



Moon over our mountain



Image by Dianne Stallings & Stephen Cardwell/Ruidoso News
 A nearly full Fall moon graces the sky above Sierra Blanca. The nearby Ski Apache area will open (sorry, days only) beginning Thanksgiving Day, with at least four lifts running.

Bonito Lake area entry fee gets look

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

By next summer, visitors to the Bonito Lake area, one of the major recreation sites in Lincoln County, may be charged to enter.

A fee demonstration project could be initiated starting May 1, 1998, with a proposed day use fee of \$5 per car for entry into the canyon, according to a summary from Brian A. Sandford of the U.S. Forest Service.

"A seasonal pass is also being considered for local users," he wrote in a memorandum, as well as a \$5 overnight camping charge in developed campgrounds. "The annual cost to operate and maintain the fee system is estimated by the Forest Service to be \$50,000 per year with an initial start-up cost for supplies and equipment of \$25,000. The amount of fees collected at full implementation in 1998 is estimated by the Forest Service to be \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the six month operating recreation season."

For the past five years, officials with the Forest Service have been unable to forge a coalition with the county and the city of Alamogordo to handle maintenance and repairs on Bonito Lake Road.

The road continues to deteriorate while county officials contend the forest service and Alamogordo should bear the major responsibility, because both operate recreational sites and campgrounds around the lake. Only a few private landowners and businesses, such as bait shops and hunting outfitters, are served by the road, commissioners point out.

Alamogordo city officials have countered that their main concern is to use the lake 14 miles northwest of Ruidoso as a water reservoir and they don't need a great road to reach it. However, the city also charges a fee for use of its

developed campground and dispersed camping area and officials are worried about siltation in the lake from erosion.

Forest Service officials say the road belongs to the county. They're concerned about crumbling road sections, erosion into the lake and the possibility of accidents, but budget cuts and a patchwork of land ownership along the road means any expensive road repair project is beyond their reach, they say. The service charges a fee only for its one developed campground, although it manages a network of trails, a wilderness area, a developed day-use site and one equestrian campground/trailhead.

A new program initiated by the Forest Service at the Grand Canyon and other sites holds some hope.

Called a Fee Demonstration Project, the program funnels 80 percent of the money raised in fees back to the point of origin. Currently, the service receives only 15 percent of the fees it generates from South Fork Campground near the lake, said Forest Ranger John Brown.

County commissioners asked for feedback on the proposal from members of the county's Public Land Use Advisory Council. A report is expected at the meeting today that starts at 9 a.m. in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Brown said two of the local foresters from the Smokey Bear Ranger District office are meeting this week with Forest Service officials in Arizona to decide what type of fee system is best for the area.

"The question has come up whether a toll could be charged on the road since it's a county road," Brown said.

However, County Attorney Alan Morel contends the county has never claimed ownership of

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'We hope to have these signs up by the end of the month,' says official

Midtown 25 mph coming

• To be safe, check for any lower speed limit signs as you approach midtown.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Possibly as soon as this week, the speed limit in midtown Ruidoso will drop from 30 to 25 miles per hour, a state official advises.

State crews soon will be putting up new speed limit signs in Midtown on Sudderth Drive, said Bob Kurtz, of the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department.

"We hope to have those signs up sometime by the end of this month, or the beginning of next month," Kurtz said Wednesday.

The move to reduce the speed limit in midtown Ruidoso began in February at the request of Ruidoso

Councilor Bill Chance. Midtown merchants have said traffic is too fast along the shopping area with its seven crosswalks.

The state in late August told the village it was recommending a drop in the speed limit as well as increased enforcement.

The Village Council agreed in September, and Police Chief Lanny Maddox said his department would increase traffic enforcement.

The state has since been processing the necessary paperwork for the speed change, Kurtz said. Last week, permission came through to put up the new signs.

The New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department conducted a traffic study of the midtown area on March 27, but it was not the study that prompted the change.

"The speed study itself does not show that the speed limit needed to be lowered," Kurtz said.

The state, though, decided to offer the village a lower speed limit "due to the high number of accidents that are the type susceptible to an adjustment in the speed limit," Kurtz said.

In 1996, Ruidoso had the highest number of fatal fatalities/injuries in the state, Kurtz said. The rate was 11.45 fatalities and/or accidents per 1,000 residents. This year, the village has not had any fatal accidents and the number of auto accidents is down, according to police records.

Kurtz said the highway department reserved the right to review the speed limit in a few years to see if it is appropriate.

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Chamber project wins award

BY JULIE BAXTER
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's not just an improved building, it's the stuff awards are made of.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's building renovation fundraising effort won statewide recognition recently, when the project and the Chamber were picked as one of the top two in New Mexico.

The "Excellence Through Service" campaign project, which resulted in the

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\$200,000 renovation to the building on Sudderth Drive, was picked by the New Mexico Business Journal and the Association of Commerce and Industry in their first recognition of outstanding Chambers of Commerce. The Belen Chamber of Commerce was picked as first, with Ruidoso coming in second among the 70-plus Chambers in the state.

Joan Bailey explained that often Chambers them-

selves get lost in the shuffle of projects and achievements, and the award was created to give credit in a different context.

The award, Bailey said, speaks highly of the community.

"This is not only something those of us who work at the Chamber can be proud of," she said. "Whether or not a Chamber of Commerce is successful goes back to the community itself. You get

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Water system, Mainstreet, fire department top Ruidoso's wish list

• Ruidoso will seek more than \$1 million from the state Legislature for capital outlay projects next year.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso sent the state more than \$6 million this year in gross receipts taxes, said

Village Manager Gary Jackson, and now the village would like some of that money back.

A total of about \$1.2 million will be sought from the Legislature for three village projects, starting with improvements to water lines and water treatment plants, Jackson said.

Next, the village would like

the state to chip in \$250,000 toward matching a federal grant of \$750,000. The \$1 million will be spent on the second phase of the Mainstreet Project, slated to begin next year, Jackson said.

Thirdly, the village would like \$200,000 to build a fire station in the Upper Canyon, he said.

"What are the odds of that going through? It's hard to say," Jackson said of the village's requests.

"We stay in contact with the Legislature. That's one of our jobs — to convince the Legislature. You know, we send a lot of gross receipts to Santa Fe (per capita) ... So, we feel if there is money to be given out,

then we ought to be in line for that money, to get back part of what we sent in."

The village also is sending a proposal by Councilor Robert Donaldson that would, basically, limit inflation of property appraisals. One point of his proposal would be to cap appraisal increases to no more than 5 percent per period for

residents' primary homes. It would limit total appraisal increases to 100 percent during the ownership of a piece of property.

Many Lincoln County residents were caught off guard this year by appraisals that

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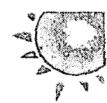


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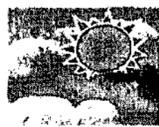


Sunny, then partly cloudy during the weekend

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 55 Low ... 18



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 58 Low ... 24



Partly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 60 Low ... 26



Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	53	15	.00"
Wednesday	60	18	.00"
Thursday	59	23	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	53	26	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	65	38	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	61	34	Mostly sunny
Midland, TX	64	37	Mostly sunny



November phases of the moon



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Elsewhere in the sky, the stars too are changing position as the season grows colder and darker. The general movement is westward, from week to week, as well as from hour to hour during a given night. Look fairly high in the west after dark for bright Vega. At sunset's end Vega shone straight overhead at dusk. Now it's well along into its cold-weather descent. By January it will be just above the northwestern horizon after dark. On the 23rd the moon is at apogee.

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Carmon Phillips/The Old Mill

Ruidoso School Band members get in tune.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News Nov. 21, 1947

Beginning of Ruidoso Valley Schools:

Mrs. Frank Coe taught her children herself when she first moved into their home on the Ruidoso. This was the place they bought from the Millers and is now the Coe Ranch.

Soon, however, the Jasper Coes and George Coes settled

nearby and it was decided that the children of the three families and others should have a school. So the boys, Frank, George and "Jap," built a small adobe building on the latter's ranch. This was in 1887.

A Miss Ward was engaged as the first teacher, and it was decided that the school term should be of three months' duration — October, November and December.

Miss Ward spent one month at each of the three homes, and her salary was \$30 per month and "keep."

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the Bonito road and is not responsible for maintenance there.

To initiate a project, the service needs to move soon, because the authority to collect fees under this federal legislation ends Sept. 30, 1998.

Bonito is one of three sites proposed by the service as a fee demonstration area. The others are Sitting Bull Falls Picnic Area near Carlsbad and cave locations in the Lincoln and Coronado forests.

Money collected from the designated user fees can be used to "administer, protect, operate, maintain and enhance demonstration sites," Sandford wrote.

Before a project can be started, the Forest Service must fulfill five requirements. They are:

- Preparation of a Local Communication Plan document.

- Assessment of the com-

munity position toward the project.

- Development of a Business Plan Framework document.

- Identify agency unit, county, state and congressional districts.

- Establish a treasury account to receive and disburse collections.

"The Forest Service indicated the preliminary use of any recreation fees would be devoted to repairing and upgrading the access road to the lake," Sandford stated. Because multiple agencies would be involved, the fee monies would be returned on a pro-rated basis or spent on jointly agreed upon projects benefiting all owners in the Bonito Lake area, he said.

To avoid charging access to the entire canyon, Brown said another option would be to increase fees at South Fork. That increase then would fall under the fee demonstration guidelines and be returned to the service for local use.

Keith Kessler, who man-

"...nothing has been passed by the (Alamogordo) council"

Keith Kessler, Bonito area manager

ages the Bonito area for Alamogordo, said if the project is handled right, opposition should be minimal. People need to see immediate and tangible improvements at recreation areas, such as more bathrooms, a shower facility and more picnic tables, using as much in-house labor as possible.

That approach has been proven to work by the city, which already has installed steps down to the lake, fencing, embankment reinforcements and other improvements.

Road repairs could come after that. Trying to sell people on a fee for road work would be more difficult, he said.

The city has been approached by the Forest Service to develop a business plan with the agency, but no

specifics have been approved as to how much the fee may be and how it would be charged.

"Historically, people have not paid a fee for access to the canyon," Kessler said. "They pay at the developed campgrounds, but several times as many pay no user fee for anything."

"Any time a change is proposed, someone isn't going to like it. But others who see (a fee) go to specific types of improvements, do."

He anticipates a first meeting with the Forest Service sometime in December. Meetings to obtain public input will be scheduled and after the whole process, the city still could decide to drop out, he said.

"Whatever the Forest Service decides to do on public land is their business," he said. "I've proposed to bring in an intermediary, Howard Shanks, to help out. Right now, nothing has been passed by the (Alamogordo) council."

LEGISLATURE: It's a 30-day session, so some items might have to wait

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increased property values in some cases by more than 100 percent.

While the state now has a method of reducing the impact of appraisal increases, it is based on a taxing entity's net gains rather than the impact on the individual property owner.

For example, while the village of Ruidoso won't make more money from this year's higher appraisals, many homeowners whose appraisals increased dramatically will be paying significantly more than last year.

Jackson said the Village Council unanimously backed Donaldson's proposal. Both it

and the village's requests for funding will be sent to Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, and Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas. From there, the requests will be written into proposed legislation, Jackson said.

The village also may choose to hire Village Attorney John Underwood, a former member of the Legislature, to lobby on behalf of the village projects. Last year, Ruidoso paid Underwood about \$5,000 plus expenses to promote village priorities, Jackson said. The council is to consider a new lobbying contract with Underwood at its next meeting.

Historically, said Jackson, the village has received money from the state every year for

capital outlay projects. Earlier this decade, the state chipped in the matching requirement for the first phase of the Mainstreet Project, he said.

In 1994, the state gave the village \$575,000 for improvements at the water treatment plant at Grindstone Lake. In 1995, the state contributed \$180,000 to help out the sewer system. In 1996, the state gave the village \$150,000 for the design of a recreational and aquatic center.

Jackson said the village still has the \$150,000 for the recreation center and legally is not required to spend it until next year. However, the village hopes to persuade the Legislature to amend its former grant so that Ruidoso may

spend the money on other recreational projects, such as work needed at the sports complex, Jackson said.

Last year, the village received no money from the state because of a last minute filibuster in which all capital outlay projects died on the floor of the Legislature.

Jackson said he did anticipate that the Legislature would not be able to consider Donaldson's proposal for property tax appraisals until the 1999 session.

This year, the Legislature is to meet for only 30 days. The session will be limited to discussion of budget items and anything that the governor deems to be a priority when he calls the session.

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Officer's court day here

A longtime Ruidoso police officer's battery trial has been postponed three times previously.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Pete Esquibel will finally have his trial today, about 10 months after the Ruidoso police officer was first accused of accosting a woman in a local restaurant.

Though the reported incident occurred in February, Esquibel was not charged with the misdemeanor battery offense until April, when he pled not guilty.

Then the setting of a trial date in Magistrate Judge William Butts' court was delayed until Esquibel acquired an attorney. Since then, the trial has been postponed three times at the request of that attorney, Lorenzo Tapia, of Albuquerque.

Esquibel's first trial date, in June, was postponed because Tapia went into the hospital for medical testing. It was postponed again in August when Tapia was tied up with a trial in Sandoval County. It was postponed a third time in October after the lawyer filed a motion with Butts' court to be excused as Esquibel's counsel.

Butts denied the motion, saying he had postponed the trial twice at Tapia's request.



Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce employees Billie Jones, executive director Joan Bailey, Janet Chance and Marguerite Ehrig are beaming with pride over the chamber's renovation project award. Chamber employee Lisa Muhn is not pictured.

DEATHS FUNERALS

C. R. Patterson

Visitation for C. R. Patterson, 86, of Alto, will be from 2-5 p.m. today at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died Thursday, Nov. 20, at Lincoln County Medical Center. Born Jan. 8, 1911 in Fisher County, Texas, he served aboard the U. S. S. Nashville during World War II. He was a 32-year employee of Shell Oil Company.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Ruidoso, the Masonic Lodge in Odessa,

Texas (serving as Past Master), and a member of Gideon's International.

He married his wife, Ocie, in June, 1941. Survivors besides his wife include a nephew, Clyde L. Posey, and adopted grandchildren, Amy and Ben Andrews.

Memorials have been requested to Gideon's International, P. O. Box 188, Alamogordo, 88311-0188.

Maxine G. Francis

Funeral services are pending for Maxine G. Francis of Roswell, formerly of Ruidoso. She died Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the age of 49.

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ask for." "Excellence Through Service," the three-year pledge drive to pay for the \$200,000 expansion and renovation of the Chamber building, also has grown into a community campaign.

"It's my suggestion that we continue the 'Excellence Through Service' campaign," Bailey said. "That's what we need to be striving for in this organization, and the entire business community as well."

Leadership, Bailey said, is one of the most important roles the Chamber plays in any community, and she thinks the award says a lot for what it does locally.

"The community looks to the Chamber for a number of things," she said.

But those same people that look for support and advice also

rallied around the Chamber when it was in need.

Bailey said the pledge drive started when the Ruidoso business community was recovering from one of the worst summers it has ever seen, but still committed to revitalizing the Chamber building.

"We didn't want this to be an unintentional hardship on the business community," she said. "People have been very faithful to this building. We're nearing the end of our second-year pledges and already we've received 60 percent of those pledges."

And though it would have been nicer to have been picked number one, Bailey said number two isn't bad at all.

"It's always more fun to be the bride than the bridesmaid. I'm really proud of all of us, because we did it. I love being part of the team," she said.

Pete Blanchard

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OUR OPINION

On the road in safety

They used to say California was at the point of everything out there to keep people from killing each other with motor cars. That, naturally, was because California had so many of them.

Now comes Albuquerque, where the city has adopted an ordinance that allows police to seize the vehicles of repeat drunk drivers or motorists caught driving on revoked or suspended licenses.

The state Traffic Safety Bureau, part of the Highway and Transportation Department, passed along details in its current newsletter. Originally run as a pilot project by the Albuquerque Police Department's DWI Unit, officers citywide began enforcing the law back in mid-August.

Of the 31 cars — including a '96 Camaro, a '77 Corvette and a good many clunkers — seized by the Albuquerque Police Department in the first month, two were released to lienholders, one was released to a co-owner, one was returned to its owner following an acquittal, and four were forfeited to the city, Councilor Sam Bregman reported to the bureau during its convention.

The rest of those cases are progressing through the system, including seized cars that belonged to the driver's mother, father and ex-wife.

The Albuquerque law allows police to seize and sell the vehicles of people driving on revoked or suspended licenses, and those arrested and convicted of a fourth drunk driving charge. Money raised from the sale of the cars returns to the city's general fund.

Councilor Bregman cited a 1990 study conducted in California that found 33 percent of the people driving on revoked or suspended licenses had criminal records, and 85 percent used vehicles during the commission of their crimes. They also were involved in four times as many crashes as were licensed drivers.

Bregman put it in an interesting context, that might well apply in Ruidoso: "This is not necessarily a law to punish the driver of the vehicle. It's a law to protect people from carnage on the streets..."

That newsletter also cites a national grassroots campaign to increase seat belt use nationwide, sponsored by the National Highway traffic safety Administration (NHTSA).

The goal is to increase seat belt use nationally to 85 percent and thereby reduce child occupant fatalities by 15 percent by the end of the century. The NHTSA estimates that would save 4,000 lives and 102,000 injuries each year.

In New Mexico the usage of seat belts by front-seat occupants is at 88 percent, but only 70 percent for children.

There seems something very timely about these findings, as Ruidoso prepares to welcome thousands of winter visitors beginning with the Thanksgiving weekend.

So, buckle up, and don't drink and drive.

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THE SILVER LINING

Late Indian Summer arrives

After three days of heavy freezing at night comes a calm and sunny interlude of warm days — a dreamy lull in the time between the early fall and the early winter.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

Today, on Nov. 18, the temperature at 1:30 in the early afternoon is 58 under a sky of light blue — what we sometimes call "sky blue" — and all is still and quiet in the warm air, as if the mountain world were calm and pleased that the crops all are in; and now is the time to rest a while before the wintertime.

The mountain horizon is clearly outlined in every direction, piñon, cedar and pine plainly seen against the sky. Though the leaves are mostly blown from the trees, still there is something summer-like all

around you.

Today you can understand why the early pioneers gave this little season-within-a-season its name. It was a warm and sunny special time in which the Indians could finish their preparations for winter: Gather in what crops remained, collect their maple syrup, repair their dwellings and gather in firewood.

Ahead, Thanksgiving

Thankfulness is in the air all throughout the mountain land. You can feel it. There is a universal sense of thankfulness that is awakened in us at this time of year. And long before our own Thanksgiving Day, our forefathers had their own thanksgiving seasons, especially in the British Isles.

One of those was called "Harvest Home," because the harvesters were bringing in the products of the fields.

The celebrations included feasting and rejoicing with songs of thanksgiving, espe-

cially one sung by the reapers as they harvested the grain from the fields, called "Harvest Home."

This song, along with its tradition, has been handed down to us in the form of a favorite church hymn:

"Come ye thankful people, come
Arise the song of Harvest Home
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple,
Come, raise the song of Harvest Home."

During this season of thankfulness, let the spirit spirit of goodwill and gratefulness to our Lord abide in our hearts as we look forward to this great American day called Thanksgiving.

YOUR OPINION

It simply will not work. Our government-run welfare system is costly to taxpayers and cruel to the children born into a cycle of welfare dependency and hopelessness. A compassionate society will find other ways to help people who need temporary assistance. Perhaps a program based on opportunity, work and individual responsibility. We need to give our poverty-stricken a real chance. It's time to recognize that welfare cannot be reformed; it should be ended.

Those individuals in need must once again learn to rely on supportive family, church, community and private charity to bridge the gap. These organizations have proven time and again they can accomplish 10 times as much for a hundred times less than the government can.

The most important thing private entities can do that the government can't, is maintain a person's dignity. That's something you just can't buy with the welfare dime or food stamps. Dignity must be earned. Perhaps it's a good idea for each member of the subcommittee to ask themselves a couple of questions.

First: How does the welfare system promote self-reliance, individual responsibility and dignity?

Second: Shouldn't our goal be a welfare-free New Mexico.

Tony Seno
Ruidoso

(The writer is Lincoln County chair for the Libertarian Party.)

Internet background

When I moved to Ruidoso from Dallas 2-1/2 years ago, I knew I couldn't give up the Internet access that was an

important part of my business. An account on Earthlink out of California became my electronic link to the world even though it was very expensive. I loved Ruidoso and the people here and wanted to share this special area with the world so I created the Ruidoso Home Page and used Earthlink to host it. The page was a good beginning, but was only one man's vision and was limited in information.

Joe Timmons of Ruidoso computer was trying to bring the Internet to Ruidoso and eventually struck a deal with TrailNet to extend service from Roswell to Ruidoso. The service wasn't up to big-city standards but for the first time we had local dial-up access...

The Ruidoso chamber of commerce became interested in our web presence and I was glad to include them and anyone else that wanted to be part of the Ruidoso Home Page. A lot of volunteers, spearheaded by Bruce Kernodle, undertook the task of making Ruidoso's presence on the web the best in New Mexico. ... (We) accomplished our task.

Many people weren't satisfied with the quality of the access and wanted an alternative to TrailNet. A group of volunteers headed by Dick Weber became the Ruidoso Internet Group, with the sole intention of finding a way to improve the quality of access... We considered starting our own server and even discussed the possibility of purchasing the Ruidoso portion of TrailNet.

While we were looking at our options a well-established Internet Service Provider (ISP) known as ZiaNet offered to extend service to this area. ZiaNet was already in Las Cruces and several other com-

Writing's the thing

We do get letters in this business, some entertaining, some thoughtful, some self-serving, some a bit strange.

But every one of them is welcome. Letters are the best bridge any newspaper has between the people who produce it on a regular basis and the readers.

The letters on this page today are rather typical of the diversity our readers exhibit when they take pen, typewriter or word processor in hand.

The first focuses on a state issue, welfare reform, and expresses some strong views with a political bent — which is why a specific identification is included, although usually we (for privacy purposes) print only a home town.

Next is a comment on the growing-like-a-weed Internet. Dave Schultz, something of a pioneer in that medium, gives his views on the brief history of Internet service in Ruidoso. (As they used to say on some TV talk shows, "the opinions expressed are those of the writer, and not necessarily those of the newspaper, its owners or employees.")

Last, a "thank you" for good services during a Ruidoso convention. It's been shortened for space reasons, and also because by policy we by-pass long lists of names and businesses. Not because we don't like them, but because if we started doing that there would be nothing but long lists of names in the paper, because Ruidoso is a very helpful community.

However, as noted above, every letter — including critical ones — is welcome.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

unities and was expanding into more rural areas... ZiaNet was a welcome addition for a lot of local users and gave the community an alternative ISP.

Local access on ZiaNet has been excellent from the very first day. We do not get busy signals or interrupted service. We get timely updates on the state of the service via e-mail, and tech support is fast and friendly... (We) now had the best the best Internet service we could get considering the quality of local phone lines.

We welcomed TrailNet and offered to help them in any way we could and have done the same with ZiaNet. I don't know if Ruidoso is large enough to support two ISPs, but I'm pretty sure it can't support three...

Dave Schultz
Ruidoso

Great convention

To the editor:
...The New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts held its annual conference in Ruidoso Oct. 27-30 at the Civic Events Center, after months of planning... During those months, and during the convention, the staff at the Civic Events Center was wonderful to us. They went above and beyond the call of duty to help us... They were always smiling, courteous and helpful. The facility is first-rate. It could not have been better.

(The chamber, restaurants and lodging staffs also provided excellent service, as did the police department.)

We are very fortunate to have such capable and caring people working to promote Ruidoso.

Sue Sperry
for NMACD

Wedding Saturday



Contributed photo
Dawn Moore and Craig Turner have announced their engagement. Moore is the daughter of Keith and Darlene Moore of Ruidoso; Turner is the son of Gene and Ruby Turner, also of Ruidoso. Both the bride and groom-to-be make their home in Ruidoso. Their wedding ceremony will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, followed by a 6 p.m. reception at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Friends and family are invited to dance the night away to music by the Graham Brothers.

Lighting-up will launch Festival of Trees

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Twinkling white Christmas lights on both homes and businesses is one goal of an effort to create a winter wonderland in Ruidoso.

As part of the Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Wonderland Lights Contest.

Businesses and home owners are being urged to decorate exteriors and trees with white lights.

Awards for decorations will be given out by the chamber for the best of several categories including commercial interiors, coordinators say.

Homeowners may even get decorating assistance from the Ruidoso High School honor society, in exchange for a donation, by calling Ida Maldonado at 258-4910.

The Festival of Trees has

been expanded from last year to a community-wide effort to increase Ruidoso's status as a destination during the holidays.

Like last year, the Festival of Trees will include the auction off of hundreds of decorated Christmas trees at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Dec. 5 and 6. This year's event will include the decoration and auction of Christmas wreaths.

Carolers, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, a children's village, dances, a Saturday night dance and hundreds of feet of miniature trains will be a part of the Festival of Trees celebration.

And plans are already underway for putting up Christmas lighting at several locations, including the "Y" the grassy area at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and U.S. Highway 70, and at School House Park off Sudderth Drive, coordinators said.

The Ruidoso Convention

You can help

The chamber is seeking volunteers to help with various efforts involved with the Festival of Trees. For more information, call 257-7395, and talk with Sandi Kuykendall, Carole Benham or Kim Kelley.

Center and the chamber will be decorated by lights donated by the Wal-Mart Super Center.

Proceeds from the raffle of an 11-foot carved wooden bear will be used for the purchase of more lights and decorations, coordinators said. Grizzly Bears TreeMasters and Ruidoso Printing are donating the bear, valued at more than \$1,000. Tickets are \$1 a piece, or \$5 for six tickets. They may be purchased

at the chamber, the convention center, the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, the Swiss Chalet or chamber board members. The raffle winner will be selected at festival dance in the Convention Center on Dec. 6.

Businesses, civic clubs, churches, families and others encouraged to decorate and enter either a tree or a wreath in the Festival of Trees contest. The public bids on the trees through silent and live auctions during the festival.

Registration forms for all the contests as well as tickets for the Festival of Trees celebration are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Alcohol citation issued to employee of hotel

A bar tab for a 19-year-old employee led authorities to charge the employee and cite the Enchantment Inn earlier this month, a state official said.

The legal drinking age in New Mexico is 21. "I kind of chuckled because that's the first time that I've ever seen a bar tab for a 19-year-old," said Todd Griffin, a special agent with the state police. "I think what happened here is the employees just forgot to check the identification

(of the underage employee)." The Enchantment Inn was cited Nov. 13 on two counts of serving alcohol to minors, based on the bar tabs, Griffin said.

The employee, Jason Trahan, was charged two counts of allowing himself to be served and with being a minor in a licensed liquor establishment without lawful business, Griffin said.

His office had been alerted to the possible infractions by an anonymous telephone call, he said.

The hotel had been cited earlier this year for another

infraction regarding its liquor license, Griffin said.

Capitan school board work session Tuesday

Capitan School Board members will conduct a work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday on a strategic plan to meet the goals of its "vision" statement.

The vision approved earlier this month is "to prepare students for and excite students about their future, to graduate all students and to instill in students an internal desire to succeed."

The board will be working with teachers and other staff to come up with steps toward its goals.

At the regular board meeting Nov. 13, members of the Classroom Teachers Association of Capitan asked that State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) be included in discussions to help with any legislation that may be needed and to talk about legislation being proposed by Gov. Gary Johnson.

Member Jim Hobbs said school board members should keep an open mind, but also should let the governor know

the negative impact on local districts of bills previously passed.

One of the proposals in the governor's public education reform program would allow parents more freedom in choosing the school their children attend. If that happens, ways also must be found to provide more money to educate and house those out of district children, board members said.

Capitan Library adds hours in evening

Starting Thursday, Dec. 4,

the Capitan Library will stay open in the evening two consecutive days each week.

On both Wednesday and Thursday, the library will be open from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate children and working adults.

An electric typewriter also is available for people who are putting together reports or have to write letters. Users must provide their own paper.

