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Convict released in Lincoln County jailed in Arkansas

Man allegedly failed to register as a sex offender

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A convicted sex offender allowed to leave Lincoln County while awaiting sentencing on other charges, is in a jail in Hot Springs, Ark.

Samuel Ingram, 54, was arrested on Christmas Eve by Arkansas state troopers on charges of domestic battery, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, said the Garland County Sheriff's Office.

If, for any reason, he is released from the Arkansas charges, he will be held for Lincoln County, the sheriff's spokesman said.

Ingram failed to register as a sex offender in both places, said RoxeAnne Matisse, senior prosecutor for the district attorney's office in the 12th Judicial District in New Mexico. The district covers the two counties.

Lincoln County deputy sheriff Charlie LaBelle, who has headed the sex offender registration effort locally since 1998, said Ingram's case is the first prosecution in the county for failure to register.

"There's probably lots of sex offenders living in the county who don't have to register because they were convicted or finished probation prior to July 1, 1995,"

Matisse said Ingram's first brush with Alamogordo police occurred when he was the victim of a crime involving his wife, Debra.

"Part of his ear was bitten off in a domestic violence inci-

dent and his wife was charged," she said.

A second domestic discord occurred in a bank parking lot, resulting in more charges against his wife.

"Because of those reports, Alamogordo police officers went to his home to check on Ingram and learned there were firearms in the house — a shotgun and a rifle. Ingram volunteered to turn them over to police for safe keeping," Matisse said.

Police ran some routine checks and found a felony conviction against Ingram involving a sex offender in Arizona.

He was charged in Otero County on Oct. 5, 2000, with one count of failure to register as a sex offender and two counts of felon in possession of a firearm, the senior prosecutor said.

While those cases were pending, Ingram moved to Lincoln County and again failed to register as a sex offender, she said.

"We found him and charged him with failure to register there" on Feb. 13, 2001, Matisse said.

In both counties, the presiding district judges released Ingram from jail while awaiting the resolution of the cases. But when the charges came up for hearing in June and July, he failed to show and warrants were issued for his arrest.

Ingram was tracked to Texas and extradited back to Lincoln County.

Public defender Todd Holmes arranged for him to be placed on electronic monitoring device, the prosecutor said.

Despite his past record of flight, Ingram was allowed to leave New Mexico to see his parents at Christmas.

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Charlie LaBelle
Lincoln County deputy



Doting parents Amy and Barry Jones, of Roswell, hold Katherine Rebecca Jones, the first baby born at Lincoln County Medical Center in 2002

Amid the revelry and reflection of the holiday, Lincoln County Medical Center welcomed its

FIRST BABY of 2002

Katherine Rebecca Jones, the first baby born in Ruidoso in 2002, was delivered at Lincoln County Medical Center at 3:56 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Katherine weighed 9 pounds 3.6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Her parents, Amy and Barry Jones of Roswell, intended to have a natural birth but the Roswell hospital did not allow midwife privileges, while LCMC did, so the couple drove to Ruidoso.

"Everybody here is wonderful; the nurses are fantastic," Amy Jones said.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Novice winter drivers tangle traffic

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A combination of inexperienced winter-weather drivers and a storm that dropped 9 inches of snow on the slopes of Ski Apache created a chaotic scene on Ski Run Road Monday evening.

About 18 cars were abandoned on the steep road from the ski resort to State Highway 48, some in ditches, others along the shoulder or in the

roadway.

Another 16 accidents occurred in Ruidoso, all without significant injuries, according to Lt. Wolfgang Born of the Ruidoso Police Department.

"We had 12 New Year's Eve and then four others," he said Wednesday. "We called in extra officers to help. They mainly were people from Texas not used to driving in snow."

About 6 inches of snow fell around Ruidoso. While that contributed to accidents, the

snow may have discouraged those with crime on their minds, he said.

The department received four calls, all involving domestic abuse, possibly tied to liquor, he said.

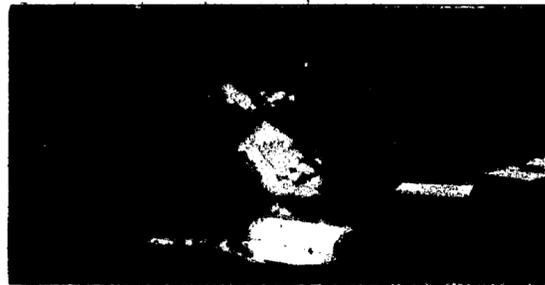
A Lincoln County Sheriff's dispatcher reported three accidents, two of them roll-overs north of Carrizozo on U.S. 54. Few details were available for the third accident, except that it occurred at 2 p.m., Jan. 1 near Glencoe on U.S. 70 and

resulted in some injuries.

Carey Harkey who handles Dale's Wrecker Service out of the Texaco station on Sudderth Drive said calls came in so heavily for the towing businesses in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs that a wrecker from Carrizozo came up to help.

"They were in ditches all over," she said, but Ski Run Road was the worse single location.

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Representatives of the village of Capitan submitted financial requests for help with streets and a wetlands wastewater system. From left are village clerk Kathryn Griffin, wetlands designer Bernie Reimann and Mayor Norm Renfro.

Many officials absent from legislative meeting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although they were warned that capital outlay money shrank this year to about \$8 million, representatives of 19 government or quasi-public entities submitted their financial wish lists to State Rep. Dub Williams.

The Republican from Glencoe was the only member of the legislative delegation to show for a three-hour session in Carrizozo Thursday.

State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas) and Dianna Duran (R-Tularosa) didn't make it.

Neither did representatives from any Ruidoso entities scheduled for a presentation.

The only school district represented was Hondo Valley.

Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, said last year the state claimed a \$500 million surplus.

This year, it will be closer to \$8 million, primarily because of drastic decreases in severance taxes collected from the mining, oil and gas industries, he said. Oil prices are down and copper mines are closing, pushing unemployment in Luna County to 30 percent, Elias

said.

While lower gasoline prices at the pump please consumers, the impact on state capital outlay money was devastating this year, he said. The interest on the severance tax is what fuels that account, he said.

State department budget are "flat" this year. No pay increases are anticipated.

Even if the legislature only resurrects \$270 million in capital outlay approved by the body last year and vetoed by the governor, half of that money already is gone — incorporated into the general fund for school capital outlay when it wasn't used, Elias said.

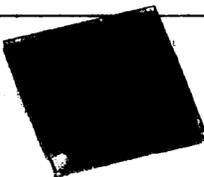
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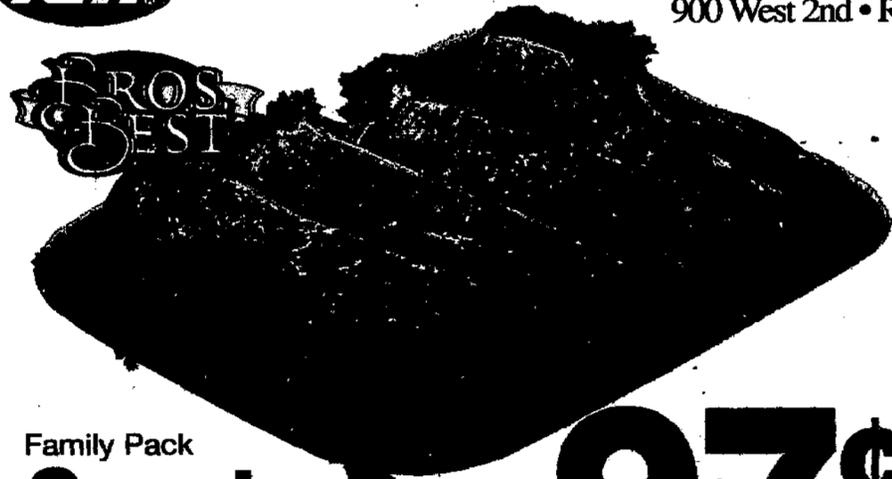
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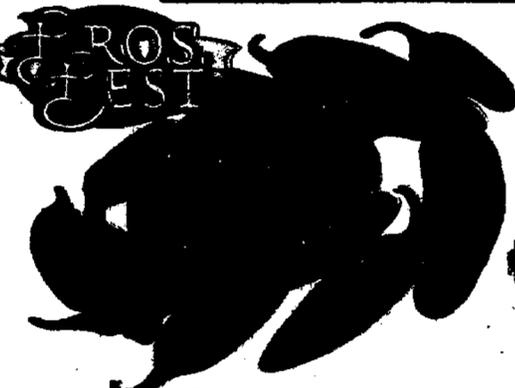
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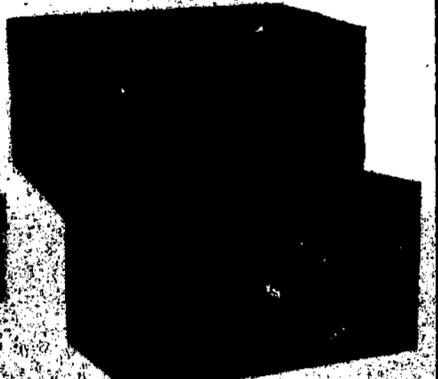
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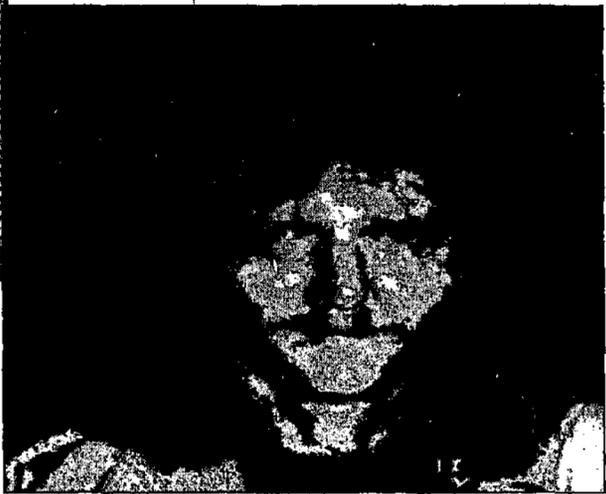
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Roy Lee Daniel III, 49, of the 100 block of Mechem Drive, has been missing since Nov. 10, 2001, and is sought by his mother, who lives in Pasadena, Texas. Daniel is blonde with blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 135 pounds. If anyone has seen him or knows anything about him since that date, please contact the Ruidoso Police Department at 258-7395.

County seeks project proposals

Two of the projects, amounting to almost \$1 million, will be built with federal funds, and the third will be financed by a property tax levy for Lincoln County Medical Center.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County is looking for architectural proposals on three projects totalling \$1,557,880.

County commissioners authorized a request for companies to submit professional service proposals at their meeting last month.

Two of the projects will use federal money. The third, estimated at \$580,000 draws from a special county property tax levy for the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.

County Manager Tom

Stewart said \$491,880 is designated for the design and construction of the Ruidoso sub-station public health clinic, with another \$250,000 possible if the county's Community Development Block Grant application is approved.

The clinic will be built next to the county's existing sub-station and the Ruidoso Public Library.

Design and expansion of the health clinic in Carrizozo is budgeted at \$236,000, in part from federal money.

The Lincoln County Medical Center project includes construction of a warehouse and renovation of an existing warehouse, an ambulatory care department and an existing laundry processing department.

"This is a qualification-based selection RFP for three projects," Stewart said. "We can lump them all together for economic reasons or take them one

at a time."

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he preferred voting on each project. The first two passed unanimously, but he voted against the hospital project.

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County commissioner

rural counties where such a demand could endanger the quality of public health care, county commissions should have an option of designing the terms of their management arrangements. Several other types of exceptions were considered during the same session of the state Legislature in early 2001.

But state agency representatives differed in their interpretation of the final bill that was signed by the governor. Martinez said the issue still needs to

be cleared up. Stewart said a technical adviser provided free by the Architectural Control Board will ensure the terms are met in the architectural proposals.

OFFENDER: Arkansas inmate wanted in county

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"The state opposed it, but he was allowed to go," Matise said. "We've opposed his release every step along the way, including for the charge in Lincoln County for failure to register. He's pled to all three cases, but was out pending sentencing."

He subsequently has registered in Lincoln County as a sex offender, she said.

LaBelle said failure to register as a sex offender is a fourth-degree felony, punishable by up to 18 months in jail.

"They contact me and set up an appointment for me to come down to sheriff's office to register them as a stipulation of their probation or parole," he said. "They must register annually by Dec. 31 of each year."

Usually, law enforcement agencies, probation officers or correction facilities will notify him if a sex offender is leaving their area and is expected to move into Lincoln County, he said. That's what happened when Otero County authorities learned that Ingram left that jurisdiction.

"I found him. It took a couple of weeks," LaBelle said. "I knew where he was suppose to be living, but I had to follow up with utility companies to make sure he had residency here."

Overall, he finds the system works well, LaBelle said.

"Once they get into the district, the districts instruct them that this is what they have to do pursuant to state statutes," he said.

"Usually, I receive a 30-day notice if they're coming from the penitentiary, about where they're suppose to be going and who their probation officer is."

To check the latest information on registered sex offenders in the state on the Internet, go to www.nmsexoffender.com, and either type in a specific name or the county, which will pull up every one registered in that area.

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Prosecutor

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Carcy Harkey
Dale's Wrecker
Service

didn't encounter any dangerous spots.

"It really wasn't that bad," he said "I tried sliding and braking and everything was just fine."

