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County jail guards on leave pending probe of incidents

Sexual misconduct with inmate alleged

The DA is investigating incidents that have resulted in administrative leave for two guards and the transfer of a woman inmate.

By DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two Lincoln County Detention Center guards are on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into accusations of criminal actions that include sexual misconduct with a woman inmate.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said the one guard was placed on leave Thursday and another on Friday. An investigation of the alleged incidents was launched early last week, he said.

District Attorney Scott Key confirmed Tuesday that his office is involved in the investigation, but would not discuss any details.

A female inmate involved in the sexual misconduct complaint against the male guard was transferred Friday to a facility for women in Grants, Sullivan said.

County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley and County Manager Frank Pottler, who supervises the jail operation, referred calls on the subject to County Attorney Alan Morel.

County Commissioner Wilton Howell also said he could not discuss the situation because it's a personnel matter.

"The only facts I can confirm is that one guard is a woman and one guard is a male," he said. "Everything else I have heard second or third person. Communication in this matter has been less than satisfactory as far as me as a commissioner being kept informed by the county administration."

Morel would say only that no criminal charges have been filed.

"I probably cannot comment at this time," he said.

He acknowledged that since jail administrator Wayland Hill suffered a stroke several weeks ago, the jail has been understaffed.

Hill had complained to commissioners two months ago about the jail being undermanned. Some additional staff was approved at that time, but not the number requested by Hill. Since then, the absence of Hill and the two guard have put a strain on remaining employees.

Sullivan recalled that the county took over operation of the jail from

"No criminal charges have been filed."

Alan Morel,
County attorney

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Mrs. Claus on her toes



Natasha Lopez dances the part of Mrs. Santa Claus during a dress rehearsal for Thursday night's Christmas Gala at the benefit for Ruidoso Little Theater. Lopez is a member of Ballet New Mexico, which will perform several excerpts from "The Nutcracker," along with a special holiday performance. See story, page 3A.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

SAFETY REMINDER

Close call for Hondo family gives a timely warning

By DIANNE STALLINGS
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When Freddie Sanchez woke up Thursday morning feeling tired, at first he wasn't worried. But soon after, both his wife, Bertha, and 16-year-old daughter Jessica, also began to complain.

Suddenly, both women dropped unconscious to the floor of their home in Hondo off U.S. 70.

"I got them out," Sanchez said. "They revived right away as soon as they got outside."

The cause of their mysterious illness since has been pinpointed as carbon monoxide poisoning, because

of an unusual change in atmospheric pressure that resulted in air vents not drawing out smoke and gases as they were designed to do.

"This is something I never thought would happen," Sanchez said. "I've installed a carbon monoxide detector now. It only cost \$25. I thought it would be more."

"We have a gas furnace that has worked for 23 years. I had it checked later that day and nothing was wrong with it. But I remember when we turned on the fireplace (wood burning heating) insert, smoke came straight down."

After Sanchez pulled his wife and daughter outside, he went back in to

call for an ambulance. Instead of waiting for one to respond, he began driving to Ruidoso and met the ambulance in Ruidoso Downs. Both women were checked in the emergency room and later released.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as wood, natural gas, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, coal and charcoal.

It's caused by lack of oxygen or a disruption in the burning process. The carbon monoxide threat is one instance that having a well insulated and sealed house could go against the homeowner, Mike Cobb of Lincoln Mechanical and Parsons Plumbing

and Heating said Tuesday.

When people breath in carbon monoxide, it combines with the red blood cells in the blood stream and displaces the oxygen needed for survival. It then is carried to vital organs, which also need oxygen, and the body eventually will begin to asphyxiate. It takes the body longer to eliminate carbon monoxide than to absorb it, which is one reason exposure can be so dangerous, Cobb said.

Symptoms sometimes can be overlooked because they often resemble the flu.

With mild exposure, people may

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Gas company's staff reduction in Ruidoso ends

A company executive said layoffs are over; in fact, there's a vacancy.

By TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Zia Natural Gas Company has eliminated seven field positions at its Ruidoso office recently but won't continue downsizing, a company executive said Monday.

"At this point we don't anticipate making any more layoffs in this area," said Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, a company attorney and manager of regulatory affairs.

Fernandez-Wells attributed the company's decision to reduce its staff from about 28 to 20 employees (and one vacancy) primarily to a reduced need for field workers. Zia, which has been replacing gas tanks with gas line service, has finished most of those lines, she said. The company now serves almost 6,000 customers in the Lincoln County area.

"We had been doing a lot of extensions to the subdivisions and to areas of Ruidoso that have not been served," she said. "But we have almost saturated the market area here ... So we are just kind of slowing down right now. Plus, the weather's forcing us to slow down, too."

Another contributing factor, she said, is an 8 percent decrease in rates ordered in late August by the New

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'Keep Ruidoso Beautiful' launches program

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful kicks off this month with two programs — one to have live Christmas trees donated for planting and another to recycle cut trees.

By TONI K. LAXSON
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Ruidoso's fledgling chapter of a national litter clean-up program puts the rubber to the road this month.

"Thank You Very Mulch" and "The

Giving Tree" are the first efforts of Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, a village committee targeting the local trash problem by enlisting community support, an organizer said.

"We've just started all of this," said Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell-Blaney, a supervisor with the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. "It's a good program and it's going to be good for the community."

Initiated this summer, the Ruidoso branch of Keep America Beautiful still

is going through the pre-certification process of the national program, Bizzell-Blaney said.

Village Manager Gary Jackson, who had been involved with the national program in another city, was a primary proponent for creating the committee, Bizzell-Blaney said.

"He heard the complaints (about litter) in the community and wanted to do something about it," she said. "We just want a clean city ... that's what everyone has been asking for."

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Snow, and more snow through Friday; mild days

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High 30 Low 13
 Snow

THURSDAY High ... 28 Low ... 10
 Snow

FRIDAY High ... 31 Low ... 9
 Snow

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	48	14	.00"
Saturday	51	13	.15"
Sunday	43	26	.00"
Monday	46	24	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	31	20	Light Snow
El Paso, TX	35	26	Mostly Cloudy
Lubbock, TX	33	23	Light Snow
Midland, TX	36	25	Light Snow

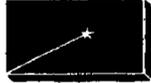


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Music for dancing always a part of the scene in Ruidoso.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News
Dec. 12, 1947

John Carlson is a prime favorite with young and old in the Ancho area, and he has hopes that during the Christmas holidays he will have an opportunity to tell his grandchildren from Colorado all about his plane trip to Sweden by air at age 85.

He is custodian of the Ancho School, a job he has held since 1942. Mr. Carlson was

born in Enesta, Sweden in 1862. He came to the United States in 1887 and was engaged in machine shop work for 16 years before moving to Colorado to become a farmer. Thirty years later he moved to the Jicarilla Mountains area in Lincoln County...

Earlier this year he decided that it would be a good idea to visit the Old Country, and his friend, Cap Straley, made arrangements for him to make the trip by air. Round trip fare was \$956. Mr. Carlson spent almost three months in Sweden visiting relatives.

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BEAUTIFUL: Ruidoso's anti-litter effort going national

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approach to reducing trash

With "Thank You Very Much," the committee is asking people to put their cut Christmas trees back in the hands of the village once the lights are down and the decorations back in their boxes. The village will mulch the trees and use the wood chips in Ruidoso Parks.

"But if people want to use in their gardens or for erosion control—it would be really good for erosion control—then we wouldn't charge them anything for it," Bizzell-Blaney said. People could even take more mulch than produced by their tree, she added.

Details such as how and when the trees will be collected are being worked out, she said.

In the second program, The Giving Tree, people are asked to buy live trees to decorate for the holidays. Later, the trees may be planted on the owners' property or given to the village to be planted, Bizzell-Blaney said.

The Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee will be providing tags for live Christmas trees at two local stores—the Wal-Mart Super Center and One Stop Auto and Garden Center. The

tags tell the owners how to care for the trees so the trees will still be alive after New Year's Day. The tags also provides a receipt form for people wishing to donate their trees, Bizzell-Blaney said.

The committee—composed of members Jacque Craig, Diana Harris, Carl Bartley, Frank Potter and Susan Lutterman—has plans for several more programs and clean-up efforts. Those include activities similar to the annual river clean-up day in which the village population is entreated to assist in the one-day effort, she said.

The committee intends to coordinate with events at the Ruidoso Convention Center, such as the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

"We will be right at the door handing out trash bags and saying, 'Please pick up your trash,'" Bizzell-Blaney said.

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful also intends to form several subcommittees, including one on education. That group will be asked to go out to schools as well as civic groups to give presentations on recycling and litter reduction programs, Bizzell-Blaney said.

Before Keep Ruidoso Beautiful receives full certification with the national program,

it must conduct a survey of residents' perceptions of the area's solid waste and litter problems. A possible survey question, said Bizzell-Blaney, would be if residents consider trash containers in the village acceptable and adequate.

Another prerequisite for certification is a photographic index survey, which Bizzell-Blaney described as a collection of photographs of areas where litter can typically be found. A year later, another group of photographs will be taken to chart whether any progress was made.

Currently, the village is paying for the program, but the goal is to find local support to finance Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, she said. The cost so far has included a \$850 pre-certification fee to the national affiliate.

"We are hoping it will be taken over by a non-profit organization after it gets started," Bizzell-Blaney said.

For more information about the Christmas tree recycling programs or Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, contact the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

ZIA: Rates reduced

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Mexico Public Utilities Commission

Part of the rate decrease may have sparked looking into our company and trying to reorganize," Fernandez-Wells said.

Under the rate reduction, the average customer's monthly bill would drop from \$34.80 to \$31.73, Fernandez-Wells had said in an earlier interview.

Zia, which has appealed the decrease to the State Supreme Court, began looking at company reorganization in July when the commission's hearing examiner first recommended the lower rates, Fernandez-Wells said.

"And it's been an ongoing thing to this point," she said.

Company position were eliminated gradually through attrition and layoffs. "It hasn't just been: 'We've got to get rid of people.' That's not the way we've been looking at it. We've been looking at all our operations and the budget and customer demand, and what we've been seeing through the winter and things like that," Fernandez-Wells said.

"We have been trying to get our company operations a little bit more coordinated, a little bit tighter, so we can provide better service to the people."

Zia's Ruidoso office is now back to a normal staff size, she said.

"Actually, when the company was purchased back in '88, there was extensive growth as far as personnel with the company because there was a lot of extensions that had to be done. I think the number of customers has probably tripled in that time," Fernandez-Wells said.

JAIL: Short staffing compounds issue, says sheriff

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former sheriff James McSwane several years ago when he asked for more staff to run it.

"He told them he didn't want to be responsible (for an understaffed jail)," Sullivan said.

Morel said if the situation warrants, some of Sullivan's deputies have agreed to help the county cover the jail.

"We are short some people obviously and we will address that at the commission's meeting Dec. 16," Morel said.

Sullivan said part time

employees at the jail now are working full time to take up the slack.

"If we get down to the point where they're needed, I'll pull some deputies off the road," Sullivan said. "I don't want to do that because a deputy working the jail can't go answer a call."

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RLT performance goal is to save the Castle

Choirs, dance troupes and more compose variety show to benefit community theater.

BY TOM K. LAYSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

From ballroom dancing to audience sing-alongs, Ruidoso Little Theater's Second Annual Christmas Gala Thursday night is being billed as more of a production than last year's event, one coordinator said.

"That's why we have not just choirs but dancing," said Apache Spirit, producer and one of three directors. Don Madaris and Steve Norberry are the other directors of the gala, which is also receiving considerable help from Larry Wimbrow, theater manager.

Money raised by the gala will benefit Ruidoso Little Theater, Inc., which is trying to collect a total of \$100,000 by March to keep its home in The Castle theater.

Spirit said she expects the show at The Castle Theater on U.S. Highway 70 will last at least two hours and 15 minutes, including an intermission and audience sing-alongs during set changes.

Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 for both the gala, which starts at 7:30 p.m., and a Christmas party afterward.

A ballroom dancing troupe from Albuquerque will be one of several acts in the show, which will include excerpts from "The Nutcracker" by Ballet New Mexico.

Also performing will be the Community Choir and the Eastern New Mexico University Chamber Choir, both directed by Danny Flores, and the Sacramento Dance Theater from Cloudfcroft, Spirit said.

The Holy Mount Episcopal Choir is scheduled to sing and the Flying J Wranglers will perform. Solo and duet performances are also included in the bill, Spirit said. One solo will be from Dan Hood, choral director for Ruidoso schools, she added.

The gala is just one of several activities to gather money for the community theater, which must pay a balloon mortgage payment in March to keep the facility.

"This is a benefit to try to keep us going," Spirit said. For information or tickets, call 257-7395, 257-5190 or 257-7227.

Snow Bear



Gavilan Canyon School students Kenneth Gray, left, and Josh Rue tried something different last Friday after a snowstorm — a snow bear. Both are students of Barry Nelson. The young artists learned that snow is a transient medium; the bear was melted down by Monday morning.

DEATHS FUNERALS

John H. Anderson

John H. Anderson, a Ruidoso law enforcement officer in the 1970s, died Dec. 2 in Albuquerque at the age of 77. He had been an Albuquerque resident since 1980. Funeral services were at the French Mortuary Chapel with burial at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Price officiated.

Survivors include his wife, B. Ann, son John, daughter Judy Ann Romero and two grandchildren, Brandon and Stacia Romero.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Anderson was an Army Air Corps pilot during World War II. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and for 47 years was an Elks Lodge member; he also had been a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion and the Sheriff and Police Associations.

Georgia Yeager

Services for Mrs. Georgia Yeager, 85, of Wolfforth, Texas, were Tuesday at the Twin Oaks Cemetery in Artesia, N.M.

Mrs. Yeager, who had

many friends in the Ruidoso area, died on Dec. 4 at a Lubbock, Texas, hospital.

Born April 10, 1912 in El Paso, she was married to William Howard Yeager, who died on Sept. 10, 1992.

A longtime resident of Artesia, she moved to Lubbock eight years ago.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Survivors include daughters Judy Chapman of Wolfforth and Patricia Walter, Las Cruces, N.M.; a son, William Jr. of New Orleans; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial service

Services memorializing the death 10 years ago of Terence Dan (Danny) Racher will be conducted Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Drive, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Racher died on Dec. 6, 1977 in San Angelo, Texas, at the age of 35. He was born Feb. 11, 1962 in Salina, Kans. to Terry and Patsy Racher and married Dana Durham on Dec. 19, 1987 in Fort Davis, Texas. Two daughters, Daci Ranae and Danielle Elyce, survive, as does his wife, in San Angelo.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Wooden bears stolen

Three carved wooden bears were taken from a GMC pickup truck Sunday night while it was parked at a grocery store, Ruidoso police said.

Michael Free told police the bears were taken during the 15 minutes that he was in Furr's supermarket at 725 Mechem Drive.

The bears, carved of juniper, are each about 2 feet tall and cost \$100 each, Free told police.

Home broken into

Two doors and a lamp were either broken or damaged when someone broke into a home on Cambridge Way sometime between late

November and Monday afternoon, Ruidoso police said.

A neighbor reported the break-in, in which a glass door had been broken as well as other doors. Total damage was estimated at \$160, police said.

Bracelets stolen

Fifteen bracelets, some crafted of silver and gold, are believed to have been stolen Friday from the Silver Eagle Trading Post, Ruidoso police said.

Ursula Goss, with the midtown store, told police she noticed the bracelets missing when she opened the store on Saturday morning. The total value of the stolen bracelets is \$1,370, police said.

HEATING: Many potential sources for carbon monoxide poisoning

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have headaches, feel fatigued and nauseous.

Heavier exposure can cause severe throbbing headache, drowsiness, disorientation, confusion and an accelerated heart beat. Extreme exposure can lead to unconsciousness, convulsions, cardiorespiratory failure and possibly death.

Household appliances such as a furnace, water heater, stove, space heater, charcoal grill or gas dryer can be sources of carbon monoxide, especially if they're not in proper working condition or have been installed improperly, Cobb said.

Vehicle exhaust fumes from attached garages, as well as improperly operating fireplaces may be potential hazards.

Although home heating systems represent only 5 percent of the many potential sources of carbon monoxide, annual check-ups for furnaces is one step toward prevention, Cobb said. His company charges \$169.95 for the inspection, which takes several hours to complete.

A qualified technician should check all combustion appliances to be sure they're operating properly and to be sure all chimneys and vents are connected and not blocked.

Newer homes that are bet-

ter sealed to prevent air leakage and reduce energy costs can be more susceptible, because they limit ventilation of outside air.

Normally, a home breathes in air from the outside to replace air being used by combustible appliances. If a home is too well-sealed, the appliances may become starved for the air that allows them to operate properly. When that happens, vent reversal may occur, Cobb said.

This condition, known as downdrafting, is when appliances start drawing air down the vent or chimneys resulting in combustion byproducts entering the home.

But even older, less insulat-

ed homes can be vulnerable, particular if appliances have been improperly installed or not maintained.

Cobb also offered this advice:

- Always back a car out of a garage to let it warm up. Never leave it running in the confined space of a garage.

- The same is true for lawn mowers or snowmobiles.

- Never use ovens or grills for indoor heating devices.

The best method of detection is a carbon monoxide detector, similar to a smoke alarm, Cobb said. Ideally, one detector should be adjacent to every living area in a home.

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OUR OPINION

Make it a destination

That beautiful site adjacent to The Links and the Ruidoso Convention Center, without question, would be a perfect place for a resort hotel; one of those "destination" hotels where just being there is a vacation in itself.

Too bad nobody seems to be interested. It's been on the order of a decade of trying, and still no developer for the 3.8-acre site. R. D. Hubbard's Allhub Enterprises has optioned the site on and off for much of that time, but the time never has seemed right; for many years, the goal was an easing of state gambling regulations so that a casino could go in as part of the operation.

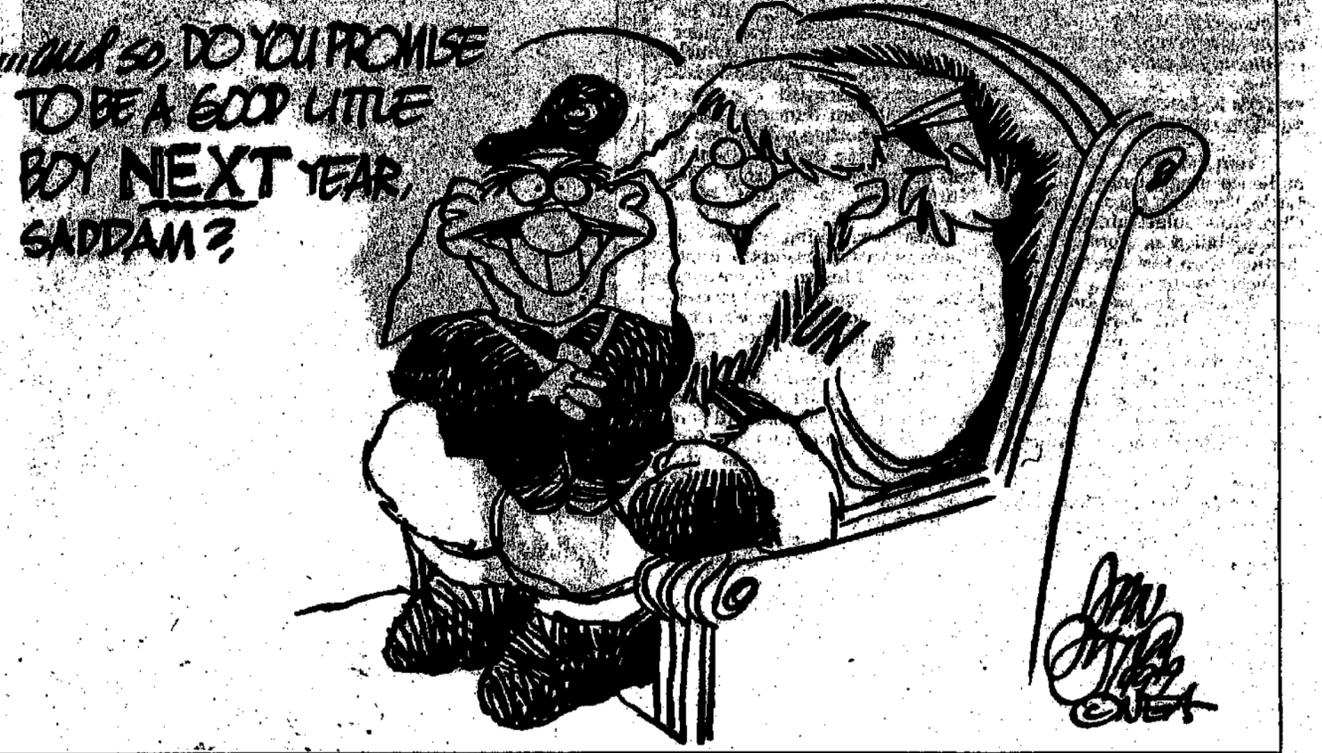
And a fair argument could be made that — given the amenities, casino included, provided by the Inn of the Mountain Gods, just a short run up the canyon from Ruidoso — it would take something like a casino on the premises to give such a hotel a fair shot at competing.

And yet, not all the world looks to gaming for entertainment. Ruidoso's Convention Center is developing a reputation of its own as a sterling venue for most New Mexico-sized meetings and conventions, from motorcycle rallies to company retreats.

Gary Jackson, the village's manager, notes that the village might have to spend some money for a feasibility study to finally snag a serious candidate. He says the most prevalent statement from those developers (none of whom have made an offer) is the lack of market information that would support an upscale hotel.

So now the Village Council is considering such a study, using some money Allhub forfeited for not exercising its option to pay for it.

In the big world of competing for big-spenders, we do need an edge. The \$5,000 or so spent for a feasibility study would be returned many, many times over with another destination resort hotel in Ruidoso.



THE DREAMER

Special blessings of December snow

On midnight of Dec. 1, a gentle snow of large flakes came drifting down, and on the morning of Dec. 2, all the mountain world was wearing a mangle of silvery white, all glistening and sparkling in the morning sun just showing its round golden face over Sunrise Mountain.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

No sooner than the sun cleared the hilltop than raindrop jewelry began forming all through the vale on piñon and cedar branches. Now, as the warm sun shone down, the raindrop jewelry began falling, so that you looked out upon a steady shower of snow-melt drops changing color as they were falling while the evergreens from which they fell were decorated with every form of jewelry.

You were spell bound in this changing pageantry of melting snow in the sunshine, hardly able to take your eyes off the scene which held you in its spell.

