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## PRESS RELEASE

### Subject: Merry Mile Results

*Socorro, 17 December 2000:* December 17 was a day of Christmas joy and costumed characters dashing from New Mexico Tech to the Plaza in the second annual Merry Mile. The race, hosted by the Socorro Striders and Riders, was completed by 28 athletes of all ages, including many local school children. Many of the young competitors were first and second graders from Parkview Elementary who had trained with their class for the event. At the finish, all runners were treated with special awards, homemade Christmas cookies, and a visit by Santa himself.

“We all had a great time, even the spectators enjoyed seeing the variety of competitors charging down School of Mines road,” said race director Kim Schaffer. At the front, several local youngsters showed impressive running talent, including Dale Minschwaner, age 10, with a 7:14, good for fifth place overall, Jesse Goodwin-Mendoza, age 7, with a 7:49, and Douglas Minschwaner, age 8, with an 8:05. Among the adults, two local runners were overall winners: Scott Johnson, 40, with a time of 5:17, and Cathy Pearce, in 5:40. Five-year-old Willie Schaffer was the youngest competitor.

In the costume contest, a tie was declared between Alyssa and Janelle Higgs, who both ran the entire distance in brightly colored Christmas costumes and makeup.

The Merry Mile is sponsored by the SS&R, the City of Socorro, New Mexico Tech, the Albuquerque Road Runners, Fleet Feet Sports, El Sombrero Restaurant, The Christmas Store, Brownbilts, Elegante Hair Designs, Blue Canyon Gallery, Ace Hardware, Val Verde Restaurant, and the Athlete’s Edge. The SS&R thanks our sponsors and the New Mexico Tech and Socorro Police Departments for providing traffic control and insuring a safe event for all.

### Complete Results:

Male Overall:			Time	Age
1	Johnson	Scott	5:17	40
2	Radella	Mitchell	5:23	35
3	Catano	Marcus	5:41	28

Male Open:			Time	Age
4	Passalaqua	Justin	6:15	16
5	Minschwaner	Dale	7:14	10
6	Mendoza	Jessi	7:49	07
7	Passalaqua	Douglas	8:05	08
8	Pearce	Chris	9:00	11
9	Rescate	Adan	9:06	
10	Pearce	Jack	9:11	07
11	Pearce	Ben	11:03	09
12	Mozley	Willie	11:24	07
13	Baca	Ryan	11:58	07
14	Silva	Daryl	11:59	
15	Garcia	Brandon	12:27	08

16 Schaffer Willie 12:44 05

Male Masters:

1 Gordon John 7:06 48  
2 Yarger Fred 8:32 40+

Female Overall:

1 Pearce Cathy 5:40 38  
2 Moore Terry 6:17 21  
3 Alvarez Elizabeth 7:13 38

Female Open:

4 Moore Kathleen 7:26 17  
5 Higgs Alyssa 7:27 10  
6 Higgs Janelle 7:54 08  
7 Cantano Dana 8:16 24  
8 Schaffer Britany 8:44 12  
9 Nowicki Jolee 8:45 11  
10 Blyth Morag 9:53 09  
11 Plummer Sara 12:46 07  
12 Perini Cathy 12:50 37

**About the Socorro Striders and Riders:** The Socorro Striders and Riders (SS&R) is a local club of approximately 30 runners, triathletes, and cyclists. The primary focus on the club is the social, recreational, and health benefits of sport. The SS&R holds regular group runs and bicycle rides and holds a monthly business meeting and social gathering on the first Monday of each month. The SS&R is a member of several national organizations, including the Road Runners Club of America, the American Cycling Association, and USA Triathlon. For information, contact SS&R President Cathy Pearce at (505) 835-2507.

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