"We just had a lot of bad drivers and there's nothing we can do about that. They slide once and they panic and then they sit there and block traffic. We had 1,700 cars in the parking lot. It was a big day. As a result, we couldn't get them all out of here in time before the snow got the road covered."

By Tuesday, the road was clear.

"The state did a super job clearing," Parker said. "We chipped in and helped too. If (the storm) had happened yesterday, it wouldn't have been a

problem, because we had half as many cars. There's a lot of people from west Texas and Mexico, who just can't drive in the snow at all. They panic and they don't move. The road was snow-covered, but not that bad. I would bet you there were 300 to 400 cars with people driving who had never driven on snow and ice in their lives before."

The 9 inches of snow that fell at the resort was "really super snow with a lot of moisture in the powder," Parker said. Ski Apache was busy again Wednesday, he said.

"It caught me by surprise," he said. "I guess we're going to be busy all week. There's still a lot of people out of school. We're way over what I expected today to be. We're bigger than New Year's Day already."

DRIVERS: Winter weather catches some off guard

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"Some ran out of gas, others got out of their cars in the middle of the road and asked the people behind them to drive them down," she said. "We were out until 4 a.m. It was insane."

Although one skier said that he was unprepared because the sign on the way up to Ski Apache didn't say chains were needed, Harkey said, "You can't predict the weather in Ruidoso," and drivers on their way to a ski resort should always pack chains in case the weather goes bad.

A dispatcher for the New Mexico State Police said officers couldn't drive up the road to assist because of the pile up of traffic and weather conditions.

But Roy Parker, general manager of Ski Apache, said when he came down the mountain about 11 p.m. Monday, he

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OUR OPINION

Register now for elections to come

It's time to get your griping license

You have no right to complain about your government if you don't bother to vote.

And if you don't register, you can't vote.

So, despite the fact that municipal elections are three months away (March), the primary election is six months away (June) and the general election is nine months away (November), it's not a bit too early to crank up your civic motivation and make sure you're registered.

That's easy to do by mail; pick up forms at the courthouse, the county sub office in Ruidoso, the Motor Vehicle Division office or

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, complete and mail to the county clerk.

We note in passing that those registering as independents can't vote in anybody's primary. That's different from some states, but makes sense — unlike those states with so-called open primaries. New Mexico is essentially a two-party state (but any recognized party can organize a primary).

Maybe, dear voter, that in itself is something to gripe about. But, to be redundant, you can't vote without registering.

So, paraphrasing Nancy Reagan, "just say yes." Register.

One way or another, a new year is upon us

Optimism, we like to think, is part of the adventurous attitude of starting a new year, along with making resolutions to do better and getting everything in order to file tax returns. (But does a positive attitude have much to do with the IRS?)

Our own list of optimistic desires includes world peace and a swift end to the attitudes that create a desire to do deeds of terrorism —

but we must admit to not much optimism that something so wonderful is likely in this battered old world.

A new year inevitably brings up something else to ponder: Dates and numbers. This 2002, it's easy to determine, is a "palindrome year" — a number (or word) that's the same when it's read either forward or backward. The last year meeting that definition was 1991; the next will be 110 years from now — believe it or not — in 2112.

September 2001, of course, is one of those months nobody will forget any time soon. It's like December of 1941 and November of 1963 and another September exactly a century earlier — when another president was assassinated.

We were reminded of the Sept. 12, 1901, shooting of President William McKinley this week as we dipped into a Christmas present, "Theodore Rex," the just-released new biography of Theodore

Roosevelt by historian Edmund Morris (New York: Random House).

McKinley, the last Civil War veteran to occupy the White House, was shot by an anarchist named Leon Czogolski in Buffalo, N. Y., and died two days later. McKinley is seldom thought of these days, but during his first administration he got the nation into and out of the Spanish-American War and saw the United States become a world power with the acquisition of the Philippines.

Teddy Roosevelt gets royal treatment in this new history of his White House years, a follow-up to Morris' earlier book, "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt." Morris concludes he was quite king in handling the office and the nation.

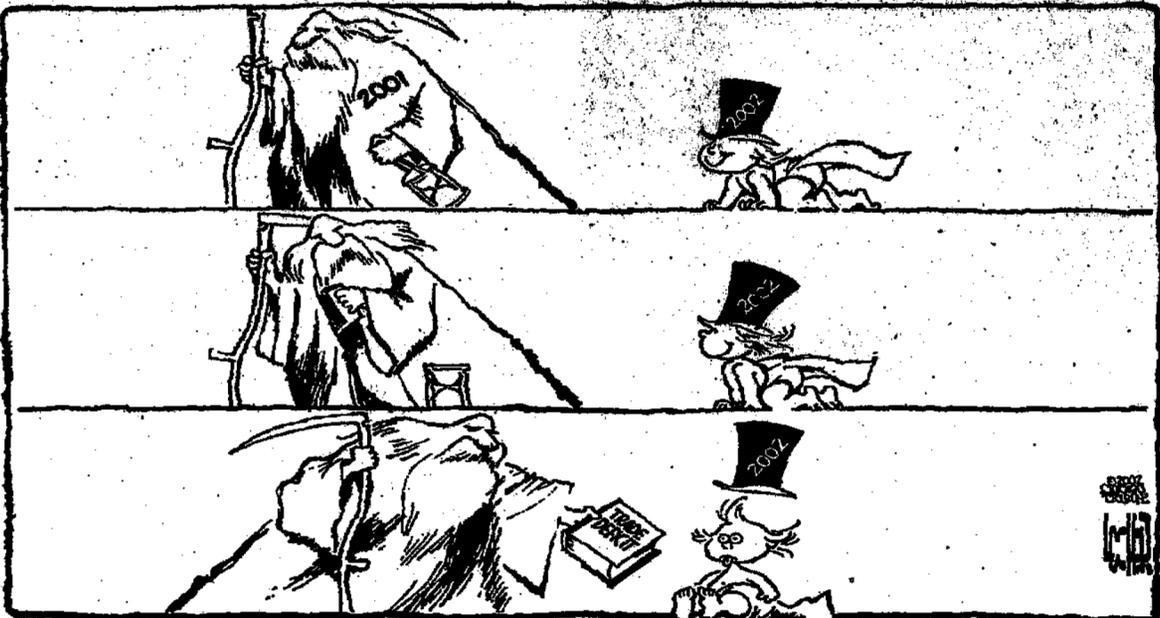
And, yes, there is a Lincoln County connection — with ex-Sheriff Pat Garrett, yet.

Presidential patronage, then as now, was a big deal, and among those going to Washington, that in hand, not long after Roosevelt took office was Garrett. He wanted a Civil Service job as customs collector in El Paso, Texas.

Roosevelt, according to an observer in the room, was more interested in Garrett's killing (of Billy the Kid and others) than in his qualifications. Garrett told T.R. he had killed three men "in the discharge of my duty as a public officer." And, yes, he had played poker, but wouldn't anymore.

Roosevelt thereupon appointed Garrett to the post — but many Texans were dismayed because Garrett was known as an agnostic.

"In El Paso," T. R. later said approvingly, "the people are homicidal but orthodox."



YOUR OPINION

That 100 percent pay raise for the LCSWA supervisor

To the editor:

Recently an article in your paper reported on the 100 percent raise in pay for the new manager of the LCSWA after being on the job full-time barely a month.

I have wached with dismay for many years the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives voting themselves raises (automatically).

And many men and women who have served in the military and become ill while doing so, can't even get decent medical care, and people who desperately need Social Security disability (benefits) have to fight tooth and nail for anything.

And now it seems political/power abuse may be alive and well in Lincoln County.

Amazingly, Debra Ingle got a unanimous vote by the LCSWA Board (which she used to serve on and now at least one fellow Capitan village trustee serves on) for the 100 percent raise.

Besides just being totally shocked

that someone would get such a large raise in pay so soon, this has created even more questions than her appointment...

When were the people who are out there day after day — cold, wet, dry, sunny, snowing, picking up our trash — given a raise, and how much was it? The reality is, our trash gets picked up because of these guys. I have never seen Ms. Ingle out on a truck picking up trash. And if all the praise directed to Ms. Ingle for recent improvements in the system under her management are correct, then I definitely believe the employees working on the front lines do need substantial raises.

According to this paper, John Whitaker raised a good question, which was not answered. What about other potential applicants who vied for that position when Ms. Ingle was chosen? Were they told the salary would be \$20,000 a year, or \$40,000? Should the position be posted again with a salary of \$40,000 ... to make it a fair process?

Is LCSWA a public entity because it does get some money from the count-

ty? If so, are their meetings open and the minutes of the meetings available to the public? If they are a public entity, then are they not bound to the hiring practices of a public entity?

And, finally, is the mission of LCSWA to make money or pick up garbage? Thank you for letting me raise additional questions about a very important function for residents.

Rayne Kate Greer
Capitan

A problematic soak

To the editor:

I just stepped out of the shower. I think back to how I used to enjoy standing for a few long minutes letting the warm jetstream play on my shoulders and the back of my neck.

Because of what I believe about our water situation here in Ruidoso, I don't soak in my shower now. It's in and out, pronto.

Am I being foolish in depriving myself of that pleasure? ¿Quién sabe?
Paul Patterson
Ruidoso

A notable shift in viewpoint by authors

Grandparents get their due in children's books

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The golden years have entered a golden age in children's books, which now overwhelmingly portray grandparents as upbeat, independent and wise, a University of Florida study shows.

Just a generation ago, old people were depicted as grumpy, sometimes doddering and almost always as if their advancing age was something to ignore or avoid.

Not today. Of 64 children's books randomly selected from the Books in Print Index and published since 1985, only three presented grandparents negatively, said Robert Beland, a professor in UF's department of recreation, parks and tourism. In all the books, at least one grandparent was actively involved with grandchildren, he said.

"Not only did the books depict the grandparent in a positive manner, but in some of them the character was the hero or heroine of the story," said Beland, who did the study with UF sociologist Terry Mills, a researcher with UF's Institute on Aging. "They solved family problems, they fixed things and they inspired the family, especially grandchildren."

Grandparents in the stories were active, involved in camping, fishing and even motorcycling, Beland said. Those still in the workforce represented an interesting array of occupations that included tugboat captain and jukebox repairman, he said.

Mills, Beland's co-researcher, believes grandparents are getting more attention because medical advances have meant more people live to be grandparents. In 1900, the average life expectancy was about 40 years; today, the largest growing segment of

the older adult population is people 85 and older, he said.

"As people live longer, the prospect of shared intergenerational relationships over longer periods of time is greater than any other time in history," Mills said. "Today you can be a grandparent for 50 or 60 years, particularly if you consider teen pregnancies."

The results of the UF study, published in the Journal of Family Issues, contrast markedly with a 1970s study by Edward Anselmo of hundreds of children's books, in which only a few had any older adult characters at all, Beland said. Of these, the vast majority presented a negative image of someone who was sick, infirm or just plain looked old, he said.

Children may be getting to know grandparents in books because they are spending more time with them in real life, Beland said. "A generation is starting to benefit from contact with grandparents," he said. "In my own family, my parents had no knowledge of their grandparents. I had some knowledge, my children had more."

Perhaps illustrating this trend, 53 percent of the authors and illustrators in the study dedicated the book either to their grandparents or grandchildren, he said.

The positive stories they were inspired to create include one about a grandmother helping a young girl overcome her fear of thunderstorms by redirecting her attention to baking a "thundercake." In another, a tailor satisfies both his granddaughter's desire for a purple coat and her mother's insistence it be navy by making a reversible coat of both colors, he said.

Beland said. In "My Grandma Has Black Hair," Sylvia hates to be called Granny or anything like it, drives a Volkswagen Beetle, doesn't sew or cook well and has a rude parrot for a pet, he said.

"Such portrayals are important because children exposed to this type of literature have a better chance of accepting old age and grandparenting than prior generations," he said. "They see that older adulthood is not sitting in a rocking chair wasting away."

In 90 percent of the books, grandparents were pictured as happy, in more than half (56 percent) they were independent and able to take care of themselves and in 47 percent they were wise, Beland said.

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Window shot out

Someone shot the back window and the driver's side window of a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 200 block of Paradise Canyon Drive between 8 p.m. Dec. 25 and 12:25 p.m. Dec. 26, according to the Ruidoso Police Department.

Bar patrons arrested

Police arrested Harry L. Wheeler Jr., 21, of Mesalero, at 12:19 a.m. Dec. 30 in front of The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Drive, on suspicion of criminal trespass and concealing his identity when he allegedly tried to re-enter the bar after being evicted by the bouncer.

Also, police arrested Jesus Hernandez Manzanero, 31, of Saltillo, Mexico, at 1:19 a.m. Dec. 30, in front of The Quarters, and charged him with disorderly conduct and

engaging in a fight in a public place.

Police arrest pair

Darrell L. Wheeler, 51, of Mesalero, and Patrick Eugene Garrett, 53, a homeless transient, according to police reports, were arrested at 138 Sudderth Drive Dec. 18 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Both were taken to Lincoln County Detention Center for detoxification.

Warrant issued

Ruidoso police issued an arrest warrant Dec. 3 for Shane Garner, 35, of Ruidoso Downs, charging him with battery against a household member.

Battery suspected

Melinda Franklin, 26, was

arrested in the 100 block of Meander Drive on suspicion of battery against a household member Jan. 1.

