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## Ski Apache to settle over liquor violations

State finds 26 incidents in recent investigation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with Ski Apache are working out a settlement with the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department of 26 violations detected in an investigation at the resort.

Barbara Rivers, citation manager for the Alcohol and Gaming Division, said the resort operated by the

Mescalero Apache Tribe was notified of the violations by letter on Feb. 27. A follow-up letter was sent March 18 reminding resort manager Roy Parker that the division is authorized to suspend or revoke a liquor license, or to fine the licensee up to \$10,000, "when it is determined that a liquor licensee has permitted his licensed premises to remain a public nuisance" after written notice.

She wrote that an investigation was conducted by the Department of Public Safety, Special Investigations Division, from Jan. 25 through Feb. 9. Violations included permitting consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot of the licensed premises, allowing persons to remove open containers of alcoholic beverages from the

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## From strife to smiles in 2002

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new mayor and three new Ruidoso village councilors were elected in 2002 under the banner of more open government, communication and cooperation.

But the peace didn't last long.

The first public forum after being reinstated by Mayor Leon Eggleston deteriorated into a verbal assault against an incumbent councilor. By the next meeting, Eggleston had assembled a list of rules to ensure decorum and no future personal attacks.

The next flap erupted over the job of Police Chief Lanny Maddox after the mayor unilaterally announced he would be fired after 18 years with the department. When a huge crowd showed up for the announced closed personnel

session, the mayor was able to muster only one vote for his action, from new Councilor Ron Hardeman.

But a few months later, the case of a 16-year-old run-away thrust the police department into the news again when her family sued the village based on her claims that she was manhandled in a holding cell by a police officer.

By the time negotiations were finished with the family's attorney, the village's insurer faced a half-million dollar settlement. Review of procedures and some changes within the department were promised with the appointment of a task force by Eggleston.

In July, Village Clerk Tammie Maddox beat out three other Republicans for the position of County Clerk. Shortly after, she was appointed to the post when Martha Proctor resigned to step into

the magistrate judge's seat of Gerald Dean Jr., who retired in Carrizozo. Maddox beat a Libertarian Party candidate in the general election. She split her time between the village and the county courthouse until she took over the county post full-time today.

By August, long-time village manager Alan Briley resigned to take a similar post at higher pay in Colorado.

But things eventually settled down on the board.

Councilors and the mayor joined together to develop criteria and narrow the field as Eggleston selected the next village manager, former village finance officer Lorri McKnight.

They united in the wake of a fire that swept north of the village, destroying 29 homes, to face the challenge of fire-hazard reduction using a spe-

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Wanda Zoe Aulds, 31, from Roswell, poses with new son, Jaydon, the first baby of 2003 born at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Next to her are her son, Avery, 6, and certified nurse midwife Sharon Hendricks, who delivered the baby.

## Baby New Year

LCMC welcomes first baby of 2003 early New Year's Day

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wanda Zoe Aulds must mean it when she says her nurse-midwife Sharon Hendricks is "the best."

When the expectant mother started feeling contractions and went into labor Dec. 31, she drove 75 miles from her home in Roswell to Ruidoso to ensure that Hendricks would handle the delivery.

With her 6-year-old son, Avery, in tow, she arrived in time.

At 1:52 a.m. Jan. 1, Jaydon Aulds became

the first baby of 2003 born at the Lincoln County Medical Center. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 5/8 inches in length.

A patient of Hendricks, Aulds said the trip was worth it. Although Hendricks maintains offices in Roswell and Ruidoso, she only delivers at the medical center in Ruidoso.

The obstetrics department gave the mother \$150 of new baby goods. The attending registered nurse, Kalyn Grant, donated a blanket and nurse Jennifer Becker made the 2003 banner.

## Over here, over there: Developer delivers 2,100 steaks to troops overseas

Troops were treated to a down-home dinner thanks to a local man and some friends

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Flying in into Afghanistan Dec. 7, the C-17 military transport maneuvered without incident to reduce the chance of the slow-moving aircraft becoming a target for ground fire.

Inside the cabin, Steve Hartnett and his partner, Gene Street, were illuminated by dim red light.

"It was eerie," Hartnett said Tuesday.

The two men, friend Harvey Goff and food editor Nancy Nichols for "D Magazine," were headed to a U.S. Air Force Base, where they were scheduled to touch down and then continue a trip to K-2 Air Force Base, a staging area in Uzbekistan.

Their cargo, five tons of food, including 2,100 steaks, was destined to treat American military from the Marines, Air Force and Army to a solid meal from home.

Hartnett, developer of Snowflake Ridge, a 200-acre area above Swiss Chalet, and Street are partners in more than 200 restaurants. Based outside of Dallas, Texas, they were talking to

Goff, owner of a hamburger restaurant and a Dallas businessman for 52 years.

"Harvey was the one who broached the subject, saying he thought we could pull it off," Hartnett said. "We said no way. But he loves it when someone says that. He likes to overcome challenges."

Goff knew Gen. Tommy Franks. "We went straight to the general, and once he endorsed the plan, we let it dribble down to the people who actually helped," Hartnett said.

American Airlines flew the cargo to Frankfurt, Germany, for free and then the military took over, he said.

"They put us and the five tons of food in a C-17 military plane," Hartnett said.

They landed on Dec. 7 after losing 11 hours in changing time zones while in the air.

"While we were gone, nights became our days and days, our nights," he said. "The land looked like the stark plains of west Texas and eastern New Mexico, very flat. You wouldn't see a tree for miles, but there were the mountains in the distance."

They landed at 2 a.m. in Afghanistan to the same blackout conditions.

"The base still was bustling, but there were no lights," Hartnett said. "The vehicles had pinpoint blue lights and the troops were walking around with things on their shoes and tiny



Steve Hartnett, third from left, thanks base commander Col. John Miller for allowing the visit. Also picture are Gene Street and Harvey Gough.

blue-light flashlights. They take a lot of fire on a daily basis."

Col. Jon Miller, from Phoenix, Ariz., commands the K-2 base in Uzbekistan, the final destination and a staging area for any war activities, Hartnett said.

While there, the group "whined" enough that they were allowed to go into the town of Samarkand despite worries that the civilians might be injured.

Hartnett was struck by the "incredible respect for us" shown by the Uzbeki people. "They seemed entranced with

Americans. They showed no hostility and everyone smiled. It was remarkable."

The group even had time for a little shopping, which allowed the four to see the fine craftsmanship of goods available for a fraction of the cost of a similar item in the United States, he said. The juxtaposition with the reality of the war against terrorism was brought home repeatedly as people carrying M16 rifles casually passed by, he said.

"One girl looked like she was 12 and

could barely get the rifle off the ground, but someone who knew her said she was 18," Hartnett said.

Back at the base on Dec. 8, Hartnett, Street and Goff grabbed spatulas and manned the barbecue grills, cooking 100 steaks at a time.

"We were there for the first 1 1/2 hours and then the military kitchen people took over for another four hours," he said. Other items on the menu brought from the United States were Haagen-Dazs ice cream, corn, potatoes and assorted vegetables.

Safely back in the United States, Hartnett said he came away from the experience with a deep respect and admiration for the troops.

"They were polite and intelligent," he said. "They exceeded my expectations, very high quality. I don't think any country could beat them."

Hartnett's told his story during a visit to Ruidoso with friends Cindy and Gary Lynch.

"I went to Texas Tech in the late 1960s and early 1970s and we would come here as students," Hartnett said. "We just loved the place and vacationed here every chance we could get over the years. I was looking for a house (when he contacted the Lynches), but I have a habit of overdoing things and bought 200 acres. We'll probably do a condominium, restaurant and hotel there."

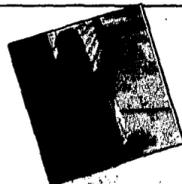
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Area artist enjoys looking for the small stuff

### Mr. Language Person takes your questions

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# RESORT: 26 violations found

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licensed area, permitting minors to enter and remain in a restricted area of the licensed premises and lack of adequate security inside and outside of the licensed premises.

Discussion of the violations was underway when a letter was sent on Nov. 15 asking for a response by Nov. 22, she said, but no response was received.

Parker said Thursday the issue is in the hands of the tribal attorneys.

"The bar is such a small part of the business, it's infinitesimal," he said. "We thought the whole floor was licensed and it wasn't. Now we have the whole level licensed where people can have a beer with their lunch or get up and walk around."

Parker received approval from Lincoln County Commission two months ago to expand the cover-

age area of the liquor license, which he told commissioners should eliminate some of the problems.

But Todd Griffin, an agent with the Special Investigations Division of New Mexico Department of Public Safety, said expanding the amount of space where liquor can be served may only aggravate the problem. Better supervision and policing of patrons is needed, he said.

Parker told commissioners that no fatalities have ever occurred on the road connected to the consumption of alcohol, although drinks have been served since the resort opened 40 years ago.

The resort previously was cited for seven violations in January 2001, but reached a compromise agreement and order in March 2002, which included a nonrefundable administrative fine of \$1,000.

# Ruidoso teen dies; alcohol suspected

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The New Year brought the death of a Ruidoso teenager, possibly from alcohol poisoning.

Joseph Dustin Gall, 19, of Ruidoso, was pronounced dead at 11:21 a.m. Jan. 1, according to a release by the Ruidoso Police Department.

Police officers and fire personnel were requested at a residence in the 100 block of John Christman Drive for a man who was

unresponsive, not breathing and had no pulse at 10:45 a.m. Life-saving measures were started by the Ruidoso Fire Department. Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and transported him to Lincoln County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

He was attending a party where alcohol was present and underage drinking was going on, but alcohol consumption has not been confirmed yet through the Office of the Medical Examiner, said police detective Doug Babcock.

# YEAR: Water, fire got headlines

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cial forest health task force appointed by the mayor. The council adopted ordinances setting standards for fire-resistant building materials and for defensible-space landscaping. Other towns in neighboring states have asked for copies.

And councilors continue to battle for concessions from state and federal environmental agencies that imposed strict new regulations on the regional wastewater treatment plant shared with Ruidoso Downs. The price tag for a plant expansion and equipment to meet new standards for removal of phosphorus, could be \$21 million with a deadline for compliance of January 2004.

At year's end, state officials appeared to be listening, if the village takes some significant steps to reduce the problem, such as identifying points of contamination and passing regulations against the use of soaps with phosphorus.

Although water supplies never dwindled to dangerously low levels as occurred in some other towns in New Mexico, the village invoked outside irrigation restrictions to ensure some conservation. Councilors kept the once-a-week watering restriction in place even when the rain started and when seasonal residents went home as the summer season ended. Water officials noted a drop in usage from last year and devised a new route to use water from Grindstone Reservoir for areas in the northern part of town in an effort to allow wells at the North Fork well field to rest and recharge.

A resolution urging residents to xeriscape their lawns instead of using grass also was passed. Xeriscaping uses rocks

and natural plants that demand little water.

With his election to the village council in March, Councilor L. Ray Nunley enjoyed the unusual dual role of serving with the village and as a Lincoln County commissioner until his county term expired Dec. 31.

In early May, councilors rejected a firearms ban, which would have prohibited weapons in village hall and on other village property.

Still in a "don't tread on my freedoms" mode, the council nixed a smoking ban for public buildings urged by a local youth group armed with books of statistics about the health damage from second-hand smoke. In the end, councilors said they didn't want to tell business owners how to run their stores, restaurants and bars.

At the year ran out, village planning director Mike Rannels and a selection committee were talking to firms to help revise the village's com-

prehensive master plan, one of the priorities of new Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars.

Councilors also were facing cheery news as gross receipt taxes returned to the village by the state met or exceeded expectations in the last few months of the year. In the last few months before Briley left, McKnight and the manager warned council members that in 2003-2004, the budget might be so strained that staff or services would have to be cut.

But despite a struggling economy and warnings of a housing bubble bursting, tourists kept coming, delighted with the heavy early snowfall at Ski Apache, housing resales remained strong and new construction value was more than 2 percent ahead of last year.

That doesn't mean councilors are rolling in the green stuff. They still are looking for money to create an urban forestry department and to hire a deputy village manager.



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# How to pay for YMCA topic of Thursday meet

■ Survey results and possible alternatives will also be discussed.

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A public meeting to discuss the YMCA surveys has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at First Christian Church.

Surveys went out to area residents through utility bills, schools, churches, senior centers and banks requesting information on activities and programs residents participate in and those they'd like to participate in. Surveys were also mailed to locally active citizens asking them to prioritize local needs. Key-leader surveys of people in the financial community were conducted by a consultant from YMCA of the U.S.A. to ascertain whether the local financial community can afford a YMCA. Operating expenses for the

first year with facilities were estimated at between \$85,000 and \$125,000.

At the public meeting Jan. 9, members of the organizing committee will go over the survey results, suggest alternatives based on them and open the floor for discussion, said Rich Lurix, a member of the committee. No YMCA personnel will be at the meeting, he said.

"I don't think anybody can argue with the fact that the area needs a facility," Lurix said. "The question is how do you pay for it? The YMCA philosophy is you pay out of current operating expenses, not out of debt ... I'm not sure the area — through private donations — can support it, but the need is still there."

The organizing committee has been meeting since a public meeting May 7 when two YMCA executives from El Paso, Texas, and Prescott, Ariz., talked about the process of developing a YMCA.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Grady Eldridge

Graveside services for Grady Eldridge, 90, of Capitan and Roswell, will be at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 3, at the Eldridge family Cemetery north of Capitan, with Romney Todd officiating.

Mr. Eldridge died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, in Roswell.

He was born Feb. 2, 1912, in Abilene, Texas.

He moved to Lincoln County in the late 1920s and was a rancher.

He married Margie Elenor Merchant on May 25, 1939, on the Merchant Ranch near Capitan.

Survivors include his wife, Margie, of Capitan and Roswell; a daughter, Betsy Peralta, of Capitan; brothers Bill Eldridge of Roswell, Mutt, Sam and L.O. Eldridge, all of Albuquerque; sisters Bessie Heath and Mary Lou Ceroni, both of Albuquerque; grandchildren Shelly Tate, Ashley Martin and Rusty Martin; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Eldridge; and a grandson, Grady le Eldridge.

