a.m. Mon: Junior High
school 6:30 p.m. Wed: High school
meeting 7 p.m. Thur: Kids Club
(grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST
Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
Downs, 278-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle
443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morrow 624-1206. Sunday: Sab-
bath school 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-
vice 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

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

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday:
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 Schizas's Deli. Capitan
Jr. High and Sr. High Youth
Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Com-
munity Fellowship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS

Adults Anonymous Health Disorder
Self-Help Support Group
7 p.m. first and third Thursday 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.

Al-Nahon of Ruidoso
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gate-
way Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso,
257-7124.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the
Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso,
257-9397.

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

Altruism Club
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every
month for program and as noon the
third Tuesday of every month for
lunch at the Episcopal Church of the
Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail,
258-4851.

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

American Legion
Robert J. Nelson, Post 79
7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the
American Legion Building at U.S.
Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso
Downs, 257-5778.

American Scouting Guild of RN
Neighborhood group meeting, 258-
3896.

B.O.E. No. 2086
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thurs-
days 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
7-9:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount, 420-1487.

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

Choir Group
6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso
Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool.
258-3621.

Christian Horsemanship Association
336-1341, phn@lookingglass.net,
www.christianhorsemanship.org

Co-Dependence 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 in the VFW Post 686 Ausu-
lary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

Daughters of the American
Revolution
Second Thursday of the month Sept.
through May. For more information
call 258-5878 or 258-3622.

Disabled American
Veterans Coe-Curry Chapter 23
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every
month in the American Legion Hall
at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso
Downs, 257-5796.

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

Family Crisis Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

Fraternal Order of Police
Lodge #26
Meets at K-Bo'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 Smokey-Capitan, Inc.
12:30 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Cafe
in Capitan. The public is welcome to
attend all meetings and events.

Gambler's Anonymous
3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway
Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth
Drive, Ruidoso (rear entrance). For
more information call 257-9228.

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.

Humans Society of Lincoln County
10 a.m. the third Saturday of every
month at the Ateo County Club.

Mids Club
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gate-
way Church at 415 Sudderth. 257-
4581 or 378-1113

Nevada Club
Noon every Tuesday at K-Bo'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-
days of each month in the parish hall
of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church.
William F. Stuer, grand knight.

La Junta E.C.E.
10:35 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 Masonic Family Build-
ing, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
6:30 every Thursday for social time
of varied program. Additional activi-
ties are also planned for weekends.
354-9636 www.hogal.com/cvncg

Lincoln County Bird Club
Meets once a month. 257-5152

Lincoln County Democratic Party
Meets once a month. 257-9090

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 Tues-
day of each month at the Texas Club.
6 p.m. Board of Directors meeting.
257-9090

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary
9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every
month in the LCMC conference
room.

Lincoln County Prides
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-Bo's on Highway 70.
258-3252

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every
month at the Lincoln County Fair
Building in Capitan, 354-1263

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.

Urs International
Evening Lions Club
Lunch in the Lions Hut on Skyland
behind Mountain Laundry for supper.
258-4708

Masonic Lodge #78
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 Sci-
ence Education Building, 800-545-
4021

Narcotics Anonymous
Meets 6:00 a.m. Tuesday at Gateway
Church, 415 Sudderth, entrance be-
hind church, 378-5621, P.O. Box
1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346.

National Association of Retired
Federal Employees, Chapter 1379
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every
month at the Ruidoso Senior Citiz-
ens Center, 258-3493 or 378-4669

New Mexico Christian
Horsemanship Association
Trail rides, Bible Study, fellowship
activities, Christian programs. For
more information on membership
and volunteer positions for the 1998
summer please call 805-336-4675

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

Noble Waters Sertoma Club
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday
of the month at K-Bo's. For more
information call Evelyn Shaw at
257-3479

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

Order of the Eastern Star
Ruidoso Chapter #665
7:30 the second Tuesday of every
month in 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

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

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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 at
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.)

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4757, 354-8036

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Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club
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1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of
each month Sept. through May in
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month at various locations. 258-
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Ruidoso Photographic Club
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every month at the Ruidoso Public
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Ruidoso Shrine Club
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Job-hunting is a computerized operation at the state's "one stop shop" in Ruidoso, as these job-hunters demonstrate. James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

The New Mexico Works Program seeks to move families from public assistance benefits to employment, and includes job apprenticeship.

Ruidoso offers a free 'one-stop shop' for job seekers

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Unemployed Lincoln County residents can find more than just a jobless claims office in Ruidoso. The state Department of Labor, combined with Lincoln County Works, also is in the employment search and job training business.

The center, which has been in new offices for the past five months, takes on the role of "everything labor."

"I think through word of mouth the unemployed know where to come," said Susie Harrison, who single-handedly runs the local New Mexico Department of Labor office. "Employers need to be aware of the

office." The Lincoln County Works Center, at 707 Mechem Drive, in the Ruidoso State Bank north building, boasts an array of services, from the New Mexico Works Program, which seeks to move families from public assistance benefits to employment, to the New Mexico Apprenticeship program.

"It's a one-stop shop," Harrison said of her office, and the other agencies at the center.

While unemployed persons can file for jobless benefits, there is also the ability to review job openings

"I want to instill a sense of pride in those who have lost a job."

Susie Harrison,
Employment interviewer

listed with the Department of Labor.

"There are local jobs, statewide, nationwide, even worldwide," said Harrison, of the employment opportunities that are available for viewing on a computer terminal.

Those looking for work can also post their "help available" information on the system.

"ALEX, the automated labor exchange search system, assists people in finding jobs, or upgrading," said Harrison.

Currently 20 Ruidoso area jobs are listed on the local system. Har-

rison said more employers looking for workers need to use the system. "They (employers) have something here that's totally free. It doesn't cost them a dime."

Businesses looking to add workers can easily get their job openings listed on the ALEX system. Harrison said a telephone call to the local Department of Labor office will bring a fast fax job order form that can be filled out and faxed back to the office.

The information is then entered into the computer system, which checks for any qualified job seekers that are on file. Potential employees, locally or statewide, can also view the job listing.

Those wishing to become part

of the labor force here can find more than just job listings on a computer screen.

The center has books and audio cassettes on how to search for a job and word processing computers that allow job hunters to assemble a resume. "They can learn how to put together a top quality resume and have it printed out here," Harrison said.

Harrison, who is categorized as an employment interviewer with the department, feels her role goes beyond just what is available to job hunters. "Quality is number one, not quantity. I want to instill a sense of pride in those who have lost a job. They're sometimes down on their luck," she said.

Lincoln unemployment rate lowest in region and below state's average

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The ranks of the unemployed fell slightly in November, according to numbers released this week by the New Mexico Department of Labor.

In Lincoln County the jobless rate dipped to 4.5 percent. Statewide the not-seasonably-adjusted unemployment rate stood at 5.5 percent.

New Mexico labor department analyst Jerry Bradley said the state's employment and unemployment numbers both have fallen. "Locally, your unemployment rate is very low for a rural county," he said.

Lincoln County's November rate of 4.5 percent com-

pares with the October level of 4.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 4.6 percent.

In Otero County, the most recent labor department numbers pin the jobless rate at 5.4 percent. That matched the November, 1998, percentage, and was just one-tenth of a point higher than the month before.

In Chaves County, which has been hit by significant manufacturing layoffs the past 1 1/2 years, the November rate was 7.2 percent. October was 7.4 percent. In November of 1998 the jobless rate was 10.9 percent.

"In Lincoln County, you're in a transitional period, between tourism seasons," Bradley said. He anticipated the December jobless figure

will likely decline, based on past history.

Statewide, the 5.5 percent jobless rate for November was just slightly lower than a month earlier. It did represent a half-point drop from November, 1998, when New Mexico's unemployment rate stood at 6 percent.

"We're losing labor force," Bradley said. "Both the employment and unemployment numbers were down in November."

Looking toward the new year, Bradley said the state is forecasting job growth of 1 1/2 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999 through the third quarter of 2000. That would equate to the creation of 10,000 new jobs statewide.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New owners in charge at Village Hardware

A long-time Ruidoso retailer is under new ownership. Village Hardware and Paint Co., Inc. and Village TV and Appliance, owned by Larry and Doris Langford, were sold to Marty and Castell Martell, according to a letter issued by the Langfords. The new owners relocated to Ruidoso from Brownsville, Texas.

"It's a beautiful place. We've vacationed here before," said Marty Martell. He added that Ruidoso was tops on their list when considering a new home and purchase of a business.

