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County tells Alto EMS its job is at an end

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Even though they knew a paid emergency service from Ruidoso was going to take over their coverage area, when the official notification letter arrived Tuesday, Alto emergency medical services volunteers were stunned.

The letter from Lincoln County Emergency Services Coordinator Connie Hopper was to the point.

"Effective June 10, 1997, Alto

EMS will no longer be a Lincoln County ambulance service. The Lincoln County Commissioners have signed a contract with Ruidoso EMS to handle calls in the Alto area," she wrote.

The Ruidoso Village Council will consider the change at its June 10 meeting. The village owns the ambulance serving the Alto area.

Hopper told the volunteers she will pick up the Alto ambulance from the Bonito Fire Department at 1 p.m.,

June 11, adding, "I would like you to bring your county equipment (radios, chargers, jump kits, jackets, shirts or overalls) to me at this time. If this is not convenient for you, please make arrangements with me prior."

"Without the equipment what are they going to do for a first responder?" asked Howard Puckett, former Bonito fire chief and long time volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT) with the Alto service. Alto is several miles north of where the ambulance

service is based at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Jim Stover, director of Ruidoso EMS, answered that question Thursday.

First responders are a compliment to the Ruidoso EMS paramedics who will automatically answer calls from the Alto area, he said. Some employees of the Ruidoso EMS and some EMTs trained by his service live

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Fort Stanton gets small museum

• Lincoln Heritage Trust opens an historic exhibit on a limited basis, with tours available.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Supporters of the effort to preserve historic Fort Stanton stepped closer to their goal last week by opening a small museum on the fort now used as a women's minimum security prison.

Colleen Salazar, director of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust, said her organization is operating the museum, which is open weekly, Wednesday through Sunday.

The museum's debut was reported during a special dinner at Hotel Chango in Capitan Monday to raise money for the campaign to turn Fort Stanton into a living museum and conference center.

"We have a limited presentation in the museum and will be adding for the next couple weeks," Salazar said Wednesday. "We have a video on fort's history and some displays."

Operation hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, which is about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso. Guided walking tours will leave at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is on a donation basis to the museum. The tours are \$5 for adults. Children 16 and under are free.

"We've made arrangements that persons on the 11 a.m. tour may pick from a menu and have sandwiches and drinks ready for them when they return in an hour," Salazar said. "The food is very good and very inexpensive."

"We also have a museum store with a lot of military history items and books on the fort."

People going on the tours or visiting the museum need not come in contact with any of the inmate population, but will be asked to follow some basic rules, Salazar said. A sign directing visitors to the museum and its parking lot was scheduled to go up this week, she said.

Jerry Mattox, one of the founders of Fort Stanton Inc., the group urging that the fort be preserved and open to the public, said he expects the women inmates to stay at the fort longer than the 18-month lease signed by the state Department of Corrections.

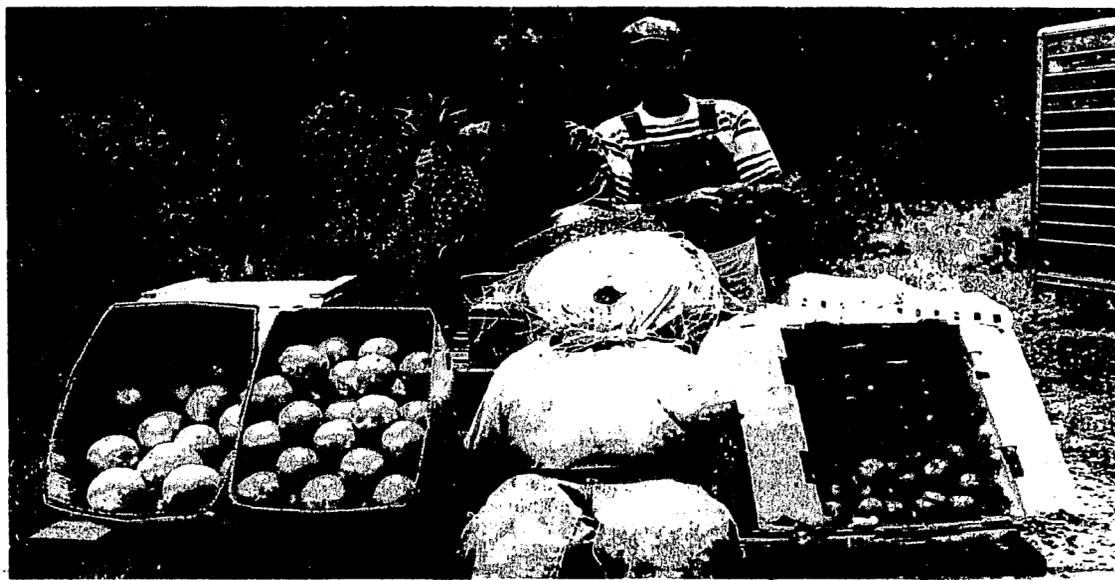
"My feeling is that the female inmates will be there quite a while," Mattox said Wednesday. "I believe the lease will be extended on Aug. 1, 1998, for another six months or one year... That merely gives us time to get our act together."

"Since we're an all-volunteer group, no one can work full time. We invite all reasonable suggestions and would welcome the involvement of someone who knows a bigshot in government or some celebrities to help raise more money" and to catch the attention of the necessary government officials," he said.

Fort Stanton was closed as a state hospital in March 1995, but was converted into a minimum security prison for women in December.

For more information about the museum or walking tours, contact the heritage trust at (505) 653-4025.

Tempting oasis



Tom Freeman and Suzanne McMakin of Ruidoso show off the fruits and vegetables they sell at The Corn Patch, a roadside stand on State Road 48 just north of Ruidoso. Hungry and thirsty drivers can stop for roasted corn, fresh oranges, tomatoes, cider and much more.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Wrong addresses cut '911' effectiveness

• Fire, police and emergency medical service people say 50% of their calls are delayed because of houses without correct addresses.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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In situations when seconds can mean lives, half the emergency response calls in Ruidoso are delayed by minutes because of incorrect or missing addresses, officials say.

With the recent installation of the 911 system, a computer display immediately shows dispatchers the address of someone calling in an emergency.

"But we are unable to locate the house when one of the houses have an address or the wrong address on

them," said Robby Hall, assistant fire chief with the Ruidoso Fire Department.

"And a lot of times, it's not the person's house we are going to (whose incorrect address throws them off track). It's their neighbor's," said Lance Hill, an EMS paramedic.

Johnnie Romero, village 911 coordinator, said few of the roughly 7,000 people whose addresses changed three years ago have put corresponding numbers on their homes and businesses as required by village law.

In 1994, Ruidoso undertook a reorganization of the village's confusing streets and addresses — a hodgepodge of names and numbers created by developers and homeowners for decades.

For instance, the village had three streets named Wingfield, as well as many other duplicate street names. And streets on maps sometimes differed from the actual street sign — "Bench" instead of "Beach," for example.

"And there were more streets that would start with one name and then change the name one or two times," Hall said.

Romero said addresses were often duplicated along a street or would not be in sequential order. "We didn't change just a few things — it was major," she said.

The effort of notification is frustrating and difficult, she said. Many of

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Gardening Club marks 30 years of struggle



Edith Malcolm, outgoing president of the Ruidoso Garden Club, discussed business recently at the club's 30th anniversary luncheon meeting. About 25 members attended the luncheon, held at the Alto Country Club.

• Through drought, flood and everything in between, Ruidoso's organized gardeners keep on growing.

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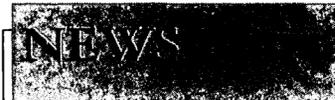
This time last year, Olga Tiscareno was watering her garden with her bathwater.

During the drought, it was the only way the avid gardener could keep her plants alive. And besides, all her friends were doing it.

Tiscareno is one of 37 members of the Ruidoso Gardening Club, an institution that has survived and thrived through three decades in Ruidoso, despite drought years.

"Everybody stuck with us," Tiscareno said of the club's membership last year. Though members couldn't plant last year and struggled just to hang on to the plants they had, the membership remained a size that is typical in communities two or three times larger than Ruidoso, members said.

"For the size of Ruidoso, it's a very healthy club," said Edith Malcolm, who recently finished serving as pres-



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It's 15 rounds of boxing, plus, in Ruidoso Saturday

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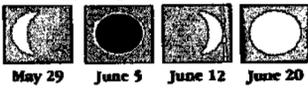
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	83	45	.00"
Wednesday	80	46	.02"
Thursday	80	50	.06"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	83	59	Thunderstorms
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May/June phases of the moon



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On June 6 Venus stands well right of the thin crescent moon at sunset. Both are at the feet of Gemini, the Twins.
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Dressed up and ready to ride in the 1950s in Lincoln County.

I. C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

Ruidoso News
June 13, 1947

The first day of racing season, June 27, the finals of the elimination races run at Hollywood Park, May 18, will be the feature of the day.

The horses competing for a \$2,000 purse, plus 5% of the mutual betting, plus an added \$500 donated by the Central

Bar and Grill, will be the four winners at the May 18 races.

T. Joe, owned by Wayne Ewing of Coleman, Texas; Joe Mac, owned by Tony Morrison of Silver City; Baby Kay owned by Jack McSpadden of Artesia and Princess Campbell, a Ruidoso horse owned by Monte Gardenhire, will be in the race.

Plans are already being made by the Hollywood Racing Association for next year's two-year-old races. The entrance fee will be \$250, one half payable when entered. Entries will close Jan. 1, 1948.

ALTO: Volunteer EMS cut before village review

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in the area and have indicated they would respond when available and until a more formal program is set up with the Bonito Fire Department, enlisting volunteers who are trained as fire fighters and EMTs, Stover said. Using fire departments as first responders is a common approach in the county, he said. The same arrangement is in place with Ruidoso Downs and Mesalero, he said, adding that if his group is assigned the Glencoe area by the commission, he will work through the fire department there.

"The county will pick up the equipment until a program is set up. Then as we have people who meet the criteria, the equipment be given out," Stover said, adding that a county vehicle with medical supplies and equipment probably would be available for volunteers to use.

"The whole program is based on having a paramedic respond from the outset, not waiting for something else to happen," Stover said. "The whole situation is really a medical issue. The county medical (EMS) director and physicians at the hospital have been supportive and have been looking at the best interests of the patients."

Stover contended that most of the volunteer EMS groups in the county also support a paid service in their areas.

"They realize it's needed," he said. "It's tough to be an EMT today with more and more restrictions and requirements." Most of the volunteers also must work full-time jobs, he said.

Barak Wolff, bureau chief of the state emergency services division of the state Department of Health, said until earlier this week he had not been in contact with Hopper about the situation, although he knew "the situation was brewing" through newspaper articles.

"I received a letter expressing concern by one of the volunteers and spoke to a regional director out of Clovis," who had been in touch with Hopper, Stover and others, Wolff said. "When you really cut through what we know about (the situation), my guess would be

there are some interpersonal issues, some breakdowns of communications that really have been going on for a period of time and have been brought to a head in this way.

"Ultimately the playing out of the...situation is a local government responsibility. We only come in by invitation (when there may have been a violation of rules) and I have no sense of that here."

Wolff said the state is pleased with the overall progress of the Ruidoso EMS.

"It's a fine service and nominated for state awards.

They will do a very good job for the citizens," he said. But he would like to see the Bonito Fire Department reactivate a first response capability to assist Ruidoso EMS in identifying locations and stabilizing patients until an ambulance arrives.

"That's the model we have in much of New Mexico, a two-tiered response with a local fire/rescue that does initial medical response followed by the ambulance," Wolff said. "My sense is that all parties would like the dust to settle and then I hope the fire department and volunteers will want to serve their citizens the best way possible."

Also extending Ruidoso EMS into Glencoe and others areas around the village would probably would work well, he said.

Bonito Fire Chief Chris Denne was out of town and not available for comment Thursday.

Explaining the relationship of the state with volunteer and paid EMS units, Wolff said a municipality or county usually creates an EMS, often with technical assistance and support from regional offices. His office may be asked to evaluate a service and annually allocates money under the state's EMS Fund Act to more than 300 EMS groups.

The money is funneled through the sponsoring government, "and that sets up a series of relationships and expectations," Wolff said. "We also license the personnel, whether EMTs or certified first responders, and we facilitate training."

Ambulance services are regulated by the State Corporation Commission, which sets minimum standards and approves rates, he said.



The right information goes into quick response to an emergency, and it's Johnnie Romero's job to make sure it's addressed properly.

Johnnie Romero delivers in emergency

Besides correct addresses, a 911 system's effectiveness hangs on the quality of information going into it.

And Ruidoso's 911 system has impeccable information, thanks largely to Village 911 Coordinator Johnnie Romero, said Detective Wolf Born with the Ruidoso Police Department.

"She was responsible for addressing every lot and home in the village, and to make sure it wasn't a duplicate and in sequence," Born said.

To accomplish that task, Romero had to be both detailed and diplomatic because she often had to explain to residents why their longtime addresses were going to

change. Romero traveled, sometimes on foot, every priority road used by emergency response personnel.

The value of her precision of work gains importance in view of how the information will be used. She gave virtually every lot in the village an address that fire trucks, ambulances and police could find in the event of an emergency.

Born said accolades are due Romero, not just because she did the job she was assigned to do, but because of her assiduous commitment to doing the job right.

Because of Romero, Born said, "It was done correctly."

911 SERVICE: Many houses in need of corrected numbers

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the houses needing new addresses are vacation homes, which makes the owners either difficult to contact or nonchalant about putting a correct address up.

A 1994 village law requires homes and businesses to have correct addresses, using numbers at least four inches high and visible from the road, said Thomas Chavez, village code enforcement officer. Presently, the village isn't citing people with incorrect addresses, but houses will be "red tagged" with violation notices, Chavez said.

Those unsure of their cor-

rect address may call Romero at the Ruidoso Police Department, 257-7365. She asked that callers know their subdivision, lot and block before calling. The village also is providing free, 4-inch-high, reflective address numbers, she said.

The need for correct addresses is crucial, emergency personnel say.

"For this 911 system to work everyone has to have a correct address. Without a correct address, this system won't work," said Detective Wolf Born with the Ruidoso Police Department. And, "If you don't have 911, you might as well just yell for help."

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McDougal cleared of 'dumping' charge

Judge concludes that stacking pine needles near the river wasn't a deliberate act of pollution.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Marchand "Mac" McDougal is not guilty of dumping pine needles refuse in the Ruidoso River, according to Ruidoso Municipal Judge Michael Line. McDougal, a Ruidoso man photographed by an official last month unloading pine needles near the river, does have to clean up a considerable pile of pine needles "4 or 5 feet deep" next to the river in a lot adjacent to his property at 215 Country Club Dr.

The owner of Sierra Blanca Cabins said the pine needles and other refuse helped build up the river bank and prevent erosion. However, village officials said McDougal was dumping the pine needles into the river, and charged McDougal with two misdemeanors: unlawfully throwing refuse into a river and causing a nuisance.

After a recent 90-minute hearing on the case, Judge Line determined McDougal, a member of the Ruidoso River Association, had not intentionally dumped debris into the river. Line assessed McDougal with no fines or penalties — only that he pick up the pine needles

within 30 days.

"Which is fine, because all we wanted was compliance anyway," said Thomas Chavez, a village code enforcement officer.

McDougal said all the above could have been circumvented if the village had just contacted him. "I feel that if any one of those three (village officials involved) had called me and said, 'Mac, we have a problem, we could have worked something out,'" McDougal said.

"(Had someone called) we could have worked something out."

Mac McDougal,
property owner

In a past interview, he denied statements by village staff that he had been warned about dumping the pine needles. Village officials during the hearing did not mention any warnings, McDougal said.

Pictures of McDougal shoveling pine needles out of a pick-up truck were taken April 30 by an employee of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Chavez described the pile as "4 to 5 feet deep." One picture shows a blanket of pine needles entering the stream from the site. Chavez said earlier that excessive pine needles entering the river can harm fish and foul the water. "Plus, it's against the law."

Recently, the village joined forces with the Ruidoso River Association, to help clean up and restore the Rio Ruidoso watershed.

Chip off the old Smokey



Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News
Ruidoso firefighter Sam Pirelli stands next to "Smokey," a 6-foot, 6-inch wooden carving of a bear. Carver Bob Adams donated "Smokey" for the silent auction and dinner benefit Monday night at the Civic Events Center for the Ruidoso Fire Department. The department is raising money for an infrared viewer that allows firefighters to see through smoke-filled rooms. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the Volunteer Fire Department, 209 Eagle Dr., or the Lincoln County Grill, 2717 Sudderth Dr.

GARDEN: They somehow keep it growing

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Recently, Tiscareno, Malcolm and fellow member Jo Fields were working at the "Y," which the club maintains along with members of the Ruidoso Rotary Club. The area was landscaped in 1984 by the club. Each member is assigned a particular flower bed.

Last year, the drought killed off many plants at the "Y," as well as at the hospital courtyard, though some members actually brought bathwa-

ter from home to keep them growing.

The club raises money through membership fees of \$16 annually, about half of which goes to the national affiliation of gardening clubs. The club raises money through plant sales. And this year, because so many plants died at the "Y" last summer, the village of Ruidoso is going to help out, Malcolm said.

"We are going to put in a lot of drought-resistant plants," she said.

Hillside plan 'too restrictive'

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Ruidoso village councilors last week unanimously threw back an amendment to laws on hillside development as being too prohibitive to home builders.

"I'm just thinking that it's really restrictive on a lot of those small lots," said Councilor Robert Donaldson of the proposed ordinance change. "I think that there's a better way to do this, and certainly a less bureaucratic way."

The ordinance, passed in 1988, is designed to preserve Ruidoso to prevent builders from hacking out the sides of hills for construction.

The ordinance also controls the percentage of development for every lot located on a slope, based on the angle of slope. The steeper the angle, the less development allowed. The purpose is to prevent erosion and the potential flooding of lots located below the site.

The amendment will go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for revisions, specifically in regard to the development of homes. The commission previously had approved the amendment, a more relaxed version of the current ordinance, on April 15.

Cleatus Richards, director of planning, advised councilors against making the rules less restrictive for homes because those lots comprise 90% of development in the village.

"I think we are close to having a workable formula, but if the Council has a better

way to relax it..." Richards said.

A construction representative said the law was prohibitive for anything other than commercial development. Tim Collins read aloud to the Council some of the pre-development requirements listed in the proposed ordinance. He touched on five of roughly a dozen paperwork prerequisites for hillside construction.

"I am a surveyor. It's my business to do these ... But this is over kill, complete overkill," Collins said. "Maybe it's OK for commercial development, but not for someone moving a trailer home up to a lot."

Once a lot is determined to be on a slope steep enough to apply, the proposed law required a list of documentation that includes the following:

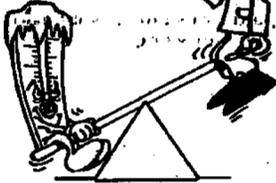
- a grading plan that shows cross sections of the lot, in its original state and in its proposed developed state with grades, slopes and elevations noted;
- detailed plans of all drainage devices, walls, etc. to be built;
- a map showing the drainage area and estimated runoff of the area, using the rational formula to calculate estimated runoff;
- A soil stabilization report including final ground cover, landscaping and erosion control;
- A schedule showing when each stage of the project will be completed, including estimated starting and completion dates, hours of operation and days of the week of operation;
- A map showing existing and proposed trees and vegetative cover, with text describing the general character of the trees and cover;
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OUR OPINION

It's grassroots time

Staying a step up on everybody else is a characteristic of that competitive spirit which has kept this country one up on all the others in the world for a long time.

An argument can be made that the soul of that spirit is the view that nobody has a lock on ideas; that anybody, regardless of station or position or income, can reach out and affect change.

To heck with the status quo, the established political order. If it's a job worth doing, let's just get together and figure out how to do it.

A couple of examples of that are extant in Ruidoso right now:

- Degradation of the Rio Ruidoso had continued for decades, through flood and drought and population demands. Everybody recognized the problem. People would get together and haul away trash every year or so. But little seemed to change. Then, at a critical point, some people got together and created the Ruidoso River Association. Now things are happening.

- The pine forest in which our village nestles has been a prime attraction for generations of visitors, and a few hardy souls who came and stayed. But sometimes misguided efforts to keep it pristine and green actually has turned it into an infested, overcrowded tinderbox of a firestorm waiting to happen. It didn't happen during the severe drought of 1996, but it could have. Stepping to the fore now is the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, dedicated to saving the forest and the people in it with a good dose of education...like the "fire hazard reduction awareness day" coming next weekend (June 14) at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

And so we have two grassroots efforts (and, incidentally, each supporting the other's goals) to make basic changes aimed at preserving the community. Both are made up of people who through a combination of dedication and homework have started to tackle major problems that will help to secure Ruidoso's future.

Ruidoso's almost explosive population growth—nearly 14% in the past six years—merely emphasizes the urgency of problem-solving.

One problem still unresolved in the village, and all of Lincoln County, is all that solid waste (garbage, folks) and how to get rid of it. The village has and is studying it, but its own deadline is fast approaching and nothing yet has changed.

So—just in case—who out there is setting up the Ruidoso Coalition to Dump the Garbage or the LCSWA?

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THE SILVER LINING

The hot season arrives

Well, well, here we are in June. This is being sent to you at high noon on June 3; out in the shade at the yard gate it is a pleasant 86 with a cool breeze out of the north. Yesterday at this time of day it was 96.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

This past winter when the temperature went down around zero for a few hours at a time, I said to myself, "I will never complain about the summer heat again."

Really and truly, I am enjoying this weather; it is hardly ever so hot here in the mountain land that you cannot cool off in the shade of a tree.

And remember, we need the heat to make the grass grow tall and the flowers bloom colorful and fragrant.

We are fortunate this spring—it is spring-time until June 20—to have had the early rains that together with the sun, bring us the greenest mountain world we have seen in many a day.

Just remember: Last year at this time we were just coming out of a state-wide drought, and the river was low.

Remember too, that the hot weather of June brings on the rainy season of July.

Savvy has her second calf

First Snow Boy was born in the deep snow January 7; next came Tex, and then Brown Boy.

You remember Savvy, the young cow that figured out ways to meet the pickup in places where she could eat some feed without scrambling and tussling with the rest of the herd.

Last year she brought in her first calf, Savito or Little Savvy, a little bull, as the saying goes: "A chip off the old block who also had ways of his own."

On the 25th, Savvy disappeared, and then came in three days later, to tell me she had had her second calf. I tried to follow her to have a look at the little newcomer, but Savvy gave me the go-by when it got dark.

On the 2nd, early in the morning, she showed up for some range cubes, and took off again.

Just at twilight on June 3, I walked up onto what we call "The Knoll," a long-favorite spot at the foot of Storm Mountain.

In the gathering dusk I could make out a handful of cows grazing while the calves were still lying down.

There was Snow Boy, Brown Boy, and Tex, and there, half hidden in the tall grass, was a little calf smaller than the rest with her white face shining through the gathering darkness.

Soon as the air began to cool off the calves got up and began running races, celebrating the arrival of Savita, the second calf of Savvy.

As time goes by

As time goes by and you begin to look around, you see fewer and fewer people as old as you.

And you begin to say to yourself: "How long will it be before I am not only the oldest one in the Lincoln pageant; not only the oldest lay reader in the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, but also the oldest guy in the world?"

The other day a fellow met me at the grocery store and he said: "I hope I can get around as well as you do when I am your age."

I told him that it was an account of good friends like himself that I can get around as well as I do.

I told him: You and your people have always helped me and stood by me." He said: "Sure. We love you."

Since then I have been thinking over some things I might have told this young fellow, who is about 30, things like good heredity, early training, rules of health; but it all would have ended up by saying: "The Lord may call you early or call you late, but early or late, you are the Lord's."

YOUR OPINION

School uniforms?

To the editor:

I read a story about a middle school in California that chose a school uniform policy because officials were having problems with gangs and low test scores.

After the first days of school with uniforms, the teachers noticed new attitudes. Students seemed calmer, more polite and since they looked alike, tensions between ethnic and racial groups were diminished. They discovered people behave the way they're dressed. The students even liked it!

Throughout Ruidoso I have overheard parents complaining about the cost of clothes and children having to wear whatever is "in" or be ridiculed. These parents favor the idea of uniforms. It's cheaper, and for those who couldn't afford them, a fund could be set up with donations to buy uniforms. When the kids outgrow their uniforms or move, they could be recycled for next year.

In the California school's first year with uniforms, suspensions dropped 32 percent and crime fell 36 percent.

I'm not suggesting a similarity in crime rates with our community, but it seems that once you eliminate the need to keep up with the other kids in clothing, it would eliminate

most of the social walls and leave time for them to concentrate on learning.

I believe that people tend to act appropriately to whatever they are wearing. Most of you would agree that your own attitude changes between wearing your best suit or dress, to wearing a T-shirt and jeans.

It would be interesting to know how many parents would be in favor of trying school uniforms in this area's schools.

John Haines
Alto

Getting a library card

To the editor:

(Recently) I visited the Ruidoso Library to obtain my new library card. I was given a slip of paper advising me of the needed credentials to qualify for the card. The next day I returned (with my Grand Forks flood-victim sister and her children on our way to Carlsbad Caverns) with what I thought would be the proper information to get my card.

I presented the needed mail with my name and address on it (my water bill), my Lincoln County voter registration and my New Mexico driver's license. I was informed by the library director that my identification card would not be accepted because it did not have a current postmark.

The water bill had a May 1997 date on it, but that did not matter. It also did not matter that my husband was leaving the next morning to help clean up the Grand Forks flood and would like to have some books on tape for the two-and-one-half day drive.

My niece and nephew as well, would like to have checked out some books to read as all of their toys were lost in the flood. However, my credentials and personal problems did not meet the requirement of "a current postmark."

The rigidity of this new policy seems to reflect the growing distrust of one another in our country. I realize that people have taken advantage of our library, and as I was told, thousands of books, and I resent being "lumped" into the category of those who did not. I have been a resident of Lincoln County for the past five years, and have made every effort to comply with the requirements for a library card.

The postmark was missing from my water bill because the bill had been paid and the postmark was on the stub that had to be returned.

Is a postmark really going to solve the problem of unreturned books or will it just alienate people from having to deal with our library and its "new rules?"

Can George do it?

Not to put too fine a point on it, but George Buffett, a Republican (and candymaker) from Albuquerque serving in the state legislature is among the more outspoken opponents of Indian gaming in the state.

He's also notable for a little newsletter called "Buffett's Bull" he distributes irregularly to some 10,000 addresses. The latest, dated May 27 and No. 61 in the series, is an outright appeal to support an anti-gambling petition drive; in fact, a petition was enclosed, along with a copy of the gaming law, with a suggestion that the petition be copied and distributed to friends.

According to George, the New Mexico Coalition Against Gambling needs about 60,000 certified, registered-voter signers within a year's time to move for a repeal...but if they can get 150,000 signatures by June 20, the law could be put on hold until November of 1998.

Since June 20 is just two weeks away, we doubt that any effort would be sufficient to force that cut-off. And many polls show that more than half the population supports Indian gaming.

But we do thank George for providing us a free copy of the Indian Gaming Act of 1997.

Does this tickle your fancy? A few newspapers around the country have, for fun and (maybe) profit, provided the catalyst for publishing a "cooperative mystery novel" about their area.

That has sparked considerable discussion among newspaper staff members, and a growing sense that something might be done in the not too distant future right here.

Lincoln County, it's become apparent, has lots of writers as well as artists, and certainly provides the setting for a quasi-historical piece of fiction.

If you're a writer and want to get involved, give us a call. Hmm...did Billy the Kid really die at Ft. Sumner, and if he didn't...

Perhaps our new library director needs to take a second look for a solution to unreturned books.

Carol Singletary
Alto

LETTERS POLICY

The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

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Instructor Randy Bruck reflects on his style in his Capitan studio before a training session for Tai-Chi Chuan, a meditation and martial arts discipline.

Tai-Chi studio opens in Capitan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Randy Bruck calls Tai-Chi Chuan a moving meditation. The approach differs from other martial arts disciplines because it focuses on the internal aspects and is practiced slowly and relaxed. Bruck has opened the Flowing River School of Tai-Chi Chuan studio in Capitan with classes for adults, for children 12 years and younger, as well as scheduling summer camps. "This approach was created by Grand Master William C.C. Chen, who says it promotes physical, mental and spiritual well-being," Bruck said. "It's called the Yang-style Tai Chi. It gives you the same benefits of disciplines like Karate, but while that approach starts with the muscles and goes inside, we do the

opposite. But it's still an aerobic workout, because of the way you breath through the diaphragm. "And because it is practiced slowly, students can correct their movements more easily and "develop from the inside out," Bruck said. He teaches all ages, from little children to grandparents. One of his best students was an 80-year-old grandmother, he said. Bruck started martial arts training in 1980 in Seattle, Wash., where he learned Tai Chi from another master before moving to Tucson, Ariz. "I wanted to practice while I was there and called different schools until I connected with Dean Busikus," Bruck said. "I love the form and he taught me how to teach. I helped him in his studio. I've been doing this style for three years. "The nice thing about Tai-Chi is that anyone can do it, no

matter what their athletic ability." Practicing Tai Chi Chuan will help a student develop better balance, he said. "It can teach the uncoordinated to be coordinated," Bruck said. "And there is no time limit to learn. It could take two to three months and others may require a year. Everyone grows at their own pace." The particular approach used by Bruck is "push hands," done individually or with two participants, in which each person feels the energy of the other and redirects it, he said. Adult classes at the studio next to the Capitan Library are from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Monday and Thursday and children's classes are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Children ages 18 to 13 can take classes with adults.

Capitan Music Festival to premiere as part of July 4 fete

Whether you only sound great in the shower or you've been studying music since the age of three, there's a role for you in Capitan. Musicians and vocalists are welcomed to participate in the First Capitan Music Festival on July 4th.

Performances by professionals will begin about 11:30 a.m. at the historic Lincoln County Mercantile and Trading Post after the community parade down Smokey Bear Boulevard. Amateur talent will take the stage from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rehearsals are set for Saturday and June 21. Call Virginia Jones at (505) 354-2316 for more information about times and place. Jones said to set the stage for the day of tunes, the group will create a musical float for the holiday parade.

Feast benefits Fort Stanton, Inc.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two evenings of dinners at Capitan's Hotel Chango to benefit Fort Stanton, Inc. brought in enough seed money to start a fund-raising campaign in earnest with some mailings and to start talking to the state about realistic long range plans.