By noon every drop of snow was gone, all from the sunny side of the world, and by the end of the day you saw no trace of snow anywhere. As twe say, this was a warm snow.

The cold snow

At nightfall, after a sunny day on this same day, Dec. 2, light clouds began moving in from the east on a cold breeze, and just before dark the freezing mist began falling lightly.

What a surprise in the morning to see all the hillside, all the way to the top, and the meadows in between almost entirely covered in white. Here was a cedar bush eight feet tall

with its branches so loaded down and covered that it was a white inverted soupbowl — a perfect Eskimo igloo. The lower branches of the larger cedars were weighted down so that they were buried in the snow on the ground; and every branch of the tree was bent down under a tight-clinging covering of snow.

You think to yourself, with the world covered up this way, surely there must be a foot or more of snow on the ground. No. Only four inches lay on the level.

The sun rose in a blue sky and you felt fairly warm and expected to see a snowmelt pageant. But not one drop of melting snow did you see all the way up to noon. The small Christmas tree piñon trees by the garage remained pure white, not partly white with daylight showing through the branches, but completely white like a tree made of solid snow.

This was truly a cold snow. I should say "is" a cold snow,

because quite a bit of it remains today, Dec. 7 at high noon.

The road into the house has become molre and more an obstacle course for 4-wheel-drive vehicles. This cushion of cold snow, though, gave me the smoothest ride out in many a day.

December snow stays on the ground a long time, and every bit melts into the ground causing Mother Earth to rejoice.

New Mexico traditions

Among the special New Mexico ways of celebrating Christmas are: "Luminarias" (lighters of the way), "El Nacimiento" (the manger scene) and "Las Posadas" (the search for lodging.)

We will go over some of these in the days ahead.

Meanwhile, let us be careful driving during this, the snowy season, while at the same time we thank the Lord for the snow.

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About Internet service for Ruidoso people

As a former employee of TrailNET I want to give a clearer and better informed perspective of the Internet service we have in Ruidoso than have appeared in this paper in the past month. I have read with interest, followed by amazement, followed by incredulity, the articles and comments and misinformation and whining and often maliciousness with which some of the submissions have characterized TrailNET.

For the record, I was the person in this community who first began the search for a local Internet provider. I began the meetings and pulled people together to get us into the 20th century and have watched our little rural community have one then two Internet Providers come here. TrailNET has been here for over a year. None of the larger providers (AOL, Prodigy, CompuServ, etc.) wanted to or will serve a village our size and in our location. The bottom line does not warrant it for them.

Local Internet access has made each of us users better informed, better educated and has given each of us tremendous access to the world that we would not otherwise have. We can, via the Internet, purchase goods and services that are not available locally. We can print documents that our local library

has neither the space nor the finances to purchase and maintain. We can visit a collection of art in the Louvre in France, buy refrigerator parts from North Carolina, read the New York Times. It's truly a wonderful service and I use it every day.

I am, however, not at all thankful for the spitefulness, wrong and untruthful information from individuals and groups of individuals who appear to me to be motivated by something I truly don't understand... These people seem to have a vested interest in wanting to embitter the community towards a local company by saying things that either are not true or so badly twisted they no longer bear the color of truth at all...

I know a great deal about TrailNET based on first-hand experience and want to state, for this very public record, that TrailNET currently has to use, and is therefore subject to uncontrollable problems from and within 3 telephone companies/services.

I do know they are looking at a less convoluted way to keep us connected to the world... I do know that in the 10 months that I was under their employ their equipment never failed, not for a day, hour, minute or second. I do know, however, that MCI's internal management and security systems (as we have all recently experienced) inexplicably and illegally interrupted our service for a long period of time, twice in

YOUR OPINION

1997. I do know that GTE has some of the most antiquated telephone service imaginable and that TrailNET, just like our homes, must use this ancient and often failing equipment to connect us to the world. I do know that the connection from Alto to Ruidoso is so overburdened that it constantly amazes me that anyone living there can make phone calls let alone connect to the Internet at all... (The resolution of that issue lies, of course, with GTE).

I do know that the partners of TrailNET have fought and continue to fight major battles, all the way to the FCC, on our behalf so that we can have the best and least interfered with local service possible. I do know that, back in February, busy signals occurred daily when kids would come home from school and get online, but busy signals are now a nonexistent factor as TrailNET provides a users-to-modems ratio of about 10:1. AOL, for example, has a ratio of about 40:1.

I do know that as the ratio of users-to-modems increases, TrailNET purchases additional modems to keep any user from ever having a busy signal... Let me also say that TrailNET is a locally owned and operated service, built and maintained for the citizens of the communities they serve. They are not a nationally known company with unlimited resources and thousands of technicians and cus-

tommer support personnel.

I do know that a small handful of individuals have assailed and continue to assail TrailNET. Again, I do not understand this behavior. (I hope they all know that "as ye sow so shall ye reap" and it will all come back to them). Theirs is petty and childish behavior to say the least but also reflects an attitude in this community that each of us needs to address and carry some responsibility for stopping.

I suggest that the citizens of Ruidoso interested in an Internet connection, call the provider you want; ask them about the equipment they use, the size computer you need, the type of telephone connection you need, the cost of an account with them, the downtime you might experience, the speed of their connectivity, the speed of the modem you need, the type of browser you need and where to get it, what email is, the cost of purchasing bandwidth if you are a business, etc.

Don't take my word or anybody else's for your source of information. Ask questions and when you're satisfied, make your choice as to the Internet service you wish to have.

Joel B. Carothers
Ruidoso

Don't load a gun until you're ready to shoot it

Hunter safety remains paramount with the game warden as the season nears an end.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hunters don't need a loaded weapon until they're ready to fire at game, but it's hard to convince them to take that safety precaution, says Game Warden Ron Moore.

When it comes to safety errors while hunting, that one abuse stands out above all others, he said during a recent review of the fall hunting season.

"It's the most dangerous,"

Moore said. Hunters persist on having a round in the chamber whether the weapon is in the truck or while they're walking or while leaning on a tree. It doesn't matter. And that's exactly what happened to the boy in La Luz, who was killed when a rifle discharged when it slipped from the hood of a truck.

Another hunter in the Capitan Mountains accidentally shot himself behind his kneecap. The man was carrying a single action revolver with a round under the firing pin, Moore said.

"Every individual I cited or had dealings with on possible violations of the law, when I

"Hunters persist on having a round in the chamber...in the truck, while walking. It doesn't matter."

Ron Moore,
Game Warden

checked their rifles, whether they were in a truck or leaning on something, ammunition was in the chamber," Moore said. "Every one."

When Moore teaches hunter training classes, he stresses that a rifle or hand gun should be unloaded until it is ready to be fired.

"If you don't have time to put a round in the chamber

and shoot, you probably don't have time for a decent shot," Moore said. "But then I've heard some parents say, 'No way.' They tell their kids to have a cartridge in the chamber all the time to be ready."

Although adults should walk with guns (loaded or unloaded) pointed at the ground in front of them, children some times run into problems, because the barrels drag on the ground.

Moore's advice to them is simply never point a gun at something they don't intend to shoot, whether its birds, a dog, a house or an old truck.

He also recommends that hunters reacquaint themselves

with their weapons before a hunt, instead of waiting until the first day and practicing with paper plates in the hunting camp.

Besides the potential danger to other hunters in the area, Moore said, "If you're going to shoot an animal, you should be sure it's a good shot and it's killed."

Most of the heavy hunting is over in Moore's unit, including bear, deer and elk. Quail season is under way and mountain lion season comes up later this month. Some deprivation hunts also are scheduled, but most are in other units, he said.

In those hunts, a limited

number of animals are killed for specific reasons such as damage to cultivated fields. Five elk have been targeted in the Three Rivers area this weekend for that type of hunt.

Bear season earlier this year was quiet, Moore said.

"We didn't have the usual number of bears running around town, because there was plenty of food in the forest," he said. "In the past, everybody who came to town saw bears and went out and bought a license. This past season seven to 10 bears were killed (and tagged in Moore's unit)."

That compares to about 30 the previous year.

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Carrizo Mountain



Getting dressed for Christmas, Carrizozo will be illuminated with luminarias on Christmas Eve. Snowfall added its bit to Carrizo Mountain north of the town early in the month.

Luminarias put a Christmas glow on Carrizozo

By POLLY E. CHAVEZ
Excerpted from "Enchantment,"
the monthly paper of the New
Mexico Rural Electric Coopera-
tives Association.

To the weary traveler on the last leg of the journey home for Christmas; the trucker working late; or the residents of Lincoln and surrounding New Mexico counties, the little town of Carrizozo in south central New Mexico is transformed into a magic place on Christmas Eve. Ten thousand luminarias line the main street and surrounding curbs and the town becomes a hushed, whispering fairytale where the glow of these little lanterns can be seen from across the desert and surrounding hills.

The story of Carrizozo is typical of how luminarias bring a community together for this annual event. Eileen Lovelace, a member of the Carrizozo

Chamber of Commerce and a Town Trustee, approached the Chamber the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department to place 10,000 luminarias on Christmas Eve 1993...

Lovelace says that the success of the Carrizozo display is due to the involvement of the entire community. Fundraising drives are no longer necessary. "The money just flows in," Lovelace beams. By November, she is looking for the best deals on candles, sacks and fireplace igniters.

Two weeks before Christmas the day-long assembly line works of making luminarias begins at the fire station. Adults fold down the top edge of each sack. Children place sand in the sacks in which another crew places candles. Extra luminarias are made for private homes and business use. The prepared luminarias are stacked in two layers on several flatbed trailers and stored in

empty buildings, warehouses, the fire hall and at the senior citizens center.

At 9 a.m. the day before Christmas, adults, children, entire families and their holiday visitors begin the process that will give the town a nighttime glitter. Trailers filled with luminarias are parked along Highways 380 and 54, across the overpass, around churches, homes, businesses, pathways and parks. Police officers patrol areas where volunteers are placing luminarias. A fire unit alerts traffic heading through town. Several homes and businesses serve volunteers a bit of Christmas cheer: popole, cider, biscochitos and other holiday culinary delights.

By dusk on Christmas Eve, thousands of luminarias glisten with flickering lights. Preparing and placing the glowing lights is a memorable event for volunteers, preschool through senior citizens.

Holiday music program Monday

By JEREMY PATTON
BAND/MUSIC TEACHER

Carrizozo schools — students, faculty and staff — is getting into the Christmas spirit with the presentation of a holiday music program at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the old high school gymnasium.

This year's theme will be traditional Christmas carols performed by all grades, plus the High School Band and Chorus.

Songs will include Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and the holiday favorite, The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Holiday decor for the concert will be provided by art students in grades Kindergarten through 5th under the direction of Polly E. Chavez, art coordinator.

School notes

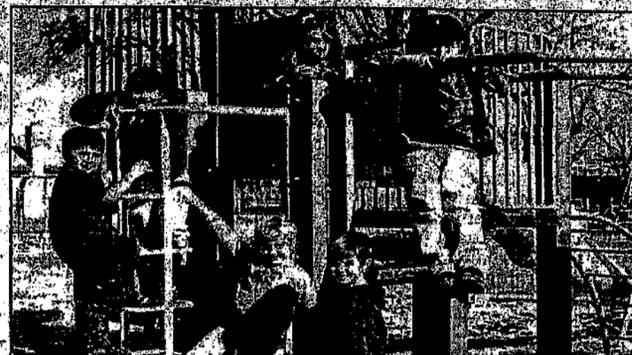
By ROSEMARY SHAFER
NEWSLETTER STAFF

Carrizozo School Library's Preschool Story Time students enjoyed a special treat during their last November visit. Guest story reader, Kala Scarafioti, shared books on Indians with the children. Then she provided materials for making Indian head bands with real colored feathers. Finally, students wore their head bands to the Home Ec. lab for a Thanksgiving snack feast.

Carrizozo School Library invites preschoolers ages 3-5 to attend Preschool Story Time from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Thursdays in the school library. For more information call 648-2346.

PFK sponsored a "School is Cool" poster contest to show to all why students enjoy going to school in Carrizozo. There was a great response. First and Second place winners are as follows: Kindergarten, Joseph Gallegos and Cameron Sandoval; First Grade, Lailay Shivers and Jennifer Shafer; Second Grade, T.J. Furness and Kendal Wilson; Third Grade, Kaitlyn Vega and Chantal Day; Fourth Grade, Savannah Morales and Wade McMahan; Fifth Grade, Jesse Samora and Samuel Garner. These students will receive cash prizes.

The official "School is Cool Day" is January 5, 1998 and the posters will be displayed throughout Carrizozo so all may



"Schools Cool" art poster winners, bottom, left to right, Joseph Gallegos, Lailay Shivers, T.J. Furness; top, Kaitlyn Vega, Savannah Morales, Jesse Samora.

enjoy our outstanding student art work!

The Carrizozo School Library sponsored its first "Author's Birthday Club" party on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Sixteen students in Grades 2-5 read 2 or more books by authors born in the month of November. These students received special invitations to the November Author's Birthday Party in their classrooms on Tuesday morning.

As students arrived, they were presented with "I Love Books" and "Author's Birthday Club" badges and bookmarks. They then enjoyed refreshments of cupcakes and punch with

birthday napkins.

Students took turns telling about their favorites of the books read for the Birthday Club. Student special certificates were Krista Padilla, Nicole Nava and Sonya Vega. Winners of a drawing for 2 gift books were Krista Padilla and Kaitlyn Vega.

All students were then awarded additional bookmarks featuring historical characters from the recent PBS series "Liberty."

Supt. Paula Papponi and Principal Robert Chavez also visited the party. Club members enjoyed sharing their books with them and discussing their favorites.

AROUND TOWN

By NEWSLETTER STAFF

Open House—42 persons attended and enjoyed refreshments at the Grizzly Den Video on Friday evening, Nov. 21. The open house sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce welcomed Jimmy and Laurie Samora, new owners, to the business community.

FCE - The FCE (Family & Community Education) Roadrunners will meet for a Christmas potluck on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the REA Building on 12th Street. Prospective members and friends are welcome to this time of holiday sharing. Exchange gifts may be homemade but are not to exceed \$10. Surprise entertainment in planned!

New Book on Local His-

tory - Corralled in Old Lincoln County, New Mexico is the story of the Lin Branum Family of Coyote Canyon and the I Bar X.

The book written by Barbara Jeanne Reilly-Branum and Roberta Haldane uses the extensive tape recorded interviews of Clint Branum, son of Lin Branum, done by his daughter Barbara Jeanne, to tell the story of this pioneering family of Lincoln County.

The book won first place in the 1995 Heritage Awards Competition of the Historical Center for Southeast New Mexico in Roswell. The book is available by mail from B.J. Reilly-Branum, 25 Villa Lucia, La Luz, NM 88337-9541. Cost is \$12.95 each plus \$1.50 postage/handling.

CHURCH MOUSE

By PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
NEWSLETTER STAFF

The Mountain Ministry Parish Christmas Service is scheduled for Sunday morning, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Claunch Presbyterian Church. Following the service there will be a fellowship potluck and the Community Hall.

The Revs. Don and Marjorie Daniels have resigned their pastoral duties with the Mountain Ministry Parish effective Dec. 31. The Daniels have accepted a three year call to teaching positions at a seminary in Pakistan. Their service and involvement in community will be greatly missed, but we wish them Godspeed in their future assignment.

"Rejoice, Believers!" is a cantata by John E. Coates and will be presented as a gift to the community from the Carrizozo Community Choir on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 Av. D.

A group of community children, "Kala's Kommmunity Kids," will begin the program by singing three selections about the Holy Nativity.

Pre-service music "A Christmas Renaissance" will be played by the trio of John Duncan, recorder; Palla Duncan, violin; and Ann Buffington, piano.

This is a worship service for everyone.

Mary Lou Webster announced the congregational hymns, solos and group participation. She also read two poems entitled, "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came" and "Heaven's Grocery Store," authors unknown. Mike Gieb presented an original poem entitled "Plant a Seed."

Churches represented were First Baptist, Community Church A/G, Santa Rita Catholic and Trinity United Methodist. Musical praise and worship was presented by Ginny Curtiss, Jamie and Autumn Gieb, Dianne James, Virginia Burd, Joan Means, Beckie Frey, Judith and Johnnie Johnson, Tammy Means, Ada Hendryx, Juanita Vallejos, Suzi Fern, Jane Shafer, Phyllis Schlegel, Kala Scarafioti, Rosemary Shafer and Eva Zimwail. The next 5th Sunday will be March 29, 1998.

'Zozo artists in 'Loop' tour

On Dec. 13 and 14, three Carrizozo artists will open their studios for the third Art Loop, a self-guided studio tour of 18 Lincoln County artists.

They are Nina Sammons, Kenneth Payne and Suzanne Donazetti.

Sammons makes "construction art" pieces. Her studio is on the corner of 11th Street and E Avenue in the Old Masonic Building.

Kenneth Payne creates

contemporary, interactive sculptured boxes, handmade paper and leather books.

Suzanne Donazetti works in copper which she makes into home accessories along with husband Kenneth Payne. Donazetti and Payne share their studio, Freefall Designs, at 1203 C Avenue.

Look for the "Art Loop" banners on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14 throughout Lincoln County.

Valley of Fires alive with visitors from around the world

By BILL MURRY
VALLEY OF FIRES PARK MANAGER

The Valley of Fires Recreation Area was alive with visitors this summer. We had 132,000 visit the park this past fiscal year. People visited us from areas all over the globe; Europe, Asia, South America, Middle East Countries, Africa, Australia, Canada and the good old USA.

The park is undergoing a face lift. We are replacing the old site shelters with new ones, adding two full accessible sites that will accommodate persons with disabilities, adding a regulation size horse shoe pit,

developing a tent camping area that will, when finished, have individual shelters, tables, grill, vault-type toilet facility and water to the tent camping area.

We have already added a new vault toilet to the lower end of the campground. As we replace the old site shelters, we are giving them to the Town of Carrizozo for the Park and Recreation Department. The Town has already received one of the shelters and it was installed at the Rec Center in Spencer Park. By the time we are finished, the Town should receive approximately 19 of these shelters and concrete tables.

Under our Cave Management Program this year 960 people went through our permitted caves. In addition, caving volunteers conducted restoration projects, and identified the number and types of bats hibernating in the caves. A new vault toilet was added to the Fort Stanton Cave campground, a ramada was constructed and a sheltered bulletin board was constructed and installed. The restroom and the ramada area is accessible to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Volunteers play a large part in helping to preserve and restore much of our public lands. The Lincoln County

Sheriff's Posse cleared about two miles of trail on the Capitan Horse Trail. Scout Troop 72 from Roswell, constructed and rerouted parts of the National Petroglyph Hiking Trail on the Rio Bonito. If you or your organization is interested in helping with a volunteer project on Public Lands, you can obtain more information by contacting either Bill Murry, Park Manager at Valley of Fires Recreation Area at 1-505-648-2241, or Jerry Ballard Outdoor Recreation Planner at 1-505-527-0278 at the Roswell Field/District Office.

Scouts were at it again doing good deeds for others. This time it was picking 40

bushels of apples at the apple orchard on BLM acquired land. Senior citizens and other community programs were the recipients of the apples, thanks to Troops 57, 72, 95 and Cub Scout Packs 25 and 63.

The fall is a great time to hike the nature trail thru the Malpais. We encourage you to come and visit your public lands here at Valley of Fires and take advantage of a great recreation area located right in your own back yard.

Our summer campground hosts, Ron and Kate Miller from Dexter, left at the end of October. Our hosts for the winter season are Dick and Ruby Phillips from Gowrie, Iowa.

Fifth Sunday at a Carrizozo church



Mary Lou Webster and Juanita Vallejos enjoyed refreshments that were part of the interdenominational Fifth Sunday event at Trinity United Methodist Church of Carrizozo on Nov. 30.



Interdenominational services on Nov. 30 at the Trinity United Methodist Church featured the Trinity trio of singers: Rosemary Shafer, Eva Zimwail and Kala Scarafioti.

Native American Honor Society founder presents case for excellence to Mescalero students

The founder of the Native American Honor Society spoke to Mescalero students recently about his inspiration to form the academic organization and the need to recognize the achievements and special talents of Native American children.

Dr. Frank Dukepo, of Hopi and Laguna heritage, attributes his inspiration to a spiritual revelation on Oct. 4, 1981, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Starting with a handful of students from a few schools in 1982, and suffering setbacks from 1986 to 1989, the society took hold and began to grow in 1990.

Current membership is placed at 1,400 from 190 schools in the continental United States, Alaska and Canada.

The long-range goals of the society are to establish a scholarship program, an honor society symphonic band and to stage a First National Conference in 1999, Dukepo said.

Membership is open to any student from fourth grade to

graduate and professional school who has earned a 4.0 semester average any time during his or her academic career, he said.

Students who qualify receive a membership certificate and an eagle pin, with additional pins awarded for each additional 4.0 semester.

Besides the high grade point average, students are required to perform some type of community service and are

encouraged to write a story of their personal or academic achievement.

Special memberships also are available to non-students, professionals and non-Indians.

The philosophy of the society is a holistic approach based on ancient Indian tradition and custom, Dukepo said.



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Once again, Celebrating

About 1,500 people attended the second annual Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees last weekend, said coordinator Sandy Kuykendall. Shadow Mountain Lodge had the winning entry in the decorated Christmas tree contest. It was auctioned off Saturday night along with dozens of other decorated and donated trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses.

TOP LEFT: Sally DeBruyn and Jo Brooklins of Ruidoso on Saturday afternoon admire the winning Christmas tree entry from Shadow Mountain Lodge. Organic decorations on the tree included dried fruit, a faux bird's nest and donuts.

BOTTOM LEFT: Tiny tappers from Karen Bucaud's dance troupe entertained a crowd at the festival Saturday.

RIGHT: Wrapping up the celebration Saturday night, dancers (line, round and even some square) whirled the evening away in the glow of the decorated trees.

And a big carved bear was won in a drawing by Bruce and Jan Eldredge.

TREES



Keith Green/Ruidoso News

Nogal probably was where men met mammoths — 9300 years ago

The small settlement of Nogal may become one of the few sites in New Mexico where archaeologists and paleontologists come together looking for prehistoric human interaction with extinct animals such as the mammoth.

Jeff Leach, of the Center for Indigenous Research, was in Lincoln County last summer excavating a portion of a tusk and skeleton believed to be an extinct elephant. Heavy rain

shut down the dig, but crews hope to return next April to finish the work.

Radio carbon dating techniques used on the soil found around the tusk placed the time when the mammoth roamed the area at about 9,300 years ago.

