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'Most Wanted' fugitive captured

■ Texas man sought in double capital murder is nabbed in Upper Canyon

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A 25-year-old Texas man wanted in the shooting deaths of his parents Dec. 13, and featured on the "America's Most Wanted" television show, was apprehended early Saturday by members of a special response team of the Ruidoso Police Department.

Justin Smith, his wife, Elizabeth, and 10-month-old daughter, Shellee, were staying in a rental cottage in Sherwood Forest in the Upper Canyon section of

the village, according to interim Police Chief Wolfgang Born.

Smith, profiled twice on the popular AMW, is charged with two counts of capital murder for the deaths in Bay City, Texas, of his mother, Tom K. "TK" Smith and his father, Thomas Henry "Bubba" Smith.

Their bodies were found in the kitchen of their Texas home wrapped in plastic sheets on Dec. 21. They were shot multiple times and Mrs. Smith also was stabbed. The thermostat had been turned down in an apparent attempt to slow decomposition, Texas officials said.



Smith

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'Oh s--t, there it is': Officer Piño suddenly finds TNT5

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After a briefing about the possibility that a fugitive, wanted in Texas for the murders of his parents, might be in the Ruidoso area, Police Officer Dave Piño was determined to check out every nook of the community to find him.

Knowing that Justin Smith and his wife, Elizabeth, bought a pop-up camping trailer for \$550 registered to a man in Tularosa, the officer first checked Carrizo Canyon and other RV parks starting about 6 a.m. Saturday, then headed toward the dozens of rental cabins in Upper Canyon.

At Sherwood Forest, Piño

spotted the 1999 tan Suburban with the distinct TNT5 license plate. Smith was reported driving.

On the way home, Piño exclaimed, "Oh s--t, there it is!"



Ruidoso Police Officer Dave Piño

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Albuquerque likes Sierra Blanca

■ Meeting on children's programs hears from the camp's supporters

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The juvenile offender rehabilitation program at Camp Sierra Blanca received a resounding endorsement during a meeting in Albuquerque Friday by representatives of various children's programs across the state.

The majority of "teams" that broke out into separate groups to discuss the future of programs under the state Department of Children, Youth and Families came back with recommendations that the program operated by Associates Marine Institutes of Florida at the camp be expanded and duplicated not disbanded, said Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District based in Carrizozo.

The meeting was called by CYF Secretary Mary Dale Be'son to discuss alternatives in view of the shrinking number of juvenile offenders in the state, leaving empty beds in several facilities.

For the past eight years, the camp, situated about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso, has grad-



Rusty Russell, executive director of Associates Marine Institutes, speaks at a meeting in Albuquerque.

uated a high percentage of boys, ages 14 to 18, who earned their high school diplomas and went on to secondary education. The recidivism rate of 10 percent continues despite an evolving population from low risk offenders to medium and high risk, members of the community board overseeing the camp say.

But for the past two years, AMI has borrowed money to operate because the state failed to send enough boys to meet the \$7.5 million annual per capita AMI is paid on the basis of the

number of boys housed at the camp, which can care for 50 offenders at one time.

Parsons said the meeting in Albuquerque, which was called at the direction of the state Legislative Finance Committee to hash out use of money in the annual CYF budget, started with an hour-long overview by CYF officials.

"They went over the different schools available and the fact that there are way too many beds and we need to

MEETING

Downs planning a new water well

■ Decreased spring flow prompts concern about water supply

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Amid declining flows in Griffith Spring, the City of Ruidoso Downs is seeking state money to help build another large production well.

The announcement came in a cautionary report issued to City Council Monday concerning the city's future water supplies.

"Production in the spring has gone down," said new Public Works Director Dan Gens. "We're keeping very close tabs on this."

The average flow in December, which was relatively wet, was 220 gallons per minute, close to historical lows.

The spring situation might prompt a severe Phase 3 water restriction as early as May, said City Administrator

John Waters.

"Certainly, if the spring continues to plummet, we need to put that in place as a precaution," Mr. Gens said.

"We look at the spring when they pick up in the winter, water restrictions might be required again."

At any rate, the city's longer-term water supply is a primary concern, Waters said.

"With the spring, it's like it's taking a breather before it starts dropping again. We need to have a more adequate well to replace it when it becomes a problem. It's something that we need to pursue."

The city is currently drilling exploratory wells that could begin in the spring.

Playing a role in the

WELL

Make that a Virgin Mary: Alcohol banned on gaming floor

■ Resolution of gaming compact changes casino liquor regulations

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Patrons still can buy drinks with alcohol at the two casino centers operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, just the method and locations have changed.

Michael French, who heads all tribal hospitality enterprises on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso, said Thursday the difference is that when the tribe was not part of the gaming compact with the state, it was under no constraints on how to handle alcoholic beverages.

Being a sovereign nation, the Mescalero do not need a liquor license from the state, he pointed out.

Gary Tomada, director of the state Alcohol and Gaming Division, explained that the state can't issue licenses or monitor on reservations because of their sovereign status.

"We get calls every day about the 15 casinos in New Mexico. Some serve, some don't. But people ask what the

heck were we thinking to issue a license," he said. "Indian groups issue their own licenses through their tribal councils and the U.S. Department of the Interior."

French said the Mescalero for several years disputed the legality of gaming compacts that required 10 percent revenue sharing with the state by Indian groups.



Chino

Under President Mark Chino's administration, that dispute was resolved and now we are in full compliance with terms of the compact, which says we cannot serve alcohol on the gaming floor," French said.

That compliance was not immediate after the compact was approved by the U.S. Department of Interior last July.

"I'm not sure what the arrangement was with the governor about how quickly we would comply with all sections of

the compact, but certainly the intent was to comply," French said. "The alcohol service was the last step and I think everybody is satisfied."

Patrons at the Mescalero Travel Center and casino on U.S. 70 who want an alcoholic beverage can get one with a meal at Smokey B's Grill restaurant there, he said. Previously, liquor was sold at a round bar in the middle of the gaming area at the travel center.

At the old Casino Apache, the same situation exists at the Deck Restaurant. However, the old casino only will be open until mid-March when the new \$145 million Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino on the shore of Lake Mescalero will welcome guests for the first time.

After that, guests seeking a martini, an old-fashioned or rum and coke will have to stop at the Inn's new nightclub or The Big Game Sports Bar adjacent to, but not on, the casino gaming floor, French said. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in these areas, but patrons can't carry them onto the floor.

"That's what all the casinos in the

state are doing," French said. "We're not going to have any alcohol on the gaming floor."

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CLUBS MEETINGS

Ongoing

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower, 258-4185.

BSA Cub Pack 95: Meetings monthly, time and place TBA, 378-5623.

Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions: Meetings as needed. Contact RCC at 257-9071 for information.

Lincoln County Chess Club: New players and all levels welcome, 354-8036.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily 613 Sudderth, Suite H, 257-9397.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Children's TeamKids Discipline Program: 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade; 257-2081, or on the Web at www.1beruidoso.com.

Community Marketing Workshop: The Village of Ruidoso and the Lodgers Tax Committee will host a workshop at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Purpose is to gather feedback from business owners and citizens to be used in marketing Ruidoso. The public is invited, 6-8 p.m.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome, 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at K-Bob's, Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May in the Woman's Club Building, 116

Evergreen Road, Ruidoso, 257-7936.

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 336-4808.

Thursday, Jan. 13

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Second Thursday of the month, Sept.-May. Today's meeting is at the Ruidoso Library, downstairs classroom. Meeting is at noon. Visitors are welcome. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served; 378-4799.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group: Meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799) or e-mail us. All adult singles welcomed; http://www.nogal.com/leasg.

Order of the Eastern Star: Ruidoso Chapter NO. 65, Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. for the District Instructor's visit. A covered dish dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. All Eastern Star members are invited, 144 Nob Hill, Ruidoso.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the meeting room at the Texas New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem Dr.; 258-4003.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows

Friday, Jan. 14

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 336-4808.

Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; 378-4659.

Weight Watchers: Weigh-in at 9 a.m., meeting at 10, at United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road; Marcia, 258-8879.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Al-Anon: Meets every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 613 Sudderth Drive, Suite H.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7:15 p.m. Saturday in the Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room; Dawn at 937-0844 or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HGR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

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Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club: 9 a.m. every Saturday. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

Spinning Bee: Meets from 9 a.m. to noon, third Saturday mornings at La Placita in Lincoln; 354-7040.

Monday, Jan. 17

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Highways 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary: 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth; 378-8391.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. third Monday of the month in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive; 378-5237 or 257-2339.

Ruidoso Woman's Club game day: 11:45 a.m. at the Ruidoso Woman's Club Building, 116 S. Evergreen, behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

Weight Watchers: Weigh-in at 5 p.m., meeting at 5:30, at United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road; Marcia, 258-8879.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bob's; Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room. Call Dawn at 937-0844 or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. Tuesday

at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: 7 p.m. every Tuesday at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151.

Ruidoso Garden Club: 9:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations; Joyce, 258-4663.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets 11:30 a.m. for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-2776.

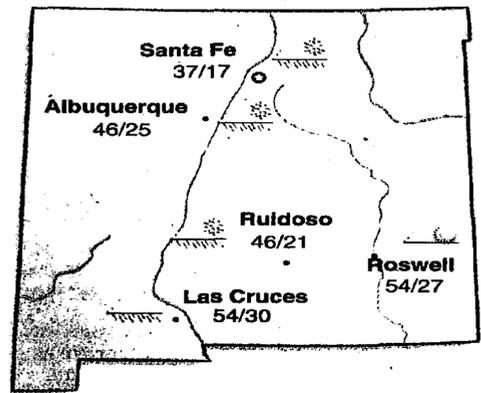
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Table with 3 columns: Wed 1/12, Thu 1/13, Fri 1/14. Includes weather icons, temperature ranges (e.g., 46/21), and sunrise/sunset times.



New Mexico At A Glance



Area Cities

Table listing weather for various area cities including Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Chama, Clovis, Deming, El Paso, TX, Espanola, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Guymon, OK, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Lordsburg, Lubbock, TX, Odessa, TX, Raton, Roswell, Santa Fe, Santa Rosa, Silver City, Socorro, St. Johns, AZ, Taos, Trinidad, CO, Truth or Consq., Tucumcari, and Tucson, AZ.

National Cities

Table listing weather for various national cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, DC.

Moon Phases



UV Index

Table showing UV Index for Wed 1/12, Thu 1/13, and Fri 1/14, all at a level of 4 (Moderate).

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale. 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tourism workshop

Promoting Ruidoso is the topic of a two-day workshop scheduled for today and tomorrow at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

A public meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the center as a part of the workshop. Organizers hope the evening meeting will be attended by representatives of all businesses in Ruidoso in any way involved in the tourist industry. In other words, every business in Ruidoso.

On Nov. 30 of last year, the village council approved \$1,500 of lodgers tax funds to pay for the workshop and its facilitator, Bruce Poster.

Lodgers, attractions and businesses that currently spend advertising and marketing dollars outside of Ruidoso are invited to attend the afternoon workshop from 2 to 5 p.m. today (Jan. 12) at the convention center.

At tonight's meeting, Poster will discuss the state of tourism in New Mexico, national tourism trends and a summary of recent research conducted for the Department of Tourism.

Following that presentation, attendees will have the chance to offer feedback and comments.

From 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow, Jan. 13, a follow-up session will examine input from Wednesday's events to draft a strategic document to be used when plans for the future marketing of Ruidoso are discussed.

For more information, call Bruce Poster at 258-7500.

Tsunami fund-raiser

White Mountain Elementary School students have planned a fund-raiser to support victims of the recent tsunami disaster.

This Friday, hundreds of the school's third and fourth-grade

students will set out on the Links walking path in a pledge drive on behalf of tsunami victims.

The students have already obtained pledges from parents and neighbors to contribute, based on the distance they'll cover on their walk, according to Gary Bass, a fourth-grade teacher who's organizing the event.

Bass said the proceeds of the drive will likely be donated to UNICEF.

"We're hoping to raise at least \$1,000," Bass said, adding that he expected the total could be much higher.

The students will set out after lunch, or at about 12:30 p.m., on Jan. 14.

For more information, call 258-4220.

Lawyer advertisement for Michael J. Gopin, Attorney at Law. Includes phone number (505) 286-5493 and services like Automobile Accidents, Wrongful Death, Vioxx, and Trucking Accidents.

Schlitzsky's advertisement featuring 'TOASTED ON ARTISAN BREAD!' and contact information: 2812 Sudderth, 505-257-7811.

Ruidoso News masthead and staff list including David Price, Mary Racine, and contact information.

Newsroom staff list including Dianne Stallings, Pamela Cromwell, Todd Fuqua, and Valerie Wilson.

Display Advertising advertisement with contact information for Diane Gremillion and Gail Bailey.

CAPTURE: Couple flown to Texas

FROM PAGE 1A

Although Smith reportedly spent several days in the Bay City area after Dec. 13 - even, according to witnesses, playing pool at the local Neon Moon bar with his father's pool stick - by the time police found the bodies, he had fled the area.

Born said Smith and his wife were transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo late Saturday. Two Texas Rangers and Texas 23rd Judicial District Attorney Steven Reis flew into Lincoln County. Judge Karen Parsons of the New Mexico 12th Judicial District conducted an extradition hearing at the Ruidoso Police Department Sunday. Attorneys Gary Mitchell and Freda McSwane represented Smith, who didn't contest the action.

The couple was flown back to Bay City late Sunday after a search of the Ruidoso cabin where they had been staying since Jan. 5. They were scheduled to check out Jan. 10.

Elizabeth Smith charged

Elizabeth "Ryan" Smith was charged with two counts of murder, but not capital murder, a charge that could result in a death sentence for her husband, if he's convicted.

The Smith child was taken into protective custody by the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, but Monday, Elizabeth "Ryan" Smith's mother, Sandra Hill, drove to Ruidoso to pick up her daughter's personal property and take custody of the child from CYF, Born said.

In reviewing events leading up to the arrest, Born said his department received information that Smith was using an ATM card in the Alamogordo area and might check into the Swiss Chalet about 10:30 p.m. Friday.

"I worked the desk and we

set up our special response team in Room 124, next to the room we planned to check the family into," Born said. "But they never showed."

Flyers about Smith were circulated by AMW in the area, Born said. "A dispatcher also called all local hotels to let them know. Right after that, someone from Swiss Chalet called and said that if they did show there, it would be late, about 10:30 p.m."

"I don't know if they (Smith and his wife) called over there and intended to leave the cabin, but that's how it all got started."

Rentals checked

Early Saturday, Ruidoso Police Officer Dave Pino decided to check on rental cabins and RV parks first in the Carrizo Canyon area.

He knew from the briefing that Smith had purchased a pop-up camping trailer in Alamogordo registered to a Tularosa man.

When he had no luck there, Pino headed into Upper Canyon and spotted the tan 1999 Suburban with the TNT5 Texas license plate described in the fugitive bulletin.

He watched the cabin while calling for backup at 9:23 a.m. The special response team arrived and arrested Smith when he left the cabin and entered his SUV to watch a DVD, Born said.

"The guys (in the department) are feeling pretty good," he said Saturday evening.

Evidence collected

Born said evidence collected locally by Texas law enforcement authorities include jewelry and other items owned by Smith's parents that he pawned.

According to information from Texas officials, Smith may have killed his parents because they confronted him for stealing and pawning guns from his



Elizabeth Smith

"I worked the desk and we set up our Special Response Team in Room 124...but they never showed."

Wolfgang Born
Interim Police Chief

father. They threatened to turn him into police if he didn't return them by Dec. 13.

Previous convictions

Smith previously served time for forgery and burglary, according to family members. They said although he was close to his mother, Smith clashed frequently with his father. The couple turned to a "tough love" approach in the hope of straightening out their son.

Bay City, a town of about 20,000, is the largest municipality and the county seat of Matagorda County.

With a population of 37,000, the county borders the coastline of Texas about 50 miles southwest of Houston and is described as rural with some fishing villages hemming the intercoastal waterway.

Ruidoso on Weather Channel radar

Fire video is sought

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Village forester Rick Delaco is looking for people with video either of fires that swept through the area in recent years or of their property being treated to reduce the fire hazard.

Staff members of Atlas Media, a production company putting together a series for The Weather Channel, will be in Ruidoso Monday.

"I was contacted by Corbin Newman, coordinator for National Fire Plan out of Washington D.C.," Delaco said Tuesday.

"He's been to Ruidoso and I've visited with him in Montana. He knows Ruidoso. He said the (U.S.) Forest Service is contracting with a company called Atlas Media and they're doing the production work."

The Forest Service and Weather Channel are working together to create a series of stories on how communities are handling the wild fire problem.

Delaco said. "Ruidoso naturally is one of those examples," he said.

Early in the process after a series of devastating fires in the Southwest, Ruidoso was identified as one of the wild-land/urban interface communities at highest risk. Following Delaco's lead and recommendations from a task force, village councilors passed a series of ordinances requiring wild fire fuel reduction and setting "fire wise" landscape and construction standards.

Delaco, who heads the village's forestry department, said his contact with Atlas officials through e-mails and telephone detailed what they were looking for by trying to pool stories from various information sources.

"They want to find property owners who have done something on their property either voluntarily or through the ordi-

"All of it will probably turn into five or six 30-minute pieces."

Rick Delaco
Village Forester

Delaco said. He may be the guide on film for the portion dealing with Ruidoso, he said.

He's also giving them leads to other groups that already have filmed in the area such as the public service office of the Forest Service, the state Forestry Division and Trident Media, which filmed property makeovers.

"All of it will probably turn into five or six 30 minute pieces on the air," Delaco said. "Probably one of those will be on Ruidoso. They're going to be up in Montana, too. They may be taking a broader look at the whole process where communities might just be one or two segments."

The series will run on The Weather Channel.



Delaco

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OUR OPINION

Columbo has nothing on our finest

High-profile arrest timed well

Ruidoso's finest earned their stripes this week, arresting a notorious fugitive wanted for the gruesome slayings of both his parents last month in Bay City, Texas.

If skiers eager to hit the slopes encountered a novice desk clerk at the Swiss Chalet last Friday afternoon, one who may well have slowed the check-in process, we hope they accept our apologies.

Manning the desk was Wolfgang Born, interim chief of police, who had received a tip that Justin Smith might be headed to the local hotel.

When Smith failed to show, officer David Piño, sharing Born's refusal to sit idly by and wait for a tip, cruised the streets, looking for the vehicle authorities believed Smith was driving — the vehicle he stole

from his slain parents.

We can picture the scene when Piño, after exploring Carrizo Canyon Road and lodging facilities throughout town, pulled into a quiet cul-de-sac in the Upper Canyon and spotted the car.

Fortunately, Smith wasn't at the window when the police vehicle cruised in, then sped out of the neighborhood.

Backup was called, and the rest is history.

Given the tumult of recent months at the Ruidoso Police Department, this weekend's successful apprehension of Smith couldn't have come at a better time.

The attention paid to the bust by state and regional media has provided an appreciative slap on the back to the men and women at the PD, and we're glad to see it.

'Crushingly boring' Legislature revs up

New Mexico is revving up her legislative engine once again, our esteemed reps and senators ready to work their particular brand of magic. Other than political junkies like me, no one is going to pay much attention.

You know why? You guys induce yawns. Oh, you have your frivolous moments, like when you deliberate whether the official New Mexico question should be "red or green?" or, perhaps this session, "red or blue?"

Mostly, though, you spend your Santa Fe days pontificating on crushingly boring matters. There are likely to be more than 1,000 pieces of legislation introduced this 60-day session, most of which will cause Mr. and Mrs. New Mexico to nod off.

You want us to pay attention? Then you start paying attention to the gut issues that concern the ordinary guy who walks the main streets of your towns.

For instance, you might consider these new laws: Boom boxes. If a kid cruising Main Street is blasting rap loud enough to give a guy on the sidewalk an Excedrin headache, arrest him. Make him listen to one month of Lawrence Welk Champagne Music reruns.

Wardrobe. As long as you are dealing with the younger set, outlaw those oversized trousers kids like to slouch in. And if they wear the baseball cap backwards, the bill facing the same direction as the butt, sentence them to five days in a shirt and tie.

Line jumpers. If a woman — and it is normally a woman because men tend to pay more attention to the rules — squeezes in front of you in the "10 items only" line with a cart clearly containing 34 items, and, lady, I'M GOING TO COUNT THEM, ONE AT A TIME, VERY, VERY LOUDLY... Anyway, this should definitely be against the law and violators should spend one morning at the DMV office trying to



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get something registered or renewed.

The obnoxious. Any sports event spectator who screams YOU DA MAN! will be directed to a special section — for idiots only."

Oasis of silence. Get a jump on 2008 by making New Mexico the only state in the nation where it is illegal to run paid political advertising for presidential candidates. Give each five free spots and, in return, make them donate to our schools the \$50 million they were going to waste on irritating "and I approve this message."

Protecting the language. A three-month sentence of one hour a day, memorizing Webster's dictionary for any teenager overheard telling her friend, "so I'm like, do you want to go to the show, and he goes, I can't go to the show unless Mike goes, and, I'm all..."

Czardom. Why is it that only Governor Bill Richardson can appoint Czars? I mean, he has a Czar for everything. And being a Czar is a lot cooler than being, say, a cabinet secretary which is boring and requires legislative approval.

Thing is, all of those Santa Fe Czars are big wheels. Why can't state legislators appoint ordinary citizens as Czars in their own districts? You could have a School Crossing Czar, for instance. Or a Guy Who Sits On The Bench Outside The Drugstore Czar. How about the Guy Who Goes to the Post Office Czar? Come to think about it, maybe a Newspaper Columnist Czar? Probably not.

Ned Cantwell welcomes response at ncantwell@charter.net.



YOUR

Stop hunting on village streets

To the editor:

A person applies for and is granted a license to hunt the game of the season.

Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous hunters who take this piece of paper and head off, not to "hunt," but to infiltrate residential areas of Ruidoso, slowly perusing and scanning both sides of the street from their pickup trucks!

And we sit by helplessly watching our neighborhood turning into a killing field. The residents and families of Town and Country North experienced a sad and frightening weekend which culminated with a majestic deer pierced with an arrow dying in the driveway of the home of an elderly lady!

This is a community of children, domestic pets and people who embrace the harmony of nature. Earlier in the day, neighbors reported seeing hunters armed with bows and arrows skulking between homes in this area! We desperately need a strictly enforced buffer zone in residential areas of our Village to protect citizens from a very possible tragic scenario.

A back door is suddenly opened and an innocent child dashes out to play and a life is snuffed out; a family pet acting silly in a pile of leaves is no more; a family out for a stroll in the woods experiences injury or even death rather than the beauty they anticipated.

Once a bullet or an arrow is sent on its way, it will not stop until it hits an object.

There are acres of wilderness in which to legally hunt, fish and camp.

It is unconscionable to bring the dangers of hunting into the hearts of residential communities. We are frustrated and fearful that if this callous disregard for the safety and peace of mind of the folks of the Village of Ruidoso continues, the life of an innocent bystander will be claimed, and then it will be too late.

J. Kienker
E.B. Guerra
& neighbors
Ruidoso

Gas company not the culprit.

To the editor:

Concerning the article, "A tale of two cities" (Ruidoso News Jan. 7), I, for one would like to comment on the tenacity of the Capitan mayor in the manner he has used to continuously attack our Carrizozo-Capitan Natural Gas Company.

In the article, he has used the word "we" as if all of Capitan is willing to sell. I believe the mayor is too anxious in his pursuit to "save" the village.

If our gas company is sold and Zia takes over, will the Capitan gas consumers be able to get their gas as cheaply as the consumers in Ruidoso, and for how long? Last winter, our furnace quit, needed a thermocouple. I tried to fix it,

failed. As a last resort, I called the CCNG. The service man came, fixed the furnace and adjusted the oven in the kitchen. He was polite and professional. This was on the weekend. It cost us nothing. If Zia takes over, will we get this same benefit, or will we need to call a plumber?

Our school buildings need to be kept comfortable and warm but, are they willing to conserve by keeping the doors and windows closed during the winter and turn the thermostat down at night? Do the rooms that are not in use need to be heated?

The price of natural gas has gone up everywhere, not only in Capitan. The price in Albuquerque has risen 30 percent. I think we should learn to conserve, weatherproof our homes, turn down the thermostat and be more careful about jumping into something we might regret.

From what I understand, the mayor of Capitan does not reside in Capitan. I'm sure his propane expense has risen also.

I notice Carrizozo is using discretion and patience before agreeing to this proposal of Mr. Sedervall's. Let's follow their lead for the time being and seek other alternatives before we give up our gas company.

Joel Crossno
Capitan

Thanks to RMS students

To the editor:

I would like an opportunity to publicly thank the students at Ruidoso Middle School.

Their student council sponsored a toy drive and donated over 70 presents to abused and neglected children in Lincoln County.

The presents were distributed to children in foster homes, hospitals and treatment centers. The middle school students went out of their way to ensure that the children in our community had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you so much to a wonderful group of young people.

Your initiative and thoughtfulness brought joy to the children in our community.