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Mike Steed, owner of Steed's Ski Shop, explains new, state-of-the-art parabolic skis. Steed's and other ski shops in town are stocking more parabolic skis and more snowboards than they have in the past. Other stock is more abundant, too, as ski shop owners hope El Niño will produce significant snowfall and an exceptional ski season.

"When it's on the ground, I'll believe it.
We're holding our breath."

Janet Steed,
owner, Steed's Ski Shop



Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News
Sierra Blanca, seen in distance from Mountain Ski Shop, already has a coating of winter white. Mountain Ski Shop owners Ronnie and Myra Taylor hope it stays that way.

Let it snow ...

Ski shop owners hoping mountain will take a powder

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With the scheduled opening of Ski Apache less than a week away and boxes of clothing and ski equipment arriving daily at local ski shops, what shop owners really want only the weather can deliver: snow.

The weather has done just that the last two weekends, dumping a combined 18 inches of snow on Ski Apache slopes.

"I just hope it keeps coming," said Janet Steed of Ski Sports. "We need a good Christmas. Everybody in town needs a good Christmas, we need that whole mountain open."

After 16 years in the business, Steed knows how important it is to have the mountain covered during the holidays.

"If you don't have good snow at Christmas it really cuts into your business the rest of the year," she said.

Steed has tracked her business month-by-month since she and her husband Mike opened their doors in 1981. At any time, she can look at her charts and compare year to year for the last 16 years. According to her records, the last "good" year was 1991-92. The last "banner" year goes further back than that to the early 1980's.

Mountain Ski Shop owners Ronnie and Myra Taylor have weathered the good and the bad as well in their more than 25 years in the business.

This year, however, Taylor is anticipating a "1982-type" year.

"We're stocked heavier than ever," she said. Shipments of clothing and equipment have arrived almost daily since September.

"Some days we get 10 or 15 (boxes), some days two or three," Myra Taylor said. "The other day we got 30."

The same is true for the Steeds.

"We've got our demo skis and our new bindings. We're still getting some clothes in, and starting to get some accessories," said Janet Steed.

Also part of the preparation for the new season is the changing out of bindings and the addition of new parabolic skis. Steed's has 60 pair of new bindings for their performance skis. Mountain Ski Shop has added more parabolic (or shaped) skis and snowboards to its rental offerings.

"We have a lot of parabolics and snowboards which we haven't had in the past," said Myra Taylor of Mountain Ski Shop. "We've had them for sale, but we haven't rented them."

Can the anticipation be attributed to El Niño, which is supposed to deliver we weather to the region?

Steed remains reserved and almost cynical in her predictions.

"When it's on the ground, I'll believe it," she said. "We're holding our breath."

RHS in dog fight Warriors to battle top-ranked Artesia

BY STEVE BENNETT
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Coach Les Carter's 6-5 Warrior football team will face their greatest challenge this season as they face-off with the top-ranked Artesia Bulldogs in a 1:00 pm AAA quarterfinal game at Artesia's Bulldog Bowl.

While the Warriors were busy last Saturday beating 6th-ranked St. Pius, 28-13, the Bulldogs were enjoying a week off from the pre-playoff round as the District 5AAA champion. Consequently, head coach Cooper Henderson indicated his boys are "Rested and ready" for Ruidoso.

Artesia is no stranger to the Warriors since the two teams met in August with the Bulldogs taking a hard-fought 19-8 decision in Artesia.

So will the 9-1 Bulldogs take the 6-5 Warriors lightly?

According to Henderson, "No, I don't think so. When we played back in August, Ruidoso led us 8-7 going into the 4th quarter. All we need to do is show the kids that film."

With so much time having passed from August until November, how does Henderson see both teams evolving and improving. He said, "Ruidoso had put in that double-wing option offense. They run their offense so much more effi-

ciently than they did earlier. Probably the biggest thing about our team is that our blocking and pass protection is a great deal better."

It is clear that Henderson respects Ruidoso's ability to score points. "I was real impressed with their win over St. Pius. We always knew that Corey Saenz (quarterback) was a threat, but if you're not careful their fullback (Adrian Herrera) will hurt you. Ruidoso likes to get you thinking about their option and then they hurt you with the play action pass, so we'll have to watch for that."

Meanwhile back in Lincoln County, what does Les Carter have up his sleeve? Carter said, "Artesia is very physical team, but I think we're pretty closely matched physically with them. They run the wing-T, that's Cooper's old offense as well as the double-slot. They love to throw the ball, they'll throw the football even more than Silver City. They like to establish their running game by first setting up their passing game and it's hard to single out one person to stop, they have a good crop of receivers."

Carter reports that QB Corey Saenz return to action after sustaining a painful injury to this throwing hand in last weeks game with St. Pius.

"Ruidoso likes to get you thinking about their option and then they hurt you with the pass."

Cooper Henderson,
head coach,
Artesia Bulldogs

Warriors get special send-off

The Ruidoso Booster Club has arranged for a police escort/sendoff for the Warrior football team this Saturday when the team leaves for Artesia.

The sendoff will begin at 9 a.m. in the high school parking lot. From there the team will be escorted by units from the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments where they

will proceed west on Warrior Drive to White Mountain. The route will continue south on Mechem to Sudderth through the downtown area as far as Ruidoso Downs.

Booster Club president, Susan Lutterman encourages all Warrior fans to line the route to give the team an enthusiastic send-off.

► Prep action

- Other AAA prep playoff games this weekend are:
- Socorro (11-0) at Aztec (7-3), time TBA.
 - Lovington (6-5) at Silver (8-2), time TBA
 - Kirtland Central (7-4) at Taos (9-2), time TBA

► MIDDLE SCHOOL

RMS 'Lady Braves' mark successful season

The Ruidoso Middle School Lady Braves seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams completed a successful, and winning, season last month by posting 9-4 and 9-5 season records respectively. The 7th grade team is headed by Michelle Perry. Perry is assisted by Tiffany Harris-Brantly. The 8th graders are coached by Robyn Johnson who is in her 8th year with the Lady Braves.

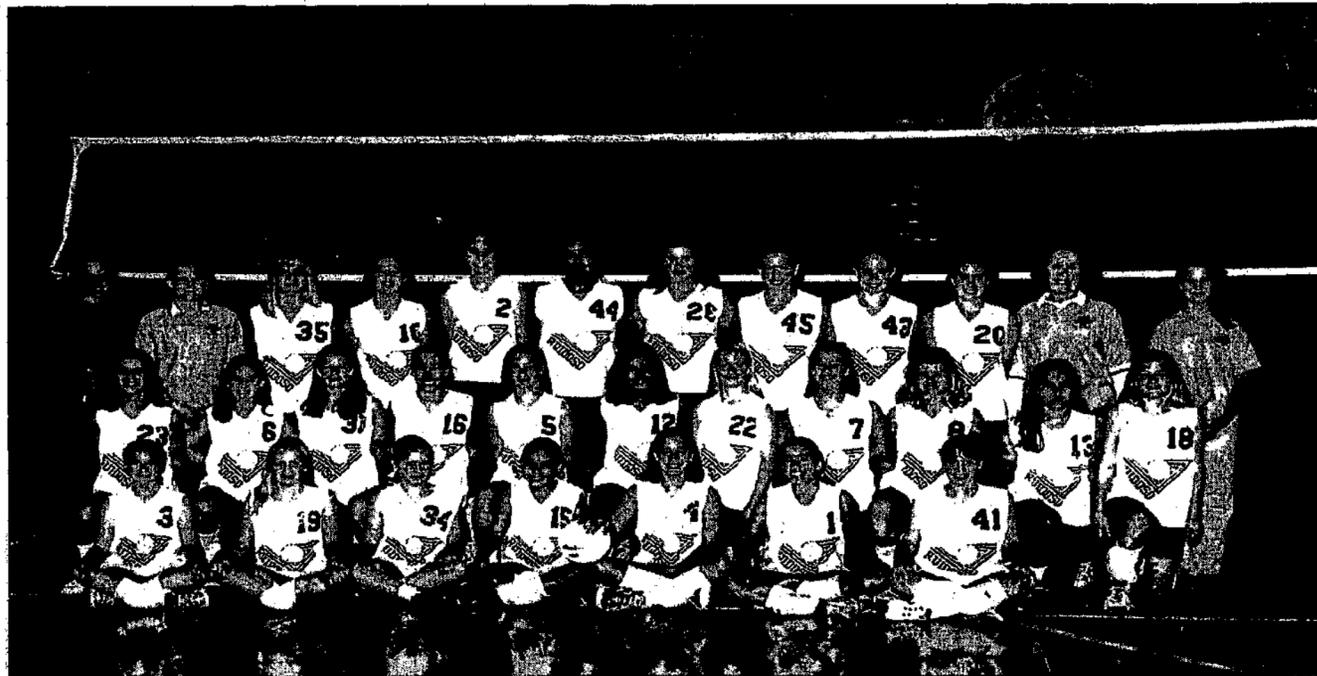
Though coaches Perry, Harris Brantly and Johnson teach and coach fundamental volleyball skills, their program seeks to foster and encourage a number of broader life skills and attitudes.

These concepts include the development of lifetime skills such as responsibility, honesty, dependability, team work, learning how to compete prop-

erly, and coping with success and failure. The program also stresses the necessity of achieving and maintaining good grades throughout the school year and adhering to the school's athletic code.

It is also a goal of the program for the girls to develop a good self image which, hopefully, will make the transition from mid school to high school a smoother one.

Coach Johnson had the following comments about the Lady Braves this past season: "I feel we certainly made a giant step toward achieving our goals. I look forward to watching these young ladies progress as Ruidoso High School Lady Warriors and believe their experience as a member of the RMS Lady Brave volleyball team was a positive one."



Ruidoso Middle School 1997 volleyball players were, seated, left to right, Ashley Gray, Mary Ward, Jenelle Clawson, Nicole Dolan, Mara Justus, Stephanie Lott and Aimee Powers. Middle row, left to right, Jacynni Castanon, Kourthey Hodges, Timea Eckerdt, Nicole Rodela, Courtney Dillard, Noelle Owen, Jennifer Cannella, Linda Cakusniac, Sidney Davis, Monica Maldonado and Kaycie Brunell. Back row, left to right, Tiffany Harris-Brantly, seventh-grade coach Michelle Perry, Sarah Williamson, Rachel Kingrey, Kazz Kendrick, Simona Ramos, Rachel Smithy, Carrie Line, Bethany Roggs, LeAnne Gibson, eighth-grade coach Robyn Johnson and Kelsey Cobb.

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Cat's Pajamas is 'purr'fect for pet pampering

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At an age when most women settle into a career for the long run, Toni Miele gave up her job as a respiratory therapist and turned her attention to the needs of other people's furry felines.

For eight years, she and husband Michael operated The Cat's Pajamas Bed and Breakfast in Lincolnville, Maine. When they moved to Lincoln County for health reasons, they saw a similar need for short- and long-term boarding of cats.

Although portions of the business on Sierra Blanca Airport Road still are under construction, the Miele's are taking reservations for their first four-legged customers.

The cats should feel right at home when they arrive. Twelve spacious rooms will be waiting, each with two sleeping lofts. Rooms may be shared by cats from the same home, but not by strangers. The pampered pets will recline on sheepskin and be able to exercise on rope-covered climbing

poles created by Mike Miele.

All rooms have a view and during certain times of the day, cats will be able to curl up on padded window ledges and watch the birds outside; or, this spring, they will be able to enter an above-ground screened outdoor play area on good weather days. Again, cats from different homes are not allowed to mingle.

"My husband and I came up with the idea (for the boarding business) while we were overseas for six months in 1987," Miele said. "We had both worked since we were old enough to and our son was off to school. We felt this is the time to travel."

They headed to the Far East, but not before encountering problems finding a place to board their three cats.

"We got our passports in 30 days and everything was going according to plan," she said. But most businesses she found that accepted cats didn't take them for long periods, didn't want three cats or only offered small cages with none of the personal attention, grooming and play time Miele was seek-



Toni Miele, who owns the Cat's Pajamas with her husband Michael, spends some quality time with one of her boarders.

Courtesy photo

ing. Finally, with a little prodding and assurances that the cats would be taken out for interaction each day, they left

on their trip. When the couple returned, Miele had pretty much decided to start a business designed for families with more than one

cat. "Mike (a builder) and I designed the layout," she said. "It was easy to explain to him what I thought cats would like,

because he has lived around cats.

See CAT'S, page 3B

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February 14	Il Trovatore [Verdi]	11:30
February 21	Die Zauberflöte [Mozart]	11:30
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Cat's: couple opens 4-star feline hotel in Alto

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"I quit my job. It was scary, because the business had to be successful within a short time for us to make it."

"The response was tremendous," she said. Soon the couple was being written up in magazines and newspapers, and were being talked about on radio and television.

People drove to their business from all over the state, some from outside Maine and one cat even flew in from Russia to board for six months, while the owner worked out her move back to America.

After succeeding with their own business, the couple franchised one operation and then became consultants to several others in Wyoming, Michigan, Canada and Colorado.

"We hadn't realized the great need for women who want to bring in a decent income, but stay with their kids, their elderly parents or were just tired of commuting," Miele said.

Her background in people-medicine proved valuable.

"Cats and people are both mammals and share some mutual problems and physiology," she said. "I can pretty much hold my own in a conversation with a veterinarian and sometimes, I can see a problem before an owner, because I deal with the cats in a more controlled, safe environment. I can check their sleeping and bathroom habits and notice if they're lethargic. I deal with them around the clock."

She's also qualified to administer medication to cats, including insulin, and is alert

to when a cat needs to be taken to a veterinarian, Miele said. Special diets can be prepared. Miele completed a course on feline nutrition from Colorado State University.

A "cat-friendly" sink also has been installed for baths.

"I bathe my cats twice a year to help remove the heavy undergrowth of coat, any dirt and, in other areas, fleas," she said. "It's also helpful to decrease allergic reactions in owners."

"I'll do that if a cat is cooperative and doesn't have to be tranquilized or muzzled. I don't want to traumatize them, because cats have long memories. It has to be a pleasant experience for both the cats and myself."

She uses an all natural herbal cleaner and disinfectant around the cattery.

In designing the boarding area, Miele said she has emphasized space and natural light for her charges.

To board a cat, an owner must show proof of vaccination for rabies, distemper and leukemia.

Just as a parent might do with a child in-day care, an owner may drop in unexpectedly, except during a designated noon to 3 p.m. nap time. The business is open Monday through Saturday, although special circumstances for drop off or pick up can be accommodated with advance notice.

"I want people to feel comfortable about their pets and to return again and again," Miele said.

Her bulletin board is crowded with photographs of former boarders from their business in Maine.

Some people show up with

an armload of toys and other items for their pet's stay. Others bring nothing. They shouldn't be concerned, she said. She will provide play objects, bedding and necessities. And the office is full of safe, proven items that can be purchased, from bowls to collars, treats, toys and pillows in a variety of price ranges.

She recommends ceramic or glass bowls, because plastic is porous and will retain odors.

Each cat is groomed and given personal attention every day, she said.

For \$10 a night, a cat will receive all services except the bath.

"There's no extra charge for giving medication or a special diet," she said. "I will groom them and clip their claws and send them home with a P.J. bag with some surprises for the cat and the owner."

Two cats are \$17 and three are \$20. The most cats brought by one person was 10, she said. Discounts also will be given on extended stays of more than 30 days.

She includes everything in the charge, because she thinks people should be able to budget for the care of their pets and not be surprised by extra fees when they come to pick them up, Miele said.

The couple also will handle the shipping of pets through the Albuquerque and El Paso airports.

"This area has a lot of people moving in and out and some don't want to travel across country with their pets," she said. "They like to move into a new house and have everything set up before the pets arrive. That way they don't worry about their cat get-

ting loose on the road or while furniture is being unloaded."

The Miele's will attend to every detail of the shipping, stay with the animal until it is loaded, schedule flights at the right time of the day to ensure the pet won't be too hot or cold, make the reservations, use an airline approved carrier, provide a gravity feed bottle for water so a spill won't mean a cat sits in a puddle of water for the entire flight.

They also do behavioral counseling free, because they have seen too many people who don't know how to deal with problems get rid of a pet. They also provide pet loss grief counseling.

"I've spent many tearful hours on the telephone," Miele said.

One percent of Miele's profits will be donated each year to the Lincoln County Humane Society. She hopes that percentage can increase as the business grows. She wants to serve pet owners from around the state, but especially areas such as Cloudcroft, Alamogordo and Roswell, as well as locals.

Two of the Miele's four personal cats were adopted from a shelter. The last addition Miele found as a tiny kitten mewing in the undergrowth off the shoulder of Airport Road. The full lineup consists of Sadie, a 17-year-old black cat born on Halloween, Gizmo, an orange tabby who's 11, Miranda, a 3 1/2-year-old lush Russian blue and Pepe Le Pew, the black and white kitten she found, and the only male in the bunch.

For more information or to reserve a room, call Miele at (505) 836-8391.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Concession booths available during Rodeo De Santa Fe

The Santa Fe Rodeo Association announces availability of concession booths during its annual rodeo, July 8-11, 1998.

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The number of vendor spaces has been expanded to hold more crafts and products, particularly western, southwestern, Indian, Hispanic or animal and livestock-related products. Business and non-profit vendors are welcome to apply.

Non profit organizations will have first consideration for food booths, but profit vendors with unique food offerings are encouraged to apply. Anyone with family and child-oriented activities is also encouraged to apply for space. Vendors are encouraged to apply early, as space is limited.

For more information and an application, call Becky McWhirter at (505) 988-4425.

State gas prices 17th highest in nation

New Mexico jumped in the national ranking this month to 17th place for a gallon of unleaded self-serve gasoline. A monthly fuel gauge report by the American Automobile Association tagged the average price per gallon at \$1.2726 for New Mexico, a slight decrease from September. Last month, New Mexico was 26th in the nation for highest gas

prices, with an average of \$1.2768.

Despite a rise in crude oil prices caused by tensions in the Middle East, the nationwide average for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline fell 2.4 cents per gallon to \$1.264, the first national decrease in three months. In other regions of the country, the average price for the same gas dropped, with the exception of the West, where the \$1.40 average was the same as last month.

Industry experts are attributing the drop in retail prices to the normal decline in demand at this time of year and a more than adequate supply of gasoline sparked by recent increases in production.

The average price for a gallon of gas in the Southwest is \$1.2359, the lowest price in the nation is still found in Georgia at \$1.0756; the highest is in Hawaii at \$1.6645.

Meeting to focus on future of business

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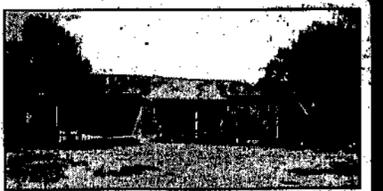
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45 Auctions RESULTS ARE IN SIGHT when you use the classified section 257-4001. RUIDOSO, NM AUCTION SAT. NOV. 22nd AT 10:00 AM...

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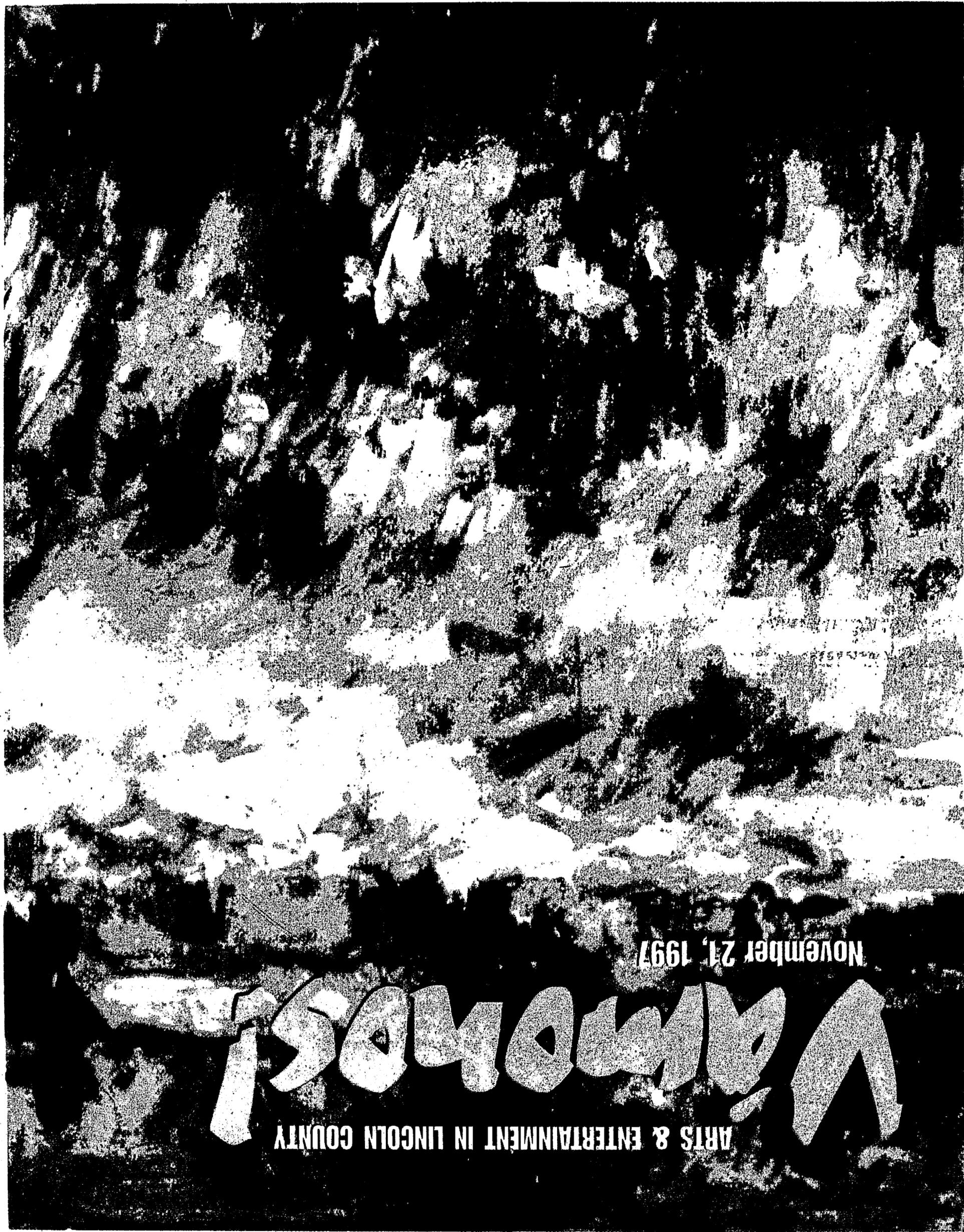
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Saturday, Oct. 4, award winning photographer Paul Kozal will present a new selection of his prints. The gallery features period artists of the Southwest, specializing in California Impressionists, including Maynard Dixon, Edgar Payne and Ed Borein. Also recent landscapes by emerging artist Jim Boyer and work by recently rediscovered N.M. modernist and WPA muralist, William Warder. Ethnographic art, historical prints and maps are also available. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment.

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Elaine Armstrong's sculptural raku vessels and Patsy Blasdell's watercolor and pastel paintings will be featured during September. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

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1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-9071.

The gallery features a continual display of original art by Gaylon Gillem, Barbara Diehl Westbrook, Bernice Landrum, Billie Long, Bruce Chapman, Patti Mayes, Teresa Hughes, Flora Hatfield Buchanan, Red Moore, Marcia Bizeau, Buddy Godinez, Monty and Barbara Jones, and Earthfolk clay pieces by Adrian Henry. Also showing antiques from various Texas and N.M. vendors. Open Tuesday through Saturday.

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Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, (505) 653-4331.

The gallery exhibit includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Michael Hurd, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the traffic lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-1056.

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320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316.

Discover the art of Southern New Mexico with works by Peter Rogers, Jose Rivera, Suzanne Donazetti, Ken Payne, Gerardo Kirwin, Elaine Armstrong and others. On-premises studios of photographer Lionel Lipmann and Marilyn Quinell, designer of fine objects in stained glass. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and by appointment.

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Hwy. 300, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372.

Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town.

Mt. Legends Gallery & Foundry

610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040.

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and foundry tour.

Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.

Sixth annual Fall American Art Show and Sale, and Peter Hurd's Wartime Sketches. Opens Nov. 22. The Fall American Art Show features 90 New Mexico artists on display and for sale. The Hurd sketches from World War II are also for sale. Museum hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

McGary Studios and Expressions in Bronze Gallery

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 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." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

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Lincoln Heritage Trust, Lincoln (505) 653-4372.

Featuring local artist Polly E. Chavez of Carizozo. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every day.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, (505) 354-4206.

The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

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320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan (505) 354-4203.

Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jel Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Oaks Pottery Studio

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2965.

From her hand-built adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman throws mostly functional pieces in the shadow of Patos Mountain. The studio is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday (and just about every other day of the week, but call first to confirm).

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2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3844.

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6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday Tammy and Fernie play a little bit of everything, plus Karaoke. 5-10 p.m. Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday Talisman provide the music.

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L.C. Mercantile & Trading Post

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8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday to Sunday Weazel's back!

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7-11 p.m. live music every Friday and Saturday. Open 24 hours on weekends.

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Child stars

Three local youth land roles in 'The Outfitters'

BY JULIE BAXTER
Vamonos Staff Writer

As legions from Hollywood descended on Lincoln County for the filming of "The Outfitters," three local young people found themselves in the middle of the action.

C.W. Gomez and Kaland Salazar of Ruidoso, and Jessica Neal of Capitan were chosen from hundreds of local children who auditioned for parts in the movie being filmed in the rural areas of the county. The three were picked to play younger versions of stars Dana Delany, Del Zamora and Danny Nucci.

C.W., 13, stars as young PD, who is portrayed as an adult by Nucci; Kaland, 11, as young AJ, who grows into Zamora's character, and Jessica, 13, stars as young Cat, Delany's role.

All three happened into their roles by chance. Neal said she happened to be at the high school rodeo in Capitan when the casting call was underway. The boys were also at the rodeo, playing in the rain, when on a whim they decided to sign up. Several photographs later - there they were on the set.

Jessica thinks she was chosen because she looked best with the two boys, but her dad, Clifton Neal, said her red hair had a lot to do with it too.

The boys bear an uncanny resemblance to the actors whose roles they share. C.W. said several people on the set commented on how much he looked like Nucci.

But now that their smiles will be gracing the screens, it doesn't mean they've let it go to their heads.

Both boys are sticking to their first love - bullriding. And Neal said her future includes a career as a veterinarian, not as an actor. However C.W., son of Kathy Saenz and Hector Gomez, said he'd consider a role if it involved rodeo.

"I'd still have to bullride, but if they asked me to do '8 Seconds' (the movie based on the life of bullrider Lane Frost) or something, I'd do it," he said.

Maybe the real world behind the glamour of Hollywood has helped them stay the course. The

hard work that goes into making a movie didn't surprise them, but the waiting did.

"There was a lot of waiting," C.W. said. "I got there at 10 (a.m.) did my first scene and didn't leave until 5 (p.m.)."

Kaland, son of Paulie and Cloyce Salazar, agreed that there was plenty of waiting, but said he understood.

"They don't do it all at once," he said. "There's a lot of waiting, trying to get it all together."

In context, the waiting wasn't that bad, though.

"It was fun, exciting," Kaland said.

Jessica, daughter of Tommie and Tommy Turner and Clifton and DeDe Neal, echoed that enthusiasm.

"It was a lot of fun just being on the set," she said. "It's just really interesting."

The star treatment didn't hurt, either.

C.W. said he got his own dressing room, as did Kaland, and that everyone on the set was very friendly.

C.W.'s mom, Kathy Saenz, said, "You always hear about how stuck up they are, but they've taken real good care of them."

Jessica, C.W. and Kaland all commented on how nice director Reverge Anselmo, stars Nucci, Delany and Zamora, and the rest of the cast and crew were to them.

The food also won rave reviews from the local trio of stars.

A catered affair, Jessica said grabbing a bite on the set was not what she anticipated.

"They have really good food," she said. "It really wasn't what I expected. I expected hamburgers and hot dogs and I got real food."

That's not to say their brush with stardom was all easy as pie.

Particularly hard for Jessica was a scene where she had to strip to her skivvies and play in a river with C.W. Modesty aside, it was also difficult to be in the water on a cold autumn day.

