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Ranchers challenge land reassessment

Industry wants to know how values were figured

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposal to slap a 367 percent increase on taxable value of agricultural land has sent ranchers across New Mexico scrambling to ensure no official action is taken without more input from their industry.

Rex Wilson, a rancher and chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, said agricultural land owners realize a reassessment is due, but they question how the state arrived at its numbers and they want a chance to rebut those findings, he said.

"This hasn't been done in more than 20 years and needs to be revisited," Wilson said.

"But they're proposing a 367 percent increase, so that got everybody's attention."

Tom Chavez, director of the state property tax division, said that after an initial meeting Nov. 28, he realized instead of the usual one session, his department needed to conduct meetings across the state to explain the figures and to listen to ranchers.

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Rex Wilson, commission chairman



Stephanie Loretto, a fourth grader at White Mountain Elementary, examines one of the paper ornaments created by students for the school tree.

Holiday magic

Convention Center policy up for review

Some groups would pay more, others less; some would pay nothing

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some groups using the Ruidoso Convention Center could be paying more next year. Others, to lure them to Ruidoso, could be charged little or none.

A revised operational policy and rental schedule resolution will be considered by the Ruidoso Village Council on Dec. 12.

Local non profit groups must receive discounts, keeping their costs similar to the current rates, said Tammie Maddox, Ruidoso village clerk.

"Some of the rates stay the same," Maddox said. "Some are going up."

The proposed adjustments would be based on the square footage of space used by a convention or other group and seek to maximize the use of the center.

"I did a lot of research, trying to simplify the rates," said Robyn Cooper, director of sales for the convention center. "There will be the same rate for everybody, whether corporate or association. I checked with others (convention centers) in the state to stay competitive."

But rates could be cut, or even waived, to book events in the convention center that are deemed to be in the best interest of the Ruidoso economy. Added language to the

"Basically it boils down to whether that event comes to Ruidoso or say Taos because they've offered a better price. And it's based on if the event promotes the economy and fills hotel rooms."

Tammie Maddox, village clerk

convention center's operations policy proposes authorizing the center's director to negotiate prices.

"Basically it boils down to whether that event comes to Ruidoso or say Taos because they've offered a better price," Maddox said. "And it's based on if the event promotes the economy and fills hotel rooms."

Cooper offered an example of offering a group a no charge Ruidoso Convention Center next November.

"It would bring over 200 people to town at midweek during a time we're dead," Cooper said. "The group was looking at Las Cruces and Ruidoso. It would benefit the village if they got their meeting rooms free."

The Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort, adjacent to the convention center \$2 per hotel room used by the potential November group, Cooper said.

The booking of reservations for overnight stays in local lodging establishments and the economic or community impacts will be the primary form of measuring the effectiveness of the center and the determining factor when competing events seek the same time periods for the convention center, according to the new language.

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Lincoln County recount finds no ballot problems

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Indications from those inspecting some Lincoln County ballots this week suggested no ballot counting problems.

Inspection of absentee and early voting Lincoln County ballots from the Nov. 8 general election was done by representatives of the state's two major political parties Wednesday.

The ballots, 998 absentee paper ballots and 339 early voting paper ballots, were returned to the Lincoln County clerk Wednesday for the inspection.

A New Mexico State Police officer delivered the ballots, in locked boxes, from Alamogordo, where they had been impounded since last month.

A Nov. 13 court order to impound the ballots had been petitioned by defeated New Mexico court of appeals candidate Rita Nunez Neumann. Then on Dec. 5, Neumann was granted an inspection of early and absentee ballots in Lincoln and Otero counties by 12th Judicial District Judge Jerry H. Ritter Jr.

The Dec. 6 review of Lincoln County ballots was repeated in Otero County on Thursday.

"The inspection is necessary ... to make an informed decision whether to seek a recount," Neumann's attorney Robert Hanson said in a written petition. "This inspection may avoid a recount."

Neumann, the Republican appeals court candidate, lost the election to Democrat Celia Foy Castillo statewide 56 percent to 44 percent.

The Lincoln County ballot review, which focused on paper ballots that had been read by an optical scanning device, sought in part to determine if some ballots had been misread.

A canvass review in Roosevelt County two weeks ago determined some ballots had been under counted using an optical reader.

Before the local inspection and informal partial recount took place, attorneys representing appeals court candidate Castillo as well as the Democratic and Republican parties argued the scope of the Lincoln County ballot inspection before Judge Ritter.

"This is a petition in this case brought by Rita Nunez Neumann," said Charles Rennick, chairman of the Lincoln County Democratic Party and a Ruidoso attorney representing Celia Foy Castillo.

"None of the other candidates on the ballot have asked for an inspection. We would like a protective order limiting the inspection to that particular race."



Lincoln County paper ballots are examined Wednesday as a potential precursor to a recount request. Reviewing the ballots, from left, are attorney Don Dutton, representing the Lincoln County Democratic Party, Lincoln County Democratic Party vice chairman Paula Gunn, Lincoln County Clerk Martha McKnight Proctor and Matt Rexroad, a California attorney representing the Republican Party.

Health office receives more flu vaccine

400 doses on hand

The Ruidoso Public Health Office received 400 more doses of flu vaccine this week.

First priority for the shots are people who are 65 or older, or who have chronic diseases such as asthma, heart disease, suppressed immune systems, lung problems, people undergoing chemotherapy, those without a spleen, women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy or children over the age of two who have any of the listed conditions.

The vaccine will be used on a first-come, first-serve basis. The health office will be open for shots from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today at 105 Kansas City Road in the Lincoln County substation next to the Ruidoso Public Library.

To make an appointment for next week, call (505) 258-3252.

A spokesman said the office will update the availability of the vaccine for the general public after serving the priority population.

The vaccine is in short supply in New Mexico and lagged months behind planned delivery dates.

ACCUWEATHER SEVEN DAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Partly sunny 54° | Partly sunny 52°/22° | Sun and clouds 48°/24° | Sun and clouds 48°/18° | Mostly cloudy 44°/14° | Brisk and cold 38°/14° |

REGIONAL WEATHER

TODAY IN HISTORY
On Dec. 6, 1913, snow accumulated up to 33 inches in Denver, Colo.

SUN AND MOON

| | Sunrise | Sunset |
|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Wed | 6:53 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |
| Thu | 6:53 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |
| Fri | 6:54 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |
| Sat | 6:55 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |
| Sun | 6:56 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |

MOONRISE

| | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Wed | 2:03 p.m. | 1:42 a.m. |
| Thu | 2:36 p.m. | 2:41 a.m. |
| Fri | 3:12 p.m. | 3:44 a.m. |
| Sat | 3:53 p.m. | 4:49 a.m. |
| Sun | 4:40 p.m. | 5:58 a.m. |

UV INDEX

REALFEEL TEMPS

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|--------|-----|
| 8 a.m. | 26° |
| Noon | 46° |
| 4 p.m. | 44° |
| 8 p.m. | 34° |

The RealFeel Temperature is a measure of how the weather feels taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, weather and UV radiation.

LAND: Ranchers question state's reassessment of farm and ranch land

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director. The numbers came from Dr. James Libben and Jerry Hawkes Jr. of NMSU, who were hired under contract to recommend an accurate value.

"We decided three years ago to hire someone to determine the correct amount of increase, but this was the first year there was enough money in the budget," Garcia said. "We needed people who understand the industry."

"They (the numbers) came out higher than I expected, but you occasionally want to check your own work instead of taking my appraisers' word for it."

His department is supposed to look at agricultural land values every year, but because of the lack of specific information on livestock and grazing land, state appraisers advised to leave values alone, he said.

Hawkes said Monday that the figures compiled by the team were based on first-hand visits with producers, by attending county extension meetings and were developed from a cost and return estimate by another researcher.

"We are reassessing the figures right now," he said, but he added that he and Libben were bound by requirements set in state statutes in coming up with the formula.

"They've had no reassess-

Lincoln County's agricultural assets

According to a 1997 census of agriculture in Lincoln County, 337 farms were in operation ranging in size from 1 acre to more than 1,000 acres.

County Extension agent Pete Gnatkowski said 169 ranches exceeded the 1,000-acre mark and some were as large as 30,000 acres.

"These are all places with livestock," he said.

County Treasurer Joan Park said the taxable value of grazing land for the year 2000 is \$2,753,682 and

\$262,301 for irrigated land.

Under the agricultural reassessment proposal, range land would increase in taxable value from 15 cents per acre to 55 cents.

Total livestock taxable value county wide - including cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats and horses - is \$4,504,081.

Rancher Rex Wilson said tax value increases being proposed include a 37 percent hike for cows and more than 119 percent for horses.

implement the values, but I think they realize it wouldn't be a good thing," he said.

The team at NMSU "probably made some assumptions in their evaluation process that need to be looked into," Wilson said. "That's more of an increase than the industry can afford."

"They also have proposed some significant increases in livestock values. That's a separate issue, but both impact the rancher. Cows could increase 37 percent and horses 119 percent, yet most horses are not income producers. Those (land and livestock value increases) are two pretty big pills to swallow."

Just because the state made mistakes in assessing the land in the past doesn't mean the ranching industry should carry the brunt of that mistake, Wilson said.

"Agricultural land is taxed on its productive value," he said. "When you see a ranch selling for a huge amount of money for recreation or development purposes, that should not reflect on those ranches still in production."

"A lot of things are involved in assessing value, such as carrying capacity (the number of animals that can graze). When you go that long a period of time without change, you must look at the whole picture. To have an increase like that is hard to understand when we in the industry feel our production and income are dropping."

market," but that doesn't take into account several previous years of poor markets, Hawkes said.

"The state Legislature could change that," he said, noting that at least one state representative is looking at the situation.

"I understand their concern," Hawkes said of the ranchers. "They work on a thin margin to start with. They're not getting unbelievably wealthy working cattle."

Wilson said he's pleased the state has scheduled more meetings.

"They have the authority to

ment for about 21 years for ranch land and 28 years for crop land," he said. "Part of the misconception is that these numbers are the final decision. We put them out, but the state doesn't have to enforce them."

"We were to come up with a value based on an income approach. Part of the difficulty is that state statutes require the value to be based on one ranch income estimate for the entire state, but it's impossible to come up with an average ranch."

On top of that dilemma, 1999 wasn't a bad year economically for most ranchers, he said.

"There was a fairly strong

Planning and Zoning Commission approves deck variance

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A variance, that the petitioner said will eliminate an encroachment onto neighboring property and dissolve a lawsuit, was approved Tuesday by Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Richard Wisner, who has

owned his Riverside Drive property since 1986, said the home and encroaching deck has been in place for 25 years. An agreement with the neighbor has allowed part of the deck to jut onto the neighbor's land.

Marc Prelo, an attorney for neighbors' Helen and John Cates, said his clients oppose

the variance because a redesigned deck, proposed to be partially enclosed, would create a loss of privacy.

The Cates filed suit against Wisner, calling for the removal of the deck. Their suit claimed Wisner violated an encroachment agreement by remodeling the structure. Wisner said he replaced some balusters in

1998. "We said we're going to remove the encroachment from the property," Wisner told the commission.

"I want to salvage what's left on my property. My (variance) request is will you allow me to use some of that superstructure and get some value out of it?"



An adobe casa. A few are left to recall a bustling mining town. Courtesy

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle December 13, 1900

The show windows of White Oaks remind us that Christmas holidays are nearly here.

Lower Hale marketed a wagon load of apples here this week from his Ruidoso farm.

Today the Eagle is nine years old.

The stork paid the home of Allen Curtis a complimentary visit last Monday morning. The boy is a ten-pounder, and already shows marked signs of statesmanship, being the most heard of the family.

White Oaks was wrapped up in a coat of white Tuesday. The new post office at Three Rivers is now in operation.

Manuel Lueras has moved into town from Raventon to give his children the advantages of the White Oaks public schools.

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Fairgrounds renovation to enter second phase

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction on phase two of a five phase renovation and expansion of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan will start as soon as architectural plans are approved.

"I want to make sure this is done right," County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday, commenting on his search for an architect. "This will cover safety improvements and reorienting and expanding the show area, improving the lighting and water lines."

Phase one of the project was financed primarily with \$100,000 from the state Legislature and about \$15,000 from the county. That work covered restrooms that comply with standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a

concession area and storage.

Phase two, using a legislative allocation of \$196,750 is aimed at safety issues.

Under phase three, the county will ask the legislature for \$125,000 to acquire more property, to install chain link fencing and to upgrade the parking area, Stewart said.

The arena will be resurfaced and repainted under the proposed phase four. A new set of alleys for livestock and new chutes for calves and steers are included, as are lighting and electrical work and a sprinkler system. That phase also is estimated at \$125,000, he said.

"The total five phases will come to about \$550,000," he said. "As we move along on this, I will be modifying phases based on the money received and other factors."

MEETING WATCH

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Dec. 12 in the Administration Office

- Discussion:
- School Ski Program
 - High school theater update
 - Enrollment update
 - Report on New Mexico State Board Association Conference, Dec. 8 and 9
 - Board election — sign up Dec. 19

Capitan Municipal Schools

Meeting: Board of Education, 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, Administration Building

- Actions:
- Personnel: Superintendent of Schools Diana Billingsley to retire June 30, 2001
 - Audit presentation for 1999/2000 — Terry Cone
 - Bid award for sale of van
 - Construction update, change orders
 - Approval of bills paid and payable
 - Approval of budget trans-

• Special board meeting: 11 a.m., Dec. 19

- Actions:
- Budget adjustments
 - Personnel
 - Recommendations for employment, classified: Gretchen Chase, Ruidoso instructional assistant
 - Closed session: superintendent's evaluation
 - Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., Jan. 9, 2001

fers and budget increase

- Approval of financial reports for athletics, cafeteria, activity
- Board reorganization option
- Business items:
 - Tech Web site
 - Superintendent search update
 - Quality of Education survey — school board questions
 - Construction updates
 - Student Senate
 - Enrollment update — 80th day

17 Shopping Days Until Christmas
It's a Ruidoso Christmas
Lain Bartley, Capitan High School/For the Ruidoso News



"I love it here. It's the atmosphere, the shops. I'm looking for Indian and Southwest stuff."

— Gaby McDonald, McHenry, Ill.



"I'm just bringing the out of town company. We're doing some Christmas shopping. The downtown is great."

— Billye Bossong, Ruidoso



"We're frequent visitors. In the summertime it's the horses. In the winter it's a cabin with the trees. We love shopping here. I'm getting pottery things and Indian stuff, and a few ideas for Christmas."

— Denise Chaney, Odessa, Texas

Cattle killed when rig overturns

Some cattle were killed Monday when a beef laden semi truck overturned on U.S. Highway 70, east of Hondo.

The driver of the cattle truck, Michael Attburg, of Eunice, was uninjured in the rollover, according to a New Mexico State Police report. Police listed too high a speed for a curve on the highway as the cause of the single vehicle incident. The accident happened about 9:40 p.m. Wandering cattle were rounded up by a nearby rancher who penned up the animals until they could continue their transport.



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OUR OPINION

**It's human nature
all the way**

About the only words we can find to describe it is "human nature," this business of holding on to power, whether in Washington or Lincoln County.

In the great world of Washington politics, the discourse in recent days has been about sharing power and cooperating in order to get the nation's work back in focus after weeks of hold-your-breath drama in Florida courtrooms.

We notice, however, that in the nitty gritty showdown, House Republicans weren't about to share chairmanships of committees, no matter how narrow the GOP margin.

In the Senate, where the membership is 50-50 and where either John Cheney or Joe Lieberman will break the tie as presiding officer, Republican Sen. John McCain offered to split his own committee right down the middle — but only so long as he remains the sole chairman.

So why aren't we surprised that Sheriff Tom Sullivan has filed his own request for money from that \$125,000 drug-bust fund controlled by the sheriff? After all, Ruidoso's police department quit the drug task force. Court, anyone?

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YOUR OPINION

Libertarians support privatized county jail

To the editor:

An article on contract negotiations between Lincoln County and Corrections Systems Inc. (Nov. 15) included remarks by Tony Seno that could lead your readers to conclude that the Libertarian Party opposes privatization of jails and prisons. While we in the LP of New Mexico are proud and appreciative of Tony's work on behalf of our cause, he is voicing his personal opinion and on this issue does not speak for the party.

Indeed, Libertarians overwhelmingly support privatization of government services whenever and wherever it can be achieved. Anything politicians and bureaucrats can do, free traders in a free market can generally do better and cheaper.

It is incorrect to state that private management of jails and prisons hasn't worked. The fact is, the private corrections industry is not just flourishing, but booming. Certainly problems can occur with private management. However, the problems private companies have had in New Mexico pale in comparison with the problems the state-operated penitentiary had (which left us under the yoke of the federal government for years).

The major difference is that private companies have something to lose — profit and investment — because the customers (in this case the county) always have the option to take their

business elsewhere if management doesn't perform. Another advantage is reduced liability to taxpayers.

On behalf of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, I wish Lincoln County the best of luck with private management of the new jail.

Joseph Knight
Flora Vista, N.M.

The people were fooled

To the editor:

"Hospital levy to boost tax bills" — So read the headline in last Friday's *Ruidoso News*.

Of course we could always say we told you so. But nobody bothered to listen and now we will all pay higher taxes. Why did so many, including the *Ruidoso News* editorials, say taxes would go down?

Were they lied to? Some, like commissioner Schwetzmann, said we were misinformed. Now who was misinformed? Some who supported the mill levy, because it would lower taxes, are now angry because they were lied to by Presbyterian. I suppose that between the lies and the thousands of dollars that were used to promote the levy it is not surprising it passed.

But now get ready! The lies have only started. They told us after the election we could start the examination of fair and equal bidding. But instead, Presbyterian now is asking Rep. Dub Williams and Sen. Pete Campos to take legislation to Santa Fe to circumvent the New Mexico attorney general's ruling that the county must go out for bids and

have all contracts approved by the state board of finance.

Don't look for that market value they promised Presbyterian would pay for our medical facility; that was another lie. Look for Presbyterian to continue paying only \$1 a year for a multimillion dollar facility.

A great American once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

Well, folks, let's see how correct old Abe Lincoln was on that one.

Reynaldo Valcarcel,
Ruidoso Downs

Productive relationship

To the editor:

The high school drama department recently put on a production of "Til Death Do Us Part" at the Spencer Theater. These high school productions that we have at least twice a year could not be successful without the support of public-spirited individuals, businesses and various groups; especially the forbearing staff and trustees of the Spencer Theater.

The productions are especially demanding of the drama students who put in untold hours of rehearsal and their long-suffering parents who support us in our endeavors.

I wish to thank all — students, audience, and all who in whatever way supported our recent production.

Cathi McIntosh
RHS drama teacher,
production director

SCIENTIFIC SANTAS

Seeking to save an American tradition

**Scientists are fighting to bring the American chestnut tree back to life.*

St. PAUL, Minn. — "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire" may not be a thing of the past if Dr. Sandra Anagnostakis and her plant pathology colleagues from around the country succeed at stopping the deadly chestnut blight pathogen.

It used to be a common sight to see chestnut vendors selling roasted chestnuts from this majestic tree around the holiday season. But by 1930 chestnut trees were all but gone, wiped out by an uncontrollable disease. It's taken almost a hundred years, but scientists believe they may have finally won the battle against the disease that killed them.

Called "the redwoods of the East," chestnut trees grew to heights of 80 to 100 feet and were often 4 feet or more in diameter. Their rot-resistant wood made them one of the country's main timber sources and roasted chestnuts were a popular winter food, especially around the holidays.