The Ace Hardware location had been owned by the Langfords for the past 21 years.

The business will operate

until the title CMM Inc., d/b/a Village Hardware.

New Web site promotes southeastern N.M.

ALBUQUERQUE — A new Web site called www.nm-tourism.com, has been launched to provide visitors to the site a sense of the richness and diversity of the southeastern region of New Mexico.

The site includes information on the variety of cultural, historic, family oriented, and natural resources available throughout the region.

The site is a resource for those seeking to learn about about the region.

It has links to a number of area chambers of commerce, and reports special events, festivals, and attractions such as the Carlsbad Caverns Na-

tional Park, Ruidoso's Ski Apache, and guided tours of the White Sands National Monument.

The site also is linked to the New Mexico Department of Tourism.

New customer service manager at TNMP

A 15 year employee of Texas-New Mexico Power Company has been promoted to customer service manager for Eastern New Mexico.

The utility this week announced Herb Delone is the new customer service manager for the region, which includes Ruidoso and Alamogordo.

The promotion was effective immediately, according to Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

CAMPOS VIEWS THE 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Issues: Education, compacts, lottery short-fall, drug legalization

BY PETE CAMPOS
STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 8

It's that time again. The pundits and prognosticators are all making predictions about what subjects will be addressed during the 80-day legislative session. The process is particularly challenging for sessions in even-numbered years, since the agenda is largely set by the governor. Other than budget issues and vetoed bills from last year, the legislature can consider only items on the governor's call, and he hasn't given any hints so far.

Still, with a bit of educated guessing, we can get a pretty good idea of what to expect. Corrections issues will certainly come up, starting with a report from the independent board of inquiry appointed to audit both privately run and state-run prisons.

Once this report is delivered, we will take a hard look at how our prisons are run. Is it cost-effective to have facilities run by private, for-profit,

contractors? Can they coexist with state-run facilities... Do we need to consider the construction of a new "super-max" facility of our own, rather than continuing to ship our worst offenders out of state? ... Bickering is not the solution.

Another issue likely to come up is the governor's interest in legalizing certain drugs. Considering the number of people in our prisons today for drug-related offenses, taking the lives of others because of drugs or for property crimes committed in order to pay for drugs, legalization is not the answer. My gut feeling is that it's not right for New Mexico, particularly from a health standpoint.

Instead of legalization, we should continue to focus on a proactive approach, based on prevention, education, treatment, and a more extensive skills development initiative to defuse the dependence on the distribution or use of harmful or illegal drugs.

We will also be called upon to approve a new set of compacts with the

various Native American tribes that operate casinos in the state. Under the current compacts, each tribe is required to pay 18 percent of its winnings to the state in the form of revenue sharing. Most, however, have refused to do so, claiming the state's share is simply too high. The new compacts call for a sliding scale, ranging from 3 to 7 percent. While the tribes have agreed to pay the lower rates, the new compacts must be approved by the legislature before going into effect.

Another issue related to gambling is the decline in revenue being generated by the state lottery. Due to increased prize payouts and decreased ticket sales, revenue from the lottery is failing to meet projected levels. As a result, we will see a shortfall in the money needed to fund the Lottery Success Scholarship program.

Currently, 40 percent of lottery revenues go into the scholarship fund, with the remainder earmarked for public school capital improvements. One option being considered

would use 100 percent of the lottery revenues for scholarships. Another... is simply decreasing the amount of the scholarship awards. Which ever option the legislature chooses, one thing is certain: we must continue to fund scholarships that have been so instrumental in helping New Mexico students get an affordable education.

As I see it, let's start the year 2000 with education. There are four areas we should focus on: First, we need to put more money into preparation, professional development, and retention of our teachers, from pre-kindergarten through secondary education.

For the next decade, we will face a shortage of up to 18,500 teachers in New Mexico. Unless we make some major changes in teacher compensation, this situation will only get worse. We will continue to lose hundreds of teachers to neighboring states and private industry each year.

Along with better pay, we need to enhance... mentoring of new teachers.

The next area of concern: Adequate books and instructional materials. At the same time, we need to incorporate vocational technology programs into our public schools, particularly in the rural communities.

The third major area... is capital outlay for schools. ... We must invest more in the classrooms or in buildings in dire need of renovation.

Finally, we need to invest in early childhood education. Studies consistently show that those children who get an early start on learning to read tend to do better throughout their academic careers. This is particularly true of children from low-income households, which makes it that much more important for a state like ours.

If we can focus our strategic planning and new revenues on these areas, I believe we will go a long way toward achieving the goal of giving every child in New Mexico a solid educational foundation on which to build a future.

Era of cooperation bodes well for cancer research

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — In the new millennium, cooperation rather than keen-eyed competition may signal a new era of federally funded research for the nation's top scientists who develop and study mouse models of cancer. Such models have revolutionized the ability to probe mammalian biology and human disease. In a bold strategy, a University of North Carolina scientist will share the helm of the Mouse Models of Human Cancer Consortium, a cooperative of 19 university-based research teams from around the nation, each individually funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

"It's really very exciting. It's a paradigm shift in the way most people do science," said Dr. Terry Van Dyke, professor of biochemistry and biophysics at UNC-CH School of Medicine. "Most who do science do so independently, are worried about the competition and

who gets the credit. Now each team will have some money to work on their own animal models, and pursue their own individual ideas, but will also participate in a larger scale co-operative group.

"There will be extensive sharing of ideas, results and reagents. Furthermore there will be a concerted effort to develop useful technologies and technical support strategies that will benefit the research community at large. For example, if I generate a brain cancer model and another group wants to conduct pre-clinical drug trials, then that model is made available to them."

According to Van Dyke, a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, the consortium concept arose after NCI director Dr. Richard Klausner challenged national experts to recommend ways to speed research findings in utilizing the powerful mu-

tant mouse technology. He particularly wanted recommendations for using the mouse to learn more about human cancer development with the aim to develop predictive models and to provide an avenue for pre-clinical drug and diagnostics testing.

Although mouse model technology had tremendously advanced the basic science of cancer genetics, more information was still needed to answer some crucial questions.

"Not enough work has been done to say a particular type of cancer in the mouse model is like this cancer in humans, or in what ways it is like a cancer in humans," said Van Dyke a leading scientist in mouse models research.

"Moreover, a cancer in the mouse and in humans may have similar genetics but different biologies, or different genetic behaviors and similar biological behaviors. Extensive work needs to be done to

find out," Van Dyke said.

The recommendations to NCI would come from several working groups, headed by Dr. Doug Hanahan of the University of California San Francisco and Robert Horvitz of MIT, including one on pre-clinical mouse models, co-chaired by Van Dyke.

"Among our recommendations was the need for a funding mechanism that would target animal models research," she said. "Access to at least a core set of technology also was needed. We said it's not efficient for each lab to develop their own set of technology, to seek out their own collaborators, and for NIH to fund each of these individually."

"We recommended that it would be far more efficient to bring a consortium of people together, identify their needs, and fund those needs in a cohesive fashion. This would ultimately

benefit the entire research community."

And that was the model chosen. Independent teams would compete for funding, each based around a type of cancer or on technology development. "At the outset, the idea was that NIH would select five or six teams to form the consortium. In the end they were so excited by the proposals that 19 were funded," Van Dyke said. "So now 19 groups make up the consortium, and Klausner has asked me and Dr. Tyler Jacks of MIT to serve as co-chairs."

Dr. Dinah Singer, director of NCI's Division of Cancer Biology, says the consortium "is an extraordinary opportunity that should greatly improve our ability to understand the process of malignant transformation and should also enhance our ability to evaluate a range of biomarkers prior to their clinical use."

Alcoholism treatment impinged by insurance limits

SEATTLE, Wash. — Concerns about the legal right of insurance companies to deny patients coverage for injuries due to alcohol use may be discouraging physicians from screening and counseling their patients on the risks of alcoholism, according to a study by physicians at Harborview Medical Center here to be published in the January 2000 issue of the Journal of Trauma.

Impairment caused by consumption of alcohol is a leading factor in trauma, with studies showing that as many as 50 percent of trauma patients have positive blood alcohol levels at the time of their injuries. When trauma patients are screened for alcoholism, as many as 44 percent test positive for chronic alcohol abuse, making it the most common chronic illness among

these patients.

"Our research has found that brief, motivational interventions in the trauma center setting can be effective in reducing a patient's drinking afterwards," explains Dr. Frederick Rivara, a University of Washington (UW) professor of pediatrics, director of the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center and principal investigator in the study.