"It was supposed to be like two seconds," she said of her time in the river. "It took like five minutes."

C.W. agreed that the cold water made for a hard day. He also said

the repetition of shooting a scene with Kaland on horseback got a bit tedious. The shot took several takes, and a few mistakes before they got it right.

"You hate to mess up," Kaland said, explaining that in the scene on horseback, he and C.W. missed their cue once and then had their hats blow off.

All shivers and set backs aside, the three are thrilled to have been a part of it all.

"Just the fact that I was in the movie is exciting," Jessica said.

Kaland said; "It was fun. I was pretty nervous about it. I didn't think I'd get picked, but I'm glad I did."

C.W. also said he was nervous, but being nervous is all relative.

"I was nervous, but not as nervous as when you get in a chute with a bull," he said. "I experienced a lot of new things and I don't want it to go away."



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Kaland Salazar, left, and C.W. Gomez, on the set of "The Outfitter," waiting for their cue to circle the school at Encinosa



Courtesy photo

Jessica Neal is active in high school rodeo and comfortable on horseback. She competes for the Lincoln County Rodeo Club in barrels, poles flags and goat tying. Now she can add movie making to her list of credentials

All boxed in

Carrizoso artist finds freedom in his work

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer.

Opening one of Kenneth Payne's boxes exposes viewers to a humorously skewed world that would prompt Pandora to take a second look.

The Lincoln County artist sometimes takes expressions beyond the literal and often into the ludicrous while creating his special experiences at Free Fall Designs in Carrizoso.

"A Helping Hand" opens to reveal a copper arm extending a hand holding a rose. "Boundaries" blurs the distinction between inside and outside, because everything put inside the box remains on the outside. It's Payne's tribute to physicists who discovered boundaries blur at sub-atomic levels. And "Pipe Dreams" is Payne's interpretation in copper and wood of the old slogan, "Better living through chemistry."

Payne's studio, one that he shares with wife and metal weave artist Suzanne Donazetti, is on the list for the annual winter Art Loop tour, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14.

The tour gives visitors a chance to watch artists in various mediums at work in their natural surroundings. Most have created affordable items for tour participants who are looking for special one-of-a-kind gifts or additions to their collections.

Payne's path to this unique form of expression started on unlikely ground. His family boasts no artists in its ranks and Payne started his career as a teacher of English and literature at the junior high level in California. He grew up in Clovis, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, following the path of his father's sales job.

"I wasn't aware of any personal interest in art when I was young and I never took an art course, because I thought they all knew what they were doing," he said.

But he does remember that in third grade, his father took the family to art galleries and that's when he saw his first "artistic" photographs by people such as Ansel Adams.

His first year as a teacher,

Payne had access to a darkroom and used the chance to practice and improve his abilities behind a camera.

However at 40, a problem with alcohol prompted Payne to seek treatment. He knew he wanted out of teaching. He felt trapped and used the time away from the classroom to make the break. He discovered he enjoyed counseling people and since he already had a master's degree, the step was feasible. Toward the end of almost a year off, he took a job with a San Jose DWI program and then worked several other part-time jobs.

During his second year of sobriety, Payne worked as a counselor in a psychiatric hospital that dealt mainly with addiction problems and stayed there seven years, then two more years at another facility.

"But in that period of time, the whole treatment picture changed,"

he said. "Insurance companies became heavily involved and the rules changed. Big corporations became interested in running the facility."

It was time to leave in spite of being at a stage of life that would prompt many people to opt for security no matter what the stresses. For Payne it was a chance to explore his artistic side.

"I had some time and I wanted to find out what I could do," he said. He worked leather, carved antlers, created knives and took a class in mask making.

But creating distressed hats turned out to be the most successful of his initial artistic explorations.

"I played with that," he said. "I didn't know what dyes to use at first, but I learned."

By that time, he had moved back to New Mexico and was living in the Ruidoso area. He opened an eclectic store featuring mountain man, native American, leather and anything he fancied. The reception was good and he entered his first local show with his hats.

"My companion at the time practically had to twist my arm to

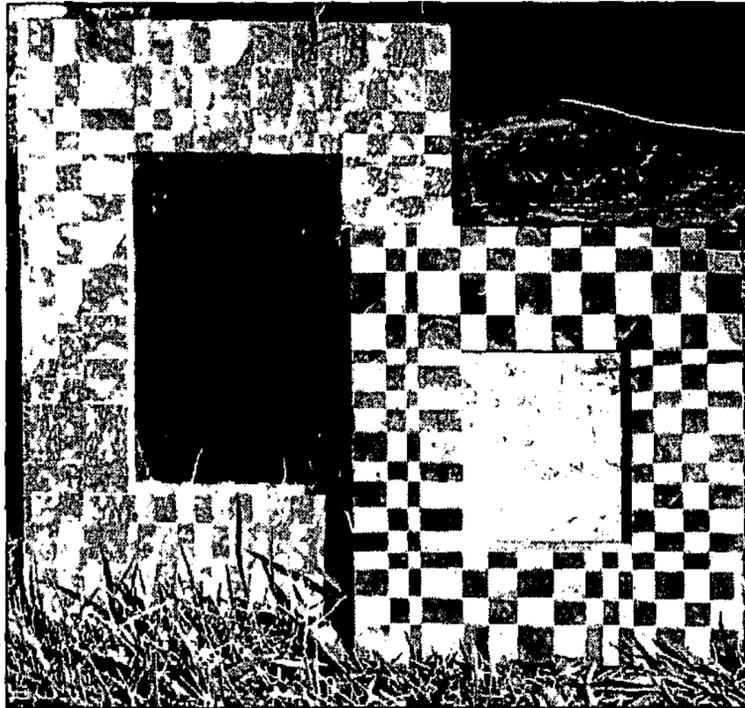
"With the third box I began to see a real good venue for me to express some things."

Kenneth Payne,
artist



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Kenneth Payne relaxes among his many special boxes that give viewers an insight into his unique view of life. The studio Payne shares with his wife will be on the Winter Art Loop Tour Dec. 13 and 14.



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The metal woven frames of Suzanne Donazetti, who shares the gallery space with her husband, Kenneth Payne.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

"Technology ... Ain't it Great!," a box by Kenneth Payne.

enter," Payne said. "I didn't think they would let me, but I sold a lot of hats and they gave me one of the top-ten ratings."

"I was hooked. I started doing more hats and dropped the other things. But there still was a lot of struggle within me about being an artist. The hats were fun and somewhat artistic, but not very satisfying."

His companion returned to California and Payne closed the

store, but stayed in Lincoln County.

Not long after, he met his future wife at an arts and crafts show in Albuquerque. She had moved to New Mexico from the Baltimore area, because she was fascinated with the Southwest. Donazetti started her art making jewelry and using the weaving technique.

But she wanted to work on larger items and began doing frames, folding screens, clocks, tables and

wall pieces. Payne does the wood construction and she applies the weaving. One of their pieces, a six foot high multi-paneled screen, recently was featured in The Guild's publication "Art for the Wall - Furniture and Accessories. The Designers Source Book."

They take their work to a few select shows a year, ones frequented by galleries from across the

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Going out

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'Fall' into art

BY JULIE BAXTER
Vamonos Staff Writer

The best of New Mexico will be on display starting this weekend at the Museum of the Horse.

Two exhibits featuring some of the finest artists in the state — both past and present — will open with a gala party Saturday night. The sixth annual Fall American Art Show and Sale and the Wartime Sketches by Peter Hurd will be the cause of the celebration.

The Fall American, sponsored by the museum, Ruidoso State Bank and New Mexico Arts, started as a way to feature Southern New Mexico artists who weren't commonly recognized in Santa Fe and Taos art circles.

"There was so much attention paid to artists in the northern part of the state, the show was initially limited to Southern New Mexico artists," said Scott Wells, publicity director for the museum.

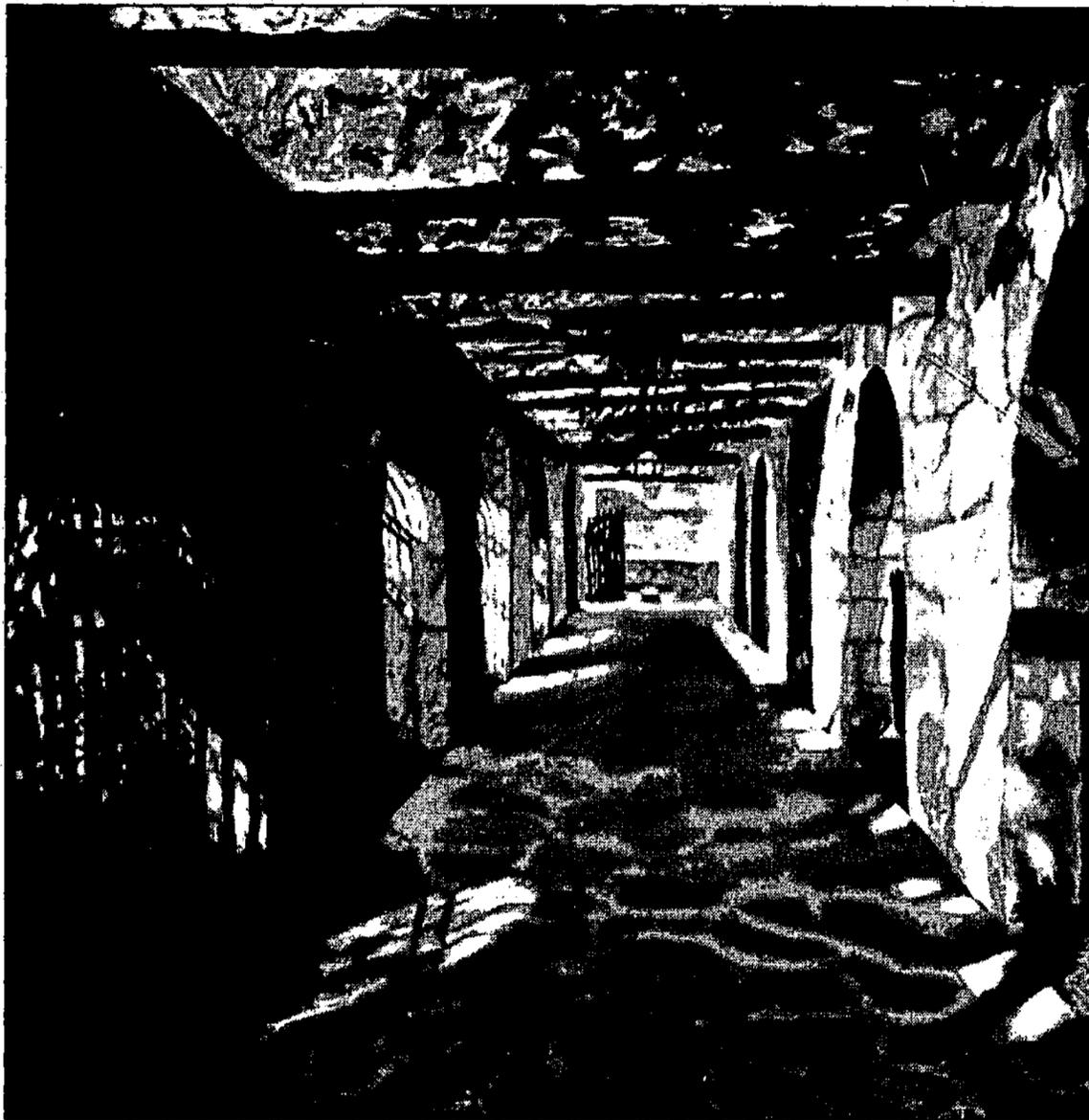
That philosophy has been abandoned this year, opening the juried show and sale to artists who make their home anywhere in New Mexico for part of the year. Loosening those guidelines seems to have paid off — about 500 works were submitted for consideration in the annual event.

The field was narrowed to 90 by juror Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. But those were tough choices to make, Wells said, and Taylor also picked 25 alternates from the entries as well.

"We're dedicating a larger space to it this year," Wells said of the museum's plans for the Fall American. "We'll do our very best to make space for some of those alternates."

Nearly one-third of the artists selected are from the Lincoln County area, with the remainder of the field coming from all four corners of the state.

"That really speaks strongly to the upward movement of this area as an art colony," Wells said. "This is by far the strongest collection of



Courtesy photo

"Alamo Arcade" by artist Margaret Bohannon is one of the works that will be featured at the sixth annual Fall American Art Show and Sale. This work by Bohannon, who makes her home in Ruidoso, is in pastels.

art we've displayed in the last four years. I can tell you this show is going to compare favorably to anything you'll see in Santa Fe or Taos."

Wells said he's sure the show will draw an audience from around the state, if not the country.

"This particular show is going to attract statewide, national attention because of the opening of Peter Hurd's Wartime Sketches," he said. "These works by Hurd haven't been seen by the public in 10 years."

The Hurd show will feature 120 works, both on display and for sale, by the New Mexico artists circa 1942. Hurd, Wells explained, was commissioned by Life magazine to travel with the U.S. Army Air Corp. to capture the sights and emotions of World War II.

"Hurd was one of America's most respected artists at the time,"

GALA OPENING

The gala opening of the Fall American Art Show and Sale will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Museum of the Horse.

Admission is \$10 per person and \$15 a couple for members and \$20 per person and \$30 per couple for non-members.

To RSVP or for more information, call the Museum of the Horse at 378-4142.

"The camera has such a cold eye. He painted people he got to know, people he drank with, people he flew on missions with. Many of the subjects were killed before the end of the war, many were killed before their portraits were finished. That had to be difficult for an emotional man such as Peter Hurd."

The recent death of Henriette Wyeth Hurd has drawn the eye of the art community back to the Wyeth-Hurd family, Wells said, and is gaining them recognition as the "first family of American art."

Wells said. "He was sent around the world to record images of the war in progress. It's really quite an accomplishment for an artist to be designated the task of painting for a magazine known for its photographs.

The Wartime Sketches are only bound to bring more respect and attention to Hurd.

"The very fact that so many of these sketches were done so quickly really shows his high degree of talent," Wells said. "They are just heart rending. Many of them tell a story and many of those stories were very tragic.

"They also bring out the human element of war — the humor, the human interest. Hurd was a very patriotic man. He was a war correspondent who relied on watercolors and ink instead of toting a camera around."

Opening the shows at the same time, the museum will host a gala from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday with a "heavy" hors d'oeuvres buffet, a cash bar and live music by the Roadsters. And Wells said opening the two together gave the museum a great excuse to throw a party.

But the two shows also stick to the museum's philosophy.

"We've wanted to encourage participation in the arts from day one," Wells said.

Capitan theater to perform Capote play

The Territorial Theater of Capitan will present "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote Dec. 5, 6, 12, 19 and 20.

The play, starring John Russell and Louise Cone, and directed by Paul Adamian, will be performed at 8 p.m. each night. The performances will be held at the Lincoln County Mercantile, 320 S. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets are \$5 for adults. Admission for children under 12 is free. Tickets can be purchased at the door the evening of the performance or in advance at Art and Artifact, 107 S. Lincoln Ave. in Capitan.

For more information or tickets by mail, call 354-2316 or 258-3808.

Teddy bear clinic Saturday at museum

Children can bring their ailing Teddy bears to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, where the Teddy bears will be checked by doctors and nurses, and if necessary, repaired by caring volunteers.

Kids who bring Teddy bears for a checkup that day, and accompanied by their parents or other adults, will receive free admission to the museum. Adults must pay the regular admission charge.

The museum's Teddy Bear Day is to celebrate the traveling exhibition "Bears: Imagination and Reality" from the Science Museum of Minnesota that is on display through Jan. 4, 1998.

From 1 to 2 p.m., the museum will take a free photograph of families in the gigantic Teddy bear couch that is part of the exhibit.

For more information, call (505) 841-2826.

'Grandma's House' opens this weekend

The Branigan Cultural Center Foundation is hosting Grandma's Holiday House this weekend at the historic WIA building in Las Cruces. This year's second annual fundraising event to benefit the Las Cruces Museum of Fine Art & Culture showcases the work of regional artists and craftsmen.

Holiday gifts and collectibles will be displayed creatively among the furnishings of the historic building, located at 340 N. Raymond, across from Pioneer Park. Christmas music, spicy scents and ornaments will add to the holiday mood. Shopping hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., today, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call (505) 541-2155.



Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials created by chef Brendon Gochenhour and drinks from the full-service bar, the Apache Tee has the best view and the friendliest staff around.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

Bentley's Brew Pub & Paw

If you're pining for a pint of Old English Ale look no further than Bentley's. The Ruidoso brew pub serves up European and domestic micro brews and fine wines, along with some fabulous food. House specialities include fish and chips and steaks hand cut on the premises.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 258-4232
Address: 1133 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



Cafe Mescalero

Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food with a Southwestern flare, the Cafe has "edible art" by chef Anthony Carpenter for breakfast, lunch and dinner and fajita specials all weekend.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-6693
Address: one mile south of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: Lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.; Dinner 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun.



Billy the Kid's Original Hard Rock Cafe

Hide out where Billy did and rustle up some good grub. Serving certified Black Angus steaks and lobster daily, the Cafe offers the most unique dining experience in the Southern Rockies.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 378-8401
Address: in historic Fox Cave, six miles east of Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70.
Hours: Fri.-Sun. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.



Cattle Baron

Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-9355
Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

Che Bella

Take a tasteful trip to Northern Italy at Che Bella with its selection of pastas, gourmet pizza, veal, poultry, steaks and fish. And once you've finished your meal, stay a while in the cigar and martini bar for a cosmopolitan way to cap off your evening.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-7540
Address: 2823 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2p.m.; Dinner Wed.-Mon. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Bella Bar 4:30 p.m. - Midnight. Closed Tues.



Dan Li Ka Dining Room

Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: open daily, call for information and/or reservations.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 258-5676

Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: the restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. seven days a week.

The InnCredible

For 30 years, The InnCredible has been treating diners to specials like Crabby Monday and Wednesday lobster, not to mention fresh fish, steaks, chicken, pasta, barbecue and more. In this business you're either great or you're history - InnCredible is both.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$

Phone: 336-4312

Address: Highway 48 North at Alto Village.

Hours: the bar opens daily at 3:30 p.m with fine dining starting at 5:30 p.m.



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Price Range: \$

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Art all year: grant to go for creating calendar

BY TONI K. LAXSON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The check has arrived.

A \$4,000 grant from the New Mexico Arts will be spent by the Ruidoso Arts Commission on establishing an arts calendar of events as well as to foster the formation of a countywide arts commission and directory of area artists, said Herb Brunell, commission member.

The commission had requested \$10,000 from the state's art division this spring.

The arts calendar will be organized from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Brunell said. Information on regularly scheduled events and other artistic activities will be collected by the chamber. The money will be used to augment the salary of a chamber employee. Collected information will be passed along to the Ruidoso

News, which publishes schedules of events weekly.

And, "Five hundred of that \$4,000 grant is going to help the county arts commission get established," Brunell added. The money will be used to pay for mailings and to get a directory of artists started, he said.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission, which met last week, also agreed to send a letter on to Lara Morrow, former director of the New Mexico Arts, asking her to act as a consultant.

"We are asking her to provide us with information that will help the commission make a recommendation to the (Ruidoso) Village Council on a number of items all centered around art in public places," Brunell said.

The goal would be to create a set of regulations regarding how art is displayed in village buildings that is fair and equitable to

artists, village employees as well as the public, Brunell said.

The estimated amount of Morrow's contract with the village is \$1,000, Brunell said.

During the meeting, commission member Stan Monks said he has requested and will be receiving a report on the money spent locally for the production of the movie, *The Outfitters*, now being filmed in the Nogal area. The report would reflect only the money spent by the production itself and not the money spent by employees of the movie production. The report could be used to generate more local support for trying to attract more movie productions to this area, Brunell said.

The commission also agreed to send a letter of thanks to Barbara Trimble, former publisher of the Ruidoso News, for her support of the local arts community. "She will be missed," Brunell said.

Boxed in: artist uses everyday items to make the extraordinary

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country.

"We're shipping all over the United States," he said. "Unfortunately, there isn't a big market in New Mexico."

About two years ago, Payne said he felt an urge to do something with boxes. The first two were attractive, but he knew they were only a step toward where he was headed.

"With the third box I began to see a real good venue for me to express some things," he said. "I like to work with a lot of different materials. I have never found one satisfying to the exclusion of the others."

His boxes may include sculpture, latex, wood, silicone and copper.

"I've been doing those for two years," he said, also showing the boxes in a gallery back east and entering shows such as the Southwest Arts and Crafts in Albuquerque, where he won a Standard's Choice award from selection committee members.

"Boxes still are my main focus, but it's a struggle," Payne said. "Avant garde and contemporary art has a tough time in Albuquerque and galleries have to respond to demand. They have to pay the rent."

He's begun focusing his effort on exposing his boxes to the East and West Coast markets.

"In a way, it's like starting from scratch trying to get these things out into the public," Payne said. "They're all definitely one of a kind."

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GOING OUT

'Jackal' delivers action with intelligence, fine performances

The Jackal, starring Richard Gere and Bruce Willis is an in-depth action movie with an interesting plot line and superb acting. As most action flicks go, there was some violence, but not the needless

bloody gore seen in many of today's movies. Everything each character does fits into a twisted plot line.

A team of agents looking to bust a ring of assassins (a.k.a. mafia) in Germany discovers themselves involved in a much larger scam and winds up in the U.S. looking for their most-wanted assassin, The Jackal. But even when suspects are rounded up it looks hopeless; no one knows anything about him other than his alias and he is very skilled

COFFEE GRIND



BY MEREDITH KEETON
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

at the art of changing identities and faces. Meanwhile, The Jackal (Bruce Willis) is traveling throughout Canada, Europe, and the U.S. covering his tracks and making preparations for his next big kill, believed to be the head of the FBI.

In the search for information about the Jackal, it becomes clear that there is only one man who can help them, an IRA sharpshooter who's serving time in prison for killing American embassy members in Ireland. As Richard Gere, playing the only man who has a clue to The Jackal's identity tries to bargain his way out of prison in exchange for information, it becomes clear that he has an ulterior motive for wanting The Jackal killed, and entangling past events begin to come to light.

Gere joins the team to find and faces many problems, mainly that someone is leaking information to the enemy which is allowing him to escape. While Gere becomes involved in the case and his personal interest begins to show, he

feels he has to protect a former girlfriend and avenge their baby's death at The Jackal's hands. Gere becomes the only member of the team who makes any head way in capturing the criminal. Just when it looks like The Jackal has outsmarted everyone who's looking for him, he pulls a sting and begins assassinating members of the task force in the attempts of making a symbolic message directly to Gere. The stakes get higher and higher, and everyone knows that this sting will be The Jackal's last, whether they catch him or not.

As time wears thin and Gere finally gains the trust of the team members enough to lead them, The Jackal sets up for the biggest job of his career, setting his sights on someone of even more fame and status than the head of the FBI who is under little protection and is unaware of the danger they are in. With the discovery of the real target made with so little time to stop the assassination, the team flies into last minute action that will have anyone gripping their seats.

Spencer Theater adds 'A Cowboy Christmas' performance

If you're on the waiting list for tickets to "A Cowboy Christmas" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, expect a phone call from the box office this week offering you seats for a second night of Don Edwards and Don Walser. As the Friday, Dec. 12 performance sold out quickly, and the waiting list grew, the Spencer added a performance for Saturday, Dec. 13.

"I think this Christmas show is especially popular with people around here because so many of us

are horse people and ranchers," said Theta Smith, Spencer executive director, in a Nov. 18 press release.

Balladeer Don Edwards and yodeler Don Walser round up the holiday traditions of ranch life for a campfire evening of traditional ballads, tales of the trail and the poetic heart of Don Edwards, who worked New Mexico ranches in his teens. Don Walser's extraordinary yodel has earned him the title "Pavarotti of the Plains."

Scott Wells, of the Museum of

the Horse, will give a special lecture before each performance of "A Cowboy Christmas," to share his insights about the cowboy tradition and the true spirit of Christmas. Wells believes this Christmas program has a special appeal for Lincoln County residents and visitors because the life of the cowboy shares much with the biblical shepherd.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 or \$25, and are available at the Spencer Theater box office. For more information call, 336-4800.

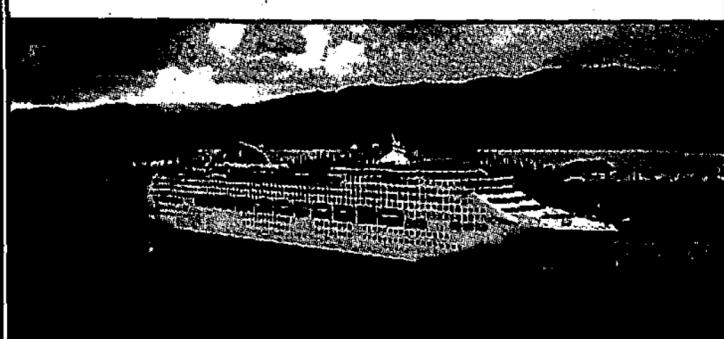


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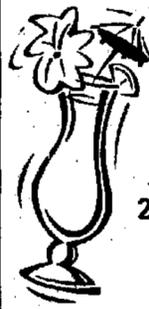
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*1:30 7:00 *9:15

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A LOGICAL INFERENCE

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K Q 3
♥ 8 6
♦ A 9 8 7 5
♣ A Q 10

EAST

♠ 7 4 2
♥ K Q J 10
♦ J 6 3
♣ 8 5

WEST

♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ K 4 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 5
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K J 9 7 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Guessing situations perplex, confound and bewilder players at times, but if you know anyone who guesses right at high percentage of the time, rest assured it's not just luck. The chances are that the guy (or gal) knows exactly what he's doing.

Take this case where West leads a spade against five clubs. South wins with the jack, draws two rounds of trumps, cashes two more spades and exits with a heart to force the opponents to lead diamonds.

Let's say East wins the first heart with the ten and the second one with the king, he must then return a diamond; otherwise, declarer gets a ruff and discard and makes the contract. South now has a crucial decision to make on the low diamond return. He must

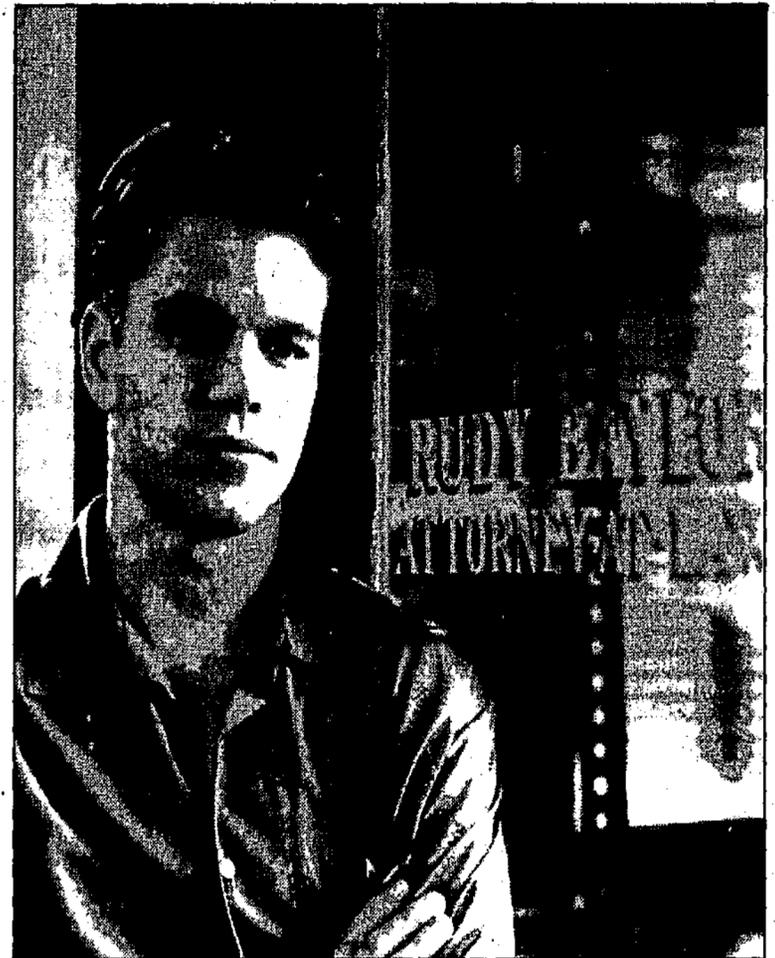
guess whether to play the ten. If he thinks East has the king and West has the jack, he plays the queen. (If either defender has both honors, declarer's play does not matter.)