"That means the elephant was alive in the late Pleistocene, well within the human time frame," Leach said from his office in El Paso. "It means

this could be a cultural site, in view of the animal's broken ribs and there are only a handful of them in the state (of that era)."

Leach is trying to raise financial support for the continuation of the excavation and for an educational program that will allow students to visit or help at the site. The operation is privately funded.

Donations may be mailed to the center at P.O. Box 9566, El Paso, Texas 79995.

Former jail inmate alleges 'unlawful conditions'

A former inmate of the Lincoln County Detention Center claims he was subjected to unlawful living conditions, unnecessary force and threats of violence by jail staff.

And he's looking for financial compensation for the "serious physical and emotional harm" he suffered while confined in the jail in Carrizozo.

County Manager Frank Potter, who supervises the jail operation, said he could not comment on the letter from Albuquerque attorney Peter

Cubra on behalf of Daniel Buchanan. The former inmate was in jail between March 6 and Sept. 8 on probation violations, according to jail staff members.

In his letter to the county, Cubra said Buchanan was denied medical treatment, was housed with 17 other inmates in a cell built for six, that conditions were unsanitary and the cell was infested with cockroaches and that he was denied access to writing materials or a law library.

When he pressed for those rights, "he was punished, confined to a cell without a toilet, a bed, hygiene supplies and a mattress" and one that had human feces on the walls and floors, Cubra wrote. Buchanan stayed in the cell five days and during that time was denied food for two days and became ill after eating food brought to him, the attorney claimed.

Buchanan eventually was taken to the hospital for near heart failure and for dehydration, Cubra said.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Children's Christmas party at Museum

The Museum of the Horse invites all children to its Children's Christmas Party from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Museum.

The party will feature a reading of the Biblical Christmas Story and The Night Before Christmas, plus the singing of Christmas carols, and refreshments. A special appearance will be from Mr. and Mrs. Claus who will be on hand to discuss Christmas

wishes.

The party is free to the public; all that is required is that attendees wear their best smile.

Tickets still available for "A Cowboy Christmas"

Tickets are expected to be available right up to the 8 p.m. curtain for Saturday's performance of "A Cowboy Christmas" at the Spencer Theater. The show features balladeer Don Edwards, yodeler Don Walser and the three-part harmony of the Hays Country Pals

and Gals.

Saturday's performance was added to the Spencer's Winter Season after the Friday show rapidly sold out.

Tickets are \$10 and \$25. For ticket information, call toll free (888) 818-7872 or ProTix at (800) 905-3315.

Masonic installation

The public is invited to the annual installation of officers of Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73 at 2 p.m. Saturday, at 144 Nob Hill at Mescalero Trail. Refreshments will be served.

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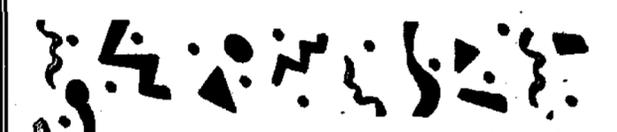
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HOMES & FAMILY

18 WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, 1997

Cane sticks to measure a man's worth

A cane was an important accessory for a man from the late 17th century through the early 20th. A cane made of quality wood, with a silver or gold handle, told of wealth and importance.

Cane shafts usually were made of wood, but some interesting examples were made of dried animal skin, animals' spinal columns or even glass.

Collectors search for canes from the past as well as modern folk canes. Canes with hidden features — a sword, a camera, a tiny picture or a bottle to hold a swallow of liquor — are popular with collectors.

Cane handles have been made of silver, gold, bone, glass, porcelain and other substances. Many were carved or decorated with special features, such as snakes, dogs, humans, hands, feet and the heads of famous people.

Q: I collect old dress patterns. Is there any way to date them? I usually guess from the style of the dress.

A: Before 1880 or so, patterns were made of tissue and folded with a sketch, and instructions.

Then, a pattern envelope was used. The envelope had a small picture of the dress and some type.

By 1900, the picture and the type had become much larger.

By 1920, the picture covered almost the entire front of the envelope.

Color envelopes were used by 1927.

Today's standard-size envelope was used by 1932.

The dates printed on a pattern can be confusing. The patent date is only an indication of the earliest the pattern might have been used. The package design, the logo or the instruction format was patented, then sometimes used for years. It was not the dress design itself that was patented.

Copyright dates are usually for the dress design itself. But even those are only a guide. The pattern might have been used a few years before.

Q: I collect anything related to the Kewpie figures of Rose O'Neill. What can I look for in addition to the figurines and dolls?

A: O'Neill let her trademark to the Kewpie design lapse in 1913. She tried to get new rights in 1936 but did not. By then, many companies were making Kewpies.

Borfeldt made bisque dolls. Krueger made cloth dolls. A celluloid Japanese doll was being made.

In 1941, Borfeldt sold its rights to O'Neill, and she was able to use her designs for dolls again.

These days, you can find legal and illegal Kewpies of many kinds.

There are toys, games, cartoons, candy boxes, gum, clothes, cameras, garters, children's dishes, combs, brushes, textiles, stationery and leather items. There was a Kewpie powder, soap and even a magazine. Labels were made for grapes, tomatoes and canned fruits, vegetables and meats.

Hundreds of magazines, newspapers and newsletters cover antiques. For a 24-page list of general and specialized publications, send \$3 plus \$1 postage and a self-addressed No. 10 envelope to: Publications for Collectors, Kovels, P.O. Box 22900, Beachwood, OH 44122.

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Ski Club more than child's play

Children's program at Ski Apache aimed at teaching skills on the slopes, responsibility, self-reliance.

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In her 17-plus years at Ski Apache, Sally Canning has seen a lot of skiers come and go but none have made a more indelible mark on her than the children.

Canning, who is known on the slopes as "Shorty," has been in charge of the children's ski program for five years now. But dwindling numbers in last year's program prompted her and her fellow instructors to revamp the program formerly known as Hot Tots. Canning said Hot Tots got a bit confusing with too many skill levels and their coinciding monikers to keep up with.

This year, the program is simply called Ski Club. Open to children 4 to 14, Canning said the 10-week program has been a part of Ski Apache for at least a decade, and most likely two or three.

"There's been a children program here since as far back as I can remember," she said. "My kids were in it and they're grown now."

Cheyenne Frazier, another instructor at Ski Apache, said she got her start in the children's program.

Canning said the program is structured to take kids all the way from the most basic lessons up to possible employment on the mountain.

The time line progresses from the children's program, to the junior racer program, to the teens volunteer program, "right into full-time employment," Canning said.

But the lessons learned during the half-day sessions include much more than downhill form.

"We don't just ski," Canning said. "We focus on group dynamics, leadership, conflict resolution."

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"We schedule (children's programs) at the same time as men and women's masters programs, so parents don't have to worry about day care. The kids can be responsible for themselves. They're learning to take care of themselves."

The Ski Club has five different groups that children can enter depending on their ability, the terrain skied and their maturity.

"We start at age 4 with beginning kids, most of them have been on the snow since they were 2," Canning said. "The program is geared for local children who were born and raised on snow and are going to live the rest of their lives on snow."

During the 10 weeks of the program, children meet with the same instructor and the same children.

"They become compadres," Canning said. "Develop a support group. In the professional world of skiing that's how it often happens, you ski in groups."

Canning said she chooses the instructors carefully for the children's program.

"They have to understand the way children move, which is different from adults, the emotional level of a child and their needs," Canning said. "You have to read each kid and not over-mother or under-mother them; not push too much. Sometimes you can push these kids right over. Particular attention is also paid to children's safety."

"We've never had a child hurt in 17-plus years," Canning said. "We take care of our kids."



Aaron Goeller, 11, has been a part of the Ski Apache children's program since he was 3.

Courtesy photo

Who to call

The cost of joining Ski Apache's Ski Club is \$400, which includes a season pass. For more information call the Ski School at Ski Apache, 336-4356, ext. 111.

Get jazzed

For young skiers with advanced skill levels, Ski Apache has the Jazz team. The Junior Advanced Skiers program is open for ages 8 to 14, although the ages aren't set in stone. Sally Canning, supervisor of the children's ski programs at Ski Apache, said ability is more important than age. The program will meet twice a week — from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sundays and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Children do have to try out for the program, but Canning said there are two levels of tryouts. The cost to join the Jazz team is \$550 for the season, which also includes a season pass for the slopes (a \$750 value).

WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Vigils celebrate 50 years

Benjamin "Ben" and Mary Alice Vigil celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 29 with a mass at St. Jude Catholic Church in San Patricia, followed by a reception at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center hosted by their children.

Ben and the former Mary Alice Maldonado were married in Albuquerque at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Nov. 29, 1947. They moved to Houston in 1982 where they lived until moving to Ruidoso in 1996. They both attend St. Eleanor Catholic Church, where Ben serves as a permanent deacon.

Ben, a retired stockbroker, was active in real estate and Mary Alice was the court clerk in Bernalillo County small claims court.

Their children and grandchildren from Texas, Colorado and Ruidoso hosted the reception for the Vigils.



Ben and Mary Alice Vigil on their wedding day, Nov. 29, 1947.

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Ben and Mary Alice Vigil today.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC
Blues & BBQ - Ruidoso Convention Center
Dec. 27 - PCG/Phil Czolgocz Band, The Bare Bone Blues Band, KGB Blues Band.

Jan. 10 - Bad News Blues Band, KGB Blues Band.
\$5 advance, \$6 at door, \$2.50 12 & under. Dinner proceeds to benefit the Chamber's Two Rivers Park Project.

Blues At The Texas House
Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays.

2:30 p.m. December 13 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. This national free throw shooting contest for youngsters ages 8 through 13.

Driving Rehearsal Course For Drivers 50 Years Of Age and Over
9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:00 p.m., Dec. 15 & 16 at 415 Sudderth Drive.

Area-Wide Christmas Decorating Contest
Registration forms are now available for the contest. Pick up your registration form at the Chamber of Commerce located at 720 Sudderth.

Ruidoso Community Christmas Gala
7:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the RLT Castle on Hwy 70. Tickets are \$10 adults; \$5 children.

Healing Circles
6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Parks & Recreation Committee—Village Hall.

Visit Santa At The Attic
1:00 - 3 p.m. every Saturday in December till Christmas and on Mon. 22. Boys and Girls bring your letters.

Cloudcroft Pet Parade
2 p.m. December 13 on Buro Avenue. Bring your pet - cat, dog, teddy bear, fish, rock etc.

26th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot Competition

Hondo Valley Public Schools Board Meeting
7 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Library.

Hondo Valley Public Schools Work Session
7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Library.

Alpine Village Sanitation District Meeting
9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at ENMU-Ruidoso offices. The agenda will include presentation of current bills, committee reports, the foreclosure status of certain lots, and a status report on the water line installation.

Lincoln County Resource Exchange Meeting
12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Pizza Hut on Mechem Dr.

Health & Wellness Board Meeting
12:15 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Circle J B-B-Q.

Education Subcommittee of the Village Art Commission Meeting
4 p.m. Wed., Dec. 10 at the Village Hall.

Chamber Of Commerce "Business After Hours" Holiday Open House
5:30-8p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at Chamber of Commerce 720 Sudderth Dr.

The Capitan FCE (Extension Club) Christmas Party
11:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Cafe mescalero in Ruidoso. There will be the usual gift exchange.

Protein Rocker Association
The association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building.

Optimist Club
The Optimist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive.

Celebrating the Season
3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec. 11 "An Animal Christmas". Create bird treats, an ornament, bake animal Christmas cookies.

3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec. 18 "A European Christmas". Stories, caroling, Christmas cookery, movie.

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Jan. 13, Feb. 10
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Capitan Public Library
106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. The library is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Capitan School Gym there will be the 6th Annual Christmas Concert, sponsored by and benefiting the Capitan Public Library.

Ruidoso Public Library
Preschool Story Hour 2-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays.

Sierra Cinema
721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444. "Alien Resurrection", "Screen 2" and "Rubber".

Christmas Program
8 p.m. Dec. 11-13 and 18-20 at the Ruidoso Little Theater, The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso.

Betty Awards
8 p.m. Jan. 10. Ruidoso Little Theater and its season patrons honor the best and the brightest at this gala event.

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

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday Contemporary praise & worship 8:30 a.m.; Bible study/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; traditional worship 11 a.m.; evening prayer and worship 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer and discipleship time 6:30 p.m.; Youth Bible study & fellowship 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. David Jordan, Pastor. Sunday: General assembly 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.

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420 Mechem Drive, Luis E. Gomez, Pastor. Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m. Miércoles: Estudio Bíblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor; Randal Widener, Associate Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Capitan (south on Highway 48), 354-3119. Floyd Goodloe, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; AWANA Wed.: 6:30 p.m.

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 257-9102. Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 640-2833. Father Dave Berg, Pastor. Saturday Mass 6:30

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Vern Edmondson, Interim Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

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

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildtnecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women: 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

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

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

ST. AME'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL

Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & A streets. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Pointers of Living Water
San Jacinto, Sunday School 10 a.m.; Evening services 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 258-3204. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:30 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom.: Reunion Publica 10 a.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 10:50 a.m. Lun.: Estudio de Libro 7 p.m. Mart.: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location. Call for events.

Wed. Dec. 3, 10, 17 will be Advent Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. with services at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m. followed by Jesus' Birthday Party at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day service w/communion 10 a.m. New Year's Eve Service w/communion 7 p.m.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind Daylight Donuts. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan. Bob Boyd Pastor: 648-2893, 648-2846. CARRIZOZO: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m. CAPITAN: Sunday worship: 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-4864. Alan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hill, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hill, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
106 Alpine Village Road, 257-2223. Janet Howard, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study 10-11:30 a.m.; Pastor's fellowship after worship every third Sunday.

Mountain Ministry Parish
Community United

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ancho. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schuchman, Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. First & junior high youth school 9:30 a.m.; Church services: 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 625-1700. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church services: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gearty, Pastor. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Gregg Horn, 354-2307. Monday: Ruidoso mens Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive; Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Capitan youth group 7 p.m. at the fair building. Thursday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Galvary Chapel
433 Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor Ben Staboda. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed.: Mid-week Bible study & Kids Adventure Club 7 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

Kornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Centia Christiana Casa de Oracion
212 Junction Rd. (en la Iglesia Metodista). Pastor Carlos Carrero. Reunion General: Domingos 6:00 p.m.; Jueves 6:00 p.m. Reunion Dia: Ochoa. Lunes 8:00 p.m. Club Amle. (ad. y niños). Sábados 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-2470. Pastors Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Restorative Services 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intercessory prayer noon; mid-week service 7 p.m.

First International (FIC)
Hwy 48, 336-7073. Dennis Price, Pastor. Sunday School: 6:50 a.m. (Esp.) - Holy Spirit Service 11 a.m.

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs 1378-9464. Al and Marty Lutz, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministry 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:45 a.m.; Thursday services 7 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Fellowship
Gavilan Canyon Road 336-2213. Sunday: morning prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m.; Thursday: home Bible study 7 p.m.

CLUBS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at noon and 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Tower (rear entrance), 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-3643

Alto Women's Association

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

Altus Club

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, 257-5068

Alzheimer's Monthly Support-Group

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

American Association of Retired Persons

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

American Cancer Society of Lincoln County

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

American Legion

Robert J. Hayes, Post 79
Meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5756.

American Sewing Guild of NH

Neighborhood group meeting 258-3596

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

B.R.O. Bees

Meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in Doe's next to the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for Code 941).

Family Crisis Center

24-hour crisis line, 257-7365. Free counseling at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Bing LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

External Order of Police Lodge #726

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

Friends of the Library

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

Golden Age Club

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

HW+ Support Group

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others of HW+ group for friends and family of HW+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2236.

HW+ Support Group

Meets 7-9 p.m. every Monday at the AAAA office, #785 Granada Center (on 1st St.), Alamogordo. Weekly Topic: Dec. 1 - Conflict Resolution; Dec. 8 - Grief; Living with loss; Dec. 15 - Managing Emotion (605) 437-2460

Hispanic Society of Lincoln County

Meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Minerals Club

Meets noon Wednesdays at the Texas Club. Visiting (Kwanis) members welcome.

Nights of Columbus

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

La Junta N.C.E.

Meets at St. Francis Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. (605) 653-4912.

Prepared Childbirth Classes

24-week sessions meet 7 p.m. Mondays at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for Code 941).

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group

Meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday for social time of varied programs. Additional activities are also planned for Wednesdays. Adm. members of dues are welcome. For more information and locations call - 258-3201, 653-4252, 354-2625.

Lincoln County Bird Club

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. 257-5352

Lincoln County Democratic Party

Meets once a month. 257-7558

Lincoln County Food Bank

Meets at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Plaza Mechem.

Lincoln County Homeowners

Meets at Casa Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board meetings at 7 p.m. and annual meeting at 7 p.m.

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Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the hospital conference room.

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Ruidoso Garden Club

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"The parents loved it, the students loved it. It was a magical evening."

Margaret McDonald Lahey,
Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

Song at Spencer rings in season

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts came alive with sound Monday and Tuesday night, but it wasn't with the song stylings of national or international talent. The stage was filled with voices and instruments of local students.

As part of its educational and community outreach program, the Spencer opened its stage to choirs and band members from White Mountain Intermediate School, Ruidoso Middle School and Ruidoso High School for their Christmas programs.

Dan Hood, choir director for the schools, said the evening of song at the Spencer was unforgettable.

"It really was just excep-



Director Dan Hood leads choirs from White Mountain Intermediate School, Ruidoso Middle School and Ruidoso High School in a rehearsal Monday at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The Spencer opened its stage to the choirs, and to bands on Tuesday, as part of its educational and community outreach program.

tional," he said. "It was a marvelous for the kids."

The concert venue was superior to the traditional gymnasium staging for a number of reasons.

"Number one," Hood said, "with the acoustics of the Spencer, the students may hear and do the things we worked on all year."

The audience also seemed to be enraptured by the \$20 million theater, too.

"The audience decorum was just phenomenal," Hood said. "For most of the concert it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. That's not always true in a normal gym performance."

Margaret McDonald Lahey,

Spencer educational and community outreach coordinator, said she was as impressed with the student performances.

"We had nothing but rave reviews," she said. "The parents loved it, the students loved it. It was a magical evening."

The audience echoed McDonald Lahey's praise in the form of two standing ovations Monday night. Hood said he's been teaching choir for 30 years and hasn't seen that kind of ovation but once or twice.

Along with praise for the students and their performance, Hood also praised the Spencer staff for its treatment of the school groups.

"I was impressed with the

professionalism of the staff there," he said. "They're absolutely going to the finite line to make our performance and our appearance on stage... they did things I didn't expect at an absolutely professional level to make us feel welcome."

McDonald Lahey was as impressed as Hood, but with the elegance of the student choirs decked out in black velvet and taffeta evening gowns and tuxedo: "It was like an opening in New York," she said.

Jackie Spencer opened the stage to the students at no charge to the schools, McDonald Lahey said, and will do so again in April for Spring performances by drama classes, choirs and bands.

SCHOOL MENUS

Nob Hill & Sierra Vista
Monday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Taco Bell fiesta burrito, nacho rounds, chilled fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: chicken tenders with dipping sauce, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: steak fingers, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec. 18 - Breakfast: fruit muffin, milk, fruit. Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich, tator tots, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 19 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. No lunch, half day.

White Mountain
Monday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni or Salisbury steak, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: chicken tenders with dipping sauce of All-American sub, corn, roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: baked lasagna or steak fingers, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - Breakfast: fruit muffin, milk, fruit. Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich or cheese enchiladas, tator tots, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 19 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. No lunch, half day.

Middle & High School
Monday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Middle school - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, fruit. High School - old fashioned beans and corn bread, tossed salad, fruit.
Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Middle school - hot nacho salad with taco meat, lettuce, tomato, cheese sauce, corn, fruit. High School - Sloppy Joe, corn, fruit.
Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: foot-long chili cheese dog, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit.
Thursday, Dec. 18 - Breakfast: sausage biscuit, milk, fruit. Lunch: lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit.
Friday, Dec. 19 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. No lunch, half day.

Sierra Vista students selling poinsettias

As part of their annual fund-raising efforts, Sierra Vista Primary School students will be selling poinsettias for \$10 each.

The flowers, grown by students in Alamogordo, which is a school for children with severe learning disabilities, will be sold through Monday.

Money raised from the sale will be used to purchase materials for the school library.

For more information, call Sierra Vista at 258-4943.

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BY BETTY DEBNAM

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Queen Victoria took the throne when she was only 18. She ruled England longer than any other English queen or king. She was so strong and England became so powerful during her rule that a period in history was named for her.

She ruled for 63 years, from 1837 to 1901. This period is known as the Victorian era.

Many of the Christmas customs we enjoy today can be traced back to this time.



The Victorian lifestyle is recreated at Blenheim Estate in Asheville, N.C., the largest home in America. This children's Christmas tree is decorated as it might have been 100 years ago, in the 1890s.

Victorian scenes

The picture that many people have in their minds about the Victorian era is one of wealthy people enjoying themselves.

Real life for most Victorians was very hard. Many children worked. Thousands of immigrants lived in slums.

But it is fun to look back at pleasant things in times that were happier for many people, especially at Christmastime.

This picture is from an 1882 issue of St. Nicholas magazine. It was very popular with kids.

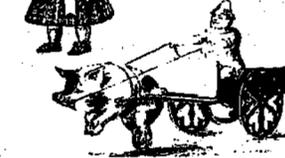


Victorian toys



Wooden and paper toys and games were popular. Girls

loved dressy dolls. Toys of tin and iron were first mass-produced in Victorian times.

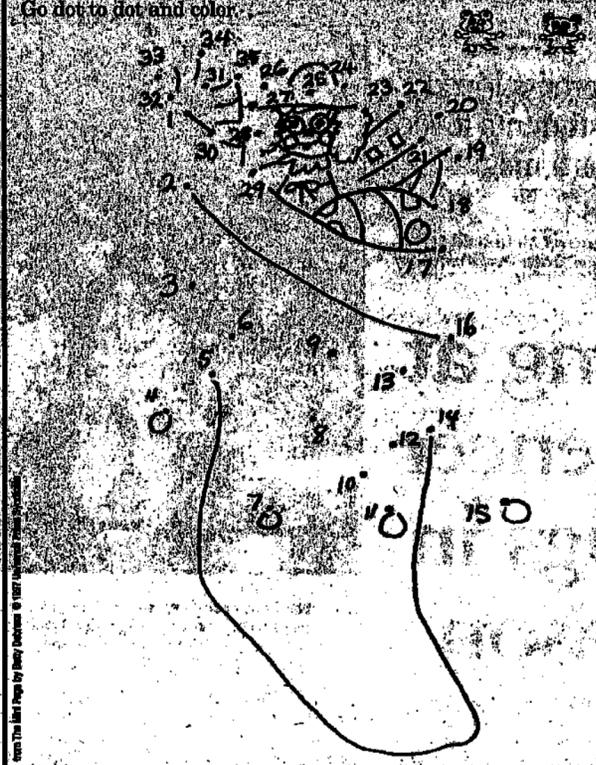


Santa

A newspaper cartoonist, Thomas Nast, gave us the first picture of Santa as we know him today. Before that time, he had been pictured in many ways, such as a bishop, a gnome or a dwarf.