Business burglarized

A commercial burglary occurred at Paradise Air Plants, 2415 Sudderth Drive sometime before 2:15 p.m. Jan. 2, when the owner found the front door unlocked and an unknown amount of merchandise missing.

Door glass cracked

Police investigated damage to property at 9:02 p.m. Dec. 27 in the 1200 block of Mechem Drive at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. Police said the manager saw a juvenile kick front door and caused the glass to crack.

Witnesses identified the suspect and the juvenile probation office was contacted, police said.

miss lincoln county

Jayla Miller, Miss Lincoln County, of Ruidoso Downs, competed in the Miss New Mexico USA Pageant Jan. 3-5 in Las Cruces.

Miller is a junior at New Mexico State University studying sports medicine. She graduated from Ruidoso High School in 2000.

Ruidoso businesses that sponsored Miller include Lotions and Potions, Rebekah's Clothing and Casa Bonita.

Lorenzo's of Las Cruces also sponsored her. Casa Bonita gave Miller a gift that was auctioned off during the style show at Mesilla Valley Mall on Jan. 3.



COURTESY PHOTO

Agency seeks input on federal land use

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management aim to gather public input during 19 public hearings on the use of federal land.

The hearings will be conducted in 11 Western states, Alaska and the District of Columbia from Jan. 8 through March 12 to learn more about the development of the BLM's Environmental Impact Statement for a plan to conserve and restore vegetation, watershed and wildlife habitat on public lands in those areas.

The EIS is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2003. The public comment period was extended to March 29, 2002. Comments may be given at the meetings or submitted by mail or fax.

For Lincoln County residents, the closest meeting is set for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jan. 14, at the Neptune Room of the Holiday Inn Express in Socorro.

According to information from agency officials, the goal is to review BLM's restoration activities, not to address specific management decisions developed under local land use plans.

The EIS will identify and analyze alternatives on public lands for:

- The restoration of vegetation and soil surfaces, water-

shed functions, habitats, natural fire regimes and invasive and noxious weeds.

• The methods of restoration, such as mechanical, chemical, biological, cultural and fire/fuels.

The comprehensive EIS will update and replace four existing vegetation treatment and noxious weed management EIS's completed from 1986 to 1992, BLM officials said. It will not be a land use plan nor an amendment to land use plans, but will provide baseline cumulative impact assessments that local BLM offices can use as they work with local, state and national stakeholders to develop local plans throughout the Western states and Alaska.

Land use plans are documents comprised of management decisions for use of public lands.

The Western states covered are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, North and South Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Issues initially identified for analysis during the EIS process are: reduction and treatment of highly flammable forest and range land fuel, noxious weed control, restoration of ecosystem processes, protection of cultural resources, the

health of watershed and vegetative communities, habitat improvement opportunities for threatened and endangered species and sensitive and special status species, new chemical formulations for herbicides that may be more environmentally favorable than those in use now, smoke management and air quality, emergency stabilization and rehabilitation of wildlife-affected landscapes and improvement of watersheds and water quality.

The EIS also will cover human health risk assessments for a variety of chemical herbicides that have become available since the previous impact statements were written.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages 262 million surface acres, more than any other federal agency.

To submit comments or be placed on the mailing list, contact Brian Amme, acting project manager, BLM, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nev. 89520-0006, or fax to (702) 861-6712. The contact for the Socorro meeting is Margie Onstad at (505) 838-1256.

Comments will be available for public inspection at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nev., 89502.

Measure calls for fort plan

A resolution calling for backing of a specific business plan for historic Fort Stanton was approved last month by Lincoln County commissioners.

Copies will be sent to the governor, lieutenant governor and legislators stating that the future of the 1855 fort is a top priority of the county.

The resolution reads that

the fort was a dominant factor in the economic growth of the area for 98 years. If properly rehabilitated, it would preserve a significant piece of multi-cultural heritage, have a positive impact on tourism in the state and could again become a dominant contributor to the economy for decades to come, according to the resolution.

Commissioners asked leg-

islators in the session that begins Jan. 15 to allocate money to protect and properly maintain structures from more deterioration.

They also want legislators and government officials to commit to an investment plan that will support the development of "a significant historical and recreational center for present and future generations."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Job workshop slated in Alamogordo

The Alamogordo JSEC, or Job Service Employers Council, will present an all-day workshop on Thursday, Jan. 17.

"New Realities: Breaking Employment Barriers" is a training series designed by Gordon Graham, a frequent speaker on labor/management, corrections and social services. The workshop is designed to create within its participants an awareness that change is possible, then providing the tools to help develop cognitive skills so change can take place.

Presenters will be Jacquelin Ingle, director, Employment Security Division, state Department of Labor, and Doris Duhigg, of the department's legal section. She is an equal employment opportunity officer.

The workshop will be at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 471 24th Street, Alamogordo beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$30, which includes breakfast, workbook, pad and writing materials.

Confirmation for the session is needed by Friday, Jan. 11.

Consumer issue

Consumers may see higher rates and fewer choices now that Comcast and AT&T merged, according to a New Mexico pro-competition consumer coalition.

Following the \$72 billion deal announced Dec. 19, the newly merged AT&T and Comcast will have 22.8 million subscribers nationwide and will operate cable systems in 41 states.

Gene Grant executive director of the Competitive Alliance of New Mexico, said a major concern with the merger is that consumers may be denied the benefits of stronger competition: lower prices, improved services and advanced technology.

RSVP serves many

The Village of Ruidoso Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) lists 50 locations in the county where participants can volunteer their services. They range from delivery of meals in Corona to the Smokey Bear Ranger Station.

More information on RSVP and other Ruidoso seniors programs is available from Sandee or Charlotte at 257-4565.

A new retail manager for the local telephone company is on the scene in Ruidoso, and he's got news:

Valor, Dish joining for TV, Internet

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Layne Lee is the new retail sales manager at Valor Telecom, but isn't new in the business; he has been in the telephone industry for 24 years.

But this week he did announce something new for Ruidoso: Valor will begin offering Dish TV with high-speed Internet access early in the year. The new service will be 10 times faster than dial-up service and no phone line is needed, Lee said.

"It's really fast — I can't wait," Lee said. Lee started working at the Valor store Dec. 18. "I am happy to be here and want to be very busy in the community," he said.

Lee worked for Southwestern Bell for 18 years, and before accepting the job at Valor he worked for a competing phone company for six years. Lee has lived in Alto for the last two years, but his family has had a vacation home in the area for 15 years.

Lee said he wants to be active in promoting Ruidoso, Alto and Capitan through Valor. "Valor believes strongly in economic development."

Valor took over for GTE in September 2000 and opened its customer service store in September 2001. Lee said when GTE was in Ruidoso there was only an 800 number and no store where customers could go to ask questions.

The Residential Center sells cordless, novelty and standard phones, and the

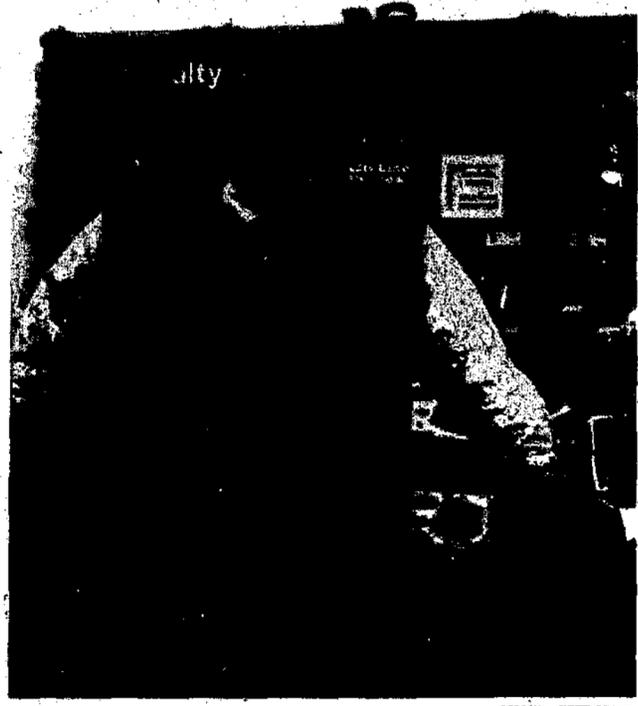
Business Center has multi-line phones, answering machines and fax machines. The Customer Center helps people establish new phone service, make payments, purchase or rent phones and choose service plans.

Valor recently has begun offering caller identification and voice mail in the last 90 days. Caller identification is a popular feature — but if people don't have it they don't miss it, Lee said.

New lines are being installed to upgrade copper wires and switches in Ruidoso, he said.

Since Lee has been in the telephone industry, he's seen more fiber for clearer computer connections. Another big change has been the drop in long distance rates, Lee said. He recalled that Southwestern Bell charged 25 to 30 cents a minute before the company was broken up.

"Some of our rates are down to 8 cents a



Layne Lee leads a staff of three at the Valor phone store.

AMANDA WITT/STAFF

The Economy and the Markets

Statistics indicate bottoming

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The mix of economic statistics indicates that the economy is in the process of bottoming out. The worst of layoffs has already occurred as evidenced by the plunge in unemployment-insurance claims. NAPM indices for both manufacturing and services continue to show solid advances.

Surveys point to increasing optimism by consumers, home-builders and small businesses. Even, industrial commodity prices have begun to firm. Orders for semiconductors and telecom equipment have shown tentative signs of revival. Falling employment, a lagging indicator, is the primary negative factor sapping consumers' buying power and hurting job security.

The end of inventory liquidation, one of the worst during the post-war period, will become the main catalyst for economic rebound adding as much as 5 percentage points (at an annualized rate) to economic growth this quarter. Once the economy emerges from this economic recession, the massive economic stimulus combined with the lower cost of energy will support economic growth.

If the Congress fails to pass an economic stimulus package, economic growth during the second half of the year will be somewhat slower, but the timing of the recovery won't be affected. Economic growth during the first half will be sluggish, but should be healthy in the latter half of the year.

Bonds: Interest rates split

The Federal Reserve won't hike the interest rate anytime soon. With rising unemployment, the central bank will keep the interest rate low. Chairman Alan Greenspan will begin to mop up excess liquidity only after the unemployment rate begins to dip sometime around mid-year. In anticipation of an economic recovery, bond yields will trend up.

However, weak economic growth during the first half of the year and little inflation will keep long-term rates from rising rapidly. Despite the recent fall in price, Treasuries remain over-valued. Industrial commodity prices, which have an excellent correlation with bond yields, have begun to rise. With the prospect of an economic recovery, investors will shift funds to riskier assets such as Corporates and Mortgage-backed securities. The credit spreads of Treasuries over other instruments will shrink.

Stocks: Profits can surge
Investors' attention has shifted to economic recovery from recession. The massive amount of cash in the hands of consumers and institutional investors has begun its migration into the stock market. Economically sensitive sectors, including technology, retailing, transportation and basic metals have benefited at the expense of defensive areas such as healthcare, food and drugs. Bellwether firms like Cisco and Intel have become optimistic, boosting tech stocks.

Despite shrinking margins, corporate profits can jump even though the real recovery won't come until the second half of 2002. During the years following the 1990-91 recession, profits surged as labor compensation decelerated. A similar scenario is unfolding now; lower cost of energy and money as well as tax cuts should help.

Lower interest rates and fiscal stimulus already enacted will supplement consumers' buying power, boosting economic recovery. The year-over-year comparison from the dismal level in 2001 will be easy.

The restructuring charges, which depressed profits in 2001, should help profits this year. The new accounting rule regarding the amortization of goodwill should increase profits by 5 percentage points or so in 2002. And S&P 500 corporate profits after taxes should jump 25 to 35 percent after plunging 20 to 20 percent in 2001.



Valor Telecom offers over-the-counter service at its store in the Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive. The planned Dish satellite TV connection is expected in the next few weeks.

AMANDA WITT/STAFF

Focus on Agriculture

Policy-making starts at grassroots for AFBF

BY TOM STEEVER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Steve Appel joined the Farm Bureau for a reason. Almost three decades ago, Appel had a bone to pick about an issue that affected farmers in his county, so he went looking for a way to make his voice heard.

After checking out various agricultural organizations and how they develop policy, Appel joined the Whitman County Farm Bureau in his home state of Washington. The process worked and impressed him enough that he's been a member ever since and now serves as American Farm Bureau Federation vice president and chairman of the resolutions committee.

"The American Farm Bureau policy development process is grassroots driven, literally and completely," says Appel. "No policy comes in front of the American Farm Bureau delegates at the

national convention unless it was introduced at some county Farm Bureau in some state across the country by an individual Farm Bureau member."

Shortly after joining the Farm Bureau, Appel set out to test the organization's system of policy development. Appel proposed to the Whitman County Farm Bureau that college students be allowed to vote in districts where they attend college only if they're permanent residents of that district.

His fellow Farm Bureau members farming close to Pullman, the home of Washington State University, were paying some of the highest property taxes in the state as a result of public works issues potentially swayed by student votes.

They saw the merit of Appel's resolution and passed it. Washington State Farm Bureau members also passed it, and when it was taken by their president to the AFBF

Resolutions Committee, they passed it.

What finally made Appel's idea part of AFBF policy were the voting delegates to the AFBF annual meeting who agreed with the concerns of a then 24-year-old farmer from Whitman County, Wash. "The member needs to be assured that it's his concerns and it's his beliefs that Farm Bureau is going to represent," says Appel, "not the beliefs necessarily of the leadership of the organization."