The family suggests memorials to the Capitan Elementary Library at the Capitan Schools.

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

### Lucile Smith

Memorial services for Lucile W. Smith, 79, of Quitaque, Texas, will be at 11:30 a.m. today, Jan. 3, at Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, Texas, with F.L. Montandon and Bill Sherman officiating.

Mrs. Smith died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at her residence in Quitaque.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1923, in Brisco County, to the late George Franklin Weast and Myrtle Lee Davis Weast.

She attended schools in South Plains, Texas, and graduated from high school in Silvertown, Texas, in 1939. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas in 1942.

She married Robert Lee Smith on Aug. 14, 1943, in Tampa, Fla. He preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1988.

She lived in Lockney for 37 years until 1980, when she moved to Ruidoso. In 1999, she moved to Quitaque.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney from 1945 to 1980. She was chosen Lockney Chamber of Commerce woman of the year for Lockney and was involved in drama productions for the school and community. She was an avid gardener.

Survivors include a son,

David Smith, of Santa Fe; daughters Sandy Etigson of Ruidoso, Karla Gilliland of Baird, Texas, and Robin Boedeker of Quitaque; a sister, June Evans and her husband, E.T.; grandchildren Bob Taylor, Kristy Schluter, Boone Gilliland, Annie Gilliland, Laura Gilliland, Luke Boedeker, Hannah Boedeker and Will Boedeker; and four great-grandchildren.

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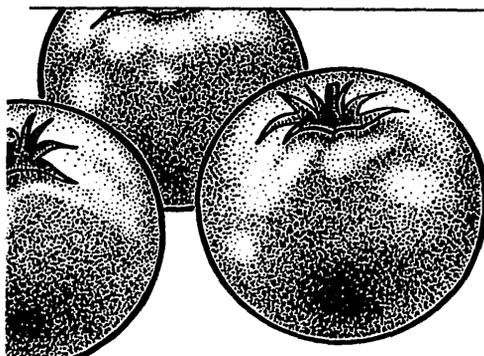
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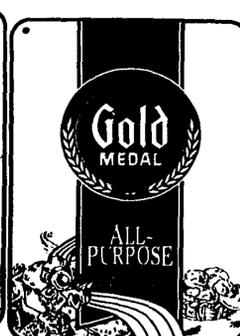
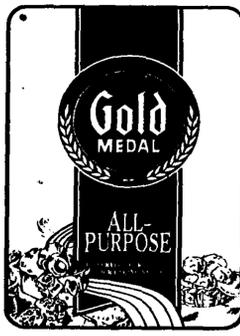
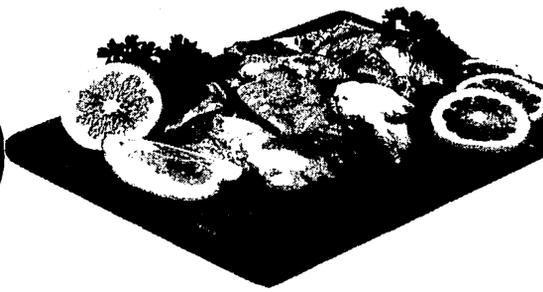
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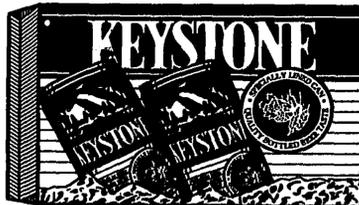
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January 2003 Calendar of Events  
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### OUR OPINION

## Paying for that much-needed rec center

A public meeting scheduled Jan. 9 will focus on money

Survey forms sent to nearly every resident of the area in recent months, through utility bills, schools, churches, senior centers and banks, sought information on activities and programs residents participate in and those they would like to participate in.

It was clear that people want and need a recreation center, YMCA-based or not.

People in the financial community were contacted by a consultant from YMCA of the U.S.A. to determine whether the community can afford a YMCA. Operating expenses for the first year, using rented facilities, were estimated at between \$85,000 and \$125,000.

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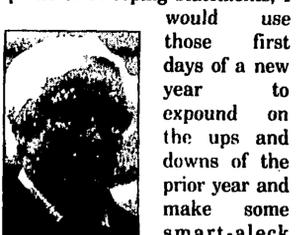
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"I don't think anybody can argue with the fact that the area needs a facility," said Rich Lurix, one of the committee members. "The question is, how do we pay for it?" The YMCA model calls for paying current operating expenses without debt, but the question remains, can the community support it?

The organizing committee has been meeting since May. Now it's everybody's turn. The public meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at the First Christian Church on Hull Road. Be there; it's time to make that rec center a reality.

## Lots of new faces in Santa Fe, and maybe one gadfly

Sometime ago, when I was younger and brasher and more prone to sweeping statements, I would use those first days of a new year to expound on the ups and downs of the prior year and make some smart-aleck political predictions about the new year.



MOUNTAIN VIEWS  
KEITH GREEN

I got over that about the time I found out that Bruce King, really a decent sort of governor, tried to get his nephew elected to Congress. That didn't seem too seemly at the time, and I wasn't awfully surprised that Joe Skeen later won with a write-in campaign.

But, January of 2003 being early in a new political year, and change everywhere — with former Congressional colleagues Bill Richardson in the governor's office and Joe Skeen back at the ranch in Picacho — I can't help but make a few word-association observations, loosely based on years of observing what passes for politics in the Land of Enchantment.

Governor Bill spent a lot of money to get into his new office, and spent a lot of time between Nov. 5 and Jan. 1 traveling, doing television interviews, appointing people to fill jobs (including some never in evidence in prior administrations) and talking about "reaching out to the other party" to make the whole state better and its people more prosperous — well, teachers at least.

He's brought some of those political techniques he picked up in Washington (where opposite-party delegates get cozy when it comes to more-money-for-our-folks issues) back to Santa Fe — as noted in grip-and-grin pictures of Gov.-elect Bill and Senator Pete, and Pete's promises.

Richardson is on record that he won't forget the southern half of the state, actually promising a "southern capital" office in Las Cruces. He'd even cut taxes.

It all sounds positively splendid for us contrarians, but there just might be one gadfly on that lovely pat of ecumenical butter — a fellow named Patrick H. Lyons.

Lyons was sworn into office on New Years Day, at about the same time the governor and lieutenant governor and attorney general and secretary of state and those other dignitaries — all Democrats — swore to uphold the constitution of the State of New Mexico.

But Lyons took his oath in the Morgan Hall auditorium, not the Roundhouse.

Patrick Lyons is the only Republican (except the enduring Senator Pete) who was elected to statewide office on Nov. 5 — as Commissioner of Public Lands.

It depends on how he uses that base, but with 10 years as part of the state Senate minority, a good education and a down-home ranching background, Lyons should know how to spin some interesting political webs, as he administers about 9 million acres of trust land and 13 million acres of underground minerals (last year generating \$334 million in income) for schools and hospitals.

Or maybe I'm just being too much the wishful contrarian who much enjoys gadflies.

### LETTERS POLICY

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### WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



### YOUR OPINION

## Somebody kidnapped Santa Claus here in Ruidoso

To the editor:

On the night of Dec. 22, Santa was taken from the front porch of our home on Meander Drive.

We don't think you are a bad person, you just didn't realize what you were doing. Think of all the children who did not receive what they wanted for Christmas because Santa was taken.

Santa was not covered by social security, so therefore his children and poor Mrs. Claus have no means of support; she has no social security or Medicare insurance, and think of the children — how heartbroken they must be to lose their father, especially at Christmas time.

Won't you please think about what you have done and return Santa so that

all the children and the Claus family can have a happy holiday season.

God will love you for it and so will we, because "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Vi Owen  
Ruidoso

### Something offensive

To the editor:

The folks with Bible in hand are probably very pleased that the editor of the Ruidoso News is always kind enough to provide space for the litany of Mr. Julian Wells every Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and Easter.

As one of the unenlightened, I am in no way offended by his religious views,

because I understand many people have a great need for such beliefs, which have been instilled in them since birth.

However, has anyone noticed how irate these believers become when someone else uses the letters column to express an opposite opinion?

In rebuttal to a recent letter by a Mr. Franklin Boren, who wrote of such an opposite view, one person actually accused the editor of this newspaper of being part of some sort of conspiracy with Mr. Boren by daring to print his piece at such a holy time of the year. Now that, my friends, I do find offensive!

John Brinkman  
Ruidoso

### AMERICAN ISSUES

## Scientific inquiry collides with security policy

Balancing safety with scientific openness — and preventing fear from stifling scientific discovery — was cited by the world's largest general scientific organization as the key science and technology policy issue to emerge in 2002.

Human cloning, stem cell science and protecting the planet's natural resources also appear on the 2002 AAAS Top Ten Science Policy List.

Prepared by experts at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, publisher of the journal "Science," the first item on the AAAS science policy list of hot topics from 2002 was called "Science in the Balance."

From visas for foreign students to research involving potentially dangerous pathogens, scientists around the

globe began feeling the impacts of new American security policies in 2002.

While protecting the nation from terrorists is clearly the top priority, some of the new security policies may ultimately make us less secure by weakening science and hindering advances that benefit people everywhere, said Al Teich, head of the AAAS Directorate for Science and Policy Programs. As an example of this "scientific balancing act," Teich points to government efforts to restrict access to "sensitive but unclassified" scientific information recently given a basis in law under the Homeland Security Act. Still lacking is a clear definition of the new category.

Non-U.S. students were walking a tightrope with the advent of two efforts:

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for tracking their whereabouts; and the proposed Interagency Panel on Advanced Science and Security (IPASS) screening mechanism, aimed at identifying students from certain countries who apply to study sensitive fields.

Meanwhile, a law intended to counter bioterrorism now requires university and other research laboratories to place strict controls over certain select agents (chemical and biological materials that could be used to make weapons) and imposes criminal penalties for violations. Finally, scientists, editors, and policymakers contemplated whether the government should screen certain potentially sensitive research articles prior to publication.

"Clearly, public safety must take precedence over all else," said Alan I. Leshner, chief executive officer for AAAS. "But we don't want to impede the progress of science by overreacting. It's a complex issue that requires a balance between scientific openness and global security."

Reports began to surface late in the year about political litmus tests being applied to potential appointees to scientific advisory committees and even study sections that had formerly been regarded as non-political. Other reports indicated that materials relating to family planning and sex education were being removed from government Web sites.

Whether these reports are over-reactions to business as usual in the federal government or a new trend in the politicization of science may become clearer in the coming year.

Founded in 1880 by Thomas A. Edison, "Science" has been the official journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) since 1900. The nonprofit AAAS is the world's largest general science organization.

### STREET TALK

QUESTION: How did your New Year's resolutions turn out last year?



"Not very good."  
Ellen Tindell  
Ruidoso



"All well: my son's wedding, I have a marvelous grandson and everyone's healthy."  
Elsa Natividad  
Gonzalez de Acosta  
Chihuahua, Chih., Mexico



"Last year I didn't have any because I didn't want to make any unless I was committed to keeping them, and this year I am. I'm planning to eat healthier and exercise more."  
Cindi Stroman  
Waco, Texas

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

# Motorists urged to go slow in snow

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At least 11 fender-benders resulted from the 11.5 inches of snow that fell Dec. 23 and 24, and three from the light snow that fell the week before.

Many of the warnings and citations issued for these accidents were for driving too fast for the icy road conditions.

"During snowy weather, all motorists need to use extra caution," said Ruidoso Police officer Dale Harrison. "If you feel you are a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, double it and slow way down. Never assume that your vehicle will stop when you push the brakes — or that they won't lock."

No injuries were reported for the 11 accidents, but most vehicles sustained some damage.

One vehicle had to be towed after it slid into a power pole on Gavilan Canyon Road, caving in the front end about 3 p.m. Dec. 23. On 5th Street, a vehicle was unable to stop at the sign due to snow and ice on the road, and continued into an intersection when another vehicle was passing by, damaging the left front ends of both vehicles.

One vehicle parked by the side of the road was hit twice by sliding vehicles at High Loop and Coronado drives Dec. 23. In the first case, a vehicle slid backwards on High Loop Drive, striking the rear of a vehicle stopped at the side of the road.

In the second case, a vehicle turning right from Coronado onto High Loop began sliding. The driver hit the brakes, and the vehicle spun 180 degrees and went backwards into the stopped vehicle.

Also at some time during the night of Dec. 23, an unknown vehicle hit another one parked at Hart and Walton drives because the driver could not maneuver it up the hill.

Road conditions weren't much better on Christmas Eve. At almost noon, the vehicle of Jeffery Dax Riffin, 23, of Ruidoso, struck one turning into Thriftway at Mechem and Terrace drives, causing the turning vehicle to spin 360 degrees.

Riffin was cited for driving too fast for conditions, no insurance and expired registration.

A pickup truck slid into the ditch at Cree Meadows Drive and Wiley Road Dec. 24, damaging the tailgate and rear area, and couldn't be removed until

Dec. 26, due to weather conditions. A vehicle attempting a steep grade on Hart Drive near Walton slid downhill Dec. 24, hitting another vehicle on the front bumper. At about the same time, a vehicle braking on Sudderth Drive caused the two vehicles behind

to collide, causing moderate damage.

On Christmas morning, a vehicle turning left onto Country Club Drive from Paradise Canyon Road struck one turning right onto Paradise Canyon Road from Country Club Drive when road conditions were snowy. The driver of the first vehicle was cited for driving on

the left side of the road.

During heavy traffic in Midtown Dec. 26, one vehicle slid on the ice and was unable to stop in time to prevent colliding with another one turning into the Pine Tree Square parking lot, and skidded into the vehicle. The driver was given a verbal warning about driving too fast for road conditions and cited for not having insurance.

