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Health office gets more flu vaccine

The Lincoln County Health Office in Ruidoso received 900 more doses of flu vaccine this week and will conduct a walk-in clinic today.

From 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the general public can receive vaccinations at the office in the county substation on Kansas City Street off Cree Meadow Drive and next to the Ruidoso Public Library.

Starting Monday, call to set a time for an inoculation, an office spokesman said, adding that the staff hopes to administer most of the vaccine before the Christmas holidays.

Vaccinations also will be given from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center in San Patricio.

Statewide, five cases of flu have been confirmed, although none of them were reported from Lincoln County.



Young helpers

Aaron Ortega and his sister, Starlyn Bigrope, pictured at left, confer on the next package to wrap for Santa's Helpers. Fourth graders from Susan Carter's class at White Mountain Elementary pitched in Wednesday in preparation for distribution of Christmas boxes to deserving families next week. Below, Carter pauses among the gifts.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



Survey: fire concerns, zoning big issues

More than 80 percent of residents don't want to relax development regulations, village says

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Address fire concerns and don't reduce zoning and development regulations. Those were among the strong responses to a Ruidoso community survey undertaken this past summer.

More than four out of five answered "no" to a theme of streamlined and reduced zoning and development regulations. Almost two out of three believed stricter rules to maintain Ruidoso's uniqueness should be adopted.

"They obviously want strict rules," said Joseph Patoskie, village planning and zoning administrator. "Both (answers) were consistent. I think it seems to reflect a concern about non-planned growth. It's not to say 'no growth' but a careful way of growth."

Maintaining the unique flavor of Ruidoso was present in several other response areas, with many saying stricter regulations for signs, especially size and location, should be considered.

And more than half were undecided, or agreed or strongly agreed

with the idea of establishing architectural design standards to maintain the appearance of businesses and homes.

The thought of zoning changes to permit more businesses within neighborhoods was rejected by nearly all survey responders.

"Everyone seems to realize they could lose what they moved her for," Patoskie said of the preliminary survey numbers.

"I'm steering in the direction that meets what seems to be the

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Injuries minor after fire destroys home

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four people were slightly injured after escaping a Thursday fire that gutted the rental home they were in.

The four were being provided shelter by the Rio Hondo chapter of the American Red Cross, said Bruce MacKenzie, assistant manager for the Ruidoso office of the Red Cross.

"My friend fell asleep on the couch and he woke up when a window exploded," said Douglas Moorhead, who with his mother Joleen Leatherwood, lived at the residence at 126 Maple Drive.

The blaze apparently began on the front porch of the mobile home, Moorhead said.

"My mother opened the door and it just exploded in the house," Moorhead said. He added the fire rushed through the interior, with windows breaking through the dwelling.

"We got out with what we were wearing," Moorhead said. "It was ourselves and that was it. We lost everything."

In addition to Moorhead and Leatherwood, two friends of Moorhead's were in the residence.

MacKenzie said the Red Cross was providing a place to sleep, some clothing and food for three of the fire victims. The fourth had a place to live.

The 3:44 a.m. alarm brought four Ruidoso Fire Department engines and a rescue vehicle to the location at 126 Maple Drive. While a Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services ambulance crew attended to the occupants no one was transported to the hospital, said Jim Stover, director of EMS services.



Ruidoso firefighter Evan Gunter sifts through the debris of a residential fire that gutted a mobile home on Maple Drive Thursday. Four people escaped the flames with only minor injuries.

The structure was described as "fully involved" when firefighters arrived at 3:53 a.m., according to a fire department report. Fire crews had the blaze under control in about 30 minutes.

The victims suffered mostly singed hair, Moorhead said.

"I'm still in shock over it," Moorhead said. "The fire went through the place in three minutes."

A dog and several pet birds perished in the fire. A cause of the blaze has not been determined. Further investigation could be undertaken by the property's insurance carrier, said Virgil Reynolds, fire chief.

The estimated loss is listed at \$100,000 on the fire department report. The review stated smoke detectors were not present.

Ex-chief says his hearing to be public

Investigation continues; DA undecided on charges

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Former Ruidoso Downs fire chief Nick Herrera has decided that his personnel hearing on Monday should be open to the public.

Herrera was fired on Aug. 28, in action following an executive session of the Ruidoso Downs village council. Saying the firing was a personnel issue, village officials declined to reveal their reasons. Before the firing, Herrera had been on paid administrative leave for almost four months.

The suspension came about the same time a felony criminal investigation of the fire department was initiated by the district attorney's office.

Bank records of a department account were subpoenaed. A media request to review an earlier special village audit of the fire department was denied on the stand that the audit was part of the district attorney's probe.

District Attorney Scot Key had suggested in October that his office's investigation was nearly finished, but Key said Thursday a charging decision had not been finalized. Key hinted Monday's hearing may play a role in the probe.

Robert Beauvais, Herrera's attorney, said his client decided against an appeal behind closed doors despite the possibility someone from the district attorney's office could be present, taking notes during an open hearing.

"Nick and (Don) Smith say they have nothing to hide and it should be an open hearing," Beauvais said. "Herrera feels like this needs to be in the public eye."

Key said a wrap up of the investigation would wait for the post termination hearing to play out.

"We'll have someone there listening," Key said of the scheduled Monday hearing.

Beauvais said the prosecutor's office could come with a camcorder if they wanted.

Both village officials of Ruidoso Downs and Herrera's attorney had previously voiced a hope the criminal investigation would be complete before the post termination hearing. The incomplete nature of the probe has kept investigative materials out of the public domain.

"We're just looking forward to getting

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Jail toilets cost \$2,000 apiece

The jail at the Ruidoso Downs Police Department will replace toilets, estimated to be 35 years old, with two new commodes and sink units that could cost up to \$2,000 each.

Police chief Eddie Lerma told councilors the existing toilets don't work properly and plumbers have been unable to find replacement parts.

"It sounds like an emergency to me if the things won't flush," trustee Judy Miller said.

Lerma said the proper toilets with sink units could cost from \$1,200 to \$1,500 each, according to information he had assembled and requirements for jails. The cost of installation would increase the expense.

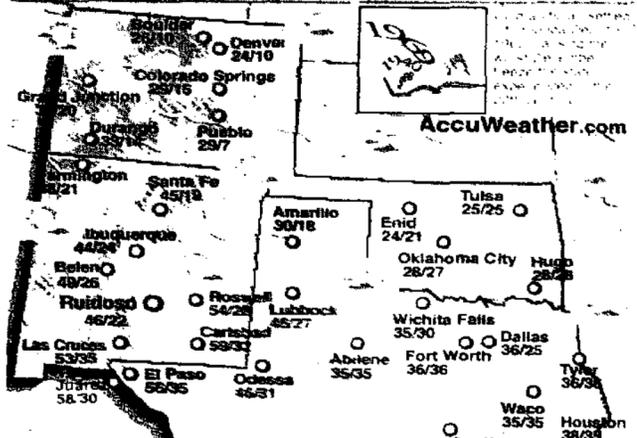
The motion to replace the commodes was unanimously approved by the council during their Monday meeting.

Judy Miller, trustee

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Table with 7 columns: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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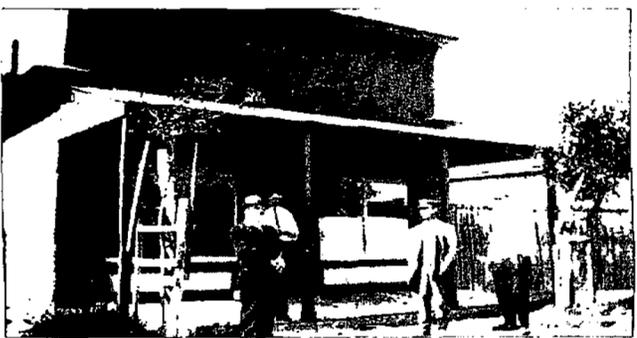


SUN AND MOON

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for the week, along with moon phases and real feel temperatures.

UV INDEX

Table showing UV index levels for different times of the day.



Carrizozo began to grow after World War II.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle December 20, 1900

More railroad talk. El Paso and Rock Island directors hold a meeting at Alamogordo, say the El Paso Times, perfected their organization by electing Charles B. Eddy president.

The company intends to begin operations at once and

has already placed an order with the Alamogordo Lumber company for 10,000,000 feet of railway ties, a like amount of bridge timbers and building material.

The company's repair shops will be located at Alamogordo, and the capacity of the shops at that point will be doubled and a roundhouse and small shops will be located at Carrizozo and Santa Rosa.

The company will immediately order thirty new engines for their line.

HERRERA: Former Downs fire chief wants personnel hearing to be open

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the appeal process over and getting this behind us," said Dan Bryant, attorney for the village of Ruidoso Downs.

Village witnesses that Bryant will call to testify are listed as village clerk Gladys Dillard, volunteer firefighter Kalama Davis, Trustee Jim Bassett, Mayor Bob Miller, acting fire chief Tom Armstrong, former village clerk Leann Weibrecht, former mayor Joe Hayhurst, Don Smith

and Jimmy Smith, former village firefighters, Dennis Riddle and Dale Graham, public works department employees, and Karen Jones, village payroll personnel specialist.

Beauvais said he will call four witnesses to testify at the hearing. They are Hayhurst, Weibrecht, and the two Smiths.

The hearing was expected to last a full day the two attorneys said.

After Herrera and Don Smith were placed on leave in May the remaining 14

volunteers on the department walked out. New volunteers stepped in to provide fire protection to Ruidoso Downs.

Herrera's post termination begins at 9 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Downs administrative building.

Alamogordo city attorney Rebecca W. Ehler will preside over the hearing. Ehler is described as well versed in employment issues.

A decision can be further appealed at the District Court level.

SURVEY: Residents make their priorities known to village council

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public's sentiment." In the wake of May's Cree Fire, and other infernos that swept across parts of New Mexico earlier this year, a huge majority of surveys agreed, most strongly agreed, with requiring management practices to reduce fire dangers.

The practices included thinning and brush removal. In another section of the survey fire prevention was rated as the top priority among public safety concerns.

"In order to push any kind of program for a village you have to have support," said Rick

DiAico, village forester. "We probably didn't have that before."

DiAico said the state's wildfires this year have raised residents' concerns, and that will likely turn into action.

"What is starting to surface is it can't be government as protectors and people as the victims," DiAico said. "It's got to be more partner - partner."

He labeled as "encouraging" the survey results indicating village residents want an addressing of the fire fear.

Water supply, an issue in Ruidoso, was also addressed in two questions on the survey. Increasing the supply by adding

new wells, treatment plants and reservoirs, and upgrading the capacity of water lines, was backed by 77 percent of responders. On the other hand 74 percent rejected the idea of conservation measures, such as minimizing water use and limiting landscaping to low water use plants.

Privatizing services, if more cost efficient, was endorsed by two-thirds. Half of responders disagreed with the notion that Ruidoso should reduce tax rates rather than improve the quality of public services.

More than 1,500 people, many seasonal residents, answered the survey, which is

being compiled by BRW Group, a Phoenix, Ariz. based planning company. Two-thirds of the responders listed their age as 55 or older. Nearly half said they have maintained a residence in Ruidoso for more than 10 years.

The survey was mailed to both full and part-time residents. The survey stated the results would be used to more effectively plan, budget and provide for higher quality services in Ruidoso.

A presentation of the survey results is tentatively scheduled to be provided at the Jan. 30 village council meeting by BRW.

Panel to recommend art for public places in Ruidoso

Arts Commission sub panel to be arts jury for displays, village council decides this week

BY JAMIE KAUFHAGE RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Art in public places in Ruidoso would be recommended by a visual arts jury, a sub panel of the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday signaled the commission a green light for the arts jury.

The commission had proposed the arts jury be an advisory board to the village council. But councilors said attaching the jury to the commission would be a better choice.

"There are professionals on the arts commission," councilor Bob Sterchi said. "They have the expertise. We do not."

Sterchi said it would be better for the arts jury to make their recommendations to the commission.

"We did not wish to usurp any of your authority," said Ed Spurr, chairman of the Ruidoso Arts Commission. "We would be completely comfortable with taking over the decisions."

Those decisions would include whether to accept or reject a donor's offer to present the village with a piece of art. A public display location would also be recommended by the jury.

Spurr said while art would be donated, there could be a cost to the village.

"We have a bronze work

that could be donated," Spurr said. "They (bronze statues) need to be resealed yearly. It is a small cost. And there would be insurance costs."

Spurr said the bronze is one of two pieces of substantial value currently proposed as donations to the village.

The bronze piece is a casting of three children that Spurr envisioned being placed at Ruidoso's planned interpretative playground.

The other item is a seascape that could go on display at village hall.

In backing the visual arts jury the village council approved accepting the art and directed the Ruidoso Arts Com-

mission to work on its jury sub-committee policies and procedures.

CORRECTIONS

Correction to Vamonos calendar: The Handbell Choir performed Dec. 7 and will not perform Thursday. Tomás Vigil will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

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Police believe robbery, attack suspect likely had an accomplice, Maddox says

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The manhunt initiated by Monday's kidnapping, battery and armed robbery of an elderly Ruidoso woman has expanded to a search for two people.

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny G. Maddox said the investigation indicates there was likely an accomplice that worked with the still at-large woman suspected of the attack.

The police chief pointed to the armed suspect using the phone once allowed inside the victim's dead end street home. He also said the victim's vehicle was at the Bonito Lake area location where the Ruidoso woman was abandoned. The keys to the vehicle were thrown into a wooded area. Maddox said the suspect likely had an accomplice that picked her up.

Meanwhile the police chief said a lot of leads are being worked in the case.

"We've received a lot of phone calls to CrimeStoppers and to the police depart-

Chief: Don't answer door; call the police

In the wake of this week's attack on a Ruidoso resident by a person who came to the door asking to use the telephone, police are ready to help.

Village councilor Linda Flack, noting she recently had a young man come to her door seeking to use the phone, asked police chief Lanny G. Maddox

how to respond.

"Our suggestion, especially right now, at this time of the year, is call us," Maddox said. "Especially if you live alone or are elderly, call the police department. An officer will come out. We'll be happy to be a liaison between you and whoever is at the door."

ment," Maddox said Thursday. "And they appear to be good information. They're pursuing these leads today and will continue to investigate to the full extent."

Maddox said about a dozen tips had come in and each is being followed-up.

Other tips, following the release of a composite drawing of the suspect, had been called into other law enforcement agencies, such as the Ruidoso Downs police department, a spokeswoman said.

Three Ruidoso Police Department detectives are working the case. Maddox said on Tuesday he believed the case would be solved within two weeks.

The 75 year old woman answered her door early Monday afternoon to a woman seeking to use the telephone. Once inside the suspect reportedly battered the homeowner, forced her at gunpoint to drive to the drive-thru of the Wells Fargo Bank on Sudderth Drive to withdraw cash, and

later left the victim at Philadelphia Canyon, a hiking location near Bonito Lake. The victim was found walking along Bonito Lake Road by a passing motorist.

Police have said the 75 year old woman was "feisty," noting she had fought back, even scratched the face of the suspect. The victim was pistol whipped by the attacker.

The suspect, described as a late 30s to early 40s, dishwasher blond with a ponytail, would face charges of first degree felony kidnapping, second degree felony armed robbery, third degree felony aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and felony aggravated assault. Several enhancer charges would also be considered, police said.

A conviction on all counts could result in a sentence in excess of 40 years imprisonment, according to New Mexico sentencing guidelines.



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Dr. Seekings is a magna-cum-laude graduate of Boston College, in Albany, NY. He then served as a physician in the U.S. Navy for two years, and subsequent to that was in family practice in Lowell, MA, where he first developed an interest in Ophthalmology. As a result, Dr. Seekings returned to school to obtain additional training, completing his Residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville.

He has practiced ophthalmology for over 25 years, and will continue full time practice, seeing patients at both the Alamogordo and Ruidoso offices of **ALAMOGORDO EYE CLINIC**.

He and his wife, Pat (who is an R.N. and most recently the Director of Hospice Care of St. Joseph Hospital), have four children, and are living in Alamogordo.

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OUR OPINION

One survey, many lessons

Fully one-third of the public officials in New Mexico routinely violate state law governing access to public records. A survey undertaken by newspapers (including this one), The Associated Press, and the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government and reported this week revealed a hit-or-miss attitude by public officials, at best.

The good news is that in Lincoln County almost all 15 public agencies surveyed understood the law and implemented it. Only one office refused to provide records requested; two others partially responded to requests.

It was a survey coordinated by newspapers, but the requests for records were made by citizens, not people identified as media reporters. And that is the point: New Mexico's open records act allows anyone access to any public record, with very few exceptions, without identifying themselves or the reason they need the information. It's another way the people have to keep tabs on the people who govern them.

It also means that newspaper reporters have no more right to public information than any other citizen. It's just part of their business, and they ask for it.

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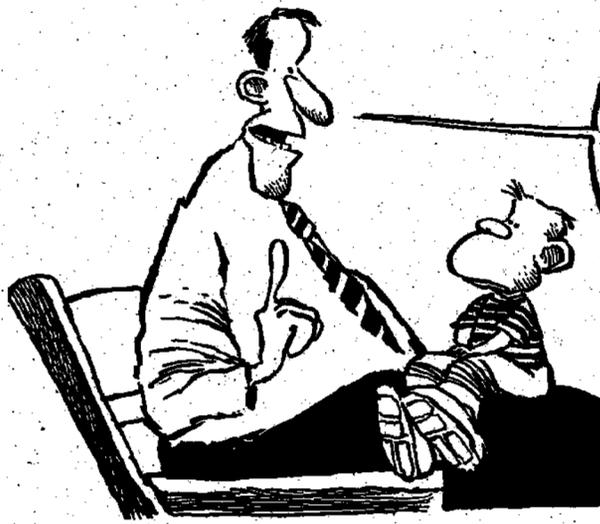
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County problems and solutions

To the Editor:

In the Dec. 6 *Ruidoso News*, reporter Dianne Stallings covered several operational problems facing the County Commission.

This well advertised meeting held in the Ruidoso Convention Center was well attended by a large crowd of interested citizens.

The problems so called were well documented to show logical reasoning would have answered the questions posed as "problems."

Commissioner Martinez questioned a \$75 rental charge for the ... meeting room. Both the assistant village attorney and mayor stated that there should be no rental charge. Both men evidently did not know that the charge had been confirmed by the village manager to the county manager. An apparent breakdown of communications.

Had the meeting been held, as suggested, at the Ruidoso Village Hall, where the acoustics are much better, there would have been no rental charge. No problem.

The second problem lay in

the fact that the commission had not agreed on a plan I had submitted calling for a four-hour daytime meeting in Carrizozo followed by a four-hour nighttime meeting in the Ruidoso Village Hall. Both meetings would be on a permanently arranged day two weeks apart.

My suggestion that these meetings be time-controlled by the chairman brought a retort from Mr. Wilson, the chairman, that he was being criticized. No criticism was intended — simply a plan to shorten long, laborious meetings. Mr. Schwettmann was quick to criticize the two-meetings concept. When asked if there was a law excluding the two-meeting idea the answer was "no."

Having some county meetings in Ruidoso has been requested by Mr. Martinez on many occasions by his motion before the commission. All motions have been rejected by a 4 to 1 margin vote. Along with Schwettmann and Nunley, the

three commissioners represent over 50 percent of the Lincoln County population.

This being so, why should the majority of the population be forced to drive 70 miles to and from Carrizozo to attend a county meeting? There is no rational answer to this question.

To those proponents advocating "term limits," this should be ample fuel to add to the fire.

Nowadays, politicians, being of very thin skin, have their own personal agendas. Constituents are important only at election time.

It is high time for some common sense.

J. A. "Al" Junge
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SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Non-lethal weapons damage bystanders

BY ROB EDWARDS
FOR NEW SCIENTIST MAGAZINE

Non-lethal guns have to be accurate, otherwise they risk killing people rather than merely incapacitating them. The first study of its kind has found that more than half of all non-lethal guns are so wildly inaccurate that they usually miss people-sized targets.

In a study due to be published in January, researchers from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Pennsylvania State University tested 79 different types of munitions fired to injure a target. These included rubber and plastic bullets, and "bean bags" full of lead shot, and

capsules of pepper and gas, which are increasingly popular.

The researchers told the non-lethal weapons conference in Edinburgh last week that 56 percent of the rounds could not reliably hit a circular target with a diameter of half a meter from 23 meters away. And more than a fifth missed the surrounding impact plate, which was twice as wide. Fireworks with multiple pellets at the ground in front of targets was sometimes more accurate than aiming straight at them.

The accuracy of these weapons, which had not been scientifically tested before, is vital to ensure that they do not kill. Major Steve James, from

the Springfield police department in Missouri, points out that injuries to the head and chest can be fatal. But hitting the buttocks and legs just disables people for a few seconds, so the police can intervene, for example, to prevent suicides.

The results of the study were revealed by Sid Heal from the LA Sheriff's Department. One surprising finding, he says, is that "ricochets from hard objects posed substantial hazards to bystanders [at near range]." During one test, a rubber bullet bounced off a target and smacked an unfortunate male researcher in the groin, temporarily incapacitating him.

Media violence doesn't make violent people

**Violent media is not to blame for violent people. Scientific evidence does not show that watching violence desensitizes people to it, a study determines.*

BY MEGAN EASTON
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

TORONTO, Canada — Violent movies and television programs do not create violent viewers, says a University of Toronto professor who has just completed a comprehensive review of all of the research on the subject.

"The results do not support the hypothesis that exposure to media violence causes aggression or criminal behaviour in people," says psychology profes-

or Jonathan Freedman, author of a detailed analysis of every published English-language study in existence on the effects of media violence. "The scientific evidence simply does not show that watching violence either produces violence in people or desensitizes them to it."

Fewer than half of the approximately 200 studies Freedman reviewed provide any evidence that violent shows evoked aggression in viewers, and when the studies found a correlation it was extremely weak. Yet it is considered common wisdom that violent media breed aggression and many public interest groups have reinforced this per-

ception with distorted presentations of the scientific data, he says.

"The most likely explanation for the studies where exposure to violent media appear to cause increased violence in people is that those with aggressive personalities simply prefer violent shows," he says. Freedman's research was funded by the Motion Pictures Association. His study is under contract to be published by the University of Toronto Press.

Megan Easton is a news services officer with the Department of Public Affairs, University of Toronto.

Justice on balance

One of the trip-wires that surround the pit of pontificating on world events in these columns is the one having to do with making predictions.

In our splendid ignorance a few weeks ago, when it looked as if there would be some reasonable resolution to the Presidential election, we had the nerve to predict that the nation never would permit a single judge to determine who would become the next president of the United States.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

practically nobody would have predicted that the Presidency would become a ping-pong ball being bounced between the Florida Supreme Court and the highest court in the land, a court perhaps answerable only to God.

It seemed somehow ridiculous that grown-up people would battle for many weeks over flakes of paper dangling from cardboard ballots; that at least two cable news channels would provide 24-hour reporting day after day after day; that former clerks to Supreme Court justices would become instant experts on how judges might react.

Through it all, only two people seemed to exhibit a modicum of restraint — the two with the most to win or lose, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. Their synophants waved signs when TV cameras were pointing and shivered in the cold when they weren't.

A favorite indoor sport was watching it all and trying to nail down the biases of the talk-show hosts, the "experts" on everything from voting device design to psychology — the bias even of the television networks. About the only experts we didn't see were self-professed psychics and gazers into crystal balls. A few days more, as those cable reporters tried to fill the air time, and that no doubt would have changed.

However, by Tuesday night, the Supremes in Washington had sung at last, somewhat off-key perhaps, but the decision was reached, and the son of George Herbert Walker Bush stood as the victor in the first great presidential election of the Third Millennium.

And we, ignorant Ruidoso pontificator, had to conclude that once again events had proved us wrong.

In fact, with a 5-4 decision, one judge did select the new President — a Supreme Court judge.

We just don't know which one, and never will.

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Village increases convention center fees

Change needed to bring facility into the 21st century, mayor contends

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The promoter of Ruidoso's two annual motorcycle rallies Tuesday voiced opposition to the village's increase in convention center charges.

But the village council approved the new charges anyway.

Ron Andrews told Ruidoso village councilors, during a discussion on new rates, that the Golden Aspen Rally in the fall results in a \$3.3 million to \$5.5 million economic boost for the area. He said the spring motorcycle rally brings another \$2.4 million to \$3 million in spending by visitors.

"An organization that brings in that kind of money and it gets a doubling of its rent," Andrews said.

For Andrews' events, which have rented the entire Ruidoso Convention Center for multiple days, the daily rate will increase from \$625 to \$1,500.

Andrews however was more upset with existing extra charges.

He cited \$50 for a pot of coffee and \$220 for skirting around a table, warning those have a negative impact and may have a promoter decide not to come back a second time.

Robyn Cooper, Ruidoso Convention Center sales director, said the new rates also allow for negotiating, possibly cutting charges, to assure a convention or gathering comes to Ruidoso.

"The motorcycle rally is obviously extremely important," Cooper said. "I'll do whatever to keep the rally here."

Cooper said the new rate structure, and a preferential outline for bringing groups with the biggest economic impact to Ruidoso, seeks to maximize those impacts.

"But the rates we're proposing are not skyrocketed," Cooper said.

Tammie Maddox, village clerk, said the rate structure was in line with other New Mexico convention centers. She added the extra charges for equipment or furnishings were standard in the industry.

"I don't argue with you, you needed a negotiating tool," Andrews said. "I applaud you for putting negotiations into it."

He said in Estes Park, Colo. officials went so far as to offer him \$25,000 to move the bike rally to their convention center.

"Big cities negotiate," said Mayor Robert Donaldson. "They'll ask Atlanta 'what will you do for me,' and they'll

ask Chicago 'what will you do for me.' We will get our money through taxes (from spending and hotel room charges.)"

Responding to council member Bill Chance, Cooper said it is typical for convention centers to negotiate rates.

"Like the EMS convention," Cooper said. "Carlsbad has offered them free use of their convention center. Am I willing to negotiate on price? It's (EMS convention) at the end of April. Yes."

Maddox, who said the lease rates, largely based on square footage, would be discounted 50 percent for local non-profit groups and 75 percent for non-profits with existing events.

Sanctioned events as determined by the village council, such as the Golden Aspen Rally, would have their annual dates locked in.

Retail events would be prohibited during the summer season.

"Nobody goes into the booking except with the priority (outline)," Donaldson said. "This tries to put them in an order to make sure the economic impact of the convention center is utilized."

Donaldson said the council-approved operational policy and rental schedule changes were needed to bring the convention center into the 21st century.

"But the rates we're proposing are not skyrocketed."

Robyn Cooper, sales director

RUIDOSO POLICE

Lodge reports damage

Ruidoso police are looking into a breaking and entering and criminal damage to property case.

A manager of the Carrizo Lodge, 900 Carrizo Canyon Road, notified police on Dec. 13 that someone punctured a tire on a utility golf cart and kicked in a door to a utility closet damaging the lock on the door.

The vandalism was believed to have happened between Dec. 10 - 12. The door damage was estimated at \$100, while the golf cart time was valued at \$25.

