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Chamber, electric company co-host Christmas lighting, decoration contest

A Christmas decorating contest for businesses and residences in the Ruidoso area is being sponsored by Texas-New Mexico Power Company and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Registration forms can be picked up at either the TNMP office at 1100 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso or the Chamber office at 720 Sudberth. Deadline for registration is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at the Chamber office.

The TNMP customer advisory board will judge the contest Dec. 15 and winners will be announced Thursday, Dec. 21.

Texas-New Mexico Power has information or about safety for proper lighting and decoration installation, and will help calculate the extra electric costs.

For information call 257-7395.

SWA closes center for the holiday

The recycling center of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority on Gavilan Canyon Road, and the debris landfill in Capitan, will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

New manager Corlis Dobson also wants to let residents know the recycling center at Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive is being moved from the Furr's parking area to a section next to the Steppin' Out shoe and accessory store.

Local Republicans host Christmas celebration Dec. 3

The Museum of the Horse will be the site of a gala Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 3, hosted by the Republican Party of Lincoln County and the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

Commencing with no-host Christmas cheer at 6 p.m., the party will include a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m., catered by Lincoln's Ellis Store, followed by dancing to live music.

The public is invited to join in the celebration. Tickets are available for \$18 per person through Tuesday, Nov. 28.

To make reservations or for further information, contact Jinny Vigil at 653-4609, Bev Nys at 258-4372 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5764 by Nov. 28.

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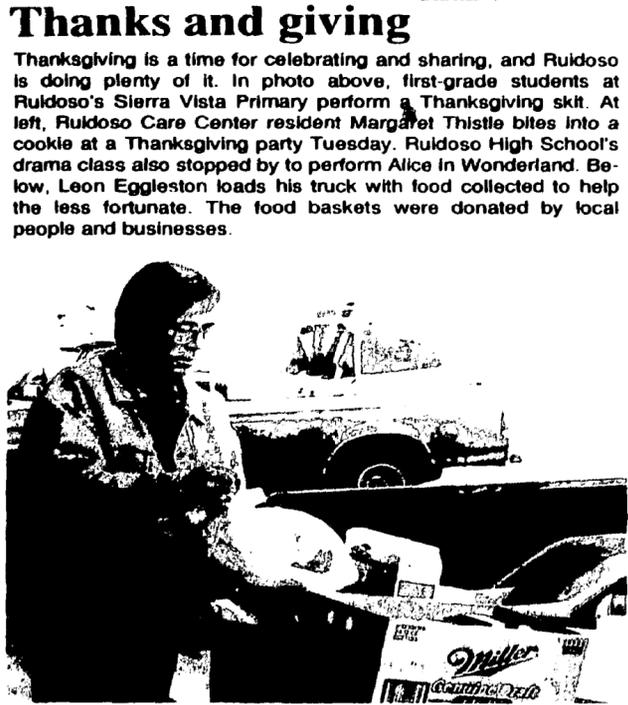
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County vows to battle prison

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County will fight any attempt to create another adult prison within its boundaries, three county commissioners pledged Tuesday.

During a special meeting at the county suboffice in Ruidoso, Commission Chairman Monroy Montes and Commissioner Wilton Howell accused state officials of "running off" private companies interested in leasing historic Fort Stanton. The 1,200-acre complex—with 87 buildings was closed as a state hospital in March.

Only one company, New Mexico Outreach, Inc., responded to national advertisements. Some commissioners want the state to step aside and allow the county to find a private company to operate the fort.

Fort Stanton lies about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso. Its nearest neighbor is Camp Sierra Blanca, a minimum-security prison.

During an interview from his Santa Fe office Monday, Secretary of Corrections Karl Sannicks said his department definitely is interested in using the fort if the state's General Services Department rejects the lone lease proposal from the private company.

Letting the state Department of Corrections use the fort for another minimum-security prison would go against Gov. Gary Johnson's preference for a private company to take over the complex, Howell said. When Johnson closed the fort, he contended it was too expensive to continue operating it as a state hospital.

"We need to remind them that during a meeting in Santa Fe before the state asked for proposals, the undersecretary of corrections made the statement that they didn't go where they weren't wanted," Howell said. "I told him they definitely were not wanted in Lincoln County and if he wanted the people to tell him that, I'd furnish the building and he could come down and listen. He pledged he would. Now I hear (correction officials) think it's not necessary" to solicit local opinions.

Sannicks said Monday no local input is required if state officials will allow him to use the fort as a prison. However, if requested by the commission, he said he could schedule a meeting to brief county residents about his plans.

Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel, who represents the county on the fort lease selection committee, said Tuesday he hasn't heard from the state General Services Department about whether it will consider the New Mexico Outreach proposal.

Morel said he can't discuss the proposal's details or the selection committee's Monday meeting until the state decides whether it will consider the proposal.

"I can't see how the state could

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Thanks and giving

Thanksgiving is a time for celebrating and sharing, and Ruidoso is doing plenty of it. In photo above, first-grade students at Ruidoso's Sierra Vista Primary perform a Thanksgiving skit. At left, Ruidoso Care Center resident Margaret Thistle bites into a cookie at a Thanksgiving party Tuesday. Ruidoso High School's drama class also stopped by to perform Alice in Wonderland. Below, Leon Eggleston loads his truck with food collected to help the less fortunate. The food baskets were donated by local people and businesses.

County ambulance rates rise to cover costs

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The bad news is, Lincoln County ambulance rates will increase by 23% if the state approves changes proposed by county commissioners.

The good news is, the county's rates will still be among the lowest in the state — and the extra revenues will reduce property taxpayers' \$167,000 annual ambulance subsidy.

The commissioners crammed into a room in Ruidoso's county substation with six others for Tuesday's meeting. Stirling Spencer and L. Ray Nunley were absent, and Bill Schwettmann joined the meeting by conference call.

The county currently charges a base of \$76 plus an average of

\$63.75 for the two volunteer EMTs and \$64.75 for other services, adding up to an average charge of \$203.50. A charge for mileage is also added, \$5 per mile up to 50 miles and \$4 per mile over that.

Commissioners first considered charging \$150 for the base cost, but the New Mexico Corporation Commission's transportation division advised the county that wasn't enough.

Transportation Division officials also said Medicaid and Medicare won't reimburse the county for EMT and other services if they aren't part of the base charge.

So commissioners voted to charge \$250 plus mileage, plus include the EMT and other services in the \$250 base charge. That adds up to a total \$46.50 increase, or 23%.

With mileage added, a typical run from Capitan to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso will cost about \$345 in the future, said county Emergency Services Director Connie Hopper.

Last year, LCMC ambulances made 370 runs, and 42% involved non-residents. Morel estimated the new rates would generate about \$67,000 annually.

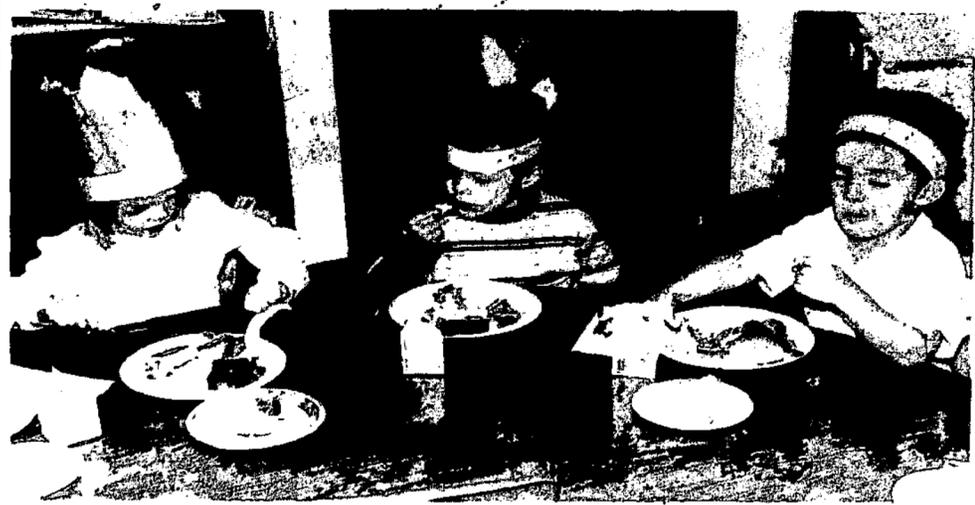
Transportation Division officials are responsible for approving or rejecting ambulance rate increases, and they recently rejected a Cibola County increase because it was too low, county attorney Alan Morel said. They will consider Lincoln County's rate increase Nov. 30. They prefer increases that will last several years, Morel said.

County commissioners were crit-

ical that some financial details of the volunteer ambulance service were not available for the meeting. They also questioned why county staff didn't call other counties earlier to compare their charges.

"I want to approve a realistic user fee and not continue to subsidize the service," Howell said. "That's hard to figure if you don't know how much you're spending, the cost of ambulances and what you're taking in (fees paid)."

Although the county subsidized the service by \$167,000 last year, more than \$157,000 went toward paying off new ambulances, Cooney said. Once the vehicles are paid off, extra money can be used to build up a reserve to buy another round of new ambulances in five or 10 years, she said.



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Yum, yum

Students at Cathy Overdorf's Nob Hill Early Childhood Center class celebrate Thanksgiving with a special feast Tuesday. Family members joined the students who had prepared cornbread and other goodies for the event.

More gas spill cleanup planned

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As the cleanup of a large underground gas leak continues beneath Ruidoso's Gateway Shell Station, two more cleanup sites on Sudderth Drive are being created.

The overall contamination involves at least 14,000 gallons of gasoline within a few blocks. Government cleanup costs will reach \$1 million.

Those that did own the tanks at the time of the spills are bankrupt, so the state will be footing the bill.

Each cleanup will take at least five years. Two environmental engineering firms were hired by the state to do the actual reclamation.

The state was alerted to the gas contamination about 12 years ago after a Gateway-area neighbor complained about foul water, engineering consultants explained to the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Monday.

One was from a rupturing underground storage tank. Two others

were from slow leaks or fuel line releases. All the tanks have since been repaired or replaced, engineers said.

Not until 1989 did the federal government mandate environmental guidelines regulating the storage systems. Since that time, daily and yearly tank tests have been required to detect leaks.

When Gateway contamination was detected, property owners were linked to village water supplies. However, a few wells in the area have remained in use for irrigation purposes, Ruidoso planning staff reported.

None of the gas has leaked into the nearby Rio Ruidoso, engineers said.

The largest spill, from the Shell Station, came from a ruptured storage tank and is 9,000-12,000 gallons in size.

Across the street, a 4,000 to 5,000 gallon leak from the Exxon Station has contaminated the water table and mingled with the Shell mess. Those cleanups are being

handled by Daniel B. Stevens & Associates.

Dale's Texaco, several yards east of Shell, had a slow-leaking storage tank responsible for about 900 gallons of gas in the water table.

P&Z officials approved the site development plans for Shell cleanup equipment in January. After acquiring necessary state and environmental permits, the cleanup began in March.

On Monday, commissioners approved the site development plans for the cleanup of the Exxon and Texaco leaks.

Since recent federal environmental laws require private property owners to prove their land has no environmental contaminants or hazards before selling it, the remediation efforts will restore the area's private property values, Tonander said.

Monday's applicants will have to gain site development approvals from village councilors and acquire state cleanup permits before proceeding with their work.

Mescalero Inn officials upset about delays in replat request

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Ruidoso planning director's illness shouldn't delay the Mescalero Inn's land replat request, Inn representatives said Monday.

But Cleatus Richards, who is still recovering from an early-October heart surgery, is the only village planning official versed on what the replat application lacks, assistant planner Darrell Bremner responded at Monday's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Richards was scheduled to return to work Tuesday morning, he said.

Richards has been working part-time since Nov. 1, and will return to a full-time schedule when fully recovered.

"I certainly don't want to appear callous, but why are we made to suffer for Mr. Richards' illness when we want to provide the information?" said Inn of the Mountain Gods manager John McCullough.

"I can't see how you can run a city," Mescalero Inn property owner Raymond Gallegos added. "If you don't have this man here, you delay every other commitment that you have here."

The nearly three-month-old replat request should be a simple matter, McCullough and site survey engineer John Shaw said, and they still don't know what is expected of them. They came to Monday's meeting without being on the agenda in order to solve the problem.

McCullough said he was frustrated because village officials didn't return phone calls after the application was removed from the Oct. 6 agenda for lack of information.

The replat would give Gallegos ownership of land underneath 12 condominiums he purchased with the Carrizo Lodge restaurant and utility buildings in August.

The Carrizo Lodge Condominium Association and C-Net still own about 45 other Carrizo condos, and the association also has common ownership of the land un-

derneath all the condos, including those owned by Gallegos. The association has now agreed to sell the land under the 12 condos to Gallegos.

Gallegos has renamed his property the Mescalero Inn and leased it to the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs officials have told the Mescalero Apache Tribe a clear title of land ownership is needed for the Mescalero Apache Tribe's federal government application to make the Mescalero Inn property a part of its trust lands. The tribal council has passed a resolution seeking trust status, but the county clerk's office still lists the owner as Gaim-Ko, and Gallegos' family is listed with the state government as the sole Gaim-Ko owner.

The tribal council president's wife, Rita Chino, was present at Monday's meeting but didn't speak.

Inn of the Mountain Gods officials have stated in the past that the tribe wants to use the Mescalero Inn property as a backup restaurant, laundry and parking facility for the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which lies just a few miles up the road. They have denied rumors the Mescalero Inn would be used as

a gambling casino like the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Gaim-Ko supplies the Inn of the Mountain Gods with gambling slot machines.

Bremner and acting commission chairman Leroy Nowell said at Monday's meeting that Richards would be in his office the next morning and they would try to arrange a 9 a.m. meeting with Inn officials.

But Commissioner Bob Starchi asked McCullough not to bring Gallegos to the meeting, prompting protests from Gallegos and McCullough.

The request stemmed from comments made by Gallegos earlier in Monday's meeting. Gallegos accused village attorney John Underwood of going to the newspapers with "garbage" about "how we're cutting down the tax base" and about "all the violations we have."

"All we're doing is making the value of your properties better in Ruidoso," Gallegos said.

Underwood denied the accusations, saying he was just responding to reporters' questions after being assigned to research federal law dealing with tribal trust lands and annexation.

Replat answers sought

Most of the comments at Monday's Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission meeting from Mescalero Inn representatives were "without merit," planning director Cleatus Richards said yesterday.

He had listened to a recording of the meeting while waiting for the Inn's replat applicants to come to a 9 a.m. meeting.

They didn't show, he said. Inn of the Mountain Gods manager John McCullough later requested an 11 a.m. meeting, but at that point the P&Z chairman and a commissioner had already left.

In its place, Richards said he was drafting a letter to the Mescalero Inn's property owner detailing what information is needed be-

fore a replat application is forwarded to the P&Z commission for review.

- Information needed is:
- proof that mortgage holders on the Carrizo Lodge Condos agree to the land transfer to Gaim-Ko;
 - proof of an easement for condo association access;
 - and an agreement for village access to maintain fire hydrants.

Until these matters are cleared up, the replat request will not be put on the P&Z agenda, Richards said, adding he has relayed this information to various people whose names appeared on the replat applications. McCullough's name wasn't one of them, Richards said.

Bags of leaves, needles hamper trash service

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Bags of leaves and pine needles traditionally pose a nagging and expensive problem for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Some residents pile dozens of trash bags next to a dumpster after raking their yards.

Occasionally, the sacks make it impossible for dump truck drivers to mechanically latch onto a dumpster so they can empty it. Sometimes trucks leave behind torn sacks with mounds of pine needles spilling out.

Members of the authority board Monday directed new authority manager Corlis Dobson to come up with a better plan for the future.

"But for now they told me to continue as we have been," he said Tuesday. "We encourage everyone to place the bags of needles and other yard waste at the side of their driveways or some place else on their prop-

erty, not next to or inside a dumpster."

"Right now, we will pick up the sacks, but if the number is excessive, we will come out first and give an estimate of the fee for the service," Dobson said. "Then we leave it up to the citizen to determine whether we should complete the service or whether they want to load the material and drive it to the transfer station (on Gavilan Canyon Road) or the landfill in Capitan."

"The citizen is supposed to call in when they need a pickup. Of course, once we have the material, we have to dispose of it. It takes up space in the (regional) landfill (south of Alamogordo). If we could find another use, we would divert some of that cost."

Some gardeners use the needles as mulch to cover perennial plants and bulbs during the winter. At one time, the authority examined the pos-

sibility of creating commercial compost using pine needles as one ingredient, but abandoned the concept because of the expense.

"We want to try to determine the cost involved in performing

separate pickups for the pine needles," Dobson said. "Then we can look at the best way of handling those costs, possibly through the monthly fee structure or as a separate collection charge as we do now."



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Corlis Dobson (seated), newly-hired manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, goes over the authority's figures with Beverly Foote, Ray Merritt (back left) and Calvin Griffin.

Fort

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award (the lease) to such an irresponsible bid," Montes commented.

New Mexico Outreach's proposal for a multi-treatment approach to troubled juveniles doesn't appear to be well financed, Montes said.

The state should allow the county to find a suitable private company, one that will replace some of the 200 jobs eliminated or transferred when the fort closed, Montes and Howell said. After all, the governor supports the concept of local autonomy, Howell added.

"They should quit flirting with another prison," Montes said. "We need to take a strong stand on it. If it takes a meeting with the gover-

nor, we'll do it. He may not know that his people fumbled the ball."

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, attending Tuesday's special commission meeting by conference call from Oklahoma, said he would check in each day during his vacation to ensure he's available if another special meeting is called about the fort this week.

"But we can't really do anything until we see what happened with the New Mexico Outreach proposal," he said.

Commissioners Stirling Spencer and L. Ray Nunley did not attend the special meeting. Montes said Nunley was in Albuquerque, because of health problems.

Alternative rock band plays at Ruidoso's Calvary Chapel

Fold Zandura will perform its unique combination of pop, dance and punk rock at the Calvary Chapel in Ruidoso Saturday, Nov. 25.

The band won two awards at the 1993 L.A. Music Awards, best album cover and best independent al-

bum production, and was nominated for album of the year.

Fold Zandura will be joined by Me But Not, an alternative rock band from El Paso.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the charge is \$5.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Public lands attorney speaks at county Republican women's meeting

Lana Marcussen, Albuquerque constitutional attorney, will address the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County at its Tuesday, Nov. 28 meeting.

Marcussen has taken the spotlight in recent months with her work in public lands and water rights issues.

She recently successfully defended her "political accountability test" before two of the nation's foremost constitutional scholars in Phoenix.

Marcussen began researching federalism "state sovereignty." That research became the new federalism argument used in the "New Mexico vs. Watkins" based upon "popular sovereignty."

The public is invited to attend the presentation, commencing with a \$6 lunch at Marie Leveaux at 11:30 a.m.

For reservations, contact hospitality chair Genevieve Sewell at 258-5764 by Saturday, Nov. 25.

Indians put on feast bountiful as first Thanksgiving

by DON NIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Indians played an important role in the first Thanksgiving, and thanks to the chefs and staff at the Mescalero Apaches' Inn of the Mountain Gods, the tradition con-

tinues. The Inn's Thanksgiving buffet feast is a culinary connoisseur's delight, featuring such exotic fare as smoked sturgeon with basil piñon pesto, rosemary and garlic Hondo Lamb legs with green chili mint, and Texas Feral boar with

piñons and spinach. "We just try to put on a show, make everything taste good and break even," Inn of the Mountain Gods Executive Chef James Muldowney said. "We have about 180 items on the menu." Muldowney, who has worked at

the Inn for seven years, has been in the food service business for 27 years. He has been an executive chef for 12 years and is certified by the American Culinary Federation. Weeks of preparation by the 120 Dan-Li-Ka kitchen employees has gone into the buffet, Muldowney said.

"We've worked on the menu for more than a month and started actual preparations about a week ago," he said. "We've built the operation up because we're trying to educate the community about who we are."

The menu is a plethora of tantalizing items, a virtual cornucopia of palate-pleasing wonders including the traditional roast Tom Turkey with cranberry and Walnut Turkey bread stuffing and giblet gravy. The more adventurous can try the Japanese sea eel or Texas Feral boar.

"I buy the eel from Japan where it's smoked," Muldowney said. "We serve it with a caper cream... quite tasty."

Muldowney gets the boar from Kerrville, Texas, where they are trapped in the wild.

The menu is far too extensive to list everything, but some of the

items are: Foie gras and pork with black truffles with Cockburn port; gravlax of King Salmon with dill and tarragon; Mescalero field greens with conway dressings; salmon cured with chrysanthemum petals and tangerines; black tiger shrimp cocktail; oysters and New Zealand green lip mussels on the half-shell; black caviar with blinis and sour cream; black Angus Wellington, and sauteed Manchester Quail with honey port sauce.

Bakers at the Inn also prepared luscious desserts like hazelnut nougat freeze in pumpkin bowls, fresh D'anjio pear Napoleon with ginger pastry cream, chocolate cashew praline terrine, pumpkin white chocolate cheesecake with shortbread cookie crust and pistachio almond biscotti.

Muldowney expects more than 900 people to enjoy the spectacular buffet. It will be served from noon to 9 p.m.

At press time, the Dan-Li-Ka dining room was booked solid for the buffet, but Inn officials were busy reconfirming reservations.

Call the Inn at 257-5141 for more information.



Inn of the Mountain Gods restaurant employees carve miniature pumpkins for the Thanksgiving grand buffet. The buffet contains more than 180 items and took more than a month of planning and preparation.