Despite this fact, the current study shows that physicians are reluctant to have such discussions with patients out of a concern that insurance companies will deny coverage to patients whose medical records indicate they were impaired by alcohol at the time of their injuries. This perception, Rivara says, is well-founded.

"Unfortunately, physi-

cians' concerns about the implications of screening for alcohol abuse appears to be based on the firm legal reality that exists in most states," Rivara explains. "In these states, an insurance carrier can deny a claim for coverage of injuries sustained under the influence of alcohol just as the carrier can deny coverage for self-inflicted wounds after a suicide attempt."

While acknowledging that broadening insurance coverage to include care of injuries involving alcohol would adversely affect the premiums paid by others, Rivara points out that alcohol abuse and dependency is a disease, and insurance premiums should be based on risk sharing for all diseases.

Rivara and his fellow researchers outline new strategies for providing screening

and counseling for trauma patients with alcohol abuse and dependency, among them:

- Change statutes to prohibit exclusion of insurance coverage for injuries due to alcohol use. A similar legal change has been done nationally to end the practice of excluding coverage for "pre-existing conditions."

- Require alcohol screening for all trauma patients, as has been done in Connecticut, where hospitals must now establish protocols for screening these patients for alcohol and substance abuse.

- Record information about alcohol abuse on a separate part of the medical record.

- Assign specific chemical-dependency counselors to screen all patients.

- Change hospital "consent of care" forms to not give blanket information to outside agencies, such as insurance companies.

Protein gene in women found to promote cancer growth

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — A gene for a protein that fuels lung cancer growth is more active in women than in men, according to a report by a University of Pittsburgh-led research team, which also discovered that nicotine found in cigarettes induces gene activity.

Their report, published in the Jan. 5 issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, offers the first biological explanation for the greatly increased risk women face versus men in developing lung cancer. If substantiated in future studies, this research could provide a marker for predicting which women are most likely to develop the disease or pre-cancerous changes.

The research team found in women an increase in the expression of the gene for gastrin-releasing peptide receptor

(GRPR), which is found on the surface of cells lining the lung. When stimulated by its hormone, gastrin-releasing peptide, GRPR triggers cell proliferation typically seen in lung cancer. The Pittsburgh-based research team also discovered that nicotine found in cigarettes stimulates expression of the GRPR gene in lung cells.

"Our research strongly suggests that women are likely to develop lung cancer after much less smoking exposure than men and much earlier in life, regardless of their smoking history," said Sharon Shriver, Ph.D., principal investigator on the study who is now an instructor of biology at the University Park campus of Pennsylvania State University. "The take-home message, especially for teenage girls, is that they should stop smoking or, better yet, never start."

Prior reports have suggested various molecular markers associated with an increased risk in women smokers; however, ours is the first study to provide a mechanism for cancer promotion in this population," said Jill Siegfried, Ph.D., senior author on the paper. "This study also validates previous population studies suggesting that women are at substantially increased risk of smoking-related lung cancer."

The scientists looked at normal lung tissue samples from 38 women and 40 men, including 58 patients with lung cancer. They found that 55 percent of the non-smoking and 75 percent of women with less than 25 pack-years of smoking expressed a precursor of the GRPR protein. A pack-year is one package of 20 cigarettes smoked each day for one year. By contrast, none of the male nonsmokers and only 20 percent of men with a 25 pack-year or less smoking history expressed a precursor indication.

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ON THE COVER



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

THE ARTWORK OF OLIVER ENJADY is on exhibit at the Ruidoso Public Library, showing his unique style in celebrating the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the importance of prayer. For more on Enjady and his work, please see page 3D.

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The Arts

The painted prayer

story and photos by Dianna Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although Oliver Enjady's name in 1999 was associated more with politics on the Mescalero Apache Reservation than art, it is his work on canvas that provides the fuel for his life.

See ENJADY, page 4D

OLIVER ENJADY'S PAINTING, "Tribute to the Herd," greets visitors as they descend the staircase in the Ruidoso Public Library.



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THE ARTS

ENJADY

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"APPROACH OF ANOTHER DAY," one of Enjady's latest paintings, uses the hand theme to depict an early morning camp scene and the time of morning blessings.

A gifted painter who refuses to label his art, Enjady has put together a 24-painting exhibit, much of it new work, that opens Saturday at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Visitors will have a chance to meet the artist from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the library on Kansas City Street off Cree Meadows Drive next to village hall.

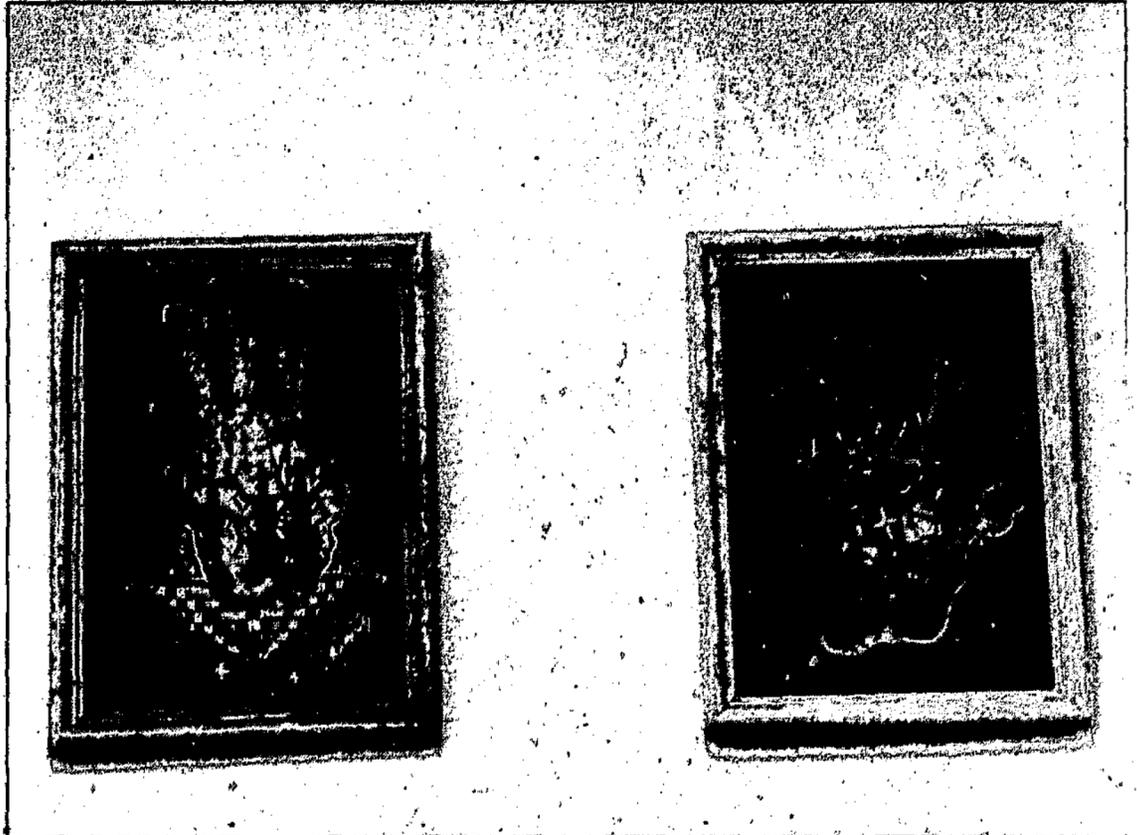
The show will hang through February.

"This show is important to me, because I've never had a major

show in Ruidoso and I wanted to share these works with the community," Enjady said. "I've been doing a lot of new things."

"Up There Where the Waters Flow," is a haunting scene of Sierra Blanca Peak. One series of smaller paintings depict symbolic objects within palm prints. Hands often play an important role in Enjady's work.

"When we pray, we lift our hands up," he said, pointing to "The Basket Blessing," an especially appealing vertical piece with



TWO SMALL PAINTINGS are part of a series focusing on symbolic objects in hand prints.

hands reaching toward a basket, a symbol of the center of ceremonies and the universe.

His paintings deal "with the things around us we need to pay attention to," Enjady said.

He learned to pay attention while drawing as a child with his father, Wallace Enjady.

One weekend, when the two were sketching on typing paper, which was less expensive than art supplies, Enjady looked over at his father's picture and pointed out that he had improperly put Indian warriors on quarter horses. Apaches didn't have quarter horses.