As a Farm Bureau leader, Appel feels the responsibility to represent Farm Bureau members across the country. "The policy that we develop is what guides not only the elected leadership like the president and vice president, but also all the staff and the national board of directors," says Appel.

His 1974 resolution is still part of Farm Bureau policy, but no policy is permanent. "All policies in American Farm

Bureau are revisited every year," says Appel. "There's no such thing as continuing policy within this organization."

Policy is brought before the AFBF Resolutions Committee, which consists of Farm Bureau presidents from each state and Puerto Rico along with the chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee and the Women's Committee chair.

Policy passed by that committee is then considered by the nearly 400 voting delegates to the AFBF annual meeting. Considering the reason Appel became a Farm Bureau member, it's no wonder he takes personal pride in the process. "We can actually, honestly say that the policies that the American Farm Bureau adopts are driven by a member out in the country."

Tom Steever is a producer of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

12 arrested in New Year's incident

A motorist whose windshield was broken by a snowball on early New Year's Day alleged that one of 12 youths threatened him with a gun.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A dozen youths were arrested about 2 a.m. New Year's Day in the first crime of the new year after one of the suspects allegedly threw a snowball at a passing car and another allegedly threatened the driver with a gun.

The driver of a vehicle was going south in the 400 block of Mechem Drive when a snowball hit his windshield, breaking it, according to the report.

The victim "was threatened by a subject with a beer bottle and a second subject pulled a gun on him," the police report states.

The driver left and contacted the Ruidoso Police Department. Police officers located the residence where the youths were and saw two leaving.

They stopped the vehicles and ordered the occupants get out and lie on the ground. Police knocked on the door of the cabin, but no one responded. The remaining youths eventually came out to the porch. No gun was found.

The 12 minors were taken into custody, charged with resisting a police officer, and most were charged with allowing themselves to be served alcohol.

Police charged some of them with injuring or tampering with a motor vehicle, assault, aggravated assault and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

More charges are pending, according to a police report of the incident.

The youths were arraigned in the Magistrate Court of Judge William Butts Jan. 2.

A trial date will be set for only one, represented by defense attorney Gary Mitchell, while the others' cases will be held because of the Constitutional issue involved, said a Magistrate Court clerk.

Mitchell said he is investigating the case because of the

way the incident was handled and charged.

"The police charged the children with resisting arrest because they refused to answer the door when the police knocked," Mitchell said. "In this country ... we still have a Constitutional right to be free from unreasonable search and seizures and we don't have to answer and admit people to our houses if we don't want to."

The other aspect, Mitchell said, is the way the youths were treated by police officers.

He said one child was kicked while lying on the ground and the jacket of another was torn "while she was lying on the ground with her hands handcuffed behind her in the snow."

Mitchell said charges of minors allowing themselves to be served are not felony charges and are mostly handled with a citation.

The youths were college stu-

dents or have good jobs, "not a bunch of hooligans. There never was a gun. You don't arrest a whole house for snowballs."

In the last six months, Mitchell said, he's worked on cases of six young women who have been physically abused by new, young police officers - kicked, struck in the face, thrown down on concrete floors, given black eyes, cuts on the forehead and injuries to their wrists.

He wrote letters to the chief of police and the village council, and no one responded, he said.

Chief of Police Lanny Maddox said any problems with officers are investigated and proper actions are taken.

In the Jan. 1 incident, he said, referring to the arrests of the youths in the place of citations, "The officers were investigating a crime involving a deadly weapon and juveniles where a person's life was threatened."

"In this country ... we don't have to answer and admit people to our houses if we don't want to."

Gary Mitchell
Lawyer

FUNERALS DEATHS

Yeuleta Foss

Funeral services for Yeuleta Foss, 83, of Hobbs were Thursday at Chapel of Hope with burial at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs.

Mrs. Foss died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at Hobbs Health Care Center.

She was born April 24, 1918, in Rising Star, Texas.

She married Floyd Foss, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Foss was raised on a farm in Anton, Texas, where she completed high school and then moved to Lubbock, Texas, to attend beauty school. She later moved to Hobbs where she owned and operated the Smart Tress Beauty Shop, making many loyal customers and cherished friends.

Her hobbies included writing poetry, oil painting and making jewelry. She belonged to the Lea Lap Rock and Mineral Club and the Taylor Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a brother, Rupert Hagan of Washington; a daughter, Kathy Jennings of Hobbs; grandchildren Terry McMaster of Alto, David McMaster of Hobbs and Jerry

Abney; and numerous great-grand children.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Vista Care Family Hospice, 1515 Calle Sur, Hobbs, NM 88240.

Hugh L. Johnston Jr.

Services for Hugh Leonard Johnston Jr., 80, of Houston, and formerly a resident of Ruidoso, are pending.

Mr. Johnston died on Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, in Houston, Texas.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1922, to Hugh and Celestia Johnston in Burkburnett, Texas.

Mr. Johnston served in the First Cavalry as an officer. He was an oilman and an inventor.

Survivors include his companion, Athena Lawler of Houston; a son, Hugh Johnston III of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughters Mary Elizabeth Carlisle and her husband, Robert Reeve, of Houston, Sarah Gray Johnston of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a grandson, Jeremy Hugh Johnston; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert J. Johnston.

County approves liquor license transfer for convenience store

The new Brewer Oil Co. store at N.M. 48 and Ski Run Road still is under construction.

The Lincoln County Commission voted for the transfer after noting that no churches or schools are in the area.

The license formerly was used by Airport Road Shell in Santa Fe, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

Brewer, based in Artesia, is operating under the business name of Eagle Creek at the new site currently under construction.

A liquor license transfer to Brewer Oil Co. was approved last month for the new convenience store and gas pump business at the intersection of State Highway 48 and Ski Run Road.

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Couple wins approval to split their 15 acres

The subdivision results in three smaller parcels

A new three-lot subdivision was approved last month by the Lincoln County Commission.

Floyd and Nita Tipps of Ruidoso asked to split one 15-acre tract and create three, the smallest consisting of 3.153 acres. The couple is buying the land from Lou Everston of Coconut Grove, Fla. with a balance of \$84,000 owed on the contract, according to the application.

The road was already there and the subdivision

meets all county regulations, according to County Manager Tom Stewart.

The property lies about four miles north of Ruidoso off State Highway 48, accessed by Linda Vista Lane, a 50-foot wide gravel road maintained by the county. The tracts lie at a corner where The Woodlands and Shauna Downs Estates join.

Hector Alvarado of Eagle Land Surveying represented the couple at the meeting.

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One short

The Lady Chiefs beat Española once, but a 2nd win would have been sweeter

BY TODD SUITS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The old saying, two out of three ain't bad, did not hold true for the Mescalero Lady Chiefs basketball team (6-3). After marching through the first two rounds of the 2001 Christmas Invitational Tournament Dec. 28 and 29, the Lady Chiefs' one and only loss came in the championship game last Saturday.

The tournament was hosted by Calvary Chapel Christian Academy Eagles who took third place. Losing to the Española Valley Sun Devils 48-29.

The Lady Chiefs were fired up for the first round game against Desert Academy. Mescalero was firing on all cylinders offensively and defensively, pressing Desert Academy. The Lady Chiefs jumped out to a 26-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Mescalero continued to press Desert Academy and built their lead to 44-12 at halftime.

Having built up a comfortable lead, the Lady Chiefs let up on the full-court press in the second half and were able to give playing time for most of their roster.

Mescalero spread their offense around with good ball handling and passing. The Lady Chiefs recorded double digits in the first round, led by Nicole Dolan with 22 points and Augusta Lang with 15. Sasha Enjady and Charlotte Tahmito had 12 points apiece.

The Lady Chiefs never gave up the lead as they soundly

defeated Desert Academy, 79-37.

"We pressed and they really couldn't handle it. The girls really got up and down the floor well," said Chiefs head coach Roland Bradford. "It was a great game for us. Everybody got to play."

Española Valley was next in Mescalero's road to the championship game. The Lady Chiefs continued to dominate defensively, holding the Sun Devils to only six points in each of the first two quarters. Mescalero once again enjoyed a big lead at halftime, 40-12.

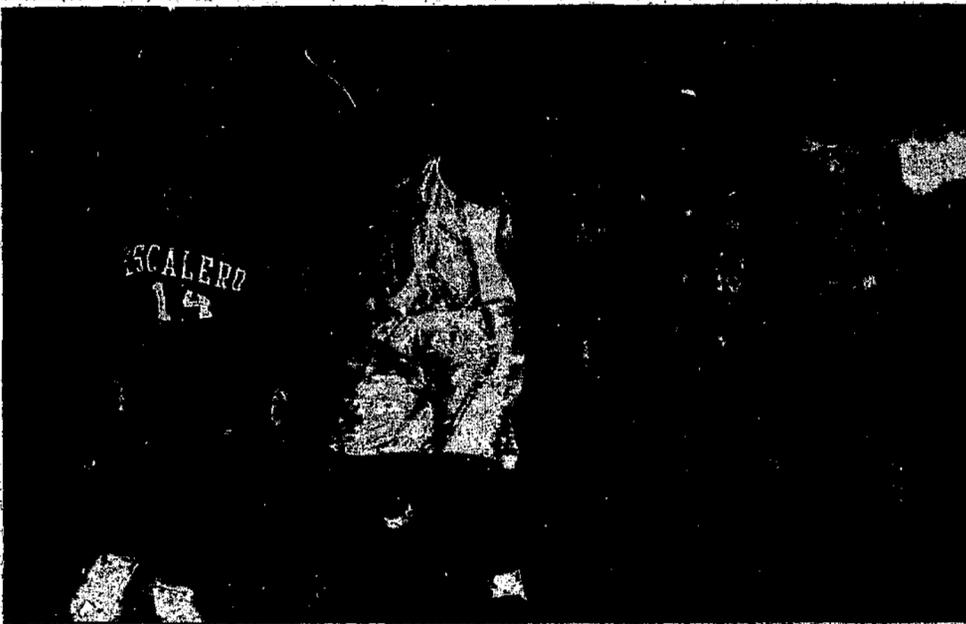
Even though the Chiefs were outscored in the second half, they went on to win, 60-42. Undeclared in the tournament up to this point, Mescalero moved on to the championship game.

After losing to the Chiefs, Española worked their way back through the round-robin tournament to face the Lady Chiefs in the championship game.

The Sun Devils began their comeback with a 12-0 run in the second quarter. Mescalero spread their offense around with good ball handling and passing.

The Lady Chiefs immediately regained the lead to start the second quarter. A defensive rebound led to a fast break that put Mescalero back on top, 14-13.

"We didn't play near as well as we did the first two games. You have got to come to play every game."



Mescalero's Charlotte Tahmito looks for a way around a Española defender in the Christmas Invitational Saturday in Santa Fe. The Lady Chiefs took home second at the invitational.

The Lady Chiefs held the lead for most of the second period with the help of Nicole Dolan, sinking two three-pointers. She did commit her third foul in the first half.

Española kept within striking distance and managed to take the lead at halftime with a last-second shot that made it 24-23.

"I think we took too much for granted. They came out and were the aggressors," Bradford said.

Bradford said they were attacking us and controlling the game, 60-44, and take home the championship trophy. "We didn't shoot well this game," Bradford said. "We did

pass by the Lady Chiefs. It was Dolan coming back and tying the game. She made three free throws, tying the game 24-23.

This time Española put on the full-court press. Putting together a 13-0 run, the Sun Devils went into the fourth quarter leading, 47-32.

With Augusta Lang leading Dolan in 20th, Nicole Dolan Bradford said he led the Chiefs at the start of the fourth quarter that they needed to play smart and not foul.

But Mescalero could only pull within nine points of Española in the The Sun Devils' patience allowed them to win the game, 60-44, and take home the championship trophy. "We didn't shoot well this game," Bradford said. "We did

play near as well as we did the first two games. You have to come to play every game."

Española coach Rodney Colas said player Mescalero's offense was not as good as they were in the first two games.

The Lady Chiefs played Thursday against the Artesia Lady Coyotes in the Smokey Mountain Invitational in Canton, Tenn. They were defeated 44-34.

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Warriors boys finish 8th at Stu Clark Tournament

■ Tough teams and a lot of turnovers had the Warriors leaving Las Vegas without a win.

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The fact that the Ruidoso High School boys basketball team is in a transition period was painfully clear over the weekend in Las Vegas.

The Warriors went 0-3 at the 48th Annual Stu Clark Tournament, finishing in eighth place. Last year a much more experienced squad went 2-1, winning the consolation championship.

And while this is not last year, Ruidoso coach Billy Page said he was hoping for a better performance from his team, especially in terms of taking care of the ball. The Warriors (1-10) averaged 29

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turnovers in the three games. "You can't win games turning the ball over that much," he said.

Ruidoso had its work cut out for it in the first round against the hometown West Las Vegas Dons. The Dons used the 2,500 fans in attendance, not to mention strong shooting and Warrior miscues, to get a 98-54 blowout win Dec. 27.

"We didn't play very well. We had a lot of turnovers," Page said. "We're still not playing as a unit. We're struggling to understand how to play the game."

Chance Hooper led the Warriors in scoring versus the Dons with 12 points.

The loss put Ruidoso in the consolation bracket where it faced Portales. The match-up was the first

between the two schools since the Rams downed the Warriors in last year's state title game.

And while Ruidoso played much better than they had the previous day, Portales ended up running away with the game late, posting a 63-44 victory.