Mailbox vandals strike

A Rowan Road resident reported to police that his mailbox had been vandalized sometime about 2 1/2 weeks ago. The mailbox had been struck with a blunt object and knocked down. It was valued at \$100. The incident, reported on Dec. 12, was believed to have occurred between Nov. 23 and 26.

Man accused of cultivating marijuana

A pot bust Dec. 8 netted drug enforcement officers a marijuana growing operation and a Ruidoso man, charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

Lee Charles Freeman, 35, was arrested during the raid at his residence at 102 Shadow

The case, along with approximately 20 additional mailbox damage incidents reported to police in the past several weeks, is classified as misdemeanor injury to property.

Carwash damaged

An official with Ruidoso Laser Wash told officers that \$60 in damage had been done to decorative lighting at the car wash at 405 Mechem Drive.

The misdemeanor injury to property police report stated lights along the south wall of the business had been torn up.

Gas skip reported

Ruidoso police were notified of a gas skip Dec. 13 at the Gateway Texaco station at 392 Sudderth Drive. The falsely obtaining services case, a petty misdemeanor, occurred at 12:03 p.m. A man in a van reportedly pumped \$21 in gas and then drove off without paying.

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Village to hold public hearing on proposed deposit increases

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A public hearing, on a proposal to increase village of Ruidoso water service deposits of renters by 150 percent, has been scheduled for January.

The change being reviewed would up the current \$60 deposit to \$150.

"We have the deposits so that taxpayers don't take it in the shorts," Mayor Robert Donaldson said. But the mayor said sometimes a rental property owner is hit with a bill when a renter moves out and unpaid water/sewer bills exceed the deposit amount.

The village's finance officer said Alamogordo, Taos and Ruidoso Downs require a \$50 deposit from homeowners, and \$100 from renters, before service is turned on.

Village councilor Linda

Flack warned however that a big increase could create other problems.

"The problem is many renters can't afford \$150," Flack said. "That defeats what we're trying to do to address affordable rental needs."

Some councilors questioned if the steeper deposit, coupled with other deposits required by utilities and rental property owners, might not make moving to Ruidoso prohibitive for some people.

"We currently have a provision where they can pay the deposit within 30 days," said Lorri McKnight, village finance officer. "The other three municipalities all require a deposit in full, up front, immediately."

McKnight said that could change, if a debit system for customer payments is brought

on line at village hall.

Leon Eggleston and Bob Sterchi, members of the village council, said the \$150 renter's deposit seemed fair.

Donaldson said if the service remained in the owner's name the deposit would stay at \$60.

McKnight said owners of leased property are notified at three months when their renters are in arrears, at the point the village is preparing a lien against the property. Before the three month time-frame only the renter is sent notices of past due amounts.

"The owners can call us," McKnight said. "We'd be happy to tell them if their renters are current."

The public hearing, to consider changing the renter deposit, will be included in the council's Jan. 30 meeting.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Alcohol serving licenses for two Ruidoso restaurants were approved by the village council Tuesday.

A new restaurant beer and wine license for Spanky's Grille, 2205 Sudderth Drive, was endorsed by the council. A liquor license transfer of ownership at the Swiss Chalet Inn, 1451 Mechem Drive, was approved.

The new license holder will be New Mexico Last Call Inc. Both licenses will also require approval by the state.

An amendment to village code, limiting the size of banners that advertise community or civic events to 32 square feet, was approved by the council.

The change requires the banners of the typically non-profit organizations to conform to the size restrictions placed on business banners.

An ordinance amendment that would allow R-3 (multi-

family residential) uses in R-4 (high density residential) areas was endorsed by the council.

Village planner Darrell Bremner said the change would allow less intensive development in Ruidoso's highest use residential district. Mayor Robert Donaldson called the move a "great idea."

An amendment to the zone map, changing a piece of property on Vision Drive behind Shadow Mountain Lodge from C-2 (community commercial) to C-1 (neighborhood commercial) was approved by councilors. The adjustment will allow the property to be attached to an adjacent property for a planned expansion of the lodge.

Several lots on Rees Drive were rezoned from R-1 (single family residential) to R-2 (two family residential). In addition to creating what planning officials said would be a "buffer" between an adjacent C-1 (neighborhood commercial)

area. The zone map amendment would also help advance a plan for what has been described as a cottage community on the lot.

The alcohol license items and zoning matters were public hearing issues that brought no input from audience members at the meeting.

The zoning issues had all been previously endorsed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In other activity at the council meeting, councilors:

- Awarded a bid for a 1/2 ton, extended cab pick-up truck for the village's planning and zoning department. The \$22,396 vehicle will be purchased from Sierra Blanca Motors, Inc. of Ruidoso. The dealer was the low bidder of two businesses that responded to a request for bids, said Lorri McKnight, village finance officer.

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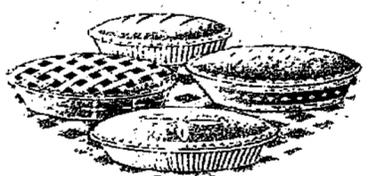
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Agricultural property reassessment to be put off for one year

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A statewide change of system for the assessment of livestock and agricultural lands will be delayed by one year, officials with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department decided this week.

"This was a decision by the department that we didn't have enough information," said Tom Garcia, director of the property tax division of the state Revenue and Taxation Department. "The numbers changed a few times already."

The decision came after two informational meetings on the reassessment, Garcia said Thursday. "The issues still are on the table, but we're

"This was a decision by the department that we didn't have enough information. The numbers changed a few times already."

Tom Garcia,
New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department

looking now at tax year 2002."

Using figures and a formula put together by a team from New Mexico State University, the department was considering a 367 percent increase on taxable value of agricultural land, in addition to a 37 percent hike on the taxable value of cows and more than 119 percent for horses.

Although the state is supposed to look at those values every year, Garcia said earlier this month that lack of

accurate data resulted in values staying about the same over a more than 20-year period.

Ranchers responding to the increase proposal said they understood the need for a reassessment, but that they shouldn't be punished with a huge jump because of the state's error.

They also questioned if using market figures from 1999, one of the better economic years, was fair in view of the many poor market years and other set

backs such as drought, before it.

According to a 1997 agricultural census, about 337 farms operate in Lincoln County ranging from one acre to more than 1,000 acres.

Norm Plank, executive vice president of the New Mexico Farm Bureau, said his organization is pleased with the decision, because it will give the farming and livestock industry a chance to research many of the issues involved in the complex methods of assessment.

"This will give the bureau and its members adequate time to ascertain the appropriate tax valuations based on a number of criteria such as drought and other factors that may affect these assessments," Plank said.

He also noted that the Office of Lt.

Gov. Walter Bradley and Garcia were helpful in arriving at an effective solution.

"Times are rough in farm and ranch country and any arbitrary tax increase could have the effect of putting families out of business and off their land," Plank said. "We encourage our members to attend the remaining informational meetings sponsored by the tax bureau and to begin the process of gathering data that can be used in any future assessment criteria."

The meetings closest to Lincoln County will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Taxation and Revenue Department, 2540 El Paseo Road, No. 2540 in Las Cruces and Dec. 19 at Goddard High School in Roswell.

Gasoline prices down since Thanksgiving, but still are higher than last year

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nationally and locally, gasoline prices dropped since the Thanksgiving holidays, but still are higher than a year ago, according to information from AAA New Mexico.

In Ruidoso, the best price is about \$1.44. About 61 million Americans are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home between Christmas and New Year's, a 4 percent increase over last year's 58 million, based on AAA data. The organization also projects

close to 45 million travelers to go by automobile this holiday, a 5 percent increase from last year. Nearly 16 million will travel by airplane or bus, up 3 percent.

Gasoline prices in New Mexico remain at an all time high for winter holiday travel at \$1.51 average for a gallon of self-service unleaded, but in most areas of the state, prices have dipped since Thanksgiving when the average was \$1.56 per gallon.

The statewide average is 19 cents higher than last year at this time.

Nationally, prices also dropped from \$1.55 at Thanksgiving to \$1.50. National gas prices are up 20 percent from a year ago.

The drop in the national average price mainly is due to recently lowered fuel costs in the Great Lakes, Midwest and Western regions, a AAA briefing states.

AAA New Mexico offered a few hints for safer holiday travel on the nation's highways and streets:

- Don't tailgate. Crowded streets can cause unexpected slow-downs. The closer you

are to the vehicle in front, the better chances of a crash. Drivers of big trucks also can't see directly behind their rigs.

- Avoid road rage. The holidays can be stressful times. Don't take it out on fellow drivers.

- Pay attention. Especially when driving alongside semi-trucks, be careful, because their line of sight diminishes when turning. Don't assume they see you.

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"The phone numbers of residents in that area will come up on the computer," said Thomas Chavez, village emergency manager. "A message would be initiated and the computer would call automatically."

Busy signals would bring repeated return calls by the system.

"It will be for emergencies," said Joe Valenzuela, system coordinator and a communications officer with the Ruidoso Police Department. "It will also be used for general information, like school closings. And for almost anything that is a real time alert."

Chavez, Valenzuela and Terry Williams, another communications officer, received training on the system Wednesday.

Chavez anticipated the 24 phone lines that will carry the system's messages will be installed by mid January. He said the system would be used soon afterwards on the Monday's that the village runs its warning sirens test. The Communicator would be activated



Village of Ruidoso public safety officials receive training on The Communicator, a new alert system that will phone residents and deliver a message. The system would be used for warnings, such as fires, or to disseminate time sensitive information, like school closings.

minutes before the sirens to telephonically tell residents of the impending sirens.

The system will also be available as a bulletin board where residents can phone in to select from a number of informational messages. In addition The Communicator will be used by village public safety departments in the

event of a need for a mass mobilization of police or firefighters.

The \$70,000 system will be operated from the Ruidoso Police Department. Funding for the system came from a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant awarded to the village earlier this year under the agency's Project Impact program.

DOWN'S COUNCIL

Village seeks grant

Ruidoso Downs will attempt to latch onto funding through a New Mexico Litter Control and Beautification grant.

The village council Monday approved a resolution seeking the funding that promotes clean up efforts.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1, said the village clerk.

Ruidoso Downs would likely fall into a category that provides an average grant amount of \$2,500.

Many other communities in the state have received the funding in the past, according to grant program information provided to trustees.

"It looks like we're the last one to get on board," said Margie Morales, a village

trustee.

Council OKs purchase

The purchase of two 2001 Chevrolet extended cab, four-wheel drive pick-up trucks, for the village's public works department, was approved by the council. The purchase would piggyback on a state contract, avoiding the need to solicit bids.

The vehicles would be funded through a recent sale of surplus village equipment, said Dennis Riddle, public works department supervisor. An additional \$6,343.80 would be required to complete the purchase. Riddle said the money was in his department's budget.

"It looks like pretty good business to me," Riddle told trustees.

Santero to exhibit in Alamogordo

A show of the work of H. Cordova, a contemporary santero, or craftsman, will run at Eagle Ranch in Alamogordo through Dec. 31 at the gallery, 7288 Highway 54 and 70, north of Alamogordo on the Tularosa highway. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Cordova produces traditional retablos or images of saints painted on wood. He uses the traditional medium made with natural pigments of

milk on gessoed panels of old wood or tin, in the same manner as early santeros.

Cordova received a B.A. in art education at Western New Mexico University and a M.A. in special education at Eastern New Mexico University.

He is a native of the Mimbres Valley in southeastern New Mexico and has lived in Alamogordo for a number of years.

He has received many awards for his work.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open.
New Snow Past 24 hours: 0
New Snow Past 48 hours: 0
New Snow Past 72 hours: 5 inches
New Snow Past Week: 5 inches
Weather: Mostly sunny
Road conditions: Clear
Midway depth: 23-44 inches
Surface conditions: Powder
Skiing conditions: Good on upper mountain. Excellent on lower mountain.
Trails open: 45 of 55
Lifts open: 10 of 11. All lifts except Apache Bowl No. 6
Trails groomed this morning: 20 of 45
Snowmaking past 24 hours: Yes
Tomorrow's forecast: Increasing cloudiness
Additional info: Enjoy the uncrowded slopes with value season pricing on lift tickets — \$29/adult and \$19/child — through today. NASTAR begins Saturday. Enjoy recreational racing at its best on Smokey Bear. Look for the Coca-Cola Polar Bear (free coke) on Sunday.
Visit the Ski Apache web site at www.skiapache.com.

Prep scoreboard

Monday, Dec. 11
Girls basketball
Roswell 108, Ruidoso 57

Tuesday, Dec. 12
Boys basketball
Ruidoso 66, Tularosa 60

Preps on tap

Friday, Dec. 15
Boys basketball
Captain at Mountaintop Tournament
Carrizozo vs. Roswell at Loving Tournament, 5 p.m.
Corona at BVC Tournament
Ruidoso at home vs. Artesia (V, JV, C), 4 p.m.

Girls basketball
Captain at Mountaintop Tournament
Carrizozo vs. Eunice at Loving Tournament, 3:30 p.m.
Corona at BVC Tournament
Ruidoso at Artesia (V, JV), 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Ruidoso at home vs. Santa Teresa, Hobbs, Deming, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16
Boys basketball
Captain at Mountaintop Tournament
Carrizozo vs. Mesilla Valley at Loving Tournament, 10:30 a.m.
Carrizozo vs. Loving at Loving Tournament, 7:30 p.m.
Corona at BVC Tournament
Hondo boys at Dgra. 11:30 a.m.
Mescalero at Community Christian, Alamogordo, 5 p.m.
Ruidoso at home vs. Socorro (V, JV, C), 4 p.m.

Girls basketball
Captain at Mountaintop Tournament
Carrizozo vs. Mesilla Valley at Loving Tournament, 9 a.m.
Carrizozo vs. Loving at Loving Tournament, 6 p.m.
Corona at BVC Tournament
Mescalero at Community Christian, Alamogordo, 3 p.m.
Ruidoso at home vs. West Las Vegas (V, JV, C), 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21
Boys basketball
Corona at To'hajilles, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28
Boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Capital at Stu Clark Tournament, Las Vegas, 1 p.m.

Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament
Carrizozo at Tucumcari Tournament

Friday, Dec. 29
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Stu Clark Tournament, Las Vegas

Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament
Carrizozo at Tucumcari Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 30
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Stu Clark Tournament, Las Vegas

Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament
Carrizozo at Tucumcari Tournament

Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Men's Basketball League				
Final Regular Season Standings				
Team	W	L	Pct.	
Arainmark	8	1	.889	
All Around	7	2	.778	
Eckos	6	3	.667	
County Cons	6	3	.667	
Tequila Stammers	6	3	.667	
It's All Good	4	5	.444	
Mescalero Express	3	7	.333	
R-Funk All Stars	3	7	.333	
Alamo Pipe	2	7	.222	
Big O Tires	0	9	.000	

Tournament Results for Dec. 12
R-Funk All Stars 42, Alamo Pipe 40
County Cons 73, Big O Tires 28
Mescalero Express 64, Eckos 59

Games for Dec. 19
6:30 p.m. — Tournament game 7
7:30 p.m. — Tournament game 8
8:30 p.m. — Tournament game 9

On Deck

Adult softball
The El Paso Let's Play Two! Double Header League will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 8. There will be men's, women's, co-ed and retail-merchants competitive and recreational divisions. The deadline to register and league meeting is Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at SportsPark El Paso, 1780 N. Zaragoza. The entry fee is \$80/team; \$10/player. For more information, contact Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkelpaso@aol.com.

Warrior hoopsters squeak by Wildcats

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For a little more than three quarters Thursday, it looked as though Tularosa (4-1) might do to Ruidoso (5-1) what Ruidoso did to a trio of AAAAA and AAAA schools at the Artesia Tournament last weekend: upset a bigger school.

But early in the final stanza, the Warriors pulled it all together and held off a determined Wildcat squad to take a 66-60 victory.

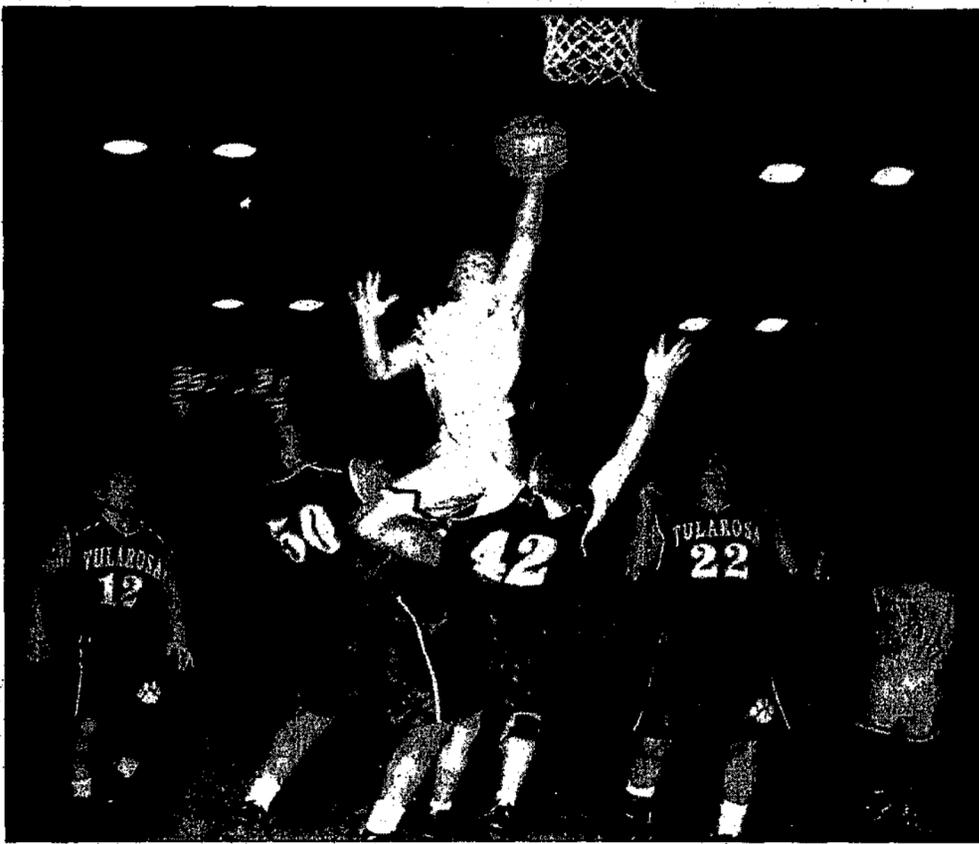
J.R. Floyd started the scoring with a 3-pointer seconds into the game, and after that it was back-and-forth, with the teams tied at 15-15 after one quarter on a last-second field goal by Solomon Barnett, and Tularosa heading into the locker room at half time with a 33-31 edge.

The Warriors turned that around after three, picking up six straight points to close out the stanza.

"We had a little mental lapse at the end of the third quarter. I felt like it hurt us," said Wildcat coach Johnny May. "We were up two and we turned the ball over two times in the last 15, 20 seconds and they got two buckets out of it. So instead of being up two we're down two at the end of the quarter. That made the difference in the game."

Well, not quite. Tularosa tied the match twice in the first minutes of the final quarter, but Floyd put Ruidoso up by one on a free throw, then got the rebound and shot from the outside to put the Warriors up by four.

A pair of field goals by Barnett and T.J. Montoya put Ruidoso up by eight, and although



Warrior Solomon Barnett rises above a crowd of Tularosa Wildcats Tuesday.

Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

Tularosa hit a pair of treys in the waning minutes of the game — and triple-teamed the Ruidoso offense — it wasn't enough to overcome the Warrior lead.

The Warriors had trouble

with the other shorter, quicker team they played early this season — falling to West Las Vegas for the team's only loss so far — so coach Billy Page was pleased with the victory.

"When we come away with

a win when we play those short, fast teams, that's a good thing. That's a real good thing," he said. "Obviously now, we know we can play with the short, fast teams, so we're ready for whoever comes our

way." The Warriors had trouble hitting the bucket early in the game — even the crowd could be heard exhorting the team to "put it in," and Page attributed that to over exuberance on the part of the team's defense.

"I think a lot of times we get pumped up playing defense," he said. "That adrenaline takes over in our bodies and we don't get a real smooth touch on the ball."

The Warriors still hit both from the inside — which Page said is the team's focus — and the outside.

Floyd led the scoring with 21 points, including a quartet of threes. Solomon Barnett was right behind with 19 points. Eight of the 11 Warriors scored, with junior Christie LaPaz helping from the outside with two 3s.

For the Wildcats, Ryan Blazer matched Floyd with 21 points, while Matt Voorbach had 14 and Ty Trammell 12.

Despite the team's first loss, May was pleased with his team's effort.

"We're pleased with the way we played," he said. "Everything was good. (Ruidoso) just outscored us."

And he had high praise for one Warrior.

"Solomon Barnett is an outstanding ball player," May said. "He makes things happen for them and he's very tough to defend. Consequently, he creates a lot of shots for them."

The Warriors got back on the hardwood tonight with a 7 p.m. varsity matchup against Artesia, then come right back with a Saturday night game against Socorro.

Gymnasts take hometown title

Ruidoso's Mountaintop Gymnastics hosted the Level IV New Mexico state gymnastics meet Friday and Saturday, and for coach Amy Eggleston and her team, it was a dream come true.

"The second my last gymnast's feet landed on the mat my team asked me if I thought they had won," she said.

"Girls," I said, "No matter what the outcome, I think you have done the best gymnastics you could possibly do, and you have made me incredibly proud."

Although their faces lit up, and truth be told, I, myself, was like a little girl on Christmas morning as I waited for the computer to print the final results."

The final results will go down in the Ruidoso gymnastics record books as the first ever team state championship won by the Ruidoso team.

The seven-member squad scored a 135.25 to take gold and defeat teams throughout New Mexico, some with as many as 25 gymnasts on their rosters. The top four scores on each event were tallied for the team competition, and each Ruidoso gymnast played a vital role in the victory.

Throughout the season, Ruidoso has been neck and neck with Gym Magic Gymnastics, but managed to edge them out by a narrow 3.5.

The Ruidoso gymnasts did not stop with a team title; they also took home three separate individual state championships.

Ten-year-old Ari Hale took the gold plaque with an all-around score of 34.05 and first-place event finishes on the balance beam and floor exercise.

Sierra Nelson edged out 23 other 11-year-olds to take gold in her age division.

Nelson scored a season best 35.05 and had a string of first-place finishes on each of the four events, including a pair of 9s on the uneven bars and balance beam.

Alicia Passig was crowned state champion in the 12-year-old division with an even 32.00 all-around and first place finishes on the balance beam and floor exercise.

In the 8-year-old bracket, Alex Weaver and Megan Mirau finished second and third respectively, with Weaver performing her best vault of the year to win that event.

Laure Montes and Victoria Ramirez also turned in strong performances to contribute to the Mountaintops' winning efforts.

"These seven girls were focused on the state championship from the beginning of the season," Eggleston said. "They have faithfully kept journals, written down their goals and what they had to do to accomplish them. They looked prepared and confident and just had such a good time."



Eight-year-old Megan Mirau spins on the uneven bars during the Level IV state gymnastics competition.

Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

I am so happy for them; they are a coaches dream."

As for Ruidoso hosting future state meets, "I think we have a great chance," the coach said. "The gymnasts, as well as Ruidoso's businesses, made a very big impression — from the

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Ladies play better vs. Roswell

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's girls basketball team faced another tough opponent Monday, but this time, the score didn't indicate the effort.

Although the Coyotes went into triple figures against the Lady Warriors — winning 108-57 — Ruidoso coach Albert Ronquillo was pleased with the effort.

"It was a great effort on our part," he said. "We played well."

Roswell led by 34 points at the half, 60-26, and had already scored more points than the Warriors would accrue all night.

But Ruidoso (1-5) never stopped fighting, and played closer to the Coyotes in the sec-

ond half. Ronquillo said the Warriors shot a lot better than during the Artesia Tournament, both from the field and the free-throw line.

"We shot it with confidence, and it made a big difference," he said. "The effort was there. We were ready to play mentally before the game."

Four Warriors scored in double figures: Clarissa Silva, Mindy Brunell and Crystal Rojas all tallied 11 points. Jenna Carrasco picked up 10, and seven of nine Warriors added to the point total.

Coyote LaFeisha Templeton led all scorers with 21 points, with three others in double figures.

Monday's game was moved up from Jan. 6. Thursday's

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Ruidoso wrestlers set for home opener

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After competing in up to 20 matches in their first four days of competition, Ruidoso's wrestlers are battered and bruised. So while coach Jerrett Perry wasn't happy Tuesday's dual match against Las Cruces was canceled (because of a mixup in Las Cruces), he said it couldn't have come at a better time of year.

Tonight however, whatever their condition, the Warriors will give the hometown fans a chance to see what they have to offer in a quadrangular meet against Hobbs, Deming and Santa Teresa.

The meet begins at 5 p.m. with Ruidoso squaring off against AAAAA Hobbs.

Hobbs and AAAA Deming will pair off in the next round,

with Ruidoso and Deming following. Matches against district foe Santa Teresa will follow.

Ruidoso did get some good news on the injury front this week.

Senior Casey Arnett, 145, who smashed a finger in the weight room and was thought to be finished for the season, is expected back by the second week in January.

Both Cade Hall, 145, and Brian Irvin, 103, should be wrestling tonight — both missed the Tucumcari Invitational because of injuries and illness. Thatcher Hampton, 215, won't wrestle tonight but is due back by the first of the year.

The injuries have forced a shakeup of the lineup, with

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Fishing report

For fly fishing -

With the passing of another week without rain or snow the flow rate on the river has dropped significantly. The current flow is around 2 CFS. The New Mexico Game and Fish Department has been doing a good job of stocking on a monthly basis from Carrizo Creek downstream. You will find a good amount of stocker rainbows in most pools and runs. The water is clear, so remember to wear dark colored clothes when streamside.

RIO RUIDOSO: As stated the last few weeks, 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 fished a fair number of fish this past week. We received one report of an 18-inch rainbow being caught on a bead head flashback pheasant tail nymph. The angler got several nice photos and returned the fish to fight again.

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. If you do venture up Southfork, be careful as there are lots of ice patches along the way.

EAGLE LAKES: Closed for the season. BONITO LAKE: Closed for the season. GRINDSTONE LAKE: We have a report of a 19-inch male brown trout being taken on a dark brown woolly-bugger about 8-10 feet deep. The angler used a sinking tip line and as slow short strip. 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 Matuka's have been working. Most subsurface flies should be fished quite deep with an intermediate sinking tip of full sinking tip 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 MESCALERO: The fishing late afternoon and evening remains good. Dry flies continue to be working toward evening. Patterns that have been producing are Hendricksons, Wulff patterns, Humpty's and Parachute 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 Inn. Please practice Catch and Release wherever and whenever you can.

We have just moved our local shop. The new address is 2501 Sudderth Drive. Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded Web site for community information. Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.



Mountaintop Gymnastics coach Amy Eggleston helps Laura Montes with her form on the vault during warmups for the state Level IV gymnastics meet.

GYMNASTS: Mountaintops take state title

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goody bags to the good luck marquee signs. We were noticed and we thank everybody for their support."