Two vehicles overturned during the previous week's lighter snow on pavement that had been cold for days:

In the afternoon of Dec. 18, a vehicle driving about 35 mph on Warrior Drive lost control and slid 180 degrees, hitting the bar ditch and turning over onto the driver's side. The driver was not injured, but heavy damage was done to the entire driver's side and front of the vehicle.

Dec. 18, a vehicle skidded on the icy, snow-packed Mustang Drive, skidding 89 feet, then leaving the road, skidding up an embankment and overturning on the passenger side. The total skid was 145.3 feet. Fire Rescue had to extract the driver from the car, who was then transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries to the neck and hip and then released. The driver was given a verbal warning about driving too fast for conditions.

On Dec. 19, a vehicle westbound on Rowan Road slid off the road and hit a fence post, tearing it from the ground and incurring slight damage to the vehicle. The driver told the officer he didn't know how to drive in snow, and the road was slippery, the report states.

**"If you feel you are a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, double it and slow way down."**

Dale Harrison  
RPD officer, on driving in snow

# RPD on the lookout for a few good men

Reserve officers learn life in law enforcement

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso Police Department will have a recruitment meeting for potential reserve officers at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

"We're looking for about 10 reserve police officers to be trained to ride with regular officers and perform police duties... for special events: parades, events at the convention center, the motorcycle rally," said Detective Doug Babcock.

Background checks will be done, and reserve officers are required to volunteer at least eight hours per month. They will be trained and issued uniforms.

"If you're thinking about a career in law enforcement, it's a good way to get your feet wet and see what it's all about," Babcock said.

Current reserve officers will be at the meeting to discuss their experiences, he said.

Eric Ament was a reserve officer before joining the Ruidoso Police Department, as was Troy Landavazo, who is now with the Albuquerque Police Department.

This program is about five years old, Babcock said, and is a good way for small police departments to get the extra staffing needed for special events. Reserve officers will ride in patrol cars with regular police officers.

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## RUIDOSO POLICE

### New Year's fisticuffs

Police arrested Jarret T. Corn, 22, of Las Cruces, about midnight Jan. 1, charging him with disorderly conduct. Corn was among several engaged in a fight in the middle of Sudderth Drive, across from Quarters Bar. Officers separated the fighters, and Corn continued to yell obscenities at the others from across the street, the report states.

### Drug arrests

Police arrested five Ruidoso adults and three juveniles about midnight Jan. 1 at Cree Manor Inn, 110 Starlight Road, charging them all with possession of drug paraphernalia, and charging the adults with contributing to the delinquency of minors. Arrested were Robert Thomas Nordland, 22, Christopher Charles Spurr, 22, Lashla T. Rue, 18, Katherine Duffy, 20, Nickolaus Combs, 21, a 16-year-old female, and two 17-year-old females.

### Disorderly conduct

Thurman Sago, 43, of Mescalero, was arrested and charged with disorderly con-

duct Jan. 1 at Walgreen's, 138 Sudderth Drive.

### Counterfeit money

A counterfeit \$20 bill turned up at Allsup's Convenience Store on Jan. 1, was recognized by the clerk and later confirmed by the Ruidoso Police Department.

### Deer gone

A small cement deer figure valued at \$250 was taken from a yard in the 100 block of Apache Hills Drive Dec. 30. Two other larger deer had been pushed over, the report states.

### Unwelcome guest

While residents in the 100 block of Hill Top Drive were on vacation between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1, about \$450 in jewelry and a jewelry box were taken. The cleaning lady came in and found the back door open and signs that the intruder had used the toilet without flushing.

### Theft investigation

Police are investigating the theft of \$279.33 in cash and

checks in an envelope for operating funds for small loans at Liberty Finance, 238 Sudderth Drive. The theft occurred between 4:45 and 5:10 p.m. Dec. 2.

### Lost gun

A Las Cruces man on his honeymoon in Ruidoso lost his wedding present — a Taurus Ultra Lite .38 pistol. According to police reports, he wasn't sure where he might have lost the gun, as he went to the movies at Sierra Cinema and to supper at Denny's.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### GOP Meeting

The Lincoln County Republican Party has announced its next meeting to be on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The meeting will be at K-Bobs Restaurant.

Socials will be at 5:30 and the dinner and meeting at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Sanchez. The meeting is open to the public.

## CORONA SCHOOLS

Tuesday, Jan. 7 begins the week of homecoming events including daily "dress code" for Corona students.

The schedule for the week is:

Tuesday, Jan. 7 — Hats and shades day at school; 5 p.m. varsity basketball at home against Temple Baptist.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 — Outrageous Day

Thursday, Jan. 9 — PJ's and

slippers Day; Junior High basketball 5 p.m. with Anton Chico; Bonfire, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10 — Red and White Spirit Day; Homecoming Parade 11 a.m.; Pep Rally 1:45 p.m.; Homecoming Basketball Game 6 p.m. with Evangel Temple

Saturday, Jan. 11 — Community Red and White Spirit Day; Home basketball game with Bosque Prep, 1 p.m.

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The economy by the numbers

## Manufacturing gains signaled

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

### Manufacturing index

The ISM Manufacturing Index rose unexpectedly in



Sohn

December to 54.7 from 49.2 in November. It was the biggest monthly increase since June 1991.

Economists expected a reading of 50. It was also the first reading above 50 since August, signaling expansion.

Leading the rise was the surge in the new-orders index, which soared to 63.3 from 49.9 in November. It was the highest reading since March.

The employment index also rose significantly to 47.4 from 43.8 the previous month. This indicates that employment in the manufacturing industry is improving, and suggests that the payroll releases may be better than expected in the weeks ahead.

Also rising was the backlog of orders index, climbing to 46.5 from 42.5. As companies replenish their low inventories, the manufacturing industry finds itself in catch-up mode.

In the short term, manufacturing of clothing, furniture and plastics should improve. For the bigger ticket items

such as autos, planes and transportation equipment, improvement may take a little longer since adding to those inventories presents a greater risk for businesses if the demand is not there.

Amid the roller coaster of recent economic news, this week's report is solid evidence that manufacturing is on the mend. This suggests companies are either downplaying recent geopolitical strife, or simply have more optimism heading into the new year, and are adding to inventories to meet either existing or anticipated demand. Strength in the manufacturing sector is paramount to a full recovery.

### Jobless claims

Initial jobless claims for the week ended Dec. 27 rose more than expected to 403,000 from an upwardly revised 390,000 the prior week. Economists expected claims to rise to 380,000 from an originally reported 378,000.

The less volatile 4-week moving average also rose to 418,750 from 407,500. It was the highest reading in three months. A reading above 400,000 indicates a weak labor market.

The volatility of claims reporting this month was due partly to the holidays and the associated seasonal adjustment difficulties.

Continuing claims fell to 3.418 million from the prior week's 3.474 million.

## Technology transfer pays off

Experiments in space make good things back on Earth

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Whether it's working on International Space Station experiments that may lead to hydrogen-powered, pollution-free cars, or tutoring math and science students, Jeneene Sams brings the benefits of space back to people on Earth.

"As a market segment manager within NASA's Space Product Development Program, I make it easier for businesses to perform experiments in space," said Sams, a 16-year veteran of the space program at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

"Companies are willing to pay to do experiments in space because the results can improve their products and, ultimately, peoples' lives on Earth," she said.

Sams works with two of NASA's 15 Commercial Space Centers — centers across the country that help companies conduct space research.

One — the Center for Advanced Microgravity Materials Processing at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. — has cranked up its furnace on the Space Station three times this year and grown three batches of zeolite crystals. These crystals have the potential to reduce the cost of petroleum and store new types of fuels like hydrogen, which is abundant and pollution-free.

Space Station astronauts inserted the zeolite samples into the furnace, and then scientists on the ground started the furnace. The Space Shuttle brought back to Earth the first batch of crystals in May. Scientists at the Boston center are analyzing the crystals to see if they are bigger and of higher quality, which will make it easier for scientists to learn more about zeolite structures and then tailor them for specific

ic uses.

The third batch of crystals just finished cooking inside the Space Station furnace and was returned to Earth by Space Shuttle Endeavor earlier this month. That Shuttle mission delivered a new batch of samples to the Station for processing.

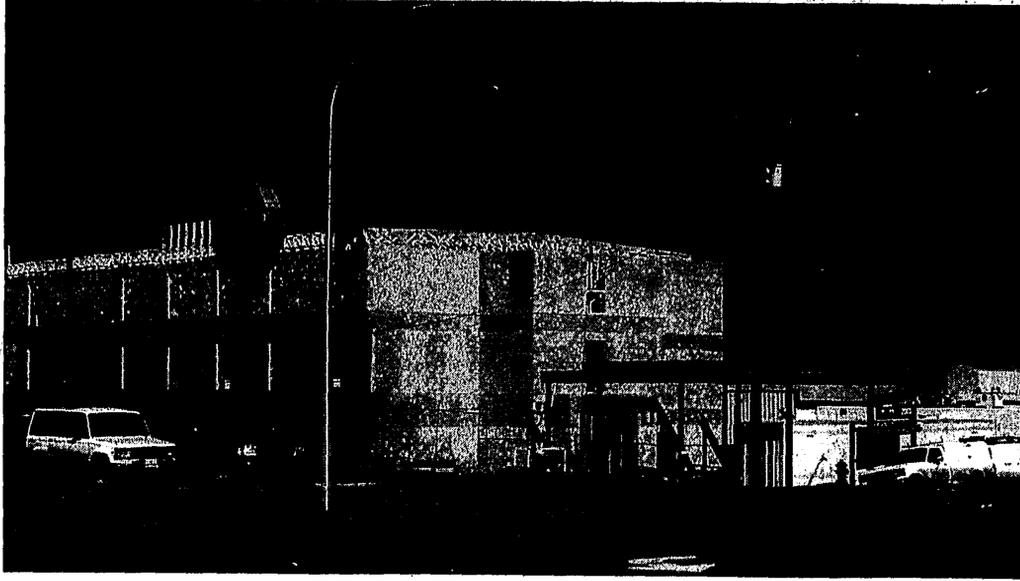
"I was in the control room listening to the scientist talk to the Space Station crew as they started processing the zeolites," said Sams. "It was rewarding to be a part of this moment after all the frenzy of preparing the furnace and the samples for flight. I felt a real connection to the Station and the astronauts doing the experiment."

Sams also works with the Center for Commercial Applications of Combustion in Space at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. Scientists at this NASA Commercial Space Center have a partnership with two companies to test a new firefighting system that battles blazes with a fine mist, rather than environmentally harmful chemicals. Astronauts are scheduled to test the fire-fighting system later this year on the STS-107 mission of Space Shuttle Columbia to the Space Station — a flight dedicated to space research.

Both commercial experiments that Sams has been sponsoring for flights this year benefit from gathering data in microgravity — the near-weightless environment created as the Station and Shuttle orbit Earth.

Prior research with zeolite crystals indicates that better crystals can be grown in microgravity. Combustion is also a process that is easier to study when gravity doesn't interfere. That is why companies want to test their new firefighting system in space.

## GOING UP IN THE DOWNS



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

More rooms for visitors to the area will open this year in Ruidoso Downs. The new Hampton Inn and Suites, with 61 rooms, is under construction between M. Waldrop Furniture and Denny's Restaurant on U.S. 70 East. Ruidoso Downs issued a building permit in July, with a stated construction cost of \$1.8 million. Building the three-story hotel is TNJ Construction. Owner Sharma Surendra also owns the Economy Inn in Ruidoso Downs.

## Existing-home sales slip; 2002 record likely

**"For all of 2002 we'll easily surpass the record of 5.3 million sales in 2001, with sales topping the 5.5-million level."**

David Lereah  
chief economist,  
NAR

WASHINGTON — The market for existing single-family home sales slipped from near-record levels in November but are on track for a record year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales declined 3.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.56 million units in November from a pace of 5.76 million units in October, which was the fourth-highest pace on record. Last month's sales activity was 5.9 percent above the 5.25-million unit level in November 2001.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said some correction was expected. "Our projections indicate existing-home sales should be fluctuating at a pace in the range of 5.2 to 5.4 million for the coming year, so it's no surprise to see sales coming off of the spike in October," he said. "For all of 2002 we'll easily surpass the record of 5.3 million sales in 2001, with sales topping the 5.5-million level."

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was a record low 6.07 percent in November, down from 6.11 percent in October; it was 6.66 percent in November 2001. Freddie Mac

began tracking mortgage rates in 1971.

NAR President Cathy Whatley said 2003 should be a good year for home buyers and sellers. "After setting two consecutive annual records, the housing market will be settling into a somewhat slower but historically healthy pace," she said. "With only a modest rise in mortgage interest rates projected, we think 2003 will be in the top three years for sales, but a better balance between home buyers and sellers means there will be less pressure on home prices across most of the country."

The national median existing-home price was \$161,400 in November, up 9.7 percent from November 2001 when the median price was \$147,100. The median is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. Housing inventory levels at the end of November rose 1.3 percent from October to a total of 2.34 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 5.1-month supply at the current sales pace, up from a 4.8-month supply in October. "As housing inventories get closer to a 6.0-month supply, we should see price appreciation

return to more normal patterns," Whatley said.

Regionally, existing-homes in the West were selling at an annual rate of 1.50 million units in November, the same as in October, but the pace was 12.8 percent higher than November 2001. The median existing-home price in the West was \$215,000, up 11.7 percent from the same month a year earlier.

Existing-home sales in the Midwest slipped 3.9 percent in November to an annual rate of 1.22 million units, but were 3.4 percent above a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$138,000, up 11.7 percent from November 2001.

The home resale pace in the South declined 4.8 percent in November to an annual rate of 2.20 million units, but was 4.3 percent above November 2001. The median price of an existing home in the South was \$151,100, which was 8.2 percent higher than a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the Northeast fell 5.9 percent in November to a pace of 640,000 units, but were 1.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing-home price in the Northeast was \$172,000, up 13.5 percent from November 2001.