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WHAT DO YOU CALL AN UPBEAT FROG?
HOPTIMISTIC!
(sent in by Kumari Robinson)

Q: What is a cow's favorite game?
A: Moooco-nopoly!
(sent in by Melissa Carry)

Q: What did a cow say when he slipped?
A: "Mooops!"
(sent in by Joanne Kim)

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S VICTORIAN TRY 'N CHRISTMAS FIND

Words about a Victorian Christmas are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: CHRISTMAS, VICTORIAN, TOYS, QUEEN, CUSTOMS, TREE, GAMES, WEALTHY, MAGAZINE, SANTA, CARDS, DECORATE, DICKENS, CAROLS, ANGELS, SLEIGH, SING, MUSIC, POEM.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are peeking on a Victorian Christmas Eve. See if you can find:

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• ruler
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A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Decorated trees

Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, put up a Christmas tree when their son was born in 1841. Prince Albert was from Germany, where Christmas trees were popular.

In 1850 a picture of the royal family's tree was printed in a magazine, and the custom spread from England to this country.

Trees had been decorated in the U.S. since the 1700s, but smaller, parlor-type trees were not used until the 1800s. In America, Christmas trees had been big

because people could cut their own from the woods.

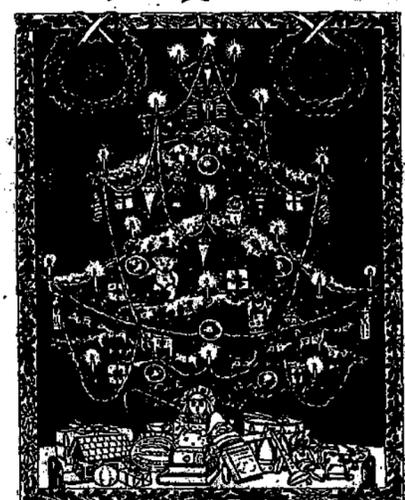
Victorian Christmas trees were often decorated with lighted candles. Toys and sweets hung from the branches. Strings of popcorn and berries were twirled around the tree.

Night before Christmas

Clement Moore, an American minister, wrote the most popular of all Christmas poems, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," in 1823. This poem, now known as "The Night Before Christmas," was as popular in Victorian times as it is today. Clement Moore was the first to talk about Santa's sleigh and reindeer.



This drawing is from St. Nicholas magazine around 1860.



Toys were often a big part of the Victorian Christmas tree display, as shown in this scene from St. Nicholas magazine.

Angels

People loved to decorate with angels, especially plump baby-like angels called cherubs. The Victorians often put an angel at the top of their Christmas tree.

Christmas carols

Caroling was very popular during this period. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by a minister and an organist in Philadelphia. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was written and put to music in 1850 in Massachusetts.

Legal holiday

Christmas Day became a legal holiday in all states between 1836 and 1890.

Author Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens is the great English author of one of the most famous stories ever written, "A Christmas Carol." This tells the tale of the miser, Scrooge, and the crippled boy, Tiny Tim.

Dickens lived from 1812 to 1870. He left school at the age of 14. Later he became a newspaper reporter.

He often walked as much as 30 miles a day.

He was the father of 10 children, but he did not write any books for kids. However, he did influence children's literature. Before his time, most children's stories taught stern lessons about being good. After his time, stories were not as stiff and did not have such strict moral messages.

Pretend you are living in Victorian times. Look through your newspaper for things that would not have been around 100 years ago.

Next week The Mini Page visits the Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker."

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Capitan seniors still damp behind their ears

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Just how fast the young Capitan guards mature could determine just how far the Tigers go this basketball season.

Led by the return of their top two inside players in Kris Davis (6-foot-6) and Eric Ferguson (6-foot-3), the Tigers unquestionably have one of the better post combinations among Class AA schools in the southeastern part of the state.

Third-year Tiger coach Gerald

Montes had plenty of time in the fall to work with Davis and Ferguson, both of whom improved their strength under the basket.

But the question mark for Montes is whether Davis and Ferguson will get enough touches on the ball. After all, that depends upon the Tiger guards getting the ball past pressure defenses and into hands of Davis and Ferguson.

Those responsibilities fall on guards Jason Montes (5-11), Matt Daniels (5-10), Zeke Greer and Cody Theford. All four are seniors, but aren't as experienced at guard as their ages might indi-

cate. Also suiting up for varsity action are junior perimeter players William Morris and Raymond Harris and sophomore post player, 6-3 Kenny Stahl. Stahl saw varsity time as a freshman for Montes and the taste of it motivated Stahl over the summer.

"He's a pleasant surprise," Montes said. "He's going to be our No. 1 sub."

But the Tigers will have to find a replacement for the departed and graduated Cody Turnbow, last year's leading scorer and Capitan's "go-to" guy.

Not much will change in the way of Xs and Os for the Tigers. Montes likes

man-to-man defense, although the Tigers will try some zone trap presses. Offensively, it's standard Capitan motion.

Montes' primary goal is simply improvement.

"We've got to get better between now and Jan. 30 because that's when districts open," he said.

Montes will have a good indication of how many strides the Tigers have taken by Christmas. Capitan has eight games in the first two weeks of the season. "We'll either get in shape or die," Montes said of the busy Tiger schedule.

► Are you experienced?

The Capitan Tiger basketball team is seemingly "experienced" with six seniors listed on its roster. But third-year coach Gerald Montes's team is less experienced than it looks.

- Prime time players: Seniors Kris Davis, Eric Ferguson and Jason Montes saw significant playing time as juniors.
- The unknowns: Senior Matt Daniels was a little used reserve player, while seniors Cody Theford and Zeke Greer are new to the varsity squad.

Ski area officials revel in best snow in years

Officials expect to open more lifts and trails by the weekend.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The skiing just keeps getting better at Ski Apache. Another storm system blew in over the weekend, this time delivering 17 inches of new snow over two days. The additional snow increased bases to 38 to 50 inches on open trails. In all, the ski area has received 47 inches of snow in eight days, which has brought a smile to the face of Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker.

"It's the nicest skiing we've had by this time of year in the last five or six years," Parker said. "On top of that, the skiing is truly excellent."



Ski Apache Ski School candidates try out some of the upper mountain slopes during their instructors' clinic Saturday.

Forty-one of 55 trails and chair lifts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and the gondola are open. Officials say skiing conditions are listed as "excellent" and surface conditions are powder and packed powder.

Parker described Monday's and Tuesday's snow as "dense." "It's that type of snow that practically packs itself," said Parker, who also noted that it skis well.

Despite the good conditions and discount lift tickets, skiers haven't flocked to the slopes. About 1,700 lift tickets were sold over the weekend.

Parker said that's usual for this time of year because people are gearing up for the holidays.

But ski shop owner Janet Steed thinks skiers just don't believe conditions are this good this early, perhaps because the last three years have been thin early on.

"I've never seen it this slow. I guess people just can't believe it," said Steed of Steed's Ski Shop.

Ski shop owners may not feel the benefits of the early snows until the Christmas crowds.

"we'll have a good Christmas," Steed said. "Everybody's booked out."

The most recent snowstorm has prompted Parker to consider opening more lifts and trails, possibly Chair 8 and the

Apache Bowl.

"We're looking to open another lift or two by the weekend," Parker said. But Parker won't open additional lifts or trails until he's sure they are ready.

Skiers now are enjoying discount lift tickets of \$29 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. That will change when the remainder of the mountain is opened, bumping adult lift ticket prices to \$39.

ROADRUNNER TOURNEY

Hagerman reveals Tiger shortcomings

Capitan girls salvage fourth place

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Defense propelled the Capitan Tiger girls basketball team past host Hagerman in the opening round of the Roadrunner Tournament.

It was the only win of the weekend for the Tigers, but it meant they finished at least in fourth place, which they did, in the eight-team tournament.

Coach Bryan Massé's girls held Hagerman scoreless in the first period of last Thursday's contest, building a 7-0 lead. The Tigers increased that margin to 25-14 after three quarters and

then held for a 36-23 victory. Junior guard K'rin Autrey paced the Tigers with 13 points while Sonya Woods added nine points from her post position.

The next day, Fort Sumner's aggressive defense harassed the Tigers into 28 turnovers for a 43-23 semifinal victory. Capitan managed only 25% field goal shooting and made a mere 5-of-14 attempts from the free-throw line.

In the third-place game, Tatum outlasted the Tigers, 62-46.

"They wore us down a little bit, and they got hot in the third quarter," Massé said.

Opposing defenses swarm Tigers

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Opponents exploited the young Tigers' guard play as Capitan coach Gerald Montes feared they would. It resulted in three losses at the Roadrunner Tournament in Hagerman, dropping Capitan's record to 0-4 overall.

"Our guard play was atrocious. We threw the ball away. Of course, they (the other teams) pressed us," Montes said.

The Tigers opened the three-day tourney against host Hagerman and lost to the Bobcats, 66-44. Senior post player Kris Davis had 19 for the Tigers and teammate Eric Ferguson added 11.

But Capitan committed 17 unforced errors in addition to numerous other miscues and the Bobcats took advantage.

"We need to gel and get used to playing with each other," Montes said. "Right

now, it's not so much what the other teams are doing to us; it's what we're doing to ourselves."

On the bright side, Montes was pleased with one aspect of the Tigers' play.

"Other than not being able to handle the press, I thought our inside game improved," he said.

Friday, Fort Sumner handed Capitan a 69-42 defeat. Raymond Harris had 13 while Davis pitched in a dozen in the Tiger defeat. Capitan's woes continued Saturday when Cloudcroft whipped the Tigers 66-49. Ferguson paced the Tigers with 14 points, followed by Kenny Stahl's 13, Davis' 10 and William Morris' eight.

Capitan's ballhandling troubles are well documented by now and Montes expects every opponent to press the inexperienced Tiger backcourt.

"We just have to do a better job of taking care of the ball," Montes said.

Scoreboard

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Dec. 4
Girls: Capitan 36, Hagerman 23
Alamogordo 61, Ruidoso 55
Boys: Hagerman 66, Capitan 44

Dec. 5
Girls: Fort Sumner 43, Capitan 23
Tularosa 70, Carrizozo 20
Ruidoso JV 36, Hondo 33
E.P. Coronado 40, Ruidoso 38
Boys: Fort Sumner 69, Capitan 42
Hondo 57, Ruidoso JV 55

Dec. 6
Girls: Tatum 62, Capitan 46
Mesilla Valley 51, Carrizozo 46
Mesalero 41, Hondo 40
Boys: Hondo 56, Mesalero 40
Ruidoso 71, Tularosa 52
Cloudcroft 66, Capitan 49

What's biting

GRINDSTONE LAKE - The reservoir has been producing some fairly good catches for the last month. Surface water temperatures have dropped dramatically, bringing trout up from the depths. On varied fly patterns Woolly buggers, some midges and caddis and Pistol Pete's, color not

as important as presentation. There was a 29-inch brown trout taken last weekend on flies.

BONITO AND RUIDOSO STREAMS - Fishing is fairly good. Flows are low and stable, and the spawning activity is slowing down. Nymphs with choices being Pheasant tail, rock work and Copper Gophers, and dry choices would be caddis, blue duns and larger midges. Water clarity is clearer in the morning, and as the daily thaw begins the streams get murkier throughout the day.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS - Boating had ended but fishing permits are still for sale. Hornbergs, Caddises, and Inistables. The same holds true here relative to water temperature at Grindstone.

"Winter fishing is great. Lots of space because the crowds are gone."

Mike Hyman
Fly's Etc.

On deck

CAPITAN FALL ATHLETIC BANQUET
The Capitan High Fall Volleyball/Football banquet will be at 6 p.m. Friday in the High school gym.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
White Sands Missile Range will host a women's basketball tournament Jan. 10 and 11. The deadline for entry in Jan. 6,

or the first 10 teams registered. A \$50 deposit must accompany entry to confirm a place in the tourney. Cost for the event is \$75, which includes deposit.

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Pecking order

RUIDOSO PARKS AND RECREATION

Coed Volleyball Standings

Co-Nets	8-0
Broncos	7-0
Yahoo Serious	7-2
Gray Hawk	8-2
Vict. of Gravity	5-4
Smokin'	4-5
Tez	4-6
Hot Shots	2-7
Renegades	1-8
Misfits	0-9

Men's Basketball Standings

Cobras	9-0
White Dove	7-2
Alamo Pipe	4-5
Maris Team	4-5
Stammers	4-6
Whatever	4-6
Players	3-6
Gainko	1-7

Sixth-grader punts, passes and kicks to second place

Amber Esquibel's mom, Rita, wouldn't let her play football, so the 11-year-old Ruidoso Middle School student did the next best thing; she participated in a Punt Pass and Kick competition and narrowly won a trip to see the Arizona Cardinals play the Atlanta Falcons.

Esquibel beat out another girl in the 12- and 13-year-old girls bracket in Alamogordo Nov. 2 to qualify for the state's championship in Albuquerque.

"She was excited more than anything about going to Albuquerque," said Rita Esquibel.

There, Esquibel finished second, three yards shy of the state title and the opportunity to represent New Mexico in the national Punt Pass and Kick competition Dec. 21 in Phoenix. The sixth-grader at White

Mountain Intermediate School said she'll try again next year to win the state title.

At the Alamogordo competition, Esquibel finished with 125.7 yards, the combined totals of yards from her punt, pass and kick attempts. In Albuquerque, her total yards improved to 173.5.

Which is the hardest for Amber? "Kicking," she said. "You have to kick from the bottom."

Amber practices her passing and kicking with 10-year-old younger brother, David.



Amber Esquibel
Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Fortunately, the early winter sunsets don't cut into practice time. Recently the siblings got a glow-in-the-dark football to toss around.

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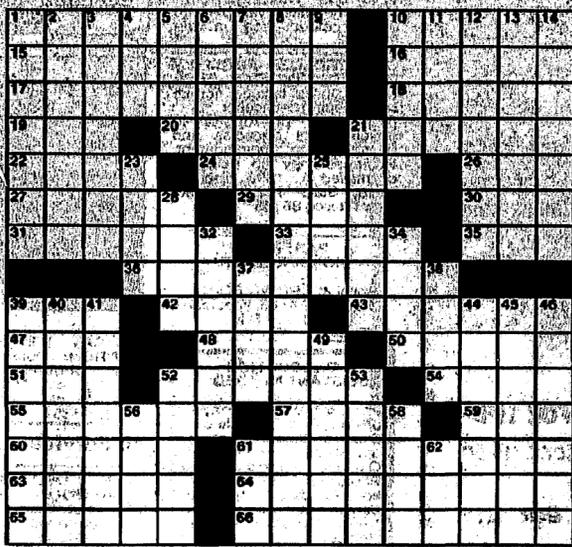
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- 21 Too
- 22 Plan detail
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- 26 Fortune 500 orgs.
- 27 Descendants
- 29 Signs

DOWN

- 30 Big-house connector
- 31 Get cozy
- 33 Work
- 35 Alphabetical
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- 43 Pianist José
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- 51 1960 Pirate hero, for short
- 52 Fictional beamer
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- 55 Betting window option

DOWN

- 1 Stuffs hastily
- 2 Patient's problem
- 3 One in a cast
- 4 X
- 5 Word for the Lone Ranger
- 6 Publicity
- 7 Some mollusks
- 8 Vachel Lindsay poem
- 9 Sun. talk
- 10 Brains
- 11 Truck attachment
- 12 Track competitor
- 13 Baffled
- 14 Reprimands
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- 23 Shares
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- 28 Month after Av



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- 32 Symphony originally dedicated to Napoleon
- 34 "I'm game!"
- 37 — Alto
- 38 Sticking places
- 39 Binds
- 40 Kind of cable
- 41 "The Card Players" artist
- 44 Prepare the house for sale, e.g.
- 45 Bucket passers
- 46 Sang
- 49 Solid, polycyclic alcohol
- 52 Throat trouble
- 53 Honks, as a goose
- 56 Badger group
- 58 Where the Ucayali flows
- 61 Dernier
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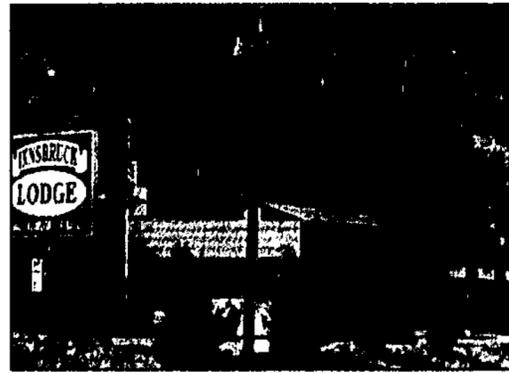
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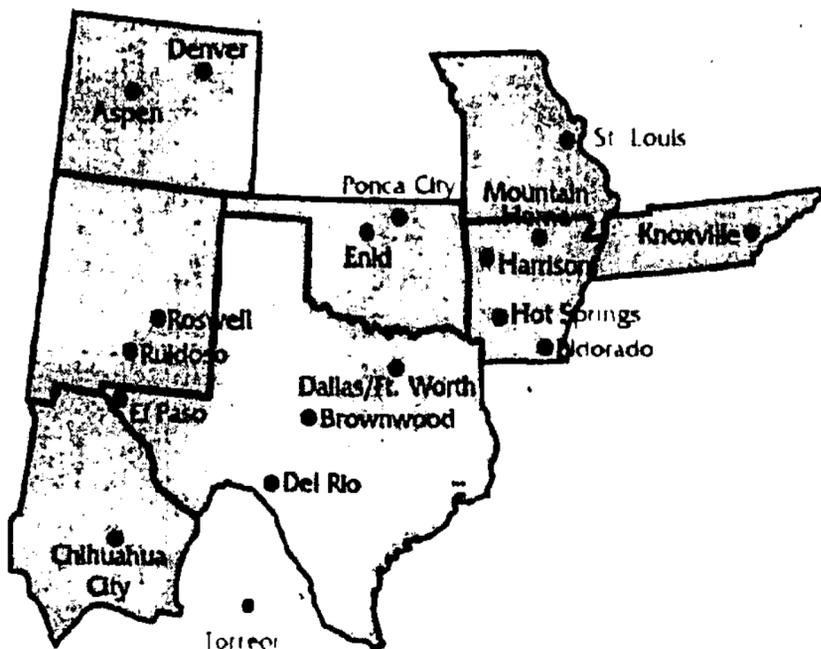
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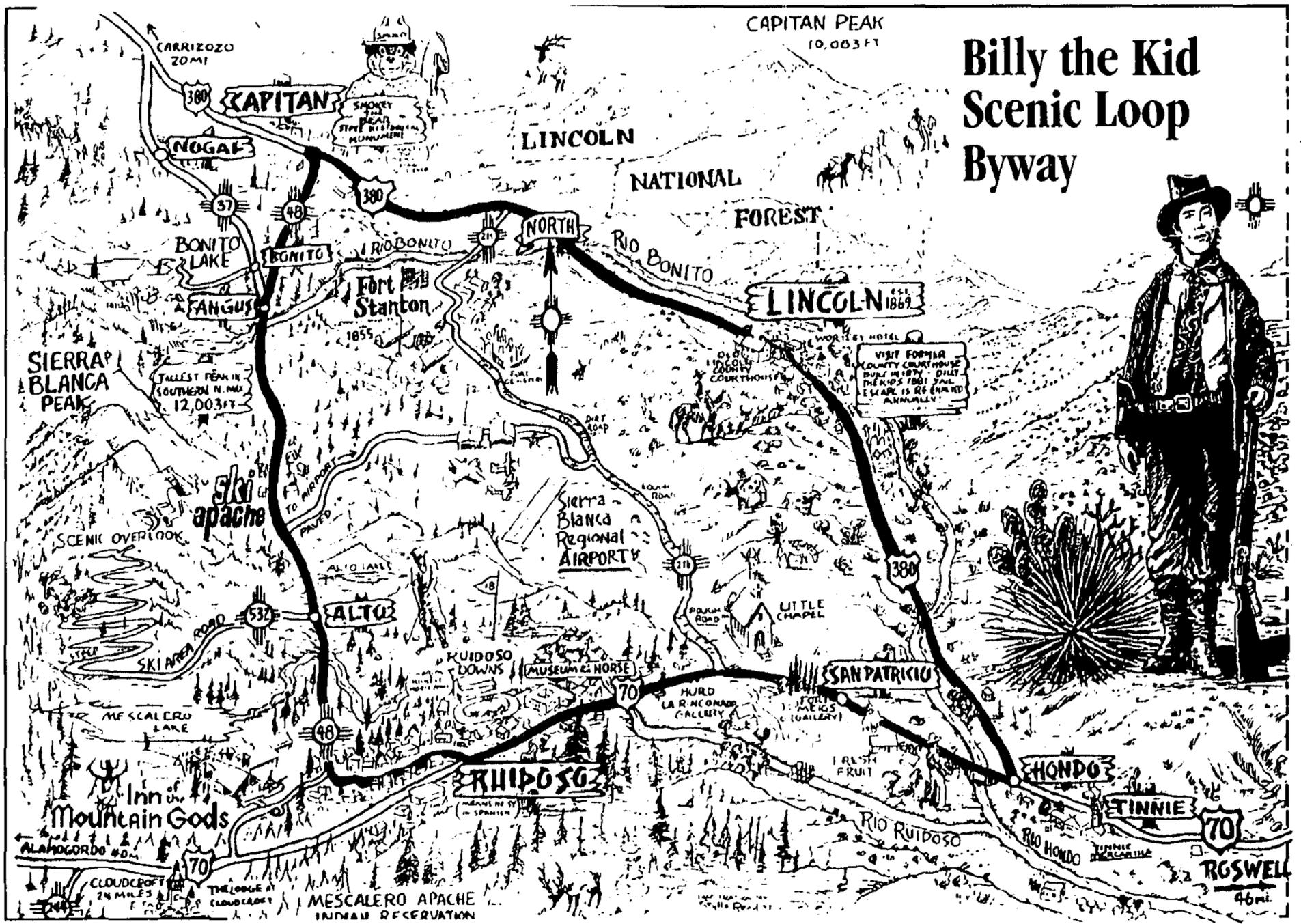
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Billy the Kid Scenic Loop Byway



Billy the Kid Scenic Byway beckons

• Though the byways visitors' center won't be open until 1998, many visitors now tour the loop of sites through Lincoln County.