South does not have a difficult guess if he is on the ball. He should play the ten. Playing the ten is simply a matter of logic. Declarer assumes that if East had the king of diamonds, the defenders would have arranged to West to win the second round of hearts and lead a diamond.

Since they failed to do so, it follows that West must have the king. Once declarer reaches this stage in his reasoning, he cannot gain by playing the queen, so he plays the ten and hopes for the best.

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD



Matt Damon stars with Claire Danes and Jon Voight in the screen version of John Grisham's "The Rainmaker."

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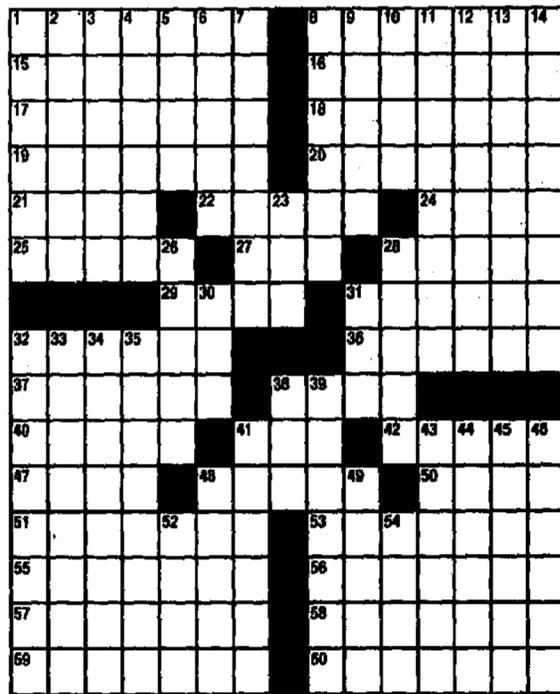
ACROSS

- 1 Greta Garbo, portrayal
- 8 Spans
- 15 Opposite of gregarious
- 16 Rung of a ship's "ladder"
- 17 With stridor
- 18 Condense
- 19 These yield gum arabic
- 20 Nappies
- 21 Horseshoe or pigskin
- 22 Brandish
- 24 Jealousie unit
- 25 First name in photography
- 27 Consumption
- 28 One of the Hindu Trimurti
- 29 Employs a scope
- 31 Fort Sill resident
- 32 Pillowcase material
- 36 Members of the birch family
- 37 Apprentice
- 38 Crab Key fortress villain
- 40 New England "catch of the day"
- 41 Mature, in a way
- 42 Above, in a text
- 47 Blow the whistle
- 48 Frat recruits
- 50 Implored
- 51 Easy victory

- 53 It's stuck in a corner
- 55 Modernize
- 56 Triggers
- 57 Equipment for a work detail
- 58 Attire
- 59 Minimally worded
- 60 Understanding

DOWN

- 1 Yellow-skinned fruit
- 2 — School (20th-century art group)
- 3 Plutarch work
- 4 Site of a cold snap?
- 5 1953 Mel Ferrer film
- 6 TV title on a license plate
- 7 Shangri-la
- 8 Birthplace, metaphorically
- 9 Very enthusiastic, as a fan
- 10 Other, to Orozco
- 11 Careless
- 12 Moonlighting
- 13 Lapidary, at times
- 14 Hit the canvas
- 23 Non-P.C. suffix
- 26 Nixon Defense Secretary



Puzzle by Daniel R. Stark

- 28 Memorable flights
- 30 Wayhouse
- 31 Honshu honorific
- 32 Doubt
- 33 Disconnect
- 34 More intense
- 35 Aerobics gear
- 38 Brace
- 39 Get some air?
- 41 Most in need of a moisturizer
- 43 Computer availability
- 44 Typewriter roller
- 45 University official
- 46 Hymn opening
- 48 Drops out of contention
- 49 TV colonel
- 52 "Minimum" amount
- 54 Tizzy

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Sierra screens have mystery, murder and more this weekend

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. Debuting today is "The Rainmaker" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer." For more information call 257-9444.

The Rainmaker

Rated PG-13

Show times: 1 p.m.*, 3:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Based on the best-selling novel by John Grisham, the story centers on law student Rudy Baylor and his battle against an multi-million dollar insurance company.

Once Rudy had aspirations of breezing through law school and punching his ticket to the good life. Now he doesn't have a job or a prayer ... except for one: an insurance dispute that leaves a family devastated and opens to the door for a lawsuit, if Rudy can find a way to file it.

I Know What You Did Last Summer

Rated R

Show times: 1:30 p.m.*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Another teen thriller from the director of "Scream." Wes Craven straps audiences in for another twisting, turning spine chiller.

The Jackal

Rated R

Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 4

p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:05 p.m.*

Plot: There are forces in the world as powerful as nations. They have the ability to declare war and the resources to carry it out.

A ruthless assassin (Willis) has been hired by international cutthroats to eliminate someone at the very top of the U.S. government. His price \$70 million. Constantly on the move, changing his identity and location, everything about this man is a mystery — including his sinister timetable. He is known only as the Jackal.

Aware of the Jackal's presence but uncertain of his purpose, the deputy director of the FBI (Poitier) faces the biggest challenge of his career. Reluctant but desperate, he realizes the only way to stop an assassin is to hire a man who thinks like one — an imprisoned underground operative (Gere) who has his own history with the Jackal.

Starship Troopers

Rated R

Show times: 4:15 p.m.

Plot: In the future, a group of idealistic young volunteers enlist in Earth's ultimate battle to save mankind. These men and women travel to distant planets to meet the challenge of intergalactic warfare with a brutal race of gigantic alien insects.

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GOING OUT

Delta sound still rings true to blues

There were three areas in the South that blues music grew out of. The Mississippi Delta, The Piedmont and Eastern Texas.

Of these three areas probably the most well-known is the Mississippi Delta. The Delta stretched from Vicksburg, Miss., in the south to Memphis, Tenn., in the north, and from Central Mississippi in the east to the Ozark Plateau in the west.

Delta blues began in the fields as work songs and field hollers. But as instruments were added it moved to picnics, barbecues and Saturday night dances. At first the main instruments of choice were the banjo and fiddle, but these were replaced by guitar and harmonica, and occasionally the piano.

Slide guitar also became very popular in the Delta. The forerunner to the slide guitar was what was referred to as a "Diddley Bow." This was a taut wire that was attached to a house or barn. The early blues players would pluck the wire while sliding a glass bottle, or a metallic object such as a knife up and down it.

This technique was easily transferred to the guitar.

The Delta blues style has been called barebones. Characterized by gravelly vocals and minimalistic musical accompaniment. Many times the vocal melody line would be echoed on the upper strings of the guitar while the lower strings would be used to drone out a rudimentary bass line.

As the Delta blues migrated north to cities such as Chicago and St. Louis, it adapted easily to the new electric instruments that were being invented and used in the late '30s and '40s. The main instruments of the Chicago blues remained the guitar and the harmonica, as it was in the early Delta

blues. Although, as the music electrified, piano, drums and bass, or sometimes a second guitar playing bass lines, were added.

The Delta blues has had a far-reaching effect on music in this century and undoubtedly well into the next. We are fortunate to have access to recordings of some of the legendary blues artists plus access to recordings of new artists who continue in this style.

If you are interested in listening to Delta blues, check out these artists: Charley Patton, Robert Johnson, Howlin' Wolf, Leadbelly (Huddie Ledbetter), Elmore James, Mississippi Fred McDowell or Son House. Also try Guy Davis or John Hammond Jr.

If you are interested in Chicago blues, you might look into these artists: Muddy Waters, Otis Rush, Buddy Guy, Little Walter, Koko Taylor, John Lee Hooker, or Charlie Mussel White. Of course this is only a partial listing.

Blues today is enjoying a growth in popularity, not only worldwide, but in Ruidoso as well.

There are many acts coming to our area. Check out the Texas House every Sunday afternoon, The Castle on Nov. 21 and Dec. 27, and the Convention Center on Jan. 10.

Gary Stamper is a grade school teacher and an avid music fan. He has been playing guitar for more than 30 years and has a minor in music along with his education degree. He was introduced to the blues in the 1950s as a child and has enjoyed them since that time. He formed the KGB Blues Band, which now spreads the blues in the mountains of Ruidoso and the surrounding areas.

SINGING THE BLUES



Gary Stamper for the Ruidoso News

Southwest songwriters featured in radio program

The four-part "Back Porch" Southwest Songwriters Series featuring performances from New Mexico talent began airing on KRWG-FM Nov. 16.

The program airs from 6 to 8 p.m. on 89.5 FM in Alamogordo/

Upcoming artists to air include Chris Good, Kevin Keith, Orien McDonald and Jacob Supack.

Good will share his musical tal-

ent in an in-studio performance Nov. 23 and will sing about politics and pets.

From Gila, singer/songwriter Kevin Keith joins Orien McDonald on madolin and percussionist Jacob Supack to form the new folk trio "Digging A Hole." The threesome will perform Keith originals about mountain life on Nov. 30.

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Harry Tracy: a deadly charmer

This is the first of three parts on Harry Tracy.

Harry Tracy was a charming young man who was of medium height and a little stocky. His most noticeable and disarming feature were his deep-set, light blue-gray eyes. For a time near the turn of the century he traveled about the Northwestern countryside and nearly everyone he met liked him. Many people who barely knew him

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wanted to help him. What makes this interesting is that, at the time, Tracy was the target of what may be the most intensive man-hunt in the history of the United States.

During the two months that he was at large, Tracy robbed stores, saloons, a few homes and, at one point, commandeered a large steam launch. Despite all this, most of the people that met him defended his memory to the end of their days.

Tracy was born in Pittsville, Wis., as Harry Severns. He later changed his name to Tracy so that his family might be spared any embarrassment.

While still in his early 20s, Tracy headed west and in almost no time found himself incarcerated in Utah for the crime of burglary.

Escaping from jail in the company of another convict named Dave Lant, Tracy was determined to find and join Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch. At some point, the two fugitives met another would-be Wild Bunch member, also on the run. His name was "Swede" Johnson.

Johnson was an indiscriminate killer also fleeing from Utah, but on a murder charge. Near the end of February 1898, Johnson had killed a 15-year-old boy who had not moved fast enough in getting a horse for the fugitive.

The First Victim

On March 1, 1898, a posse caught up with the trio near Brown's Hole, Wyo. The posse was led by a man named Valentine Hoy. Cornering the fugitives, Hoy

courageously and foolishly began walking toward the three outlaws.

As he got close, Tracy commanded him to turn and go the other way. Hoy was adamant. "We don't want you, Tracy. It's Johnson we want. This is not your fight!"

Tracy's response was almost matter-of-fact: "Come any closer, Hoy, and I'll kill you," he shouted back. Hoy kept coming and after a few more steps, Tracy's rifle cracked once and Hoy fell dead, a bullet through the heart.

The posse had not expected this and retreated in confusion. At the south end of the canyon, they came across Jack Bennett, a friend of Tracy's bringing supplies to the three outlaws. The enraged posse lynched him on the spot.

After word of Hoy's death spread, lawmen from three states (Utah, Wyoming and Colorado) moved in. They found a campsite where the outlaws had killed their horses for food and made shoes from the hides. Later that day, the lawmen surrounded the desperadoes near a place called Lookout Mountain.

When the lawmen called out for the outlaws to surrender, Tracy's voice echoed down the canyon to them. "Come and get me" was all he said. It was not to be the last time he would use those words.

The posse settled in to wait the outlaws out. Knowing full well that the three fugitives were not prepared to spend the night outside at that time of year, they wisely decided to let Mother Nature do the work for them. And she did ...

Within a few hours, Lant and Johnson were begging Tracy to surrender before they all froze to death. Tracy flatly refused. When another posse moved into the area, both Lant and Johnson stumbled out, their hands held high. Again the lawmen called out for Tracy to come down. And again, he replied "Come and get me ..." And no one was about to take him up on this generous offer.

Eventually, Tracy's hands became so numb that he could no longer hold a rifle. Cursing his two companions as cowards, Tracy crawled from behind a rock and surrendered to the relieved lawmen. They had begun to think that they were really going to have to go in and get him. And no one was anxious to do that.

Johnson was whisked off to Wyoming for the murder of the

young boy and Lant and Tracy were taken into custody for the Hoy killing.

The First Escape

On March 24, Tracy and Lant found an opportunity and took it. Beating Sheriff Charles Neimann into unconsciousness, they escaped. When he regained his senses, Neimann trailed the pair to Steamboat Springs, Colo., where he boarded a stagecoach, hoping to cross the path of the fugitives. Luck was with the lawman. Six miles out of Steamboat, the two outlaws boarded the stage, only to be greeted by the business end of Neimann's revolver.

Not that it made any difference. A few months later, the two outlaws escaped again. This time, however, the two parted company. Lant had tasted enough of the outlaw life. He enlisted in the Army and served with distinction in the Philippines. He and Tracy would never meet again.

At this point in time, Harry Tracy moved to Portland, Ore. Keeping a low profile, he lived in the Red Light District of that city.

Tracy appears to have been something of a silver-tongued devil. According to one historian, Tracy could, with his good manners and articulate ways, "make the tawdriest dance hall girl feel like a princess."

Then, in 1899, something strange happened. Tracy met Dave Merrill. At their first meeting, both men stared at each other - the resemblance they bore to one another was, apparently, quite amazing. The two struck up a friendship and in no time, Merrill was introducing his new friend to his sister, Rose Merrill. Within a month, Tracy and Rose were married.

The False Face Bandits

Within a few months, Portland was rocked by a series of daylight robberies involving banks and stores that were perpetrated by two men wearing masks. The papers dubbed them the "False Face Bandits."

The "False Face Bandits" were, of course, Tracy and Merrill. Things went along swimmingly until Merrill began to drink and brag in the local saloons. Merrill was quickly picked up by the authorities and promptly told them that he would turn in Tracy in



The bright-eyed charmer Harry Tracy.

exchange for lighter treatment.

Merrill led a posse to a small cottage on the outskirts of town, near the railroad tracks. As the lawmen crashed through the front door, Tracy came sailing out one of the rear windows. Amid a hailstorm of lead, the outlaw zigged and zagged toward the railroad tracks where a train was just then passing.

Leaping onto the last car, Tracy raced through the train, gun in hand. When he got to the engine, he didn't even have to raise his gun. Staring into the engineer's eyes, Tracy said one word: "Jump." The railroad man took one look at Tracy and did exactly that. But even as Tracy was pushing the throttle forward to full steam, a conductor on the rear car had pulled the emergency cord. The train shuddered to a halt.

As Tracy leaped from the cab, a bullet creased his skull, knocking him unconscious. As handcuffs were slipped onto the senseless Tracy, one of the lawmen remarked that "Well, we got him."

It wouldn't be long before Tracy would prove to them that a statement like that was definitely a matter of opinion.

Tracy was sentenced to 20 years in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Desperate Men

At 8:30 on the morning of June 9, 1902, prison roll call began. What the two guards on duty did

not know was that guns had been smuggled into Tracy and his confederates. Suddenly lunging forward and snatching a rifle from its place of concealment, Tracy brought the weapon to his shoulder and fired without the slightest hesitation. Ferrell, one of the guards, was Tracy's target and the bullet killed him instantly. As Tracy turned his rifle on the other guard, one of the other prisoners tried to stop him.

Tracy's rifle roared again and the prisoner fell dead.

At this point, the remaining guard ran one way and Tracy, in the company of Dave Merrill, who apparently had managed to keep his betrayal of his brother-in-law a secret, ran the other way.

Reaching the place at the wall where they had concealed a ladder, the two fugitives, using two guards as shields, went over the top. A small distance from the prison, Tracy killed one of the guards and the other escaped. Then, Tracy and Merrill vanished into the darkness.

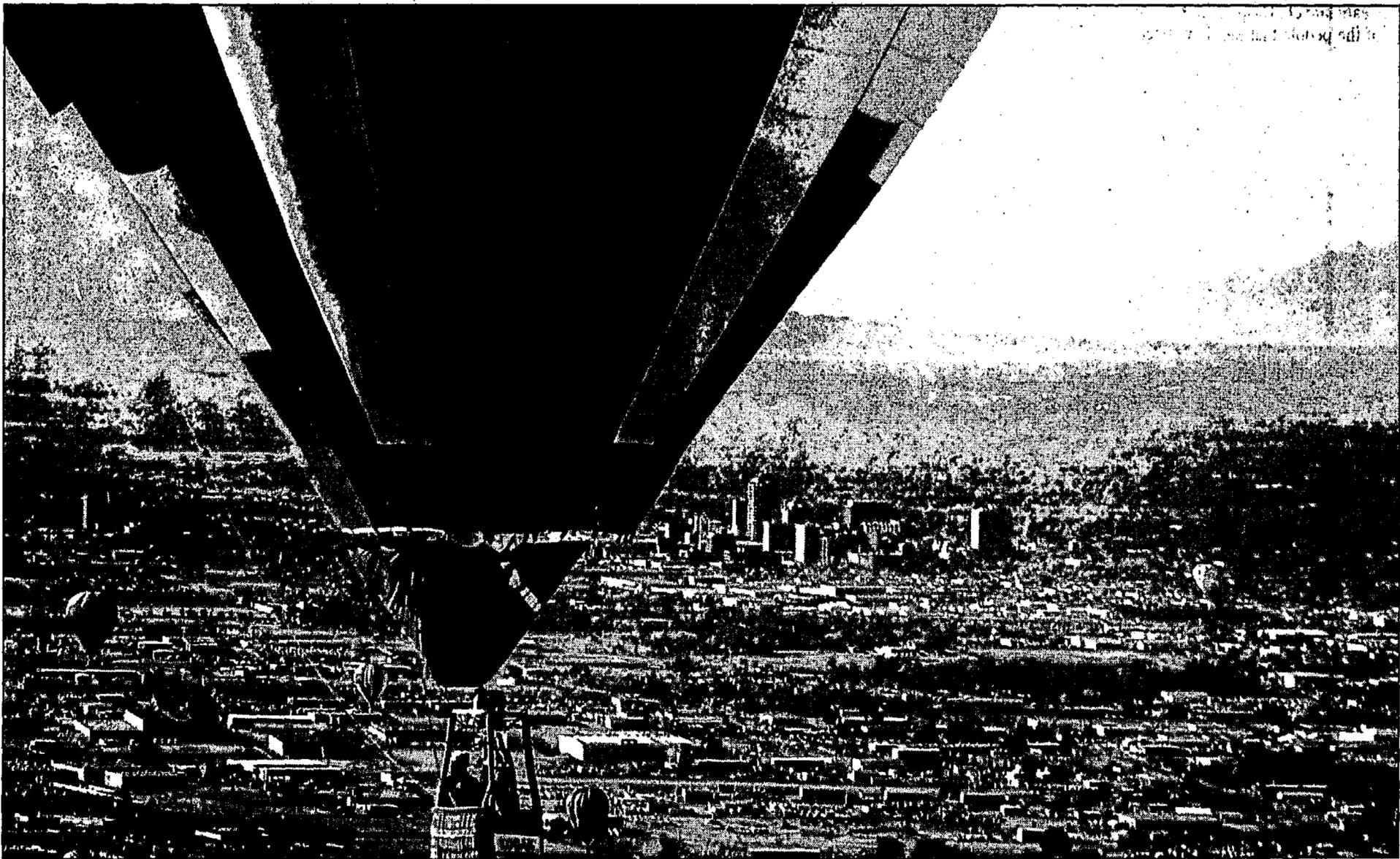
In their wake, the two convicts left utter pandemonium. The rest of the prison population went into riot mode and the remaining guards were kept more than busy attempting to quiet them. Finally, hitting men with their rifle butts and firing shots over their heads, the guards were able to calm the remaining prisoners and herd them back to their respective cells.

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PARTING SHOT



Rankin Harvey, travel writer/photographer, member of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County and author of "The Adventure Guide to New Mexico," captured these shots at the Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. He used a Canon EOS camera with 300mm lens for the shot above and the same camera with a 20-35mm lens for the shot below. Both photos were taken on Fuji Velvia slide film. As for technique, Harvey said the fiesta almost shoots itself. "There's balloons and color everywhere, it's just a matter of composition after that."



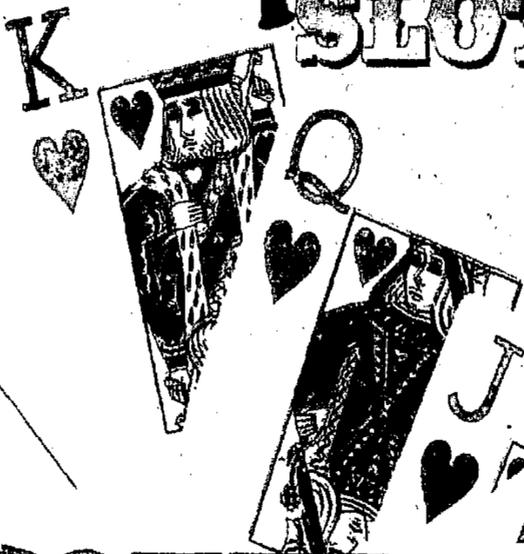
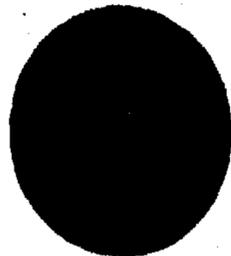
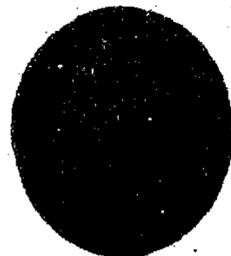
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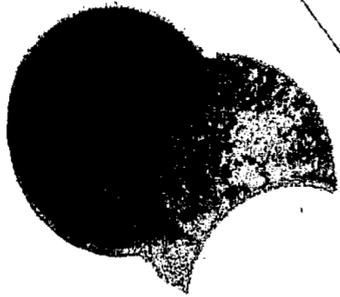
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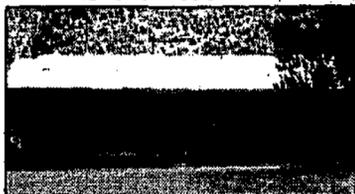


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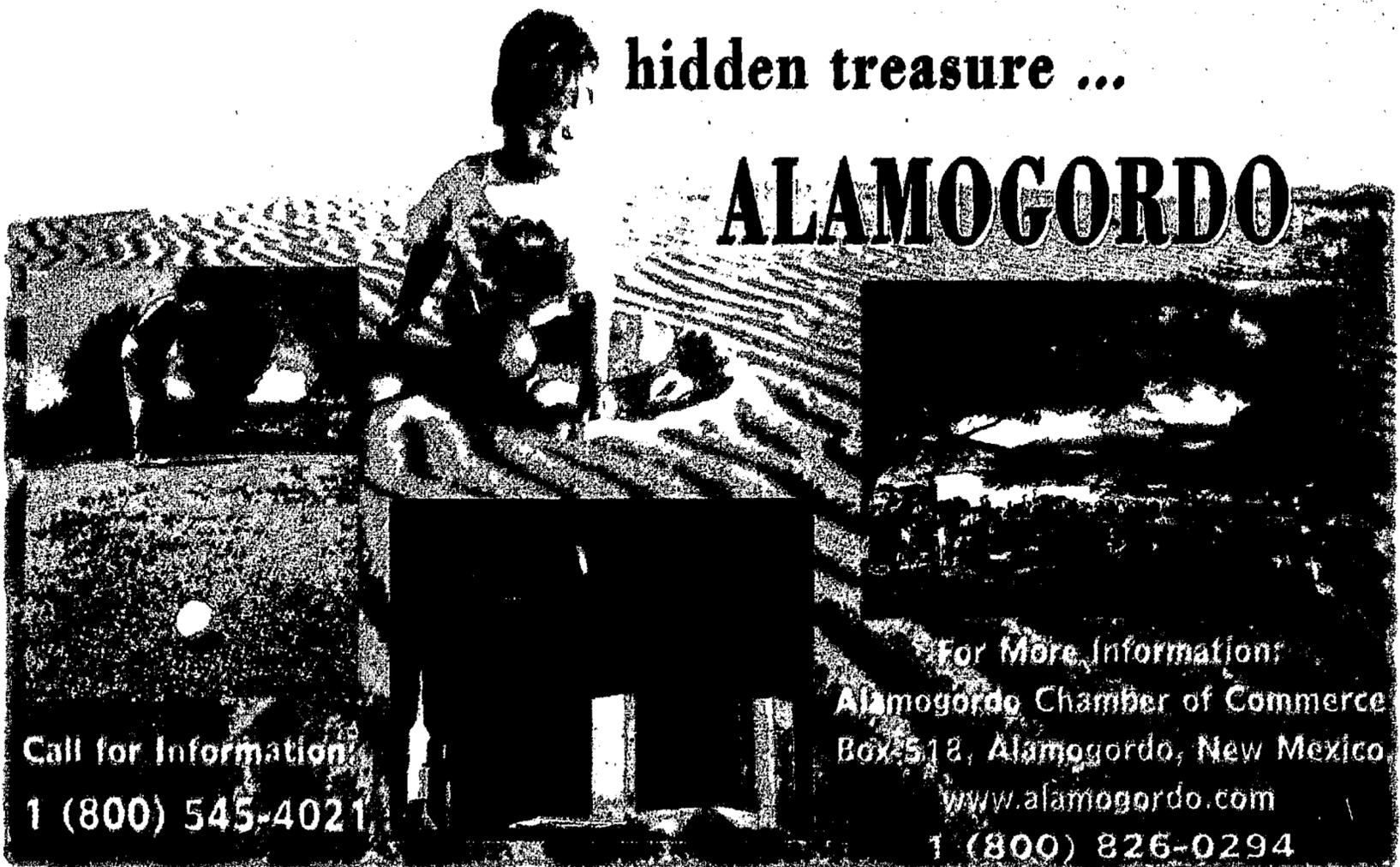
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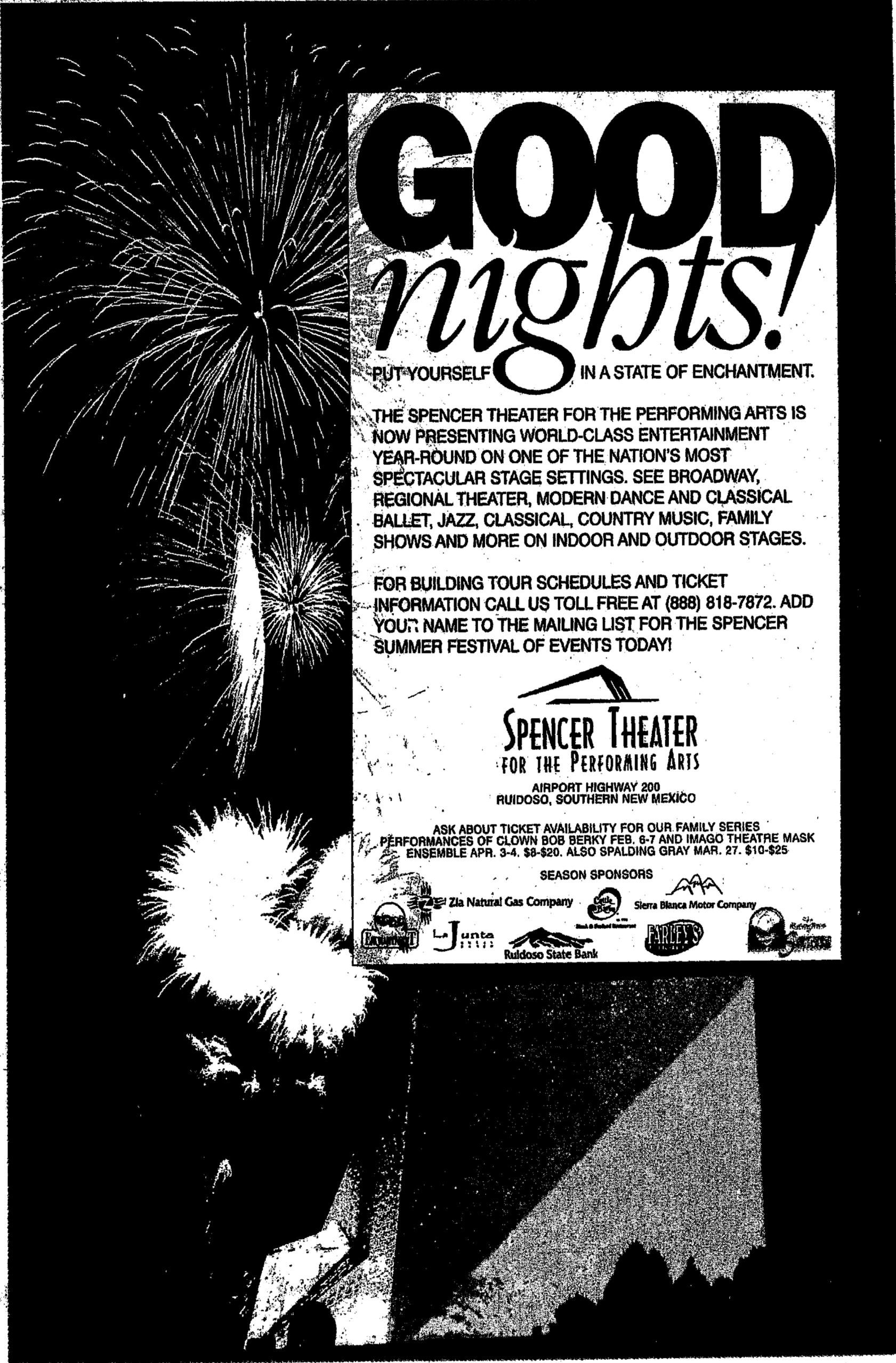
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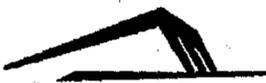


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Style merger on board

• While snowboarding outfits are currently the best sellers, new clothing lines are slimming down the styles so many selections look more like ski apparel.