Sandy Garrison
Ruidoso

'Festival of Lights' a welcome attraction

To the editor:

My wife and I visited Ruidoso on Jan. 1, and we want to congratulate the city on the excellent display of lights in the business district.

We subscribe to the News and were aware that you had the "Festival of Lights" event prior to Christmas. We are

just sorry that we weren't present for the lighting event. We will be there, next year.

The merchants of Ruidoso are to be congratulated on the beauty they created in the city. We were awed by the beauty of the lights and the city should be proud of themselves. Ruidoso is a beautiful place anyhow, and they surely added to the beauty with this cooperative display at a beautiful time of the year.

We have owned property in Ruidoso since 1973, have made many trips to enjoy the Ruidoso scene, and will continue to do so.

Congratulations to everyone responsible for the Festival of Lights.

Bob H. Murphy
Lubbock, Texas

New trash regulations should be pitched

To the editor:

Regarding the mandate by our trash department regarding new rules for picking up trash: We have proven now that the use of the grapple truck is a failure which has resulted in these new rules for trash collection.

After 10 years of a satisfactory system of picking up trash, someone came up with the grapple truck idea. In spite of an analysis that showed the truck at a 25 percent production (rate), trucks were bought and put in service.

It cost four times as much as the operation the truck was replacing. This data was passed on to management and ignored. The grapple truck is not fitted to pick up pine needles and requires a cleanup after needles are picked up.

I plan to continue cleaning my yard of trash, which I wheel-barrow to the side of my dumpster. My responsibility stops at that point.

I don't care if the limbs I place at my dumpster are neatly piled or not — trash is trash.

Perhaps Ruidoso needs a change in trash collection personnel.

We require a collection system that picks up everything, not on a selected basis.

J. A. "Al" Junge
E. & O. E.
Ruidoso

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PINO: Department morale high after RPD orchestrates apprehension

FROM PAGE 1A
empty patrol car, which was stopped in a cul-de-sac.
"I was hoping he didn't spot me," Piño said Monday during an interview with department officers who participated in the arrest and extradition hearing process. "I stashed my car and ran back as fast as I could."

The watch

He hid and watched the duplex cabin to ensure Smith didn't leave, while he called for backup. Piño notified Sgt. Dewayne Goar, who is part of the Special Response Team that staked out Swiss Chalet the previous night on a tip that the Smiths and their daughter might check into that motel on Mechem Drive.

"(Smith) later told me he felt he wouldn't be caught here," Piño said. "He knew the area. His family raced horses here. He was here as recently as last year. He said he planned to get as far away as he could from Texas and was going to drive to California and get lost in the mountains there."

Goar called in all shift officers and members of the SRT, while asking reserve officers to provide routine patrol in the village. Deputies from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department showed up, as did two officers from the New Mexico State Police.

"I told members of the team to get geared up and while waiting for the rest to respond, I went to Piño's location to get a view of the layout for a tactical plan," Goar said.

While he was there, Smith came out on the porch of the cabin briefly and Goar decided to stay with Piño, so that the officer wouldn't be alone if sud-

den action was required. Meanwhile back at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Main Road, law enforcement units were gathering, as well as emergency medical staff.

State Police officer Roberto Diaz blocked off the southeast end of Main Road, while Ruidoso officer Mike Brown drove Capt. John Cox's private vehicle up the canyon, past the cabin and blocked off the other end.

The plan

Once everything was set up, the team met about 10 a.m. on Emmons Road to develop a plan to safely remove the family on the other side of the duplex. But suddenly everything changed.

Seeing Smith open the cabin door, look around and then get into the passenger side of the Suburban, Piño threw a rock toward members of the SRT to get their attention.

"We revised the plan," Goar said.

They exploded a grenade called a "flashbang," something akin to a big firecracker that gives off a bright light with a loud bang to allow officers a few seconds before a suspect can respond.

The arrest

Four team members rushed Smith. He later said he didn't even have time to think before he was pulled out of the vehicle and cuffed, said Corporal Corky Condon, a member of the SRT.

At the same time, two officers headed to the cabin. Elizabeth Smith opened the door and when the officers ordered her outside, she started backing into the room screaming, Goar said.

"The team advanced and took her to the floor," he said. They then searched the cabin for other occupants and for the child. "EMS checked out the baby," he said, before turning it over to state officials.

"We couldn't have scripted it better," said Detective Jim Biggs. "It was absolutely perfect."

Although the Smiths were willing to allow a search of the cabin and vehicle, Biggs said search warrants were obtained. Detective Doug Babcock said Smith and his wife were transported in separate cars and were kept apart until the return trip to Texas.

Piño said while driving Smith, the suspect's only concern appeared to be about what would happen to \$1,500 in cash. "He didn't ask about his wife or his baby," the officer said.

Biggs added that in speaking to Smith and watching parts of a four-hour interview with Smith by Texas Ranger David Maxwell, he formed the impression that Smith, "was the most cold-blooded, calculating person I ever interviewed in my life. He had no remorse."

Smith "giggled, joked and smiled," while law enforcement officials searched his cabin and at the extradition hearing, officers said.

"He said he was anxious to get back to Texas," Condon said.

Although Smith would not have fought extradition, Biggs said, "We didn't want to make any mistakes and mess up the case for the Texas officials, so we went through the hearing. That also was the feeling of District Attorney Scot Key and Assistant D.A. Pam Dobbs."

Maxwell interviewed Smith

for four hours and his wife for six hours, Biggs said.

"At first, (Smith) was saying he accidentally shot his father," but evidence at the scene that Texas officials are not discussing indicate otherwise. By the time Maxwell was finished, that pretense was gone, Biggs said.

Sitting around a conference table at the police station Monday, interim Police Chief Wolfgang Born, Biggs, Babcock, Goar, Piño and Condon said they felt good when Maxwell made just one statement to the media and that was how much he appreciated the local cooperation and that Ruidoso has a great police department.

That evaluation was reiter-

ated by Texas D.A. Steven Reis on the telephone Monday morning, Babcock said.

"I've been here 15 years and morale is at an all-time high," Born said. Biggs, with the department 17 years, agreed.

"This was a tremendous team effort by everyone," Goar said. "We received great support from (Born) and from village officials."

All members of the SRT responded, patrol officers assisted with perimeter security, reserve officers handled community patrols, dispatchers coordinated all of the heavy communication, Goar said. The crime scene investigation unit was called out, Ruidoso Downs held the suspects in their jail,

"Smith later told me he felt he wouldn't be caught here. He knew the area. His family raced horses here. He was here last year."

Dave Piño
Ruidoso Police Officer

New Mexico State Police and Lincoln County Sheriff's deputies assisted. Also helping were emergency medical personnel and officials from the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, he said.

"It was just great community cooperation," Babcock added.

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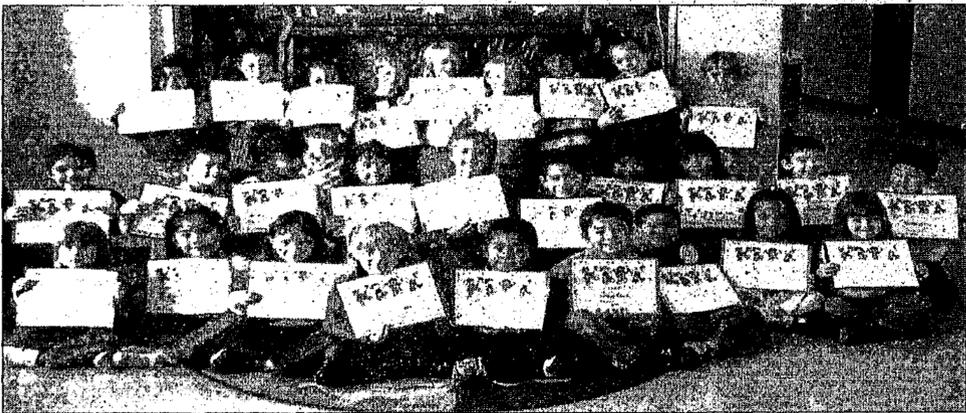
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NOVEMBER GOOD CITIZENS



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Nob Hill Good Citizens for November (back row) Christina McKinley, Dillon Reynolds, T'Khala Chavez, Austin Mowell, Joran Allen, Jericho Allen, Levi Gonzales, Spirit Carlson, Dagon Duke, (middle row) Cody Matthies, Hector Pacheco, Nayeli Chavira, Lizbeth Rojas, Sydney Annala, Carlos Reyes, Araceli Hernandez, Zilina Sanchez, Justin Phillips, Nico Garcia, (front row) Kourtney Brown, Valaina Kadayso, Angelica Rey, Hayley Voges, Vernon Scott, Ashton Finch, Ray Nuñez, Bernice Gomez, Aspen Caughron.



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Wee Warriors second grade at Sierra Vista Primary, for November: (back row) Phillip Payan, Desiree Stephenson, Adrian Crow, John Marrujo, Brooke Yaksich, Dylan Williams, Kate Robinson, Keslee Bennett, Sierra Davis, (middle row) Elise Coakley, Kristine Clarke, Raina Duncan, Brianna Parks, Ericka Hostosavit, Daniel Randolph, Aric Phillips; (front) Jesus Carrillo, Alfredo Carrillo, Mario Valencia, Sarahi Flores, Nancy Macias.



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Wee Warriors first grade at Sierra Vista Primary for November: (back row) Tobias Herrera, Parker Morrow, McKenna Porter, Steven Bate, Geny Ortiz, Alexa Ramirez, Kaitlyn Taylor, Jake Harrelson, (front) Shania Lopez, David Tellez-Giron, Riker Graham, Paola Hernandez, Mariana Lyons, Heather Leahy, Erica French, Christian Castro.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan Schools
Two choices of lunch for middle and high school students.
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Ham, Raisin Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Muffin; Lunch: Pizza, celery, carrot sticks w/ sunflower seed butter, fruit.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or Breakfast Burrito; Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Omelette, Cinnamon Roll or Hot Cereal; Lunch: Cheeseburger or Chicken Burger w/ ketchup, Curly Fries, Fruit.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or Waffles w/ Syrup; Hot Cereal; Lunch: Spaghetti or Steak Fingers, Roll, Salad w/ Dressing, Fruit.

Carrizozo Schools
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Omelette, Lunch: Beef Stew, Crackers, Veggie Stick, Applesauce.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Boiled Eggs, Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Green Beans, Chilled Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup, Lunch: Beans, Pudding.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: Waffles.

w/ Syrup, Lunch: Hamburger, Tater Tots, Salad, Applesauce.
Nob Hill and Headstart
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito; Lunch: Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Chilled Fruit.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Bagel & Cream Cheese; Lunch: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fresh Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Cereal, Graham Cracker, Lunch: Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Salad w/ Dressing, Chilled Fruit.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: Egg & Sausage Biscuit, Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit.

Ruidoso Elementary schools
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito; Lunch: Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Salad w/ Dressing, Chilled Fruit.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Bagel & Cream Cheese; Lunch: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fresh Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Cereal, Graham Cracker, Lunch: Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Salad w/ Dressing, Chilled Fruit.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: Egg & Sausage Biscuit, Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit.

Ruidoso Middle School
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Lunch: Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Roll, Fresh Fruit.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Waffle Stix, Cereal, Lunch: Chicken & Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Lunch: Burrito w/ Salsa, French Fries, Chilled Fruit.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Lunch: Turkey Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Roll, Chilled Fruit.

Ruidoso High School
Wed. Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Lunch: Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Roll, Fresh Fruit.
Thurs. Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Waffle Stix, Cereal, Lunch: Chicken & Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit.
Fri. Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Lunch: Beef Vegetable Stew, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit.
Mon. Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.
Tues. Jan. 18 — Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Lunch: Turkey Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Roll, Chilled Fruit.

New Mexico schools rank high for accountability, low for student math & reading

Quality Counts moves NM from 23rd to 7th in standards/accountability

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Results of Quality Counts 2005, an *Education Week* report on education sponsored by Pew Charitable Trusts, show that New Mexico has done an excellent job of establishing clear academic standards, assessments and school accountability; however, in student achievement the state still ranks near the bottom of the list.

Education Week issued report cards for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For academic standards, assessments and school accountability, New Mexico received an A, placing seventh in the nation and tying with Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky in receiving an overall score of 94 out of 100. New Mexico enhanced its grade by including standards-based exams in English, mathematics, and science in all grade spans.

According to the Quality Counts summary, New Mexico has all the components of a comprehensive accountability system. It publishes test data on school report cards and uses the information to rate schools.

"New Mexico has clear and specific standards for English, mathematics, and science in elementary, middle, and high school," the report states. "In social studies/history, the standards are clear and specific only in middle and high school."

The state also ranked in the top 20 for its efforts to improve teacher quality; receiving a grade of B- (81 points). The report credits New Mexico for its new three-tiered licensure system. It noted that New Mexico is one of only three states to require that parents be notified in writing if their child is taught by a person who is not qualified to teach the grade or subject.

The state's score was brought down because middle

school teachers are not required to pass a subject-matter exam (high school teachers do). In addition, prospective middle and high school teachers need to earn only minors in the subjects they plan to teach.

"New Mexico is making tremendous strides at improving education, and it shows. I'm pleased with the significant gains. We went from 23rd to seventh in the area of standards and accountability in just one year, and from 30th to 17th in improving teacher quality in two years," said Secretary of Education Veronica C. Garcia. "New Mexico is clearly on the move and setting a pace for others to follow. My goal is to see New Mexico in the top five in all categories."

In terms of student achievement, New Mexico has shown "statistically significant" improvements in math proficiency, however test scores are still low.

Less than 20 percent of the state's students are showing grade-level proficiency in reading and math according to scores on "the nation's report card," the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The NAEP exam is more rigorous than most state exams, and no state scored higher than 50 percent in any grade or subject on the NAEP.

"The range of rigor in tests and performance standards across states is obvious when one compares students' performance on NAEP with the results on state exams," states Ronald Skinner in *Education Week*. "While only 18 percent of fourth graders in Mississippi scored at or above proficient on the NAEP reading test, for example, 87 percent have reached that bar on the state exam."

When measured by New Mexico's own state standards, roughly half of the student population showed grade-level proficiency in reading and math. Quality Counts listed New Mexico second- and third-to-last in student achievement, ranking above only Washington, D.C., and

New Mexico Student Achievement Scores

Proficient or better in Reading
4th graders: 19% NAEP (above D.C. and Mississippi); 45% state exam
8th graders: 20% NAEP (above only D.C. at 10%); 51% state exam

Proficient or better in Math
4th graders: 17% NAEP (above D.C. at 7%); 53% state exam
8th graders: 15% NAEP (above D.C. and Mississippi); 46% state exam

Mississippi.

In the area of School Climate, New Mexico received a C+, ranking with Idaho, Iowa, Arkansas and Utah with an overall score of 78. (Delaware received the highest score, 85). The report stated that "students in New Mexico are more likely to attend schools where physical conflicts between students and a lack of parent involvement are problems than are students in other states."

The report credited New Mexico for appropriating funds in 2004 for bullying prevention. Also, New Mexico is one of only 11 states in the country to include information on parent involvement on report cards.

New Mexico received a B for the equity of its resources. The report states that "New Mexico visits both extremes when it comes to equity. It has only slight inequities in state and local revenue related to local property wealth, as shown by the state's rank of 13th on the wealth-neutrality score."

However, there are wide discrepancies in spending across districts and the state ranks 40th on that measure.

In education spending for 2001-02, New Mexico ranked below the national average, placing 33rd among the states and the District of Columbia. The state spends \$7,407 per pupil; the national average is \$7,734. However, New Mexico allocates 4 percent of its total taxable resources toward education, a bit above the national average.

S.A.D.D. AWARDS FOR HAPPY STUDENTS



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SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) poster and slogan winners for Ruidoso High School each received a \$50 check from SADD President Charlotte Schaefer (left). The winning slogans were: "Drink? Drive? Your choice, but the trouble with drinking and driving is...the 'mourning' after!" by Mieka Wenner and "Choices determine who you are. A wrong choice could leave a lifelong scar" by Dillon Hoffman. Awards went to, left to right, Dillon Hoffman, Katelynne Wenner, Meika Wenner and Lizzy Duffy (not pictured).

EDUCATION BRIEFS

School talent show

Sierra Vista Primary holds its second annual Winterfest Talent Show at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium on Reese Drive.

The evening includes food and a raffle, as well as loads of entertainment and family fun. Admission is \$5 for adults; children 13 and under are admitted free.

Capitan Board of Education meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Capitan Board of Education is tomorrow, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the administration building. Business items on the agenda include:

- John Ashcraft's presentation of the E-Rate phone system.
• Discussion of CCNG / Village of Capitan Status.
• Action on financial advisory agreement.
• Discussion of Crane Reading Program.
• Action on 2005 legislative requests.
• Discussion of PSCOC Master Plan Application, and
• Action on NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award.

The board will receive reports on the school board election, SB-9 project, the ski program, substitute for 2004-2005, enrollment, the NMSBA Board Institute, a utilities comparison, and other information reports.

The board will enter a closed session to address matters concerning employee performance and administrative evaluation, personally identifiable student information, and pending litigation.

Returning to open session, the board will present information and take action regarding the superintendent's contract.

For more information about this meeting or to request spe-

cial assistance such as a reader or interpreter, please call the Superintendent's secretary at 354-2239.

Federal financial aid application workshop

All 12th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to a special "Financial Aid Workshop" on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Ruidoso High School library.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and scholarship opportunities.

The FAFSA is required by all colleges and universities to help in determining a financial aid package for students. Staff will be on hand to help parents/guardians process the application form.

Meet the candidates

Capitan schools will present the candidates for the two positions opening on the Capitan Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, in the multipurpose room (school cafeteria). Elections are Feb. 1.

Violence prevention training for parents

Community Health Services is offering free violence prevention parent training beginning Jan. 15 and 19 in Ruidoso; Jan. 10 in Capitan; Jan. 18 in Carrizozo; and Jan. 20 in Tularosa.

Classes are designed for parents and children in grades five through 12. Parents and children will meet in separate groups.

A light meal, healthy snacks and door prizes are provided thanks to donations from local merchants and individuals. Each family that completes the six classes will receive \$75 cash.

For more information or to register by phone call Jennifer or Suzanne at 258-2893.

Ruidoso students make the grade at LCU

Carrie Line of Ruidoso has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2004. The President's List notes students who achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester with a 12-hour course load.

Rebekah LeBlanc, also of Ruidoso, has been named to the Dean's List at LCU for fall 2004. Students on this list maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester with a 12-hour course load.

According to a release, the number of LCU students named to these lists has increased dramatically in recent years due to a stronger emphasis on campus toward academics.

The administration has developed new programs over the last several years to help students in completing their academic responsibilities, including the Academic Support Center, which offers free student tutoring, the release stated.

LCU is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment.

Parenting workshop

Guiding Good Choices, a five-session parenting skills workshop for parents of children ages 12 to 17, begins Jan. 13, and meets Thursdays, Jan. 20 and 27, and Feb. 3 and 10 at the United Community Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

Dinner, childcare, and transportation are provided. Door prizes are awarded and participants will receive \$50 if they attend all five sessions.

The workshop is sponsored by The Counseling Center and the Department of Health. Pre-registration is required.

For registration, exact time, or more information, call Brenda or Genevieve at 257-0520.

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Voters approve new Alto Lakes district

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About 87 percent of the voters casting their ballots Monday in the Alto area approved the formation of a water and sanitation district and elected a five-member governing board.

Earl Adamy, on the community governance committee, said that preliminary totals show 158 voting for an Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District and 22 voting against.

"All we're waiting for now is for the election commission to certify the result at 10 a.m. Thursday and then we make application to (12th Judicial

District) Judge Karen Parsons to give us a final order of formation," Adamy said. "We then will be official as a district."

Financing is the biggest benefit in forming a district, he said, citing a \$26.1 million, 20-year capital improvement plan, including a community reverse osmosis system to eliminate softeners, water distribution system upgrades and a wastewater reuse system.

"This is beyond the capability of what our little water corporation can fund privately," Adamy said.

A district will allow the governing board to seek state and federal grants, Adamy said.

"We have been working a month on legislative grant (application) and hope to be able to tap into some of that money."

The vote was 5-1 in favor of a five-member board over a three-member board.

To the governing board voters selected C. Mark Clark with 118 votes, to 64 for Don Brewer for a two-year term; 101 for Warren Barrington over 78 for Charles Rountree for a two-year term; Michael DiSanto with 150 unopposed for a four-year term; Adamy unopposed with 140 votes for a four-year term; and Daniel Knorr with 144 votes unopposed for a six-year-year term.

WELL: Downs seeking state grants

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has leaped to the top of the Downs' priority list with the State Legislature and the Governor's Office.

"The money for drilling a full production well and putting it online (with a pump and chlorination station) is about \$1.3 million just to build the well, period," Waters said. "That doesn't include the cost to hook the well into the distribution system. That's another \$500,000. We have applied for grants from the State Legislature, and as



Gens

per the council's wishes we are pushing this as the top priority with the State Legislature.

"This year, you're probably not going to catch me much during the Legislature. I'm going to be spending time in Santa Fe trying to get the funding that we need."

The \$500,000 cost of hooking up a new well is contained in a request through the Community Block Development Grant program's Colonias Project.

As far as obtaining money from Santa Fe to actually drill a

new well, Waters hopes an emergency designation issued last year by Gov. Richardson will help.

"In our plea to the local (state representatives) I do think it did strike home," he said.

"We emphasized the fact that we received emergency funding from the governor's office, a \$750,000 grant. However we were not able to use one dime of that on infrastructure projects. So (with) the emergency declaration, hopefully we will be able to get some mileage out of that with the Legislature and the state agencies."

MEETING: Congressional delegation lines up behind Camp Sierra Blanca

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decide what to do with rest of the facilities," Parsons said Tuesday. "I was upset after the first session because of factual misrepresentations about CSB, so I had a discussion with William Gregoricus, director of performance and accountability with the governor's office."

She gave him statistics she accumulated on the camp to compare with what CYFD officials presented that could be considered at a later date, the judge said.

"I remarked to him that conclusions are only as valid as the underlying data and I was afraid the group couldn't reach valid conclusions unless they were given accurate information," Parsons said.

"But as it turned out, I was thrilled with outcome. Only two groups hearing the information came back with recommendations that CSB should change into a transitional home for youth. The other groups - there were 10 tables - went for expanding or duplicating CSB statewide, so we received a tremendous boost of support.

Everyone was really complimentary of what the camp is doing and most recognized it is the best program in the state."

The AMI program stresses development of self-esteem through accomplishment and accepting responsibility.

"These are people from other programs (acknowledging the camp's winning formula)," the judge said. "They were invited from each of the other institutions all over the state. I'm thrilled they recognized the wonderful benefits of the camp. It was a great endorsement. I'm waiting to see what (Bolson) comes away with."

Parsons became alarmed about the future of the camp after a conversation earlier this year with Bolson when she said the secretary indicated plans to change the camp into a transition facility for foster and abused children.

Parsons said she hopes to meet within the next two weeks with Bolson and "some other players," and then will try to

arrange a session with the governor.

AMI's contract with CYF expires in June. Parsons said as far as she knows, no request for proposals at the camp has been issued by the state, possibly because there has been no definitive decision about the camp program.

"If she wanted to get rid of us, she could do by choosing someone else," Parsons said.

The camp also received support from three Republican members of Congress, who are encouraging Gov. Bill Richardson to stick to his promise to keep it open as a rehabilitation program for delinquent boys.

U.S. Res. Steve Pearce and Heather Wilson, and U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, all from New Mexico, wrote the governor this week about the future of the camp.

"We hope the governor will oppose any efforts to close Camp Sierra Blanca as a resource for delinquent youth

in New Mexico. Last summer, he made the promise to keep the camp open and we feel he should fulfill that promise," they wrote.

CYFD received \$1.3 million in U.S. Department of Justice grants in 2004 for state and local juvenile delinquency programs, the state Legislature appropriated money to allow up to 50 children at the camp at any given time, which appar-

ently was not utilized for that purpose, they stated.

In a deal brokered by camp and CYF officials, the department recently signed a contract with the Federal Bureau of

Prisons to refer boys from the federal justice system to CSB. That should increase the number of occupied beds and bring additional federal dollars to the state, they said.



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a not-so-new Doctor in the House

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Although a new name will be hanging over the door of the former office of Dr. Ron Annala at 121 El Paso Road, many people already are very familiar with Dr. Michael Spence.

He practiced with Dr. Arlene Brown for three years in Ruidoso, then spent 10 years in emergency room medicine in Roswell and Alamogordo while maintaining his home in Lincoln County.

He's a true believer in family practice and even — a wonder of modern-day medicine — makes house calls.

Born in Fort Scott in eastern Kansas, Spence first thought about becoming a physician when his junior high principal said based on his SAT scores, he could become a lawyer or doctor.

"I was shocked," he said. The principal proved right and Spence attended the University of Kansas, then spent 10 years in Jetmore, Kan., in private practice. However, shortly after establishing the practice, his partner slipped on ice, hit his head and died.

"I was all alone and it was 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Spence said. "I had no family life. It just wasn't any fun. It was killing me."