People can travel the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway through Lincoln County in about 90 minutes, but may want to spend an entire day, if not two, visiting historical, cultural and recreational sites along the way.

Don't let the name fool you; the Scenic Byway is much more than a tour of places made famous by a young outlaw more than a century ago.

"Our intrinsic qualities here are scenic and historic," said Bill Hirschfeld, chair of the Ruidoso Scenic Byways Committee. "We have a lot of history here; we have a lot of attractions in a small area."

In all, a dozen attractions are noted along the byway loop, with another eight side trips that include



Tension mounts before the final battle at the annual re-enactment of the Lincoln County War.

historic Fort Stanton, Ski Apache, Bonito Lake and the mining ghost town of White Oaks.

"There was a misconception when we started this that we were building a Billy the Kid museum, which we're not," Hirschfeld said.

Coordinators decided to name the highway tour after Billy the Kid

because of the outlaw's name recognition, both national and international, he said.

By this time next year a \$325,000 visitors center is scheduled to be completed and open. The Billy the Kid Byways Interpretive Center will provide tourists information about the attractions in the area as well as the entire southern portion of New Mexico.

Byways, which are designed to increase tourism, are cropping up more and more about the country. Hirschfeld said New Mexico already has 8-10 byways, including one in nearby Cloudcroft. The byway gained official status in 1995, but is just now turning into tangibles. Brochures outlining the tour and enumerating attractions are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Internet surfers may explore the website at www.juge.com/ed/byways/index.htm.

The scenic loop

- **BILLY THE KID INTERPRETIVE CENTER**, (opening in 1998) will orient visitors to the area and provides information and exhibits on the Scenic Byway.
- **THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS** offers lodging and dining facilities and a popular annual arts and crafts fair.
- **THE MUSEUM OF THE HORSE** houses exhibits of horse, cowboy and Indian artifacts, fine art and special exhibits. The equine sculpture "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" by local artist Dave McGary marks the museum's entrance.
- **RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK**, home of the All American Futurity, operates mid-May through Labor Day.
- **RUIDOSO** is a cosmopolitan village with restaurants and lodging facilities ranging from rustic to luxurious.
- **THE SPENCER THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING-ARTS**, located on a picturesque plain in Alto, will host a year-round season of theater, dance, music and family events on both indoor and outdoor stages.
- **CAPITAN** is the home of Smokey Bear and site of the Smokey Bear Museum and State Park. The singed bear

cub was found clinging to a burnt tree after a forest fire in the Capitan mountains in 1950.

- **FORT STANTON** was established in the 1850s and re-occupied after the Civil War by Kit Carson. A Merchant Marine cemetery is on the site. Limited access to the historic sites is available through a walking tour that begins at the Fort Stanton Museum.
- **LINCOLN**, established in the 1850s, has remained virtually the same since the Lincoln County War was fought. Now a National Historical Landmark and a state monument, the courthouse where Billy the Kid made his last escape is open to visitors. The Lincoln County Heritage Trust operates the Historical Center.
- **HONDO**, home of the Hondo Fiesta Dancers, is at the juncture of the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonita, where the Rio Hondo is formed. Apple orchards and fruit stands abound in summer and fall.
- **SAN PATRICIO** was ransacked in 1878 by a posse searching for the Billy the Kid and others of the "Regulators" who often hid out there. More recently, renowned artists Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth made it their home.
- **GLENCOE** is the home of the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Lincoln County's equine sports facility and site of the annual Cowboy Symposium in October.



Lincoln County Side Trips

- ¥ **The Inn of the Mountain Gods** on the Mescalero Apache Reservation west of Ruidoso. A luxury resort with casino gaming, a world-class golf course, fine dining and a host of other activities.
- ¥ **Ski Apache**, located six miles north off of State Road 48 on Ski Run Road, is on the north ridge of the spectacular Sierra Blanca Peak. The ski area boasts of having New Mexico's largest lift capacity, more than 54 runs and some of the best warm weather skiing in the nation. Ski Apache is open Thanksgiving through Easter.
- ¥ **Bonito Lake**, a man-made reservoir, is kept stocked during fishing season and is surrounded by hiking trails and camping areas. The lake is located off of State Road 48, turning left onto State Road 37. When the road splits into a "Y," take the left leg to Bonito Dam.
- ¥ **Nogal**, an early New Mexico mining town that is now home to many local artisans, is also off of State

Road 37, off of the right leg of the "Y," past the turn off to Bonito Lake.

¥ **Carrizozo**, the Lincoln County seat since 1912, is located off of U.S. Highway 380, which intersects State Road 48 several miles north of Alto.

¥ **Valley of Fires State Park**, a 1,000-year-old lava flow, a fascinating geological site, is to the west of Carrizozo.

¥ **White Oaks**, once a booming mining town in the 1880s, is now part ghost town, part artist's colony. The entrance to White Oaks is located three miles north of Carrizozo on U.S. Highway 54. Visitors then turn east on State Road 349 for nine miles.

¥ **Ancho**, about 19 miles north of the turnoff to White Oaks, features My House of Old Things, a museum in the town's former railroad depot.

¥ **Corona** is Lincoln County's northernmost community, and a rail town surrounded by sheep and cattle ranches.



Celebrate the West with fine poets, musicians and chuck wagon cooks at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in October

Celebrate the history of the Western cowboy with thousands of other people who will flock to Ruidoso during the second weekend in October for the 8th Annual Lincoln Cowboy Symposium.

Visitors can ride forest trails on horseback, sample chuck wagon fare, relax to cowboy poetry and soak in the sorrow of cowboy songs Oct. 10-12 at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. It's about 12 miles east of Ruidoso Downs in the valley of the Rio Ruidoso on U.S. 70.

The annual event, following on the heels of Aspenfest, the village's recognition of fall's gilding of the aspen, has become a favorite for anyone with an interest in the real West and the men and women who tried to tame it.

The whole get-together to pay tribute to "real cowboys" was the dream of Ray Reed, a cowboy, musician and promoter from Lincoln County.

This year, a special tribute to Cindy Walker and Eldon Shamblin will precede the official symposium

**Special tributes
to music greats
Cindy Walker
and Ray
Shamblin
highlight the
Symposium**

opening Thursday, Oct. 9 at the center.

Walker, who has been writing songs since she was 12 years old, still is creating music at her home in Mexia, Texas, at an age when most people have settled into retirement.

Her works have been recorded by diverse groups of performers. Her song, "You Don't Know Me," was recorded by at least 26 singers including Elvis Presley, Melissa Manchester, Vic Damone and Juice Newton.

Her style ranges from distinctly western to popular rock. More than 500 songs she wrote either hit the country or popular charts.

Also preceding the opening of the symposium at the center, a three-day trail ride will trace historic cowboy trails and cross the Mescalero Apache Reservation, giving guests a glimpse of life on horseback, with nightly chuck wagon grub and songs around the cooking fire, before rendezvousing at Glencoe.

Each day of the symposium will include demonstrations of skills

needed to survive on the range (including a look at the gentle horse training of Craig Cameron), storytelling, Western arts and crafts and plenty of music from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except Sunday, when the day will wind down at 4 p.m.

Evening entertainment Friday and Saturday will start at 7:30 with music and poetry, followed by a dance with The Playboys at 9 p.m.

But one of the biggest drawing cards is a chance for visitors to dine on chuck wagon biscuits, stew and cobbler at one of the ranch chuck-wagons competing in the world's richest Chuckwagon Cook-off. Judging is set for noon Saturday. For information about tickets, contact The Museum of the Horse at (505) 378-4142 or (800) 263-5929.

While all of the action is going on at the center, visitors can slip away for a trail ride in the cool pines or some heading and heeling at the nearby Tully Arena.

The pace will slow a bit on Sunday with gospel music by Paul and Susie Luchsinger and the Wills Family inspirationals. Dinner on grounds will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, named one of the best cowboy gatherings in America, offers everything from horseback rides along Billy the Kid's haunts, non-stop Western Swing music and cowboy poetry on two stages, vendors of unique Western items, and chuck-wagon cookoffs with mouth-watering samples for the public. This year's symposium runs Oct. 9—12 (multi-day trail rides along historic cowboy trails and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation start earlier).



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The Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs (above) now houses the Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, memorializing the country's greatest quarter horses. It's the newest feature of many at the museum, which also includes the Anne C. Stradling collection of horse-related memorabilia from buggy-whips to stagecoaches. Ruidoso Downs Race Track (below) opens just prior to Memorial Day with live racing which continues through Labor Day. Simulcast races are shown throughout the winter months.



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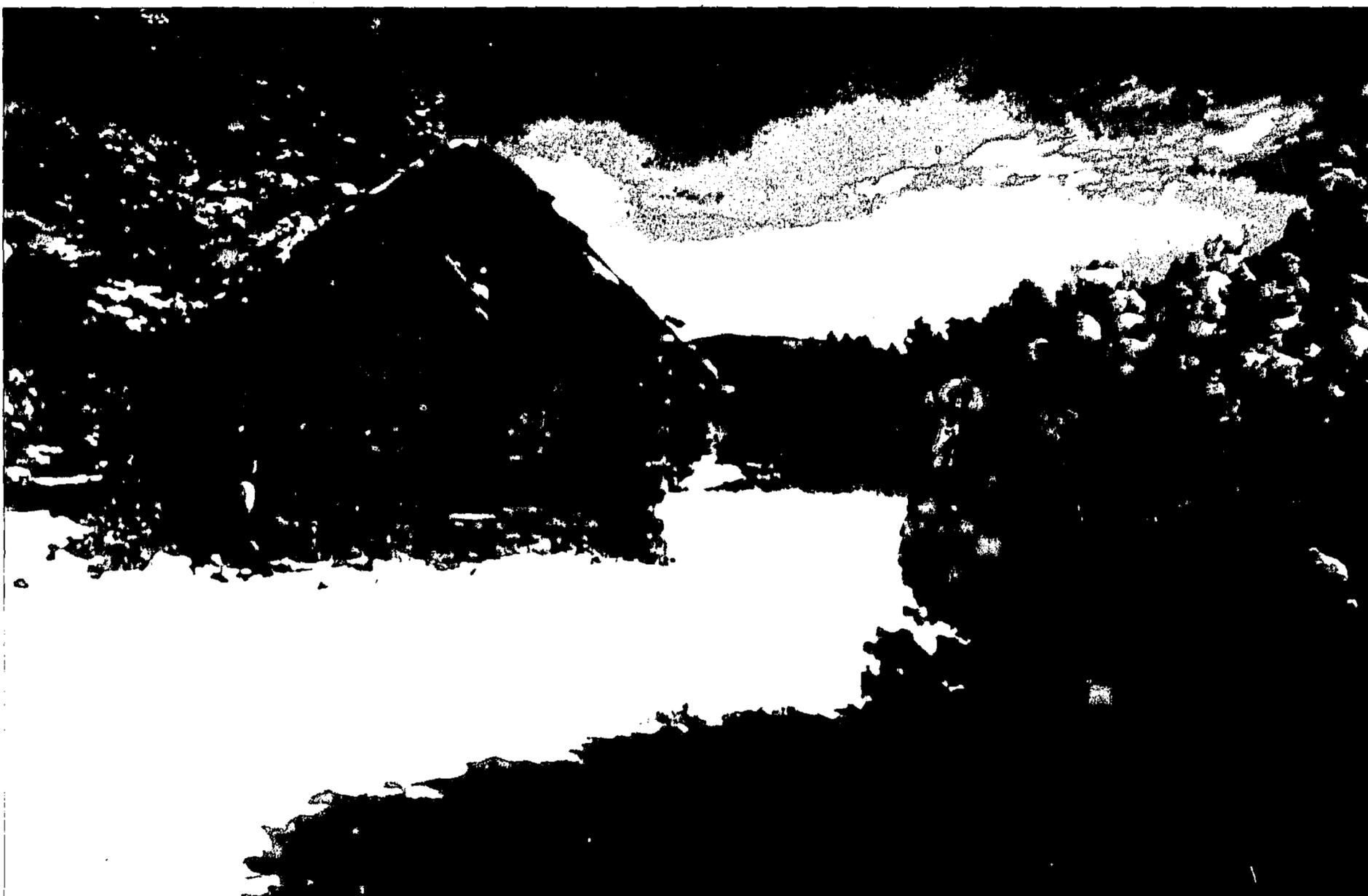


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The ski area receives an average of more than 15 feet of snow. But when the weather doesn't cooperate, snowmaking machines can spew manmade snow on the lower third of the mountain.

Ski Apache, located 12 miles from Ruidoso, opens daily starting Thanksgiving Day and continues through Easter Sunday, weather permitting.

The area offers a full range of skier services, including equipment rent-

als, snowboard rentals, ski clothing, lessons and amateur NASTAR racing on the Smokey Bear run.

The Ski Apache slopes are open to all. Snowboarders can ski the entire mountain if they wish. Disabled skiers can participate in one of the Southwest's best disabled skiers' programs.

It's the center attraction of winter recreation in the Golden Triangle, but not the only one. Recreational opportunities are as abundant as snowflakes.

If you'd rather zoom down the mountain on a sled then the Golden Triangle can meet that need-for-a-slower-speed as well.

In the Ruidoso area there are several favorites sledding runs, including the hill behind the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center at Sudderth and Junction roads and the old ski

area at the end of Cedar Creek Road. Sledgers must supply their own saucer at either slope.

Cloudcroft, located 40 miles southeast of Ruidoso, offers two snow play areas. Triple A SnowPlay Area and Snow Canyon have tubing courses to satisfy anyone's taste. Both have lifts to for tubers and skiers.

Although skiing and sledding are the most popular winter recreational activities, the cold months don't stop hikers and mountain bikers. For high country hiking, hikers can rent snowshoes from several Ruidoso shops and try one of the many, well marked trails in the White Mountain Wilderness.

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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.



Price Range key: \$ = entrees priced \$7 and under; \$\$ = entrees \$7 to \$15; \$\$\$ = entrees \$15 and over



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.

K Bob's Steak House

Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad bar in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$
Phone: 378-4747
Address: West Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs
Hours: Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.



La Lorraine

Established in 1985, La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Chef Rick Vashina's pepper steak and creme brulee are bound to make your mouth water. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-2954
Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; 5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

Southern Accent

Emily White and crew are cooking up some home cooking at Southern Accent. White said her goal is to make her customers feel like they're having dinner at her house. Dine outdoors among the cool pines as the smell of the smokehouse wafts through the air.

Price Range: \$
Phone: 258-3856
Address: 1028 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., closed Sundays except holidays.



Texas Club Grill & Bar

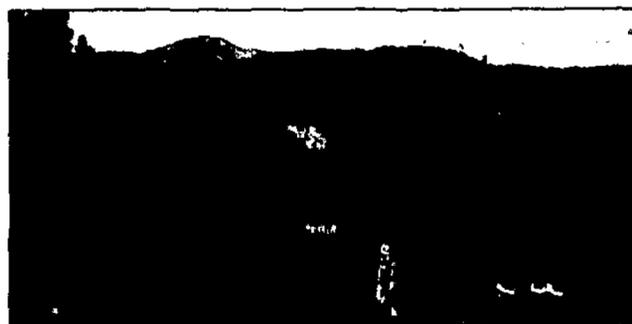
Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$
Phone: 258-3325
Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
Hours: lunch 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; dinner 5 to 10 p.m.; closed Tuesdays.

Top of the Inn Deli & Pizza Parlor

Fresh baked pizzas, large deli sandwiches, soups, ice cream and bakery goods seven days a week. Gourmet coffees and cappuccinos are also available to satisfy your caffeine craving. Enjoy good food with a great view.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun-Thurs.; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fri. and Sat.



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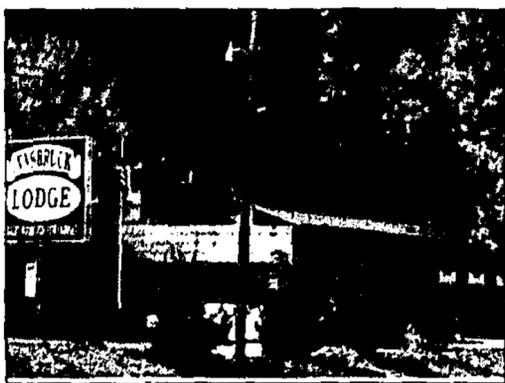
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Entertainment options in Lincoln County

NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

APACHE TEE, INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 Occasional live music.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2733
Keri plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond, every Thursday through Saturday night.

FARLEY'S FOOD FUN & PUB, 1200 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5676 Video games, live interactive trivia, pool tables. Live upbeat music on patio every Friday and Saturday night.

FOUR WINDS LOUNGE, corner of Hwy. 54 and 380, Carrizozo, 648-2964 located in restaurant next to motel.

HOLLYWOOD BAR, East Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs Pool tables, classic rock juke box.

ININCREDIBLE SALOON, North Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 Live music on week-ends.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764
Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6693 DJ plays contemporary and top 40 music every Friday and Saturday night. Occasional live music on weekends.

OUTPOST BAR & GRILL, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo, 648-9994 Pool tables, juke box and video games.

RODEO BAR, Hwy. 380, just east of Capitan the only bar near Capitan.

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Enchantment Inn Motel, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4051 Weazel performs every Wednesday through Saturday night and some Sundays. This one man band plays everything from pop to country.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 Live music every Friday & Saturday. Open all night Friday & Saturday.

THE TEXAS CLUB, 212 Metz, Ruidoso, 258-3325 Dance to live music every Friday & Saturday.

TINNIE'S SILVER DOLLAR SALOON, Tinnie, 653-4425 Sunday afternoon concerts on the veranda approximately once per month. Call for dates.

WAYNE'S PLACE LOUNGE, 1137 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3912 — Occasional music on weekends.

WHITE OAKS SALOON, Hwy. 349, White Oaks — Old west saloon with impromptu country jam sessions. Occasional country bands on weekends.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982 — Live bands every night. Lincoln County Band, the Rattlecats, and the Smokehouse Band are the summer bands performing everything from old and new top 40 to country western music.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 Country bands every Thursday through Saturday night.

BENT TREE JAMBOREE, Airport Road, east of Alto, 336-4076 Country music show and buffet.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 Slot machines, black jack and craps.

FLYING J RANCH CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND WESTERN SHOW, Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4330 Monday through Saturday performances and meals.

LINCOLN COUNTY GOLD MINING COMPANY, 629 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4070 Gold panning excursions in the Lincoln National Forest.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK, Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4431 —Live racing Friday through Sunday, simulcast racing throughout the week.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 501 Junction Road, Ruidoso, 257-4335.

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444.

ANCHO MUSEUM (MY HOUSE OF OLD THINGS) Ancho, (505) 648-2456
Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 1 through October 15.

MINER'S HOUSE AND SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUMS, White Oaks Historical displays in "ghost town" of White Oaks.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday on Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER- COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.

RUIDOSO LITTLE THEATER, The Castle, Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso, 257-5190 Live community theater throughout the summer.

TRANSPORTATION

RUIDOSO TAXI, 378-4848.

LONE STAR AIRLINES, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, north of Ruidoso, 336-4893 Daily flights from Ruidoso to Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport.

SCENIC AIRLINES, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, north of Ruidoso, 336-4002 Charter flights around the Southwest for business or pleasure.

PARKS & RECREATION

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 438-7400

FUNTRACKERS, 101 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275 Video arcade, miniature golf, go carts, pool tables and bumper boats.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4900 Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SKATEBOARD PARK, White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, Sudderth Drive, 257-2795.

SMOKEY BEAR RANGER STATION, Lincoln National Forest, 257-4095.

GOLF COURSES

THE LINKS AT SIERRA BLANCA, 105 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5330 - 18-hole course is 7,003 yards long.

ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 100 Country Club Drive, Alto, 336-4231 18-hole course is 6,059 yards long. Private course.

CREE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE, 100 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-5815 18-hole course is 5,786 yards long.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS GOLF COURSE, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 18-hole course is 6,416 yards long.

HORSEBACK RIDING

BUDDIE'S STABLES, 707 Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 258-4027.

COWBOY'S STABLES, 1764 U.S. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8217.

GRINDSTONE STABLES, Grindstone Resort Road, 257-2241.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.