BY **TONI K. LAXSON**
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Apparel for snowboarders and skiers is looking more and more alike, say local ski clothing merchants.

Snowboarding outfits, known for heavy-duty fabrics and stitching as well as for being bulky fashion statements, are slimming down some, said Robert Donaldson, owner of the Pro Ski Sports on Sudderth Drive.

"In fashion, there's a lot more crossover between snowboarding and skiing," Donaldson said.

"What's happened is, where snowboarding came from street skating with the big and baggy outfits, the silhouettes are becoming more normal, slimmer ... And ski clothing has moved from being real slim and tight to more baggy."

As far as cut and color of both skiing and snowboarding goes, "there's a lot more retro," Donaldson said. What was hip in the very late '70s and early '80s is back, he added.

While not all ski apparel stores offer snowboarding outfits, those that do say they sell more items to "snow surfers" than to skiers.

Janet Steed, co-owner of Steed's Ski Sports,

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said that's the case at her shop.

"Snowboarding is getting bigger here all the time," Steed said. "I probably sell more snowboarding stuff than I do skiing."

The outfits are usually made with more padding and of heavier construction than ski wear because of what they have to endure, Steed said. The fabrics used are often "rip-stop" materials, which, as the name implies, are resistant to ripping, Steed said.

She, like Donaldson, sees the styles slimming down some from the excessively baggy and youth-oriented style of the recent past, Steed said. However, a teen who works for her recently purchased the "biggest and baggiest" snowboarding outfit he could find in the shop.

"With boarding, (the clothing) has to be baggy so they can move," she said.

But she's not just selling to a youthful market.

"Oh no. I sell a lot to adults — there's a lot of adults snowboarders here, believe it or not," Steed said.

A snowboarding outfit will cost about \$310 with pants and a jacket, she said. Pants can cost \$110 and a jacket \$200.

Tish Nutting, co-owner of Ski West Sports, said her shop recently received two new lines of

snowboarding outfits and accessories. Among the more popular accessories are the ingenious back packs snowboarders use to carry their boards when hiking up hill.

"The pack is designed to be able to slide your board in the pack and hike up with it," Nutting said.

The packs are useful "if they are going to do some extreme riding," she said. Tuckerman's Lumber Packs can be purchased from \$50 and up, she said.

Steed said unusual hats are another hot-ticket accessory for snowboarders and skiers alike.

The fabrics used to make both snowboarding and skiing wear are increasingly high-tech, Nutting said. Materials that are both warm, waterproof and allow the skin to breathe seems to be the goal.

"Everyone wants to come up with something identical to 58," she said.

Myra Taylor, owner of the Mountain Ski Shop, agrees, saying people want fabrics that will hold perspiration and moisture away from the body. Taylor, who sells primarily ski clothing, also said the colors are brighter this year and fleece is back in style.

"Things have gotten so casual and people like the feel of the fleece," she said.

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Flying down a hill on an inner tube sends the adrenaline pumping in both the young and not-so-young around Ruidoso.

When snow starts falling in the Sacramento Mountains, plenty of places invite the intrusion of tubes, sleds, shrieks and laughter.

One of the favorite spots is the hill next to the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center off Sudderth Drive. A berm has been added this year to keep sledders out of a new fenced playground.

The end of the slick slide is buffeted by some small trees and a parking lane, ensuring no one will sail into the street.

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Sledders still can capture a major thrill by climbing to the tree line or they can pick a tamer route for smaller adven-

tures.

If both places are too crowded, ask a young resident of Ruidoso to suggest some out-of-the-way hills or backroads that remain impassable during the winter, but offer some scary snow skirmishes.

Sledding at Cloudcroft

Drive another 40 miles and more tubing possibilities will unfold in the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft.

Besides many impromptu spots along the road - easy to spot because tubers already are there or the snow shows evidence of their use - thrill seekers can whip down the slopes (on inner tubes only) at the privately-owned Triple M Snowplay Area or at Snow Canyon, operated by the village of Cloudcroft on U.S. 82.

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Snow Canyon, closed last year because of insufficient snowfall, will open Dec. 15, if the snow gods deliver this time. Downhill skiing, snowboarding and inner tubing will be offered. The rates had not yet been set this fall. Call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733 for more information. To reach Snow Canyon, take U.S. 70 heading southeast toward Alamogordo, turn south on Highway 244 toward Cloudcroft and continue on U.S. 82 about two miles.

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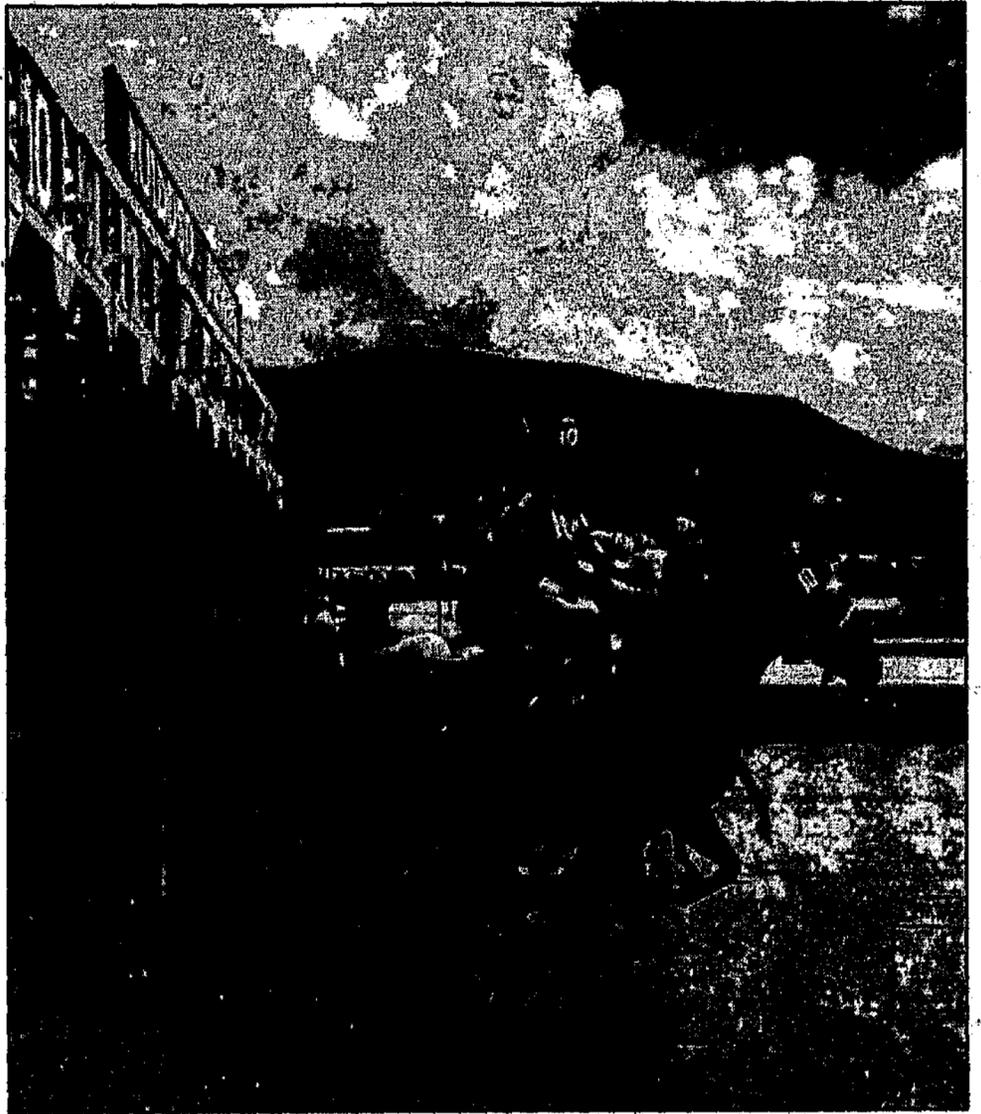
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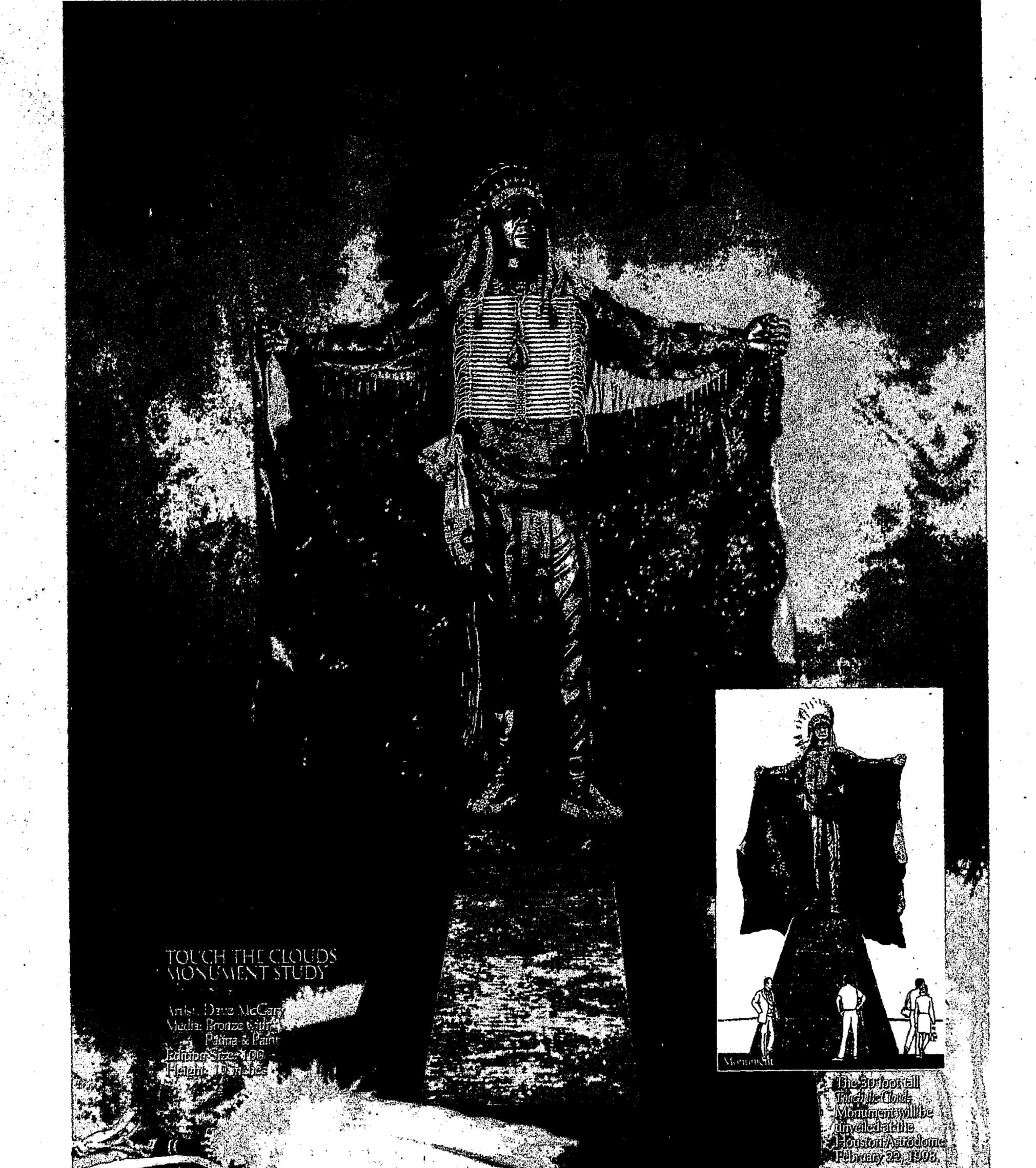
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Winter shopping in Ruidoso is a pleasure

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

From cowboy chic to contemporary casual, the Ruidoso-area's shopping choices have a little something for everyone.

Although known as a "ski town," a golfer's paradise or a horse racing lover's dream, the Ruidoso area has more to offer clotheshorses than parkas, shorts and cowboy boots. The choices run the gamut from shorty and flirty to long and sophisticated, with a hearty helping of comfortable and casual thrown in.

"In Ruidoso you can find Southwest style and contemporary, from casual to everyday dressing," said J. Roberts owner Ann Bolton. "Between all of us, we've got it all. From cocktail to casual shorts to things to wear to the beach, you find just about anything in town."

"We've got anything you could want - from fun to funky to sophisticated," said Michelle's manager, Christie Larson.

Kire Cole, owner Kire's A Speciality Boutique, agreed.

"We have people that come to Ruidoso just to buy their summer or winter wardrobes," Cole said. "We carry a lot of unique things, things you

can't find in department stores or in big city malls. We have small boutiques."

The advantage of small, independently owned boutiques is as plain as the shirt on your back, according to Cole. She said the benefits of shopping on a smaller scale are seen when you walk down the street and don't see another soul wearing the same outfit you're wearing.

"You can buy a dress and not worry about seeing it on somebody else."

Ruidoso also offers an eclectic mix of style that you don't get in department stores.

"(The choices) are very eclectic. We don't carry conservative clothing," Cole said. "Most of our things are fun and very unique. We aren't a three-piece suit kind of town."

But the dresses, pants, blouses, jackets and skirts aren't the only stylish items to be found in the tall cool pines.

"It's not just (clothes), it's accessories and shoes too," Bolton said.

Best of all, personal service isn't sacrificed for selection. Bolton said she sees lots of shoppers from Dallas, Houston and other big cities who choose to do their shopping in Ruidoso because it's just plain nicer.

"(They) come her to shop because it's easier and it's more customer friendly," she said. "You'd think in Dallas you could find anything you'd want ..."

And maybe they have; maybe they've found Ruidoso's the best place to shop.

If art, furniture or other unique items are more what you're in the market for, the area has plenty to offer, too. From galleries in Ruidoso, Capitan or White Oaks, the art selection is second to none.

The style ranges from the Native American magic of artist Teri Sodd to the stone sculpture of Candyce Garrett, with original leather, wood, jewelry and stone works scattered across Lincoln County.

Antiques are also plentiful, with numerous shops lining Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

And furniture can be found at small stores like the Tree's House in Nogal or La Hacienda in Ruidoso Downs, not to mention Imports Etc., High Country Outlet and others that fill those furniture needs in Ruidoso.

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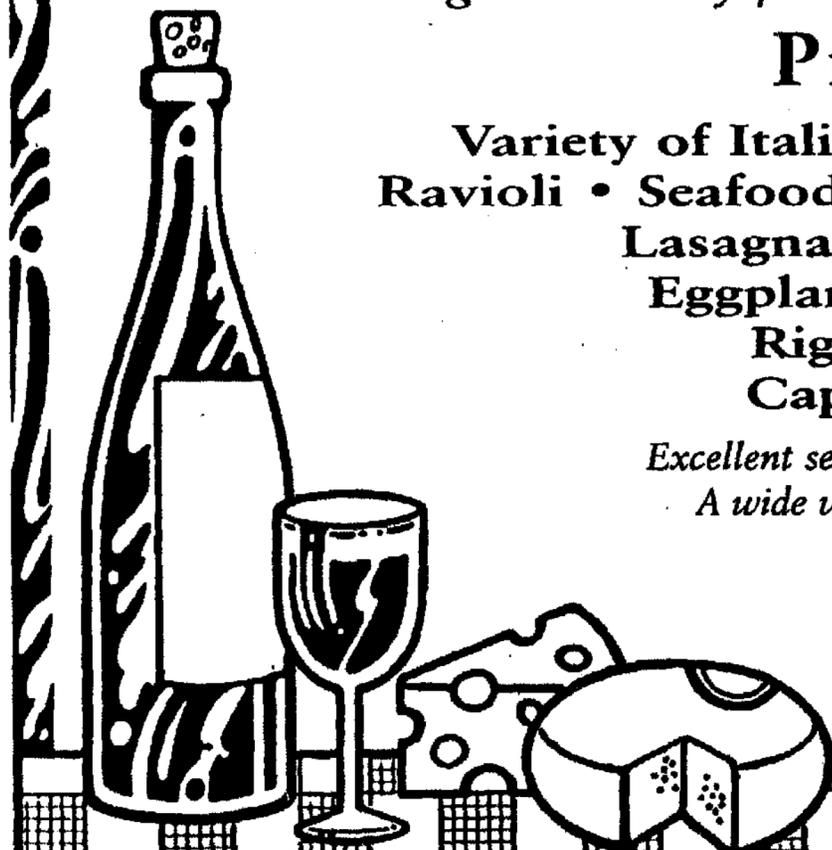
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Now, a whole forest of reasons to visit Ruidoso during the holidays

• Last year's premiere of the Christmas event will be expanded this year — part of coordinators' long-term plans to create a holiday wonderland in Ruidoso.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

This holiday season's Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees will be much bigger than the first (last year) and will include several more projects, but coordinators have even bigger plans for the event's future.

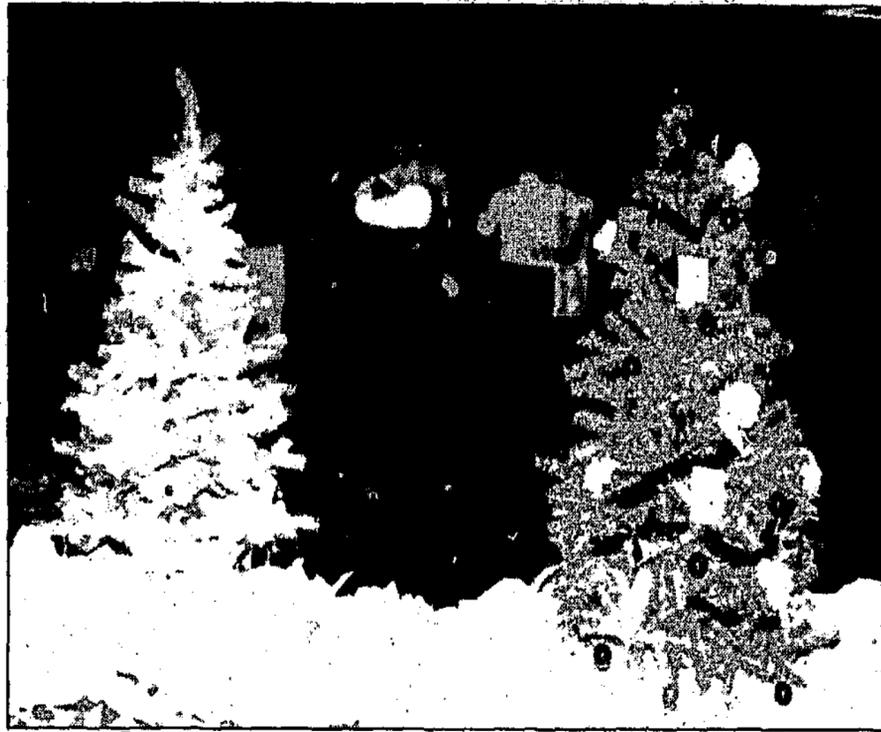
"We want to have a series of holiday events," said Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We are trying to have one every weekend from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day."

The goal is to create a winter wonderland in Ruidoso for the holidays, complete with spectacular lighting displays, Christmas concerts, carolers, dances, performances, Santa, sleighs and more, coordinators say.

"What we want to do is expand the event to make it more exciting — not only for visitors but also for local residents," Bailey said.

This year's Festival of Trees will be Dec. 5 and 6 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Like last year, it will be sponsored by the Ruidoso News and the Chamber of Commerce.

It will feature special holiday effects, including hundreds of decorated and lighted Christmas trees and wreaths, music, more than 300 feet of miniature train tracks and trains, food,



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Ruidoso's Convention Center became a small winter wonderland last year, the first for the annual Festival of Trees. This year's plans: A whole village full of enchantment.

a Christmas concert, caroling children, an auction and a dance.

Community response to the expanded event was immediate and considerable when it was announced, Bailey said. "As soon as the ad came out in the Ruidoso News people

started calling and faxing," Bailey said. "I think people are ready to get in to the holiday spirit."

Bailey said plans are under way for putting up Christmas lighting in several areas of town, including the U. S. 70-S.R. 48 "Y" at the east entrance to the village, and at School House Park off Sudderth Drive.

Grizzly's Bears TreeMasters and Ruidoso Printing are donating an 11-foot-tall carved wooden bear to the project, Bailey said. Chances to win the \$1,000-value bear are \$1 a ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Christmas lights. The winner will be selected at the festival dance in the Convention Center on Dec. 6.

The Christmas trees at the festival also will be auctioned, with the money going to both local charities and future Christmas festival events. In addition, this year's event will have a Christmas wreath competition, Bailey said.

Coordinators say they intend to expand the festival each year, including a Parade of Lights, featuring lighted floats and Christmas music and marching bands.

"Each year the number and size of events and lighting displays will grow," stated coordinators Barb Trimble and Sandi Kuykendall in a letter to Mayor Jerry Shaw and the Ruidoso Village Council.

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Beginning skier or not, ski lessons pay off in safety and fun



"People advance according to their level of skill and aggression."

RICK VINCENT
SKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To reduce accidents on the slope and at the same time increase skiers' enjoyment, Ski Apache basically offers beginning skiing and snowboard classes for free.

The all-day classes cost the same as a lift ticket for a day — \$39 for adults — with the lift ticket thrown in for free.

"It's to encourage a beginner to start with a class instead of just going out and trying it on their own," said Rick Vincent, director of the Ski Apache ski school. "So, they can really have a good time and not hurt anyone else."

Ski Apache offers a full range of skiing and snowboarding instruction for ages 4 and up, including private lessons as well as classes for the more advanced skier or snowboarder, Vincent said.

The skill categories for skiers go from level one to level nine, based on a national standard. Skiers at any level may take lessons at Ski Apache to improve their skills. Students advance based on their own ability, with some beginners achieving three levels within the span of a day,

Vincent said.

Beginning lessons usually start from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with classes forming as people show up, Vincent said.

"We try not to turn people away," he said.

All beginning classes are held on the lower slopes.

Those who don't catch the morning sessions may still join an afternoon beginning class at 2 p.m. The cost for the afternoon session is \$27 for adults.

When the school opens on Thanksgiving, about 36 full-time instructors will be on hand, Vincent said. And as many as 100 instructors will be available on busy weekends, because the ski school tries to accommodate everyone.

He recommends the two-day beginning course for \$99, or \$109 with ski rentals. "The two-day lesson is really a savings," Vincent said.

Though people tend to learn the necessary skills at different rates, all beginners are taught a few standards, he said.

"They learn how to put the equipment on, how to walk (while wearing skis), how to ride the lift,

how to regulate their speed and how to make directional changes," Vincent said.

Students also learn basic safety precautions and ski etiquette. By the end of one day, most people are able to ski down a higher slope

"People advance according to their level of skill and aggression," Vincent said.

This is the fourth or fifth year for Ski Apache to offer snowboarding lessons, Vincent said. The number of people wanting to learn snowboarding is slowly increasing in Ruidoso, while snowboarding instruction has boomed at other ski areas, he said.

"We're up by about 10 percent — that's not large compared to what people up north are talking about."

The Ski Apache ski school is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, a national organization that creates a standard program among member ski areas.

A Dec. 6 and 7 instructors' hiring clinic is for those wishing to become a part-time instructor, he said. Vincent may be reached at 336-4356.

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gondola (single ride)	\$10	\$10
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per day	\$24	\$27
2 consecutive days	\$70	\$80
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Ruidoso's 'OFC' finds that age puts no brakes on skiing

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

He walks with a cane, but at 73, Ward Hook still skis like the wind, weaving down the slopes, leaving a trail of snow spray behind him.

And he's usually not skiing alone.

Hook is part of the Old Folks Club, a group of primarily septuagenarians who dazzle younger skiers each year on the slopes of Ski Apache and at Colorado's Purgatory, near Durango.

"We're all still skiing and most of the group also plays golf," Hook said, adding that he keeps toned in the summer by swimming.

Member Bill Wooley, 72, and David Railsback, the youngster in the group at 69, hiked to the top of Sierra Blanca Peak a few weeks ago and completed it in the very decent time of 6 1/2 hours.

"The disgusting part of it was, we had gone up there, stopped and had lunch and it was lightning a bit, so we decided not to stay too long," Railsback said. "We were about half way down the tough part, about a 600 foot stretch, and here comes a girl and her dog and she goes traipsing up to the top, saw what it looked like and then caught us before we finished the 600 feet. It's kind of discouraging. Of course, she was 21 years old."

Wooley, who started skiing in 1961 when

Ski Apache opened as Sierra Blanca Ski Area, hikes on a regular basis, including some lengthy routes that take in Crest Trail, the 25-mile path across the ridge of the Sacramento Mountains. When he plays golf, he carries his clubs and he often walks the three-mile path around The Links Golf Course with Railsback.

Overall, Railsback has done less hiking than in past years, but he's ready to taste the snow again, he said.

He hikes and walks with his wife and they both do aerobics with a television exercise show.

Unlike others in the club, Railsback didn't start skiing until he was 50, although he sampled the sport in high school when the only place to ski in Ruidoso was a slope at the end of Cedar Creek Road now used for sledding.

He returned to the sport while trying to interest young married couples in a church group to develop mutual interests such as skiing. He was all right until he arrived at the top of Capitan run at Ski Apache. One look and he had second thoughts.

The next year, he took lessons, but still spent much of his time on his back in the snow. Wooley finally managed a breakthrough when Railsback moved to Ruidoso full time.

Hook is looking at knee replacement,

but isn't going to do it until after he quits skiing.

"It's easier to ski than to walk," Hook insists. "When you walk, all of your weight is first on one leg and then the other, but when you ski, each leg is carrying half of your weight, and instead of one cane, I have two poles."

Hook joined the National Ski Patrol in 1968 and taught his whole family to ski. He's already started on the next generation, teaching both grandsons, Ken and Brad.

"I would put one of them between my knees and ski down my driveway," he said. "We live on a steep hill."

And when one of the little guys was having trouble on the slopes, Hook advised him to ski uphill, if he began going too fast and couldn't stop. It worked, and now he skis everywhere.

Other robust members of the Old Folks Club are Leo Mitchell, 72, who put on his first pair of skis in 1945 in Germany, and Bob Berry, who comes to ski from Midland, Texas.