Jerry Mattox, one of the founders of the organization, said the dinners were a gift to the group from Gerald Flores, owner of Hotel Chango.

Supporters of the group willing to part with a \$50 donation were rewarded Monday with a five-course meal at the eclectically decorated restaurant in Capitan, where every plate of food is a work of visual and culinary art.

The first course, polenta prepared with roasted piñon nuts and corn, topped with a roasted red bell pepper relish, shredded seasoned meat, fresh herbs and a light demi-sauce, set the standard. Not a plate returned to the kitchen with any morsels remaining.

The chilled melon soup seasoned with mint and lime juice freshened diners' palates and was followed by a mixed green salad served with a nectarine, chipotle, mustard and honey vinaigrette on a plate decorated to its rim with a gay pattern of accent ingredients.

The Poulet Wellette, a chicken breast filled with a



Gerald Flores, whose Hotel Chango restaurant in Capitan has developed a wide following among food enthusiasts, in his kitchen during last Monday's fund-raising feast to benefit Fort Stanton, Inc.

pesto of spinach and cheese and wrapped in puff pastry, was served with fresh carrots and asparagus, and a satin, lemon sauce painted across the plate.

A pecan cheesecake with pralines, sheets of white and dark chocolate and strawberries dripped in chocolate and licorice sauces finished up the feast.

► SCHOOL BOARD

Capitan's elementary school needs new principal next year

The Capitan School Board is looking for a new elementary principal.

Becca Ferguson, who taught first grade for six years before becoming principal two years ago, has accepted a teaching position in Carrizozo to be closer to her children.

Applicants will be screened on paper June 16, with first-person interviews scheduled June 30-31, said Supt. Diana Billingsley.

A recommendation will be submitted to the board at its meeting July 10.

Ferguson's resignation is

on the agenda of the board meeting Thursday. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the board room of the school administration building.

"I'm excited about going back into the classroom as a first grade teacher and to be closer to my kids," Ferguson said.

Her son, Joel, will start school in two years and her husband, Matt, wants Joel and younger sister, Sarah, to attend classes in Carrizozo, their home community, she said.

Other items on the agenda

next week include:

- the first reading for proposed personnel policies governing leave time for personal business and illness and allowing reimbursement for unused sick leave in June 1998;
- formation of a health committee to produce a set of guidelines for student health curriculum;
- review of changes in the high school student handbook;
- and a new drama curriculum for the middle school, involving the production of plays each semester.

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Downs police officer retains rank after grievance hearing

BY TONY K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs police officer "Curly" Condon will keep his standing as a corporal in the department following the recent decision of a village grievance board.

Condon, who has been with the department since November of 1992, said he fills "some-what" vindicated by the board's decision.

"I still have some concerns, though," he said.

Condon filed an employee grievance earlier this year after Police Chief David Hightower notified him he was being demoted to a line officer and would take a cut in pay.

Because he filed the complaint, Condon never lost his rank. The complaint acts like an injunction blocking the demotion.

Chief Hightower declined to comment on the grievance board's decision, saying he could not discuss personnel matters.

The reason for the demotion, according to Village Attorney Robert Beauvais, was

based on a perception by village administration that Condon had displayed disloyalty in a letter to the village.

Condon, in a letter dated Feb. 2, said the police department was unnecessarily losing good officers. The impetus of the letter was the same-day resignation of officer Alex Hinson. Condon, in his letter, attributed Hinson's resignation to administrative pressure after officers began contract negotiations.

"I know that Officer Hinson feels that the village has let him and other officers down," Condon wrote. "The administration's performance, behavior, and attitude took a downward turn at the start of negotiations and...continues to decline ..."

"The village has a below average performance in retaining well qualified officers, chasing them away in the village's attempt to employ substandard leaders," Condon continued. "The administration is a detriment to the morale and good order of the organization, with out (sic) question improvements in the village

leadership skills are needed." Condon then said he regretted the harsh tone of the letter, but added that he felt it was warranted.

"I did not publish the letter or defame anyone," Condon said of his letter. "I was practicing my First Amendment rights by simply attempting to improve the village's performance."

Though the village's grievance board overturned the demotion, the board upheld a request from Chief Hightower that Condon undergo a psychological evaluation at the village's expense.

Condon's attorney, Randy Clark of Roswell, said Hightower didn't give sufficient justification for the evaluation when questioned at Condon's grievance hearing. For example, he said, Hightower pointed to several typographic in Condon's letter as indicators of a need for counseling. Hightower also has pictures showing Condon's desk in disarray the day he wrote the letter. Condon usually keeps his work area clean and organized.

"It's ridiculous, just ridiculous," Clark said.

According to the report from the grievance board, the decision for an evaluation was because the police department has the right to require an

evaluation of any employee at any time.

In the board's recommendation, it said Mayor Joe Hightower, Hightower and other members of police department should avoid similar situa-

tions and "take on with more objectivity and integrity there (sic) responsibilities to document, report and communicate areas of concern from within there (sic) immediate areas of supervision."



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COUNCIL AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider the following agenda items:

• **CONSIDERATION** - Of nuisance complaints about large livestock within village limits. Don Hawley has asked to address the Council on the issue.

• **CONSIDERATION** - Of a contract between the Lincoln County Medical Center and Lincoln County. The village is involved with the contract because the ambulances used are owned by Ruidoso, however leased by the Lincoln County.

• **CLARIFICATION** - Of what village law designates as a community event in the regulations governing when banners may be used. Banners

may only be used to publicize community and civic events. Village Manager Gary Jackson said the law does not specifically give examples of what events would qualify.

• **PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION** - An appeal from Wilton Howell, owner of One Stop Auto Center and a Lincoln County commissioner, to put a sign for the Cree Meadows Country Club on his property. Howell is appealing an earlier denial from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

• **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING** - For an ordinance eliminating parking lot requirements for businesses in the Mid-Town area.

• **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING** - For a proposed

franchise agreement between the village and Lincoln Cablevision.

• **CONSIDERATION** - Of a request to extend the existing Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Trail to include State Highway 220, the turn-off to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport off of State Road 48. If approved, the matter goes to the New Mexico State Highway Commission at their June 19 meeting for final approval.

• **PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION** - On an ordinance ratifying the annexation of 80 acres of land in the Mountain View subdivision. Though the land was annexed officially on Nov. 28, 1978, the actual annexation ordinance has been misplaced. The ratification ordinance will be a replacement.

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Insurance benefits split vote

Ruidoso village councilors voted 4-2 against a public review of their insurance benefits last week.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a rare split vote, the Ruidoso Village Council has turned down an initial move to do away with insurance benefits for councilors.

Councilors Leon Eggleston and Bill Chance argued at the May 27 meeting that the Council should not receive the same insurance benefits as other village employees. They asked for a public hearing on the issue.

"I have a problem with the village paying for our insurance," Eggleston said to introduce the issue.

The motion was voted down, 4-2, with councilors Bob Sterchi, Robert Donaldson, Joe Gomez and Frank Cummins opposing.

"We need to attract people to serve our community, and one way of doing that is by rewarding them," Sterchi said.

Cummins, who has elected not to take the insurance benefits, agreed with Sterchi. "But I think it's good to offer ... especially for young people (to attract as candidates for the Council)," Cummins said. "I think it should be part of the compensation."

Mayor Jerry Shaw, though unable to vote, also supported the insurance benefits. "When I first came on the Council in 1984, one of the first things I was offered by the then City Clerk Leon Eggleston was insurance," Shaw told the Council. If anything, she said, cut out the coverage for the councilors' families, but allow personal coverage to continue.

Chance pointed out that if every councilor took the maximum insurance benefits provided by the village, the cost to taxpayers could be as much as \$77,000.

Sterchi, who has worked in the insurance industry, said that scenario would never hap-

pen, based on probabilities.

The present insurance benefits plan offered to councilors pays 80% of premiums, Chance said. Each councilor receives \$1,919 for personal coverage, and from \$4,550-\$10,550 for coverage of the councilors, their spouses and their families.

Chance said the benefits are not appropriate in light of the working families struggling to make ends meet, let alone making insurance premiums. "And it's just not fair that they have to foot the bill for our's," he said.

"We were just trying to give the taxpayers some input."

NEWS BRIEFS

Trash report to village scheduled next week

Ruidoso may soon be able to put numbers to its prickly problem of pine needles and other forest waste.

Village Manager Gary Jackson said results of a study of Ruidoso's unique trash collection service will be presented next week by the consulting firm of Molzen-Corbin and Associates.

The village ordered the study last month.

The Council is negotiating with the current provider of garbage collection services, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, for improved services.

The Council is also considering alternatives to the services provided by the LCSWA.

The study will cost the village an estimated \$7,300.

Teacher's car damaged in attack by vandals

Vandals scratched the paint of a Nob Hill teacher's car sometime Saturday, according to police reports.

Emma Reyes told police Tuesday her 1986 Ford Ranger had been at 100 Sutton Dr. Saturday when it was damaged sometime between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The paint had been scratched all the way around the car and a derogatory name scratched into the driver's side door, police reports said.

Also, a signal light on the car was broken. Damage was estimated at \$1,800.

Third Forest Health Workshop scheduled June 14 at Civic Center

The public is invited to the third annual Forest Health Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, in the Ruidoso Civic Center.

The conference is to inform residents of the threats of living in an unhealthy, heavily forested community and what can be done to make conditions safer.

More than 100 people attended last year's conference.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 a.m. Participants may view displays, watch a slide and video presentation and even meet Smokey Bear. A round table discussion will close the workshop.

The workshop is sponsored by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, the village of Ruidoso, the New Mexico Forestry Division and the U.S. Forest Service.

Domenici supports emergency bill restoring \$7.1 million in highway funds to N. M.

He urges the President not to use veto power

The Senate's approval of the big spending bill opens the door to correcting an error in crediting revenues to the Highway Trust Fund.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM) Thursday voted for an emergency funding bill that restores \$7.1 million in federal highway funds to New Mexico, and urged the President not to veto the measure when it reaches the White House.

The Senate voted 67-31 to give final approval to the \$8 billion 1997 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Bill, which provides funding for continued U.S. troop involvement in Bosnia, disaster and emergency relief commitments, and other non-emergency needs.

For New Mexico, the bill contains \$7.1 million in additional highway funding, \$550,000 to continue fire damage repairs at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, and instructions for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist New Mexico cotton producers in their effort to control holl weevil infestation.

However, President Clinton has threatened to veto the bill because it contains provisions that would prevent any future government shutdown, in addition to a directive on the upcoming census in the year 2000. "It would take a two-thirds vote to override a veto."

"The President should sign the bill because New Mexico needs the aid offered in it. We have worked doggedly to see that the state recovers most of the highway monies it lost this year. Without his signature, the funding is lost," Domenici said.

"Too much work has been put into this bill to assure the American people that FEMA will have resources available to respond to current and anticipated disasters that befall our nation this year. The President should sign the bill so the funding will be there when it is needed," he said.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Domenici served on the conference committee that reached the highway funding compro-

mise to restore federal highway funds to states that lost resources this year. The \$7.1 million appropriation to New Mexico would bring the state's 1997 federal highway funding to about \$162 million. The 1996 funding level was approximately \$169 million.

New Mexico's share of Highway Trust Fund revenues dropped to \$147.1 million in 1997 when the Treasury Department made an error in the crediting of revenues to the Highway Trust Fund, coupled with the impact of an unforeseen ISTEA formula change in 1997. These changes caused some states to receive less highway funding in 1997 than they received in 1996, even though total federal highway spending rose by \$600 million in 1997.

At the request of Domenici and others, the U.S. Treasury Department in January took administrative action to restore \$7.85 million to New Mexico, bringing the state's allocation to about \$155 million for 1997.

At Domenici's request, the bill also has \$550,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Service resource management program to continue wildfire restoration work at the Bosque refuge. Last summer, Domenici surveyed the damage at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge from a disastrous 1,000-acre wildfire. The three-day fire was the worst in the history of the 57 year-old refuge.

In addition, the bill contains report language directing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to provide monitoring and technical assistance for boll weevil control efforts in New Mexico, including Doña Ana, Sierra, Luna, Lea and Roosevelt counties. This report language was requested by Domenici.

Honor student

Adrienne Ames of Ruidoso received high honors, with a grade point average above 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, from Western New Mexico University for undergraduate work during the 1997 Spring semester.

Western is located at Silver City.

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County employees 'classified' under new personnel system

Commissioners say staffers will be better over time

Some long-term county employees fearful of losing step raises in the new classification system.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some Lincoln County employees are worried they will see less money in their paychecks or miss out on scheduled raises under a new job classification plan adopted by the county commission last week.

They pointed out that some people have been waiting five years for a step raise and will lose that increment with the new approach.

Commissioners assured them that in an overall view, all employees will be in better shape with the classification plan, because it provides for annual increases and sets up a mechanism for merit raises.

"The old one hasn't worked out," said Commission Chairman Monroy Montes. "It was unfair to employees."

When other attempts to come up with a fair system failed, because county officials couldn't eliminate employment politics, commissioners asked an outside consulting firm to help, Montes said, adding the previous system "was based on popularity."

"No one in the new classification plan will be making less than before," Commissioner L. Ray Nunley emphasized.

Commissioner William Schwettmann asked for a show of hands of employees who think the plan is inequitable. Fourteen raised their hands. The new system affects about 63 employees, he said.

Although the county budget contains 3% raises for sheriff's deputies in line with across the board 3% raises for employees in other departments, they may end up with a different amount, because they have a union and are negotiating their wages independently, he said.

Property Assessor Patsy Serna noted one employee in her department has been classified in a niche that doesn't include all of his extra duties. He should be in a higher class, she said.

County Manager Frank Potter said because of the new classification system, the county must change its personnel ordinance. The new version will contain a mechanism for promotion and change of class.

"We can't mix and match. This provides a ladder employees can climb over the years, so they are not locked into one position."

L. Ray Nunley,
County Commissioner

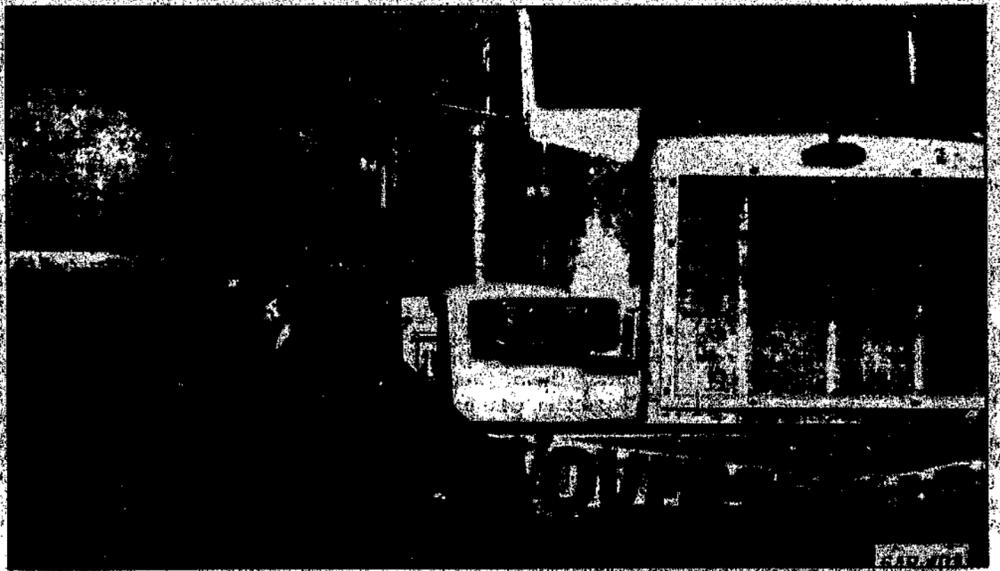
Montes asked Potter to have recommendations about possible action on the dissatisfied employees by Jan. 1.

Potter said enough money, \$12,092, could be budgeted to cover the scheduled increases for the employees who think that have been classified improperly, but commissioners said such action would immediately skew the classification system.

"Some employees may lose money this year, but that should be more than offset by an ensured system in the future," Montes said. "At some point, this had to stop. It's not a move to stifle employees or prevent their advancement, but rather to give them security."

The 3% across-the-board raises already in the budget should compensate for any loss of anticipated extra money, he said.

"We can't have mix and match," Nunley said. "This provides a ladder employees can climb over the years, so they are not locked into (one position). There may be a few penalties to get this to work, but we have been working on this a long time."



State transportation department officers will be doing more than checking on the safety of big rigs in the future. On orders from the governor's office, they also will be authorized to ticket motorists for traffic violations.

Transportation officers to ticket non-commercial traffic violators

Gov. Gary Johnson has directed inspectors with the Motor Transportation Division to begin speed enforcement operations on non-commercial vehicles. This effort is to improve compliance with New Mexico speed laws and make highways safer. The governor chose Motor Transportation officers because they are fully trained certified law enforcement

officers in the state and currently patrol all areas of the state.

Inspectors now perform enforcement on commercial trucks. This new effort expands that enforcement to any vehicle that is in violation of New Mexico traffic laws, including speeding, DWI and reckless driving. This will increase the number of law enforcement

officers on the road by 89. Inspectors will particularly focus on non-commercial vehicles driving in a careless manner around large trucks. This focus is in response to the fact that 70% of collisions between trucks and cars are the fault of the driver of the car. The MTD inspectors will continue to perform inspection activities on commercial vehicles.

Bigger Downs budget on agenda

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will consider the following agenda during its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday:

includes \$1 million in federal and state grants.

• PUBLIC HEARING, VOTE - On an ordinance making drug paraphernalia illegal.

• PUBLIC HEARING, VOTE - On a water ordinance change to include Agua Fria in the water system at the same rates paid by village residents.

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO "VISIONING" PROCESS

The Village of Ruidoso will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 1997 at the Ruidoso Convention Center, located at 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, to kick off the process to establish a "vision" for Ruidoso's future and update the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The featured speaker at this meeting will be Mr. Myles C. Rademan, who has assisted towns like Telluride and Aspen Colorado and Jackson, Wyoming with "vision meetings."

Mr. Rademan is a Fulbright Scholar, a National Kellogg Fellow, and holds graduate degrees in law and urban planning. In addition to serving as Planning Director, Community Development Director, and Public Affairs Director for Park City, Utah, Mr. Rademan has spent the past 25 years working with local communities, teaching at colleges and universities, and consulting with associations, foundations, corporate boards and citizen groups.

CONTENTS OF THIS ISSUE:

- 1) VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO "VISION" MEETING, JUNE 26TH.
- 2) FOREST HEALTH COALITION WORKSHOP, JUNE 14TH.
- 3) RUIDOSO RIVER ASSOCIATION WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT.

NOTE: The two (2) following articles were submitted by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, and the Ruidoso River Association, respectively. The Village of Ruidoso recognizes the efforts of these "grass-roots" organizations in the community, and has included said articles with consent articles.

FOREST HEALTH COALITION OF LINCOLN COUNTY

The Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County brings together concerned citizens, forest and fire management professionals, local government and other concerned groups to address the issues of forest health and wildfire hazard. Residents of the Ruidoso area live in a forest, which due to non-management, has become overgrown, unhealthy, and an extreme wildfire hazard. Much can be done to preserve our forest, rivers, homes and community. To this end, the Coalition has gathered information and ideas from many sources and has promoted by education and activism the proper management of our forest for safety, health, welfare and the aesthetic values enhancing our area as a place to live.

Over the past two years, the Coalition has pursued two basic goals:

- 1. The need for a long term plan to promote forest health, water resources and public safety.

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- 2. Government support for reduction and disposal of wildland fuels.

It would appear that we are making progress. The 1996 Forest Health Workshop was a big success with over 100 people attending. The level of awareness as to why pine needles and overcrowded trees should be removed near homes is increasing. Residents can now establish fire safe zones around their homes without a permit. Many residents are now actively thinning trees and reducing wildland fuel levels on their properties, an essential first step to a safer forest. The Village of Ruidoso is currently planning its role to assist homeowners in the disposal of wildland fuels. A catastrophic forest fire, which could cost many lives, destroy our homes, and devastate Ruidoso as a place to visit for years to come can be prevented. The need for a long term plan coordinated with State and Federal Forest Services is essential. We as individuals can and should be doing much more to resolve these critical needs.

The rewards can be great. A healthy forest is essential if the Ruidoso area is to survive and prosper. A healthy watershed is essential if sustainable growth is to be achieved. For these reasons we urge you to attend the:

1997 FOREST HEALTH WORKSHOP.
Saturday - June 14
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER
111 SIERRA BLANCA DRIVE

Learn from experts what we can and should be doing. For additional information watch for future announcements or phone (505) 257-4624 or (505) 257-5352.

PLEASE PUT JUNE 14TH ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Steering Committee,
Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County.

RUIDOSO RIVER ASSOCIATION

Over the next three years, the Ruidoso River Association, in concert with a host of governmental agencies and interested parties, will oversee the spending of over \$300,000 in an effort to restore the vitality of the Rio Ruidoso watershed.

Although it is easy to overlook, perhaps the most important ingredient for a healthy watershed is the health of the surrounding forest. If the health of the forest in the watershed is not addressed as a baseline condition, all other well-intentioned efforts to restore the watershed will be significantly undermined. This is because if the health of the forest environment that determines not only the amount of water that enters the stream in the watershed, but also its quality.

The trees in a forest that is overgrown will not only draw a disproportionate amount of water from the ecosystem, but their need for water will also choke off the important growth of grasses and other ground covers. These ground covers not only hold the soil together—they also slow down the flow of surface water so that it can percolate down to recharge the aquifers below. Without

adequate ground cover, surface water runoff quickly erodes the topsoil and transports it down into the stream bed. Under these conditions, not only do these precious waters never even have a chance to get into the aquifers below, but its heavy sediment load is also then dumped into the stream bed. As sediment accumulates in the stream bed, it makes the stream shallower, which drastically alters the habitat of the fishery. Such a habitat supports fewer and fewer fish as the deep pools vital to the fishery disappear.

Another reason why the health of the forest in the Rio Ruidoso watershed is so important is because of the ever-present threat of a forest fire. If the forest is overgrown and not healthy, its lack of ground cover following a fire would open up the potential of untold damage to the watershed if massive mud slides developed in the wake of the fire as they did last summer in the Mesquero fires.

Thus, the healthier the forest in the watershed, the more water is made available to the area for all designated uses, the less sediment is transported in to pollute the stream, and the better the system will be to survive a fire.

As for the Ruidoso River Association's project to restore the watershed back to its designed use as a high-quality cold-water fishery, there is no doubt that this task must begin by nurturing its surrounding forest back to maximum health. These systems are all in a delicate balance and they are all interdependent. We must all work together now to save these invaluable natural resources while there is still time.

Dick Winger,
Executive Director,
The Ruidoso River Association, Inc.

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The bell sounds at 8 p.m.

Ruidoso bout will be the last of its kind

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The first 15-round professional boxing match in nearly 10 years will be fought in Ruidoso Saturday.

It also will be the last 15-rounder in boxing.

Alamogordo's Eric Holland squares off against Shibata Flores in the main event Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention Center for a scheduled 15-rounder.

They will battle for the World Boxing Board's light-middleweight title — a minor belt in the greater scheme of the boxing world. There are more than 10 boxing organizations crowning champions and putting up contenders, with the World Boxing Association, the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation considered as the three major sanctioning bodies.

Still, the fight will become a notch in the history belt of boxing because it's slated for 15 rounds. The last 15-round match was nearly 10 years ago. All bouts since then have been limited to 12 rounds.

The match's length caused a controversy for boxing promoter Bob Mathews of World Class Promotions. The newly formed Association of Boxing Commissioners, a governing body for all of boxing, doesn't allow 15-round matches because of injury considerations. But those guidelines don't go into effect until July 1, allowing Mathews to go on with his

Rumble in Ruidoso

Weight-in: 7 p.m. today (Friday)
Where: Screaming Eagle Lounge, Enchantment Inn, Highway 70 near the 300
Who: All 12 contenders
Cost: Free
Bell time: Doors open at 7 p.m., first fight slated for 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Ruidoso Convention Center
Cost: \$12.50 for general admission, then tickets range from \$15 to \$50.

sport he loves.

"(Pick) any three good letters that you come up with and you could start your own (boxing organization)," Mathews said.

Mismatched opponents and money-hungry promoters have

plans. Mathews, a longtime boxing fan from Detroit, has no problem with ABC's intentions to clean up the sport from top to bottom. And, he's not afraid to poke fun at the

given boxing a bad reputation, Mathews said.

"When boxing is presented the way it's meant to be — with two well-matched opponents — it's fun," Mathews said.

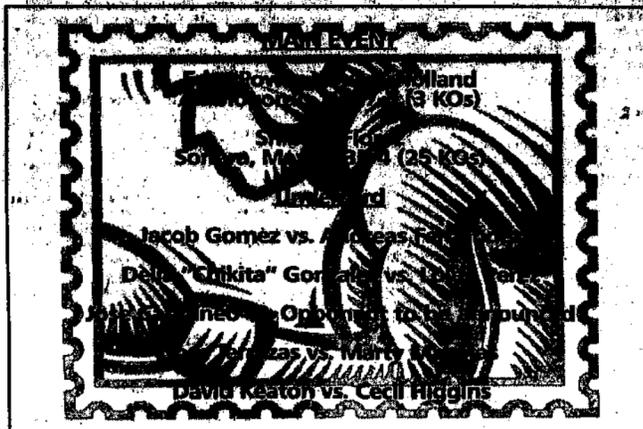
The Alamogordo-based promoter believes he has just that to offer fight fans Saturday. Six matches are on the card, including a women's bout.

Starting the action Saturday will a middleweight bout between Juarez's Jose Cantaneo and a fighter to be named. Cantaneo was slated to fight Albuquerque's Mario Ortiz, but Ortiz pulled out with a sore hand.

Next up will be welterweights Jose Terrazas of Alamogordo and Marty Maestas of Albuquerque.

Former Air Force champion David Keaton of Holloman Air Force Base takes Albuquerque's Cecil Higgins in a middleweight bout.

Delia "Chikita" Gonzales of



Chambarino, N.M. meets El Paso's Lolita Perez in a scheduled six-rounder. Gonzales is the women's No. 1 flyweight contender, according to promoters.

Garnering the semi-spotlight Saturday is a bantamweight bout between Andreas Fernandez (4-1) and Jacob Gomez (4-0-1) in the semi main card. Fernandez is a

five-time Mexican National Champion.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the action beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at Ruidoso Ford, Tularosa IGA, or at the following Alamogordo locations: Powerhouse Gym, Alamo Car Company, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce and IGA stores.

FUTURITY ENTRIES

RUIDOSO QUARTER HORSE SALES
FUTURITY - GRADE 1
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1997
PURSE: \$329,855
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1 - GETAWAY FUGITIVE (Qualifying time, :17.615)
Runaway Winner (Beduino TB)-Spittin (Ronas Ryan)
Owner: James T. Lewter
Breeder: James T. Lewter (Tex.)
Trainer: Timothy Cross
Jockey: Jerry Rodriguez
Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-0, \$579
Record at 350 Yards: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 95 (97/Rui)
Colt...February foal...Fourth-fastest qualifier...Was second in trial heat at odds of 25-to-1, finishing 1-1/2 lengths behind fastest qualifier Quick Moon Sign...One of three malders in the final 85...Half brother to non-winner Disappearing Ink (by The Signature, 7-0-1-0, \$553).



Quick Moon Sign appears to be the girl to beat in Sunday's Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sales Futurity.

2 - REAL TACKY LADY (Qualifying time, :17.650)
Tollitac (Beduino TB)-Say Charlie (Mighty Te)
Owner: Ray Herring
Breeder: Ray Herring (Tex.)
Trainer: Roy Marcom
Jockey: Payne
Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-1, \$240
Record at 350 Yards: 1-0-0-1, \$120
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-0-0-1, \$120
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Year Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 94 (97/Rui)
Filly...April foal...Was third in trial heat at odds of 19-to-1, 1-3/4 lengths behind fastest qualifier Quick Moon Sign...One of three malders in the final 85...One of four finalists qualified by jockey Jack Martin...One of two finalists qualified by trainer Roy Marcom...Sire Tollitac was champion 2-year-old in 1983 and champion 3-year-old colt in 1984...He won 12 of 18 starts, including three grade one futurities in California, and earned over \$1.1 million.

3 - QUICK MOON SIGN (Qualifying time, :17.360)
Royal Quick Dash (First Down Dash)-Azure Moon Sign (Moon Lark)
Owner: Jesus Alfredo & Sandra Soto
Breeder: Jesus Alfredo & Sandra Soto (Okla.)
Trainer: Jim Brooks
Jockey: G.R. Carter
Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$353,251
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 103 (97/Rui)
Filly...March foal...Fastest qualifier by a full two-tenths of a second over the second-fastest qualifier, Showcase Stc...Won trial heat at odds of 1-to-5 by 1-1/2 lengths over fourth-fastest qualifier Getaway Fugitive and 1-3/4 lengths over sixth-fastest qualifier Real Tacky Lady...Only finalist with two grade one stakes wins...On April 20, won Remington Park Futurity (G1) by 1/2 length over Fys R Droppin (4-2-1-0, \$125,412) and one length over Sweet Candy Rose (4-1-2-1, \$167,623, second in Heritage Place Futurity G1...On March 22, in second career start, won Blue Ribbon Futurity (G1) by 1-3/4 lengths...One of two finalists qualified by jockey G.R. Carter, who recently won the Remington Park Jockey title...One of four year undefeated finalists, Sire Royal Quick Dash won seven of 18 starts, earned \$1,046,380 and won the All American Futurity (G1) as a two-year-old...Eighth foal of dam Azure Moon Sign, who won three of four starts, earned \$26,190, and broke the 300-yard track record at Blue Ribbon Downs in 1984 (1:15.37).

4 - LIL RUNAWAY BUNNY (Qualifying time, :17.750)
Runaway Winner (Beduino TB)-Fly II Bunny (Sail On Bunny)
Owner: D.M. Cattle Co. Inc. & Homer Hill
Breeder: D.M. Cattle Co. Inc. & Homer Hill (Tex.)
Trainer: Dwayne Gilbreath
Jockey: Pikeantory
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720

Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 91 (97/Rui)
Gelding...January foal...10th-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat in wire-to-wire style at odds of 4-to-1...One of three finalists qualified by trainer Dwayne (Sleepy) Gilbreath...One of four finalists qualified by jockey Jack Martin...One of four undefeated finalists...Sire Runaway Winner is represented in this race by three finalists...On the track, he won seven of 14 starts and earned \$369,410...First foal of dam Fly Lil Bunny, who won five of 19 starts, including the Clovis Classic (R) as a 2-year-old, and earned \$73,136...Also won Santa Fe Downs Derby (RG3) as a 3-year-old.