Dying chestnut trees were first noticed in New York in 1904. A fungus accidentally brought to this country on Japanese chestnut trees was found to be responsible.

None of the attempts to control its spread worked and eventually most of the nation's chestnut trees succumbed to the disease. Chestnut trees found in the woods today are not really trees in the original sense, but shoots that have sprouted from old chestnut tree stumps. The fungus does not attack the roots, and this allows these shrub-like versions of the original chestnut tree to continue to survive.

Scientists are hopeful however that they can restore the once-beloved chestnut tree to at least some of its original grandeur. Sandra Anagnostakis and colleagues of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station are among the scientists reporting success.

Asian trees resistant to chestnut blight have been crossed with American trees in the hopes of ultimately creating a disease resistant hybrid.

Anagnostakis's work has resulted in an American chestnut tree with at least partial resistance to blight. She has also worked for many years on a system of biological control discovered in Europe.

Although the biocontrol is not good enough to produce timber trees Anagnostakis says, "At the very least, we will be able to maintain American trees as nut-bearing populations. Then if we plant our new resistant hybrids out into these plots, they will cross with native trees. The first generation offspring will be intermediate in resistance, but in subsequent generations trees with full resistance will be produced." Valued for their beauty as much as their wood and nuts, the hope is that the majestic chestnut will once again grace U.S. forests.

The work of Anagnostakis and her colleagues is currently featured on the Web site of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and can be found at www.apsnet.org. APS is a non-profit, professional scientific organization.

**Enough
is enough**

This is a promise: No more restaurant reports in this paper for a while — at least after this one.

We've been a bit boggled to see the vibrant interest many readers have shown in our effort to locate good, neat places to get an inexpensive lunch in Ruidoso.

Banker Tom Battin offered an explanation the other day for that interest: "It's a subject near and dear to our hearts!"

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

Here in the office, sports editor Karen Boehler is quick to salute Chileo's — the Mexican food place near the U. S. 70-State Road 48 "Y" owned by County Commissioner Leo Martinez. "Good, not expensive, quick when I'm on the road to cover a game."

Sandy Suggitt, who's spent lots of time in Mexico and Guatemala, has reported that the little place called Disco Taco in Ruidoso Downs is about as authentically ethnic as can be found anywhere, and isn't expensive.

Sanna and John Obermiller, who are at their Florida home this time of year, e-mailed with the hope it wasn't too late to make a pitch for Michelena's, Great Wall of China and "the Mexican restaurant up on Mechem next to the new location of the Ruidoso Store."

That's El Camino Nuevo; it has to be good if for no other reason than that it was built and opened during the reconstruction of Mechem — and survived. The Obermillers give particular praise to the restaurant's luncheon buffet. "Good! Fast service, too."

Earl Adams of Ruidoso picked up on our "free water" diatribe to expound on the other side of the restaurant coin, citing several less-than-happy experiences with eating out. He's found that in fact at least one place does charge for a glass of water, at least two won't split checks for diners, another is too uptight about checking documents before serving beer ...

This is getting a bit far off track, since we started with a humble desire to find a good, inexpensive place to get a quick lunch, so we won't identify Adams's purported bad apples (no doubt everybody has their own list). But he does cite the Texas Club as a restaurant that does things right: Good value, good service, splits checks, and takes reservations. We like it, too.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Open Meetings

In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings. All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings ...

Capitol focus to be on family, Williams predicts

Legislature to convene in Santa Fe Jan. 16 for regular session

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Without offering many specifics, state Rep. Dub Williams said Wednesday he anticipates the 2001 session of the state Legislature will focus on issues that affect the family.

The Republican from Glencoe serving his fourth, two-year term said he's looking forward to new House leadership under Ben Lujan (D-Santa Fe), majority leader on the floor under State Rep. Raymond Sanchez, a Democrat from Bernalillo who lost his bid for reelection.

Before heading to Santa Fe next week in preparation for the Legislature's regular session that starts Jan. 16 and runs through March 17, Williams talked about what to expect.

"If we focus on the family, then we're really focusing on everything else in life such as health care, education, the juvenile justice code and corrections in general," he said. The idea came from a freshman representative who is the mother of eight children, he said.

"If taxes go up, there's not enough money to do what is needed for your family," Williams said. "If you make minimum wage, you can't provide a very good lifestyle. You may not have a car or be able to pay a mortgage."

It's too early to list bills he may introduce, Williams said. He's had several requests, but language is being firmed up. One most likely will deal with reconciling federal law and state procurement requirements dealing with hospital management contracts, an issue raised in reference to Presbyterian Healthcare Services's contract

to manage the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center.

Williams still is adding up all of the capital outlay requests he received from municipalities and other entities in the counties of Otero and Lincoln, which he represents along with one community in Chaves County. In his view, first priority is for essential infrastructure requests.

"I was in the top one-third of legislators bringing home capital outlay money last year," Williams said.

Under education, teacher salaries top his list, because the state needs to ensure money set aside by the Legislature for raises reach teachers, especially those in hard to find specialties. That's the only way New Mexico will be able to compete for talent with surrounding states, he said.

On the other hand, teachers in the state have a good benefit package, Williams said. He should know. Williams and his wife are retired teachers and live a "good lifestyle" based on that package, he said.

The recent \$131 million lottery award should net the state about \$11 million extra, Williams said. Increases in gasoline and natural gas also resulted in more revenue for the state than originally projected, he said.

The public will continue to hear

from some elected state officials that the Legislature should dip into the state's permanent fund of about \$13 billion to solve problems it faces, Williams said.

"That's the nest egg for the state," he said. "We draw the interest and that's what pays a lot of the bills. If we take feathers out of that nest, we'll see an increase in taxes down the road."

"And what would we take the money out for - roads or corrections? It could snowball."

State officials estimate about \$1.5 billion is needed in brick and mortar capital outlay for schools, the legislator said.

"Some old buildings are falling down around students' heads," Williams said. "Ruidoso is fortunate, because people have supported bond issues for schools, but there are a lot of needs out there."

Williams said he'll work to ensure the state integrates money into its health care system to cover mental health treatment, not just physical. He'd also like the state to drop its tax on money invested to generate revenue for plans for nursing home care for the elderly.

Williams will continue this session to serve on the education and transportation committees and hopes to return to the water and natural resources committee.

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Dub Williams, state representative

COUNTY SHERIFF

Deputies probe break-ins

Lincoln County deputies are investigating a number of home break-ins and burglaries. In the Jicarilla Mountain area of the county a remote, seasonal cabin was reported vandalized.

Among the damage, the building was reportedly shot up, according to a sheriff's department report. A motor home at the location was also damaged.

The vandalism was reported to deputies on Dec. 2. Camping equipment was reported stolen from the cabin. A sheriff's department spokesman said the agency has suspects in the case.

A seasonal residence in Valley East Estates was burglarized some time during the past two months.

A number of items were reported taken from the residence including a window air conditioning unit.

Extensive damage was also reported, including spray painting of the interior and holes punched in the ceiling of the structure.

The incident was reported to the Lincoln County Sher-

iff's Department on Nov. 30.

An \$800 horse saddle was reported missing Dec. 3 from a Valley View Road residence in the Sun Valley subdivision. The tan, padded seat Hereford saddle was stolen after a break in at the residence.

Trailer reported stolen

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department is investigating a reported theft of a trailer from a Gavilan Canyon Road location in Alto.

Deputies were called to the location on Nov. 25. The owner told deputies he had no idea when the red 16 foot flat-bed utility trailer was taken.

State truck recovered

A stolen New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department truck was recovered by the sheriff's department.

The vehicle, a 1995 Chevrolet pick-up truck was found Nov. 30, on U.S. Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. The vehicle had been reported stolen from the state highway department facility in Santa Rosa.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Maxine Mable Schrup
 A memorial service for Maxine Mable Schrup, 75, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Capitan Cemetery. Refreshments will be served after the service at the Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
 She died Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. She went into the hospital the middle of October for by-pass surgery, which was followed by a couple of strokes, from which she never recovered.
 Mrs. Schrup was director and a friend of the Capitan Library. She was there from the beginning, in 1996, when the library opened its doors with a few books and no money and she watched it grow from a lending library to a full-fledged library recognized by the state library system.
 Survivors include her husband, Col. Raymond L. Schrup, retired; sons Ronald of Seattle,

Wash., Daniel of Phoenix, Ariz., and Stephen of Plano, Texas; grandchildren Christopher, Anita, Sam, Jennifer and Stephen Jr.; a sister, Suzie Cecil of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a brother, Hollice Marcum of Goodwin, Mo.
Ricky Warren Cummings
 Services for Ricky Warren Cummings, 48, of Hobbs, were Wednesday.
 Mr. Cummings died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000 at LEA Regional Hospital in Hobbs.
 He was born Feb. 2, 1952 in Altus, Okla.
 He was a member of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church of Hobbs.
 He married Martha P. Catron on May 17, 1973 in Miami, Fla.
 Mr. Cummings moved to the area in 1953 from Mangum, Okla. He was employed by Warren Cum-

mings Service Center for the last 30 years. He was also employed by Priority Parcel Service of Hobbs. He was a member of the Hobbs Jaycees and of the Bel Aire Bowling League, and a member of the Ocotillo Men's Golf Association.
 Survivors include his wife, Martha P. Cummings of the home; his parents, Warren E. Cummings and Virginia Lee Cummings of Hobbs; a son, Ricky Warren Cummings II of Hobbs; daughters Heather Marie Chavez and Virginia Lee Cummings II of Hobbs; a brother, Timothy P. Cummings of Ruidoso; six grandchildren; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces.
Shirley Nelson
 Services for Shirley Nelson, 76, of Brownfield, Texas, will be at 11 a.m. today at First United Methodist Church of

Brownfield with the Rev. Jean-sie Price officiating.
 Mrs. Nelson died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000 at South Plains Health Care Center.
 She was born Dec. 4, 1924 in Columbus, Mont.
 She married Oscar Basic Nelson on Dec. 6, 1945 in Bre-merton, Wash.
 She was raised in Reed-point, Mont., where she graduated from high school. She moved to Foard County, Texas in 1947, Lovington in 1948, Levelland, Texas in 1949, Lamesa, Texas in 1960 and then to Brownfield in 1964. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the XYZ Club.
 Survivors include her husband, O.B. Nelson; a daughter, Janet Goodwin from Ruidoso; sons Gary Nelson from Brownfield and Mike Nelson from Richardson, Texas; a brother, Ardon Crosby from Palo Alto, Calif., and four grandchildren.



Las Damas de Sonterra representative Heidi McCord, right, presents 100 stuffed animals to Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, to be given to children during trying times. Another 100 of the stuffed animals were also provided by the group to the Ruidoso Police Department.

Group's bears to comfort kids

Lincoln County deputies and Ruidoso police officers now have stuffed animals in their patrol vehicles, thanks to an Alto organization.
 The critters will be given to children who may need comforting when police have to intervene in an unpleasant circumstance.
 The teddy bears and other stuffed animals were presented recently to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Ruidoso Police Department by Las Damas De Sonterra (Ladies Group of the Ranches of Sonterra).
 "This not only helps the child, but gives the officer a chance to make a favorable impression on the youth, instead of the child feeling the officer is a 'bad person' for talking to, or possibly arresting the child's parent or parents," said Heidi McCord, with the woman's group.
 About 100 of the stuffed animals were presented to each of the two law enforcement agencies.
 The Teddy Bear Program is an ongoing project in the Ruidoso department and the donation will enhance the program, said Lanny G. Maddox, chief of police.
 Las Damas De Sonterra said the Lincoln County Humane Society assisted with the initiative.

Benefit next week to aid owners of burned ski shop

The Ruidoso area community is coming together to help a longtime business owner impacted by a Thanksgiving weekend fire.
 The Inn Credible Saloon and Restaurant will act as host for a benefit and silent auction next week to assist David McIntosh.
 McIntosh's Action Ski and Snowboard shop on Sudderth Drive was damaged by a

Nov. 24 fire.
 Some of the ski shop's inventory was also destroyed in the blaze. McIntosh also prints the monthly publication Ruidoso Lifestyle.
 "He has been so good for the community," said Jennie Dorgan, owner of the Inn Credible. "Now the community can help him."
 Dorgan said her restaurant at State

Highway 48 and Lake Shore Drive in Alto, will open at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 for the benefit.
 The silent auction, with an array of items from artwork to jewelry and services, will start at 8 p.m.
 The restaurant will provide hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Entertainment will be provided by the area's Flying J Wranglers.

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Village to consider increasing utilities deposit for renters

Ruidoso renters who pay their own municipal utility bills may be required to pay a \$150 deposit, instead of the current \$60.

The change is scheduled to be discussed Tuesday by village councilors.

A memorandum to councilors from Mayor Robert Donaldson states rental property owners are sometimes hit with paying the difference between a renter's \$60 deposit with the village and bills run up by renters who skip. The minimum monthly bill for residential customers is approximately \$46. Donaldson states in the memo that a new \$150 residen-

tial renters deposit would cover the value of three months of service, the exposure period landlords can face with unpaid water and sewer services by renters.

Councilors have been asked to consider the proposal, and to come with other ideas to the Tuesday village council meeting.

In other agenda items the council:

- Will consider approval of an agreement with Sierra Contracting for the disposal of pine needles and other yard waste.

- Conduct a public hearing and decide on the issuance of a new restaurant beer and wine license for use at Spanky's Grille, 2205 Sudderth Drive. The state would also have to approve the license.

- Hold a public hearing and decide a transfer of a liquor dispensers license to New Mexico Last Call, Inc. the new operator of the Swiss Chalet Inn. State approval is also required.

- Hear an appeal of a planning commission denial of a conditional use permit to allow a property owner in Camelot Mountain tracts to use a recreational vehicle as a

temporary residence during on-site construction. The commission, on Aug. 1, turned down Gerald Griep's request.

- Consider a Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation that would restrict banners advertising community and civic events to 32 square feet in size, the same limit that business banners must comply with.

- Consider amending an ordinance that would allow permitted uses in R-3 (multi-family residential) districts in R-4 (high density residential) districts. Allowed in R-3 districts are single and two-family dwellings, a multi family

unit and public parks.

- Change the zoning on five lots on Vision Drive, behind the Shadow Mountain Lodge, from C-2 (community commercial) to C-1 (neighborhood commercial). The change, endorsed by the planning commission last month, is sought for an expansion of the lodging establishment.

- Amend the zoning on two lots on Reese Drive from R-1 (single family residential) to R-2 (two family residential). The adjustment, endorsed by the planning commission, would allow prospective buyers of the property the opportunity to use the two plus acres for a

possible "cottage community."

- Review bids for the possible purchase of a half-ton extended cab pick-up truck.

- Consider an update of the Ruidoso Convention Center's operational policy and facilities rental schedule.

- Discuss the creation of a Visual Arts Jury. The proposal was advanced by the village's arts coordinator. The jury would deal with art in public places.

The Ruidoso Village Council will convene Dec. 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Downs trustees to discuss grant application

A preliminary agenda for the Dec. 11 regular meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Downs council will seek the approval of trustees to apply for a New Mexico Clean and Beautiful grant.

An update on drainage issues, especially Colorado Lane and areas of the Los Lomas subdivision will be provided to trustees. Several village officials recently toured the areas.

Police chief Eddie Lerma will ask for approval to purchase two commodes and sink fixtures for

the department's jail. The plumbing needs are non-budgeted items.

The council will also be asked to allow a request for proposals for an integrated software purchase. The software would address data processing from personnel and payroll to the issuance of dog licenses.

The purchase of two pick-up trucks, for the village's public works departments, will be considered. The vehicles would fund with monies from the sale of surplus village equipment.

The council is being asked to approve a bank purchasing card. The card, which is used similar to a credit card, would cut paperwork for smaller village purchases, said Gladys Dillard, village clerk. The bank purchasing card would have no added cost to the village.

A public input segment of the meeting allows village residents to address the council and mayor.

The Dec. 11 meeting, at village hall, 122 Downs Drive, begins at 5:30 p.m.

DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings are scheduled for next week in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Monday, Dec. 11
 • 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Village Council, Ruidoso Downs village hall.
 • 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso ETZ Authority, Ruidoso village hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
 • 9:30 a.m., Ruidoso Utility Council, Ruidoso village hall.
 • 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Council, Ruidoso village hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
 • 12 p.m., Ruidoso Library Board, at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Thursday, Dec. 14
 • 4 p.m., Ruidoso Arts Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

Friday, Dec. 15
 • 1 p.m., Scenic Byways Committee (special meeting), at Ruidoso village hall.

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Post office lesson



Postal clerk Pat Parham shows students from Nob Hill Early Childhood Center the inner workings of the post office in Ruidoso. She explained Thursday how much hands-on labor still is involved despite automatic sorting machines and how pink slips are left in boxes to let patrons know when they've received large packages.

Three join proposed Ruidoso Downs ETZ board

Ruidoso Downs' Planning and Zoning Committee Tuesday named three members to the village's pending Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

Residents Wayne Faircloth, Susan Garrett and Ron Ritter will be the three commissioners appointed by the village.

Lincoln County commissioners have yet to approve an agreement establishing the ETZ commission and name three other members. Once the six members are in place they would appoint a seventh commissioner.

The ETZ would regulate

development from Ruidoso Downs' village limits 1 mile into the county. Once the commission is complete, the panel would begin writing an ordinance regulating development in the ETZ. The commission would have 360 days to recommend the zoning ordinance.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Mailboxes damaged

Reports of mailbox damage over the past weekend continued to be registered with the Ruidoso Police Department. The incidents include properties on Barcus Road, Lower Terrace Drive, Main Road, Nogal Place, East Rainbow Drive and Upper Terrace Drive.

The weekend vandalism included damage to an outdoor brass lamp at a Virginia Canyon Road residence. Similar to the estimated 20 instances of damaged to destroyed mailboxes, the outdoor lamp appeared to have been hit with a blunt object as a vehicle drove by.

The lamp was valued at \$75.

Burglary investigated

An estimated \$11,340 in personal property was reported stolen from a Willie Horton Drive residence. Ruidoso police were called to the home on Dec. 5, and classified the crime as a felony burglary case.

Missing from the residence were artificial plants, an entertainment center, clock, 400 compact discs, 200 video tapes, bed linens, bathroom items and kitchenware.

TVs, VCR, bed taken

A break-in between Nov.

22 and Nov. 30 at an Atwood Lane home, netted a burglar two TV sets, a VCR and a bed.

The occupant told officers that upon returning home Nov. 30, after being out of town, the residence had been entered.

Two days after having returned home the occupant renotified police that the residence had been entered again with the remainder of a bed and a sleeping bag taken. The incident is under investigation as a felony burglary.

Condo door damaged

A felony breaking and entering, misdemeanor criminal damage to property incident, at the High Sierra Condos on Excalibur Drive, was reported Dec. 4 to Ruidoso police.

A manager of the condominiums said she heard a noise about 1:15 a.m., and upon investigating the noise discovered a damaged door. Nothing was believed to be missing in the break in.

Thief takes diamond

A theft of an \$817 diamond wedding ring from a Del Norte Drive residence was reported to police. The felony larceny incident was believed to have occurred between Nov. 27-30. The wedding ring had been in a plastic bag with other jewelry in a jewelry box.

Sprayer, hose taken

A paint sprayer with 200 feet of hose, valued at \$1,000, was reported taken from a 2nd Street property overnight Dec. 4-5. The incident is under investigation as a felony larceny.