The group got its name several years ago when Wooley and Hook sped past a bunch of younger skiers and one admiring onlooker exclaimed, "Wow, look at them old farts go."

The description stuck and the men began referring to themselves as the OFCs, modified to the Old Folks Club in polite compa-

ny.

Hooks said he takes it easy on the slopes the first two weekends and then moves to the steeper and faster runs and stays longer.

Mitchell uses the five to six weeks before he starts skiing to walk, going further and faster each day to build his stamina.

Adding new people to the group isn't easy, because the current pack members all are crackerjack skiers.

And just as it's difficult for a speed hiker to slow down for a stroller, it's not as much fun when someone is along who can't ski the big slopes.

But if enough older people of varying ability showed an interest, everyone could have fun going up together. They would have a partner to ski with and then the group could get together again after the skiing, they said.

Sometimes, riding the lift back up to the top of a run and visiting with his friends on the way is more fun than the skiing, Hook said.

"Wooley and I were talking on one ride and he told me his wife believes in reincarnation," Hook said. "I asked him how she wanted to come back in another life. He said she wants to come back as a grandpa, because all they do is drink, ski, play golf and play with the grandkids."

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Ageless skiers



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Original OFC members Railsback, Wooley, Hook, Mitchell; see story opposite.

Members of the Old Folks Club typify a growing group of active retirees who enjoy skiing and are able to visit the slopes midweek and not buck the big weekend crowds.

They are able to vacation any time, instead of only during their children's school holidays.

Ski areas compete for this affluent segment of the skiing market by offering senior citizen deals.

For many years, Ski Apache has sold a senior season pass for \$140.

"It's a real bargain, especially since we don't ski all day like we used to," one of the OFC members admits. The pass pays for itself after four days of use, he said.

Two years ago when snowfall was scarce in Ruidoso, the gang tried some other slopes too, although they agree Ski Apache has the best grooming in the country.

However, they did find that several of the ski resorts in Colorado and Angel Fire in New Mexico offered free skiing for senior citizens.

Cross-country skiing breaks new ground for winter adventurers every season

Cloudcroft area tops for many off-the-beaten-path explorers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Gliding across the snow away from the crowds with only the sound of skis breaking through the top layer of powder is a sensation that weans many skiers away from commercial slopes.

They have discovered the sport of cross-country skiing.

Even when they mingle with downhill skiers at Ski Apache, they're easy to spot. They're the ones with heels unattached to their telemarking skis.

Tele-skis are flat with solid metal edges. Lighter skating cross-country skis are best for packed snow and gentle hills. Skis for back-country are wider than other skis and can vary from partial to full metal edges, or single cambre to double cambre (more arch for better kicking).

"The one thing they all have in common is the free heel on the binding," says Mike Steed of Steed's Ski Sports, which rents all styles of cross country skis. The skis rent for \$10 per day, \$8 for children. Retail prices range from \$150 to \$300.

Buck Mountain, which can be accessed by a road near the top of Ski Run Road, is a great place to tele-ski, Steed says. Skiing along Crest Trail to Monjeau Peak Lookout

Tower also is a thrill.

Places to standard cross country and skate ski surround the Bonito Basin area, Upper Eagle Creek and Lower Eagle Creek.

But many fans of cross country drive 40 miles south to the higher, yet flatter portions of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft where many designated back country ski trails can be found and roads to campgrounds become easy cross country routes in the winter.

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

The Silver Sky camping area, closed during the winter because of forest service budget cuts, can be accessed on skis and includes multiple trails.

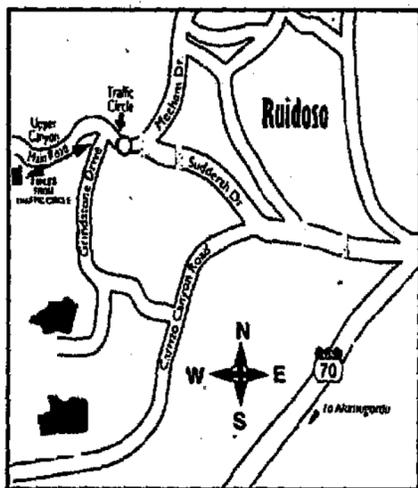
For safety, ski with a buddy, Crim says. Take water, a map, a compass and dress in layers. Make sure someone knows where you're going and when you're supposed to be back in case you get lost.

"In the winter, it can get a little tough following the trail," Steed said.

Avalanches are rare here, but they have occurred in the Buck Mountain area.



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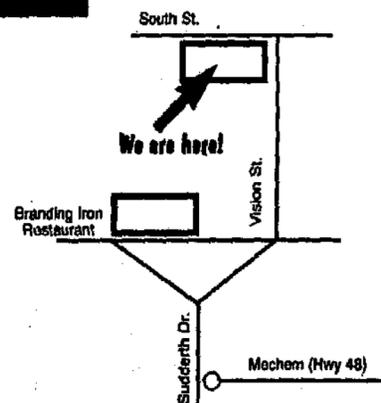
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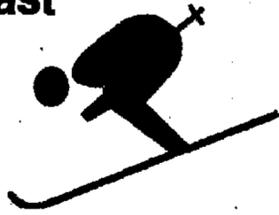
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Ruidoso Little Theater has a castle for its performances.

Live performances help liven up the winter scene in Ruidoso

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

All the world's a stage, said Shakespeare, but not all of the world has a stage like Ruidoso's.

With the opening of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in October, the area's rural setting is now drawing jet-setting stars and world-class talent. The \$20 million theater has a lineup ranging from classical guitar to the compulsions of actor and stage performer Sterling Gray, not to mention some Big Band, some Gershwin, some dancing and some drama.

Single tickets are available for the Spencer Winter Season, which started in October with a dance rendition of "The Velveteen Rabbit" and continues through April. The price of single tickets ranges from \$8 to \$23.

The Spencer is featuring holiday shows — "A Christmas Carol" performed by the Nebraska Theater Caravan Dec. 4-6; a

chorale concert with the voices of the Anonymous 4 singing the "Legends of St. Nicholas" on Dec. 7; "A Cowboy Christmas" with Don Edwards and Don Walser on Dec. 12, and "Holiday Classic Guitars" by The Romeros Dec. 20. The Romeros and "A Cowboy Christmas" are sold out, but there is a waiting list in case of cancellations.

For drama lovers seeking more homespun talent, the Ruidoso Little Theater (RLT) offers year-round community theater. Housed in The Castle on U.S. Highway 70 West, RLT features local actors and directors taking the stage in comedies, mysteries and a variety of drama.

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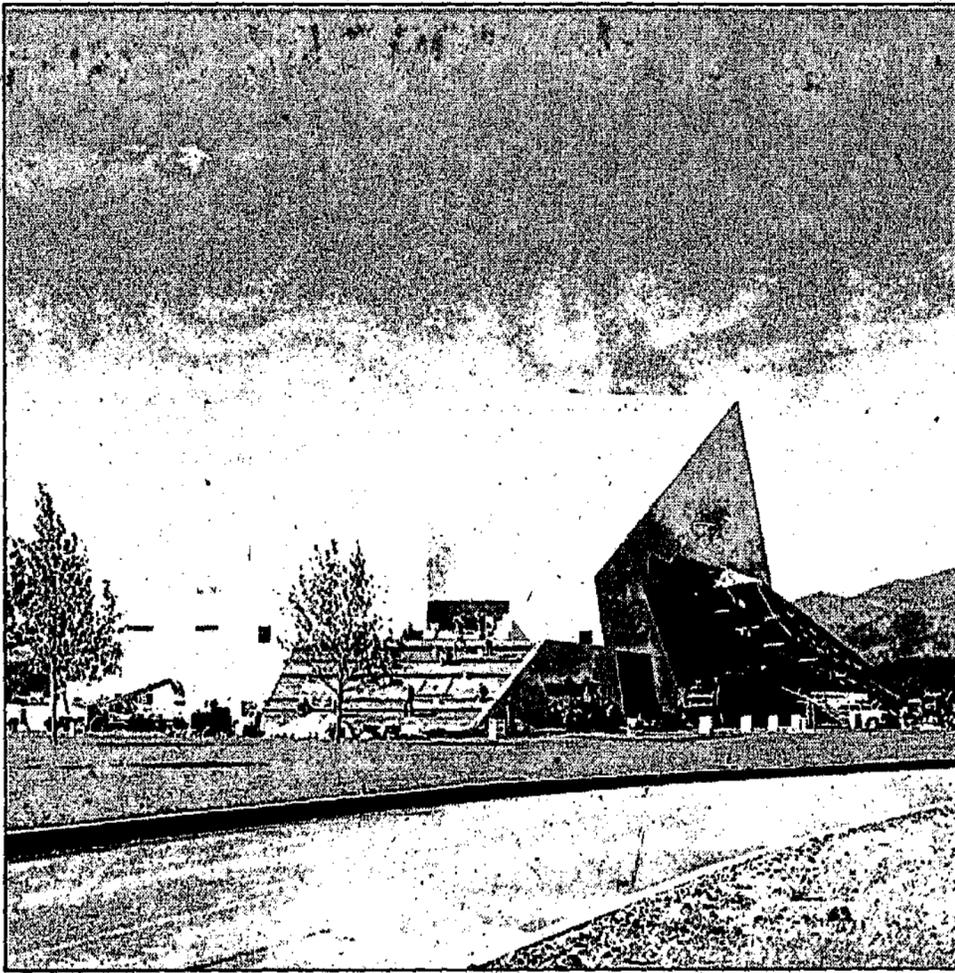


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- Dec. 4-6 — "A Christmas Carol," with the Nebraska Theater Caravan
- Dec. 7 — "Legends of St. Nicholas," performed by Anonymous 4
- Dec. 12 — "A Cowboy Christmas," with Don Edwards and Don Walser
- Dec. 20 — Holiday Classic Guitar, with The Romeros
- Feb. 6-7 — Clown Bob Berky
- Feb. 13 — Prague Chamber Orchestra in concert
- Feb. 21 — Solo Gershwin Piano, with Marcus Roberts
- Feb. 28 — Spanish Classical Guitar, with Assad Roberts
- March 14 — "Swinging Jazz Legacy," the Mingus Big Band
- March 20 — Contemporary Irish/Celtic Music by Altan
- March 27 — Spalding Gray One Man Show, "It's a Slippery Slope"
- April 3-4 — IMAGO Theatre Mask Ensemble

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The Spencer Theater on Fort Stanton Mesa near Alto.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

'Holiday Series' to fill Spencer stage with magic

The Holiday Series at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts brings a world of joy to southern New Mexico in December with music from four distinctive cultures.

The season begins with the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 3-5, reinterpreted by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan. The script was adapted by Charles Jones, executive director of the Omaha Community Playhouse, in 1976. John Bennet, musical director, and Joanne Cady, choreographer, added traditional Christmas carols to the narrative. Set designer James Othuse created the Victorian setting which has reminded audiences of a 19th Century Currier and Ives print. With 28 performers, 200 costumes and a massive set, the Caravan made the first "Christmas Carol" tour in 1979.

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol" are \$8 for children and \$22 for adults.

This Christmas tradition is followed at the Spencer by an even older tradition - the haunting medieval sounds of Anonymous 4 with "Legends of St. Nicholas," Dec. 7.

The four "Anonymous" women combine musical, literary and historical scholarship with 20th-century performing intuition as they create programs interweaving music with poetry and narrative. The ensemble takes its name from the designation given by musicologists to an anonymous 13th-century Englishman who wrote about the vocal polyphony then being performed at the

Cathedral of Notre Dame. "Legends of St. Nicholas" features a Christmas story, medieval English songs, and Latin motets of English provenance.

Tickets to Anonymous 4 range from \$10 to \$25.

Four events include classic, cowboy, ensemble, and flamenco

After Anonymous 4, the Spencer turns to the West with "A Cowboy Christmas," Dec. 12, featuring balladeer Don Edwards, yodeler Don Walser and the pure Texas band Hays County Gals and Pals. The holiday traditions of ranch life are

rounded up in songs, poetry and tales for a campfire evening of traditional ballads, tales of the trail and the poetic heart of Edwards, who worked New Mexico ranches in his teens. Walser's yodel has earned him the title "Pavarotti of the Plains."

Tickets for "A Cowboy Christmas" range from \$10 to \$25.

The Spencer Theater Holiday Series closes with a flamenco flair as The Romeros share holiday music from Spain, Dec. 20, rendered by a quartet the New York Times called "the only classical guitar quartet of real stature in the world today." The Romeros represent three generations of virtuosi, beginning with grandfather Celedonio Romero, who died in 1996. His sons and grandsons carry on the family tradition of dazzling and passionate classical guitar.

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Great news for Ski Apache patrons in the 1997-98 season

... no news at all;
it's skiing this year
at last year's prices

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

What's new at Ski Apache this year is really something old - this year's skiing at last year's prices.

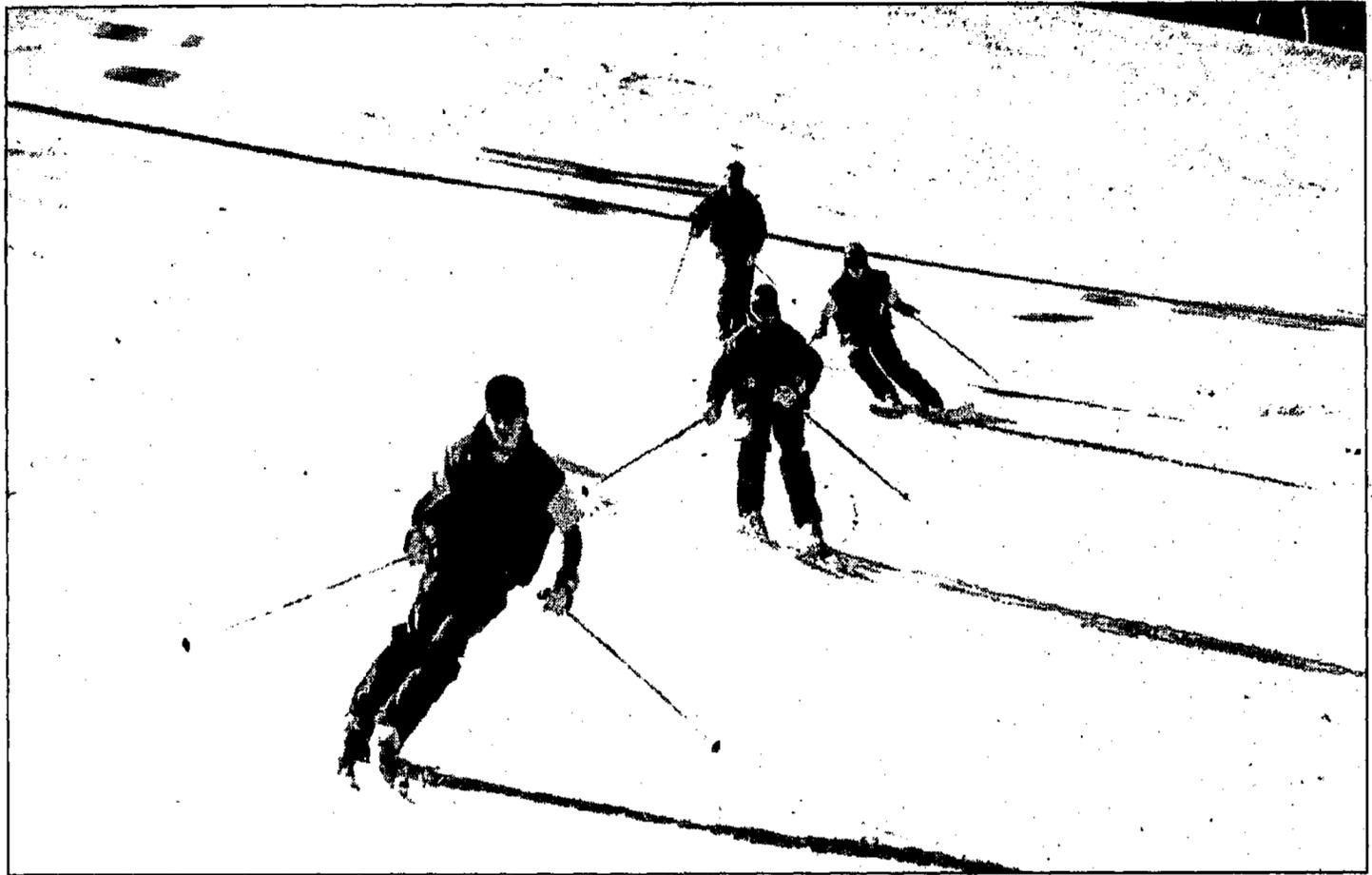
Lift ticket prices at the 36-year-old ski area will hold steady in 1997-98. Non-holiday lift rates are \$39 for adults and \$24 for children 12 and under. Those prices increase the usual \$3 over the holidays.

"I just think they got a little high. We need to try and encourage people to ski more, and it certainly won't do it going to \$40. One more reason to come skiing is that we didn't raise the price," said Roy Parker, Ski Apache's longtime general manager.

The summer was spent catching up on maintenance, Parker said. That included work on the ski runs, the area's two ski lodges and parking lots.

A couple of summer monsoon deluges of rain required Parker and his crews to hit the slopes early, cleaning up the Deep Freeze run in addition to the other scheduled maintenance work on the runs.

The area's snowmaking capabilities now reach Ringtail and Top Notch runs. Ski Apache crews can make snow on 36 percent of the area's terrain, which includes most of the lower mountain.



File photo/Ruidoso News

An evening parade at Ski Apache. The lifts close at 4 p.m., to give all skiers a chance to get off the mountain before darkness falls.

See Page 15 for details on
the cost of ski lessons,
rentals, and other informa-
tion.



File photo/Ruidoso News

Ski Apache's gondola was the first at any ski area in New Mexico. Skiers await.

Ski Apache: Facts in brief

The 1997-98 season at Ski Apache is scheduled to run from Nov. 27, 1997 through April 12, 1998

Hours: 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Years of operation: 36

Phone number: 505-336-4356

Snow report phone number: 505-257-9001

Accommodations, call: 800-253-2255

Ski school: beginning skiers get a free lift ticket with a lesson, or the two-day lesson package which includes equipment rental for \$109 weekdays and \$120 on the holidays. Call 336-4356 for more information

Special programs: Ski Apache has one of the West's best handicapped skiers programs. Call 336-4416 for more information.

Base elevation: 9,600 feet

Peak elevation: 11,500 feet

Vertical drop: 1,900 feet

Average annual snowfall: 183 inches

Number of runs: 55

Percent of expert runs: 55%

Percent of intermediate runs: 35%

Percent of beginner runs: 20%

Snowmaking: yes, over 36% of the terrain

Uphill lift capacity: 16,500 per hour

Lifts: double-1, triple-5, quad-2, surface-2, one gondola-4 persons

Lift ticket prices (all day): adult: \$39 except during the following periods, Dec. 26-Jan. 4: \$42; Jan. 14-15: \$42; and Feb. 18-19: \$42. Children 12 and under: \$24 except during the following periods, Dec. 26-Jan. 4: \$27; Jan. 14-15: \$27; and Feb. 18-19: \$27. Adults half day ticket: \$27; child half day ticket: \$18.

Snowboarding: yes

On-slope accommodations: no; 12-18 miles away

Daycare: no; 16 miles away

On the slopes, remember this 'Skier's Code'

1. Always stay in control.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
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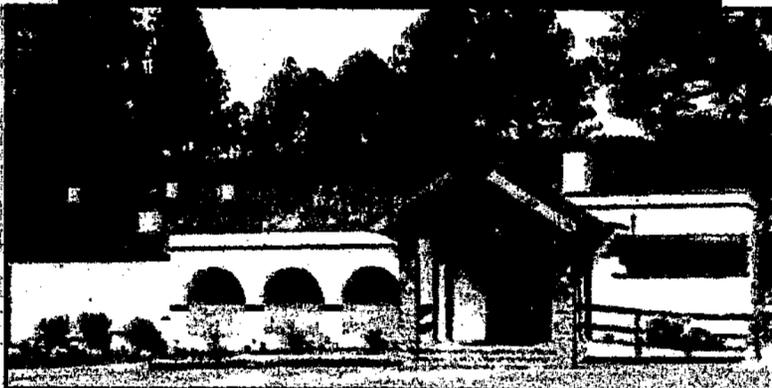
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At 21, Ski Apache's disabled skier's program is going stronger than ever

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

People from both coasts of the nation come to Ruidoso to participate in the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program.

"We teach close to 300 people a year," said Lisa Maue, director of the 21-year-old program at Ski Apache.

"Most of them are from Texas and New Mexico. And there's been a change of perception towards people with disabilities in Mexico, so we are seeing a lot more people from Mexico. But people also come from as far away as Florida and California."

Maue and her staff, composed largely of volunteers, are available to help disabled people enjoy the skiing experience every day from opening day on Thanksgiving. With an array of specialized skiing equipment, they can put most disabled people on the slopes, from the blind to quadriplegics.

"And everything we do is either one-on-one or two-on-one," said Maue, who has been with the non-profit organization for seven years.

The program, one of the largest of its type in the nation, is a separate organization from the ski school at Ski Apache, she said.

The ski resort's management, however, contributes significantly to the program, donating office space at the ski resort and providing breaks on lift tickets for disabled skiers.

"And they also give our volunteers lift tickets ... they don't have to pay for them," Maue said.

Programs for disabled skiers are proliferating at ski resorts nationwide, Maue said. She attributes the increase to two reasons: First, there's "a lot more acceptance of people with disabilities getting involved with sports," Maue said. Second, resorts on national forest lands (where many ski areas are) are being urged by the federal government to provide services for the disabled, she said.

"So, the management of Ski Apache was quite visionary in allowing the program to start up" when it did in 1976, Maue said.

This year, Maue has 11 part-time instructors and close to 100 volunteers on her staff. She will conduct a training session for volunteers, usually held the first weekend after

the first of the year. The session is free, and instructors don't have to be black diamond skiers to qualify as volunteer instructors, Maue said.

"We are looking for people who have intermediate skills — you don't have to be a great skier," she said.

The instructors are taught a step-by-step teaching method for their students, most of whom are beginners or intermediate skiers themselves, she said.

They also learn to work with the organization's school children program, which starts in late January and runs for six weeks. Every day during that period, a different school district will bring in disabled students for a day of skiing, Maue said. One day perhaps students

from Roswell schools, the next from Carrizozo.

"They are for the most part kids with mental disabilities or they are blind," Maue said of participants in the school children program.

The program also works with organizations like the Rio Vista Rehabilitation Center, which at the end of the season last year brought in five paraplegics for a day of skiing, Maue said.

Instructors, who often just act more as assistants for their more proficient students, are trained to watch out for other skiers, Maue said. Even so, she advises able-bodied skiers to avoid cutting in between visually impaired skiers and their guides. And abrupt stops in front of the sit-ski and the mono-ski also might cause problems for disabled skiers because they control their speed and movements with their arms. A quick stop is strenuous for them.

The program recently acquired a child's bi-ski, a type of skiing equipment similar to a sled, Maue said. The ski was purchased with memorials in tribute to a volunteer, Brett Williams, who died this year.

People wishing to schedule a lesson with the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program should make a reservation as soon as possible, Maue said.

Anyone wishing to know more about the program may call her at the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program, 336-4416, or at 354-3191.

The non-profit program accepts both donations of equipment and money.

"...Ski Apache was quite visionary in allowing the program to start up (in 1976)..."

Lisa Maue,
program director



Bill Rigges file photo

Lisa Maue introduces a young friend to the joys of skiing at Ski Apache.

Extra help for extra fun and safety

The ski industry has worked long and hard to make skiing available for everybody's enjoyment, including the physically challenged. Here is some of the equipment available to help those with disabilities get on skis and enjoy a snow-clad mountain slope:

Ski-bra: The equipment attaches to the tips of the skis and is used by beginning students and developmentally disabled students. The ski-bra prevents them from splaying or crossing their skis. It allows them to simply push out their feet to slow down or stop, and to stay in a wedge.

Outriggers: Also called Canadian crutches, they have little skis on the bottom and are attached to the arms of a person with an amputated leg. This is called three-tracking because it leaves three ski tracks. Four-tracking uses the same outriggers for people who lack lower body strength or upper body stability, i.e., spina bifida, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or multiple sclerosis.

Walker: This is simply a walker on skis. A guide, who is tethered to the skier from behind, skis with the disabled person. The student steers with the upper body. By twisting the walker, the skis turn with it. Partial paraplegics, those with more involved cerebral palsy, or those with post-polio impairments can use a walker.

Mono-ski: This is a seat attached to a single ski, and the skiers have mini-outriggers on their arms, which allows them to turn. Partial paraplegics, who have use of their arms, typically use mono-skis.

Bi-ski: A seat attached to two skis. Anyone can ski this, essentially for full quadriplegics.

Sit-ski: An older version of the mono-ski and very similar to a sled. Used with people who are multiply impaired and/or suffering from seizure disorders.

For an extra treat during a winter vacation, learn something about our historic, and horsy, past at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs

Hall of Fame honors greatest race horses

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It was just an empty room when it started; now it is a hall of legends.

The Museum of the Horse at Ruidoso Downs has polished the trophies, unfolded the silks and placed them all with care in celebration of the stars of racing. The Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame opened its doors during the summer of '97, and the museum is betting the exhibit will win big with audiences for years to come ... winter and summer.

With memorabilia from every All American Futurity, a touch-screen interactive video display, a mini theater and other collectibles that chronicle the strides of the Ruidoso Downs race Track, the Hall of Fame is an all-encompassing look at the horses, and their jockeys, owners and trainers, who put the track on the map.

"The horses are the stars of this exhibit," said Scott Wells, public relations director at the Museum. "We feature a lot of people, but the only inductees will be horses."

One of the many horses honored in the Hall of Fame is Go Man Go, the only horse in modern

history to be crowned world champion three years in a row. The mighty Go Man Go took home top honors in 1955, 1956 and 1957, elevating him to superstar status in the world of quarter horse racing.

But his stardom extended well beyond horse circles, and memorabilia Wells has uncovered on the mighty champion include pictures with Hollywood starlets and a deck of Go Man Go playing cards.

Other equines to be spotted in the halls of the Hall of Fame include Denim 'N Diamonds, ShueFly, First Down Dash and Charger Bar, all nominees for induction.

The walls also are lined with glimpses of past races and their winners, tracked in a time line of trophies

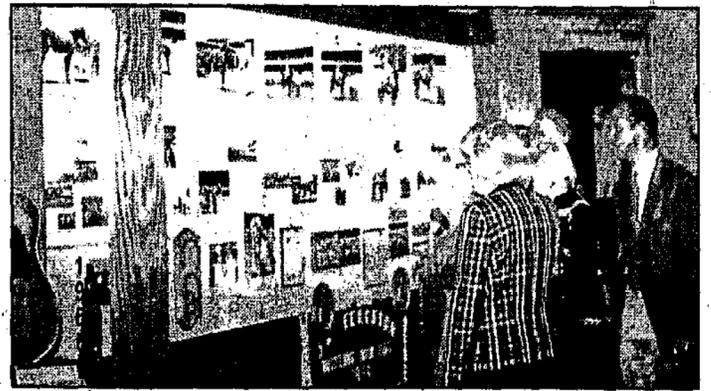
"It's absolutely incredible the number of trophies we have," Wells said. "It's the largest assembly I've ever seen in the state and the largest assembly of quarter horse trophies ever assembled."

And Wells said it's only fitting that such a collection makes its home in New Mexico. "The first horse race on American soil was held in New

Mexico in 1541 between Coronado and one of his captains," Wells said.

The sport has galloped onward since that day in the 16th century, but the exhibit can give visitors an instant replay of the great races, great horses and great men who've made it what it is today. Long before the track was built, men would match race their horses on the flat stretch of land (the "downs") along the Rio Ruidoso. Testing two horses against each other was long the custom before gates were expanded to let up to 12 horses thunder out at once.

Visitors can get a first-hand feel for what it was like to be perched in the small saddle with the finely-tuned masses of muscle beneath them in a special feature at the Hall of Fame. An antique match race gate, complete with horse mannequins and jockey saddles, will greet guests as they enter the exhibit. With a mural of the track behind them, visitors can don the silks and the goggles, take the position in the saddle and get a taste of the dirt, adrenaline and excitement that passes through a jockey's mind as he waits for the gate to open.