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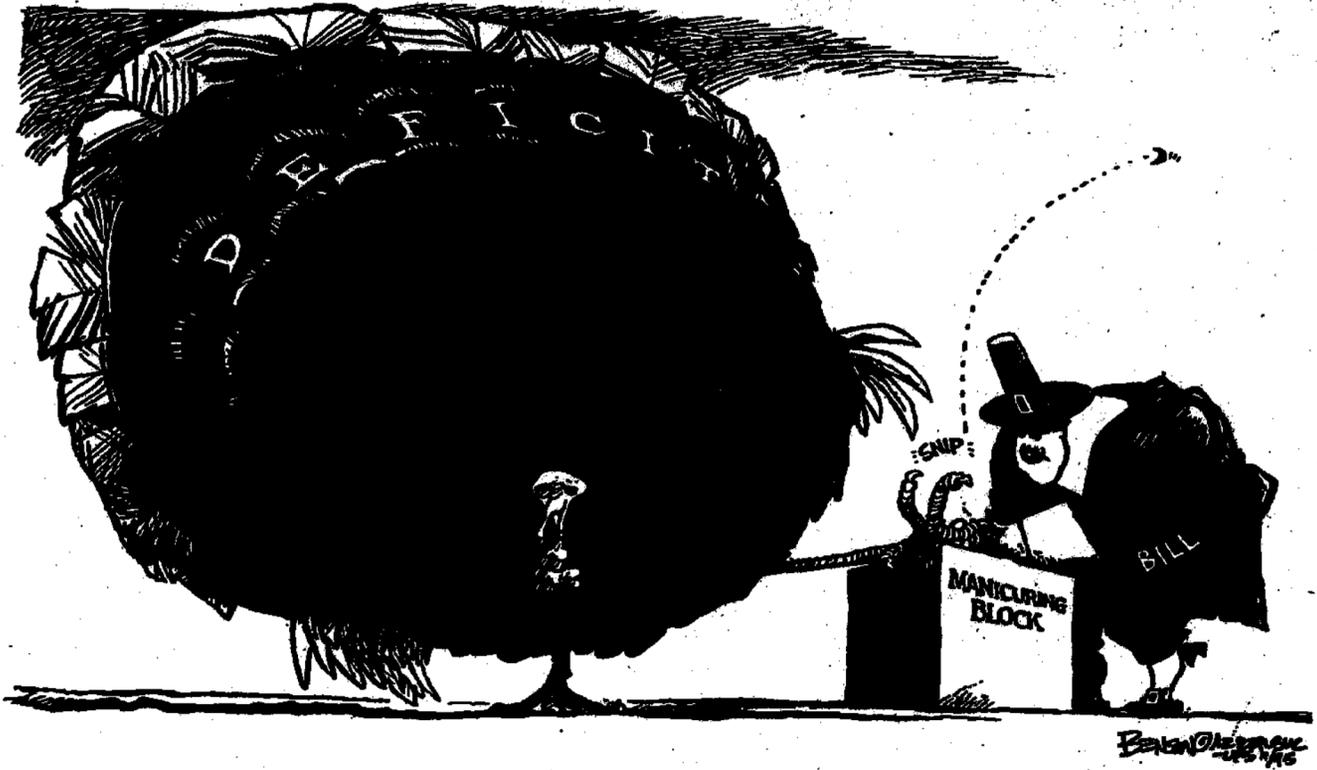
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EDITORIAL

Lots to be thankful for

In the Ruidoso community as a whole, we have plenty during the past year to be thankful for:

- we obtained commercial airline service;
- no NFL owners have moved our athletic teams out of town;
- Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley only wore a dress once (to roast the mayor);
- the sheriff has a good sense of humor, despite all the problems shooting at him;
- we have a vibrant artistic community that's now getting the support it deserves;
- snowmaking has been expanded at Ski Apache to get us through these sunny times;
- the community has thrown its approval behind a bond issue to keep Eastern New Mexico University thriving in Ruidoso;
- the community backed village bond issues to offer more athletics for our children, expand our library and senior citizens center, and keep our utilities in shape;
- we've had fewer confrontations between bears and humans this year;
- the racetrack stayed open despite its monetary losses;
- and Ruidoso still isn't glitzy.



POLICY

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Give thanks to fire and emergency professionals

TO THE EDITOR:

At this time of Thanksgiving we need to pause and count our blessings. Thanksgiving to me means a special time in which we can show our sincere thanks to those fire and emergency medical service (EMS) professionals serving our communities.

These dedicated men and women, some uncompensated for their generous efforts, balance full-time occupations, families and other endeavors, while maintaining credentials required to deliver a competent 24-hour fire and EMS service.

It is essential, therefore, that your community maintain a foundation that supports the paid and volunteer professionals in ways that preserve achievement and professionalism. With LOCAL SUPPORT and RECOGNITION, firefighters and EMTs can build on pride and enthusiasm for their outstanding efforts, thus delivering a higher quality of service to their community.

With this in mind, I ask you — the citizens of your community — to become fire and EMS supporters. These men and women deserve your highest admiration. It is not easy to give so much time and energy to a public service profession such as fire and EMS.

During this holiday season, please consider sending a note of thanks to your local fire and EMS services that provide essential care to your home and community. A simple "thank you" card or a Christmas card would fill this need.

On behalf of the staff at EMS Region III, and myself, we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all paid and volunteer professionals that provide services to their local communities. Our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Brian J. Hecht
executive director
EMS Region III, Clovis

Clawson refers to us, can see worse on the television or in person. I don't see what the problem is about two people making love. Lovemaking is an act of nature.

If an obscenity law is passed, the mayor and city council members are taking Ms. Garrett's first amendment right away; namely freedom of speech. I am appalled by what this village has turned this sculpture into. It is a work of art. If you don't like what you see, then don't look at it.

Ms. Garrett has my support on everything she does.

Shari French
Ruidoso

What would we do without hospitals?

TO THE EDITOR:

Hospitals - what would we do without them: such centers of medical marvels; such centers of dedicated doctors; such centers of helpful healing; such centers of grasping greed!

Isn't it fascinating how these institutions which are responsible for fixing broken bodies are under the jurisdiction of the various prestigious denominational religions? Why, it seems so appropriate that the religious of God should go forth and heal the sick.

Oh, yea, they'll heal the sick, alright - for a price. Make that a BIG price! Be it far from me to insinuate that these bastions of benevolence are minions of mammon. After all, one cannot serve money and God, right? Or, can't one?

Suppose...just suppose that the Creator did get in touch with his cheerleaders and proclaim: "I've decided that you, my chosen ones, have been poor long enough. Therefore, I now give you, my shepherds, not only power to heal the sick, but at a substantial profit, as well."

"Oh, but you cannot require their souls - THAT would be crass! However, you will be free to require all else. Thus, if they can't pay, bankrupt them. You have my permission.

"Therefore, behold! I grant thee power overall. For thou art now endowed with divine providence above those who become infirmed. And, verily I say, ALL will become so at some point in their wretched lives."

Obviously, my point is this: Unless you're insured, very well-off, or a beneficiary of Uncle Sugar, you will pay dearly! After all, they have the power; they have the position;

and, most significantly, they DEMAND the pay! It would only be by the grace of God that you would emerge intact, either by finances or faith.

Robert East II
Ruidoso

Governments should stay out of sculpture debate

TO THE EDITOR:

Kevin Clawson's letter (10-23-95) proposing "regulations to restrict questionable elements in the community," while probably well-intentioned, is an example of a dangerous trend in our country that seeks to destroy individual liberties established in the New Mexico and U.S. constitutions.

In the name of "decency" or "protecting our youth," or some other high-sounding principle, well-meaning but unthinking folks (and some not so well-meaning or unthinking) clamor for laws to enforce their particular brand of "decency" or "right thinking" on everyone.

To whom would Mr. Clawson delegate the authority and responsibility to determine who and/or what constitutes a "questionable element" in our community? Who then would watch THEM? To whom would THEY be accountable? The 20-45% of eligible voters who bother to exercise their franchise?

What if this "authority" decided that distortions of reality and misinterpretations of Holy Scripture preached weekly in some local pulpits are "obscene" and "indecent"? How and by whom will "indecent" and "obscene" be defined? By majority vote? Will books in the library and schools be seized and burned? Will artists and galleries be required to submit works for the "authority's" review and approval before being produced or displayed? Will this "authority" develop a pub-

lic dress code for all to abide by? No! Village, county, state and federal governments must stay out of such matters. The founders of this nation had the good sense to leave these matters to private individual judgment. I (and most people) am perfectly capable of deciding for myself what's all right for me and/or my underage children to see, hear, read or speak. As a parent, I have the duty not only to instill basic values in my children. Also I have the duty to provide my children with the benefits of my experiences in the world, and the intellectual tools and emotional resilience to function appropriately in society. It is NOT appropriate or functional to try to wrap my children's lives — and my own — in a cocoon of supposedly principled ignorance.

On the sculpture which seems to have stirred so much controversy: I personally found it to be a lovely piece of work. Anyone who found it offensive, in my opinion, should engage in honest examination of what's between their OWN ears and in their OWN hearts. Maybe THAT'S what our community needs protection from!

Robert H. Walters, Ph.D.
Ruidoso

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Teenager supports work of art

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a letter from a 16-year-old high school student. The sculpture that Ms. Garrett has made is neither sinful nor demeaning. Nowadays "youth," as Mr. Kevin

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CAPITAN

Auditor says Capitan finances appear fine

Trustees award contract for second phase of road project

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer
Auditor De'Ann Willoughby of Melrose gave Capitan's village government a clean fiscal bill of health last week.

She had no criticisms of the accounting processes used by the village for a one-year period ending June 30, 1995.

The annual audit balance sheet showed the village had a total of \$4.2 million in its various funds that cover general operation, repayment of debts, sales taxes designated for specific purposes, grant programs and the water and sewer department.

Willoughby presented the audit during the trustees' meeting Nov. 13.

She complimented the board and Village Clerk Deborah Cummins for closely estimating the amount of revenue that would be received by the water department, and for the condition of the financial records.

One mistake has been occurring, Willoughby said, adding that it was not illegal, just incorrect. A percentage of the village's gross receipts tax has been dedicated to an infrastructure (roads, buildings, water and sewer lines) fund. The state has been separating that money before sending the village its sales tax share.

Not knowing of the state's action, the village pulled the same percentage out again, taking money

that should go to the general operating fund and putting it in the infrastructure fund.

"This has been going on several years," Willoughby said. "There is about \$30,000 in the infrastructure fund that belongs to the general fund. You're not required to return any money."

The board approved and accepted the audit.

Other business

In other business, the trustees: — postponed a vote on the written version of the employees deferred compensation fund plan until County Attorney J. Robert Beauvais reviews it and recommends changes;

— tabled authorization to purchase/lease a new copier for \$6,700 until Cummins determines if the company will allow a trade-in on the old copier;

— approved the purchase of a 1996 pickup truck for the police department with the hope that a used pickup in the department can be sold to offset some of the expected \$17,000-\$19,000 expense.

— and extended an engineering contract with Engineering Inc., formerly known as Dennis Engineering of Socorro, for the second phase of a three-stage road improvement grant program. The cost of the contract will be \$27,637 for phase two, scheduled to cost \$309,000. The phase one engineering contract was for \$30,000.

If phase three is ready to start while the second phase still is in progress, the village may be able to roll into another extension with the Socorro firm, avoiding the costs and delays connected to advertising for engineering proposals, Cummins said.



Thanksgiving theater

Members of five Capitan churches put together a candlelight dinner, religious services and an on-stage Thanksgiving reenactment Sunday in the Capitan High School gymnasium. At left above, church members portray Native Americans



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

demonstrating to Pilgrims their prowess with the bow and arrow. At right, (left to right) Presli Stevenson, Rachel Foreman and Julie Jaquess as pilgrim hostesses relax for a few moments on a hay bale at the gym entrance.

Capitan Middle School's honor roll released

Capitan Middle School students who made the honor roll for the first quarter were:

Sixth graders — Sterling Baade, Samuel Boese, Rocky Burrows, Ashlee Carner, Jena Clayton, Melanie Hail, Natasha Lackey, Colten Moor, Jessica Neal, Kelly

Owen, Mathew Pitts, Cody Townsend, Janna Turner, Shauna Villado and Aubry Volquardsen.

Seventh graders — Christine Alanis, Tracy Armenta, Michael Brazel, Lindsey Bush, Cody Glass, Annalise Hausler, Boni Hazel,

Paul Holman, Amber Hoeyfield, Amanda Koreny, Tracy Maroon, Erin McGrath, Chase Montes, Aimee Noel, Raif Nowell, Shannon Riordan, Shauna Seidel and Dianna Smith.

Eight graders — Brandon

Beavers, Julie Jaquess, Marlo Maroon, Ashley Millar, Codi Montes, Haylee Murry, Darren Sedillo, Shawna Shrecengost, Bobbyray Silva, Taylor Smith, Kenny Stahl, Trenna Stephens, Brandon Stokes, Joe Summers, Nathan Wolf and Jesse Wright.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation Housing Authority (MAHA) is requesting proposals from professional non-Indian as well as Indian owned architectural firms, to assist the MAHA to develop and complete a project manual, and to assist MAHA with contract administration to build thirty-two (32) new houses on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation.

Proposals are due at the office of the MAHA no later than 3:30 p.m. local time, December 12, 1995. This RFP is subject to the procurement requirements of U.S. Dept. of

HUD, and the MAHA's procurement policy. For information about the proposal and procurement policy, contact: Mr. Freddie Kaydahzinne, Executive Director, Mescalero Apache Housing Authority, P.O. Box 227, Mescalero, New Mexico 88340, (505)671-4494.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Capitan is soliciting sealed proposals for a jet rodder machine. A complete copy of the specific information of the RFP is available at the Village of Capitan, Village Hall, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico 88316 from Clerk-Treasurer Deborah Cummins during regular busi-

ness hours. Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered. The deadline for receipt of proposals is 4:00 p.m. (MST) on December 8, 1995. Proposals will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 11, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

/s/Deborah Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (INTEREST FREE LOAN) TO PRIVATE NON-

PROFIT VANPOOL CORPORATIONS

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department's Public Transportation Programs Bureau is accepting applications for interest free loans to assist in the purchase of commuter vehicles. Applicants must be private non-profit vanpool corporations located within the State of New Mexico. Funding for this program is provided through the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department from the Federal Highway Administration's Section 146 Vanpool Loan Program.

Interested parties wishing to apply for assistance under Section 146 should request an application package from: New Mexico State

Highway and Transportation Department
Public Transportation Programs Bureau
P O Box 1149
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149

For further information about this program, contact Dan Stover with the Public Transportation Programs Bureau at (505)827-0410.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

RUIDOSO STATE BANK, a New Mexico Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYAN BERTRAND STEGALL, and VIRGINIA STEGALL, formally husband and wife,

Defendants.
No. CV 95-57
Div. II

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

On December 7, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, I will offer for sale and sell the below-described property to the highest bidder for cash or immediately available funds, subject to the approval of the Court. Amounts due on the date of sale are \$43,305.17 including interest at the rate of

10.82% per annum to date of sale, plus costs of sale estimated to be approximately \$250.00, and such additional costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Plaintiff as allowed by law.

Said sale is pursuant to a Judgment in the captioned cause filed on September 27, 1995, in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, wherein the Court decreed that Plaintiff's mortgage is a first lien on the following described real property:

Lot 4, Block 2, of the WOLF SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County New Mexico, as shown on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, August 18, 1981, in Cabinet D, Slides No. 38 and 39. /s/JIM WHEELER,

Special Master

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Legal Deadlines

For Monday's Paper,
Thursday at 3 p.m.

For Thursday's Paper,
Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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SPORTS

SPORTS SHORTS

Local horses capture third-place finishes at Los Alamitos racetrack

A pair of locally-owned racehorses finished in the money at Los Alamitos Race Course in Amarillo, Texas Nov. 4-5.

Wickedly, a 2-year-old mare owned by Jane McGuire and Johnny Rutherford of Ruidoso, took third place in the Grade II QHBC Juvenile Classic Nov. 4. With Kip Didericksen in the irons, Wickedly covered the 400-yard race in 20.150 seconds and earned \$3,450 for her efforts.

Another Ruidoso-owned quarterhorse, Shoot Six, was third in the Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity race Nov. 5. L.Z. Brown owns the 2-year-old gelding.

Salvador Estrada rode the bay gelding to a third-place finish in a time of 20.05 seconds over the 400-yard course. The show finish paid \$6,793.

Cloudcroft man's catch breaks 19-year perch fishing record

Cloudcroft's Bob McFall eclipsed a 19-year record by catching the largest perch in New Mexico since the Department of Game and Fish started keeping records, game and fish officials announced Nov. 15.

McFall snagged the record-breaking yellow (ring) perch Oct. 20 at Maxwell Lake. McFall's catch weighed 2 pounds, 5 1/3 ounces. It was 16 inches long with a 12-inch girth.

The previous record was held by Cimarron's Joe Pompeo Jr. He caught a 1-pound, 13 1/4-ounce perch Feb. 21, 1976, at Miami Lake. That fish was 14 inches long with a girth of 11 3/4 inches.

Game commission's next meeting Dec. 6 at NMSU in Las Cruces

The State Game Commission will meet Wednesday, Dec. 6, to discuss the state's Wildlife Conservation Act and other topics. The public meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the New Mexico State University Corbett Center in Las Cruces.

Other agenda items include discussion of the Landowner-Sportsman Program; taking and possessing protected wildlife for scientific and educational purposes; and commission procedures for adopting federally listed threatened and endangered species.

The commission will announce its position on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed reintroduction of the Mexican wolf in the state.

FISHING REPORT

COURTESY OF
JIM MCGARVEY,
WESTERN AUTO

Bonito Lake - Good fishing using Powerbait and salmon eggs. Bonito closes Nov. 30.

Eagle Lakes - Closed for the season.

Grindstone Reservoir - Great fishing using Powerbait, salmon eggs and Pistol Pete flies.

Ruidoso River - Slow fishing because the water level is so low. General report - "In general, fishing is good in the area," McGarvey said Tuesday.

SKI REPORT

Ski Apache officials have delayed the ski area's opening until Friday, Dec. 8, unless heavy snow allows officials to open earlier. Ski Apache was scheduled to open Thanksgiving Day.

CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 24

Prep Boys Basketball
TBA Carrizozo at Alamogordo Tourney

Saturday, Nov. 25

Prep Boys Basketball
TBA Carrizozo at Alamogordo Tourney

Monday, Nov. 27

Prep Girls Basketball
7 p.m. Tularosa at Ruidoso

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Prep Boys Basketball
7 p.m. Capitan at Ruidoso

Prep Girls Basketball
7 p.m. Tularosa at Carrizozo

RECREATION LEAGUE RESULTS

| Men's Basketball | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Teams Standings | W-L |
| 1. Thriftway/Casino Apache | 7-2 |
| 2. E-Z Pickups | 6-3 |
| 3. Ruidoso Taxi Company | 6-3 |
| 4. Cobras | 5-3 |
| 5. Pappy's Diner | 5-4 |
| 6. Roughstick | 5-5 |
| 7. Cool Arrows | 1-8 |
| 8. Galleria West | 1-8 |

Oct. 28 Results

Ruidoso Taxi 47, E-Z Pickups 40
Roughstick 42, Cool Arrows 28
Pappy's 74, Galleria West 62

Oct. 31 Results

Thrift/Casino 53, Cobras 48
Ruidoso Taxi 61, Cool Arrows 42
Roughstick 48, Galleria West 39

Nov. 2 Results

Thriftway/Casino 68, E-Z Pickups 56
Pappy's 71, Cobras 65
Ruidoso Taxi 55, Galleria West 46

Nov. 7 Results

Roughstick 67, Thriftway/Casino 51
Pappy's 83, Cool Arrows 60
E-Z Pickups 81, Cobras 73

Nov. 9 Results

Roughstick 70, E-Z Pickups 62
Pappy's 57, Ruidoso Taxi 51
Cobras 65, Cool Arrows 39

Nov. 14 Results

Thriftway/Casino 78, Galleria W. 55
E-Z Pickups 83, Pappy's 67
Cobras 68, Roughstick 38

Nov. 16 Results

Thriftway/Casino 88, Ruidoso Taxi 60
(Hi pt.-G. Agular, 28; D. Keller, 23)
Galleria West 54, Cool Arrows 47
(Hi pt.-J. Ghens, 17; F. Herrera, 19)
Pappy's 64, Roughstick 45
(Hi pt.-B. Snowdon, 15; S. Forrester, 11.)

Coed Volleyball

| Teams Standings | W-L |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Nun-ya | 6-0 |
| 2. Victims of Gravity | 5-1 |
| 3. Co-Nets | 3-4 |
| 4. Cha ta | 2-4 |
| 5. RSB Repo's | 0-7 |

Oct. 25 Results

Nun-ya def. Victims of Gravity (16-14 & 15-0)
Co-Nets def. RSB Repo's (15-6 & 15-3)

Nov. 1 Results

Nun-ya def. RSB Repo's (15-2 & 15-11)
Victims of Gravity def. RSB Repo's (11-15, 15-0 & 15-6)

Nov. 13 Results

Nun-ya def. Cha ta (15-11 & 15-3)
Victims of Gravity def. Co-Nets (15-8 & 15-6)

Nov. 15 Results

Nun-ya def. RSB Repo's (15-12 & 15-10)
Co-Nets def. Cha ta (7-15, 15-8 & 15-11)

Nov. 28 Basketball Schedule

6:30 p.m. - Cool Arrow vs. Roughstick
7:30 p.m. - Pappy's vs. Tway/Casino
7:30 p.m. - Cobras vs. Galleria West

Nov. 29 Volleyball Schedule
6:30 p.m. - Nun-ya vs. Co-Nets
7:30 p.m. - RSB Repo's vs. Cha-ta
8:30 p.m. - Victims vs. Cha-ta



No. 1 in our hearts

The Ruidoso girls volleyball team may have finished third at the Class AAA State Volleyball Tournament in Roswell Nov. 11, but it was No. 1 in the hearts and minds of Ruidoso and Lincoln County residents. The Warriors with their third-place trophy (from left): front row — Shirlyn Williams and Marissa Martinez; second row — Lindsay Willard, Bailey Bishop, Tawnya Reynolds and Heather Stover; back row - coach Jauna Sanchez, Kristy Donaldson, Amber Livingston, Kelle Luterman, Sheryl Dockery, Angelica Figueroa and Mandi Lewallen.