"My father looked at me and said, 'They stole them,'" Enjady said.

From that exchange, Enjady said he understood that an artist can mix reality and fantasy, the real world and the spiritual world.

His paintings blend the real and imagined flawlessly

Ideas for his paintings may flow from a story he hears, may invade his sleep at night or his thoughts while driving, but most are tied to Mescalero culture and history.

A graduate of the Institute of American Arts in 1970, Enjady has painted professionally for the past 30 years.

Former Mescalero tribal council member and tribal vice president, Enjady said he enjoys watching people when they see his work for the first time.

If they are caught in mid-step, he knows he has accomplished the most elemental requirement of art, to grab viewers and cause them to contemplate, if only for a moment.

From April through June, Enjady's work will be on display at

the Mescalero Cultural Center in Mescalero. He also is looking ahead to a September show at the Roswell Museum, which will hang until February 2001. An exhibit at the Pittsburgh Fine Arts Center is coming up, but no firm date has been set, he said.

One of Enjady's paintings depicting dancing mountain gods was chosen in November 1997 as the promotional poster for the 21st Annual Indian Market sponsored by the Pueblo Grande Museum and the City of Phoenix.

Posters of Enjady's work are \$15, prices of paintings range from \$90 for smaller pieces to \$1,200.



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Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790
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Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699
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Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.
An alternative gallery featuring exclusively "Ruidoso's Winter Moon" and Sierra Blanca Art and Lincoln County artists. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, Izzy Jones, Bernice Lnadrum, Marcia Bizeau and Bear Tiews, Rick Hall, Marty Lane, Billie Long, Laurel Appel, Barbara Culler, TR. Fussell, Falling Rock Pottery, and showcasing Crystals Glass Sculptures by Anaya Lynn. Open Mon-Fri, 10-5 and Sat., 10-2.

Gary D. Garrett

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6977
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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.
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The Montano Store

Hwy. 390, 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

2590 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748
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Red Rose Art Studio

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Rio Street Gallery

Located in Midtown at Ill Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844

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Rizzo Studio

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Spring Canyon Gallery

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

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.
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320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.
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2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.
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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.

Reception for 'Free Spirits' set for Saturday

A reception for the juried Free Spirits Juried Fine & Decorative Art Show & Sale at the Hubbard Museum of the American West will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. The show will run through March 19.

James Moore, director of the Albuquerque Museum, the juror of the 79-piece show, will announce three awards for fine art and three awards for decorative art at 6:45 p.m.

The exhibit includes watercolors, oils, pencil sketches, pastels, mixed media, stone, fiber weavings, decorative art woodwork, cabinetry, quilts, bronzes, intaglios, silk scarves and stained glass from artists throughout New Mexico. Many of the pieces are from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, San Patricio, Carrizozo, Nogal and Lincoln.

Rice is Ruidoso's first Chamber artist of the century

During the month of January, the works of Jerry Rice are being displayed at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive. Rice has lived in the area for more than 16 years and is perhaps best known for his pastel, "Hot Lips, the Purple Heifer." His work has shown at numerous local galleries and exhibits throughout the state. He has worked in different mediums, including acrylics, watercolors and pastels, as well as sculpting in bronze. Rice's latest works, however, represent a departure from past references and subject matter. His recent works are pastel landscapes and skyscapes. Southwest traditions, aesthetics, environment and culture are factors that his influenced his particular approach to art.

Carrizozo artist featured at Flickinger

The Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce as the January lobby artist Polly E. Chavez.

Chavez is a *santera* (santo maker). She paints *retablos* (painting on wood). Chavez has researched all aspects of the santo religious art form. The inspirational source for her traditional and contemporary *retablos* stem from her ancestral religious traditions and culture. Like the *santeros* of colonial times, she has no formal art training. She has observed historical religious imagery in museums; researched written *santo* history; self-studied saint iconography and the meaning of associated symbols.

The life-long Carrizozo native has had her *retablos* exhibited at the Lincoln Heritage Trust at Lincoln, ENMU-Ruidoso, Eagle Ranch Gallery in Alamogordo, and has participated in shows from Albuquerque to El Paso.

Chavez's *retablos* will be on display at the Flickinger Center, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo, from 9-5, Monday through Friday, for the month of January.

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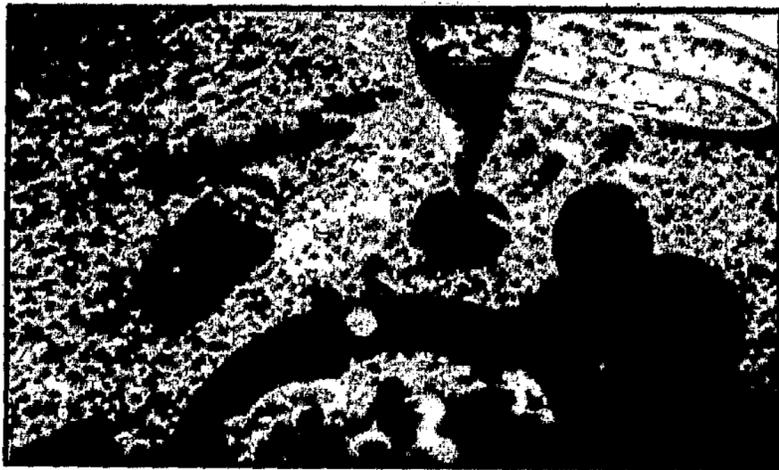
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Cattle Baron

Sensational steaks, seafood and a \$46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
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 Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
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 Thurs., 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.

Your Restaurant

A description of your restaurant could be here, informing readers about the tasty fare and daily specials at your restaurant. If you have a unique menu selection or great atmosphere, this is the place to advertise your business. For information on how to have your restaurant listing in the Vámonos Dining Guide, call Michelle, Christine or Linda at 257-4001.

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
 Hours:
 Breakfast 7-11 a.m.
 Sunday Brunch noon-3p.m.
 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Dinner Mon.-Sun. 6-9 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub

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

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

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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: Fri. & Sat: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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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 items including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb,

and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

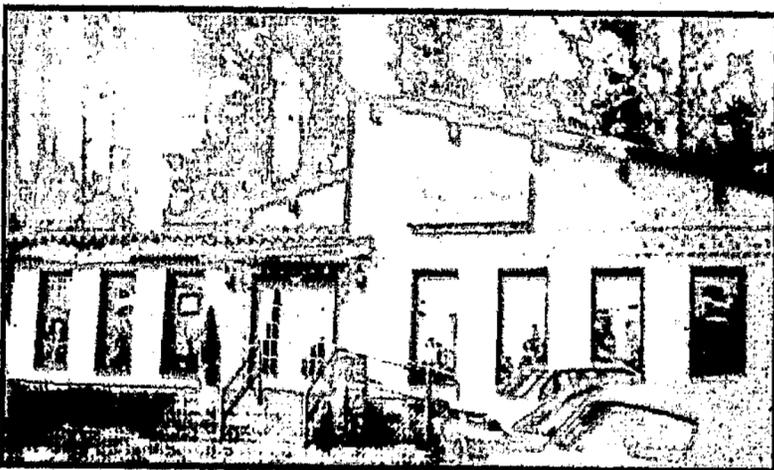
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: ... 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

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

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



Texas Club Grill & Bar

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

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

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dining guide

GOING OUT

VAMONOS!



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

THE RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL BAND gears up to play with legendary trumpet player Joe Burgstaller at a Community Concert.

A class act with world class

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso High School 24-Karat Gold Band will perform with trumpet player Joe Burgstaller at the Community Concert Series performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 at the First Christian Church on Hull Road.

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music

Win, Place & Show

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

The Quarters

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

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night; piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday; 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Lighthouse

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

performances

'Billy the Kid' returns to Lincoln

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Visitors Center in historic Lincoln there will be a free showing of the 1940's movie "The Outlaw," Howard Hughes' Western drama portaying the story of gunslinger Billy the Kid and lawman Pat Garrett. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For further details contact the Hubbard Museum of the American West at (505) 378-4142 or (800) 263-5929.

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, 7 p.m.*

Bicentennial Man

Rated: PG

Show times: 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:45 p.m.*

Stuart Little

Rated: G

Show times: 3:15 p.m., 5 p.m.

Galaxy Quest

Rated: PG

Show times: 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.*

* Friday and Saturday only

For more on the movies, see page 9D.



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BAND MEMBERS say their excited about Burgstaller's visit.

BAND

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The band will perform two pieces with Burgstaller, after spending two school days with him in "masterclasses" and seminars.