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Outside the Hall of Fame, visitors to the museum can take a stroll through the history of horses and their relationship with man. Antique wagons, saddles and farming tools illustrate man's dependence on the horse throughout time for travel, work and play. Featured year 'round are exhibits from the Anne C. Stradling collection of memorabilia from the long reign of the horse and a way of life long disappeared.

In fact, the sign at the museum entrance claims it as the Anne C. Stradling Museum of the Horse. The noted horsewoman and philanthropist collected the items over a long life, and selected the Ruidoso Downs site (formerly called the Hubbard Museum of Art) as a permanent site.

Other special events, exhibits and demonstrations are staged throughout the year. Happenings include the Fall American Art Show and Sale Nov. 22 through Jan. 5, Peter Hurd's Wartime Drawings Nov. 22 through Jan. 5, Ken Dixon's Horse Paintings Jan. 12 through May 12. The Museum will hold its annual Christmas party with caroling, treats and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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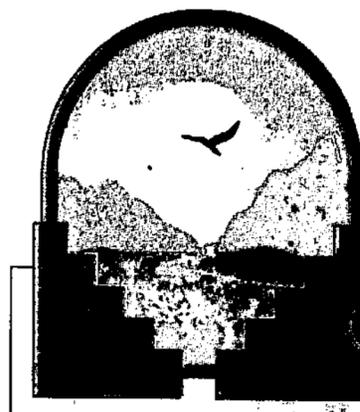
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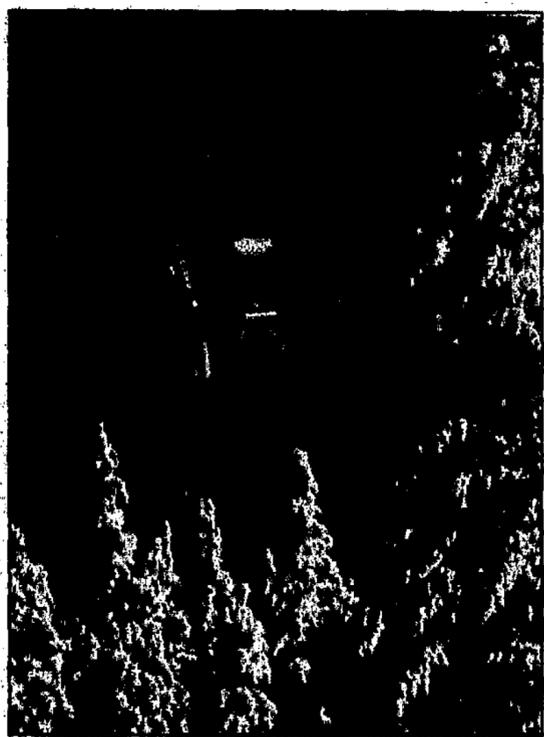
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- Nov. 15 - Teen dance at Unity Center (teens only), 8 to 11:45 p.m., \$3, (505) 624-6773.
- Nov. 15 - Walk for Life AIDS Walk, Alamogordo, (505) 437-2460.
- Nov. 15, 16 - Christmas craft show, Alamogordo Rec. Center, (505) 439-4142.
- Nov. 20, 21, 22 - Holly-Day Magic Arts & Craft show, Roswell Convention Center, (505) 622-4970.
- Nov. 21 - Mountain of Blues, blues festival, The Castle, 6 to 11 p.m., featuring the Jelly Roll Kings, the KGB Band and Lou Ellison & Cold Shot, for more information call the Texas House, 257-3506.
- Nov. 21, 22 - "A Shot in the Dark," Roswell Community Little Theater, 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$7 for adults, \$3 for students, (505) 622-1982.
- Nov. 22 - Youth Turkey Trot basketball skills contest, ages 6 to 10, Yucca Recreation Center, (505) 624-64719.
- Nov. 22 - Teen dance at Unity Center (teens only), 8 to 11:45 p.m., \$3, (505) 624-6773.
- Nov. 28, 29 - Christmas Fantasy Craft Show, Roswell Convention Center, (505) 622-0985.
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 24 - Holiday laser light show, Space Center, Alamogordo.
- Nov. 29 - Lake Lucero tour, White Sands National Monument, (505) 479-6124.
- Nov. 29, 30 - Second annual Gridiron Gus 4 on 4 flag football tournament, (505) 623-5695.
- Nov. 29 - Teen dance at Unity Center (teens only), 8 to 11:45 p.m., \$3 (505) 624-6773.
- Nov. 29, 30 - Alamogordo Business Women's Association, arts and crafts show, (505) 439-0925.

December:

- Dec. 5, 6 - Festival of Trees, Ruidoso, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for more information, 257-7395.
- Dec. 5 - Electric Lights Parade, Main Street Roswell, (505) 622-64706.
- Dec. 6 - Free planetarium show, Tombaugh Omimax, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 7 - Roswell Symphony Orchestra subscription concert, New Mexico Military Institute Pearson Auditorium.
- Dec. 13 - Christmas parade, Alamogordo, 10 a.m., (505) 437-6120.
- Dec. 13 - Reindeer Run, Roswell Runners Club, Roswell Racquet Club.
- Dec. 12 - "The Nutcracker" by David Taylor Dance, Flickinger Center, Alamogordo.
- Dec. 14 - Holiday Classic Fun Run, Alamogordo.
- Dec. 19, 20 - Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa, melodrama, call Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for more information (505) 682-2733.
- Dec. 21 - Christmas jazz concert,

Alamogordo Civic Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

- Dec. 24 - Yucca Recreation Center Christmas toy giveaway.
- Dec. 31 - First Night Alamogordo '98, Flickinger Center, Alamogordo, 6:30 p.m., (505) 437-2202.

January:

- Jan. 1-June 30 - New Omimax film, Tombaugh Omimax, Alamogordo, (505) 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.
- Jan. 17-Feb. 14 - Space art contest, Space Center, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021.
- Jan. 23, 24, 25 - "To Kill a Mockingbird," Roswell Community Little Theater, 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$7 for adults, \$3.50 children, (505) 625-8437.
- Jan. 31 - Roswell Symphony Orchestra subscription concert, NMMI Pearson Auditorium, (505) 623-5882.

February:

- February (date to be announced) - Family skate party, call Cloudcroft Chamber for more information, (505) 682-2733.
- Feb. 1- May 1 - Science Fiction short story contest, Space Center (505) 437-2840.
- Feb. 1 - "To Kill a Mockingbird," Roswell Community Little Theater, 2 p.m., \$7 for adults, \$3.50 students, (505) 625-8437.
- Feb. 6 - May 31 - "African Art in Roswell," Roswell Museum & Art Center in D.B.A. Gallery.
- Feb. 10 - New York Theater Ballet, Flickinger Center, (505) 437-2202.
- Feb. 28 - Cahoon Park 3-mile and 10K run and 2-mile walk, (505) 624-6720.

March:

- March 15 - Adult spelling bee, 2 p.m., Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Performing Arts Center, (505) 624-7276 or 622-7101.
- March 20, 21 - Hobby show, Roswell Adult Center, (505) 64718.
- March 20 - Aug. 9 - "Marti Zelt Retrospective," Roswell Museum & Art Center, Entry Gallery.
- March 21 - Stamped half marathon, Parks and Recreation, (505) 624-64744.
- March 21, 22 - Wild West gun & knife show, Otero County Fairgrounds, (505) 437-0231.
- March 27, 28, 29 - "Back to the Blanket," Roswell Community Little Theater, 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$7 adults, \$3.50 students, (505) 625-8437.
- March 28 - NMMI Governor's Day and open house, (505) 624-8100.

Direct contact

- For more information about any events happening in Ruidoso, Roswell, Cloudcroft or Alamogordo, call the area Chambers of Commerce.
- Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce - (505) 257-7395.
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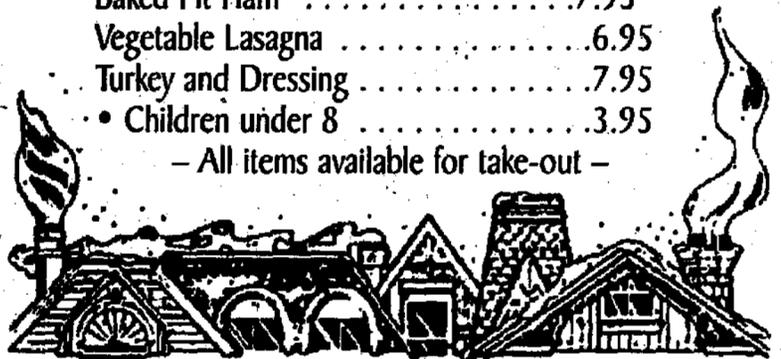
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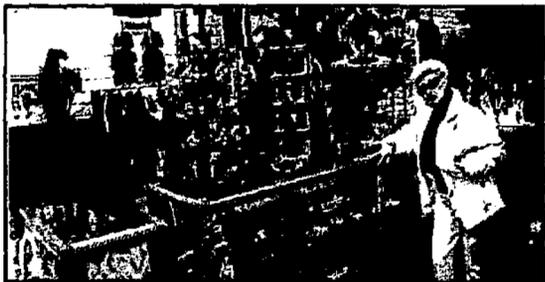
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Ski Pointers

BY RALPH RUSH, CERTIFIED SKI INSTRUCTOR

Good drivers know that you try to brake or decelerate before the turn, accelerate through the turn, and slowly decelerate after the turn. Making good turns and controlling your speed while skiing is done the same way. Many novice skiers use a different approach...heading into a turn with to

out, so you feel almost like you are skiing in a tube. The run has become dishd out-and skiers have trouble in places like this. That's because it is hard to figure out where the fall line is. Fact is, there can be hundreds of subtle fall lines, depending on where you are in a turn and how fast you are going. If you will stay in the bottom of the trough and keep your speed low by continually tur-



much speed, they simply twist their skis quickly into the fall line and accelerate to an even more uncontrollable level. The next time you ski, begin your turns slowly, but allow your skis to accelerate through the fall line as gravity pulls you. Then allow the skis to decelerate while turning out of the fall line. Continue the turn and decelerate so you can begin the next turn and the acceleration phase with out exceeding a safe speed. You will get a better feel for skiing smoother and faster while maintaining control.

When watching a good skier try looking at different parts of his body separately. Watch what the upper body and arms are doing. You will notice that a good skier holds his hands up higher for balance, much like a tight rope walker. Also, the hands should always be out in front of you so that you can always see both of your hands. Next, focus on the legs and feet. Notice how the knees are bent and always moving up and down to absorb the bumps in the terrain just like a shock absorber works. See how the legs and feet are always turning while the upper body is facing down the mountain. Now imagine your body skiing in the same relaxed way. The upper body should be quiet and flowing, unaffected by the turning and bouncing of the lower body. When you begin skiing practice the two body parts separately-you'll begin to relax and ski more confidently.

Have you ever noticed how snow gets pushed to the outside of narrow runs or trails? The center is hollowed

ing you will have a better run. If you carry to much speed and go high up on the bank to slow down you may bleed off too much speed and find it difficult to turn. So either keep up your speed or stay down lower.

The best line through a mogul field is usually through the deep narrow troughs. I try and keep my feet close together and let my skis weave through the narrow ruts. If my stance opens, I would always be catching edges on the sides of the bumps. While keeping a tight stance it is important to allow the feet to work independently. Widening the stance when skiing on groomed snow will help learn to let the feet work independently. Also, try skiing in a more open stance when skiing on the new shaped skis to give more flexibility and range of motion in your thighs, hips, and torso area.

Pre Ski Conditioning

BY MICHELE RUSH, P.N.

It is important to get into shape before skiing each season to reduce risk of injuries. Getting the old muscles in shape requires a little commitment. Additionally, cardiovascular conditioning is very important, and most of us overlook the fact that the heart has muscle. The heart muscle must have the proper conditioning just as very other muscle that we use. Additionally, people who come from lower elevations to snow ski find that they are fatigued more easily at altitudes. One of the key reasons for this is the lower oxygen content at higher elevations. The body

will compensate to a certain degree given enough time by producing more red blood cells. The red cells carry oxygen in the blood stream and are produced in the bone marrow. When one travels to higher elevations and is there for a time, the bone marrow will produce additional red cells to carry more oxygen. A ski trip of a week or two would be definitely more productive than more frequent shorter trips from the stand point of the body's ability to carry oxygen. This is why many athletes train at higher altitudes. Another factor that often affects many skiers is alcohol. Alcohol consumption hinders the ability of the blood to carry oxygen and will cause additional fatigue at altitudes. While a night out drinking in Dallas may not cause a problem the next day, the same alcohol consumption at a ski area might cause one to feel poorly enough to stay in bed and not go skiing the next day. (bummer)

The proper way to start any preseason conditioning is to start slowly. Complete your warm up exercises before starting your stretching exercises. Start walking to increase your heart



rate before moving on to more strenuous exercises. Some very good exercises for skiing muscles are deep knee bends (use a door knob to stabilize you while doing knee bends), and jumping jacks. Place your feet together as you would while skiing and jump back and forth putting most of your weight on your outside foot (just as you would weight your outside or turning ski. Try going for runs and use your ski poles to get use to balance and timing.

Shaped Skis, Hour Glass Skis, Super Side Cut Skis

BY RALPH RUSH, CERTIFIED SKI INSTRUCTOR

When I was in Vail to test the new super side cut skis, I was told that due to extra width at the tip and tail of the ski I would be skiing on a shorter ski, a 190cm ski was just right for me it was

explained. Well, I was polite but told the guy I would be back after one run to get the right length ski for me, I can tell you that this was the best day my sons and I have had skiing in many years. The skis turned effortlessly, and were quicker than any skis I had ever skied on. We went through the steepest runs and because the skis were shorter and with greater side cut they turned like magic. In crud, and powder they turned fantastic! Because of the steep side cut of the ski, it carved an arc in the snow and held perfect carved turns (boy was I having fun). I started out skiing slowly that day, and as the day progressed, skied faster and faster. I was still not convinced that they were stable at higher speeds so I made my way over to the BornFree ski run at Lions Head. This is the ski run at Vail where we always did our downhill training and ran the downhill races. I have raced in many downhill races on this ski run and knew it like the back of my hand. It was like an old friend and I was ready to test these new skis at very high speeds. The skis performed well and were stable at these higher speeds. At the end of that day I

nology. I could hardly wait for the snow to fly this past year so I could get out on my new shaped skis. When the beginning of last years ski season finally rolled around, the ski magazines were running articles that talked about shaped skis. They predicted that shaped skis would never replace the old type of straighter ski cut. I told all my employees that the magazines were crazy and that the shaped skis were the best thing since sliced bread (by the end of last winter the publications had changed their tune and were predicting total domination by the new skis). All of our customers at the ski shop that tried the shaped skis said they were easy to ski on and would not ever ski on the old style ski again.

Well, the moral to this whole story is this. Beginning skiers are learning to turn easier and get better at skiing better almost instantly. The racers are achieving their fastest times on these new skis. The older skiers who had lost their enthusiasm for skiing are back at it and having more fun skiing then they ever had in their life. My friends that have quit skiing because of weak knees are back skiing since the new super side cut skis are so easy to turn. The hot shots re burning up the steep slopes and the bumps on these little rascals. I am having the time of my life with a renewed love of skiing-totally due to the fantastic way these new skis perform. Do yourself a favor and try them out. You will be glad you did and you will never ski on the old straight ski again. Enjoy!

Dog Trained to Snowboard

Well we thought we had seen everything until we saw the snowboarding dog. He was wearing a yellow bandanna around his neck and was boarding "fakey", which is snowboarder slang for boarding backwards. His owner, snowboarder Bob or Boarder Bob as he is known, says that it took him about 3 months to train the dog to



snowboard. Say HI to Boarder Bob if you see him and watch his incredible dog get some frontside air. Bob says his dog is ready to ride after the long summer, and has been sleeping next to his board for the past month. Ride on Doggy!!

ENCHANTED WINTER

'Ski Cloudcroft' is back, and the whole village looks to El Niño to make this winter a delightfully snowy one



The Lodge is one of Cloudcroft's most famous landmarks.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow," is the chorus being sung around Cloudcroft these days as village officials plan to reopen Snow Canyon with a new (or old) name — Ski Cloudcroft — and new operators, Layne and Sue Prestar and Mel Adams. It's one of several sites in the area for visitors to enjoy winter sports.

Closed last year because of low snowfall, the ski area (and the village) is banking on the accuracy of forecasters who are predicting possible record snow.

But not all of the activities are out in the forest or on a mountain slope. The village plans a holiday celebration and visitors can see the sights in horse-drawn sleighs or they can lace on skates for a whirl around an ice skating rink.

For the more intense snow activities, head toward Triple M Snowplay Area on the Sunspot Highway or Ski Cloudcroft on U.S. 82.

Ski Cloudcroft, recently taken over from the village by the Prestars and Adams, offers downhill skiing, snowboarding and inner tubing, with a family orientation.

Triple M, which stands for Mysterious Mountains Magic, features three sliding slopes for inner tubes only; one for beginners, intermediate and the steepest in the state for advanced.

The tops of all three are reached by a special lift.

If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, owner Craig Sparling said he's prepared to create snowy conditions himself with a snow making machine.

Contact the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733 for details about Snow Canyon.

Sleigh rides

Romantic two-person, horse-drawn, 1890-style sleigh rides can be arranged at Triple M for \$40. A large sleigh for more people costs \$11 per person.

Reservations are required. The snow play area, about 40 miles south of Ruidoso, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in mid-December, if the weather cooperates.

Call (505) 682-2205 or 1-800-SNO-PLAY for more information.

Snowmobiles

If the idea of tramping through the snow on foot isn't appealing, snowmobiles can be rented at two Cloudcroft snowplay sites and at several outfitters in the community.

Seven days a week through the first week in January, Triple M will give guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One person per Polaris machine costs \$30 an hour and two on a machine costs \$40. Group discounts are available if arranged in advance. Reservations are required.

The tours move through the Russia Canyon and Benson Ridge area of the Lincoln National Forest, with some of the most spectacular scenery in the state.

Tour operation days will cut back to Friday through Monday after the first week in January. A driver's license or learner's permit is required to operate a snowmobile, but riders of any age can tag along.

The Lodge in Cloudcroft, a historic hotel true to its turn-of-the-century period, also will offer scenic half hour to two hour tours on Arctic Cats.

For information on specific times and charges call (505) 682-2566.

Snowmobilers can head out on trails in the Lincoln National Forest surrounding Cloudcroft, unless an area is posted banning motorized travel.

Snow celebrations

Special events are planned for many of the days leading up to New Year's Eve in the picturesque mountain village about 40 miles south of Ruidoso. They include:

- A garland hanging party Friday, Dec. 5.
- Decorating the town Christmas tree at 2 p.m. with the tree lighting and Santa Claus' arrival about 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5.
- A melodrama performed at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, in the red brick school house.
- A pet parade at 2 p.m., photos with Santa Claus at 3 p.m., a melodrama performance at 7:30 p.m. and Light Up Cloudcroft at dark on Saturday, Dec. 13.
- The Cantata performed at 7 p.m. at the High School Sunday, Dec. 14.
- The Posada at dusk starting at the Catholic Church Wednesday, Dec. 17.
- Skating with Santa, Friday, Dec. 19.
- A ballet at 7:30 p.m. and lightning contest winners announced, Saturday, Dec. 20.
- Cookie decorating at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22.
- Gingerbread house decorating at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23.
- Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at The Lodge at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24.
- Skating rink opened from noon to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 25.
- Winter sports demonstration at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, in the park.
- A snowmobile demonstration at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 in the park.
- A snow sculpture contest at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30,

in the park.

• A light parade down the mountain at the ski area Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Call the chamber for more details at (505) 682-2733.

Winter camping

A summer roller blading surface becomes a winter outdoor skating rink in Cloudcroft as soon as the temperatures drop low enough.

The small rink on U.S. 82, the main road through town, will open in mid-December after being flooded and groomed, said chamber spokesperson Karen Van Doren.

Once winter is entrenched in the village, the rink at the west end of Zenith Park will open seven days a week, she said.

Skaters will be able to ice skate from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends, weather permitting, she said.

If skates are no longer in your inventory, they can be rented at the rink for \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children from a selection of more than 500 skates.

No admission is charged to skate and a large fireplace helps keep skaters warm between spins around the rink. The chamber has telephone numbers of individuals who will help with skating lessons.

One Saturday night in early February, people of all ages gather at the rink for a Full Moon Skating Party.

The only outside rink in the state, James Sewell Skating Rink was the dream of a man who served as mayor of Cloudcroft on and off for 20 years. The story goes that he was so devoted to the rink he helped create that after work each evening, Sewell would clean the ice and run water over the rink to freeze and create a smooth surface to the children the next day.

Winter camping

For the more hardy winter enthusiasts, the national forest in the Sacramental Ranger District also will be open for winter camping, but without water or other amenities. No fee is charged.

Pick up a map of the forest at the Cloudcroft office of the U.S. Forest Service and let the foresters know where you plan to camp.

A week before Christmas, the service office will start a new schedule and will not be open over the weekend. The winter hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, call the Forest Service's Cloudcroft office at (505) 682-2551.

Snowshoeing is a low-key winter sport with its own special feel, and flavor

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If El Niño winds deliver heavy snow as forecasters predict, visitors can still tramp the inviting outdoor corners around Ruidoso by strapping on snowshoes, affectionately called "bear paws" by the initiated.

"If you can walk, you can snowshoe," says Mike Steed, owner of Steed's Ski Sports on Mechem Drive. "It's pretty low key, but you can make it as difficult as you want by going to quite difficult areas."

Winter's alternative to summer's jogging, snowshoeing opens up the forest in the winter for those with enough stamina.

With their tennis racquet-like webbing, snowshoes "float" wearers on top of the snow. No special boots are needed. Using regular boots, strap your feet on top of the wide, oblong, flat snowshoes and walk.

"When you get them on and start walking, you figure out the technique real quick," Steed said. "The gait isn't quite like hiking, but you figure out in the first 40 to 50 steps how to snowshoe."

Learning to right yourself after a fall probably is the toughest challenge.

Snowshoeing is an ancient sport, probably older than cross-country skiing, Steed said. It's popular with snowboard and backcountry ski fanatics, because the shows are used to climb slopes before strapping them on their back to ski or board down the hill.

"They can take you to areas where you can't cross-country ski," Steed said. "You can go between trees and you can climb."

Styles range from the modern aluminum or plastic, which are lighter and more durable, to the more aesthetically pleasing wooden shoes.

"I hope to have more snowshoes in stock this year," Steed said.

Locally popular spots to try out skills include Monjeau Peak off Ski Run Road, the Bonito River drainage and Buck Mountain, he said.

Rental is \$10 for a full day. Snowshoes sell for \$150 and up at Steed's shop at 1017 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

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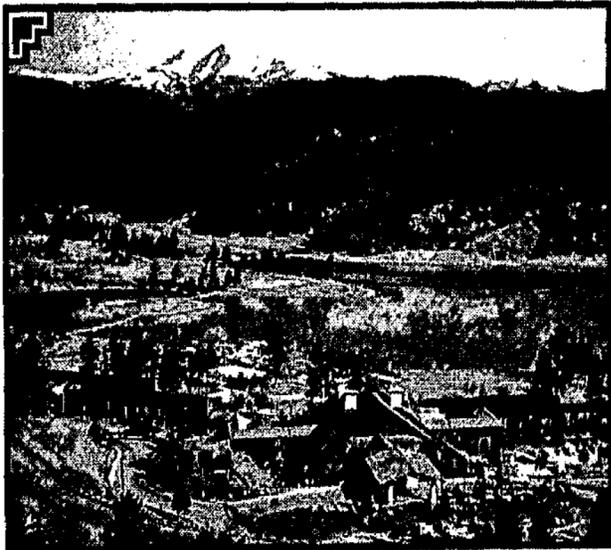
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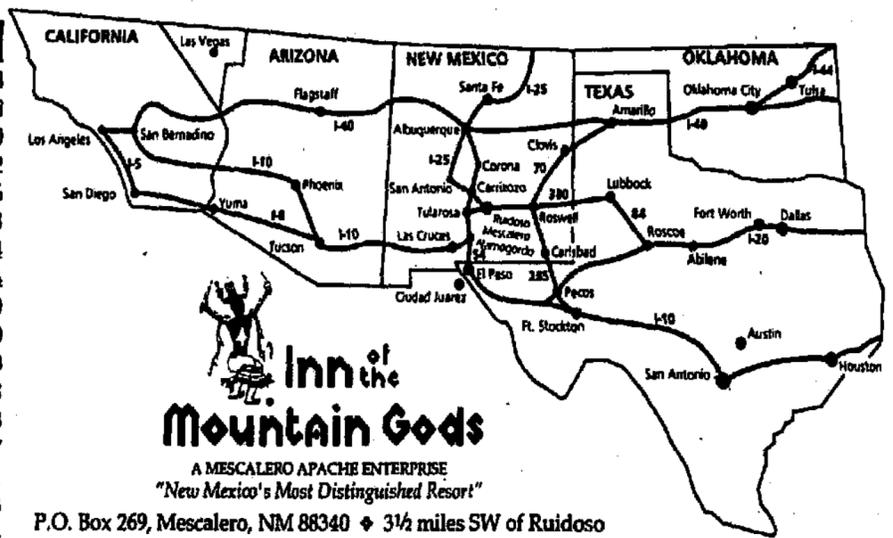
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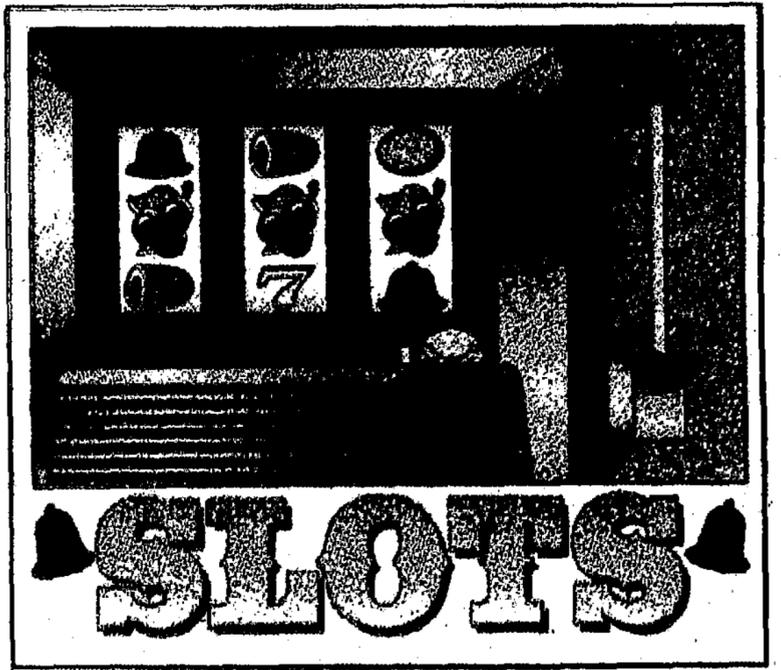
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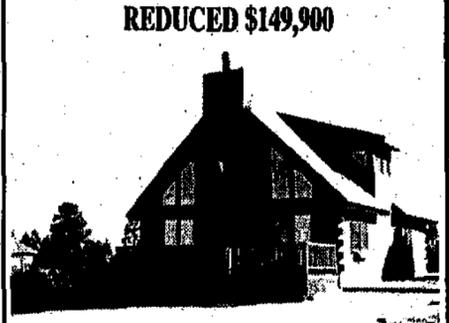
Alto
 Cowart • \$17,500
 206 Mira Monte Rd.
 Level with view of Sierra Blanca. Alto social lot. Full southern exposure.