Enjoy the slopes — on foot rather than on skis

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Above-average temperatures and below-normal snowfall have kept Ski Apache's trails closed until at least Dec. 8, but the mild weather makes wilderness hiking inviting over the Thanksgiving weekend.

With a cornucopia of more than 225 miles of trails in the Lincoln National Forest, hikers or those just looking to bond with nature have plenty of options.

All the trails in the Lincoln National Forest are open, including the high country trails, said Sam Tobias, recreation officer for the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

For those interested in camping or picnicking, the popular Cedar Creek campground right next to Ruidoso is still open, along with its picnic area and nearby fitness trail. It has a quarter-mile jogging path and a 1.25-mile hiking trail, and both are relatively flat. The jogging path has seven dual-purpose exercise stations. Dogs are not allowed.

Monjeau Skyline campground is another favorite spot and it remains open as well. However, the district's most popular camping area, Southfork near Bonito Lake, is closed.

For a lower and warmer elevation, the newly-reconstructed Three Rivers campground sits at the base of the west side of the White Mountain Wilderness. Heavy use of the site caused deterioration and erosion of the campground area and the nearby stream. But 12 improved camping areas, new toilets, new pavilions and horse corrals have revived this popular recreation site. As an added bonus, visitors can stop to see ancient Native American rock carvings at the Three Rivers Petroglyph National Recreation Site on the way.

You'll find plenty of trails in the White Mountain Wilderness or Capitan Wilderness areas. Their skill rankings range from moderate to hard.

The wilderness trails feature a plethora of natural wonders. Hikers can enjoy cacti, waterfalls, ancient forests, alpine tundra and lots of wildlife along the way.

However, it's easy to get lost in the beauty of the wilderness areas. Hikers should always be prepared for dramatic weather changes this time of year, Tobias warned.

"It could get pretty hazardous in a hurry," Tobias said. "There's not many people out there patrolling, so people have to be prepared."

In the winter months, the weather fronts aren't as "electrical" spectacular, but just dangerous. The fronts can move in quickly, forcing temperatures and snow to fall.

Hikers should wear waterproof hiking boots and layer their clothing in case temperatures drop, in

case they end up walking through snow — or, worse yet, in case they become stranded and have to spend a chilly night in the forest.

If hiking in the backcountry, it's also wise to properly equip vehicles with chains and shovels, said Tobias, who also packs a sleeping bag in his truck for unscheduled overnights in the wilderness.

This fall's dry weather has created a very high fire danger, but campfire restrictions aren't in effect, Tobias said. Hikers and campers should be extra careful to put out fires.

Some additional hiking tips: — take someone what trail you are hiking and when you expect to return;

— take water, a compass, matches and high-energy, lightweight snack food;

— and most important, take a map of the area you are hiking; even experienced hikers can get confused or disoriented on the many trails and switchbacks.

Maps are available at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso (Mechem Road, 257-4096) and at the Capitan Station in Capitan (Smokey Bear Blvd., 354-2241).

Following is a brief list of trail descriptions in the White Mountain and Capitan wilderness areas.

White Mountain Wilderness Trails

Crest Trail #25

This trail is the longest in the White Mountain Wilderness, and offers the best views of the surrounding land, both inside and outside the White Mountain Wilderness. It starts in the parking lot 1/2 mile below Monjeau Lookout and ends at its junction with Forest Road 108. A number of trails connect with this trail, which loops the upper portion of the Bonito water shed and follows the crest of the wilderness.

Features:
• 21.1 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Heavy use

Directions:

• Drive north on Hwy 48 to Ski Run Road. Turn left and proceed for about one-mile to Forest Road 117. Turn right and follow it for 5 1/2 miles until you see the "hiker" sign. Parking and trailhead are on left side of road.

South Fork Trail #19

This trail begins at the upper end of South Fork campground and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25. The trail follows the course of the South Fork of the Rio Bonito which empties into Bonito Lake. It's a relatively steep climb to the crest.

Features:
• 6.0 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Moderately heavy use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso to Hwy 37. Follow

Hwy 37 to Forest Road 107. Take 107 to South Fork camp ground turn off. Trailhead starts near the upper parking lot.

Big Bonito Trail #36

Big Bonito Trail starts at the end of Forest Road 107 and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25. The trail follows Bonito Creek and has many beautiful campsites along the way. Hikers will enjoy stands of aspen, small open meadows and plenty of colorful wildflowers.

Features:
• 4.6 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Heavy use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso to Hwy 37. Turn left and follow road to Forest Road 107. Turn left again and follow to the end of the road. Trailhead begins there.

Three Rivers Trail #44

This unique trail takes the hiker through four different life zones — from desert scrub country to Pinon, Juniper and Ponderosa pines zones and on to Douglas fir forests and finally to the alpine tundra zone. Large live streams and vast views of White Sands and the Malpais add to the beauty of this trail, which starts at the Three Rivers Campground and concludes at its junction with Crest Trail #25.

Features:
• 6.0 miles in length
• Hard difficulty
• Heavy use during hunting season, low at other times.

Directions:

• Take US Hwy 70 west to Tularosa. Turn north on Hwy 54 to Three Rivers and turn east on Forest Road 579. Follow 579 to its end. Trailhead starts at the campground.



White Mountain Wilderness ranger Nick Kuhn hikes along the Mills Canyon Trail.

Turkey Canyon Trail #40

The bottom of this trail is part of an old road that gave access to many gold mines in this canyon. Hikers can see wild game along the trail. Turkey Springs, at the top, usually runs year around. The trail starts at its junction with Forest Road 107 and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25.

Features:
• 2.3 miles
• Moderate difficulty
• Heavy use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso. Turn west on Hwy 37 and go to the Bonito Lake turn off on Forest Road 107. Follow 107 until you see the Turkey Canyon Trail sign for the trailhead.

Argentina Canyon Trail #39

This trail is a favorite because it accesses the crest and allows hikers the opportunity to loop back on trails 42 to 40, or 25 to 37 to 36, or 25 to 37 to 38 or 39. Water flows in the stream that follows the trail. The trail starts at Forest Road 107 and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25. This trail is one of the easier climbs to the crest of the White Mountain Wilderness.

Features:
• 2.5 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Heavy use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 to Hwy 37. Follow 37 west to Bonito Lake turn off. Turn left onto Forest Road 107 and follow to end of the road. Trailhead begins just beyond the parking lot.

Little Bonito Creek Trail #37

This trail starts at its junction with Big Bonito Creek Trail #36 and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25. It climbs gradually through wooded areas and mountain meadows. When combined with Big Bonito Trail it's the easiest access to the upper end of Doherty Trail #50.

Features:
• 1.4 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Moderate use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 to Hwy 37 and turn left. Continue for 1 1/2 miles to junction with Forest Road 107. Take 107 to its end, trailhead begins at the upper parking area on the loop.

Aspen Trail #35

The trail follows a beautiful water drainage until about 1/3 mile from the top, where it goes into high alpine grass and opens up to spectacular views with plenty of quaking aspen groves along the way. It starts at its junction with Bonito Creek Trail #36 and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25.

Features:
• 2.4 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Moderate use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 north to Hwy 37. Follow 37 to Bonito Lake Forest Road 107. Take 107 to its end. Take trail #36 for 1 1/2 miles to its junction with Aspen Trail #35.

Mills Trail #22

Mills Trail is one of the more popular trails in the White Mountain Wilderness because of its easy access and moderate difficulty. The trail features a variety of vegetation types, a water spring and several panoramic views.

Features:
• 5 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Heavy use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 north out of Ruidoso to Ski Run Road. Turn left and proceed for one mile to Forest Road 117. Turn right and follow 117 to its end at Monjeau Lookout. After parking, you'll have to walk back down the road to first switchback, where the trailhead begins.

Telephone Canyon Trail #12

Hikers will enjoy plenty of wildlife, a stream and an uncut forest on the Telephone Canyon Trail. This trail starts at the end of Forest Road 127, and ends at its junction with Crest Trail #25 near the Monjeau trailhead.

Features:
• 1.3 miles in length
• Difficult, 18% grade
• Low use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 48 to Ski Run Road (Hwy 532). Turn left on Ski Run Road. Take Forest Road 127 and proceed for two miles. The trailhead will be on the right side of the road. FR 127 is rough and frequently requires a high clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicle to traverse it.

Summit Trail #58

This trail follows the main ridge of the Capitan Mountains. Hikers will enjoy spectacular views, wildlife and rock formations. It starts at the electronic site at the end of Forest Road 56, and ends at its junction with trails #62 and #64.

Features:
• 8.2 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Low use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 380 east out of Capitan to Forest Road 56. Follow 56 to the top of the Capitan Mountains, all the way to the electronic site. Trail 58 begins there. A high clearance, 4-wheel drive is a must to the top of the Capitan Mountains.

South Base Trail #57

This is one of the easier trails to hike in the Capitan. Hikers can make loop hikes out of it by tying into many of the other trails that join it. It starts at its junction with Forest Road 338, and ends at its junction with Pierce Canyon Trail #61.

Features:
• 11.8 miles in length
• Moderate difficulty
• Low use

Directions:

• Take Hwy 380 east of Capitan to Forest Road 56 to Forest Road 338 to its junction with trail #57. A high clearance vehicle is generally recommended.

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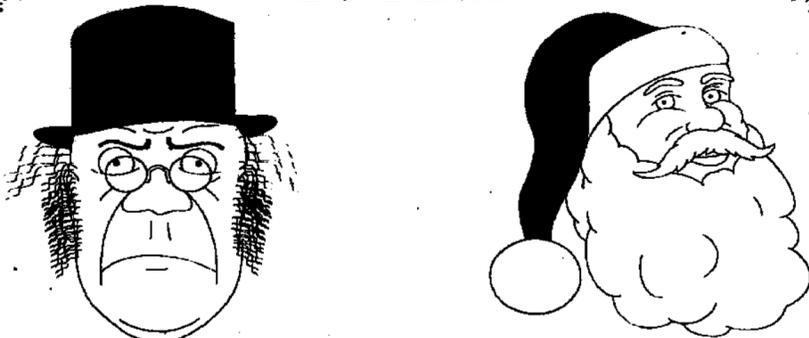
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George Kimball was sheriff at Lincoln (1879-80) just at the breaking up of the Lincoln County War. It was during his term of office that Billy the Kid, who achieved notoriety during that war, surrendered.

Kimball was born March 31, 1842 at Huntsville, Ark. He attended local public and private schools of his native state. He

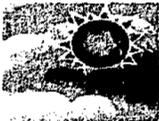
went to Colorado with the Pike's Peak crowd in 1859.

He came to New Mexico in 1860, locating at Las Vegas. He arrived in Lincoln County at Fort Stanton as a government scout. He and his wife, Paulita Romero, had four children: John, Mrs. F.W. Brockway, Bonifacio and William.

In 1913 he lived in Picacho and was engaged in farming and stockraising. He served as justice of the peace in his precinct for many years.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

THURSDAY High...60 Low...22



Partly cloudy

FRIDAY High...63 Low...21



Sunny

SATURDAY High...65 Low...24



Sunny

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| Ruidoso readings | High | Low | Precipitation |
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| Sunday | 64 | 24 | .00" |
| Monday | 63 | 21 | .00" |
| Tuesday | 59 | 22 | .00" |

| Regional-Friday | High | Low | Forecast |
|-----------------|------|-----|---------------|
| Albuquerque | 62 | 35 | Partly cloudy |
| El Paso, TX | 69 | 39 | Sunny |
| Lubbock, TX | 67 | 36 | Mostly Sunny |
| Midland, TX | 68 | 40 | Sunny |

Phase of the moon



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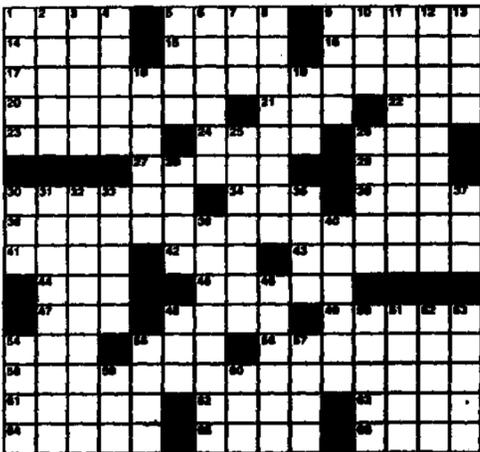
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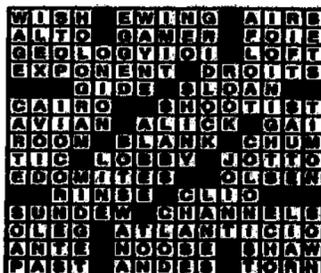
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Puzzle by Amy Goldstein and Julian Ochrymowicz

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

- Total calls by type:
 - 2 Alarms
 - 3 Ambulances
 - 1 Assist other agency
 - 2 Disturbances
 - 1 Domestic
 - 2 Non-criminal activities
 - 1 Other criminal
 - 1 Suspicious activity
 - 1 Traffic
- 4:20 a.m. Junction road caller requested ambulance for girl who passed out. Taken to LCMC. Parents notified.
- 5:32 a.m. Crown Drive caller enroute to find mother of sick child. Mom needs to go to LCMC. Child has asthma.
- 5:56 a.m. Audible alarm at Mary Drive house. Officer unable to locate. Must have reset itself.
- 7:58 a.m. Gavilan Canyon Road caller reported no water. Village water unit notified.
- 8:43 a.m. Ambulance at emergency room leading patient for transfer to Indian Health Services.
- 11:07 a.m. 2415 Sudderth Drive caller reported subject came into his cafe and started causing a ruckus. All clear.
- 11:43 a.m. Alarm at State Court residence. All clear, exterior secure. No key holder.
- 11:47 a.m. State police officer enroute to RFD with prisoner. Subject booked.

- 3:05 p.m. Mary Drive caller reported made from other street in hocking her. Subject advised to turn it down.
- 3:40 p.m. Hill Road caller reported three subjects in small dark pick-up driving recklessly. Unable to locate.
- 4:27 p.m. Valley View Drive caller reported baby across street is choking, not breathing. Ambulance enroute.
- 8:33 p.m. Miller Court caller reported loud party in the area. Subject advised.
- 11:07 p.m. Pat Williamson Court caller reported suspicious vehicle at end of sec. On arrival, no contact with subjects.
- 11:10 p.m. High Sierra Drive caller reported two subjects in parking lot arguing. No contact on arrival.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

- Total calls by type:
 - 2 Accidents
 - 1 Alarm
 - 6 Ambulances
 - 1 Assist other agency
 - 1 Missing person
 - 7 Non-criminal activities
 - 1 Other criminal
 - 1 Suspicious activity
 - 2 Traffic
- 1:42 p.m. Sheriff's deputy has prisoner for booking and bonding at RFD.
- 3:00 p.m. Willow Street caller reported possible drunk driver almost hit her. Unable to locate.
- 3:35 p.m. 667 Sudderth Drive caller reported hit and run. Report taken.
- 3:41 p.m. Grandson Drive caller reported male subject making threats. All clear. Situation taken care of.
- 4:54 p.m. Mesador Drive caller said he wanted a tenant to leave. Officer advised him of steps to take.
- 8:29 p.m. Fox Drive caller reported her daughter ran away. While at RFD, daughter called. All clear.
- 8:54 p.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller reported a car in the ditch. Everything clear.
- 9:41 p.m. Tennis Court caller reported suspicious vehicle at neighbor's house. On officer's arrival, all clear.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following information was taken from reports filed by citizens with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

- 1:39 a.m. A caller reported dogs barking on Mirah Monte Road in Alto and asked for a deputy to contact the owners of the two animals. A deputy came out about a year ago, the caller said, and this barking happens about once a year.
- 5:35 a.m. A man called from Deer Park to report hearing a high-powered rifle by his house. He called back three minutes later to say he found a dead deer lying in his yard and saw a black pickup truck drive by twice. The state Game and Fish officer was notified. The caller was going to check to see if the deer was a doe or buck.
- no time listed. An ambulance was requested for a woman. No location was listed.

- no time listed. An accident without injuries was reported in Luna Grande. The State Police agency was notified.
- 4:49 p.m. A accident without injuries was reported at the junction of U.S. 34 and U.S. 380. A wrecker was needed.
- 2:55 p.m. A fire was reported in a dumpster at the junction of U.S. Highways 70 and 380.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

- 10:32 a.m. A caller from Honda High School reported a janitor had received an electric shock. A deputy spoke to the man on the phone. No other action was needed.
- 11:05 a.m. A Carrizozo caller reported a person has collapsed and is bleeding from the mouth. An ambulance and deputy responded. The person was taken to the hospital.
- no time listed. A criminal background check was requested by a detention officer.

- reported two subjects arguing. Officer attempted to locate their vehicle.
- 4:33 a.m. Officer giving ride to drunk pedestrian. Turned over to BIA officials.
- 9:35 a.m. Mesador Court caller reported no water at their house.
- 10:21 a.m. Mesador Drive caller reported 15-year-old on rollerblades almost hit her. Unable to locate.
- 11:23 p.m. Jesse Drive caller requested ambulance to take her mother to the emergency room for x-rays.
- 12:05 p.m. 2404 Sudderth Drive caller reported burglary at her home. Report taken.
- 12:38 p.m. Ambulance loading patient for transfer to Rose Drive residence.
- 12:46 p.m. Ambulance at emergency room leading patient for transfer to Albuquerque.

- 1:42 p.m. Sheriff's deputy has prisoner for booking and bonding at RFD.
- 3:00 p.m. Willow Street caller reported possible drunk driver almost hit her. Unable to locate.
- 3:35 p.m. 667 Sudderth Drive caller reported hit and run. Report taken.
- 3:41 p.m. Grandson Drive caller reported male subject making threats. All clear. Situation taken care of.
- 4:54 p.m. Mesador Drive caller said he wanted a tenant to leave. Officer advised him of steps to take.
- 8:29 p.m. Fox Drive caller reported her daughter ran away. While at RFD, daughter called. All clear.
- 8:54 p.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller reported a car in the ditch. Everything clear.
- 9:41 p.m. Tennis Court caller reported suspicious vehicle at neighbor's house. On officer's arrival, all clear.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

- Total calls by type:
 - 1 Alarm
 - 3 Ambulances
 - 1 Assist other agency
 - 1 Other criminal

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

- 2:25 a.m. Man reported he had been assaulted on River Lane.
- 7:17 a.m. Loose dog.
- 4:30 a.m. Fire department responded to report of propane leak.
- 8:44 p.m. Elderly woman fell and needed

- 1 Suspicious activity
- 2 Traffic
- 4 Traffic
- 1 Vehicle
- 4:06 a.m. Wingfield Drive caller reported constant barking from dog next door. Owners advised.
- 9:21 a.m. Shaw Road caller requested ambulance for elderly female. Patient refused.
- 9:28 a.m. D Street caller requested ambulance for female with sore back.
- 9:36 a.m. Alamo at 1710 Sudderth Drive bank. Company leaving.
- 10:14 a.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller reported man throw gas hose. Did not want to make a report.
- 11:00 a.m. Chelsea Drive caller reported burglary at her residence. Officer taking report.
- 11:22 a.m. D Street caller requested ambulance for woman who is yellow in color.
- 12:36 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reported skateboarders in Midtown. Citations issued.
- 2:22 p.m. Officer at Redwood Apartments made an arrest by warrant.
- 2:43 p.m. 2501 Sudderth Drive caller reported some Christmas decorations stolen. Report taken.
- 3:02 p.m. Upper Terrace Drive caller reported vehicle in alley could be traffic hazard. Road tagged.
- 4:06 p.m. Grandson Drive caller reported an eagle that has been injured. Animal picked up by Game and Fish.
- 4:52 p.m. Juniper Road caller reported man cutting trees. Check for permit. All clear, stacking wood.
- 8:49 p.m. Cedar Creek caller reported car driving all over the road. Possible drunk driver. Turned over to state police.
- 10:13 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reported possible drunk driver in Midtown. Vehicle located. No one in it or around it.
- 10:37 p.m. Ambulance requested at De Norte Drive.

- assistance.
- 10:38 p.m. Male and female fighting at Inspiration Heights. One prisoner taken into custody.
- MONDAY, NOV. 20
- 7:56 a.m. Accident with no injuries at Village Cafe.
- 3:23 p.m. Report of smoke behind Day's Inn. Woodsmen entered ignited pipe needed. Fire department put fire out.



LIVE RAP CONCERT — 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. "Rhythm of Soul" from Alamogordo in Gateway Center, 441 Sudderth, Ruidoso. For more information call 378-4608.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS — 7 p.m., Nov. 24 & 25. Performances by the Flickinger Center Vocal Ensemble, Academy of Ballet and a youth choir. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (12 & under). For more show and tickets information call (505) 437-2202.

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE Hwy. 70 West 378-4061 — James & lle Boren Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

CALVARY CHAPEL — Saturday, Nov. 25. Fold Zandura will perform pop, dance and punk rock. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. The chapel is located at the corner of Sudderth and Mesador drives, Ruidoso. For more information call 257-2819.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - JJR Band (local band performs country western and rock 'n roll), no cover.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9982 — 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays (country music).

POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH — 7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 27-Thursday, Nov. 30. Revival services with Pastor Arlie Aragon from Chinle, Az. 441 Sudderth in Gateway Center. For more information call 378-4608.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST — In Ruidoso sponsored by Texas-New Mexico Power Company and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Registration forms can be picked up at either TNMP or the Chamber. Deadline for registration is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at the Chamber office.

ARTS & CRAFTS SALE — Presented by the Paleozoic Chapter of the American Business Women Association 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 5656 (75¢ each minute).

Nov. 24; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 at Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo. Hand-crafted items will be featured at 80 booths. Admission is free. Call 437-0868 or 434-9285.

AUTHOR TONY MARES PRESENTS — "Padre Antonio Jose Martinez: The Triumph of Connection over Conflict" 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 at San Juan Mission in Lincoln. A reception and book signing will follow for Dr. Mares and Billy Charles Cummings, author of "Frontier Parish, Recovered Catholic History of Lincoln County." Call 653-4025.

GIFT WRAPPING — By the FHS French and drama clubs from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Wal-Mart. Prices vary according to size of package. Call Gail Brady at 378-5330.

LINCOLN COUNTY JUVENILE, PROBATION AND PAROLE — Office has changed locations to 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso. The new telephone number is 257-6491.

10th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST — Presented by the St. Eleanor Catholic Church Women's Guild from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at Cree Meadows, Ruidoso. Fellowship, music, prayer and a message from the First Lady of Albuquerque, Margaret Chavez. \$6 per-person dutch treat buffet. Music by Lanny Maddox, Ruidoso Chief of Police. Call 257-2390 to make reservations by Nov. 30.

SANTA COPS WORKSHOP — Opens Monday, Nov. 27 at Sierra Mall in Ruidoso from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 2. Call Freda McSwane at 354-2359 for donation dropoff sites or to volunteer time.

HELPING HANDS TACO DINNER — To benefit the Koontz family of Ruidoso. Sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans at noon Sunday, Nov. 26 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1210 Hill Road, Ruidoso. Adults \$3.50, children \$2. Call Jeanette Toensing at 257-5699.

HEALTH OFFICES CLOSED — Ruidoso and Carrizozo public health offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY CLOSED — for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 23-26. Classes will end for the week Wednesday, Nov. 22 and then resume Monday. Registration for the spring semester will begin Tuesday, Nov. 28. Call 257-2120 for more information.

WING OF MESCALERO — Call 257-9265 for information.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache

Reservation 257-5141 — Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours a day Thursday through Saturday.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK — Simulcast racing. Call 378-4491 for times.

Clubs & Meetings

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY — Lana Marcussen, Albuquerque constitutional attorney will speak at the Tuesday, Nov. 28 meeting. The public is invited to attend the presentation, commencing with an 11:30 a.m. lunch at Marie LaVaux on Mesador in Ruidoso. The cost is \$6 per person. For reservations, contact hospitality chair Genevieve Sewall at 258-5764 by Saturday, Nov. 25.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING — 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, village hall.

Library

WINTER FESTIVITIES — At the Ruidoso Public Library from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Nov. 28. Learn about winter celebrations around the world, holiday traditions, crafts, songs and special celebrations, special food recipes. Call 257-4335.

Movies

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444: "The Toy Story," "Ace Ventura II." Call theater for show times and ratings.

Museums

PECOS VALLEY POTTER'S GUILD — Friday - Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 and 3. We hold an Annual Christmas show and sale at the Roosevelt Museum and Art Center. Admission is free. The museum is located at 11th and Main streets in Roswell. For more information call (505) 624-6744.

AN 1890s CHRISTMAS IN LINCOLN — At the Lincoln Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Nov. 24-26. Storytelling, Victorian shopping, naive tea, hot apple

older, local musicians performing Christmas music and Hispanic hymns.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4809. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Western Artwork — Borrowed from the Mountain Oysters Club of Tucson, Ariz. will be on display at the Museum of the Horse from through Jan. 3.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT — Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Parks & Recreation

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT — Hwy. 70, Alamogordo. Ranger-guided trips to Lake Lucero at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Call 479-6124.

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Let us all help one another to have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Prayers for Paul H. Jones

Prayers have been in the hearts of all of us during the last week or so. And at the Nov. 19 services at the Anderson Family Chapel in Picacho, the Reverend Anna Gaddy said a special prayer for the recovery of Paul H. Jones.

Paul has been in the hospital in Albuquerque, and was scheduled to come home Nov. 20.

During the time St. Anne's Chapel in Glenwood is being restored from flood damage, Robert and Barbara Anderson have opened their family chapel in Picacho for church services for St. Anne's Chapel. We are all grateful for help in time of need. And it has been a spe-



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

This is a mild and sunny spring-in-autumn day with the temperature up to 70 degrees, although the American flag is being waved by a light northern breeze singing through the vale a serenade to Thanksgiving time.

And as you look out at these colors shining against the evergreen background of the mountain, the thought comes to you that this banner is an emblem of this season — of thankfulness itself.

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cial blessing to worship in this Anderson Family Chapel.

Services Requested at St. Anne's Chapel
Work on the restoration of St. Anne's Chapel has progressed to the point where services are planned at 8 a.m. on Dec. 2. A work day at the church has been announced for Thursday, Dec. 7.

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Interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1978)

Penalty on taxes that become delinquent shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total for each month they remain unpaid, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00). (Statute 7-38-50 NMSA 1978)

By New Mexico State Law property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payment or contact us at the address and telephone numbers listed below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills. Thank You.

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SCHOOL

Schools receive TNP energy research grants

Texas-New Mexico Power has awarded one \$160 and two \$200 Teacher Mini-Grants to teachers in the Ruidoso School District.

White Mountain Intermediate teacher Terry Wharton and Sierra Vista Primary teacher Melody Gaines will each receive \$200 to enhance their science classes. White Mountain Elementary principal and science teacher Frank Cannella will receive \$160 to teach students to explore alternative energy sources.

The grants are designed to help kindergarten through eighth grade classroom teachers in math, science

and energy education. Grant recipients were chosen by members of TNP's Customer Advisory Board and TNP employees.

"Teacher mini-grants are a way that TNP can support the excellent job these teachers are already doing in their classroom," TNP Area Manager James Bassett said. "Our focus is on math and science because we want to support teachers in reaching the high world standards that America once enjoyed."

The TNP grants focus on energy conservation to promote using energy resources wisely, Bassett said.

"Texas-New Mexico Power Company is committed to making a positive difference in the communities it serves," he said. "These grants give our teachers another tool to access additional classroom resources that enhance learning."

TNP also gives scholarships to students and has a matching customer contribution program, Bassett said. That program uses stockholder money to match up to \$100,000 in customer donations to support community programs nominated by TNP's customers.

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Rebecca Johnston's White Mountain Intermediate School fifth grade class performed "Miss Louisa and the Outlaws" Tuesday. The play is about a frontier schoolmarm who faces two outlaws waiting to catch a train. Pictured — left to right — Farrah Whitaker as Miss Louisa, Logan Feharty as Billy the Kid and Rene Caudillo as Dead-Eye Dan.

Students at White Mountain Intermediate School in Ruidoso were asked what they are thankful for on Thanksgiving day.

"I'm thankful for my family and that we can live here. I like the food on Thanksgiving too."

Paul LeBlanc

"I think that Thanksgiving is about getting friends and family together. We have a 20-pound turkey and I'm thankful for having a family."

Jessica Reynolds

"I'm thankful for the family that I have and all the people that care about me. I'm looking forward to celebrating and eating on Thanksgiving but I wish there weren't any gangsters in the world."

Justin Uhl

"I'm thankful that my second cousin is coming to visit from Texas. Last year she was pregnant and I'll get to see the new baby this year. I'm thankful that we're all going to be together this Thanksgiving."

Jessica Dugan

"I'm thankful that everyone's alive and that you get to eat good things like banana nut bread. I'm thankful for my classroom, my teachers and mostly just everything."

Jolene Sanchez

ENMU will benefit from nursing grant

Eastern New Mexico University's Department of Nursing has received a \$100,000 grant from the Dr. W.D. Dabbs, M.D. Trust.

It will be used to buy and maintain an interactive computer system for long-distance education in the Bachelor of Science and Nursing Completion program.

The grant allowed the department

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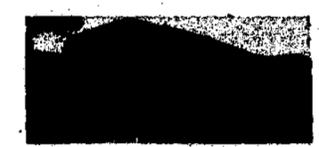
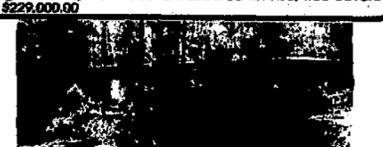
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THREE LOTS - Contiguous, in Alpine Village on Alpine Village Road. \$25,000 for all three. Great solar site. Call Sally B., Sierra Blanca Realty, 257-2576.

EIGHT ACRES FOR SALE - in the valley. Water rights, over 400 trees on the highway. Call Stirman Real Estate, 378-4391.

ALTO VILLAGE - Full membership. Lot 11, block 5, Lakeside Estates. Beautiful view of both Capitanes and Sierra Blanca. (915)673-5593, evenings (915)695-1115.

ALTO LOT - For sale or build to suit. Full membership, close to club house. Approximately 2/3 acre. \$24,500. Call Trimline Construction, 257-8110. Lic. #054776.

182 ACRES IN LINCOLN - with improvement. Also 17 acres in Lincoln. 505-853-4525 after 6 p.m.

ALTO ACRE - Social lot 142, Block 6, Unit 6. Deer Park Valley. Next to Fort Stanton Road. 122a reindeer. Beautiful Sierra Blanca view and Rancho Ruidoso Valley. \$13,500. Owner, 505-392-8992.

3. LAND FOR SALE

WOW! BONITO RIVER 5 ACRES * \$46,900
Don't miss this rare chance to own waterfront property in the Ruidoso area. Lots of frontage (574'), tons of trees, year-round access. Terms available. Call Properties of the SWI 257-9046, ext. 1898.

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4. Houses For Sale

MOTIVATED SELLER!
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CUTE LIKE NEW - Two bedrooms, two bath, large yard, two fireplaces. 258-3674. S-ftc

FOR SALE BY OWNER - House and shop on 8.2 acres. West of Capitan. Lancer doublewide, three bedroom, 2 bath, shop building 30 x 40 (metal). Good view of Capitan Mountains. For more information call after 4 p.m. and weekends (505)354-9131.

107 GAVILAN CANYON - By Alto Grocery Store. Beige stucco, three bedroom, one bath with fireplace. Covered deck with large lot, being remodeled. \$68,000. 336-4273 or 258-4487, Richard.

BY OWNER - Three bedroom, one and three-quarter bath, 1,800 square feet. Two car garage. Sierra Blanca view. Assumable loan, 257-5699.

CLOSE TO CREE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE - Charming two bedroom, two bath. Open floor plan. Owner financing available. Call Rayzell for an appointment to see. \$69,900. 257-8327 Top Brass office, 257-4597 home.

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7. Houses For Rent

RECENTLY HAD A FEW VACANCIES - in two and three bedrooms. Call Kerrie at Ruidoso Properties, 257-4075.

VACATION RENTAL - Three bedroom cabin in White Mountain Estates. Also full time rental, three bedroom, two bath. \$900/month furnished or unfurnished. Call 258-3674.

THREE BEDROOM - Two bath, two fireplaces. Fully furnished. \$300 deposit, \$600 a month. Call after 5 p.m. 505-382-7003.

FOR RENT - Small one bedroom. No pets. \$400 month, bills paid, deposit \$150. 257-4577.

BEAUTIFUL LARGE - Two bedroom, two and one half bath condo. Fireplace, gas heat, great location, unfurnished with all appliances. \$575 per month, plus bills. 505-257-9026 or 915-585-9790 or 915-584-3255.

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EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS FOR RENT - \$285 per month plus electric. \$150 deposit. Call 378-4375.

TWO BEDROOM - Two bath condo, \$550 per month. Champions Run. Call Preslar & Associates, 378-7108.

BEAUTIFUL TWO BEDROOM - Two bath apartment with fireplace and one car garage. Midtown location. \$600 month plus utilities. Call evenings only after 8 p.m. 257-9085.

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HAVE WAITING LIST - Seeking unfurnished properties for long term rental. Call Cindy at Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic. #27352S. GLR-43

SPRING CANYON - CEDAR CREEK AREA - Large three bedroom, two bath with fireplace. Some furnishings of wanted. Available November 2. \$1,100 plus electric and propane, own water well. Call Cindy at Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic. #27352S. GLR-43

9. MOBILES FOR RENT

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10. CONDOS FOR RENT

EAGLE CREEK CONDO - Three bedroom, three bath. Ski Run Road. \$750 month. Beautiful setting. Lease available. 336-8390.

12. MOBILE SPACES FOR RENT

RV SPACE OR SMALL MOBILE HOME SPACE - for rent. Off Carrizo Canyon Rd. \$115 monthly, 257-2719 or 354-3197.

13. RENT TO SHARE

ROOMMATE WANTED - To share two bedroom, two bath house on the hill. Great view, hot tub, satellite TV. Call 257-5613.

15. STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

L & D SELF STORAGE - Hwy 48. Space available. 258-5940 or 257-9463.

NEW SELF-STORAGE UNITS - Secure, convenient access. Available now. Sierra Blanca Storage, 336-8332.

CLEAN, LARGE BARN - with new cement floor approximately 40x50 and 20' tall for storage. Only \$150 per month! Available mid-December. Call Kirsten or Joanne, 336-7741.

19. AUTOS FOR SALE

1995 Pontiac Grand AM - 4 to choose from
Book value over \$14,000
Sierra Blanca price \$12,995

1993 Bonneville - 2 to choose from
Book value \$14,000
Sierra Blanca price \$12,995

1994 Chevrolet 4x4 fully loaded
Book value \$26,200
Sierra Blanca price \$24,995

1988 Dodge Daytona CD, automatic
Book value over \$4,000
Sierra Blanca price \$3,995

1995 Chevy Cavalier
Book value over \$11,000
Sierra Blanca price \$10,995

17. BUSINESS RENTALS

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT - 229 Rio, Ruidoso. 257-2323.

LAND FOR LEASE - Great Commercial location, 1216 Mechem. Long term lease available at \$575/month. Lot already leveled and ready to go. 4895 of an acre. Call Mark Mobley, Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

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RETAIL OR OFFICE SPACE - for rent. 257-2121.

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18. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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1983 NISSAN PULSAR - 5 speed, great gas mileage. \$1,900. Call after 5 p.m. 378-4443.

1987 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM - NADA list, \$5,600. Yours for \$4,600, OBO. 257-3010.

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1987 SUZUKI SAMARI - 4x4; 1987 Subaru Wagon 4x4; 1986 Subaru Coupe 4x4; 1984 Subaru Wagon, automatic, 4x4. Call Ron, 257-3844.

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1987 SUBARU WAGON - 1979 Datsun pickup, Lance Cabover Camper, self contained, like new. 378-8123.

1983 SUBARU WAGON - Four wheel drive. Exceptional condition, all aspects. Air, FM/tape, new paint, striping, battery. 378-8551 or 378-8016.

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1990 Buick Regal
Sport coupe, leather interior
1990 Dodge 4x4 Turbo Diesel Dualy
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20. PICKUPS - TRUCKS

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RENTAL RE-PURCHASE

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21. VANS FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1974 AMC van. Runs great! Perfect work truck! \$1,500 or best offer. 258-4670.

22. MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE

1986 SUZUKI QUADRACER - 250cc watercool. Runs great. \$1,750 or trade. 257-6077, 378-4312, Richard.

24. R.V.s & TRAVEL TRAILERS

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27. FEED & GRAINS

HAY, ALFALFA, OATS, SUDAX - Delivery available. San Antonio, New Mexico (505)835-3203, evenings.

30. YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE - Sat. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refrigerator, furniture, grandfather clock and lots more. 110 Parr Drive.

19. AUTOS FOR SALE

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30. YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 a.m. 114 Barcus. Household goods, upright piano, workbenches, furniture, exercise equipment, etc.

MOVING SALE - Saturday only. Furniture, television, baby bed, toys, miscellaneous items. 151 Ponderosa Drive. Turn off Mechem on Brady Canyon, next to Thunder Bird Lodge.

GARAGE SALE - King bed, sofa bed, antique desk. Something for everyone. 101 Heath. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 8:00 am Saturday, Nov. 25 1 1/2 Mile on right on new Airport Road, Hwy 220. Woodburning stoves, clothes, washing machine, furniture, car and garage. 336-4561

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European antiques, king size bed set, oak dining table & chairs. Electric Central heating unit wood stove. Apartment size gas stove. Other good merchandise. Still taking consignments

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31. HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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MILLER'S FURNITURE, ETC. - 1000 Sudderth, 257-3109. Buy, sell, trade. New merchandise daily. Only store in town will take your trade-ins.

KENMORE DRYER - Like new, \$125. Also couch, solid oak tables, 853-4803.

FREEZERS FOR SALE - One upright and one chest, \$200 each, OBO. Call for details, 354-3352.

RECOLLECTIONS - Home furnishings, dishes, glassware, crystal, linens, etc. at the "Y" 147 Hwy 70. 378-8596.

FOR SALE - Wood burning heating stove with brass trim. Wall pipe included. Like new. \$500. 2809 Sudderth.

ROUND BED - \$75; classic dresser, buffet, \$85; sleeper sofa, dinette set, camper shell, \$45. 257-3243.

COMPUTER - NEW Packard Bell Legend 406 CD, Pentium 75, 8 meg, 850 meg, 4XCD, stereo sound, fax/modem. \$1,500. 257-4424.

FIVE FULL SIZE MATTRESS SETS - \$35 each, one twin size, \$25. 257-2986.

FRIGIDAIRE WASHER - white, \$195; 8' couch, pastel colors, \$350; IBM typewriter, old but perfect, \$50. All items excellent condition. 336-4250.

SLEEPER SOFA - Whirlpool washer, both \$125. Four wide rims, miscellaneous. 257-7172.

FOR SALE - Queen mattress and box spring set, \$40. Full size set \$35. Call 257-2557.

33. ANTIQUES

COLLECTOR BUYING GUN COLLECTIONS - One piece or all, Colts, Winchester, Bowie Knives, top prices. 258-3739.

MUST LIQUIDATE - Remains of Texas antique shop. Numerous items at fantastic prices. 11 a.m. 2915 Sudderth.

ADVERTISE - in the classifieds by calling 257-4001. The Ruidoso News.

35. SPORTING GOODS

SNOW BOARD - Boots, \$225. Used one season, \$400 plus when new. Board is Moro Spoon Twin Tip. 6.0, Blackface. Northwaze Arrow boots, size 9 1/2. Call 257-9836 after 6 p.m. or weekends.

36. MISCELLANEOUS

THRIFT SHOP - LCMC AUXILIARY. Open Monday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm. 140 Nob Hill Drive. Telephone 257-7051. Your donations of usable household and clothing items are appreciated. Let us sell your "treasures". We are non-profit: the money is used to better equip our hospital.

FOR SALE - NEW custom built 8 x 20' flat-bed gooseneck trailer. Call 648-2256.

HILLYARD JANITORIAL SUPPLIES - Now available at Ruidoso Tool Rental, 1109 Mechem 258-3614.

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FOUR STEEL ARCH STYLE BUILDINGS - 40x30 was \$6,100 now \$2,990; 40x58 was \$11,250 now \$5,900; 50x76 was \$13,890 now \$8,600; 50x150 was \$23,000 now \$15,900. Endwalls are available. 1-800-320-2340.

DININGROOM TABLE - Drop leaf. Solid maple, five chairs. \$450. 258-5336 or 257-9026.

SNOWPLOW - Myers hydraulic fits any pickup. Nearly new. \$995, 915-852-3454.

SELF STUDY REAL ESTATE COURSE - from the Real Estate Education Company. Twelve videotapes, books, study guides, answer books. \$200. 257-2092.

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ST. ELEANOR'S THRIFT SHOP - Open Wednesday, Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clothes, furniture. On Church Street behind old church.

RECOLLECTIONS - New gift items, antique collection, ceramics, jewelry, artwork, pottery, hundreds of items at the "Y". 147 Hwy 70, 378-8596.

VIDEO POKER - \$2,500. Only serious buyers need call. Antique vanity dresser, \$50. 622-5279.

MOBILE HOME AWNING - Aluminum 10 x 40 with supports. Excellent condition \$250. 378-4923.

DONT CHRISTMAS SHOP AT CURIOSITY COTTAGE - for ordinary gifts. Antique clock, c1865, \$425, chimes hourly; Baldwin fun machine, \$96; king bedroom suite, \$486; NFL trolls, bears, mugs. 20% off single sports cards, 40% off comics, 271 Hwy 70 E, 378-4661.

MAKE CHRISTMAS PERSONAL - Monogramming on shirts, jackets, sweaters, towels, and lots of other items. Christmas specials - single name or 3 letter mono or 3 piece towel set, \$12; 3 letter mono on skirt or blouse, \$6. From Nov. 27 to Dec. 15. 257-5990 or 257-3640 after 2 p.m.

COSTUME JEWELRY - Selling pieces from large private collection. Shown by appointment. Serious inquiries. Call Sue at 257-9057 or 258-3803.

36. MISCELLANEOUS

Shop Now For Christmas 16" Digital Satellite Systems Only \$599.00 2815 Sudderth 257-5410

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37. WANTED TO BUY

WANTED - DICK, JANE AND SALLY - Readers, workbooks, teaching aids, paperdolls, pictures, 30's thru 60's. 257-4865.

38. HELP WANTED

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - for cooks, carhops and related positions at Sonic Drive-in. Applications in person only from 9-11 a.m. at 102 Sudderth. Equal opportunity employer.

CATTLE BARON - Restaurant is now accepting applications for experienced line cooks and experienced food servers and bus persons and hostesses. Apply in person between 1:30 - 5, Mondays and Thursdays only. Health benefits available and best compensation in the area.