Burgstaller tours the world with the acclaimed brass quintet and percussion group, Meridian Arts Ensemble.

The internationally acclaimed trumpet player did his undergraduate and graduate studies at Arizona State University, where the Rafael Méndez Library was established in 1993 honoring the famed trumpet player of the early last century.

Burgstaller tours the country as part of the Rafael Méndez Project with the Community Concert Series.

RHS band director Robbie Stevens said the students "are going to get a truckload of knowledge" from the full-day workshops with Burgstaller.

He said the educational residency and concert came about through a lot of community networking.

Jan Eldredge of the Community Concert Series asked Stevens if he'd be interested and he said, "Heck, yeah."

"My trumpet players are very, very young, it's going to be awesome for them," Stevens said. "Literally, my trumpet section is all freshmen and sophomores."

The band will accompany Burgstaller on "Granito de Arena" and a traditional "Macarana" composed by Rafael Méndez.

"It's exciting and a good experience for our band to be playing with a professional," said Lindsay Eldredge, a junior.

Jesse Saenz and Ariel Kannady, both eight-grade members of the band are looking forward to it, but Kannady said she finds the music challenging.

Saenz said it's not what they're used to because the two selections are more classical marching music and she's "kind of nervous to be performing with a professional player."

"We'll probably learn a lot from Joe Burgstaller," said Eric Flores, a junior.

Parents of band members are welcome to attend the concert and can obtain tickets by calling Stevens in the band room at 258-4910.

The concert will include Puccini opera arias, selections from Bizet and Brahms, virtuoso violin solos transcribed for trumpet and classics by Haydn.

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.

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.

Galaxy Quest

Genre: Comedy and Science Fiction/Fantasy

Rated: PG for some action violence, mild language and sensuality.

Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Tim Allen, Alan Rickman, Tony Shalhoub and Sam Rockwell

Directed by: Dean Parisot; produced by Mark Johnson and Charles Newirth; written by Robert Gordon and David Howard.

Distributor: Dreamworks SKG

Synopsis: For four years, the courageous crew of the NSEA Protector donned their uniforms and set out on thrilling and often dan-

gerous missions in space - then their series was cancelled. Twenty years later, the five stars of the classic '70s series "Galaxy Quest" are still in costume, making appearances at sci-fi conventions for legions of die-hard fans - but some of those fans are a little more far out than the actors could have ever imagined.

Bicentennial Man

Genre: Science Fiction/Fantasy, Drama and Romance.

Rated: PG for language and some sexual content.

Starring: Robin Williams, Sam Neill, Embeth Davidtz, Wendy Crewson and Oliver Platt

Directed by: Chris Columbus; produced by Wolfgang Petersen, Gail Katz and Laurence Mark; written by Nicholas Kazan.

Distributor: Touchstone Pictures

Synopsis: "Bicentennial Man," follows the life and times of the title character, an android, who is purchased as a household robot programmed to perform menial tasks. The Martin family quickly learns that they don't have an ordinary robot as Andrew begins to experience emotions and creative thought.

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 hotdog 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.

• SNOW PLAY

A commercial Snow Play area, Ruidoso Winter Park, in its third year of operation, continues to offer premium tubing and two tow lines for those who want to save their energy for the downhill ride on three chutes.

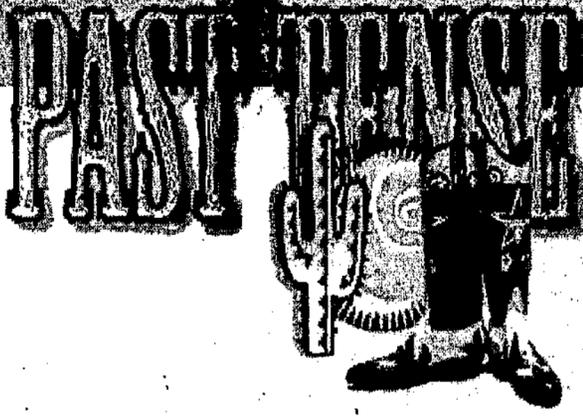
The park is on Ski Run Road 1/4 mile west off SR 48 north of Ruidoso.

Rates are \$5 for children 42-inches and under for three hours on the slopes, \$13.50 for children through 15 and \$15 for those 16 and older.

For more information, call (505) 336-7079

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.



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THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

The Legend of John Larn

The trail boss/rustler and another man were killed, and seven more were wounded. Seeing as how all were considered to be rustlers, nobody minded too much.

John Larn was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1849, but ran away from home while still in his teens. A strange mixture of refinement and barbarity, he was destined to become a legend in Shackelford County, Texas.

And it seems that a legend is all the status that his neighbors in that county wanted him to be. After Larn's ignominious demise, nearly every trace of his existence was expunged from the Shackelford County records, which is interesting, considering that he DID serve as Shackelford County Sheriff for quite some time.

Early naughtiness

Larn seems to have been many things to many men. To some, he was a pleasant, efficient lawman. To others, he was a cruel barbarian with an itchy trigger finger.

After leaving Mobile, the youthful Larn drifted up to Colorado, where, in 1871, he became embroiled in an argument with a local cattleman who had hired him as a cowpuncher. The problem arose when the rancher objected to Larn helping himself

to one of the man's horses. When the gunsmoke cleared, the rancher was dead and Larn was on the run.

Larn headed for New Mexico where, several months after killing the Colorado rancher, he managed to arouse the suspicions of a New Mexico lawman. Again, when the gunsmoke cleared, Larn's opponent was dead and the young gunman was once more on the run. This time, he headed for Texas. Apparently Larn was unwilling, or unable, to avoid deadly confrontations.

Hiring on as a drover at Fort Griffin, Texas, Larn and the rest of the cowboys involved in the drive headed north. Somewhere along the way, he managed to get crossways with several of the other drovers. He settled the argument in what was rapidly becoming his usual fashion: he killed the two cowboys with whom he disagreed (and possibly another shortly thereafter) and dumped their bodies in the Pecos River, declaring that he wanted simply to "feed the catfish."

When he returned to Fort Griffin, the quarrelsome Larn had a disagreement with the man who had been the trail boss on the drive. To be fair, it does seem, looking back from over a century away, that the boss may have been sidelining as a rustler. Whatever the case, Larn, along with several other drovers, went on a drunken rampage through Fort Griffin. The trail boss/rustler and another man were killed, and seven more were wounded. Seeing as how all were considered to be rustlers, nobody minded too much.

Wedding bells

In need of employment, Larn signed on with a local rancher by the name of Joe Matthews and promptly fell in love with the proverbial "boss' daughter." And despite his propensity for killing those who irritated him, he seems to have been a good husband.

According to master western historian Leon Metz, Larn never drank, smoked or swore in the presence of his wife. Not only that, in an era when brothels were everywhere, he seems to have been a faithful husband. He really did have a few good points, and as Metz so accurately points out, "he never did any killing in his wife's

presence, either."

During this period, in a situation reminiscent of the book and movie "Shane," there was the classic western power struggle going on in Shackelford County. The large ranches, run by the local cattle barons, were at odds with the small ranchers. The big ranchers claimed that the small ranchers, or grangers, were stealing stock, a charge that was at least partially correct. They also accused the small ranchers of fencing off their range. And this charge was completely correct.

The sheriff and his deputy

With this struggle as a backdrop, Larn ran for sheriff of Shackelford County in February of 1876. It is reasonable to assume that he was elected at least partially because of his proficiency with a gun. In those days, lawmen were not necessarily chosen for their high moral principles. It was more important that they were capable of shooting fast and accurately. The fact that most of the shootings credited to Larn were on the wrong side of the law was incidental to his constituents. All that mattered was the fact that he was prepared to do away with any and all miscreants, thereby keeping the citizens of Shackelford County safe.

Of course, as was so often the case in such situations, the lawman eventually became a bigger threat to the community than the men that he was supposedly clearing out of the area.

As his chief deputy, Larn hired gunman John Selman. Prior to his own death in 1896, Selman was present during many of the Old West's more interesting spasms of violence. During the Lincoln County War, Selman led a band of brigands through Lincoln County, looting, raping and killing. Many, then and now, (and including this writer) considered "Selman's Scouts," as they were known, to be far more vicious than either of the two sides that were struggling for economic power during that legendary confrontation.

Known today primarily as the courageous "gentleman" who shot John Wesley Hardin from behind, Selman, at the time of his association with Larn, had yet to accomplish most of heinous deeds for which he is now known.