Injuries held the Warriors back against the Rams, as Kendal Bishop, Cody Small and A.J. Richardson all missed the game. Post player David Rice was also out of town for the holidays.

Christie LaPaz led the way offensively with 14 points.

Ruidoso then took on the Taos Tigers for seventh place Saturday. The Warriors hung with Taos, as the lead changed hands several times. Bishop was back in action and had 14 points, but it wasn't quite enough, as the

Tigers ended up on top, 68-59.

Now, with only two games left before district starts and being only one win so far, the Warriors must pick up the pace and cut down on the turnovers. Ruidoso heads to Tularosa today and Socorro on Tuesday.

Page said he wants to get at least one more win before his team heads to Portales Jan. 11.

"Defensively, we want to improve on the last Tularosa game. If we had held onto the ball and made good decisions, we would have won," he said.

The Warriors fall to Tularosa 106-100 in double overtime Dec. 11.

"It's coming around. We saw some good things in the tournament," Page said.

Ruidoso girls get 1 win at tourney in Roswell

BY WES SCHWENGLS
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For the Ruidoso Lady Warriors basketball team, the Goddard Basketball Invitational was a learning experience.

The Warriors learned that just because a team comes from class 1A, that doesn't make it any less dangerous. They learned that free throws can make a huge difference in a game. And, most importantly, they learned that they still have some ground to cover before district play starts.

The tournament held a rough start for Ruidoso (4-7) Dec. 27, as the defending Class A runner-up Elida Tigers slapped the Warriors with a 72-40 blowout loss. The Tigers were up to the challenge for much of the tourney, as they made it all the way to the championship game before falling to host school Goddard.

Carris Line led the scoring for Ruidoso against Elida with 15 points. Clarissa Silva added seven.

But the Tigers' inside game was too much for the Warriors. "Our defense wasn't as good as I thought it would be," Ruidoso coach Greg Marez said.

The Warriors then moved into the consolation bracket, where they faced the Questa Wildcats. Things went much better against the Class 2A school, as Ruidoso took out some of its frustrations in a 69-59 win. Marez said he was pleased with the offense against the Wildcats.

"We had a lot of distribution of scoring. Our offense scored at will," he said.

Carris Line again had 15 points to lead the way offensively, while Katie Coronado had 11.

That win pitted the Warriors up with the Artesia Bulldogs, a team that had already beaten them once. Ruidoso hung with the Bulldogs in the first quarter, getting an early lead and trail-

ing just 12-7 after the end of the first.

"After that, we were trying to catch up with them the whole game," Marez said.

The Warriors were unable to close the gap, though, falling to Artesia, 50-48. Line and Beth Robinson each had seven points to lead a balanced offensive attack. The loss gave them a sixth place finish in the tourney.

Marez said his team still has some areas for improvement before district starts Jan. 26 against Portales. He pointed out that his team's inside game is still lacking and that free throw shooting really needs to get better.

The Warriors were just six for 23 at the line against Artesia. Those extra 17 points would have given them a win instead of a loss.

The Warriors next head to Carlsbad Saturday for a 7 p.m. game.



Warrior Katie Coronado puts up a shot against Artesia earlier this season. Ruidoso fell to Artesia in the Goddard Basketball Invitational Saturday.

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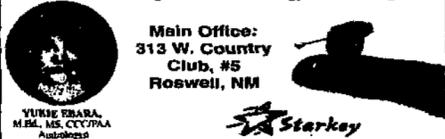
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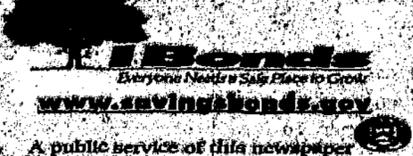
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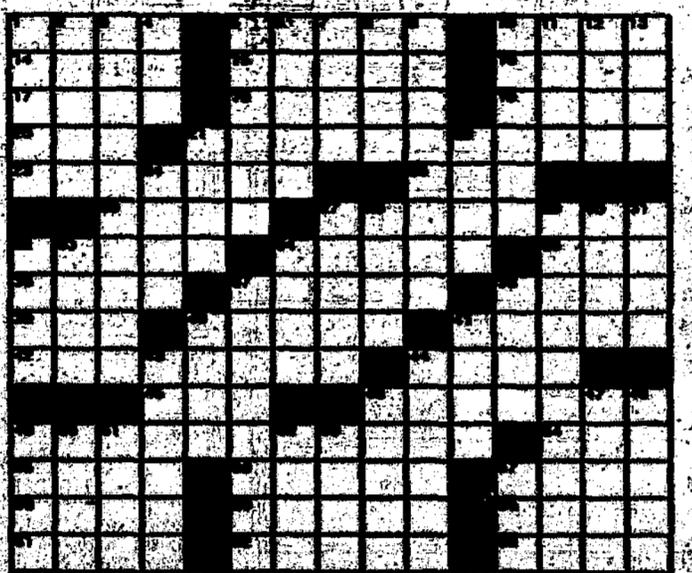
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Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0226

- ACROSS**
- 1 Head over heels (over)
 - 5 Library microfilm
 - 10 "Swiss Family Robinson"
 - 14 "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
 - 15 Pewter or brass
 - 16 With 26-Down, Abe Lincoln's bride
 - 17 Sheet of ice
 - 18 Two-door car
 - 19 Soothsayer's clue
 - 20 A long way (off)
 - 21 Signals farewell at the beach?
 - 23 Fencing call
 - 25 Steel from
 - 26 The shallowest Great Lake
 - 27 Free rider
 - 32 Under siege
 - 34 Grumpy expression
 - 35 Actor Wallace
 - 36 "If only things had turned out different"
 - 37 Ballot parts that may be hanging
 - 38 "Out It"
 - 39 Prohibit
 - 40 Cattle identifier
 - 41 Earring shape
 - 42 Human look-alikes
 - 44 Helix
 - 45 Long-distance letters
 - 46 Bishop, e.g.
 - 48 Rule about open meetings at the beach?
 - 54 Nothing
 - 55 Like many a DeMille film



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ONEHORSE CORONA
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- DOWN**
- 1 Blunder
 - 2 Poe's middle name
 - 3 Author at the beach?
 - 4 Paul Bunyan's tool
 - 5 Yankee
 - 6 Gandhi's "The Man"
 - 7 Sleuth's find
 - 8 Bear ingredient
 - 9 They may be penoiled in
 - 10 One-celled being
 - 11 Easter anise
 - 12 The hunted
 - 13 "Auld Lang"
 - 21 Scribbled, old-style
 - 22 Long, dental cry
 - 24 God of war
 - 27 Heeds, as a bar code
 - 28 See 16-Across
 - 29 Party pooper at the beach?
 - 56 the Barbarian
 - 57 32-card card game
 - 58 Stollen peak
 - 59 When the mouse ran down the clock
 - 60 Prefix with space
 - 61 Office wagering
 - 62 Comes in hot
 - 63 Jazzman Kenton
 - 30 Skin lotion ingredient
 - 31 Small dogs' cries
 - 32 "A" and the "O" thieves
 - 33 Verve
 - 34 Fish that swims upstream
 - 37 As important
 - 38 Make dirty
 - 39 Opposite of neither
 - 41 Theater chain founder Marbus
 - 43 Swamp
 - 44 Building machines
 - 45 747, e.g.
 - 47 Beauty's crown
 - 48 Flogger John
 - 49 Gnat
 - 50 no good
 - 51 Boy in Bogota
 - 52 Say (refuse)
 - 53 Grandson of Adam
 - 57 Center to Sweden

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Looking glass

Cutting, soldering and joining, Ruidoso stained-glass artist Richard Knox spends hundreds of hours on the craft he loves.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Hopi thunderbird, a Virgin of Guadalupe, an Elvis Presley shrine: These are a few of the subjects of illuminated stained-glass boxes created by Richard Knox. In the case of the Elvis box, Knox perhaps succeeds in out-kitsching the King of Kitsch himself.

"It's like something out of the Hard Rock Cafe in Dallas," he said of the piece hanging in his studio. "I picked out different elements: the pink Cadillac, the gold record, a jumpsuit with scarf and cape and the actual musical notation of 'Love Me Tender.' It's a play on the Gates of Graceland."

Although he's done some more traditional stained-glass work, Knox prefers these one-of-a-kind folk-art pieces, and he experiments with ways to illuminate the stained glass so it doesn't need to be placed in a window to be effective.

Knox started working with stained glass about 13 years ago when he bought an old building shaped like a boat in Cristobal, Texas, with a dance hall on the top floor and a cafe below. Old metal truck wheels had been put in for window frames, creating portholes. Knox took his first stained glass class from David Kitzell in Dallas to create windows that allowed light to enter while providing privacy. Thus his first 10 stained glass pieces were round.

At the time he was working for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, and after commuting to work for awhile, he found the four-hour trip to Dallas too long. He also met his wife, Carolynne, and in July 2001, the couple moved to Ruidoso. Now he telecommutes for Advanced Micro Devices, a semiconductor manufacturer, designing online classes, Web-enabled communications and instructional programs — all the while transitioning into creating unique stained glass pieces full time.

Although he's done some smaller, Tiffany-style pieces with copper foil, he prefers to work with the heavier lead came, which makes the work both structurally sound and more interesting because it creates finer, more uniform lines. Knox also likes to create bigger pieces than are possible with copper foil.

"The thing that appeals to me about working with glass is to create a design out of something that's already an art in itself," he said, speaking of the expensive, unique art glass sheets. "... Glass is a super-cool liquid."

The first step for Knox is to sketch his design and create an exact pattern. Then he selects the glass and cuts each piece with a diamond blade on a light table and grinds it down so the edges fit precisely. The design is taped onto the worktable, and Knox fastens two sides of the zinc frame with flat horseshoe nails. Next he begins fitting the pieces together — a jigsaw puzzle of his own design — and cutting the lead came to fit between pieces. Everything is

now held in place with horseshoe nails.

Every joint is soldered to create a solid, joined piece, and the piece is turned over to solder the joints on the back. Then Knox pushes putty between the glass and the lead came, lets it dry and scrapes out the excess — the most tedious task, but necessary.

"You literally handle every piece at least six times. I have numbered pieces on my pattern," he said. "The more complex the piece, the more system you have to have. If you break a piece and you're out of that color glass, you can't just go out and get another one because it's art glass, nonstandard, so you have to be very judicious when you cut and how it's placed."

Each of his lighted boxes or shrines takes hundreds of hours to complete, and Knox listens to classical rock and rhythm-and-blues music while he works on them.

"There's something kind of magical about a beautiful window that changes with the light coming through it during the day. You've created something

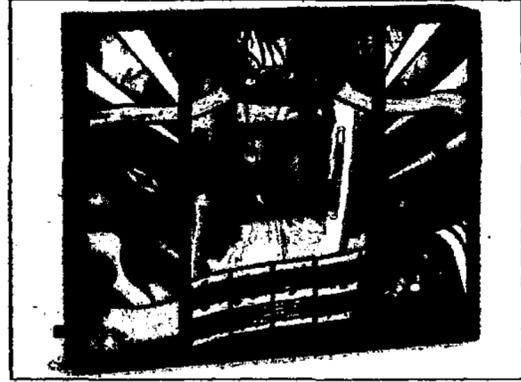
that's different from reflective art: You're using the light to illuminate your creative work. Sometimes it's still a surprise when you hang it up and see it when it's finished."

Several of Knox's illuminated boxes are on exhibit at The Adobe Gallery on Sudderth Drive. In Austin, he's exhibited at Laguna Gloria Fiesta and contributed pieces for fund-raising auctions by KLRU Public Television, La Pena Foundation for Hispanic Arts and the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer research.

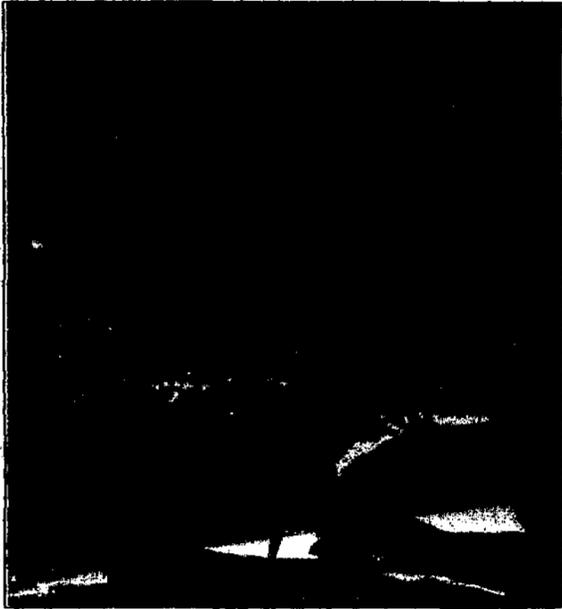
To contact Knox, e-mail him at rcknox@zianet.com.



Knox got around the transiency of daylight by designing boxes with their own light. This Hopi Thunderbird is on display at The Adobe Gallery.



One-of-a-kind folk-art pieces like this are Richard Knox's specialty and take hundreds of hours of work, from his original designs to the finished product.



Richard Knox, shown at left cutting up, likes the intense work required for stained glass. "Glass is a super-cool liquid," he said.



Upcoming events around the county

The First-Friday Lecture at Capitan Library will be today at 7 p.m. Rosemary Cascio, C.H., owner of Herb Stop in Ruidoso, will give a presentation on herbal remedies. For information, call 354-3036.