5 - BED A CHICK (Qualifying time, :17.720)
Chicks Beduino (Beduino TB)-Majrel (Merriodoc)
Owner: Bed A Chick Partners
Breeder: Larry Barnett & Lee Barton (Tex.)
Trainer: Roy Marcom
Jockey: James Gonzales
Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$780
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 92 (97/Rui)
Colt...March foal...Eighth-fastest qualifier...Broke maiden in trial heat at odds of 16-to-1...One of two finalists qualified by trainer Roy Marcom...Sire Chicks Beduino won seven of his 14 starts and earned \$412,099...Full brother to minor winner Deadly Beduino (4-1-0-0, \$1,454).

6 - WICKED WINNER (Qualifying time, :17.645)
Runaway Winner (Beduino TB)-Wicked Willa (Dash For Cash)
Owner: Jane Egan McGuire
Breeder: Jane Egan McGuire (Tex.)
Trainer: Dwayne Gilbreath
Jockey: Kenny Hart
Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Record at 350 Yards: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 94 (97/Rui)
Filly...January foal...Fifth-fastest qualifier...One of three malders in the final 85...One of four finalists qualified by jockey Jack Martin...One of three finalists trained by Dwayne (Sleepy) Gilbreath...Sire Runaway Winner is represented in this race by three finalists...Dam Wicked Willa won six of 23 starts, including the 1991 World's Championship Classic (G1) as a four-year-old, and earned \$120,793...Full sister to minor winner Wicked William (9-1-0-1, \$1,634) and half to minor winner Wickedly (by Streakin Six, 13-1-3-4, \$9,651).

7 - LEGACY SPECIAL (Qualifying time, :17.745)
Cash Legacy (Dash For Cash)-Especially Ticky (Phone Trick TB)
Owner: Kim Beason
Breeder: Gentry Brothers (Tex.)
Trainer: Fred Danley
Jockey: Bonifacio Perez
Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$13,770
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Year Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0,

\$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 91 (97/Rui)
Gelding...January foal...10th-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat in wire-to-wire style at odds of 4-to-1...One of three finalists qualified by trainer Dwayne (Sleepy) Gilbreath...One of four finalists qualified by jockey Jack Martin...One of four undefeated finalists...Sire Runaway Winner is represented in this race by three finalists...On the track, he won seven of 14 starts and earned \$369,410...First foal of dam Fly Lil Bunny, who won five of 19 starts, including the Clovis Classic (R) as a 2-year-old, and earned \$73,136...Also won Santa Fe Downs Derby (RG3) as a 3-year-old.

8 - HONOR EASE (Qualifying time, :17.680)
Holland Ease (First Down Dash)-Honor A Princess (Requested Honor TB)
Owner: R. Craig Iversen
Breeder: R. Craig Iversen (Tex.)
Trainer: Sam Sandoval
Jockey (in trials): Nancy Summers
Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$54,721
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 93 (97/Rui)
Filly...February foal...Seventh-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at odds of 1-to-2, defeating Plum Powerful (3-2-1-0, \$60,812, West Texas Winnermaker Breeders Challenge (RG3) winner) by 3/4 of a length...Won West Texas Sun County trial heat by 1-1/2 lengths over Ruidoso Futurity qualifier Getaway Fugitive...Sire Holland Ease won six of 27 starts, and earned \$361,227...First foal of dam Honor A Princess, who won one of four starts and earned \$886.

9 - SHOWCASE SIX (Qualifying time, :17.560)
Streakin Six (Easy Six)-Mitos Top Lady (Mito Paint TB)
Owner: M. Rheudasil & J.V. Whittle
Breeder: M. Rheudasil & J.V. Whittle
Trainer: Dwayne Gilbreath
Jockey (in trials): Jacky Martin
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 97 (97/Rui)
Colt...March foal...Second-fastest qualifier...One of four undefeated finalists...Won trial heat at odds of 25-to-1, defeating Kodachrome Bunny...One of four finalists qualified by jockey Jack Martin...One of three finalists from the barn of trainer Dwayne (Sleepy) Gilbreath...Sire Streakin Six won the Rainbow Futurity and was second in the All American Futurity as a two-year-old...He won 10 of 19 starts and earned \$473,937...Full brother to Shiny Six (24-5-5-1, \$170,874).

10 - CASINO TALK (Qualifying time, :17.595)
Special Task (Special Effort)-Jane Seymour (On A High)
Owner: L.D. Neumayer & B.G. Smith
Breeder: J.B. Cotton Jr. (Tex.)
Trainer: Jack Brooks
Jockey: Jose Badilla
Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$4,720
Record at 350 Yards: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 1-0-1-0, \$400
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 350-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 96 (97/Rui)
Gelding...March foal...Third-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at odds of 17-to-10 under jockey G.R. Carter, defeating fifth-fastest qualifier Wicked Winner by a neck...Sire Special Task won 10 of 19 starts,

Quick Moon Sign favored in Ruidoso futurity

Having qualified fastest with a 350-yard time of 17.36 seconds during the trials on May 23, a full 2/10ths of a second faster than the second fastest qualifier, Quick Moon Sign will be heavily favored Sunday in the Grade-1 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sales Futurity.

The nation's leading 2-year-old quarter horse has been installed as the 3-5 morning line favorite in the first leg of the Ruidoso Triple Crown which will carry a purse of \$329,855.

An Oklahoma-bred daughter of Royal Quick Dash, Quick Moon Sign is a perfect five-for-

five lifetime, and will put her unbeaten streak on the line against nine others as she begins her quest for the Ruidoso Triple.

Jesus and Sandra Soto's fleet filly was superb in winning her trial heat in which jockey G. R. Carter simply hand rode the Jim Brooks trainee to an effortless 1-1/2-length win. With a repeat performance, her rivals will be in for a long afternoon.

Saturday's Ruidoso Derby is a wide-open affair. Unlike the Ruidoso Futurity, this Saturday's Grade-2 \$93,713 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sales Derby has

no clear cut favorite.

A field of 10 3-year-olds will enter the gate with two or three likely to vie for favoritism. All will carry 120 pounds going 400 yards.

Silver Charm will attempt to become the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to sweep thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown Saturday as he tackles six other opponents in the 129th renewal of The Belmont Stakes.

Post time for The Belmont is 3:30 p.m. local time and the race will be shown on monitors throughout the track between races six and seven.

DERBY ENTRIES

Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sales Derby
Grade 2
Saturday, June 7, 1997
3-year-olds
Distance: 400 yards
Purse: \$93,713

1 - SPECIAL ROYAL CREDIT 12-1 (Qualifying time, :20.305)
Chicks Beduino (Beduino TB)-Miss Special Credit (Special Effort)-P Ranch
Owner: Diamond P Ranch
Breeder: Abigail K. Kawanakoa (Cal.)
Trainer: Dwayne Gilbreath
Jockey: Bruce Picketton
Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$15,651
Record at 400 Yards: 2-1-0-1, \$1,920
1997 Record: 1-0-0-1, \$120
Ruidoso Downs Record: 3-0-1-1, \$12,262
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 84 (97/Rui)
Gelding...Tied for seventh-fastest qualifier with Sonora Desert Winner...Was third in trial heat, 1-3/4 lengths behind fastest qualifier Merganser Easy Pride...One of two finalists trained by Dwayne Gilbreath, who won this race in 1995 with Ronas Sound...One of three finalists qualified by jockey Jack Brooks...Will be ridden here by Bruce Picketton.

2 - THE RAVIN MANIAC 8-1 (Qualifying time, :20.220)
Rare Form (The Signature)-Rivanne (First Down Dash)
Owner: RB Partners
Breeder: Robert W. Moore (Okla.)
Trainer: Jack Brooks
Jockey: G.R. Carter
Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2, \$97,300
Record at 400 Yards: 4-3-1-0, \$3,920
1997 Record: 2-1-1-0, \$920
Ruidoso Downs Record: 3-2-0-0, \$93,220
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 88 (97/Rui)
Filly...Fourth-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at 11-10 favorite...One of two finalists qualified by trainer Jack Brooks and jockey G.R. Carter...Carter was leading jockey at the recently-concluded Remington Park meet.

3 - SONORA DESERT WINNER 15-1 Runaway Winner (Beduino TB)-Chicks Desire (Dash For Cash)
Owner: Blanca H. Rivera
Breeder: Sergio Torres (Tex.)
Trainer: Juan Gonzalez
Jockey: Jerry Rodriguez
Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$17,021
Record at 400 Yards: 4-1-1-0, \$2,736
1997 Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 88 (96/Rui)
Gelding...Tied for seventh-fastest qualifier with Special Royal Credit...Won trial heat...Raced last summer at Prescott Downs, finishing second in AZRA Laddie Stakes (a neck behind Totally Done Gorse Career-13-7-3-1, \$108,968, Golden State Futurity (G1) runner-up) and third in Prescott Downs Futurity (G3)...One of two finalists qualified by trainer Juan Gonzalez and jockey Joe Martinez...Will be ridden here by jockey Jerry Rodriguez.

4 - MR SPECIAL EXPRESS 2-1

(Qualifying time, :20.320)
Special Task (Special Effort)-St Bar Express (St Bar)
Owner: David E. Barrett
Breeder: David E. Barrett (N.M.)
Trainer: Jack Brooks
Jockey: Joe Badilla Jr.
Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$177,152
Record at 400 Yards: 5-1-1-0, \$34,854
1997 Record: 4-1-0-0, \$24,956
Ruidoso Downs Record: 7-2-1-1, \$151,375
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 101 (97/Rui)
Gelding...Tied for ninth-fastest qualifier with Jack The Lad...Was beaten 17-to-10 lengths in trial heat, finishing fifth, two lengths behind fastest qualifier Merganser Easy Pride...One of two finalists qualified by trainer Jack Brooks...One of two finalists qualified by jockey G.R. Carter...Will be ridden here by California-based jockey Joe Badilla.

5 - MERGANSER EASY PRIDE 6-1 (Qualifying time, :20.025)
Merganser (Duck Dance TB)-Full Of Her-self (Easy Jet)
Owner: Salome Gallegos
Breeder: Sue H. May (Tex.)
Trainer: Juan Gonzalez
Jockey: Joe Martinez
Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$1,800
Record at 400 Yards: 2-2-0-0, \$1,800
1997 Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 2-2-0-0, \$1,800
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 91 (97/Rui)
Filly...Fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at odds of 14-to-1, defeating fifth-fastest qualifier Coby Shadow by 1-1/4 lengths...One of two finalists qualified by jockey Joe Martinez.

6 - JACK THE LAD 20-1 (Qualifying time, :20.320)
First Down Dash (Dash For Cash)-Clabberetta Go (Go Clabber)
Owner: Lucas Racing Inc.
Breeder: Barbara Rynes (Tex.)
Trainer: Dwayne Gilbreath
Jockey: Brett Shipley
Earnings Per Start Index: \$1,098
Special Task Index: \$5,488
Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$5,488
Record at 400 Yards: 1-0-0-0, \$44
1997 Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,268
Ruidoso Downs Record: 2-0-0-0, \$120
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 83 (97/Rui)
Colt...Tied for ninth-fastest qualifier with Mr Special Express...Was fourth in trial heat at odds of 25-to-1...One of two finalists from the barn of trainer Dwayne Gilbreath, who won this race in 1995 with Ronas Sound.

7 - CUBY SHADOW 10-1 (Qualifying time, :20.230)
Dash For Cash (Dash For Cash)-Stymie (Beduino TB)
Owner: Margaret L. Nusso
Breeder: Jerry Wirtham (Tex.)
Trainer: Tins Guldry
Jockey: Kenneth Hart
Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-2, \$77,676
Record at 400 Yards: 10-1-3-2, \$56,099
1997 Record: 4-0-2-1, \$8,677
Ruidoso Downs Record: 5-1-2-0, \$32,668
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0

Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 102 (96/Rui)
Colt...Fifth-fastest qualifier...Second in trial heat at odds of 10-to-1...Qualified by jockey Kenny Hart, who won the first running of this race with First To Score in 1994.

8 - ROPE THE MOON 3-1 (Qualifying time, :20.055)
Fast Lindy (Streakin Six)-Oh How You Shine (Coup De Kas TB)
Owner: P. Shaw & S. Pitman
Breeder: P. Shaw & S. Pitman (Tex.)
Trainer: John Buchanan
Jockey: Larry Payne
Lifetime Record: 1-1-4-2-3, \$22,779
Record at 400 Yards: 5-3-0-1, \$14,910
1997 Record: 3-1-2-0, \$4,170
Ruidoso Downs Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Record on Wet Track: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 102 (96/Rui)
Gelding...Second-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at odds of 9-to-2, defeating third-fastest qualifier Serenus Song by 1/2 length...One of three finalists qualified by jockey Jacky Martin...Will be ridden here by Larry Payne...Has won three of five starts at 400-yard distance.

9 - SERENAS SONG 10-1 (Qualifying time, :20.150)
Royal Quick Dash (First Down Dash)-Rafaela TB (Louisiana Slew TB)
Owner: Pierre Armetoy
Breeder: Herbert Graham (Tex.)
Trainer: James McArthur
Jockey: Sam Thompson
Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-3, \$19,928
Record at 400 Yards: 5-4-0-3, \$8,016
1997 Record: 1-0-1-0, \$264
Ruidoso Downs Record: 6-0-2-2, \$10,659
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 93 (96/Rui)
Filly...Third-fastest qualifier...Was second in trial heat, 1/2 length behind second-fastest qualifier Rope The Moon...Both career wins have come at 350-yard distance.

10 - SWINGIN VAL 4-1 (Qualifying time, :20.250)
Dashing Val (Dash For Cash)-Swingin Alike (Special Effort)
Owner: R. Ramirez & N. Segotta
Breeder: Ramon Arroyo Sanchez (Tex.)
Trainer: Rudy Ramirez
Jockey: Jacky Martin
Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-0, \$279,126
Record at 400 Yards: 5-4-0-0, \$183,910
1997 Record: 1-1-0-0, \$720
Ruidoso Downs Record: 5-3-1-0, \$224,271
Record on Wet Track: 0-0-0-0, \$0
Fastest Lifetime Speed Index at 400-Yard Distance (Year/Track): 105 (96/Rui)
Gelding...Sixth-fastest qualifier...Won trial heat at 9-to-10 favorite...Won five of nine starts as a two-year-old, earning \$278,406...Has won four of five starts at 400-yard distance and three of five over the Ruidoso strip, including last year's Rainbow Futurity (G1)...One of three finalists qualified by jockey Jacky Martin...Has highest earnings per start index (\$41,553) and earnings per win index (\$83,107) in field.

Statistics courtesy of the AQHA web site - www.aqha.com

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Youth Fishing Dates slated for Saturday. Boys and girls up to the age of 11 are invited to participate in the Village of Ruidoso's Youth Fishing Base, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Grindstone Lake. The U.S. Forest Service, along with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture join the village's Parks and Recreation Department in sponsoring the event. Free fishing activity booklets will be given out, and Smokey Bear will pay a visit. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 257-5030.

Red Raider baseball coming to Ruidoso. The Texas Tech University baseball coaching staff will offer a summer baseball camp for children ages 7-18 at Ruidoso's Eagle Creek Sports Complex. Those 7- to 12-year-olds can attend a day camp on June 9 for \$50, and 13- to 18-year-olds can attend a two-day camp June 10 and 11 for \$85. Cost includes lunch and a T-shirt. For more information, call 258-5885.

Angel Fire mountain biking clinic for women only. Angel Fire's summer adventures program is offering a women's mountain biking clinic Friday through Sunday, June 13-15. The three-day event costs \$25, with Angel Fire Resort donating \$25 to breast cancer research for every participant signed up. Advanced reservations are required. The program is open to all ages of beginner and intermediate riders. The weekend includes an orientation session, admission to the Southwest Wine Competition grand wine tasting, sessions on bicycle maintenance, trail emergency repair, riding techniques, bike sizing and fitting, body tone workshops and mountain bike rides. For more information, call (505) 377-4205.

Tennis lesson sign-up June 13. The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring tennis lessons for boys and girls, ages 8-14. The lessons will be taught by a certified instructor who is assisted by Ruidoso High School tennis players. Three week-long sessions will be offered: June 23-27, July 14-18 and July 21-25. Cost is \$30 per week. Classes are limited to 12 players. Class times are: 8- to 9-year-olds from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.; 10- to 11-year-olds from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and 12- to 14-year-olds from 10:45 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 257-5030.

Rodeo club hosts New Mexico Junior Association event. The Lincoln County Rodeo Club opens the summer season by hosting a New Mexico Junior Rodeo Association rodeo at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 21 at the Capitan Fairgrounds. A dance will follow the day's events at 8 p.m. LCRC is a non-profit rodeo organization for children ages 1 to 19 who participate in rodeo. Fans of barrel racing to bull riding will enjoy watching the children compete. The club's next rodeo play day is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, June 28 at the Capitan Fairgrounds. White Sands Triathlon June 21. The annual Frances Copeland Stevens

Memorial Adult Triathlon will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 21 at White Sands Missile Range. The triathlon consists of a 5-kilometer run, an 18-mile bike ride and 400-meter swim. Pre-registration is \$20 for adults and \$45 for teams. The deadline for pre-registration is June 13. For entry forms, call the WSMR Bell Gymnasium at 678-3374.

Soccer camps heads into town June 23. German Soccer Camps returns to Ruidoso for a five-day youth soccer camp, June 23-27. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the football practice field at Ruidoso High School. Cost is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Participants, ages 6-18, must provide their own soccer balls and water bottles. This is the third year camp directors Manni Klar and Uwe Balz have brought German Soccer Camps to Ruidoso. For more information and/or registration forms, call Mike Lynch at 336-9613.

Desert Classic softball tournament June 28. The Desert Classic, a men's USSSA Class E softball tournament, is slated for June 28 and 29 at the White Sands Missile Range. Deadline for entries is June 24. The tournament is limited to the first 10 teams registered. A \$50 deposit must accompany the entry to confirm placement in the tournament. Cost is \$100 and includes umpires and balls. For more information, call 678-3374.

Smokey Bear Run highlights July 4 weekend in Capitan. The 17th annual Smokey Bear Run starts the holiday weekend festivities in Capitan Friday, July 4. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and continues until 7:30 a.m. The out-and-back race starts at 8 a.m. from the Ruidoso State Bank parking lot in Capitan. Two races will be offered: a 10-kilometer race and a 2-mile fun run. Age groups are 10 and under, 11-18, 19-25, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. Cost to register is \$10 and checks can be made to "Friends of Smokey." Runners can register prior to the day of the race, or on race day. For a registration form, call Howard or Mary Shanks at 354-2699, or write to them at P. O. Box 711, Capitan, N.M. 88316.

Allen Chase race in Roswell. Roswell Sertoma Club, Runners Club, the Roswell Recreation Department and UFO Encounters will present a 5K-walk, 5K-run, 10K-walk and 10K-run on July 5 beginning at 7 a.m. in the south parking lot of the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Trophies will be awarded to top male and female finishers in each age and event division, and for the best costumed athlete. Entry fee for those received before July 3 is \$12, and \$15 for entries received thereafter. Late registrations can be submitted until 6:30 a.m. on race day. Entry forms may be obtained from Bob Edwards at 715 E. Linda Vista, Roswell, NM 88201.

Women's softball tournament July 12. The Stars and Stripes women's softball tournament will be July 12 and -13 at White Sands Missile Range. Deadline for entry is July 8. The tournament is limited

to 10 teams. A \$50 deposit is required. Cost for the tourney is \$80, which includes softball and umpires fees. For more information, call 678-3374.

Mike presents Hoop-It-Up. The 1984 and Nike present Hoop-It-Up, a 3-on-3 street basketball tour in Albuquerque, Aug. 2-3. Games are to be played at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds and will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Albuquerque. Information can be obtained by calling (505) 899-9368.

WHAT'S BITING

The streams have improved dramatically because of decreased runoff and clearing. The Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonita have success with nymphs, gold-nubbed hare's ears, pheasant tails and green rock worms. Some action on dries such as Joe's hoppers, elk hair caddis and callibaetis cripplies. Cahill hatch in the late evening. The lakes are fair with griffiths gnats, black midges, some elk hair caddis and streamer flies. "Fishing is the best it has been in a couple of years."

Mike Hyman
Fly's Etc.

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Women's Adult Softball League Standings through June 2 games

Team	W	L
Diamond Sals	8	0
Gray Hawk	5	2
No Excuses	5	3
Flamingos	5	3
Seldel Shockwaves	4	4
Wild Things	2	6
Kelly Girls	2	7
Comic Relief	1	7

Games for Monday, June 9
Field A - 6 p.m., Diamond Sals vs. Flamingos; 7:45 p.m., Comic Relief vs. Gray Hawk; 9 p.m., Comic Relief vs. Diamond Sals.
Field B - 6 p.m., Kelly Girls vs. No Excuses; 7:45 p.m. Kelly Girls vs. Wild Things; 9 p.m., Seldel Shockwave vs. Wild Things.

Men's Adult Softball League Standings through June 2

Team	W	L
Capitan Const.	8	2
Grizzlies	8	2
Homeboys	7	4
Merchants	6	5
Nads	5	5
Extreme	5	6
Eagles	4	7
Chata	3	8
Ace's	2	10

RACE ENTRIES

RUIDOSO DOWNS ENTRIES June 6, 1997

FIRST RACE—Purse \$1800. Mdn 2yo 120 350 Yd
1-Sandora Fries (Carter) 120
2-Smernet (Theford) 120
3-Born To Lead (Laib) 120
4-Prissie Rabbits (Maldonado) 120
5-No Options Mister (J Martinez) 120
6-First Merr (Shipley) 120
7-Beshinos Bolero (Thompson) 120
8-Vital Prow (Sperbino) 120
9-Speed Express (Hart) 120
10-Zevs Shadow (Fincher) 120

SECOND RACE—Purse \$1800. Mdn 3yo 120 400 Yd
1-Albi Effort (Blevins) 120
2-Jose D (Maldonado) 120
3-Triumphum Duct (Estrada) 120
4-Crimson Flare (Gonzales) 120
5-Wrangle The Moon (Rodriguez) 120
6-Wing Dash (J Martinez) 120
7-Magical Memories (Fincher) 120
8-Gettin It Gone (Perez) 120
9-Special Coup (Shipley) 120
10-Hot Austin Durcan (Laib) 120

THIRD RACE—Purse \$1800. Mdn 2yo 120 350 Yd
1-Shea Eye Opener (Carter) 120
2-Slam Durk Down (Maldonado) 120
3-Soul Driener (Laib) 120
4-Whispering (J Hunt) 120
5-Leisure Suit Larry (Shipley) 120
6-Kinda Reckless 276 (Gonzales) 120
7-Toolies Royal Chick (Perez) 120
8-Melt Away (Hart) 120
9-Classica (Rodriguez) 120
10-Easts Eye Opener (J Martinez) 120

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$1800. 4yo&up NW 2 97 121 Cln \$2500 6 1/2 Fur
1-Devil Devil You (Rivas) 118
2-Justin's Kite (Mitchell) 118
3-Cowboy's Kid (Fincher) 121
4-Say Ow (J Rocha) 121
5-The Variable (Smallwood) 115
6-Francis Shot (Ab Arreola) 121
7-Straight Republican (Estrada) 118
8-Happy Sec (Bull) 121
9-Town Trickster (M Fuentes) 115
10-Mr. Cool (J Martinez) 121

FIFTH RACE—Purse \$2000. 3yo 120 Cln \$8000 350 Yd
1-All Signs Go (Rodriguez) 120
2-Chicks Ryon (Estrada) 120
3-Balistic Albi (Mitchell) 117
4-Buddys Lightning (T Swan) 120
5-Rare Colours (Sherbino) 117
6-Lotta Task (Gonzales) 120
7-A Radio Flyer (Hart) 120
8-Remarkably (Laib) 120
9-Rebelark (Laib) 117

SIXTH RACE—Purse \$1800. 3yo&up NW 97 120/122 Cln \$2500 550 Yd
1-EJ Cash Register (Sherbino) 122
2-Bradamas (J Hunt) 122
3-Tanya Chico (Blevins) 122
4-Were Outa Here (J Martinez) 122
5-Shake This (Rodriguez) 120
6-Tiltagirl (Smallwood) 119
7-Oh My Ninetytwo (Perez) 119
8-Kazamm (Laib) 122

SEVENTH RACE—Purse \$3100. 3yo Nmb 120 Cln \$8000 5 1/2 Fur
1-Jacks Star Lady (M Fuentes) 110
2-Holle Dawn (Villegas) 115
3-Doctor Tit (Rivas) 117
4-Jackanna (Gonzales) 115
5-Boggy Depot (Sterling) 115
6-Fancy Zephyr (Bull) 115
7-Healy Odds (Maldonado) 115
8-Fretty Boy David (Fincher) 117

EIGHTH RACE—Purse \$3700. 3yo NW 20/122 Nmb 120 400 Yd
1-Sue Fine Diamond (Rodriguez) 117
2-Sneakinbles (Gonzales) 117
3-Doobles Love (Laib) 117
4-Straight Line (Sterling) 117
5-Don Andres (Carter) 120
6-Tommies Better (Hart) 120
7-Sassy Shaker (Perez) 120
8-Magnificent Dreamer (J Martinez) 117
9-Smokin Dinsap (Fincher) 120
10-Indecisive Stardom (J Hunt) 120

NINTH RACE—Purse \$1700. 2yo&up Nmb 2 116/121 Cln \$2500 5 1/2 Fur
1-Foto (Evans) 121
2-Fourlokatorty (Washburn) 116
3-Various Pleasures (Gonzales) 116
4-Whiplash (J Rocha) 113
5-A J Prince (Fincher) 116
6-Lovable Lolo (Sterling) 111
7-Chacalaca (Ab Arreola) 111
8-Go Bo Go (Villegas) 116
9-Pure Country Man (Bull) 116
10-On Serve (M Fuentes) 111

TENTH RACE—Purse \$1800. Mdn 3yo&up 117/122 Cln \$4000 6 Fur
1-Hexa Sizzler (Fincher) 117
2-Guns Of Glory (Escareno) 117
3-Begonia's Word (Perez) 122
4-Bolo Bradley (Maldonado) 117
5-Cleo Rolo (M Fuentes) 117
6-Passing Moments (Juarez S) 117
7-Spicy Travis (Ab Arreola) 117
8-Redneck Belle (Smallwood) 112

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FIRST RACE—Purse \$1700. Mdn 2yo 120 Cln \$5000 350 Yd
1-Sugartime Silky (Perez) 117
2-Classy Beau (Fincher) 120
3-Straight To Day (Carter) 117
4-The First Wish (Laib) 120
5-Wreck Less Runner (Blevins) 120
6-Everyday Hero (J Martinez) 120
7-Ante Up For Jack (Gonzales) 120
8-Screen Trick (J Hunt) 120
9-Decas Toro (Rodriguez) 120
10-De Fast Kiss (Theford) 120

SECOND RACE—Purse \$1800. Mdn 2yo 115 Cln \$5000 5 1/2 Fur
1-Phantom Phavorite (Sterling) 113
2-Mr Elmo (Bull) 118
3-Sunny Bradley (Maldonado) 118
4-Miss Tuffy (Smallwood) 118
5-The Soul Express (Fincher) 118
6-Bard Runner (Gonzales) 115
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Twenty five years and still peachy keen

Nearly as famous as the race track, Frank's Fruit Market in Ruidoso Downs has been pleasing palates for 25 years.

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

For half a century, shoppers looking to get fresh have turned to Frank's Fruit Market that is.

This year, the Ruidoso Downs landmark is celebrating 25 years of providing fresh produce to residents and visitors. And though the building has evolved from its first home in an abandoned gas station to a pole barn to the current wooden building on east U.S. Highway 70, the philosophy of selling only the best hasn't changed. As a sign above the aisles and aisles of fruits and vegetables tells shoppers, "good produce is not cheap, cheap produce is not good; we handle the best we can buy."

Along with the expansions, additions and updates that have come in the past two and a half decades, a changing of the guard also came about when owner Frank Cox sold the business to Pete Schiavone five years ago. But just because the ownership changed, Schiavone didn't want the name or the quality of food to follow suit.

"Frank built such a good business over the years ... (Frank's) became a landmark all over Texas and New Mexico," Schiavone said. "If you talk to anyone about Ruidoso they can tell you about Frank's."

Building that kind of reputation doesn't come easy. Schiavone credits having his own fleet of trucks, a relationship with growers and a commitment to customer service as reasons for the market's success.

"You have to do your own trucking, have your own network set up in the major markets," he said. Major markets Frank's buys from include Los Angeles, Dallas, Philadelphia, Georgia and Florida. "We buy from all parts of the country."

Knowing the brokers and farmers in those locales also helps Schiavone pick only the finest fruits and vegetables to stock his shelves. He pointed to his position as both a buyer and seller as reason for the freshness and quality of his foods.

"Being a buyer and a seller is unique," Schiavone said, adding that often grocery stores work with middlemen such as produce brokers, never seeing the produce first hand or visiting the fields the fruits and vegetables come from. "I fly out and get eye-to-eye (with growers). It makes a lot of difference in the quality."

Schiavone also makes a point to buy locally whenever he can. From chile to honey, and even a tortilla or two, Frank's carries a full line of New Mexico speciality foods. Schiavone also stocks some hard-to-find items like Queen Anne cherries, plumcots (a cross between a plum and an apricot), vine-ripe tomatoes and "true" tree-ripe peaches and nectarines. If there's something you want, but don't find at Frank's, speak up and Schiavone and staff will order it.

"There's really nothing we can't get when it comes to produce," Schiavone said.

But that extra care in selecting products wouldn't amount to a hill of beans if customers weren't satisfied. That's why Schiavone backs all his products with a 100% money-back guarantee. If a peach is bad or tomato just doesn't taste right, take it back and the market will refund your money or replace the produce.

To make sure customers get what they want, Schiavone also encourages taste tests and samplings, both when he selects products for the shelves and when customers are selecting the products for their tables. "We taste test everything so we can make sure everything is good to eat, not just good to look at."

His staff is abundant, and available to help customers pick



Frank's Fruit Market owner Pete Schiavone said he is proud to offer only the finest produce that money can buy and to be a part of the market's 25-year history of excellence.

out the freshest, ripest produce.