Results of the State Level IV competition follow.

Team (determined by the top four scores on each event) - 1, Ruidoso Gymnastics, 135.25; 2, Gym Magic (Las Cruces), 134.9; 3, Dana's Westside (Albuquerque), 133.85; 4, Albuquerque Gymnastics School, 130.5; 5, Extreme Gymnastics (Farmington), 126.35; 6, Belen Boardwalk Gymnastics, 124.95; 7, Duke City Gymnastics (Albuquerque), 124.1; 8, Taos Gymnastics, 119.35. Individual Results (Top 5 in each age group) 6-7-year-olds - 1, Stephanie Repp, 31.8, Albuquerque Gymnastics; 2, Brittany Balen, 30.25, Gym Magic Gymnastics (Las Cruces); 3, Zoe Hollinger, 30.2, Albuquerque Gymnastics; 4, Antonella Ross, 30.15, Albuquerque Gymnastics; 5, Kara Bethke, 29.5, Albuquerque Gymnastics. 8-year-olds - 1, Sophie Foutz, 32.5, Extreme Gymnastics (Farmington); 2, Alex Weaver, 32.35, Ruidoso Gymnastics; 3, Megan Mirau, 32.05, Ruidoso Gymnastics; 4, Taylor McCa-

LADIES: Warriors ready for home game

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scheduled game against Roswell Goddard has been postponed.

Tonight, the Warriors return to Artesia to square off against the Ladydogs, and Saturday, they'll open at home with a rematch against West Las Vegas.

Ronquillo knows both games are important.

"I'm hoping it will be a different outcome Saturday," he said. "But we can't look past Artesia. We've got to be ready

for Artesia."

Ronquillo said the Warriors have to be ready to take on 6-2 senior Stephanie Clark.

"They've got a big girl who's tough," he said. "She's a good player. So we've got to stop her."

But while winning in Artesia is important, the Warriors are looking forward to the home rematch with the Dons.

"I think we'll be more prepared mentally to play that game," Ronquillo said. "We'll be looking for them. There's a little revenge factor there."

WRESTLERS: Injured Warriors ready for home opener

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wrestlers filling in at unfamiliar weights and one weight class, 145, empty because no one experienced enough is available to fill the slot.

In two weight classes, 119 and 171, the Warriors have two wrestlers strong enough to compete.

So Jeremy Pritchett and Uriel Garcia were expected to wrestle off Thursday to see who'd be on the mat Friday. The same scenario was scheduled to play out between Tanner McGarvey and Luke Bates at 171.

Results of the last weekend's Tucumcari Invitational follow.

Team: 1, Moriarty; 2, Trinidad, Colo.; 3, Tucumcari; 4, Ruidoso; 5, Moriarty B; 6, West Las Vegas; 7, Lubbock, Texas.

Friday's dual results:

Ruidoso 39, West Las Vegas 33. 103: double forfeit; 112: Rui forfeit; 119: Jacob Romero def. Jeremy Pritchett, pin; 125: Jimmy Saiz def. Uriel Garcia, pin; 130: Justin Huffman def. Ruben Sedillos, pin; 135: Jacob Ortiz def. Tye Phillips, pin; 140: David McNally def. Joseph Montano, pin; 145: Rui forfeit; 152: Royce McMillion def. John Pollock, pin; 160: Marcos Roybel def. Tanner McGarvey, pin;

171: Gavino Lespearence def. Luke Bates, pin; 189: WLV forfeit; 215: Rowdy Tarays def. Derrick Dennis, 10-3; Hwt: WLV forfeit. Trinidad 42, Ruidoso 33.

103: Rui forfeit; 112: Jeff Guzzo def. Shawn Gurule, pin; 119: Justin Hernandez def. Jeremy Pritchett, pin; 125: Josh Bowman def. Uriel Garcia, pin; 130: Jesse Kieler def. Justin Huffman, pin; 135: Tye Phillips def. Orlando Mesas, 140: David McNally def. Jerry DePaul, 12-4; 145: Rui forfeit; 152: Royce McMillion def. Adam Gonzales, pin; 160: Tanner McGarvey def. Adam Garcia, pin; 171: Chris Blocker def. Luke Bates, pin; 189: James Payne def. Tim Lucero, pin; 215: Jerad Sanchez def. Derrick Dennis, pin; Hwt: Patrick Hodges def. Emrie Zambanata, pin.

Ruidoso 51, Tucumcari 21. 103: Rui forfeit; 112: Shawn Gurule def. Levi Montano, 12-1; 119: Jeremiah Sims def. Jeremy Pritchett, 9-3; 125: Tuc forfeit; 130: Michael Martinez def. Justin Huffman, 2-0; 135: Tuc forfeit; 140: Jason Sewall def. David McNally, pin; 145: Rui forfeit; 152: Royce McMillion def. Isiah Montoya, pin; 160: Tuc forfeit; 171: Luke Bates def. Mark Trujillo, pin; 189: Tim Lucero def. Sam Nunn, pin; 215: Jake Jimenez def. Derrick Dennis, pin; Hwt: Patrick Hodges def. Seth Lewis, 8-7.

Moriarty 54, Rui 6. 103: Rui forfeit; 112: Ruben Leyba def. Shawn Gurule, pin; 119: John Dodson def. Jeremy Pritchett, 15-0; 125: James Jallejos def. Uriel Garcia, pin; 130: Jerry Garley def. Justin Huffman, pin; 135: Willie Harper def. Tye Phillips, pin; 140: Dominic Jaramillo def. David McNally, pin; 145: Rui forfeit; 152: Josh Barrella def. Royce McMillion, pin; 160: Jared Reeves def. Tanner McGarvey, 4-3; 171: Mateo Edwards def. Luke Bates, pin; 189: Howie Parsons def. Tim Lucero, pin; 215: Tyler Casper def. Der-

rick Dennis, pin; Hwt: Mor forfeit.

Ruidoso 30, Moriarty 8-24. 103: Rui forfeit; 112: Rui forfeit; 119: Mor forfeit; 125: Mor forfeit; 130: Justin Huffman def. Justin Reeves, 2-0; 135: Colton Andes def. Tye Phillips, 7-4; 140: Mike Lardoe def. David McNally, 7-6; 145: Rui forfeit; 152: Royce McMillion def. Dan DeHaas, 4-0; 160: John McCaller def. Tanner McGarvey, pin; 171: Daniel Wyszand def. Luke Bates, pin; 189: Mark Lardosh def. Tim Lucero, pin; 215: Derrick Dennis def. Ben Spence, pin; Hwt: Patrick Hodges def. Mike Montoya, pin.

Saturday, bracketed individual competition:

119: Jeremiah Sims, Tuc, def. Jeremy Pritchett, 16-14; Bustillos, Lubbock, Texas, def. Jeremy Pritchett, 15-3. 125: Nichols, Mor B, def. Uriel Garcia, pin; 130: Justin Reeves, Mor B, def. Justin Huffman, pin; Jerry Garley, Mor, def. Justin Huffman, pin; 135: Tye Phillips def. Matt, Tuc, pin; Colton Andes, def. Tye Phillips, 9-8. 140: David McNally def. Mike Lardoe, Mor, B, pin; Dominic Jaramillo, Mor, def. David McNally, 17-2. 152: Royce McMillion def. Dan DeHaas, Mor B, 8-0; Josh Barrella, Mor, def. Royce McMillion, pin.

160: Tanner McGarvey def. Marcos Roybel, WLV, 2-0; Tanner McGarvey def. Adam Garcia, Tuc, pin.

171: Daniel Wyszand, Mor B, def. Luke Bates, 16-2; Daniel Wyszand, Mor B, def. Luke Bates, 13-1.

189: Padilla, Tuc, def. Tim Lucero, pin; Tim Lucero def. Sam Nunn, Tuc, pin; Mark Landon, Mor B, def. Tim Lucero, pin.

215: Tuc, def. Derrick Dennis, pin. Hwt: Patrick Hodges def. Montoya, Mor, pin.

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Ready for a jump over frozen fowl?

I love publicity stunts. I've done a few of them in my day. In Kansas City, I once dressed up a greyhound racing dog named "Mr. T Bone" in boxer trunks to look like Mohammad Ali. It was for a match race between the two track champs. We held a press conference to weigh-in the dogs wearing silk robes. The media loved it.

Lovington, N.M. has an interesting draw. They race lizards on the 4th of July. They offer trophies and ribbons to kids who scour the neighborhoods looking for lean, mean lizard-racing machines. They allegedly have had tourists from all over the world come to their lizard races. (Why would anyone show up at the hottest place on Earth the 4th of July?)

And so, Ruidoso, get ready for your big media opportunity next Tuesday morning! It's called Turkey Jumping, and there's a rumor that it might soon become an Olympic sport.

Daniel "Turkey Man" Garrison, 19, of Ruidoso, will attempt to set the New Mexico record for most frozen turkeys jumped over or under by a motorcycle. The fact that he will set a record is practically automatic, because there doesn't seem to be a current turkey-jumping record on the books.

"This is going to require a great deal of concentration, but I'm sure I can do it," Daniel said. He has spent the week

trying out motorcycles for his big jump. His family owns Big Boys Toys.

"We've built a ramp and a recipe for stuffing," Daniel said. "I hope the community will bring a turkey and stay to witness a piece of New Mexico history."

The jump will be part of the morning's activities to gather turkeys for Santa's Helpers. The program is set up to help more than 200 Lincoln County families that could use a little help with their Christmas dinner and presents under the tree.

"We're accepting children's toys, clothing, and food — especially frozen turkeys next Tuesday," Stacey Miller said. She is coordinator of the Santa's Helpers effort.

The turkey jump can be heard live on KRUI-AM (1490) beginning at 8 a.m. The Flying J Wranglers are expected to sing a Christmas song or two at the event, located at 1086 Mechem.

Speaking of the Flying J's, Cindy Hobbs reports that vocalist Lynn Campbell had a slight heart attack recently.

"He's doing fine," Cindy said.

I wish everyone, including myself, could take a public relations lesson from Cindy. She's as bright and cheery as her beautiful singing voice. Her beans, however, could use a little work.

All kidding aside, there is nothing funny about drinking and driving. So just don't do it. It's not worth the risk of hurting someone else or putting yourself underneath a stack of legal bills.

If you do get into the situation of being a little snookered at closing time, there is a new program in Lincoln County that will give you a free taxi ride home this holiday season.

"We want to help take away the potential of an accident," Barbara Reyes said. She is coordinator of the DWI Prevention Program locally.

The program has worked out a deal with Ruidoso Taxi Service to offer free rides home to anyone who is at a bar, house party or any place where people are celebrating with the bubbly. The taxi will take you anywhere in Lincoln County—except to another party.

"This is the first year that we've offered this service," Barbara said. "We're going to evaluate its success by determining how many people use it, and whether the number of drunk-driving arrests was impacted."

The service is available through New Years Day. Keep this number in your pocket just in case: 378-4848.

Local radio personality Tim Keithley can be heard at 9 a.m. weekdays on KRUI-AM (1490 AM)

Optimist Club collecting coats for children, adults

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso has the Warm Kids Clothing and Food Drive under way. All sizes, including adult sizes, of warm clothing are needed.

The group has given away over 260 coats this fall and has fewer than 20 coats left. Last winter it gave away more than 450 coats and sweaters.

Donations may be dropped off at First Federal Savings Bank, First National Bank of Ruidoso, Ruidoso State Bank (both offices), First Savings Bank, Pioneer Savings Bank, State National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Lincoln County Christian Services (Gateway Church of Christ), any local church, Subway Sandwiches, and Wal-Mart.

Cash donations may be made to The Optimist Club of Ruidoso, P.O. Box 4497, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or to Lincoln County Christian Services.

Area amateur radio group sponsors exam, preparation for FCC license

The Sierra Blanca Amateur (Ham) Radio Club will sponsor a Ham Radio Study Class for the Technician (no code) Radio License. This will include an FCC exam session for students to become licensed Amateur (Ham) radio operators.

Students will study the new FCC questions to pass the 36-question test.

Study books are available from Radio Shack, "Become a Licensed Ham Without the Code" by Gordon West. The Radio Shack part number is 62-2440. The cost is \$9.95. Older books stocked by some stores are out of date, the club said.

Practice tests are on the Internet at at qrz.com and can be found by linking to the "general" section, then "practice tests." These tests are the same format as the FCC tests.

The ARES group participates in emergency and disaster communications on a local, state level and for the Red Cross.

Anyone interested in electronics and radio can attend an introduction meeting to be held in mid-January before our classes start.

Contact Rick Sohl KK5RIC (kk5ric@arrl.net telephone (505) 257-9570 or Joe Kenmore K5FBK (505) 257-2808 to preregister for the class or for additional study materials and information.

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Lincoln County gets money to help food and shelter programs

Qualified groups urged to apply

Lincoln County has been selected to receive \$8,125 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consisting of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

and the United Way of America, which will provide the administrative staff and act as fiscal agent.

The board was responsible for distributing money appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas of the country.

A local board will determine how the money awarded to Lincoln County will be distributed among programs operated by local service organizations in the area.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive the money and

any additional money available under the current phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local government or private volunteer organizations selected to receive the money must:

- Be nonprofit.
- Have an accounting system.
- Practice nondiscrimination.
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.
- Have a volunteer board, in the case of

private volunteer organizations.

Qualified organizations can apply for the funds by contacting Don Coleman at 257-4381 to receive an application. The deadline to apply for funds is Jan. 5.

During 2000, the Lincoln County Emergency Food & Shelter Board distributed emergency food and shelter funds through Christian Services of Lincoln County, which is located at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth in Ruidoso.

Christian services provided 11,448 meals with the funding.

Area birders to take part in count

Everyone welcome to participate in Saturday's event, Lincoln County group says

The Lincoln County Bird Club will participate in the 101st anniversary of the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, an all-volunteer event which provides valuable information on the long-term health of bird populations and the environment in general, the local group said in a news release.

This year's count will be held Saturday. The event began on Christmas Day 1900, when 27 conservationists decided to protest winter holiday bird shoots; instead of shooting birds, they counted them.

This year, more than 50,000 volunteers from all 50 states — plus other countries — will count and record every individual bird encountered during one chosen day. Each group has a designated circle 15 miles in diameter, or about 177

square miles.

During the chosen 24-hour period, teams of birders scour the area by foot and car in order to cover as much area as possible.

Individuals also can count birds that come to feeders located within the count circle, the group said.

Data collected are sent to the National Audubon Society to be included in an ornithological database, which is used to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations across the western hemisphere.

Everyone is welcome to participate, and counters need not be experienced bird-watchers, the group said. Backyard feeder-watchers also are needed. More information is available from Anita Powell at 257-5352.

Downs to try purchasing card for small expenditures

Ruidoso Downs will try a purchasing-card system for smaller village purchases. The village council approved the plan, which is available to local governments under a state contract.

"It will streamline our accounts payable," said Terri Mosley, finance clerk specialist

at village hall. "Employees will have a card with up to a \$500 limit. It will provide better accountability."

The purchasing card, similar to a checking account debit card, will be provided to department officials for authorized purchases, village clerk Gladys Dillard said.

Mosley said the card's use can be monitored daily and will detail who made a purchase, as well as where and when.

Trustee Bonnie Richardson added an amendment to the approval to review the purchasing card process after three months to determine if it works to the benefit of the village.

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Carrizozo students enjoy program

Traveling troupe dedicated to preserving culture of medieval Spain

BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Awesome, hilarious and fun were among the words Carrizozo Municipal School students used recently to describe a performance by Crisol Bufons.

Crisol Bufons is a group of troubadours who preserve the culture of medieval Spain.

The four singers and instrumentalists delighted an audience made up of Carrizozo elementary and middle school students.

The previous day they performed for Capitan and Hondo schools.

They began the performance with a parade, which included a woman "riding" on a papier-mache horse.

"It was fantastic!"

Jeff Byrd,
fourth grade

The troupe, dedicated to Spanish medieval song, music and dance, also used mime and magic in their presentation.

The foreign culture by the Spanish performing artists both educated and entertained through medieval and renaissance music and Gregorian chants.

Involving the audience in the program added to the students' cultural experience.

Originally from Spain, Crisol Bufons began performing in Barcelona, and continued their art in the United

States. Since 1995, from their headquarters in Chimayo, N.M. the performers tour to reach audiences of all ages in schools, universities, theaters and community centers.

They have made presentations throughout the U. S., Europe, Central America, China and Japan.

The four members of the group are Montse Valles, Tom Lozano, Rima Montoya and Inma Lopetegui.

They were sponsored at Carrizozo Schools by Parents for Kids (PFK); Crisol Bufons performances are grant funded by McCune Charitable Foundation, Spanish Resource Center and New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs.



Rima Montoya, part of the Crisol Bufons, interacts with Carrizozo kindergarten volunteers Amanda Llamas, left, and Misty Byrd, right, during a recent cultural program at the school.

Retired dean returns temporarily to university

New Mexico State University President G. Jay Gogue today named Thomas M. Gale, retired dean of the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences, as interim provost starting Jan. 2.

The president also named current Arts and Sciences Dean Rene Casillas as chair of a 15-member Search and Screening Committee charged with starting the search for a provost immediately.

"I am delighted that Tom Gale has agreed to serve NMSU again," the president said. "He is highly respected both on the campus and in the community for his talents."

The provost position will replace the executive vice presidency, Gogue said. John Owens, NMSU executive vice president, is leaving NMSU this month to take a vice chancellor position at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Gogue said he is changing the position title because provost is more commonly used in universities for the No. 2 campus position, which is responsible for academic affairs.

The president said his goal is to have a provost in place by July 1. He will ask the search committee to conduct an open search, to advertise broadly and to recommend four or five unranked finalists. He said all finalists will be brought to campus for an interview process, providing many opportunities for participation by the entire campus and community. He hopes the committee will be able to meet before the winter break.

Gale, who served from 1971 to 1991 as dean of the university's largest college,

recently completed a term on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

Last April, he was named by Gov. Gary Johnson to the Commission on Public Broadcasting. During his tenure as dean, he oversaw significant expansion in majors, arts programs, graduate degrees and student enrollment. He also played a key role in starting the Weekend College. A native of Wisconsin, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and a doctorate in 1968 in Latin American history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Members of the search committee include Associate Professor Eneida G. Vazquez, Counseling and Educational Psychology; Associate Professor Marie Heaton, Chemistry

and Biochemistry; Professor Raul Valdez, Fishery and Wildlife Sciences; Professor Joseph Benson, Management; Professor Jeanne Gleason, Cooperative Extension Service; Associate Professor Molly Molloy, Library; Bill Glenn, Community Education director; Dona Ana Branch Community College; Maria Luisa Alvarez-Luna, student government representative; Mary Lujan, graduate student representative; Maria Luisa Gonzalez, department head, Educational Management and Development; Steve Castillo, department head, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Steve Arnold, department head, Health Science; Assistant to the President Christina Chavez Kelley, and Ricardo Jaquez, director, New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation.



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Study finds California's anti-smoking program prevented 33,000 deaths

SAN FRANCISCO — An estimated 33,300 heart-disease deaths were prevented during the first nine years of the voter-approved anti-smoking program in California, according to a new report by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco.

The report represents the first time that scientists have attributed savings in lives to a tobacco control program.

In addition, the researchers estimate that 8,300 excess deaths from heart disease can be attributed to budget cuts and changes made to focus the program primarily on youth — steps which they say weakened the effort in the mid-1990s.

The study published in the Dec. 14 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine* examined the relationship between the tobacco control program and death rates for heart disease because, unlike lung cancer, the harmful effects of smoking on the heart develop rapidly and resolve rapidly.

Research has shown that when people quit smoking, their excess risk of a heart attack is cut

in half in just one year.

In 1988 the voters of California approved Proposition 99, which increased the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents per package and allocated 5 cents of the new tax to an anti-tobacco education program, including an aggressive media campaign attacking the tobacco industry and programs promoting clean indoor air. It became the largest such program ever undertaken.

Previous studies by UCSF researchers and others have estimated that the California Tobacco Control Program accelerated a decline in the prevalence of smoking and in per capita cigarette consumption.

In the new study, the researchers compared death rates from heart disease in California with the rest of the United States beginning in 1980 — nine years before the California Tobacco Control Program began — until 1997 (the last year for which statistics were available).

As is customary in such studies, the comparison is age-adjusted — adjusted to take into account differences in age distributions between California and the U.S.

The study used the relationship between heart disease death rates outside and inside California to estimate the death rates that would have existed without the program.

Comparing those figures to the actual pattern of deaths, the researchers were able to estimate the number of lives saved through implementation of the tobacco control program.

"Our results show that large-scale, aggressive tobacco control programs save lives," said Stanton Glantz, PhD, UCSF professor of medicine. "They also show that there is a real human price to be paid when the tobacco industry succeeds in convincing politicians to cut back and water down these programs."

Glantz is a member of the UCSF Cardiovascular Research Institute and the Institute for Health Policy Studies. Lead author on the paper is Caroline Fichtenberg, MS, a post-graduate researcher in the Institute for Health Policy Studies.

Glantz and Fichtenberg also compared per capita cigarette consumption in California with the rest of the country and found that the state's

tobacco control program was associated with about 2.9 billion fewer packs of cigarettes being smoked (worth \$4 billion in pre-tax and the tobacco industry) between 1989 and 1997.

The reduced effectiveness of the program due to setbacks and program changes in the mid-1990s is associated with an extra 1 billion packs of cigarettes being consumed in the state between 1993 and 1997, they report.

The changes in heart disease death rates paralleled the changes in cigarette consumption in about the proportion that would be expected given the known risk of heart disease associated with smoking, they estimate.

Fichtenberg and Glantz conclude that well-designed, aggressive tobacco control programs are associated with major reductions in deaths from heart disease in a short period of time.

"Our study also shows that scaling back or weakening such programs by limiting them to children, as the tobacco industry and some representatives of the public health and community advocate, is associated with an increase in death," they write.

Cancer drug made with platinum shows promise

HONOLULU — Clinical trials of a new platinum-based cancer drug could hold promise for many cancer patients, in particular the nearly 25,000 women in the United States who develop ovarian cancer each year, according to research presented here today during the 2000 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies.

The weeklong scientific meeting, held once every five years, is hosted by the American Chemical Society, in conjunction with its counterparts in Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand.

Platinum is "front-line therapy" for ovarian as well as testicular cancer, according to Professor Nicholas Farrell, Ph.D., of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., one of the inventors of the drug.

One of the principal platinum drugs now used is cisplatin, but ovarian cancer cells in particular can quickly develop resistance to cisplatin.

In mice, the drug showed activity against ovarian cancer

that was resistant to cisplatin.

The new drug "is the first genuinely new platinum agent to enter clinical trials in 30 years," says Farrell. He believes that it could be on the market as early as 2004.

Code-named BBR3464, it belongs to a new class of platinum drugs, which emerged from joint research by Farrell and Novospharma SpA (formerly Boehringer Mannheim Italia R&D) in Monza, Italy.

By manipulating the molecular structure, Farrell and his colleagues found a way to attack DNA more effectively to keep cancer from spreading.

The new drug is significantly more potent than cisplatin, according to Farrell. This means much lower doses can be given, he explained.

In Phase I studies of 47 cancer patients completed in Europe last year, the new class of drugs showed preliminary signs of activity against pancreatic cancer, melanoma and lung cancer, Farrell said.

Phase II clinical trials, which could involve more than 200 patients, are under-

way in Europe and the United States.

Ovarian cancer has been on the rise in the last decade and is now the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States.

Testicular cancer is much rarer and far less deadly, but is the most common form of cancer for young men between the ages of 15 and 35.

Farrell thinks the platinum-based drugs eventually could be useful against pancreatic cancer, one of the most difficult to treat.

The new class of drugs has potential for further development that could lead to "even better compounds and drugs

down the road," says Farrell.

Primary funding for the research was from the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health. BBR3464 is licensed to Roche, a research-oriented healthcare group, and is being developed under a sublicense by Novospharma.

More than 8,000 research papers will be presented during this year's International Chemical Congress, which is sponsored jointly by the American Chemical Society, the Chemical Society of Japan, the Canadian Society of Chemistry, the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and the New Zealand Institute of Chemistry.

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Bridge group's party an annual tradition

Thursday club started in 1983 with 8 players

Holiday cheer and decorations mixed with 100 hands of bridge Thursday at the Ruidoso Thursday Bridge Christmas Party at the Cree Meadows Country Club.

A committee of 12 put together the Mexican Fiesta-themed celebration for 100 women in a room decorated with piñatas, streamers, paper flowers and candy, said committee member Jean Allgood.

The Ruidoso Thursday Bridge began in October 1983 with eight women, Katherine Finley was asked to lead the group, giving lessons to new players and encouraging the others to play regularly, Allgood said.

They started playing at the LaJunta Guest Ranch, tried several other locations and then in September of 1986, moved to Cree Meadows Country Club.

The group averages 17 tables each week and 25 for the Christmas Party, Allgood said.

"The purpose of Thursday Bridge is to meet new



Some of the hostesses for the annual Christmas party of the Ruidoso Thursday Bridge group gather around one of the brightly decorated tables at the Mexican Fiesta themed event. From left seated are Lou Horton, Helen Roberts, Mary Hudson and E. Jones. Standing are Billie Jean Lively, Lois Hostetter, Jo Dow, Margaret Bowden and Jean Allgood.

friends and to learn or relearn to play bridge," she said. "The motto of the club is 'Dedicated to all who love the game of bridge and

know that it is only a game and can laugh."

Hostesses this year were Billie Jean Lively, Lou Horton, Mary Hudson, M. Jones,

Helen Roberts, Loyce Watts, Lois Hostetter, Margaret Bowden, Jo Dow, Jean Gilliland, Finley and Allgood.

Area's precipitation still lagging behind normal

The year-to-date precipitation for southeastern New Mexico remains behind normal as the year end nears, according to the latest figures from the state Agricultural Statistics Service.

As of Dec. 10, Ruidoso had received 19.45 inches of precipitation so far this year, short of the 21.35 inches normally received by that date, the

agency reported. Carrizozo's year-to-date total was 11.83 inches of precipitation, compared to a normal of 12.83 inches.

Roswell had recorded a total of 9.79 inches. The normal amount is 12.58 inches.

And Alamogordo, had recorded only 7.93 inches. The normal amount of precipitation by now is 12.74 inches.

Ruidoso Downs meeting will focus on drainage

Residents of Ruidoso Downs who have problems or concerns with drainage will want to be at village hall on Dec. 26. A workshop on drainage issues, set to begin at 5 p.m., will precede the start of the village council meeting.

"Gladys (Dillard, village clerk) and other village officials have been going around looking, identifying spots with drainage problems," said Paul

Van Gulick, an engineer working with the village. "There's a lot of problems particularly with the new highway and with new development. I want to know from trustees, the streets department and from citizens what they think the problems are."

Van Gulick said before coming up with a plan to fix drainage problems an inventory of the problems is needed.

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Cloudfcroft wins senator's praise as 'overlooked'

The village of Cloudfcroft was "praised" in "Congress Thursday" by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici for its selection by a travel magazine as one of the world's "10 overlooked and underrated winter destinations."