About the same time, Dr. Brown was looking for a partner through the American Academy of Family Practitioners.

Spence, a board-certified family practitioner who skis, immediately liked the Ruidoso area. His wife, Ann, an elementary school teacher, cinched the deal by selecting it from several possible new locations.

An opportunity for skiing

After three years with Brown and then swinging between ER in Roswell and Alamogordo, Spence realized he didn't have any time for skiing and that night shifts were getting to be too much "for an old guy."

Patient attitudes in emergency rooms also are not nearly as pleasant as people coming to see a family doctor, he said.

Spence remembered something that he heard Annala say in 1988, his first month in town.

"He said, 'I always want to take care of my friends.' I remembered that and I decided I'd like to make them my friends too," Spence said. "The rumors of (Annala's) retirement were circulating. No one believed them for years, but in October it happened."

Their changing of the guard was "kind of last minute," he said. "Anyone would be delighted to come to Ruidoso and a great private practice, but I was shocked to hear (no one was lined up to take over). I called and Cathy (Annala) said, 'Let's talk.'"

The choice also pleases Spence's daughter Mandi, who graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1999 and Abilene Christian University. Son Nick,



After 10 years rotating between Roswell and Alamogordo emergency rooms, Dr. Michael Spence (right) is settling down to family practice. For the past two months, he's been filling the office — but hardly the shoes — of retiring Dr. Ron Annala, who has spent the last 42 years tending to the health of Lincoln County.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

who graduated in 2003, attends Pepperdine University, although he currently is in Germany.

The closeness of family practice

Spence said his attraction to family practice came from the role model of his own family's physician when he was growing up. "There's a closeness with the patients," he said. "No specialists can get that close."

He officially took over Nov. 15, and is obtaining privileges at the Lincoln County Medical Center hospital in Ruidoso, to be able to use its laboratory and radiology facilities, and for the hospitalization of patients. Spence said he wants to take care of the whole family, from pediatrics to geriatrics.

He also offers laser procedures and dermatology, which includes a range of procedures from wart removal and wrinkle reduction to removal of precancerous lesions.

Spence said he's honored to take over Annala's practice, but isn't sure anyone could ever take the well-known doctor's place.

For his part, Annala, who was named 2003 Family Physician of the Year by the New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians, will be found most days this winter on the slopes of Ski Apache.

After 42 years attending the injuries and ailments of residents, seasonal visitors and tourists, he was honored by more than 100 people Nov. 3,

state had no medical school of his own.

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with a retirement party at Cree Meadows Country Club.

He decided to retire because, "It was just harder and harder to make a living, the reimbursements are so bad," Annala said. "(President George W.) Bush hit it on the head. It's a crisis situation. The nurses sort of led it off. There is a tremendous shortage of nurses."

"Medicare has been dropping its reimbursements all along and they intend to do more. When it goes down, insurance companies follow suit. And you have to accept what they pay, period."

Annala, 71, said he thought about retiring for about a year before taking the step officially Oct. 31. He won't be traveling right away because wife Catherine is needed to handle the book work to close the practice. Son Scott is staying on with Spence.

"He knows all the patients," Annala said.

As far as advice to Spence, Annala said, "I just told him to be himself and practice good medicine."

Of Finnish descent and born in Kemmerer, Wyo., in the Western high plains, Annala grew up in the coal mining community as one of 10 children.

He attended the University of Wyoming for 3 1/2 years, but stopped short of a degree because he was accepted into medical school in Colorado, where the state of Wyoming provided a scholarship. His home

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looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 7, 1955

Lie detector tests given

Til Thompson, scientific investigator for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, said lie detector tests have been taken of 25 of the employees of Harris Saw Mill, seeking to secure information on whether they had knowledge of arson in regard to the fire which destroyed the Green Tree Saw mill two weeks ago.

The results of the test have not been evaluated as yet, Thompson said, and are only a part of the detail work of investigating the fire.

JAN. 8, 1965

Gambling meeting held

A meeting called to "feel the pulse" of the community on whether or not legalized gambling on a local option basis should be given approval drew a crowd of 175 to 200 persons at the Chaparral Motor Hotel Tuesday evening.

Remarks ranged from total, all-out support for the proposition which may come up for a vote in the 1965 legislature to plain and simple statements of opposition.

JAN. 10, 1975

New FCC sanctuary

Services are now being held in the new sanctuary of the First Christian Church, recently completed except for light fixtures and pews. The official dedication will be held when the final work is done, probably in February. The new building has doubled the seating capacity for the church and allowed much more room for expanding Sunday School classes.

JAN. 10, 1985

Rechanneling announced

A dramatic project to rechannel the flood-damaged Rio Ruidoso and Carrizo Creek was funded in the amount of \$100,000 by the Ruidoso Village Council at Tuesday night's regular meeting.

The move came as a result of a discussion of a plan outlined at the meeting by assistant village manager Frank Potter. He said recent flooding episodes will only continue to occur if nothing is done to put the waterways back into their natural channels.

Potter noted that Ruidoso has experienced four 50-year floods in the past 19 years and probably has not yet seen a "major" flood.

"We need to take the bull by the horns and rechannel that river," he urged.

JAN. 9, 1995

Raises rescinded

In two swift votes Friday, all elected officials in Lincoln County were knocked out of salary raises approved last April and due to take effect this month.

In reaction to an attorney general's opinion that the 7 percent raises would be illegal for elected officials in the midst of their terms, commissioners voted unanimously to rescind their previous approval of salary increases.

The attorney general cited a provision in the state constitution that prohibits elected officials from benefiting from any raises they approve.

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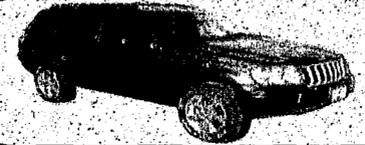
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Warriors out-shoot Roswell in wild game

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
Report as of Thursday, Jan. 11, 2005
New snow past week: 4.1 inches
Weather at report time: Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso coach Billy Page knew Roswell was not a pushover. Indeed, the Coyotes are one of the top-ranked basketball teams in Class 4A this season.

Warriors 63, Coyotes 59
Roswell (8-4)
Stefon Doram 0 0-0 0, Stephon Brandt 0 0-0 0, Nick Espinoza 0 0-0 0, Lucas Gallegos 9 0-3 18, Travis Reesa 4 3-5 11, Josh Williams 1 0-0 2, Aaron Farmer 0 0-0 0, Marquis Sosa 0 0-0 0, Bryan Thomas 0 0-0 0, Clarence Cheadle 4 2-2 11, Jonathan Hamlet 0 0-0 0, A.K. Dennis 7 2-6 16, Totals: 25 7-16 58.



Ruidoso's David Barnett, right, struggles for the ball with Roswell's Lucas Gallegos Friday during the Warriors' win at Ruidoso High.

er that he would file an official protest, but that didn't change the final outcome of the game on Friday.

"Rebounding and free throw shooting were the key in this game," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "I wouldn't be surprised if our free throw shooting was at 70 percent, right around that area. That's our goal for the year."

Actually, the Warriors (6-7) shot 64 percent — 18-for-28 — from the line, but it was the best they'd done all season at the charity stripe. It was also a lot better than the Coyotes' 7-for-16 performance at the other end.

With this win, the Warriors have won three straight and built a lot of momentum heading into Tuesday's matchup against Artesia at home. It was also the first of several home dates Ruidoso has before beginning District 4-3A play in February.

The two teams were at each others' throats early, with neither really taking advantage of the other until the final two minutes of the first quarter.

Starting with a jump shot by Kyle Snowden, the Warriors went on a 10-0 run to close out the first period and grab hold of a lead they would keep through halftime.

The Warriors remained on top until midway through the third quarter. Roswell (8-4) used its pressure defense to go on a 10-3 run and tied it at 37-all with 4:41 left in the third quarter. Roswell

then took the lead on a score by Lucas Gallegos and held on to that lead through the fourth quarter.

"We knew coming into this game that they were going to put a lot of pressure on us," Page said. "We knew we had to break the press. Once we got a little bit ahead, you saw they put even more pressure on."

It was then that Ruidoso's transition game got going.

Down 48-44, the Warriors scored five straight points on a layup by Dustin

Prelo and a free throw and breakaway layup by Sergio Castañon to take a lead they would not relinquish.

"Our defense gave them some fits as well, and we came up with some huge rebounds when we needed them," Page said.

Kampsky poured in 26 points to lead Ruidoso, including a 13-of-16 performance from the foul line. Snowden added 13 points, while Prelo led the way on the boards with 15 rebounds.

Ruidoso girls throttle Lady Wildcats for a second time

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Throughout the first half of Saturday's basketball game, it looked as though the Ruidoso Lady Warriors were going to run rampant on Tularosa.

Actually, running rampant is just what Ruidoso did in that first half, holding the Lady Wildcats to just three points in the first quarter — all on free throws — and building up a 24-10 lead at the break.

But then shooting woes started to take hold of the Lady Warriors, and they were held to three points themselves in the third quarter. Tularosa made a slight comeback, but it wasn't enough as Ruidoso took the 44-25 victory.

"We slacked off defensively as a team, and we've got to learn to be intense the whole time," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "But our transition game is coming along really good, and our defense is coming along pretty good. We're a lot better than we were the last time against this team."

Tularosa coach Scott Saldevar knows the Lady Warriors are an improved team.

"I think in the first half, we were beat before we got out on the floor," Saldevar said. "We knew Ruidoso is physical, and they were uptight."

"After that, I told those girls not to worry about it, and just

play the game, let it all hang out."

Ruidoso (9-6) came out taking no prisoners, scoring the first eight points of the game before a pair of free throws by Megann Baca gave the Lady Wildcats (8-3) their first points.

Things remained solidly in the Lady Warriors' favor, and held Tularosa scoreless from the field before Ruth Gomez got the team's first field goal with 3:27 left in the second quarter.

Ruidoso did their damage with a relentless pressure defense, and caused 29 Lady Wildcat turnovers in the game.

But while the Lady Warriors' transition defense was up to speed in the first half, things seemed to fall apart in the third quarter. Ruidoso suddenly found breakaway layups difficult to make, and Tularosa was capitalizing on its scoring chances.

"We were un-aggressive in some areas of defense," Marez said. "We also weren't converting every time we came down the floor. We had plenty of opportunities, the shots were there."

But when we don't convert the baskets, we've got to play defense, and we just weren't doing a good job of that," he added. "We just weren't aggressive on defense in the third quarter."

Almost by surprise, Tularosa had got to within six points at the beginning of the final period, but

it should have been closer.

The Lady Wildcats went to the free-throw line numerous times in the second half when Ruidoso got into foul trouble. The Lady Warriors almost doubled their opponents in fouls and had several players — including post player Beth Robinson — sitting on the bench with three or more fouls.

But Tularosa was only able to sink half their free throws, going 8-for-16 at the charity stripe in the second half and 11-of-24 in the game.

"We got them in foul trouble and finally got (Robinson) out of the game," Saldevar said. "And then Ruidoso wasn't as aggressive on defense, and we made it close."

"It should have been closer than that," he added. "If we had hit more of our free throws, you're talking about a one-point ball game."

Stamina played a big role as well. Tularosa made things close in the final quarter, but had used up a lot of energy getting there. Soon the Lady Wildcats began to tire, and Ruidoso eventually went on a 10-1 run to put the game away.

"Every third quarter, we always do that, let teams back in," said Ruidoso's Lynette Woodward. "We need to focus more on the game after halftime. We've been slacking off, thinking

we have the game in our hands when we don't."

Christine Brown had the most points in this low-scoring affair, earning just nine for Ruidoso, while Jessica Gibson had eight points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Ellen Chavez led the way for Tularosa with seven points, while Baca added six.

The one bright spot for Tularosa was rebounds. The Lady Wildcats outrebounded their opponent 41-32, and Aleesha Allen hauled down 10

Lady Warriors 44, Lady Wildcats 25
Tularosa (8-3)
Daria Syling 0 0-0 0, Casey Danley 0 0-0 0, Amanda Herrera 0 1-2 1, Jeanna Herrera 0 0-0 0, Aleesha Allen 0 1-3 1, Megann Baca 1 3-6 6, Ellen Chavez 3 0-0 7, Sonesta Guizel 0 1-2 1, Stephanie Guzman 0 1-1 1, Ruth Gomez 1 0-0 2, LaDon Mendez 0 0-0 0, Christa Wohlgenuth 0 4-8 4, Sabrina Herrera 0 0-1 0, Cassie Valez 1 0-0 2, Totals: 6 11-24 25.

Ruidoso (9-6)
Rebecca Hedin 0 0-0 0, Allison Rigby 1 2-2 5, Lynette Woodward 2 1-3 5, Katie Coronado 0 0-0 0, Kristen Miller 0 0-0 0, Jessica Gibson 2 4-8 8, Kara Sparks 0 0-0 0, Lacie Garcia 1 0-0 2, Jeanette Zagone 2 1-4 3, Christine Brown 3 3-6 9, Elisa Vigil 2 2-5 6, Beth Robinson 3 0-0 6, Totals: 16 13-25 44.

Tularosa 3 7 9 6 = 25
Ruidoso 14 10 3 17 = 44
3-point goals — Tul 1 (Baca), Rui 1 (Rigby); Fouled out — Rui (Gibson); Rebounds — Tul 41 (Allen 10), Rui 32 (Robinson 6); Steals — Rui 2 (Allen, Chavez), Rui 6 (Vigil, Sparks, Brown, Zagone, Rigby, Coronado); Turnovers — Tul 29, Rui 12; Total fouls — Tul 17, Rui 24.

boards on the night.

The Lady Warriors played at Santa Teresa Tuesday, and are on the road again Friday with a 7 p.m. game against Socorro.

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Standings

Men's Adult Basketball League
Whatever 9 2 818
Executioners 9 3 750
MATI 10 4 714
Echos 8 5 615
Alamo Pipe Flushers 6 6 500
Loud Mouths 5 8 385
X-Press 4 7 364
Ugly Ballers 4 9 308
Tequila Slammers 1 12 077

Thursday, Jan. 6
Executioners 78, Echos 71
MATI 49, Ugly Ballers 42
Tuesday, Jan. 11
Whatever 69, Loudmouths 56
Thursday, Jan. 13
Tequila Slammers vs. Loud Mouths 7 p.m.
X-Press vs. Executioners 8 p.m.
Echos vs. Alamo Pipe Flushers 9 p.m.

Co-ed Volleyball League
Altitude 12 2 857
Stings 11 3 785
Dunkins 10 4 714
New Breed 9 5 643
Awful 6 8 514
Gina 3 11 214
Nunya 3 11 214
Mike 0 14 000

Sunday, Jan. 9
Awful 6 d, Mike 2-0
Stings d New Breed 2-0
Altitude d Gina 2-1
Awful 6 d Stings 2-1
New Breed d Awful 6 2-1
Dunkins d Mike 2-0
END SEASON

Ruidoso Flag Football
Beats 0 0 000
Gridrads 0 0 000
Guns and Hoses 0 0 000
Knights 0 0 000
Outlaws 0 0 000
Plungers 0 0 000
Thunder 0 0 000

Saturday, Jan. 5
Guns and Hoses vs. Knights 2 p.m.
Gridrads vs. Outlaws 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 6
Thunder vs. Beats 2 p.m.
Plungers vs. Guns and Hoses 3 p.m.

On Deck

Free Throw Competition
The local competition for the annual Knights of Columbus free throw competition will be Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. All participants are required to furnish proof of age and a written parental consent. For entry forms and additional information, contact Dave Tetreault at 257-9566.

Ruidoso grapplers turn in top performances at Carlsbad

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It's been three years since Brian Brown took over the varsity wrestling program at Ruidoso High School. Every year, he's taken the team to the Carlsbad Invitational to do battle with some of the top 4A and 5A teams in the state.

This year, the Warriors bested his expectations with a fourth-place finish and eight different Wrestlers in the medal rounds.

"This is the best we've done since I've been here," Brown said. "We were actually leading after the first day."

By the end of wrestling Friday, Ruidoso led on the strength of numerous wrestlers getting into the championship rounds of

their weight classes. None of them won an individual title — Cipriano Sandoval had the best finish with a 2nd-place medal at 140 pounds — but there were enough to earn Ruidoso a top-five ranking.

In fact, 5 1/2 more points and Ruidoso would have finished second behind 5A power Los Lunas. As it was, La Cueva and Del Norte took second and third ahead of the Warriors.

This performance came after Ruidoso's disappointing dual loss to Roswell. That was a loss that spurred the Warriors to work hard for this past weekend.

"That Roswell dual was a reality check," Brown said. "They came back very focused and worked hard. Everybody made weight, which was very significant in getting us

points."

Other Warriors placing at Carlsbad were Chase Stroud at 103 (3rd place), Desmond Warner at 112 (3rd place), Daynie Hall at 130 (4th place), Greg Crow at 135 (3rd place), Joey Garcia at 160 (3rd place), Josh Pior at 171 (3rd place) and Daniel Montes at 215 (3rd place).

Brown said his team will use this finish — and maybe a good showing at a Goddard/New Mexico Military Institute dual Tuesday — to propel them to a top finish at the Rio Hondo Tournament this weekend at Roswell.

"They have a good attitude, and losing to Roswell was not a good feeling," Brown said. "This Carlsbad tournament was redemption for us."

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Area boys teams plagued by inconsistency at Smokey Bear Tournament

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CAPITAN — It's hard to encapsulate just how this year's Smokey Bear Tournament went for the three local boys teams lined up for this past weekend's competition.

Some did better than they expected, some left Traylor and Cummins gymnasiums severely disappointed.

One team even celebrated the arrival of a new life.

But all got some much-needed resumption time with the scheduling of their basketball schedules after the holiday hiatus.

Mescalero, Capitan and Carrizozo all hit the hardwood over the weekend, and tournament host Capitan had the best weekend of the three.

The Tigers beat Mescalero in the first round 52-43, then lost to Cloudercroft 56-41 in the second round.

That dropped them to the third place game against a very tough Hagerman team on Saturday.

"I knew they were pretty good coming in — a good, solid ball club," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "We were down 11 points, but had opportunities to be closer than that. We just missed some shots."

All those missed shots added up to a 66-37 loss to the Bobcats and a 1-2 record in the tournament.

Still, the Tigers (3-10) did get a win, although it was a win Brown wasn't able to be a part of.

With his wife in labor, Brown had to hand off coaching duties to assistant Marv Sanders for Thursday's game against the Chiefs.

Mescalero wasn't a pushover. Indeed, it outscored the Tigers 14-8 in the final period, but the Tigers held on for the win, and Brown was back the next day with a new son,



JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan forward Emile Moten (0) floats under the basket for a layup against Mescalero defenders Tyrone Cervantes, far left, Bradley Davis (20) and Branson Smith Thursday during the first round of the Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan.

Mason, in tow. Elliott Taylor had 22 points to lead Mescalero, while Emile Moten added 10. The pair were eventually named to the all-tournament team, while Taylor won the tournament's 3-point shooting contest.

On Friday, Capitan hung close with Cloudercroft, going into the locker room at halftime down by only four points.

But then the Bears turned it on in the third quarter and outscored Capitan 20-3.

"The wheels — all of them —

just came off," Brown said. "We tried to make a run in the fourth quarter, but were just too far behind at the time. Cloudercroft executed real well, and we didn't do what we needed defensively."

Now playing for third place, the Tigers faced a Hagerman team which came into the tournament with an impressive 14-2 record. The teams were separated by just two points after the first quarter, but then the Bobcats poured it on, outscoring Capitan 19-6 in the second

period and cruising from there.

Taylor was the only Capitan player in double figures with 10 points in that one.

"Again, that third quarter we were sluggish," Brown said. "We just couldn't get anything going. That's something Sanders and I have to figure out coming out of the locker room."

Mescalero inconsistent

After their opening-night loss to Capitan, Mescalero faced another Lincoln County foe in Carrizozo Friday.

Mescalero was intense, but despite their efforts, Zozo earned the win in this encounter. The Grizzlies played a fast-paced style of game, punctuated by successful trips to the free throw line.

The Chiefs fought and fought, actually scoring Carrizozo 30-13 in the final period. However, the Grizzlies eked out the 67-61 victory.

Mescalero got 19 points from Branson Smith — including a pair of the Chiefs' four 3-pointers in the game, while Tyrone Cervantes had 10.

The Chiefs found themselves against Eunice for seventh place Saturday, and were playing a relatively close game at

halftime, trailing by 13 points at the break.

But then the Cardinals earned a 23-4 third quarter and won the game handily, 76-36.

Mescalero (3-9) was plagued all weekend by inconsistency, and was even missing a player who had missed the bus Saturday morning.

"I don't know, they're just not playing team basketball," said Mescalero coach Kenny Blazer. "I had to call three time outs in a row just to get a fast-break offense to run one time."

Grizzlies up and down

Carrizozo had beaten Mescalero after an initial 75-48 loss to Cloudercroft on the first

night; then faced Tatum for fifth place on Saturday.

The Coyotes got the better of the Grizzlies, blowing past Zozo for the 59-46 victory.

The Grizzlies (8-7) were trailing by double figures early in the game, but managed to pull themselves back into it near the end. However, their offensive attack was shut down by the intensified defensive performance of the Coyotes.

Robert Dutchover had 12 points to lead Carrizozo in that one, while Chaz Zamora had 13 points and Johnny Beltran 11 to lead the team against Mescalero. Zamora was the only Grizzly in double figures against Cloudercroft with 11.

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POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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I'll bet everyone who shares a home with a dog has lost some item to chewing.

Officials with the Humane Society of the United States offered some advice about how to handle the behavior that I reviewed last week. This week, we'll look at some of the reasons why a dog may destructively chew.

According to the HSUS, even normal play behavior could lead to destruction, and in no way is a dog trying to spite you by chewing.

Normal play can involve chewing, shredding and shaking toy-like objects, they wrote.

"Because dogs investigate objects by pawing at them and exploring them with their mouths, they also may inadvertently damage them in their environment when they are exploring and investigating," HSUS officials wrote.

Your dog may be chewing for entertainment if:

- He's left alone for long periods without opportunities to interact with you.

- His environment is relatively barren, free of playmates or toys.

- He's a puppy or adolescent under three years of age, and he doesn't have outlets for his energy.

- He's a particularly active type of dog, such as herding or sporting breed, who need to be occupied to be happy.

HSUS officials offered the following solutions:

- Play with your dog in a safe, fenced area. Fetch is a great way to use up their excess energy.

- Go for a walk, not just at bathroom time. In Lincoln County, there are plenty of trails and walking paths and it's a great way to spend time with your dog.

- Increase your dog's mental stimulation. Teach him a few commands or tricks, and practice them daily. Enroll him in a dog training class.

- Provide toys and diversions.

- Rotate toys to maintain his interest in them. Try different types, but be sure he can't

tear them up and ingest them.

- Consider toys that can be stuffed with food. Putting tidbits inside chew toys helps your dog focus on the toys instead of other unacceptable behavior. I've never tried this one.

- Off limit chew objects can be made less attractive by covering them with heavy plastic, aluminum foil, hot pepper sauce or a commercial anti-chew product. One of my dogs decided she liked the hot sauce.

- Consider a good "doggie day care program for two or three days a week to help your dog work off some excess energy. I'm not aware of any in this area. Let me know.

Other reasons for chewing could be changes in the dog's routine, a move to a new home, the loss of a family member or pet, and after a period of being at a shelter or boarding kennel.

Next week, we'll look at attention-seeking behavior, and fears and phobias that could result in destructive chewing.

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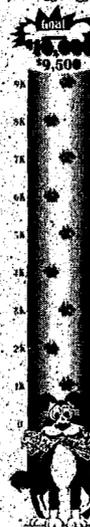
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Carrizozo girls have best Smokey Bear Tournament of any local teams

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CAPTAN — Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies hadn't been on the basketball court much during the holiday break, but they made up for it with their appearance at this year's Smokey Bear Tournament.

Carrizozo opened with another win over Lincoln County rival Capitan, 40-29, then defeated Mesalero 53-48 in the second round to advance to the championship game.

It was there the Lady Grizzlies' luck ran out, as the Lady Steers smoked Carrizozo 59-24 for the title.

"We got whipped," said Carrizozo coach Mandy Baca. "They were very physical with us and had good defensive pressure. We tried to press them, but had to pull it off because they were too fast for us."

The Lady Grizzlies (7-5) got eight points from Whitney Whittaker as the top scorer, a far cry from the 14 she got against Mesalero.

The game against the Lady Chiefs was a more competitive affair, with the difference being Carrizozo's bet-

ter control.

Despite their big loss in the title game, the fact that the Lady Grizzlies got to the championship was significant to Baca.

"We just need to work a little more on setting an offense, but I was pleased with how we pressed and pushed the ball up the floor," Baca said. "We should be ready for district this week."

Lady Chiefs

The Mesalero girls entered the tournament with a respectable 7-3 record, and continued their winning ways the first day with a 56-38 win over a young Cloudcroft team. The Lady Chiefs poured in six 3-pointers, three each from Lataza Naiche and Hilary Sago. Naiche led the team with 15 points, while Sago had 11 and Sheriene Davis added 12.