Taxing matters for 2003

## Social Security withholding threshold higher

*This is the second of two articles concerning 2003 tax changes.*

**RIVERWOODS, Ill. (PRN)** — The new year brings a mixed bag of tax law changes, some of them tied to the cost of living. While many will benefit from increased deductions and credits, others will find that they are subject to more tax, or must take smaller deductions. CCH Incorporated (CCH), a nationwide provider of tax information and software, offers this look at some changes that affect taxpayers, beginning Jan. 1, 2003:

### Social Security Withholding

**Social Security Tax Adjustment for Inflation** — The maximum amount of wages subject to Social Security old age, survivors' and disability withholding increases from \$84,900 to \$87,000 for 2003.

**Social Security Income**

**Limits** — In 2003, people under age 65 can earn up to \$11,520 before seeing a reduction in their Social Security benefits. If 2003 is the year in which a person reaches age 65, he or she may earn up to \$2,560 per month until reaching age 65 without a reduction in benefits. Once taxpayers turn 65, they can earn any amount without a reduction in benefits.

**Nanny Tax Threshold** — You can pay a domestic worker, such as a maid or nanny, up to \$1,400 in 2003 without having to wrestle with federal payroll tax withholding on wages.

### Dependent Care

**Dependent Care Credit** — Allowable employment-related expenses used in figuring the credit increase to \$3,000 for one qualifying child, \$6,000 for two or more. Maximum applicable percentage increas-

es to 35 percent. Phaseout threshold will begin at \$15,000 rather than at \$10,000.

### Education

**Lifetime Learning Credit** — The limit on eligible expenses on which the 20-percent credit is computed rises to \$10,000, producing a potential maximum credit of \$2,000.

### Retirement

**IRA Phaseouts** — In 2003, the ability for those covered by a qualified plan to make a deductible contribution to an IRA will begin to phase out at \$40,000 in adjusted gross income and end at \$50,000 for single filers. For marrieds filing jointly, the phase-out range is \$60,000 to \$70,000.

**Retirement Plan Contributions** — In 2003, the maximum that can be contributed to a 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan increases to \$12,000.

The limit on elective contributions for Simple 401(k) plans increases to \$8,000 in 2003.

**Catch-up Contributions** — In 2003, there is an increase in catch-up contributions for 401(k)s from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and Simple plans from \$500 to \$1,000.

### Small Business

**Expense Election** — The amount that can be "expensed" rather than depreciated under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code increases to \$25,000 in 2003.

*CCH Incorporated was founded in 1913 and has served more than four generations of business professionals and their clients. The CCH web site can be accessed at [www.cch.com](http://www.cch.com). The Federal and State Tax Group web site can be accessed at [www.tax.cchgroup.com](http://www.tax.cchgroup.com).*

# Downs ETZ edging toward new zoning ordinance

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Two owners of large land parcels east of Ruidoso Downs came to a city Extraterritorial Zoning meeting last month to share their visions of the future.

Board member Susan Garrett distributed a preliminary draft of the ETZ ordinance, and Chairman Wayne Faircloth distributed additional examples of zoning district requirements for the board's consideration.

Board member Larry Mulligan stated his objections to some "definitions" of signs at the Dec. 9 meeting at which he was not present. Some of the sign definitions got into "regulations," according to Mulligan.

Faircloth mentioned the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway has sign regulations that apply to all of Lincoln County. At Mulligan's request, phrases within the ordinance draft regulating sign dimensions and height, and

need of permit or public hearings were moved to the ordinance section from the definitions.

Also at Mulligan's request, the phrase "extraterritorial variance required on all home occupations" (or businesses operated within a dwelling) was moved to the ordinance from the definitions.

Land developer Smokey Davis addressed the board. Three subdivisions have already been platted as residential and light commercial. Davis stated that the plats were governed by covenants and restrictions, that he and Sue Davis have been forced to become tighter and tighter with regard to restrictions, and that they have no intentions of any more commercial development.

Additional land owned by the Davis family behind the subdivisions are intended for R1 single family residential district development at some point in the future.

Commenting on the prospect of

someday being annexed into the city, Davis stated that it had come up before and "we didn't want to be annexed until Ruidoso Downs was cleaned up."

Rancher Leonard McCutcheon addressed the board with concerns about his land that fronts U.S. 70 being zoned for commercial development.

Garrett warned that if the land is to stay agriculture use (AR1) and McCutcheon changed his mind in the future his neighbors might block the variance. She cited the recent request for a mobile home park below the racetrack as an example.

An ad valorem tax based on zones arose as an issue. McCutcheon also voiced his concern about an obscure state tax law that allows for property to be taxed upon its "best use."

Faircloth stated that if land is zoned commercial but maintained as agricultural, the tax doesn't change until the use changes.

McCutcheon replied that terrain dictates future development, and he can't do anything without going to the county anyway, "so leave it the way it is." And besides, he asked the board, "Who's my neighbor?" Garrett replied that neighbors are within 100 feet of the property.

"If I leave it (agricultural), can I come to you later and get you to help me decide the best use and protection I can get (as a landowner)?" McCutcheon pleaded with the board.

Mulligan repeatedly mentioned the need for a description of depth for commercial development along the highway. He also suggested a permissive, conditional clause in the ordinance so landowners are automatically allowed certain zoning options when land is subdivided later.

Faircloth said the board hasn't reached the point-of-depth description in the ordinance. He also assured McCutcheon that "land use is the rule." Garrett stated that the

board would need to talk to city attorney Dan Bryant regarding permissive clauses.

Board member Dean Holman understood McCutcheon's objections, saying that he "wants to make a more informed, intelligent decision (of the land's use) at that time."

Garrett reminded everyone that there are considerations of where to put the sleeves (for water/sewer pipes) as U.S. 70 develops.

Davis warned that every time they allowed for a loophole, "we got trashed." Sue Davis suggested that a future ETZ board might not share the current board's values.

"The law says the most restrictive is what is in place," Faircloth said.

The meeting concluded with McCutcheon requesting the board to designate his land along the north side of U.S. 70 as AR1, and to allow for commercial-district zoning along the south side adjacent to the highway.

## Shelter group awarded grant

The Lincoln County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has been awarded \$5,963 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program to supplement food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America, which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of interested members will determine how the funds awarded to Lincoln county are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local

service organizations in the area. The board will be responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds.

Under the terms of the grant, local government or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be non-profit, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

In 2002, the Lincoln County Emergency Food and Shelter Board distributed funds through Christian Services of Lincoln County, located at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive. The group provided 10,410 meals with the funding.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for funds must contact Robert Orr at 257-2081 for an application. The deadline for applications is Thursday, Jan. 16.

## Tips for staying healthy in Lincoln County

This is a continuing series of health-related columns from the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council.

We have all heard the cries from health agencies and the news that America is fat and getting fatter. Childhood obesity is one of the most significant health concerns in the U.S. today.

The number of seriously overweight children and adolescents has more than doubled in the last three decades. It is estimated that almost 30 percent of children and teens in America are overweight and the numbers appear to be rising.

Experts believe that children are becoming heavier due to a decrease in physical activity (modern transportation, television, computers

and video games) combined with the increasing availability of higher calorie foods such as fast foods, higher-fat convenience food and snacks. Other causes include the decline in Physical Education in the schools.

Obesity can lead to a higher risk of life-threatening health problems, including high blood pressure, premature heart attacks and diabetes. Aside from the physical risks, overweight children can exhibit emotion ramification secondary to peer ridicule and labeling, including lower self-esteem levels.

Prominent sports athletes are joining in a media campaign to urge kids to stay slim by getting active. Get up and go outdoors. Ski, hike, climb, dribble, slam-dunk, walk, run. Do whatever, just to get your

body moving.

Lincoln County offers many positive, healthy activities that we can take advantage of to help us change. We have fitness centers, a ski area, hiking trails, walking trails, golf, classes for gymnastics, martial arts, dancing, etc. The Senior Center has exercise classes tailored to seniors.

The key to putting physical activity into our lives and the lives of our children is to find activities that we like to do. No one is going to keep up an exercise routine that they hate. Walk your dog (or get a dog to walk). Tape your favorite TV show and do something active instead.

Chop wood.

Sign the kids up for a sport and go and cheer for them at every game. After all, you burn calories by jumping up and down and waving your arms.

You can also burn some calories by laughing, so keep your life healthy and happy! And don't forget to talk to your doctor first if you have a medical condition that may limit your activity, or before beginning a new exercise program.

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## Area high school sports back on track

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The area scholastic sports schedule gets back into gear starting tonight when the Ruidoso boys head to Tularosa for a 7:30 p.m. rematch with the Wildcats.

It's the first of 10 scheduled events over the weekend. It's not like the entire area is going back to the competitive floor, but it is enough to keep area sports fans entertained.

The Warriors (4-6) haven't had all that much of a break, having taken part in the St. Johns tournament in Arizona just after Christmas. Coach Billy Page said the extra playing time has helped his team.

"Being in a holiday tournament will always help, you have the kids in shape throughout the break," Page said. "It prepared us for the new year by exposing us to different teams."

This marks the second time the Warriors have faced Tularosa, having defeated the Wildcats 70-61 in their home opener on Dec. 10.

Page said tonight's game will be different in that Tularosa will be on their home floor, and they'll press Ruidoso quite a bit.

"Their fans will be behind them there, like they always are," Page said. "They have probably the loudest gym on this side of the state. It's always fun to play there, and it's always a battle."

Ruidoso follows its Tularosa game with a 7:30 p.m. contest next Tuesday at Socorro.

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors will also face a Tularosa team, but they'll be playing them in Ruidoso next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Ruidoso (3-7) lost to the Lady Wildcats 47-46 on Dec. 10 on a last-second three-point shot.

They also got the chance at Christmas competition, having gone 1-2 at the Goddard Holiday Tournament in Roswell.

Two teams that haven't had a lot of playing time in the interim are the Capitan boys and girls squads. The last time any of them saw



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan's Rusty Martin, right, defends against Ruidoso junior varsity player Julian Serna during the Tigers' 68-54 victory Dec. 14 at RHS. The Tigers travel to Dexter Saturday for a game against the Demons at 6 p.m.

action on the court was Dec. 14, when the boys (4-1) defeated the Ruidoso junior varsity 68-54 and the Lady Tigers (2-5) lost to Dexter 54-42 in the Artesia Tournament.

Capitan takes on Dexter again on Saturday, with the

girls starting at 4 p.m. and the boys immediately following.

Also on Saturday, the Corona boys and girls teams are scheduled to face Lake Arthur at home beginning at 2 p.m. The Lady Cardinals, who have been decimated by injuries to their already short-handed lineup, will try to get their first win of the season.

The Cardinal boys are 1-6 on the year, and both teams will host Temple Baptist next Tuesday at 5 p.m. in their first District 7-1A games of the season.

Basketball isn't the only sport on tap for the area, as the Ruidoso wrestling team hits the mat in a dual against Roswell next Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Ruidoso High School auxiliary gym.

"We're not doing too bad, we had some pretty good practices this week," said Ruidoso coach Brian Brown, whose team hasn't wrestled competitively since Dec. 13-14 at the Las Cruces tournament. "We're aiming to beat Roswell."

Brown and the Warriors have seen Roswell wrestle at an earlier quad, but Tuesday will mark the first time the two have squared off against each other. Ruidoso has a full team for the first time this season, but it's actually some-

what of a hindrance, as most of the athletes fall within the 135-pound to 145-pound categories.

"We're stacked pretty deep there, and may have to make some adjustments up and down," Brown said.

Following their match against Roswell, the Warriors head to Carlsbad for the Cavern City Invitational.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan guard Melissa Becker (11) drives against El Paso Del Valle defender Georgina Villalobos (54) during the Artesia City of Champions Tournament Dec. 13 in Artesia. The Lady Tigers lost to Dexter in the final round of that tournament, and face off against the Lady Demons in a rematch next Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Dexter.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Patrick Valliant, center, foses the ball as he drives to the basket during the Warriors' game against Tularosa Dec. 10. The two teams match up again tonight with a 7:30 p.m. game in Tularosa.

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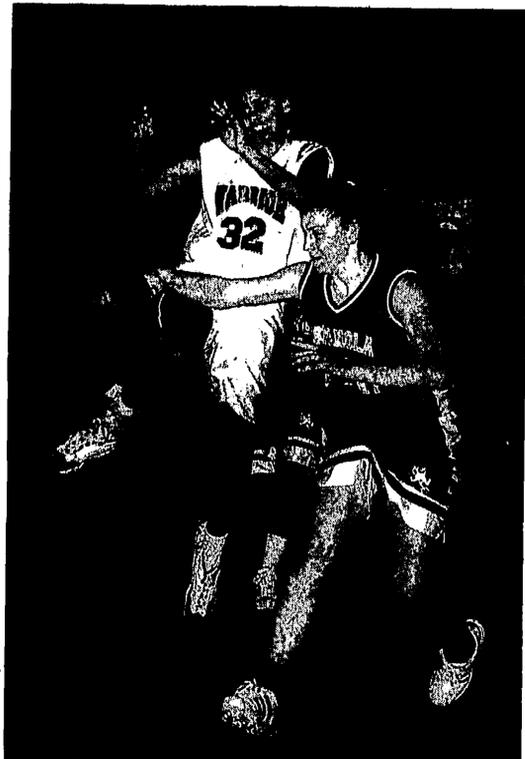
### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
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Weather at Report Time: Sunny  
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Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Mostly Sunny

### Preps on Tap

- Friday, Jan. 3**  
Boys Basketball  
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 4**  
Boys Basketball  
Lake Arthur at Corona, 4 p.m.  
Capitan at Dexter, 6 p.m.  
Girls Basketball  
Lake Arthur at Corona, 2 p.m.  
Capitan at Dexter, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 7**  
Boys Basketball  
Temple Baptist at Corona, 7 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Socorro, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls Basketball  
Temple Baptist at Corona, 5 p.m.  
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.  
Wrestling  
Ruidoso in Ruidoso Triangular at RHS, 5 p.m.