Cloudfcroft received the designation from the editors of *Fodor's Travel Publications*.

In a statement for the *Congressional Record*, Domenici, R-N.M., called the village a largely undiscovered jewel nestled in the heart of the Lincoln National Forest, known by locals for its great weather and incredible scenery.

"Cloudfcroft is not commonly known for its glitzy ski resorts like other cities in New Mexico, but rather as a perfect location for families learning the ropes," Domenici said. "It offers a number of great inns and the distinction of having no stop lights. A great place for families to take their vacations. Children can play outside, and adults can enjoy the quietness of the village."

"Many of us share a passion for travel, but finding a good location is not always easy," Domenici said. "Cloudfcroft is a village often overlooked, but with its great weather, shopping and mountains, I am proud to say Cloudfcroft is part of New Mexico."

In naming Cloudfcroft to the elite list, Fodor referred to the many festive events held in the village, including the New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade down the Cloudfcroft mountain, caroling in the Clouds and Currier & Ives Candelit Christmas in December, and the full-moon ice skating in February.

It also listed White Sands National Monument and the Sunspot National Solar Observatory as top destination spots.

"Cloudfcroft hasn't changed much over the years," Domenici said. "There are more summer homes than before, but the permanent population has not grown substantially, and the village still maintains a small-town atmosphere that is so appealing to the tourists who come from every state and many foreign countries."

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Ruidoso School Board sees another school theater proposal

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

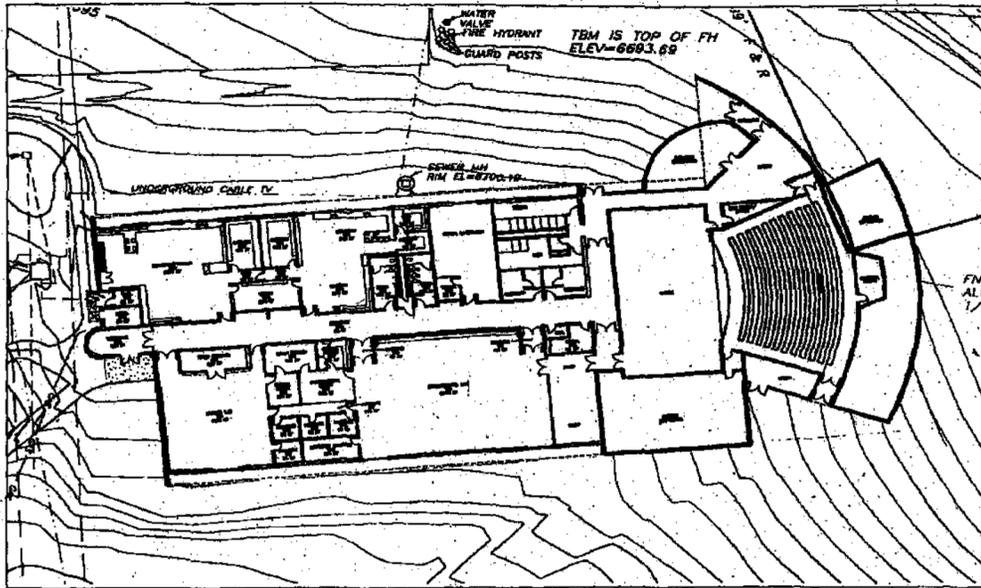
The Ruidoso School Board reviewed yet another architectural plan for the proposed high school theater at its regular meeting Tuesday.

This plan is similar to the one presented by architect Scott Stafford of Greer Stafford in Albuquerque at the November board meeting, but orients the fanned seating of the auditorium differently in the northeast corner of Warrior Drive and Gavilan Canyon Road.

With the auditorium at the Gavilan end of the existing fine-arts building, the plan allows for equipment to be moved more easily from the fine arts rooms to the stage, Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden said, and additional seats can be added to the back of the seating area at a later date.

The Fine Arts Committee — directors of band, choir, art and drama — met Dec. 4 and decided on this plan, Gladden said. He also met with Forest Service personnel twice since the last board meeting, he said. Gladden presented the school board with copies of a letter from the district ranger of the Smokey Bear Ranger District agreeing to proceed with the request to purchase 1,232 acres of national forest land adjacent to the existing high school fine arts building.

"The Forest Service ... is ready to proceed with the request under the Exchange for School Act of December 4, 1967, commonly known as the Sisk Act," the letter from Gerald M. Hawkes, district ranger,



This drawing depicts one of the theater proposals under consideration by the Ruidoso School Board.

states. Gladden said the Forest Service will provide him with a list of approved appraisers and that if the process is not completed by the projected start date for construction, in April of 2001, the Forest Service will give the school district a use permit.

National Environmental Policy Act guidelines have to be followed, requiring the following documents:

- Environmental analyses.
- Archeological clearance.
- Biological assessment and

evaluation. • Hazardous substances assessment.

• Land appraisal. Hawkes' letter states that the Forest Service will provide the first three documents and phase 1 of the hazardous substances assessment, and the school board will be responsible for providing a current appraisal of the land.

The Fine Arts Committee will meet again with the architect after the holidays, Gladden said.

Ski program

White Mountain Elementary Principal Frank Cannella told the school board that the ski program for 2001 will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and continue for the following three Tuesdays.

"This is a great way to introduce kids to the sport of skiing and something families can enjoy for a lifetime," Cannella said of the program. "The cost of the lift ticket was \$2, 30 years ago when they started the programs, and it's still \$2."

Adults accompanying chil-

dren must pay the regular rate, he said, as the purpose of the program is to introduce children to skiing.

"Four times a year times 12 years means more than 40 times," Cannella said. "Someone could be a good skier after that."

Only students who have not had more than 10 absences in the fall semester are eligible to participate.

On those Tuesdays, students who wish to participate will be excused from their classes early for parents to pick them up and take them to Ski Apache, as follows:

- Nob Hill, 11:15 a.m.
- Sierra Vista Primary, 11:25 a.m.
- White Mountain Elementary, 11:25 a.m.
- White Mountain Intermediate, noon.
- Ruidoso Middle School, 11:45 a.m.
- Ruidoso High School, 11:35 a.m.

Ski rentals are \$5 and ski instruction — required for first-time beginners for their first two days — are \$2.

Parents of home schooled children are asked to register with the central office of the school district their children would be attending.

Cannella suggests parents take their children to the ski shop to get sized ahead of time, and pick up skis on Monday evening because there isn't enough time to pick them up Tuesday morning.

"The program has been extended to Corona, Capitan, Carrizozo, Honda and Tularosa and they'll also be participating

in the program this year," Cannella said.

Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force

Gladden told the school board that the task force of the Legislature two years ago to come up with recommendations that would enhance the educational process had released its recommendations.

"Governance is going to be a huge discussion item when the Legislature meets," Gladden said.

The report recommends doing away with the State Board of Education and replacing it with a 15-member commission on education, and establishing a secretary of education who would serve as a member of the governor's cabinet.

"The report discusses how to enhance the environment for teachers and other school employees," including "radical changes to the salary structure of teachers and other school employees," Gladden said, "because New Mexico and other states will be facing a teacher and administrator shortage over the next five years."

"It'll be interesting to see how the Legislature reacts because this group was appointed by them," Gladden said. "I think it'll carry a lot of clout."

The next meeting of the Ruidoso School Board will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 in the board room of the Administration Building.

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'Tis the season for HOLIDAY SAFETY

The scene is all too familiar — frenzied parents rushing through packed-to-the-ceiling aisles searching for the perfect gifts and decorations to celebrate their holiday festivities.

Many parents feel relief when they are done, but they may not realize their work has just begun, according to a New Mexico organization dedicated to child safety. With all the decorating, gift-giving and holiday fanfare, making the holidays safe for children could be the most important preparation.

"It's easy to become caught up in the excitement of holiday decorating and overlook the potential hazards of decorations," said Loretta Esquibel of the New Mexico Safe Kids Coalition. "Whether you're putting up a Christmas tree or lighting the Menorah or Kwanza candles, taking simple precautions can help make your holiday safe."

The New Mexico organization recommends the following safety tips to keep the holiday safe:

Lights and candles

- Decorate the tree using only UL-approved lights and cords. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords. Use no more than three strings of lights on one extension cord and never run a cord under a carpet. Secure electrical cords so children cannot pull them and topple the tree. Keep toddlers away from electrical fixtures, and install outlet covers when outlets are not in use. Avoid small plastic covers that can present a choking hazard.

- Turn off the tree lights when you go to bed, leave the house or leave the tree in an unattended room.

- Keep burning candles out of children's reach; keep matches and lighters out of sight and do not leave lighted candles unattended.

- Teach children not to touch lighted candles.

- Do not place candles near draperies or anything that might easily catch fire. If you build a fire, use a fire-place screen and do not leave children alone in the room. Make sure you put out fires or candles when you leave home.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and in every sleeping area. Test alarms once a month and replace batteries once a year. Home fires and home fire-related deaths are more likely to occur during cold-weather months.

- Plan and practice several fire escape routes from each room of the home and identify a meeting place.

Holiday foods and ornaments

- If you buy a natural tree, look for the freshest tree available. Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire. Fire-resistant artificial trees are a safer option.

- Keep a natural tree in a container full of water and check it daily.

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Art teacher Toni Stubbs, right, goes over the concept of perspective with fourth graders at White Mountain Elementary. Below, fourth-grader Aimee Vasquez, front, and Aaron Ortega work on sketches as Stubbs explains the concept of perspective. While children and parents are busy with holiday preparations, the New Mexico Safe Kids Coalition urges keeping safety in mind.

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Contessa Smethers, front right, tries her hand at drawing circular shapes in proper perspective as part of her fourth-grade art class taught by Toni Stubbs at White Mountain Elementary.

Keep children safe from holiday hazards

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- Use a wide-based stand to make sure the tree is secure and will not fall over.
- Cover the tree basin with a tree skirt or blanket.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators or heating vents.
- Cut back the lower branches to avoid eye injuries to small children.
- Decorate the tree with children in mind. Do not put breakable ornaments, ornaments with small, detachable parts, metal hooks or those that look like food or candy on the lower branches where children can reach them. Also make sure the tree lights are hung out of reach of young children.
- Never burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- Dispose of your tree promptly after the holidays.

Holiday foods and ornaments

Some foods and objects pose a choking hazard to young children — especially children younger than 5. To prevent chok-

ing:

- Keep round hard foods and candies, such as candy cane pieces, mints, nuts and popcorn out of the reach of young children.
- Keep small ornaments, tinsel, small figurines and other decorations away from children's reach. Young children have a tendency to put everything in their mouths.

Poisons

While preparing your home for the holidays, be aware of seemingly innocent and unexpected forms of poison.

Open the flu in your fireplace when burning wood to provide adequate ventilation. The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning increases dramatically during the winter. Proper ventilation of fuel-burning appliances reduces the risk. Check these appliances annually and before use in cold-weather months. Install UL-approved carbon monoxide detectors in sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

Keep alcoholic drinks and containers out of reach. Holiday beverages, such as egg nog laced with alcohol, may be sweet and inviting to young children. Do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended:

They could be harmful if consumed by children.

- Keep common baking ingredients, such as vanilla and almond extract out of reach. They contain high levels of alcohol and may be harmful to small children.

- Beware of fire salts used in fireplaces to produce colored flames. They contain heavy metals and cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten.

- Keep poisonous plants out of reach. Watch for holly and mistletoe berries that fall on the ground because they are very poisonous if eaten. Other poisonous holiday plants include amaryllis, azalea, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry. Contrary to common belief, poinsettias are not poisonous, but they can cause skin irritation and gastrointestinal distress.

- Avoid using artificial sprays to decorate. These sprays can cause lung irritation if inhaled.

- List poison control center and emergency medical service phone numbers by all telephones. In addition, leave a phone number for babysitters so they can reach you if you go out to a holiday party.

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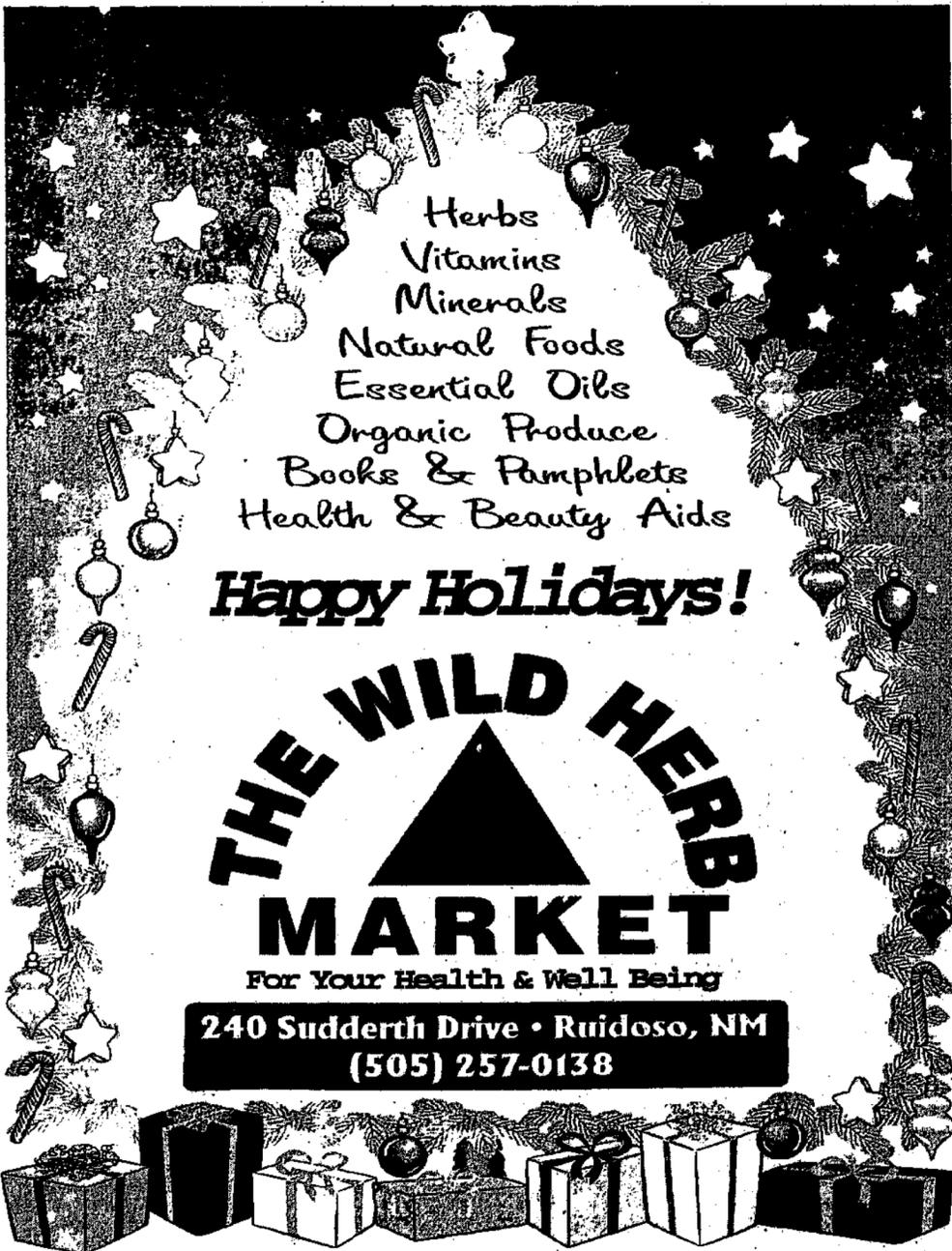
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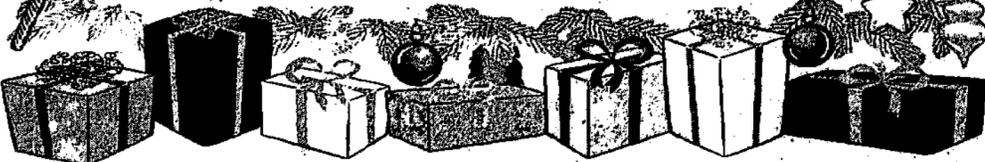
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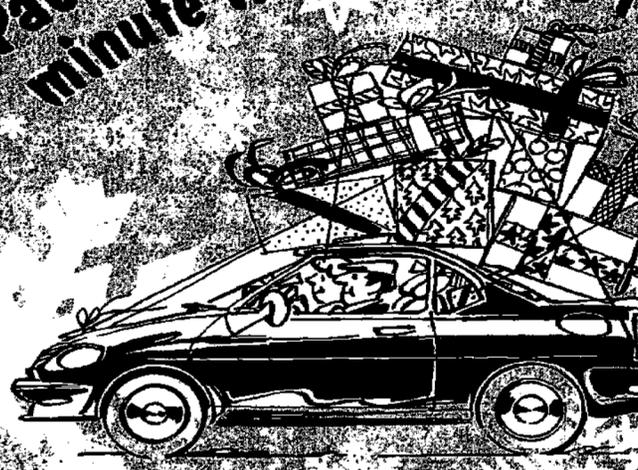
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Technology could double film speed

New product could enable photographers to take clearer pictures even in low light

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — A new film could enable even rank amateurs to take clearer pictures in dim light without using a flash, according to research presented in the current (Dec. 6) issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society, a peer-reviewed journal of the world's largest scientific society.

The new system doubles the film's sensitivity to light without sacrificing picture quality, according to Samir Farid, a member of the research team at Kodak that pioneered the concept. Such film would allow for higher quality pictures in less-than-ideal conditions and clearer photo enlargements, he said.

The researchers accomplished this by using a novel series of chemical reactions to transfer images onto film. The new film would, for example,

allow a 400-speed film (the number is a measure of the film's light sensitivity) to capture images comparable to those captured by an 800-speed film, he added.

Though still in development that will likely continue for two or three years, the technology is being commercialized for future use, Farid said.

Pictures are formed by tiny crystals that record an image on film. The usual way to enhance light sensitivity is to use larger crystals, according to Ian Gould of Arizona State University, a co-author of the paper. Larger crystals result in pictures with a "grainy" texture, he said. The new technology makes film more sensitive to light, reducing the need to use large crystals that produce a poorer image, Gould said.

"This doesn't change the amount of light that is

absorbed; it just allows the light that is absorbed to be more effective," Gould said. "Right now the only way to get a fast film is to have a grainy film."

Though the improved film would benefit nearly all picture-takers, amateur photographers would benefit most because the enhanced film would be more flexible and forgiving, he noted. It could be particularly valuable in single-use cameras, which don't allow in as much light as the more sophisticated cameras used by professionals, Gould said.

Developed at the Kodak research laboratories, the new film is expected to cost little more than film now in use and would require no changes in cameras or film processing, Gould said. More than 3 billion rolls of film are sold annually, Kodak has found.

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LONDON — Why seal envelopes if the police can see inside anyway?

A spray that makes unopened envelopes transparent so the letters inside are as easy to read as postcards has been developed by a company in the U.S. And the spray leaves no trace, says its inventor, Mistral Security of Bethesda, Md.

"With a business card in a brown envelope," company spokesman Bob Schlager said, "you can read the card, the e-mail address, the telephone number, everything." Schlager says that the spray, called "See-Through" was developed to let police forces inspect

potentially dangerous packages like a letter bomb.

Described as a "non-conductive, non-toxic, environmentally safe liquid," the spray has been tested to make sure it leaves no trace on envelopes.

Schlager says. "It leaves an odor for 10 to 15 minutes," he adds, "but apart from that, there's no smudging of ink on the envelope or on the letter, no watermark, no evidence at all."

He says tests have shown that the spray works on all colors of envelopes, unless they have a plastic barrier like those found on padded envelopes.

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will only sell the product to "law enforcement agencies," he adds.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, the human rights organization, says that police in Britain would need a warrant to use such a spray to examine letters.

But Simon Davies, director of Privacy International, a London-based human rights group focusing on surveillance issues, says the spray could tempt security forces to bend laws.

"It's an opportunity for governments to side-step legislation on mail interception and opening," he said.

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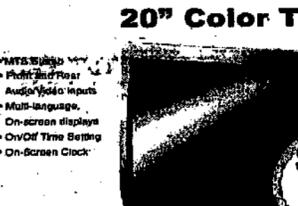
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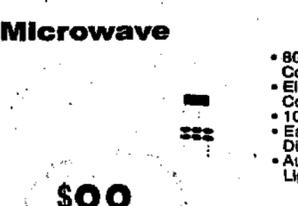
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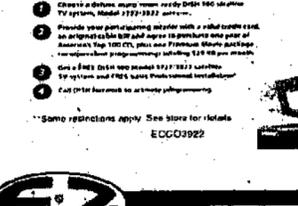
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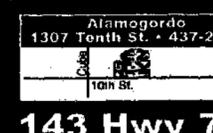
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Hint: Red or Green?
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

2

Hint: Provides one-stop shopping.
NAME: _____
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3

Hint: Wagons, ho and horses, too!
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

4

Hint: aka "The Beach Man"
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

5

Hint: Can get you downhill really fast!
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

6

Hint: Could ride shotgun on a stagecoach.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

7

Hint: Likes to play Hangman.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

8

Hint: The agents' Agent.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

9

Hint: The chance of a lifetime.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

10

Hint: You can bank on him.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

11

Hint: He's in the money.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

12

Hint: He's a "titled" man.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

13

Hint: The royal communicator.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

14

Hint: Look for the cabins at the end of the rainbow.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

15

Hint: Would make a great score-keeper.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

16

Hint: Not to be confused with Roberta.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

17

Hint: Might sing "The Sun will come out tomorrow...."
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

18

Hint: Folk tales.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

19

Hint: Knows how to say "hello."
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

20

Hint: A leader among his people.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

21

Hint: Knows her fiber.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

22

Hint: He's got you covered.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

23

Hint: Licensed to dispense.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

24

Hint: A Cowboy fanatic!
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

25

Hint: Not a chief, but he's really close.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

26

Hint: Don't confuse his Santa's hat with his stocking cap.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

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Hint: Can tell you what ails you.
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BUSINESS: _____

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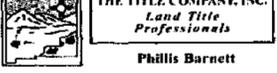
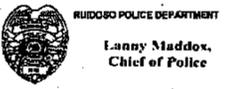
Hint: Fearless Leader.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

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Hint: He may advise you to take a spoonful of sugar.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

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Hint: This "titled" lady has a thing for earrings.
NAME: _____
BUSINESS: _____

Your Name : _____ Phone: _____

Fill out this page and bring it to the Ruidoso News, 104 Park Ave. Watch for the answers and the winner to be announced in a future issue! Winner will be drawn from all entries, submitted by the deadline, that correctly identify all elves. Deadline for entry is 5:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2000.



Dec. 15, 1950

Bert Bonnells celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Everyone will be welcome at Bonnell Ranch, Glencoe, Dec. 18 when Bert Bonnell and Sydney Coe Bonnell celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Open house will be from 2 p.m. on through the day and evening. ...

This outstanding couple, who have played host to folks from all over the United States, have friends far and wide who will want to attend the party.

Dec. 16, 1960

Cedar Creek skiing good

The Cedar Creek ski run near Ruidoso offers the finest skiing prospects in several years for this week-end following two big snowfalls in the last few days, Leck Cowden, operator of the winter sports concession, said this midweek.

Last weekend, in a three-day period, about 12 inches of snow fell, and Tuesday morning this week 6 inches of snow fell to give the run a heavy coating. Cowden said the ski tow would be in operation for the weekend, and that the road into the Cedar Creek area is open and can be negotiated easily.

Dec. 18, 1970

Dec. 18 is Peter Hurd Day

Artist Peter Hurd was "rather overcome" by the recognition accorded him in a proclamation declaring Dec. 18 Peter Hurd Day in New Mexico.

"Both he and Mrs. Hurd are very humble people," said his business manager, Walt Robinson. "When something like this happens it almost leaves them speechless. He's very, very delighted and totally surprised. It's such a nice honor, he's so pleased about it."

Dec. 18, 1980

Two years after flood, financial woes continue

Two years ago today, flood waters ravaged Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Damages sustained by property owned by the two villages was pegged in excess of \$500,000. Losses to private individuals was not included in that figure.

Today ... Ruidoso Downs is striving to find relief from a lawsuit approximating \$74,000, filed by Burn Construction of Las Cruces, to obtain payment for replacing two bridges lost in the flood. Ruidoso is attempting to solve a financial problem, approximately \$51,000 that the state ... auditors are claiming the village owes the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration.

Dec. 20, 1990

County Commission completes term

Lincoln County's lame ducks met for the last time Wednesday with each and every one in attendance.

County Commissioners Rick Simpson, Robert E. Hemphill and Karon Z. Petty worked through the final agenda of their terms in the commissioners' special meeting. ...



Sierra Dove Project local members pray for peace. Clockwise from the left are Jozef Dominguez, Dorothy Whisenhunt, Jan Kennedy, Diane Thrasher, Jennifer Chadwick, Julie Thigpen, Shirley Meyer and Patsy Blasdel.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Local group raising poles for world peace

'It brings a sense of peace and community,' says a Sierra Dove Project founder

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At a time of year when cards arrive in the mail, many proclaiming "peace," a new local group is planning to display permanent reminders of the quest for world peace.

The Sierra Dove Project began just months ago, initially as a group of about a half-dozen Ruidoso area women.

"We're a group of people who mostly moved here during the last five years," said Diane Thrasher. "It's about more of a sense of community. We realized we all had similar goals and needs — a need to help each other grow spiritually."

The group has grown quickly, said Julie Thigpen, and now includes men. Gatherings, which are held Thursday evenings, can include workshops and lectures. In December, for example, the meetings have focused on Ajna and Crown Chakra Meditation and Chakra cleansing and meditation.

Future sessions will delve into "integrating new energy," dream interpretation, nurturing relationships and personal biography in relation to destiny.

"We're really about education," said Jozef Dominguez. "It's so people can make conscientious decisions about their lives. We want people to be educated so they know there are other choices."

Dominguez said the the educational process deals with the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. He equated the Sierra Dove Project to an investment. Not of money, but of a person.

"When you are more aware of yourself you can look at what you're going to invest in," Dominguez said.

"You learn to be a good investor in your time, talents, abilities and your energy. That's where you become more aware. Nine times out of 10 you don't ever know why you're investing. And you're funding it with your energy."

Thigpen said the project seeks to increase a person's awareness of "interconnections" with others.

And the group is growing quickly, its member said.

"We started with five or six people," Dominguez said. "Just talking, doing healing work. We had 33 last week."

Dominguez, who said he had been involved in profiling in the military and in law enforcement, said knowledge allows people to break down the complicated.

"People are on a spiritual plateau and are looking to make the next step," Thigpen said. "You don't have to come with a set vocabulary to understand it."

Dominguez felt the Sierra Dove Project sought to restore balance in people's lives through the study group.

The Peace Pole Project, planting a pole in Ruidoso that will proclaim "peace" in four languages — Apache, English, German and Spanish — is envisioned for early next year.

Group members said more than 200,000 peace poles have been established in 180 countries since 1955.

"We want to do projects around the community that bring unity," Dominguez said.

"I think it will change children's perceptions," Thigpen said. "We feel it is a first step to make a statement on something important to all of us."