Shoppers can also find mesquite-smoke meats, including hams, chicken, sirloin and ribs, as well as uncooked Black Angus beef. The beefing up of the product line came to Schiavone about the same time Frank's came into his hands. He said he started out in the meat business 10 years ago and grew into the produce venture. Of the combination of meat, vegetables and fruit, Schiavone said it seemed like a

natural connection. "It's a one-stop, full-meal deal with fresh products."

The condiments are also in-house, including sauces, salad dressings and herbs. If dessert is more your cup of tea, Frank's is also serving up soft-serve ice cream topped with the fruit of the day.

With an extended season, which will run through Christmas this year, Schiavone thinks Frank's is destined for at least another 25 years of success.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ruidoso among five finalist for "Prettiest"

The first-ever search to find the nation's most attractive painted communities, launched earlier this year by the Rohm and Haas Quality Institute in conjunction with "Better Homes and Gardens" and "Architecture" magazines, has produced five nominations from New Mexico. They include Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Las Vegas, Mesilla and Santa Fe.

The five New Mexico nominees will vie for regional and national honors this summer, as judges review the entries and make personal visits to the sites. The 12 "Prettiest Painted Places in America" will be revealed in September.

RSB name new officers and board member

Ruidoso State Bank recently elected three new officers and a new board member, said President Tom Battin.

The new officers are Sharon Jordan, Dorothy Woods and Pam Merritt.

Jordan, consumer loan officer, graduated from the National Consumer Credit School in Oklahoma City. A native of Lubbock, Texas, she has 20 years of banking experience and 15 years of lending experience.

Merritt, administration officer, graduated from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

She moved here from Houston three and a half years ago from Houston, Texas. Woods, vice president/mortgage loan officer,

is a native of Morton, Texas, who attended South Plains College. She has lived in Ruidoso for 25 years and has been in banking for eight years.

Lynn Willard, DVM, was selected to serve on the bank's



Lynn Willard

board of directors. Willard graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kans. He has been active in many local clubs.

Ruidoso makes list of places to retire, vacation

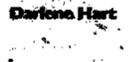
Ruidoso has been named in the 1997 publications "Where to Retire" and "Vacations" as one of the their favorite places in the United States that offer "great value whether to retire or as a vacation destination."

Darlene Hart joins Realty Services staff

Darlene Hart is the newest addition to the staff at Realty Services in Ruidoso.

Hart has a New Mexico broker's license and a GRI designation. She has lived in the Ruidoso area since 1978 and has been active in the real estate profession since 1979.

She is familiar with Ruidoso and surrounding area properties and has expertise in real estate finance.



Darlene Hart

Altrusa GUS to be held Saturday, June 14

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will hold its Gently Used Sale (GUS) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Dr.

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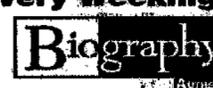
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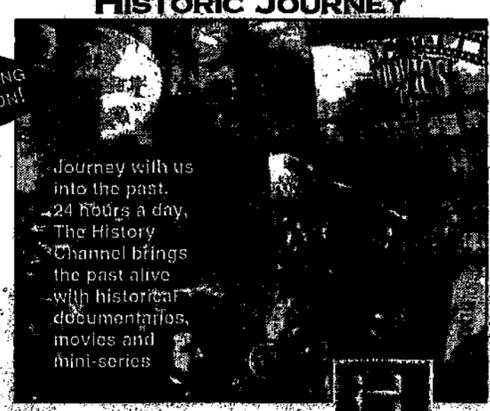


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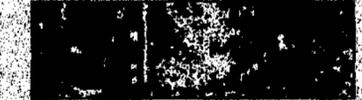
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DELBERT R. ARMSTRONG and UNKNOWN SPOUSE...

RAY DIAZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE...

LUIS ARROYUELO MOSSO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE...

FERNANDO CUESTA R. and MATILDA CROSBY de CUESTA...

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TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon...

TILFORD L. WATTS, Plaintiff

GROUP ONE (UNKNOWN NAME OF THE FOLLOWING-NAMED DECEASED PERSONS...

GROUP TWO (THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS...

GROUP THREE (UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR INTEREST IN THE ESTATE ADVISORS...

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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OR DESIGNATED DEFENDANTS...

GREETINGS: You and each of you are hereby notified...

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DELBERT R. ARMSTRONG and unknown spouse...

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RAY DIAZ and unknown spouse...

LUIS ARROYUELO MOSSO and unknown spouse...

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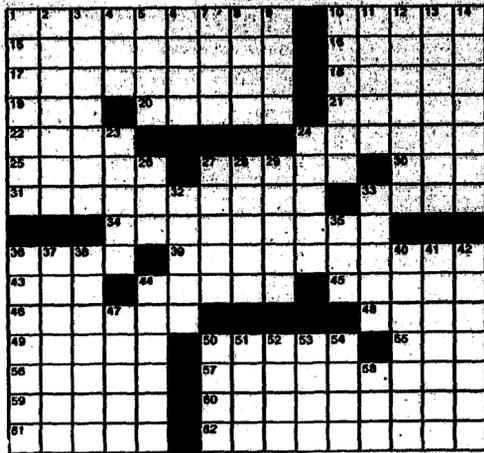
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NY TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0706

- ACROSS**
 1 Ginger
 10 Old coin of Italy
 15 Evenhanded
 16 Identified as
 17 Produced
 18 Place of worship
 19 Barely beat
 20 Deified spirits of ancient Rome
 21 Diamond preservers?
 22 Ghost writer?
 24 Mercedes-Benz model designation
 25 Kind of support
 27 Tennis shot
 30 "___ me as spark o' Nature's fire": Burns



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 31 Kicker's object
 33 Hot
 34 Floor
 36 Some pollutants
 39 Keen
 43 Drop the ball
 44 Fisherman's equipment
 45 Drafted
 46 Lets have it
 48 It's made in balls
 49 Cesar Romero role
 50 Means of support
 55 Before now
 56 Tie the knot
 57 Kind of treatment
 59 French revenue
 60 Planet's center
 61 Crop fungus
 62 Some John Constable paintings

- 6 Goose egg
 7 Dark, to Donnie
 8 Pivot
 9 Goes down
 10 Weight lifter's move
 11 Power-seeking clique
 12 Offense
 13 Throw away
 14 Trip
 23 Informants, in slang
 24 Bar
 26 System that connects computers: Abbr.
 27 Black Sea resort
 28 Basketball Hall-of-Famer George
 29 Tennis's Agassi

- "oneself"
 37 Balladeer
 38 Downhill action
 40 Sweet drink
 41 Open-shelved piece
 42 Lowers
 44 Coarse, as language

- 47 Meles
 50 Eye part
 51 Italian wall
 52 Mystery writer Buchanan
 53 First-rate
 54 French brandy
 58 Old Philco competitor

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.

- DOWN**
 1 Honey, for one
 2 September occurrence
 3 Profess
 4 A.T.M. entry
 5 Twosome

- 32 They're sometimes struck
 33 Noise that annoys
 35 Captain's heading
 36 Lie, with

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Feature of the Week



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RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO • FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1997

BORN TO RIDE



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

The Museum of the Horse is showing off 75 spectacular saddles with its latest exhibit, See PAGE 7C

PROFILE



Grace under fire

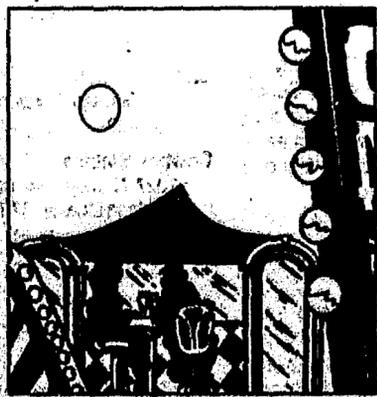
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SILVER SCREEN

Nicolas, Meg, Mike, and (T.)Rex

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CALENDAR



Weekend planner. Page 2C

PAST TENSE

The Fountain Mystery

Oliver Lee, Part II. Page 14C





VAMONOS

What's happening?

music

June Music Festival, Chamber Music Albuquerque

8 p.m. Friday, June 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8 the American String Quartet performs, featuring Charles Neidich on clarinet. Individual concert tickets range from \$18 to \$37.50. Student rates are also available. For more information or to order tickets call Chamber Music Albuquerque (505) 268-1990.

Cree Meadows Country Club

5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through May 24 Jim Corrons plays easy listening and country music. The club is located at 301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2733.

Elkhorn Pub

7 p.m. Friday and Saturday live music by various local artists. 7 p.m. Wednesday jam sessions. The new pub is located at 2820 Sudderth in Pine Tree Square, Ruidoso, 257-4391.

Galloping Tortoise

6 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends play rock 'n roll, country and blues. The coffee house is located at 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2111.

Hollywood Inn

Live music most weekends. The bar is located at 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs, 378-9911.

In-Espresso-Ble Coffee House

8 p.m. Friday, June 6 open mike and blues jam with Bob Banhangel, Ron Becker and Sawyer. 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7 Paul Adamian plays performs his own music. The coffee house is located at 2111 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-0634.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141. Dan LJ Ka Dining Room: Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Apache Tee: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, until June 7 Tomás Vigil.

Marie Laveaux Nightclub

Live music Friday and Saturday nights. The nightclub is located at 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764.

Mescalero Nightclub

8 p.m.-close Friday and Saturday dance music with DJ. The nightclub is located 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6695.

Screaming Eagle Lounge

8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday Weazel's back!! 7 p.m. Friday, June 6 the "Mean 15" boxing weigh-in. The lounge is located in the Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso, 378-4051.

The Texas House

7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Will Kelson plays tunes for you. Various artists perform 7-11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Open 24 hours on weekends. The restaurant is located at 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506.

Win, Place & Show

Live country music seven nights a week, 8:30 p.m. -1:30 a.m. The bar is located at 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982.

The Winner's Circle

8 p.m.-close every Thursday through Sunday, DJ, no cover. The bar is located at 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535.

etc

Brownie Girl Scout Troup 12 Fundraiser Yard and Bake Sale

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at Nob Hill School. Household items, clothing, furniture, toys and baked goods.

Altrusa Club "Fashions by Gus"

Noon Saturday, June 7 at Cree Meadows Country Club, Ruidoso. Fashion show and luncheon. Modeling of "gently used" clothes for the June 14 garage sale. Admission \$10.

El Rancho de las Golondrinas Spring Festival

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8. The ranch is located 15 miles south of Santa Fe off I-25 (exit 276B from Albuquerque) on El Camino Real. Admission \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and young adults age 13-18 and \$2.50 for children age 5-12. For more information call (505) 471-2261.

New Mexico Gun Collectors Association Gun Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8 at the N.M. State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. For more information call (505) 892-6262.

Ruidoso Fire Department Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

6-9 p.m. Monday, June 9 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Hot roast beef platter with mashed potatoes and choice of one vegetable. Music by Turner and Silverman. Donations \$6 adults and \$4 children under 12.

Cloudfcroft Western Roundup

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 14. 10:30 a.m. parade. The roundup includes a model train display (also on Sunday) and the Burrow Street jailhouse - "arrest a friend." 5 p.m. pie auction and barbecue in Zenith Park. 7-11 p.m. street dance with the Junior Daugherty fiddle band.

State Finals, New Mexico High School Rodeo Association

Friday through Sunday, June 13-15 at the Otero County Fairgrounds arena, Alamogordo. Performances at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday cowboy worship and 9 a.m. Final Go Rodeo. For further information call (505) 682-1369.

Casino Apache

Slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily. The casino is located on Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre

Simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times. The sports theatre is located a half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs.

clubs/meetings

Marine Corps League

Zia Detachment No. 850 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7 at K-Bob's restaurant, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group

Saturday, June 7 camp/out reservation deadline. Contact Jeneane at 354-2635 for details. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12 no-host dinner at the Texas House Restaurant. Birthday celebration for the month of June and planning meeting for the month of July. 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15 Father's Day dinner celebration at Apple Valley Ranch. The ladies will bring the food and the fathers will be the guests. R.S.V.P. to Jeneane at 354-2635.

National Association of Retired

Federal Employees

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 10 at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Delegates Slim Craig, Helen Craig, Lem Clarke and Thena Clarke will report on the state convention.

library

Capitan Public Library

Plant and Book Sale

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the library on S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. Come and stock up!

Ruidoso Public Library Storytime

2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.

theater

Throckmorton, Texas

8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12-14, 19-21, 26-28 and July 3-5. Presented by the Ruidoso Little Theatre at The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Meet the upstanding citizens of a small Texas town, whose lives cross paths in hilarious and surprising ways at the E-Z Snooze Motel and the Whiz-Bang Cafe. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

museums/galleries

Benson Fine Art

Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2813 - The gallery is featuring the work of Ruidoso artist Louise Barrett as well as new work by contemporary Southwest artists Wm. Warder, David Ballew, Jim Boyer, Kenny McKenna, Jean Sander, John Hopkins, Alfred Vetromile, Lauren Knoble, Gary Meyers, Curt Boles, Waynie Balze, Bea Stanton, Ron Stewart, Phillip Fronsberger and Joseph Orr. The gallery also specializes in the work of deceased Southwest artists Maynard Dixon, Ed Borelli, Edgar Payne, Jimmy Swinnerton, Hernandez Villa, Albert Groll, Clyde Forsythe, Hanson Puthoff, Rod Goebel, among others. For further information call 257-2813.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 6 artist's reception for Marion Nicholson's whose "Nurse-Logs" show is featured for the month of June. The exhibit includes hand built vessels and masks, made to look old, as well as mixed media drawings and sculptures. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-9071. The gallery features fine art by Louise Arnold, Marcia Bizeau, Bernice Landrum, Bruce Chapman, Gaylon Gillem, Teresa Hughes, Leland Jackson, Don Mohr, Barry McCoy, Monty and Barbara Jones, and Earthfolk Clay pieces by Adrian Henry. Also showing antiques from various vendors from Texas and New Mexico. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Thursdays open until 6 p.m.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the islepe at the traffic lights. Pottery and pastels

by Kenyon Thomas. Fine weavings by Marsha Thomas. Open Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 257-1056.

McGary Studios and Expressions in Bronze Gallery

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3780, 1-800-687-3424 - Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Observe through glass windows the stages of the finishing process which produce the signed and numbered limited edition bronzes. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Mountain Legends Gallery & Foundry

610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 - 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry.

Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142. Museum hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily.

Roswell Museum and Art Center

110 West 11th Street, Roswell, (505) 624-6744. Through June 6, "The Mixed Media Works of Deborah Brackenbury." Her works combine photography and mixed media and often deal with issues related to women and animals. Through July 6 "Beatrice Mendelman." Her non-objective works draw influence from folk art, her interests in pre-history, music and her face surroundings. Through August 31 "Mary Peck Chaco Canyon." The exhibition contains 25 panoramic prints made during Peck's visit to Chaco Canyon from 1987 to 1990.

Quemada Studio and Gallery

2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743. Located at LeClaire's Mountain Village. Colorful paintings of people and places. Studio hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, (505) 354-4206 - The Loggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

White Mountain Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso - midtown Lincoln county's largest selection of local potters. Featuring Tim Werwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. "A collection of talented clay artists." For further information and gallery hours call 257-3644.

parks/recreation

Chalrobics

9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the public library on Junction Road, Ruidoso. Very low impact aerobics set to music, both in and out of a chair. Instructed by Lela Cain.

Funtrackers

101 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Arcade

Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing. The arcade is located on Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Mule Team Wagon Rides

Wednesday through Sunday mule wagon tours through Upper Canyon. A little history, a little music, a lot of fun. Reservations required. Please call 257-3506.

Rancho Sosegado Trout Fishing/Picnics

Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Ruidoso Athletic Club

415 Wingfield, 257-4900.

Ruidoso Bowling Center

Saturday nights "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557

Ruidoso Municipal Skateboard Park

White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

Women's Pool League

7 p.m. Sundays at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. For information and sign-up call Melissa at 257-3557.

golf courses

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Dr., Alto. Call 336-4231 for tee times.

Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course

Highway 390, Carrizozo. Call 648-9884 for tee times.

Cree Meadows Public Golf Course

301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. Call 257-5815 for tee times. Eric Eggleston is the course pro.

Desert Lakes Golf Course

2351 Hamilton Rd., Alamogordo. Call (505) 437-0290 for tee times. Grant Dolpes is the golf pro.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero. Call 257-5141 for tee times. Phil Smith is the golf pro.

Links of Sierra Blanca

105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso. Call 258-5330 for tee times. Brian Byers is the golf pro.

The Lodge in Cloudcroft

#1 Corona Pl., Cloudcroft. Call 1-800-395-6343 for tee times. Marty Mills is the golf director.

Ponderosa Pines Golf Course

Hwy. 130, Cloudcroft. Call (505) 682-2895 for tee times.

New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

201 W. 19th, Roswell. Call (505) 622-6033 for tee times. Don McDaniel is the golf pro.

Spring River Golf Course

1612 W. 8th, Roswell. Call (505) 622-9508 for tee times. Ron Doan is the golf pro.

Roswell Country Club

2601 Urton Road, NE Roswell. Call (505) 622-2050 for tee times. Luke Thompson is the head pro.

horseback riding

Buddle's Stable

707 Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 258-4027.

Cowboy Stables

1027 N Lane (behind the race track), Ruidoso Downs, 378-8217.

Desert High County Stables

U.S. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 387-4559.

Grindstone Stables

200 Grindstone Resort Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2241.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero, 257-5141.



Neighbors

Problem solver superb

Despite many moves, Jan Eldridge always finds her niche.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Problem solving always has been Jan Eldridge's strong suit and in a world with a never-ending supply of problems, she's had no trouble finding good jobs.

"In the last 22 years, we moved 11 times," Jan said, explaining that her husband Bruce Eldridge, director of the Museum of the Horse, directed museums in several different states.

They landed in Ruidoso late last year, where Jan quickly was hired as executive director of the Board of Realtors.

"I always found jobs quickly," she said. "I look for something interesting, where I think I can be of assistance with helping solve problems.

"I think women are generally brought up to be peace makers."

She hasn't needed to call on those skills with her new job, because the organization was in good shape when she arrived. So her energies have been directed toward providing new tools for Realtors and continuing training for those in the local real estate industry.

Although the family's longest stay has been five years in any one place, Jan said she doesn't regret the moves.

"In each place, we have made wonderful friends and we still correspond with them and exchange photos," she said. "But we're glad to be here. We've made good friends in our short time here. I'm excited to be where people are excited about their community. There is a self-cohesiveness about the people who live here."

Early years

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Jan grew up in a family that knew the meaning of the word "family." She and her three brothers usually ate three meals a day with their parents and spent the weekend

taking short trips to significant sites as a unit, or the children went train spotting with their father.

Their lives were stable, her father working for Mead Corp., and her mother tending the home and children while they were growing. Once they reached college age, her mother joined the Internal Revenue Service in the taxpayer problem resolution division, a job she's found rewarding and that may show why her daughter is so good in similar positions.

Jan's early interest centered around music. She played the oboe and the clarinet, and later sang in a chorus.

"But I don't think I ever thought I'd be a professional," Jan said.

Her father is part of a group pledged to keeping alive barber-shop quartet performances and her daughter, Lindsay, has followed in the double-reed mode by playing the bassoon. Her younger daughter, Barbara, leans more toward science and becoming a naturalist.

Jan majored in English composition and literature in college, providing her with a solid liberal arts education that she said has served her well in her various jobs.

At Ohio Wesleyan University, she met her future husband while dating his roommate. The two-some didn't get together until a few years later. When they graduated, Bruce went to Texas Tech graduate school in museum administration and Jan went to Memphis, Tenn.

Her first position was with the William B. Tanner Co., in collections. Her second day at work, Jan's immediate supervisor quit and she found herself as second in command. The company's staff produced jingles and advertising spots for radio.

In May 1975, she married, knowing full well that her life would not be predictable, but it also wouldn't be boring.

The second year of graduate study, her husband was given an internship at Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Jan Eldridge looks at home at her desk as executive director of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, the latest in a line-up of interesting and challenging jobs she has filled while the family moved around the country for her husband to head various museums.

Jan was hired by an advertising agency there as assistant to the vice president in charge of accounting.

She remembers one of her first lessons about advertising photo shoots.

"We had the Corningwear account and delicious food had been prepared for the photographs, but of course, they took five to six hours to complete," Jan said. "It smelled so great at the beginning. They had to spray it with water and paint it (to keep it looking fresh). By the end of the shoot, it was awful."

As her husband pursued progressively better and better positions, Jan learned more and more about different products and fields, including the manufacture of parts for window and door gaskets on automobiles and how to run a bank.

Her time as assistant branch manager of a bank in Albany, N.Y., coincided with the spiraling of interest rates to 14% and 15% for certificates of deposit.

"The rates changed daily," Jan said. "It was a very exciting two years."

When her husband was hired as director of the Frederick Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, N.Y., she had to pass up a bank manager's post in

in PROFILE



Jan Eldridge

Age: 47
Occupation: Executive director for the Board of Realtors

Numbers of moves: Eleven in the last 22 years
Current book: "Drums of Autumn," Diana Gabaldon
Favorite movie: "Pride and Prejudice," Masterpiece Theater

Saratoga Springs and found herself thrust into a new field again, but in the same type of job.

She resolved problem accounts for a wholesale and retail oil company, ferreting out several thousands of dollars forgotten or misapplied. She liked the area, because she was only three hours away from the summer home of her grandmother in the Adirondack Mountains, with a boathouse that had been built in 1893.

Four years later, she moved into hospital administration when Bruce became director of the

Muskegon Museum of Art in Michigan.

"I didn't know anything about health care or medicine, but I kept the administrator and the board of directors organized," Jan said. That lasted 3.5 years.

Next came the Tucson Museum of Art in Arizona, where Bruce was director and Jan worked at the local hospital as a problem solver and buffer between the public and the administration.

"I received lots of calls from patients, family members and doctors. It was my job to solve the problem quickly. I learned how hospitals, billing, insurance and people work," she said. "It was very satisfying."

After a couple of years, they moved to Portsmouth Va., where Bruce was director of city museums while Jan was hired by the King's Daughters Children's Hospital as assistant to vice president for human resources.

Two years later, they headed to Orange, Texas, where Bruce took over as director of the History Museum of Art.

"I really wasn't looking for a job," Jan said. "I was giving myself some time to get organized

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NEIGHBORS

Eldridge: grace under fire

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and learn the area."

But chit-chatting with a hospital director at a Rotary meeting, Bruce was told to have his wife submit her resumé, because a public and community relations person was needed.

"They had just built a new addition to the hospital," Jan said. "I set up health fairs, hospital tours for school groups and health screenings. I served on community committees for the March of Dimes and United Way. I also was a resource again. If someone needed an answer right away or a problem solved, the call was sent to me.

New Ruidoso roots

Jan was at work at the hospital when her husband called about a job in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

"I thought New Mexico, hmm, hot and desert, I wasn't too sure," Jan said. "He explained it was in the mountains with a beautiful river, very much like Old Forge in the Adirondacks."

Bruce started his job in October. Jan was going to wait, but it didn't happen. Bruce called about the Board of Realtors job.

"He knows I'm a much happier person when I'm very very busy," Jan said.

She interviewed for the job, moved on a Friday, their furniture arrived on Saturday and she reported to work on the next Tuesday last November.

"I really didn't know what in the world a board of realtors did," she said. "But it's a really neat organization of people. We run the multiple listing service (a "pool" of commercial and residential listings from different Realtors a customer may review to broaden the number of listings available), I act as liaison between the National Association of Realtors and the Realtors Association of New Mexico. I stay up on what's happening with the (state) Real Estate Commission and I feel I'm a resource for the local realtors."

And in exchange, the 150 members have helped Jan increase her knowledge of the Ruidoso market and real estate sales in general. Her immediate "boss" is a six-member board of directors.

"Since coming here, I've realized this is an unusual market," Jan said. "Many houses are vacation homes. It's not a community where people buy homes and live year around. For most, it's a second home or a rental property. But then many start out with a second home and then try to find a way to stay here all the time.

"I've gone back through the years and the statistics really fluctu-



Courtesy photo

Bruce and Jan Eldridge at their wedding in 1975.



Courtesy photo

Eldridge enjoyed fishing in the Adirondack Mountains of New York in 1985 with her daughter, Lindsay, and her father.

ate. There's no real pattern. It depends on so many market forces."

It's no surprise to Jan or others who serve on the marketing task force of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce that most of the second homes belong to residents of west Texas.

"But we have people from everywhere and they hear about us through a variety of sources," she said. "Some people come through town on their way from point A to point B. We aren't the destination point, but we want to be for their next trip.

"What I've seen in this community is energetic, enthusiastic people who truly care about where they live and want others to care."

Since assuming the directorship of the organization, Jan has worked to provide some new tools for the members. They include:

- some computer options that allow a photograph of property to be pulled up on line to use in putting together brief summaries on properties for sale;
- installing a FAX-back program, so if someone needs a disclosure statement, a plat map or some other information on a property, and the board has received it and scanned it into the system, it can be FAXed to them for prospective buyers;
- and established a web page on



Courtesy photo

Jan Eldridge cycles around her home in Dayton, Ohio in 1954.

the Internet with all the board's residential listings available for people all over the world.

"It's a very exciting accomplishment for us," Jan said, adding that, "Although I don't have the facts or figures, some property has been sold through the Internet. We find that people who are looking to improve their quality of life usually do a little research ahead and one avenue is the Internet."

The board also takes an active interest in the community, she said. They recently gave six scholarships to graduating high school seniors and co-sponsored a golf tournament for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization.

50th celebration



Courtesy photo

Victor and Inez Brooks celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Ruidoso. Family members from all over the United States will join the couple in their celebration. Their son Ray and his family have come from Idaho, and Aunt Cornelia Barrego, who's 95, and family from El Paso. Inez's brothers and sisters from San Patricio and Ruidoso Downs will be there along with nieces and nephews from San Patricio, Hondo, Arizona, Carrizozo and Los Cruces.

SERVICENOTES

Hazel completes next level of training

Airman Jeremy A. Hazel of Ruidoso has completed extensive training since he enlisted in the United States Air Force June 5, 1996. First he underwent six weeks of intense general military training which included military history, combat skills, security awareness, survival training, small arms training, first aid buddy care, professional military education, human relations, history of the United States Air Force, confidence training, and the Code of Conduct. This training is designed to help in the transition from civilian life to the regimented military service.

Airman Hazel graduated to the next level of technical military training, at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. While at Goodfellow he underwent 12 weeks of grueling training as an apprentice fire protection specialist. Some of the major areas of training involved hazardous materials awareness, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency medical first responder, confined space rescue techniques, airport firefighter certification, hazardous materials operations certification, firefighter I certification, with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), and emergency vehicle operations.

After successfully completing technical training, Hazel was assigned to the 49th Air Combat Command (ACC) 49th Civil Engineer Squadron as an apprentice

fire protection specialist. His tour of duty at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico commenced Nov. 12, 1996. During his assignment with the Fire Protection Flight, he was entered into upgrade training to the journeyman fire protection specialist level. He has qualified as a driver operator of aircraft rescue firefighting vehicles, specialized in advance confined space rescue operations, graduated from the Space Shuttle Orbiter Rescue procedures conducted at Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., served as an Air Force recruiters assistant, completed training as a Stealth fighter egress rescuer, is training to the firefighter II level, is a team member of the Space Shuttle contingency response force, and has responded to several inflight emergencies. He is a member of a local volunteer fire company in Alamogordo. Airman Hazel demonstrates an enormous amount of initiative and drive to be the best he can, officials said.

Airman Hazel is a professional military member who demonstrates much devotion to his country, the United States Air Force, and the Firefighters of America, they added.

He is the son of Alan Hazel of San Angelo, Texas and Jeri Hazel of Ruidoso; and the grandson of Joan Coon of Loving, Ed Hazel of Carlsbad, and Evelyn "Unie" Hazel of Ruidoso Downs.

He is a 1996 graduate of Capitan High School and a lifetime resident of Ruidoso.

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Mescalero
Donald Pettey, pastor
Telephone: 671-4747
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Assembly of God

El Paso Road, Ruidoso
Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday morning worship-10:45 a.m.
(includes children's church)
Sunday evening praise-6 p.m.
Wednesday family night-7 p.m.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church

Carrizozo
Hayden Smith, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Church training-6:30 p.m. Sunday

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
Tim Gilliland, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs
David Jordan, Pastor
General Assembly-9:30 a.m.
Worship hour-11 a.m.
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Evening worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Tinnie
Bill Jones, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

420 Mechem Drive
Luis F. Gomez, Pastor

Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m.
Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission

Mescalero
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Training Union-6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday services-6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church

126 Church Drive
Palmer Gateway
Wayne Joyce, Pastor
Randel Widener, Associate Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Capitan (south on Highway 48)
Floyd Goodloe, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
AWANA Wed-6:30 p.m.
For information, call 354-3119

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CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church

Ruidoso 257-2330
Reverend Richard Calanach
Sacrament of Penance - Sat. 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment.
Saturday Mass - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass-10 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday-4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio-8 a.m.
Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday
Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan 354-9102
Saturday Mass-5 p.m.
Sunday Mass-9 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo 648-2853
Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.
Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona
Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bent
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Saturday Mass-6 p.m.
Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road
Bill Kennedy, Pastor
Sunday School-K-12/Adult-9:30 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ

Capitan - Highway 48
Les Earwood, Minister
Sunday Bible study - 10 a.m.
Sunday worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study - 7 p.m.

Gateway Church of Christ

Ruidoso - 415 Sudderth - 257-4381
Jimmy Sportsman, Minister
Sunday Bible study - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship - 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Ruidoso Branch - 336-4359 or 257-9691
North on Hwy. 48, between mile markers 14/15
Sunday: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc., 12:10 p.m.; Primary/Young Women, 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch - 671-4630
Wray Schildknecht, President - 671-9506
Sunday: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary, 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Society & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.
For weekly schedule, call 671-9506.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount

121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso
Father John W. Penn, Rector
Sunday Eucharist-8 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Daughters of King-noon
Eucharist & healing-5:30 p.m.
Choir practice-7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan

Lincoln
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glencoe
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel

Carrizozo, 6th & E Street
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9:30 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church

Highway 48, Capitan
Harold W. Perry, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

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258-3659, 258-3204
Sunday Public Talk - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday Watchtower - 2:20 p.m.
Monday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Ministry School - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service Meet - 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

106 Alpine Village Road
258-3659, 336-7176
Reunion Publica Dom. - 10 a.m.
Estudio de la Atalaya Dom. - 10:50 a.m.
Estudio de Libro Lun. - 7 p.m.
Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico Mart. - 7 p.m.
Reunion de servicio Mart. - 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Hull Road
258-4191, 257-5296
Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor
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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.
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Community United Methodist Church

Junction Road
Behind Daylight Donuts
Craig Cookrell, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan
648-2893, 257-5614
Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,
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Carrizozo
Sunday School 10:10 a.m.
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.
Wednesday choir-6:30 p.m.
Capitan
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Adult Sunday School-8:30 a.m. 2nd & 3rd
Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle

Capitan, Lincoln Ave.
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257-6864
Allan M. Miller-Pastor
Bible Study-7 p.m. Tuesday
Sunday School-10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Services-6 p.m.
Ladies Fellowship-6 p.m. last Thursdays

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Angus
at Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center
12 miles north of Ruidoso on Highway 48
Charles Hall, Pastor
336-8032
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday worship - 11 a.m.
Bible study - 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday
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Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church

Ancho
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Sunday School-10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Worship-11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church

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Worship-11 a.m.