### LOOSE BALL



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Christine Brown (32) reacts after having the ball batted away by Espanola Valley's Rachel Berryhill during Ruidoso's opening round game at the Goddard Holiday Tournament Dec. 26. The Lady Warriors return to the court when they host Tularosa next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

## American quarter horse racing world champion nominees announced

AMARILLO, Texas — The best of American Quarter Horse racing's 2002 season have been narrowed to the finalists in each category. The winners will be chosen by members of the Racing Committee and selected members of the media.

The two-year-old colt category nominees include Deefirst, First To Flash, Oak Tree Special, Shake Em White and Shiney Sign.

Nominees in the two-year-old filly category include AB What A Runner, Classic Sassy Chic, Fast First Call, Fast First Prize, First Place Queen, Morning Snow, Special Queen Sa and Valiantly.

Included in the two-year-old gelding category are Capones Vault, Eye Opening Episode, Flys R Streakin, Meteoric, Outdashing, Silvered Eyes and Zip First.

The three-year-old colts category nominees include Agouti, Check Him Out, Fit To Fly, Genuine Strawfly, One Rare Bug, Panther Mountain and SC Chiseled In Stone.

Included in the three-year-old fillies category are Beauty North, Dashing Obsession, First Regards, Last Shall Be First, Majorlee Exclusive and Mini Rock.

Nominations in the three-year-old gelding category include A Real Man, Chicks Goes Steppin, Fortune Flyer, Harley Man, Miami Cartel and Time For Aces.

The aged stallion division includes

Dashin Bye, De Elegant Oscar, Jess Louisiana Blue, OK Jody's Dasher, Quick To Flare Up, Redalo, Rock N Strawfly and Struttin To Beduino.

In the aged mare division are Beccas Bunny, Corona Kool, Dinastia Toll BRZ, Lady Tenaya, Majestic Madison, Running Bac and Significant Speed.

The aged gelding division includes A Ransom, Bugs By Yawl, Chiarascuro, Kendall Jackson, Runahalf, Streakin Sin Tacha and Whosleavingwho.

Nominees in the Distance Champion division include Classy Shot Glass, He Doll, Kama Shootin, King Rick Rack, Panzacall, Sign Of Lanty, Six Little Injuns and Sterling Sport.

Broodmare of the Year nominees are A Special Episode (Eye Opening Episode), Chicks Got Pazazz (A Ransom), Frisco Fling (A Real Man), Illusive Princess (First Place Queen), Lil Bit Rusty (Whosleavingwho), Silk Skirt (Fit To Fly, Tailor Fit), Sin Tacha (TB) (Streakin Sin Tacha) and Zippy Zanza (Zip First).

The human categories include champion owner, breeder, trainer and jockey.

Nominees for champion owner include Anjora Corp., Geral DeWitt, Dutch Masters III, Sandy Erwin and Dennie & Kris Hill.

Nominees for champion breeder include Dr. Edward C. Allred, Allred Bros., L/J Farms Inc., Vessels Stallion Farm LLC

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In the champion trainer category, nominees include John H. Bassett, Paul C. Jones, Rodney Reed, Kenny Roberts and Blane Schvaneveldt.

Nominations in the champion jockey category include Joe Badilla Jr., Alex Bautista, G.R. Carter Jr., Gilbert Ortiz, Ramon Sanchez and Juan L. Vazquez.

The 2002 AQHA World Champion announcements will be made at Heritage Place in Oklahoma City, Okla. Jan. 15.

### Rabbits Jet shows in Lou Wooten

SUNLAND PARK — Rabbits Jet, a 3-year-old sorrel mare owned by James Lewter of Ruidoso, took third place in the \$131,000 Lou Wooten Handicap at Sunland Park.

Rabbits Jet, ridden by James Gonzales and trained by Timothy Cross, covered the 400-yard race in a time of 19.779. The top finishers for the race were Majorlee Exclusive, Chicks For Sure, Rabbits Jet, Fire Storm Dancé and WR Red Ace.

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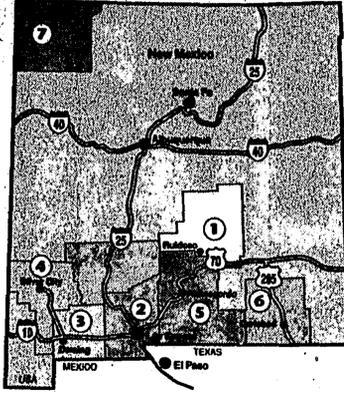
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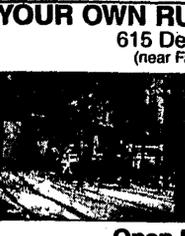
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The following have declared their candidacy for a position on the Sun Valley Sanitation District board of Directors: Jerry Ligon, Carolyn Stephens, Sharon Stewart, Olene Robinson, William O. Robinson, Jerry Steele, and Harry L. Tiemersma.

Any tax-paying elector living in the District is eligible as a write-in candidate for any of the positions.

Eligible to vote are all tax-paying electors of the district. "Tax-paying elector of the district" means a person qualified to vote at general elections in the state, who have either paid or incurred a general tax liability on real property within the district in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election.

The polling place is the Alto-Bonito Fire Station in Sun Valley. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, January 14, 2003. Results of the election will be reported to the Board of Directors at a special meeting following the closing of the polls, at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the home of Curt Wheaton, 101 Snow Park, Alto, NM.

/s/Loretta R. Lamphers, Secretary Sun Valley Sanitation District

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

J.C. HAMILTON CO. OF TEXAS D/B/A PARTS PLUS OF AMARILLO,

Plaintiff, No. CV-98-243

PETER NAZARIO D/B/A PARTS PLUS OF RUIDOSO DOWNS, F/D/B/A PNL, INC., Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on the 17th day of January 2003, at 10:00 a.m., on the front steps of the City Hall Building, located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the parties hereto in and to the following described real estate located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

COMMON ADDRESS: 506 River Lane, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

Lots 9 and 10, Block 2 of the RIVER PARK ADDITION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio recorder of Lincoln County, April 26, 1967 in Tube No. 270; Together with all improvements situate thereon; Subject to any easements, restrictions reservations or zoning regulations of record.

Said sale will be made pursuant to and to satisfy the Judgment and Transcript of Judgment Lien issued on the 16th day of September, 1998, in the above-styled and numbered

cause of action, and recorded on 17 September, 1998, in Book 1998-16 at page 1043 of the Lincoln County Records. The Plaintiff's Judgment is as follows:

Judgment for credit bid purposes only, against Peter Nazario d/b/a Parts Plus of Ruidoso Downs, f/d/b/a PNL, Inc., to Plaintiff, J.C. Hamilton Co. of Texas d/b/a Parts Plus of Amarillo incorporating a decree of foreclosure of Plaintiff's Transcript of Judgment and satisfaction of the same for the amount of \$8,984.55 with interest on said amount from the 30th day of July, 1996, at the rate of 10% per annum with cost of suit in the case of \$27.75 in the Texas

case, and the cost of suit in New Mexico in the amount of \$112.00, as well as the additional award of attorney's fees equaling \$8,886.91, with all of the foregoing bearing interest at 10% per annum from the date as referenced, for a total amount of \$29,685.40 to 17 January 2003.

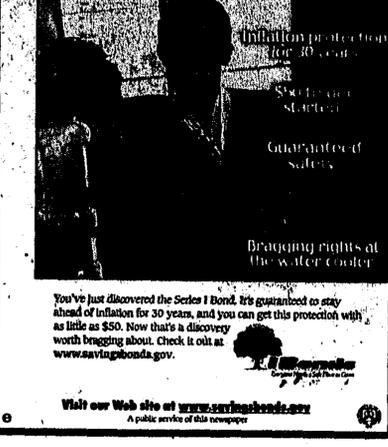
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**ACROSS**  
1 It may be driven  
12 It may be driven  
15 Like  
16 Kin of -ian  
17 1989 #1 hit for Mike + The Mechanics, with "The"  
18 Touch  
19 When temperatures rise  
20 Unsmooth  
21 Barrie's Newfoundland  
22 Extreme group  
25 \_\_\_ alcohol (cosmetics emollient)  
26 Flock's area  
27 "The Silence of the Lambs" role

**DOWN**  
28 California lake or county  
32 Unrestricted opportunity  
33 Tries to beat  
35 Out of the can?  
36 Extorts  
37 You may keep tabs on them  
38 Units of 100 ergs/gram  
39 Blotto  
40 They can't take the pressure  
44 Supper, say  
45 It yawns  
47 17th chapter  
48 Star of the film version of "Abie's Irish Rose"  
49 Crown material  
52 Financial \_\_\_

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

MIGRATE PRIMACY  
ENROBES RUBELLA  
ACETONE OBERLIN  
TRYOUT APEX EER  
HEART LEES DYNE  
EARS BURR PASTE  
ASE CANONLAW  
DEADASADOORNAIL  
OVERRULE IDI  
PRIZE MONA PROF  
HERE MOMS LISLE  
ADO GONE PENPAL  
SENYOUT MEDIATE  
EYEWASH PRINCERS  
SEDATES HUNGERS

**ACROSS**  
53 "Merci beaucoup": France :: \_\_\_ : Japan  
54 Initials of a noted Wizard  
55 Game shows?

**DOWN**  
1 Relatively robust  
2 Santa \_\_\_  
3 Went wild  
4 Year in Vigilius's papacy  
5 \_\_\_ vivant  
6 It's not making things better  
7 Kir \_\_\_ (champagne apéritif)  
8 Shot  
9 Rush order?  
10 Response to a compliment  
11 They may be whole: Abbr.  
12 Leadfoots' comeuppance  
13 By hook or by crook  
14 Signals to scramble  
21 Square to the max  
23 To the max  
24 Like some receptions  
25 False rumors  
27 Expert in ledger-domain?

**ACROSS**  
28 Workout wear  
29 Derided  
30 Some of a speaker's income  
31 An attenuator decreases it  
32 Full of: Suffix  
34 N.Y.C. sights beginning in the 1870's  
38 Charge  
40 Half of an Asian capital?

**DOWN**  
41 "Aunt \_\_\_ Cope Book"  
42 Butler of fiction  
43 Is helpless?  
45 Place for pigeons  
46 Primate genus  
49 Bowl highlights, briefly  
50 Actor Cage, to friends  
51 Khan's title

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# Attention to detail

## Ruidoso artist Victoria Mauldin thrives in diversity

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Victoria Mauldin's paintings reflect her love of nature and of people caught in moments of reverie or pensiveness. Often, upon a closer look, a previously hidden detail will pop out: a butterfly in a painting of a scene in the Grand Tetons, or a grouping of deer in one of a water fall in South Fork Park.

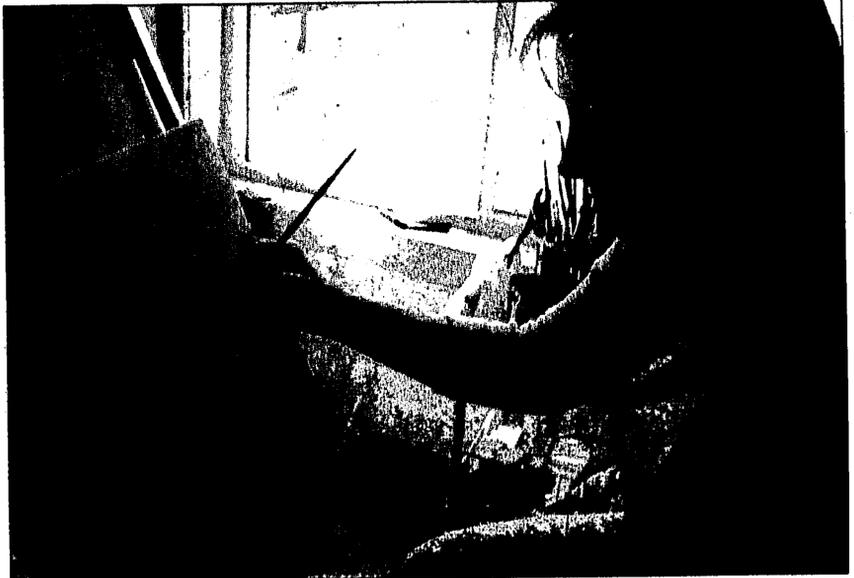
Perhaps as avid a "picture-taker" as a painter, Mauldin takes liberties with her subjects, pulling a hawk from one picture to paint it on the branch of a tree that impressed her on a trip. She also takes pleasure in playing with the colors, changing them to suit what she's attempting with her work.

Mauldin started out working in oils as a teenager, learning to paint from her older sister. She took her first art classes as electives in college, while working on a bachelor of science degree in education at Southwest Texas State, and later a master of education in administration and supervision at Sam Houston State. She switched from oils to acrylics for lack of time after college, and now has returned to work with other mediums.

"When I started my career in education, I only painted occasionally," she said. "I might go a year without painting and then the need would catch up with me and I would paint three or four paintings one right after the other. And then the rest of the world would catch up with me again."

Since her retirement in 1996, however, Mauldin has made up for lost time — traveling widely with her husband, Mike, and returning home with hundreds of photographs to paint from. She joined the Woodlands Art League in The Woodlands, Texas, and began showing her work in its juried shows. In the spring 1999 show, her paintings took the top three awards; in the fall, first place; she took best of show and first and third places in the fall 2000; and her paintings placed in the top three at other shows in The Woodlands. She received awards also in the Lone Star Regional Art Guild and the Northwest Art League, and her work has been displayed in various public and commercial establishments and hangs in private collections in Texas and New Mexico.

Since moving to Ruidoso a little more than a year ago, Mauldin's work has been exhibited as part of the Art in Public Places project at the Ruidoso Senior Center, the Black and White Show and the Celebrating Animals Show at the ZoZo Gallery. She also was featured as an artist of the month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Victoria Mauldin is working more with color in her latest paintings. "South Fork," an acrylic by Victoria Mauldin of a scene at South Fork Campground near Bonito Lake, is below

"Since I retired I've been exploring different mediums," she said. "I'm back into oils, colored pencil and I've started working in watercolors. I had dabbled in it in college and I am liking it for the first time."