SALES HELP WANTED - Gift Shop. Full-time, year round. Must work most weekends. Send resume to P.O. Box 1012, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

CASA BLANCA - is accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person, 501 Mechem Drive.

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. - Needs responsible person in Ruidoso now. Regardless of training, write W.W. Hopkins, Dept. W-88345, Box 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76101.

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EARN \$\$\$ - Full and part time! This may be the most important number you will ever dial. 1-800-214-1233, then if interested call 1-800-903-8299 for additional information.

VARIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Apply within, 307 Hwy 70, Enchantment Inn.

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LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED - Apply in person. Beckers Mountain Laundry, 721 Mechem.

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LOST - St. Bernard and malamut-wolf. Cedar Rd. Capitan. Reward offered. Both dogs are on medication. 354-2688.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF NEW MEXICO, Plaintiff, vs. **No. CV-95-88 EAGLE CREEK WEST, INC.,** a New Mexico Corporation, **SERGIO E. CONSTANTINO, DARELYN R. CONSTANTINO, and EAGLE CREEK WEST CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION,** Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 30th day of November, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance to the Municipal Building, Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to-wit:

Unit 307 of **EAGLE CREEK WEST CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE 2B,** as shown by the official replat of Eagle Creek West Condominiums, Phase 2B, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 10, 1983, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 163;

Together with said units undivided 20.00% interest in and to the common area attributable thereto, as set forth in that certain Declaration of Eagle Creek West Condominiums, Phase 2B, filed for record on October 15, 1984, in Book 95 of Miscellaneous Records, Pages 1070-1093, both inclusive, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Commonly known as Unit 307 of Eagle Creek West Condominiums, Phase 2B, Alto, New Mexico, 86312.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment entered in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 18, 1995, which action was a suit to foreclose the note and mortgage held by the above-named Plaintiff.

Said Judgment directed foreclosure of the mortgage on such property to satisfy the following items:

Amount of Judgment \$47,714.52
Interest to date of sale \$739.68
Attorney's fees and costs \$3,581.17
Accruing costs \$331.47
Total \$52,366.84

In addition thereto, there will be accruing costs, together with costs of publication of this Notice and the Special Master's Fee to be fixed by this Court in the amount of \$213.62.

WITNESS my hand this 25th day of October, 1995.

/s/Ricardo Cardiel, Special Master

coln County, New Mexico: **UNIT #21, BUILDING #4, PHASE 1 of TIARA DEL SOL CONDOMINIUM,** Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, 27 July 1983, in Cabinet D of Slide Records, Slide #135: **TOGETHER** with said unit's undivided facilities attributable to said unit as shown in the Declaration and By-Laws, dated 28 July 1983, and filed of record in Book 87 of Miscellaneous Records, pages 188 thru 250, both inclusive, records of Lincoln County, New Mexico

(Commonly known as #21 Tiara Del Sol Condominium, Ruidoso, New Mexico)

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment in the principal amount of \$47,732.90, together with interest thereon through date of sale in the amount of \$7,862.32, together with attorneys' fees and costs in the sum of \$3,233.52, together with costs of sale, which Judgment was entered on November 1, 1995, in the above styled and numbered cause, which was a suit to recover judgment on a Promissory Note, and to foreclose a Mortgage held by Plaintiff. Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash, and the time of such sale may be postponed in the event that the Special Master, in his judgment, deems it advisable. Said sale is further pursuant to the Mortgage dated January 6, 1984, recorded on January 19, 1984, in Book 117 at page 382 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, which Mortgage constitutes a first and prior lien upon the above described real property.

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No. CV-94-159

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 28th day of December, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in the following described real property situated in Lin-

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will hold their next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 1995, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting is open to the public and agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROLIN A. COONEY LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGER

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 5, 1995, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the following proposed ordinances:

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1994-2

2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ORDINANCE NO. 1994-8

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MONROY A. MONTES, CHAIRMAN LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION

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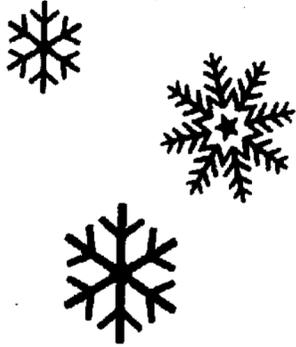
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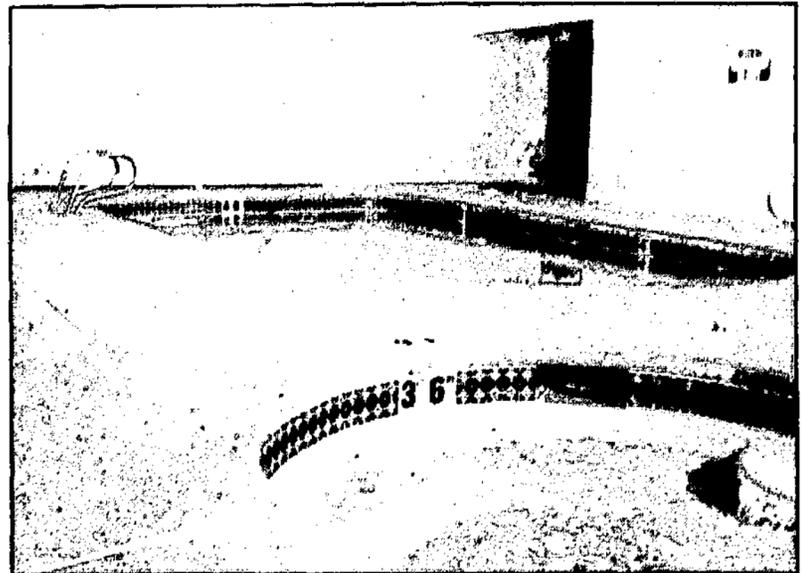
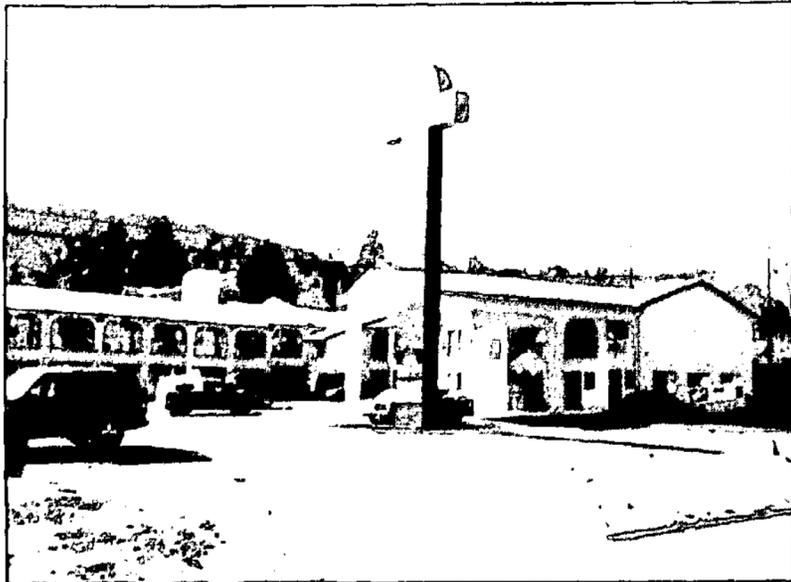
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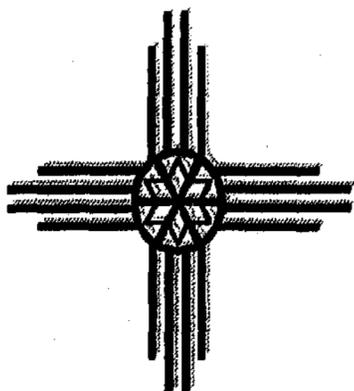
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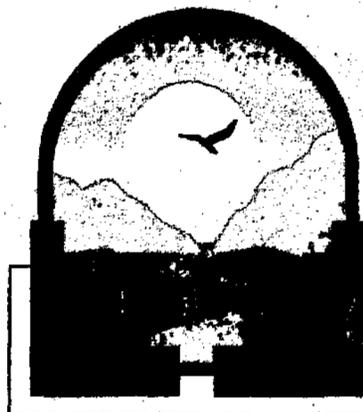
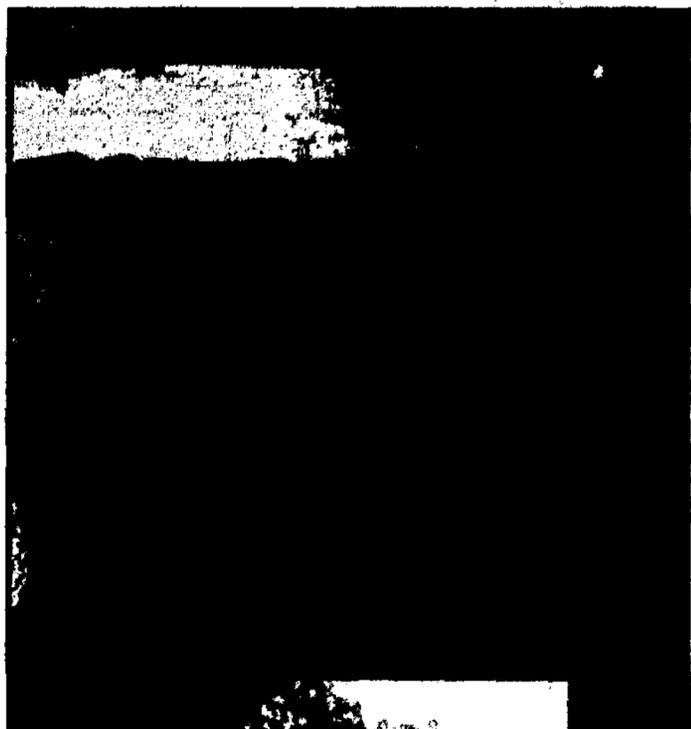
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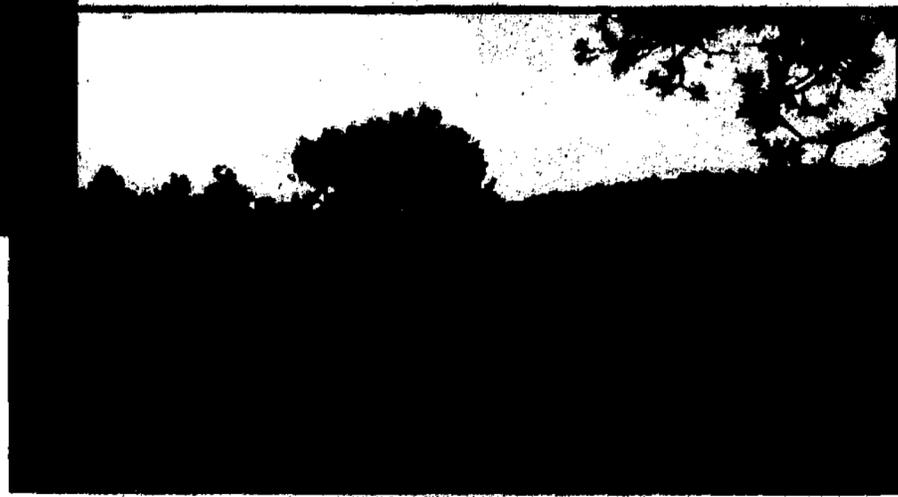


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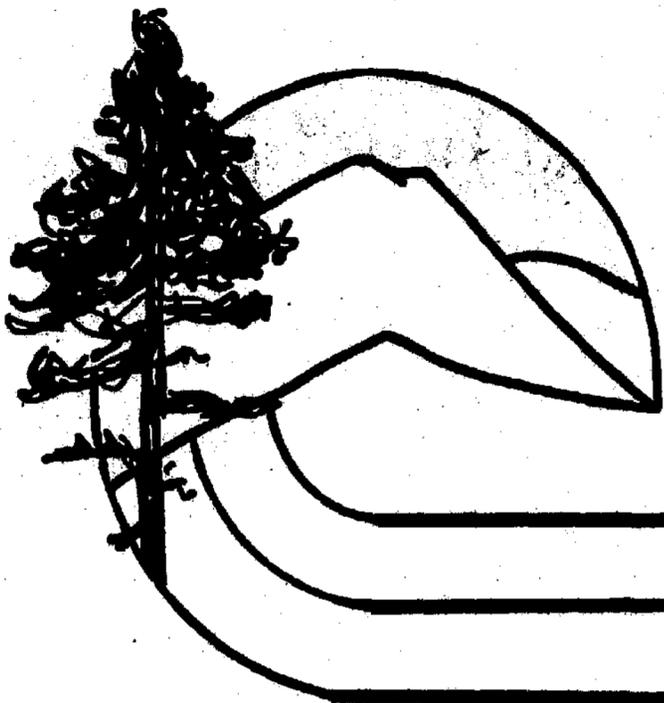
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Snowboarders shake "bad boy" image



Snowboarders started out with a "bad boy" or "rebel" image because the sport was initiated by gangs, but today, boarders are shaking that image because this downhill activity is becoming so popular with all types of winter sports enthusiasts. Ski Apache has allowed snowboarders the past four years. They are allowed to use all 54 trails.

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Some consider them the bad boys and bad girls of the slopes. They would rather glide down the mountain on one broader ski than two skinny skis. They would rather perform jumps, spins and other tricks than simply schuss. They prefer half pipes to black diamonds, and they don't need poles. They are rebels of the mountain. They are the snowboarders.

Not every snowboarder considers himself or herself a rebel, but the visual impact of the sport and its history give skiers a reason to label snowboarders as rebels, said Ski Apache snowboard instructor Rankin Harvey.

Snowboarders made their presence felt in the mid-1980s in Colorado when Denver gangs escaped to the slopes during the winter. They traded their skateboards for snowboards and took to the mountain. Imagine the sight — young gang members cruising down the slopes.

It's been an image tough to shake, but time and the growing popularity of the sport has led to greater acceptance.

"The rebellious part of it is an appeal, but not necessarily what the snowboarding community would want," explained Harvey, who bought his first board the second year Burton manufactured them.

Ski Apache has allowed snowboards on its trails for four years. Snowboarders can use any of the 54 trails. Favorite trails include Upper Deep Freeze and The Fingers of the south face of the Apache Bowl. Those two are half pipes which provide snowboarders the opportunity to perform tricks much like a skateboarder. Meadows, Chino and Geronimo are runs for intermediate boarders. Harvey's favorite is the black diamond trail Dead End where he can board the moguls.

"A good boarder can ski anything a good skier can," said Harvey, who has been boarding for 13 years.

A board is great in powder because it rides higher. Snowboarders also enjoy the jumps, spins and other tricks one can perform on a board.

"A lot of people like it because it's not skiing," Harvey said. Harvey is also a ski instructor. He likes to alternate a

day of skiing with a day of snowboarding.

"As you get into the upper levels of boarding, skiing and boarding complement each other," said Harvey, who added snowboarding makes him a better skier and vice versa.

Beginners often make the wrong assumption they can snowboard because they can skateboard or surf.

Unlike surfing or skateboarding where you're on your back foot, snowboarding requires the boarder to move forward to initiate a turn, Harvey said. When he teaches beginners, Harvey emphasizes riding on the front foot.

Snowboarding has only two turns — the skidded turn and the carved turn — for beginners to master. Skiing has four major turning milestones — the wedge turn, the christie, the open parallel and the dynamic.

"The first day on skis is easier than a snowboard, but after that it's easier to advance on a board," Harvey said.

Snowboarders negotiate the hill the same way skiers do, but it looks different — and that has a tendency to make skiers apprehensive about skiing runs with boarders.

The skidding sound the board makes when turning is louder than skiing, and the movement pattern is different, Harvey said.

"It just looks different and sounds different," he said.

With time and growing popularity, snowboarders are enjoying greater acceptance at ski areas. Some have constructed separate trails specifically for snowboarders. Others open trails to both skiers and boarders like Ski Apache, one of seven New Mexico ski areas to allow snowboarders.

The Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) recognize the sport. PSIA has set standards for snowboard instructors. Snowboard instructors can get certified on three levels.

There is a pro circuit for snowboard racing, and the International Ski Federation has authorized the creation of a World Cup for snowboarding and a World Championship. Snowboard enthusiasts hope some day their sport is a full-medal Olympic sport.

Ski Apache rated one of "great unknowns"

Ski Apache was featured as one of the top five "great unknown" ski areas in the October 1995 issue of *Skiing* magazine.

The top five ski areas are described as "eminently cool places to hang out."

About Ski Apache (rated #4), the magazine said, "Ski Apache is not mine-shaft Western, not white-spire New England. Call it Alpine Apache.

"The New Mexican area is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and their

influence — from Native American lift ops to trail names like Geronimo — is subtle yet defining.

"Go for the authentically Southwestern experience and the incredible views (though the skiing's pretty good,

too). The 11,500-foot summit affords views of desert landscapes that can stretch for 200 miles.

"From the top, you can tumble left into Apache Bowl for wide-open skiing or head right, down fairly steep runs cut through dense woods."

Ski instructing is hard - but fun - work



by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Being a ski instructor seems like the perfect job for a ski bum. The perks include unlimited skiing and getting paid for teaching something you love to do.

But it's not all that it seems. Full-time ski instructors work six days a week and must work either Saturday or Sunday for the entire six-month ski season. Ski Apache employs about 100 ski instructors for the season, and 30 work full-time. The remainder work three to five days or other part-time schedules.

Ski Apache ski instructor Darrell Winter's day begins at 7:30 a.m. when he leaves home for the mountain. It takes him an hour to get up the mountain and get dressed and ready for the ski instructors' staff meeting at 8:30 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m., the ski school staff discusses current snow conditions and the best places to teach classes that day.

The group then convenes at the bottom of Chairlift 4 — it's called the "blue wave" because the ski instructors' official outfit is a royal blue ski jacket. At 9 a.m., "privates" are distributed to in-

structors on the "up list." Instructors work their way up the "up list" based on the number of classes taught and people who return for another lesson. "Privates" are private lessons. Ski instructors get a commission from the private lesson cost.

If an instructor doesn't get a private lesson, then he or she is free to ski until 10 a.m. or to take a clinic offered by the senior instructors. Ski instructors must take three clinics a week. A ski instructor might learn a teaching technique or other tips at the clinic, which are like continuing education courses.

"Some of them (the classes) are out on the mountain. Some of them are in the locker room with pencil and paper," said ski and snowboard instructor Rankin Harvey.

Regular classes begin at 10 a.m. for two hours. First and most important to an instructor's pocketbook is collecting the tickets from class members. Without tickets, an instructor doesn't get paid. Instructors start out making \$38 a lesson.

In a typical first lesson, Winter will introduce himself to the group and in-

terview them. By interviewing the class, Winter will get an idea of the class's athletic abilities. He will then devise a lesson plan based on individuals' answers to the interview question.

After the introduction and warmup, ski instructors make sure everyone has sunglasses and sun-screen. They start by teaching the basics about equipment, stance and balance. Instructors constantly evaluate the class and "loop" when necessary. Instructors will loop or repeat a point of emphasis to make sure everyone in the class understands, said Winter, who added teaching makes him feel like an entertainer.

"I like passing along knowledge in a fun way," Winter said.

Instructors are also responsible for the safety and well-being of their class. If it's altitude sickness or an accident, the instructor makes sure the student gets the appropriate first aid.

Classes break at noon. Instructors can ski or grab a quick bite to eat. At 12:30 p.m., private lessons are issued again, and at 2 p.m. the regular classes start up again. Regular classes end at 3:30 p.m. The lift closes at 4 p.m. so instructors have some time on their own before the mountain closes for the day.

Instructors are finished as soon as their class is done, but they can help sweep the mountain at 4:30 p.m. A group of ski instructors and ski patrolers participate in the sweep. They ski down every trail and yell every 20 yards

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DARRELL WINTER
SKI APACHE SKI INSTRUCTOR

trying to locate any lost or injured skiers.

The sweep can be the best run of the day for instructors, said both Harvey and Winter. No one should be on the slopes, and it gives the sweeper a chance to enjoy the run. By 5 p.m., Winter and Harvey are done for the day.

What if it's a weekday and there aren't many classes?

"On a slow day you get released and can go ski," Harvey said.

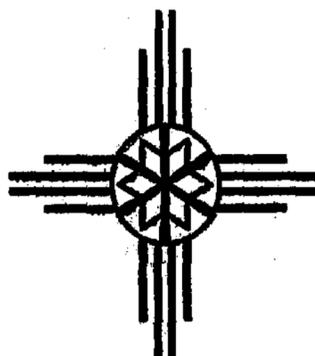
Both Harvey and Winter enjoy teaching classes and the challenges associated with it.

"We're here to make the vacation for somebody," Winter said. "That's the fun — making the day fun for them."

Harvey added, "Teaching is the easy part. It's the making it fun and getting them over their fear that is the hard part."

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RANKIN HARVEY
SKI APACHE
SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTOR



Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association director Lisa Mauo instructs Daniel Goldsmith, 9, of Midland, Texas. Goldsmith has muscular dystrophy. The walker he is using is equipped with skis. SAHSA teaches more than 200 students each year.



Stephan Selgmann leads instructor Mark "Smiley" Lively down East Easy Street. The youngster is practicing his basic wedge turns. Once this is easily mastered, a skier can stop on a dime.