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354-2307
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Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays
Adult Bible Study-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

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433 Gateway Center
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257-5915
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7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study & Kids' Adventure Club

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Domingos 5 p.m. predicacion

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441 Mechem, 257-3478
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Miner's Day in White Oaks Saturday

The White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department's second annual Miner's Day celebration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in the old gold mining town of White Oaks, north of Carrizozo.

Visitors can wander through the School House Museum, muse the local artists' galleries, pan for gold, witness an old West shootout, watch a parade, cheer and jeer for "Madame Varnsh" and generally kick up some dust until 5 p.m.

Food, craft exhibits and geology lectures are also on the schedule.

Book review Monday at Women's Club

Doris Svetoka will give a book review on "I'm So Glad You told Me What I Didn't (wanna hear)" by Barbara Johnson at 11 a.m., Monday, June 9 at the Women's Club Building, 116 S. Evergreen. There will be a covered dish luncheon at noon.

The charge will be \$5 if a dish is brought, or \$8 if you just come to stay and eat.

Russian dancer offers summer ballet class

Russian dancer and teacher, Arkadiy Orohovskysky will visit Alamogordo this summer to teach a special ballet workshop, June 23 and June 27. Orohovskysky, who is currently a member of the El Paso Ballet, performed in Alamogordo and Ruidoso last November as the Cavalier in the Ballet New Mexico production of "The Nutcracker."

Orohovskysky was born in Kamenets-Podolsky in the Ukraine, where he began dancing at the age of 10. He was trained at the Kiev State Choreographic School under the internationally famous ballet dancer and master Valery Parsegov. Upon graduation he was immediately invited to dance as soloist by the premier ballet company of the Ukraine, The National Ballet Company of the Ukraine. Within a year he was principal dancer.

He has since received additional training at the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballet companies where he danced many leading roles in a large number of well-known ballets. He danced in Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Mexico, Canada and France. He won the Bronze Medal at the first Serge Lifar International Competition in 1994 and was honored by being awarded the title "Honored Artist of the Ukraine."

For more information about the summer ballet workshop to be taught by Orohovskysky, contact the Academy of Ballet, 437-3810.



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The intricately detailed stirrup on Renaldo "The Cisco Kid" Duncan's saddle.

Ted Flowers' parade saddle features the chieftan design. It's just one of 75 on display at Museum of the Horse.

Saddles track the relationship between man and horse

Museum exhibit takes all for a ride

BY JULIE BAXTER
vamonos staff writer

If saddles could speak, what stories would they tell?

Love stories, war stories, work stories and more.

Visitors to the "Saddle Up! A Cinch to Amaze" exhibit can gain insight to those tales by taking a stroll through the aisles of the Museum of the Horse and learning through the language of leather.

Centuries of seeing the world from a "rear view" are on display at the exhibit, which traverses man's intimate relationship with the horse and traces the evolution of the saddle in both form and function.

"Saddle Up!" has a four-fold focus, said Richard Rotert, writer and researcher for the museum.

The focus starts with the "big picture," Rotert explained, with a glimpse of the saddle's history and man's reliance on and relationship with the horse. A re-creation of an ancient cave complete with cave drawings whips visitors back to prehistoric times, and gives a glance of the importance of the horse to man. Rotert said the cave was specifically constructed to convey the early days of man and horse, and to allow visitors to trace the steps through time.

From the cave, the tour continues with displays showing early

examples of stirrups, such as the big toe stirrup used in India and the Roman version which was attached to spears, rather than horses, and an early example of the padded saddle from 5 B.C. Visitors also can catch a glimpse of Spanish saddles used by the Conquistadors in the 15th and 16th centuries. These saddles, known as Las Jinetas, mark the emergence of saddles as we know them and are the basis for what is now known as the Western saddle, Rotert said.

As a snapshot of that big picture, "Saddle Up!" also highlights saddles of historic and cultural importance.

Famous military heroes and Hollywood stars share the exhibit space. From fighting men like Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and Gen. John Joseph "Blackjack" Pershing (two of which are on loan from the Smithsonian Institute) to film icons The Cisco Kid and Pancho, a multitude of history is melded at the museum.

Santa Anna's saddle is ornate in detail complete with a gold-plated horn shaped as a lion's head for the general known as the "Little Lion." The saddle landed in Ruidoso Downs after spending years in the company of Sam Houston and his family. History has it that victorious soldiers from the Battle of San

Jacinto bought the saddle for \$325 to present to Houston, the Commander in Chief of the Texas Republic. The saddle was contributed to the exhibit by Houston's family.

Although much of the detail has been dulled since the fight in 1836, the gold lion's head still gleams and two embroidered lion's heads are visible still near the saddle's shoulders.

A hero of 1950s television, The Cisco Kid, known in real life as Renaldo Duncan, also rode a saddle full of intricate

gold and silver work. Right down to the stirrups, the saddle glimmers from the red and yellow gold and sterling silver details. Across the aisle is the more simple saddle of Cisco's famous partner Leo "Pancho" Carrillo, marking a reunion of the crime fighting duo.

Colonel William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody and trick shooter Annie Oakley are reunited at the exhibit. A close examination of Cody's saddle will show a portrait of the famous "Wild West" man etched

into the leather.

On a more romantic note, the saddle of the Marquis de Lafayette is also on display. Lafayette, who was commissioned by George Washington for his bravery in the Revolutionary War, is said to have rode the saddle in the company of one Miss Abigail Hazard in Rhode Island in 1824.

The final focus of the show is the saddle as a work of art.

The aesthetics of leather, decked out in rich colors and glistening metal, are in abundance. Whether it's Ivy Heymann's saddle

made by White Oaks master saddle maker Harlan Webb or the Indian Blanket saddle made by Austin "Slim" Green for presentation to New Mexico State Fair Rodeo Queens, the functional riding gear is transformed to a masterpiece of design.

Another added treat to be found at "Saddle Up!" are the saddles from across the globe. Rich blue

SADDLE UP!

What: "Saddle Up! A Cinch to Amaze" An exhibit tracing the history of saddles and the relationship of man, horse and a comfortable ride
Where: Museum of the Horse
When: Now through Oct. 14
Cost: \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military, \$3 for students, and free for children 4 and under and Museum of the Horse members

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Saddle: Ride along with history

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velvet and thick white alpaca fur are only a few of the varieties to be found in the international display.

"I consider it a privilege to have worked on this exhibit," Rotert said. He credited the hard work of the show's curator Glen R. Barrow, and Georgia Griffin, who was faced with the sometimes ominous task of transporting the saddles to Ruidoso Downs, for making "Saddle Up!" such a success.

Barrow, Rotert said, was the man responsible for winning over members of the Smithsonian Institute and convincing them to loan Pershing's saddles, Sherman's saddle and a fourth saddle that once belonged to a member of the United States 7th Cavalry, but was seized by a Native American and modified to fit his needs.

Griffin may have had the most difficult job, though. With so many specifications for transport, she was faced with meeting the demands of every contributor and



Courtesy photo
Charro saddle decorated with ivory-like rosettes carved from rawhide by saddle maker Luciano Mangula of Colema, Mexico.

still getting the saddles to the show. Rotert said. But now that they've hitched up in the museum, Rotert is sure the long hard ride was worth it.

Blues and jazz society jam session rocks Bent

The "joint was a-rockin'" last Sunday in Bent. The fledgling Lincoln County Blues and Jazz Society hosted its first annual music event June 1 to the delight of about 100 Lincoln County residents.

For those present who were not aware that Lincoln County has a large contingent of excellent musicians, the day was an enjoyable surprise. Held at "Joe's Place," a "roadhouse" that was in existence for all of one day, the music and food were organized by Beth Silva, Bob Banhagel and Louise Hanson.

Music was provided by KGB Blues Band, a local blues quartet capable of raising the roof in any roadhouse. Kathy and Gary Stamper, singer/keyboardist and singer/guitarist respectively, accompanied by the solid rhythm section of Steve Sandy and Tammi Foor, made quite certain that no one was dozing when they kicked off the show at 1 p.m. with a set of blistering blues.

The KGB Blues Band will be appearing on June 7 at the Alamogordo Area Aids Awareness 4th Annual Art Auction to be held at the Una Tertulia Artistica La Cantina de Tularosa. The show is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Then, on June 21, KGB will be playing

another benefit — ABATE of Tularosa Basin's Annual MDA Run at the Tularosa Lions Park. The event will take place in the afternoon.

KGB was followed by the Bone Daddys, a raucous Ruidoso-based blues and R&B group consisting of Ronnie Allsup, Bill Bagby, Scott Jensen, Billy Grimes, Richie Bowen and Don Hixon — all of Lincoln County. After the Bone Daddys finished what one man in the audience described as "a melt-down," an open jam session followed. Many Lincoln County musical stalwarts such as Tommy Martin, Jay Silverman and Bob Banhagel joined drummer Leo Chavez, singer Sawyer Ward, harpists Richard Malcom and Joe King, bassist Jimmy Lee and guitarists Spencer Bell, Drew Gumber and others for a searing musical free-for-all covering everything from T-Bone Walker's "Stormy Monday" to Cream's version of Robert Johnson's "Crossroads."

The Society hopes to bring nationally-known blues and jazz acts to Lincoln County in the future.

For further information on the Lincoln County Blues and Jazz Society call 257-2528 or 257-0634. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted.

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Creole Dixieland Jazz Band will open the Tailgate Jazz IV Season at Flickinger Center with a June 14 show. The group is one of six to play the summer concert series.

Tailgate tunes set for fourth season at Flickinger Center

The Flickinger Center and Space Center in Alamogordo are pleased to open Tailgate IV Jazz+ on Saturday, June 14 with The Creole Dixieland Jazz Band from Las Cruces. They play traditional dixieland jazz like many of the early jazz groups such as the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and Louis Armstrong's Hot Five in that it is made up of five players. The two "front line" players double on several instruments so that the band often sounds like a larger group.

The players include Eddie Brittle on drums, who began playing drums at 15. Brittle played in a military band in World War II and has been drumming in his spare time ever since. Bob Foskett, who plays cornet, trombone and bass trumpet, has played in dixieland bands in high school, college and for the last 30 years. George Goedecke sings, plays clarinet and soprano sax. He has been with the

band since its inception in 1985. Jack Richardson is a Las Cruces businessman who performed with the big bands of the 1940s as rhythm guitarist and lead vocalist. Since coming to Las Cruces in the 1950s Jack has been involved with various combos and dixieland groups. Jim Shearer is a member of the music faculty at NMSU and plays tuba for the Creole Dixieland Jazz Band.

The Tailgate IV-Jazz+ series of concerts is held in the upper parking lot of the Space Center in Alamogordo. The music begins at 8:30 p.m. The band plays under the "Deep Space Antenna." You purchase a parking space and fill your car with friends, food and lawn chairs and come enjoy wonderful music under the stars. Season ticket (six performances) are \$75.00. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$18 per parking space. For more information call 437-2202.

Dietrich work displayed at In-Espresso-Ble

Ruidoso painter Bruce Dietrich will display four or five of his paintings 7 p.m., Saturday, June 14 at the In-Espresso-Ble, a coffee house on Sudderth Drive.

Dietrich, winner of national awards for his lithographs, will discuss his genre of painting, called "musical abstracts." He will explain the process of painting music and how music relates to color.



Bruce Dietrich

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Fun Fly will fire up rockets in Mid-June

Model rocket enthusiasts from across the Southwest will converge on Alamogordo in mid-June for the Fifth Annual Fun Fly Regional Sport Launch. The gathering is sponsored by the Space Center, the Spaceport Model Rocket Association (NAR No. 488) and the Tripoli Prefecture (TRA No. 61).
"Fun Fly is an educational and recreational model rocket event," said the Space Center's Bob "Master Blaster" Turner, one of the Fun Fly coordinators.

year it gets really hot and windy. And, if there's going to be any rain it happens in the afternoon."
The registration fee for the launches is \$10.
The free afternoons on the 14th and 15th give persons attending Fun Fly an opportunity to see the Space Center and Alamogordo's other attractions such as White Sands National Monument, Oliver Lee State Park and the Alameda Park Zoo, Turner added.
"Saturday evening we have a cookout at 6 p.m. at White Sands National Monument. Soft drinks, grills and charcoal will be provided. This unique monument is a fun place for all ages," he said.

Registration for the two-day event begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 14 at Spaceport Model Rocket Association's new launch site at American Legion Post 34's Veterans Park. The park is located at the end of Alamogordo Road.
"Saturday and Sunday (June 14 and 15) between 7:30 in the morning and noon, we fly at Veterans Park," Turner said. "The reason we have the launches early in the afternoons during that time of the

Door prizes will be given away Sunday afternoon, Turner said, following the second series of launches at Veterans Park. The prizes were donated by model rocket companies.
For more information on Fun Fly, or for directions to Veterans Park, contact Bob Turner at 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

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The Dona Ana Lyric Opera will perform the Pirates of Penzance.

Pirates of Penzance to swashbuckle on to Flickinger stage June 13-14

The Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo is pleased to present The Dona Ana Lyric Opera in Pirates of Penzance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14.
Dona Ana Lyric Opera at New Mexico State University has a touring arm called the Gilbert and Sullivan Players (GASPI). This group is under the direction of Jon Linford and through his efforts, Las Cruces has become one of the world centers for Gilbert and Sullivan performances.
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boy, Frederic was mistakenly apprenticed to a band of pirates. He dutifully served until his 21st birthday and then prepares for a lawful calling. In the rest of the performance, he learns about girls, returns to serve with the pirates, battles with police and finds happiness with his beloved.
Don't miss the Pirates of Penzance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Tickets are \$5.00 and available at the Flickinger Center, Squash Blossom or at the door. For more information call 437-2202.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.
Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon. Noon meeting.
Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.
Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.
Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.
Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open. Noon meeting.
Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.
Birthdays, last Saturday.
Phone number 258-3643

ALL AMERICAN

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Open game. Novice players welcome. For information, call Joe Ranne at 257-9228.

ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

ALTRUSA CLUB

Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. President Karen Morris.

ALZHEIMER'S MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. Call 257-9071 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. President, Virginia Quesenberry.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. For more information contact memorial Chairman Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4066.

AMERICAN LEGION ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO

Neighborhood group meeting. Call Jennie Powell at 258-3896.

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Elk's meets in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month.

B.P.O. DOES

Does meet in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Four chapters meet in members' homes. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of every month. For more information call 257-5368.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Scoutmaster Steve Norbury, 258-3417. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 7-9 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem, Ruidoso. Call 258-4682 or 258-3726 for information.

CHOIR GROUP

Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces. Call locally for possible carpool and information at 258-5621.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

Volunteers serving the less fortunate in the area. Meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at 120 Junction Road (Church of Christ building). President Rick Osborne, 257-7162.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Step study meeting 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

COUNSELING CENTER

Stress management group 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5038 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4006.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

24-hour crisis line answered by the Ruidoso Police Department. Call 257-7365 and ask for the Family Crisis Center volunteer. Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Free women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Birgit LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meets at 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Library at noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month for covered dish lunch and games.

HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 257-2236 or 1-800-573-AIDS.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Texas-New Mexico Power community room.

KIWANIS CLUB

Meets at K-Bob's in the American Room at noon on Tuesdays. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

EATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

Meets in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Fred C. Knapp, grand knight.

LA JUNTA F.C.E.

Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. For more information call 653-4912.

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LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. For more information call Anita Powell at 257-5352.

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meets once a month. Call Cece Griffin, chairperson at 257-7558 for date and place.

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 257-5823.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 7 p.m. President Jerry Bertramson.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the hospital conference room.

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE!

Meets the first Sunday of each month at various locations. Call Judy at 336-1006 for meeting times and more information. Lincoln County Pride! is a social and political action group for Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual community and its heterosexual allies.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Meets at noon the second Thursday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitán. President Tom Carter, 354-2132.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry on Tuesdays for supper.

MASONIC LODGE #73

Meets in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Jim Matsler, 336-9699; S.W. - Marshall Conover, 258-3446; J.W. - Wall Argall, 257-7190. All visiting Brethren welcome.

"THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY"

Christian alternative to chemical dependency support group meets 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 433 Sudderth, Gateway Center.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

Meets 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. For more information call 258-3493 or 378-4669.

NOBY WATERS SERTOMA CLUB

Meets at noon at K-Bob's the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 257-2021.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m. For information call Emmett Hatch, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd. at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Visiting members welcome.

LINCOLN COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Meets 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio St. Camera Questions 2-4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the roastery. For more information call 257-3676 or 258-4003.

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets 7:00 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building. The only requirement for membership is a current driving license. You don't have to have a rod - just a love for them. For more information call 257-7993 or 258-5499.

QUILTING GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Judy at 336-8064 or Diana at 257-2446.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Duane Williams at 354-4230 or Jody Ashby at 257-5158.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Bobbie Milburn at 257-4402 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5164.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

RUIDOSO-MONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests. Everyone welcome.

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

7 p.m. (or later) every Wednesday at Pizza Hut on Mechem. No dues or fees. Beginners welcome. For further information call Alan at 258-4757 or Tony at 336-4219.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Meets in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirleje Roberts at 378-4184 or Ida Hal at 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. For more information call Margaret Bowden at 258-4678 or 257-2452.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road. For more information call 257-2309.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Meets in various locations at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month. For information call 258-5509 or 257-7157.

RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting; Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting; Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting. Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345. Meets at the east entrance of the Gateway Church of Christ.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church Hall. For more information call Diana at 257-2446 or Judy at 336-8064.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125.

RUIDOSO VALLEY NOON LIONS

Meets at Cree Meadows Country Club for breakfast at 7:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO VEGETARIAN CLUB

Meets monthly for 6 p.m. potluck at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, Ruidoso. Also monthly lunches at different restaurants. For information call Russ Warwick at 257-2172 or Karen Vaughn at 258-4939.

SERENITY SEEKERS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

Meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For additional information or to talk to a member, call 258-4671 or Fax 378-4192.

SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

SIERRA BLANCA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information call Dusty Rhodes at 257-2135.

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library for weekly open and novice games. 1 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 257-9228.

SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

Meets at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information call 257-2135 or 257-2883.

TENS

A weight-loss group. Meets at K-Bob's at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

THURSDAY BRIDGE

11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. For more information call 258-3631.

UNITED WE STAND

For information and meeting time, call Roy Proppner at 257-6600.

VFW Post 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday at American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

Don Klein VFW Women's Auxiliary Unit 7072

meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month at American Legion Hall, US 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer. Betty Beachum, President; John Lieftinck, Secretary. For more information call 258-5441 or 336-9669.

YOUR HELPING HANDS

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The organization raises money for equipment and supplies for White Mountain Search and Rescue. For more information call Susan at 257-9704, Sherry at 257-4787 or Katie at 257-2295.

ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets 6 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

Please mail corrections and/or additions by noon Monday for Friday's Vamonos to: The Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or fax them to 257-7053

'Con Air' lands in town

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. This weekend offers something for everyone - from action/adventure to romance, or from comedy to prehistoric terror.

For more information, call Sierra Cinema at 257-9444.

Con Air

Rated: R

Show Times: 12:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 9:45 p.m.

Plot: Stars Nicolas Cage in an action/adventure flick which opens today in Ruidoso.

Lost World

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9:15 p.m.

Plot: Steven Spielberg's dinosaurs return to terrorize a new group of humans. Jeff Goldblum returns from "Jurassic Park" to headline the sequel, which also features Richard Attenborough in a cameo. The story picks up four years after "the accident" at Jurassic Park. Something has survived on a second island, Isla Sorna, where the dinosaur manufacturing facility had been destroyed by a hurricane and the animals no live and breed in the wild.

Addicted to Love

Rated: R

Show times: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Plot: Matthew Broderick plays a naive, hopelessly romantic astronomer (Sam) from a small town in the Midwest who teams up Meg Ryan, a cynical New York photographer (Maggie). Strangers and polar opposites, what they have in common is an obsession with the respective loves who have just jilted them and are now blissfully sharing a romantic apartment in Soho. Sam will do anything to win back Linda (Kelly Preston), his childhood sweetheart and only love. Maggie will do anything to get revenge on Anton (Tcheky Karyo), her charming, accomplished French lover and ex-fiance. Griffin Dunne directs this film, written by Robert Gordon.

Austin Powers

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 9 p.m.

Plot: Mike Myers brings a James Bond clone, frozen from the 1960s, unthawed to the 1990s to battle his old rival, Dr. Evil (also played by Myers). Audiences will enjoy the many references to the 1960s and the talented, humorous Myers.

Space Center film gives unique look aboard Russian space station

The countdown had begun. Audiences grounded in the Southwest will soon have the opportunity to soar into space and experience life aboard Mir, the first long-term space station.

On July 1, the latest IMAX-produced film, "Mission to Mir," blasts at the Space Center's Clyde W. Tombaugh Omnimax Theater and Planetarium in Alamogordo.

Filed in space by the astronauts, this unprecedented 40-minute, giant screen tour of Russia's Space Station Mir gives viewers a unique look inside the weightless home in space that has been occupied by international teams of scientists since 1986.

Throughout the film, astronauts such as Norm Thagard, John Blaha and Shannon Lucid - the first three Americans to spend time on Mir - provide first-hand accounts of their experiences aboard Mir, and are shown living and working with their cosmonaut colleagues in this small colony orbiting Earth.

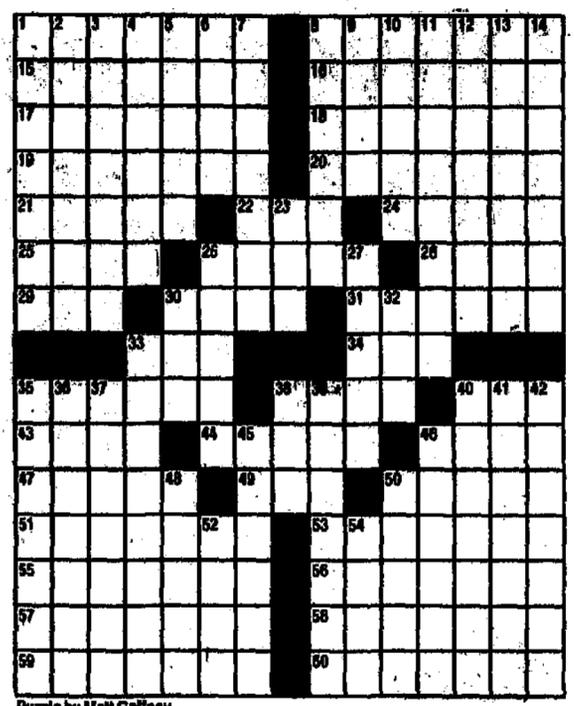
Lucid, the first American astronaut - man or woman - to spend a record 188 days orbiting 200 miles above earth, joins her comrades in guiding audiences through the day-to-day activities performed aboard Mir, from scientific experiments to entertaining guests from the Space Shuttle Atlantis.

"Mission to Mir" also delves into the rigorous preparation astronauts and cosmonauts undergo prior to their flights. For a rare behind-the-scenes look at their training program, viewers are given a first time look at the Russian cosmonaut community, Star City.

The IMAX film team also makes an unprecedented trip to the launch pad in Baikonur - a site once so secret that it was not located on any maps - to film a thunderous lift-off of a Soyuz rocket.

For show times, and Space Center operating hours, call 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

- ACROSS**
- 1 1984 sci-fi film.
 - 2 Snafu
 - 15 Catherine the Great was one
 - 16 Where Al Capone went to prison
 - 17 Appellate court orders
 - 18 Use as a base
 - 19 Clique member
 - 20 Covering ground
 - 21 G.O.P. consultant Roger
 - 22 Name in 1995 news
 - 24 Word with time or life
 - 25 Moon over München
 - 26 It keeps Royer from roving.
 - 28 "Tootsie" co-star for Dustin
 - 29 Sault - Marie
 - 30 Neighborhood sign word
 - 31 "Batfaship Potemkin" locale
 - 33 Gunk
 - 34 Is afflicted by
 - 35 Freshen
 - 38 Desert Storm terror
 - 40 To be, in Buenos Aires
 - 43 Bring (out)
 - 44 Kind of heat
 - 46 Passage
 - 47 1988 skating gold medalist Gustafson
 - 49 Headline with an exclamation point
 - 50 Spot
 - 51 Befuddled
 - 53 "West Side Story" song
 - 55 Sea cow
 - 56 Get set
 - 57 Swellhead
 - 58 Mickey Mouse Club name
 - 59 Common speeding speed
 - 60 Agrees



Puzzle by Matt Gaffney

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CHAR	CLAM	SPOOF
LAMA	AIDA	HYDRO
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	OSAKA	TREMOR
DANTE	ARIA	CAGE
OLEIN	HAD	THULE
OPEC	ANDY	ENDED
MORSEL	ELENI	
	PRESS	ROCKET
DEFENSE	PERSONA	
AGREE	ALAN	HATH
BLOCS	MOTO	OLEO
SIGHT	STEW	WARE

- DOWN**
- 1 Currents
 - 2 "Murder in the Cathedral" writer
 - 3 "Enchanted Places" memoir subject
 - 4 Like "Pulp Fiction"
 - 5 60's attire
 - 6 No ifs, - or buts
 - 7 Unpleasant folk
 - 8 Choir section
 - 9 "Tall - the judge"
 - 10 Certain garden flowers, for short
 - 11 Requires
 - 12 Salad greens
 - 13 Some assailants
 - 14 Drink in a pitcher
 - 23 Retribution object
 - 26 Sacks
 - 27 Causing ennu
 - 30 Actor Jacobi
 - 32 Lead-in for gum
 - 33 Prepared for the prom
 - 35 Now and then
 - 36 Archeologist's period
 - 37 Bygone dynasty name
 - 38 Overwhelming amount
 - 39 Simón Bolívar's birthplace
 - 40 Glitterati
 - 41 School
 - 42 Some transactions
 - 45 Sylvester's would-be prey
 - 46 Celebrated Argentine writer
 - 48 Protested, 1960's-style
 - 50 Comic Bruce
 - 52 Animation
 - 54 Novelist Simpson

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Oliver Lee and the Fountain Mystery

(This is the second in a three-part series about Oliver Lee and his contribution to the history of the Tularosa Basin.)

Rumors persisted into the 1890s that Oliver Lee was a ruthless man, a dangerous man, a cow thief and a man who wouldn't hesitate to commit murder to protect his holdings.

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

In many cases, the same can be said about most of the old-time cattlemen. But when A.J. Fountain and his son, Henry, disappeared in the White Sands in 1896, many people felt that Lee was responsible. It wasn't so much the disappearance of Fountain himself that people found

troubling. It was the disappearance of his 8-year-old son Henry that was bothersome. In the 19th century, generally speaking, even the baddest of the bad men left the women and children alone. The very idea that a child had been murdered was more than anyone could tolerate.

The times they were a-changin'. It is interesting to note that the 20th century was looming just around the corner with its mass murders, death camps, and other horrors waiting in the wings.

But in 1896, to most people, the murder of a child was unthinkable. Consequently, when A.J. Fountain went to Lincoln to testify in court against many accused rustlers, one of whom was Oliver Lee, he brought his son along. Fountain felt that bringing the boy along was a sort of insurance policy against any foul play befalling him on the journey to and from Lincoln. Ten years before, his ploy may have worked and thwarted any attempts on his life. But the so-called "modern" world with its so-called "progress" was about to make a liar out of him.

Fountain testifies in Lincoln

The Fountains' trip to Lincoln was uneventful. Traveling by buggy, the father and son stopped at the homes of many friends along the way — people who had grown close to Fountain during his many years as a public servant and newspaperman in New Mexico.

On the last day of the hearings, Fountain was standing near the courthouse doors when a man — never identified — pressed a note into his hand. It read "If you drop this, we will be your friends. If you go on with it, you will never reach home alive." Fountain chose to disregard the message. It was his first mistake.

The Fountains left Lincoln on the frigid afternoon of Jan. 30, 1896, and stopped for the first night at Blazer's Mill (scene of a spectacular gunfight during the Lincoln County War some 18 years earlier) on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Dr. Joseph Blazer and A.J. Fountain had been friends for years and

they spent a convivial evening together. Blazer later recalled that when the subject of the cattle rustling cases in Lincoln came up, Fountain commented that "We have enough evidence to convict, if they don't make away with me or my witnesses."

The more Fountain talked, the more Blazer became concerned and gradually, alarmed. He suggested that the Fountains let a couple of Mescalero friends come along as guards, but Fountain refused, commenting that "No, I think I can take care of any emergency that may arise." That was his second mistake.

Down the road a ways, near where modern-day Bent now stands, an elderly Apache friend of Fountain's was waiting with a small pinto horse. The old man wanted to show his gratitude for a service that Fountain had done for him, and presented Fountain with the horse. Fountain tried to refuse, but the Mescalero finally convinced him to take it "for the children." With the pony tied behind the buckboard, A.J. and little Henry Fountain continued on down the road toward Tularosa.

Mystery riders

It was shortly after they left the old man that the Fountains noticed that they had company: two, perhaps three men were following them at a distance. Fountain kept a wary eye on them all the way into Tularosa, at which point the mysterious riders veered off and disappeared in the foothills.

The Fountains, man and boy, spent that night with friends in La Luz, about nine miles further down the road past Tularosa toward White Sands. Neither knew it, of course, but it was their last night on earth.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, 1896, the Fountains began the last lap of their journey home. It was the lap that would take them across the desolate White Sands. Even back in 1896, the White Sands was known as a place where people tended to simply vanish.