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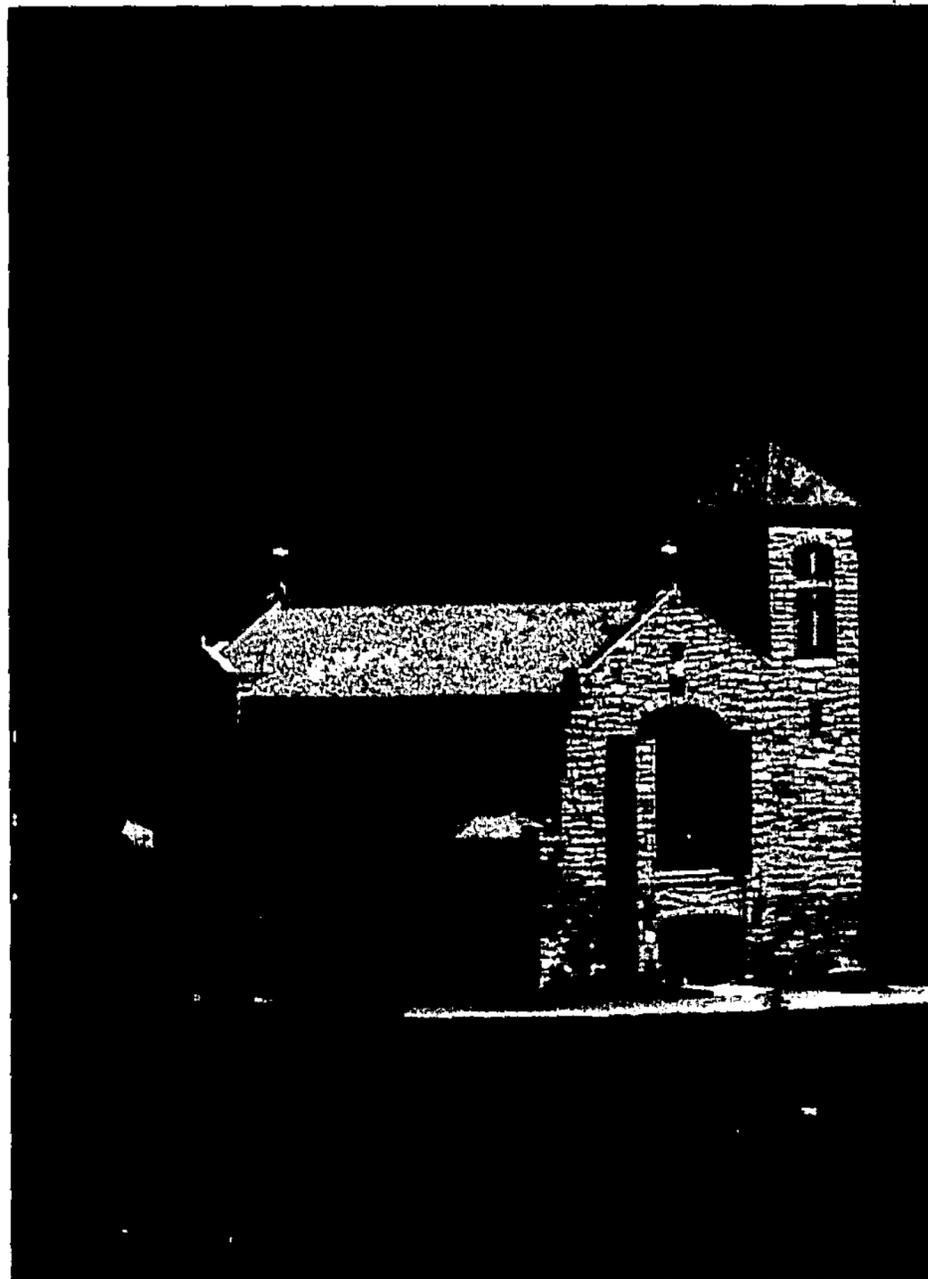
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Lodging abounds ...

Pampering bed and breakfasts, rustic cabins, luxury motels and campsites: the Ruidoso area has them all.

More than 48 lodges, including recent additions of a Holiday Express and a Day's Inn, line the three main roads in town, U.S. 70, Sudderth Drive and Mechem Drive (State Roads 48 and 37).

At the western end of the village, comfortable cabins may be rented along the Rio Ruidoso in quiet and picturesque Upper Canyon, a great respite after chilly days on the slopes of Ski Apache.

Lodging steeped in history may be found in the neighboring settlement of Lincoln, about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso, two more bed and breakfast inns welcome visitors in the village of Capitan, 22 miles

north of Ruidoso and three are situated on the highway to Nogal and near Alto Village (Hwy 37).

Depending on the season, visitors may choose whether they want to be close to skiing, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, downtown shopping, nature trails in the national forest or a casino.

A destination resort for New Mexico and neighboring states, The Inn of the Mountain Gods offers casino gambling, a swimming pool, a golf course, a fishing lake, boating, horseback riding and a spectacular view of 12,003-foot Sierra Blanca Peak. The Inn delivers luxury accommodations and gourmet fare in the In-A-Da Diningroom.

Near the apex of the route from the north on Hwy 37, the Swiss Chalet, a Best Western, gives visitors

a panoramic view of the mountain ridges surrounding the village. East along U.S. 70 in San Patricio, guests can be surrounded by the atmosphere that was home to Western artist Peter Hurd and his wife and artist Henriette Wyeth at the Hurd Ranch Guest Homes. To the south, The Lodge creates a step back into history in Cloudcroft.

In Ruidoso, budget motels are available, as are smaller family-operated motels and lodges. Plans also have been announced for a new hotel adjacent to the Ruidoso Convention Center and The Links Public Golf Course off Mechem Drive.

The list below covers a variety of accommodations. More information is available on the Internet at <http://www.ruidoso.net>.

Guide to lodges in the Golden Triangle

RUIDOSO

A-Frame Cabins • 505/258-5656 • 800/333-7079 • 2 & 3 bdrm, pool, hot tub, pets, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, wood. 1012 Mechem Dr.

Canyon Cabins • 505/257-2076 • 1, 2 & 3 bdrm, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, king beds. 416 Main Rd.

Casey's Cabins • 505/257-6355 • River cabins. Complete kitchens, fireplaces, C/TV. Next to midtown shops & restaurants. King, queen beds. 2640 Sudderth Dr.

Cro's Nest Motel & Apts. • 505/257-2773 • Large 2 & 3 bdrm, kitchens, C/TV, sm. pets w/approval, fireplaces. 143 Upper Terrace Rd.

Dan Dee Cabins • 505/257-2165 • 800/345-4848 • Acres & acres of forest with charming mountain cottages, fireplaces, river, ski paks, racetrack box, all attractions nearby. 310 Main Rd.

El Alto Lodge • 505/257-2528 • 800/269-3837 • Cabins, rooms, kitchens, fireplaces, color TV, fully furnished. Convenient to golf course & Convention center. 404 Mechem.

Forest Home Cabins • 505/257-4504 • Clean, cozy, fully furnished cabins. 1-4 bdrm cabins w/kitchenettes, C/TV, fireplaces, no pets please. 436 Main Rd.

High Country Lodge • 505/336-4321 • 800/845-7265 • Located 4 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy 48. 32 2 bdrm cabins, fireplaces, kitchens, C/TV, heated pool, jacuzzi, game room, children under 18 free. Hwy 48, Alto.

Hurd Ranch Guest Homes • 505/653-4331 • 800/658-6912 • Three adobe casitas, authentic antiques, private patios, designer furnishings, fireplaces & art by the Hurd-Wyeth family. Hurd-La Rinconada gallery on site. Hwy 70, San Patricio.

Idle Hour Lodge • 505/257-2711 • 800/831-1186 • 13, 2 bdrm, rustic cabins in pines near river, kitchens, grills, C/TV, fireplaces, fully equipped, playground, ski paks, hot tub, BBQ pit, groups. 100 Lower Terrace.

Iajunta Guest Ranch • 505/336-4361 • 800/443-8423 • 10 cabins, C/TV, fireplaces, mtg. room, courtyard, BBQ. Sun Valley Rd., Alto.

Mountain Air Cabins • 505/257-5600 • Year round, rustic-modern, secluded, relaxing, family vacation, fishing, nature trails, BBQ picnic tables, C/TV, fireplaces, kitchens. 1129 Main Rd.

Noisy Water Lodge • 505/257-3881 • 800/810-5440 • Ten woodsy cabins, fully furnished. 1-3 bdrms with kitchens, C/TV, some fireplaces, meeting hall, near river. No pets. 1301 Main Rd.

Ponderosa Courts • 505/257-2631 • 1, 2 & 3 bdrm, ski pak, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, close to river, park & hiking. No Pets. 104 N. Laurel.

The Riverdeck • 505/257-7498 • 2 bdrm, kitchen, livingroom, fireplace, C/TV, on the river, no pets. 101 Sleigh Rd.

Riverside Cottages • 505/257-4753 • 800/328-2804 • Five 1 & 2 bdrm cottages w/ fireplaces, antique decor, on river, small pets w/ approval. 101 Flume Canyon.

Ruidoso Lodge Cabins • 505/257-2510 • 800/953-2510 • Clean, recently redecorated, on the river. 1-3 bdrm cabins w/ kitchens, fireplaces, porch & TV. 300 Main.

Sherwood Forest • 505/257-2424 • 800/676-09515 • 14 cabins, 6 rm motel. Fireplaces, kitchens, indoor pool. 496 Main Rd.

Sierra Blanca Cabins • 505/257-2103 or 258-4061 • 12 quaint 1 & 2 bdrm log cabins w/ fireplaces, kitchenettes, C/TV (HBO), outdoor grill & children's playground. Convenient to midtown shops & attractions. 217 Country Club Rd.

Starlite Cabins • 505/257-2255 • 6 units, pets allowed. 1/4 mile north from Sudderth and Mechem intersection.

Story Book Cabins • 505/257-2115 • Charming knotty pine cabins each with a cozy stone fireplace and complete kitchen. Just minutes from downtown area, yet quiet and secluded. 1, 2, 3 bdrm, C/TV (HBO), tax, no pets. 410 Main Rd.

Tepee Cabins • 505/257-4418 • 800/208-3733 • 1 & 2 bdrm. Close to river. Walk to midtown, kitchens, C/TV. No pets please. 100 Mechem Dr.

Track & Ski Lodge • 505/336-4240 • 800/687-0620 • Motel rms, 2 bdrm, 2 bath cabins, kitchen, fireplaces, queen beds. No pets. Hwy 48 N., Alto.

Upper Canyon Inn • 505/257-3005 • 888-4RUIDOSO • 1 & 2 bdrm cabins, fireplaces, kitchen, C/TV, ski pak. No pets. 205 Main Rd.

Whispering Pine Cabins • 505/257-4311 • 1 & 2 bdrm, king beds, kitchens, fireplaces, C/TV. 422 Main Rd.

Alpine Lodge • 505/257-4423 • 11 units, ski pak, C/TV, small pets. 2805 Sudderth.

Apache Motel • 505/247-2986 • 800/426-0616 • Clean, moderate rates, sm pets, kitchenettes. 344 Sudderth.

Best Western Swiss Chalet • 505/258-3333 • 800/47-SWISS • 82 units, restaurant/lounge, swimming pool, spa, dry steam sauna, meeting rooms. 1451 Mechem.

Bestway Inn • 505/278-8000 • 20 units, room service, ski pak, king & queen beds, fax. Pets allowed w/permission. 2052 Hwy 70 W., Ruidoso Downs.

Cree Manor Inn • 505/257-4058 • Motel rooms, 1 & 2 bdrm luxury apts, ski pak, C/TV, phones. Paradise Canyon & Starlite Rd.

Days Inn • 505/378-4299 • 800/DAYS INN • 50 units, king & queen beds. Suites available w/jacuzzi tubs. Smoking & nonsmoking rooms. Heated indoor pool & spa. WiFi avail. Fax. Free cont'l breakfast. 2088 Hwy 70 W., Ruidoso Downs.

Economy Inn • 505/378-4706 • Newly remodeled 17, one-level units with parking in front. 1, 2 & 3 beds in room. Single-king beds, C/TV, ski paks, air conditioning, sauna, phones, fax, pets w/permission, next to restaurant. Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs.

Enchantment Inn • 505/378-4051 • 800/435-0280 • 80 hotel rooms, adjoining suites, indoor pool/jacuzzi. Outdoor patio/BBQ, rooms available w/private jacuzzi. Banquet/meeting rooms. Guest laundry, restaurant, bar. Hwy 70.

Holiday Inn Express • 505/257-3736 • 800/HOLIDAY • 104 rooms, 6 suites with king beds, sleeper sofa, microwaves and refrigerators. Outdoor pool and spa. Free continental breakfast. 400 W Hwy 70.

Innsbruck Lodge • 505/257-4071 • 47 rms, open year round, convenient to midtown and only 10 minutes from racetrack. Fax. 601 Sudderth.

The Lodge • 505/682-2566 • 800-395-6343 • 47 rms, 11 B&B, Corp. Ret. sleeps 8. A historic resort where Victorian tradition and majestic scenery join to form a world of charm and romance. Rest/Saloon, P.O. Box 497, Cloudcroft.

Oscuro High Desert Hostel • 505/648-4007 • 1914 Adobe ranch house on 240 acres. Budget accommodations for travelers, 2 dormitories and 2 private rooms. Fully stocked kitchen and large common room. Free laundry and linens. A great weekend getaway/business retreat. 15 miles south of Carrizozo on Hwy 54.

Pines Motel on the River • 505/257-4334 • 800-257-4834 • 10 clean, cozy, 1 level newly remodeled rms on the river. Centrally located, C/TV, ceiling fans, Ski Pak, on-site fishing, outdoor grill and picnic area. 620 Sudderth.

Ruidoso Super 8 Motel • 505/378-8181 • 800-843-1991 • 63 units, non-smoking, handicap room, C/TV, w/ remote, sauna, spa, phones. Hwy 70.

Shadow Mountain Lodge • 505/257-4886 • 800-441-4331 • 19 units. C/TV, phones, no pets, fireplaces, kitchenettes, hot tub avail. Designed for couples. Upper Canyon. 107 Main Rd.

Sitzmark Chalet • 505/257-4140 • 800-658-9694 • 17 units, K&Q beds, some fireplaces, C/TV, in-room coffee, refrigerators, microwaves, phone, hot tub, no pets, most major credit cards, centrally located. 627 Sudderth.

Sunset Canyon Lodge • 505/257-3566 • 800-687-2685 • 5 units, fully equipped kitchen suites & rooms. Hot tub, non-smoking, TV/HBO, walking distance to Midtown shops and dining, fireplaces available. 102 Park Ave.

Thunderbird Lodge • 505/257-3908 • 800-416-3908 • One of Ruidoso's historic landmarks, recently reopened and remodeled. Motel type rooms, 1 & 2 bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens. Some fireplaces, cable TV, BBQ and picnic areas. All rooms non-smoking. Bike tours. Se habla Espanol. 205 Mechem Dr.

Villa Inn Motel • 505/378-4471 • 800-447-8455 • 60 rms, phones, restaurant, C/TV, heated pool, courtesy coffee. W. Hwy 70.

Village Lodge • 505/258-5442 • 800-722-3779 • All suite lodge, kitchens, fireplaces, hot tub. 1000 Mechem Dr.

West Winds Lodge • 505/800-421-0691 • C/C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, indoor heated pool, hot tub. 208 S. Eagle Dr.

Winners Inn • 505/257-5886 • 7 rms, courtesy coffee, commercial rates, no pets, convenient to Midtown. In-room phones. 1508 Sudderth.

Alto Alps Condos • 505/336-4377 • 800-962-1420 • 122 luxury condos on 52 wooded acres. Clubhouse, meeting facilities, game room, outdoor pool, game courts, dry saunas. 1-4 bdrm units. Fireplaces, fully equipped kitchens, phones, color & cable TV. Hwy 48 & Sun Valley Rd., Alto.

Aspen Lodge • 505/257-2978 • All suites, Ski Pak, fireplaces, C/TV, pets w/ permission. 159 Upper Terrace.

Big Pine Lodge • 505/258-3100 • 800-697-3100 • 1, 2 & 3 bdrm, C/TV, fireplaces, no pets, w/d, full kitchens w/ dishwasher. 103 Raymond Buckner Dr.

Champions Run Condominiums • 505/378-8080 • Fully equipped 2 & 3 bdrm. Fireplace, washer/dryer, C/TV & phones. Jacuzzi & outdoor pool. Timeshare & rental monthly, weekly, nightly. Located next to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. 819 Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs.

Crown Point Owners Assn, Inc. • 505/258-5200 • Luxury condominium rental, indoor pool, jacuzzi, Ski Pak. 301 Crown Dr.

Fairway Meadows • 505/257-4019 • 800-545-9013 • Located on Cree Meadows Golf Course 2 bed/2 bath. Fireplaces/wood. C/TV, phones, washer/dryer, air conditioning. Ski Pak, group rates, no pets. 120 Lower Terrace.

High Sierra Condominiums • 505/257-6913 • Timeshare & rental. C/C/TV, 1, 2, & 3 bdrms, fireplaces, phones, w/d. 501 Excalibur Rd.

Innsbrook Village Management • 505/258-5441 • 800-284-0294 • 1-4 bdrm luxury condos, swimming pool, tennis courts, 3 par, 9 hole golf course. 146 Geneva.

Lookout Estates • 505/257-5064 • 800-545-5137 • 1 to 5 bdrm, fireplaces, private decks, kitchens, dishwashers, w/d, clubhouse, pool (May-Labor Day). 220 Lookout Dr.

Pinecliff Village • 505/378-4427 • Condos, pool, C/TV, phones, fireplaces. W Hwy 70.

Pinon Park Rentals • 505/258-4129 • 800-457-4666 • 2 to 5 bdrm luxury condos, fully furnished & equipped w/laundry, fireplaces, phones, C/TV. Located amid scenic tall pines overlooking The Links Golf Course. 108 Jack Little Dr.

Prudential Lela Easter Realtors • 505/257-7313 • 800/530-4597 • cabin and condo rentals, fireplaces, jacuzzi, kitchens depending upon units.

Tiara Del Sol Condominiums • 505/257-9232 • Luxury condos. 54 units. 1&2 bdrms, spectacular view, swimming pool, hot tub, tennis court on site. 300 Excalibur Rd.

West Winds Condo • 505/257-4031 • 800-421-0691 • 1, 2, & 3 bdrms, C/TV, kitchens, fireplaces, indoor heated pool, hot tub. 208 S. Eagle Dr.

Buffalo Girls Bed & Breakfast • 505/354-258 • Two private suites filled with western art and antiques. For the more adventurous, a covered wagon to sleep in. Just a short drive from Ruidoso. 311 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan.

Casa De Patron • 505/653-4676 • 653-4500 • Adobe with hand-hewn beams, private courtyard, quiet, fine food. Billy the Kid, our most famous house guest. 5 bdrms, w/private baths. Also 2 casitas. Lincoln.

Ellis Store & Co. • 505/653-4609 • 800-653-6460 • 1870s historic dwelling nestled in Rio Bonito Valley. Stay in the room where Billy the Kid slept. Breakfast fresh from the oven & evening dinner by reservation. Hwy 380, Lincoln.

Monjeau Shadows • 505/336-4191 • All meals available. Private baths & TVs. Children and pets welcome. Nogal.

Paz De Nogal • 505/354-2826 • 1856 restored adobe ranch house, courtyard, fireplaces, hiking & horse trails. Tennis courts & stables. A short drive to Lincoln, Capitan & Ski Apache. Nogal.

Sierra Mesa Lodge • 505/336-4515 • Elegant bed & breakfast, hot tub, spa, non-smokers, 5 beautiful suites. Gourmet breakfast & high tea. Only Triple A 4-diamond hotel in southern New Mexico. Alto.

Sundance Horse Farm B&B • 505/3278-8163 • On the river near Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Secluded and private. Indoor pool, outdoor hot tub, pets and children welcome. Bring your horses. Fishing and riding lessons. Ruidoso Downs.

Bonita Park RV Park & Retreat • 505/336-4404 • 9 miles north of Ruidoso, dormitory facilities, bath house, RV park, five meeting rooms, 3 dining rooms. Capitan.

Bonito Hollow Campground • 505/336-4325 • Full and partial hook-ups, tent sites and cabins on river. Showers, restrooms, laundry, pavilion and fire rings in forest setting. Alto.

Circle B Campground • 505/378-4990 • Full hookups; tents, showers, cabins & store. RV repair, parts & service. Open all year. Ruidoso Downs.



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Roswell has more than UFO tales

Say "Roswell," and people instantly think of little silver men with funny eyes.

With the media's growing fascination with aliens and the 50th anniversary of the "Roswell Incident" in July, the city of Roswell has developed a flourishing tourism industry.

Roswell has two museums devoted to the reported UFO incident, the military's subsequent cover-up and general information about UFOs. Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum and the International UFO Museum and Research Center are open to the public, offering exhibits, tours and written material.

The International UFO Museum and Research Center at 400 N. Main St. has free admission. It has had visitors from all 50 states and at least 54 other countries (and maybe another world or two). A video viewing room seats up to 47 people; 80 feet of display panels show various aspects of the UFO phenomenon. An alien

autopsy is depicted in a life-size, three-dimensional display. Visitors also may choose items from the museum's video collection to watch. Books and other written material may be perused in a reading room. The museum's telephone number is (505) 625-9495.

The Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum is at 6108 S. Main St.; admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. It is recognized as one of the world's premier museums on extraterrestrial phenomenon and UFOs, and has been visited by CNN, Good Morning America, Sightings and Omni Magazine. One feature is the "Blue Room," which depicts the UFO crash site. The museum also has a research center which includes a video viewing room, the documental history center, a section on UFOs in the movies and alleged UFO photographs from around the world. The museum's telephone number is (505) 347-2275.

Roswell visitors who want to take a break from aliens may visit the Robert H. Godard planetarium, the largest in the state. In the same building, at 11th and Main streets, is the Roswell Museum and Art Center. The museum is known for its New Mexico Modernist collection and art and artifact collections of Native American and Hispanic cultures.

The Historical Center for Southeast New Mexico presents a view of life in the Pecos River valley at the turn of the century with displays and a library (open by appointment).

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra presents concerts and chamber music; and the Little Theater presents comedies throughout the year.

The Spring River Park and Zoo, with a miniature train providing rides around the park, is one of 24 parks and playgrounds in Roswell.

For more information about the city, call the Roswell Convention and Visitors Center at (505) 624-6860.

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Alamogordo, today and tomorrow

White Sands National Monument and Oliver Lee Memorial State Park are desert and oasis, all within 10 miles

Snowy white slopes can be found year-round outside Alamogordo, about an hour's drive from Ruidoso.

The White Sands National Monument is one of the major attractions in the state, bringing in 616,700 visitors last year alone, said Michael Dalby, executive director of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce.

The national park, its visitors center located about 17 miles southwest of Alamogordo along U.S. Highway 70, is composed of almost 300 square miles of rolling white gypsum sand dunes. Admission to the park is free.

"It's just a beautiful sight," Dalby said. "And it's probably the most interactive park we've got. You can go out and play in it."

People may rent plastic mats with which to slide down the sand dunes. They can have picnics, take walks along trails, and learn about the park's wildlife. Or, "you can roll down the dunes and just bury yourself in it," Dalby said.

The visitors center includes a museum, an information desk, book store and gift shop.

"Probably one of the nicest things is to go out there at night," he said, adding that full-moon nights are especially popular. A park ranger takes people on nightly strolls, explaining how the dunes were formed, and what plants and animals live in the dunes, Dalby said.

About two miles northwest of U.S. Highway 54 is the Space Center,

another major attraction in the Alamogordo area. The center includes the International Space Hall of Fame, the Tombaugh Omnimax Space Theater and Planetarium, the Astronaut Memorial Garden, Air Space Park and a Shuttle Camp for youngsters. The focus at the center is on interactive experiences, as visitors may imagine themselves cruising the surface of the moon in a lunar rover or learning how an RL-1 rocket engine works. For more information about schedules and admission fees, call (800) 545-4021 or (505) 437-2840.

Alamogordo has a number of other attractions and events throughout the year to tempt visitors, including excellent biking and hiking trails, Dalby said. The Oliver Lee Memorial State Park, about 10 miles south of Alamogordo off Highway 54, has 50 campsites; trails will take visitors past an early-American Apache stronghold. The park is named after a pioneer rancher and state legislator, Oliver Milton Lee. Visitors may learn about the park's past at a visitor center, through interpretive trails and by touring the restored Lee ranch house at the park.