Since moving to Ruidoso, she's taken a workshop with Ann Templeton and joined a diverse group of artists who meet weekly to share information and work on various projects — sketching, quilting, decorating gourds. Mauldin said this group has been supportive, but the view outside her house has been the most inspirational, with deer and other wildlife coming almost within touching distance.

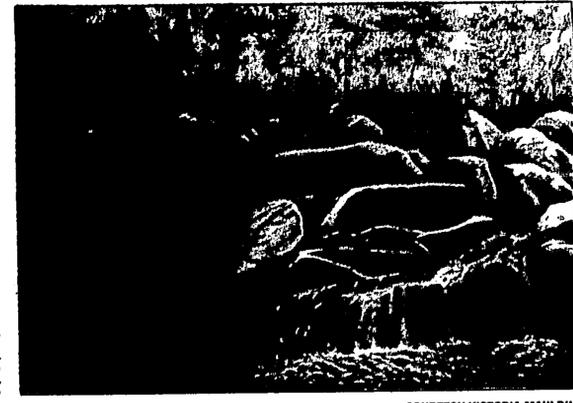
"Almost every day, I get out before coffee in my nightgown and take pictures off the porch," she said. "The beauty here is really special."

She and Mike had been coming to Ruidoso from Houston for six or seven years as their last stop on their travels, and returned every year with photographs to paint, so many of the paintings she's exhibited locally are of scenes in Lincoln County.

Experimentation with color has been augmented by living daily with the special lighting conditions in New Mexico.

"You have a different perspective of light and color when you live here, because it's so much more vibrant," she said. "That's emerging in me now: a need to really work with color ... There's a lot of discovery right now for me because (art) isn't something I've been able to develop continuously through my adult life."

Mauldin plans to continue working in different mediums, taking workshops and putting her work in shows — but she also enjoys photography, cooking, hiking and traveling, and the effects of these interests will probably continue to show up in her paintings.



COURTESY VICTORIA MAULDIN



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"View of the Plaza," acrylic by Victoria Mauldin: "This is his spot in the world. Every time I'm there (Santa Fe), he's in the same spot." Below is "Weathered Wall," another acrylic, set in Oaxaca, Mexico.



COURTESY VICTORIA MAULDIN

# Mr. Language Person on nitches, yores and defecting sea lions



Dave Barry  
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It is with great verisimilitude that we present another installation of "Ask Mister Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar, punctuation and unwanted body hair. This is the ONLY language column to receive the coveted Lifetime Bathroom Pass from The American Society of University Professors Who Are Never in Their Offices. We will commence the onset of today's column by beginning with our first question, which concerns a basic rule of business grammar:

**Q.** What is the proper way to begin a formal letter?

**A.** The proper beginning, or "salutatorian," for a formal business letter is: "Dear Mr. Or Ms. Bob Johnson As The Case May Be." This should be followed by a small dab of imported mustard.

**Q.** What if the person's name is not "Bob Johnson"?

**A.** Then he or she will just have to change it.

**Q.** What is the correct way to conclude a formal business letter to a cable-television company?

**A.** "I Spit On Your Billing Department."

**Q.** Like millions of Americans, I cannot grasp the extremely subtle difference between the words "your" and "you're."

**A.** Top grammar scientists are often confused by these two words, which are technically known as "bivalves," or words that appear to be identical and have hinged shells. The best way to tell them apart is to remember that "you're" is a contraction, which is a type of word used during childbirth, as in: "Hang on, Marlene, here comes you're baby!" Whereas "your" is, grammatically, a prosthetic infarction, which means a word that is used to score a debating point in an Internet chat room, as in: "Your a looser, you morron!"

**Q.** What about "yore"?

**A.** That refers to "the days of yore," when there was a lot of yore lying around, as a result of pigs. Also in those days, men would augment their personal regions by wearing "cod-pieces," which were pieces of actual cod.

**Q.** Yuck.

**A.** Yore telling us.

**Q.** What is the correct usage of the word "compunction"?

**A.** It may be used as a medical term ("a compunction of the left exterior vestibule") or in the name of a rock band ("DeWayne Hurlmont and the Compunctions of Soul").

**Q.** Speaking of music, does it make you suspicious that "Barry Manilow" and "Busta Rhymes," in addition to

sounding EXACTLY alike, have "conveniently" never once appeared on stage together?

**A.** It is time to end the charade.

**Q.** While viewing ESPN's Sept. 18 broadcast of the Indiana-Kentucky football game, did you hear an example of language usage so excellent that it caused you to spew beer from your nose?

**A.** Yes. The color commentator referred to a former coach as "a living legend when he was still alive."

**Q.** Can you give some other examples of powerful language, sent in by alert readers?

**A.** Certainly.

Trudy McDaniel sent in the instructions for putting together an Ikea desk, which state: "It is advisory to be two people during assembly."

Doug Gordon sent in the instructions for a set of Tama brand drums, containing this warning: "Stay away from the drum set if an earthquake occurs."

Dave Zarrow reports that he saw a sign making this appealing offer: "I Lost 40 Lbs. In Two Months! Call For Free Samples!"

Joe Bays sent in a glossy color brochure for the American Standard "Cadet II" model commode, featuring the slogan: "Get more out of your toilet."

Sandra Bowers sent in a story from the Akron Beacon-Journal headlined, "Police find man dead to death in motel."

Paul Morrill sent in a story from the Santa Cruz County Sentinel concerning a man who was arrested when he attacked some sea lions "because they constantly defected on his boat."

Jeanne Reed sent in a bulletin from Weatherby Health Care, a physician-placement firm, with this headline: "Born and Raised in the Midwest, This Very Talented Surgeon is Looking for his Nitch Back Home."

**Q.** You hate it when a surgeon loses his nitch.

**A.** Let's hope he didn't leave it inside a patient.

**TODAY'S "TIP" FOR FICTION WRITERS:** To make your writing more vivid, insert a literary device. **WEAK:** "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room." **STRONG:** "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room and a metaphor sliced off his head."

Got a question for Mr. Language Person? He truly does not care.

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# Hollywood at its worst: 'Jack McCall, Desperado'

Recently, I was watching "The Westerns Channel," on television and was treated to something that, as a historian, left me absolutely flabbergasted...

Now, as we all know, and I myself have pointed out two or three million times, Hollywood is not exactly known for putting out historically accurate information. And to be fair, that is not their intent, either. Their intent is to entertain, not

inform. Unfortunately, as time has gone by and less and less people read, more and more of them turn to the movies for their history. Therefore, Hollywood, while they had no obligation to put out the "right stuff," in the past, has had that responsibility forced on them in recent years, as more and more Americans regard reading as a thing of the past. Which is a sad statement on the state of affairs in our culture...

Anyway, what flabbergasted me was a movie made back in the 1950s with George Montgomery as "Jack McCall, Desperado." In this film, we are informed that Jack McCall, a former Union officer in the War Between the States, is tall, brave, and handsome. He is doing the best he can for Native American rights, and, in fact, the rights of all men. His opposition in this endeavor is none other than Wild Bill Hickok, as dastardly a character as ever walked across the Silver Screen. He has his hands in all sorts of evil schemes - anything for a fast buck - and anyone who stands in his way is going to wind up on Boot Hill, in Deadwood, where he has conned the citizenry into believing that he is actually honest.

And into this situation rides Our Hero, the Noble Jack McCall. To make a long story short, McCall, in a fair fight, kills Wild Bill Hickok - a blow for law and order.

Good God. This was a bit much - even for Hollywood.

## Hickok

OK. Let's start with Wild Bill. First of all, he was never the law in Deadwood and hadn't even been there very long when he

was killed.

James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok was truly a legend in his own time. Known as the "Prince of Pistoleers," his fame stretched, quite literally, from coast-to-coast. Unlike many other famous gunmen, like Billy the Kid and John Wesley Hardin, Hickok was never identified with anything other than law and order.

Which is not to say he was not a thoroughly dangerous man. He killed seven men - and possibly another - prior to his death in 1876. His last killing of record happened in Abilene, Kan., on Oct. 5, 1871. It was a death that affected Wild Bill deeply, as it had been an accidental shooting and he had killed one of his best friends.

When most people find out that Hickok killed his own deputy by accident, they tend to laugh and act as though Wild Bill had a reputation that he did not deserve - that he was something of an incompetent. This is frequently called "Revisionist" history and is to be avoided at all costs if you are interested in what really happened.

Anyone with even a passing acquaintance with real combat will tell you that Hickok was

not only competent, but that when he killed the unfortunate Mike Williams, he acted in a fashion that was exactly as he should have done.

## Phil Coe

Hickok had been having trouble for some time with Texas gambler Phil Coe and Coe's partner in the Bull's Head Saloon, gunman Ben Thompson. Both Texans had taken umbrage at Hickok's treatment, which they felt was unfair, of Texas drovers. Basically, Wild Bill didn't let them ride drunkenly around town, shooting at anything that moved. What a spoilsport!

Mike Williams was Hickok's chief deputy, as well as his friend. On the night of Oct. 5, Wild Bill had walked Williams down to the railroad depot. Mike's wife had been taken ill in another town and he was rushing to her side. Just as Williams was about to board the train, as he and Hickok were shaking hands, pistol shots began to reverberate from the general direction of the Bull's Head.

Hickok ordered Williams to go to his wife and not worry about any law enforcement duties in Abilene. Then, taking leave of his friend, Wild Bill turned and rushed off toward the sound of the gunfire. Williams thought about it for a moment, and then, apparently, decided that Hickok might need him. He took off running after Wild Bill.

When Wild Bill ran up to a crowd in the street in front of the Bull's Head, he found Phil Coe, slightly drunk and reeling, with a smoking pistol in his hand. As men began backing away, leaving an open space of about eight feet between the two men, Hickok asked Coe what he was doing. Coe replied that he was shoot-

ing at a dog. Wild Bill found this explanation to be somewhat lacking in veracity and went for his guns. Coe immediately opened fire on the Marshal, the bullet going through Hickok's coat. Wild Bill was more deliberate. His bullet slammed into Coe's belly, doubling him over and exiting out his back, wounding him mortally.

As Phil Coe collapsed, he triggered another round, which whistled between Hickok's legs. As Coe continued his downward plunge, Wild Bill heard footsteps running up behind him, and he did what any experienced gunman would do - he whirled and fired. Hickok had been standing in the middle of a group of men who he knew hated him and was not in a position to be taking any chances.

Of course, it was poor Mike Williams. Hickok fired twice, both bullets taking effect in Mike's head, and he fell to the ground a dead man. Wild Bill was horrified. He immediately cleared the street, informing the bystanders that he would kill, on the spot, any man that he found on the street in the next few minutes. As you can imagine, the street cleared rather rapidly. Hickok carried Williams' body inside and paid all the funeral expenses. From that day to the day he died, he never again pointed a weapon at another human being.

## McCall

Jack McCall did not look anything like the actor George Montgomery. Short, squat, and cross-eyed, he was, until Aug. 2, 1876, quite forgettable. In his mid-20s, he had worked as a freighter, teamster and at a number of other odd jobs before drifting into Deadwood in the summer of 1876.

No one has ever ascertained why McCall did what he did.

He later claimed that Hickok had killed his brother, but then, as now, no one believed him.

On the sultry afternoon of Aug. 2, 1876, Wild Bill entered Deadwood's No. 10 Saloon, constructed, like so many other boomtown structures, hurriedly. It was made with logs for flooring and beams and walls which were canvas. Essentially, it was a tent saloon. Contrary to the movies, Hickok did sit facing the door. It was the back door that was behind him.

Wild Bill had gambled with McCall the previous night, even going so far as to lend the flat-broke McCall some money for a meal. So when Jack McCall came into the No. 10 and began shuffling toward the rear of the saloon, Wild Bill probably paid scant attention.

Seated directly across from Hickok was former riverboat captain William Massie, who looked up just in time to see Jack McCall step up behind Hickok, but he never saw the gun. Massie had won the hand and Wild Bill had remarked, in a friendly fashion, "You old duffer, you beat me on that one." They were his last words.

Suddenly, McCall jerked a six-shooter from under his loose-fitting shirt and aimed it at the back of Wild Bill's head. Without any warning, he pulled the trigger. "Damn you! Take that!" he shrieked.

Massie was confused by the sudden roar and the smoke now hovering over the table. He felt a sharp pain in his wrist and looked over at Hickok, who was sitting very, very still. In his confusion, Massie decided that something had happened that had not: "Wild Bill shot me!" he shouted, just as Hickok's body began to slide toward the floor. Even as he said the words, Captain Massie began to realize what had real-

ly happened.

He looked up to see Jack McCall backing toward the rear door, waving his six-shooter - "Come on, you sons of bitches," screamed the little man. At first, no one moved. Then, as one, nearly the entire crowd began rushing toward the front door. Bartender George Shingle was made of sterner stuff, however. Instead of racing for the door, he went to the fallen Hickok to see if he could help. McCall pointed his pistol at Shingle and pulled the trigger twice more - both were misfires. (It was later discovered that the only "good" bullet in the gun had been the one that killed Hickok).

## Epilogue

The cowardly Jack McCall was captured and tried by a miner's court. No one has ever been quite sure why, but for some reason, he was acquitted on the grounds of self-defense! However, the miner's court was not a legal one and when McCall, after leaving Deadwood and thinking he had gotten away with it, bragged about killing Hickok, he sealed his own fate. Re-arrested for the murder, McCall was again tried for the killing, this time in a real court. He was convicted and sentenced to death. On Jan. 3, 1877, twisted, ugly little Jack McCall was hanged at Yankton. His last words as he plunged through the trap were a gasp. "Oh God!" he called out just before reaching the end of the rope.

There have been a few times when Hollywood has gotten it right. "Jack McCall, Desperado" was not one of them.

Sources: *One Day in Deadwood* by Thadde Turner; *The West of Wild Bill Hickok* by Joseph G. Rosa and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.



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If you have to work this Christmas, go with the expectation of sharing the love God showed to humankind when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to save the lost. Let those you serve see the love of Jesus shine through your eyes. It is so wonderful to find angels in unexpected places.