Domestic charge filed

A Ruidoso man was arrested Dec. 5, after police were called to a domestic violence incident.

Matthew Hiera, 19, was charged with misdemeanor battery on a household member. Police found the suspect, who had left a Hemlock Circle residence, walking down a street.

Hiera admitted getting into a fight about his share of rent money with a roommate.

He also admitted flipping a dining room table, punching a chandelier, and pushing a woman to get away from her, according to a police report.

The victim said she had been pushed against a wall and pushed to the ground.

Teen caught with vodka

A 15-year-old Ruidoso boy was charged Dec. 4 with possession of drug paraphernalia and being a minor in possession of alcohol. Police had been called to a West Street residence after an adult discovered a bottle of vodka and suspected the teen had been using marijuana.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open.
New Snow Past 24 hours: 0
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New Snow Past Week: 1 inch
Weather: Clear
Road conditions: Clear
Midway depth: 23-45 in.
Surface conditions: Packed powder and machine groomed
Skiing conditions: Good on upper mountain. Excellent on lower mountain
Trails open: 40 of 55. All trails except Apache Bowl, Chair 8 Trails, Incredible, Gondola, Lincoln Lift Lines and the Trench Lifts open: 9 of 11. All lifts except Apache Bowl No. 6 and Elk Chair No. 8
Trails groomed this morning: 10 of 40
Snowmaking past 24 hours: Yes
Tomorrow's forecast: Partly cloudy.
Additional info: Nice skiing today with lots of soft snow and plenty of sunshine. Night-time temperatures are quite low and snowmaking is pumping out a lot of white stuff on the Chair 8 trails which should be open soon.
Value Season Pricing: \$29/adult and \$19/child lift tickets through Friday.
Visit the Ski Apache Web site at www.skiapacha.com.

Preps on tap

Friday, Dec. 8
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBD
Carrizozo at Socorro Tournament, TBD
Mescalero at Menaul Tournament, TBD
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBD
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Rattler Invitational, Tucumcari, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBD
Carrizozo at Socorro Tournament, TBD
Mescalero at Menaul Tournament, TBD
Corona vs. Lake Arthur, 4 p.m.
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Artesia Tournament, TBD
Captain at home vs. Loving, 5 p.m.
Corona vs. Lake Arthur, 2 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Rattler Invitational, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12
Boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Tularosa (V.J.V.C.), 4 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Las Cruces, 7 p.m.

Pecking order

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| Aramark | 8 | 1 | .889 |
| All Around | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| Eckos | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| County Coors | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Tequila Slingers | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| It's All Good | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| Mescalero Express | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| P-Funk All Stars | 3 | 7 | .300 |
| Alamo Pipe | 2 | 7 | .222 |
| Big O Tires | 0 | 8 | .000 |

Results for Dec. 5
Aramark 65, P-Funk All Stars 59
Eckos 69, Alamo Pipe 40
County Coors 74, Big O Tires 36
Results for Dec. 6
Tequila Slingers 56, P-Funk All Stars 54
Mescalero Express 67, Big O Tires 43
Aramark 77, It's All Good 36
All Around 66, Eckos 44
Games for Dec. 12
6:30 p.m. — Tournament game 1
7:30 p.m. — Tournament game 2
8:30 p.m. — Tournament game 3

On Deck

Volleyball open gym
The last two nights for the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation volleyball open gym are from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday and Dec. 18 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information, call 257-5030.
Basketball tournament
Team Supreme, a mens and womens basketball tournament, will run today-Sunday at the Mescalero Gym. Prizes include trophies for the men's first through fourth place finishers and women's first through third finishers; two all tourney selections per team and a most valuable player award. For more information, call Paschal at 671-9342.
Reindeer Run
The 16th annual Reindeer Run, a 10K run/walk and 2 mile run/walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the Roswell Racquet Club and Spa, 200 E. Mescalero, Roswell. Registration is \$25 and a cart of food. There is a \$1 discount for Roswell Runners Club members and groups of 10 or more. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The fee includes an embroidered fleeca vest for all participants, awards to the overall finishers in each event and first through third place awards in each age group and to the best Christmas outfit. For more information, call Bob Edwards at (505) 627-5507. Rio Pecos Medical Associates at (505) 622-6322 or the City of Roswell Parks and Recreation Department at (505) 624-6720.

Softball Tournaments
A Triple Play 1-pitch softball tournament for men's C and D classes is set for Dec. 19 at SportsPark El Paso, 1780 Zaragoza, in El Paso. The deadline to register is Dec. 13. A meetings will be held Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The registration fee is \$60. For more information, call (915) 857-7676.
Adult flag football tournament
The third annual flag football tournament is scheduled for Dec. 16-17 at SportsPark El Paso, 1780 Zaragoza, in El Paso. The deadline to register is Dec. 13. A league meeting will be held the same day at 7 p.m. The registration fee is \$100. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkelpaso@aol.com.

Gymnasts tumble into town

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Some of New Mexico's best young gymnasts will be flying, leaping and tumbling their way into Ruidoso Downs this weekend. Mountaintop Gymnastics will be host to the state Level IV championship meet, with 107 young gymnasts from 13 gyms throughout the state competing.

Because of a fear of snow — the meets are always held in December — this is the first time Ruidoso has won the bid for the state meet.

"This year they let us have it, so we're making a big deal of it," said head coach Amy Eggleston. "We are going to do everything possible to make this the best meet ever; from decorating the gym to asking local businesses to wish the gymnasts good luck on their marquee signs. Hopefully, we'll get the bid to host more final meets in the future, and more importantly, give the gymnasts a meet they will remember and treasure."

"We want it to be different from all the other meets they have competed in in the past."

Level IV is the beginning level of competition for young gymnasts, with athletes ages 6 to 14 competing.

Still, Eggleston said, it will be fun to watch.

"This is the beginning level so it's not real difficult, but it is the final meet



Ruidoso gymnast Sierra Nelson practices her routine on the balance beam while other members of Mountaintop Gymnastics look on.

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Tourneys on tap

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball season is in full swing, and several area teams will be seeing a lot of action at tournaments this weekend.

The Ruidoso boys and girls are competing at the Artesia Invitational.

Action started Thursday with the boys facing off against Carlsbad and the girls meeting Gadsden.

The tournament continues today with the winners bracket at 5 p.m. (boys) and 7 p.m. (girls), and the losers bracket games at 10 a.m. and noon.

Saturday's championship games are set for 5 p.m. (girls)

and 7 p.m. (boys).

The Class A Carrizozo Grizzlies are competing in a tough AAA tournament in Socorro.

They opened play Thursday against host Socorro, and today will face either Hot Springs or Gadsden.

The tournament championship is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with the consolation title game at 2:30 p.m.

The Mescalero Chiefs opened action at the Menaul tournament Thursday against the Española junior varsity.

They'll go on to face either Native American Prep or the Los Lunas JV today.

Hoops fun set for Ruidoso

The Harlem Entertainers are coming to Ruidoso.

The Ruidoso Warriors host the "Professional Clowns of the Court" at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ruidoso High School Gym.

Traveling with the Entertainers will be "Wizard" Washington, an understudy of Marcus Haynes and a point guard for Goose Tatum, both original Globetrotters; "Showboat" Brannon, who played with the Goose Tatum Roadkings and was coached by the Clown Prince of Basketball; and "Badnews" Hardiman, who played for many years with the Harlem Wizards and is considered one of the only active originals.

Also competing for the Entertainers will be Leroy "Dr. Dunk" Harper, "I-Bone" Posey, Jo Von "Razzle Dazzle" Singleton, Leroy "Silky" Hudson, Weldon "Youngblood" Washington and Rhomie "Sidekick" Chamberlain.

The entertainers will take on Ruidoso celebrity teams

made up of high school coaches and school administrators.

"The Dreamers" include Ruidoso coaches Rodney "Hang Time" Webb, Kief "Wildcat" Johnson, Jason "Double Dribble" Edmister, Brian "On the Hop" Baca, Albert "Technical" Ronquillo, Cody "Flash" Patterson, Colt "45" Harrelson and Ken "Too Tall" Weaver.

Playing for "The Enforcers" will be RHS principal Bill "Not in my House" Green, athletic director Ron "Off the Wall, Nob Hill" principal Roger "Dr. Dunk" Sowder, White Mountain Elementary principal Frank "and Beans" Cannella, White Mountain Intermediate principal Helene "Free Throw" Kobelnyk, Sierra Vista Principal Danny "Bad News" Flores, superintendent Mike "Enforcer" Gladden and assistant superintendent "Paul Lobo" Wirth.

Advanced tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for students. Tickets at the door are \$8 and \$6. Children 5 years old and younger are free.

Ruidoso wrestlers ready to rumble

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's wrestlers have some big aspirations for the season.

"Our goal is: I want to be state champs," said coach Jerrett Perry. "I feel like we have the kids to do it. I feel like we have the program to do it."

That said, Perry isn't ready to predict his team will win the state title, just that they'll be working hard toward that goal.

"Our expectations are high," he said. "We're going to take one tournament at a time. We're going to get better and better and better and better, and everything is going to be directed toward state. Our district goal is we want to be district champions for the first time in school history. We feel like the opportunity is there and we have a very good, legitimate chance to be district champions."

Part of the reason for that is the Warriors have been moved into a somewhat easier district.

Silver is now in AAAA, and Cobre will compete against Bernalillo, Grants and Socorro. Ruidoso will face off against the New Mexico Military Institute, Santa Teresa and the School for the Visually Handicapped.

While the Desert Warriors and Golden Bears usually have one or two strong wrestlers, NMMI could give the Warriors a run for the money.



The Warrior wrestlers are taking one meet at a time, with the ultimate goal a state championship.

"The kids who are coming back are good wrestlers, so they're not going to be any slouch," Perry said. "It'll be good competition for us."

And he's not going to overlook either of the other district foes.

"The last thing I'll ever do is look down at any team, no matter who they

are," the coach said. "We can't ever look past anybody."

The same holds true for state.

With Aztec moved into AAAA, the fight for the title is wide open.

"I think everybody's going into AAA this year with the same mentality I have," Perry said. "I think (redistrict-

ing) helps us because we do get rid of some of those powerhouse wrestling teams, but then again, we still have to deal with two contenders who are always in the top three in state: Cobre and (Las Vegas) Robertson."

Perry picks the Indians, Cardinals, his Warriors and Shiprock as the top four teams in AAA.

There are a number of reasons the Warriors could contend.

For the first time in the team's history, the Warriors have a full squad — 14 true varsity wrestlers — with every weight class filled.

Only three of last year's 14th-place state-tournament team graduated: Grant Brumlow, Dusty Justus and Keith Bassett.

The wrestlers range from freshmen through seniors, but every wrestler is experienced. Even the freshman have come up through the middle school system, which leaves Perry free to concentrate on details other than the basics.

"We're at a point now with our wrestling program where I don't have to teach fundamentals," he said. "I don't have to teach kids how to do singles and doubles. So we can spend time on other things to enhance our ability to be successful, and that's to get stronger."

Strength is another advantage the Warriors hope to bring to the mat. The

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Cardinals hoping numbers (finally!) will lead to success

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona boys basketball team has something it hasn't had in a long time.

Numbers. Coming off several seasons with only six or seven players, this year the Cardinals have 10 players, ranging from seniors to eighth graders.

The Cardinals lost three seniors from last year's small 2-10, 0-8 squad, but only one, Brandon Bieble, saw much playing time.

That leaves four returners — senior Albert Sanchez, junior Dal Frost and freshmen Victor Perez and Chauncy Jinks — with experience, and several players who've been on past Cardinal teams who know the ropes.

"This is kind of a welcome change for the boys," said coach Ronnie Dunsworth. "It's mostly been the girls who had all the experience and all the numbers. This year it's kind of reversed."

Dunsworth sounds optimistic about his squad's possibilities.

"We've got quickness and outside shooting and good defensive skills," he said.

The Cardinals will feature guards Sanchez and Perez, whose jobs it will be to get the ball up the floor to the posts.

Sanchez, who's been with the squad five years, and Perez, who played as an eighth grader, are the team's best ball handlers.

"They're going to drive to the paint, then try to feed the posts," Dunsworth said.

The two can also shoot

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Fishing report

For fly fishing - Here we are in December. The flow rate on the river has been fair the past two months. The New Mexico Game and Fish Department has been doing a good job of stocking on a monthly basis from Carrizo Creek downstream. The water is clear, so remember to wear dark colored clothes when streamside.

RIO RUIDOSO: As stated last week, the browns are in their annual spawn. The spawn should last well into December. So if you catch a brown, please return it unharmed to the water. The best subsurface fly selections for rainbows or browns remain the bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. Green rock worms and bead head cased caddis larva have fooled a fair number of fish this past week.

SOUTH FORK: No change here. Very little water flowing. You will need to hike a mile or so up stream before you will find fish. This is mostly pocket water fishing, so place your efforts on pools and cuts. Bead head nymphs, stimulators and small hoppers are always effective on these small feisty fish. These fish are hungry and not fussy.

EAGLE LAKES: Closed for the season.

BONITO LAKE: Closed for the season.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: No change from last week. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will still produce the best fishing here. Bead head flash-a-buggers and small rainbow or brown trout streamers continue to be effective near dark. Egg sucking leeches and large dark Mopika's have been working. Most subsurface flies should be fished quite deep with an intermediate sinking tip of full sinking line with a moderate strip on the return. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster fisherman. Renegade, black and olive propeller flies have been working well. Remember to squeeze the hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release.

LAKE MISCALERO: The fishing late afternoon and evening remains good. Dry flies continue to be working toward evening. Patterns that have been producing are Hensons "W" patterns, Humpty's and Partridge Adams. Bead head brown and black woolly flash-a-buggers have been productive. Black egg sucking leeches have also been working. Black, brown and olive propeller flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the lake.

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WRESTLERS: Ruidoso aiming for state gold

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team is spending a lot of time in the weight room — up to 10 hours a week.

Another benefit the Warriors have is mental: with most of the squad coming off football, the team is upset about the abbreviated gridiron season.

"We're going to take it out on the mat," Perry said. "That's the best thing we can do. Football is over, now we rebound and we direct our energy in a different avenue."

"I feel there's a hunger inside them. They have great attitudes and have been working hard. We've rebounded, and the thing that's going to make these kids successful is they are the most resilient bunch of kids I've ever met."

The only disadvantage Perry can find is a lack of depth.

While each weight class is filled, the Warriors don't have a complete junior varsity, leaving the team vulnerable to injury and illness.

Prior to the team's first tournament, Perry called everyone "extremely healthy," but said he would be watching to make sure everyone stays that way.

"The flu bug's not in New Mexico now and we watch it closely. Some people watch the weather. We watch the flu bug," he laughed.

Of the 14 wrestlers filling out the varsity squad, Perry said four are true state contenders: sophomore David McNally, 135, junior heavy-weight Patrick Hodges and

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seniors Cade Hall, 140, and Thatcher Hampton, 215.

Others he expects could place at state are sophomores Shawn Gurule, 112, and Royce McMillion, 152, and senior Casey Arnett, 145.

Even those not expected to place at state will aid the Warrior cause with their effort.

Rounding out the squad are freshmen Uriel Garcia, 125, Justin Huffman, 130, and Tye Phillips, 130; sophomores Jeremy Pritchett, 119, and Tanner McGarvey, 171; junior Brian Irvin, 103; and seniors Austin Ritter, 160, and Derrick Dennis, 189.

For some of the wrestlers, their weight classes have changed from last year.

Gurule, who won the dis-

trict title at 103 pounds last year, added so much muscle — with only 7-8 percent body fat — he moved up to 112.

That moved Pritchett up to 119 and Tanner McGarvey, who wrestled JV at 152 last year, bulked up and will be wrestling at 171.

One new/old face is 103-pound Brian Irvin.

Irvin wrestled for Perry in eighth and ninth grade, then moved to Carlsbad but didn't compete there.

Now he's back, and, said Perry, "can do some good things for us."

The two Warrior freshmen, Garcia and Huffman, may be new faces to the varsity, but both have been on the mid school team.

The rest bring their effort

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Jerrett Perry, coach

and skills from seasons past to the team.

Perry is confident his team can be the one to beat.

"If we reach our objectives, I feel like we can become state champions," Perry said. "We're going to give it everything we possibly can. We're going to give our hearts and our souls to the cause."

Perry said the season leading up to state and district will give his squad more than enough experience to compete at the highest level.

The Warriors will compete against teams from throughout New Mexico and out of state, with tournaments and states dominating the schedule.

"I'm loading up on these kids, but it's going to be the best for us," Perry said. "I'm going to do everything I possibly can to make them successful."

The season will wrap up with the Ruidoso Invitational, moved one week back to give the Warriors the chance to compete at the Robertson Invitational the last week in January.

"We're working hard," Perry said. "We're trying to do all the right things to help these kids be successful, and we want the community of Ruidoso to be very proud of us and proud of our accomplishments. Not just as a wrestling team, but as good kids. As a good team, as a good model program doing the right things and doing the good things."

Gymnasts: State competition set

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of the season, so they're in good condition and they do look good," she said.

Seven Mountaintop gymnasts will be vying to be the best of the best, and Eggleston said with all firsts and seconds under their belts this year, they should do well.

"We have some who are going to be contenders, as long as they do what they're able to do and don't let the pressure get to them," she said.

As with any other sport, getting the home-court advantage will help the Ruidoso gymnasts.

"Always," Eggleston said. "Because the equipment is different in every gym. So the fact they know their equipment; they know where they start; they know where they finish; they know where the judges will be sitting is all to their advantage."

There are two sessions — the younger girls compete at 1:30 p.m. and the older gymnasts at 6:30 p.m., with the team awards following the last session — and the public is welcome to attend.

The admission fee is \$5.

"We'd love to see everybody come out," Eggleston said. "Gymnastics doesn't get a lot of publicity because we're not in the school system, we're a privately run club, but it is exciting to watch. It was the No. 1-watched sport at the Olympics, so I would love to see people come out and watch this one."

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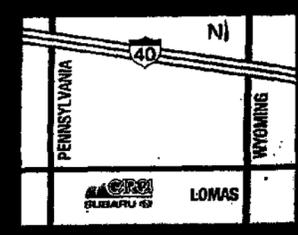
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Changes in store for Lady Cardinals hoopsters

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With two speedy seniors graduated from the Lady Cardinal squad, Corona's girls hoops team will take on a different look this year.

Sarah Stewart and Courtney Perez were the speed and ball handlers for last year's 14-10, 3-3 regional tournament team.

Without those two, the team will be decidedly slower.

"We're probably going to have to scale back from our press," said coach Travis Lightfoot. "Probably not utilize it quite as often because of a lack of speed."

The team is returning four experienced players: seniors Delia Gonzalez and Marilee Bryan, junior Dominica Fernandez and sophomore Laura Gonzalez.

Junior Rhiannon Alirez and freshman Rachel have seen some playing time, while freshman Tara Seeley and eighth grader Estee Cosper are new to the squad.

The biggest plus for the team is height.

The sisters Gonzalez top out at 5-9 and 5-8, with others at 5-7 and 5-6.

"We've got some pretty good height," Lightfoot said.

So that's what he'll take advantage of.