Alamogordo also has a number of parks, and the Alameda Zoo. Built back in 1898, the Alameda Zoo is one of the oldest in the region, Dalby said.

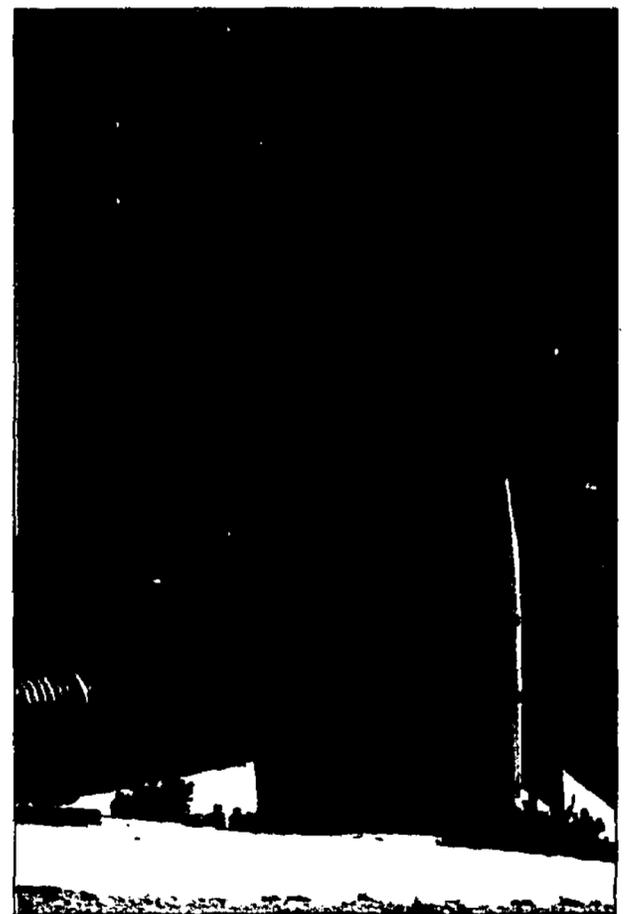
Sightseeing interests in Alamogordo are the Space Center (right) and White Sands National Monument (below).

The zoo will celebrate its centennial on June 14-15, 1998, he said.

Visitors can find the zoo on the west side of White Sands Boulevard, which is also U.S. Highway 70, Dalby said.

Next door to the zoo is the Toy Train Museum, located in a 90-year-old restored train depot. The museum features thousands of antique toy trains. A slightly larger scale miniature train takes passengers for a 2.2-mile ride at the depot, Dalby said.

For more information about events and attractions, call the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce at (505) 437-6162.



A special kind of charm graces Cloudcroft

With its lush, green forest, meadows and cool mountain air, the Village of Cloudcroft offers visitors relief from the heat of the New Mexico sun, while giving guests plenty to do.

Founded in 1898 as a rest stop for the crew for the El Paso-Northern Railroad, the village has retained much of the original beauty which made it attractive nearly 100 years ago. With options for shopping, dining and overnight stays, Cloudcroft has year-round recreation choices, including mountain biking, rollerblading, skiing or hiking.

Clearly the biggest attraction is the 500,000-acre Lincoln National Forest that surrounds the village. Winter guests can take to the trees for exceptional cross-country and downhill ski trips, and snowmobile rides.

Just up the road, sun worshipers can see how scientists study the sun at the Sunspot National Solar Observatory. The largest of its kind, Sunspot is 17 miles south along the



ridge-top from Cloudcroft. The drive is nearly as spectacular as the observatory itself. With pullouts providing views of the White Sands below, the Sunspot National Forest Scenic Byway invites slow-going.

If golf is more your cup of tee, it's a 15-minute drive to Cox Canyon and the Ponderosa Pines Golf Course. The nine-hole, par 34 course sits at 8,000 feet on the lush eastern slope of the Sacramento Mountains.

Hiking trails abound, with treks through pine, fir and aspen. For the most breathtaking views, hikers

should hit the trails in the fall to witness aspen and maple trees in full autumn color.

For kids, Cloudcroft has miniature golf and an ice skating and rollerblading rink. With skate rentals at the rink, kids can take their blades to the ice or their wheels to the ramp, making skating an option no matter what season it is.

For those looking for something more luxurious, The Lodge in Cloudcroft has fine accommodations and elegant dining. One of the most popular places to visit, The Lodge was built by the railroad in 1901 and reconstructed in 1909 after a fire. Many famous wanderers have hung their hats at The Lodge for a night or two, including every New Mexico governor, Pancho Villa, Clark Gable and Judy Garland.

Yearly events like bluegrass festivals and a Civil War reenactment also make Cloudcroft a spot not to miss on a visit to the Land of Enchantment.

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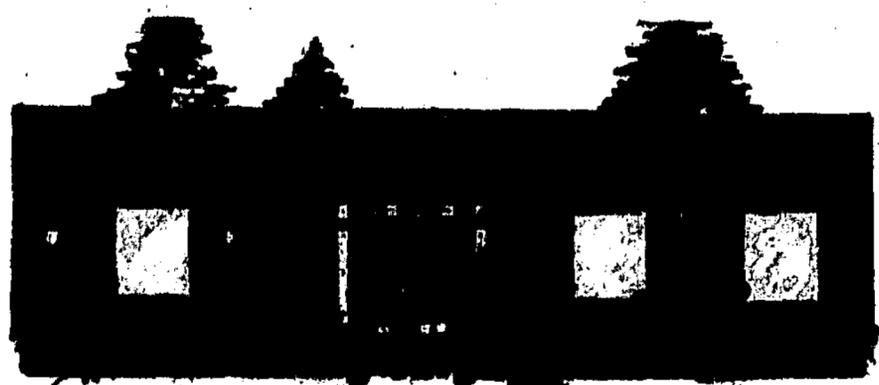
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Visitors looking for a classic small-town New Mexico experience shouldn't miss Tularosa. The historic village has grown from the roots of a farming settlement established in 1862, the first of three attempts to settle the area that wasn't thwarted by the neighboring Mescalero Apaches.

Led by Cesario Duran, a group of men selected the village's present site and name and planted their crops.

As more settlers came, their Apache neighbors became more displeased with their presence and eventually attacked. The men of the settlement won that battle, but the victory was attributed to the help of St. Francis de Paul, so the settlers built a church in his honor. The church stands today in downtown Tularosa.

Construction began in 1868 and the first mass was held in May, 1869. Though the church has seen additions through the years, the building kept its original design. The sacristy, rectory, windows, tile floors and pews are new, but the Mission still has thick adobe walls which provided refuge from attacks, and stands as it did 130 years ago.

Another attraction from Tularosa's early years is the Pecan Tree Bed & Breakfast. This two-story, Illinois-style wooden farmhouse has much the same charm it did when it was built by the Champion family in 1912. Converted to provide three air-conditioned guest rooms, it contains a treasure trove of antiques and a collection of American Indian items.

Each room offers spectacular views of the lush green acres of pecan, cedar, cypress, walnut, apple and pomegranate trees, rose bushes and pistachio groves.

A stay at the Pecan Tree puts guests within driving distance of some of the region's most popular attractions. Within a day from Tularosa you can stroll through the Three Rivers Petroglyphs, visit the International Space Hall of Fame in Alamogordo, enjoy the sand dunes of White Sands National Monument, trek to the Mescalero Apache Reservation or head to the mountains of Ruidoso.

The Tularosa Vineyards & Winery is a stop not to be missed. Although the vineyard and winery is much newer than the village or the Pecan Tree, the craft it practices has been in New Mexico for a very long time.

The Land of Enchantment was home to wine making nearly 100 years before Franciscan fathers brought their grapes to the coast of California. In 1985, David Wickham brought wine back to Tularosa, planting the first vines of the now seven-acre vineyard. The winery came four years later, as Wickham decided that selling to other wineries wasn't feasible because the grapes might go bad on long trips elsewhere.

So now the 12 varieties of Tularosa grapes — Grenache, Merlot, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Muscat Canneli, Chardonnay, Syrah, Mission and Italian varieties Brunello, Nebiollo and San Geovese — are pressed, fermented and bottled into wine on the premises.

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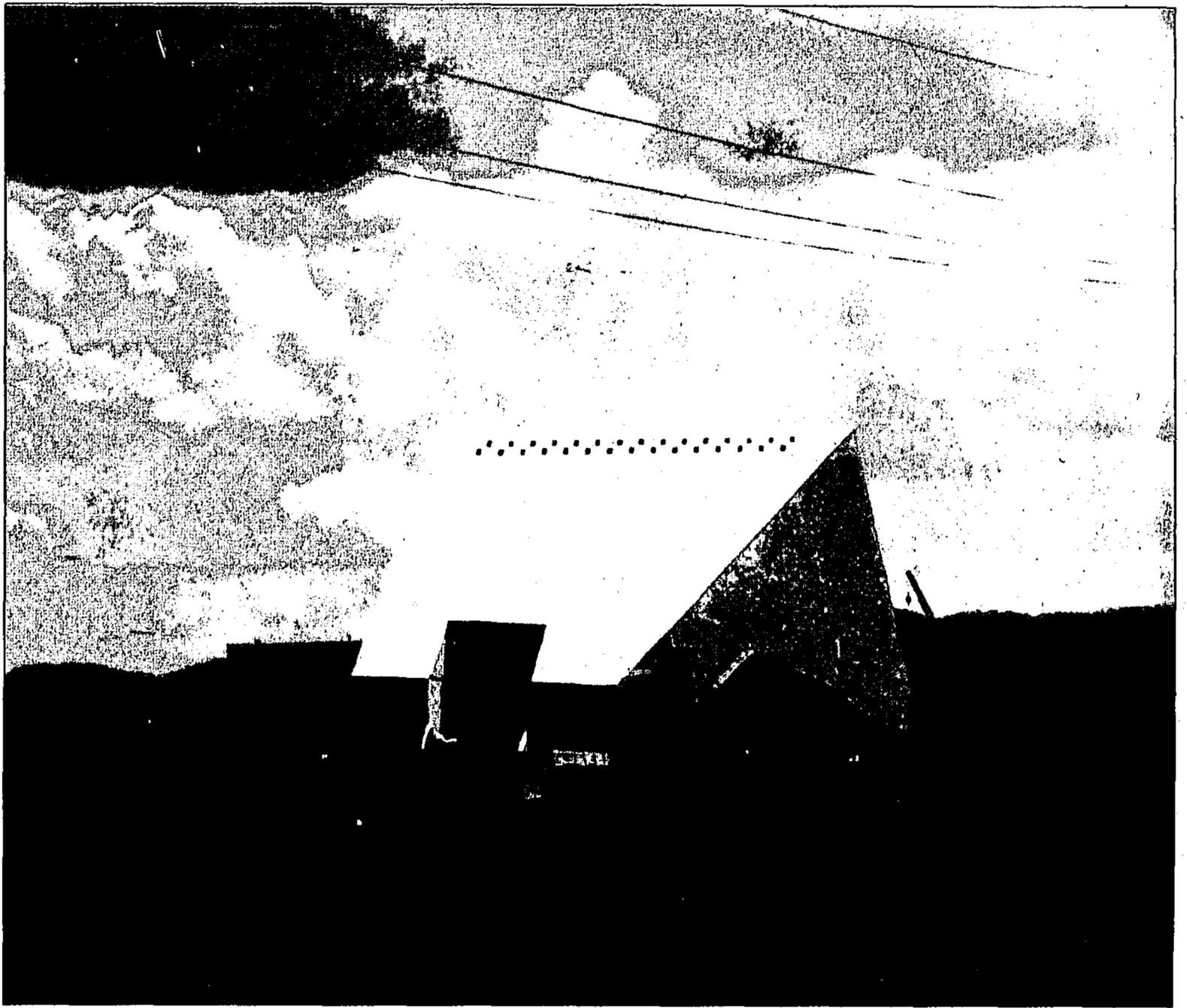


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Nearly constructed, the magnificent new Spencer Theater will host its first season beginning Oct. 3.

A new peak for entertainment

While sleepy horses graze on pasture grass a half-mile away, the brand new, \$20 million Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts will celebrate its premiere season in October.

On a mesa between majestic Sierra Blanca Peak and the rugged Capitan Mountains, the 523-seat theater designed by renowned Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock, is scheduled to open Oct. 3-4 with performances by violinist Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg and jazz pianist Dave Brubeck, backed by the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra.

Through the end of the year, seven performances will be presented; see the calendar of events elsewhere in this magazine.

The idea of building a world-

class, state-of-the-art theater in the mountains of Lincoln County came from Alto resident Jackie Spencer, who with her husband, Dr. A.N. Spencer, is the theater's creator and patron, pledging \$2.4 million toward its annual operating budget.

Construction started in January 1996 at the site seven miles northeast of Ruidoso on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

The theater will feature indoor and outdoor stages and a garden. The main stage inside will be 40 by 50 feet with deep wings to allow multiple uses, including Broadway productions and ballet.

But the lobby with its view of the Capitan and Sacramento mountains is the centerpiece with more than 20 panes of glass rising two stories, cre-

ating the effect of a fractured crystal erupting from the side of a great monolith, according to Predock.

A two-story waterfall at the east end of the building will be an eye-catcher as theatergoers approach the building.

Ticket prices will vary, but theater director Rand Harmon promises some always will be available for less than \$12. Educational programs for children also will be tied into some of the performances to broaden appreciation for classical music and other elements of the arts, he said.

Charter memberships at varying levels of participation are available. For information about memberships, performance or tickets, call (505) 336-4800.

People from many states agree that shopping for clothing in Ruidoso is a special treat



Lincoln County vacationers can find unique clothing, like this.

Dressing for success and for fun

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

Although it is a "ski town" and a golfer's paradise, Ruidoso has more to offer clotheshorses than parkas and shorts. The choices run the gamut from short 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 of Kire's 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 your outfit. "You can buy a dress and not worry about seeing it on somebody else."

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

"(The choices) are very eclectic. We don't carry conservative cloth-

ing," 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.

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 in Ruidoso the best place to shop.

Something for all always is happening in the Golden Triangle

Ruidoso and Lincoln County

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 - All American Futurity, Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The richest quarter horse race in the world.

Sept. 4-6, 9-11, 18-20 - "I Hate Hamlet," Ruidoso Little Theater at The Castle.

Sept. 6-7 - Gray Hawk Second Wind Tourney, Eagle Creek Sports Complex. Softball tournament sponsored by Ruidoso Parks and Recreation.

Sept. 13-14 - "Top Notch Productions," Ruidoso Convention Center. An indoor arts and crafts show. 800-648-9589.

Sept. 18-21 - Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, Ruidoso Convention Center. A fun-filled week of activities including a trade show, parade, stunt riders and food. 800-452-8045.

Sept. 20-21 - Mountain Double-up, Eagle Creek Sports Complex. Softball tournament sponsored by Ruidoso Parks and Recreation.

OCTOBER

Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18 - "Killjoy," Ruidoso Little Theater at The Castle.

Oct. 3-4 - Spencer Theater Grand Opening, Alto. The line-up will feature Dave Brubeck, violinist Nadja Salero-Sonnenburg, The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and a post-concert dance with music by the Harry James Orchestra. Tickets go on sale Aug. 1. (505)336-4800.

Oct. 4-5 - Aspenfest Weekend, Ruidoso. Celebrate the glorious fall colors with a chili cook-off, parade, arts and crafts show, street vendors and "Run to Ruidoso," rod run show. 800-253-2255.

Oct. 6-12 - Aspengold Tournament, Ruidoso Convention Center. Autumn Bridge Tournament. (505)258-4182.

Oct. 10-12 - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Glencoe Rural Events Center. A gathering the world's finest cowboy poets, musicians, chuckwagon cooks and artisans. 800-263-5929.

Oct. 17-18 - Ruidoso Oktoberfest, Ruidoso Convention Center. Festival of German food, beer and wine.

Oct. 17-18 - "The Velveteen Rabbit," ODC/San Francisco Dance Company, Spencer Theater.

Oct. 25-Nov. 18 - All American Photo Opening, Museum of the Horse. Display of works by photographers throughout the area.

Oct. 17-23 - Haunted Castle, Ruidoso Little Theater at The Castle. Join all the spooks and goblins for traditional Halloween fun.

Oct. 31 - Halloween party, Museum of the Horse.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 7-9 - Ninth Annual Christmas Jubilee, Ruidoso Convention Center. More than 60 Lincoln County merchants display their wares, plus Santa will be on hand.

Nov. 8 - "Frederick Douglas," Museum of the Horse. A chautauqua performance by former Dallas Cowboy Don Perkins.

Nov. 22 - Peter Hurd's Wartime Sketchbook, Museum of the Horse. The opening of a collection of sketches by famous artist Peter Hurd.

Nov. 22 - Fall Invitational Art Show Opening, Museum of the Horse. A juried show featuring artists from throughout the state.

Nov. 27 - Opening day at Ski Apache. (505)336-4356.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4-6 - "A Christmas Carol," Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Spencer Theater.

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Golfing the Golden Triangle

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It's not unusual for Ruidoso

greens to be clear and sunny in the middle of winter.

When snow reaches the village, it usually melts away that day. In general, Cree doesn't lose more than 25-30 days a year to weather.

That's including summer.

Cree Meadows is billed as Ruidoso's oldest, most playable and most affordable course. Every hole affords panoramic views of Sierra Blanca. The course celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.



At The Links of Sierra Blanca, snowblowers keep the driving range open all the time. As snow starts melting from the fairway, maintenance crews clean off the greens and golfers can tee off.

The Links is a Scottish style course designed by senior tour professional Jim Colbert.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods course is nestled between the pine forest and Mescalero Lake at the Mescalero Apache Reservation's resort just two miles from Ruidoso.

Each hole is surrounded by two to three sand traps and there are water features on four of the first nine holes and five of the back nine. Carts are required. The course is closed only in January and February.

Other nearby public courses include the Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course, the Desert Lakes Golf Course in Alamogordo, Ponderosa and The Lodge in Cloudcroft, and Spring River Golf Course in Roswell.

Private courses are the N.M. Military Institute course in Roswell, and Alto Lakes at Alto.

For more information:

The Links at Sierra Blanca

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Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Drive, Alto. 336-4231
Private course. 18 holes, 6059 yards long.

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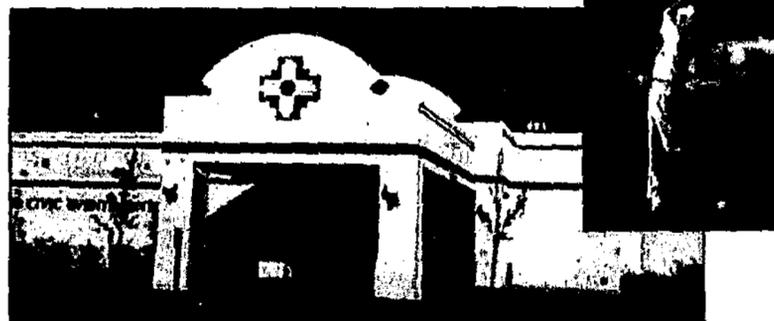
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Dec. 7 - "Legends of St. Nicholas," Anonymous 4, Spencer Theater.

Dec. 10 - Betty Awards, Ruidoso Little Theater at The Castle. Honoring the best and the brightest at this gala event.

Dec. 12 - "A Cowboy Christmas" with Don Edwards and Don Walsler, Spencer Theater.

Dec. 13 - Kid's Christmas Party, Museum of the Horse. Get into the spirit of the season and bring the kids for an afternoon of fun.

Dec. 20 - The Romeros, Holiday Classical Guitars, Spencer Theater.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 6-7, 1998 - Bob Berkey, Clown, Spencer Theater.

Feb. 13 - Prague Chamber Orchestra in concert, Spencer Theater.

Feb. 21 - Marcus Roberts, Solo Gershwin Piano, Spencer Theater.

Feb. 28 - Assad Brothers, Spanish Classical Guitar, Spencer Theater.

MARCH

March 14 - Mingus Big Band, Swinging Jazz Legacy, Spencer Theater.

March 20 - Altan, Contemporary Irish/Celtic Music, Spencer Theater.

March 27 - Spalding Gray One Man Show, "It's a Slippery Slope," Spencer Theater.

April 3-4 - IMAGO Theatre Mask Ensemble, Spencer Theater.

Alamogordo

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 - Free planetarium show at Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.

Sept. 16 - Full Moon Program at White Sands National Monument.

Sept. 19-21 - Sixth Annual Hot Air Balloon Invitational, White Sands National Monument.

Sept. 26-28 - Immaculate Conception Fiesta

Sept. 27 - Lake Lucero Tour, White Sands National Monument, 9 a.m.

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 - Free planetarium show at Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.

Oct. 11-12 - Chaparral Kennel Club Show, Alameda Park.

Oct. 17-18 - Oktober Festival.

Oct. 18-19 - Wild West Gun & Knife Show, Otero County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 18 - 21st Annual Induction Ceremony at The Space Center

Oct. 26 - Lake Lucero Tour, White Sands National Monument, 10 a.m.

Oct. 31 - Zoo Boo, Alameda Park Zoo.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Free planetarium show, Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.

Nov. 8 - Santa Workshop/Craft Show, Civic Center

Nov. 10 - Turkey Shoot, Recreation Center 1 to 5 p.m.

Nov. 15 - KZZX/KINN Chili Cookoff.

Nov. 15-16 - Christmas Craft Show, Civic Center

Nov. 28-Dec. 24 - Holiday Laser Light Show, The Space Center

Nov. 29 - Lake Lucero Tour, White Sands National Monument, 1 to 2 p.m.

DECEMBER

Dec. 6 - White Sands/Alamogordo Marathon, White Sands National Monument

Dec. 6 - Free planetarium show at Tombaugh Omnimax, 9 a.m.

Dec. 14 - Holiday Classic Fun Run.

Dec. 17 - New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, Flickinger Center, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Christmas Jazz Concert, Civic Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 28 - Lake Lucero Tour, White Sands National Monument, 2 p.m.

Dec. 31 - First Night Alamogordo '98, Flickinger Center, 6:30 p.m.

Cloudcroft

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 21 - The Governor's 10K Run. Join Gov. Gary Johnson in the highest USA Track & Field certified run. Proceeds go to Cloudcroft youth groups.

Sept. 27 - Style Show, Cloudcroft Middle School gymnasium, noon. \$10 per person.