Against Carrizozo, the Lady Chiefs had tied the game at halftime, but the Lady Grizzlies' pressing defense proved to be too much.

The same was true in Saturday's third-place game against Hagerman. Mesalero was trailing by just six

points at the break, but the Lady Bobcats poured it on in the final two quarters with a stifling defense and worked their fast-break offense to perfection for the 72-38 victory.

Capitan still struggling

Perhaps the most frustrating performance was turned in by tourney host Capitan. After dropping another loss to Carrizozo in the first round, the Lady Tigers were able to rebound with a 36-33 victory over Cloudcroft, their first win of the season.

That put Capitan into the fifth-place game against Tatum, and it was a game the Lady Tigers actually led at the end of the first quarter.

But then the Lady Coyotes' defensive pressure really got going, and a flustered Capitan was only able to score three points in the second quarter. All that pressure eventually led to a 52-31 Tatum victory.

Kelsey Stierwalt was the top player for Capitan (1-7), as she scored 14 points against Carrizozo and another 14 against Tatum. In between, Tereza Vochtova led the way with 15 points against Cloudcroft.



Carrizozo's Tierney Burd, left, dribbles past a Magdalena Ufer defender during the championship game of the Smokey Bear Tournament Saturday at Capitan.

SMOKEY BEAR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Smokey Bear Tournament Thursday, Jan. 6

BOYS

Bears 75, Grizzlies 48

Joe Samora 3-1-6, Jesse Samora 2-0-0, Chaz Zamora 4-1-2, Robert Dutchover 3-0-1, 6, Jeremy Zamora 0-0-0, Johnny Beltran 4-0-1, 9, Greg Vigi 0-2-3, Jeff Burd 4-0-2, 8, Patricia Jiron 0-0-0, Troy Korosci 0-0-0, Antonio Sambrano 0-0-0, Corey Lopez 0-0-0, Jude Henney 0-0-0, Marcelino Verdugo 0-0-0, Tim Barala 0-0-0. Totals: 20-4-15-48.

Cloudcroft (75)

Calvin Crnkovic 0-0-0, Brent Wells 0-0-0, Logan Capps 9-3-7, Jason Driekosen 4-0-8, Aaron Capps 0-0-0, Justin Merrick 5-3-4, 15, Joel Lavin 1-0-2, Drew Swope 3-0-3, 8, David Dalton 1-0-2, John Ryan Saullets 2-0-0, Clay Scott 7-3-5, 17, Kenton Crnkovic 0-0-0. Totals: 32-9-19-76.

Capitan (52)

Emilie Moten 5-0-1, Jimmy Thomas 0-0-2, Kevin Kelsey 2-0-0, Ronnie Eldridge 3-2-2, Brandon Caughron 0-0-0, Elliott Taylor 8-4-5, 22, Charlie Parker 0-0-0, Tereza Vochtova 0-0-0, Rashane Jackson 1-0-2, Brett McInnes 0-0-0, Anthony Quiroz 3-0-2, 6, Travis Toler 0-0-0. Totals: 22-6-12-52.

Mescalero (43)

Justin Blake 2-0-0, Julian Wheeler 0-0-0, Quisbo Enjady 1-0-0, Bradley Davis 2-0-5, Ryan Shendo 0-0-0, Branson Smith 3-5-7, 12, Bryan Shendo 0-0-0, Sheridan Lester 0-0-2, Darron Valdez 3-0-0, Tyrone Cervantez 2-0-0, Gifford Valdez 1-0-2, Eldon Enjady 0-0-0, Kyren Comanche 0-0-0. Totals: 17-6-9-43.

Cloudcroft (39)

Becky Winkles 0-1-1, Rachel Lamb 0-0-0, Krista May 0-0-0, Jessica Mitchell 3-3-5, Emily Hunter 2-5-12, Wynn Gordon 2-0-1, Stephanie Crnkovic 1-1-3, Trish Roberts 0-0-0, Jessie Ferguson 0-0-0, Yvanca Vega 4-1-2, Charlicie McGaha 0-0-0. Totals: 15-8-21-38.

Mescalero (16)

Hilary Sago 4-0-0, Lataza Naiche 6-0-0, Yvette Martinez 2-4-8, Kayla Randall 1-2-4, Rachelle John 0-0-0, Sheriene Davis 5-2-12, Leslie Bigmouth 0-0-0, Melanie Bell 2-0-4, Kelsey Duffy 1-0-2, Kim Tortalia 0-0-0, Jessica Yellowcloud 0-0-0. Totals: 21-8-15-56.

Cloudcroft (56)

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Holiday break takes its toll on Corona teams at BVC Tournament

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Shortly after their game against Menaul had begun at the Bean Valley Conference Tournament Thursday at Estancia, Corona Cardinals basketball coach Travis Lightfoot realized something was wrong. His team looked like it hadn't played in a month.

Of course, that's precisely because the Cardinals hadn't played in almost a month — not since a loss to Carrizozo in the Vaughn Invite on Dec. 4.

"We had a couple of practices over the break, but then we had to get ready quick once school started again," Lightfoot said. "It was obvious in the first game that we were learning to play with each other again."

Menaul made short work of the Cardinals that first day, winning 70-35, and Corona went on to lose two more games in the tournament.

Things weren't all bad. The Cardinals (0-7) did play a close game against Vaughn the next day, with the Eagles earning the narrow 55-52 victory.

"It was one of those games that was a win in the long term for us because it was such a positive game," Lightfoot said of Friday's contest. "It's something they can build on."

Not only was it a close competitive game, it was a close competitive game against a District

7-1A foe. It was the second time Corona had faced the Eagles, and had shaved the point margin from 13 to three.

Any momentum the Cardinals had after that game was dissipated in the first quarter the following day against another district foe, Mountainair.

The Mustangs ran up a 15-2 advantage in that first period and, despite a valiant comeback try by Corona, were able to hold on for a 56-37 victory.

Corona was without starting guard Taos Muncy, who was at a rodeo the same day. Muncy had led the team in scoring the two previous games, scoring 19 and 16 points.

Without Muncy in the lineup, it took some time for the Cardinals to get going.

"That's something they have to learn to overcome," Lightfoot said. "They need the confidence that they can play without Taos — or anybody in any game."

"If we had had the same cohesion we did against Vaughn, the score would have been much closer against Mountainair."

Corona rebounded from that disastrous first quarter and played the Mustangs to within three points the rest of the way, but that initial deficit was just too much to overcome.

Frankie Sanchez, who scored 14 points Friday against Vaughn, was the top Cardinal with 13 points, while Wayne Finley added 12.

Girls take seventh

The holiday break proved to be a problem for the Corona girls as well, who dropped a 67-18 decision to district rival Mountainair the first day.

The Lady Cardinals recovered quite well from that loss, dropping a close one, 29-20 to Menaul on Friday, then defeating Vaughn 25-16 Saturday for seventh place.

"Against Mountainair, they looked like they had three weeks off," said Corona coach Denise Martin. "They may have been off that long, but there wasn't any need to have played like that."

Friday's game against Menaul was a different story. The Lady Cardinals (2-5) were down by just two points at the close of the third quarter, but numbers began to get the best of them.

Corona was playing with only six players, and Menaul began to take advantage in the final period.

"We played really good except at the end," Martin said. "They began stalling, and we had to play man-to-man and go after them."

Jordan Muncy, Ana Ramos, and Janet Torres each scored six points to lead Corona.

The team got its rhythm back in the game against Vaughn. The Lady Cardinals fell behind in the first half, but came out on a tear defensively in the second and held the Lady Eagles scoreless in the third quarter.

Muncy was the top scorer with 12 points.

Both the boys and girls teams played at Valley Christian in Roswell Tuesday and will be at Evangel Temple this Saturday. For the girls, it's how some bumps and bruises have healed.

Tysa Davidson hurt her foot at the Vaughn tournament, and we're starting her back slow," Martin said. "Alex Stewart is also back, she was practicing just before Christmas."

"Hopefully, Stacy Merritt will

be cleared to play Friday, but the six we have until then are doing good," she added. "They've been learning the game well, and when these other girls come back, they'll have to fight for their positions."

Hondo girls win big over Ruidoso JV

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Starting with their last basketball game at the House Tournament, the Hondo Eagles have won three straight games, and are hoping to roll right into District 7-1A play.

Their latest win came Thursday, a 67-31 decision over the Ruidoso junior varsity which saw better rebounding and more unselfish play from the Lady Eagles.

"We looked to push the ball a lot, and had success there," said Hondo coach Julie Montoya. "We got a lot of layups, but we also got a lot more offensive rebounds than in the past. The main thing was to get the ball down the floor quickly. We need to do that because of our size."

The tallest player for Hondo is Mercedes Lopez, who got her share of rebounds Thursday and led the team with a whopping 31 points.

"Most of those were second opportunities and layups," Montoya said. "We worked really well as

a team, and that's what we've got to do."

Tonee Montoya added 19 points for the Lady Eagles (6-5), while Jamie Garcia had nine points.

Besides the rebounding, Hondo also earned a lot of assists with unselfish play.

Montoya said that's the kind of play her team will need to have against Capitan's junior varsity Friday and Elida on Saturday.

"Elida is very tough," Montoya said. "They're big and have the numbers. They manhandled us pretty well the last time we played them."

The Lady Tigers beat Hondo 79-27 earlier in the season, but that was when Lopez was unable to play.

"She's rebounding a lot better, and if we keep playing like we are now, we should be able to hang with them better," Montoya said.

Things aren't going so well for the Hondo boys, who have forfeited their last three games due to a lack of players, and will have to forfeit this weekend's games, against Capitan and Elida as well.

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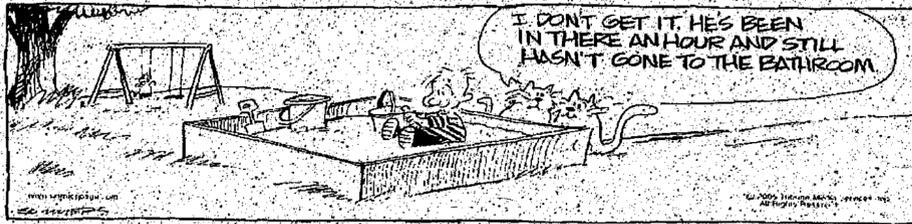
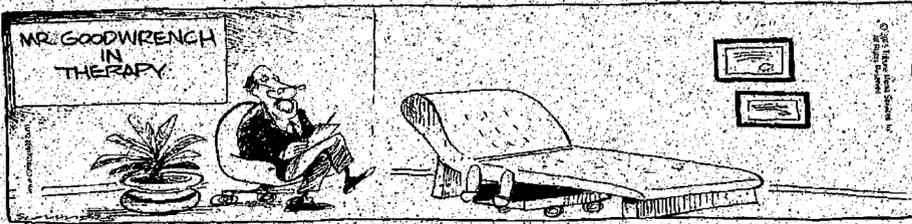
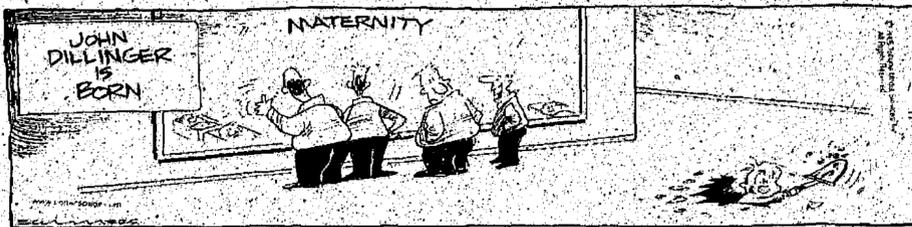


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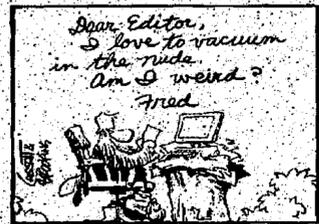
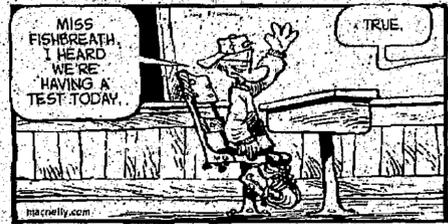
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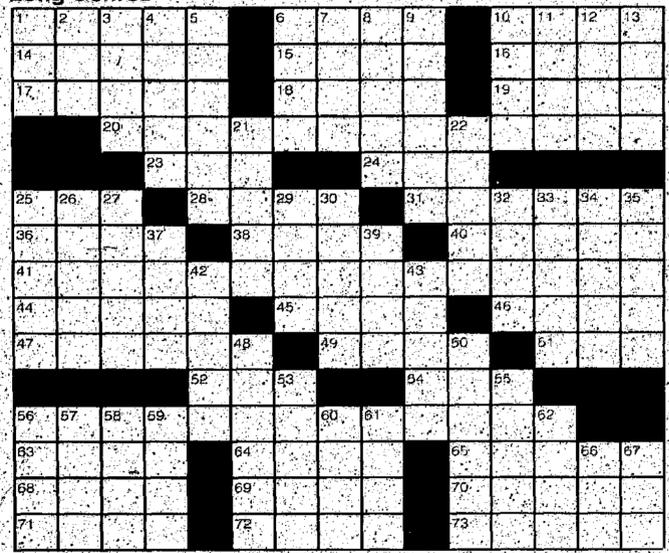
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15. Horrible-tasting
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17. Tough to climb, perhaps
18. Guitarist Clapton
19. Unmitigated
20. Seance communication, perhaps
23. Sleep acronym
24. GI entertainers
25. Wire diameter unit
28. Cincinnati nine
31. Speak irritably to
36. Spirited steed
38. Courage, informally
40. Cockamamie
41. Be influential in November, perhaps
44. Red Sea peninsula
45. 'The Blackboard Jungle' novelist Hunter
46. ___ European (language group)
47. Train puller
49. Engrave on glass
51. Kayo count
52. ___-mo (replay technique)
54. "You bet!"
56. Add extra spices, maybe
63. Natural balm
64. Z ___ zebra
65. Get a grip on
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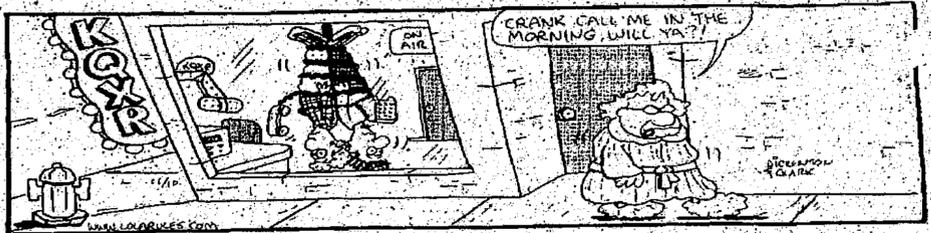
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6. Bakery appliance
7. Gossip, slangily
8. Yale or Root
9. School break
10. Totally smitten
11. Moby's pursuer
12. Parker House, for one
13. Gomer of Mayberry
21. Last Greek letter
22. Mixer with gin
25. Tricky pool shot
26. Professor: ___ Corey
27. "The Divided Self" author R.D.
29. Desert hill
30. Carlton of Cooperstown
32. Opposed to
33. Work with oils
34. Battery terminal
35. Mortise mate
37. ___ Brith
39. Venetian blind part
42. Super-sharp knife
43. Multivolume ref.
48. Rio Grande city
50. Driver's license datum
53. Caravan's stopover
55. Deodorant type
56. Make fun of
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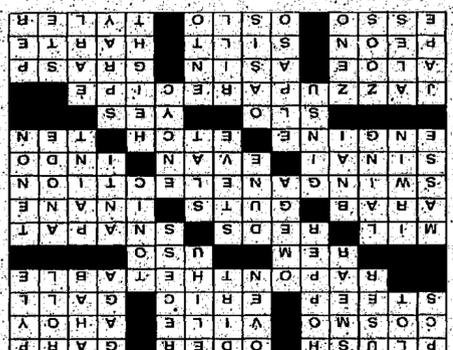
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LINCOLN COUNTY

CCNG director fees will help the needy

■ Board members vote to donate stipends, with company future in doubt.

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The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company board met Friday in Carrizozo in an emergency meeting called by Carrizozo Mayor and CCNG vice chairman Manny Hernandez and Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall.

The meeting came to order with Sederwall sitting on the board. Capitan trustee George Tippin was appointed to serve as well.

Also present was board member Tommy Guevara; Angelo Vega joined the meeting by speaker phone.

Hernandez was elected chairman, and Tippin as vice chair.

Sederwall moved that member of the board donate their director fees, which total \$1,100 monthly, to a special

fund to be set up to pay gas bills for those experiencing hardship. The motion was seconded by Guevara and carried unanimously.

The resolutions for the monthly meeting dates and the 2005 holiday schedule were approved by the board.

The sixth item on the agenda was discussion and possible action on the monthly gas billing.

The January gas bills, billing for December usage, had been withheld from mailing pending this meeting and discussion.

"I was going to make a motion that we bill at altitude instead of sea level," said Sederwall, "but the minute we do that, we are on a slippery slope. We don't have any squeezing room, any place to take the rate down without putting the company in jeopardy."

The issue was brought up at the Carrizozo town council meeting Monday. Hernandez said gas customers

should ignore any late fee notices they might receive in the next few weeks, since the bills wouldn't go out until Jan. 11.

Hernandez also said he agreed with the Capitan mayor in that of the options available to them, selling the company as a whole seemed to be the best way to go.

"Gas is just going to keep going up," said Hernandez.

"This probably should have been done a little more professional, but right now we have to do what is best for the people."

Hernandez also encouraged all CCNG customers to attend the public meetings in their respective towns and let the councils know how they felt about the situation.

Public hearings will be held on Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Capitan and 5:30 p.m. in Carrizozo.

The CCNG gas board will hold its regular monthly board meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 19 at the CCNG offices in Capitan.



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Pictured are, from left, New Mexico State FFA president Ginger Goodan; state vice-president Jamie Gerard; District III vice president Paul Moya; and Carrizozo FFA advisor and ag. instructor, Wayne Shockey.

'05 FFA year starts with official visit

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New Mexico State FFA officers were in Carrizozo on Friday, speaking to FFA members and potential members. They sought to bring the local students an understanding of what FFA has to offer beyond the their chapter.

Visiting were state FFA president Ginger Goodan of Des Moines, state vice-president Jamie Gerard of Socorro, and Paul Moya, District III vice-president from the Los Lunas FFA chapter. Both Goodan and Gerard are now

college students.

The officers traveled within Lincoln County to Corona, Capitan and Carrizozo schools to speak. Goodan said she will travel 50,000 miles during her term in office promoting the organization.

Since the first of the year, the trio has spoken in Belen, Los Lunas, Moriarty, Mountainair, Alamogordo, Tularosa and Socorro schools. "I remember what it was like sitting in a classroom when the state FFA officers visited," said Goodan.

"It opened up my eyes to so much more."

"I love FFA and I love bring-

ing that eye opening information to students that may not realize just how much there is to FFA on a state and national level," she said.

Carrizozo FFA hosted an FFA parliamentary procedure contest for eight FFA chapters on Tuesday.

The FFA judging contest season will kick off next month with T or C hosting on Feb. 26.

The Carrizozo invitational contest will be March 5 followed by Moriarty on March 12, Portales on March 15-16, Roswell on March 19 and the state contest in Las Cruces from March 30 to April 2.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Tsunami relief bake sale by Capitan high grade

The Capitan fifth graders are hosting a bake sale through Friday with proceeds to go to a tsunami relief fund. The sale will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at Capitan Schools, in the area between the elementary and administration buildings. Baked goods and cash donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Capitan and Carrizozo meetings

- The Capitan Village council will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18, with a public hearing preceding it at 6:30 p.m.
- The Carrizozo-Capitan Natural Gas board will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 19.
- The village of Capitan and the town of Carrizozo will

both hold public meetings on Jan. 20 to discuss options and possible sale of the CCNG Company. The Capitan meeting will be at the Capitan Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. The Carrizozo meeting will be held at the temporary city hall in the recreation center at 5:30 p.m.

Identity theft program

An identity theft program, sponsored by the Lincoln County Extension Association and the NM Cooperative Extension Service, will be offered to the public at 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Ruidoso Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public.

The presenter will be Connie Kratzer, Family Resource Management Specialist, from New Mexico State University. Kratzer will discuss how to protect yourself from identity theft, with safety measures for credit cards and

bank accounts. She'll also talk about checking your credit report and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft.

A resource list will be available and a question-and-answer session will be held. If you have questions, call the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311.

Carrizozo chamber asks for help

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is asking for volunteers to help disassemble and store the Christmas train currently on display in McDonald Park. Volunteers will meet in the park at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13.

Volunteers are desperately needed for the chamber information caboose. Currently only two people are handling the job and more are needed for the busy months ahead. If you are interested, phone 648-2732 and leave a message.

Lincoln-Otero County Farm Service Agency announces fund deadlines

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The USDA Otero-Lincoln County Farm Service Agency Office in Alamogordo administers the Non-Insured Assistance Program for Otero and Lincoln Counties.

This federally funded program provides coverage for crop losses and financial assistance to eligible agricultural producers affected by natural disasters.

Application deadlines for this program run throughout the calendar year and are designated by different crops and planting dates.

Currently, FSA is accepting applications until Jan. 31 for

the following crops: native grass for grazing; grapes, mixed forage for grazing, alfalfa for grazing, chile peppers, jalapenos, onions, and peppers.

The Otero-Lincoln FSA Office is also accepting applications until Jan. 13 for the Ewe Lamb Retention Replacement Program. This program was provided to enhance the competitiveness of the domestic lamb and sheep industry and re-establish producers' purchasing power. The program will pay producers for ewe lambs retained or purchased between Aug. 1, 2003, and July 31, 2004.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Weber's Grill burglars arrested

Ruidoso police arrested 21-year-old Christopher Candelaria Saturday in connection with a burglary at Weber's Grill on Dec. 12. On Dec. 13, restaurant owners Sue and Rich Weber discovered that someone had broken into the restaurant through a kitchen window and busted open the office door. Their aquarium was smashed with a fire poker and some 30 fish were dead. Bottles of liquor, some steak files and \$166 in cash were missing. The perpetrators also damaged a laptop computer and a security camera.

When the owners questioned members of their staff, a 17-year-old dishwasher, employed for five weeks at the restaurant, confessed to the crime. He told the Webers and police investigators that he had kept lookout while Candelaria went through the restaurant.

The juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Probation Office and released into the custody of his uncle. Candelaria is in custody at Lincoln County Detention Center with a \$50,000, no-10-percent-bond. Both individuals are charged with three fourth-degree felonies: larceny over \$250, commercial burglary, and criminal damage over \$1,000. Each felony is punishable by 18 months in jail.

Vehicular burglary

A truck parked outside the gymnasium at Ruidoso Middle School was broken into between 5 and 7 p.m. on Jan. 10. The passenger side front window was broken out and was found in the bed of the truck parked adjacent, the glass held together by the window tinting. The driver's purse was taken, along with her credit cards, driver's license, \$100 cash, her Social Security card and the Social Security cards of her five grandchildren.

FUNERALS DEATHS

John Blaney

A graveside service for John Michael Blaney, 53, of Truth or Consequences was held on Friday, Jan. 7, at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Military rites were conducted in honor of the former Marine.

Mr. Blaney died Thursday, Jan. 6, at the New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences.

He was born May 9, 1951, in Abilene, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, John T. Blaney Jr., and his mother, Imogene Blaney, both of Ruidoso.

Survivors include his three sons, Stephen M. Blaney of Hesperia, Calif., and Judd A. Blaney and Alexander Blaney of Little Rock, Ark.; brothers William A. Blaney of Alto, Joseph P. Blaney of Ruidoso Downs and Thomas G. Blaney of Bayfield, Colo.

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

Myrum Whitaker

Memorial services for Myrum Mae Mayfield Whitaker, 64, of Capitan will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Capitan Gym.

Mrs. Whitaker died Dec. 15, 2004, in Ruidoso. She was born Aug. 19, 1940, at Shattuck, Okla.

She grew up in Gage and Guyton, Okla., and Melrose, N.M. She moved to Capitan from Louisiana in 1987, and had taught at Capitan High School for 18 years; she also had taught at other schools in New Mexico, Louisiana, and Germany.

She married John D. Whitaker on Aug. 25, 1970, in Clovis.

Survivors include her husband, John D. Whitaker of Capitan; daughters Melinda Whitaker-Lyons (and her husband James) of Alamogordo and Melanie Hallbeck (and her husband, Jorgen) of Alamogordo; and grandchildren Jonathan Lyons, Grayson Lyons and Abigail Hallbeck. She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrum Mae Bright Mayfield and Jack L.

Mayfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Myrum Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Capitan High School, PO Box 278, Capitan, 88316.

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

Casey Jones

No services are planned at this time for Casey Jones, 92, of Clovis who died Friday, Jan. 7, in Mescalero Care Center.