"We're going to have to establish a good half-court defense," he said. "We're going to have to look at using the positives we do have to our advantage. We're going to have to really put some pressure on half court and see if we can get rebounds. We need to give (the opposition) one shot and out and make them shoot the ball well. If we can get them to shoot 20-30 percent and we get the rebound each time, and have a



The Corona Lady Cardinals will be relying on height and a defense that keeps the ball away from their opposition.

good advantage in the rebounding, that'll play to our favor."

Lightfoot also said every player on his team can shoot, and that's going to be key to Corona earning a winning record.

"We're going to have to shoot from the inside and out-

"In certain situations, they might get hot and get four in a row, and then they may not hit the rest of the game."

Travis Lightfoot, coach

side," Lightfoot said. While the squad can hit the bucket, the coach said they shoot in spurts, which might not always be bad.

"In certain situations, they might get hot and get four in a row, and then they may not hit the rest of the game," he said. "If they get streaky at

perfect situations, and each one of them gets hot at a different time, it's not a bad situation."

Another plus for the team is the fact most of the players have had regional tournament experience.

So if the team can get some playing time under its belt by district — the Cardinals had a late start to the season compared to other squads — Lightfoot thinks they can be in the thick of

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GIRLS: Height key to Cardinals

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things. Last season, the Cardinals were picked to finish near the bottom of the district, which surprised a lot of people when they finished second.

The coach said those low expectations helped since the squad had nowhere to go but up. The same could be true this year.

"It depends on what their expectations are of us," he said. "I think it helped last year with no expectations by the other district opponents."

Lightfoot agrees with other assessments that Carrizo is the team to beat in

district.

Mountainair didn't lose any players from last year's squad — which lost both district games to Corona — which could make them tough, he said.

Lightfoot said Bosque Prep, which is new to the district, is probably young and inexperienced.

Vaughn, which didn't field a girls team last season, is also somewhat of a question mark.

So if his team can smooth out the rough edges come district time, Lightfoot thinks Corona can be right there.

"I expect us to be in the top three in district this year," he said.

High Fives

Ruidoso volleyball player Carrie Line has received both state and local honors for her efforts this season.

Line was the only Warrior named to the Class AAA all-state volleyball team.

She was named as a second-team outside hitter.

Line was also named to the District 4-AAA academic team.

Line carried a 3.875 grade point average.

Line also earned the Most Valuable Player award from the Warrior squad.

CORONA: Numbers up for Cardinal hoopsters

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from the outside and from the free-throw line. So look for scoring from both places.

Sanchez and Perez will be trying to get the ball to senior Andrew Bagley — who spent part of last year in Melrose, so didn't play — and freshman Keith Shafer — who played a little last year but grew a lot over the summer — who'll be the team's posts and inside shooters.

"We're not very deep at the post, but we've got two good post players," Dunsworth said. "If they get in foul trouble and have to go to the bench, we're really green and inexperienced at post players."

So the key, the coach said, is to gain experience.

"If we get more of our bench developed, I think we'll be in pretty good shape," Dunsworth said.

Rounding out the Cardinal squad are senior Manuel Noriega; sophomore Terral Wilson; freshman Randy Warren; and eighth-grader Taos Muncy.

The one thing Dunsworth would like more of is height.

At 6-1, Bagley is the tallest Cardinal. Shafer is 5-11 1/2; Wilson 5-11 and Noriega 5-10.

"I would probably take some height," the coach said. "I've got quickness and shoot-



Numbers are up on the Corona Cardinal basketball team, which bodes well for a successful season.

ing and speed. I need about one more 6-3. That would definitely help."

With the lack of height, Dunsworth said the team needs also needs to improve its rebounding.

"If we get outrebounded, it's going to be a pretty long night," he said.

Still, Dunsworth thinks the Cardinals have a chance to do something they haven't

done in years: advance beyond the district tournament.

In his six years at Corona, the highest the Cardinals ever finished was third: This year, that could change.

"I think Mountainair's on top and it's going to be a dog-fight for second place," he said. "I think we're all pretty well balanced."

He calls the Mustangs the District 7A "top dogs," and

new district foe Bosque Prep "a mystery."

Vaughn and Carrizo, he thinks, "are pretty equal," with Corona right in there.

"If we get some experience with the new players (we'll be in the fight)," he said. "If we get more of our bench developed, I think we'll be in pretty good shape."

The Cardinals got a late start on the season, so the one thing Dunsworth wants is more playing time.

The Cardinals will get some good experience at the BVC Tournament in Estancia Dec. 14-16, wrap up the year 2000 in To'hajiilee, then go into a busy January that has an average of three games a week in both district and non-district play.

With 10 players on his bench — something that's a rarity for the small school district — Dunsworth thinks his team can be a factor in the district.

"I think we're going to get an advantage (from our numbers)," he said. "If I can get some of those new kids some game experience, it will definitely be a factor."

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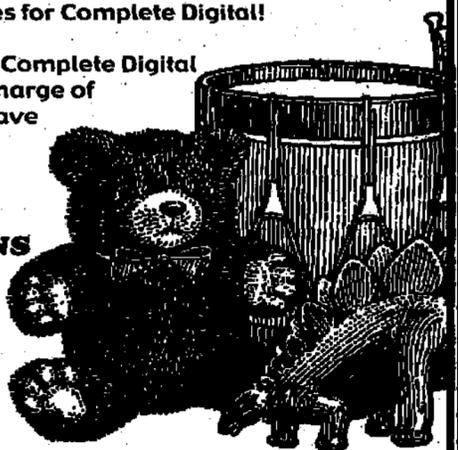
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Laying a tile floor: Anybody can do it



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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TODAY'S TOPIC FOR HOMEOWNERS IS: How to install a tile floor.

Any home decorator will tell you that there is nothing quite like a tile floor for transforming an ordinary room into an ordinary room that has tile on the floor.

But if you're like most homeowners, you think that laying tile is a job for the "pros." Boy, are you ever stupid! Because the truth is that anybody can do it! All it takes is a little planning, the right materials and a Fire Rescue unit.

Consider the true story of a woman in Linthicum, Md., who decided to tile her kitchen floor, as reported in an excellent front-page newspaper article written by Eric Collins for the Sept. 26 issue of the Annapolis, Md., *Capital*, and sent in by many alert readers. According to this article, the woman, who wanted to be identified only as "Anne" for reasons that will become clear, decided to surprise her fiancé by tiling her kitchen floor herself, thus saving the \$700 a so-called

"expert" would have charged for the job.

Step One, of course, was for Anne to spread powerful glue on the floor, so the tiles would be bonded firmly in place. Anne then proceeded to Step Two, which — as you have probably already guessed — was to slip and fall face-first into the glue coat she created in Step One, thus bonding herself to the floor like a gum wad on a hot sidewalk.

Fortunately, Anne was not alone. Also in the house, thank goodness, was one of the most useful companions a person can ever hope to have: a small dog. Specifically, it was a Yorkshire Terrier, a breed originally developed in England to serve as makeup applicators. A full-grown "Yorkie" is about the size of a standard walnut, although it has more hair and a smaller brain.

Anne's dog — named Cleopatra — saw that her owner was in trouble, so she immediately ran outside and summoned a police officer.

Ha ha! No, seriously, Cleopatra did what all dogs do when their owners are in trouble: lick the owner's face. Dogs believe this is the correct response to every emergency. If Lassie had been a real dog, when little Timmy was sinking in the quicksand, Lassie, instead of racing back to the farmhouse to get help, would have helpfully licked Timmy on the face until he disappeared, at which point Lassie, having done all she could for him,

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the *Capital* article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered."

would have resumed licking herself.

So anyway, when Cleopatra decided to help out, she naturally also became stuck in the glue. But again, luck was on Anne's side, because also at home were her two daughters, ages 9 and 10, who, realizing that the situation was no joking matter, immediately, in the

words of the *Capital* article, "began laughing hysterically."

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the *Capital* article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered."

I don't know about you, but that sentence disturbs me. I think somebody should check on the glue-emergency-hotline staff. I picture an office reeking of glue fumes, with whacked-out workers permanently bonded to floors, walls, ceilings, each other, etc. Come to think of it, this is also how I picture Congress.

But getting back to Anne: Still trying to solve her personal glue problem, she called a tile contractor. During this conversation, the glue on her body hardened, such that (1) her right foot became stuck to the floor, (2) her legs became stuck together, (3) her body became stuck to a chair, and (4) her hand became stuck to the phone.

"I had to dial 911 with my nose," she is quoted as saying.

When the rescue personnel arrived, they found Anne still stuck. Perhaps this is a good time in our story to bring up the fact that she had been working in, and was still wearing, only her underwear. Fortunately, the rescue crews were serious, competent, highly trained professionals, and thus, to again quote the *Capital* article, they "laughed until

they cried."

Once they recovered, the rescue crews were able to free Anne by following the standard procedure for this type of situation: licking her face.

No, seriously, they freed her with solvents, and everything was fine. Anne got her new floor and saved herself \$700, which I am sure more than makes up for suffering enough humiliation to last four or five lifetimes.

So the bottom line, home-

owners, is this: Don't be afraid to tackle that tile job! Just be sure to have a dog handy, and always remember the No. 1 rule of tile-installation professionals: Wear clean underwear.

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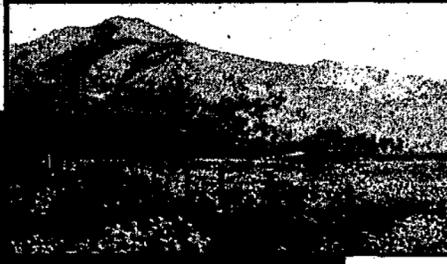
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University takes the lead in rangeland research project

While a typical scientific research project runs on a two- or three-year cycle, researchers have always recognized many natural processes should be studied over much longer periods and over broad geographic areas, said Laura Huenneke, a plant ecologist and head of New Mexico State University's biology department.

"Here in the desert, for example, we know drought cycles happen on the scale of decades. We also know that unusual events, like the drought of the 1950s, have very long-lasting impacts that we still see today. So we can't understand today's rangeland without applying a longer time scale," she said.

Since 1980 the National Science Foundation has funded a network of long-range study projects in the United States under its Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) program. Currently, 24 pro-

jects are being funded in the United States, and the NSF is cooperating with similar programs in more than 20 countries around the world, Huenneke added.

In November, NMSU became the lead institution for the long-term study project in the Jornada Basin, administering a \$4.2 million grant for the next six years.

The Jornada Basin LTER has been in operation since 1981 and throughout this time NMSU has been the site of studies connected with it. For the past six years, though, the lead institution for the effort was Duke University in Durham, N.C., the home of botanist William H. Schlesinger, who was its lead investigator.

"At the last contract renewal, in 1994, Dr. Schlesinger was the clear choice to be the lead investigator for the project, but over time it became clear that the

lead institution should be here, where the studies are going on," said Huenneke, who is now the lead investigator.

Currently, dozens of studies are being carried out under the umbrella of the Jornada Basin LTER.

Sitting side by side in the Jornada, the NMSU-owned Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-owned Jornada Experimental Range, constitute an enormous outdoor laboratory, Huenneke said.

The studies include work on dust, erosion, wildlife populations, water and runoff, she said.

"We also study the relationships between vegetation and the soil," she added. "Both in

the conventional way — trying to understand how soil limits plant growth — but also in a new, more exciting way — trying to learn how plants feed in deteriorating soil properties."

The research is given urgency by the growing desertification of areas around the world.

Researchers have come to the Jornada LTER from South Africa, Argentina, Australia and even England to study the process and how, possibly, to keep it at bay, Huenneke said.

"All of us are here because this region has shown great changes in vegetation in the past 4,000 years, big swings between grasslands and the shrub conditions we see today. We suspect the system could

show similar swings in response to the kinds of climatic variations that are predicted for the next 100 to 200 years," she said.

The underlying scientific question, she added, is, if nature has swung back and forth, what can humans do to restore function to the ecological system? The answers do not

always come easily. "A simplistic view is that overgrazing by livestock changes the system. So you put up fences and keep out livestock and the system should recover, but that doesn't work. We need to understand what long-term changes occur — for example in the soil — that limit recovery," she said.



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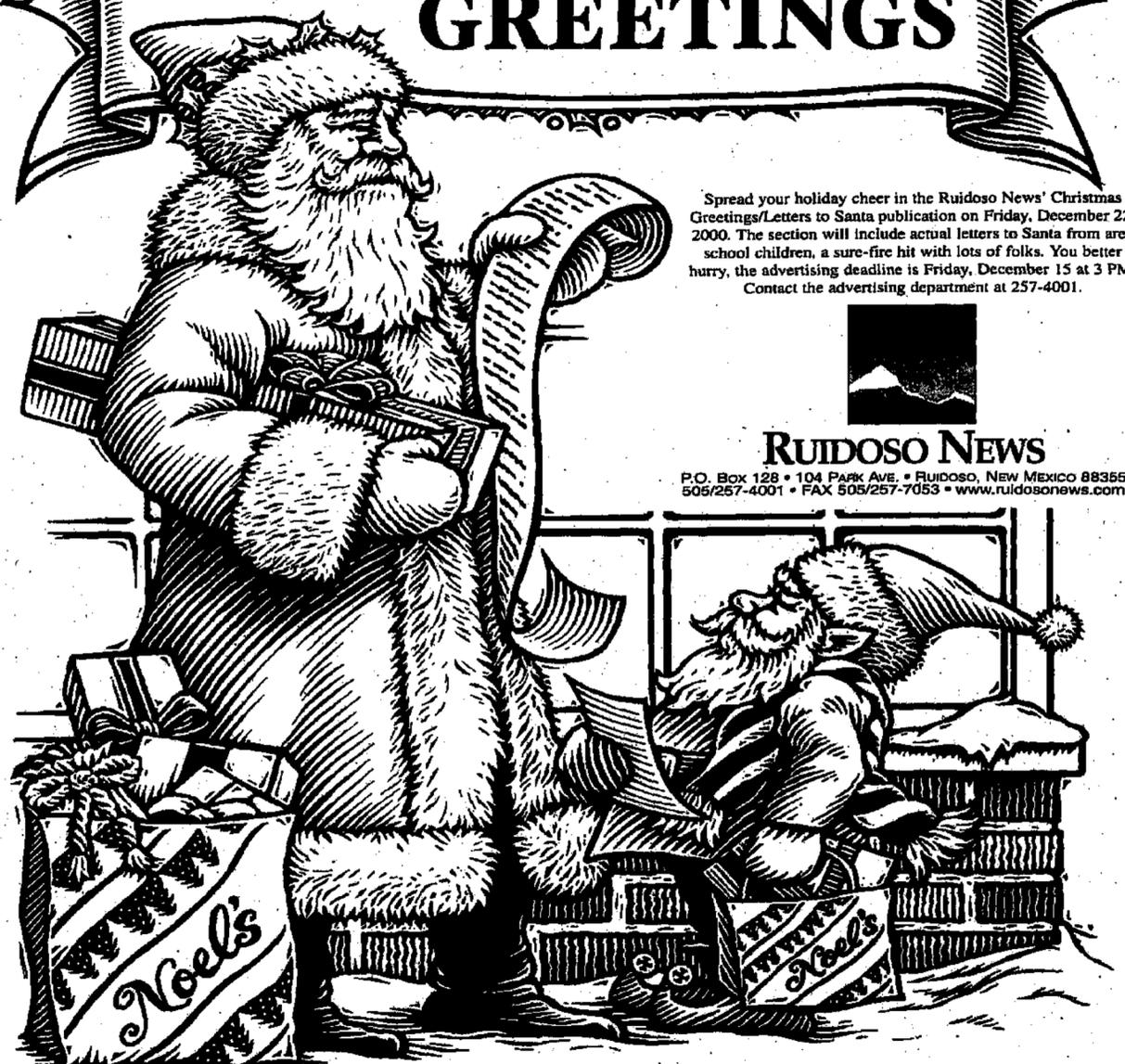
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Keithley's Korner

A Ruidoso wonderful life

If you've never seen "It's a Wonderful Life" with Jimmy Stewart, you've missed one of the best flicks ever made.

Long-story-short, the movie is about a guy who needs a tragedy in his life to understand how many friends and family members care about him. I watch it once a holiday season whether I need to be reminded or not.

We've got a similar real-life story going on right now in Ruidoso. Our Jimmy is Dave McIntosh.

Dave and his wife Kathy have been around town for a long time. His professions are diverse; he's been a writer, publisher, salesman and, among other things, owner of a ski-rental shop, Action Ski and Snowboard.

"I watched that movie again the other night," Dave said. "It makes you think about what's important."

The idea that Dave had time to watch a movie recently is a little mind-boggling itself, given the fact that his ski shop practically burned to the ground over the holiday weekend, destroying thousands and thousands of dollars of uninsured ski

equipment. Action Ski and Snowboard had reopened for business only days following the fire, just two stores north of the old shop on Sudderth Drive. Dave, his family and employees are renting ski equipment this morning as if nothing ever happened.

"If it were me, I would still be crying in the water puddles," Jennie Dorgan said. She is owner of the Incredible Saloon and Restaurant and a personal friend of the McIntosh family.

"As soon as the initial shock of the fire wore off, I saw them go to work to pick up the pieces of the business," Jennie said. "Dave and Kathy are such incredible people; not many would have reacted the way they did to the fire."

Jennie has decided to open up her business to a community fundraising event for Dave and Kathy.

The restaurant, on Highway 48 in Alto, will conduct a night of music, food and a silent auction to benefit the McIntosh family next Thursday, Dec. 14. Among the musical guests offering their services that night are the Flying J Wranglers.

"We wanted to have an event so that the community could show Dave and Kathy how much we care about them," Jennie said.

"I'll see you there. I'll be the guy on the barstool, passing out wings."

• Rod Stewart and Tom Petty in Ruidoso?

Well, close enough. Las Vegas performer Rick Chapman will appear tonight at Quarters in Ruidoso at 9 p.m.

"Rick is known as the No. 1 impersonator of Rod Stewart," Essie Maldonado said. She is coordinator of the show.

Telephone 257-9535 for ticket information.

• Thanks to Police Chief Lanny Maddox and the Crimestoppers program, which donated \$300 and a couple of bicycles to the Santa's Helpers project, sponsored by KIDX-FM.

So far, several thousand dollars has been raised for families who need some yuletide assistance. To donate, telephone 258-9922.

Radio Personality Tim Keithley can be heard weekdays at 9 a.m. on KRUI-AM (1490).

NMSU seeing results in its apple research

ALCALDE - After five years of careful maintenance, experimental apple orchard research at New Mexico State University's Sustainable Agriculture Science Center at Alcalde is finally bearing fruit.

NMSU researchers planted the orchard in spring 1996 to test early-maturing apple varieties that could help farmers get produce to market sooner and extend the New Mexico apple season. The project also is comparing two different apple-growing methods under local conditions.

This is the first year the trees have produced enough fruit to compile yield data, said Steve Guldán, center superintendent.

"We're now into a good age for the trees," Guldán said. "This is our first harvest, but we expect from now on to have regular yields to record and measure data."

The orchard includes eight varieties of early ripening apples: Imperial Gala, Red Fuji, Redfree and Redchief (red delicious), Ginger Gold and Golden Supreme (golden delicious), and Akane and Lucky Jon (Jonathan).

"We are testing varieties that are new for this area," Guldán said. "We hope the experiment will provide local growers with more options and help them get produce to market earlier and at a better price."

Rootstock and growing systems chosen for the experiment will allow researchers to test intensive farming methods that could increase yields.