Dominguez said the Sierra Dove Project is focused on peace. In September the group was joined by

dozens of others at Cedar Creek in a prayer for peace.

The group hopes to place the first Ruidoso area peace pole at Ruidoso High School. The handcrafted monuments, about six feet tall, proclaim "universal peace for all" in three or four languages at their other locations.

Shirley Meyer, a member involved with starting the Sierra Dove Project, attended a peace pole dedication earlier this year in Thailand.

"There is a need," Meyer said. "It brings a sense of peace and community."

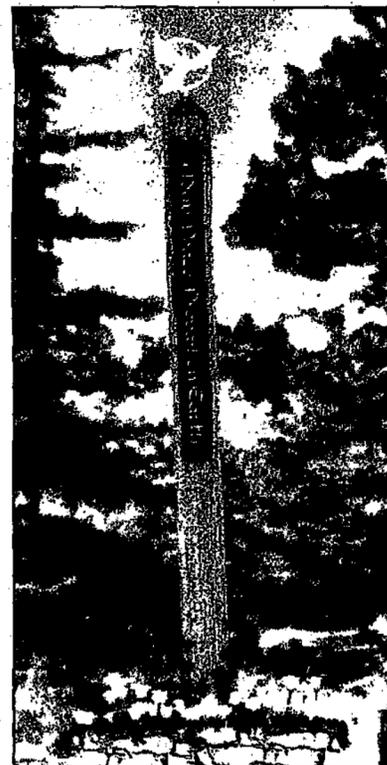
The project's peace pole initiative statement says peace is yearned by all, but we have fallen into a state of disharmony.

"The way to peace is simply in generating the vibration of peace in thought and action," the statement says. "The more people that participate in generating this vibration the stronger and more widespread the frequency of peace becomes, thus influencing those around us who are still angry so that they may also begin to resonate the peace vibration. Our job is to win the acceptance and support of the local community to the idea that peace begins within us and that we are capable of implementing peace in the community by words, thoughts and deeds."

The first local peace pole ceremony is slated for May in the high school's memorial park. The Sierra Dove Project plans to supply other schools with poles as contributions are received.

"It's an important initial step for us as a group," Thigpen said. "It's a necessity in our community. It's about inner and outer peace, a sense of peace and community."

For additional information about the Peace Pole Project or the Sierra Dove Project contact Shirley Meyer at 336-1154 or e-mail her at Shirle@zianet.com.



Courtesy Sierra Dove Project
 Worldwide, more than 200,000 poles like this one proclaim peace in different languages.

County FCE clubs celebrate Christmas

L.C.M.C. BIRTHS

The Lincoln County FCE clubs had their annual Christmas party at the Silver Dollar in Tinnie on Friday. Everyone had a great time.

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ROSALIE DUNLAP
 RUIDOSO NEWS

among the members also.

Lincoln is ready for Christmas. Santa is coming Christmas Eve at the Lincoln Courthouse; luminarias are being prepared, and there will be the other usual church services and receptions.

There also will be open house at the Anderson-Freman Museum Dec. 16 from 1:30-3:30.

Ralph and I attended the basketball game at Las Cruces between the University of New Mexico Lobos and the New Mexico State University Aggies last weekend. It was a close game all evening and went into overtime. The Aggies lost by 2 points.

The Pan Am center was nearly full, the community showing its support for the team after the earlier announcement

of sanctions against the basketball program. The university had a two-for-one ticket price for the game, making it a great success. It is too bad the present team has to suffer the penalty for others several years past. Three seniors will not be able to play in any post season games. (We also did some business in El Paso, but didn't get any Christmas shopping done.)

Mr and Mrs. Dick Kuns are in Lincoln for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McArthur are busy in Roswell, baby-sitting and getting the heater in their pickup repaired.

I don't have much news this week, having been gone.

Recent births reported by Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso were as follows:

Nov. 11, 2000 - A daughter, Montana Grace Soderberg, to Deona Soderberg, 6 lb., 7.7 oz., 20" long.

Nov. 13, 2000 - A daughter, Makena Elise Tafoya, to Ricky and Melissa Tafoya, 7 lb., 8 oz., 20 1/2" long.

Nov. 22, 2000 - A son, Brian Antonio Chavira, to Nancy Rodriguez, 6 lb., 15.1 oz., 19 1/4" long.

Nov. 22, 2000 - A son, Carl Michael Pert, to Geri and Clifton Pert, 6 lb., 12.7 oz., 21 1/4" long.

Nov. 24, 2000 - A son, Tako-da Wayne Moorhead, to Angeli-

ka and Derek Moorhead, 9 lb., 6.1 oz., 21 1/2" long.

Nov. 25, 2000 - A daughter, Sarah Denise Carrillo-Peralta, to Carolyn Rose Carrillo, 5 lb., 7.1 oz., 18" long.

Nov. 27, 2000 - A son, Austin Trinidad Zepeda, to Robin and Jose Zepeda, 6 lb., 14.2 oz., 19 1/2" long.

Nov. 27, 2000 - A daughter, Larissa Monica Reyes, to Brandy Gutierrez, 7 lb., 7.6 oz., 19" long.

Nov. 29, 2000 - A son, Giovanni Octavio Arellano Navarro, to Natalia Navarro, 8 lb., 13.8 oz., 21" long.

Nov. 30, 2000 - A son, Cedric Sanders Barcus, to Priscilla and Dennis Barcus, 7 lb., 8.2 oz., 19 1/2" long.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Studio sponsors contest

Four southern New Mexico women have been chosen as finalists for the title of Miss New West 2001.

The four are vying for more than \$2,000 in cash and prizes in the New West Photo Agency's contest.

Named as finalists were Gabrielle Lopez, Miss Alto New West; Shalleen Frehulfer, Miss Ruidoso New West; Katherine Ibarra, Miss Las Cruces New West, and Janielle Dembowski, Miss Lincoln County New West.

Miss New West 2001 will be decided in February, said Jay Smith, CEO of the New West Photo Agency.

The Ruidoso photo studio is located at 2117 Sudderth Drive.

New tax lawyers

A former New Mexico Court of Appeals justice and District Court judge has been named new chief counsel for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Judge T. Glenn Ellington will replace David Iglesias, who is leaving the department at the end of December.

Ellington is a graduate of New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico Law School. His experience also includes that of Chief Public Defender in New Mexico.

"I am pleased Judge T. Glen Ellington has joined our

team," said John Chavez, secretary of the Taxation and Revenue Department. "His experience and professionalism will benefit the department."

Project Impact helped

Ruidoso's participation as a Project Impact community will make window film available to daycare centers and Ruidoso schools at reduced costs.

The 3M Company and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are teaming up to help make Project Impact communities more disaster-resistant.

The 3M company will provide the schools with lowered cost Scotchshield Ultra Safety and Security window film, the firm announced. The window film has been shown to help reduce the effect of disasters. In addition to offering the films at a reduced price, 3M will assist in providing installation.

"We are certainly pleased to join with FEMA and its Project Impact communities on this initiative," said Rochelle Knops, 3M sales and marketing coordinator.

Ruidoso is one of four New Mexico communities designated as Project Impact locations. The program seeks to encourage actions to protect communities from the effects of natural disasters such as severe storms, floods and wildfires. Nationwide more than 200 locations have been designated as Project Impact communities.

Building permit total off last month, but annual value is up

November building permits issued by the village of Ruidoso fell from a year earlier. While year to date the number of all permits is down 12.6 percent, the value of the permitted construction is up 32.5 percent, to \$43.3 million.

Much of the value increase is attributed to construction of the Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort.

The value of permits for new single family homes however is 16.2 percent ahead of last year's pace for the first 11 months of the year. New home values have reached \$25 million so far in 2000, compared with \$21.5 million for the same period of last year. The number

of permits so far this year for single-family residences is 155, compared to 124 last year.

The biggest increase in permit categories is with manufactured homes; 10 were permitted from January to November of 1999. Thus far in 2000 the number is 28. Values of the trucked-in homes this year total \$1.3 million, compared to \$477,195 last year.

While residential alteration or addition permits are down in 2000, both in value and number, commercial additions or alterations are up.

Final figures for the year 2000 are expected to be available in early January.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Small-business survival

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
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The reasons for any particular failure are based in local circumstances, yet certain elements stand out.

Competition grinds the owner down, liquidity crises develop, or fatigue and boredom set in. Sometimes it's a matter of other interests

beckoning. Survival is sometimes more difficult to explain than failure. Those who remain for the long term generally have a clearly established vision of what to do. They know where their weaknesses are and are secure enough to admit those weaknesses. They have "stay with it" power.

A major hurdle is hires. There have been situations where hires drain the business by not working, not providing quality workmanship or being undependable. Business owners then have a choice to fire staff or close their doors. Without having a "stay with it" attitude, it would be easy to throw in the towel.

Many new business owners begin operation without a clear vision. They jump form service to service. Clarity of goals not only helps motivate employees, but can help

develop the strength to work through the trials of slow sales and workday frustrations.

Sustainable businesses tend to use innovative ways to find money and by being frugal with it. Examples include speaking with local radio/television stations regarding sponsorships, pairing with a friend to share expenses or investing moneys in marketing, handing out their advertising materials wherever you go.

Good accounting is imperative. Solid numbers move a company from its initial flurry of cash to solid long-term profitability. Spending money for a good accountant can allow sales to jump. Time taken to maintain books can be used to better advantage in selling or marketing.

Many businesses fail when they get too big to manage. An owner must give up direct control of every aspect of the business. Focus should be on core skills. That's hard because it requires knowing your own weaknesses well enough to hire people who can fill them.

Have an exit strategy. Know to what end you are building your business. Know what results you are aiming for. Shoot for those results and you should be able to succeed.

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Eric Griffin, vice-president of the Lincoln County Homebuilders' Association, reviewing a new home going up in Alto's Kokopelli development, labeled 2000 as a good year for new home construction.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Alto home building BOOMING

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New homes went up at a growing pace in 2000, said the vice president of the Lincoln County Homebuilders Association.

Eric Griffin said new home building was especially strong in the Alto area.

"It's been a good year," Griffin said. "And it's been good year-round."

Demand for new construction and mild weather have allowed construction crews to raise walls, set roofs and finish interiors any time of the year.

Griffin, who said he has worked the construction industry in the Ruidoso area since the early 1980s, said there have been changes.

"The area has grown. People are drawn to this area because of the climate. When I first moved here it was people from Texas that were moving here, or building second homes. Now it's California, Arizona, Santa Fe and other parts of the country. I think they're attracted by the climate and the cost of living."

Griffin noted it's much more expensive to build in California or Colorado, especially with the cost of land. But he noted vacant land continues to

rise in value, particularly in the Alto area.

And the cost of putting up a home is escalating, in large part because homeowners want upgraded features.

"In Alto the average cost is about \$150 per square foot," Griffin said. "In town it's about \$100 or so a square foot."

Add to that the larger square footage of many homes. The homebuilders' association official said a 3,000-square-foot home is getting pretty typical.

One such home is going up in Alto's Deer Park Woods.

"People want bigger homes," said contractor Jack Prewitt. "If I make them smaller they're harder to sell."

Many of the new and larger homes are being purchased by newcomers to the Ruidoso area, both Prewitt and Griffin said. About half of the new homes are bought by couples who are at or near retirement age. Many of the new homes are seasonal residences with the buyers looking a few years down the road at retiring in Lincoln County.

While Texans are still a large percentage of property buyers, Prewitt said the new-home market in the Rui-

dos area is getting broader appeal.

"All the different markets are stronger. During the 80s it was the oil and cattle market," Prewitt said. "We're not relying on that so much. Now, it's coming from all over. And the prices (for a new home here) are cheaper than Colorado and Arizona."

Prewitt echoed Griffin's observation that lots are getting more expensive.

"It's the supply, especially here in Deer Park Woods," Prewitt said. "It's the market keeping up with demand."

The most popular construction design seems to be Santa Fe-style homes, Griffin said.

"I think people are looking for homes that are more maintenance-free," Griffin said. "That includes stucco and tile roofs. They seem to be really popular."

Aside from the new homes costing hundreds of thousands, Griffin feels a need for smaller and less expensive dwellings. He voiced some concern that the Ruidoso area is forgetting about the need for housing for lower income wage earners. Griffin said something needs to be done to provide affordable homes that also instill a pride of home ownership.

County's jobless rate showing increase

Percentage of unemployed, total work force both show negative changes in October

After revising the September unemployment rate in Lincoln County to 5.2 percent, the New Mexico Department of Labor released a preliminary October jobless rate of 5.5 percent. The September rate had initially been set at 4.9 percent.

The latest unemployment rate is nearly one point higher than October 1999, when the out-of-work percentage was 4.6 percent.

In neighboring Chaves and Otero counties the jobless rate also rose in October, compared to the previous month as well as a year earlier.

In Chaves County, the October 2000

preliminary rate was 9.8 percent. A month earlier it had been 7 percent, and in October 1999, 7.1 percent.

Otero County's most recent out-of-work rate was 6.4 percent, compared to 6.3 percent in September and 4.9 percent for October 1999.

Statewide however the preliminary October 2000 unemployment rate dipped slightly, to 5.2 percent.

Lincoln County's labor force in October was 7,545, with 7,130 of that population working. The unemployed was listed at 415, according to the labor department figures.

From September to October the labor force decreased by 146, and the number of employed fell by 163. The percentage decrease in both the labor force and number of employed, in the 2 percent neighborhood, was among the larger of the state's 33 counties.

Over the past year Lincoln County's labor force has increased by 254 people, or 3.5 percent. The number of employed, October 1999 to October 2000, is up 2.5 percent.

New Mexico's labor force is also up 3.5 percent during the 12 month period, to 847,866. The number of people working in the state also rose by 3.5 percent.

SMALL-BUSINESS ISSUES

NFIB sues OSHA on broader 'ergonomic rule'

WASHINGTON - The National Federation of Independent Business Legal Foundation has announced that it is joining the National Council on Ergonomics lawsuit against the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The suit makes the case that OSHA went far beyond its authority with its newly published rule on reducing repetitive-motion stress injury, commonly known as the ergonomics rule. NFIB contends that the rule will devastate small business.

"We had hoped to avoid taking OSHA to court, but their hardball tactics leave us no choice," said NFIB Legal Foundation Executive Director Tom Sullivan. "OSHA has rammed this regulation through, despite the legitimate objections of America's small businesses. The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act requires agencies to give more than lip service to

the needs of our nation's entrepreneurs."

OSHA's rush to publish the rule before a new administration takes office on Jan. 20 is evident in the haphazard and arbitrary way the standard was written. For example, in the last few months, different drafts of the rule said it was applicable to "manual handling and manufacturing" or to "general industry." However, a draft as recent as Oct. 10 left the definition of "general industry" blank, to be defined later.

"If OSHA is in such a hurry that they can't even tell us who the rule applies to, what assurance do we have that they have given careful consideration to the burden this regulation puts on the business community?" Sullivan asked.

Sullivan noted that NFIB has tried to work with OSHA to craft worker-safety measures so that small businesses

can create the best work environment for their employees. "Unfortunately, the voice of small business has fallen on deaf ears," he said. "It's a shame that it takes a lawsuit to get OSHA to listen to small business."

Contrary to OSHA's assurances, that burden will be severe, Sullivan said. OSHA originally estimated the cost of the standard at \$2.82 billion, each year, but now estimates that it would cost employers an additional \$4.8 billion a year.

However, a Small Business Administration report last year noted that small businesses familiar with the rule estimate actual compliance costs may be 15 times higher than OSHA's original figure. Other business associations and think tanks have issued estimates ranging from \$18 billion to \$125 billion a year. United Parcel Service says following the rule would cost them double their annual

net income. In any case, it will almost certainly be the most expensive mandate ever imposed on small business.

OSHA's new mandate would affect millions of small businesses like Regent Book Company in Lodi, N.J., which has served school libraries and public libraries since 1951. Despite a long history of operating a safe workplace, Regent's Vice President, Frayda Levin, is concerned whether she could be held liable if an employee files a complaint, despite making every best effort to provide a safe workplace.

"We are very concerned about the well-being of our employees," Levin said. "The problem is that these new standards allow little, if any, flexibility for us to meet the needs of individual employees. Washington bureaucracy will only make it harder for us to concentrate on the needs of our workers."

ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

Driving New Mexico's 'enchanted circle'

Part I of II.

There is little we enjoy more than hitting the road and exploring the country. If you're like us though, spontaneous road trips don't happen nearly as often as they once did, or should. We blame it on inertia. But last January, we put the laws of physics — a body in motion stays in motion — to the test.



The Baroness

Usually once the cold weather hits, we hole up for the season like hibernating bears or fly off to the warmth of some idyllic Caribbean island. But the open road was calling us, so we packed up our 4-Runner and headed north to drive the Enchanted Circle National Scenic Byway, an 86-mile loop out of Taos.

We left Alto under an electric blue sky with flotillas of billowing clouds. The low winter sun warmed our faces through the open sun-roof. We were thrilled to have a full day to cruise New Mexico's deserted two-lane back roads through sleepy rural communities and vast tracts of ranchland. But

as we traveled north, the cheerful blue sky was soon replaced by gloomy storm clouds. By the time we reached Santa Fe, the rain had started. Swirls of snowflakes and thick fog greeted our arrival in Taos.

For those of us who call the high country home, such drastic changes in weather are not surprising.

After a good night's sleep and a delicious home-style breakfast at La Posada de Taos, a homey B&B housed in a 100-year-old house not far from the plaza, we hit the road for a day of touring the Enchanted Circle, the reason for our visit.

From town the road quickly left behind the sagebrush-covered plateau on which Taos sits, climbing up the Canyon of Rio Fernando de Taos. Fresh snow had fallen overnight and the road surface was coated a pristine white.

We had the route to ourselves. Traveling slowly, we stopped frequently to photograph the snow-tufted ponderosa pines, Douglas-firs, and aspens that cover the mountain slopes. Willows weighted down with heavy, damp snow canopied the frozen Rio Fernando that parallels the road.

Soon we crossed the route's first pass — the 9,101-foot Paio Flechado Pass.

On the other side of the pass, a

short, steep descent brought us into the broad, open Moreno Valley surrounded by peaks on every side, including 13,161-foot Wheeler Peak, New Mexico's highest. In the valley, the snow has all but disappeared, except on the distant peaks.

At Eagle Nest, we turned onto Route 38, climbing slowly up the valley. By the time we reached 9,820-foot Bobcat Pass — the highest pass in New Mexico — the snow was once again covering the road. From Bobcat Pass, the route drops down into the resort town of Red River. The highest town in the state at 8,750-feet in elevation, this tiny community of 400 residents once supported 3,000 people, 15 saloons, four hotels, two newspapers, a hospital and a thriving red-light district. Now it has twice as many resorts as it once had taverns. With a wide main street and plenty of shops and restaurants, we found it a pleasant place to walk, browse and eat lunch.

(To be continued)

La Posada de Taos: 800-645-4803

The Baroness are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in Alto. Their work appears in a wide variety of regional, national, and international publications.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Beevers/Terrell

The wedding of Ann L. Terrell of Arabela and C. Max Beevers of Ruidoso has been announced by the couple.

The wedding was on Sunday, Dec. 10, at Grace Harvest Church, with a reception following.



Mr. and Mrs. C. Max Beevers

British love their fat, fast food

LONDON — A beer and fast food diet is the one eaten by most men in Britain, shows research in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

Women prefer the "traditional British diet" — high in refined sugars and cereals, laden with fat and washed down with plenty of tea.

The research team used data from the Dietary and Nutritional Survey of British Adults, a national representative dietary survey of adults aged between 16 and 64 living in private households in Britain. More than 2,000 men and women completed seven-day food diaries, detailing what and how much they ate. Fifty

one food/drink items were included in the analysis.

The results showed that more than 90 percent of men and almost 90 percent of women fell into four distinct dietary groups.

Diet was closely aligned with geography, socioeconomic status, and behavior. Less healthy diets were predominantly found in the North of England and Scotland, and were eaten by people on low incomes and smokers. Younger people favoured fast food.

More than a third of British men ate a beer and fast food diet, low in wholegrain cereals and nuts, and nil consumption of fish, low fat dairy products, fruit juices, spirits and wines.

Stress impacts pneumonia vaccine

COLUMBUS, Ohio — How well a pneumonia vaccination will protect elderly Americans may depend on how stressed they are when they get the shots. A new study is showing that even after six months, the vaccine may have been weakened by a person's stress levels.

The findings are extremely important since bacterial pneumonia and the influenza infection that often precedes it are the fourth leading causes of death in this country for people older than 75.

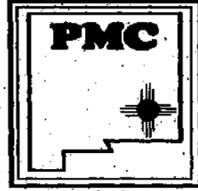
The study, reported this month in the journal Psychosomatic Medicine, is the latest in a long line of investigations into the effect stress has on the human immune system. It is also the first time scientists have been able to show that a bacterial vaccine can be affected by a

patient's stress levels. Most earlier work has focused on viral vaccines.

Elderly Americans should remember this when they make plans for getting their annual flu and pneumonia vaccinations, explains lead author of the report, Ron Glaser, professor of molecular virology, immunology and medical genetics at Ohio State University. If they're highly stressed at the time they're scheduled to get the shots, maybe they should reschedule.

"The bottom line is that they should probably wait until they feel less stressed," he says. "If they do, they may stand a better chance of developing a stronger immune response from the vaccine and therefore better protection against the disease."

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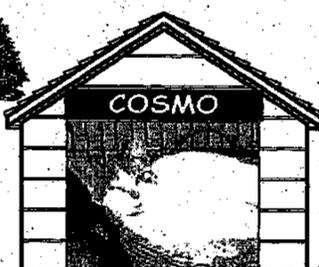
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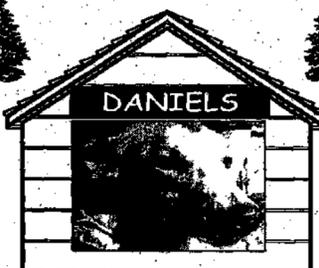
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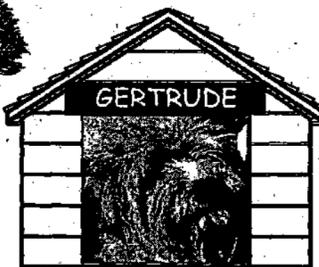
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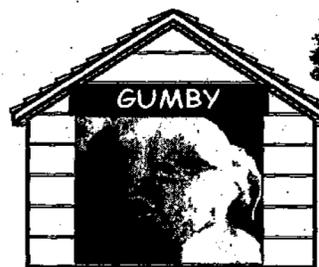


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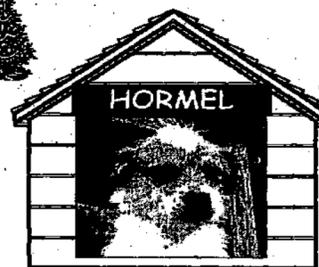


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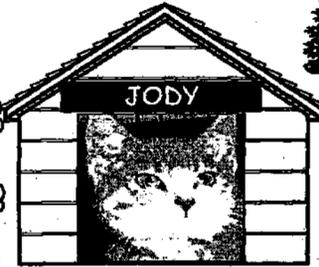
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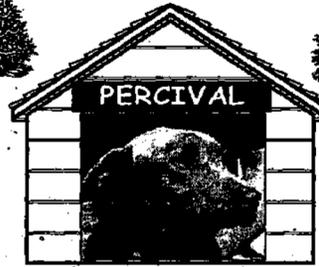
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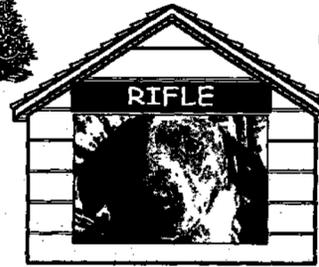
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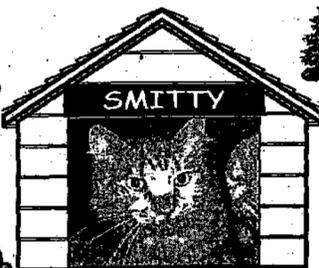
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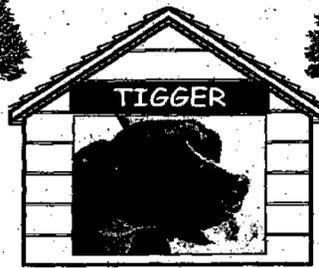
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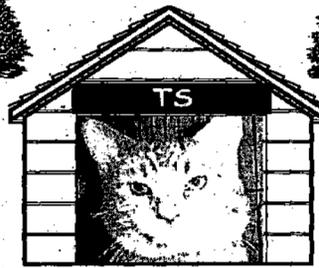
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Mark Your Calendars...

<u>December 19</u>	Mountain Sounds of Christmas 6-7:30PM (next to Tall Pines)
<u>December 20</u>	RVCC Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
<u>December 21</u>	L.C. Commissioners Meeting 9:00AM
<u>December 25</u>	The Blessing of Christmas to You & Yours
<u>December 28</u>	Chamber Holiday Open House 5:30 to 8:00PM
<u>January 8</u>	Merchants association meeting 8:00AM Books & Beans
<u>January 9</u>	JSEC K-BOB's 7:30 PM January 22
<u>January 23</u>	Legislative Reception Santa Fe 5:30-7:30PM
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Joan's View From Two Rivers...

This time of the year is full of traditions. Over the years they have become an important part of our lives because they are comforting and familiar, and link us to our past much like an old friend. Our traditions have evolved into the way we exchange our holiday gifts, the foods we prepare, the manner in which we celebrate the season down to the songs and movies we replay year after year. This is also the time we traditionally reflect on our successes and failures, often pledging to do more while at the same time recognizing that life is passing us by much too quickly. This is recognizing that life is passing us by much too quickly. This is the one time of the year that stress and joy seem mutually compatible.

One of my all-time favorite traditions is watching the movie classic "It's a Wonderful Life". This Christmas tradition when first released was thought to be much too long and full of too many human platitudes eventually causing the company who made it to file bankruptcy. For me this movie shows me another side of life every year I watch it. This year because of what I'm involved with at the Chamber I identified with a new theme, the importance of leaving a legacy behind for future generations

even if the personal price is high. For George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life", the legacy he was destined to leave was not one originally of his own choosing, but rather one that had been started by his father. Mr. Bailey Sr. was the President of the local Savings & Loan who had earned the reputation of making business decisions based on "sentiment" because he often loaned money to buyers not deemed "qualified" by other institutions. As it turned out these untraditional business practices earned his son George a nightmare to work through and a town's love and respect. I guess business and sentiment typically do not go hand and hand UNLESS there is an environment that is continually fostered to allow such a thing to occur.

I continue to think that there are few places left in this country like the one in which we live where one can make a positive change and live to see the benefit of those actions passed on to others. I believe that is what one could define as a legacy. Legacies don't have to come in the form of dollars. The most important and long lasting can come rather from commitment and generosity of spirit. It is leaving the space you reside and depend upon in better condition than you first arrived

EVEN if it doesn't benefit you personally. Real legacies can come in the form of a planned vision for our growth as a community; a dedication to our river and green space, support for our neighbors particularly when life gets tough, a commitment to invest all our resources for the future of our youth and so on.