On Monday there will be a Friends of the Library meeting at 4 p.m. in the Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 258-3704.

The Lincoln County Writers Association also meets Monday at 7 p.m. Those interested in writing of all genres are invited to attend.

And on Tuesday a Creative Connection staff meeting will be held at ANCKP's in Lincoln, munchies provided; RSVP to 658-4707.

Free Fridays at Santa Fe galleries

Art galleries at the Palace of the Governors and the Museum of Fine Arts, both located in Santa Fe, will be open for free every Friday this month, including today.

Exhibits currently showing include "Jewish Pioneers in New Mexico" and "Art of Ancient America 1500 B.C. - A.D. 1500."

For more information on exhibits and hours, call the Palace of the Governors at (505) 476-5100 or the Museum of Fine Arts at (505) 476-5072.

Chamber has new artist this month

The varied art of Alto resident Derralynn McMaster is on display this month at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce.



McMaster's works are not limited to canvas. "The more hopeless or ugly something looks, then that is what I want to paint on," she said.

She has taken lessons from Texas artists Edwyna Woods and Ted Shelton.

Drawing workshops in El Paso

Ann James Massey, an international award-winning artist now living in Paris, France, will offer three days of workshops entitled "The Art of Drawing & Overcoming Common Mistakes" at the Marriott Hotel in El Paso, Texas. The workshops are devoted to the broad spectrum of drawing with insightful advice for both professionals and novices, applicable to any style of drawing and painting.

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Human cloning: Will it be a lifesaving scientific advance, like penicillin? Or will it prove to be a horrible mistake that unleashes untold devastation upon humanity, like the accordion?

As American citizens, we need to form strong opinions about this issue, so that we can write letters to our congresspersons, so that their staffs can, as a precautionary measure, burn them. But first we must inform ourselves by asking questions and then answering them in the "Q" and "A" format.

Q. Does Tom Cruise shave his chest?

A. We meant questions about cloning.

Q. Oh, OK. What is cloning?

A. In scientific terms, it is a procedure by which a theoretically infinite number of genetically identical organisms emerge, one at a time, from a

Volkswagen Beetle.

Q. No, that's "cloning."

A. Whoops! Our bad! Cloning is a procedure whereby scientists, using tweezers, manipulate DNA, which is a tiny genetic code that is found in all living things as well as crime scenes that have been visited by O.J. Simpson. A single strand of DNA can be used to create a whole new organism, as was proved when scientists at Stanford University took DNA from the fingernail of a deceased man and grew a six-foot-tall, 190-pound fingernail. Unfortunately, it escaped from the laboratory and held police at bay for hours by screeching itself against a blackboard. It was finally subdued by National Guard troops equipped with earplugs and a huge emery board.

Q. Have scientists cloned any other organisms?

A. In 1997, a group of

Scottish scientists cloned a sheep named Dolly, which was genetically identical to the original sheep.

Q. How could they tell?

A. They had the original farmer take a hard look at it, and he said, quote: "That's her, all right!"

Q. Wow.

A. Of course, he said the same thing about one of the scientists.

Q. Have there been any other successful cloning experiments?

A. Yes. In 1995, scientists in Florida used a single strand of DNA from the Backstreet Boys to form 'N Sync. Or maybe it was the other way around.

Q. What about humans?

A. We are getting very close. Recently, a firm in Massachusetts announced that it had cloned some human embryos. However, these

embryos were alive for only a few hours, and stopped growing after they had formed microscopic six-cell spheres.

Q. What did the firm do with them?

A. They are currently working in Customer Service.

Q. Is anybody else trying to clone humans?

A. Yes. A group called the "Raelians," which was founded in France, and which we are not making up, claims to be working on a human-cloning project. According to their Internet site (<http://www.rael.org>), the Raelians are named for a French journalist named Rael who, in 1973, "was contacted by a visitor from another planet." This visitor informed Rael that human life was brought to Earth by aliens, who will come back and visit us if we build them an embassy. The Raelians estimate that this will cost \$20 million, and would

appreciate donations for this vital mission.

Q. Where does the U.S. government stand on this issue?

A. There is growing bipartisan support for a nuclear strike against France.

Q. Speaking of wacko cults, do you think Tom Cruise is so handsome?

A. We think he is a little chest-shaving weasel, but when we ask our spouse to confirm this, she just gets this dreamy look in her eyes.

Q. How do you, personally, feel about human cloning?

A. Why do you think we refer to ourselves in the plural?

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The many theories on the death of Johnny Ringo

About a year ago, I got into a disagreement with another historian over some remarks he had made in print. He had stated in no uncertain terms that he knew what had caused the death of John Ringo. The disagreement centered, not on the circumstances of Ringo's death, but rather on the historian's responsibility to point out to the public any and all possible interpretations of any particular event.

My point, which was apparently lost on this gentleman, was that even if the historian believes that there is no doubt as to the circumstances of a particular event, we have a responsibility to the public to point out any and all possibilities. This is why I feel obliged to mention Brushy Bill Roberts, the man in Hico, Texas, who claimed to be Billy the Kid in the late 1940s, whenever I write about Billy's death. Now, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Pat Garrett killed the Kid that sultry July night in 1881, but it is my duty to point out this [ridiculous] story because there are still some folks who actually believe it! (Incidentally, I'm not convinced that Garrett killed Billy the way he claimed, but I am convinced that it happened.)

Nailing history is very much like nailing a criminal for a particular crime. You've just got to have evidence! Without it, you are theorizing - which means you are getting dangerously close to fantasizing. Let's face it, people just don't like their heroes to die. Hence, the "faked" deaths of Billy the Kid, Jesse James, Butch Cassidy, John Wilkes Booth and Jim Morrison, just

to name a few. Don't get the wrong idea about what I am writing about this week. No one has EVER tried to claim that it was someone other than Ringo who was found dead in Turkey Canyon (near Tombstone) in July of 1882. The question is, exactly how did he get there?

John Peters

Ringo

Johnny Ringo was a well known gunman at the time of his death, despite the fact that finding documentation of a gunfight in which he actually participated is no small feat. There is no doubt that he killed a man in Texas during the Mason



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County War. This, however, was no standup, face-to-face gunfight. On the contrary, Ringo's unfortunate victim was drying his face with a towel at the time that Ringo shot him.

Whatever the case, Our Hero must have achieved a certain notoriety in Texas because in 1877, when John Wesley Hardin, the most feared gunman who ever lived (there is no problem finding gunfights in which Hardin participated), mentioned that Ringo was incarcerated in the jail at Austin at the same time as Hardin.

Another of the reported "gunfights" that involved Ringo was when he shot a man named Louis Hancock in Arizona. According to one version of the fight, Hancock had insulted a woman as she passed by the saloon in which Hancock, Ringo and others were drinking. This remark enraged the "gallant" Ringo and he immediately drew a revolver and shot the unfortunate Hancock in the neck.

Another, more likely version is that Ringo offered to buy Hancock a drink and when Hancock ordered a beer, Ringo took offense and shot him in the neck. The only thing that appears to be undeniably true is that Hancock got it in the neck. There is a tombstone in Boot Hill Cemetery for Hancock, but whether or not the bullet actually killed him is open to conjecture.

Now, whatever one's feelings about Ringo's abilities as a shooter, it is hard to believe that John Wesley Hardin would have mentioned him (or for that matter, even remembered him over a decade later when he was writing his autobiography) had Ringo not achieved some sort of notoriety at the time.

Trauma on the trail

Ringo, a native of Indiana, had been traumatized at an early age when, as his family traveled across the plains in a covered wagon, his father accidentally and horrifically killed himself. The elder Ringo had somehow managed to get the barrels of a shotgun underneath his chin before accidentally discharging the weapon. It was stated that Ringo's father's hat (along with his brains) flew some 20 feet in the air. Young Johnny eyewitnessed this terrible event.

By the time he reached adulthood, Ringo had become a moody, morose man who was known to be quite dangerous when drinking (as the unfortunate Louis Hancock was destined to find out). He spoke frequently of suicide, but was remembered as being almost courtly in his treatment of the opposite sex. Handsome, enigmatic and carrying the reputation (however undeserved) of a killer, John Ringo arrived in Tombstone as the town was booming and became a leading

light among the outlaw element, known locally as "The Cowboys."

Ringo buys the farm

Now, the purpose of this column is not to examine the career of Johnny Ringo, but rather, the circumstances of his death. Ringo's body was found propped against the fork of a tree in Turkey Canyon by a man named John Yoast, who, the previous day (July 13, 1882), had heard a gunshot in the vicinity of his cabin - the same vicinity in which Ringo's corpse was found.

There were some odd details at the time that they found the body, all of which were noted, but none of which could really be investigated at the time. Yoast, along with those who accompanied him to the site, felt an overpowering need to bury the body. Ringo had been dead for something like 24 hours and it was Arizona in the summertime, etc., etc.

In the years since, much has been made of those odd details by conspiracy buffs. For one, Ringo had on two cartridge belts, one of which was inexplicably turned upside down, as though someone else had put it on the body. And this is where Wyatt Earp, who, over a decade later, would take "credit" for the killing, comes into the picture.

Several months previous, Wyatt had reportedly killed Ringo's compadre, Curly Bill Brocius. Aside from the "cowboys" there had not been a witness other than Earp, and the cowboys claimed that the gunfight - that also took the life of cowboy Johnny Barnes - never happened. Consequently, when Earp killed Ringo, he made a point of dragging the body to a spot where it was sure to be found, like say, right next to the road. (By the way, I do

think that Wyatt killed Brocius, but that is another story).

Other discrepancies

Then, just to make things interesting, Ringo's body had been partially scalped. Conspiracy theorists feel that a suicide was faked, with the actual killer or killers placing Ringo's pistol in his hand after the fact. No one has ever accounted for the scalping. Well, I hate to be a party pooper, but Ringo was lying dead in that spot all night long. Perhaps a curious animal elected to have a taste. Disgusting, but much more likely than the killer arranging the body to look like a suicide and then scalping it. I mean, considering the fact that there were no witnesses, why would anyone bother to go to all that trouble?

Then, much has been made (again by the conspiracy theorists) of the fact that there were no powder burns around the massive wound in Ringo's head. For many years, it has been accepted that there were no powder burns - but that is misleading. The fact is, there were no powder burns reported. When Yoast and the others arrived on the scene, the body was already turning black and it is a good bet that none of these men were overly interested in finding the powder burns on what undoubtedly seemed like an obvious suicide to them. "I killed Ringo"... "No, I killed Ringo"... etc., etc.

OK, let's take the facts one by one, along with the plethora of people who wanted to take credit for Ringo's death. First, there was Wyatt Earp, who, along with Doc Holliday, was known to be in Colorado at the time. They were both 500 miles away and Doc appeared in court two days before Ringo's death. Plus, they

would have had to cover all that distance in six days (the time frame in which Wyatt was seen in Colorado). Then, and this is where I personally have the biggest problem, they would have had to catch up with Ringo. It's not too likely that they made an appointment to come and kill him.

Another man claiming to kill Ringo was John O'Rourke aka "Johnny behind the deuce," who had a grudge against Ringo. But the idea of O'Rourke, who was terrified of Ringo, getting close enough to him to do all this defies reason. Finally, there was "Buckskin" Frank Leslie, a man known as one of the most dangerous gunmen in Tombstone. Unfortunately, he was also known as Tombstone's biggest liar and absolutely no one took his claim, which he eventually dropped, seriously.

Well, Ringo had many enemies, to be sure. But in the opinion of this writer, he committed suicide, just like they said at the time. I have a pretty good reason for this conclusion, too: the trajectory of the bullet. The bullet wound that killed Ringo was located on the right side of his head, between his eye and his ear. Those who were present commented that they could place two fingers in the hole, which was, of course, dwarfed by the exit wound, on the top of his head. The bullet had traveled at an upward angle, which pretty much eliminates all other shooters, with one major exception: John Ringo himself.

Sources: I Married Wyatt Earp by Josephine Marcus Earp; Files of the Tombstone Epitaph, courtesy of the Tombstone Epitaph; And Die in the West by Paula Mitchell Marks and Wyatt Earp, the Life Behind the Legend by Casey Tefertiller.

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Upstairs and downstairs, the Ruidoso Public Library and the Ruidoso Arts Commission will have an opening reception, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, for five art displays.

The Children's Department of the library will exhibit the works of students of Megan Rabourin at Ruidoso Middle School and students of Suzy Goza from Tularosa Middle School.

Children's librarian Shelby Nunn said there is an open call to art teachers and student artists for future shows. For more information, call 258-3704.

Upstairs, for the Private Art in Public Places project of the

Ruidoso Arts Commission, the opening reception is for two displays at the library and one at Ruidoso Village Hall.

- Todd Shelby and Karen Pritchett, artists and owners of Animalia Pottery in Capitán, will display the unexpected colors, subject matter and shapes of their whimsical pottery;
- The Photographic Society of Lincoln County will display photographs throughout the library through February.
- Jack Schuller's oil and acrylic paintings of New Mexico landscapes will be on display at Village Hall, giving viewers an intensified visual experience as his painting renders the lands of New Mexico

CALL TO THE ARTS

The Art in Public Places Program of the New Mexico Arts Division invites artists to apply to the following public art competitions. These projects are a result of the New Mexico One Percent for Art Act, which puts aside one percent of state-funded construction budgets over \$100,000 to purchase or commission permanent visual art for the site under construction. Artists are selected by local selection committees or regional buying committees consisting of representatives for each site.