All the apple varieties are planted on a dwarf rootstock that grows 11 to 14 feet tall — much shorter than typical rootstocks in New Mexico that reach 18 to 25 feet. Dwarf rootstock allows the orchard to have many more trees, said Charles Martin, an agriculture specialist working on the project.

"Until recently, the typical planting density in New Mexico was low, on the order of about 200 trees per acre," Martin said.



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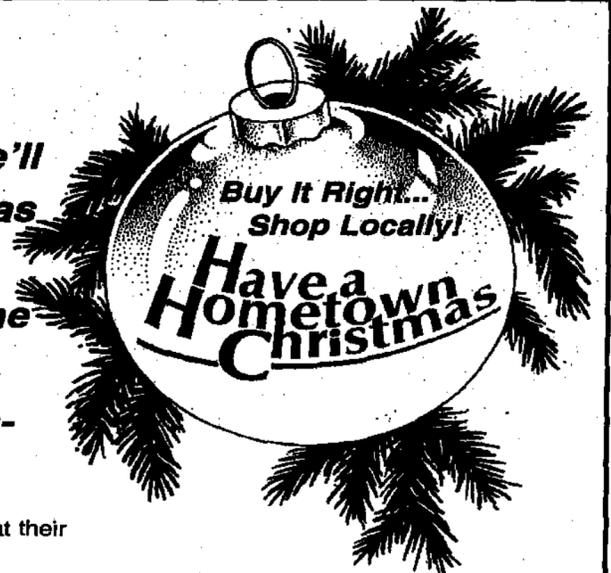
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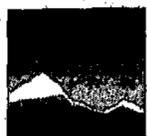


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Dec. 8, 1950

Warriors champions of 'C' Division

Cy Leland, coach of the Ruidoso Warriors, received a telephone message Thursday morning from Morris Ward, executive secretary of the New Mexico High School Athletics Association, advising him that Ruidoso had been declared state champions of the Class C division.

Ruidoso finished the season with 60 points, while Mountainair and West Las Vegas each had 50 points. This news was received by Warrior fans with great rejoicing. It is a tribute to a fine team who played their hearts out for a wonderful coach.

Dec. 9, 1960

Apaches vote in election next weekend

The annual election of Business Committee members is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 16, on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The committee has 10 members, five of whom have terms expiring this year. Holdover members are Mrs. Virginia Klinekole, tribal president; Andrew Little, Fred Pellman, Eric Tortilla and Wheeler Tisonlthots.

Members of the committee whose terms expire this year are Wendell Chino, Narcissus Gayton, Samson Miller, John Ellerd and Rufus Sago.

Dec. 11, 1970

Pritchett named president of new Shrine club

A Shrine Club has been organized in Ruidoso to be headed by newly elected president Austin Pritchett. The club now has 30 members, including men from Tinnie, Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, Picacho and Alamogordo as well as Ruidoso residents.

The Ruidoso Shrine Club was instituted on Friday, Dec. 4, by Potentate N. C. Ribble of Ballut Abyad Temple of Albuquerque.

Dec. 11, 1980

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Here it is already Dec. 9 as I write you this message, and all the mountain world is a picture of many shadows of green and purple hillsides, amber colored meadows, and a blue sky above full of clouds of every shade of gray and white ...

During World War II, down in Australia, it was strange to see all the flowers blooming, and the weather very warm at Christmas time — the seasons of the year being just the opposite from what they are in the Northern hemisphere. Yet the Christmas spirit was strong among the wonderful Australian people who showed us every kindness...

Dec. 8, 1950

Chamber music coming

Concert pianist Stephen Prutsman, this year's winner of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Piano Competition ... will play two concerts in Ruidoso, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, initiating the first Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival. ...

Turning
goats
into **STARS**
and finding something positive in a youthful tragedy

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When 17 of Wesley Hall's prize-winning milk goats were killed last May in their fenced compound by two dogs running loose, the 13-year-old fell into a depression.

"He said he didn't want to have any more goats," his mother Kortney said. After investing four years raising his herd as part of his 4-H project, the loss crushed him, especially because many of "his girls" were pregnant and despite the efforts of veterinarian Becky Washburn, their 15 babies couldn't be saved.

"He was lost," she said, "He was walking around in a daze. But he kept saying, 'Mom, I have to do something.' We kept talking about ideas and he said he wanted to help other animals in trouble."

That was the start of the Saving Threatened Animals Rescue Society or STARS.

Wesley responds to reports of starving or injured animals who need temporary care. He sends packages of help to people who have lost a barn to fire or whose animals were attacked and injured.

Each rescue is dedicated to the memory of one of the goats he lost. Slowly, and mostly through gifts from sympathetic goat owners, the rosy-cheeked young rancher with a smile full of braces, has built his herd back up to 22 goats.

But after completing six rescue missions, Wesley was dealt another blow two weeks ago. Two of his new goats died after eating from a bale of hay containing some type of toxic substance. The rest of the herd also fell ill, nine seriously.

Five that went into toxic shock were brought into the Hall's home and nursed overnight.

"We treated them with baking soda, oil, pain killer, electrolytes and (material) that puts good bacteria in their stomachs," Kortney said. "We still don't know the side effects." Five are on antibiotics from having their stomachs punctured to release gas from their bloated bodies.

By Nov. 27 and with a new batch

of hay, the survivors were on the mend.

Kortney home-schools Wesley, his brother, Quade, 6, and proxy sibling Destry, 12. That allows Wesley time to care for his charges. He averages about four hours of chores a day — even more when preparing for one of the five shows he participates in each year.

"It's not unusual for him to be sitting in the middle of his girls (goats) doing homework," Kortney said.

Besides the goats, the family has seven dogs, four cats, two birds, nine rabbits and two horses.

"I started with horses, but when I was going to do a 4-H project, I decided to make it goats, because I didn't want to have to sell my animals," Wesley said.

He concentrated on Nubians, which have floppy ears and are the largest of the dairy goats, but he also has two Nigerians, which have short, upright ears and are the smallest dairy breed.

Building a herd takes patience and devotion. When kids are born, they are bottle fed to prevent transmission of specific type of arthritis from mother's milk and to ensure the animals are more friendly, Wesley explained.

"Right after they're born, you have to feed them every two hours," Wesley said, pointing to a recent arrival named "Kimi," who considers the house her domain. "You have to really watch, because they can get pneumonia easily."

Goats, especially Nubians, are clowns and very affectionate, he said.

"I like their personalities," Wesley said. "Chamois likes to walk around with a gallon bucket on her



Wesley Hall has sublimated the depression that followed the death of many of his goats, and from that has come a project in which he helps hurting animals. And that has put him in touch with goat owners all over the world.

head." STARS' first rescue was Velvet, who was owned by fellow 4-H members Chelsey and Brittany Jensen, and had been attacked by a bear. The second rescue was Baby Doll, the mother of one of Wesley's slain goats, who was so starved Wesley could nearly touch his fingers through her back haunches.

Number three was Caroline Lawson, a goat owner who lost her house and barn in a fire in Texas. Wesley sent a box with blankets, collars, buckets and aloe for the goats with burns.

Rescue number four was Marie Fallow, also a victim of fire at her Bosque Farms home.

Miss Bunny, left with neck and other wounds after being attacked by dogs in Montana, was fifth.

Number six was Redemption, a starved goat in Alabama. Because he was too large for the blankets used on Wesley's girls, Kortney made a special blanket and Wesley sent a box that also included vitamins.

"They found out Redemption has cancer, but he's still alive," Wesley said. "I really appreciate it when they send us pictures of the goats and let us know how they're doing."

His goals for STARS include working with other animal groups and children, helping orphaned and injured animals and educating the public on dog attacks, the effect humans have on animal behavior and why animals should be neutered and contained.

Wesley said he hopes to perform at least 32 rescues, one for each of his slain goats and their babies, but he'd like to go further.

"I want a piece of land where we can build a barn and keep rescued animals," he said.

"We've told him it may take a while," Kortney said. "But each step is a step forward."

Quite a change from the days following the dog attack when Wesley told his father, Robby Hall, he didn't want any more goats.

After Kortney wrote about the incident on Nubian Talk, an internet Web site, the family received more than 3,000 responses from as far away as Brazil, Alaska and Australia — many offering him goats.

"After he had his new girls, they brought a smile back to his face," Kortney said. "They could never replace the girls he lost, but he's learned that you keep going."

Lincoln moving into a Christmas mode, and the public is invited

Lincoln woke up to a sleet-covered scene Sunday morning. It made for slippery walking until it melted at midmorning.

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
 RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lee Ruckers had a houseful of family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Lee's children and families were all home for a family get-together.

The Herman McArthurs' daughter and husband, Misty and Kerry Grance, an son Shaun spent Thanksgiving with with their parents.

Patricia Coleman of Phoenix spent her Thanksgiving with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap. They then visited with Pat's great grandmother, Christina McKinley, at Portales.

Our sympathies go to Dick and Susie (Shrecengost) Kuns. Dick's brother in law was killed in an accident last week in Kansas.

Congratulations to the Lincoln County REDTT and Kathleen Phillips. The REDTT "Art in the Orchard" was chosen as the Festival of the Year. Kathleen was honored as the "Sparkplug of the Year."

The San Juan's Episcopal Church had a very interesting guest Sunday. Rebecca Howden, granddaughter of

Father Ted Howden Jr. of Albuquerque visited with the congregation. Ted's father, Bishop Frederick Howden, consecrated St. Ann's Chapel at Glencoe. Bishop Howden served the Missionary Territory of New Mexico.

Feast Day for Father Ted Howden, who has been named a saint, was Dec. 3, 2000. He gave his life in WW2 helping the survivors of the Bataan Death March. Rebecca is a close friend of Misty Grance and the Herman McArthurs.

The Herman McArthurs attended the Washington School Orchestra performance in Roswell. Their grandson, Arron Hooper, played the violin with the orchestra.

Congratulations to Annalise Hausler on her acceptance to the Murray College along with scholarships in

music. She will start her academic career the fall of 2001.

Nora Henn spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Colorado with friends.

Dates to remember:

Dec. 16, Anderson-Gaylord Christmas party 1:30-3:30 for the community and friends. Refreshments will be served.

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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. BAHAI FAITH Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739 CATHOLIC St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso. 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m. St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m. St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. CHRISTIAN Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492. Steve Kreims, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m. FULL GOSPEL Mission Fountain of Living Water San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 10 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50 a.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Ser-

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Residential specialist

A Ruidoso Realtor has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists.

Mary Austin, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors in Ruidoso, received the designation following the completion of advanced courses and for demonstrating professional expertise in the field of residential real estate. Only 5 percent of Realtors nationwide have earned the credential.

The Council of Residential Specialists is the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Home accents, decor firm opens in Ruidoso

Ruidoso has a new shop featuring home art and artist materials. Accent's Framing, Gifts and Home Decor, established by Sue Boss and Gwendolyn Rogers, is located at 1204 Mechem Dr., Suite 4, in the White Mountain Plaza.

The business boasts a large selection of quality framing moldings, acid-free museum-quality matting, glasses, ceramic sculptures and more.

The shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The shop will present its first gallery showing, that of San Antonio, Texas, wildlife artist Diana Hendrix, on Dec. 16.

New slogan for firm

Ruidoso's PostalAnnex+ store has launched a new slogan, part of a brand identity change taking place nationwide.

The new slogan, "Today's to-do's...Done," replaces "your home office."

The PostalAnnex+ store offers packaging and shipping services, is a UPS-authorized shipping outlet and authorized FedEx Ship Center. The store also provides copy services, mailbox rentals, faxes, notary, office supplies, keys and greeting cards.

Wells Fargo & Company acquiring Iowa financial firm

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Wells Fargo & Company and SCI Financial Group Inc. have announced that SCI will become part of Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo and SCI have entered into a definitive agreement under which SCI will merge with a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo. SCI is a privately owned financial services company headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with 130 employees. The company has branch offices in Waterloo, Iowa, Chicago, Atlanta and Littleton, N.H.

The acquisition has been approved by the SCI board and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2001, pending approval by federal regulators and SCI's shareholders. Terms of the definitive agreement were not disclosed.

"This is another opportunity for Wells Fargo to build on its already significant brokerage, capital management

and pension businesses," said John Farrish, regional managing director of Wells Fargo Private Client Services. "SCI Financial has built a tremendous company founded on a conservative financial philosophy, outstanding team members and service that's second to none — qualities that are shared by the 117,000 team members of Wells Fargo."

"This move reflects our ongoing interest to expand the financial services and products available to our clients," said Barbara Knapp, chairman and CEO of SCI Financial Group. "Both companies share similar cultures and I am excited by the opportunity to build on our 62-year history of providing exceptional service and advice to our clients."

SCI Financial was founded in 1938 and provides service through three subsidiaries serving 20,000 clients located in 49 states, with the majority of the clients in Iowa.



Charles Rennick, an attorney for the village of Ruidoso, explains the mechanics of establishing a business improvement district to a group of Midtown merchants. The assessment district is under consideration to finance the purchase of property and development of additional parking and green space in the Midtown area.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Midtown merchants organizing effort

Establishing a boundary and financing for a business assessment district shapes up as 'tricky and difficult' under state regulations

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposed boundary for a business assessment district, to finance additional parking and green space in Ruidoso's Midtown area, could be presented in a month.

Midtown business owner Bert Brunell, who has taken a lead role in resurrecting a merchants' group, said he hoped to put the business owners' organization back together and present maps for a business improvement district at the Jan. 8 gathering of downtown merchants.

Speaking to the group on Dec. 4, Ruidoso village attorney Charles Rennick said a business improvement district assessment program would basically be a financing plan to pay for improvements.

"You need a petition with 51 percent of the property or business owners," Rennick said. "Then you take the petition to the village's planning board. The planning board does the nuts and bolts of this."

The attorney said the merchants' group also needed to detail what an assessment district's members wanted, where it would be, and how much the project would cost. The planning and zoning commission would hold a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the village council. Councilors would decide whether a business improvement district could be established, Rennick said.

"People within the district will pay for the improvements within the district," Rennick told those at the meeting. "If it's a business owners' district,

then business owners would pay 100 percent. If it's a property owners' district, it would be 75 percent business owners and 25 percent property owners." The attorney said even vacant businesses in the district would be included in the assessments.

"The plan looks to be to be tricky and difficult," Rennick said. "Will it be based on square footage, the amount of street frontage, the distance from the (improvement) facility; the type of business? Figuring out how to assess it I think is going to be your biggest challenge."

As a simple example, Rennick posited a \$1 million improvement project, that would be repaid with annual \$100,000 payments. If there were 100 properties in the district each would be assessed \$1,000 annually. He suggested a professional bonding company be contacted on approaches the district could use.

"The (New Mexico business improvement district) statute ties it to its benefit," Rennick said. "The project may benefit businesses equally and they (the businesses) could have different land values."

Shirley Kostka, a Midtown business owner, said examples of business improvement districts could be researched at other communities, such as Telluride and Vail.

Brunell said getting merchants involved in the Mainstreet Ruidoso may also bring some funding for improvements.

"I'll try, in the next 30 days, to get it put back together," Brunell said of the merchants' organization. "And get a

business assessment district (boundaries) drawn. We need that to do our petition."

Brunell suggested expanding the size of Mainstreet Ruidoso to spread out the impact of assessments.

Another merchant, Jimmy Millar, said issuing assessments based on land value only would be a "cleaner deal."

Rennick said the group needs to remember that the benefit of an improvement is an assessment consideration.

"If the improvement is near a business it would have a much bigger benefit than to a business at the other end of Midtown," Rennick said. "There is a benefit assessment that must be used. Maybe there should be two or multiple districts."

With the impetus of the improvements for more parking, Rennick said the chair of the village's planning and zoning commission had a thought of establishing an assessment formula based on parking. He noted under the village's parking ordinance, which does not apply to Midtown, businesses would otherwise be required to provide parking spaces. Rennick noted that a new parking lot, financed through assessments, would be of higher benefit to businesses that have no parking. And to businesses near the parking lot.

In addition to parking and green space, some Midtown merchants want a shuttle bus to move shoppers to and from parking lots.

"It could be very simplistic," Brunell said. "A 10-passenger golf cart would cost about \$10,000. I think we can fund it privately and could have it in a month."

GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE

A self-discovery game

BY DEBBIE HAINES-INGALLS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Corporate and personal coaching has received positive media attention from Fortune and Time magazines and most



recently from the Oprah show. Coaching is an action-oriented partnership that causes a person to change behavior and attitude in accordance

with core life values. This translates into lasting changes and employee retention.

In my next three columns I will share coaching techniques that I use in my "coaching for brilliance" practice.

The typical progression of coaching starts with questioning:

1. Which causes the person to think,
2. Which leads to new awareness,
3. Which shifts their attitude.
4. This leads to empowerment
5. That leads to hope (hope is empowering).
6. They see the possibility of change.
7. They can now do their own visioning and goal-setting.
8. With this they initiate life/behavioral changes, the end result of coaching.

When coaching a person, you first want to:

• Assess the person by asking questions. What do you enjoy most about your work?

Least? What steps could you take to improve the situation?

• Establish goals, do visioning. What does your professional life look like in two years?

• Ask for a behavioral change. Coaching occurs in the GAP that exists between where a person is now and where they want to be.

An action step is a request to do something.

A shift is the ability to see things more clearly. Coaches like to call this an "Aha" moment.

A leap asks the person to do something big!

A stop: Stop doing something that doesn't make any sense, or stop tolerating events, people or stresses in their lives that drain energy.

Propose a new possibility or option: Take them to a new place. Part of the coaching process is to provide possibilities/options that may not have been previously considered.

As a coach you are not a problem-solver, teacher, adviser or instructor. Rather you are a catalyst of thinking, a synergy generator, a sounding board, a facilitator, an awareness-raiser. Visualize yourself as the starting fluid on a pile of coals.

Next, we will look at the Six Step Coach Model to help identify the process used to encourage employees to make positive changes in their work lives.

If you have questions about how to incorporate Coaching for Brilliance methods into your life, please call me at 505-258-1102.

Real estate sales setting new record

Ruidoso's Board of Realtors members in 2000 show a 7.5 percent home sales increase, while vacant lot sales are up 19 percent — a surprising development

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Another record year for real estate sales in Lincoln County will go into the books for year 2000.

The number of homes sold by real estate firms is up about 7.5 percent, said Harvey Foster, president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. The number of vacant properties sold was up 19 percent.

Dollarwise the transactions increased about 2 percent.

"We're selling more lots and more of the less expensive units," Foster said. "It is a very competitive market for homes in the \$80,000 to \$135,000 range. There are a lot of buyers out there for them. And the volume numbers are there."

While a median price for homes in the Ruidoso region was unavailable, Foster said the middle range of housing is

now actually in the \$110,000 to \$135,000 region.

Foster said the almost 2 percent sales hike was a "nice, milder" increase.

"If you go back to the early 80s, we had 30 percent increases," the Realtor's board president said. "This is more realistic."

The boost in lot sales was a bit of a surprise.

"There was a fairly large increase in the sale of subdivision lots," Foster said. "The lots are being bought by people in the upper-middle class working environment."

He said a good number of new arrivals to the Ruidoso area are professionals, who have found they can work out of their homes thanks to the Internet and other high-tech advances.

"A lot more young retirees are coming," Foster said. "Semi-

retirees really. They're still doing some business, business at home through their computers."

Foster believed the arrival of high-speed data lines in Ruidoso will mean more people will move to the area.

The information superhighway is also putting Ruidoso on the global map, Foster said.