We may be God's angel to a stranger...or they to us, for all angels do not appear with wings. In Hebrews 13:2, we read, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." Let the blessings of the season fill your heart as you worship and serve our Heavenly Father. Share them with a stranger!

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- NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2428. Ed Veeney, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

### CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
The Word of Life Church  
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.
- BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church  
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
- CATHOLIC**  
Santa Rita Catholic Church | 648-2853. Father Dave Berps, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Perry Zimmerman, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 7:15 pm; Wednesday Bible
- Study 7:00 pm.**
- EPISCOPAL**  
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel  
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
- METHODIST**  
United Methodist Church Parish  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846. Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, Pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Thurs.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women - Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.
- NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)  
Johanna L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.

# Solving the digicam dilemma

"Liar, liar! Pants on fire!" That's what I wanted to chant in response to the digital camera ads I saw in December. Once I got a camera, I was as perplexed as when I finally caved in to owning a remote-controlled TV, a microwave oven and a computer. I balked at buying a "digital answering system" (telephone) but I ended up with one.



Art, Craft and Such  
PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS  
TO INCLUDE FUN IN  
EVERYDAY LIVING  
BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

I have enjoyed 35mm film-format photography for years. I took thousands of photographs the 19 years I worked at the Lincoln County News. I also processed the film and printed the black and white photographs needed for that week's publication.

I love my 35mm camera for its amount of manual control and the ability to add external lenses and flash. I was never, ever going to buy digital camera! In a weak moment and after lugging my large, heavy camera bag, I caved in and bought a digital camera.

What camera do I buy? How

many megapixels do I need? What accessories do I have to purchase? Is the menu easy to read and navigate? Do I want a memory card or a memory stick to keep up with the space-hogging images created by a digicam? Should I buy a docking station to re-charge batteries for a power-hungry digicam? These are just a few of the questions I asked myself.

"The perfect starter digital camera package for those looking to make a fun, easy and inexpensive dive into digital photography..." the camera ads claimed, and I got hooked! The ads told me that their cameras are aimed at simplifying my relationship with digital photography. So why do I have a love/hate affair with my featherweight digicam?

I spend my days and nights capturing, storing, manipulating and outputting images onto my computer. I have become a digital shutterbug! High technology lingo is coming out of my ears!

I learned that a digicam of 7

ounces (without batteries) and a 1.5-inch thick body does not mean compromise in picture quality. Various models on the market deliver more than 3 megapixels (3MP) resolution. I am learning about "macro shooting" and what a red-eye tool is.

Now printer ads tease me with: "The real joy and benefit of digital photography is being able to print your own photos." A digital printing journey looms ahead for me?

Digicam software is out there to stimulate creativity to bring out the artist in anyone; home-based printing involves trial and error. There are color management and software issues to consider. I need to consider whiter whites, surface texture, weight and specialty papers.

If I want my photos to have a life span of up to 120 years, I need to think about archival quality paper. The resolution in the new printers has been increased to 2880 x 1440 dpi, due to the use of the ultra-small four-picoliter droplet size and Micro Piezo ink-jet technology.

Am I having fun yet? I had a panic attack after I purchased my digicam. I do not want to ever purchase a special printer for my digicam photos!

Liar, liar! Pants on fire!

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

**Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**  
Science Fiction/Fantasy and Drama, 2 hrs. 59 min.  
Rated PG-13 for epic battle sequences and scary images.  
The second chapter in the J.R.R. Tolkien saga, the hobbits Frodo and Sam brave terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring destroyed, while Aragorn, Legolas and their allies strive to rescue the abducted hobbits Pippin and Merry from the clutches of evil. The great wizard Gandalf also makes his miraculous return to aid in the struggle against the united towers of Sauron and Saruman.  
Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Christopher Lee  
Directed by: Peter Jackson  
Produced by: Fran Walsh, Barrie M. Osborne, Peter Jackson, Tim Sanders  
Written by: Philippa Boyens, Fran Walsh, Peter Jackson, Philippa Boyens, Stephen Sinclair



Hugh Grant and Sandra Bullock in Warner Brothers' Two Weeks Notice.

Showtimes: 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 9:45 p.m.  
\*Friday and Saturday only

**Catch Me If You Can**  
Thriller, Crime/Gangster, Drama and Action/Adventure  
Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language.  
Frank Abagnale, Jr. (DiCaprio) worked as a doctor, a lawyer and as a co-pilot for a major airline -- all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger whose skill gave him his first real claim to fame. At the age of 17, Frank became the most successful bank robber in the history of the United States. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Hanks) had made it his prime mission to capture Frank and bring him to justice, but Frank is always one step ahead of him, baiting him to continue the chase.  
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Jennifer Garner, Martin Sheen, Christopher Walken  
Directed by: Steven Spielberg  
Produced by: Steven Spielberg, Walter F. Parkes  
Written by: Jeff Nathanson  
Showtimes: 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
\*Friday and Saturday only

**Two Weeks Notice**  
Romance and Comedy, 1hr. 40 min.  
Rated PG-13 for some sex-related humor.  
Sandra Bullock is a brilliant but neurotic attorney and Hugh Grant is her charming, irresponsible and fabulously wealthy client in this story about whether or not it's ever too late to say "I love you."  
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt, Mark Feuerstein, Robert Klein  
Directed by: Marc Lawrence (II), Marc Lawrence  
Produced by: Sandra Bullock, Marc Lawrence, Mary McLaglen  
Written by: Marc Lawrence (II), Marc Lawrence  
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.  
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## Out

### First Friday Lecture

The First Friday Adult Lecture at Capitan Public Library will feature Eddie Tudor, Smokey Bear State Park manager, who will talk about the park's history and future plans. The lecture is at 7 p.m. today.

Mr. Hoover, *The True Experiences of a Veteran F.B.I. Agent* at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

through Jan. 18. No fines will be charged for library books and materials brought back in good condition. All fines will be forgiven.

**FACT**  
In 300 - 1,400 A.D. Mogollon culture introduces highly artistic pottery and early architecture in the form of pit houses.

### Watercolor meeting

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, at Branigan Library, Dresp Room, Las Cruces. Anyone interested in watercolor painting is invited to attend. For more information call Flo at (505) 523-2950.

### Library forgiveness

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### Book review

Local author Joe Webb will review his book, *No Regrets*,

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by Dr. Jack V. Waters  
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Consumers and medical professionals are looking to solve the problems associated with premenstrual syndrome (PMS), because of the negative effects this condition has on other aspects of health and well-being. Chiropractors may offer a solution. Some clinical studies indicate that chiropractic manipulation and soft tissue therapy can help relieve PMS ailments such as back pain, headaches and abdominal cramping.

Women receiving chiropractic therapy two to three times a week before menses for at least three consecutive menstrual cycles showed significantly improved PMS symptoms. Chiropractors also suggest eating less animal fat and more grain fiber and soy-rich foods, and taking high-potency supplements with the B-50 complex, vitamin E and magnesium/calcium. They recommend exercising three to six times a week for twenty to forty minutes.

If you continue to suffer from premenstrual syndrome, visit your local chiropractor and have him/her check your pelvic area and spine for subluxations or misalignment. A complete spinal examination and treatment could help make your monthly physical condition and mental condition all the better.

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# Return to Ajijic is Eden revisited

As I walked past Donas (the Donut Shop) in Ajijic, someone called my name. It had been six years since we'd spent five winter months there, but I wasn't surprised. Friendly people are one of the attractive features of the lakeside village of Ajijic (pronounced Ah-hee-HEEK), Jalisco, Mexico. It was our old friend, Ken, whom we hadn't seen since the winter of 1997. I joined him for coffee and it was as if I'd just seen him yesterday.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen  
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE  
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

to find out if the tides of change had been kind or not. All of our favorite places in the world have changed, and generally not for the better. But time's change and we adapt. I was interested in seeing if we could adapt to the changes in Ajijic.

The people are just as friendly as six years ago, but there are more of them. I met many I had known before and some new friends as well. Our friend Rodrigo, who with his German wife Johanna own and operate our favorite café, picked me up at the airport, met me each morning for breakfast and fed me numerous times during my visit.

There are more conveniences now - movie theaters, a health club, new shops and restaurants - but prices are higher, too (still lower than the U.S.). Six years ago we paid roughly \$6 a month for electricity. Rodrigo said that now it would be closer to \$20.

There is a new *carretera* (highway) that runs from village to village along the lakeside with a *ciclopista* (bicycle path), but there seems to be a lot more traffic and it can be difficult to find a parking space on the town's narrow cobblestone streets. Real estate and rental prices are down since 9/11 (not as many snowbirds returning), but there are more housing developments and less open space.

The Lake Chapala region boasts one of the best climates in the world. Humidity hovers

between 40-60 percent and the refreshing summer rains produce abundant and lush vegetation. This year the rainy season lasted into the middle of November and in December the greenery was still luxuriant. The climate, at least, remained unchanged and is reason enough to consider the area. Most houses have neither heat nor air conditioning and the cool winter nights and clear, warm sunny days are ideal.

Ajijic is an easy 35-minute taxi ride from the Guadalajara Airport and I recall being amazed at how easy our life there was without a car. Its still just as easy, although the local bus fare increased from 25 cents to 50 cents since 1997.

We used the bus to get to/from the Balneario (hot springs spa situated five miles west of Ajijic) a favorite place to swim, soak in the hot pools and enjoy the steam grotto.

With the Balneario, the new gym and walking (we walked up to seven miles a day the first time we were there) it's easy to stay fit in Ajijic. There are also classes for Tai Chi, yoga and other activities. The health clinics and dentists in Ajijic are excellent, as are the hospitals in nearby Guadalajara.

I'd returned to Ajijic to see if I still liked it. And indeed I did. Enough to take Ken up on his offer to rent his place from March to November while he returns to Chicago? We'll keep you posted!

For more information visit [http://www.mexconnect.com/mex\\_chreares.html](http://www.mexconnect.com/mex_chreares.html)

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# HOME & FAMILY

## The Hawkes' are flying...

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Hawkes and wife, Sharon, married while in college and have three children, Jerry III (who now works at New Mexico State University with the U.S. Department of Agriculture extension service); Melissa Ashcroft, who also lives in Las Cruces; and Troy, who lives in McKinney, Texas.

After graduation, Hawkes joined the Forest Service and put his name into a registry for assignment.

"A job came open and they sent a telegram," Hawkes said, giving the couple a month to pack up and head to Buffalo Gap National Grass Lands in South Dakota.

After 18 months, they moved to the Shoshone National Forest in Meeteetse, Wyo., where they stayed four years, and - by 1973 - finished having their children. The next assignment took them to Sheridan, Wyo., and the Bighorn National Forest.

His young family didn't seem to mind the frequent moves until his oldest son was in high school - vice president of the junior class in Escalante, Utah, and on all the sports teams. Hawkes was working in the Dixon National Forest.

"Then we moved, and it was hard because he went from being someone everyone knew to not knowing anyone," Hawkes said.

Until 1984, range management was Hawkes' focus, although with small staffs, employees often doubled up on duties. Hawkes handled grazing allotments and range improvements, as well as wildlife projects and working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service. He'd also coordinate power lines along roads and keep track of some oil and gas exploration and well drilling.

But then he was named a district manager for the first time, with an assignment in Afton, Wyo., in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Four years later, the same job opened up at the Smokey Bear Ranger District and he applied.

By then the Forest Service system had changed. No longer did people register and wait until they received a call one day about being reassigned. They applied for specific positions, and Hawkes said he liked what he saw in Lincoln County.

"We were happy and just stayed here after that," he said.

When he first arrived, Hawkes realized there was not much emphasis locally on watershed management or wildland/urban interface fire hazard reduction.

"I did a lot of that kind of work in Utah and saw the results, how the land was improved," Hawkes said. "We would build plugs (in gullies) and reseed the grass, thin the trees and then one or two years later, there would be some water behind the dams, grass growing and the wildlife would have moved in to forage on the plants covering ground that previously was bare."

"So we started watershed and wildlife habitat rehabilitation here. The piñon junipers were so dense, especially, that nothing could grow on the ground, which caused erosion. Springs were drying up."

Since he joined the district, 40,000 acres have been treated, Hawkes said.

Rehabilitation work after fires also has been productive, he said.

"Ground cover, which is forage for wildlife, has returned, and that also protects the soil," he said.

"The habitat improvement is remarkable."

Part of the success belongs to grazing permit holders with allotments in the forest, he said.

"We have local permittees who have shown a real interest, as have many residents," he said. "They've pitched in, and that's why we've been so successful. Many permittees now are cutting fuel wood and pulling up trees. The village does its own projects, as does the Ruidoso River Association with fuel reduction work. It's rewarding to see everyone working together."

The increase in local population and number of tourists means more use of the forest, Hawkes said. Although deer hunting is down because of a decline in numbers, elk hunt-



Jerry Hawkes is starting to pack up, preparatory to departing Ruidoso after more than a decade as the ranger in charge of the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

ing is up, and all of the campgrounds experienced heavier use over the last few years, he said.

During his years with the district, group campgrounds were built at Cedar Creek and three other campgrounds were reconstructed, including Oak Grove, Three Rivers and South Fork, and the Forest Service helped rebuild the road leading to Bonito Lake.

"We also produced two videos on the need to implement watershed management, called 'Fire and Water' and 'Restoring the Promise,'" Hawkes said. "The Natural Resource Conservation Service, New Mexico State University, (rancher) Sid Goodloe and others helped. (The videos) are used as part of a curriculum now and we receive requests all the time for copies."

In the last few years especially, Hawkes said, the local effort seems headed in the right direction. "I see more work being done. When you improve the watershed, you improve water storage capability and the habitat," he said. "It appears the activity will increase with more grants and sources of money from the Clean Water Act."

Hawkes' last day is Wednesday, Jan. 3. Then they will pack up and head for the property they bought along the Rio Grande near Radium Springs, about 14 miles north of Las Cruces. They plan to plant a few acres of alfalfa.