The two lawmen were an interesting pair. Larn could be charming and polished. Selman, on the other hand, was crude and almost demonically calculating. Oddly, in the end, it was Selman who would prove to be the wiser.

On April 2, 1876, Larn and Sel-

man caught up with local horse thief John Watson along with Watson's wife Sally and three of his gang. Neither Larn nor Selman saw any reason to waste a lot of time and money bringing these men to trial.

Sending Sally Watson (who supplemented her husband's income by working as a hooker) home, Larn told her that her husband would be joining her shortly. Larn and Selman then proceeded to lynch all four men. One of them, a thief named "Doc" McBride, was found dangling with a note pinned to his clothes, the wording of which became fairly famous over the years. It read: "He said his name was McBride, but he was a liar as well as a thief."

And Larn kept his word to Sally Watson, too. He sent her husband back to her in short order. Of course, Larn had not mentioned to her that her husband would be quite dead by the time that he did return home.

Suspicious

Two members of the Watson gang had managed to escape the fate of their partners in crime (well, temporarily) by high-tailing it to Dodge City, Kansas. Larn tracked them there, arrested them, and brought them back to Fort Griffin, where he lodged them in his jail. Shortly thereafter, local vigilantes, with whom Larn was decidedly friendly, removed the two miscreants and lynched them from some handy trees along the river bank. By December of 1876, eleven other rustlers in Larn's care had also been "jerked to Jesus."

Having cleared the area of rustlers, Larn and Selman realized that there was now a prime business opportunity that they were missing out on, and went into the rustling business themselves. As ruthless as they could be, the two lawmen even reportedly shot some of their hired help in the rustling business so that they might keep their expenses down.

Out of control

At about this time, Larn seems to have gotten a bit over-confident and started acting as though he himself was immune to the workings of justice. After having two stone masons build a rock fence on his property, he killed both men when they had the audacity to request payment for their labors. After some more public shenanigans by some of the sheriff's associates, Larn was pressured to resign.

Of course, he still had his rustling business to support him, and the former sheriff seems to

have declared war on both large and small ranchers. His night riders began shooting anyone who got in their way, and as the death toll began to mount, the Governor issued a proclamation against the killings, which slowed the killers down not a whit.

Evidence began to mount against Larn and Selman: numerous hides bearing the brands of others were found sunk in a water hole near Larn's slaughter pens. And when Larn's chief accuser was convinced that it would be better for his health to leave the area, all of the local ranchers, both large and small, found that they had the same problem: John Larn.

The end

On a morning in June, 1878, Larn stepped out of his home and started walking toward his barn. He saw some riders approaching, but was unconcerned as he noticed that several of his wife's relatives were among them. Larn was unarmed and milking a cow when he was taken into custody.

Larn's wife immediately set about hiring an attorney to defend her husband, and that made the vigilantes re-think their strategy. They had not arrested Larn so that he could be set free by some slick lawyer. They transported the prisoner to Albany, Texas, and put him under heavy guard in the local calaboose.

John Selman, meanwhile, had gotten wind of what was going on and departed for more hospitable climes, and his own violent destiny.

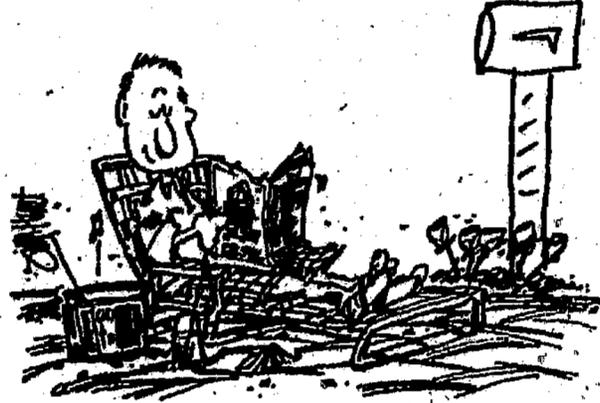
About 10 o'clock on the evening of June 22, 1878, nine masked men overpowered the guard at the jail. The guard was John Poe, who would later be present with Pat Garrett the night that Garrett killed Billy the Kid. At the time, many claimed that Poe had not put up much of a struggle. This is not a big surprise when you consider that Poe himself was affiliated with the vigilantes.

For all of his faults, Larn was no coward. He knew as soon as he saw them what was about to happen. Rising to his feet, the former sheriff gave a faint smile when one of the vigilantes announced "Larn, we've decided not to hang you."

He was still smiling when the nine rifles roared inside the Albany jail.

Sources: "The Shooters" by Leon Metz and "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal.

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How would you like to make BIG MONEY while sitting at home in your bathrobe eating cake frosting straight from the can whenever you felt like it?

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I assume you are on the Internet. If you are not, then pardon my French, but vous etes un big loser. Today EVERYBODY is on the Internet, including the primitive Mud People of the Amazon rain forest. In the old days, when the Mud People needed food, they had to manually throw spears at wild boars; whereas today they simply get on the Internet, go to www.spear-a-boar.com and click their mouse a few times (the Mud People use actual mice). Within three business days, a large box is delivered to them by a U.P.S. driver, whom they eat.

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But you won't have to worry about monthly fees once you're making "big money" as an online trader! Of course, financial experts recommend that, before you make any investment decision, you should carefully read a "Q&A"-type column written by a trained English major. Here it is:

Q. Are there any risks associated with online stock trading?

A. Yes. People do get hurt. To cite just one example: A man whom I will call Webster P. Horn-gasket II of 2038 Open Wound Lane, Eau Claire, Wis., who was unemployed and had a wife and five hungry children to support, took his last \$17.40, which was supposed to be for little Jessica's insulin, and decided to "play the market" with it, despite having no previous experience. Two days later, his lifeless body was found crushed under an enormous pile of thousand-dollar bills that he had failed to stack properly.

Q. What a chilling cautionary tale.

A. His family had to go to Disney World without him.

Q. How should I choose an online brokerage?

A. You'll be trusting your bro-

kerage with your financial future, so you should make absolutely sure that you pick one with a good TV commercial.

Q. What about the brokerage whose commercial for some reason consists entirely of people square-dancing?

A. That is an excellent firm, although every now and then the staff has to run out and assist in the birth of a heifer.

Q. OK, I've chosen an online brokerage! Now what do I do?

A. Step one in your investment program, according to the American Society of Financial Planners, is to quit your job. "The best way," notes the Society, "is to write a businesslike letter of resignation and staple it firmly to your immediate supervisor's forehead." Now you're ready to get rich by trading stocks!

Q. What, exactly, ARE stocks?

A. They are pieces of paper stating that you, personally, own a piece of a company. This means that if you own stock in, say, General Motors, any time you want, you may walk into a Chevrolet dealership and take a piece of a car.

Q. What if I own stock in NBC?

A. You may touch Jennifer Aniston's thighs.

Q. What is the best strategy for buying stocks?

A. Consider the story of two

neighbors, "Bob" and "Ted," who each have \$5,000 to invest. "Bob" invests in a diversified portfolio of solid stocks with prospects for steady long-term growth; while "Ted" gambles it all on a single high-risk stock. After six months, during which the Dow Jones Industrial Average has risen by 14.3 percent, "Bob" falls to his death while attempting to unclog his gutters, and "Ted" suddenly realizes that he does not have to return "Bob's" riding mower.

Q. So it's better to just let the gutters stay clogged?

A. That has always been our philosophy.

Q. What causes the Stock Market to go up and down?

A. A man named Alan Greenspan. If he's in a good mood, the market goes up; if he's in a bad mood, the market goes down.

Q. So you're saying I should

put uppers in his Metamucil?

A. That is how Martha Stewart did it.

Q. Can you give me the name of a "sleeper" stock that you know, from "inside" information, is about to go through the roof?

A. Yes, and here it is, unless the newspaper editors decide to keep it to themselves.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132. The Dave Barry-for-President campaign needs you! Check out Dave's Web site at <http://www.herald.com/davebarry/> for secret orders.)