The frustration of those of us who understand this is that some of you don't or won't. Let me suggest something for you to ponder over this most special of seasons....Will we continue to do our business with no thought for what might be good for others, and will we continue to let the "grinches" have the last word of the day? Will we continue to ignore and condone negative attitudes and let things be as they are?

We are living in a wonderful time. I often hear it referred to as "pivotal". This could be the year that you could put yourself in the history books by the choices you make. The good thing is that you don't have to do it alone. There's a huge community of us out there. You'll know us if you ever have a fire, have a sick child or family member or need a warm coat to get you through the winter. As George Bailey was reminded by his angel, Clarence, "No one is a failure who has friends".

Now go have a "Merry Mountain Christmas"!

Joan

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Dismal prospects for U. S. highway infrastructure

BLACKSBURG, Va. — When the United States was coming out of the depths of the Great Depression, one of the solutions for reducing unemployment was to create public work programs. Part of this 1930s effort included the expansion of the highway system. Later, in the late 1950s, construction began on the present interstate highway system with the 1930s construction serving as the backbone for the main transportation routes.

These highway systems were typically designed for a 50-year service life. The highways' bridges typically need rehabilitation in 35 years and replacement in 70 years.

With the new millennium, the time has come to replace the 1930s infrastructure and rehabilitate the 1950-60s interstate system. But, to date, much of the replacement and rehabilitation has not even taken place.

The consequences could be dismal, according to Richard Weyers, an expert in bridge construction and a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech. He predicts that the bridge transportation system alone in America is facing a trillion-dollar investment. "To put up a new structure, it costs \$75 to \$100 per square foot to build. A new bridge, on average, is 8,000 square feet. And there are currently about 500,000 bridges in the federal highway system, not counting any structure under 20 feet or ones on the back roads."

Complicating the issue is new knowledge about one of the materials that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) started using in 1974 in the construction of the nation's bridges. In a recent paper that Weyers presented at the International Symposium on the Integrated Life-Cycle Design of Materials and Structures, held in Finland, he concluded, "It is very difficult to justify the continued use of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel (ECR) in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Instead, Virginia should employ alternatives



Road infrastructure improvement in Ruidoso and New Mexico is an ongoing exercise. Here, State Road 48 gets widening. James Kavelage/Ruidoso News

such as the use of low permeability concrete and corrosion inhibitors and alternative reinforcement.

To make his point stronger, Weyers refers to a study done in 1972. After the FHWA noticed a rapid corrosion of the reinforcing steel in concrete bridge decks following the application of deicer salt, it sponsored a research project to assess the feasibility of using organic coatings to protect the steel. After two years of testing, when no sign of corrosion was obvious, the FHWA used ECR in its first bridge. Its use soon became commonplace.

However, Weyers points out that none of the laboratory or field studies concluded that the ECR would not corrode. And only one laboratory study estimated that ECR would provide long-term corrosion protection of 46 years.

By 1986, the trouble started. Engineers noticed early failures of ECR in Florida's bridge substructures where salt water was involved. Due to these failures, a preliminary study was conducted with Virginia's bridges. Engineers removed drilled cores containing ECR from piles in marine environments and from bridges in deicing salt environments. From their studies, they anticipated that the coatings would be debonded from

the steel bar in about 15 years for bridge decks and in six years from piles in marine environments.

A second, larger study on 18 bridge decks between two and 20 years old concluded that in Virginia the epoxy debonds from the steel in as little as four years. When the chloride arrives at the steel depth, the epoxy coating will debond from the steel surface. The level of corrosion protec-

tion provided by ECR is presently uncertain. Projections have been as little as five years of additional service life. A present study is being conducted to further develop the estimated service life that ECR will provide.

"Presently, there is no existing method to effectively repair the existing decks with epoxy coated bars. And there is no way to evaluate the corrosion condition of the steel bar due to the coating. They can only be replaced by tearing the bridge decks out" Weyers explains.

"The product was put into the bridge deck without the knowledge of what reactions might occur in concrete," Weyers says. "We now need a political solution to a technical problem" because of the dollar amount involved.

Noting the seriousness of the situation, Weyers refers to the failure earlier this year of the pedestrian walkway bridge at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

"This is absolutely the worst condition you could possibly have."

Richard Weyers, bridge expert

during a NASCAR all-star event. In this instance, grout contaminated with calcium chloride corroded the steel cables, weakening the beam and causing its collapse.

"This is absolutely the worst condition you could possibly have," the materials engineer says about the combination of the salt with the steel and moisture. "For the speedway, the question remains how did the grout become contaminated. Was it a precast problem? Were the engineering specifications wrong? Or was it a materials supply problem?"

Five years ago, Weyers received \$2.4 million from the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) to direct the investigation of methods to correct deterioration of concrete bridges. He explored

chemical and physical techniques to protect the existing bridges.

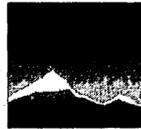
Today, industry has recognized Weyers' research efforts on a model for the deterioration rates as a way to judge different corrosion protection systems. His corrosion service life model is the result of a three phase study, started 16 years ago. His work identified "average" service lives; today he is working on the variability of service life prediction.

The variability includes the use of corrosion inhibitors, different high performance concretes, and selected materials' low permeability to chlorides. "We are looking at these systems and selecting the most cost-efficient or minimum life cycle cost treatments" Weyers explains.

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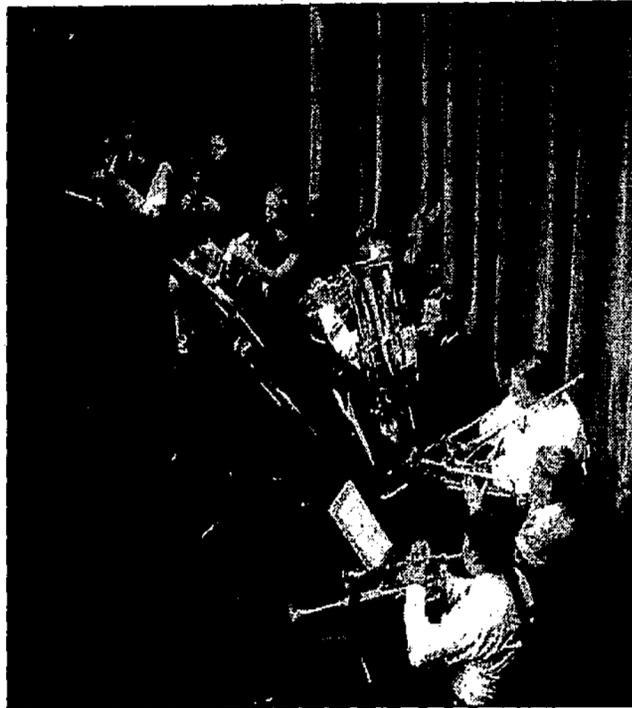


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Gary Micander

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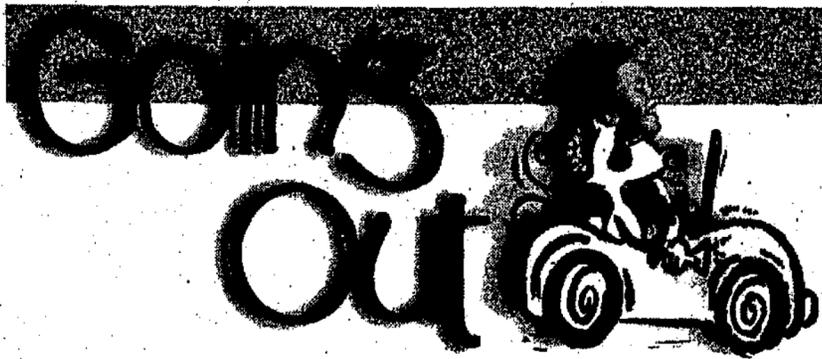
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Christmas dances in: 'Winter Gifts'



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BALLERINAS Katy Martin, left, and Sarah Monks rehearse for the performance.



Sandy Suggitt

THE DANCERS shown above are, from left, Katy Martin, Sarah Monks, Taylor Viucich and Kathryn Newsome at right.

Winter Gifts, the first performance of O'Neill Academy of Ballet, will be performed at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium. Tickets, \$2, are available through the studio at 103 El Paso Drive or call 630-1312. The 38 dancers, from 3 1/2 years of age to 74, will perform "Les Sylphides," a classical ballet, and "Dollmaker's Christmas," done to "Les Boutique Fantastique."

'Messiah' comes to the Spencer Theater

The outstanding New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present a full, uncut Baroque version of Handel's "Messiah" in two performances at the Spencer Theater: at 8 p.m. on December 22 and at 2 p.m. on December 23. Excellent seats are available: S36 and S38 for the afternoon performance and S38 and S40 for the evening show.

"Messiah" is one of the most beloved oratorios in the English-speaking world. This work, drawn solely from the New Testament, is indelibly associated with the Christmas holiday.

Under the direction of conductor and chorus director Roger Melone, the performance of George Frederic Handel's 350-year-old oratorio will be forceful and sublime with stunning chorales and passionate arias.

Handel wrote this towering work in a mere 24 days of time, inspired by a creative force of genius that transcended all dogmatic boundaries and became his absolute triumph.

"I did think I did see Heaven before me and the great God Himself," he told a servant upon its completion in 1741. The flawless libretto, prepared by a clergyman, Charles Jennens, resounds with precision, most definitely in the jubilation of "Unto Us A Child Is Born" and "Hallelujah."

Taking the lead among the 30 musicians and 32 vocalists at the Spencer are: countertenor P. Foster Sommerlad, who delivers "Unstrained, achingly pure, lustrously floating singing" (San Francisco Examiner); tenor Karl Dent, who debuted at Carnegie Hall in 1993; soprano Patti Spain, a specialist in Baroque performance, and bass David Grogan, a repeat performer with the New Mexico Symphony.

Through their pulsating song, and that of the chorus, which is the star of the show, the message of epic redemption in "Messiah" is meticulously articulated.

At the acoustically perfect Spencer Theater, which is one of only three venues in New Mexico to enjoy the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and Chorus performances of "Messiah" this season, listeners will be filled with awe at both the power of devotion and the sheer beauty of Handel's music.

Now in its 68th season of performances, the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's performance of "Messiah" is a part of the symphony's Basically Baroque series of concerts.

"Our Basically Baroque series gives audiences a unique opportunity to enjoy this wonderful music the way it was intended to be performed — with small forces in intimate settings," said conductor Roger Melone. "These are truly special performances, ones that shouldn't be missed and won't be forgotten."

For tickets, call the box office at (888) 818-7872, (505) 336-0016 or visit the theater's Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

The Spencer Theater Winter Season 2000/2001 is sponsored in part by Sierra Blanca Motor Company, Salon Red, McGary Studios/Expressions in Bronze Gallery, Ruidoso State Bank, Ruidoso News, Dale Chihuly Studio, and Ruidoso radio station KRUI-1490 AM.



Courtesy

CONDUCTOR ROGER MELONE

Seats are still available for both shows: Kurt Bestor's Orchestral Christmas at the Spencer



Classic Christmas music is given refreshing allure with composer Kurt Bestor, his band of six, an orchestra of 19 and the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Chamber Chorale.

Bestor is an Emmy Award winner whose music includes the theme for "ABC's Monday Night Football," "Good Morning America," and more than 70 film and television scores. But it is his Christmas compositions and engaging concerts for which the ruggedly handsome artist is known at theaters across the country.

A Christmas party, held in the crystal lobby from 4-8 p.m. will be hosted by the theater for all patrons to the shows, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets are \$30 and \$33 for the afternoon show, and \$35 and \$38 for the evening. Call the theater box office at (888) 818-7872 or (505) 336-4800 for information.



'Tango Pasión' to warm up the winter season for theater goers

Hot-blooded music and sultry dance take the stage at the Spencer Theater next month in two special performances of Tango Pasión, an internationally recognized, exhilarating Argentine dance musical that combines superb dancers, steamy drama, dazzling choreography, a stunning tango orchestra and alluring costumes.

Tickets, \$35 and \$38, go on sale Monday for the two 8 p.m. performances scheduled for January 15 and 16. Call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (888) 818-7872 or (505) 336-4800.

Chamber of Commerce and others organize a midtown musical event for Tuesday

Experience the joys of the Christmas holiday season for a "Mountain Sounds of Music" even at 6 p.m. next to Tall Pines RV Park.

Jim Kalvelege will read "The Night Before Christmas," and the Eastern New Mexico University-

Ruidoso Choir and the ENMU Handbell Choir will perform, as will the newly-formed Ruidoso Brass Quintet. Caroling and touring of the Christmas lights will occur afterward. For information, call the Chamber at 257-7395.

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

Saturday, December 16

Kurt Bestor's Orchestral Christmas
2 & 8 p.m. performances at the Spencer Theater. For more information and tickets call 336-4800.

Winter Gifts
6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Middle School old gymnasium. Tickets are \$2 and are available at O'Neill Academy of Ballet, 103 El Paso Drive in Ruidoso. Call 630-1312 or 630-9504.

Family Christmas Party
1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Anderson-Freeman Museum in Lincoln. Call 378-4142 for more information.

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Sensation Ministry with Ronnie Hinson
10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Carrizo Christian Fellowship, 3 miles west of the Inn of the Mountain of Gods on Carrizo Canyon Road. Seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

A Scottish Christmas
7:30 p.m. performance at Pope, Hall in Albuquerque. Call (505) 277-3824 for more information.

Tuesday, December 19

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

Mountain Sounds of Music
6 p.m. performance in midtown next to Tall Pines RV Park. Call 257-7395 for more information.

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

Handel's Messiah
8 p.m. performance at the Spencer Theater. For more information and tickets call 336-4800.

Ongoing

Christmas at the Hubbard Museum
Christmas decorations will be on display through Dec. 31.
Photographic Exhibition
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Zia Girl Scout Council

is still accepting registrations. Call Maureen at (800) 734-9846.
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Laser "Legends"
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Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
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Adult Acting Workshop
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Ruidoso Public Library
107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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
5-7p.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 BFA Exhibit
Runnel's Gallery at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. 562-

2787.

Movies

Proof Of Life
Action/Adventure, Romance and Drama. 2 hrs. 15 min.

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 Steven Reuther, Tony Gilroy, Charles Mulvehill 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 negotiator 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: 1:15 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Emperor's New Groove
Comedy and Kids/Family. 1 hr. 40 min. Rated G.

Starring: David Spade, Eartha Kitt, John Goodman, Owen Wilson and Patrick Warburton.

Directed by Marc Dindal. Mark Dindal and Roger Allers.

Produced by Randy Fullmer.
Written by Jonathan Roberts and David Reynolds.

Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures.
Synopsis: Set in the mountains of South America, this Disney-animated feature is the story of a young man, Emperor Kuzco, who is transformed into a llama and sent out into the jungle by an evil diva who wants to take over the throne. Emperor Kuzco meets a peasant named Pacha who lives in the jungle and who agrees to help Emperor Kuzco. Together, through a series of exciting adventures, the friends race to get Kuzco back on his throne. *The Emperor's New Groove* features music by Sting and the voices of John Goodman, David Spade, and Eartha Kitt. Showtimes: 1 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

What Women Want
Romance and Drama.

Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.

Starring: Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt, Lauren Holly, Marisa Tomei, Bette Midler.

Directed by Nancy Meyers.
Produced by Bruce A. Block, Carmen Finestra, David McFadzean, Stephen McEveety, Josh Goldsmith, Cathy Yuspa, Stephen McEveety, David McFadzean, Bruce Davey, Gina Matthews, Matt Williams, Nancy Meyers and Susan Cartson.

Written by Josh Goldsmith, Cathy Yuspa, Diane Drake and Nancy Meyers.
Distributor: Paramount Pictures.



MEL GIBSON stars as Nick Marshall in Paramount's "What Women Want."

Synopsis: After he survives a serious accident, a Chicago businessman (Mel Gibson) learns that he's been blessed with the power to read women's minds. At first, he uses his new skill to please his boss (Helen Hunt). But he ends up understanding so well what it is that she wants that he can't help falling in love with her. *What Women Want* is a sweet romantic comedy with an all-star cast. Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

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Merchants' Open House and Christmas in the Park

Smokey Bear State Park's Christmas in the Park in conjunction with Merchant's Open House offer fun in Capitan Saturday.

Smokey Bear and Santa Claus team up to treat children with presents, candy and drinks in the park from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m., a drawing for gifts donated by the merchants participating in the open house will be held (pick up information from the merchants). The Lone Star Kids choir and dance group from San Antonio, Texas will perform from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the park.

Cloudcroft Dance Theatre to present classic Christmas story

The Cloudcroft Dance Theatre will perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas" twice: at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo, and at 7 p.m. December 22 at the Lodge Pavilion in Cloudcroft. Both performances are free.

This holiday ballet brings Santa, dancing Sugarplums, deer and other wonderful characters.

Admission to Natural History Museum will be free during December

Residents of Lincoln, Otero and Doña Ana counties receive free admission to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque during December as part of County Recognition Month (proof of residency is required).

Admission to "The Living Sea" in the Dynamax Theater and/or LodeStar Astronomy Center venues is by the regular charges.

The museum is open every day except Christmas and non-holiday Mondays in January and September from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rock stars hit Ruidoso



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ROD STEWART impersonator Rick Chapman belts out "Maggie" with characteristic raspiness.



Sandy Suggitt

'TOM PETTY,' alias Rick Chapman, jammed with a local band, The Convertibles, at Quarters last Thursday and Friday.

Las Vegas Live brought Rod Stewart and Tom Petty impersonator Rick Chapman to Quarters last weekend, along with comedian Keth Hertz.



GARRICK SISSONS
TRIBUTE TO
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Sandy Suggitt

COMIC KEITH HERTZ opened the show making fun of himself.

Roger Heater, owner of Las Vegas Live, will bring Garth Brooks impersonator Garrick Sissons to Quarters at 9 p.m. on January 17 and 18. The real Garth Brooks endorsed Sissons, Heater said. Himself a comedian, Heater will open the Garth Brooks show next month.

"This is the closest you're going to come," Heater said. "You're never going to get Garth Brooks."

Las Vegas Live brought two shows — one with a Bette Midler impersonator — to Quarters last year, drawing crowds. Heater, who said he works with more than 200 entertainers, plans to bring a different act to Ruidoso every month.

Get on the Bandwagon

Photos and Story by Gary Micander
¡VAMOS! INTERN

The Ruidoso schools' band program has a new helper. Evan Stubbs, a high school senior, has taken on the task of interning with Robbie Stephens, band instructor for the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

Stubbs currently works with Stephens for two periods out of the schoolday. His first class of the day is middle school beginning band, which is made up of students who have just started band. His second class is the more advanced eighth grade band. Both of these bands, along with the seventh grade band, the Ruidoso High School Brass Choir and the Ruidoso High Jazz Band performed a concert Tuesday at Spencer Theater. This concert doubled as the final exam for these groups.

Stubbs personally prepared and conducted one of the pieces that the advanced band performed.

Some of his tasks at Ruidoso Middle School include teaching the students how to play instruments, read music, and, if Mr. Stephens is busy with other band duties, teaching the class by himself.

Stubbs has been a band student himself since sixth grade, and now plays a multitude of instruments, including the trombone and tuba.

He cites an interest in music and a desire to pursue a degree in music education in college as his reasons for choosing an internship with Stephens.

"It's very enlightening so far," said Stubbs, who would like to teach a slightly older age group of students in the future.



At Left, Ruidoso High School Intern Evan Stubbs. Below, the Ruidoso High School Jazz Band



The Ruidoso Middle School beginner band performed at Spencer Theater Tuesday.



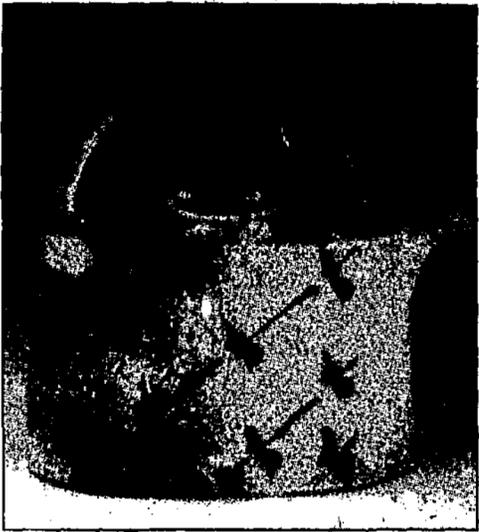
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*Story and photographs by
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IVAMOS! EDITOR

Every year, Larry Davidson transforms 3 1/2 tons of clay into stoneware pots, bowls, vases, coffee pots, cups and covered jars and pots — and he does it the hard way. He's a do-it-yourselfer who built the equipment for his pottery operation and takes pride in its efficiency.



Located in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, his Little Creek Pottery is the only completely wood-fired pottery in New Mexico. Unlike most potters, who buy their clay and glazes, Davidson collects locally from 10 percent to 100 percent of the materials for his glazes and about 40 percent of the clay body, and these materials give his pots their unique character.

One of the glazes he uses is made of decomposed monzonite from Monjeau Point, which has a lot of iron, imparting a dark glaze. Davidson mixes sand and road gravel with the monzonite and brushes it on his pots. Another glaze he uses is made by mixing the ash left over from kiln firing with clay, which gives the pottery a light-green finish.

"It's a real challenge (to use native materials), and it also gives a very regional characteristic to your work," he said. "When you buy the feldspars and clays commercially, anywhere in the United

States you can get them, and using native materials, there's only one place that you can get them."

The coloration of his pots has a directional quality, due to "flashing" in the wood firing process: parts of the pots are hit directly by the flames, while other parts receive the heat indirectly. Pots fired by electric or gas kilns are more uniform. Davidson also puts wads of clay on the bottoms of pots so flames flow under the pots, and when the wads are removed, variations in color result.

Davidson's work with pottery began when he was 14 years old in school in La Mesa, California.

"It was one of those things I was good at so I kept at it. After I got out of the service, I started potting again in southern Idaho," he said.

Later he moved to Washington and was a building contractor while continuing with his pottery, then he decided he needed to go back to school. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree and then a master of fine arts degree in ceramics at Utah State University ten years ago.

Since then, he's taught ceramics at Utah State University, Ohio State University and Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and given workshops at Columbus School of Art and Design in Ohio and Pecos Potters Guild in Roswell.

Davidson, his wife, Mickey, their daughter, Munrai, and their son, Cass, moved to the area eight years ago from Ohio.

"We were traveling through, sort of headed toward Silver City and this is where we ended up," he said. "We had

friends here that we stayed with and we'd been here once before (when) we took a Western vacation."

His eight years of experience building houses were put to use building his wood-fired kiln. He also built all the other equipment involved in his operation. This includes the ball mill used to grind the rhyolite (the volcanic equivalent of granite) with the coarse clay; the blunger, which agitates the mixture; and the pug mill, which cuts, mixes and de-aers the clay.

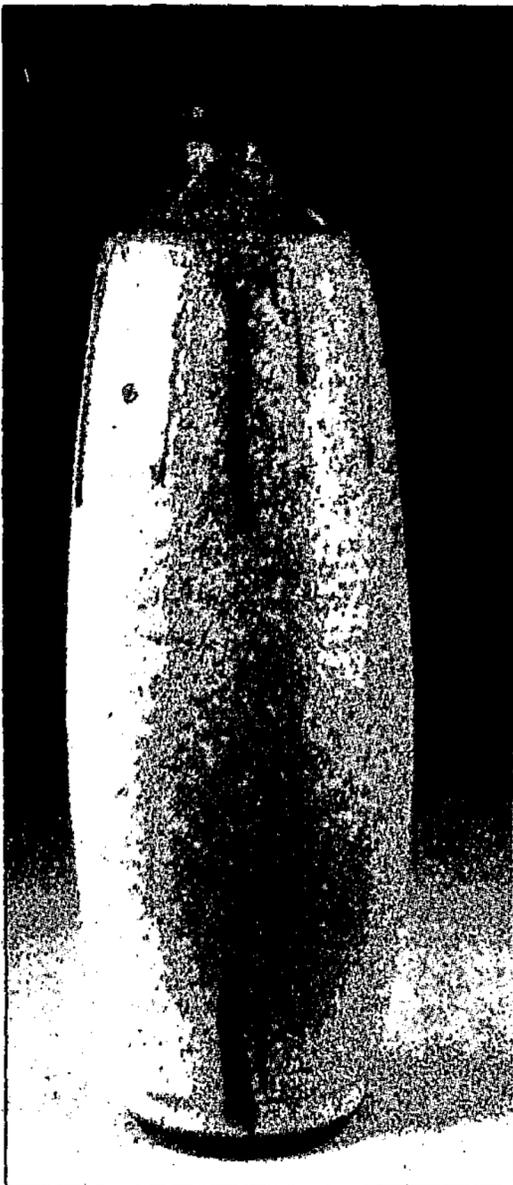
The kiln has two chambers. The raw pottery is put in one chamber (75 cubic feet) and fired at a low temperature — about 1,800 degrees. Then it's dipped in a glaze and put in the other chamber (100 cubic feet) at between 2,400 and 2,500 degrees for 24 hours.

Davidson uses about half to three-quarters of a cord of scrap wood per firing, which is dropped off by a local contractor who builds barns.

He does between six and eight firings a year, which is enough to stock his own gallery and for special orders he receives from his Web site. In addition, his pottery is exhibited at White Mountain Pottery and the Kenyon Thomas Gallery in Ruidoso, the Blue Dome Gallery in Silver City, Mariposa Gallery in Albuquerque, Roswell Museum and Art Center and Hoadley Gallery in Lenox, Massachusetts. He also takes pottery on the road to a half dozen or so art fairs throughout the country.

Davidson was featured in the January issue of the national magazine *Ceramics Monthly*.