He was born Oct. 8, 1912, at Vanoss, Okla.

He moved to Clovis in 1960. He was retired Assistant Fire Chief at Cannon Air Force Base, also retired from the Oklahoma City Fire Department, Past Master of Clovis Masonic Lodge #40. He served in the Coast Guard and attended the Baptist church.

Survivors include his daughter, Dorothy Dale of Ruidoso Downs; a son, Larry Jones of Sandia Park; grandsons Dorr Dale Jr. and Michael Dale, both of Los Alamos; and great grandchildren Sarah Dale and Connor Dale.

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Lyn Robnett

A visitation and prayer service for Lyn Robnett, 53, of Hondo was held Monday, Jan. 10, in the Tinnie Baptist Church. His funeral was held at the same location on Tuesday, with burial at the Hondo Cemetery.

Mr. Robnett died Friday, Jan. 7, at his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1951, at Little Rock, Ark.

He moved to Lincoln County in 1975 from California, was a roofer and attended the Tinnie Baptist Church. He married Ola Chavez on April 19, 1975, at Reno, Nev.

Survivors include his wife, children Kenneth Chavez and Sherry Chavez of Hondo; mother, Esther Robnett of Gilroy, Calif.; brothers Roger Stanley of Erthenbur, England, Billy Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., and Keith Robnett of San Jose, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Wendell Robnett, in 1995.

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

John Edward Cox

Memorial services for John Edward Cox, 44, of Chandler, Ariz., were held Jan. 9 at Desert Springs Foursquare Church in Chandler.

A local memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Capitan Fire Hall.

Mr. Cox died on Jan. 5 doing what he loved to do - fly his plane.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1960, in Espanola.

He was a 1978 graduate of Tularosa High School and a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell. He had worked for Southwest Airlines for 10 years in supervision and avi-

ation maintenance, and was a mechanic in aviation for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Susan Weldon Cox, formerly of Alamogordo; son John Kendall Cox; daughter Caitlin Cox; parents Dick and Donna Cox of Nogal; brother, David Cox and his wife Katrina of Nogal; nieces, nephews; and other extended family.

His brother, Bill Cox, preceded John in death in 2001.

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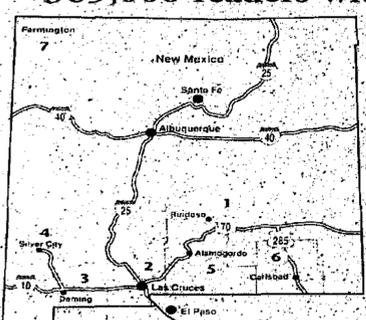
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ROBERT HATCHER and TERESA HATCHER husband and wife Plaintiffs vs

GROUP I RAYMOND C HANNAH and YONNIE BELL HANNAH his wife Their heirs, devisees and assigns and GARY RAYMOND HANNAH his heirs, devisees and assigns No. CV 2004 301 GROUP II JOHN DOES I through 100 and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns, and

GROUP III ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS

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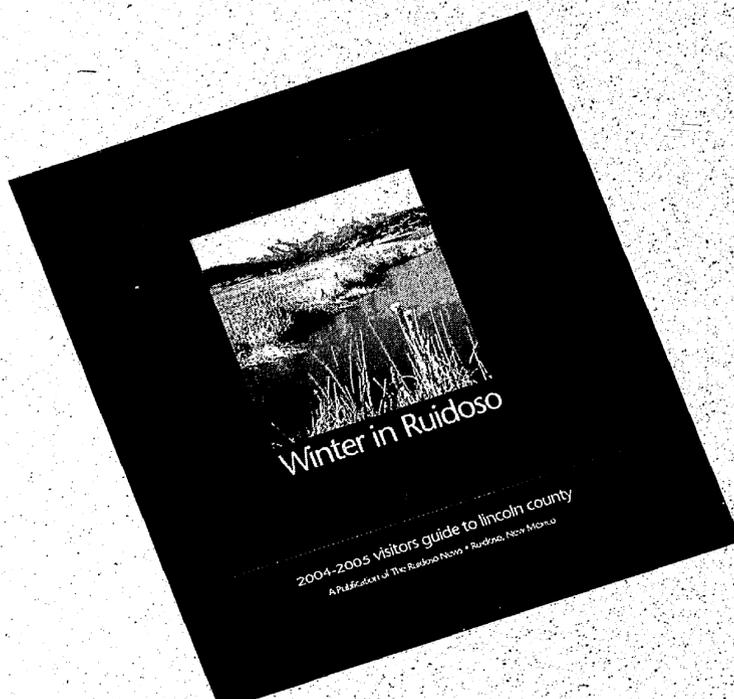
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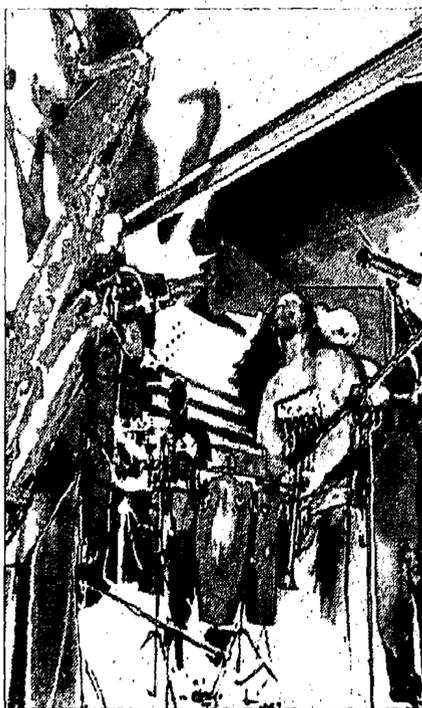
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Slip a sable under the tree...

Suzanna Lester gets coy with Santa Baby during the Ruidoso High School choral concert last week.



Ska-reggae band Liquid Cheese plays Snow Blast Sat. (p.13)

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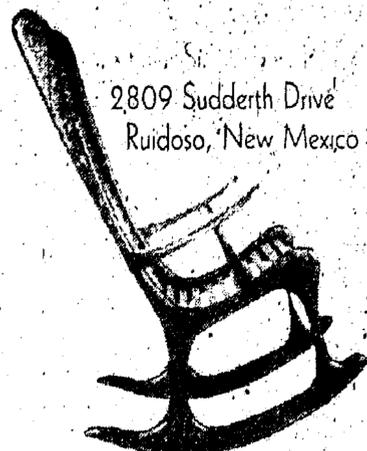
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Fri-Sat, Dec. 17-18: Ruidoso Convention Center. Tickets \$5. Jeep presents Warren Miller's *Impact, Extreme Snowriders* feature film. Winter gear, food, beverages, prizes, live music, Ski Apache specials, and FUN. Info: 800-253-2255 or www.folruidoso.com. See p. 12-13 for more details.

Bench Press Competition

Sat, Dec. 18: Ruidoso Athletic Club starts 11 a.m. Includes men and women of all ages. Info: Joe, 257-4900

Book Signing

Sat, Dec. 18: Author Roy Graham signs his popular book *Cowboy Mafia*, 1-3 p.m. at Books Etcetera (2340 Sudderth Dr.). See p. 5 for more details.

Christmas in Lincoln

Fri, Dec. 24: Traditional lighting of luminarias along Hwy. 380 at dusk. Episcopal Church service at 7 p.m., Catholic Mass at 10 p.m. in historic San Juan Mission. Info: Sherry, 653-4680

Luminarias in 'Zozo

Fri, Dec. 24: 10,000 luminarias displayed on the streets. Merchant open house and hay rides. Info: 505-648-2732

Lake Lucero Tour

Sun, Dec. 26: Ranger-guided tour to source of the White Sands; 2 p.m. at White Sands Nat'l Monument. Special fees apply & advance registration required. Call (505) 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599, see www.nps.gov/whsa

Disabled Skier Silent Auction

Sat, Jan 29: Ski Apache Disabled Skier Silent Auction, 6-9 p.m. at the Convention Center. Free food, fun, thousands of items to bid on and a great cause! Info: 336-4416

Performances

Paradigm Vocal Ensemble

Fri, Dec. 17: Gospel comes center stage for Christmas. Twenty-six singers led by Paul Tucker, a Jamaican Native. 8 p.m. at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Call 336-4800 for info.

Let your spirit sing at the Spencer

Twenty-two carolers with the Paradigm Vocal Ensemble of Dallas articulate the beauty of Christmas in traditional and contemporary songs at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the Spencer Theater.

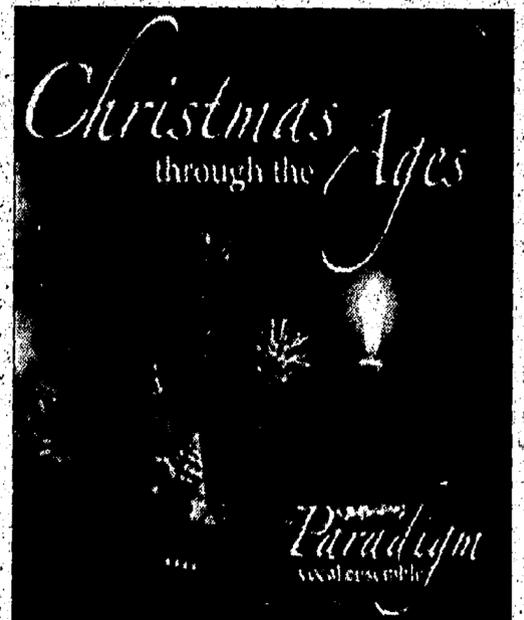
Led by pianist and music director Paul Tucker, the Paradigm Vocal Ensemble will sing gorgeous choral harmonies passed down through the ages from France, England, Germany and America. Audience members will also be encouraged to sing along.

Featuring six tenors, six sopranos, five basses and five altos, the angelic program includes tunes like "Once in Royal David's City," "O Come, Emmanuel," "Silent Night," "Silver

Bells," "Mary Had A Baby," "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Lux Aurumque," "Heaven Cannot Hold Him," "The Holy Night," "O Christmas Tree," and more.

Oh, what a merry night it will be! Set in the beautifully decorated Spencer hall, this is the last professional Christmas concert of 2004 at the Spencer... one that will make your spirit sing.

Excellent seats remain for \$20; call the Spencer Box Office toll free at 888-818-7872, locally at 336-4800 or go online at www.spencer-theater.com for tickets. Gift certificates are also available.



"The Eight: Reindeer Monologues"

Thru Dec. 19: An irreverent and hilarious take on Christmas, by Jeff Goode; directed by Robb Sisneros. 8pm at The Cell / Fusion Theatre Company, 700 1st Street NW, Albuquerque. Call 766-9412 for tickets & info.

A Festival of Carols

Fri-Sat, Dec 17-18: Presented by Academy of Ballet, 7:30 p.m. at Flickinger Center. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 children. Call (505) 437-2202 for more info.

Roswell Pops

Sun, Dec. 19: Roswell Symphony Orchestra Annual Christmas Pops Concert, 2:30 p.m. at NMMI Pearson Auditorium, Main St. & College Blvd. Contact: RSO, 623-5882 or 800-300-9822 - www.roswellsymphony.org

Yellow Bird Indian Dancers

Sat, Jan. 8: The Yellow Bird Dancers are a Native American dance group from Mesa Arizona. They perform a repertoire of authentic Apache, Southwest and Northern Plains dances. 7 p.m. at Hubbard Museum of the American West, Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Tickets: \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Call 378-4142.

The Dutton's

Sat, Jan 15: Ruidoso Concert Association presents fiddlin', dancin' and pickin' band from Branson, Missouri, at 7:30 p.m., Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Info: 258-5702

Festival of Four

Sat, Feb 5: Chilean born flutist Viviana Guzman with mandolin and guitars; a wide variety of musical styles. 8 p.m. at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Info: 336-4800 or www.spencertheater.com

Romeo & Juliet

Fri, Feb 11: St. Petersburg Ballet Theater performs the three-act Prokofiev version. 8 p.m.; Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Info: 336-4800 or www.spencertheater.com

Forbidden Broadway

Mon, Feb 21: "Forbidden Broadway Shoots for the Stars" 8 p.m. at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. New York's longest running musical comedy revue; spoofs some of the most famous Broadway musicals of all time. Info: 336-4800 or www.spencertheater.com

Film

"The Ghost of Christmas Eve"

Dec. 17-18: The New Mexico Museum of Space History, in partnership with Atlantic Records, presents a music video by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra for two programs in the IMAX Dome Theatre at 7 p.m. Admission is an item of non-perishable food per attendee to benefit the Salvation Army for local distribution. For more info, call 437-2840.

Arts center open house



PHOTO BY PAMELA CROMWELL

Frederic Moras and Betty Day enjoy the new gallery at the Arts Center

The public is invited to an open house this weekend at the headquarters for the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts (RRCA), located next to State National Bank at 1712 Sudderth Drive. Art lovers are invited to visit the Arts Center between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. today and tomorrow, Dec. 17-18.

Enjoy the center's new gallery, now featuring an impressive sampler of local artists, both emerging and accomplished. Also, check

out the new classroom facilities and enjoy refreshments while you visit with the staff.

The new space was donated to the non-profit arts organization by State National Bank last month. The building was primarily a storage room for the bank until community-conscious executives stepped up to help the RRCA.

The RRCA board members hope the new Arts Center will become the nucleus of arts activity in Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

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LITERA

Book Signing Saturday: Author relates true tale of cowboy drug runners



Best-selling author Roy Graham tells a fascinating, powerful story that is destined to be a blockbuster at the box-office. MGM Studios purchased the rights to *Cowboy Mafia* in 2002, and shooting is scheduled to begin in 2005. Tommy Lee Jones, Woody Harrelson and Robert Duvall are pencilled in for leading roles.

Graham will be signing copies of his book at Books Etc. (2340 Sudderth Dr.) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. *Cowboy Mafia* tells of the tragic downfall of Rex Cauble and the drug-running circle of cowboys who ruined him.

Oilman, rancher, banker and civic leader Rex Cauble was a well-known Texas multi-millionaire who forfeited \$90 million dollars in attachable assets — ranches, banks, and Cutterbill Western Wear stores in Dallas and Houston — in a highly controversial jury

verdict out of Tyler, Texas. He was an unwitting fall guy for a circle of prominent cowboys who used Cauble's vast ranches for coast-to-coast distribution of huge quantities of Colombian Red Bud marijuana (unknownst to Cauble).

Dubbed the Cowboy Mafia by author Roy Graham, the black hats included Muscles Foster, who was a former all-around rodeo cowboy world champion, trainer of six-time AQHA, NQHA world champion cutting horse Cutterbill, and foreman of Rex Cauble's 4,000-acre ranches. He was joined by cowboy capos Les Fuller (first "Marlboro Man"), Ray Hawkins, Dayton Bud Evans, Harry "The Hat" Hannon and others.

Using a fleet of slow shrimp boats, the Cowboy Mafia smuggled more than 750,000 pounds of premium grade Colombian Red Bud marijuana from the coastal

town of Santa Marta, Colombia, to the Texas Gulf Coast town of High Island, Texas, located between Galveston and Beaumont.

Each voyage spanned 18 days at sea and 7,500 miles on boats rigged with saddle fuel tanks, ship-to-shore radios and 50-caliber guns (for battling Colombian pirates). These cowboys routinely carried \$1.5 - 2 million in cash stuffed in the bottom of scuba tanks. On the return trip they carried 40,000 pounds of Colombian Red Bud marijuana.

Fronted by Thompson Seatool (a shrimp distributor with no refrigeration equipment), the operation originated in Florida. When the waters there got too hot for smuggling, though, Muscles Foster had the perfect solution — he had the keys to Rex Cauble's vast Texas ranches.



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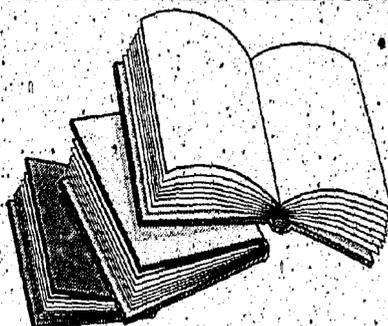
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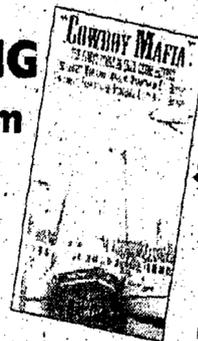


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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES



Meet the Fockers

The makers and stars behind the runaway hit of 2000, *Meet the Parents*, are re-united in the follow-up comedy, *Meet the Fockers*.

Now that Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack (Robert De Niro) and Dina Byrnes (Blythe Danner), it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam (Polo). But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers.

Having given permission to male nurse Greg Focker to wed his daughter, ex-CIA man Jack Byrnes and his wife travel to Detroit to "meet the parents", who this time around are Mr. and Mrs. Focker (Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand). The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together—which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you."

Starring: Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand, Blythe Danner
Directed by Jay Roach
Rated PG-13. Opens in Ruidoso Wed., Dec. 22

Lemony Snicket's
A Series of Unfortunate Events

This is the story of the Baudelaires, three young orphans, Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken) and Sunny. After Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire's parents perish in a terrible fire, they are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film. Their journey begins with the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf (Jim Carrey), an actor, evil genius, and master of disguise. At every turn, Count Olaf hatches another outrageous plot to steal the

orphans' vast fortune, and he's not going to let anybody stand in his way — not Uncle Monty (Billy Connolly), not Aunt Josephine (Meryl Streep), and certainly not the children themselves!

Violet is the oldest of the Baudelaires at 14, and is their brave and fast-thinking leader. The only boy is middle child Klaus, 12, who is intensely intelligent and obsessed with words. The youngest is infant Sunny, who speaks in a language only her siblings can understand, and she has a tendency to... bite.

The resulting series of unfortunate events is likely to leave viewers of all ages in utter hysterics.

Starring: Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep, Emily Browning, Kara Hoffman, Liam Aiken
Directed by Brad Silberling
Rated PG. Runtime: 1 hr. 53 min.



Alexander

Director Oliver Stone chalks up an ambitious entry on his biopic resume (past entries include films about Jim Morrison, Richard Nixon, and JFK among others) with this cinematic treatise on the life of the mighty Alexander the Great. Despite his young death at 32, Alexander packed some unimaginable conquests into his limited years by ruling over a huge chunk of the globe.

Stone draws on a voice-over narration provided by Anthony Hopkins, whose character is named Ptolemy, to aurally depict some of the battles. Thus, Stone shifts the weight of the film to focus on the personality of Alexander (Colin Farrell), a man who is stricken by overwhelming personal insecurities that

come in direct contrast to his bold achievements. Complex dealings with his mother (Angelina Jolie) and father (Val Kilmer) plague him, as does his turbulent relationship with his wife, Roxane (Rosario Dawson). His connection with his best friend, Hephaestion (Jared Leto), is ambiguous, with Stone touching on their vaunted homosexuality via some shared tender moments. As these personal battles are played out, Ptolemy fills the historic gaps in the narrative by charting the incredible conflicts that raged at Alexander's behest. Eventually, Stone lets loose with an epic on-screen battle, which sees Alexander's troops rumble across India in another country-conquering quest. But while his minions struggle, and Alexander demands success, it becomes clear that he is his own worst enemy. With the only real threat to Alexander coming from a tempestuous struggle with his own ego, Stone's summation of the great historical leader paints a picture of an embittered and solitary figure who was able to rule everyone apart from himself.

Starring: Colin Farrell, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer
Directed by Oliver Stone
Rate R. Runtime: 2 hrs. 56 min.

Ocean's Twelve

It's been three years since Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his crew — fronted by detail man Rusty Ryan (Brad Pitt), up-and-coming pickpocket Linus Caldwell (Matt Damon), explosives expert Basher Tarr (Don Cheadle) and safecracker Frank Catton (Bernie Mac) — pulled off one of the most audacious and lucrative heists in history, robbing ruthless entrepreneur Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) of every dime stored in his impenetrable Las Vegas vault.

After splitting the \$160 million take, each of the infamous Ocean's crew have tried to go straight, lay low and live a legit life...but that's proven to be a challenge, much to the chagrin of Danny's wife Tess (Julia Roberts).

When someone breaks Rule Number One and rats them out to Benedict, going straight is no longer an option. He wants his \$160 million back — with interest — or else.

And, as the gang quickly discovers, Benedict isn't the only powerful person in the world looking for Ocean's Eleven...

Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Andy Garcia
Directed by Steven Soderbergh
Rated PG-13 - for language. Runtime: 1 hour, 46 min.

Fun with
FruitcakeArt, Craft
and Such

Practical, creative ways to include fun in everyday living
by Polly E. Chavez

We are now in the midst of the busy holiday season: decorations, parties, gift-wrapping, baking and such. Here is an old time favorite holiday recipe (source unknown) that is requested by column readers year after year. Some may attempt to make the cake and others will just clip the recipe and share it with someone:

Christmas Fruitcake Recipe

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups dried fruit
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- lemon juice
- nuts
- 1 bottle of your favorite whiskey

Sample the whiskey to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whiskey again to be sure that it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon sugar and beat again. Make sure the whiskey is still okay. Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer.

Break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drawscraper. Sample the whiskey to check for consistency.

Next, sift 2 cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the whiskey.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out the window. Check the whiskey again. Go to bed.

Who the heck likes fruitcake likes anyway@#%!!?

PAST TENSE

The Real Billy the Kid: Part 2

Last week, we were discussing what Billy the Kid was like – not the Billy of the movies or novels or anyone's imagination – but the *real* Billy, the one people remembered until the end of their days. We discussed his relationship with



Past Tense

by

Drew Gomber

Last week, we ended with Bob looking up to the upstairs window when he heard Billy's cheerful greeting. He was almost instantly kissed in the face and chest by 18 of the buckshot that comprised the loads in both barrels of his own shotgun. This, as you can imagine, pretty much ended his relationship with Billy the Kid, and, for that matter, anyone else on this planet.

A promise to keep

Billy had announced on several occasions that he would "never" hang. It seemed that his date with the gallows on May 13, 1881 would make a liar out of him, but that execution, as we now know, was not to be. However, even if Billy had remained incarcerated long enough to mount the dreaded 13 steps, it appears that he would not have been executed anyway.

After killing his two guards, Bell (in whose death the Kid took no pleasure) and Olinger, (whose death caused Billy to rejoice), the Kid meandered out onto the second-floor sun porch of the Lincoln County courthouse. Below him, a number of citizens were standing in and around the street. Bob Olinger's corpse lay on the side of the building in a pool of blood, and no one was particularly anxious to approach Billy. At least until they knew how he felt about things,

anyway.

Swinging his legs over the side and sitting on the banister, Billy at first treated his audience to his singing voice and then made a short speech. Essentially, he told them that, if no one else tried to stop him, no one else would be hurt. He knew that most of the people in town were his friends and no one else had the courage to try and stop him, anyway.

Grinning, he added, "I am going to give the good people of Lincoln a chance to think a little. I am not going to hang on the day they have been expecting I would." Then he reached down into his boot and brought up a small piece of folded paper. Opening it, he deliberately spilled the contents – a white powder – onto the ground, commenting, "I don't think I'll need that now."

In the words of John Meadows, "Doctor Tomlinson, who examined some of it afterwards, said it was crystallized strychnine. So I guess the Kid didn't intend to hang noway."

The escape

Billy's famous escape from captivity in Lincoln on April 28, 1881, has got to be the most casual jailbreak in history. When Billy instructed caretaker Gauss to toss him a pick-axe to sever the chains binding his feet, Gauss threw it up to him, cautioning "Look out Billy, here she comes," which seems rather chummy to me. After about an hour, the Kid finally severed the chains that bound his legs, and in fastening the loose end of the leg irons through his belt, he prepared, finally, to leave.

As Billy came down stairs and stepped out into the back yard, Alexander Nunnelly, who was one of Olinger's prisoners, was standing there.

With the death of Olinger, the Deputy's five prisoners suddenly found themselves at loose ends. Surprisingly, none of them elected to try and escape and all of them waited patiently for Garrett to return later that day and take them back into custody. Apparently, they were very trusting of the judicial system. The Kid, of course, felt otherwise. He felt, with much justification, that he had been treated wrongly.

Billy instructed Nunnelly to "Go saddle Billy Burke's (*sic* – his name was Burt) horse for me and bring him here. I need him." Nunnelly replied that "I want to do that Kid, bad enough for you, but

I've got to be tried myself in a few days for killing two Mexicans on Tulerosa (*sic*) Creek. Don't you reckon my helping you will make it go harder with me?" The Kid's reply was to the point. "You can tell them I made you do it," he said, "for that is just what I am going to do."

Nunnelly saw the wisdom of this, saying, "Well, I guess I might just as well go and saddle him."

Prior to all of this, after Billy had killed the guards, when he went to arm himself, he had come back down from the armory with, among other weapons, a Winchester that belonged to Nunnelly. When Nunnelly protested that Billy was taking his rifle, the Kid went back upstairs and got himself another weapon. *This time*, when he came back down, one of the other prisoners protested that it was *his* rifle. The Kid – ever-obliging – went back upstairs and got still another rifle – to which no one laid claim.