"The Internet has been, in the real estate business, just fabulous. Communicating and marketing are tools the industry is using over the Internet. Every property listed on the MLS (Lincoln County's Multiple Listing Service) is displayed through the Web. Foster said "hits" on the Web site have come from all over the world, including Japan and India, suggesting Ruidoso's popularity as a place to reside.

While Ruidoso has appealed to upscale profession-

als, Foster said there is a need to provide decent housing for those with smaller incomes. He noted 2000 has brought a growing number of so called "double wides," or manufactured homes to the community. He said the new breed of manufactured housing is often hard to differentiate from stick-built dwellings, and is a welcome addition to offset the rising cost of homes. Foster pointed to the Ranches of Ruidoso subdivision as a location where manufactured homes have proliferated.

While Foster declined to reveal hard numbers on real estate sales for 2000, in 1999 the dollar volume was about \$100 million. The nearly 2 percent dollar volume increase for this year would place the level slightly above \$100 million.

"Overall it's been a good year for our industry in Ruidoso," Foster said.

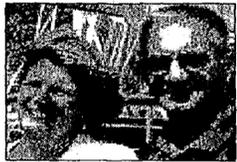
ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

Four masts and lots of leisure

•Part II of II: Continued from last week

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Caribbean is the ultimate yachting destination, an idyllic combination of sun, sea, and varied landscapes, where it is possible to wake up every morning with a new island group off the bow. Unfortunately we possess neither a yacht nor the ability to sail, which is why we boarded the Star Clipper, a 360-foot, four-masted tall ship last June for our first Caribbean cruise.



The Barones

We wanted to explore a Caribbean beyond the two-dimensional travel-poster imagery of golden beaches, coconut palms, azure seas and hibiscus blooms.

To get a real feel for the islands and experience their third dimension — the varied landscapes, exotic flora and fauna, bustling waterfront towns and friendly laid-back people — we wanted to venture beyond the ordinary cruise experience and dig a little deeper. Star Clipper's Windward Islands itinerary (Barbados, Martinique, Iles des Saintes, Antigua, St. Kitts, Dominica, and St.

Lucia) offered just the right combination of islands for our taste, steering clear of the giants in the flight path of DC-10s with their duty-free malls.

Star Clipper's itinerary didn't disappoint. We snorkeled reefs as unspoiled and beautiful as imagined and hiked rain forests where delicate orchids with frilly white fringe and dinosaur-age ferns grew wild.

We cooled off beneath thundering waterfalls, sniffed the sulfurous aroma of a sleeping volcano, explored the remains of 17th-century sugar plantations and historic forts. We feasted on bananas, pears, star fruit, soursop (a prickly fruit with custard-like filling), pineapple, coconuts and mango fresh from the branch.

Although the ship offered a fine selection of optional shore excursions, we opted to enlist the services of local guides recommended by each island's department of tourism. Thanks to our friendly guides, we ate foods we'd never eaten before (barracuda and flying fish), drank drinks we'd never drunk before (hibiscus juice and spiced rum) and met an unending assortment of local characters and good people.

After a hard day of lazing on the beach, of island exploration or of hanging out aboard ship, most everyone met on the main deck for light snacks, cocktails and conversation. Occasionally, Murray, the ship's talking parrot (of course there's a parrot!) would regale us with surprisingly good bits and pieces of

Jimmy Buffett's "Cheeseburger in Paradise." Then it was off to dinner. In accordance with the Star Clippers emphasis on informality, there was no seating plan and no set times after the dining room opened at 6:30 p.m. As is legendary in the cruise industry, Star Clipper's meals were plentiful, beautifully presented and delicious.

After-dinner activities were refreshingly unorganized and simple. You could find a deck railing from which to contemplate the swirling sea or the orange glow of sunset, get hooked pleasantly into conversation, snag a comfy seat in the ship's library either to read or start up a board game; or take a tip from the honeymooners and head to the cabin. The dearth of activities troubled not a soul; in fact it was a selling point we heard time and again from died-in-the-wool Star Clipper fans. As Meribeth from Ohio explained to us, "We can't stand being on ships where they cook up all these artificial things to make you feel like you're busy."

So would we sail Star Clippers again? You bet. But next time we're going for two weeks!

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Alaska's Columbia Glacier on likely disintegration course

BOULDER, Colo. — Alaska's Columbia Glacier, heralded as the world's speediest glacier, appears to be on a course to disintegrate and evolve into a spectacular fjord.

"It should be quite a spectacular sight in the not too distant future."

Ted Pfeffer, a research fellow

at the University of Colorado at Boulder researcher.

The glacier continues to move at speeds of up to 34 meters a day, a snail's pace to most but astoundingly swift to glaciologists, said Ted Pfeffer, a fellow of CU-Boulder's Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research. Descending from the Chugach Mountains into Prince Williams Sound near Valdez, the Columbia Glacier has retreated about 12 kilometers since 1982 and thinned significantly in that time.

"The glacier is calving icebergs into Prince Williams Sound much faster than it is accumulating new snow," said Pfeffer, also an associate professor in civil, environmental and architectural engineering. "It is spending its capital, in effect. The glacier either will retreat rapidly up the fjord or thin rapidly and essentially disintegrate in an abrupt event."

The glacier's terminus, or toe, has stayed in roughly the same place for the past year, its bottom resting on bedrock about 500 to 550 meters below sea level, said Pfeffer. The Columbia Glacier is the last of Alaska's 51 tidewater glaciers to begin a drastic retreat.

CU-Boulder and the U.S. Geological Survey have been monitoring changes in the glacier in the last several decades using field observations, aerial photography and numerical modeling. Since 1976, 117 photo flights have been made over the glacier by researchers, who also use

satellite images to track its movements, Pfeffer said.

Pfeffer is the chief author of a paper on the Columbia Glacier published in the Nov. 28 issue of *Eos*, an international weekly newspaper on geophysics published by the American Geophysical Union in Washington, D.C. Co-authors on the paper include CU-Boulder emeritus Professor Mark Meier of geological sciences, CU-Boulder graduate student Josh Cohn, and USGS scientist Robert Krimmel.

The Columbia Glacier currently is about 54 kilometers long, 5 kilometers wide and more than 1,000 meters thick in some places.

Because the glacier bed is under water at its terminus, water pressure floats it slightly, increasing its speed and stretching the terminus like a piece of taffy. The glacial thinning and mass loss in recent years have caused more frequent calving events.

The rapid flow and calving began in 1982 and the terminus has been stretching as much as 1.5 percent per day, said Pfeffer. Modeling calculations by Cohn have shown the terminus will continue its retreat upstream in the coming years, where the glacier bed drops to as deep as 700 meters below sea level.

As the terminus retreats into the deepening glacial bed, the researchers expect

significantly increased calving events into Prince William Sound, Pfeffer said.

The Columbia Glacier is expected to eventually retreat as far as 25 kilometers up the

glacial valley to a point equal to sea level. "It should be quite a spectacular sight in the not too distant future," said Pfeffer. "We intend to follow the process very closely."

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Lloyd Sobolewski, 45, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of misdemeanor assault on a police officer and battery, a petty misdemeanor. Counts of assault on a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and three other counts of assault were dismissed by the prosecutor. Sobolewski was sentenced to 90 days in jail, placed on probation until Feb. 21, 2002 and assessed \$82 in court fees.

Clayton Charles Haskins, 35, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of a probation violation, assault against a household member and battery against a household member. The assault and battery counts are both petty misdemeanors. A charge of cruelty to animals was dismissed. Haskins, credited for 61 days spent at the Lincoln County Detention Center, had probation extended until Nov. 25, 2001 and was required to pay \$82 in court fees.

Adolph Herrera, 31, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor aggravated battery. Herrera was given 364 days probation, ordered to pay \$51 in costs, required to pay all the cost of medical expenses of the victim and have no contact with the victim.

Dianah Lewallen-Ward, 36, Carrizozo, through a plea agreement, was convicted of resisting, evading or obstructing a police officer and having an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle. A count of concealing identity was dismissed. Ward was placed on probation for 364 days and assessed \$115 in fines and costs.

Oscar L. Gandarilla, 26, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of battery, a petty misdemeanor. A charge of battery against a household member was dismissed. Gandarilla was credited for 15 days spent in jail, put on probation for 167 days, ordered to have no contact with the victim and required to pay \$151 in fees.

Jeremy R. Nunnenkamp, 27, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of a probation violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. Charges of speeding and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle were dismissed. Nunnenkamp was ordered incarcerated at the Lincoln County Detention Center until Dec. 26, 2000, placed on probation for 364 days and required to pay \$126 in court costs.

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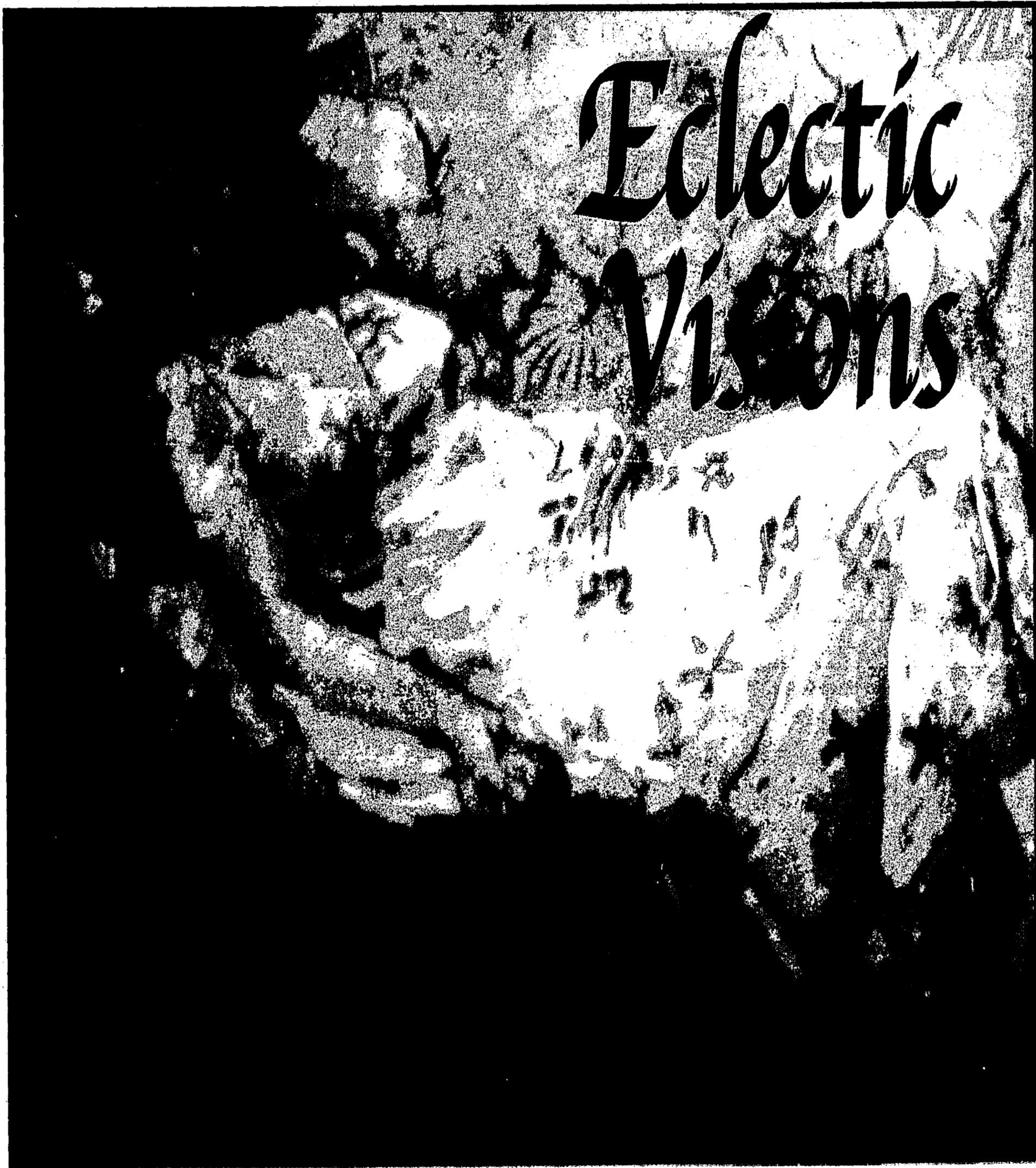
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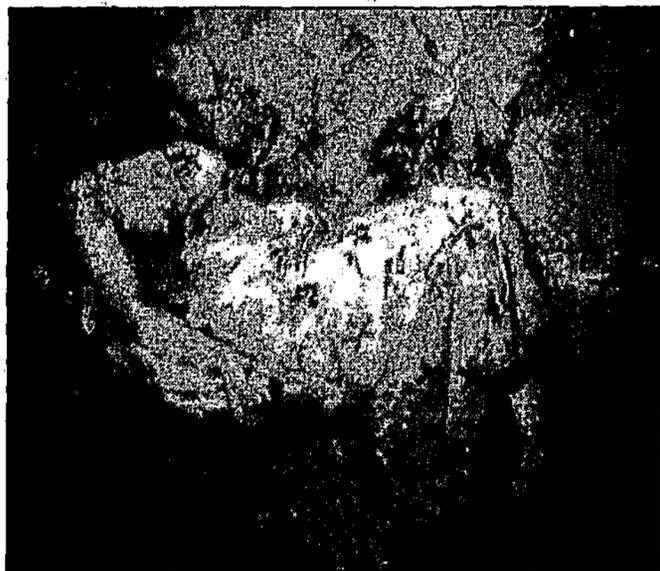
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'I hafta sit somewhere'



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KURT BESTOR'S ORCHESTRAL CHRISTMAS, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., December 16 at the Spencer Theater. Tickets \$30-38. Call the box office for information: 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

by Sandy Suggitt
(VAMENOS) EDITOR

A very eclectic Christmas is in store for those attending Kurt Bestor's Orchestral Christmas at the Spencer Theater December 16.

Kurt Bestor's music is all over the map: classical, jazz, New Age, World Music; you name it, he's done it.

About this concert, he said, "I do a classical flavor, so people who enjoy classical music will enjoy this, but I also bring in a percussionist. ... I bring in a woodwind player that one minute is playing an Irish flute and pennyweight and the next minute he's playing an oboe. I dare you to classify me."

Many people aren't aware that they've been hearing Bestor's music for years. More than 40 theme songs for national television programs and commercials are his, as well as more than 30 film scores.

These include the introduction to "Good Morning America," "NFL Monday Night Football," and "ABC's Sunday Night Movie," on the TV end of things, and the films "Great American West," for which he won the Outstanding Film Score Award at the New York Film and Television Festival for "A More Perfect Union."

He also won an Emmy for music for ABC's coverage of

the 1988 Winter Olympics, in collaboration with Sam Cardon.

What Bestor brings to the Spencer Theater December 16 — besides a six-member band, an 18-member orchestra from Albuquerque and the ENMU Chamber Chorale — has a unifying theme if not a single musical genre: Christmas.

Expect new Bestor versions of old English songs like "O Come, O Come, Emanuel," "Silent Night," "Carol of the Bells," "Hark the Herald," "Deck the Hall," and "a very funny version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' where instead of two turtle doves, I have two guitars and three drummers drumming," he said.

"When you come to my concerts, you see a cast of thousands, so by the time we're done everybody should feel like they're sitting in my living room," he said.

Bestor is known for his easy rapport with audiences, and he refers to his musical and storytelling style as somewhere between Garrison Keilor and John Williams.

Although he visited Ruidoso as a child, this concert will be his first visit as an adult, and Bestor said he's excited about the Spencer Theater in the middle of the desert, referring to it as a "field of dreams" where "people come into a town they might blink and miss; there's something sort of mystical about it," he said.

"I love performing for people who maybe haven't heard me before, or may have heard me on the radio but haven't met me in person," he said. "It's nice to go to a new town and meet people for the first time. I'm excited to have them discover my music. There's something fresh about it."

"People here in Salt Lake City, they know what to expect, even though I give them a lot of surprises, but in Ruidoso, I can use my old jokes. It seems to be a real eclectic but artistic crowd. I have a feeling it's going to be something special."

Bestor started out on the piano at age 7, and stayed with it although he hated practicing, because his mother encouraged him to improvise by giving him a visual image and asking him to play something like that. (He still uses this technique to compose.)

"My dad was a football coach and you

just didn't argue with my dad," he said. "In my family you were required to play the piano, be on the swimming team, go to school, go to church, and if you had any time after that you could do what you wanted."

Both his father and his grandfather were trumpet players, and his grandfather played with Tommy Dorsey. When he was 12, Bestor started learning trumpet himself.

He developed a real affection for music, though, when he was in seventh grade and "messed around with the piano" at a party "and the all the girls came over."

"I was just a band nerd," he said. "I thought, 'This is great!' I remember that distinctly. When you're 14 you don't think of lofty things. It became my hook, being able to perform."

When he got into high school band, he wrote music for the A Capella choir and orchestra and became known for composing. When he found out about John Williams' career writing music for film, it occurred to him that he didn't have to be a doctor or a lawyer. From that point on, he started writing music for jingles, beauty pageants, "musak," or whatever he

could do. He began singing in groups at about the same time, and in high school and college played in disco-era bands.

His Hollywood connection came when he was about 21 and arranged music and played trumpet for "The Donnie and Marie Show" in the '70s.

"I think I've written music for every kind of thing you can imagine — ballet, bar mitzvahs, ballroom dancing, anything I could think of to pay the bills," he said.

This may account for the many genres of music he writes in and his unclassifiability.

"In 1986 on a whim I decided to write a Christmas theme for ABC, 'Happy Holidays from ABC,'" Bestor said. "So I sent it to them and they did like it and I was off and running, writing music for television, and that evolved into writing music for sports jock rock. That paid the bills and led to writing music for Monday Night Football, but it wasn't artistically very satisfying."

Then he decided to do his own album, based on the first instrumental Christmas album by Mannheim Steamroller. People advised him not to do it, saying the season was too short to market a Christmas album.

"I didn't listen to them," he said. "I released it anyway, and raised some money. That led to the next thing. My record company that I started myself, we decided to do a concert. I'd never done a concert before. The guy in charge booked a 2,800-seat auditorium in Salt Lake City in 1988."

They put up posters, knocked on doors and somehow filled the place. Now it's a tradition in Salt Lake City and people buy their tickets in July.

Bestor said he contemplates a concept when he's composing music, painting a picture in his head.

"I don't just sit down and write pretty notes. I spend a lot of time thinking, driving down to McDonald's, so when I finally do sit down at the piano, I know what I'm doing."

At the Spencer Theater, Bestor will be playing the piano, the flugelhorn, singing and playing the harmonica. As a composer, though, Bestor will share what's in his head through the orchestra.

"I play most of the brass instruments," he said. "Piano is my most visible instrument; what I play most in a concert. I'm a composer; I have to sit somewhere — and I conduct at the piano."



The Arts

Eclectic vision



Story by
Dianne Stallings
 VAMONOS! STAFF WRITER

A walking, talking bundle of kinetic energy, artist Tom Darrah darts from canvas to canvas as he describes his work, his career, and his new show in El Paso.

Darrah, who started a studio/gallery in La Luz several years ago, opened a second gallery last July in the main building at Le'Claire's Mountain Village on Suderth Drive.

Last week, he was gathering examples of his diverse work for a one-man show Sunday at the El Paso Community Foundation's Christmas lighting celebration at the historical Hotel Cortez.