UNHEARD OF!
Alto
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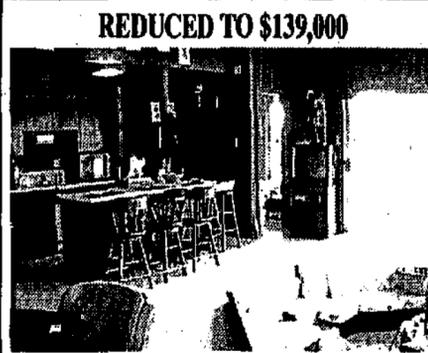
Ft. Stanton Rd.
 Vianna • \$28,000 • 604 Ft. Stanton Rd.
 Alto, full golf membership. View of Sierra Blanca. Lot size is 238 x 328 x 25 x 174!



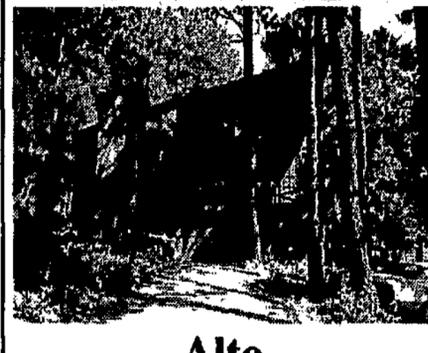
REDUCED \$149,900
Alto
 Stevens • \$155,000 • 423 Sunrise
 3/2 log home. Full golf membership. Owner wants offer!



Alto
 Rae • \$125,000 • 234 Mira Monte
 3/2, full golf membership. Unfurnished.



REDUCED TO \$139,000
Alto
 Seidel • \$149,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.
 3/3, furnished, full membership.



Alto
 Bates • \$154,500 • 211 Brentwood
 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Garage, large deck, Sierra Blanca view, full golf, easy access.



SOLD!! SOLD!! SOLD!!
Alto
 Goode • \$219,500 • 305 Broadmoor
 4/3 1/2, full golf. Fully furnished. Fairway home.



Alto
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 3/2, fully furnished. Full golf membership.



REDUCED TO \$179,500
Alto
 Below • \$189,500 • 409 Sunrise
 3/2 with full golf membership. Sierra Blanca view.



Alto
 Twyford • \$175,000 • 105 Capitan Court
 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership.



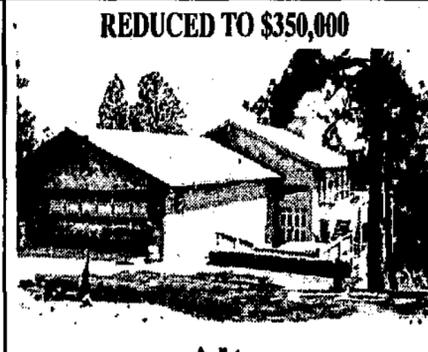
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Alto
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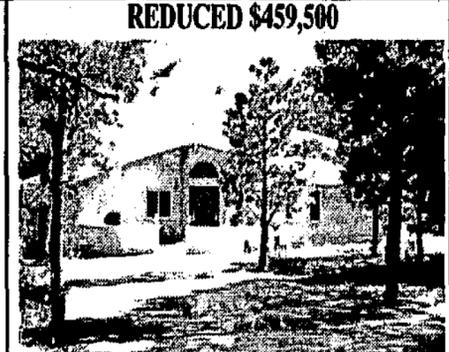
Alto
 Kennedy • \$210,000 • 101 Midiron Dr.
 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, fully furnished, full golf, Sierra Blanca view.



Alto
 Shackelford • \$280,000 • 100 Quail Run Ct.
 3/2 with full golf membership. Very nice!



REDUCED TO \$350,000
Alto
 Kirby • \$375,000 • 917 Deer Park Dr.
 4/3, fully furnished. Owner financing. Full golf. \$5,000 allowance being offered!



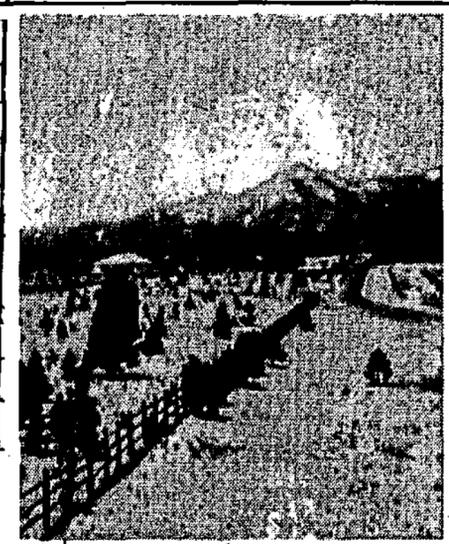
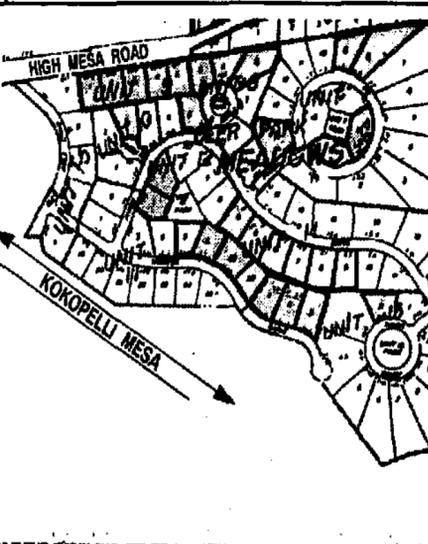
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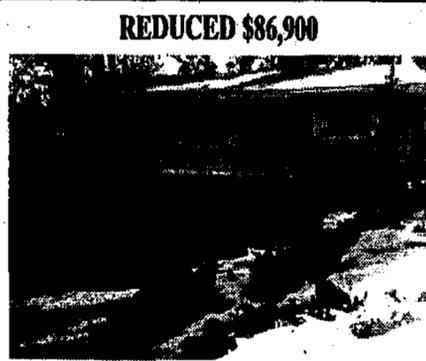
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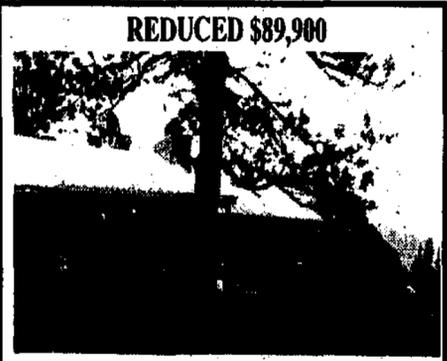




Village Homes at Chase Forest
Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keyes Dr.
Units 46C and 46E. 2bdr, 2 bath units.
New! Great downtown location!



REDUCED \$86,900
Pine Top Hills
Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Doll house, cute!



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Palmer Gateway
Proctor • \$99,500 • 116 Pippin St.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, Knotty Pine, very
clean! Carport. VACANT.



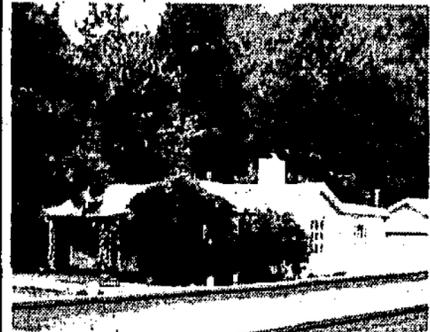
REDUCED \$104,000
Western Hills
Adams • \$109,900 • 112 Bridle Dr.
2/1.5, 2-car garage. New with owner
financing. Secluded.



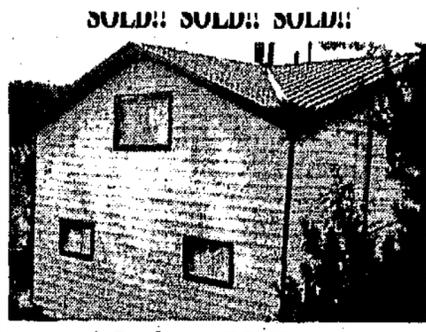
Green Meadows
Vestal • \$113,900 • 112 Clover Dr.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. All
one level. Nice fenced yard.



REDUCED \$109,500
Golf Course Estates
Christian • \$119,950 • 404 Barcus Rd.
3/2, 1 level w/carport. nicely fur-
nished, sunny lot, golf membership.



On The River
Valliant • \$125,000 • 142 Meander Dr.
3 bdrm., 1.5 baths. Cute older cabin on
1/2 acre river lot. Awesome yard!



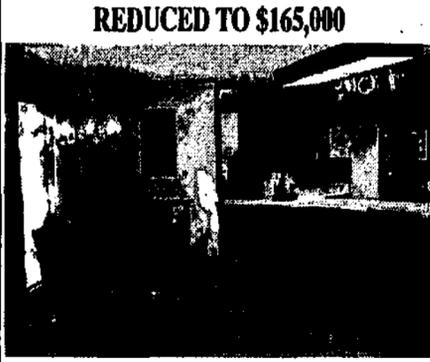
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Alpine Village
Caldwell • \$129,900 • Corner of Alpine
Village Rd. and Aspen Dr.
4/2, 2-car garage, furnished. Sierra
Blanca view. On 2 lots!



Town & Country North
Barbee • \$101,400 • 301 Otero Dr.
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Appliances only + new
washer & dryer. A must see!



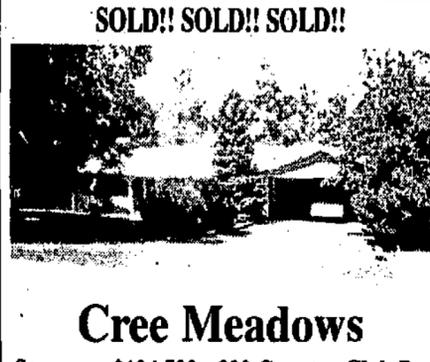
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Cree Meadows
Faulk • \$174,900 • 137 Rowan.
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home -
level. Cree Meadows stock being
offered as bonus to purchaser.



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Cree Meadows
Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home.
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Cedar Creek
Duran • \$179,900 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.
Bedrooms 3, baths 2 1/2, jacuzzi tub,
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Cree Meadows
Stevens • \$196,500 • 320 Country Club Dr.
3 bdrms., 2 1/2 baths, Large sun room
off of kitchen & bedroom. Creek
frontage, all one level home! Fireplace
in living & dining room.



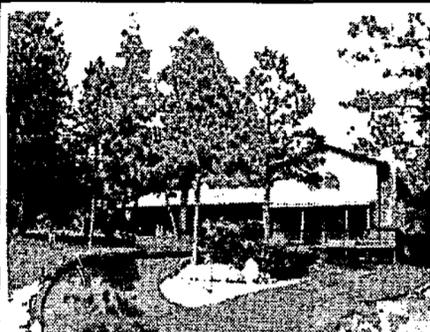
REDUCED \$179,900
White Mt. Meadows
Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Court
Bedrooms 3, baths 3. Trade consid-
ered.



REDUCED TO \$249,900
Cree Meadows
Daulton • \$259,900 • 306A Country Club Dr.
3 bdrms., 3 1/2 baths. The interior is
styled like a log cabin home with
hardwood floors! Creek frontage.



FABULOUS NEW HOME WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS
Highwood Addition
\$325,000 • 108 Lupine Loop
3 bdrm, gameroom, workshop. Must
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hard wood floors, operable remote sky
lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress
yourself ... check it out! **INFO ON
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White Mtn. Estates
Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage.
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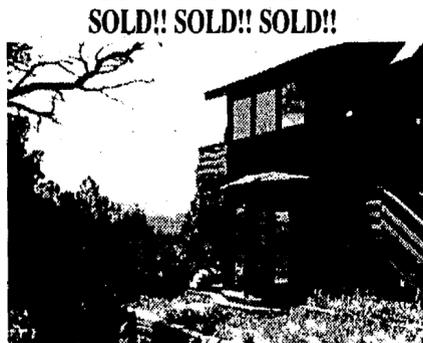
White Mtn. Meadows

577 - 583 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.
4 nice patio homes \$96,500 each. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 level, 1 car garage!



Lake View Estates

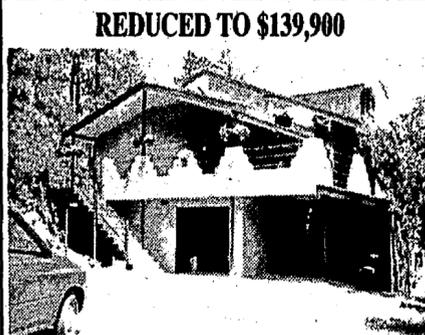
Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully furnished. Breathtaking views!



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Indian Hills

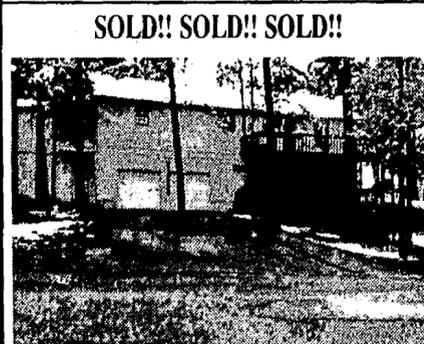
211 High Loop • \$149,500
3/3 appliances only. Very well kept home with Sierra Blanca View!



REDUCED TO \$139,900

Upper Canyon Area

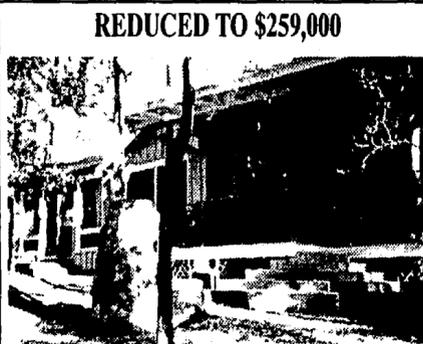
Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop. Master shower. Wow!



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White Mt. Estates

Madera • \$170,000 • 220 White Mt. Meadows
5/3, 2-story, wooded corner lot, 2 car garage, den w/wet bar. Owner terms.



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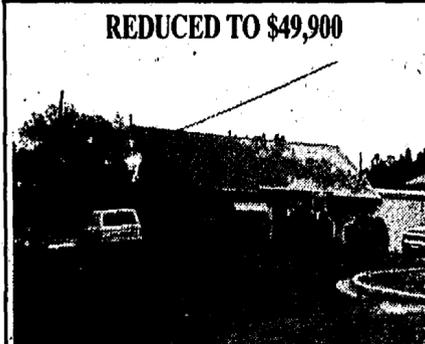
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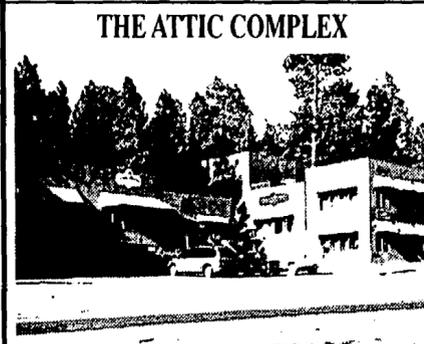
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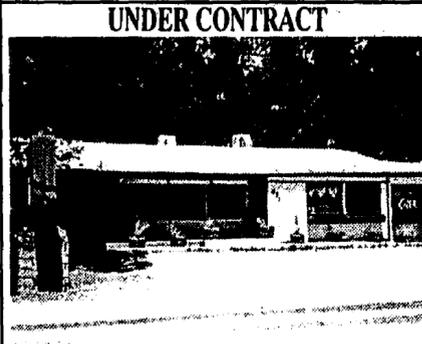
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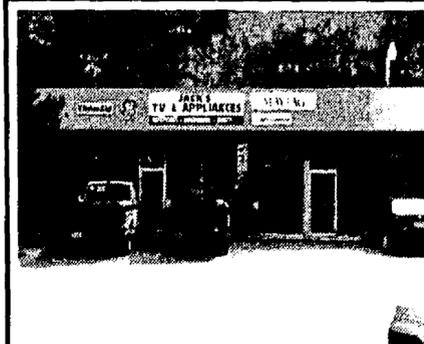
Commercial

Whispering Pines • \$195,000 • 428 Main Rd.
Below appraisal - land - building - equipment.



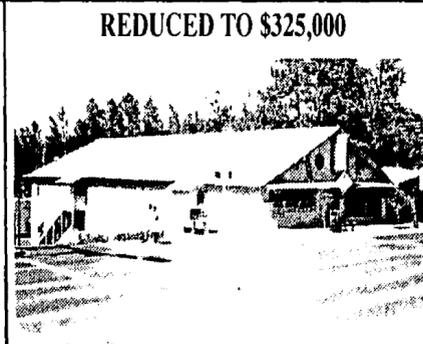
Commercial

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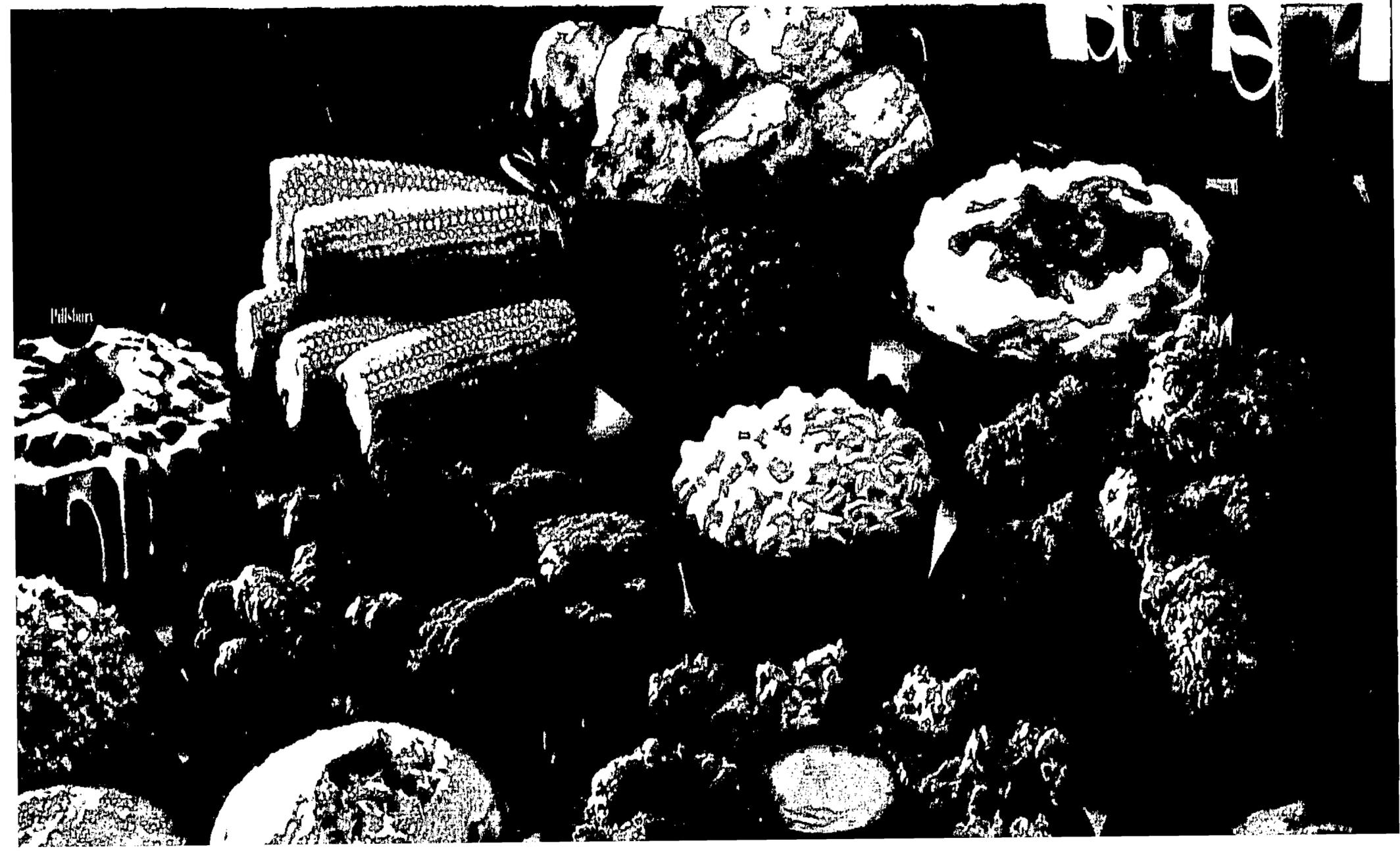
12 Piece Meal

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Fried, Roasted or Mixed
- 4 Crispy Strips
*Spicy Buffalo Crispy Strip
Colonel's Crispy Strip or *Mixed**
- Choice of 2 Large Side Dishes
- 4 Baked Biscuits
- Pillsbury Double Chocolate Chip Cake

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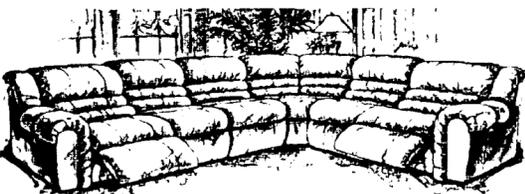
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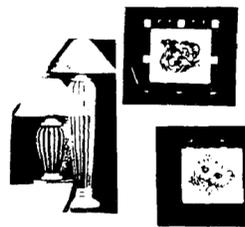
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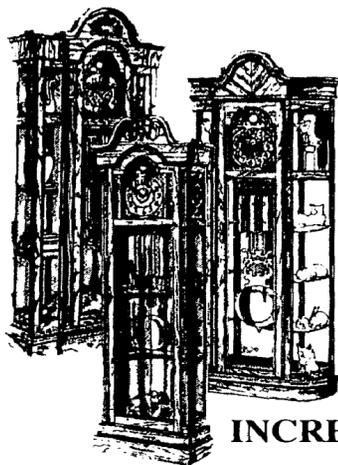
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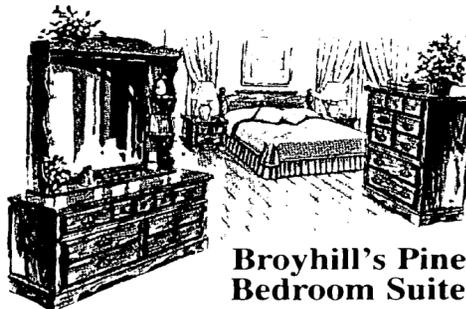
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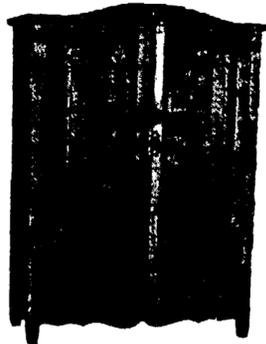
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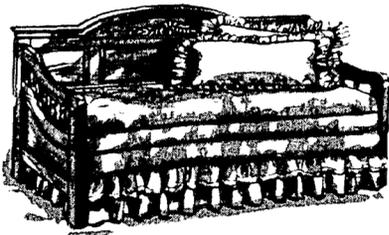
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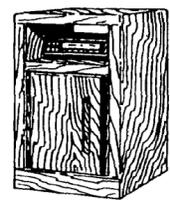
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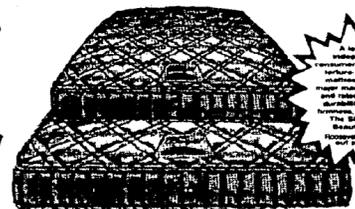
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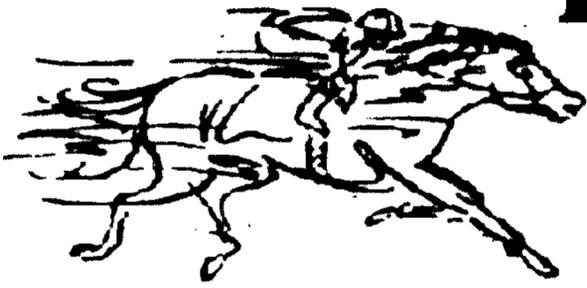
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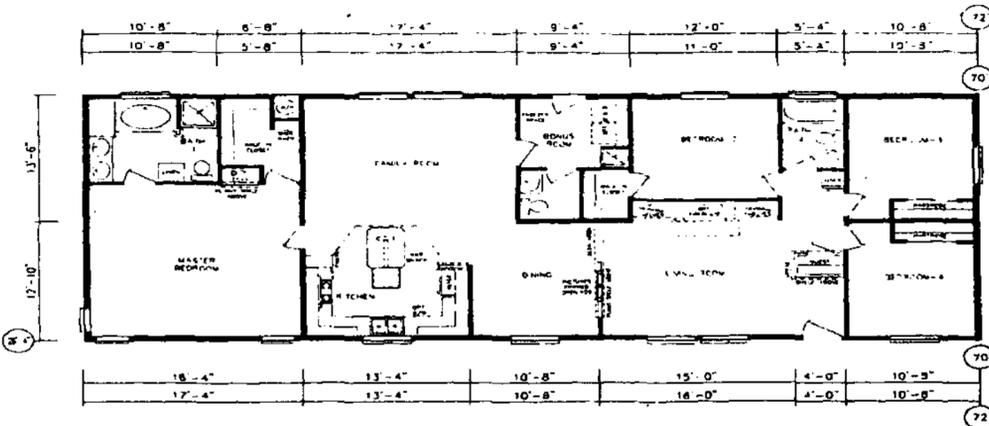


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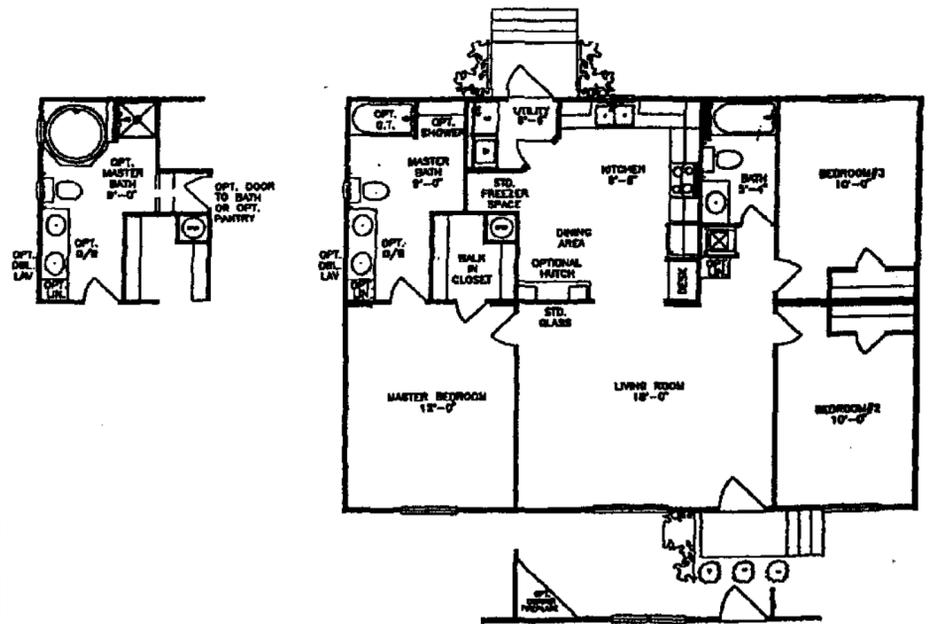


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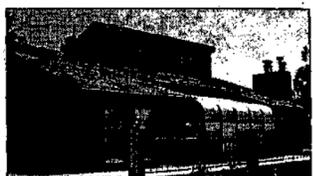
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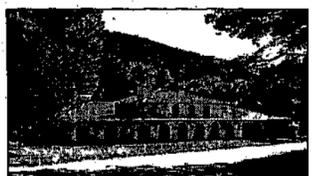
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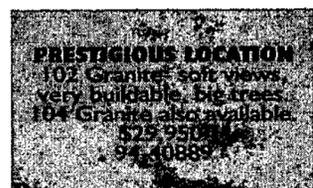
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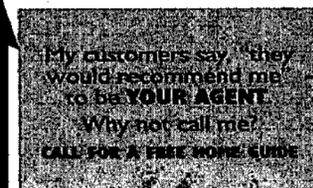


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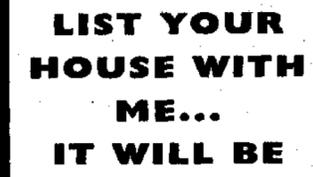
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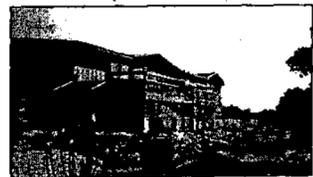


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