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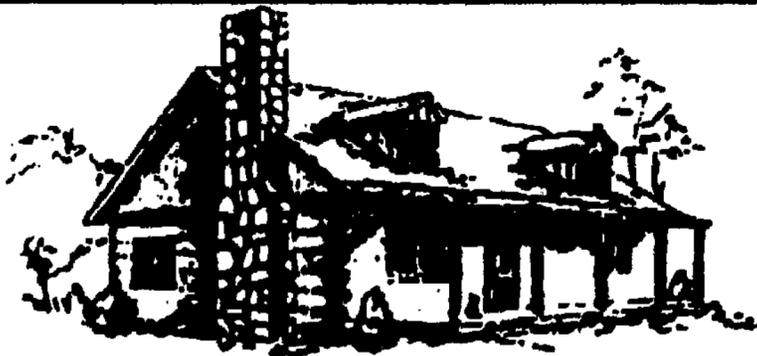
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Dial (505)257-9001, any time of the day or night. You'll hear a recorded message that is changed daily.

The message also offers advice about Ski Run Road, telling whether chains are required that day. Chain requirements are also posted on signs along Ski Run Road. Bring your chains even on sunny days, because weather conditions can change and make for a slippery downhill ride.

Watch out for slow-moving snowplow vehicles on Ski Run Road. No passing is allowed on the 12.5-mile stretch, and for good reason: blind curves are everywhere.

If you're driving up the mountain to pick someone up after a day of skiing, remember no uphill traffic is allowed from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Signs will remind you.

Once you're at the ski area, there are dozens of ski employees that can answer your questions, in English or Spanish.

You'll find a brochure and trail map in Espanol, plus Spanish-speaking ticket agents, ski instructors, rental shop technicians, ski patrollers, and more.

The ski area offers a wide variety of ski options, including lessons for all skill levels (please see chart below). For a little friendly competition, check out the NASTAR racing gates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday

on Smokey Bear run.

Free mini-lessons called Ski Tips are offered to master-level skiers who show up at 9:15 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday, conditions permitting.

For Ski Tip locations, call the ski school desk at (505)336-4356, or ask any ski host Saturday or Sunday mornings.

Longer-term ski programs are also available: children's ski programs, the Ruidoso Ski Team, and the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association.

Some Ski Apache facts:

- Season: Thanksgiving Day through Easter Sunday (weather permitting)
- Hours: Lifts start daily at 8:45 a.m. and shut down at 4 p.m.
- Lift tickets: \$36 per day (please see chart below for details).
- Elevation range: 9,600 feet to 11,500 feet with 1,900-foot vertical drop.
- Average annual snowfall: more than 15 feet.
- Number of runs: 54
- Skill level of runs: 45% most difficult (black); 35% intermediate (blue); and 20% beginner (green).
- Snowmaking: lower one-third of mountain.
- Lift capacity: 15,350 skiers per hour (largest in New Mexico).
- Lift types: one four-passenger gondola (only one in New Mexico), one quad chair, 5 triple chairs, 2 double chairs, and 2 surface lifts.
- Services: 2 restaurants, bar, 2 snack bars, 2 on-mountain burger stands, full-service ski rental & repair shop, sport shop, snowboard shop, ATM machine and first aid stations.

Ski Apache 1995 - 1996 Prices

| Lift Rates: | Weekdays and Weekends | Holidays |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| Lifts open daily 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weather permitting | | |
| Any Lift Adult - One day or two days per day | 36.00 | 39.00 |
| Any Lift Adult - Three consecutive days (Save \$4.00) | 102.00 | 117.00 |
| Any Lift Child (age 12 yrs. and under) - All day | 23.00 | 25.00 |
| Any Lift Child (age 12 yrs. and under) - Three consecutive days (Save \$3.00) | 64.00 | 73.00 |
| Half Day - Any Lift Adult (Sales start at 1:00 p.m. daily) | 25.00 | 27.00 |
| Half Day - Any Lift Child (age 12 yrs. and under - Sales start at 1:00 p.m. daily) | 17.00 | 19.00 |
| Gondola - Single Ride Adult | 9.00 | 9.00 |
| Gondola - Single Ride Child (age 6-12 yrs., 5 yrs. and under FREE) | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| Season Passes | Any Day | Only Weekdays |
| Individual | \$700.00 | \$300.00 |
| Senior Citizen (age 62 yrs. and over) | 130.00 | N/A |
| Family Season Passes: | | |
| First two members | \$1,400.00 | N/A |
| Each additional son or daughter (age 12 yrs. and under) | 250.00 | N/A |
| Ski School: Rates apply to all skiers 6 yrs. and older | Weekdays | Weekends |
| First time beginner special including lift, snowboard start times begin at 9:30 a.m. | | |
| Single day: ski and snowboard (snowboard starts at 10 a.m.) | 36.00 | 40.00 |
| Two consecutive days without equipment | 80.00 | 95.00 |
| Two consecutive days including ski equipment | 90.00 | 110.00 |
| Half day (afternoon only 2 p.m.) | 28.00 | 32.00 |
| Special ski school pass: weekday prices applicable on weekends from Thanksgiving thru December 15, 1995 | | |
| Non-Beginner Master Classes*** Ski and Snowboard | | Any day |
| Morning Session (10:30 a.m.) | | 30.00 |
| Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.) | | 30.00 |
| Private Lessons*** Ski and Snowboard | | |
| All Day (3 periods maximum per group pending instructor availability) | | 130.00 |
| 1 hour, 1 person | | 30.00 |
| 1 hour, each additional person, semi private | | 30.00 |
| 1 1/2 hours, 1 person | | 78.00 |
| 1 1/2 hours, each additional person, semi private | | 40.00 |
| Children age 5 yrs. and under receive a free daily lift ticket with a private ski lesson | | |
| Rental Rates | Adult | Child |
| One Day (skis, boots and poles) | 14.00 | 10.00 |
| Two consecutive days | 23.00 | 17.00 |
| Each additional consecutive day | 11.00 | 8.00 |
| Dance Skis | 25.00 | N/A |
| One day snowboard and snowboard boots | 24.00 | 24.00 |

Notes: A valid driver's license must be presented when renting equipment. Security deposit required for snowboards.
 * Holidays: December 26-31, 1995, January 13-14, 1996 and February 17-18, 1996
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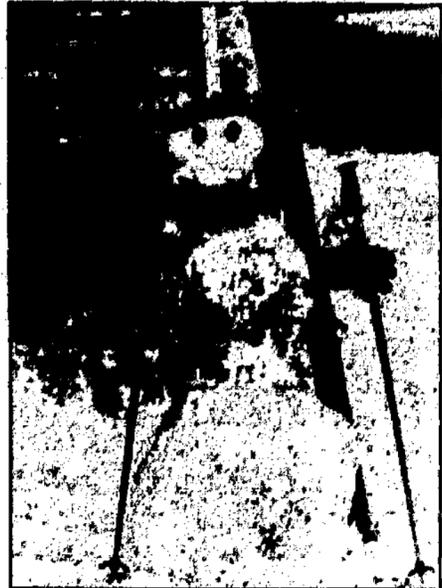
More snowfall predicted for '95-'96

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A little more snow than usual is expected to fly into Ruidoso this winter, but the average temperature is likely to remain the same, said Cam Moore, the weatherman at KBIM News in Roswell.

Moore didn't make his prediction by feeling the thick coats on cattle or judging the wet and cool days of late September.

The meteorologist based his winter weather outlook on a computerized model of weather patterns from November through January.



Ruidosoans will be able to make plenty of snowmen this year, if a local weatherman's predictions are true.

"It looks like precipitation will be above normal," Moore said. "That leads me to believe there'll be some above-average snowfall in Ruidoso and the mountain areas."

So Ruidoso may exceed its average snowfall of 46 inches and receive 50, 75, or 100 inches instead. That means Ski Apache, with an average winter snowfall exceeding 15 feet, could be buried. Say it will be so, weatherman.

Ruidoso's storms come from what is called a "Colorado Low," because they tend to drop southeast out of the Rockies, said John Cohen, an intern meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque.

"A lot of winds are going upslope on the Rocky Mountains," Cohen said. "When that cold eastern air condenses, you get more precipitation."

That precipitation, most concentrated when the pressure system cuts away from the jet stream, is more likely to fall in the form of snow in Ruidoso during the months of December, January, and February, Cohen noted.

Average Ruidoso snowfalls and temperatures, calculated from 1948 through 1994, are:
 -- November: 3.3 inches of snow with temperature lows at 22 degrees and highs of 57 degrees;
 -- December: 8.2 inches of snow, with temperature lows at 18 degrees and highs of 51 degrees;
 -- January: 9.8 inches of snow, with temperature lows at 17 degrees and highs at 49 degrees;
 -- February: 8.2 inches of snow, with temperature lows at 19 degrees and highs of 52 degrees.

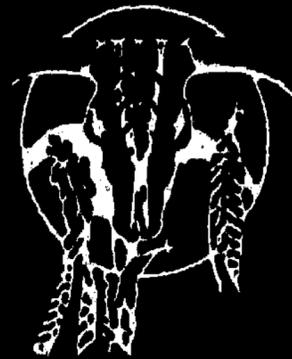


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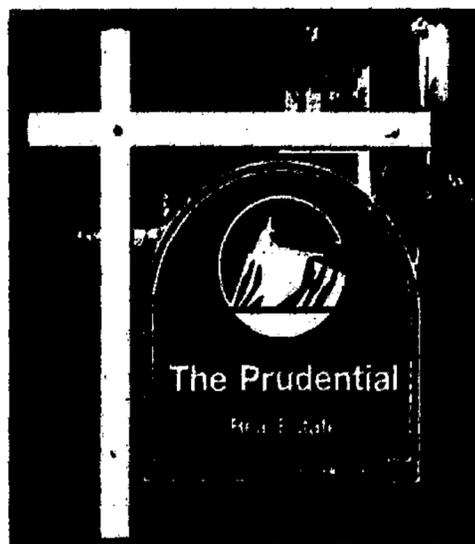
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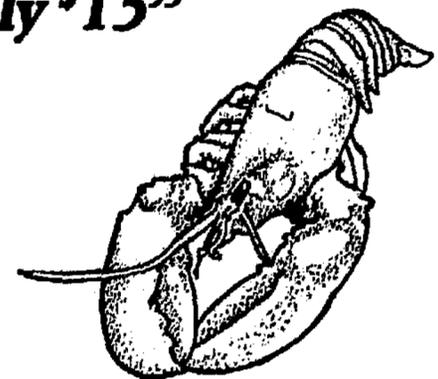
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Special events center around holidays

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Each winter, a variety of fun-filled family events take place in the Ruidoso area, adding extra fun to this winter wonderland.

Following is a partial list of special annual events scheduled for the winter in this area, especially around the holiday season.

For information about events happening during a particular week, see the "What's Happening" section of *The Ruidoso News*, or call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

Victorian Christmas Nov. 24-26

The town of Lincoln, 35 miles north-east of Ruidoso, is hosting an 1880s-style Christmas Friday through Sunday, Nov. 24-26, at the Lincoln County Heritage Trust Historical Center.

You can shop at the museum store, where books, toys and memorabilia from the Victorian age will be featured. Victorian-age storytelling, native tea, hot apple cider, traditional Spanish hymns and Victorian Christmas carols will be featured.

Daily hours of the event will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (505) 653-4025 for more information.

Christmas in the Park Nov. 30

Ruidoso celebrates the Yuletide holiday every year with Christmas in the Park. Events for this year's celebra-



Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw enjoys flipping the switch on the massive Christmas lights display in School House Park along Sudderth Drive. The Christmas in the Park celebration, which includes a visit from Santa, takes place Nov. 30, 1995.

tion are planned for Thursday, Nov. 30 at School House Park next to the Ruidoso Public Library.

— Santa's workshop from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Decorate crafts and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate.

— 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tree lighting ceremony. Sleigh rides, Christmas carolers and other entertainment. Santa Claus will also make an appearance.

— 7:45 p.m. Candlelight vigil. Bring your own candle and help light up the park.

For more information, contact the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 1 & 3

Children and adults of all ages are sure to enjoy The Nutcracker Ballet, presented by Ballet New Mexico.

The Sugar Plum Fairy, The Prince, the Snow Queen and King, the Dew Drop Fairy and many more characters come alive in the story about growing up and the wonders and pains of childhood.

More than 45 children from Lincoln County and performers from the National Ballet of Mexico and the Lubbock Ballet Theater are participating in the event.

Directed by Victor Moreno, director and founder of Ballet New Mexico, The Nutcracker Ballet is sure to delight.

Performances of The Nutcracker Ballet will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Castle Mountain Music on Highway 70. Tickets are \$12 per person and reservations are recommended.

Call 257-5775 for more information.

Snowflake Festival Dec. 8

The Snowflake Festival Ball on Friday, Dec. 8, at The Inn of the Mountain Gods will feature food, fun and fashions.

Sponsored by The Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ski Apache and *The Ruidoso News*, proceeds from The Snowflake Festival Ball benefit the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association.

The ball kicks off with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner menu is roast turkey breast, jalapeno corn bread stuffing, maple glazed acorn squash, broccoli Dubarry, green garden salad, dinner rolls, coffee and tea.

The latest in ski fashions will be modeled by members of the Handicapped Skiers Association during the event. Chino's at the Inn will also present a fashion show, featuring the latest holiday styles.

The evening ends with dancing to the sounds of Lone Star Express and a raffle for a Ski Apache ski pass valued at \$700. Additional prizes from local merchants will also be raffled during the event.

Tickets for the Snowflake Festival Ball are \$25 per person. Each ticket automatically enters the holder in the ski pass raffle.

Tickets are available at *The Ruidoso News* at 104 Park Ave.

Call 257-4001 for information.

Museum of the Horse Dec. 10, Dec. 16

No visit to the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area would be complete without a visit to The Museum of the Horse.

Outside is the Free Spirits at Noisy Water sculpture of eight running horses 1.5-times life size.

Inside the museum, visitors will find extensive exhibits on horses, including saddles, carriages and wagons from Europe and North America. Visitors will also find prehistoric stone artifacts, weapons, pottery, textiles, baskets, jewelry, and an ornamental Plains Indian buffalo hide shield.

Upcoming events at the Museum of the Horse include:

— Annual St. Nicholas party. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. This event is the museum's annual Christmas party. All children (young and old) are invited to participate in caroling, treats and a visit with Santa Claus. Admission is free.

— The Santa Fe Desert Chorale. 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. A professional choral ensemble of 20 to 30 highly trained singers under the direction of Lawrence Bandfield. The chorale performs mostly unaccompanied. Admission for the performance is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

— Anne's Attic. Throughout the winter, until March 1996, visitors to the Museum of the Horse will be able to view art and objects from the Anne C. Stradling Collection never before displayed.

The Museum of the Horse is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April, seven days a week, except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. It is located in the Village of Ruidoso Downs along Highway 70.

Children under five are admitted free, children five to 18 pay \$2.50, adults pay \$4 and senior citizens 65 and over pay \$3.

For more information, call (505) 378-4142.

Christmas in Cloudercroft Dec. 8-9; Dec. 23

Located 45 minutes south of Ruidoso is the quaint village of Cloudercroft.

Cloudercroft is hosting several fun events during the winter.

— 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Cloudercroft Community Center on Burro Street, The Cloudercroft Light Opera Company presents the melodrama, "Emma Lou and the Big Ragout." Admission is free but donations are accepted.

— 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, on Burro Street, the annual Cloudercroft Pot Parade is a delightful assortment of animals and owners. A fun event for the entire family.

— 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, caroling and lighting of the Cloudercroft Christmas tree on Burro Street.

— 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Santa arrives at the Cloudercroft Community Center.

— Saturday, Dec. 23, stores remain open until 9 p.m. for Christmas shopping.

— 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Cloudercroft Community Center, Dr. Carl Wuerschling will present a lecture about area geology, geography and history.

— in February of 1996, Cloudercroft will also sponsor the Full Moon Ice Skating party. Exact date and times were not available at press time.

For more information about Cloudercroft events and activities call the Cloudercroft Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733.

Luminaria display Dec. 24

The county seat of Lincoln County is Carrizozo, located approximately 40 miles from Ruidoso.

Every Christmas Eve, residents and businesses in Carrizozo decorate the town with more than 15,000 luminarias (small paper bags filled with sand and a candle). The thousands of luminarias illuminating the entire town makes the short drive to Carrizozo well worth the effort.

Ski Apache

Feb. 10; Feb. 13; March 2-3

Beautiful Ski Apache is located on the north ridge of Sierra Blanca Peak overlooking Ruidoso. Several fun events are planned for the upcoming season, including:

— Saturday, Feb. 10, 1996: The Lubbock Cup is an amateur ski race open to residents of Lubbock, Texas.

— Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1996: The Cross Your Heart Cup, open to ladies or men wearing ladies clothing.

— Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, 1996: Junior Racers Challenge.

— Sunday, March 3, 1996: Hot Chocolate Cup, open to children from ages five to 12.

For additional information about Ski Apache call (505) 356-4366.

Hot tubs take edge off day after pounding ski slopes

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Slipping into one of the many steaming hot tubs in Ruidoso is a sure way to get the winter chill out of your bones.

"They warm the body all the way through," said Jeannie Whipple.

Whipple and husband Ken are owners of Noisy Water Spas & Baths, the Ruidoso company that has installed hundreds of hot tubs in homes and hotels throughout the Ruidoso area.

A large hot tub is open to locals and visitors alike for the cost of a day pass at the Ruidoso Athletic Club. It holds up to 10 people.

The charge in November is \$5 daily, and the club is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. However, the club has been sold and may be closed for a brief period this winter for remodeling, so call for current non-member prices and hours.

Most of the village's larger motels are also adorned with hot tubs, Whipple said.

The opportunity to sit in the bubbling water is usually limited to motel patrons, but most establishments allow patrons' guests the chance to also indulge, she said.

Hot tubbing is therapeutic for muscle aches and pains, and is a great way to relax, Whipple said.

"There's nothing better when it's snowing out on top of you, but you're in that swirling warm water," she said. "It's total relaxation, easing the day away."

It's also a great way to meet other people in a motel, and is very safe because the hot tubs chlorinate automatically.

Hot tubbing originated in the Orient 3,000 years ago, Whipple said. They were used for cleansing and relaxation purposes, and were warmed by placing heated rocks in the water.

Spas became popular in the United States in 1971 after a California company introduced the wooden hot tub.

These tubs were heated by woodburning stoves, she said.

"We've come a long way baby," Whipple related.

Today the tubs are much more sophisticated, made mostly with acrylics. Fiberglass moldings are used, and the tubs have been fitted with contoured seating.

"There's nothing better when it's snowing out on top of you, but you're in that swirling water. It's total relaxation, easing the day away."

JEANNIE WHIPPLE
NOISY WATER SPAS & BATHS

The electric heat allows for swirling, hot water.

"There's no limit to a hot tub," she said. "The imagination is the only thing that may limit what you do with your spa."

Being a dealer, you might imagine Whipple has an elaborate one in her home. You're right.

The Whipples' hot tub sits in the middle of her living room surrounded by rocks, a planter and a waterfall.

"A hot tub is one's own shared getaway," she said. "It's a place to be shared with the family."



Joanne Winters and Anthony Sanchez soothe aching muscles while having a little fun, too, in a hot tub at Sunset Canyon Lodge in Ruidoso.

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More snowmaking, new trail at Ski Apache

by **KATHLEEN McDONALD**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Even when Ruidoso's winter skies stay sunny, Ski Apache can make the white powder fly.

Improved snowmaking is one of this season's substantive enhancements to Ski Apache, the country's southernmost major ski area, said marketing manager Riker Davis.

Also new this season is the creation of another black diamond trail for expert skiers, cut this summer to increase the number of trails to 54.

But it is the snowmaking that will allow more skiers to glide when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

"We've continued our expansion of our snowmaking capabilities with modifications to the air compressor," Davis said.

The improvements allow for three more trails to be serviced with snowmaking. In all, Ski Apache has 19 trails that can be conditioned with man-made snow.

"It allows for a significant increase in verticals and the variety of terrain open to skiers of all abilities," Davis said.

Snowmaking is concentrated on the

lower third of the mountain, an area serviced by seven of Ski Apache's 10 ski lifts.

In the past, air on the mountain was the limiting resource for snowmaking, not water or power. But by making the compressor more efficient, about 46 snow guns can simultaneously blast out the white powder at one time.

Previously, Ski Apache only had the capability to run 36 guns at once, Davis said.

New black diamond trail

The mountain's new "most difficult" trail is 1,200 feet long and 120 feet wide, and it is the most difficult of the black diamond runs, Davis said.

"If we used a double-black diamond system here, this would probably classify," Davis said.

It's cut alongside the Elk Ridge trail complex. It is named Ringtail.

"We kept our animals together," Davis noted.

Ringtail is named after a nocturnal creature that inhabits the ski area and other rocky enclaves in the Southwest. It is a relative of the raccoon, has a

body like a cat and a face like a fox, said Poncho Smith, a local Forest Service official.

The Ringtail has "great, big, pretty eyes — the better to see you with at night," Smith said. It also has 14 to 16 black and white rings around its long tail.

Sometimes the Ringtail is also referred to as the "Miner's Cat" because, during frontier days, miners used to

throw the cat-sized creatures into mining pits to eliminate mice, Smith related.

Including Ringtail, 45% of Ski Apache's trails are classified as most difficult. Only 20% are ranked as novice trails, and the remaining 35% are for intermediate skiing abilities.

Other additions at the ski area in-

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clude a new rope-tow lift named Pinocchio for the Kiddy Corral ski program. The program helps four to five-year-olds learn how to ski, and the tow helps them learn how to use lifts without having their skis leave the ground.

Loud generator gone

One change that may not be the most noticeable, but which took "a lot of time and money," was the replacement of power generators serving Apache Bowl to the gazebo with underground power lines. The generators will be the backup source of power now, Davis said.