The day was frigid. The man and boy kept a lap robe, Indian blanket and quilt draped across themselves for warmth, but even those articles couldn't keep the howling wind out. It is reasonable to assume that little Henry was longing to be at the family home in Las Cruces, where they had moved to from Mesilla, where he knew he would be warm and safe.

On this day, A.J. Fountain spied three men up ahead on the trail who appeared to be pacing him and his son. Laying his rifle across his lap, he pressed on.

About noon the pair had their lunch at a place called Pellman's Well on the edge of the White Sands. After feeding and watering the horses, the Fountains ventured out into that desolate region. A couple of hours later, they met Tularosa mailman Santos Alvarado.



A.J. Fountain

Further into the White Sands.

The disappearance

A little later, the Fountains met Saturnino Barela, Las Cruces mailman, on the trail. He and A.J. Fountain had an interesting conversation: "Those three men ahead — do you know who they are?" asked Fountain. Barela replied that "No, I didn't get near enough to recognize them. They turned out when they saw us." Fountain told Barela that "They've been traveling in front of us for miles. I am afraid they are going to attack us." When Barela asked Fountain why he didn't turn back, Fountain shook his head and replied "No, I have to be in Las Cruces tonight. I'll push along and take my chances."

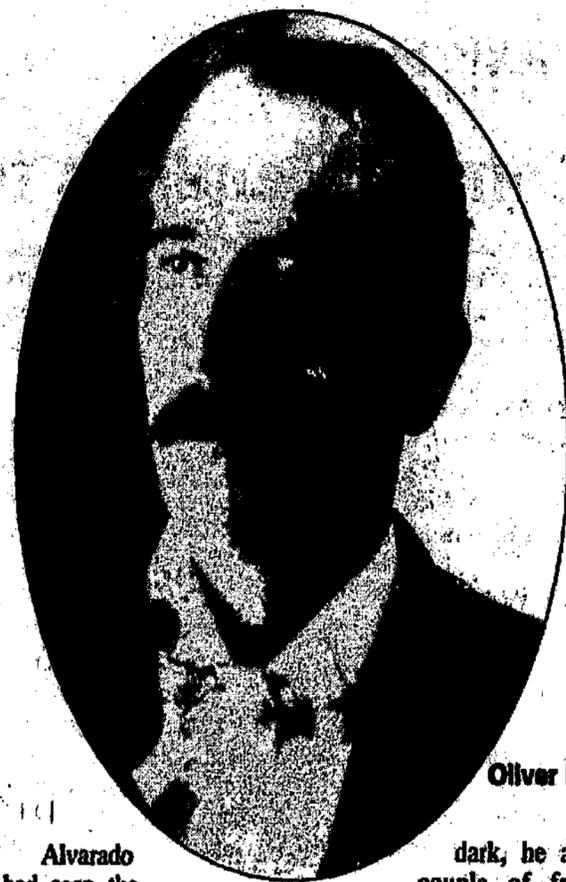
It was Fountain's final mistake. He and his little boy headed toward Chalk Hill, three miles distant. They were never seen again — alive or dead.

Saturnino Barela, the mailman, was deeply concerned for the Fountains. Like many Hispanics in New Mexico, he was quite fond of A.J. Fountain, who was married to a Hispanic woman and was frequently the Hispanics champion in the often prejudiced Anglo courts.

The next day, when Barela headed back toward Las Cruces, he made a point of watching for signs that Fountain and his son had passed through the White Sands uneventfully. His hopes were in vain.

Just past Chalk Hill, a White Sands landmark, he found that Fountain's buggy had left the trail. He followed the tracks for 30 or 40 yards until the buggy tracks were clearly intercepted by the tracks of several horsemen. Fearing the worst, Barela went for help.

Albert Fountain, Henry's eldest son, upon hearing of the disappearance of his father and little brother, seemed to lose his sanity. Despite the fact that it was nearly



Oliver Lee

Alvarado had seen the horse men ahead of the Fountains and he had seen them leave the trail at a gallop when they saw him. Both Fountain and Alvarado agreed that this was highly suspicious behavior. Nevertheless, the Fountains continued fur-

ther into the White Sands. dark, he and a couple of friends took off at a gallop for the place where the buggy left the trail. About an hour later, he was followed by a dozen or so men who had taken the time to pack provisions.

Many clues, little hope

There were many clues, but none of them gave anyone cause for hope that the missing pair were still alive. First, they found that a man had been hiding behind a bush just off the trail. As they followed the buggy tracks, they began to deduce even more. Their theory was that the man behind the bush had held the Fountains up while the three mysterious horsemen had ridden in and surrounded the buggy.

At this point, all of the tracks had moved a hundred yards or so off the trail. The posse took note of the fact that the led horse, the one that was a gift, had been shying around behind the buggy as though frightened. At this point the group appeared to have stopped for a time as the tracks seemed to indicate that the horses had been standing around stamping their hooves. There were also a number of cigarette papers scattered about. And then, most discouraging of all, there was the blood.

Blood was spattered over an area nearly six feet across, and there was a patch a few inches wide where it had soaked down more than a foot into the sand.

After a time, the posse put it together. They figured that Fountain had been shot at the place where the buggy first stopped. They figured that Fountain had been thrown from the buggy where they found the blood. There was sign that a blanket had been spread out next to where they found the stain and that something heavy had been placed upon it. They felt that they had figured correctly as to what had happened to A.J. Fountain, but they were all afraid to figure what had happened to the little boy.

The grim posse pressed on, following the tracks of the buggy. And later that day they found it — about 12 miles from Chalk Hill.

The killers had been thorough. Virtually all of Fountain's paperwork had disappeared. His rifle, his dagger, his Indian blanket and the lap robe — all vanished. Curiously, the threatening note that Fountain had received in Lincoln was still in the buggy. But that was all.

And Albert Fountain kept staring back in the direction of Dog Canyon, where Oliver Lee made his home.

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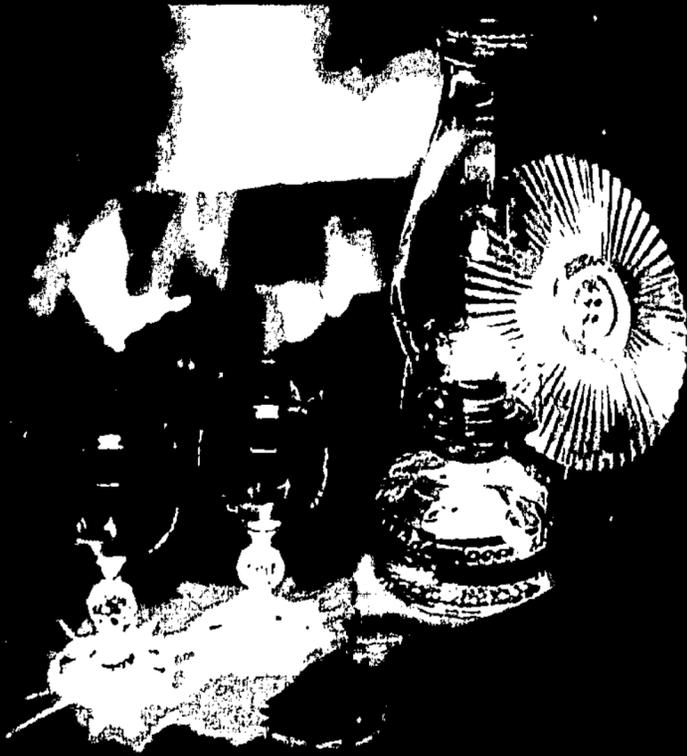
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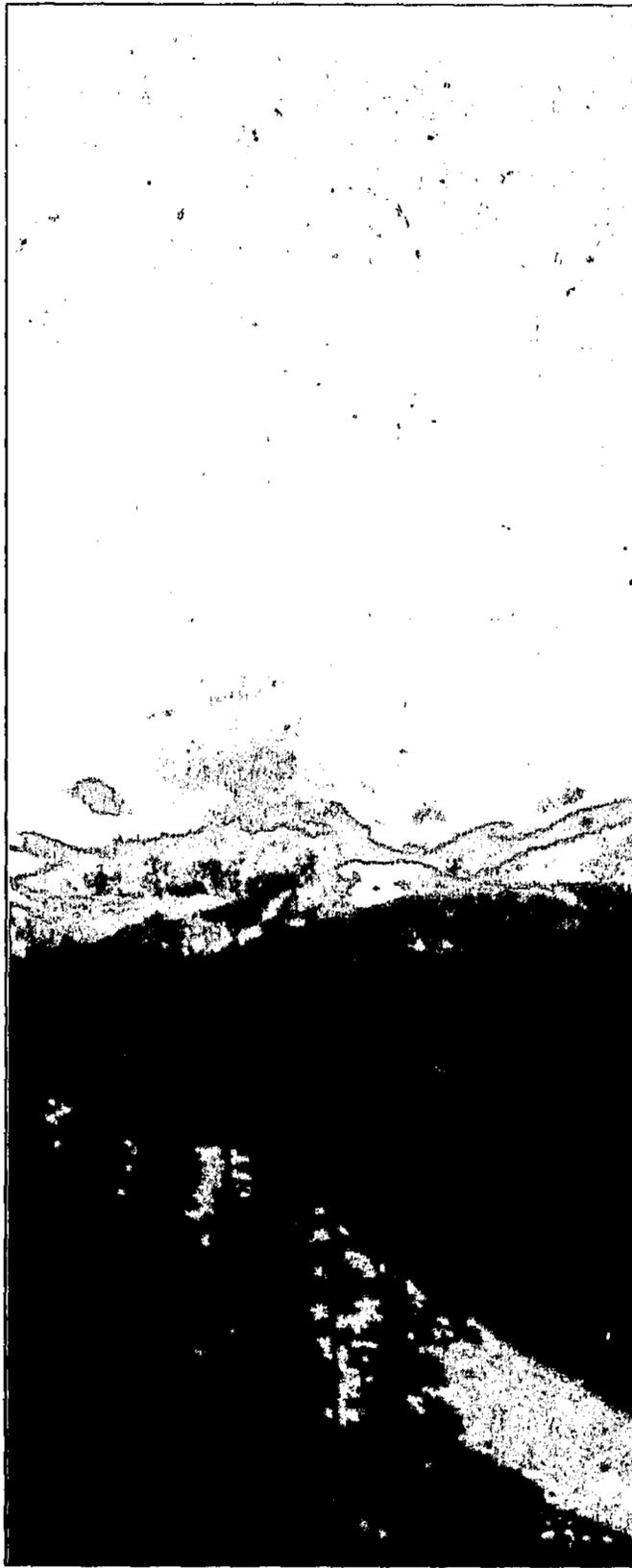
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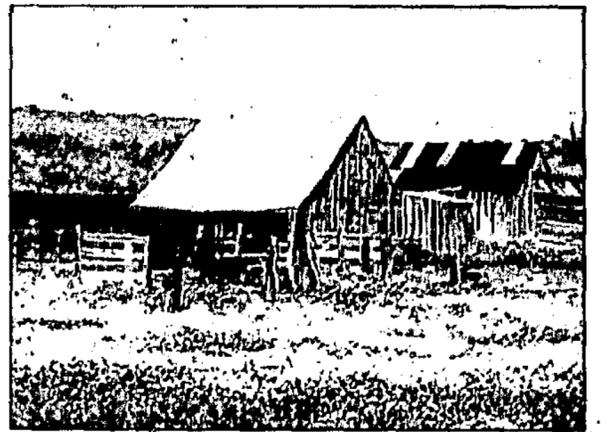


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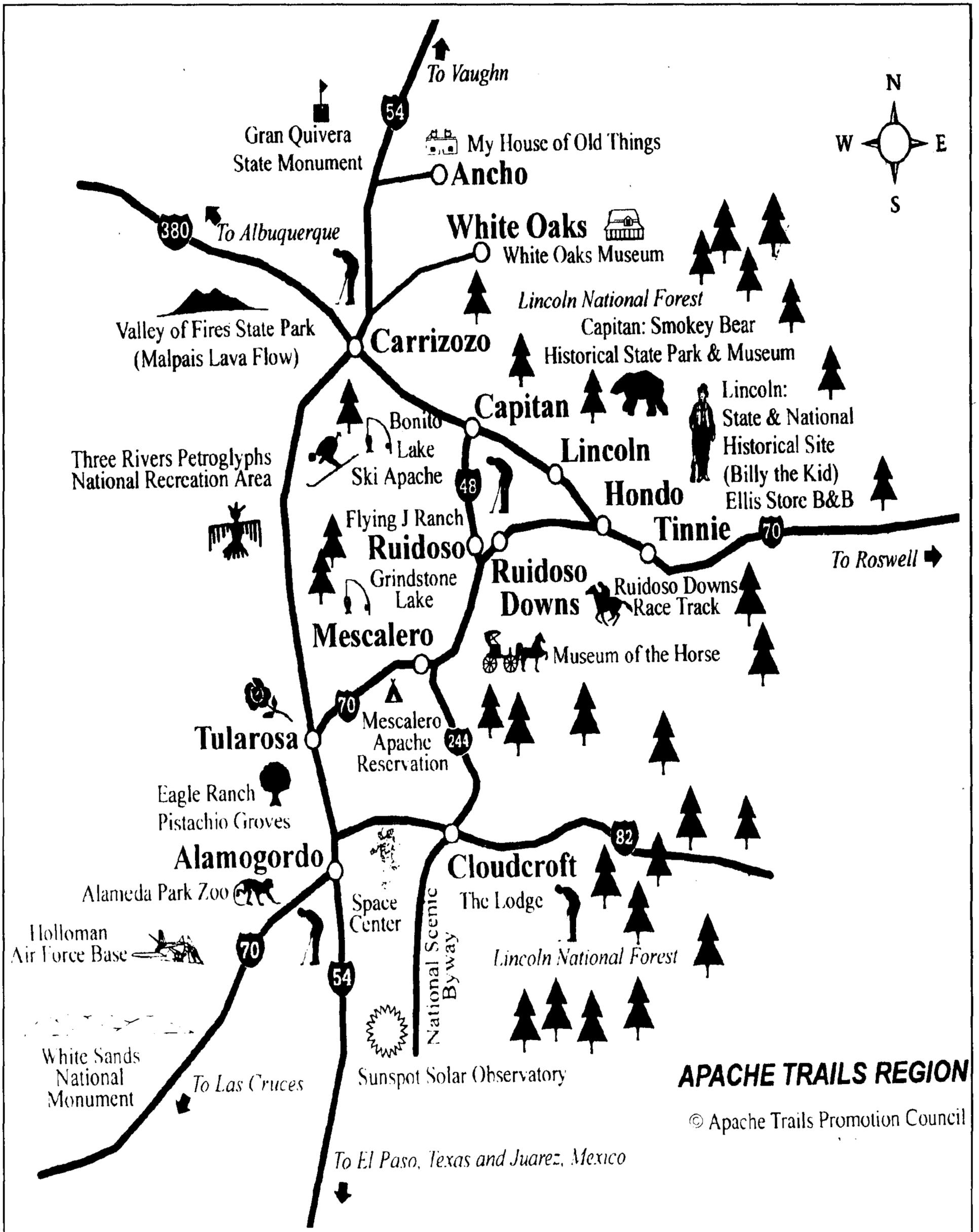
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Area has wealth of recreation



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History engrossing in Lincoln County

To grasp what Lincoln County's history is about, visitors should consider the variety of museums. Here's an overview:

The Museum of the Horse is open daily 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., May 1 to Labor Day, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., September through October. From November through April, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. General admission \$4; children \$2.50; seniors 65 and older, \$3.

Located on U.S. 70, next to Ruidoso Downs Race Track, the museum celebrates the horse and its role in the American West. Out front, seven striking horse sculptures announce it.

The horses are the work of Ruidoso artist Dave McGary, who unveiled the "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" in 1995.

In the museum, visitors will find the private collection of the late Anne C. Stradling. Through Stradling's bequest, her 10,000-piece collection was moved to the former Hubbard Museum (owned by Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard).

Group tours can be scheduled with guides during weekdays.

Northeast on U. S. 70 and west on U. S. 380 takes you to Lincoln.

This carefully preserved settlement, the former county seat, offers three museums with which to learn about the disputes and characters involved in the Lincoln County War. A fourth museum depicts life at the turn of the century.

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Phone numbers for museums

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A tour starts with a 10-minute slide show which explains the economic conflict that was at the root of the Lincoln County War. Exhibits focus on Billy the Kid. Displays also concentrate on the area's Mescalero Apache Indians, Buffalo Soldiers, cowboys and the Hispanic heritage.

Down the street is the Lincoln County Courthouse where Billy the Kid made his infamous escape by shooting his way out of imprisonment. The museum houses gun exhibits, artifacts like the Kid's spurs, and a life-size portrait of Billy.



Frequent rodeos in Lincoln County provide summer entertainment.

The Village of Ruidoso

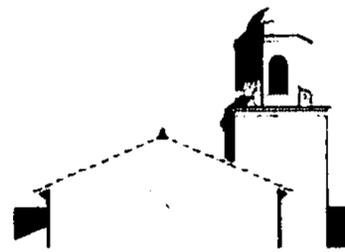
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The **Tunstall Store Museum** is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May through September. The museum tells the story of the young and wealthy store owner, John Henry Tunstall, who was murdered a year after building the store in 1877.

Also in Lincoln is **Dr. Wood's House**, a museum which closely resembles a doctor's office and home during the early 1900s. The house is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., May through September.

Travel west on 380 to Capitan. There, the **Smokey Bear Museum** is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May through September. Admission is free.

The museum, next to Smokey

Bear State Park, tells of the black bear cub that later became the symbolic mascot of U.S. Forest Service fire prevention. Smokey was found after a wildfire that raged through the Capitan Mountains in 1950.



Ancho Museum, or "My House of Old Things," may be reached by traveling west on Highway 380. Turn north on Highway 54 at Carrizozo and go about 25 miles north to Ancho. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, May

through Oct. 15.

This is a museum housed in Ancho's former nine-room railroad depot, run by L.Y. and Sara Jackson. The depot contains an array of 100-year-old railroad artifacts, clothing, appliances, photographs, guns, telegraph equipment, china and furniture.

The old mining community of **White Oaks** is northeast of Carrizozo. Take U. S. 54 north and head east into White Oaks on Highway 349.

The **White Oaks Schoolhouse** is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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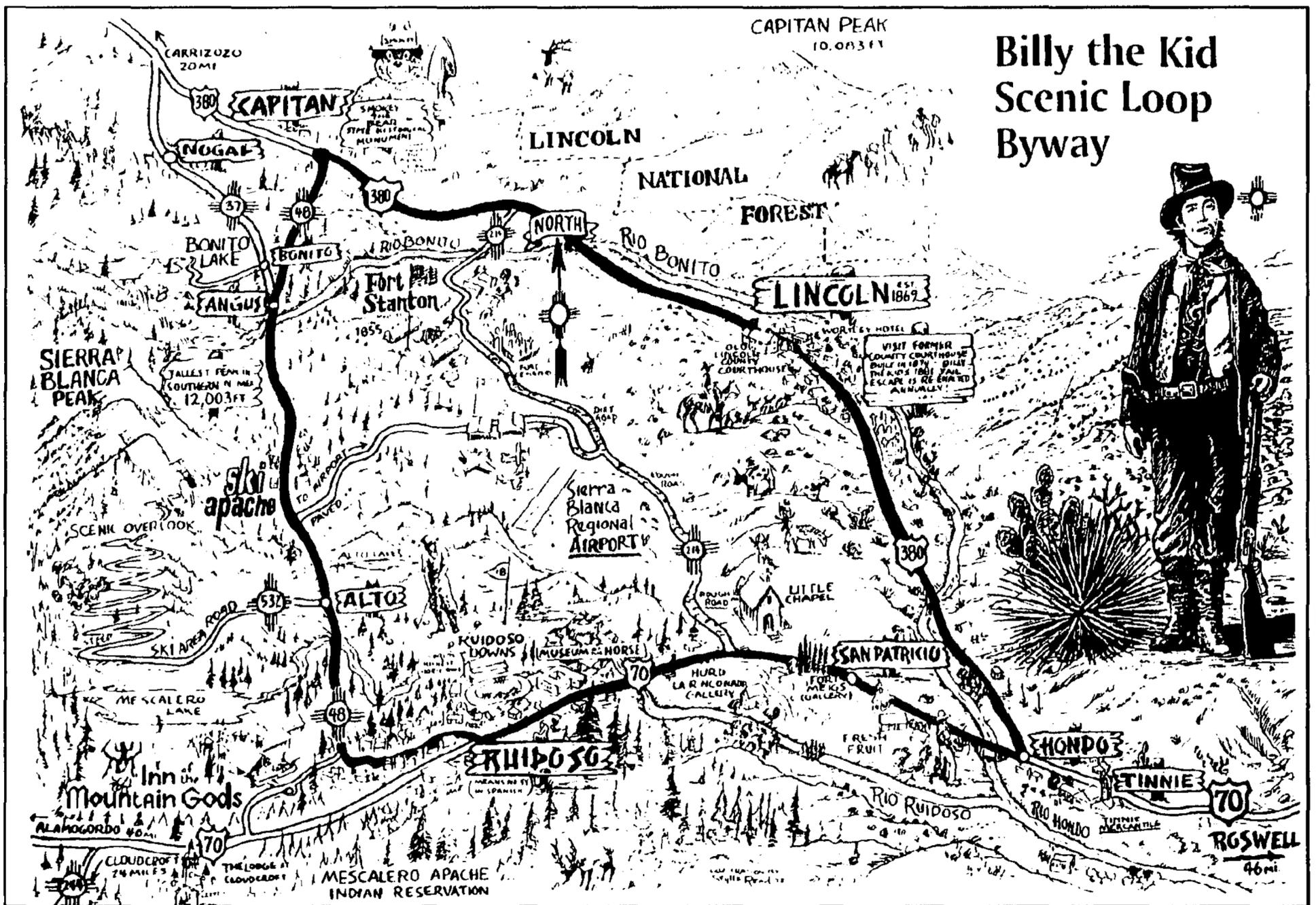
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Billy the Kid Scenic Loop Byway

Coming soon: Billy the Kid Byway

With a new interpretive center due completion this fall, Lincoln County's recently designated Billy the Kid Scenic Byway will become an extra-special treat for visitors. The interpretive center will be adjacent to the Museum of the Horse on U. S. Highway 70, and will represent an investment of more than \$500,000.

The trail (see above) crosses the trails of the infamous outlaw himself, who made his fame during the Lincoln County War more than a century ago.



Tension mounts at the McSween House before the final battle at the annual re-enactment of the Lincoln County War.

the 1880s except for the paved main street. The town has been designated an historic district, so it won't change much in the future, either. Historic markers all over town make even a solo walking tour educational.

Three museums tell about the real Billy the Kid, show the only authenticated photo of the outlaw (owned by one of the museums), and tell of sites that he frequented. At the courthouse, for example, holes are left in the wall by Billy's bullets when he escaped from jail in 1881.

Historic markers already dot the new scenic loop. One on Highway 70 just west of Hondo

Much of the war took place in the

community of Lincoln, which remains essentially unchanged since

on Highway 70 just west of Hondo

points to the site of the John Tunstall murder, which ignited the Lincoln County War of 1878-1879.

The now-peaceful Hondo Valley also has fruit stands dotting the roadside, historic churches, and the unique Hurd La Rinconado and Fort Meigs art galleries.

The best source of Old West history in the Ruidoso area is the Museum of the Horse, where displays honor the role the horse has played in the settling of the West.

A multitude of art galleries and shops can be found in the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs area, the population center of Lincoln County.

The loop north on Highway 48 out of Ruidoso climbs past the Ski Apache turnoff and then heads into Capitan, home of the Smokey Bear State Historical Monument and museum. Smokey Bear was rescued from a fire-ravaged area of the nearby Capitan Mountains, and after making his fame in a Washington,



The victorious "Murphy Men" stand over the fallen "Regulators."

D.C., zoo, he was returned to Capitan for his final resting place. East on Highway 380 out of Capitan, is a turn-off to Fort Stanton, where the likes of Blackjack Pershing and

Kit Carson once served. It's worth a short detour on a paved road. Local groups hope to develop a living history museum at the site in the years ahead.



Re-enactors gather in front of the set of "Old Lincoln Town."

Ruidoso Downs nearing 51st season

Quality racing has been the hallmark of exciting summers in Ruidoso for five decades

Ruidoso Downs racing is on again this year, the 51st consecutive meeting for Quarterhorses and Thoroughbreds.

The track has planned a 49-day meet - primarily three-day racing weekends - between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Things will kick off on May 23 with the trials for the Ruidoso Quarterhorse Sales Futurity. Post time is 1 p.m. The opening weekend also will include the \$10,000-added Road Runner Handicap on May 25.

And, for the first time at Ruidoso Downs, trials for the Clovis Classic Futurity will be run on May 24, with the finals on June 7. The Classic will be limited to animals acquired through the Clovis (N.M.) sales ring.

The futurity trials will be run on opening day May 23, with the 10 fastest qualifiers returning to run in the first leg of the Ruidoso Triple Crown which includes the Rainbow and All American futurities.

The centerpiece of the entire season of course will be the 38th running of the All American Futurity on Labor Day, Sept. 1.

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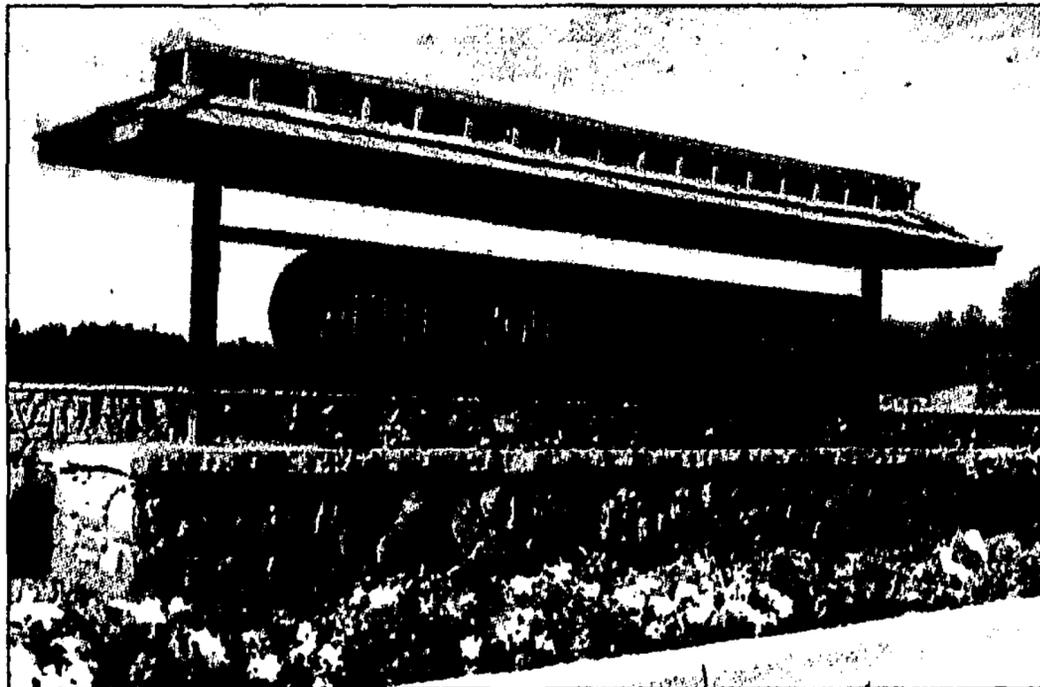
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Competition among the jockeys will be as strong as ever, with many veteran riders returning to the cool pines.

Racing will take place throughout the summer on a Friday through Sunday schedule except on opening and closing weekends, when racing will also take place on Monday, May 26 and Monday, Sept. 3.

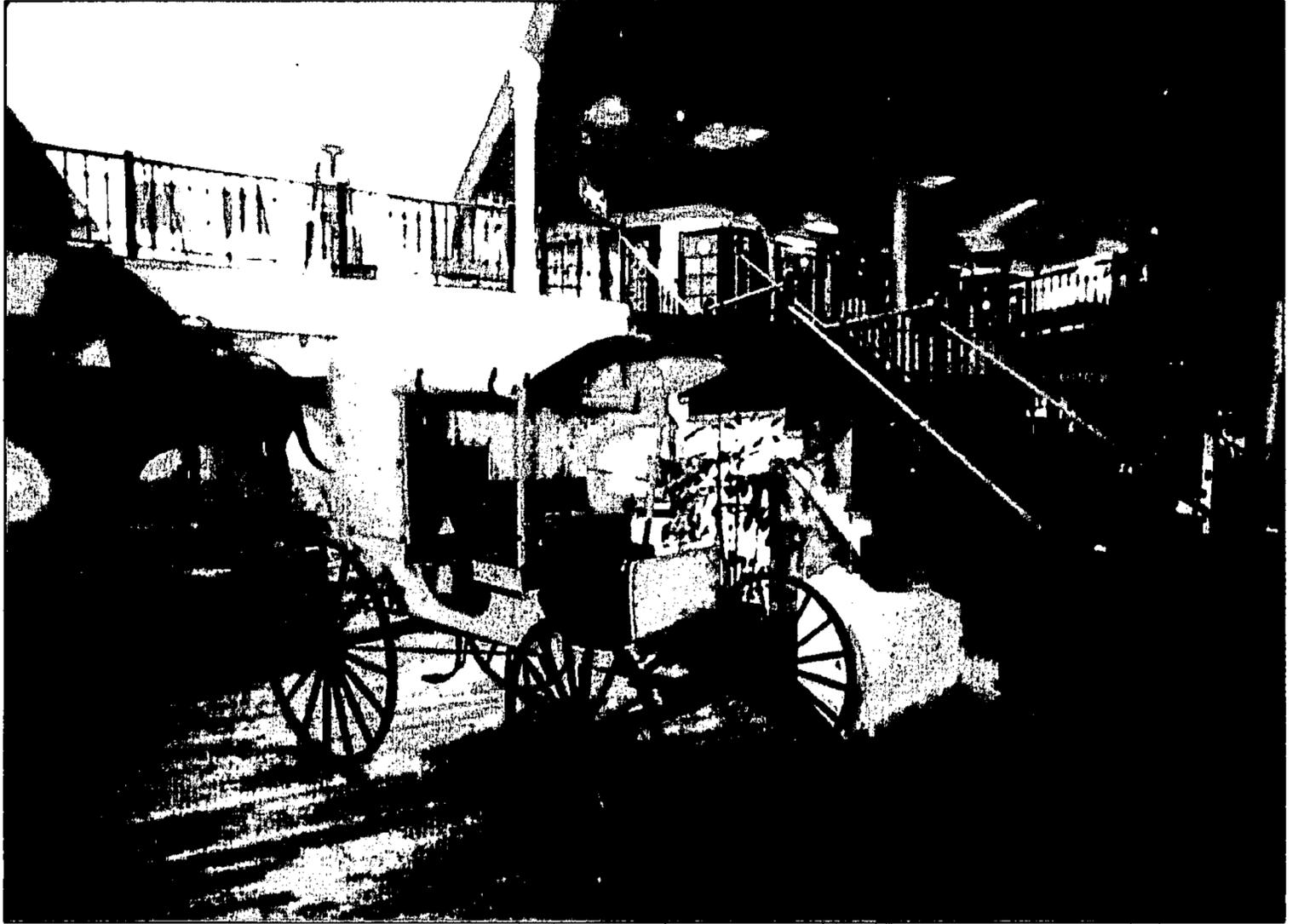
Also on the schedule will be two special Thursday race days, one on July 3 (the Master Salls Handicap) and the second on Aug. 14 for the All American Futurity trials.