"The show evolved from 15 paintings to something much larger," he said, explaining his slight edge of panic. "I did the painting for their annual report. They have never done an art show before. I thought it would be a little show, but their decorator said he wanted more work, so suddenly I'm filling a big space — more like 35 paintings."



Fortunately, Darrah's compulsive dedication to his art paid off as he pondered whether to pick one of his oils of the Tularosa Catholic mission, a landscape of the historic Coe Ranch, a still life, something from his cloud series, a plein air selection or a striking portrait of local radio personality Sherry Barrow.

Describing Darrah's work poses a dilemma. His painting of children watching a gathering storm cloud is executed impeccably with a classic approach, as are his animal portraits, some of his landscapes and still lifes. But a few canvasses down the wall, viewers are hit with a burst of energy from a portrait of a reclining woman in the style of a sketch, but in acrylic on brown paper. The same non-traditional approach emerges from Barrow's portrait on canvas as she relaxes on

a couch in a brilliant red dress.

Darrah enjoys working larger than life. Figure study is a favorite.

"It was an easy transition from paying models to pose for me to people paying me to paint them," he said.

Portraits are the latest in his extensive line of experimentation in subject and approach.

"One of the reasons I rented this space was to play with portraiture," he said.

The gallery is flanked by a large deck where Darrah can work on portraits outside to generate interest for what is happening inside the gallery.

Speaking about his early training in Philadelphia, Darrah said, "If I could have spelled, I never would have become an artist, but I always was a disaster in school."

He's since learned that he's mildly dyslexic.

"But no one thought about that then," he said. "I was just a bad person who wouldn't read and couldn't spell. Even now, I have to watch because when I write, I tend to transfer syllables."

From an artist's point of view, diversity is a chance for growth and working unrestrained in oil, watercolor, lithography, egg tempera and pencil, but Darrah acknowledges that doesn't always serve a gallery's goal of moving merchandise.

"You can't blame them: it's the market place and an artist is a light manufacturer," he said. "But it's not creative to have to reproduce. To me, an artist creates his new view and then says I've done that, now let's try this. It's all related to me and what I feel at the time. I'm not the same person I was yesterday or will be tomorrow. Today, I'm a businessman selecting pieces for a show. Yesterday, I was an artist painting a new work."

His cloud series glories in shapes and lighting, but each also incorporates another element, which may be a group of children or a still life. His plein-air work revitalizes his relationship with light, allowing him to stay fresh when he has to return to his studio to complete a painting.

Darrah's world on canvas swirls from reality, such as cattle or sheep on a range, to the whimsical, with the head of a horse peering out from a field of sunflowers. Wildlife enthusiasts will be

struck by his mural of prong horns, a small oil featuring rabbits or his smile-evoking vertical portrait or two ostriches.

Darrah attended the Pennsylvania Academy and two other art schools in that state as well as spending some time at the Art Students League in New York and attending the University of New Mexico.

His competitions and recognitions include the oil painting award from Ker-mazar in El Paso, the graphics award and the G.B. Marks Memorial Award from the New Mexico State Fair, the Southwest Watercolor Show, the National Small Painting Show and the Biannual Show at the Santa Fe Museum. He's also shown at Mayfest shows in Dallas, Fort Worth and Tulsa and at the American Museum in El Paso. His work is part of permanent collections at the Albuquerque Museum, Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center and the White Head Museum in Del Rio, Texas.



THE PHOTOS of Darrah's paintings on these pages are courtesy of the artist.



Dianne Stallings

TOM DARRAH is shown above, surrounded by some of his many paintings in her gallery at Le'Claire's Mountain Village on Sudderth.

Tomás Vigil brings New Mexican music to the Hubbard



Christie Parker

TOMÁS VIGIL, shown above, will perform New Mexican and Mexican music at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on December 14.

Included in the program will be Soneta No. 1 by Enriquez Valderrábano; Cancion del Emperador by Luys Narzáez, and Fantasia by Alonso Mudara.

Fiddler Marilyn Bremer will join him in playing waltzes, polkas, mazurkas and chotis, the New Mexican version of Scottish schottische (a type of round dance with a slower tempo).

Vigil said he will perform examples of traditional Mexican music and discuss the history behind it and some of the musical instruments used for the mariachi.

Ruth Vigil, his wife, will sing some Mexican songs, such as "Amor de los dos" and "Siempre hace frio."

Tomás Vigil

Vigil is a native New Mexican and lives in Ruidoso. He started playing guitar at age 12 and, while in high school, began studying classical guitar. He studied music education at the University of New Mexico, concentrating on classical guitar under the Cuban classical guitarist Hector Garcia.

Vigil has participated in several master classes, including one held in 1979 with Hector Garcia and Mario Abril at the University of New Mexico, and another in 1990 in Lerida, Spain, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the International Classical Guitar Course of Emilio Pujol, led by Hector Garcia with assistance from Ricardo Chic.

Vigil has performed concerts in Spain at Almacelles, Lerida and the famed Montserrat Monastery Church, as well as in New Mexico, solo and with Garcia.

He has taught guitar privately and taught mariachi music at the University of New Mexico and Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

His CD, "Tomás Vigil Classical Guitar," was included in a multimedia tutorial in Spanish for international business professionals.

More recently, he arranged and performed music for the film "The Outfitters," starring Dana Delaney, Danny Nucci, Sarah Lassez and Del Zamora.

Vigil also served on the production committee for the Continental Harmony project "Keepers of the Land" that premiered July 1 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto.

Marilyn Bremer

Bremer was born and raised in Alamogordo and started playing the violin and fiddle when she was 10. She played violin in the Alamogordo orchestra through her senior year in high school while simultaneously learning the style of fiddle music. From age 10 on, Bremer has won numerous fiddle contests in nine states.

Bremer was the 1982 National Junior Fiddle Champion, three-time Texas Ladies State Champion, and

former and current New Mexico State Fiddle Champion.

In 1997, she traveled to Japan with the Flying J

Wranglers to represent New Mexico in a

cultural exchange. In the

same year, Bremer played her fiddle in the movie "The

Outfitters" that was filmed in

Lincoln County.

While fiddling around, Bremer has also played with the

Roswell Symphony and the

Southwest Eastern New Mexico University

Symphony Orchestra in

Portales.



Sandy Suggitt

MARILYN BREMER will accompany Vigil on the fiddle.

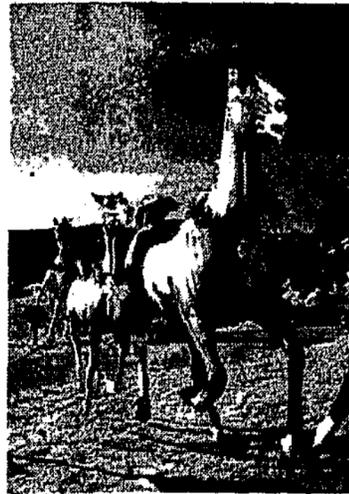
Traditional New Mexican and Mexican music is in store for attendees of Tomás Vigil's classical guitar concert Thursday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Vigil said he will include music from New Mexico's colonization period in the early 16th century — music the conquistadores would've listened to — as well as traditional Mexican music.

The composers of this period wrote for a lute-like instrument called the "vihuela," a predecessor of the guitar, and Vigil retuned his guitar to match the sound.

"I will introduce the New Mexican music that is unique to us," Vigil said. "In 1970, a University of New Mexico graduate student named Richard Starkey traveled throughout New Mexico to document some of the dances and music we have. What came from that is a wonderful publication called 'Bailes de Nuevo Mejico,' a compilation of music for dance, and I have adapted much of that music for the guitar."

Decorations at the Hubbard Museum are worth seeing



Sandy Suggitt

'FREE SPIRITS AT NOISY WATER'

Volunteers helped Hubbard staff decorate the museum and the "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" monument outside, said volunteer coordinator Paula Nelson.

Antique sleighs were brought out of the warehouse and decorated for an old-fashioned holiday.

The Hubbard Family Christmas Party, open to the public is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Sandy Suggitt

AN ANTIQUE SLEIGH was decorated and filled at the Hubbard.

ENMU musicians will perform Sunday and Monday at the Spencer Theater

The Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Community Orchestra will perform its fall concert at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

No admission is charged, but tickets are required and may be picked up at ENMU in the Sierra Mall, at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, at the Spencer box office or from orchestra members.

The ENMU Community and Chamber Choirs will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Spencer Theater. Admission is \$3, and tickets may be purchased ENMU in the Sierra Mall, at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce or at the Spencer box office.

Harlem Entertainers take on Ruidoso schools

Some of the original Harlem Globetrotters join the Harlem Entertainers at 2 p.m., Sunday to challenge Ruidoso school administrators in a tough game of basketball. Watch for Frank "and Bean" Cannella, Mike "Enforcer" Gladden and others. Advanced tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students. At the door, \$8 for adults, \$6 for students.

THE SKINNY

WHAT:
Tomás Vigil Classical Guitar

WHERE:
Hubbard Museum of the American West

WHEN:
7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14

TICKETS:
\$5 for nonmembers
Call (505) 378-1142 for information on membership

Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Friday, December 8

The Boys Choir of Harlem
8 p.m. performance at Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque. Call (505) 277-3824 for tickets and information.

Rod Stewart and Tom Petty
Impersonators in Concert
9 p.m. at Quarters, a Las Vegas Live concert. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Quarters and Win Place and Show.

RHS 24K Gold Band
7 p.m. "Half-time highlights" performance at the RHS gym.

Saturday, December 9

Family Christmas Party
1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Free admission.

Show Boat
3 and 8 p.m. performances at Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque. Call (505) 277-3824 for more information.

Sunday, December 10

Harlem Entertainers
2 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School gymnasium. Advanced tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students; at the door, \$8 for adults, \$6 for students.

ENMU Community Orchestra
3:30 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Free tickets are available at ENMU in Sierra Mall, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, the Spencer box office.

Show Boat
2 and 7:30 p.m. performances at Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque. Call (505) 277-3824 for more information.

Holiday Open House
2-4 p.m. at Hurd la Rinconada Gallery in San Patricio, right past mile marker 281.

Monday, December 11

REDTT Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Rural Economic Development Through Tourism council meeting at Otero Electric in Carrizozo.

ENMU Community and Chamber Choirs
7:30 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Admission is \$3 and tickets are available at ENMU in the Sierra Mall, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce or the Spencer Theater box office.

Tuesday, December 12

After-school Tuesdays
3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

RMS Winter Concert
7 p.m. concert at the Spencer Theater featuring the RMS Band and the RHS Jazz Band.

Wednesday, December 13

Pre-school Storytime
2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, December 14

After-school movie
3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Handbell Choir in Concert
7 p.m. at First Christian Church, Hull Road, admission free to this first solo concert of the ENMU Handbell Choir.

Rod Stewart and Tom Petty
Impersonators in Concert
9 p.m. at Quarters, a Las Vegas Live concert. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Quarters and Win Place and Show.
Tomás Vigil Classical Guitar Concert
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Admission is \$5 for non-members, free for members.

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Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month
"Artists of Lincoln County paint Sierra Blanca" will be the December Exhibit of the Month at the Chamber of Commerce.

Images: The Mexican Revolution
5-7 p.m. July 26 opening at the International Museum of Art, El Paso.

Gary Niblett on the Old Chisum Trail
Artwork inspired by the Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium. Open daily at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

ENMU RFA Exhibit
Runoff's Gallery at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. 562-2787

Movies

Proof of Life
Action/Adventure, Romance and Drama. Rated R for violence, language and some drug material.

Starring: Russell Crowe, Meg Ryan, David Caruso, David Morse and Pamela Reed. Directed by Taylor Hackford.
Produced by Charles Mulvihill and Taylor Hackford.
Written by Tony Gilroy.
Distributor: Warner Brothers.
Synopsis: An American engineer in a Latin American country is captured by anti-government forces. When the rebels learn his identity, they demand \$3 million for his safe return. However, his U.S. employer is on the verge of insolvency and will not provide the ransom. Peter's wife Alice is forced to deal with the matter on her own. She retains the services of freelance professional hostage nego-

tiator Terry Thorne. With the help of a fellow negotiator, Dino, and a trio of highly trained mercenaries, Terry mounts a bold operation to rescue Peter that could as easily result in disaster as in triumph.

Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

The Grinch
Showing December 1-7

Comedy. 1 hr. 45 min.
Rated PG for some crude humor.
Starring: Jim Carrey, Anthony Hopkins, Molly Shannon, Jeffrey Tambor, Verne Troyer.

Directed by Ron Howard.
Produced by Brian Grazer.
Written by Dr. Seuss, Jeffrey Price, Peter S. Seaman.

Distributor: Universal Pictures.

Synopsis:
In this live-action adaptation of the famous Christmas tale by Dr. Seuss, director Ron Howard adapts the classic comedian Jim Carrey in the title role, giving this rendition of how the Grinch stole Christmas a perverse, manic spin. Add great special effects and a fast-moving script and this well-loved story of a freakish green monster living in a

mountainside cave who disguises himself as Santa Claus and burglarizes every single house in the adorable village of Whoville on Christmas Eve becomes a hilarious holiday comedy.

Showtimes: *2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:15 p.m.

102 Dalmatians

Showing December 1-7

Kids Family and Comedy.

Not Rated.

Starring: Alice Evans, Gerard Depardieu, Glenn Close, Joan Gruffudd and Tim McInnerny.

Directed by Kevin Lima.

Produced by Ed Feldman and John Hughes.

Written by Brian Regan and Kristen Buckley.

Distributor: Buena Vista.

Synopsis:
In this all-new tale, Cruella De Vil is released from prison on good behavior swearing that she will have nothing to do with fur ever again in her life. She, however, cannot keep this promise and soon is plotting another "furoocious" scheme to get her ultimate Dalmatian coat.

Showtimes: *1:45 p.m., 4 p.m.

*Friday and Saturday only

Unbreakable

Drama.

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements including some disturbing violent content, and for a crude sexual reference.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson, Charlayne Woodard, Robin Wright Penn, Spencer Treat Clark.



MEG RYAN stars in "Proof of Life" by Warner Brothers.

Directed by Taylor Hackford.

Produced by Sam Mendelsohn, Taylor Hackford and Sam Mendelsohn.

Written by Taylor Hackford.

Distributor: Touchstone Pictures.

Synopsis:
Unbreakable is a moving story shared by two men: David Dunn, the sole survivor of a devastating train wreck who finds himself miraculously unharmed and Elijah Price, a stranger who proposes a bizarre explanation.

Showtimes: 6:30 p.m., *9 p.m.

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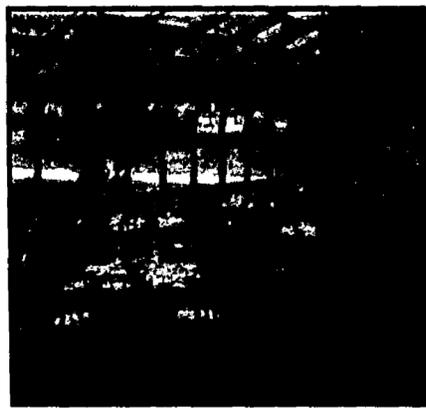


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Reining his horse in and leaning forward, Wiltshire made a polite and to-the-point statement to the young Federal: "Good day. Surrender." Wiltshire's assumption as to how the Federals would behave could not have been more wrong.

When writing or speaking about the Old West, it is difficult not to notice the fact that, had there NOT been a War Between the States, the West would have been considerably less wild. Many, such as Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, had been too young to serve during that bloodiest of episodes in American history.

However, they had grown up listening to tales of violence, cowardice and heroism. And these tales, regardless of whether they were true or false, had an impact on their young minds — an impact that would affect the way that they approached potentially violent situations in their own lives.

And, of course, many who went West after the Civil War had actually served in it. THEIR experience with violence had been first-hand. What I am getting around to is the fact that while I write about the

Old West, most of the incidents in it had their origins in the East and what is now known as the Midwest. "Pistol fighting" was refined by guerrilla groups led by men such as William Clarke Quantrill and "Bloody Bill" Anderson. In addition to these partisan rangers (who had no real connection to actual armies) there WERE groups that really were under the control of the Army of the Confederacy. One of these groups was commanded by John Singleton Mosby — the legendary "Mosby's Rangers."

Mosby's 43rd Virginia Cavalry was about as fine a mounted fighting group as ever existed anywhere, anytime. But bravery knows no nationality or region and, on the morning of March 27, 1865, five of Mosby's Rangers met their match in the form of a young federal lieutenant who had nothing more on his mind than romance.

The participants

Twenty-three-year-old Charles Wiltshire had impressed Mosby five days previous, on the 22nd of March. On that day, Wiltshire, who, as he had been wounded three times, was already a seasoned veteran, was being pursued by a detachment of Federal Cavalry. Suddenly wheeling his horse and attacking, Wiltshire had killed one

of the Federals and knocked another to the ground. Mosby intended to promote the young man to the rank of lieutenant.

However, before this honor was to take place, Mosby sent the young cavalryman scouting in the region of Winchester, Va. Neither Wiltshire nor Mosby were aware of it, but the young man had a date with destiny.

Wiltshire brought four other men with him on what he undoubtedly thought would be a routine scouting assignment. None of the men he chose were either shrinking violets or new recruits. There was Robert Eastham, 26, who had recently led a mission that captured two Union couriers and routed 37 others. There was George Gill, 23, a graduate of Princeton University who had been wounded at the Second Battle of Manassas. He had been captured and then paroled before joining Mosby's Rangers. There was 20-year-old Bartlett Bolling, who had also been captured and paroled.

And finally, there was John Orrick, 20. Orrick had served with the 5th Alabama Infantry as well as the Jeff Davis Legion before being wounded at Antietam and captured at Gettysburg. Young Orrick had then escaped from the Federals and joined Mosby.

And then, there was Federal Lieutenant Eugene Ferris, Lieutenant Ferris, who was also in his 20s and a battle-tested veteran, had picked that day to go and court Miss Emma Bonham. While two of the young lady's brothers served with the Confederacy, only one of them would survive the war. The home of her father, Daniel S. Bonham, was a local landmark used by both Johnny Reb and Billy Yank.

Romance, of course, has a politic all its own and pays no homage to the movements of armies — or, for that matter, anything else. And so Ferris, who was a regimental adjutant, in the company of an orderly named McLaughlin, went calling on Miss Emma — and was made welcome.

The gunfight

When Ferris and McLaughlin arrived at the Bonham place, Ferris had the orderly put their horses into a makeshift shed that stood near the house. In the course of the war, Daniel Bonham had lost so many horses to both sides that he had constructed the shed to keep the rest of his horses close to the house.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the December 19, 2000, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regularly scheduled meetings for the month of December on the 11th and 26th. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Meeting agendas are available at Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall on the Friday prior to the meeting. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Governing Body are open to the public.