Prospectus 157 and 158: New Mexico Arts' Art in Public Places Program invites established, collectible artists living and working in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah to submit slides of both two- and three-dimensional artwork available for immediate purchase. About 15 sites with One Percent for Art funds totaling more than \$220,000 are in this new program. Artists may submit work in any medium and

style, including individual pieces or artwork in a suite. Regional buying committees select the work for each site. Purchase amounts are \$5,000-\$20,000 each. Receipt deadline: Jan. 10.

Prospectus 160: The Local Selection Committee of San Juan College seeks to purchase or commission free-standing sculpture for the exterior entrance to the Fine Arts Building. The artwork should be a significant piece or suite in any durable, exterior materials that represents the excitement and beauty of the arts. Project amount: \$23,500. Open to artists residing in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. Receipt deadline: Feb. 20.

For information or a prospectus on either of these, contact Christine Tafuya, NM Arts, PO Box 1450, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1450, (505) 827-6490 or (800)-878-4278 or e-mail ctafuya@oca.state.nm.us or go to www.nmarts.org and click on "Breaking News."

Traditional dishes great for new year

With New Year celebrations fresh on my mind, I will focus on cooking as a craft. Traditional and non-traditional crafts have therapeutic value.

After air, food and water is our greatest need. I find that there is pleasure in seeing my freshly baked loaf of yeast bread as there was pleasure in punching and kneading the dough. For some of us, cultural background affects what foods we choose. When we crave something in particular, it relates back to early food experiences. My father, Abe Sanchez, of Nogal and Carrizozo, was a culinary enthusiast. He enjoyed cooking

authentic, traditional New Mexican foods from "scratch."

"What is that?" asked the intrigued Wal-Mart check-out girl, pointing to an industrial size can of hominy. I explained that it was part of my ingredients for posole, my New Year's dish. Posole has long been a traditional hominy stew of the Indian and Spanish cultures. My dad's pork recipe required dried corn and many of hours of boiling, until the kernels burst. Posole is not to be confused with menudo, which is a tripe stew, another of my dad's favorite Day One foods to cook. Posole or menudo can be made

with dried, frozen or canned hominy. Chile caribe, which is chile pods, soaked in hot water until soft; blended and salted is added.

For the inquisitive Wal-Mart checker and others who insist on spelling chile with two fs, here is a partial descriptive list of other New Mexican foods traditionally consumed on New Year celebrations:

- Tamale - shredded pork in chile caribe, encased in thick corn masa, wrapped in a corn-husk and steamed.
- Carne Adovada - pork, cut in strips, marinated in chile caribe and baked.
- Buñuelo - round crispy, deep fried bread that my dad served with a sweet glaze. (Not to be confused with a puffy sopaipilla that can be stuffed with beans, etc. Not to be confused with Indian fry bread that is round and has a hole in the

middle, which should not be confused with Indian horno baked yeast bread).

- Empañadita de carne - turnover with ground beef, pork or venison (my dad used pork and beef tongue), raisins, piñon nuts, sugar and spices.
- Biscochito - New Mexico's traditional cookie, flavored with anise, rolled in cinnamon and sugar after baking. My dad used 100 percent pig lard.



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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

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Drama, Comedy and Romance
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In this Capra-esque drama set during the 1950s blacklist, a young, ambitious Hollywood screenwriter (Jim Carrey) loses his job and his identity, only to find new courage, love and the power of conviction in the heart of a small town's life. Starring: Jim Carrey, Martin Landau, Laurie Holden, Bruce Campbell, Jeffrey DeMunn
Directed by: Frank Darabont
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Lord of the Rings
Action/Adventure and Drama
Rated PG-13 for epic battle sequences and some scary images.
Set in mythic pre-historic times, a young hobbit named Frodo Baggins inherits a magic ring from his elderly cousin Bilbo. Wise to the powers that the magic ring holds, the dark Lord Sauron wants it, knowing it will enable him to enslave the people of Middle Earth. In his effort to thwart Sauron, Frodo recruits the fellowship of a wizard, an elf, a dwarf and others on a mission to destroy the ring by tossing it into the fires of Mordor.
Starring: Elijah Wood, Billy Boyd, Dominic Monaghan, Ian McKellen
Directed by: Peter Jackson
Showtimes: Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m.
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Joe Somebody
Drama and Comedy
Rated PG for language, thematic elements and some mild violence.
Joe (Tim Allen) is a divorced corporate Everyman whose dead-end personal and professional lives are turned around after the office bully publicly humiliates him in front of Joe's daughter.
Starring: Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Kelly Lynch, Greg Gorman, Patrick Warburton
Directed by: John Pasquin
Showtimes: 3:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
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Vanilla Sky
Romance and Thriller, 2 hrs. 25 min.
Rated R for sexuality and strong language.
David Aames (Tom Cruise) appears to lead a charmed life, yet he's missing something. Then David meets Sofia (Penelope Cruz), the girl of his dreams, but loses her by making a small mistake. Thrust unexpectedly onto a roller-coaster ride of romance, comedy, suspicion, love, sex and dreams, David finds himself on a mind-bending search for his soul and discovers the precious, ephemeral nature of true love.
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STRAINS, SPRAINS AND CHIROPRACTORS

Muscles throughout your body can be overused and strained. A torn muscle is called a strain. You can strain your arm muscles in many ways, such as swinging a golf club, gardening or shoveling snow. Your back or shoulder can be stressed through improper lifting or bad posture. Other muscles are torn through slips, falls, exercise and normal activities. How can you lessen your chances for strains? Exercise regularly. Remember to do warm-up exercises before strenuous activities. Your chiropractor can recommend stretching exercises and techniques. It may take up to two days for you to feel the pain of a strain. If the discomfort lasts more than a few days, see your chiropractor.

A torn ligament is called a sprain. Ligaments are a tough, fibrous material connecting one bone to another. Because there is less blood flow to ligaments than to other tissue, they often heal slowly and become scarred and weakened. In the winter, sporting enthusiasts often sprain their ankles when ice skating, playing hockey or skiing. Mild sprains usually improve and do not cause problems in the long term. Severe sprains, however, may flare up again if not treated properly or if overused.

It is important to see a chiropractor as soon as possible after a serious injury occurs, to prevent excessive swelling and additional harm. The treatment you receive will generally focus on relieving pain and any subsequent swelling, restoring full range of motion and strengthening the joint to help prevent a recurrence of the injury. The success of the doctor's treatment plan will largely depend on how closely you follow his/her recommendations and how actively involved you become in your recovery program.

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Witneses - Kibson Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871.
Sunday: Public talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:50 p.m.
Congregation Hispana de los Testigos de Jereva
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dora Reimon Publica (10:10 a.m.) Estudio de la Abataya 10:50 a.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev Estudio de libro 7:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1121 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.) 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Bob Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

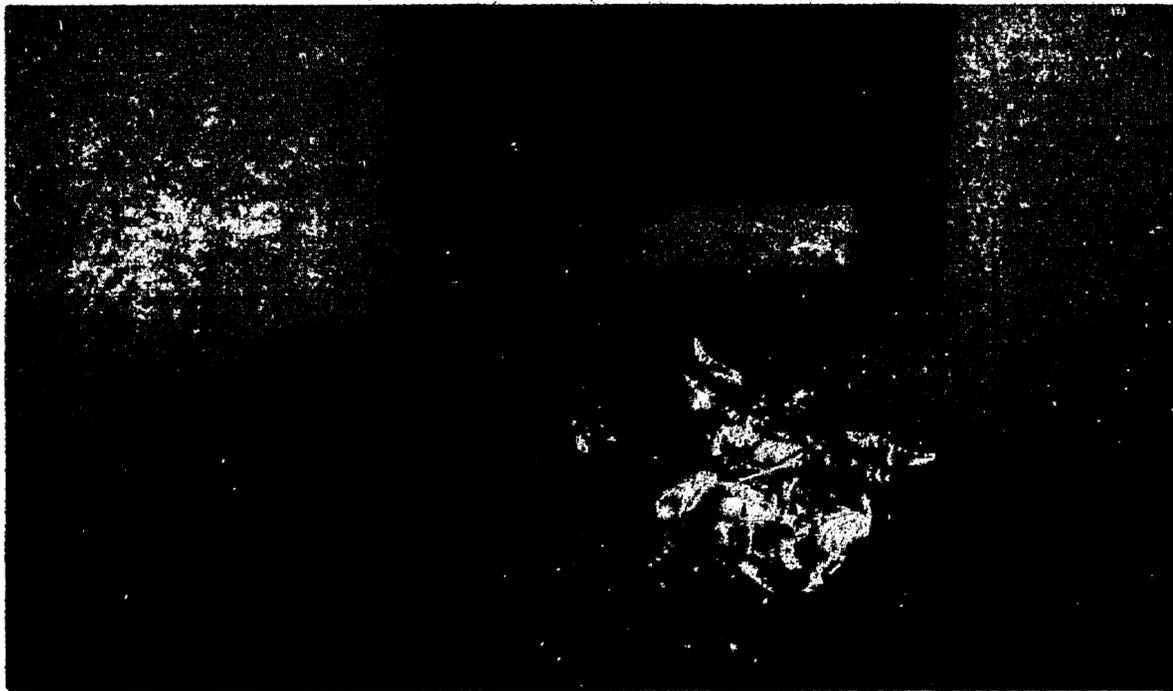
PENTECOSTAL
The Apostles of Lincoln County
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sat. evening worship 6 p.m.

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarenes
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220.
Calvin E. Caswell, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.
Mountain Ministry
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

HOME & FAMILY

Jean Briley took visible pleasure in taking care of the angels (and the tree of life) during December. The project supports Hospice of Lincoln County.



AMANDA WITT/STAFF

Of angels, kindness and hospice

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Lincoln County Hospice just before year-end held its annual celebration, "Light up a Life," to remember those who lost their loved ones, by honoring them with a tree decorated with angels and a card with loved ones' names.

"This is a healing time for people," Jean Briley, administrator of the hospice program, said.

Briley said the organization has been doing the remembrance for the last several years. The angels could be purchased for \$5 for a small glass and gold angel, \$10 for a shiny, white medium-sized angel and \$20 for a porcelain angel. All of the proceeds go to the hospice in Lincoln County.

"This was a difficult time of year for people. It was good for them to donate to something they believed in," Briley said.

The tree was put up in Sierra Mall in early December and a ceremony was held. There was a tree-lighting, Girl Scouts sang along with the Flying J Wranglers and a prayer was said. There were more people donating this year than previous years, she said.

"It was the only tree in Sierra Mall; it has become a tradition."

Briley said Presbyterian Medical Services' hospices in Santa Fe and Farmington also had "Light Up a Life," in their communities. "We all do fund-raising campaigns," she said.

Briley said she sees many families from previous years come back to honor their loved ones. She honors her grandparents every year by purchasing an angel. People from out of state send donations for those who had lived in Lincoln County.

"It's a yearly reminder for those you cared about."

This year, people bought angels in remembrance of the people who were killed by terrorists on Sept. 11. "It's a reminder for all of us to take care of one another and remember those who are gone," Briley said.

She said people could go to the tree and see their loved one's name on the card and think about that person.

"I have seen some people go every few days and stand there," she said. By seeing their names and remembering them, it gives people a way to move on."

Members of the hospice's advisory board sought donations and did all of the other work, Briley said.

The hospice gives care to patients who don't have insurance and need assistance. "It's extremely expensive for hospitals to continue to provide services," she said.

The hospice has nursing staff, aides, social worker and volunteers to sit with patients. Volunteers provided 5,000 hours of service during 2001, Briley said.

Presbyterian Medical Services also does primary care, Headstart, maternal childcare and other programs. The mission is to serve the under-served. The service also is in a number of small communities, Briley said, including Corona, Capitan and Hondo.

The hospice works closely with Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso to promote programs, but is not a subsidiary, Briley said.

The hospice

becomes involved with different types of families and sees much cultural diversity, she said. "We get to know them well."

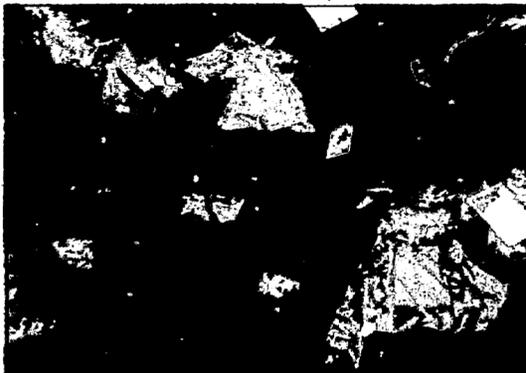
Briley said that because of an aging population and lack of family support, the hospice often becomes a surrogate family. "We love them as if they are one of us. That's why we do what we do."

Briley said she's learned to accept death because of what Chaplain Jeamsie Price once said, "It's a journey, and we're a part of that."

Briley said some people would rather die at home with dignity than in a hospital. "When I get old I hope there's a hospice," Briley said.

But not all who get help from the hospice die. Some get better and are discharged. "It's what you get back. That's why we continue to do it."

People who donated in remembrance of their loved ones can pick up their angels from the hospice at 1204 Mechem.



AMANDA WITT/STAFF

Angels of memory, on a tree to "light up your life."