I tell the above story to illustrate the Kid's nature. After many years of study, I've come to the inevitable conclusion that Billy the Kid was someone with whom I probably would have enjoyed "hanging out." For the record, before I knew anything about him, my feelings were the exact opposite.

Of course, we should never – ever – judge anyone from that period with our modern values. It simply isn't fair, and more importantly, it doesn't work. The world was a vastly different place in those days. Everything that everyone did must be placed in the context of the time and place. Remember, this was a time and place where murderers simply left the area for a year or two, and when they returned, all was forgiven!

Final departure from Lincoln

When Alexander Nunnelly brought Billy Burt's (who was the County Clerk) horse to the Kid in the backyard of the courthouse, Billy mounted up. However, it was a skittish little pony and the jangling leg iron still attached to Billy's leg and belt spooked it. Bystanders were treated to an impromptu rodeo, ending with the Kid being bucked off. Laughing, he got up and brushing himself off, instructed Gauss to "go get that horse, and bring him back here. I can ride him."

Now get this... first, let's remember how Garrett – and others – would later

claim that the town was frozen with fear and that was why no one attempted to stop the very charming and, at that moment, very casually escaping outlaw. Well, if that were the case, wouldn't we be able to reasonably assume that he was wielding a gun – presumably in a threatening manner – at the time?

As previously mentioned, the Kid had gone to the armory and armed himself with pistols and a rifle. When Billy mounted the second time, *he handed the rifle to Gauss to hold while he did so*. This would be much like robbing a bank and handing the teller your weapon while you counted the loot. Nevertheless, neither Gauss – nor anyone else – made any attempt whatsoever to stop the Kid – a powerful testament indeed to Billy's popularity in Lincoln.

Another version

Last week, I mentioned that I would include an alternate version of the Kid's escape from the courthouse that I found equally as plausible as the one already described in the last issue of *Vamonos*. Well, here she is...

In this version, instead of grabbing Bell's gun, the Kid has acquired one left in the privy for him by a friend. (Exactly *which* friend – personally, I think it would have been Tunstall's clerk, Sam Corbet – would require a whole other column and we would never get past the theory stage anyway, so bear with me).

As the Kid reaches the top of the inside courthouse steps, he whirls, hits Bell with the loose handcuff and reaches under his shirt, retrieving the pistol. The Kid expects Bell to simply put up his hands and surrender, but Bell doesn't do that. Instead, he lunges forward and grabs the pistol with both hands, bleeding profusely from the head the whole time. Bell may have even been able to place part of his hand between the hammer and the rest of the gun, making it impossible to fire. The two men struggle, with the Kid being dragged down to the floor by Bell, who, because he is still standing on about the 2nd or 3rd step, is already at a lower level...

Finally, Billy breaks free. Bell, realizing this, turns to run. The Kid rolls onto his belly and, from his position on the floor, fires once, the bullet fatally wounding Bell. The Kid snaps off another

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PAST TENSE

Crazy for The Kid

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shot and misses as Bell proceeds to tumble to the foot of the stairs.

Both these versions (this one and the one last week) tally somewhat with the version given to John Meadows by the Kid himself. According to Meadows, Billy was "lying on the floor on his stomach, and shot Bell as he ran down the stairs." Again, according to Meadows, the Kid "slapped at the side of his [Bell's] head with the handcuffs. The blow stunned him and the two went to the floor in a scuffle over Bell's gun."

Sounds good to me, anyway. In the end, for all of our (historians, policemen, whomever) theorizing, the only thing that really matters is that, one way or the other, Billy got hold of a pistol and began what is perhaps, the most dramatic jailbreak in the history of the Old West.

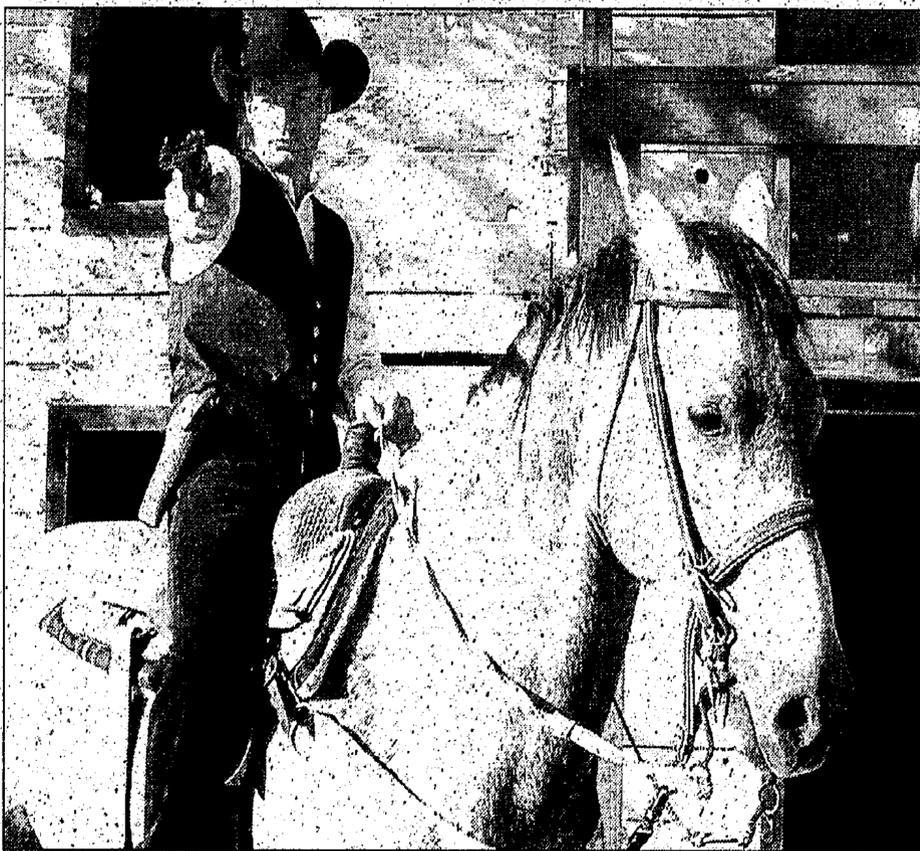
Epilogue

So what have we learned about the real Billy the Kid in the last couple of

weeks? Not much, I'm sorry to say. What we know about him for certain is that he had light colored eyes and hair, weighed about 140 lbs., and stood about 5 feet, 8 inches tall. His wrists were large and his hands small. He was not the best looking young man in New Mexico at the time, but he was a long way from the way he is sometimes pictured by those who know nothing about him, either.

Billy never robbed banks or trains — he was exclusively a stock thief. He certainly didn't kill all those people that Garrett (and numerous others) claimed.

And the key to the legend of Billy the Kid? That one, at least, is easy. The real key to the Kid's legend is that Billy had personality coming out of his ears. People were crazy about him. He was charming, polite to his elders, spoke Spanish fluently, never condescended to the local Hispanic population, and left just about everyone he ever met, Hispanic or otherwise, with a smile on their face. He seemed, as in the case of Alexander Nunnally and his rifle, to want to be helpful to others whenever possible.



Real? Lincoln County residents put on their rendition of the Kid's last escape each August.

We've all known someone like him. They are a long way from perfect, but are so likeable that, well, you just seem to forgive a lot.

And that was the way it was with Billy the Kid.

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DAVE'S WORLD

Healing the rift

I thought that, in today's column, I would heal the nation.



Dave's World

By Dave Barry
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The nation suffered a wound during the recent presidential election as a result of the rift between the red states — defined as "states where foreign cuisine pretty much means Pizza Hut" — and the blue states, defined as "states that believe they are smarter than the red states, despite the fact that it takes the average blue-state resident 15 minutes to order a single cup of coffee."

Some blue-state residents are so upset about the election that they're talking about moving to Canada, which is technically a foreign nation. In my view, this would be a mistake; Canada is not the paradise it is often made out to be.

FACT: Every year, 43 percent of all Canadians — a total of eight Canadians — are eaten by polar bears.

Besides, running away is never the answer, unless you are a teen-age boy who has just blown up a mailbox. As Americans, we need to stay here in America and work things out, because regardless of what color or hue of state

we live in, we are all, deep down inside our undershorts, Americans. And as Americans, we must ask ourselves: Are we really so different? Must we stereotype those who disagree with us? Do we truly believe that ALL red-state residents are ignorant racist fascist knuckle-dragging NASCAR-obsessed cousin-marrying roadkill-eating tobacco-juice-dribbling gun-fondling religious fanatic rednecks; or that ALL blue-state residents are godless unpatriotic pierced-nose Volvo-driving France-loving left-wing communist latte-sucking tofu-chomping holistic-wacko neurotic vegan weenie perverts?

Yes. This is called "diversity," and it is why we are such a great nation — a nation that has given the world both nuclear weapons AND SpongeBob Squarepants.

And so today I am calling upon both sides in the red-blue rift to reach out. Maybe we could have a cultural-exchange program between red and blue states. For example, a delegation from Texas could go to California and show the Californians how to do some traditional Texas thing such as castrate a bull using only your teeth; and then the Californians could show the Texans how to rearrange their football stadiums in accordance with the principles of "feng shui" (for openers, both goalposts should be at the west end of the field). Or maybe New York and Kentucky could have a college-style "mixer," featuring special "crossover" hors d'oeuvres such

as bagels topped with squirrel parts. —I'm just thinking out loud here. (I don't mean that figuratively. The neighbors are complaining.) But I truly believe that, if the red states and blue states made a sincere effort to get to know each other, they'd discover that, beneath their surface differences, there are a lot of deep underlying differences.

But that doesn't mean we have nothing in common. We must always remember that, as Americans, we all have a common enemy — an enemy that is dangerous, powerful and relentless. I refer, of course, to the federal government.

I speak from personal experience. For the past year, I have been hounded by an organization calling itself "The United States Department of Commerce," which apparently is linked to the federal government. Every few weeks, the "Department of Commerce" sends me a threatening letter, demanding that I fill out "the 2002 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (Form SBO-1 or SBO-2)."

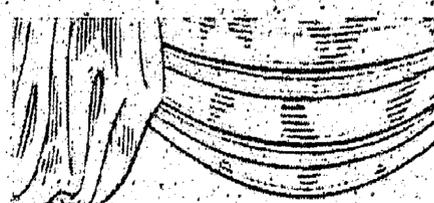
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But this is not about me. This is about the need for all Americans to join together and heal our national rift. Remember that no matter where we live — be it in a red state, or a blue state, or a Samoan state — we are all Americans inside. If we cut ourselves, we will all bleed the same color; and then, as Americans, we will sue somebody. In conclusion, try these squirrel parts.

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Festival of Lights

Turns Up the Volume

BY PAMELA CROWLIE
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

It shall be loud. It shall be a rockin' house party from start to finish. It shall be a Snow Blast!

Festival of Lights organizers have finally added the most obvious element for a successful winter season event — a ski and snowboard expo, complete with screenings of Warren Miller's 55th feature film, a scorching hot ska band, and an avalanche of give-aways. Ruidoso's first Snow Blast is this weekend, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday.

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Impact is touring the country, making stops in 250 cities, from October through December, 2004. *Impact* showcases winter sports' top athletes and local heroes on the big screen as they travel to fabled and exotic locations around the globe in search of the perfect ride, deepest powder and sickest lines. Each screening of the movie is a high-energy live event booked as a limited

engagement, often for one night only.

Chuck Duncan of Whispering Pines Cabins in Ruidoso helped the Festival of Lights schedule the two-night *Impact* screenings here. They rented a 15'x20' rear projection screen to get the best picture. Duncan also got Ruidoso included in the world-wide Warren Miller prize drawings, one for a Jeep, and one for an Alaskan ski vacation. The trip for two to Cordova, Alaska, is a seven-days and seven-nights package to go helicopter skiing with Points North Heli

Adventures.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods will draw the name of a lucky winner for their Jeep on Saturday night in conjunction with the Festival of Lights.

"At film intermission on both nights we will draw from the entry forms that everybody gets at the door," Duncan said. "The winners from our drawings will be eligible to win the main prizes when Warren Miller does their drawings on December 31."

Exploring winter since 1949, Warren

Miller's films have inspired people of all ages to keep their snowriding dreams alive, and this year's annual installment will not disappoint. For those riders who spend their time in the pipe, park, or backcountry, *Impact* highlights this year's best athletes, from snowboarders to telemarketers, in terrain you won't believe. Loyal Warren Miller fans will find all the essential snorkel-deep powder, giant cliffs and exotic locales that keep several out of ten audience members returning annually.



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*Champion speed skier
Ross Anderson will
sign autographs at Snow Blast.*

Impact features more women than any previous Warren Miller movie, and these 17 women rip. From former Olympians Kelly Clarke and Hannah Hardaway to big mountain skier Wendy Fisher and freeskiing phenom Ingrid Backstrom, these ladies are leaving an "impact" on winter sports.

The national tour of *Impact* is presented by Jeep and co-sponsored by MountainChalei, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Orbitz, PBS, Sirius Satellite Radio, and SKIING Magazine.



El Paso ska/reggae band Liquid Cheese headlines the "Head Waller's Ball"

shaping and molding it into something all their own. By incorporating this variety of elements they capture the feel-good essence of ska, the appeal of modern rock, the musical complexity of jazz and the danceable rhythms of Latin, reggae and salsa music.

With a scorching four-

Lighting Competition Winners



Black Bear Lodge, Most Whimsical

Nine Ruidoso homes and businesses were selected as winners for having outstanding lighting displays during the 2004 Ruidoso Festival of Lights lighting competition last week.

Business Locations
Most Whimsical: Whispering Pines Cabins (422 Main Road) and Black Bear Lodge (428 Main Road)
Most Original: J. Roberts (2608 Sudderth Dr. in midtown)
Most Luminous: Seasons Nursery (315 Sudderth Dr. near the "Y")

Judge's Choice: Parks & Recreation Department for Midtown light poles

Residential Locations
Most Whimsical: 120 Willie Horton Drive, by Dennis W. and Karen Johnson
Most Original: 1009 Hull Road, by C.L. DuBose
Most Luminous: 200 Forrest Lane in Upper Canyon, by T.E. Arrington

Judge's Choice: 111 Coker Lane, by Jim & Shelley McGarvey

Honorable Mentions:
Casey's Cabins, 2640 Sudderth Dr.
Thunderbird Lodge, 205 Mechem Dr.
Cottage Central, 616 Sudderth Dr.



J. Roberts, Most Original



If you go

what: **Snow Blast Ruidoso**

when: **5pm-11pm Fri & 5pm-1am Sat**

where: **Ruidoso Convention Center**

tickets: **\$5 at the door**



piece horn section and undeniable rhythm, their music is a combination of cadence and creative lyrics that is displayed at their live performances and captured on their albums. After releasing their first single "Used to Know" in 1997 on the Germ Records compilation *710 Texas*, they went forward to record two full-length albums on their own label. Their debut album *Kickin' Up in the Night* (2000), was followed by *Lost in the Music* (2003), and they have attracted listeners nationwide and abroad. Cheese is currently compiling video and audio for their upcoming live CD/DVD release in late 2004.

Are they any good? Critics think so. The CD *Baby* review loved *Lost in the Music* and one guy (Jim Mack) who posted his comments said, "If the biz was based on talent instead of the soulless pursuit of money through the use of pretty people (sort of like prostitution), everyone would know about Liquid Cheese!"

The Snow Blast is definitely a youth-oriented event, but that doesn't mean the over-35 crowd isn't invited. Load up the kids and enjoy a weekend of music, film and everything snowy at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Dec. 17 and 18. Admission is \$5 per person, and kids under 6 get in free. The first 1,500 people through the door receive a \$5 coupon for lift tickets, and door prizes will be given away every half hour. Out-of-town guests can use the dollar shuttle that serves 20 lodging establishments in town, and locals are encouraged to imbibe responsibly and drive safely.

Gear galore

The snowboard and ski gear expo promises to be more entertaining than the usual collection of booths, with an atmosphere of fun and youth culture (translation: loud music). Twenty-five vendors will showcase and demonstrate all the latest stuff, including gear, clothing and après ski essentials. Vendors include local ski shops and gear manufacturers, offering great deals, plus try out Dave Anderson's "magic carpet" (sort of a skier's treadmill) and get a poster autographed by the fastest Native American on Mother Earth, Ross Anderson (no relation to Dave).

Proceeds from this event benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ross Anderson's Olympic Bid. A world-class speed skier, Anderson has been in training at Ski Apache in the hopes that speed skiing will be an Olympic event in 2006. As one of the top-ten fastest skiers in the world, he would be expected in Turino, Italy, for the Winter Olympics, and he's going to be ready.

Plenty of fine food is coming from the Green Chile Café, Weber's Grill, the Lincoln County Grill, and the Pie Pantry. At "Lifties" you can wet your whistle and quaff a Snow Blast Nut Brown Ale created by Sierra Blanca Brewery, or get an ice cold Budweiser.

On Saturday, sometime between the

end of the film and before the live music concert, the first-ever Ms. Snow Blast will be named. During the expo, women may enter their names into a "hat," from which five names will be drawn. Each lady will have 30 seconds on stage with emcee Neal Jones to convince the audience that she should be crowned Ms. Snow Blast.

"This is not a beauty contest," Duncan said.

The four runners-up will all receive Liquid Cheese CD's, and the winner will receive a ski weekend complete with two nights lodging, lift passes to Ski Apache, rentals, private lessons, and dinners. Ms. Snow Blast will also receive a special sash that will surely come in handy during her public appearances as a local celebrity and spokesperson for the following year.

Ska'd for life

On Saturday night, El Paso ska-reggae-rock band Liquid Cheese rocks the "Head Waller's Ball" from 11 p.m. until the wee hours.

Liquid Cheese is a nine-piece band formed in 1996. Their music, which centers on the off-beat, carries themes popular in Latin and Jamaican music. The fascination with this new breed of modern musicians is their instinctive ability to connect many genres of music, thereby

SATURDAY MORNING

DECEMBER 18

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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WEEKDAY MORNING

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
2 KASA	The Drew Carey Show	Paid Program	Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Good Day Live		Texas Justice	Divorce Court	Home Improvement	Ambush Makeover	Family Feud
3 KENW	Mister Rogers Neighborhood	Between the Lions	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Varied Programs		Instructional Television	Varied Programs	Sit and Be Fit	Varied Programs	Reading Rainbow
4 KOBR	(7:00) Today				Starting Over		The Larry Elder Show		News		Days of our Lives
7 KOAT	(7:00) Good Morning America		Live With Regis and Kelly		The View		All My Children		News	Varied Programs	One Life to Live
10 KBIM	(7:00) The Early Show		Montel Williams		As the World Turns		The Price Is Right		News	Bold, Beautiful	Young-Res
13 DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery		Double Agents		Designer Guys	Designer Guys	B. Smith Style
19 TVLAND	Dick Van Dyke	I Love Lucy	Mister Ed	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	Green Acres	MacGyver		Hunter		Bonanza
23 TNT	ER		ER		Judging Amy		Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order
24 AMC	(6:30) Movie	Varied Programs									
27 LIFE	The Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie		Varied Programs
28 ESPN	(7:30) SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied Programs		NFL's Greatest Game	Varied Programs		
29 ESPN2	Cold Pizza				2004 World Series of Poker	Varied Programs					
33 DISN	Rolie Polie Olie	PB&J Otter	Out of the Box	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Higglytown Heroes	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie-Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse
39 NICK	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Sunny Patch Friends	Lazy Town	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues
44 WTBS	Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Drew Carey Show
45 WGN	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Magnum, P.I.		News		Rockford Files		Magnum, P.I.
46 COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie	Varied Programs			The Daily Show	Com.-Presents	Varied Programs		
48 FSSW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	I, Max	Totally Football	Varied Programs				
49 TCM	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs				
51 HIST	Varied Programs						Modern Marvels		Varied Programs		
52 A&E	Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential		American Justice		Movie	Varied Programs	
62 BRAVO	Paid Program	Paid Program	The West Wing		The West Wing		Columbo			Varied Programs	
66 USA	Nash Bridges	Varied Programs									

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
2 KASA	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Inside Edition	Extra	Dharma & Greg	Becker	Fear Factor	Varied Programs	The Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Frasier
3 KENW	Varied Programs	Arthur	Varied Programs	Cyberchase	Postcards From Buster	Maya & Miguel	Zoom	Headline News	Nightly Business Report	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	
4 KOBR	(:00) Days of our Lives	Passions		The People's Court		The Jane Pauley Show		News	NBC Nightly News	News	Access Hollywood
7 KOAT	(:00) One Life to Live	General Hospital		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Oprah Winfrey		News	ABC World News Tonight	News	Entertainment Tonight
10 KBIM	Young-Resless	Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		News	News	CBS Evening News	News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune
13 DSC	(:00) B. Smith Style	Surprise by Design		Surprise by Design		Double Agents		Monster Garage		Monster House	
19 TVLAND	(:00) Bonanza	Andy Griffith	Leave It to Beaver	Varied Programs						The Munsters	Green Acres
23 TNT	(:00) Law & Order	Law & Order		Angel		Charmed		Law & Order		Varied Programs	
24 AMC	(:45) Movie	Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	
27 LIFE	(12:00) Movie	Strong Medicine		The Nanny	The Nanny	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Movie			
28 ESPN	Varied Programs			Around the Horn	Pardon the Interruption	SportsCenter	Varied Programs				
29 ESPN2	Varied Programs							College Basketball	Varied Programs		
33 DISN	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	Movie	
39 NICK	Little Bill	Backyardigans	Lazy Town	Varied Programs						SpongeBob	Danny Phantom
44 WTBS	The Drew Carey Show	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Everybody Loves Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond	Friends	(:35) Frier
45 WGN	(:00) Magnum, P.I.	America's Funniest Home Videos		The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Home Improvement	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Improvement	Movie	
46 COM	Varied Programs	Mad TV		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs			Mad TV	Varied Programs
48 FSSW	Varied Programs					The Sports List	Totally Football	I, Max	Varied Programs		
49 TCM	Movie	Varied Programs				(:15) Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	
51 HIST	Varied Programs							Modern Marvels		Varied Programs	
52 A&E	(12:00) Movie	Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential		American Justice		Varied Programs	
62 BRAVO	Varied Programs							The West Wing		Varied Programs	
66 USA	(:00) Movie	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	

TUESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 21,

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
2 KASA	The Rebel Billionaire: Branson's Quest for the Best Tokyo (N)		House "The Social Method" (N)		News		The Simpsons	Fear Factor		Cops	Cheaters	Becker: "The Ugly Truth"	News
3 KENW	Nova: Elegant Universe Einstein's Dream, The String's the Thing		Columbia University physicist Brian Greene explains string theory		You Should Know	Creative Living: Borden	Independent Lens: Factory worker questions his life		Charlie Rose (N)		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		(Off Air)
4 KOBR	The Biggest Loser: A Look Back Special (N)		Father of the Pride (N)	Scrubs: My New Game	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Birthright		News	(35) The Tonight Show: Dustin Hoffman, Virginia Madsen (N)	(37) Just Shoot Me	(12:07) Late Night: Jeff Goldblum (N)		(:06) Last Call	(:35)
6 CNN	Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live
7 KOAT	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez	According to Jim	Rodney: Pilot	NYPD Blue: I Love My Wives, But Oh You Kid (N) (PA)		News	(35) Will & Grace	(05) The Insider (N)	(35) Nightline	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:05) News	(:35) Progn
8 E!	Survivor: E! THS		Life Is Great	Diary of an Affair	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Wild On... The Caribbean
10 KBIM	The Amazing Race 6 (N)		The 27th Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N)				News	(35) Late Show: Dennis Quaid, Rusty Wallace (N)	(37) The Late Late Show: Natasha Leggero (N)		(37) Paid Program	(:05) News	(:35) Renk
12 KASY	All of Us	Eve: Self-Healing	Veronica Mars: The Girl Next Door		The King of Queens	Everybody Loves Raymond	Seinfeld: The Movie	Yes, Dear: The Good Dad	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Street Smarts	Street Smarts: Overcast	Paid Program
13 DSC	Monster Nation: Outboard motor		American Chopper: David Mann Bike 1		Dr. G: Medical Examiner: The Chain of Life and Death		Mummy Autopsy: Partially mummified remains of two bodies (N)		Wing Nuts: Bombs Away		Dr. G: Medical Examiner: The Chain of Life and Death		Mummy Autopsy: Partially mummified remains of two bodies (N)
14 SPIKE	** "Death Warrant" (1990, Drama) Gibb: A karate-kicking officer goes undercover to find a killer.		Jean-Claude Van Damme, Robert Guillaume, Cynthia		MXC		World's Wildest Police Videos		Blind Date	Shipmates	Maximum Exposure		Paid Program
15 FAM	7th Heaven: When Bad Conversations Happen to Good People		The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus		"Eloise at Christmastime" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Julie Andrews, Sofia Vassiliou. Eloise insists on helping with yuletide nuptials.			Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Whose Line Is It Anyway?		The 700 Club		Family Matters
19 TVLAND	The Andy Griffith Show	Leave It to Beaver	Sanford and Son	All in the Family	Three's Company	Three's Company	Cheers: Old Flames	Cheers: Manager Coach	All in the Family	Sanford and Son	Three's Company	Three's Company	Cheers: Old Flames
21 HALL	"A Carol Christmas" (2003) Tom Spelling. William Shatner, Gary Coleman. An egomaniacal talk-show host has a chance to change.				M*A*S*H: The Bus	M*A*S*H: Dear Mildred	M*A*S*H: The Kids	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger: Blood Diamonds		JAG: "Ghosts of Christmas Past"		Paid Program
22 TOONDIS	Digimon	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	X-Men	X-Men	Gargoyles	Hercules	Proud Family	Recess	House of Mouse	Garfield-Frinds	Teamo Supremo	TaleSpin
23 TNT	Law & Order: Judge Dredd (DVS)		Charmed: Once in a Blue Moon		Law & Order: Switch (DVS)		The X-Files: Terms of Endearment		The X-Files: Mulder and Scully investigate a so-called rainmaker.		From the Earth to the Moon (Part 10 of 12)		(:10) From the Earth to (Part 11 of 12)
24 AMC	(6:00) *** "Two Mules for Sister Sara" (1970) Clint Eastwood		(:15) *** "A Big Hand for the Little Lady" (1966, Comedy) Henry Fonda. An ill gambler's wife deals herself into a big poker game. NR				(:15) *** "Hannie Caulder" (1971, Western) Raquel Welch. A vengeful woman hunts the murderous gang who raped her. R				(:15) *** "A Big Hand for the Little Lady" (1966, Comedy) Henry Fonda. An ill gambler's wife deals herself into a big poker game. NR		
25 KRPV	Light of the Southwest (Live)				The Hour of Healing		Joe McGee	Rabbi Richman	Update/Israel	Richard Booker			Light of the Southwest
26 CSPAN	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs				Prime Time Public Affairs						Public Affairs		
27 LIFE	** "Charms for the Easy Life" (2002, Drama) Gena Rowlands. Premiere. The story of three strong-willed women of the South.				The Nanny: Fransom	The Golden Girls: Ex-Niles	The Nanny: The Ex-Niles	The Golden Girls: Ex-Niles	Providence: He's Come Undone		Suddenly Susan: The "Blizzard"		Paid Program
28 ESPN	College Football: Champs Sports Bowl - Georgia Tech vs Syracuse.				(:15) SportsCenter (Live)			Outside Lines	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		College Football
29 ESPN2	College Basketball: UCLA at Michigan State (Live)				ESPN25: Who's No. 1		NBA Fastbreak	X-Games Classic (N)	X-Games Classic (N)		NBA Fastbreak		Bassmasters
30 TOON	Codename: Kid	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Static Shock	Futurama	Family Guy	Hungerforce	Inuyasha	Wolf's Rain	Witch Hunter	Futurama	Family Guy	Hungerforce
32 GALA	Reporteros		Las Noticias por Adela			Noticiero		(45) Al Ritmo de la Noche: Jorge Ortiz presenta este programa nocturno.			Vida TV		Repr
33 DISN	"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit"		Lizzie McGuire: Sister, Sister		Even Stevens: Boy Mis. World		Proud Family: That's Raven	Kim Possible: Lizzie McGuire	Recess: Lilo & Stitch		Even Stevens: Rec		
35 ANPL	Most Extreme: Venom: Lethal injections		Animal Cops Detroit: Cold Cails		Austin Stevens: Snakemaster: Diamondbacks		Most Extreme: Venom: Lethal injections		Animal Cops Detroit: Cold Cails		Most Extreme: Defenders: Turtles' shells; frog secretes glue.		Austin Stevens: Snake Diamondbacks
38 TLC	Overhaulin' (N)		Rides: Tonight's Ride: Jay Leno works on his 1966 Tornado (N)		American Hot Rod: "Rat Rod Build-Off 3"		Overhaulin'		Rides: Tonight's Ride: Jay Leno works on his 1966 Tornado.		In a Fix: The Dude Room: Unfinished projects.		Paid Program
39 NICK	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Teenage Robot	Fat Albert Mov.	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fatherhood: Leap	Fatherhood (N)	Fat Albert Mov.
40 SciFi	The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence				** "Roswell: The Aliens Attack" (1999) Steven Flynn.		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Quantum Leap		** "Godzilla vs. Mega		
41 FX	(6:00) "Dude, Where's My Car?"		Fear Factor		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Cops	Cops	Married... With	Married... With	** "Kallifornia" (1993, Drama) Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis.		
42 H&G	Decorating Cnt	Divine Design	Designers	Designers	Painted House	Crafters Coast	Designed-Sell	Designer Finals	Decorating Cnt	Divine Design	Designers	Designers	Painted House
43 MSNBC	Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		The Abrams Report		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country
44 WTBS	The Real Gilligan's Island (Series Finale) (N)		Sex and the City (35) Sex and the City		(:10) The Real Gilligan's Island		(:10) The Real Gilligan's Island		(:10) ** "The Craft" (1996, Horror) (PA) Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk. Teenage witches wreak havoc at their high school.		(:10) *** "Boys on 1 (1995) Whoopi Goldberg		
45 WGN	(6:00) ** "Babes in Toyland"		WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	Home Delivery		Celeb Justice	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Elimidate	Paid Program
46 COM	Shorties Watchin'	Strangers With Candy	Strangers With Candy	Mad TV: Bon Jovi	Reel Comedy (N)	Crank Yankers	Reno 911! (Part 1 of 2)	South Park	Chappelle's Show	Crank Yankers (N)	Comedy Central Presents	Chappelle's Show	Crank Yankers
47 FNC	Hannity & Colmes (Live)		On the Record: Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Special Report		Your World With Neil Cavuto		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record: Van S
48 FSSW	NBA Basketball		SW Sports Rpt.	The Sports List	SW Sports Rpt.	Max (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live)		SW Sports Rpt.	The Sports List	Totally Football		Off the Wall
49 TCM	(6:00) *** "The Diary of Anne Frank" (1959, Drama) Joseph Schildkraut. A Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.				*** "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and times of Jesus Christ.				(1965, Drama) Max von Sydow, Dorothy McGuire, Charlton Heston. A chronicle of the life		George Stevens: D-Day to Berlin		"Wo Year
50 OUTD	Fearless		Fearless		Awe	Dirt Rider	Fearless		Fearless		Bird Hunter	Ducks Unlimited	Paid Program
51 HIST	Modern Marvels: Oil: Firefighting		Modern Marvels: transporting dynamite; illegal drugs; fuel (N)		Modern Marvels: Dangerous Cargo		Wild West Tech: Freak show operators' tricks of the trade.		Modern Marvels: Oil: Firefighting		Modern Marvels: transporting dynamite; illegal drugs; fuel.		Modern Marvels: Dan
52 A&E	Cold Case Files: Doench's Peace		Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan: John Doe		Biography: Tatum O'Neal		Cold Case Files: Doench's Peace		Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan: John
53 GOLF	Big Break II		Duff Challenge Highlights		Play Lessons	Play Lessons	British Open Highlights 1998		Playing Lessons: Golf Hawaii		PGA Champ. Highlights		European PGA Golf
54 CNBC	(6:00) The Apprentice: After the final tasks, one candidate is hired.				The Apprentice		Dennis Miller		McEnroe		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
55 COURT	Forensic Files: North Mission		Masterminds (N)	Caught	Ext. Evidence	Ext. Evidence	The Investigators		Forensic Files: North Mission		Masterminds: Caught		Ext. Evidence
57 SPEED	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Corbin-Ride	Corbin-Ride	Sports Car	NOPI Tuneris.	2 Wheel Tuesday		Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Corbin-Ride	Corbin-Ride	Motorcycle Racing
58 NGE0	Seconds From Disaster		Interpol Investigates		Expeditions to the Edge		Seconds From Disaster		Interpol Investigates		Dog Whisperer	Totally Wild	Paid Program
59 TRAV	Made	Made	Travel Memories: Holidays		Food Crazy		Made	Made	Travel Memories: Holidays		World's Best Florida: theme park.		Paid Program
60 CSPAN2	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs				Prime Time Public Affairs						Public Affairs		
61 TECHTV	Filter	Judgment Day	Cheat	Cinematech	X Play	Unscrw-Sargent	Anime Unlea	Anime Unlea	Cheat	Cinematech	X Play	Unscrw-Sargent	Robot Wars
62 BRAVO	(6:00) *** "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown. PG-13				The West Wing: Posse Compilatus		*** "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Danny Glover. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown. PG-13				*** "Q & A" (1990) Nolte, Timothy Hutton.		
63 GAME	Poker Royale: WPPA Champ.		Celebrity Blackjack II (N)		Celebrity Blackjack II		Poker Royale: WPPA Champ.		Celebrity Blackjack II		Match Game	Match Game	Name's-Same
64 OXYG	** "Jason's Lyric" (1994, Drama) Allen Payne, Jada Pinkett.				The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Ellen	Talk Sex With Sue Johanson	Girls-Badly		Living Single	Living Single	Paid Program
65 STYLE	Diary of an Affair	Diary of an Affair	Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?		Martha Stewart Living		Diary of an Affair	Diary of an Affair	Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?		Fashiontrance		Paid Program
66 USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Closure Part II		Monk: Mr. Monk Takes a Vacation		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Closure		The District: Party Favors		Nash Bridges: Jackpot (Part 1 of 2)		*** "The Majestic" (2001, Drama) Jim Carrey, Martin Lar embrace an amnesiac writer as one of their own.		
67 FOOD	Roker on Road	Recipe-Success	\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef		Emeril Live: I Love New York		Roker on Road	Recipe-Success	\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef
600 HBQ	** "Chasing Liberty" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Mandy Moore. A Briton and the president's daughter travel Europe. PG-13				Carnivale: Lonnigan, Texas		Real Sex Xtra: Pornocopia	The Wire: Avon readies his troops for a war against Marlo.	(35) *** "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Claire Danes. R				Cal Bar
620 MAX	(6:00) ** "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon. PG-13		** "Broken Lizard's Club Dread" (2004) Bill Paxton. A killer terrorizes people at an island resort. R		(45) ** "Out for Justice" (1991, Drama) Steven Seagal, William Forsythe. R		(:15) "Busty Cops" (2004) Nikki Nova. Sexy rookies search for a killer on a porn set. NR		(:45) Erotic Confessions: Sex at a wrong address. NR				(:21) Fo
670 SHOW	(6:15) ** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) PG		(:15) ** "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube. iTV. A barbershop owner considers selling his establishment. PG-13				*** "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" (2002, Documentary) Narrated by Andre Braugher. iTV. PG				*** "Year of the Bull" (2003) Filmmaker Todd Lubin profiles a high-school football player. NR		** (19

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30
2 KASA	That '70s Show "Christmas" (N) (TV) (14)	Quintuplets (N) (TV) (14)	Nanny 911 "The Johnston Family" (N) (TV) (14)	The Simpsons (N) (TV) (14)	News (TV) (14)	The Simpsons (N) (TV) (14)	Fear Factor (N) (TV) (14)	Cops (N) (TV) (14)	Cheaters (N) (TV) (14)	Becker: He Said, She Said (N) (TV) (14)	News (TV) (14)			
3 KENW	Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (N) (TV) (14)	Christmas at Belmont (N) (TV) (14)	Christmas at Baylor (N) (TV) (14)	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind (N) (TV) (14)	This Old House (N) (TV) (14)	Charlie Rose (N) (TV) (14)	(12:02) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (TV) (14)	(Off Air)						
4 KOBR	Will & Grace "Queens for a Day" Will makes the holiday meal. (TV) (14)	The West Wing "Abu El Banat" (N) (TV) (14)	Law & Order "C.O.D." (N) (TV) (14)	News (TV) (14)	(35) The Tonight Show (N) (TV) (14)	(37) Just Shoot Me "Ambush" (N) (TV) (14)	(12:07) Late Night Lewis Black (N) (TV) (14)	(06) Last Call (N) (TV) (14)	(35) News (TV) (14)					
6 CNN	Larry King Live (TV) (14)	NewsNight With Aaron Brown (TV) (14)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (TV) (14)	Larry King Live (TV) (14)	NewsNight With Aaron Brown (TV) (14)	Paula Zahn Now (TV) (14)	Larry King Live (TV) (14)							
7 KOAT	Lost "Walkabout" (N) (TV) (14)	Lost Jack's lack of sleep begins to make him delirious. (N) (TV) (14)	Wife Swap: An animal lover trades with a woman who hates animals. (N) (TV) (14)	News (TV) (14)	(35) Will & Grace (N) (TV) (14)	(05) The Insider (N) (TV) (14)	(35) Nightline (N) (TV) (14)	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (TV) (14)	(05) News (TV) (14)	(35) Apex Media (TV) (14)				
8 EI	Bad Girls of Reality TV (N) (TV) (14)	Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole (N) (TV) (14)	Howard Stern (N) (TV) (14)	Howard Stern (N) (TV) (14)	Saturday Night Live (N) (TV) (14)	Saturday Night Live (N) (TV) (14)	Howard Stern (N) (TV) (14)	Howard Stern (N) (TV) (14)	Wild On... A tour of Hollywood (N) (TV) (14)					
10 KBIM	A Home for the Holidays 2004 (N) (TV) (14)	The King of Queens "The Universe" (N) (TV) (14)	CSI: NY "Creatures of the Night" (N) (TV) (14)	News (TV) (14)	(35) Late Show Kristen Johnson, Tom Dreessen (N) (TV) (14)	(37) The Late Late Show (N) (TV) (14)	(37) Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	(05) News (TV) (14)	(35) Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
12 KASY	Kevin Hill "Making the Grade" (N) (TV) (14)	Kevin Hill "Homework" (N) (TV) (14)	The King of Queens (N) (TV) (14)	Everybody Loves Raymond (N) (TV) (14)	Seinfeld "The Outing" (N) (TV) (14)	Yes, Dear "Ken-lucky Top Hat" (N) (TV) (14)	Ripley's Believe It or Not! (N) (TV) (14)	Ripley's Believe It or Not! (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts Bugle (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts Dreaming (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)		
13 DSC	Monster Nation Rocket-propelled bicycle. (N) (TV) (14)	American Chopper "David Mann Bike 2" (N) (TV) (14)	The Ice Hotel (N) (TV) (14)	MythBusters Exploring holiday myths and viewers' favorites. (N) (TV) (14)	World Biker-Build-Off "The Builds Begin" (N) (TV) (14)	The Ice Hotel (N) (TV) (14)	MythBusters Exploring holiday myths and viewers' favorites. (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
14 SPIKE	**** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. (N) (TV) (14)	Blind Date (N) (TV) (14)	Blind Date (N) (TV) (14)	Maximum Exposure (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)								
15 FAM	7th Heaven "The Prodigal Father" (N) (TV) (14)	Little Drummer Boy (N) (TV) (14)	First Christmas Snow (N) (TV) (14)	"The Christmas Secret" (2000) Richard Thomas, Beau Bridges. A zoologist wants to prove the existence of flying reindeer. (N) (TV) (14)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (N) (TV) (14)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (N) (TV) (14)	The 700 Club (N) (TV) (14)	Family Matters (N) (TV) (14)	Family Matters (N) (TV) (14)					
19 TVLAND	The Andy Griffith Show (N) (TV) (14)	Leave It to Beaver (N) (TV) (14)	Sanford and Son (N) (TV) (14)	All in the Family (N) (TV) (14)	Three's Company (N) (TV) (14)	Three's Company (N) (TV) (14)	Cheers (N) (TV) (14)	Cheers (N) (TV) (14)	All in the Family (N) (TV) (14)	Sanford and Son (N) (TV) (14)	Three's Company (N) (TV) (14)	Three's Company (N) (TV) (14)	Cheers (N) (TV) (14)	Cheers (N) (TV) (14)
21 HALL	*** "The Night They Saved Christmas" (1984, Fantasy) Jaclyn Smith, Art Carney. Arctic oil drilling menaces Santa's toy factory. (N) (TV) (14)	M*A*S*H "Dear Peggy" (N) (TV) (14)	M*A*S*H (N) (TV) (14)	M*A*S*H (N) (TV) (14)	M*A*S*H "The Gun" (N) (TV) (14)	Walker, Texas Ranger: A Ranger's Christmas (N) (TV) (14)	JAG "Answered Prayers" (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
22 TOONDIS	Digimon (N) (TV) (14)	Spider-Man (N) (TV) (14)	X-Men (N) (TV) (14)	X-Men (N) (TV) (14)	Gargoyles (N) (TV) (14)	Hercules (N) (TV) (14)	Proud Family (N) (TV) (14)	Recess (N) (TV) (14)	House of Mouse (N) (TV) (14)	Garfield-Frnds (N) (TV) (14)	Teamo Supremo (N) (TV) (14)	TaleSpin (N) (TV) (14)	Goof Troop (N) (TV) (14)	
23 TNT	(6:00) ** "Jack Frost" (1998) Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston, Joseph Cross. A deceased dad returns to life as a fun-loving snowman. (N) (TV) (14)	FilmFakers "Song Island" (N) (TV) (14)	*** "The Blues Brothers" (1980, Comedy) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Aretha Franklin. Two musicians reassemble their band for a fund-raiser. (N) (TV) (14)	*** "Hooper" (1978, Comedy) Burt Reynolds, Sally Field. A movie daredevil plans the greatest stunt of all time. (PG) (N) (TV) (14)	**** "The Longest Yard" (N) (TV) (14)									
25 KRPV	Light of the Southwest (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	The Hour of Healing (N) (TV) (14)	Nathan McBride (N) (TV) (14)	Joseph Good (N) (TV) (14)	Update/Israel (N) (TV) (14)	Joe McGee (N) (TV) (14)	Light of the Southwest (N) (TV) (14)							
26 CSPAN	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)	Prime Time Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)	Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)											
27 LIFE	*** "The Christmas Wish" (1993, Drama) Neil Patrick Harris. A man looks for a woman named in his late granddad's diary. (N) (TV) (14)	The Nanny (N) (TV) (14)	The Golden Girls (N) (TV) (14)	The Nanny "Fair Weather Fran" (N) (TV) (14)	The Golden Girls (N) (TV) (14)	Providence "The Phantom Menace" (N) (TV) (14)	Suddenly Susan "The Walk Out" (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
28 ESPN	(6:00) College Football: GMAC Bowl - Bowling Green vs. Memphis. From Mobile, Ala. (N) (TV) (14)	SportsCenter (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	Outside Lines (N) (TV) (14)	SportsCenter (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	SportsCenter (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	College Football: GMAC Bowl (N) (TV) (14)								
29 ESPN2	College Basketball (N) (TV) (14)	NBA Basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors. (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	NBA Fastbreak (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	Streetball (N) (TV) (14)	NBA Fastbreak (N) (TV) (14)	NBA Basketball (N) (TV) (14)								
30 TOON	Codename: Kid (N) (TV) (14)	Mucha Lucha (N) (TV) (14)	Teen Titans (N) (TV) (14)	Static Shock (N) (TV) (14)	Futurama (N) (TV) (14)	Family Guy (N) (TV) (14)	Hungerforce (N) (TV) (14)	Inuyasha (N) (TV) (14)	Wolf's Rain (N) (TV) (14)	Witch Hunter (N) (TV) (14)	Futurama (N) (TV) (14)	Family Guy (N) (TV) (14)	Hungerforce (N) (TV) (14)	Inuyasha (N) (TV) (14)
32 GALA	Archivos del Mas Alla (N) (TV) (14)	Las Noticias por Adela (N) (TV) (14)	Noticiero (N) (TV) (14)	(45) Al Ritmo de la Noche Jorge Ortiz presenta este programa nocturno. (N) (TV) (14)	Vida TV (N) (TV) (14)	Archivos del Mas Alla (N) (TV) (14)								
33 DISN	"The Muppet Christmas Carol" (N) (TV) (14)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (TV) (14)	Sister, Sister (N) (TV) (14)	Even Stevens (N) (TV) (14)	Boy Meets World (N) (TV) (14)	Proud Family (N) (TV) (14)	That's Raven (N) (TV) (14)	Kim Possible (N) (TV) (14)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (TV) (14)	Recess (N) (TV) (14)	Lilo & Stitch (N) (TV) (14)	Even Stevens (N) (TV) (14)	Recess (N) (TV) (14)	
35 ANPL	Animal Face-Off: The gorilla possesses extreme physical strength. (N) (TV) (14)	Animal Cops Detroit "Abandoned Puppies" (N) (TV) (14)	The Jeff Corwin Experience: Jeff searches the Nile. (N) (TV) (14)	Animal Face-Off: The gorilla possesses extreme physical strength. (N) (TV) (14)	Animal Cops Detroit "Abandoned Puppies" (N) (TV) (14)	Most Extreme "Oddities: Wrinkled frog does pushups." (N) (TV) (14)	The Jeff Corwin Experience: Jeff searches the Nile. (N) (TV) (14)							
38 TLC	In a Fix: A couple's home becomes a warm Bohemian haven. (N) (TV) (14)	Extreme Surgery II: Facial deformities; twisted backbone. (N) (TV) (14)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed "Stuck Santa" (N) (TV) (14)	In a Fix: A couple's home becomes a warm Bohemian haven. (N) (TV) (14)	Extreme Surgery II: Facial deformities; twisted backbone. (N) (TV) (14)	In a Fix: Creating a Cuban-themed dream house. (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)						
39 NICK	Hey Arnold! (N) (TV) (14)	Rugrats (N) (TV) (14)	Jimmy Neutron "Oddparents" (N) (TV) (14)	SpongeBob (N) (TV) (14)	Hey Arnold! (N) (TV) (14)	Full House (N) (TV) (14)	Full House (N) (TV) (14)	Fresh Prince (N) (TV) (14)	Cosby Show (N) (TV) (14)	Roseanne (N) (TV) (14)	Roseanne (N) (TV) (14)	Fresh Prince (N) (TV) (14)	Fresh Prince (N) (TV) (14)	
40 SciFi	Ghost Hunters (N) (TV) (14)	Scare Tactics (N) (TV) (14)	Scare Tactics (N) (TV) (14)	Proof Positive: Paranormal (N) (TV) (14)	Ghost Hunters (N) (TV) (14)	Twilight Zone (N) (TV) (14)	Twilight Zone (N) (TV) (14)	Quantum Leap (N) (TV) (14)	*** "Modern Vampires" (1999) (N) (TV) (14)					
41 FX	(6:00) ** "Someone Like You" (2001, Comedy) (N) (TV) (14)	Fear Factor (N) (TV) (14)	King of the Hill (N) (TV) (14)	King of the Hill (N) (TV) (14)	Cops "Arizona" (N) (TV) (14)	Married... With (N) (TV) (14)	Married... With (N) (TV) (14)	** "Bad Girls" (1994) Madeleine Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson. (N) (TV) (14)						
42 H&G	Sensible Chic (N) (TV) (14)	Mission: Orgnz (N) (TV) (14)	Curb Appeal (N) (TV) (14)	Curb Appeal (N) (TV) (14)	Painted House (N) (TV) (14)	Renovation (N) (TV) (14)	Bldg. Character (N) (TV) (14)	Sensible Chic (N) (TV) (14)	Mission: Orgnz (N) (TV) (14)	Curb Appeal (N) (TV) (14)	Curb Appeal (N) (TV) (14)	Painted House (N) (TV) (14)	Dream House (N) (TV) (14)	
43 MSNBC	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N) (TV) (14)	Scarborough Country (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	Hardball (N) (TV) (14)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann (N) (TV) (14)	The Abrams Report (N) (TV) (14)									
44 WTBS	(10) Family Guy (N) (TV) (14)	(40) Family Guy (N) (TV) (14)	(10) Sex and the City (N) (TV) (14)	(45) Sex and the City Charlotte and Trey take step. (N) (TV) (14)	(25) The Real Gilligan's Island (N) (TV) (14)	(25) The Real Gilligan's Island (N) (TV) (14)	(25) ** "The Out-of-Towners" (1999) Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn. Small-town Ohioans take a disaster-laden trip to New York. (N) (TV) (14)	(25) ** "Two If by Sea" (N) (TV) (14)						
45 WGN	"Christmas at Water's Edge" (N) (TV) (14)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (TV) (14)	Becker (N) (TV) (14)	Becker (N) (TV) (14)	Home Delivery (N) (TV) (14)	Celeb Justice (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts (N) (TV) (14)	Elimidate (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)			
46 COM	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04 the past year. (N) (TV) (14)	Comics reflect on Mad TV "Holiday '98" (N) (TV) (14)	Crank Yankers (N) (TV) (14)	Reno 911: Department cheats. (N) (TV) (14)	South Park (N) (TV) (14)	South Park (N) (TV) (14)	Drawn Together (N) (TV) (14)	** "The Big Lebowski" (1998, Mystery) Jeff Bridges, John Goodman. An L.A. slacker gets caught up in a wacky kidnapping plot. (N) (TV) (14)						
47 FNC	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	On the Record-Van Susteren (N) (TV) (14)	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (TV) (14)	Special Report (N) (TV) (14)	Your World With Neil Cavuto (N) (TV) (14)	Hannity & Colmes (N) (TV) (14)	On the Record-Van Susteren (N) (TV) (14)							
48 FSSW	NBA Basketball (N) (TV) (14)	SW Sports Rpt. "The Sports List" (N) (TV) (14)	SW Sports Rpt. "I, Max (N) (TV) (14)	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) (N) (TV) (14)	SW Sports Rpt. (N) (TV) (14)	The Sports List (N) (TV) (14)	Totally Football (N) (TV) (14)	Fusion TV (N) (TV) (14)						
49 TCM	(6:00) *** "Yours, Mine and Ours" (1968, Comedy) Lucille Ball. (N) (TV) (14)	*** "Parenthood" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen. A family experiences the pressures of raising children. (N) (TV) (14)	(15) *** "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (DVS) (N) (TV) (14)	*** "Father of the Bride" (1950, Comedy) Spencer Tracy. A family agonizes over a bride-to-be's impense wedding. (DVS) (N) (TV) (14)										
50 OUTD	Bull Riding (N) (TV) (14)	Bullfighting (N) (TV) (14)	Combat Sniper Challenge (N) (TV) (14)	Bull Riding (N) (TV) (14)	Bullfighting (N) (TV) (14)	2004 ASP World Tour (N) (TV) (14)	One More Cast "BTT Dance Out" (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)						
51 HIST	Full Throttle "1967 VW Beetle" VW Beetles become drag racers. (N) (TV) (14)	Modern Marvels Old fishing community; factory trawler; fish farms. (N) (TV) (14)	Modern Marvels "Ancient Discoveries: Heron of Alexandria" (N) (TV) (14)	Modern Marvels (N) (TV) (14)	Full Throttle "1967 VW Beetle" VW Beetles become drag racers. (N) (TV) (14)	Modern Marvels Old fishing community; factory trawler; fish farms. (N) (TV) (14)	Modern Marvels "Ancient Discoveries: Heron of Alexandria" (N) (TV) (14)							
52 A&E	Growing Up Gotti (N) (TV) (14)	Growing Up Gotti (N) (TV) (14)	Biography "Steven Seagal" Steven Seagal skyrockets to fame. (N) (TV) (14)	Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy" (N) (TV) (14)	American Justice "Accused in Appalachia" (N) (TV) (14)	Growing Up Gotti (N) (TV) (14)	Growing Up Gotti (N) (TV) (14)	Biography "Steven Seagal" Steven Seagal skyrockets to fame. (N) (TV) (14)	Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy" (N) (TV) (14)					
53 GOLF	Big Break II (N) (TV) (14)	Follow Your Dreams (N) (TV) (14)	Golf With Style (N) (TV) (14)	Golf With Style (N) (TV) (14)	U.S. Open Golf Highlights (N) (TV) (14)	What's in the Bag? (N) (TV) (14)	Open de Espana Highlights (N) (TV) (14)	European PGA Golf (N) (TV) (14)						
54 CNBC	Dennis Miller (N) (TV) (14)	McEnroe (N) (TV) (14)	The Big Idea With Deutsch (N) (TV) (14)	Dennis Miller (N) (TV) (14)	McEnroe (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
55 COURT	Forensic Files (N) (TV) (14)	Psychic Detect (N) (TV) (14)	The Investigators "Heartshel" (N) (TV) (14)	Caught (N) (TV) (14)	Masterminds (N) (TV) (14)	The Investigators "Suicide claim" (N) (TV) (14)	Forensic Files (N) (TV) (14)	Psychic Detect (N) (TV) (14)	The Investigators "Heartshel" (N) (TV) (14)	Caught (N) (TV) (14)	Masterminds (N) (TV) (14)			
57 SPEED	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Sports Car (N) (TV) (14)	NOPI Tuneris. (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)	Autorotica (N) (TV) (14)					
59 NGE0	Megastructures (N) (TV) (14)	Naked Science "Angry Skies" (N) (TV) (14)	Dangerous Jobs (N) (TV) (14)	Megastructures (N) (TV) (14)	Naked Science "Angry Skies" (N) (TV) (14)	Dog Whisperer (N) (TV) (14)	Totally Wild (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
59 TRAV	World Poker Tour "San Jose's Bay 101 Shooting Stars of Poker" (N) (TV) (14)	World Poker Tour "San Jose's Bay 101 Shooting Stars of Poker" (N) (TV) (14)	World's Best (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)									
60 CSPAN2	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)	Prime Time Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)	Public Affairs (N) (TV) (14)											
61 TECHTV	Filter (N) (TV) (14)	Judgment Day (N) (TV) (14)	Arena (N) (TV) (14)	G4TV.com (N) (TV) (14)	X Play (N) (TV) (14)	Unscrw-Sargent (N) (TV) (14)	Anime Unlea (N) (TV) (14)	Anime Unlea (N) (TV) (14)	Arena (N) (TV) (14)	G4TV.com (N) (TV) (14)	X Play (N) (TV) (14)	Unscrw-Sargent (N) (TV) (14)	Robot Wars (N) (TV) (14)	
62 BRAVO	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	The West Wing "20 Hours in America" (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	Project Runway (N) (TV) (14)	The Christmas Special Christmas Special (N) (TV) (14)	
63 GAME	Dog Eat Dog (N) (TV) (14)	Dog Eat Dog (N) (TV) (14)	Stein's Money (N) (TV) (14)	Stein's Money (N) (TV) (14)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts (N) (TV) (14)	Street Smarts (N) (TV) (14)	Match Game (N) (TV) (14)	Match Game (N) (TV) (14)	Name's-Same (N) (TV) (14)	What's-Line (N) (TV) (14)			
64 OXYG	(6:30) *** "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994) Hugh Grant. (N) (TV) (14)	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N) (TV) (14)	Ellen (N) (TV) (14)	Talk Sex With Sue Johanson (N) (TV) (14)	Girls-Badly (N) (TV) (14)	Living Single (N) (TV) (14)	Living Single (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)					
65 STYLE	Clean House Breaking a tradition. (N) (TV) (14)	Clean House (N) (TV) (14)	Martha Stewart Living (N) (TV) (14)	Clean House Breaking a tradition. (N) (TV) (14)	Clean House (N) (TV) (14)	Fashiontrance Fall collections. (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)	Paid Program (N) (TV) (14)						
66 USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Futility" (N) (TV) (14)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Grief" (N) (TV) (14)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Stray" (N) (TV) (14)	Monk "Mr. Monk Takes a Vacation" (N) (TV) (14)	*** "Dead Man Walking" (1995, Drama) Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn, Robert Prosky. A nun befriends a death row inmate during his final days. (N) (TV) (14)	Coach "Call Me Cupid" (N) (TV) (14)								
67 FOOD	Bobby Flay (N) (TV) (14)	Foodnation (N) (TV) (14)	Good Eats (N) (TV) (14)	Good Eats (N) (TV) (14)	Iron Chef "Tilefish" (N) (TV) (14)	Emeril's Happy Happy Holidays (N) (TV) (14)	Bobby Flay (N) (TV) (14)	Foodnation (N) (TV) (14)	Good Eats (N) (TV) (14)	Good Eats (N) (TV) (14)	Iron Chef "Tilefish" (N) (TV) (14)			
600 HBO	The Wire Avon readies his troops for a war against Marlo. (N) (TV) (14)	(05) Carnivale "Insomnia" (N) (TV) (14)												

FRIDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 24, 2004

1:30

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	
KASA	★ "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" (2000) Rene Russo. Premiere. Rocky and Bullwinkle face their old adversaries. (TV-14)				News		The Simpsons	Happy Holidays America!		Masters of Illusion Christmas	A Classic Christmas Holiday Special		A Gospel Christmas		
KENW	Market to Market	Naturescene	Washington Week (N)	Wall Street-Fortune	Marvin Hamlisch's Christmas Salute On Stage		Masterpiece Theatre: Doctor Zhivago. The tragic Russian love story. (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)				The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		(Off Air)		
KOBR	★★ "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" (2004, Musical) Kelsey Grammer. Three ghosts try to reawaken Scrooge's holiday spirit. (TV-14)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent: "Unrequited"		News	(35) Christmas From the Cathedral of St. Matthew (N)		(35) Christmas Eve at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome (N)		Just Shoot Me	(35) News	(35) News	
CNN	Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		
KOAT	America's Funniest Home Videos		★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1998) Jonathan Taylor Thomas. A student in a Santa suit tries to get home for Christmas. (DVS)				News	(35) Will & Grace (N)	(05) The Insider (N)	(35) Nightline	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(05) News	(35) Euro Rest		
EL	101 Moments in Entertainment		Saturday Night Live (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Saturday Night Live (N)		Saturday Night Live (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Coming Attr.	Behind Scenes	
KBIM	Joan of Arcadia: Back to the Garden (N)		JAG: A Merry Little Christmas (N) (DVS)		48 Hours: Mystery (N)		News	(35) Christmas Eve Service (N)		To Be Announced		(37) One Silent Night	(07) News	(37) Paid Program	
KASY	★★★ "The Best Man" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Taye Diggs, Nia Long. A wedding reunites two almost-lovers from college. (TV-14)				The King of Queens (N)	Everybody Loves Raymond	Seinfeld: The Old Man	Yes, Dear (N)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Street Smarts: Keebler (N)	Street Smarts: Good Charlotte	Paid Program	Paid Program	
DSC	World Biker Build-Off: The Builds Continue		World Biker Build-Off: The Voices Are In		Monster House: Christmas House Revisited		Monster Garage: Christopher Lowell joins the crew.	American Chopper: Christmas Sleigh		Monster House: Christmas House Revisited		Monster Garage: Christopher Lowell joins the crew.		Monster Garage: Christopher Lowell joins the crew.	
SPIKE	★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971, Adventure) Sean Connery, Jill St. John, Lana Wood. James Bond battles a space-crazy villain. (TV-14)						★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Adventure) Sean Connery, Klaus Maria Brandauer, Kim Basinger. James Bond battles a madman's nuclear blackmail scheme. (TV-14)				Maria Brandauer, Kim Basinger.		Paid Program	Paid Program	
FAM	7th Heaven: Healing Old Wounds (N)		Frosty's Winter Wonderland	Night Before Christmas	Santa Claus Is Coming to Town		The Year Without a Santa Claus (N)		Rudolph's Shiny New Year		The 700 Club		Oak Ridge Boys: An Inconvenient Christmas		
TVLAND	Sanford and Son: The Andy Griffith Show		Sanford and Son	All in the Family	ALF's Hit Talk Show	Three's Company	Cheers: Sam hires Norm	Cheers (N)	All in the Family	Sanford and Son	ALF's Hit Talk Show	Three's Company	Cheers: Sam hires Norm	Cheers (N)	
HALL	(6:00) ★★ "Off Season" (2001) Rory Culkin, Hume Cronyn.		"A Christmas Visitor" (2002, Drama) William Devane, Meredith Baxter. A stranger brings joy to members of a grief-stricken family.				Receive the Gift: Christmas Eve Service		★ "One Christmas" (1994, Drama) Katharine Hepburn, Henry Winkler. A boy is sent to New Orleans to see his estranged father.		Katharine Hepburn, Henry Winkler.		Paid Program	Paid Program	
TOONDIS	Santa Claus	Timon-Pumbaa	The Santa Claus Brothers	House of Mouse	Buzz Lightyear	Hercules	Proud Family	Recess (N)	House of Mouse	Garfield: Frnds	Teamo Supremo	Tale Spin: Cmas	Gool Troop		
TNT	★ "I Am Sam" (2001, Drama) Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning. A mentally challenged man's daughter is taken away from him.						★ "I Am Sam" (2001, Drama) Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning. A mentally challenged man's daughter is taken away from him.				★★★ "Powder" (1995, Drama) Mary McCormack, Sean Patrick Flanery. Premiere. An albino outcast possesses amazing mental powers.				
AMC	(6:00) ★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn. Macy's hires Kriss Kringle as a store Santa. (NR)		★★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn. Macy's hires Kriss Kringle as a store Santa. (NR)				★★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn. Macy's hires Kriss Kringle as a store Santa. (NR)				★★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn. Macy's hires Kriss Kringle as a store Santa. (NR)				
KRPV	Light of the Southwest				The Hour of Healing		CCM Ministries	Dineh Christian	Update/Israel	Michael Decker	Light of the Southwest				
CSPAN	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs				Prime Time Public Affairs				Public Affairs						
LIFE	★ "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1997) Mary Stuart Masterson. A woman and her niece are caught stealing on Christmas Eve.				"Comfort and Joy" (2003) Nancy McKeon, Dixie Carter. A woman awakens to a changed life following a car accident.		Providence: Home for the Holidays (N)		Suddenly Susan: Merry Ek-Mas		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
ESPN	College Football: Hawaii Bowl - Hawaii vs. UAB				SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL Matchup		NFL Matchup	College Football	
ESPN2	(6:00) "3" (2004) Barry Pepper.		"3" (2004, Biography) Barry Pepper.				NFL Live	NFL Matchup	Wtr. X-Games	Wtr. X-Games	NFL Live	NFL's Greatest Game			
TOON	Grinch-C'mas	Jingle Bell	Ed Edd Eddy	Scooby-Doo	Nine Dog Christmas		Grinch-C'mas	Toon Heads Christmas Special		Casper-C'mas	'Tis the Season	Yogi's First Christmas			
GALA	Bienvenidos				Las Noticias por Adela		Noticlero		(45) Al Ritmo de la Noche Jorge Ortiz presenta este programa nocturno.		Vida TV		Bienvenidos		
DISN	(6:00) ★★ "Twas the Night"		Lizzie McGuire: Sister, Sister (N)	Braceface	Boy Meets World	Proud Family	That's Raven	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Mr. Whiskers	Lilo & Stitch (N)	Even Stevens	Recess (N)		
ANPL	Animal Cops Detroit: Malnourished dog; dog fighting.				Animal Cops Detroit: Seeking Justice: Abused animal dies.	Venom ER Patient drinks rattlesnake venom; snake bites tourist.	Animal Cops Detroit: Malnourished dog; dog fighting.	Animal Cops Detroit: Seeking Justice: Abused animal dies.	Animal Cops Detroit: Seeking Justice: Abused animal dies.		Most Extreme: Gluttons		Venom ER Patient drinks rattlesnake venom; snake bites tourist.		
TLC	Overhaulin': The team works on a 1971 Dodge Challenger.				Overhaulin': Lance Armstrong's GTO.	Overhaulin': Six favorite machines. Make a comeback.	Overhaulin': "Blue Bird" Customizing a 1973 Ford Falcon.	Overhaulin': The team works on a 1971 Dodge Challenger.	Overhaulin': Lance Armstrong's GTO.		Paid Program	Paid Program			
NICK	Rev Arnold	Rugrats (N)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	Rugrats: Babies in Toyland	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne		
SciFi	(6:00) ★★ "Waterworld" (1995) Kevin Costner.		★★★ "12 Monkeys" (1995) Bruce Willis. A prisoner is sent back in time to avert a deadly plague.				★★★ "Timecop" (1994) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Mia Sara.								
FX	(6:00) ★★ "Jingle All the Way"		★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad.				★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad.								
H&G	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	Designer Finals	
MSNBC	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		The Abrams Report		Hardball With Chris Matthews		Scarborough Country		
WTBS	(6:00) ★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (DVS)		★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (DVS)				★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (DVS)				★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (DVS)				
WGN	Hollywood Christmas Parade (N)				WGN News at Nine (N)		★★★ "Nutcracker: The Millionaire" (1986) Hugh Bonneville.		Midnight Mass (Live)		Yule Log (N)		South Park	South Park	South Park
COM	Mad TV (N)		Mad TV (N)		Mad TV (N)		★★★ "Orange County" (2002, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Jack Black. A teenage writer goes to extremes to get into Stanford.				South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
FNC	Hannity & Colmes (Live)				On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Special Report	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		
FSSW	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live)				The Sports List	Rangers Recap: II, Max (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live)		Rangers Recap		The Sports List	Fant. Football	ASA Skatepark	ASA Skatepark	
TCM	(6:00) ★★ "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945, Comedy)		★★★ "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944, Musical) Judy Garland. A disappointed St. Louis family may miss the World's Fair. (DVS)				★★★ "Holiday Inn" (1942, Musical) Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire. An entertainer's country inn is only open on holidays.				★★★ "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940) James Stewart, Margaret Sullavan. Two feuding clerks fall in love via the mail. (DVS)				
OUTD	Tred Barba	Guide-Outdoors	Fly Fishing	Outfitter Journal	Buckmasters	World-Beretta	Tred Barba	Guide-Outdoors	Fly Fishing	Outfitter Journal	Sighting	Elk Country	Paid Program		
HIST	In the Footsteps of Jesus: Digging for the Truth						In the Footsteps of Jesus: Digging for the Truth				In the Footsteps of Jesus: Digging for the Truth				
ABE	Airline: Precious Cargo	Airline: Dazed and Confused	Airline: An employee spends Thanksgiving with his family.		Airline UK: Jane finally cracks.	Airline UK	Airline: Cutting in line	Airline: Let There Be Love	Airline: Precious Cargo	Airline: Dazed and Confused	Airline: An employee spends Thanksgiving with his family.	Airline UK: Jane finally cracks.	Airline UK		
GOLF	Big Break II						PGA Championship Highlights		Drive, Chip & Putt		Follow Your Dreams		European PGA Golf		
CNBC	Tom Brokaw Retrospective (N)					CNBC on Assignment		Tom Brokaw Retrospective (N)			Paid Program	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Paid Program	
COURT	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	I, Detective	The Investigators		The Investigators		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	I, Detective	The Investigators		
SPEED	Autorotica						Auto Racing: Summer Shoot		Autorotica		WRC Magazine		Auto Racing		
NGEO	Croc Country: Nest Raiders		Inside the Tornado		Terrors of Tasmania		Croc Country: Nest Raiders		Inside the Tornado		Dog Whisperer	Totally Wild	Paid Program	Paid Program	
TRAV	Grand Canyon: Great Escape		Great Outdoors		Road Trip Ferry: fresh seafood		Grand Canyon: Great Escape		Great Outdoors		World's Best		Paid Program	Paid Program	
CSPAN2	(6:00) Prime Time Public Affairs				Prime Time Public Affairs				Public Affairs						
TECHTV	Filter	Judgment Day	Pulse		X Play	Unscw-Sargent	Anime Unlea	Anime Unlea	Pulse	X Play	Unscw-Sargent	Robot Wars			
BRAVO	(6:00) ★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. PG-13		(15) ★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. PG-13		Drama: Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor. PG-13		★★★ "Silverado" (1985) Western. Kevin Costner, Scott Glenn, Danny Glover. The paths of four cowboys converge on a showdown. PG-13				★★★ "Midnight Run" (1987)				
GAME	Poker Royale: WPPA Champ.		Celebrity Blackjack II		Stein's Money	Stein's Money	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Match Game	Match Game	Name's Same	What's-Line	
OXYG	★ "Heart and Souls" (1993) Robert Downey Jr., Charles Grodin.					The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Ellen (N)	Talk Sex With Sue Johanson	Girls-Badly	Living Single	Living Single	Paid Program	Paid Program	
STYLE	Clean House					Clean House		Clean House		Clean House		Look for Less	Look for Less	Paid Program	Paid Program
USA	(6:00) "Bring It On Again" (2004) Anne Judson-Yager.		★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000, Drama) Piper Perabo. Adam Garcia. A struggling songwriter cuts loose in a rowdy New York bar.				★ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kristen Dunst, Eliza Dushku. High school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title. (DVS)				"Bring It On Again" (2004) Comedy. Anne Judson-Yager. A college cheerleader competes against the varsity team.				
FOOD	Inside Dish	\$40-a-Day	Kitchen Accomplished		Iron Chef		Emeril Live		Inside Dish	\$40-a-Day	Kitchen Accomplished		Iron Chef		
HBO	(6:00) ★★ "Love Actually" (2003) Alan Rickman. Various people deal with relationships in London.		★★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003) Cameron Diaz. Private detectives try to retrieve cryptic information. (N) PG-13				(20) ★★ "Phone Booth" (2002) Colin Farrell.		(45) Inside the NFL				(12:50) ★★ "Addicted to Love" (1987) Meg Ryan.		
MAX	(5:30) ★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. (N)		★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves. Game-Anne Moss. Neo Morpheus and Trinity battle vicious machines. (N) R				(10) Erotic Confessions		(45) "Haunting Desires" (2002) Adult. Beverly Lynne Jay Richardson, Kylie Woyte. (N) R		(12:15) ★★ "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003) Action. Jet Li. A Taiwanese agent and a thief join forces against a foe.				
SHOW	(15) ★ "A Guy Thing" (2003) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles. TV. A groom-to-be wakes up next to his fiancée's cute cousin. (N) PG-13				★★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) Kate Hudson. A writer bets she can seduce a man and then drive him away. PG-13				"HUFF" Huff dreams of a camping trip with his father and son.		★★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003) Reese Witherspoon. TV. (N) PG-13		(35) ★ "Serving Sara" (2002)		

COMING UP

Native American dancers perform at Hubbard Museum



The Yellow Bird Dancers, a Native American dance group from Mesa, Arizona, performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. The group will present a repertoire of authentic Apache, Southwest and Northern Plains dances.

Colorful and educational, the repertoire includes the exciting Hoop Dance and the beautiful Apache Rainbow Dance, enhanced by native sign language and enchanting flute music. The Yellow Bird Indian Dancers represent the essence of American Indian culture - the family.

The Yellow Bird Dancers are all members of the Duncan family, headed by Ken Duncan, Sr., from the San Carlos Apache reservation in Arizona. Doreen Duncan, his wife, is from the Arikara, Hidatsa and Mandan Nations of the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. The family includes a four-time World Champion Teen Hoop Dancer, Tony Duncan, and the current World Champion Youth Hoop Dancer, Kevin Dakota Duncan.

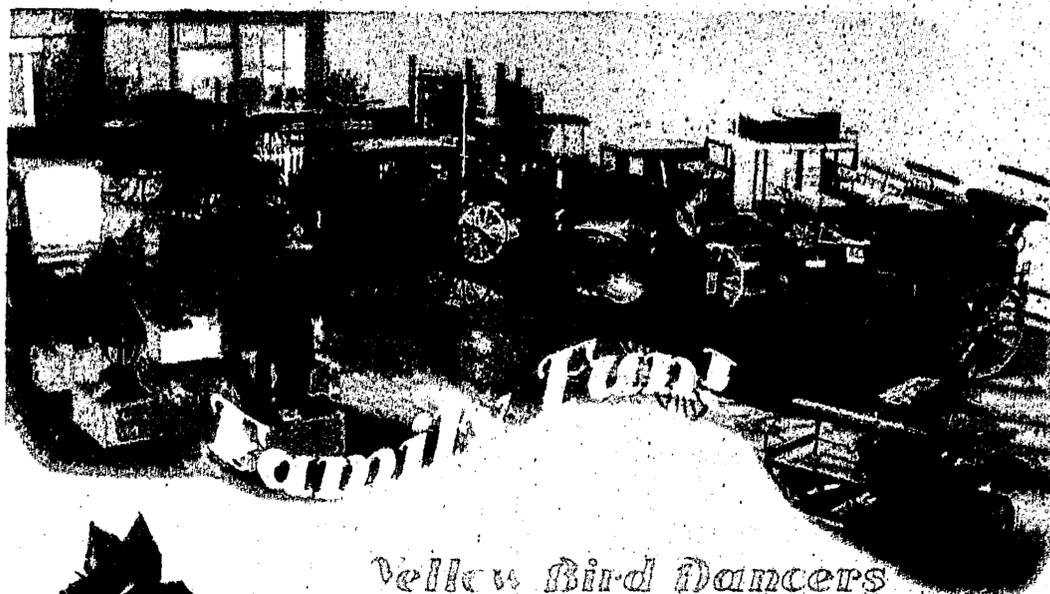
The hoop dancers create a kaleidoscopic images of the Eagle, the Rattlesnake, etc. using over 25 colored hoops, a demonstration of amazing skill and expertise.

Three-year-old Talon and five-year-old Sky Duncan compete in the Tiny-Tots division, but there's always a tie. The championships are held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. Dancers from the United States and Canada compete in this annual event.

Ken Duncan is an accomplished storyteller/lecturer, and he is also a flute player and traditional shield-maker. Doreen Duncan, business manager, is a graduate of Arizona State University and has extensive experience in Native American cultural interpretation.

These exceptionally accomplished dancers range in age from preschool to adult and are experienced in professional stage production. Tickets are \$8 for Hubbard Museum Members and \$10 for non-members. Seating is limited.

Call Coda Omness at 378-4142 to reserve your seat.



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December & January Events

December 31

New Year's Eve Party "BLACK & WHITE BALL, A Cowboy Formal Gala" Members & Guests 8:00 - Midnight (Call The Museum for reservation information - 505-378-4142)

January 8

"Voices of the American West Series" Yellow Bird Dancers presents a repertoire of authentic Apache, Southwest and Northern Plains dances and storytelling
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January 13

Artist Corner - Tony Hoffman