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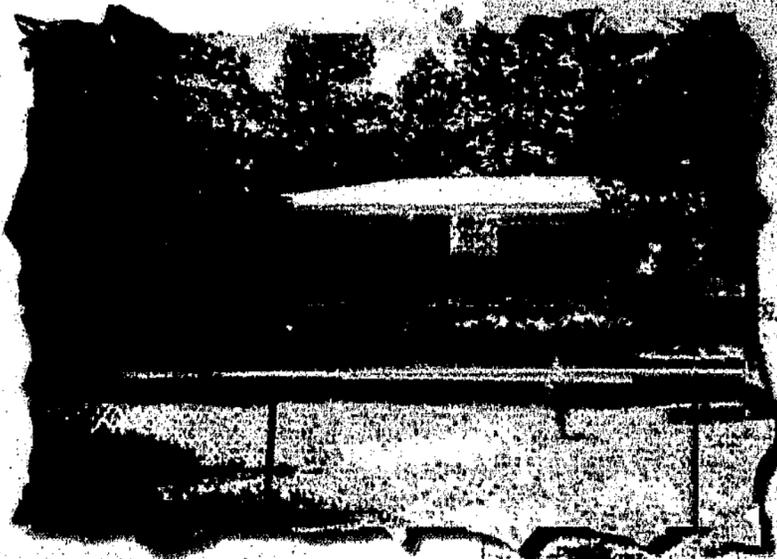


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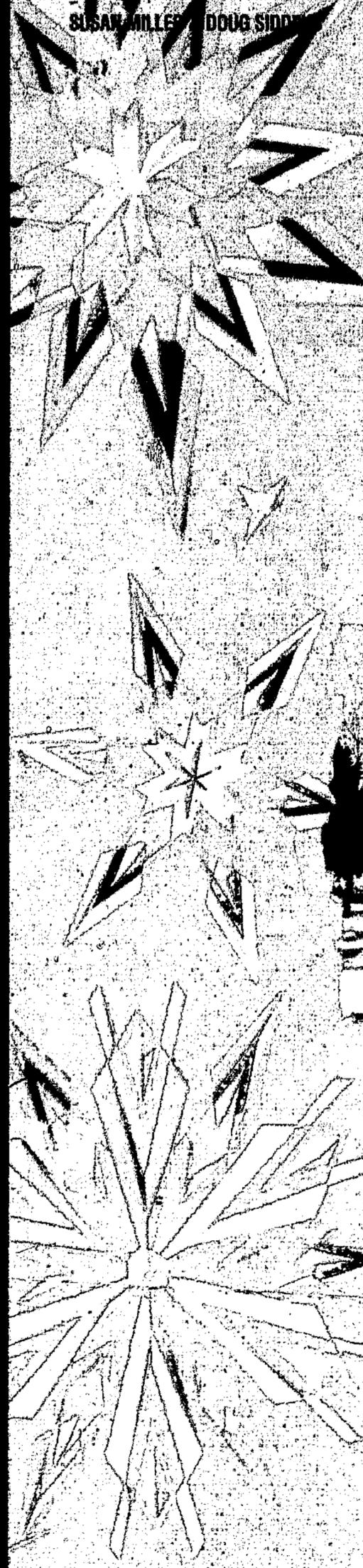
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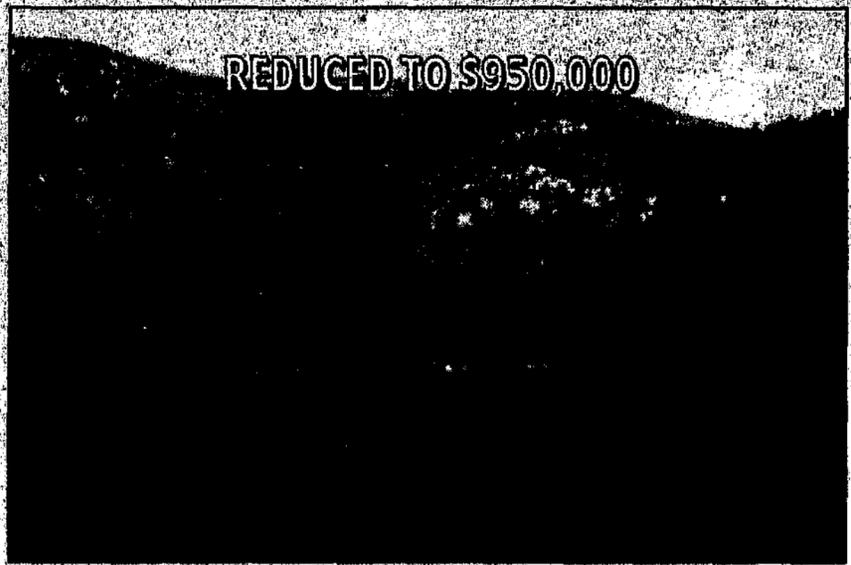


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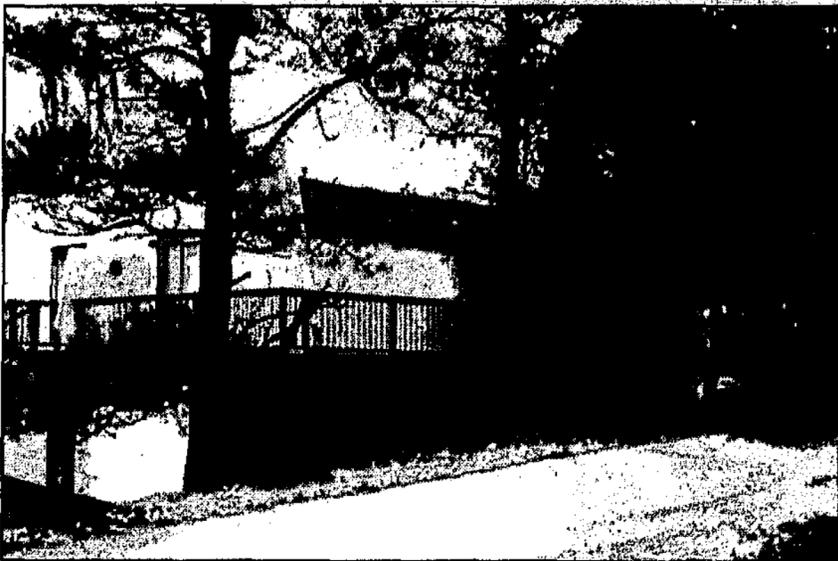