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 4, 1952

Joe Willingham, 78, dies

Joe Willingham, a resident of Lincoln County for 50 years, died of a heart attack Dec. 13. Funeral services were Dec. 16 at the Corona Baptist Church, Rev. D. H. Peebles officiating. ...

Willingham was born May 28, 1873, at Cleveland Parish, La. At the age of 9, he and his parents moved to Midland, Texas, where he grew to manhood. He first came to New Mexico in 1901 looking for rangeland for his cattle. He found the land he wanted near Corona... He rode on the first passenger train ever to come to Corona.

JAN. 5, 1962

Record crowd visits Ruidoso

Ruidoso had a taste of summer business in the middle of winter last week. Hundreds of skiers came here to try the snowy slopes of the new Sierra Blanca Corporation's winter and summer resort in White Mountain Park, 16 miles northwest of here.

The resort set a new record for New Mexico with the largest crowd of skiers and spectators on Dec. 30 that has ever attended any ski area on one day in this state. Buz Bainbridge, public relations man, said the gross for the day was \$6,000.

JAN. 7, 1972

Inside the Capital

Conservative State Rep. Ralph Petty, D-Lincoln, Sierra, says \$20 million of the expected state surplus should be added to the present \$10 million reserve by the Legislature Jan. 18.

A Ruidoso banker, Rep. Petty notes the existing reserve is only 4 to 5 percent of a \$262 million general fund budget. Democrat Gov. Bruce King anticipates a \$294 million state budget next fiscal year. A two-term House member, Rep. Petty says the cushion should be raised to 8 to 10 percent.

JAN. 7, 1982

Chino seeks 'cooperation'

Tribal President Wendell Chino called for an attitude of cooperation between the village of Ruidoso and the Mesalero Apache Tribe in a Tuesday address to the Rotary Club. ...

He recalled earlier times, when Ruidoso used to "dry up like the creek" after the summer tourist season, and noted that horse racing and skiing now have a year-round economic impact.

JAN. 9, 1992

Underwood unimpressed

State Rep. John Underwood, just back from the special legislative session on redistricting, isn't too proud of what this state's leaders did. "The new plan" took portions of Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad and Hobbs and carved two minority-majority senatorial districts from them. It was like federally mandated gerrymandering."

"I think there's enough voter confusion already," the freshman Democrat said.

Recalling the pure joy of Christmas Eve in our small town

Another holiday season is over and we all wish for a better year than the last. Each new year brings new challenges to our private, social and public lives. May we all have a wonderful new year.

Christmas Eve morning saw a white winter scene and cold weather, but it didn't deter all the day's activities.

Christmas Eve day was a busy one with all the usual activities. The Lincoln Pageant group and friends did the luminarias, and Santa Claus made his appearance at the Lincoln Monuments courthouse. The children and parents enjoyed hot cider and other refreshments.

Max Davis, Kern Mattei, and Linda Pirtle had their wagons and horses all decorated with Christmas tree lights.

It was cold, but what a wonderful ride

among the lighted luminarias.

And what a beautiful sight it was with the lighted wagons and the luminarias on the darkened streets of Lincoln town. Traffic came to a slow pace, with vehicle lights out or on low.

San Juan's Church was the setting of special music by Steve Havil, on the flute and David Martinez on the guitar. They performed for an hour before church.

Because of the inclement weather and conditions in Ruidoso, the organist for the 7 p.m. service was unable to come. Havil and Martinez filled in the void.

Later in the evening, the Catholics had their services.

Those who were working and couldn't make the earlier services attended the 10 p.m. services.

What a wonderful Christmas Eve for everyone.

College students home for the holidays are Cody and Mandy Arrowsmith, Martine Gonzales and Shawna Shredengost. Rusty Clowers and Monica Gonzalez were home from the services. The Stilwells and McArthur's had their grandchildren over part of the holidays.

There were several community get-togethers.

It was an opportunity for the newcomers to get acquainted with their new neighbors and the rest of us to visit with those we had not seen for a while and catch up on news.

Several people are still coming down

with the cold that is going around.

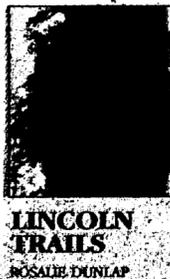
Welcome back, Rev. Jan Davey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hart, Beth and Kendra, Las Cruces, were weekend guests of the Dunalps. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. James Sanchez and Nora Henn.

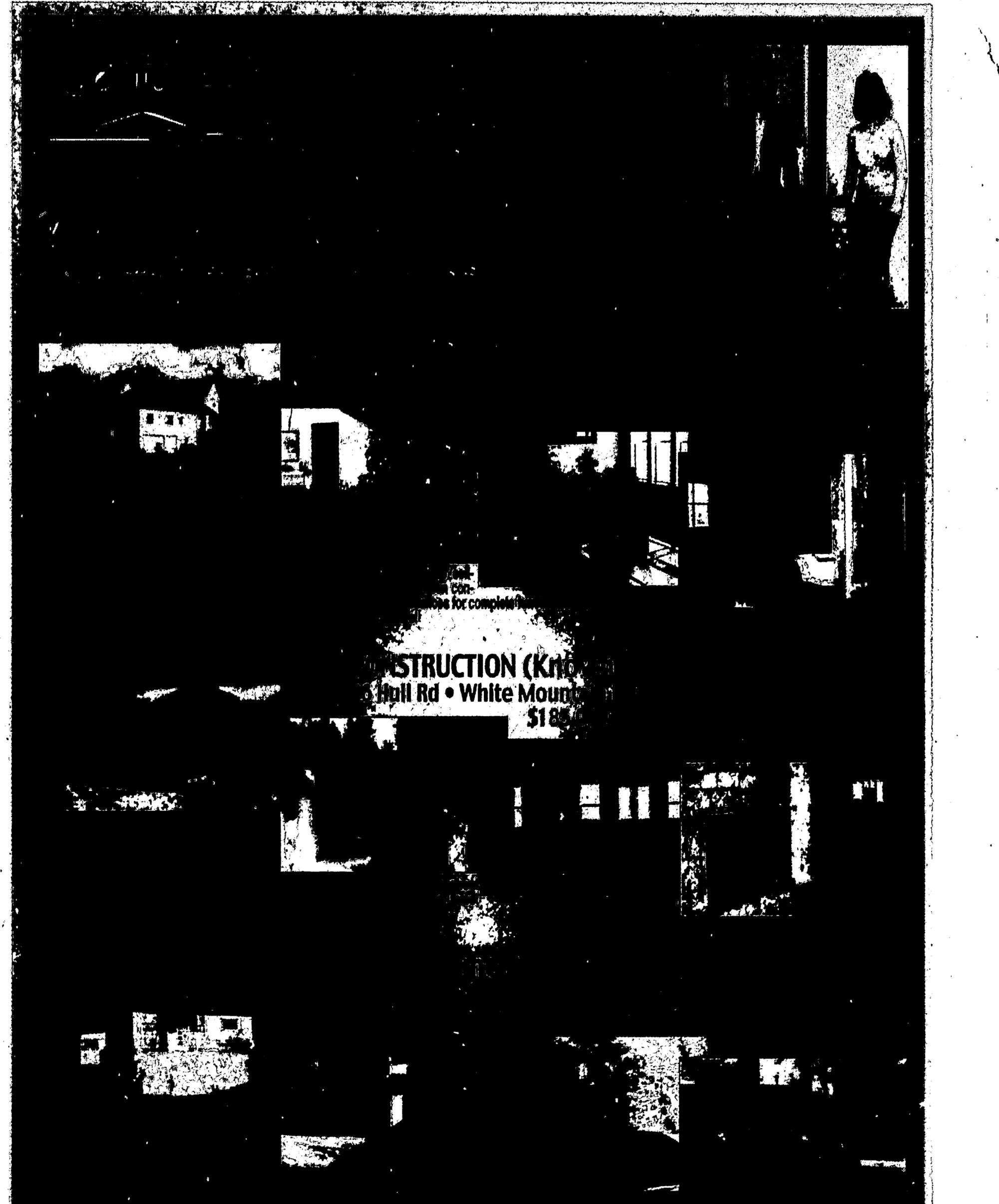
We keep hoping for some moisture but so far all we have gotten is the little snow that we received, Christmas Eve.

It was wet enough that it did cause some problems that night with black ice.

Wishing all of my readers a happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for all the kind comments you have given me. You keep me on my toes.



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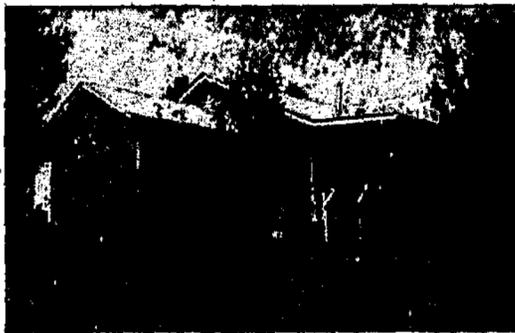
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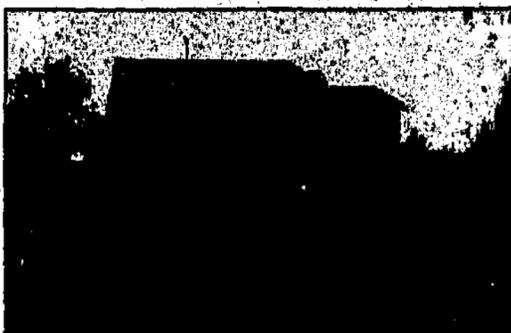
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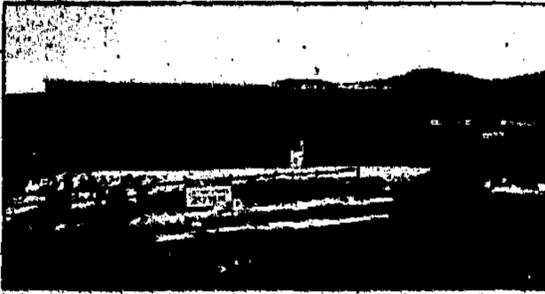


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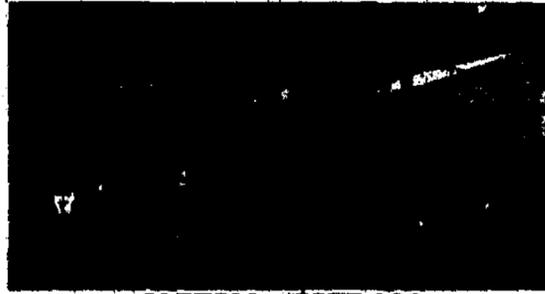
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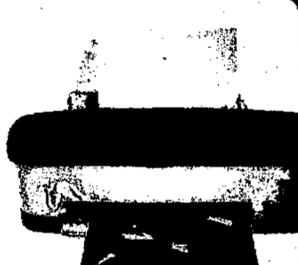
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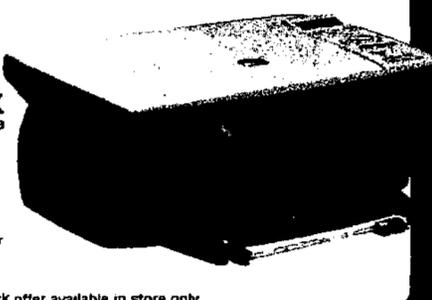
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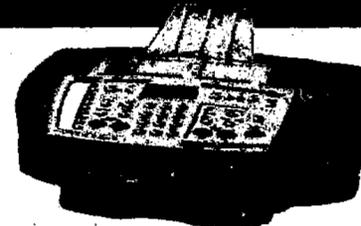
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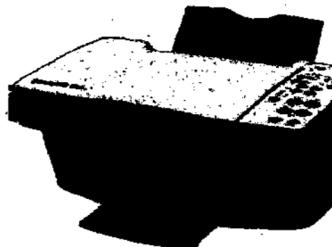
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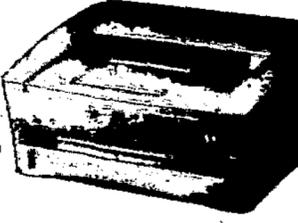
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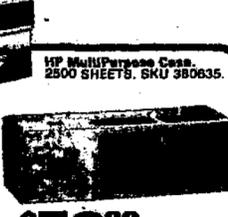
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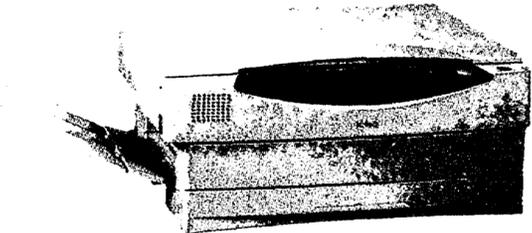
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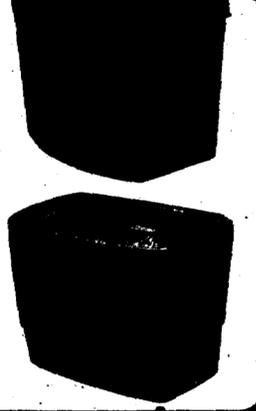


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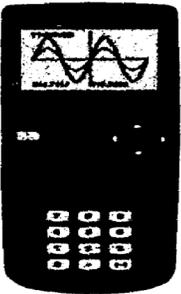


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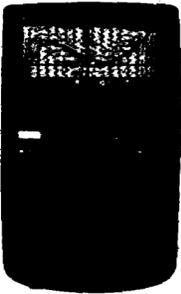
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