The race schedule for 1997 is tentative, pending approval by the New Mexico State Racing Commission. For more information, race fans may call Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. at (505) 378-4431.



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The Museum of the Horse (above) in Ruidoso Downs has one of the most extensive collections of horse memorabilia in the nation. A fascinating display of firearms dating back 200 years is on display through March 31. The museum also hosts a wide variety of educational and fun events nearly every weekend. Ruidoso Downs Race Track (below) opens May 23 with live racing which continues through Labor Day. Simulcast races are shown throughout the winter months.



Simulcasting, pull tabs available year round

If you want a chance to make back some of the money you spend on your vacation, check out the simulcast horse races and pull tabs in the Ruidoso area.

Simulcast horse racing runs all winter at the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater, and pull tabs are available at the main lobby of the Mescalero Apache Tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The state government also offers scratch games and Powerball through many local convenience stores.

Open September-May, the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater offers some of the best simulcast pony action in the west, as well as full food service, beverages and parimutuel windows for wagering.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Thursday through Monday, and stay open until the last race, which on Friday and Saturday nights can be as late as midnight. Thursday, Sunday and Monday, the last race is usually around 6 p.m.

About 45 large television screens are situated throughout the theater, which can be viewed from the kitchen, bar area and corridor for free. Football and other sports can also be viewed on some of the TVs, and about 25 nine-inch monitors also fill the building.

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 Horseman's entrance between the Museum of the Horse and the racetrack.

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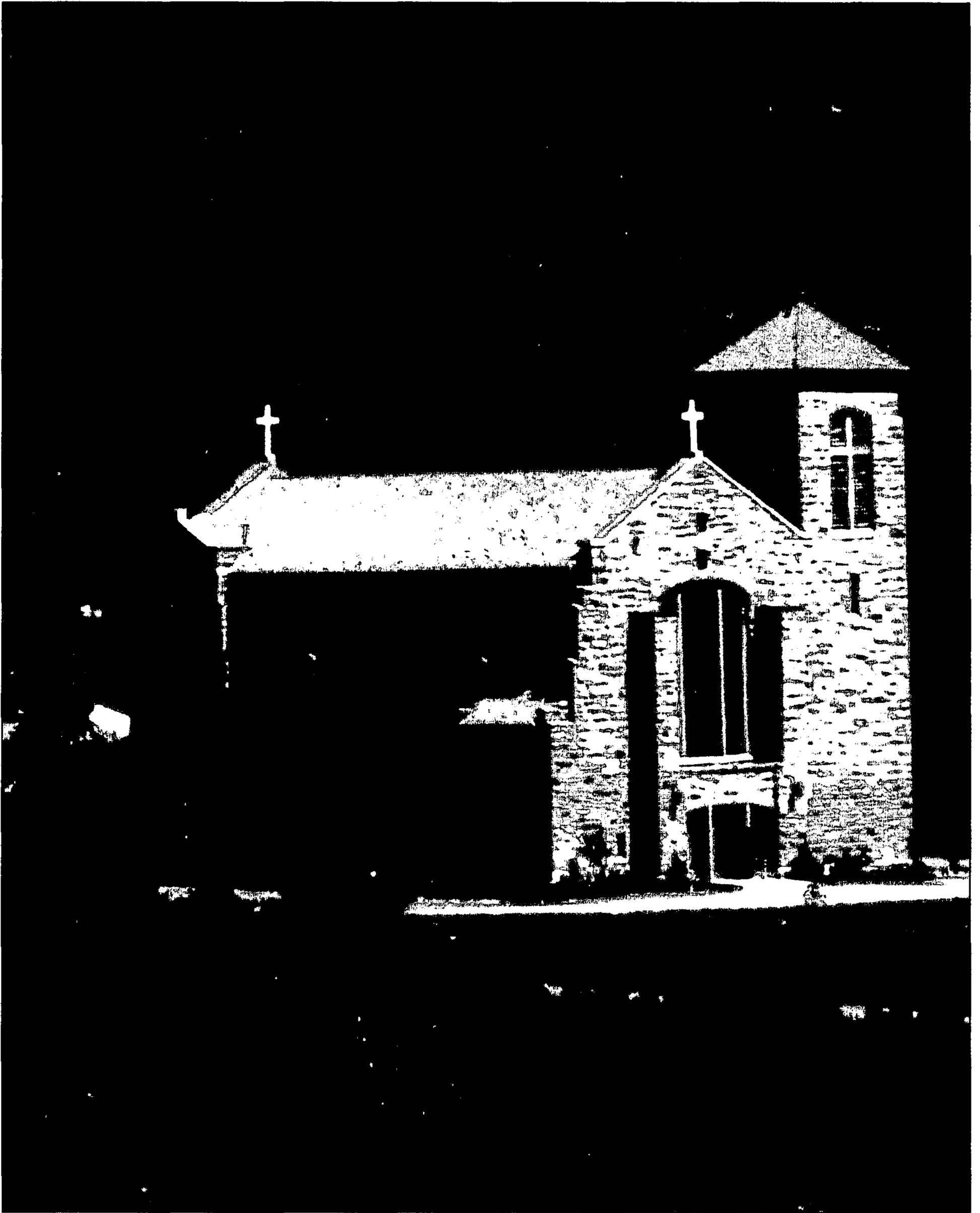
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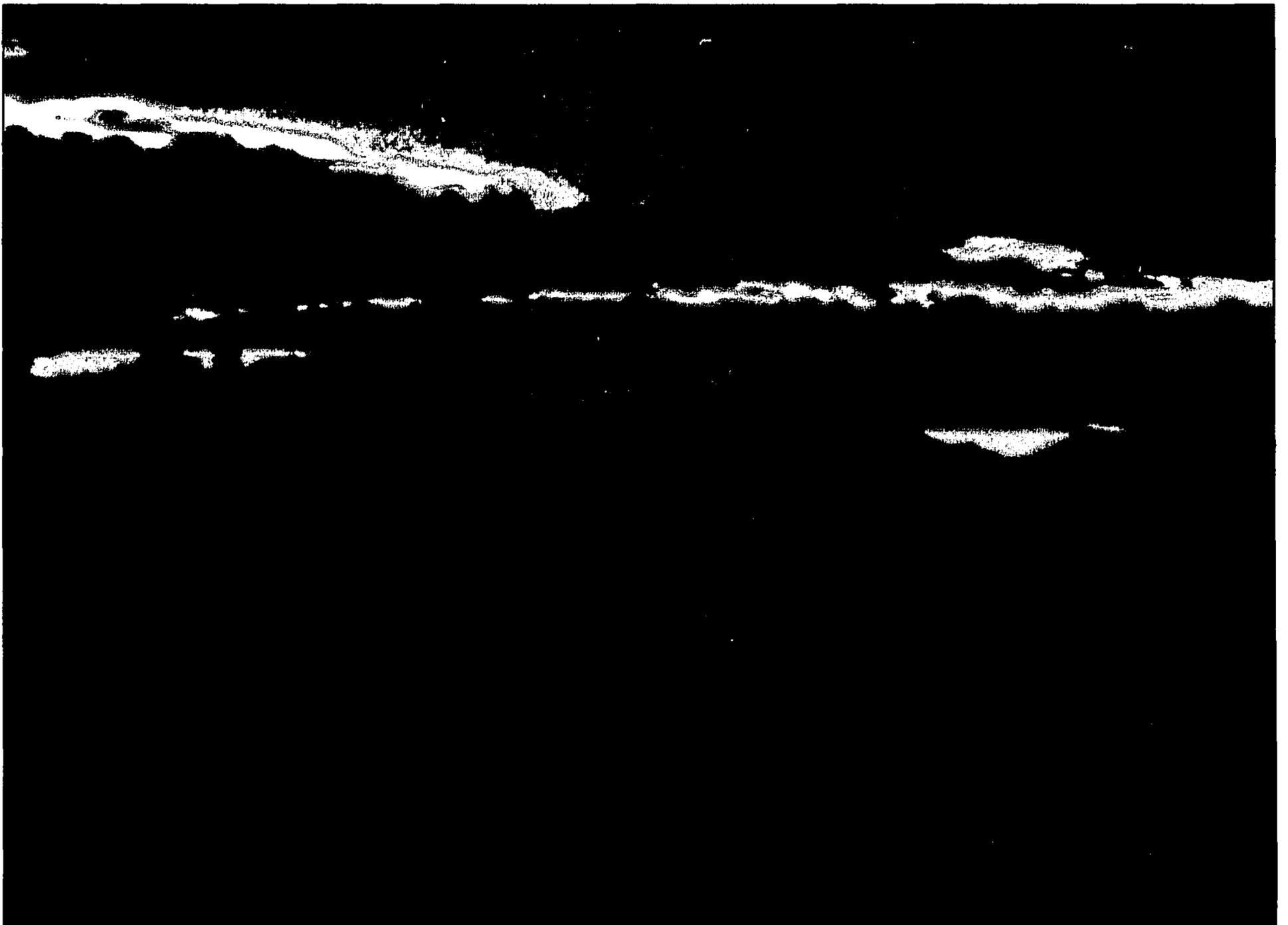
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St. Joseph Apache Mission in Mescalero reveals the fascinating merger of traditional Mescalero Apache Indian religion with Christianity. Towering over the community along U.S. Highway 70, it is open to the public.



Alamogordo's Space Center (left) includes the International Space Hall of Fame, Clyde W. Tombaugh Omnimax Theatre and Planetarium, John P. Stapp Air and Space Park, Hubbard Space Science Education Building, and Shuttle Camp. (Below) The largest expanse of white sands in the world, White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo offers a spectacular contrast to the Organ Mountains at sunset. The sands stay cool in the summer because of their lack of color, and sledding down the dunes is a favorite pastime of visitors to the park. Several programs, such as striking tours during full moons, are offered on a regular basis.





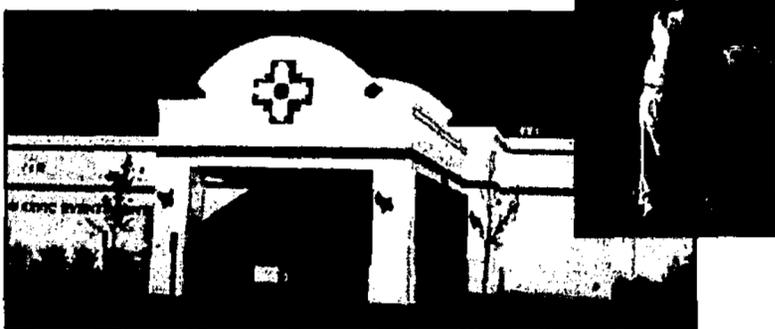
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┆ **APACHE TEE**, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Occasional live music.

┆ **CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB**, 301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2733 — Keri plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond, every Thursday through Saturday night.

┆ **FARLEY'S FOOD FUN & PUB**, 1200 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5676 — Video games, live interactive trivia, pool tables. Live upbeat music on patio every Friday and Saturday night.

┆ **FOUR WINDS LOUNGE**, CORNER OF HWY. 54 AND 380, Carrizozo, 648-2964 — located in restaurant next to motel.

┆ **HOLLYWOOD BAR**, East Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs — Pool tables, classic rock juke box.

┆ **INNCREIBLE SALOON**, North Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — Live music on week-ends.

┆ **MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB**, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

┆ **MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB**, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6693 — DJ plays contemporary and top 40 music every Friday and Saturday night. Occasional live music on weekends.

┆ **OUTPOST BAR & GRILL**, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo, 648-9994 — Pool tables, juke box and video games.

┆ **RODEO BAR**, Hwy. 380, just east of Capitan — the only bar near Capitan.

┆ **SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE**, Enchantment Inn Motel, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4051 — Weazel performs every Wednesday through Saturday night and some Sundays. This one man band plays everything from pop to country.

┆ **THE TEXAS HOUSE**, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — Live music every Friday & Saturday. Open all night Friday & Saturday.

┆ **THE TEXAS CLUB**, 212 Metz, Ruidoso, 258-3325 — Dance to live music every Friday & Saturday.

┆ **TINNIE'S SILVER DOLLAR SALOON**, Tinnie, 653-4425 — Sunday afternoon concerts on the veranda approximately once per month. Call for dates.

┆ **WAYNE'S PLACE LOUNGE**, 1137 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3912 — Occasional music on weekends.

┆ **WHITE OAKS SALOON**, Hwy. 349, White Oaks — Old west saloon with impromptu country jam sessions. Occasional country bands on weekends.

┆ **WIN, PLACE AND SHOW**, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982 — Live bands every night. Lincoln County Band, the Rattlecats, and the Smokehouse Band are the summer bands performing everything from old and new top 40 to country western music.

┆ **THE WINNER'S CIRCLE**, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 — Country bands every Thursday through Saturday night.

┆ **BENT TREE JAMBOREE**, Airport Road, east of Alto, 336-4076 — Country music show and buffet.

┆ **CASINO APACHE**, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Slot machines, black jack and craps.

┆ **FLYING J RANCH CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND WESTERN SHOW**, Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4330 — Monday through Saturday performances and meals.

┆ **LINCOLN COUNTY GOLD MINING COMPANY**, 629 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4070 — Gold panning excursions in the Lincoln National Forest.

┆ **RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK**, Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4431 — Live racing Friday through Sunday, simulcast racing throughout the week.

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□ APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.

□ RUIDOSO LITTLE THEATER, 2961 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-5190 — Live community theater throughout the summer.

TRANSPORTATION

□ RIO TRANSPORTATION, 257-0203. Village, race track and casino shuttle service.

□ RUIDOSO TAXI, 378-4848

□ LONE STAR AIRLINES, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, north of Ruidoso, 336-4893 — Daily flights from Ruidoso to Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport.

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□ BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 438-7400

□ FUNTRACKERS, 101 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275 — Video arcade, miniature golf, go carts, pool tables and bumper boats.

□ INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing.

□ RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4900 — Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

□ RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SKATEBOARD PARK, White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

□ RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, Sudderth Drive, 257-2795

□ SMOKEY BEAR RANGER STATION, Lincoln National Forest, 257-4095.

GOLF COURSES

□ THE LINKS AT SIERRA BLANCA, 105 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5330 — 18-hole course is 7,003 yards long.

□ ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 100 Country Club Drive, Alto, 336-4231 — 18-hole course is 6,059 yards long. Private course.

□ CREE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE, 100 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-5815 — 18-hole course is 5,786 yards long.

□ INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS GOLF COURSE, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — 18-hole course is 6,416 yards long.

HORSEBACK RIDING

□ BUDDIE'S STABLES, 707 Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 258-4027

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Lodging abounds in Ruidoso

At the intersection of U. S. Highway 70 and State Road 48 in Ruidoso, it's noted that 48 lodges are ready and waiting to receive guests in Ruidoso. They range from luxurious suites to simple log cabins tucked in the Upper Canyon.

Near the "Y" on U. S. 70 is Ruidoso's newest facility, a Holiday Inn Express.

It is an addition to a cluster of motels serving the "entrance" to the Village. Located conveniently for travelers along Highway 70, these facilities also are popular with summer visitors who want a short commute to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Museum of the Horse—just a skip and a jump to the east and a notch beyond the site of a new Wal-Mart superstore to open in the fall of 1996.

National "branded" motels such as Days Inn and Super 8, and a number of budget motels also are located in the area.

Rental rates vary with the location and the season, but the odds are that something will be available when a call is received.

A destination resort for many from New Mexico and neighboring states, the Mescalero Apache Tribe-owned Inn of the Mountain Gods provides all resort conveniences (golf, boating, hiking, horseback riding, a variety of restaurants, excellent accommodations) with the added attraction of Casino Apache.

The main dining room, called In-A-Da, has been beautifully remodeled and opened on Easter weekend for the summer season of 1997.

From one of the high overlooks, on the main route (Mechem Drive) to Alto Lakes and Ski Apache from Ruidoso, the Swiss Chalet (a Best Western) offers fine accommodations, dining and spectacular views from balconies that seem to be at the top of the world.

But for many frequent vacationers in the area, the family-operated lodges, cabins and condos tucked away on byways and in quiet canyons have become "summer homes" that bring them back each year. Several of the most popular ones are convenient to Midtown in the delightful Upper Canyon area and along Sudderth Drive.

The list below offers a variety. More information is available on the Internet at <http://www.ruidoso.net>.

Guide to lodges in the Golden Triangle

Ruidoso

A-Frame Cabins • 505/258-5656 • 800-333-7079 • 2 & 3 bdrm., pool, hot tub, pets, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, wood. 1012 Mechem Dr.

Canyon Cabins • 505/257-2076 • 1, 2 & 3 bdrm., C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, king beds. 416 Mam Rd.

Casey's Cabins • 505/257-6355 • River cabins. Complete kitchens, fireplaces, C/TV. Next to midtown shops & restaurants. King, queen beds. 2640 Sudderth Dr.

Cro's Nest Motel & Apts. • 505/257-2773 • Large 2 & 3 bdrm., kitchens, C/TV, sm. pets w/approval, fireplaces. 143 Upper Terrace Rd.

Dan Dee Cabins • 505/257-2165 • 800/345-4848 • Acres & acres of forest with charming mountain cottages, fireplaces, river, ski paks, racetrack box, all attractions nearby. 310 Mam Rd.

El Alto Lodge • 505/257-2528 • 800/269-3837 • Cabins, rooms, kitchens, fireplaces, color TV, fully furnished. Convenient to golf course & Convention center. 404 Mechem.

Forest Home Cabins • 505/257-4504 • Clean, cozy, fully furnished cabins. 1-4 bdrm. cabins w/kitchenettes, C/TV, fireplaces, no pets please. 436 Mam Rd.

High Country Lodge • 505/336-4321 • 800/845-7265 • Located 4 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48. 2 bdrm. cabins, fireplaces, kitchens, C/TV, heated pool, jacuzzi, game room, children under 18 free. Hwy. 48, Alto.

Hurd Ranch Guest Homes • 505/653-4331 • 800/658-6912 • Three adobe casitas, authentic antiques, private patios, designer furnishings, fireplaces & art by the Hurd-Wyeth family. Hurd-La Rinconada gallery on site. Hwy. 70, San Patricio.

Idle Hour Lodge • 505/257-2711 • 800/831-1186 • 13, 2 bdrm. rustic cabins in pines near river. Kitchens, grills, C/TV, fireplaces, fully equipped, playground, ski paks, hot tub, BBQ pit, groups. 100 Lower Terrace.

LaJunta Guest Ranch • 505/336-4361 • 800/443-8423 • 10 cabins, C/TV, fireplaces, mtg. room, courtyard, BBQ. Sun Valley Rd., Alto.

Mountain Air Cabins • 505/257-5600 • Year round, rustic/modern, secluded, relaxing, family vacation, fishing, nature trails, BBQ, picnic tables, C/TV, fireplaces, kitchens. 1129 Main Rd.

Noisy Water Lodge • 505/257-3881 • 800/810-5440 • Ten woodsy cabins, fully furnished. 1-3 bdrms with kitchens, C/TV, some fireplaces, meeting hall, near river. No pets. 1301 Main Rd.

Ponderosa Courts • 505/257-2631 • 1, 2 & 3 bdrm, ski pak, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, close to river, park & hiking. No Pets. 104 N. Laurel.

The Riverdeck • 505/257-7498 • 2 bdrm, kitchen, livingroom, fireplace, C/TV, on the river, no pets. 101 Sleigh Rd.

Riverside Cottages • 505/257-4753 • 800/328-2804 • Five 1 & 2 bdrm cottages w/fireplaces, antique decor, on river, small pets w/ approval. 101 Flume Canyon.

Ruidoso Lodge Cabins • 505/257-2510 • 800/953-2510 • Clean, recently redecorated, on the river. 1-3 bdrm cabins w/kitchens, fireplaces, porch & TV. 300 Main.

Sherwood Forest • 505/257-2424 • 800/676-09515 • 14 cabins, 6 rm motel. Fireplaces, kitchens, indoor pool. 496 Main Rd.

Sierra Blanca Cabins • 505/257-2103 or 258-4061 • 12 quant 1 & 2 bdrm log cabins w/fireplaces, kitchenettes, C/TV (HBO), outdoor grill & children's playground. Convenient to midtown shops & attractions. 217 Country Club Rd.

Starlite Cabins • 505/257-2255 • 6 units, pets allowed. 1/4 mile north from Sudderth and Mechem intersection.

Story Book Cabins • 505/257-2115 • Charming knotty pine cabins each with a cozy stone fireplace and complete kitchen. Just minutes from downtown area, yet quiet and secluded. 1, 2, 3 bdrm, C/TV (HBO), fax, no pets. 410 Main Rd.

Tepee Cabins • 505/257-4418 • 800/208-3733 • 1 & 2 bdrm. Close to river. Walk to midtown, kitchens, C/TV. No pets please. 100 Mechem Dr.

Track & Ski Lodge • 505/336-4240 • 800/687-0620 • Motel rms, 2 bdrm/2 bath cabins, kitchen, fireplaces, queen beds. No pets. Hwy. 48 N., Alto.

Upper Canyon Inn • 505/257-3005 • 888/4RUIDOSO • 1 & 2 bdrm cabins, fireplaces, kitchen, C/TV, ski pak. No pets. 205 Main Rd.

Whispering Pine Cabins • 505/257-4311 • 1 & 2 bdrm, king beds, kitchens, fireplaces, C/TV. 422 Main Rd.

Alpine Lodge • 505/257-4423 • 11 units, ski pak, C/TV, small pets. 2805 Sudderth.

Apache Motel • 505/247-2986 • 800/426-0616 • Clean, moderate rates, sm pets, kitchenettes. 344 Sudderth.

Best Western Swiss Chalet • 505/258-3333 • 800/47-SWISS • 82 units, restaurant/lounge, swimming pool, spa, dry steam sauna, meeting rooms. 1451 Mechem.

Bestway Inn • 505/278-8000 • 20 units, room service, ski pak, king & queen beds, fax. Pets allowed w/permission. 2052 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs.

Cree Manor Inn • 505/257-4058 • Motel rooms, 1 & 2 bdrm luxury apts, ski pak, C/TV, phones. Paradise Canyon & Starlite Rd.

Days Inn • 505/378-4299 • 800/DAYS INN • 50 units, king & queen beds. Suites available w/jacuzzi tubs. Smoking & nonsmoking rooms. Heated indoor pool & spa. WID avail. Fax. Free cont'l breakfast. 2088 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs.

Economy Inn • 505/378-4706 • Newly remodeled 17, one-level units with parking in front. 1, 2 & 3 beds in room. Single-king beds, C/TV, ski paks, air conditioning, sauna, phones, fax, pets w/permission, next to restaurant. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs.

Enchantment Inn • 505/378-4051 • 800/435-0280 • 80 hotel rooms, adjoining suites, indoor pool/jacuzzi. Outdoor patio/BBQ, rooms available w/private jacuzzi. Banquet/meeting rooms. Guest laundry, restaurant, bar. Hwy. 70.

Holiday Inn Express • 505/257-3736 • 800/HOLIDAY • 104 rooms, 6 suites with king beds, sleeper sofa, microwaves and refrigerators. Outdoor pool and spa. Free continental breakfast. 400 W. Hwy. 70.

Inn of the Mountain Gods & Casino Apache • 505/257-5141 • 800/545-9011 • 253 units, conference facility for 600, whirlpool, pool, tennis courts, spa, restaurants, lounge, golf course.

Innsbruck Lodge • 505/257-4071 • 47 rms, open year round, convenient to midtown and only 10 minutes from racetrack. Fax. 601 Sudderth.

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Oscuro High Desert Hostel • 505/648-4007 • 1914 Adobe ranch house on 240 acres. Budget accommodations for travelers, 2 dormitories and 2 private rooms. Fully stocked kitchen and large common room. Free laundry and linens. A great weekend getaway/business retreat. 15 miles south of Carrizozo on Hwy. 54.

Pines Motel on the River • 505/257-4334 • 800-257-4834 • 10 clean, cozy, 1 level newly remodeled rms on the river. Centrally located, C/TV, ceiling fans, Ski Pak, on-site fishing, outdoor grill and picnic area. 620 Sudderth.

Ruidoso Super 8 Motel • 505/378-8181 • 800-843-1991 • 63 units, non-smoking, handicap room, C/TV, w/ remote, sauna, spa, phones. Hwy 70.

Shadow Mountain Lodge • 505/257-4886 • 800-441-4331 • 19 units, C/TV, phones, no pets, fireplaces, kitchenettes, hot tub avail. Designed for couples. Upper Canyon. 107 Main Rd.

Sitzmark Chalet • 505/257-4140 • 800-658-9694 • 17 units, K&Q beds, some fireplaces, C/TV, in-room coffee, refrigerators, microwaves, phone, hot tub, no pets, most major credit cards, centrally located. 627 Sudderth.

Sunset Canyon Lodge • 505/257-3566 • 800-687-2685 • 5 units, fully equipped kitchen suites & rooms. Hot tub, non-smoking, TV/HBO, walking distance to Midtown shops and dining, fireplaces available. 102 Park Ave.

Thunderbird Lodge • 505/257-3908 • 800-416-3908 • One of Ruidoso's historic landmarks, recently reopened and remodeled. Motel type rooms, 1 & 2 bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens. Some fireplaces, cable TV, BBQ and picnic areas. All rooms non-smoking. Bike tours. Se habla Espanol. 205 Mechem Dr.

Villa Inn Motel • 505/378-4471 • 800-447-8455 • 60 rms, phones, restaurant, C/TV, heated pool, courtesy coffee. W. Hwy 70.

Village Lodge • 505/258-5442 • 800-722-3779 • All suite lodge, kitchens, fireplaces, hot tub. 1000 Mechem Dr.

West Winds Lodge • 505/800-421-0691 • C/C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, indoor heated pool, hot tub. 208 S. Eagle Dr.

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High Sierra Condominiums • 505/257-6913 • Timeshare & rental, C/C/TV, 1, 2, & 3 bdrms, fireplaces, phones, w/d. 501 Excalibur Rd.

Innsbrook Village Management • 505/258-5441 • 800-284-0294 • 1-4 bdrm luxury condos, swimming pool, tennis courts, 3 par, 9 hole golf course. 146 Geneva.

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Buffalo Girls Bed & Breakfast • 505/354-258 • Two private suites filled with western art and antiques. For the more adventurous, a covered wagon to sleep in. Just a short drive from Ruidoso. 311 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan.

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'Saddle up' at the Museum of the Horse

by RICHARD ROTERT

The rousing call to "Saddle Up" has been revived at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs with a new exhibition dedicated to the history and development of the saddle.

On display May 24 through Oct. 14, the informative display examines the origins of the saddle with incisive commentary of the saddle, coupled with rarely viewed artifacts from the museum's extensive collection, private gifts, and the archives of the Smithsonian Institution.

Exemplary artwork defines the saddle as a work of art in itself. And an interactive saddlemaking demonstration - complete with break-apart saddle by noted saddlemaker Harlan Webb - will bring the historical record up to date.

The saddle, along with its counterparts the stirrup, bridle and horseshoe, vastly altered man's association with his valued equine companion while permanently altering the course of

human history. The museum's international collection, in excess of 80 saddles, contrasts various styles of multicultural horsemanship. Distinct forms of the saddlemaker's art range from the ornately-tooled leather of craftsman G.S. Garcia of Elk, Nev., to the modest elegance of ivory inlay in a Russian Cossack turn-of-the-century saddle. Admirers of pop culture may view a video presentation of western actors Wilford Brimley and Lincoln's own Richard Farnsworth, which accompanies their personal saddles on display.

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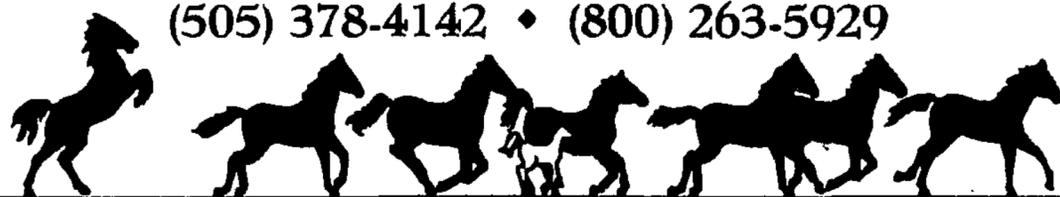
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A quiet oasis is how Oliver Lee Memorial State Park has been described. The park is located at the mouth of Dog Canyon in the Sacramento Mountains, 10 miles from Alamogordo.

The park is open year round and is equipped to accommodate overnight and day-use visitors.

Archaeological research shows that the trail through Dog Canyon was a travel route more than 4,000 years ago, for people moving from the lowland desert into the Sacramento and Guadalupe Mountains. Nearly 170,000 stone artifacts have been discovered.

It is believed the Apache Indians came to the area 500 years ago, and they used Dog Canyon as a fortress.

About 600,000 people a year enjoy the scenic splendor of White Sands National Monument.

Considered a great natural wonder, giant dunes of gypsum sand cover 275 square miles of desert, and have created the world's largest gypsum dune field. A number of plants and animals that have successfully adapted to such a harsh environment may also be seen.