/s/Gladys Dillard
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 6:30 PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Wehbrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Leann Wehbrecht, CMC
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-00-130

FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION fka Mortgage Companies dba Sunbelt National Mortgage,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MITCHELL B. STIRMAN aka M. BRETT STIRMAN aka BRETT STIRMAN, VALERIE ANN NARAMORE aka VALERIE A. NARAMORE aka VALERIE A. STIRMAN aka VALERIE STIRMAN and NORTHWEST BANK NEW MEXICO, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at Oak Drive, Capitola in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 8, Block 2 of LOMA GRANDE ACRES, Unit Two, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on June 7, 1972, in Tobe No. 446.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 31, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs is \$85,896.27 and the same bears interest at eight percent (8%) per annum from October 16, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$851.96.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the

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that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega, Special Master
P.O. BOX 383
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-00-019

CONTINGENT GORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RACHEL HARGROVE aka RACHEL HARGROVE JACKSON, KELLY JACKSON aka KELLY SHANE JACKSON, JESSIE LOU LOCKE, and VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 140 Paradise Canyon Road in Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 2-A-B, BLOCK 14, OF PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOT 1A AND LOT 2A, BEING A PEPLAT OF LOT 1 AND THE WESTERLY 75.0 FEET OF LOT 2 AND THE LOCKE TRACT, BLOCK 14, PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 20, 1990, IN CABINET E, SLIDE NO. 207.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 8, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$82,209.46 and the same bears interest at Fourteen Point Six Two Percent (14.62%) per annum from October 31, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,086.38. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/ Nick Vega
Nick Vega
P.O. Box 383
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on October 30, 2000, Sun Valley Sanitation District, P.O. Box 151, Alto, NM 88312, filed corrective application No. H-756 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by ceasing the

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use of existing shallow well H-756 located in the SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and commencing the use of existing well H-3118-Ext., located in the SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of 56.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for subdivision use.

Permit No. H-756 was approved on February 9, 2000 to replace existing well No. H-756. This application was filed to correct the location of the replacement well No. H-756.

The move-from and move-to wells are located approximately one mile northwest of Alto off Highway 37 and approximately one mile west where Highway 37 crosses over Little Creek, in Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation of other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 21, 2000, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the Regional Water Plan.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Regional Water Plan may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistance County Manager

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SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST

LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Impounding of Personal Property

Notice is hereby given as provided by 36 CFR 262.12 that the personal property described in Paragraph 2 below is now in violation of law or regulation on the Smokey Bear Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, near Oak Grove Campground on NM Highway 532 (Ski Run Road) and shall be impounded by direction of the USDA Forest Service on or after December 21, 2000, if the same is not previously removed permanently from the area.

The property consists of eleven horses. After the impoundment, the owner may regain possession by contacting the District Ranger at 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico and paying the costs of advertising removing, and storing the property. If the property is not redeemed prior to March 21, 2001, it may be offered for sale at public auction after that date. Property not sold at public sale may be sold at private sale or otherwise disposed of as provided by Secretary of Agriculture Regulation 36 CFR 262.12.

Signed this 30th day of November 2000

/s/ Gerald M. Hawkes
District Ranger
Smokey Bear Ranger District
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Com-

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mission will hold a special meeting on December 14, 2000. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
IV. OLD BUSINESS
a. Review of Eagle Ridge Subdivision, Section 31, T10S, R14E
V. STAFF REPORT
VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
VII. ADJOURN

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT M. PROVINCE, Deceased

CAUSE NO. PB-00-36 DIVISION III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DOROTHY E. PROVINCE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT M. PROVINCE, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 (505) 258-4636

/s/ Dorothy E. Province

Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505) 258-4636

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Texas Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HERMAN C. RUSSELL, DEBORAH RUSSELL, JERRY OLSON, PATRICIA A. OLSON, MARVIN B. BIERDORFER, BLANCHE BIERDORFER, IRWIN A. GORDON, PHYLLIS GORDON, ALTA ENTERPRISES, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and EL PASO ESCROW SERVICES, INC., a Texas Corporation,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a cause of action wherein CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Texas Corporation is the plaintiff and you are the defendant, the same being Lincoln County District Court Cause No. CV-2000-239, Division III. The object and purpose of the said suit is to foreclose claims of lien for delinquent maintenance fees against the following described real property:

Time share intervals which are being foreclosed by CYZ International, Inc. are all located in CHAMPION'S RUN CONDOMINIUMS, f/k/a Triple Crown Condominiums, located in Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as that same is established by the certain plat filed in the Lincoln County Clerk's office on May 3, 1985, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 362; and the Amended and Restated Condominium Declaration recorded in the Lincoln County Clerk's office on December 31, 1991, in Book 1991-15, at pages 537 to 605:

Unit 413, interval week nos. 1, 15, 25, & 44;

Unit 513, interval week nos. 21, 26, & 31;

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before December 29, 2000 the plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Default Judgment, and a Default Judgment will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name and address of the plaintiff's attorney is:

Charles E. Hawthorne
1096 Mechem, Suite 302
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 22nd day of November, 2000.

/s/ Joan Whetley
District Court Clerk
Lincoln County, New Mexico

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Friday, December 15, 2000 at 9:30 AM in the Regent's Room of the Administration building on the Portales campus. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in executive session. Agendas for the meetings are available at the Information Center of the University Relations office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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CUTE MOUNTAIN CABIN!! This 2 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled home has beautiful valley views. REDUCED TO \$89,900.

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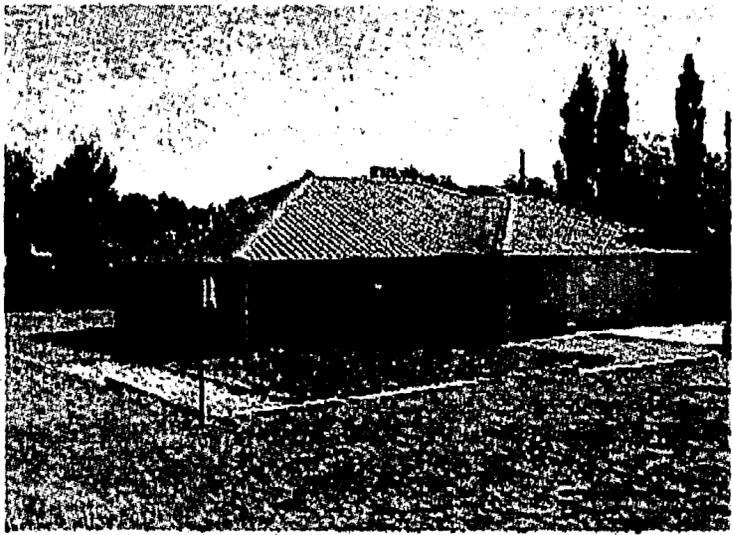
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Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath - partially furnished - social membership - nice lot affordable Alto!



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floorplan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.



Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

3 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished - sleeps 12 - corner location - cute and clean.



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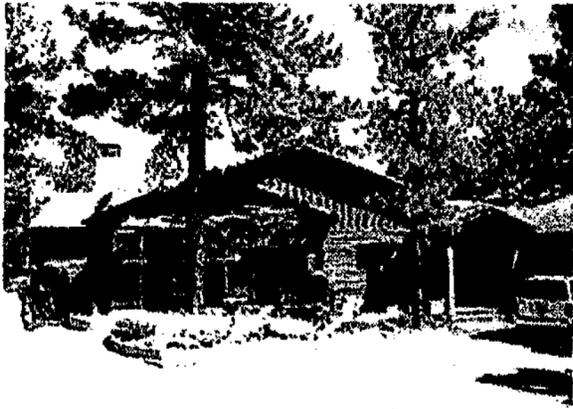
3 bdrms, 3 baths - beautiful interior and fully furnished - Sierra Blanca view - 2 car garage - wet bar - atrium - awesome!!



High Mesa

Benson • \$186,000 • 114 High Mesa Lane

3 bdrm, 3 bath on a heavily wooded lot located on cul-de-sac, like new. Dog run, security system. Satellite dish. Full golf membership.



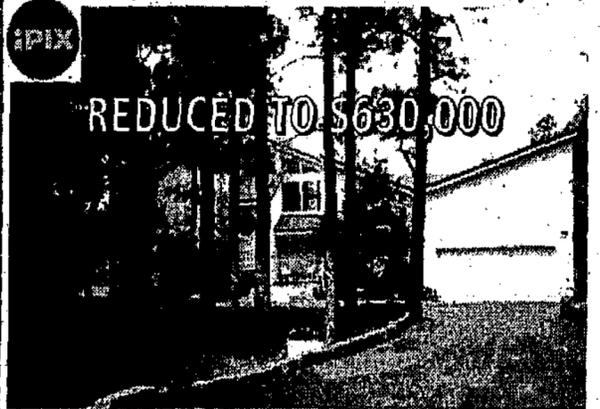
Alto
Yates • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Drive

3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherrywood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.

New Construction

Alto
Powers • \$438,000 • 102 Buck Dr.

3 bdrm, 3 1/4 bath. Full golf. 2 car garage - new stucco - pick your colors now!



Alto
Mote • \$675,000 • 739 Deer Park Drive

One of the most elegant and unique homes in Alto. Too many amenities to mention. 7 bedrooms, 7+ baths, over 6899 square feet of elegance! Lowest level is perfect for mother-in-law wing, teenagers, etc. with separate kitchen & living area . . . plus fantastic views and golf membership.



Awesome Commercial Acreage with Sierra Blanca Views
Robinson • \$1,250,000

9.3 ± acres. Seller is motivated on this large multi-use potential piece of property in the heart of Ruidoso with Sierra Blanca views, large trees and easy access. Owner will carry paper and/or joint venture. Submit all offers.



Alto
Hanson • \$315,000 • 103 Mountain Place

Four bedroom, 3 bath with gated patio and 2-car garage. Most all the furniture stays - full golf membership.

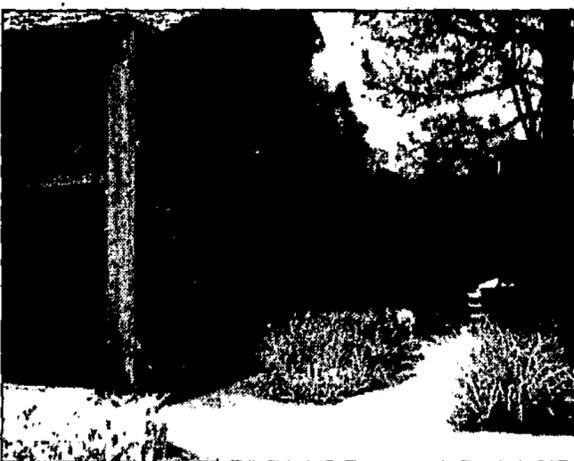


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Alto
White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



Alto
Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



New Mexico State University Property
\$225,000 • 411 College Drive

BACK ON MARKET! Twenty acre tract with 2100+ sq. ft. building in village limits - city water available - many possibilities.



Lakeside Estates
Smith • \$160,000 • 304 Buena Vista Drive

3 bdrms, 2 bath on 1.01 acre. Big Sierra Blanca view. Full golf membership adjoining lot 6 with no membership, included. Super nice deck.



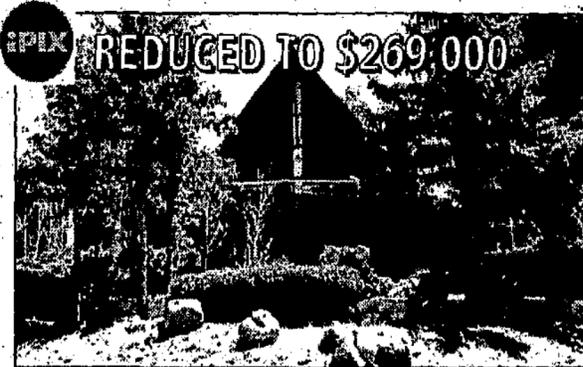
Airport West
Harkins • \$53,900 • 405 Del Norte Dr.

Furnished 3 bdrm., 2 bath older mobile with covered deck. Nice views - owner may finance!



Country Club Estates
Cooper • \$117,500 • 306 Hull Drive

3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car garage. Knotty pine accents and wood vigas give this home Ruidoso charm. 24-hour notice to show. Just let us know!



Country Club Estates

Carey • ~~\$289,000~~ • 100 La Luz

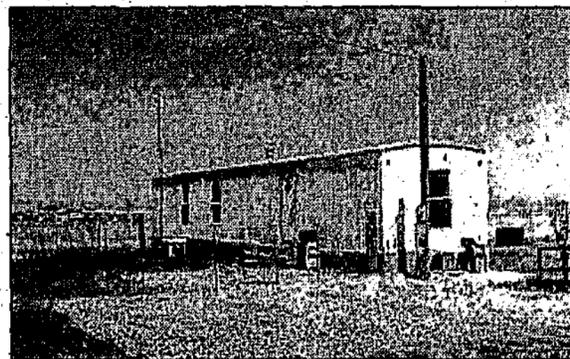
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



Sweet Water Hills

Wilson • \$51,500 • Hwy. 380 Mile Marker 73

Super clean 12x60 1992 Mobile home on 5 acres. Horses livestock allowed, completely fenced.



O.P. Addition Capitan

Ford • \$65,000 • 302 Lincoln Avenue

Two bedroom, 2 bath 1976 modular on 3 lots, RV pad and hookup, 16x14 heated work room off garage.



Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

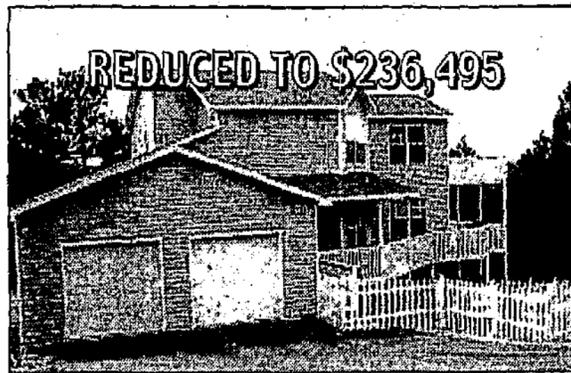
Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.



Pinon Park Condo's

Long • \$79,900 • Unit #C7

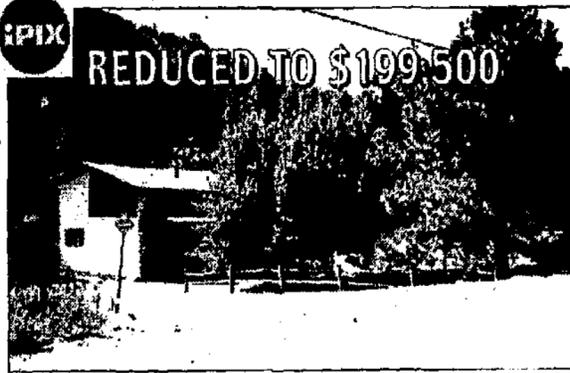
2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, completely remodeled July 2000. New carpet, paint, appliances, furniture and new wet bar.



White Mountain Meadows

Radziewicz • ~~\$248,500~~ • 110 Coker Lane

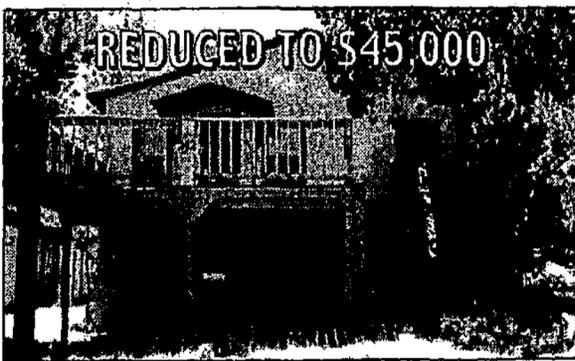
Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!



Carrizo Canyon Road

Garnett • \$212,000 • Carrizo Canyon Road

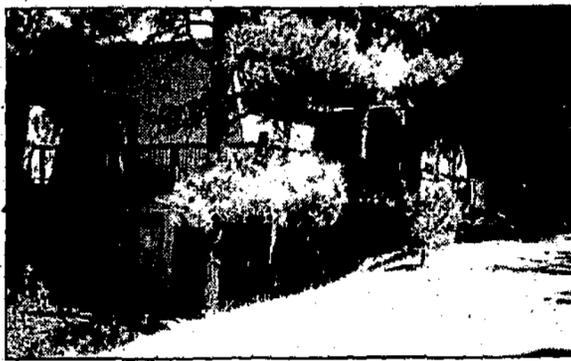
This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home sits on 2 lots with commercial potential. Carrizo Creek to the back of the property. Split rail fencing.



Spring Park

Green • \$49,950 • 242 Mountain View Dr.

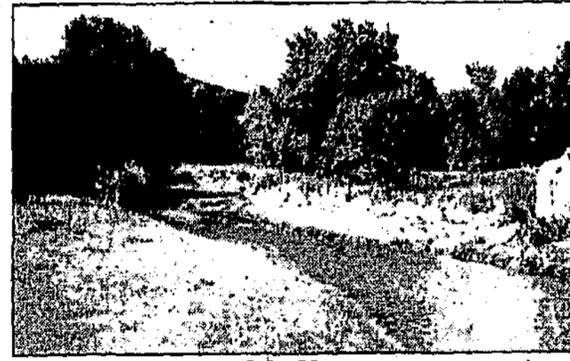
Two bedrooms, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Nice front deck for enjoying the views. All new inside. Ready for new owner - make an offer! Motivated seller. Let us show you how to own this cabin cheaper than renting.



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satillo tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house.



Valley

Lewicki • 950,000 • 11+ acres on River

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights! Seller will consider dividing this property. Will sell mobile and barn separately.

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Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door, new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one-level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



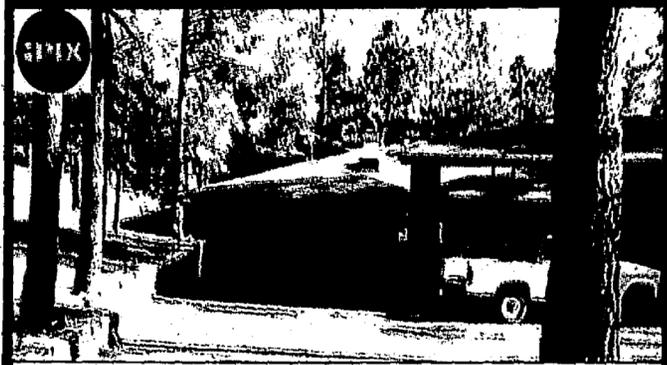
Hillside Addition
Casey • \$285,000 • 102 Cedar Creek Court

Across from Cree Meadows CC on private cul-de-sac. 5 bdrms. 2 full baths. 2 levels. Great for entertaining lots of windows - comes completely furnished. Even has new tooth brushes.



North Cedar Creek
Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms. 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level catus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1 acre, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



Young Heights
Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm. 4 bath. 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.



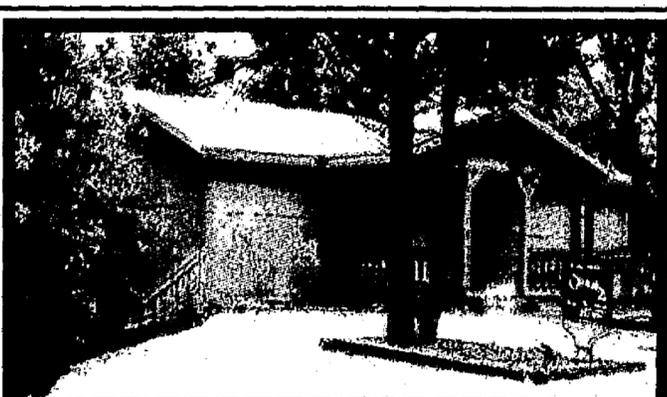
Agua Fria Estates

Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto
Bayless • \$425,000 • 300 French Drive

5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



Alpine Village
Downey • \$139,500 • 119 Big Bear Rd.

4 bdrm. 3 bath — this home is remodeled, but appears new. New carpet, fixtures, appliances, etc. 2000 sq. ft., 12x40 heated hobby-workroom.