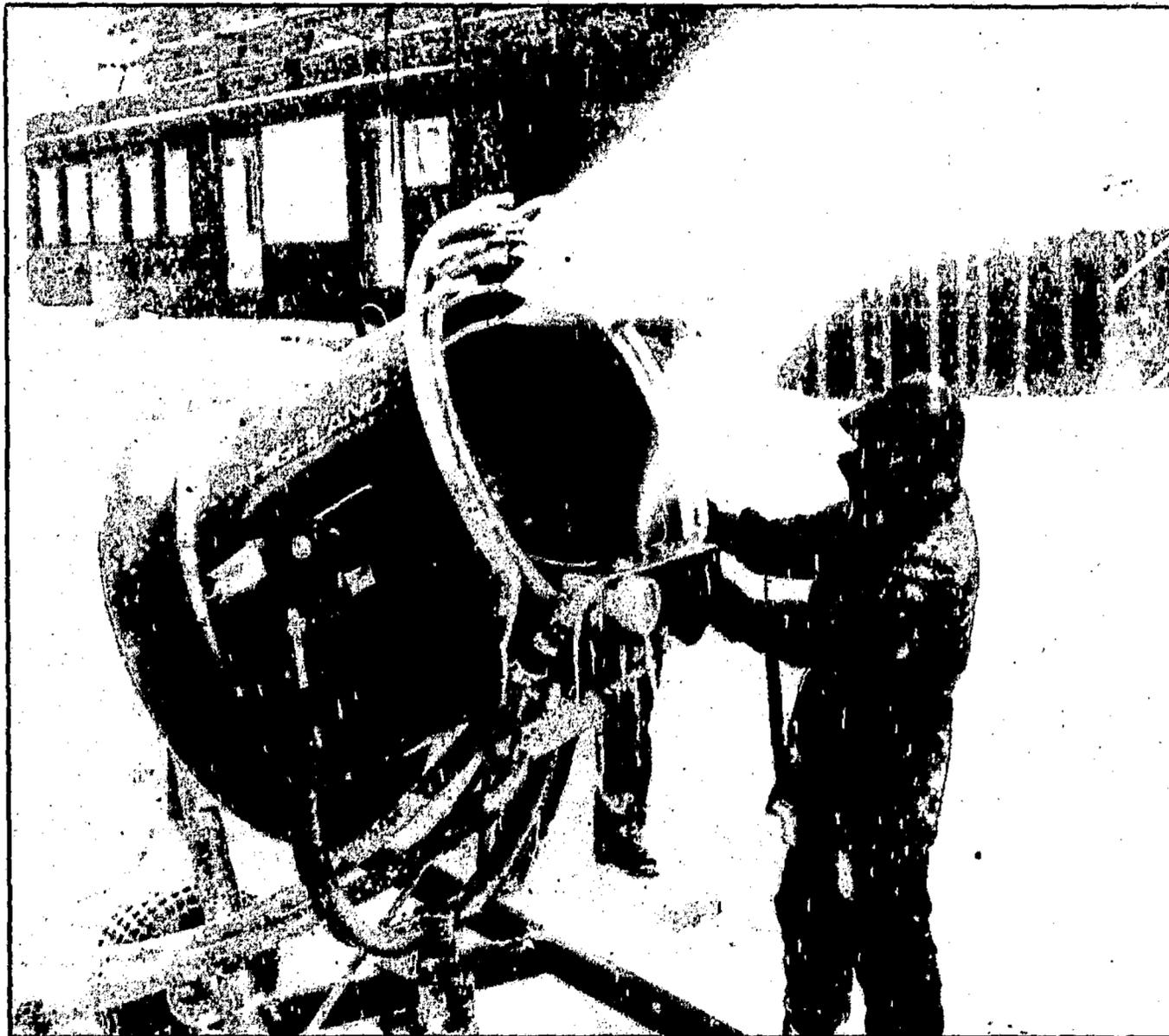
The new lines extend underground power by about two miles further up the mountain, all the way to the Game Trail.

"It streamlines our efficiency with power," Davis said. "Instead of burning diesel to fuel the generator, we're able to utilize Texas-New Mexico power right out of Ruidoso."

Those familiar with the ski area will notice it's "real quiet on chair 6 now" at the top of Elk Ridge, Davis noted.

Physical improvements were also made to the Moonshine Burger stand with the expansion of the food service operation.

"It takes a lot of work to keep the place looking good," Davis said.



With snowmaking added to three more trails for this season, Ski Apache has a total of 19 trails where manmade snow makes powder when Mother Nature isn't cooperating. The entire lower one-third of the ski mountain has snowmaking.

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Casino Apache offers full-scale gambling

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The casinos at the Inn of the Mountain Gods are quickly becoming the mecca for gamblers in New Mexico.

Games of chance are offered at the resort's Casino Apache and the Ina Da

Card Room.

Just this summer, two different Colorado tourists brought home hefty takes from the casino's quarter slot machines.

The \$227,136 won by a female tourist in July, followed by the \$231,142

won a month later by an unrelated Colorado man, were record jackpots at the casino.

Casino Apache has hundreds of slot machines open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Ina Da card room features craps, blackjack, and poker tables. It is open Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Bets at the blackjack tables require a \$5 minimum bet and \$100 maximum, and the highstakes blackjack table has a \$25 minimum and \$200 maximum. The craps require a \$5 minimum with a \$50 maximum. The poker tables vary with a \$2 minimum and \$10 maximum and a \$5 minimum and \$20 maximum.

Located about four miles south of Ruidoso, the first-class resort is named after the Mescalero Apache's Mountain Gods. The tribe owns and operates the facility.

The stately spread of buildings, bordered to the west by the freshwater Mescalero Lake, are surrounded by the rugged Ponderosa pine forests of the Sacramento Mountains and the 463,000-acre Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Except for Monday and Tuesday, entertainment is provided nightly at the piano bar in the Inn's main lobby. Visitors and Inn guests can grab a drink, kick back on the lounge's ring of sofas near the piano and relax by the toasty circular fireplace.

Meals and appetizers are available at the Apache Tee Bar and Cafe (right across from the casino), and at the Dan Li Ka Dining Room, across from the Ina Da Card Room.

Many gamblers choose to stay overnight at the Inn and take advantage of the variety of other activities.

For guests, the Inn has 253 rooms and three honeymoon suites, a sauna, whirlpool and heated swimming pool.

For both guests and day or nighttime winter visitors, the Inn has an 18-hole championship golf course and horseback riding. The recreation is available daily, weather permitting.

The hilly horse trails are closed to riders when substantial amounts of snow falls, but reopen when the ground conditions have cleared.

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New signs point to Casino Apache, where visitors will find hundreds of slot machines open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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by **KATHLEEN McDONALD**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Folks looking for horseracing action on a dreary winter day can go to the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater for simulcast fun.

The theater offers full food service, beverages and parimutuel windows for wagering, said theater manager Ray Dean McTeigue.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday all year long, and stay open until the last race, usually around 6 p.m. Entry is free.

About 45 large television screens are

situated throughout the theater, as are approximately 25 nine-inch monitors, McTeigue said.

The pony action is some of the best in the west, McTeigue said. It usually dominates the big screens, which can be viewed in the kitchen, bar area and corridor for free. Football and other sports can also be viewed on the large TVs.

Sloped seating in the auditorium area is also free. Those who want a private table with a nine-inch monitor in the auditorium can reserve one for \$3.

"They get their own personal monitor so they can switch back and forth from

the tracks to the sport games if they want," McTeigue said.

Post time for the first race is at 12:30 p.m., and on some nights race simulcasts run as late as 8 p.m.

"It's a great place," said Ruidoso Downs Race Track official Frank Potter. "Some people don't really know about it, but they should go."

The theater is located a half-mile

east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, off of U.S. 70. on Service Lane. It's the first road east of the Ruidoso Downs "horseman's entrance," between the Museum of the Horse and the racetrack.

Anyone needing more information about the theater can call 505-378-4431. For sport theater mutual information, call 505-378-4627, Saturday and Sunday.

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Horses are available for one-hour and two-hour trail rides. They're also offered, by reservation, for half and full-day rides.

Fishing for rainbow, German brown and cutthroat trout is also allowed — just stop by the Inn's front desk and purchase a permit.

Hunting for bear, turkeys and elk is also allowed on the reservation, but hunters must apply for the available slots in advance. Package deals can be

arranged, including the cost of the hunt license, lodging, meals and meat processing.

Cow elk are hunted in late October and in November. Bear are taken in August, and bull elk in October. The turkey hunt is not until the spring.

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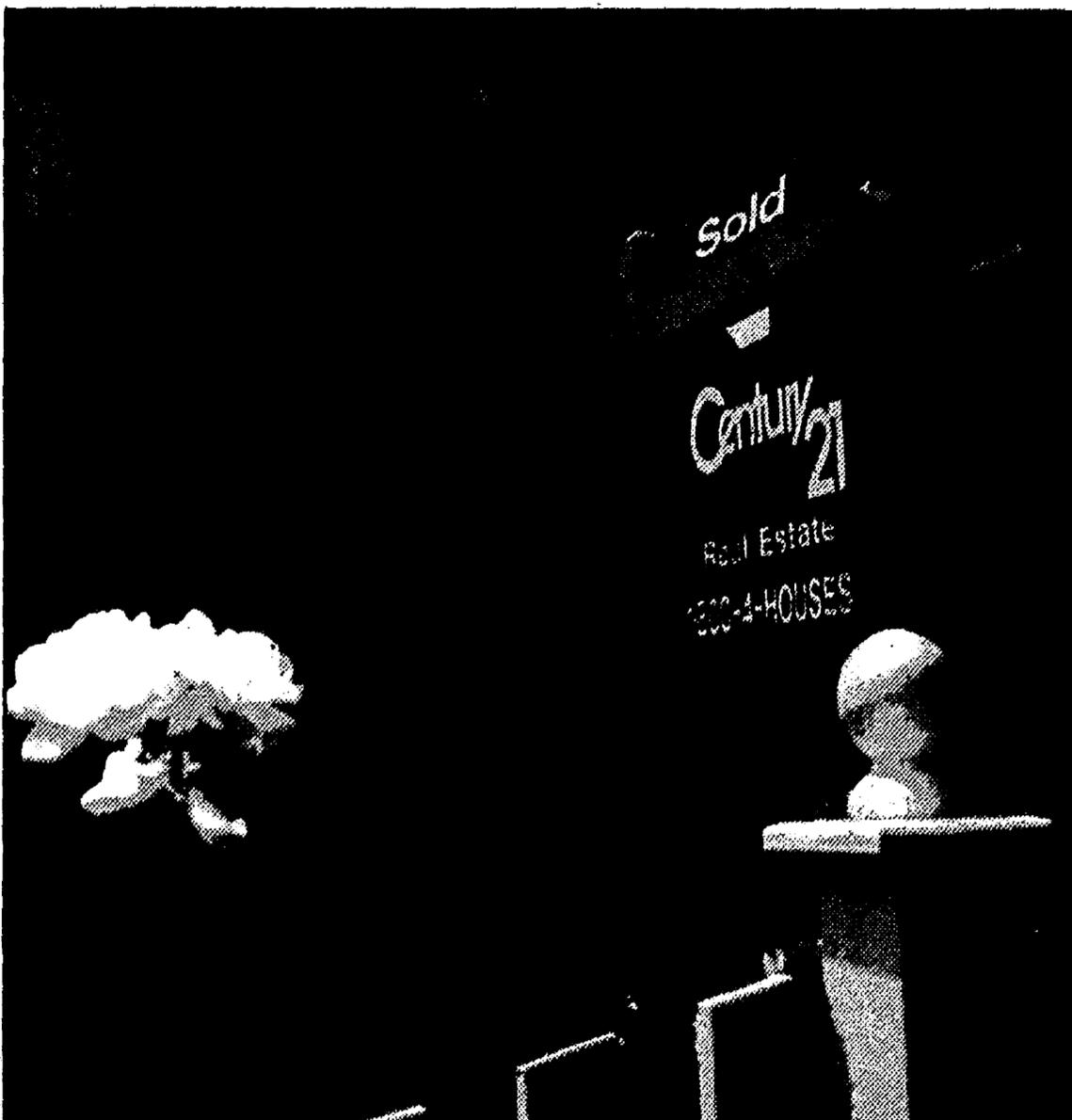
ZIM'S CAFE, tucked away in Le Claire's Mountain Village in the center of Midtown, features giant hamburgers, sandwiches, soups and salads all created with Master Chef Zim's flair. Try the shish kebab sandwich for a real taste treat.

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Snowmobiles

Visitors who prefer mechanical transportation across the snow versus winging it atop skis can rent snowmobiles at two Cloudcroft snowplay locations and at several outfitters in that community.

Seven days a week through the first week in January, Triple A Snow Play Area on the Sunspot Highway will give guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One person per Polaris machine costs \$27.50 per hour and two cost

\$37.50 for a one-hour guided tour.

Operation days will cut back to Friday through Sunday after the first week in January.

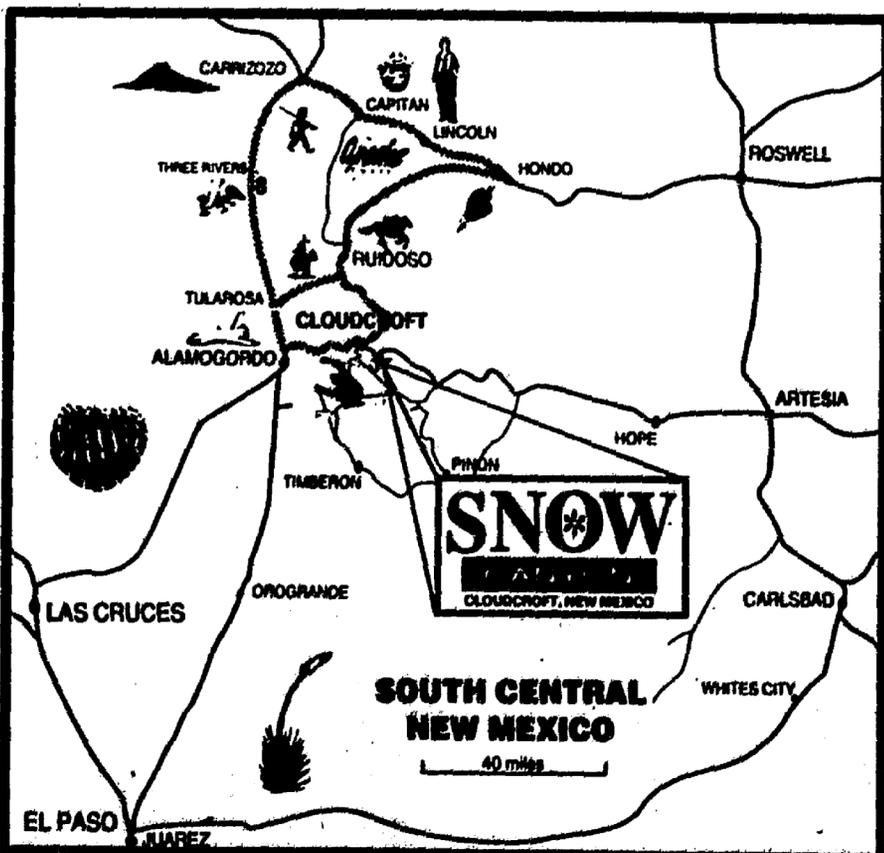
A driver's license is required to operate a snowmobile, but riders of any age can tag along.

Group discounts are available if arranged in advance. Reservations are required for all tours.

At The Lodge in Cloudcroft, scenic tours on Arctic Cats can be arranged for one to four hours, ranging from \$30 to \$125 per person.

In the Lincoln National Forest surrounding Cloudcroft, snowmobiling is allowed unless an area is posted saying motorized travel is prohibited, said forester Peg Crim.

"There are no wilderness areas around here, so it's pretty open for use along trails and down old roads," she said. "We just ask that riders be careful for themselves and for the forest to minimize any impact."



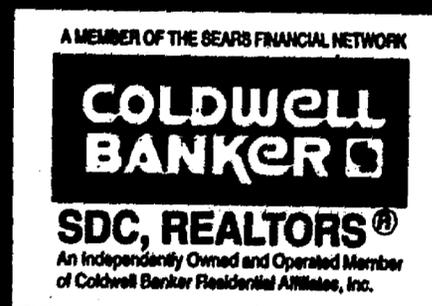
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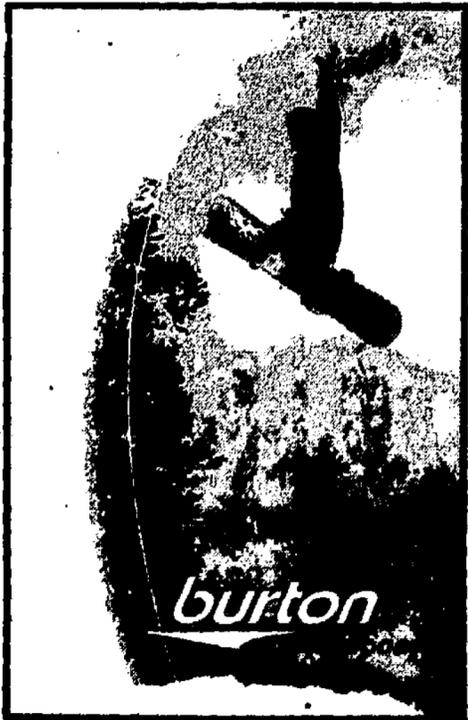
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by **LAURA CLYMER**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

On a clear, winter day in Ruidoso, you can see the 7th green 581 yards away at the The Links of Sierra Blanca. And as long as snow doesn't cover the fairways and greens, you can tee off as well.

"It's one of the few places where you can ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon — weather permitting," said The Links general manager Morgan Clough.

Winter visitors and residents who want to take a break from the slopes of Ski Apache can trade ski poles for irons and golf at several of the area golf courses.

"As soon as the snow is gone and the superintendent declares the course 'OK,' we open," Clough said.

Cree Meadows golf pro Kent Beatty agreed, noting his course loses just an average of 25 days a year to snow.

"It's surprising the number of people who play (during the winter)," Beatty said.

The mild weather on New Year's Day 1995 drew a crowd of golfers, Clough said, noting all 72 golf carts were in use at The Links. On a nice day, The Links will average as many as 50 people on the course.

The Links' driving range is almost always open. Snow blowers remove any accumulated snow. Maintenance crews also blast snow off the greens to prevent snow mold. In general, not much has to be done to keep the greens and fairways in good shape. The grass turns brown in mid-December and starts recovering in March.

"The climate up here is good for grass and you don't have much maintenance," Beatty said.

Those wishing to golf should call the course first to make sure it is playable.

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Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club
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Cree Meadows Public Golf Course
301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso
call 257-5815 for tee times
Kent Beatty is the course pro

Features:

- Open, weather permitting.
- 18 holes, 5,786 yards from the blue tees, course rating 66.9, par 71.
- Signature hole - #11 is the most difficult hole on this well manicured course.
- No driving range.

Desert Lakes Golf Course
2351 Hamilton Rd., Alamogordo,
call 505-437-0290 for tee times
Grant Dolpes is the golf pro

Features:

- Open during the winter.
- 18 holes, 6,491 yards from the blue tees, par 72.
- Lighted driving range and putting green.
- Desert Lakes is a public golf course that has a restaurant, bar and fully stocked pro shop.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Rd, Mescalero
call 257-5141 for tee times
Daniel Nunez is the golf pro

Features:

- Closed January and February.
- 18 holes, 6,834 yards from the blue tees, course rating 72.1, par 72.
- Signature hole - #14 is 506-yards, par 5 that has a double dogleg.
- No driving range.
- The Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course is located adjacent to the hotel on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. It's open to the public.

The Links of Sierra Blanca
105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso
call 258-5330 for tee times
Eric Eggleston is the golf pro

Features:

- Open, weather permitting.
- 18 holes, 7,003 from the blue tees, course rating 72.9, par 72.

Cross country skiing offers wilderness experience

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Poised at the top of the steepest slope at Ski Apache, the concept of cross-country skiing suddenly may become appealing.

Unlike downhill skiing, pushing off across a snow-covered path on the skinny skis doesn't mean there's no turning back.

With toes clamped but heels free, poles loosely held on with straps, the cross-country skier can choose a well-defined course over a snow-packed road or nature trail, or strike out on an unexplored route.

No more dodging hundreds of other skiers. Cross-country is more like a walk in the forest in contrast to a trip to the ski area, where thousands of other people may be flanking you. Once you get the feel for the kick and glide motion, you find you can move along at a high rate of speed — and you always have fresh vs. untracked powder.

The workout that comes with cross country skiing is known as one of the most balanced workouts in existence (hence, the Nordic Trak's popularity). But it's not as hard as people who haven't tried it think.

To learn the right way and avoid frustration, check out Snow Canyon near Cloudcroft. Lessons for the novice are \$12 and last about 1.5 hours.

Operated by The Lodge in Cloudcroft two miles east of town on U.S. 82, Snow Canyon contains the only supervised cross-country routes.

Without lessons, it also costs \$12 for nordic skiing (or \$4 if you bring your own equipment). There are three kilometers of groomed trails, and the downhill ski area also is available for cross country skiing (so is Ski Apache near Ruidoso).

Tickets for downhill skiing on 21 lift-serviced trails cost \$12.50 weekdays after Jan. 3, or \$25 on weekends (\$8 weekdays and \$16 weekends for juniors under age 12). Before Jan. 3 (during the holiday season), lift tickets are always \$25.

Snow Canyon is open Dec. 16 through mid-March. It's closed Tuesdays and Thursdays, except during the holidays when the slopes are open seven days a week. Call 682-2333 for information.

Plenty of backcountry roads in and surrounding Ruidoso can be turned into cross-country courses after a snow, and the Bonito and Upper Eagle drainages are some of the better backcountry areas.

Cross-country skiers can be seen around Ruidoso after a fresh snow, but often temperatures rise and the snow is gone within a day or two.

Steed's Ski Sports is the only shop in Ruidoso that rents cross country skis. Touring and backcountry skis are avail-

able for \$10 for 24 hours, or \$8 for children.