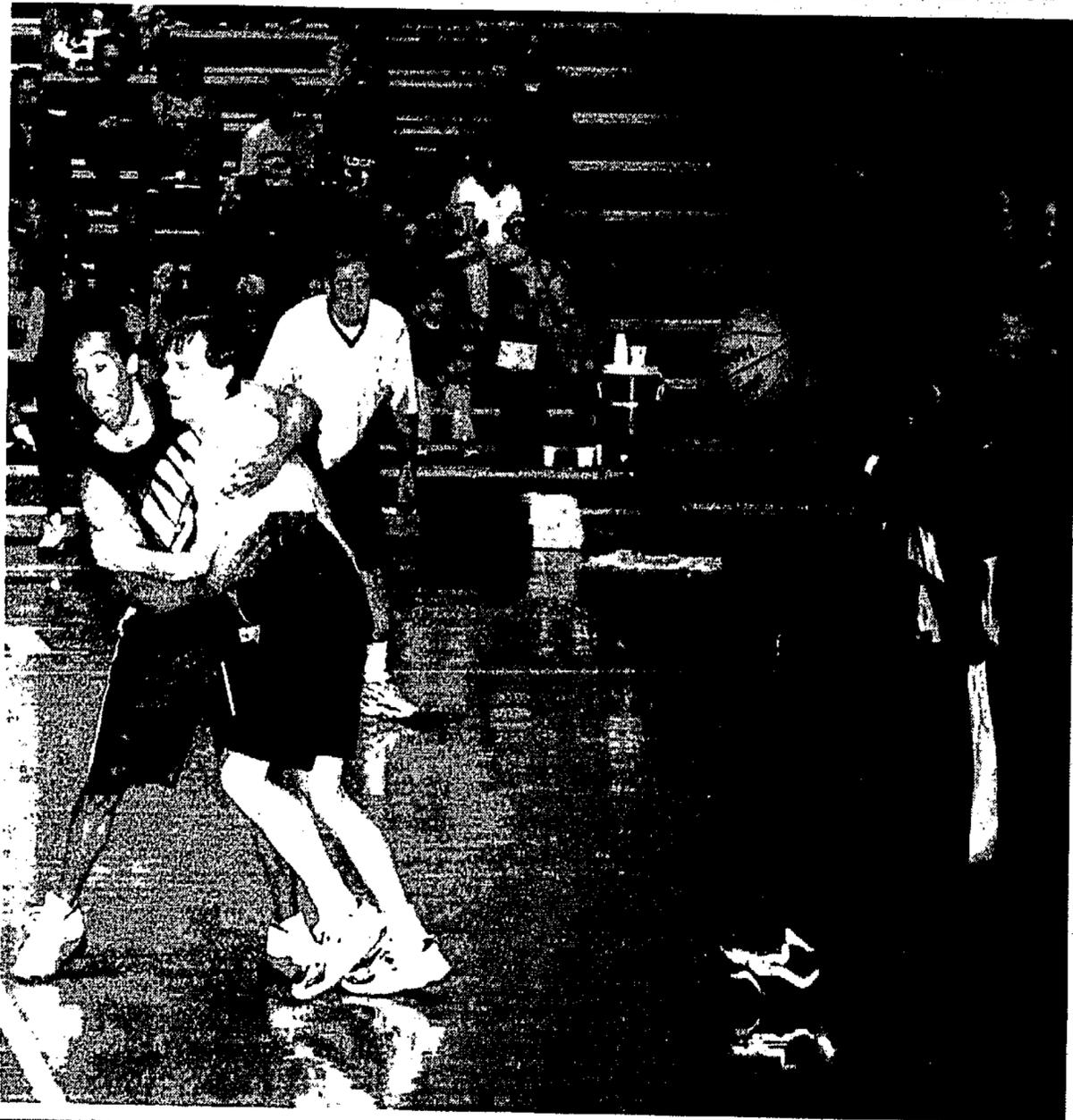
To see his work, visit his Web site www.littlecreekpottery.com or e-mail him at larry@littlecreekpottery.com.



THE WOOD-FIRED KILN is shown on the opposite page. Above is the pug mill Davidson built, used to mix the clay.



Ladies and Gentlemen,



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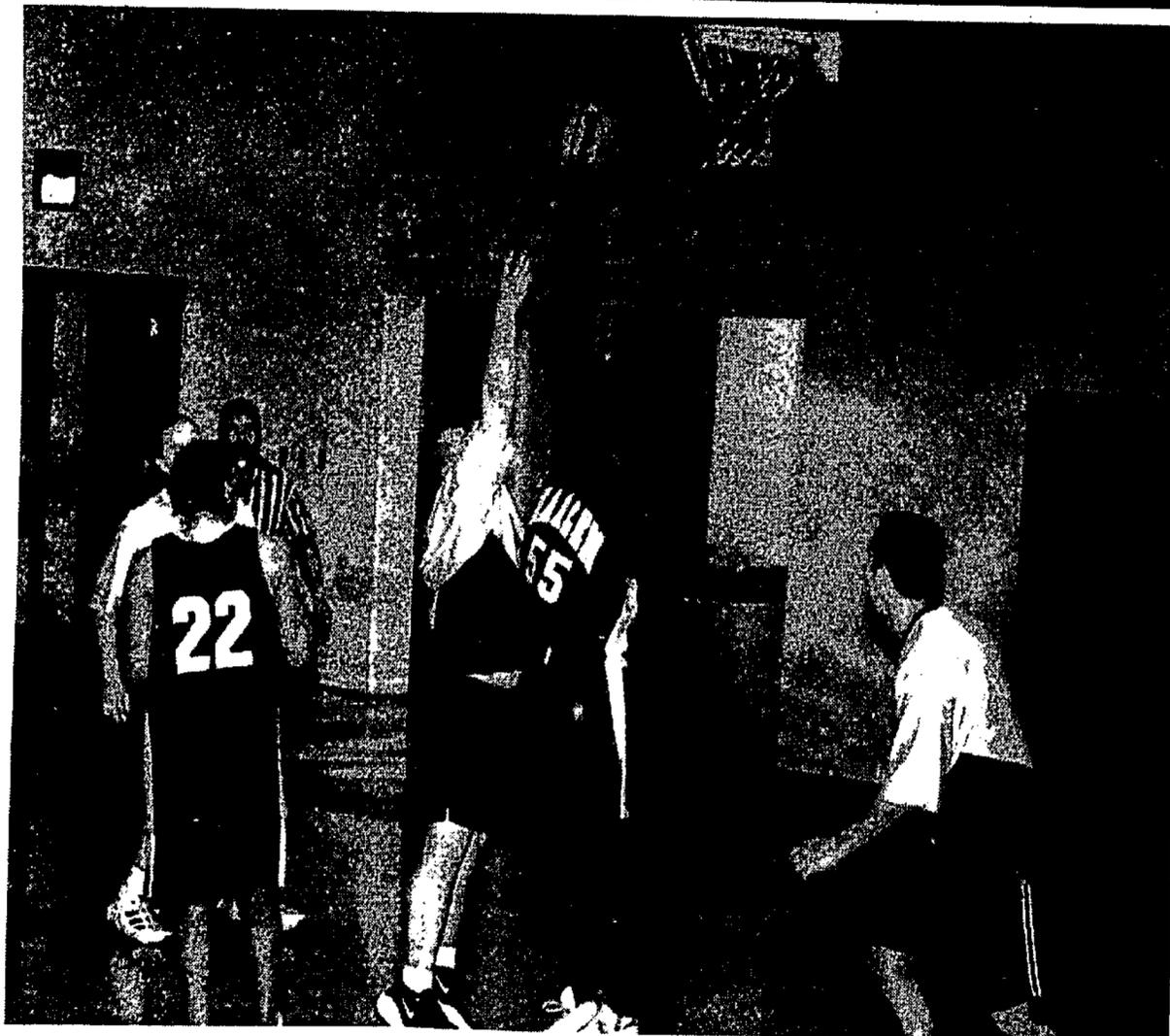
The Harlem Entertainers, the "Professional Clowns of the Court" visited the Ruidoso High School gym on Sunday, challenging the high school's two teams, — the high school football and basketball coaches, and the other, various administrators from around the school district.

One high school team, "The Dreamers," included Rodney Webb, Kief Johnson, Jason Edmister, Brian Baca, Albert Ronquillo, Cody Patterson, Colt Harrelson, and Ken Weaver.

The other team, "The Enforcers," included Bill Green, Ron Wall, Roger Sowder, Frank Cannella, Helene Kobelnyk, Danny Flores, Mike Gladden, and Paul Wirth.

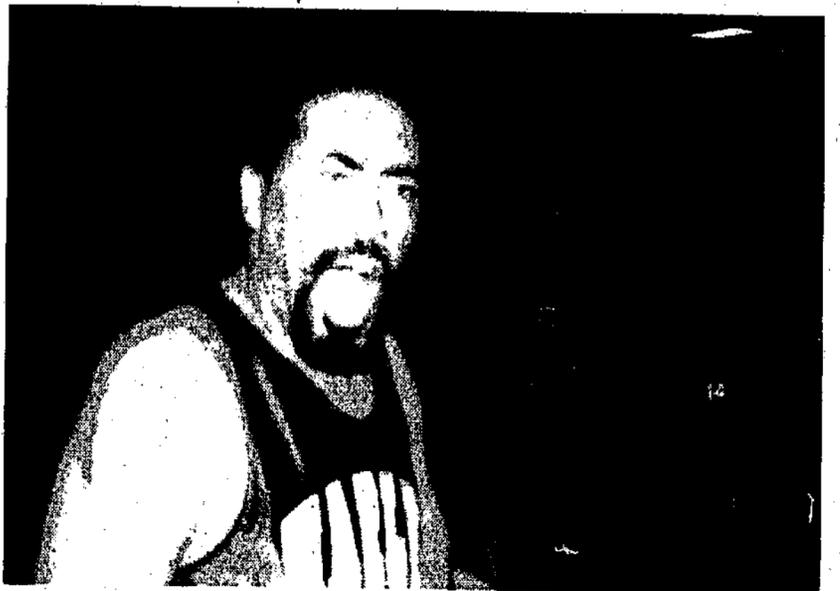
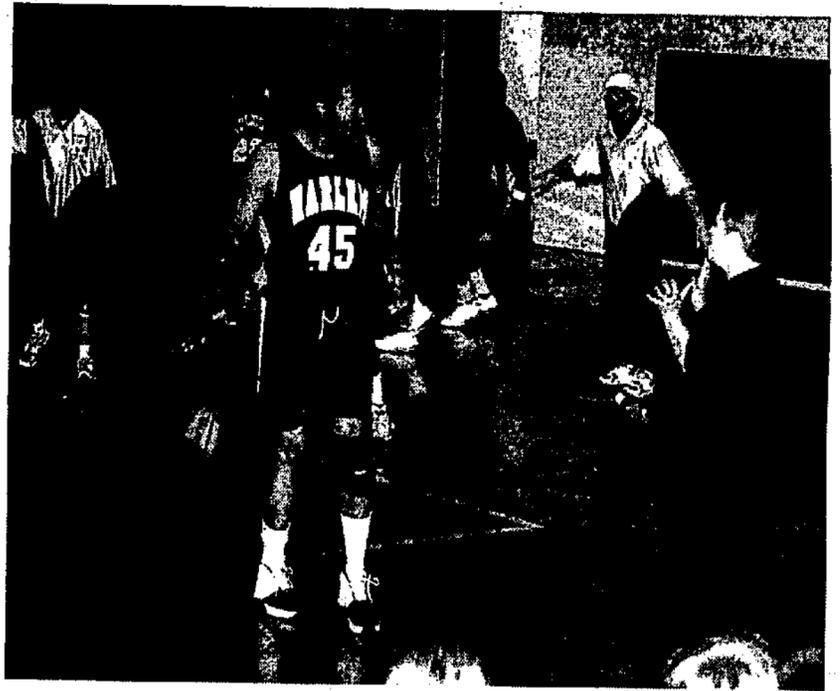
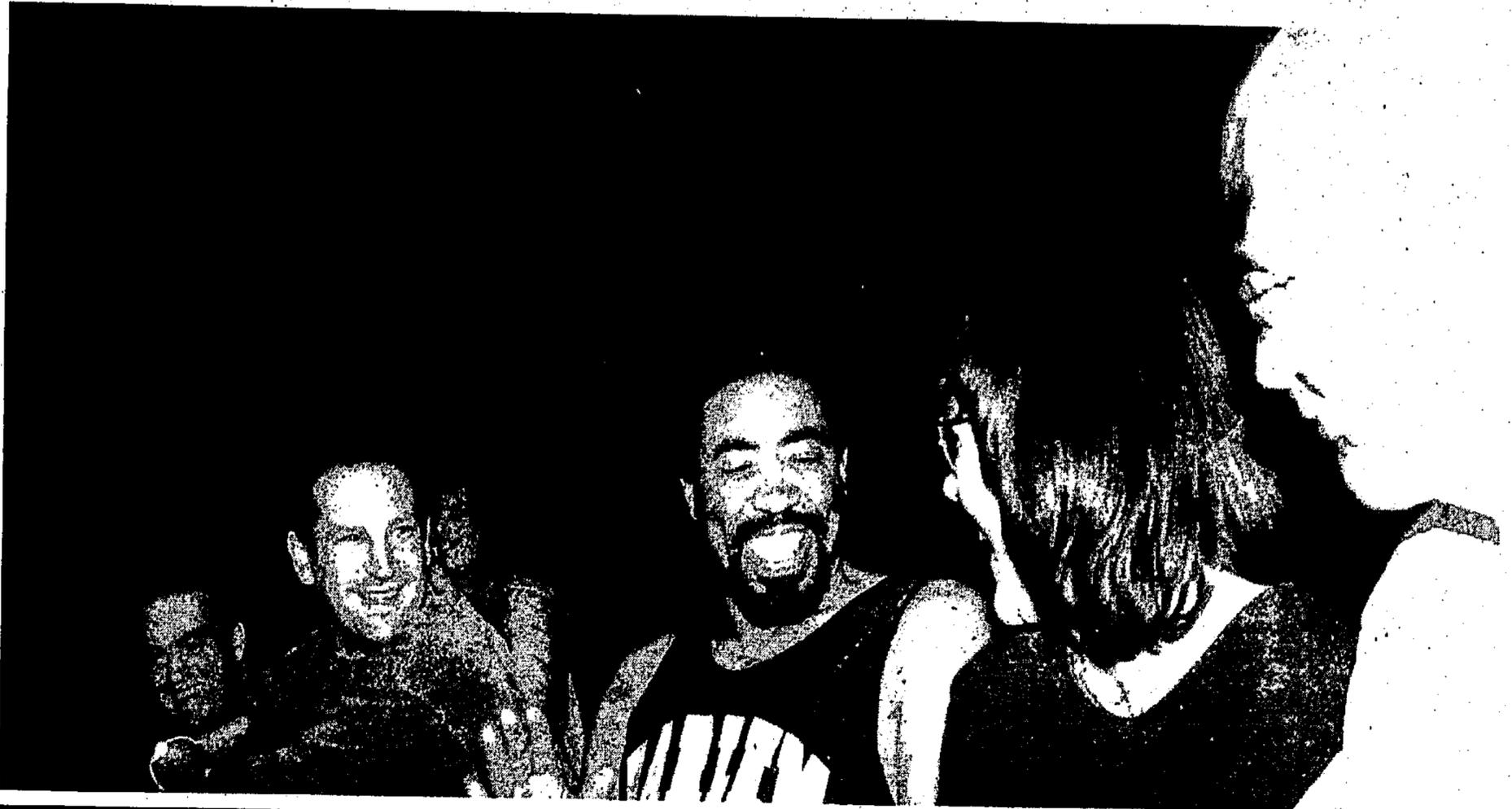
Special referees were Ridge Bowden, Susan Lutterman, James Paxton, and Ronnie Hemphill.

Other highlights of the show included drawings for free-throw opportunities that gave audience members a chance to win cash prizes.



At top left, Paul "Lobo" Wirth gets some hands-on experience in the game of basketball. Bottom right, an Entertainer shows that brains are no match for height.

The Harlem Entertainers



Above, One of the Entertainers, Showboat, steps out of the game to visit with audience members and sign autographs.

At left, a Harlem Entertainer demonstrates his skills at dunking. Above right, White Mountain Intermediate School Helene "Free Throw" Kobelnyk receives one-on-one instruction from Showboat on the finer points of basketball.

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

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Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. We are open most days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: www.lapalomagallery.com.

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Montano Store and exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Court House for admission to 7 buildings including those of the Hubbard Museum.

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

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Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

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

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

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Courtesy

HARMON "RED" HANN is shown above right with his painting at left.

Harmon "Red" Hann to paint at High Country Outlet

Yucca Valley, California painter Harmon "Red" Hann will exhibit his work and paint at High Country Outlet at 127 Vision Drive from 9 a.m. to closing on Friday and Saturday.

Hann has painted Western scenes in California and New Mexico for years — on big rigs and postage stamps as well as on canvas. He also does large murals, starting with a 50-foot, full-size one of Air Force Ace Eddie Rickenbacker and the first air craft to go to the moon.

Hann studied mural painting at Sacramento State College while stationed in Sacramento.

Originally from Texas, Hann has painted the Wells Fargo Stage Coach, Native American settlements and the Pony Express, among other subjects.

Chamber artists for December celebrate winter

A group of Lincoln County artists have come together in the spirit of this winter season to display the many facets of Sierra Blanca.

Acrylics, oils, watercolors and pastels reflect the different visions exhibited by the artists.

These include Paula White, Julie Thigpen, Barbara Rizzo, Jodie Taylor, Connie Bell, Gary Garrett, Billie Long and Patsy Blasdel.

Also on display are three watercolors by Connie Younger, who lost her life to cancer last month.

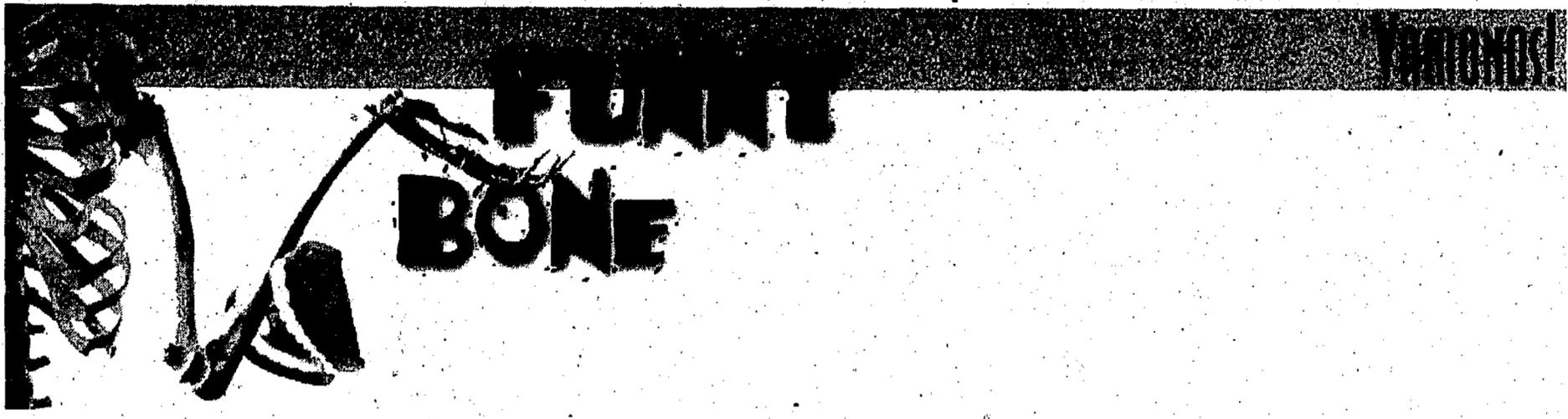
The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce invites the public to come and view the exhibit.

Artist's Bulletin Board

The Ruidoso Brass Quintet continues to play private parties and public places during the holiday season. Watch for notices for performances at malls, shopping centers, the Swiss Chalet and churches. If interested in booking the group, call 336-7796.

Ardis Hood, a fine-artist and illustrator whose works are in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S., will teach portrait drawing in a series of nine lessons beginning January 15. The classes will be in North Alto on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$125, with participants furnishing their own supplies. For more information, call Maria Monks at 336-4396 or Ardis Hood at 378-7184. Register early as class size is limited.

Fax notices to Sandy at 257-7053, mail to Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or e-mail to ruidosonews@zianet.com and type Attn: Sandy.



Deck the halls with flying fruitcakes



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Here in Florida (Official State Motto: "I voted for WHOM?") we do not have what you would call a typical Christmas season.

For one thing, it never snows, at least not in Miami. Down here, we don't sing, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." We sing, "I'm dreaming of a Christmas that is not so hot and humid that I need a coat hanger to unbunch my underwear."

Actually, it's a good thing we don't get snow: People down here already have enough trouble driving.

For example, we have an inordinate number of accidents caused by people driving into buildings. And these are not buildings that have been carelessly left in the roadway: These are buildings carefully placed off to the side. Yet people drive into them!

I suspect that somewhere in the official Florida driver's manual, there's a picture of a building, with the words: "If you see one of these, aim straight for it!"

So if we ever had snow, it would be horrible. There would be cars on roofs, cars in

the palm trees, cars in the Gulf Stream. The only safe place for a pedestrian to stand would be on an actual highway.

Since I've lived here, we did have one cold Christmas (cold for us, anyway) when the temperature briefly fell into the 30s. But snow did not fall from the sky. What fell from the sky was: lizards. Really. I went outside on Christmas morning, and lying on my lawn, looking stunned, were at least a dozen bright-green lizards that had fallen out of the trees. These were not small lizards. These things were the size of cocker spaniels, and they had TEETH. That is not a normal Christmas morning sight. There is no Christmas carol that goes:

Good King Wenceslaus looked out

On the feast of Stephen
Saw big green lizards all about

So he said, "I'm leavin'!"

Nevertheless, even in Miami, we do have our Christ-

mas traditions. Traditions are an important part of Christmas: For example, when I was a boy, my mom and I had a wonderful tradition that went on for nearly 10 years, called:

'...people we knew thoughtfully sent us a fruitcake that was approximately the same density as the Hoover Dam.'

The Fruitcake Slam. I am not making this tradition up. Every year, some people we knew thoughtfully sent us a fruitcake that was approximately the same density as the Hoover Dam. And every year, my mom (who was, take my word for it, the funniest person who ever lived) would declare, in her brightest June Cleaver voice: "Look, Davey!" (She called me Davey.) "The fruitcake has arrived!"

And I'd say: "Hurrah! I hope we don't accidentally leave it in the kitchen doorway, like last year!" Then I'd open the kitchen door and place the fruitcake on the sill.

"UH-oh!" my mom would say. "It's getting drafty! I had best close the kitchen door!"

And she'd give the door a mighty slam. Usually the first slam would barely dent the

fruitcake, so my mom would give it a few more, the two of us cackling like maniacs. This is still one of my fondest Christmas memories.

Anyway, here in South Florida, I have a new tradition, called: Try To Find A Christmas Tree That Was Actually Alive Within The Past Five Years. This is very difficult. Christmas trees are grown up North, and as the tree shipments travel south, all the good trees get taken along the way. By the time the trucks reach Miami, all that's left are these brown, scrawny things that appear to be members of the tumbleweed family.

And even those quickly get snapped up. By the week before Christmas, trees are scarce. Last year, on Dec. 23, my wife and I were driving around, desperately looking for a place that still had trees, when we spotted a guy selling some out of a pickup truck in a parking lot. This was not just any parking lot: This was, I swear, the parking lot of a strip club.

These were not choice trees. Each one had maybe five remaining needles, which was also the number of teeth possessed by the guy who was selling them. But at that point, we were glad to get anything. We picked out a tree, paid for it, and stood there for a

moment, basking in our success. It was just getting dark, and the temperature was about 85 degrees. Our Christmas tree's naked branches were bathed in the bright pink glow given off by the sign above us that said, simply, ADULT ENTERTAINMENT. It was a special moment, a Christmas-in-Miami moment. And at that moment (call me sentimental, if you want) I felt a very special kind of feeling. It was my underwear bunching up.

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The Doctor will see you now: How deadly was Doc Holliday?

... Doc didn't exactly make friends easily. And neither did Wyatt Earp, thanks to his natural reserve. So, for whatever reason, the two men became friends. It was a friendship that would last for the rest of Doc's life. In fact, one of the few things that can be said with certainty about Doc's personal relationships was that the Earps... were the best friends that Doc Holliday ever had.

John Henry "Doc" Holliday has become a legend over the years. What really brought him to the attention of the public, aside from some local fame in his own time, was the 1931 biography of his friend, Wyatt Earp, who said of him: "Although he sometimes drank three quarts of whiskey a day, he was the most skillful gambler, and the nerviest, fastest, deadliest man with a six-gun I ever saw."

Well, Wyatt was known, in the course of his long life, to exaggerate a fact here and there. And his statement about Doc's ingestion of whiskey has got to be one of those exaggerations! As to the good doctor's abilities as a gambler and with a six-gun, well, now, that is another story.

There is no doubt that Doc was a "skillful gambler" — he was definitely known as a "high roller" among the sporting men (gamblers) of the period. He was, by all accounts, quick with a six-gun, too. And, if you were standing three feet in front of him, he would probably have hit you. Note that Wyatt made no mention of Doc's accuracy...

It is after all, rather difficult to hit anything when you are seeing two of everything! (That brings to mind Val Kilmer's memorable line, as Doc, in the film



Doc Holliday

Courtesy

"Tombstone": When an adversary tells him that he is probably so drunk that he is seeing two of everything, Kilmer responds that "I have a gun for each of you.")

Over the years, many writers have come up with some pretty fanciful stories about Doc's "kill record." The more conservative claim that he killed "about 18," and others run the score up to 30 something! In reality, as far as dead men down his back trail went, Doc's tally never got out of the single digit range.

Beginnings

John Henry Holliday was born in Griffin, Georgia on August 14, 1851.

During the Civil War, Doc's father relocated the family to Valdosta, Georgia when he realized that their Griffin home lay right in the path of a fellow by the

name of Sherman as he marched across the South to the sea.

In 1866, John Henry's mother died, which was a terrible blow to the 15-year-old. He and his mother had been quite close and a mere three months later, when his father married a woman almost as young as John Henry himself, the young man knew that the happy times of his youth were over. After an uncomfortable four years that he spent trying to ignore his family situation, John Henry enrolled at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia. On March 1, 1872, he was among that institution's 26 graduates.

John Henry, in the company of another dentist named Arthur Ford, opened a practice at Atlanta, but it wasn't long before he found that the nasty cough that had been plaguing him for some time was really tuberculosis.

He had to have suspected. It was what had killed his mother. (In fact, it is probable that the young man had contracted the disease from her.)

An extremely short future was predicted for him by the medical profession. They did, however, advise the young dentist to seek a drier climate and, in doing so, perhaps extend that future. So, young John Henry went west, and neither the man nor the locale would ever be the same.

John Henry's first stop was at Dallas, where a friend of his father's made him a partner in his own dental practice. Things went well for a time, but as the coughing got worse, the customers slacked off. No one was particularly anxious to have a man who was coughing up blood working on their teeth. No matter, though. John Henry had discovered that he possessed a natural flair for gambling, and it quickly became his principal means of support. And now, at least around the gaming tables, young Doctor John Henry Holliday had been transformed into "Doc" Holliday, professional gambler and killer.

Self-defense

The part about his being a killer was, at that time, a lot of hogwash.

It was Doc himself who had manufactured most of the fantasies concerning his murderous past. This was, in actuality, a wise move on his part.

With his debilitating disease

and resultant frail frame, he was certainly in no position to get into any fist fights. He figured, quite correctly, that anyone with a lick of sense would think twice about starting trouble with him if they thought that he had previously dispatched a dozen or so just like them.

Nevertheless, *real* trouble did find him, and before he left Dallas, too. On January 2, 1875, Doc and a local saloon-keeper by the name of Austin got into a disagreement that ultimately resulted in both men using each other for target practice. Neither man was hit, and the local newspapers treated the incident as a joke. A short time later, according to legend, Doc killed a prominent local man and was forced to flee Dallas. There is absolutely *no record* of this incident, so we can safely assume that it was another "big windy" that Doc told that was designed to instill fear in the hearts of his enemies.