"We're finishing the house and I hope to build a clubhouse for the grandchildren," he said. "We're interested in church activities and they have a lot of need there. We'd like to get involved in that."

Sharon spent 13 years teaching at the Ruidoso Christian School and the couple was active in the Ruidoso Baptist Church.

"I look forward to being closer to the grandkids, but it's hard to move," Hawkes said. "We leave with a lot of fond memories. We've been here a long time and people have been so good to us. All of the Forest Service employees here and in Alamogordo have been a lot of help. I appreciate them and I feel good about what we've done."

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 2, 1953

### McCarty back from Korea

Billy McCarty, who has seen seven months service in Korea with the Navy and has visited several way points in the Pacific in his tour of duty, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club last week. ...

On Dec. 20, the Rotarians held ladies night in the Navajo Lodge, with decorations by H.H. Shier and Allen Luallin, and music by "Miss Personality," Eileen, of the Navajo.

JAN. 4, 1963

### Morrison's at Sun Bowl

Carl Morrison and family, winners of the Ruidoso Quarterback Club's annual trip to the Sun Bowl game in El Paso, were treated to a night's lodging at the Cortez Hotel of that city. ...

The lucky member who wins the trip each year is determined by the number of meetings he attends. Members put their names in a box at each meeting and at the end of the year the winner is determined.

JAN. 5, 1973

### Hine Sun Bowl princess

Cathy Hine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hine, Ruidoso, was named Princess Royale of the 38th annual Sun Carnival, held in El Paso Dec. 2 through Jan. 1, 1973.

She was named for the honor from 40 princesses participating, the first from Ruidoso and perhaps from New Mexico.

JAN. 6, 1983

### New tax confusing

"Something we've all got to do is pay taxes and die," responded Safeway manager Carl Franzer Wednesday when asked about reactions to the 1 percent additional gross receipts tax now being collected.

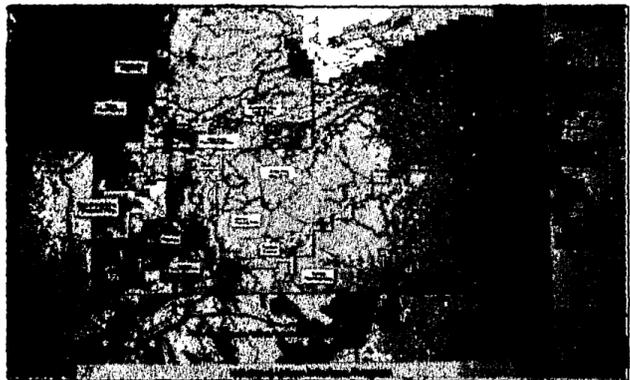
Franzer's comment was typical of those polled about the new tax, in effect since Jan. 1. At 5.25 percent, the tax now is the highest collected in New Mexico.

JAN. 7, 1993

### Town talks transit system

Ruidoso residents may or may not be in favor of mass transit for the community. Whatever their opinions, grant money won't be available until October 1994.

Ruidoso's town meeting on the subject is scheduled for Jan. 11 at the Civic Events Center.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

The Smokey Bear district has been Hawkes' responsibility for the past 14 years.

## We say goodbye to a roller-coaster year of joy and sadness



LINCOLN TRAILS  
ROSALIE DUNLAP

By the time you read this in the paper we will be in the new year of 2003. Where did the past year go? It has been a roller-coaster ride for so many. So many friends and family have passed on, new babies have been born and new neighbors have moved into the area.

There have been additions to homes and businesses.

The horse operation east of Hattie's Bridge has put in extensive fencing for the horses, and the new owner of the Vorwick house has put up a nice yard fence.

The Christmas season was one of heavy, wet snow and wind, Lincoln

received close to 12 inches of wet snow in some areas.

Church attendance was low, as everyone was snowed in. The wind prevented the lighting of the farolitos after three tries. This makes only the second time they were unable to light the farolitos due to the wind.

There were several open-house events held during the season. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Burchett and her family. Her mother passed away just before Christmas. Nancy Barone also lost her mother. She lived

in Ohio.

Francis and Joe Gallegos had a houseful of family over the holidays.

Reg and Peg Ritchie had Peg's mother, Betty Schultz, as their house guest during the holidays. We all thoroughly enjoyed her.

The Dunlaps spent their Christmas in Portland, Texas, with their daughter and family, Lois, David and sons Scott and Daniel. It was cloudy and warm.

We came home early when we heard of the snow. We have a leaky roof and wanted to get home before the "community room" was flooded. As soon as the weather warms up we

will get it replaced.

Congratulations to Angie Provine and Nancy Knight. Angie has had a couple of write-ups on her Pioneer Woman of the Year Award and her famous "fours."

Nancy Knight was installed in the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame. The recognition party and 4-H annual award night was canceled because of the first snowstorm.

Our daughter-in-law had surgery on her hip the first part of December. Because her hip kept slipping out of place, she had to have it redone. She spent 26 days in the Brockton, Mass., Hospital.

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"I'd always had an interest in wildlife and range management," he said.

Although his father's job centered on office supplies, he spent free hours and weekends outside with his dad, hunting and fishing.

Hawkes and wife, Sharon, married while in college and have three children, Jerry III (who now works at New Mexico State University with the U.S. Department of Agriculture extension service); Melissa Ashcroft, who also lives in Las Cruces; and Troy, who lives in McKinney, Texas.

After graduation, Hawkes joined the Forest Service and put his name into a registry for assignment.

"A job came open and they sent a telegram," Hawkes said, giving the couple a month to pack up and head to Buffalo Gap National Grass Lands in South Dakota.

After 18 months, they moved to the Shoshone National Forest in Meeteetse, Wyo., where they stayed four years, and - by 1973 - finished having their children. The next assignment took them to Sheridan, Wyo., and the Bighorn National Forest.

His young family didn't seem to mind the frequent moves until his oldest son was in high school - vice president of the junior class in Escalante, Utah, and on all the sports teams. Hawkes was working in the Dixon National Forest.

"Then we moved, and it was hard because he went from being someone everyone knew to not knowing anyone," Hawkes said.

Until 1984, range management was Hawkes' focus, although with small staffs, employees often doubled up on duties. Hawkes handled grazing allotments and range improvements, as well as wildlife projects and working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service. He'd also coordinate power lines along roads and keep track of some oil and gas exploration and well drilling.

But then he was named a district manager for the first time, with an assignment in Afton, Wyo., in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Four years later, the same job opened up at the Smokey Bear Ranger District and he applied.

By then the Forest Service system had changed. No longer did people register and wait until they received a call one day about being reassigned. They applied for specific positions, and Hawkes said he liked what he saw in Lincoln County.

"We were happy and just stayed here after that," he said.

When he first arrived, Hawkes realized there was not much emphasis locally on watershed management or wildland/urban interface fire hazard reduction.

"I did a lot of that kind of work in Utah and saw the results, how the land was improved," Hawkes said. "We would build plugs (in gullies) and reseed the grass, thin the trees and then one or two years later, there would be some water behind the dams, grass growing and the wildlife would have moved in to forage on the plants covering ground that previously was bare."

"So we started watershed and wildlife habitat rehabilitation here. The piñon junipers were so dense, especially, that nothing could grow on the ground, which caused erosion. Springs were drying up."

Since he joined the district, 40,000 acres have been treated, Hawkes said.

Rehabilitation work after fires also has been productive, he said.

"Ground cover, which is forage for wildlife, has returned, and that also protects the soil," he said.

"The habitat improvement is remarkable."

Part of the success belongs to grazing permit holders with allotments in the forest, he said.

"We have local permittees who have shown a real interest, as have many residents," he said. "They've pitched in, and that's why we've been so successful. Many permittees now are cutting fuel wood and pulling up trees. The village does its own projects, as does the Ruidoso River Association with fuel reduction work. It's rewarding to see everyone working together."

The increase in local population and number of tourists means more use of the forest, Hawkes said. Although deer hunting is down because of a decline in numbers, elk hunt-



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Jerry Hawkes is starting to pack up, preparatory to departing Ruidoso after more than a decade as the ranger in charge of the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest.

ing is up, and all of the campgrounds experienced heavier use over the last few years, he said.

During his years with the district, group campgrounds were built at Cedar Creek and three other campgrounds were reconstructed, including Oak Grove, Three Rivers and South Fork, and the Forest Service helped rebuild the road leading to Bonito Lake.

"We also produced two videos on the need to implement watershed management, called 'Fire and Water' and 'Restoring the Promise,'" Hawkes said. "The Natural Resource Conservation Service, New Mexico State University, (rancher) Sid Goodloe and others helped. (The videos) are used as part of a curriculum now and we receive requests all the time for copies."

In the last few years especially, Hawkes said, the local effort seems headed in the right direction. "I see more work being done. When you improve the watershed, you improve water storage capability and the habitat," he said. "It appears the activity will increase with more grants and sources of money from the Clean Water Act."

Hawkes' last day is Wednesday, Jan. 3. Then they will pack up and head for the property they bought along the Rio Grande near Radium Springs, about 14 miles north of Las Cruces. They plan to plant a few acres of alfalfa.

"We're finishing the house and I hope to build a clubhouse for the grandchildren," he said. "We're interested in church activities and they have a lot of need there. We'd like to get involved in that."

Sharon spent 13 years teaching at the Ruidoso Christian School and the couple was active in the Ruidoso Baptist Church.

"I look forward to being closer to the grandkids, but it's hard to move," Hawkes said. "We leave with a lot of fond memories. We've been here a long time and people have been so good to us. All of the Forest Service employees here and in Alamogordo have been a lot of help. I appreciate them and I feel good about what we've done."

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 2, 1953

### McCarty back from Korea

Billy McCarty, who has seen seven months service in Korea with the Navy and has visited several way points in the Pacific in his tour of duty, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club last week. ...

On Dec. 20, the Rotarians held ladies night in the Navajo Lodge, with decorations by H.H. Shier and Allen Luallin, and music by "Miss Personality," Eileen, of the Navajo.

JAN. 4, 1963

### Morrison at Sun Bowl

Carl Morrison and family, winners of the Ruidoso Quarterback Club's annual trip to the Sun Bowl game in El Paso, were treated to a night's lodging at the Cortez Hotel of that city. ...

The lucky member who wins the trip each year is determined by the number of meetings he attends. Members put their names in a box at each meeting and at the end of the year the winner is determined.

JAN. 5, 1973

### Hine Sun Bowl princess

Cathy Hine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hine, Ruidoso, was named Princess Royale of the 38th annual Sun Carnival, held in El Paso Dec. 2 through Jan. 1, 1973.

She was named for the honor from 40 princesses participating, the first from Ruidoso and perhaps from New Mexico.

JAN. 6, 1983

### New tax confusing

"Something we've all got to do is pay taxes and die," responded Safeway manager Carl Franzer Wednesday when asked about reactions to the 1 percent additional gross receipts tax now being collected.

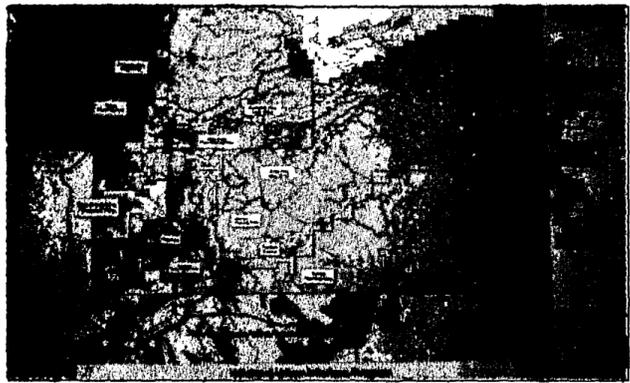
Franzer's comment was typical of those polled about the new tax, in effect since Jan. 1. At 5.25 percent, the tax now is the highest collected in New Mexico.

JAN. 7, 1993

### Town talks transit system

Ruidoso residents may or may not be in favor of mass transit for the community. Whatever their opinions, grant money won't be available until October 1994.

Ruidoso's town meeting on the subject is scheduled for Jan. 11 at the Civic Events Center.



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The Smokey Bear district has been Hawkes' responsibility for the past 14 years.

## We say goodbye to a roller-coaster year of joy and sadness



LINCOLN TRAILS  
ROSALIE DUNLAP

By the time you read this in the paper we will be in the new year of 2003. Where did the past year go? It has been a roller-coaster ride for so many. So many friends and family have passed on, new babies have been born and new neighbors have moved into the area.

There have been additions to homes and businesses.

The horse operation east of Hattie's Bridge has put in extensive fencing for the horses, and the new owner of the Vorwick house has put up a nice yard fence.

The Christmas season was one of heavy, wet snow and wind, Lincoln

received close to 12 inches of wet snow in some areas.

Church attendance was low, as everyone was snowed in. The wind prevented the lighting of the farolitos after three tries. This makes only the second time they were unable to light the farolitos due to the wind.

There were several open-house events held during the season. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Burchett and her family. Her mother passed away just before Christmas. Nancy Barone also lost her mother. She lived

in Ohio.

Francis and Joe Gallegos had a houseful of family over the holidays.

Reg and Peg Ritchie had Peg's mother, Betty Schultz, as their house guest during the holidays. We all thoroughly enjoyed her.

The Dunlaps spent their Christmas in Portland, Texas, with their daughter and family, Lois, David and sons Scott and Daniel. It was cloudy and warm.

We came home early when we heard of the snow. We have a leaky roof and wanted to get home before the "community room" was flooded. As soon as the weather warms up we

will get it replaced.

Congratulations to Angie Provine and Nancy Knight. Angie has had a couple of write-ups on her Pioneer Woman of the Year Award and her famous "fours."

Nancy Knight was installed in the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame. The recognition party and 4-H annual award night was canceled because of the first snowstorm.

Our daughter-in-law had surgery on her hip the first part of December. Because her hip kept slipping out of place, she had to have it redone. She spent 26 days in the Brockton, Mass., Hospital.