Many fans choose the 40-mile drive to higher yet flatter portions of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft. Designated backcountry ski trails can be found, and roads to campgrounds become easy cross country routes in the winter. The new Rails to Trails trail is also available for winter use.

"You can cross country ski just about anywhere you want as long as there are no signs prohibiting it," said Peg Crim, a forester with the Sacramento District of the national forest. "Off the Sunspot Highway, there are many unplowed roads that offer more snow for trails."

The Silver Sky camping area, no longer kept open by the U.S. Forest Service during the winter because of budget cuts, can be accessed and includes multiple trails, she said.

For safety's sake, it's always better to cross-country ski with a friend.

"When participating in any winter sport, don't do it alone," Crim said. "Take water, dress in layers and make sure someone knows where you went. Anticipate the weather. It can change quickly, and when the sun goes down in the mountains, that change always occurs."

There are generally three types of cross country skis:

— backcountry skis are wider with metal edges, waxable bottoms for varying conditions, and single cambre (less bowed bottoms for better turning);

— touring skis are narrow without metal edges; they have double cambre (more bowed for better kicking action), and fish scale bottoms (no-wax skis that are better for climbing but slower on the downhill);

— and in between, there are wider fish-scale skis suitable for the backcountry, with partial metal edges that help make better turns but weigh less than hardcore backcountry skis. These in-between skis come with single and double cambre.



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by **DIANNE STALLINGS**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Plenty of cozy bed and breakfast inns are tucked away in the Sacramento Mountains, offering unique dining experiences to cap off a day in the snow.

A few also add an element of history to the menu. They are located in Lincoln, where the infamous Lincoln County War was headquartered and Billy the Kid made his big jail escape. Several delightful stores and museums grace the main street through town.

Casa de Patrón and The Ellis Store are both in Lincoln, about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

The oldest continual residence in Lincoln County, The **ELLIS STORE BED & BREAKFAST** offers four bedrooms in the main house and five in The Old Gristmill next door.

All are furnished with antiques, and the staff emphasizes pampering the guests.

The first rooms were built in 1850 and the rest of the structure was completed in 1870.

Weekend specials during the winter are based on 20% off regular rates for two consecutive nights and a gourmet meal.

Call (800) 653-6460 for more information.

CASA DE PATRON on the same main street through Lincoln, was the

homestead of Juan Patrón, who arrived in New Mexico Territory from Santa Fe in the 1860s. He became county clerk during the Lincoln County War days and then a territorial legislator, the youngest speaker of the house at age 21.

Patrón is credited with bringing John Tunstall, a key player in the Lincoln County War, to Lincoln and offering refuge for Susan McSween, another famous name, as she watched her home burn to the ground.

Opened eight years ago as a bed and breakfast, the Casa has a three-diamond rating from the American Automobile Association.

Prominent vigas, high ceilings and Mexican-tiled private baths enhance the charm of the adobe home and its seven smoke-free bedrooms.

Guests are treated to breakfast and special homemade candy. Dinners are available by reservation. Children are welcome at the Casa's casitas, self contained units around the main structure.

Two new bedrooms will be ready by Christmas with fireplaces and a whirlpool. Special rates for extended stays and stops on weekdays are available. Call (505) 653-4676 for more information.

PAZ DE NOGAL, about 25 miles

Please see B&Bs, next page



The Ellis Store Bed & Breakfast was around during the infamous Lincoln County War. A sign jokes, "Yes, Billy the Kid slept here."



Paz de Nogal rooms offer simple elegance. The structure was built in the 1880s by a Texas Ranger. It is located in the small community of Nogal.



Fishing at Mescalero Lake next to the Inn of the Mountain Gods is possible on warm winter days. A fishing license isn't necessary for guests.

Bed & Breakfasts

Continued from previous page northwest of Ruidoso on State Highway 37, was built in the 1880s by a Texas Ranger, whose daughter later was married there to James F. Hinkle, who became governor of New Mexico in 1923.

In 1930, huge orchards were planted by the family who owned the structure, and in the 1970s, it was converted into a tennis camp.

Owner Jane Kretchman opened the bed and breakfast two years ago, offering a quiet retreat amid airy rooms with fireplaces and Southwestern decor.

For winter visitors, Kretchman has put together a two-night get-away for two, on weekends or during the week, for \$150. The price includes dinner and breakfast.

When skiers get tired of the chill on the slopes, they can spend the rest of their stay exploring canyons around Nogal on horseback. Call 354-2826 for reservations.

More recently built, but with fine touches reflecting their themes, are Scandia Chalet on State Highway 37/48, Sierra Mesa Lodge off Sierra Blanca Airport Road and Monjeau Shadows on Highway 37.

At SIERRA MESA, each room follows a different romantic theme, from Queen Anne to French Country. They have private baths and guests also have access to a hot tub.

Call 336-4515 for reservations and more information.

SCANDIA CHALET offers three rooms in the main house, which features a glass atrium with fireplace, vaulted ceilings and European decor. The second floor room includes a private double jacuzzi.

Guests are served full breakfasts and refreshments are available.

The cottage behind the main house is completely outfitted with one bedroom, dining room, sitting room, kitchen and bath.

Call 336-7741 for more information.

MONJEAU SHADOWS is offering a two-for-one package Monday through Friday during the winter. A guest stays

one night and gets the second night free. That includes breakfast.

Aching muscles can be soothed by a massage after a day on the slopes, or guests can hike off the stiffness on one of the trails crossing the eight-acre site.

The four-story Victorian structure offers seven rooms, each furnished in period pieces and with private bath.

For more information or reservations, call 336-4191.

For more information about the large variety of hotels in the Ruidoso area, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at (505)257-7395, or toll free at 1-800-253-2255.

Local hotels offer ski packages

Several Ruidoso-area lodging facilities offer special three-day packages for lodging and Ski Apache lift tickets, for as low as \$164 per person.

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Prices for the four-star package start at \$283 for one person (two-night, two-day minimum stay). Call 1-800-545-9011 for information.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods also has a super saver deal any day of the week. Prices for a room and lift ticket start at \$110.

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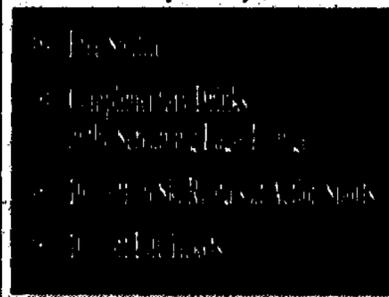
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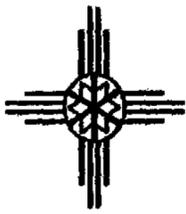


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Sledding is popular local winter release

by **DIANNE STALLINGS**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When the snow is thick on the slopes above Ruidoso, but skiing isn't your winter sport of choice, bundle up and head to the public library.

Although a good book always guarantees an interesting evening, it's the hill behind the library off Sudderth Drive and Junction Road that attracts children and adults after a heavy snow.

The steep incline creates a thrilling decline for sleds, toboggans and inner tubes. The end of the slick slide is buffered by some small trees and a parking lane, ensuring that no one will sail into the street.

Bring some hot chocolate and a sandwich for energy and to help keep your hands warm.

If you prefer a more isolated site, try the hill at the end of Cedar Creek Road. The turnoff from Mechem Drive is next to the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office of the U.S. Forest Service.

Decades earlier, this mountain

doubled as Ruidoso's first ski area, but the shorter trail now offers tamer fare suitable for sledders.

If both places are too crowded, just ask a young resident of Ruidoso to suggest some out of the way hills or back roads that remain impassable during the winter, but offer some scary skirmishes with the white stuff.

Cloudcroft offers other sledding sites

If you're willing to drive another 40 miles, the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft and the privately-operated Triple A SnowPlay Area and Snow Canyon offer tubing courses to satisfy anyone's taste.

At Triple A, you don't even have to walk back up the slope after flying over packed flakes to the bottom. A lift will gently move you to the top again for another trip down.

For \$15 per person, Triple A furnishes the inner tube and you can surf

the snow for a full day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you bring your own tube or stay for fewer hours, the price goes down. Call 1-800-766-7529 for more information.

Triple A will open Dec. 15, depending on the snowfall and will stay open daily through early January. Thereafter, the days will be cut to weekends and holidays until the last of the snow.

To find Triple A, leave Ruidoso on U.S. 70 west, turn left (southwest) on State Highway 244 to Cloudcroft, then left on New Mexico Highway 130 at Cloudcroft. Go two miles and turn right on Sunspot Highway (6563). The play area is 2.5 miles on the left.

On the way to Cloudcroft, sledders can embark on exploratory slides nearly anywhere on national forest land, said Peg Crim, who heads recreational activities in the Sacramento Ranger District.

"Although tubing is allowed anywhere there are no signs up prohibiting access, we recommend for safety's sake that tubers use the two commercial areas, Triple A and Snow Canyon," Crim said. "We no longer have the staff or the money to open the Silver (camping) area for tubing."

Snow Canyon, operated by The Lodge in Cloudcroft, is situated about two miles east of the town on U.S. 82. No sleds are allowed, but inner tubes

Some popular sledding sites:

- * Hill behind Ruidoso Library
- * Old ski area at end of Cedar Creek Road
- * Snow Canyon

and access to the hills cost \$12 for a full day and \$8 for a half day.

The fun is expected to begin at Snow Canyon Dec. 15, if the weather cooperates.

The big activity at Snow Canyon is skiing. Lift tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for children. Equipment is available for rental. The day on the 21 trails begins at 9 a.m. and winds down at 4 p.m.



The hills behind the Ruidoso Library and at the end of Cedar Creek Road are two favorite local sledding spots. The latter was once the local ski area.



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Nightlife offers toe-tappin' entertainment

by **DON HIXON**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Star light, star bright, what's there to do in Ruidoso tonight?

If the bar atmosphere doesn't appeal to you, take in a movie at **SIERRA CINEMA**, located on Mechem just north of Furr's. Check *The Ruidoso News* for movies and times, or call 257-9444. Several stores around town also rent videos.

Club scene

When you're ready to put on those dancin' shoes, **Win Place and Show** and **The Winner's Circle** are two of Ruidoso's hot country spots. Both are located downtown.

Seven nights a week, local and touring country musicians draw toe-tappers from near and far to **WIN, PLACE AND SHOW**. You'll find live music from 8:30 p.m. to close Monday through

Saturday, and 7:30-11:30 p.m. Sundays. Call 257-9982 for more information.

Across the street from WPS is the other half of live music in downtown Ruidoso. **THE WINNER'S CIRCLE** features a spacious dance floor and pool tables. The house band plays everything from country to a little rock 'n roll, from 8:30 p.m. to close Thursday through Saturday and 7:30-11:30 p.m. Sundays. Other nights feature a pool tourney at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Karaoke night at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 257-9535 for information.

In the main lobby of the Inn of the Mountain Gods' **GOS KAN LOUNGE**, relax to the music of various musicians starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. "Keri" is a longtime favorite. Call 257-5141.

Located at the Enchantment Inn along Highway 70 in Ruidoso, the **SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE** has become a favorite of visiting blues bands and country singers. Call 378-4051 for information.

At **CASA BLANCA RESTAURANT AND BAR**, 501 Mechem Drive, the speciality of the bar is the margarita.

Mellow out at **WAYNE'S PLACE**, located behind Rich Gas on Mechem. Wayne's features a small, sports bar atmosphere.

Ruidoso Downs features the laid-back **HOLLYWOOD BAR**, with juke box and pool table.

FARLEY'S FOOD, FUN AND PUB at 1200 Mechem Drive is a trendy hangout with unusual decor and games.

Rural saloons

For those hankerin' for a taste of authentic western nightlife, try the more rural settings.

The **WHITE OAKS SALOON** is an authentic western saloon in the historic "ghost town" of White Oaks, located north of Carrizozo off of Hwy. 54. Don't be intimidated by the "No Scum Allowed" sign out front.

The **RODEO BAR** is located just east of Capitan and is a popular rural hangout. There's no music, but you'll meet lots of interesting people.

Night time is the right time for fun, but if you find you've had a little too much, **RUIDOSO TAXICAB** is available by calling 378-4848.



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Fine dining establishments have long been a Ruidoso tradition after a good day's ski.

CATTLE BARON, located at 657 Sudderth Drive, features steaks, seafood, prime rib, fresh fish and a salad bar. A lounge gives visitors the opportunity to relax before or after dinner.

Cattle Baron requests reservations for parties of six or more people and accepts all major credit cards.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 257-9355.

Enjoy elegant gourmet dining at **LA LORRAINE** at 2523 Sudderth Drive in Midtown. La Lorraine's menu includes fine French cuisine featuring lamb,

beef, salmon, duck, pasta and veal. Relax in front of the cozy fireplace and enjoy a glass of wine while your meal is being prepared.

La Lorraine is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Major credit cards are accepted and reservations are recommended. The phone number is 257-2954.

Experience an enchanted evening at **THE INNCREIBLE**, a Ruidoso tradition for more than 30 years. Located four miles north of Ruidoso on Highway 46 in Alto, The InnCredible features prime rib, steaks, lamb, seafood, fresh fish, chicken, pasta, baby back ribs and more.

The restaurant opens every day at 5:30 p.m. The bar opens at 3:30 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted and reservations are recommended. The phone number is 336-4312.

MARIE LA VEAUX restaurant, 1214 Mechem, features seafood and steaks with a Cajun/Creole flavor. The restaurant also has live entertainment

on Friday and Saturday nights, a large dance floor and lounge. The phone number is 258-3764.

Formerly a Spanish-style home, **CASA BLANCA RESTAURANT** at 501 Mechem Drive is full of character. With two fireplaces and Mexican food specialties like green chili chicken enchiladas, chili rellenos, fajitas and quesadillas, Casa Blanca is a sure-fire way to take the chill from your bones.

Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the phone number is 257-2495.

Outside Ruidoso

The Historic **TINNIE'S SILVER DOLLAR** Restaurant, located on U.S. 70/380 in Tinnie, features steaks, seafood and pasta dishes.

Tinnie's serves dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Reservations are recommended. Call (505) 653-4425.

The **DAN-LI-KA RESTAURANT** at the Inn of the Mountain Gods features seafood, steaks, prime rib and lobster. Call 257-5141 for more information.

HOTEL CHANGO RESTAURANT is located on the corner of Lincoln and Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan.

The menu features unique items such as braised veal ossobucco, veal and chicken, fresh salmon, escargot soup and fried brie.

Hotel Chango Restaurant is open from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Major credit cards are accepted and reservations are recommended.

The phone number is 257-4003.

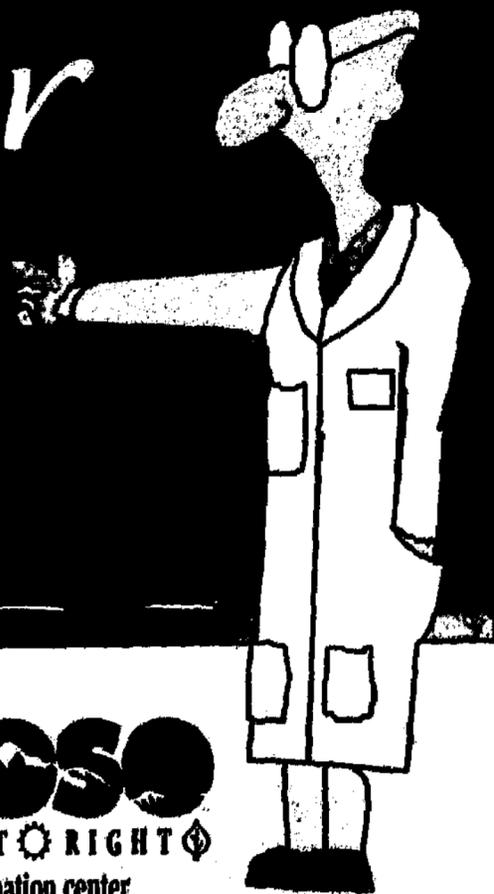
Late-night bite

When the hour gets late, stop by **PAPPY'S DINER** in Ruidoso Downs. Pappy's is open 24 hours a day every day and features a 99-cent breakfast.

The **TEXAS HOUSE CAFE AND STEAK HOUSE** at 2811 Sudderth stays open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday nights. During the rest of the week Texas House is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and features a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu with huge hamburgers, steaks, Mexican food, omelets, appetizers, soups and salads.

Visa and Mastercard is accepted. The phone number is 257-3506.

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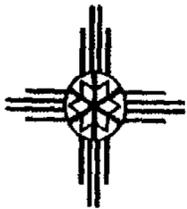
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Winter fashion a la Ruidoso

by **DON HIXON**

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The buzzword of '90s fashion is individuality, and the resort community of Ruidoso has plenty of it, with locals and visitors hailing from all corners of the country.

Resort fashion collections this year are more versatile than ever, with everything from fall sleeveless dresses to mod low-slung, belted skirts or pantsuits.

Many of the new styles are obviously influenced by '50s and '60s fashions, with soft looks and rich fabrics.

A fitted coat over a short dress, in shades of lemon yellow, icy blue and pale pink, is suitable for both day and evening wear.

The latest hair designs for women also borrow from yesteryear, reflecting styles first made popular by actress like Bridget Bardot, Gina Lollobrigida,

Audrey Hepburn, Claudia Cardinal and Sophia Loren.

Nail fashions also go mod, with long almond shapes in pale or dark deep vintage colors for contrast. Popular this season is the classic oval shape for sophisticated looks and square nails are out.

Accessories could include a pearl choker, a '50s sterling charm bracelet and love beads. Popular bags are quilted and gold-chained; shoes have sculptured, carved heels and ankle straps; but to be honest, the key to Ruidoso fashion is 'almost anything goes.'

Hiking boots or sneakers, flannel shirts and jeans are the mainstays of most visitors during the day, and even during the winter, it's not unusual to see people shopping on MainStreet while dressed in shorts.

For the '90s, fleece is the word on the

slopes. For snowboarders, '50s-style trousers and oversize tops are in vogue, while jumpsuits and even nylon skirts will hit the ski slopes this season.

When the sun drops behind the mountains, so does the temperature, and sweaters and coats are quickly donned to become what is known as "Ruidoso Formal."

Ruidoso Formal for men could consist of cowboy boots, jeans, a banded collar shirt and a sweater. A long ranchers coat and perhaps a cowboy hat tops off the look.

Ladies could find a short jacket worn with stretch pants just the thing for an evening of fine dining or dancing at one of the Ruidoso night spots. A pair of fur-lined boots and a warm parka complete the ensemble.

Dining, dancing or just cozying up around a crackling fire, individuality will continue to be the keynote to winter fashions in Ruidoso.



Michelle's fashion model Kathleen Cotton helps beautify Midtown Ruidoso in a handmade 100% wool short jacket by Lynn Murray.



Faith Mountain Sports and Collectibles owner Lana Robertson (right) and friend Preston Parsons are ready for some serious winter wilderness camping fun. Their temporary home in the wilderness is a roomy Kelty-Domolite four-

person dome tent. In the picnic basket, a variety of freeze-dried foods from Backcountry Organic Eco-cuisine and Mountain House give an energy boost while warming the tummy during those long winter camping excursions.



Faith Mountain Sports and Collectibles owner Lana Robertson (right) and friend Preston Parsons are ready for a comfortable trek in the wilderness. Lana is wearing Rayban sport sunglasses and Woolrich clothing. Her ski jacket is from Bonfire Outerwear and her internal frame Kelty-Redwing backpack will hold lots of goodies. Preston keeps his head and ears toasty with a Powderline retro snow hat while wearing a warm Woolrich Polar Fleece pullover. Preston's backpack is a Kelty Super Tioga with an external frame.

Michael O'Brien, owner of Michelle's, models a fabulous Protegè sweater from Jay Manufacturing, perfect for cool winter days. Kathleen Cotton sports a Rough Hewn Yuma Land hat, a Roper jacket and Bronc Buster Boots from Montana Boots.



Michael wears a Silverado wool coat over a Johnny Cotton banded collar shirt with a Ruff Hewn 100% wool hat. Kathleen wears a leather jacket and fringe gourd skirt from Double D — Lakota fashions and a Ruff Hewn hat.



Michelle's fashion model Kathleen Cotton looks cozy in a beautiful and unique hand-knit sweater from The Eagle's Eye Collectibles, perfect for those chilly Ruidoso Winter evenings or a day on the ski slopes.

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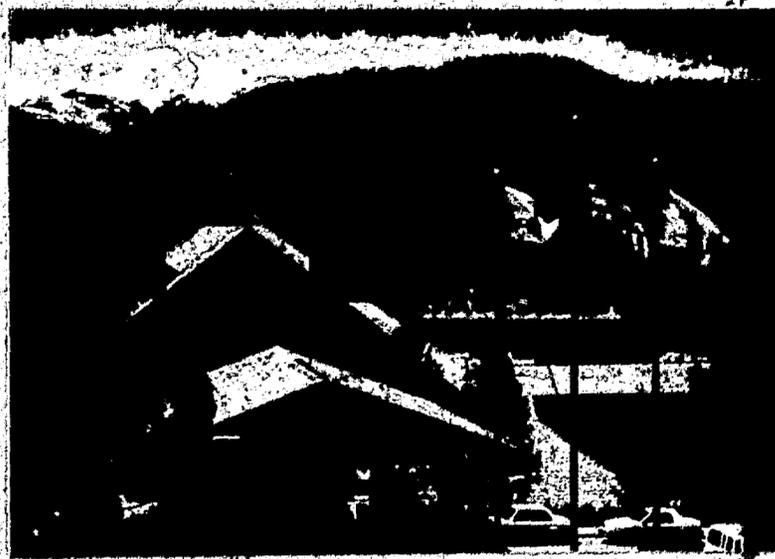
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