From Dallas, Doc drifted to Fort Griffin where he was arrested for "gaming in a saloon." This was no big deal. Many towns on the frontier fined local gamblers on a weekly basis and then turned a blind eye for the other six days of the week. It amounted to a tax, and it was the sum total of any naughtiness attributed to Doc at that place.

From there, he headed for Jacksboro, Texas, where he was first known as "The Deadly Dentist." The title seems to have been a direct result of Doc's stories concerning his own lethal temperament. "History According to Doc" tells us that he left two dead and two wounded when he left Jacksboro. No newspaper accounts, or, for that matter, record of any kind adds credence to this story. Now, keep in mind that, while he had probably never killed anyone at this point in time, that certainly did not mean that he wasn't capable of doing it. To say nothing of willing ... Doc was in pain and drunk most of the time, which did nothing to improve his disposition. He was known as being a difficult man with whom to get along.

The Doctor's travels

From Texas, Doc headed up to Denver, Colorado, where he concocted yet another big windy designed keep anyone looking for trouble away from him. This particular story was, in later years, recounted many

times by both Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson. But, the fact is, Earp and Masterson had only heard the story, and probably from Doc himself. In this fanciful tale, Doc had a gun pulled on him by one Budd Ryan, who never got off a shot, primarily because he was too busy bleeding to death after Doc had lunged forward and slashed his throat. This, as you have undoubtedly guessed, was just another chapter in the book of "History According to Doc."

At Denver, he was also known as "Tom Mackey" which is kind of an interesting alias when you realize that his mother's name was McKey.

Anyway, he left Denver for a brief time to go to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where legend (and probably Doc himself) tells us that he killed three *more* men. Once again, there is no evidence of any kind to support this story.

By autumn of 1877, Doc was once again gambling back in Fort Griffin (known locally as The Flat) and it was there that he had one of the most important encounters of his life.

Dave Rudabaugh is a familiar name to anyone who studies Billy the Kid.

Rudabaugh was a hulking, murderous brute who was said to have been the one man to make the Kid nervous. Dave had left a trail of crime and depravity that could be followed all over the West. There were some bounty hunters who would think twice about even going after him, and then there were some who had ice water for blood. And it was one of the latter who rode into Fort Griffin searching for Dave that autumn.

It was a well-known fact that there was no love lost between Doc and Dave, who the educated Holliday considered to be a genuine low-life (which is really quite a statement when you consider the source!).

Needless to say, the inquisitive bounty hunter, who was actually a lawman from Kansas named Wyatt Earp trying to supplement his income, was directed to Doc.

Pals

Now, as previously mentioned, Doc didn't exactly make friends easily.

And neither did Wyatt Earp, thanks to his natural reserve. So, for *whatever* reason, the two men became friends. It was a friendship that would last for the rest of Doc's life. In fact,

one of the few things that can be said with certainty about Doc's personal relationships was that the Earps — not just Wyatt, but his brothers, too — were the best friends that Doc Holliday ever had.

It was also about this time that another of the many fantastic stories about Doc came into being. The story goes like this: Local gambler/hardcase Ed Bailey had been going through the discards, which is a no-no, and Doc had repeatedly admonished him to "play poker," which was, at the time, a way of telling the fellow to stop cheating, as it had most definitely been noticed by the other players. The next time that Ed looked at the discards, Doc simply raked in the pot without showing his hand. He was perfectly within his rights to do this, but not as far as Ed Bailey was concerned. Ed went for his gun, but before he could get off a shot, Doc eviscerated him with his trusty "Arkansas toothpick."

Doc was thrown in jail and a lynch mob began forming to avenge the death of the popular Bailey. Of course, a really good story needs some romance, and that is where "Big Nose" Kate Elder, aka Fisher (her real name was Haroney) got involved. Kate was an independent prostitute who answered to no pimp — or anyone else — where her earnings were concerned. She seems to have been well edu-

cated and articulate, so she and Doc were naturally drawn to each other.

According to the story, Kate set fire to a barn to create a diversion and then, when everyone was rushing to the fire, Kate, with a six-shooter in each hand, rescued her new paramour from the clutches of the law.

Great story isn't it? Unfortunately, that isn't quite how it happened.

First of all, Doc didn't kill Ed Bailey. He was arrested (again) for "keeping a gaming table." He was *not* thrown in jail, for the simple reason that Fort Griffin didn't have one. He was kept in a hotel under guard. Kate really *did* set fire to a shed out back and she really did free Doc with a gun in each hand. But without the death of Ed Bailey, the story lacks power.

Doc and Kate, now a couple, felt that it was a good time to move on and headed for Dodge City, Kansas, where Doc's friend Wyatt Earp was a representative of the law. And it was at Dodge City that Wyatt Earp always claimed that Doc had saved his life.

Sources: *The Real Doc Holliday* by Ben Traywick; *Wyatt Earp: The Life Behind the Legend* by Casey Tefertiller; *Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshal* by Stuart Lake and *Great Gunfighters of the Kansas Cowntowns 1867-1886* by Nyle Miller and Joseph Snell.



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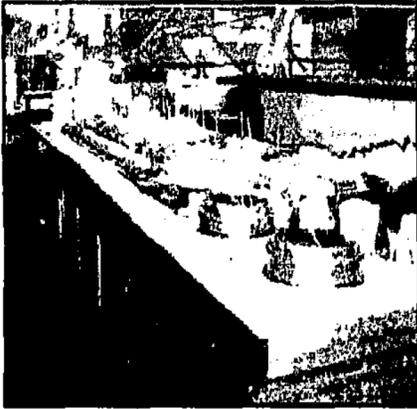
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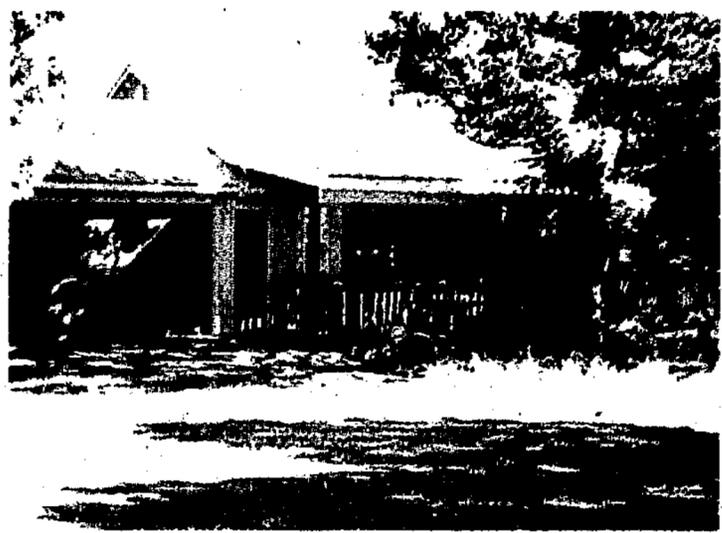
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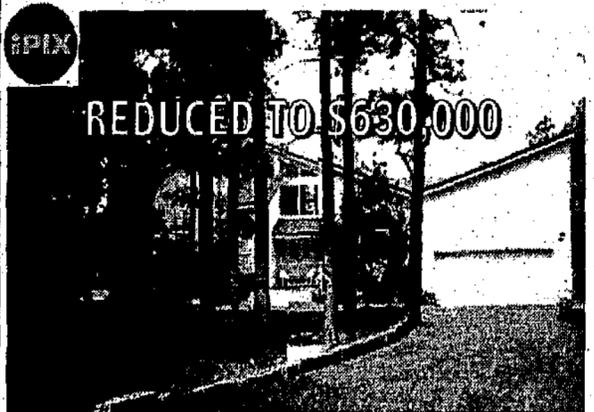
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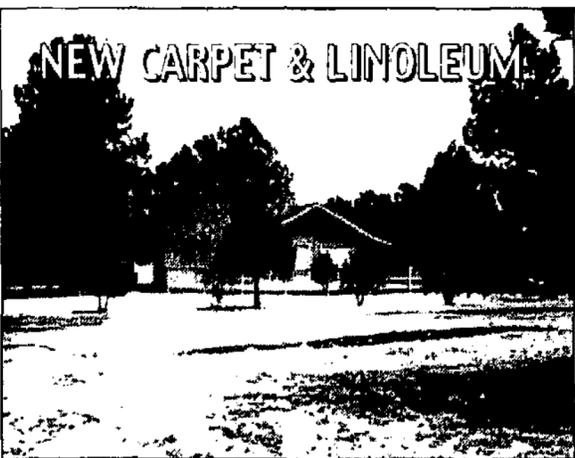
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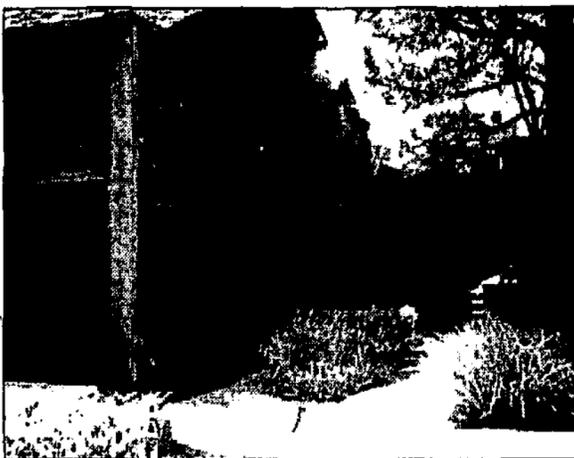
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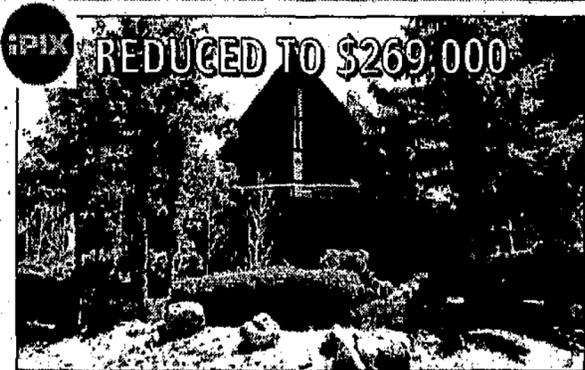
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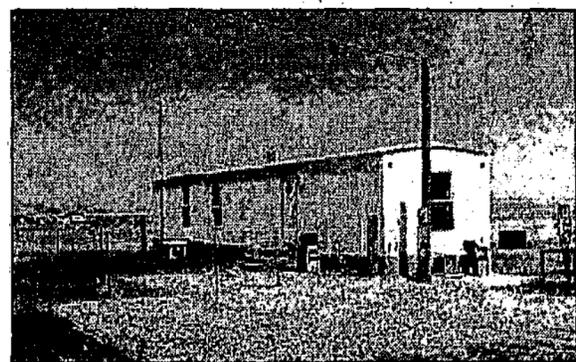
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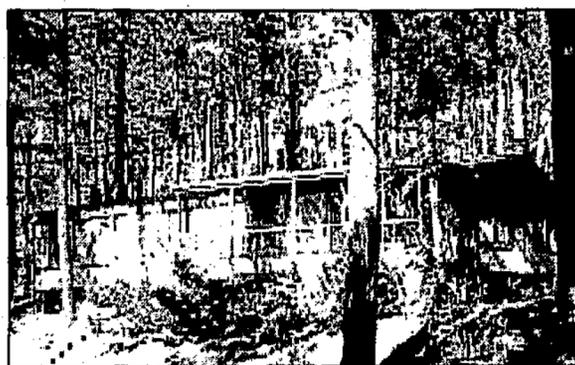
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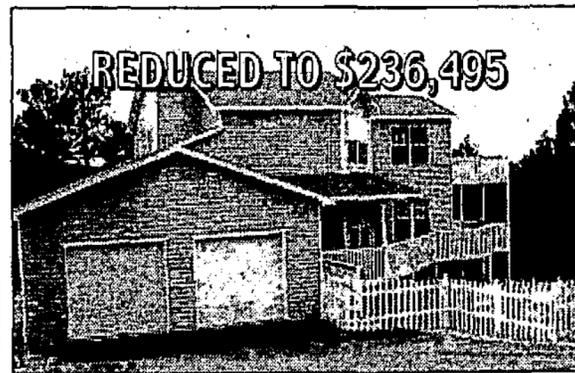
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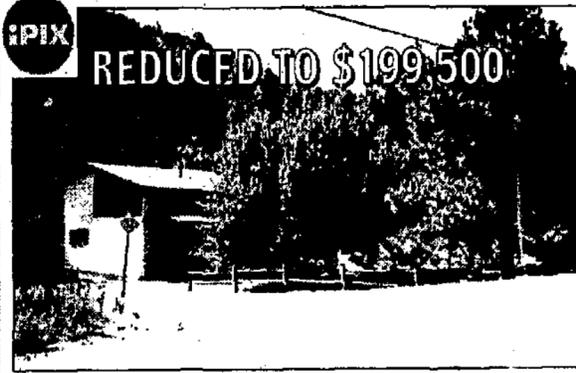
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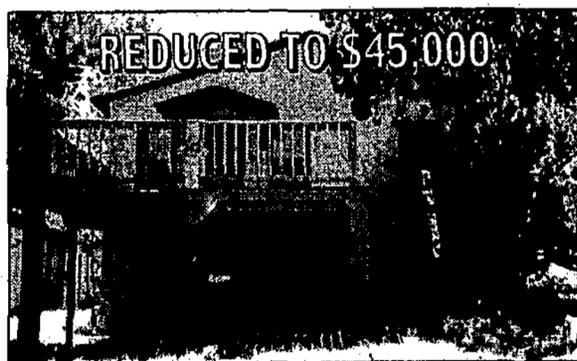
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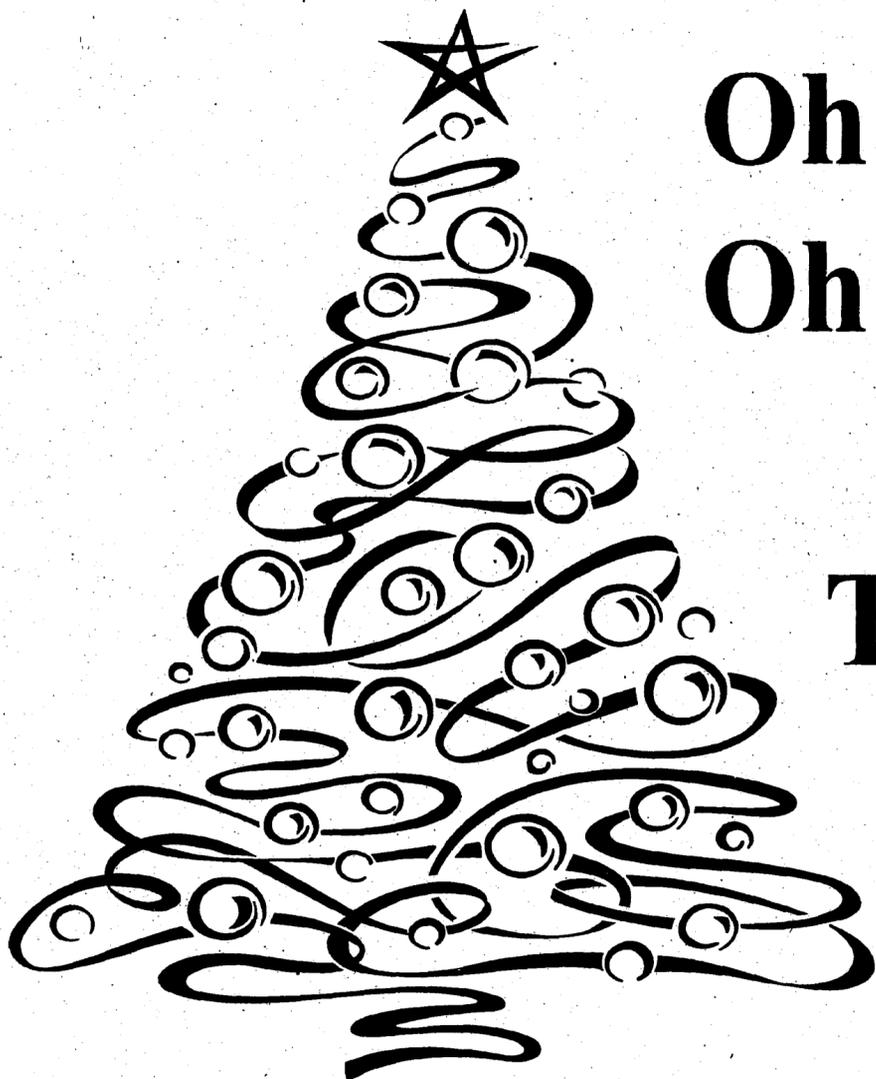
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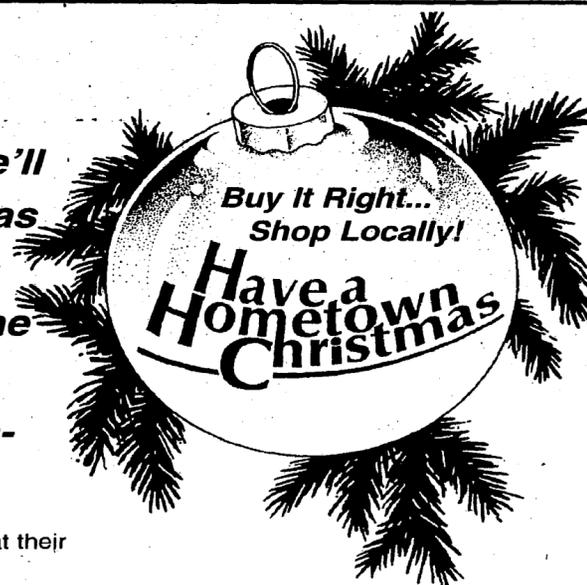
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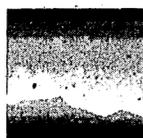
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Proclamation of Election Section 1: On the 6th day of February, 2001, there will be held in the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3, Lincoln County, New Mexico (the "District"), a regular school district election (the "Election") for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of the District the names of candidates for two positions on the Board of Education of the District (the "Board").

Section 2: The County Clerk of Lincoln County is the proper filing officer and the county clerk of record and shall conduct this Election in accordance with the Election Code, except as otherwise provided in the School Election Law, being Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978.

Section 3: The following positions on the Board shall be filled by a vote of the qualified voters:

Position 4: a four year term commencing March 1, 2001 and Position 5: a four year term commencing March 1, 2001

Section 4: Declarations of candidacy and a sworn statement of intent are to be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2000, being the third Tuesday in December. Candidates must be residents of the District as of the date of this proclamation. A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is to be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, before 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2001, being the thirty-fifth day before the Election.

Section 5: The polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Election day.

Section 6: All Lincoln County general election precincts wholly or partially within the District shall be consolidated into a single precinct for this Election. Qualified voters of the District shall vote at the polling place located below (except for the absent voters precinct):

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT ONE: Consisting of all Lincoln County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3.

POLLING PLACE: Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT: For voters who are absent for any precinct within Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3.

POLLING PLACE: Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

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Section 7: Absentee voting will be permitted as authorized by Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, and the Absent Voter of the Election Code, i.e., Sections 1-6-1 through 1-6-18 NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Absentee ballots of District voters may be marked in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, commencing at 8:00 a.m., Friday, January 12, 2001, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. February 2, 2001, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. On the day of Election, the County Clerk of Lincoln County shall deliver the absentee ballots and other related material to the absentee ballot precinct board which may be a regular precinct board.

Section 8: The County Clerk of Lincoln County is required by law to close the registration books for the Election at 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2001, and a person will be allowed to vote only if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election, a resident of the District, and registered to vote in the District at 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2001. Any qualified elector of the district who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such public school district regular Election should register during regular office hours at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at the Ruidoso Instruction Center of Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, New Mexico, at certain state government offices (motor vehicle and those agencies providing public assistance and services to persons with disabilities), or by mail application through the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, but prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2001.

Section 9: Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which may be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2000.

/s/ James Paxton President (SEAL)

Attest: /s/ Jackie Branum Secretary

Section 12: The foregoing Proclamation of Election shall be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the last Friday in November or if not a working day for the County Clerk of Lincoln County, on the last working day immediately preceding the last Friday in November and thereafter published once in The Ruidoso News, in English and Spanish, before December 18, 2000, being the fiftieth day preceding the Election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2000.

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/s/ James Paxton President (SEAL) Attest: /s/ Jackie Branum Secretary 3244 1T(12)15

LEGAL NOTICE

Proclamation of Election Section 1: El día 6 de febrero de 2001, habrá una elección regular en el distrito escolar (la Elección) en Ruidoso Municipal School District Número 3, en el condado de Lincoln, Nuevo México (el Distrito), para la intención de remitir a todos los electores calificados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos para las dos posiciones en el Consejo de Educación del Distrito (el "Consejo").

Section 2: El Escribiente del Condado Lincoln es el oficial propio para registrar y el escribiente del condado debe conducir esta Elección conforme con el Código de Elecciones, excepto como proveído en la Ley de Elecciones Escolares, siendo Secciones 1-22-1 hasta 1-22-19, NMSA 1978.

Section 3: Las siguientes posiciones en el Consejo serán ocupadas por los votos de votantes calificados:

Posición 4: un término de cuatro años comenzando el primero de marzo de 2001, y Posición 5: un término de cuatro años comenzando el primero de marzo de 2001.

Section 4: Declaraciones de candidatura y un juramento de intención tienen que estar registrados con el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, dentro de las 9:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M., el 19 de diciembre, de 2000, siendo el tercer martes en diciembre. Una declaración de intención de ser un candidato inscrito tiene que ser registrado con el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, antes registrado con el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, antes de las 5:00 P.M. el 2 de enero de 2001, siendo el trigésimo quinto día antes de la Elección.

Section 5: Las casillas de votar estarán abiertas dentro de las horas de 7:00 A.M. hasta 7:00 P.M. el día de la elección.

Section 6: Todos los recintos de las elecciones generales del condado de Lincoln que están del todo o en parte dentro del distrito estarán consolidados en un solo recinto para esta Elección. Votantes calificados del distrito deben votar en la casilla de votar localizada a continuación (excepto el recinto para votantes ausentes):

RECINTO UNO CONSOLIDADO: Consiste de todos los recintos de elecciones generales del condado de Lincoln que son del todo o en parte dentro de Ruidoso Municipal School District Número 3.

CASILLA DE VOTAR: Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, Nuevo México.

RECINTO PARA VOTANTES AUSENTES: Para votantes que están ausentes para cualquier recinto dentro de Ruidoso Municipal School District Número 3.

CASILLA DE VOTAR: Oficina del Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, Corte Civil, Carrizozo, Nuevo México.

Section 7: Votar en absentismo será permitido como está autorizado por Sección 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, y el Código de Votantes Ausentes de Elecciones, i.e., Secciones 1-6-1 hasta 1-6-18, NMSA 1978 y 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA. Aplicaciones para balotas para votantes ausentes se

obtienen en la oficina del Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en la Corte Civil, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México. Balotas para votantes ausentes del Distrito pueden ser elegidos en persona en la oficina del Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en la Corte Civil, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, empezando a las 8:00 A.M., viernes, el 12 de enero de 2001, siendo un viernes inmediatamente anterior de la Elección. El día de la Elección, el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln debe entregar las balotas en absentismo y otro material relacionado con el consejo del recinto de votantes ausentes que puede ser el consejo del recinto regular.

Section 8: El Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln está requerido por ley cerrar los libros de registro para la Elección a las 5:00 P.M., el 9 de enero de 2001, y serán permitidos a votar solamente las personas que son ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos, que tienen por lo menos 18 años de edad el día de la Elección, que son residentes del distrito, y que están registrados para votar en el Distrito a las 5:00 P.M., el día 9 de enero, de 2001. Cualquier elector calificado del Distrito que ahorita no está registrado y que quiere votar en esta Elección regular de la escuela pública, debe registrarse durante las horas regulares en la oficina del Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, en el Centro de Instrucción en Ruidoso de Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, Nuevo México, en ciertas oficinas del gobierno estatal (incluido el Departamento de Transito, y las agencias que proveen asistencia pública y servicios para personas incapacitadas), o por aplicación por correo en la oficina del Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, pero antes de las 5:00 P.M. el día 9 de enero de 2001.

Section 9: Los votantes utilizarán la maquina de votar, excepto los votantes ausentes que usarán una balota de papel, a menos que la maquina de votar está en la casilla de votar.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día, el 14 de noviembre de 2000.

Presidente (SELLO) Testigo: Secretaria

Section 12: La precedente Proclamación de Elección descripta en el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, el último viernes de noviembre (y si no es día de trabajo para el Escribiente del Condado de Lincoln, el último día de trabajar que precede el último viernes en noviembre) y después de esto publicado una vez en el periódico, The Ruidoso News, en inglés y en Español, antes del 18 de diciembre de 2000, siendo el día cincuenta antes de la Elección.

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Section 7: Votar en absentismo será permitido como está autorizado por Sección 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, y el Código de Votantes Ausentes de Elecciones, i.e., Secciones 1-6-1 hasta 1-6-18, NMSA 1978 y 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA. Aplicaciones para balotas para votantes ausentes se

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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, 88335 (505) 258-4636

/s/ Dorothy E. Province Michael S. Line Attorney at Law Box 519 Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88335 (505) 258-4636 3230 2T(12)8,15

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 R. BIERSDORFER, BLANCHE BIERSDORFER, IRWIN A. GORDON, PHYLLIS GORDON, ALTA ENTERPRISES, INC., 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 defendants, 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, 1/4 Triple Crown Condominiums, located in Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is established by that certain plat filed 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 28, 2000 the plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Default Judgment, and a Default Judgment will be rendered against you as prayed

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The name and address of the plaintiff's attorney is: Charles E. Hawthorne 1095 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 Whitejay District Court Clerk Lincoln County, New Mexico 3231 4T(12)8,15,22,29

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS LODGERS' TAX BOARD MEETING

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/s/ Gladys Dillard Village Clerk/Treasurer 3243 1T(12)15

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Request a variance for a 1981 Mobile Home 55' x 8' for G & D Mobile Home Park owner, Maria Elena Mendoza.

Rezoning and replatting change of Block 16 and Block 17 of Dipaolo Subdivision, Township II, South Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

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received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body /s/ Gladys Dillard Village Clerk/Procurement Officer Village of Ruidoso Downs 3248 1T(12)15

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Monday, 12/25/00 and

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Classified deadlines for the Wednesday, 12/27/00 paper will be Friday, 12/22/00 at

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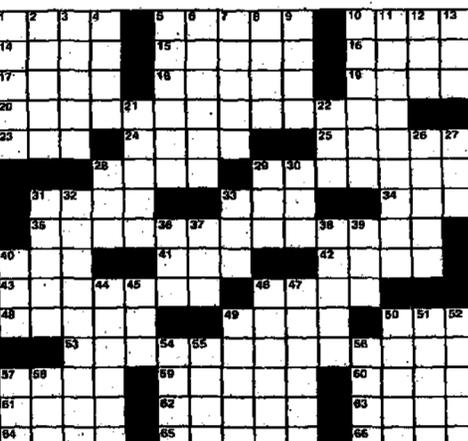
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