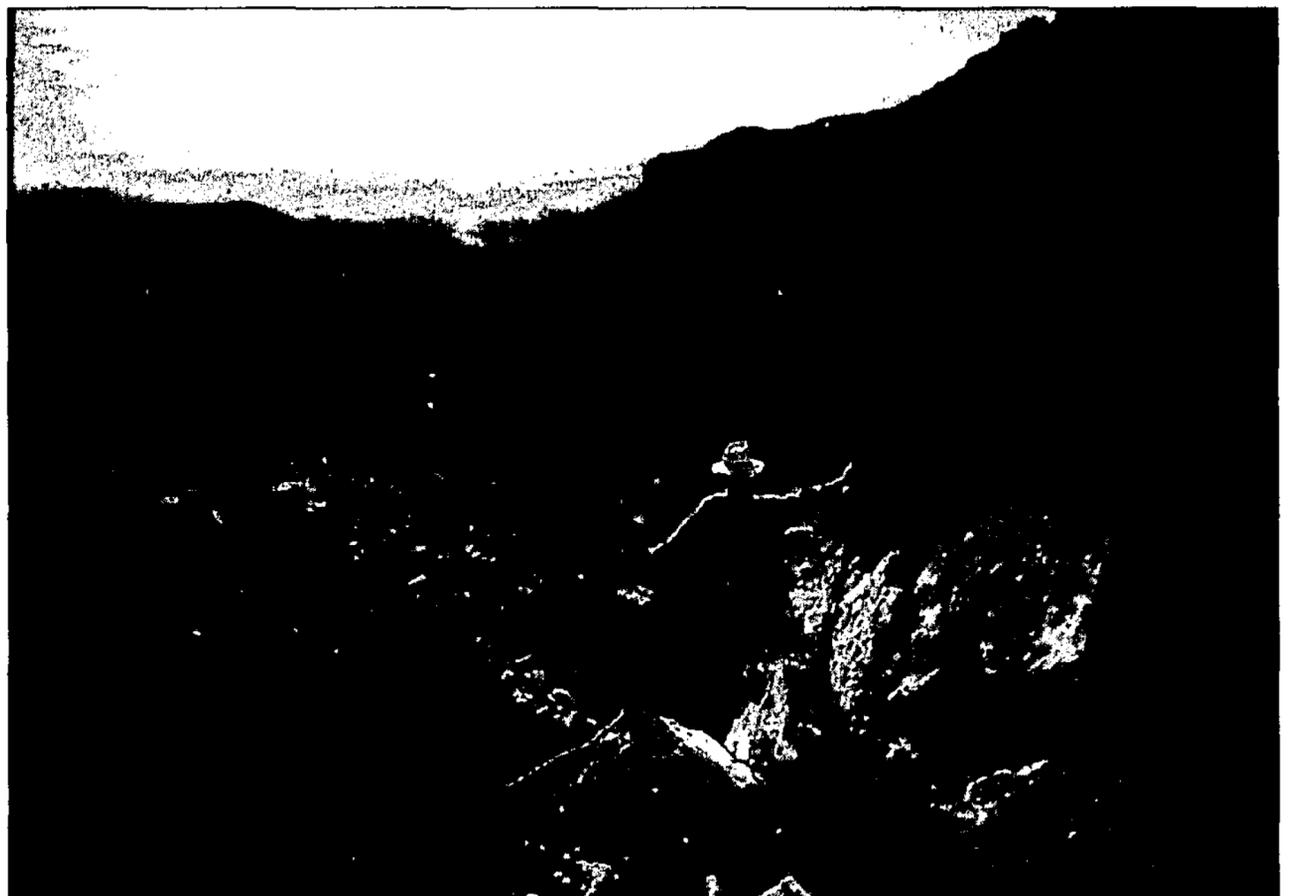
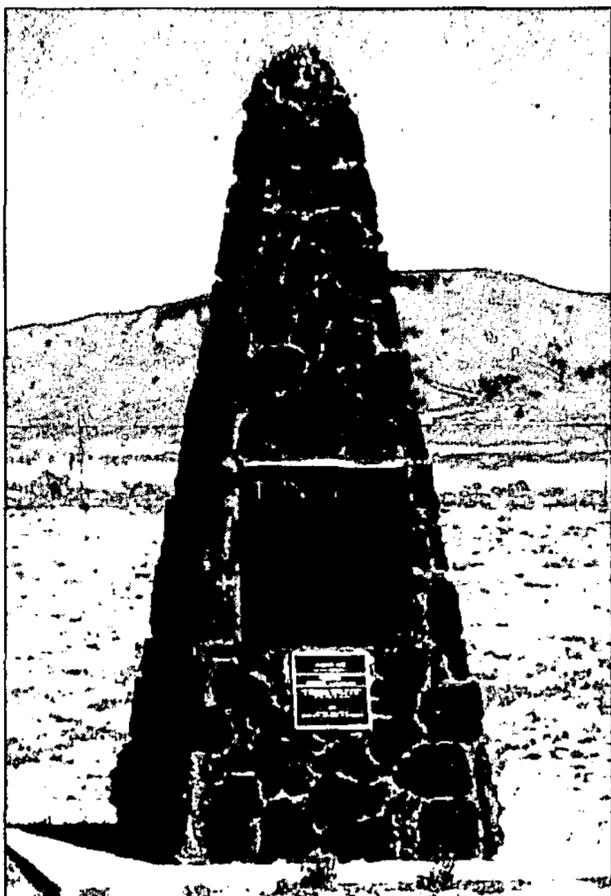
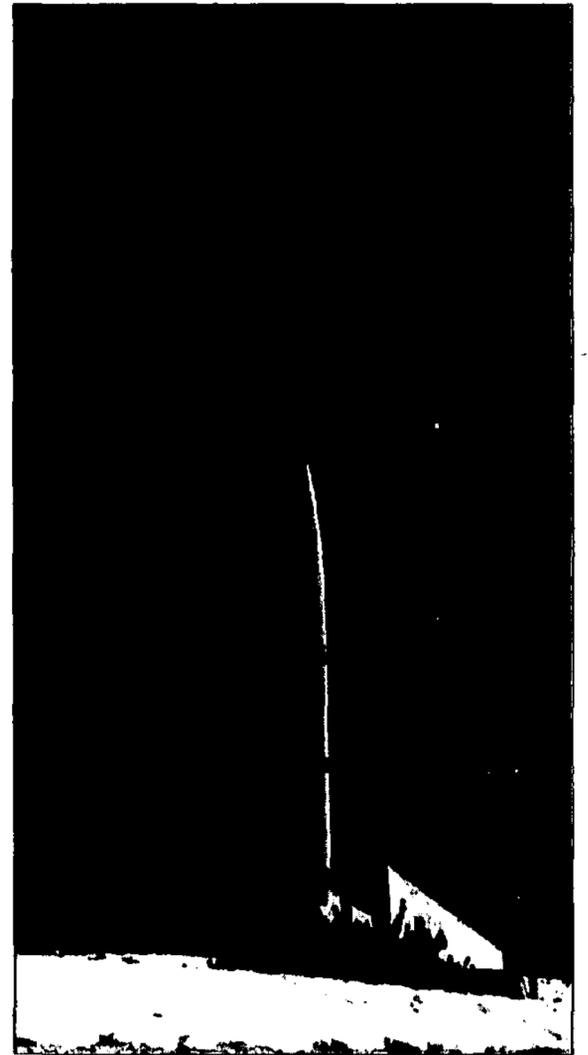
An eight-mile scenic drive leads into the heart of the dunes. Big Dune Trail, a one-mile, self-guided nature trail, allows visitors to explore the dunes on foot.

The Interdune Boardwalk is a wheelchair accessible 1/4 mile nature trail. The Alkali Flat Trail is a 4 1/2 mile roundtrip backcountry trail through the heart of the dunes. Sunset strolls are daily at 7 p.m. in

Sightseeing interests in Alamogordo are the Space Center (right), the Trinity Site (bottom left) where the first atomic bomb was exploded, and Oliver Lee Memorial State Park (bottom right).

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Ski fashions get softer edge

Day-glow colors and grunge snowboard styles are pretty much out, while a straight-line, more conservative look is in, say some local ski moguls.

"Neon is out finally," cheers Steed's Ski Sports shop owner Mike Steed. "Thank God!"

And notes Wild West Ski Shop owner Ron Anderson, "They're getting away from the snowboard grunge look in styles."

The industry is saying "Sell the thrill, not the grunge," Anderson relates.

That look helped cast a somewhat surly image on the sport, which some in the industry are trying to shed, he says.

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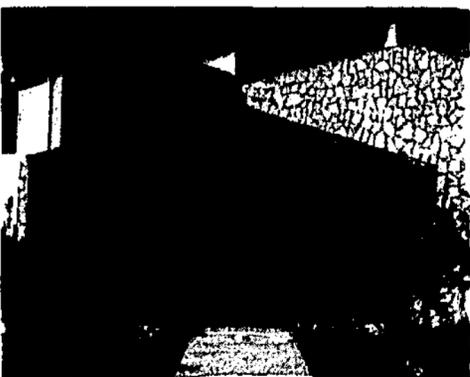
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But the new style is kind of 1950s-ish with straight line parkas covering the buttocks.

Other hot jackets are the fleece pull-overs that now look like Berber carpet, says Rocky Mountain Sports owner Cindy Clayton.

"It's wild the things they're doing with fleece this year," she says.

Leather is also strong, and raw silk is making an appearance as lining in some powder shells, she says.

Earth tones are in with leopard and zebra prints for all ski suits in general, says Clayton's assistant clerk Kip McClellan.

There's also a lot of purples, yellows, oranges and grays marking the clothing, but the colors are soothed by the darker colors around them, he says.

And what's really in, McClellan adds, "is anything that doesn't show dirt or blood."

**"If it's warm and comfy,
it works."**

Every color under the sun is stylish in ski wear this year, says Mountain Ski Shop owner Ronnie Taylor. "It isn't just neon anymore. There's multiple colors, so we can be our own person. If you're a brown, you can be a brown."

Best of all, the ski clothing is more practical than ever before.

"The clothes don't just have to be for skiing, but can be worn casually too," Taylor says of the suits, parkas, pants and snowboarding clothing and boots he sells at his shop—the largest retailer of ski clothing in Ruidoso.

This winter's line of high-tech gear is designed to keep you warm without feeling like a bear on skis.

New air walk snowboarding boots that you can slip right into are hitting the the market. And materials for clothing is lighter than ever.

"The Inside Edge has come out with some really nice ski gear in their High Tech line," says Steed. "It's very technical ski clothing that stands up to very heavy duty (winter) conditions," he says. "You keep yourself warm when necessary and cool when necessary without caring a lot of extra stuff."

The light-weight, high tech fabric is similar to cycling gear, with a "ventilation system" that allows body moisture to dry without becoming cold, explains Clayton.

But, as always, just about anything goes in Ruidoso when it comes to fashion.

"If it's warm and comfy, it works," Clayton says.

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An overview of some of the activities visitors will find in the months counting down to summer follows – when the Lincoln County pace shifts into overdrive.

Ruidoso

The Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs is open daily, with frequent special entertainment events; call 378-4809 for updates.

Racing at Ruidoso Downs will begin on May 23 and continue through Labor Day. The Downs has requested a 49-day meet for 1997—generally Friday-Sunday weekly.

Ruidoso Art Festival, Convention Center, July 25-26.

Alamogordo

April 10-11—"Forever Plaid," Flickinger Center; 437-2202.

April 18-20—All-Arabian Horse Show, Otero Fairground; 437-9367.

April 19-20—Rattlesnake Round-Up, Otero Fairground; 437-0231.

May 3—Free Planetarium Show, Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.; 437-2840.

May 16-17—PRCA Rodeo, Otero Fairground; 437-0231.

May 22—Full Moon Program, White Sands National Monument; 479-6124.

May 22-28, Vietnam Wall, Washington Park; 475-5576.

June 7—Free Planetarium Show, Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.; 437-2840.

June 11-15—AHS-sponsored Junior Rodeo, Otero Fairground; 437-0231.

June 14-15—High Rolls Cherry Festival, High Rolls; 682-3445.

June 15—Juneteenth Parade; 437-6120.

June 19-20—Full Moon Program, White Sands National Monument; 479-6124.

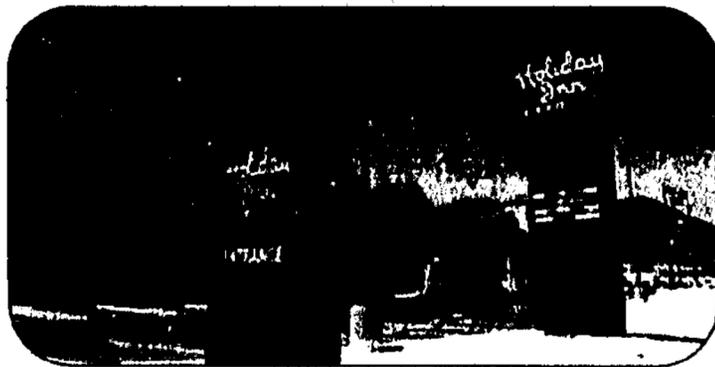
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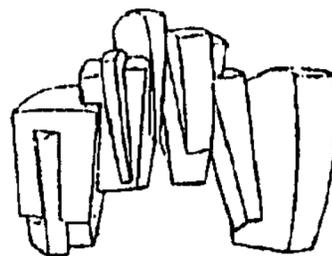
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It's not unusual for Ruidoso greens to be clear and sunny in the middle of winter. In fact, it's more common than not.

"Under normal circumstances, we golf year round," says Mike Massey, who works at the Cree Meadows pro shop.

When snow reaches the village, it usually melts away that day. In general, Cree doesn't lose more than 25-30 days a year to weather.

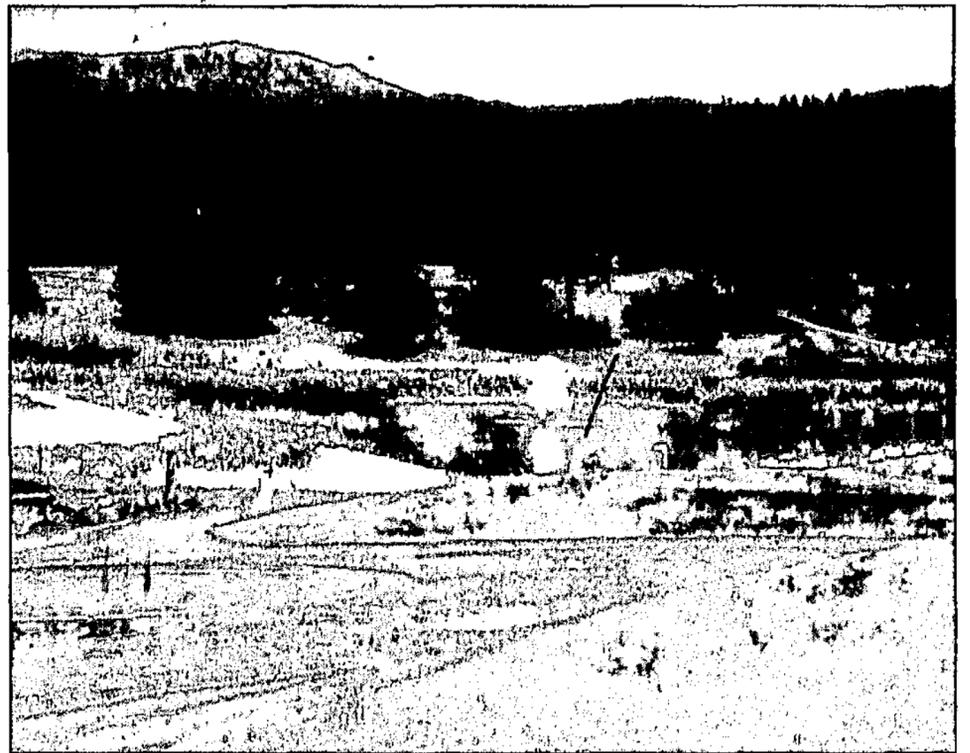
"That's including summer,"

Massey adds.

Cree Meadows is billed as Ruidoso's oldest, most playable and most affordable course. Every hole affords panoramic views of Sierra Blanca. The course celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

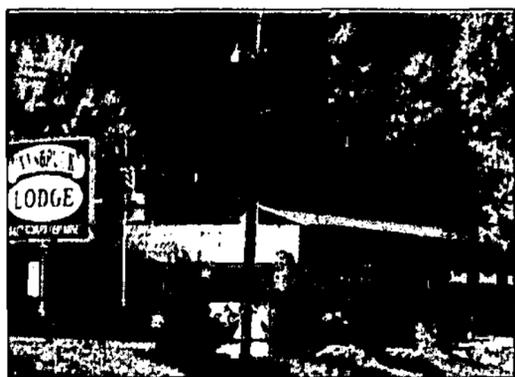
At The Links of Sierra Blanca, snow-blowers keep the driving range open all the time. As snow starts

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Other nearby public courses include the Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course, the Desert Lakes Golf Course in Alamogordo, Ponderosa and The Lodge in Cloudcroft, and Spring River Golf Course in Roswell.

Private courses are the N.M. Military Institute course in Roswell and Alto Lakes at Alto.

For more information:

The Links at Sierra Blanca

105 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso. 258-5330.
Public. 18 holes, 7003 yards.

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Drive, Alto. 336-4231
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Cree Meadows Golf Course

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Mescalero Reservation, 257-5141.
Public course. 18 holes, 6416 yards long.

Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course,

U. S. 380, Carrizozo. 648-2371.
Public Course

Ponderosa, Hwy. 1330

Cloudcroft. 682-2995.
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Desert Lake, 2351 Hamilton Rd., Alamogordo. 437-0290.

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Spring River, 1612 W. 8th, Roswell. 622-9506.

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July 1—New Omnimax film begins, Tombaugh Omnimax; 437-2840.

July 4—Fireworks (437-2840), parade (437-6120).

July 14-18—Spkace Week, Space Center; 437-2840.

July 26—Lake Lucero Tour, White Sands NM, 5 p.m.; 479-6124.

Aug. 9-10—"Wizard of Oz," Flickinger Center, 7:30-p.m.; 437-2202.

Aug. 12—Otero County Parade; 437-6120.

Aug. 13-16—Otero County Fair; 437-6120.

Cloudcroft

May 24-25—Mayfair: Juried arts and crafts show, Zenith Park, Highway 82. Horseshoe tournaments, food and drink.

June 13-15—Western Roundup: Barbecue, pie auction, western parade, train display, street dance.

June 27-29—Bluegrass Festival. Artists jam in Zenith Park all day; special 2 p.m. performance on Saturday; gospel, Sunday morning.

July 5-6—July Jamboree, Zenith Park; 682-2733.

Aug. 15-17—"Singing in the Clouds" gospel music; 682-2733.

Aug. 23-24—Civil War reenactment; 682-2733.

Roswell

April 23—NMMI Spring Concert, Pearson Auditorium; 622-6250.

April 24-26—"Dance Concert," ENMU University Theater.

May 1-11—Paintings by Bernadette Vigil, Roswell Museum & Art Center.

May 9-July 6—Beatrice Mandelman exhibit, Roswell Museum & Art Center.

May 16-18—"Take a Number, Darling," Roswell Community Little Theatre, 8:15 p.m.; Sunday Matinee (2 p.m.); 625-1400.

May 22-26—15th Annual Juried Show, Roswell Fine Arts League, and 9th Annual Juried Show, New Mexico Miniature Arts Society, Roswell Museum; 625-8648.

May 23—Roswell Symphony hosts El Paso Brass Quintet; Roswell Museum; 623-5882.

June 1-30—"Mary Peck, Chaco Canyon," Roswell Museum.

July 1-6—Roswell UFO Encounter '97, Roswell Convention Center; 888-767-9355.

Aug. 30-31—Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, ENMU-Ruidoso; 623-5695.



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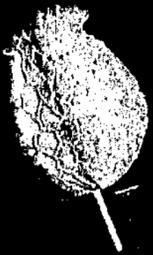
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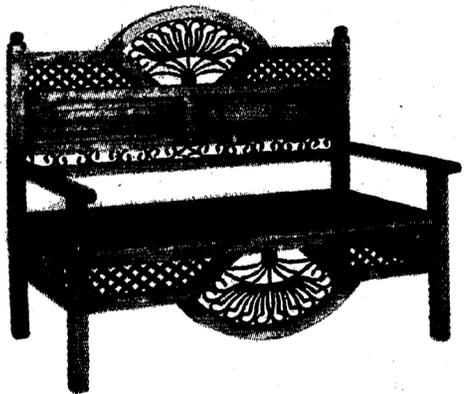
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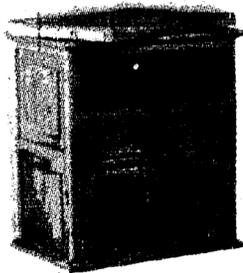
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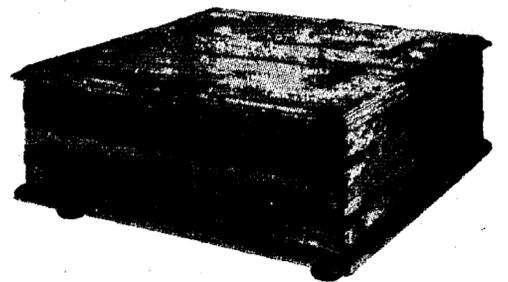
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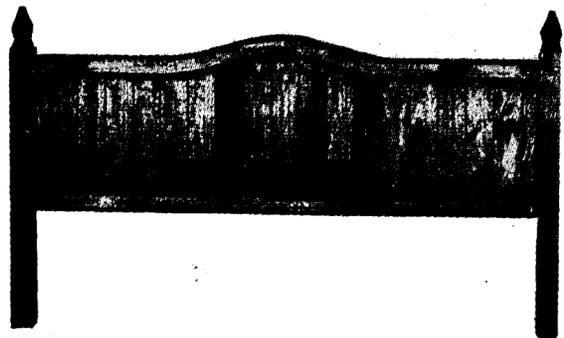
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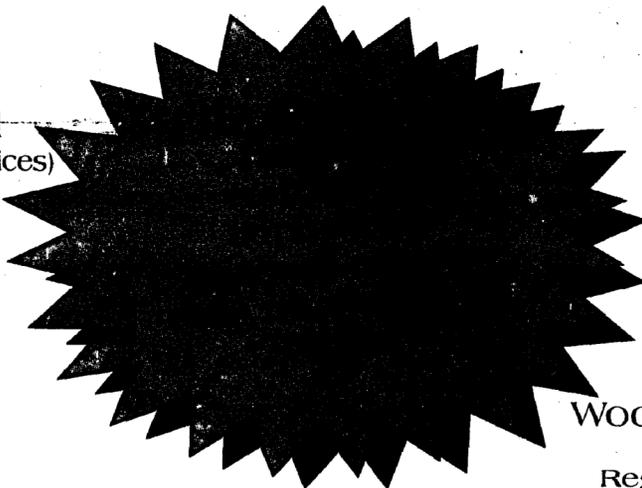
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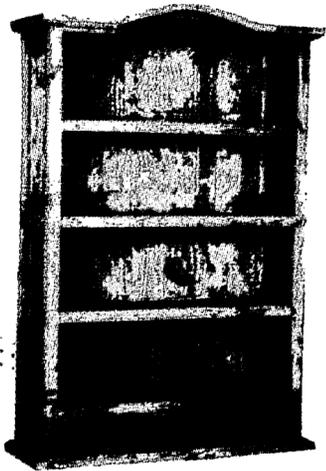
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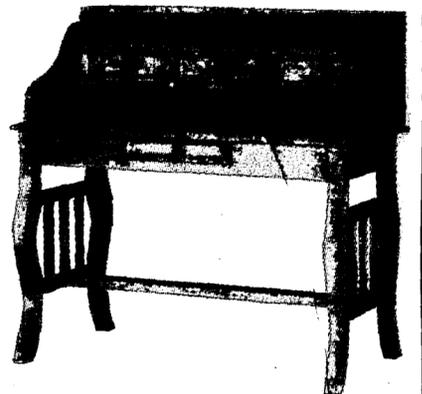


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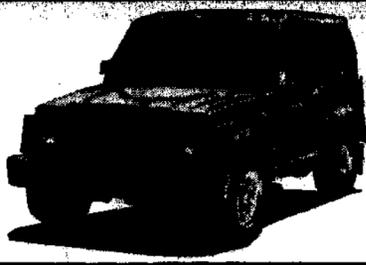
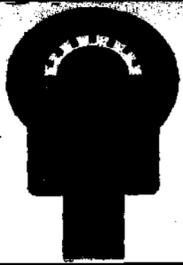
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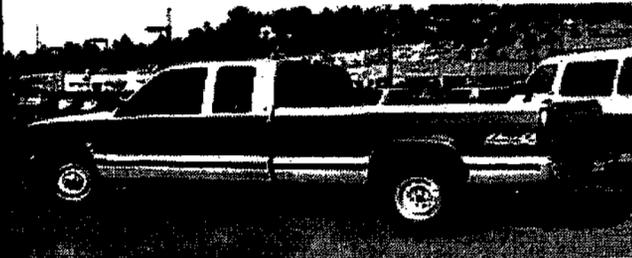
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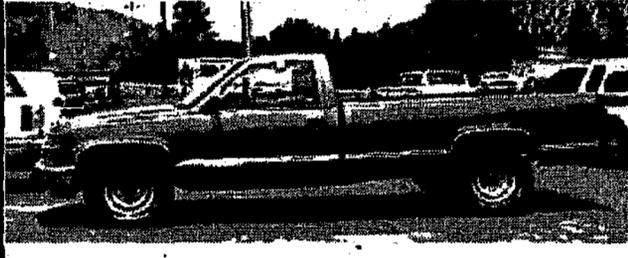
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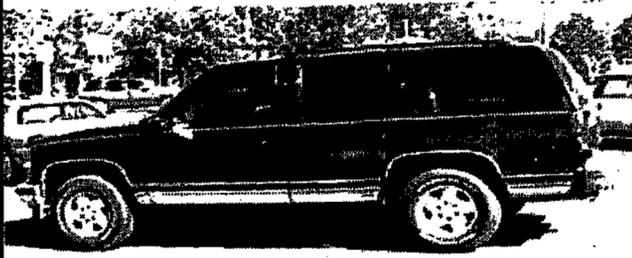
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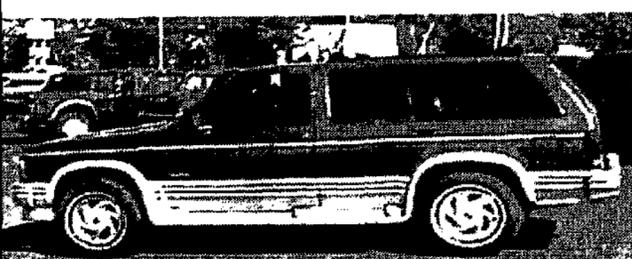
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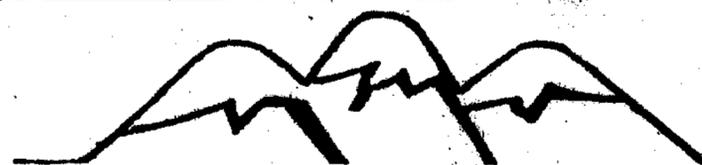
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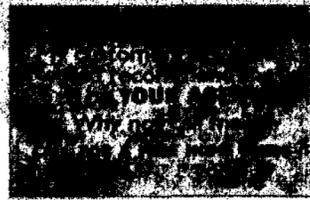
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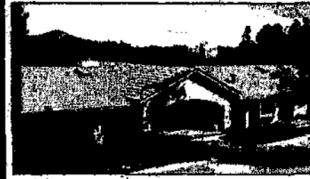
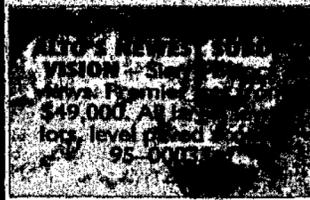
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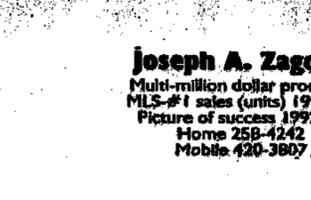
WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET! Everything stays at this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, covered deck and plenty of storage. Great condition. Quiet location. Priced right! \$87,500.

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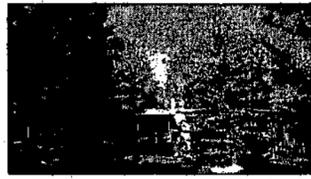
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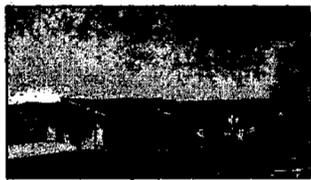
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QUALITY HOME - SUPERB LOCATION - Permanent fairway view from the courtyard of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Heated 2-car garage, sprinkler system, seamless gutters, whirlpool tub, city utilities, more! Country club membership. \$165,000.

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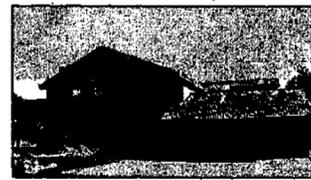


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Two Alto golf membership lots priced to sell. \$16,500 and \$15,900



WELL LOCATED - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished condo. Great condition, nice views, one-level at Cree Meadows. Easy access. Just \$66,500.

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LOADED WITH CHARM! Your Ruidoso home should be this 2 bedroom home with fireplace, oak flooring, beamed ceiling, great deck and big carport. A great buy at just \$65,500.

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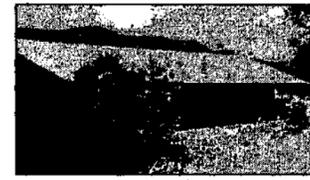
BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating and insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$89,994.

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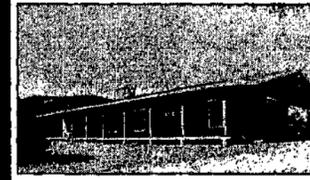
MOUNTAIN GETAWAY! Outstanding location with views. 2 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with nice decks, good parking and seclusion. A great deal! \$158,500.

97-70359



A-W-E-S-O-M-E VIEWS!!! Really nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-level home with great, open floor plan. Large kitchen with breakfast bar. Neat and clean. Fireplace. Best view in town! Possible owner finance. \$119,500.

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GREAT FIXER - Super potential with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Nice kitchen and living area. Good for investment or starter home \$45,000.

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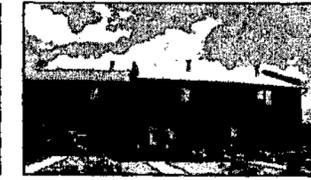
SIERRA BLANCA VIEW! Just a little TLC will go a long way with this fully furnished home. Three or four bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, covered decks, attached garage. \$169,000.

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