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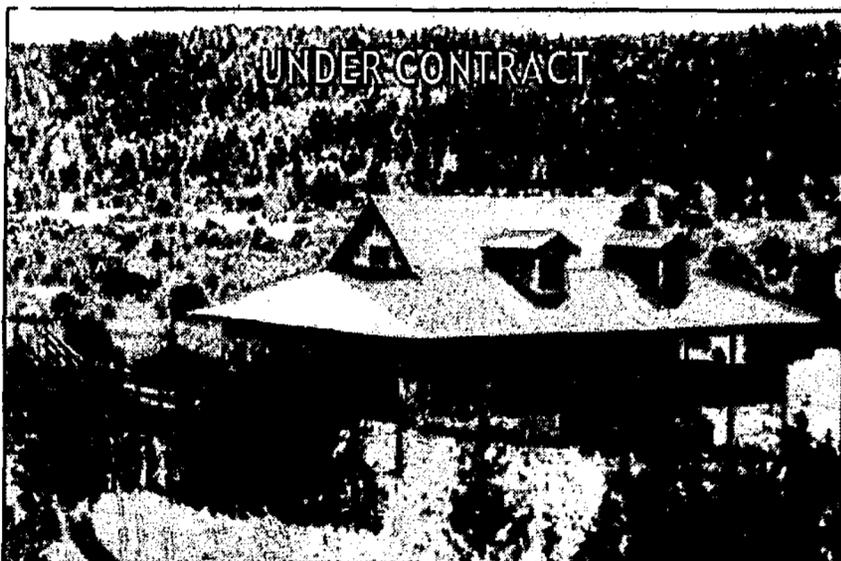
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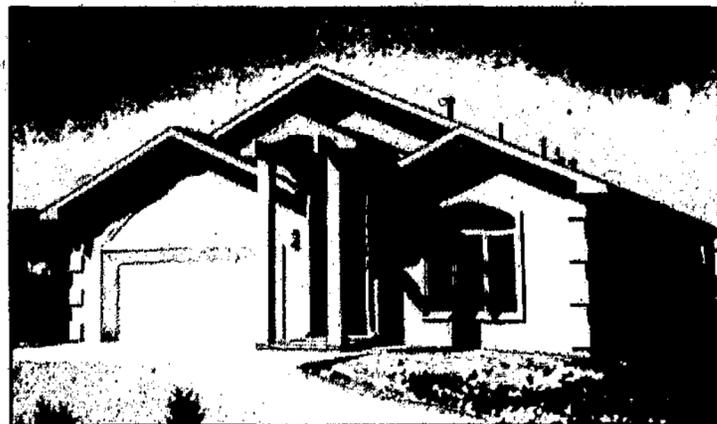
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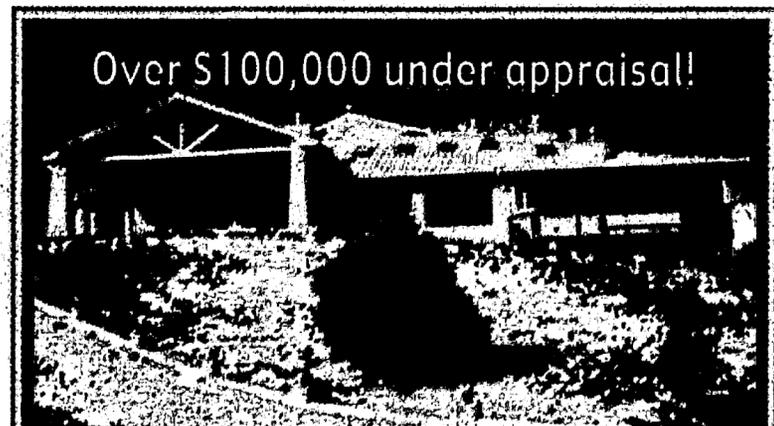
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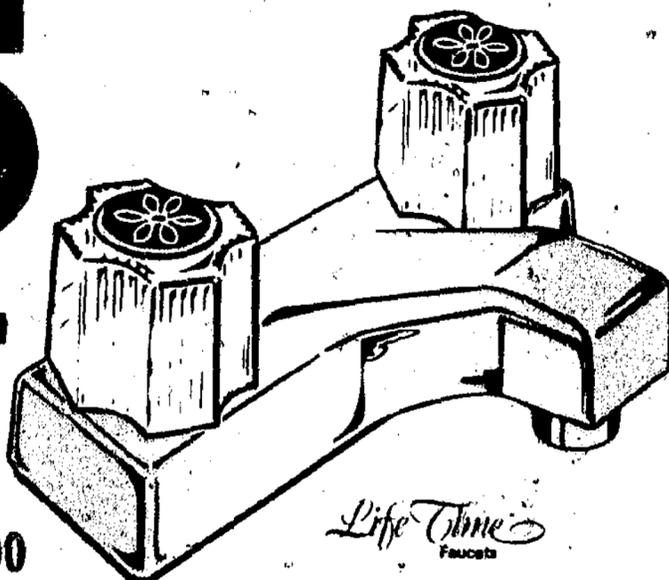
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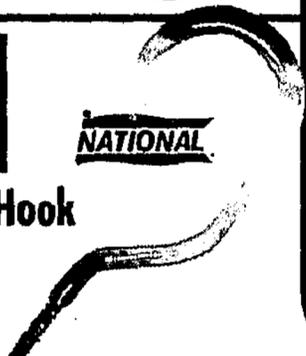
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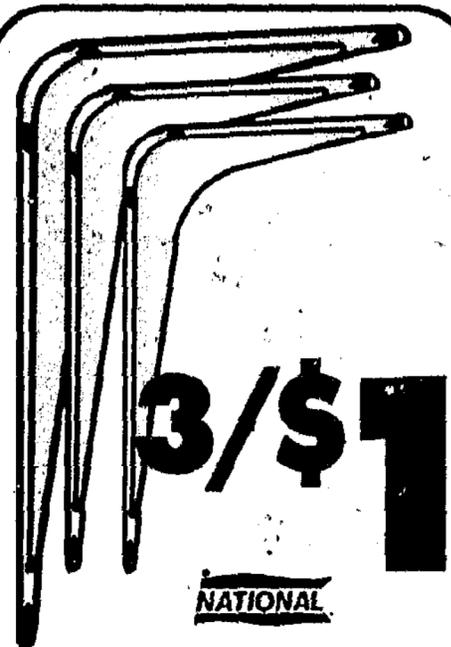
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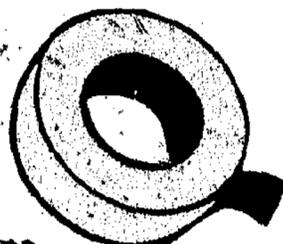
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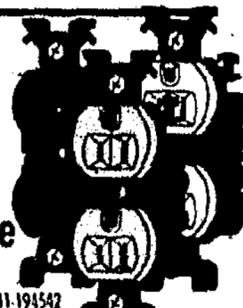
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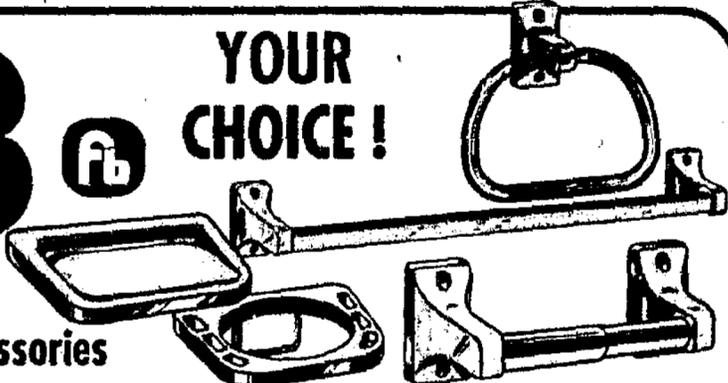
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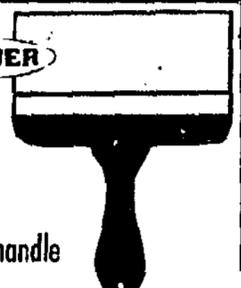
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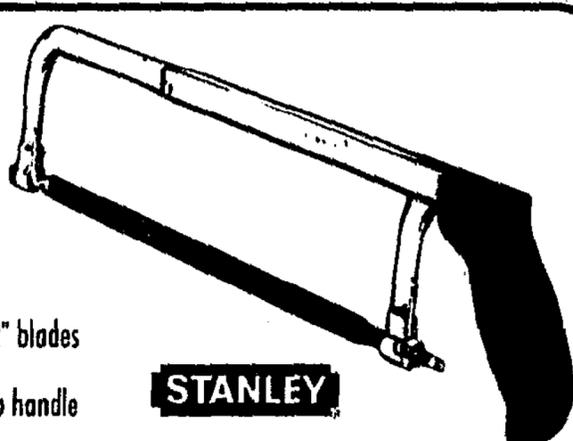
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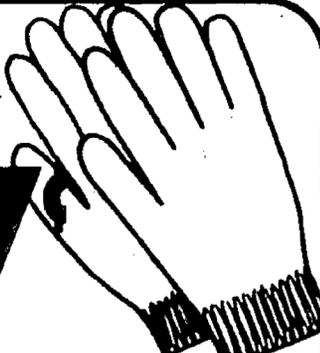
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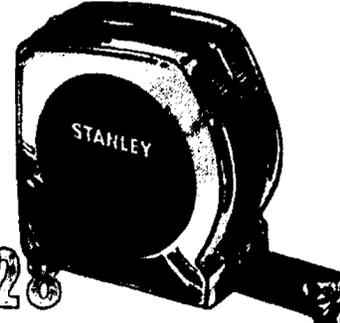
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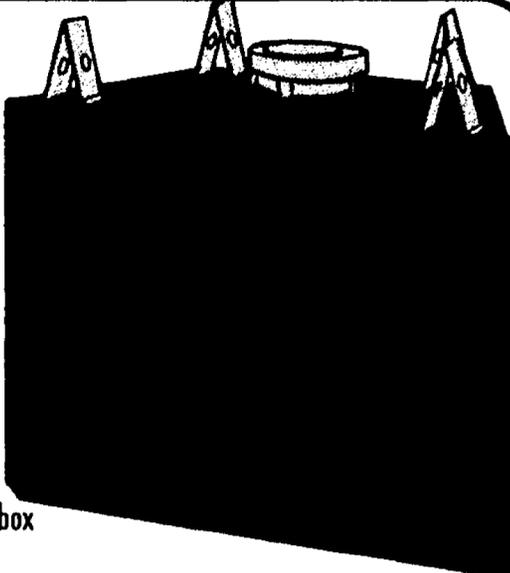
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1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"
3.29	4.29	5.99	10.38

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- Circulates room air in and around firebox

EC36/171524

24.96



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- 3 settings: fan, 1300 & 1500 watts

WHF1900/284145

WoodCase

34.87



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WHF160110/284147

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3.84



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