OCTOBER

Oct. 4-5 - Oktoberfest & Aspencade. Juried arts and crafts fair, horseshoe tournament, food and drinks, Zenith Park. Aspencade vehicle tour leaves at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Oct. 4 - Bluegrass Jamboree in the high school gymnasium.

Oct. 6-17 - Art workshops. Two one-week courses by William A. Herring, watercolor and pastel.

DECEMBER

Dec. 19-20 - Melodrama "Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa.

TBA - Christmas in Cloudcroft. Pet parade, tree lighting ceremony and arrival of Santa.

Roswell

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 - Roswell Runners Turtle Marathon, full and half marathon, five-mile walk/run, (505)624-8830.

Sept. 11-14 - Pinatafest. Includes parade, arts and crafts on the courthouse lawn, and a dance. (505)624-0889.

Sept. 13 - New Mexico Military Institute inspection parade, public invited.

Sept. 19-21 - New Mexico Military Institute General's Cup golf tournament.

Sept. 19-21 - Arts and crafts by Mel Prather, Roswell Convention Center.

Sept. 20 - Sanders Law Firm Run, 10K, two-mile run/walk. (505)622-5440.

Sept. 24 - Chile Cheese Festival, Main Street Roswell, (505)622-64706.

Sept. 30-Oct. 5 - Eastern New Mexico State Fair.

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 - Roswell Adult Center Fall Fair (505)622-6718.

Oct. 11 - October Run, 10K, three-mile walk/run. (505)624-64720.

Oct. 18 - Los Pocos Locos Miniature Club annual miniature show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Roswell Inn, admission \$2.

Oct. 23-26 - New Mexico Military Institute Homecoming.

Oct. 24,25 - Roswell Shriners-Pontenant Lord Visiting, ceremonial parade, 10 a.m.

Oct. 31 - Hallelujah Night, Roswell Convention Center.

Oct. 31 - Yucca Recreation Center Halloween Carnival, 6 to 9 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Pecos Valley Roundup half marathon, 10K, two-mile walk/run (505)624-8830.

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Parade, 11 a.m., New Mexico Military Institute.

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Social, 2 p.m., Roswell Adult Center.

Nov. 20-22 - Holly-Day Magic Arts & Crafts Show, Roswell Convention Center.

Nov. 22 - Yucca Recreation Center Youth Turkey Trot (basketball skills contest), ages 6 to 10, (505)624-6719.

Nov. 28-29 - Christmas Fantasy Craft Show, Roswell Convention Center.

Nov. 29-30 - Second Annual Gridiron Gus 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament, (505)623-5695.

DECEMBER

Dec. 5 - Electric Light Parade, Main Street Roswell.

Dec. 13 - Reindeer Run, Roswell Runners Club, Roswell Racquetclub.

Happy Holidays

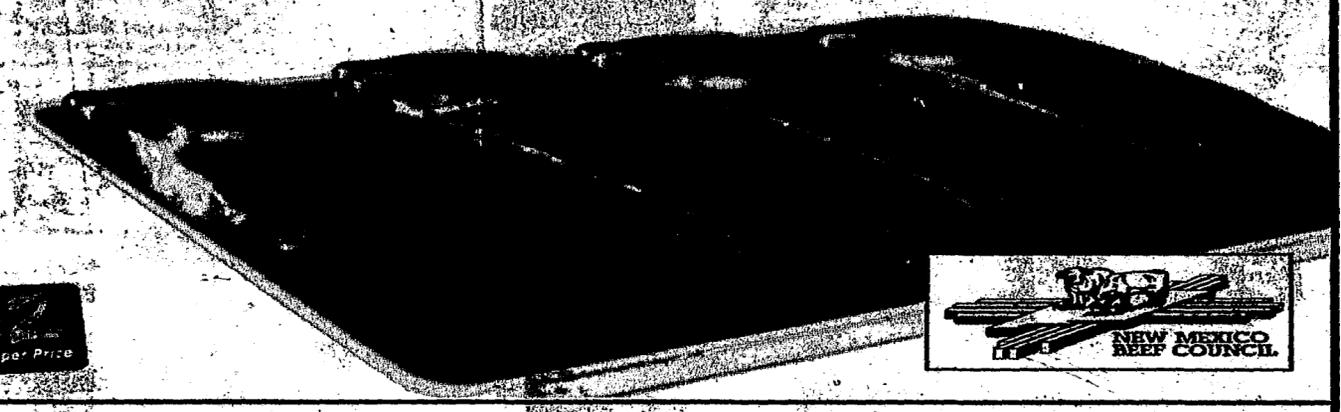
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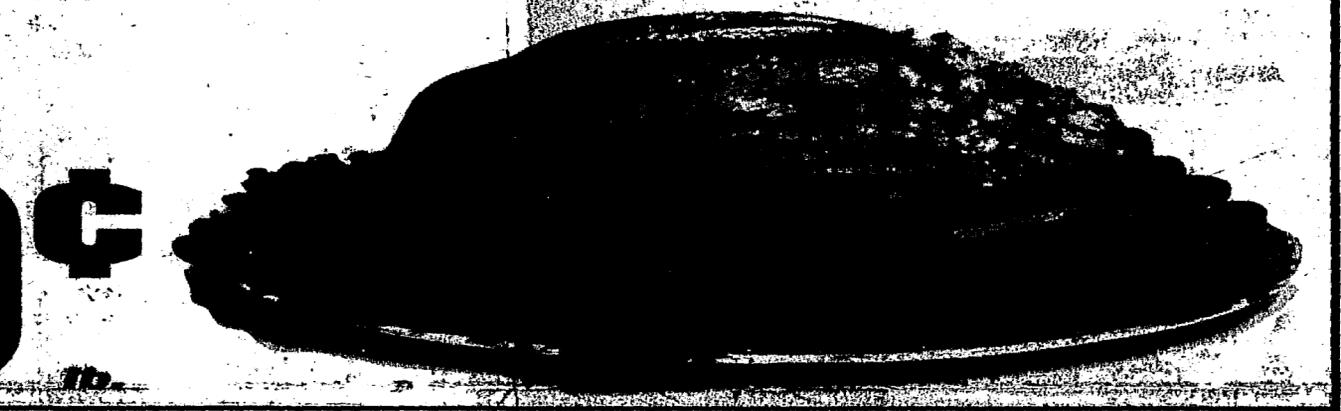


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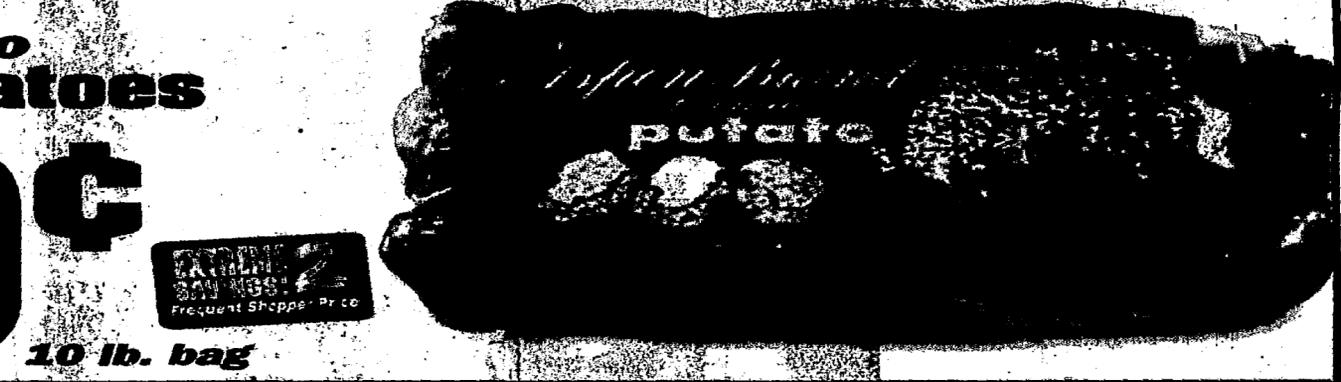
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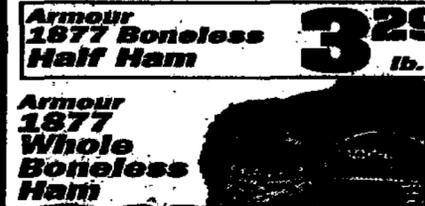
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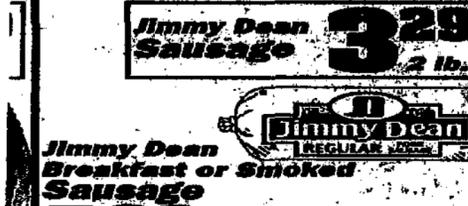
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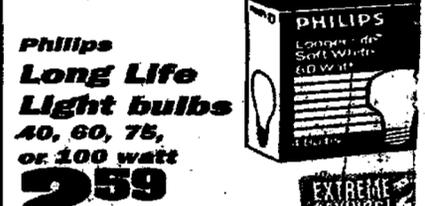
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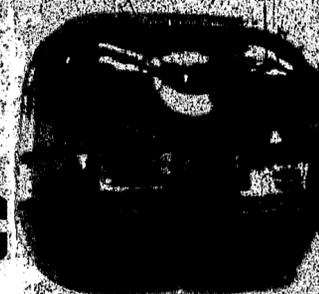
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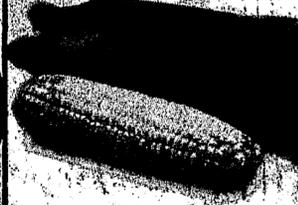
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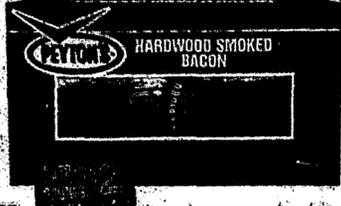
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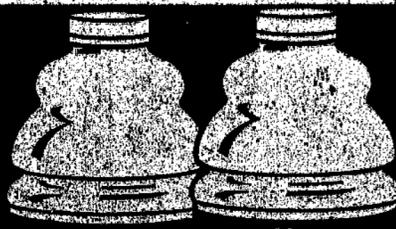
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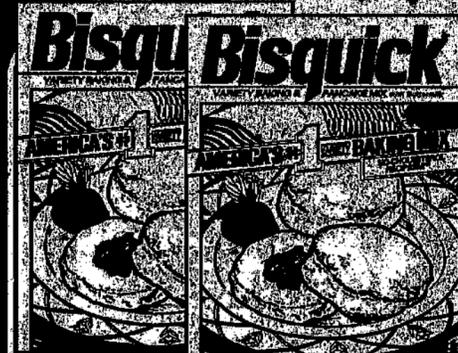
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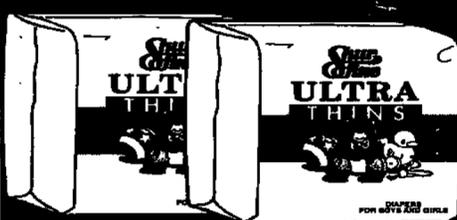
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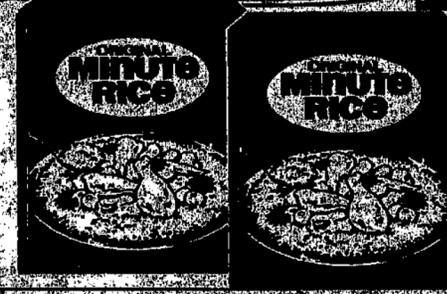
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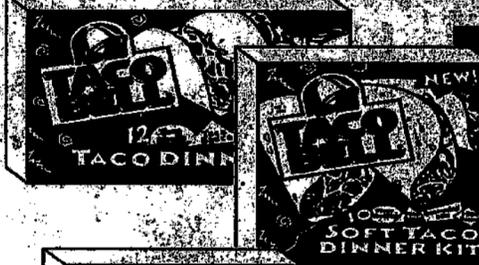
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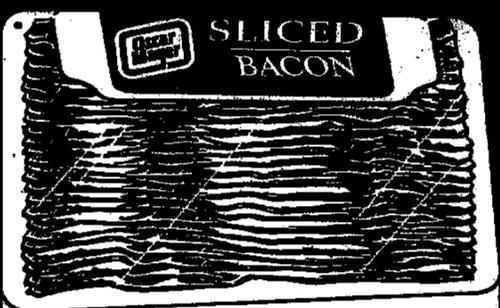


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1 LB.
2.59



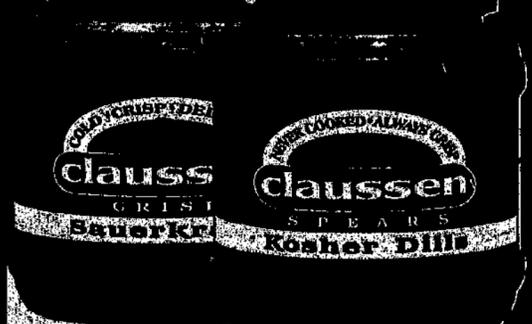
OSCAR MAYER
MEAT COTTO SALAMI
OR RED RIND
Meat Bologna
1 LB.
1.59



OSCAR MAYER
Little Smokies
1 LB.
2.19



OSCAR MAYER
CHOPPED HAM,
HAM & CHEESE OR
ROASTED WHITE TURKEY
Lunch Meat
1 LB.
2.39



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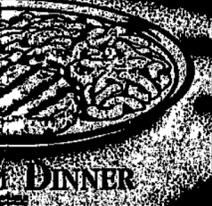
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BUNNY
Ice Cream
1/2 GAL. SQ.

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LEMON
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Tubes
Crunch Bars

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DAY
DINNER

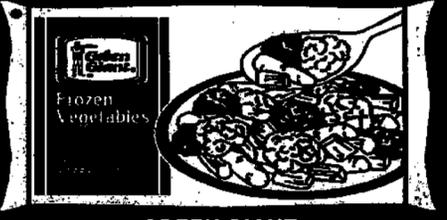


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Cream
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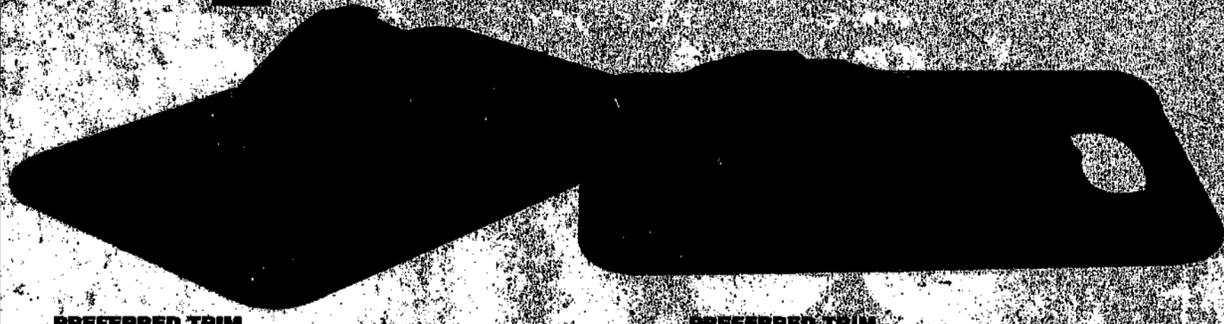
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PORK
Ground Chuck 1.59
EL MONTEREY FAMILY PACK
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Pizzas 3.99
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Cheddar Cheese 2.59

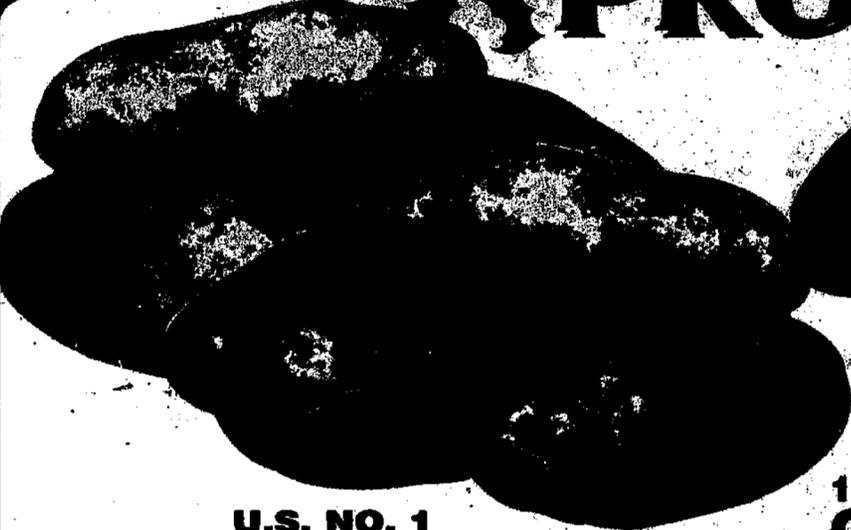


PREFERRED TRIM
BONELESS BEEF
**Chuck
Tender
Roast** **1.69**
LB.

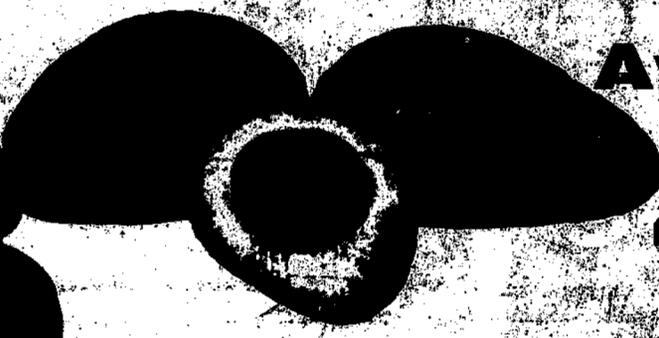
PREFERRED TRIM
BONELESS BEEF
**Top
Sirloin
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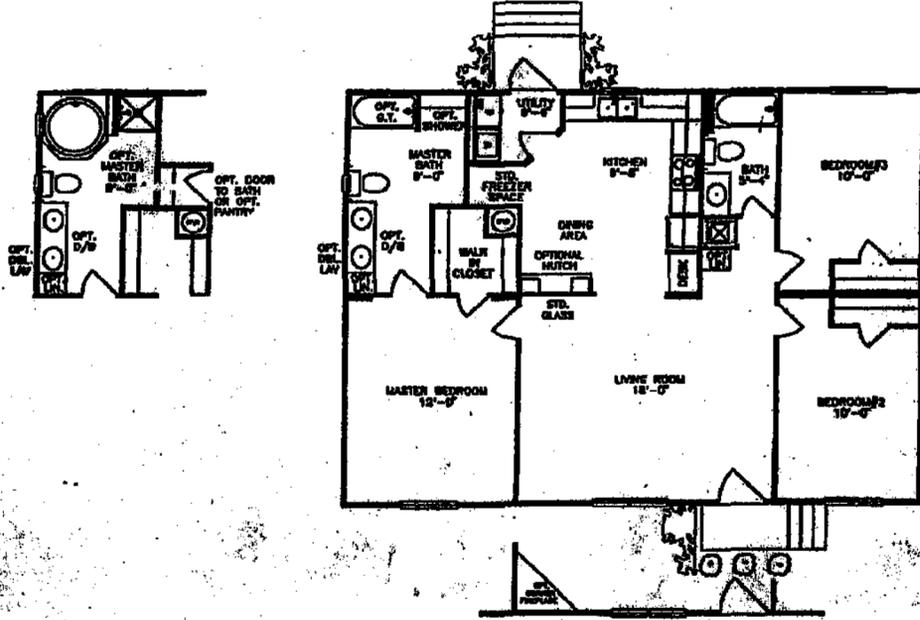
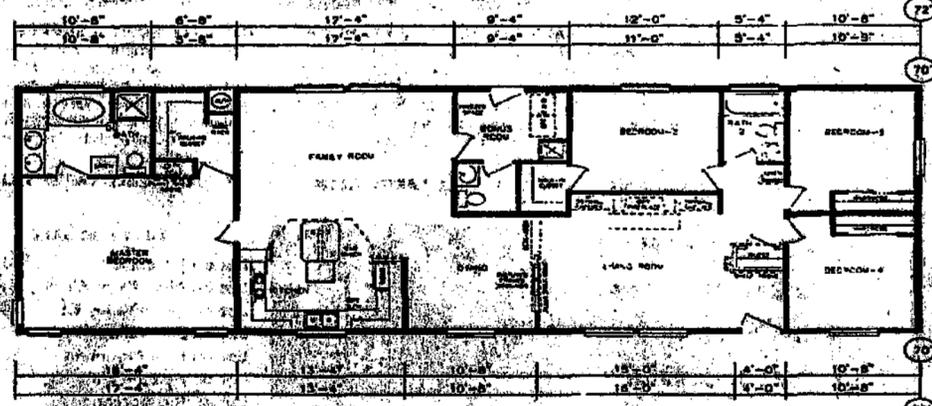
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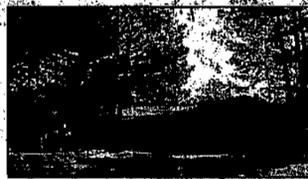
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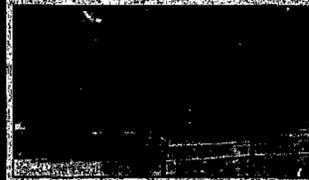
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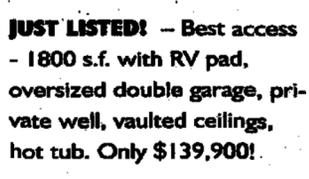
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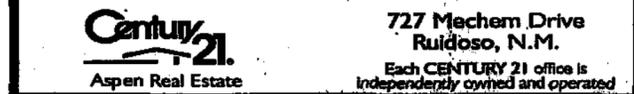
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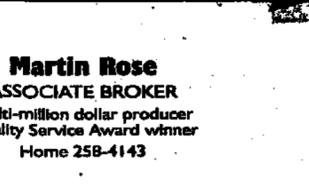
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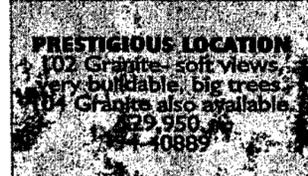
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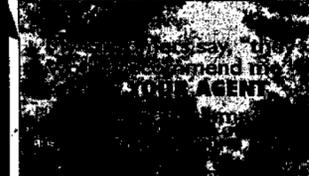
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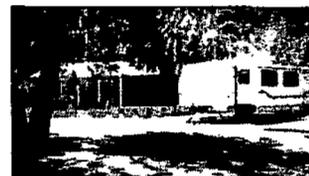
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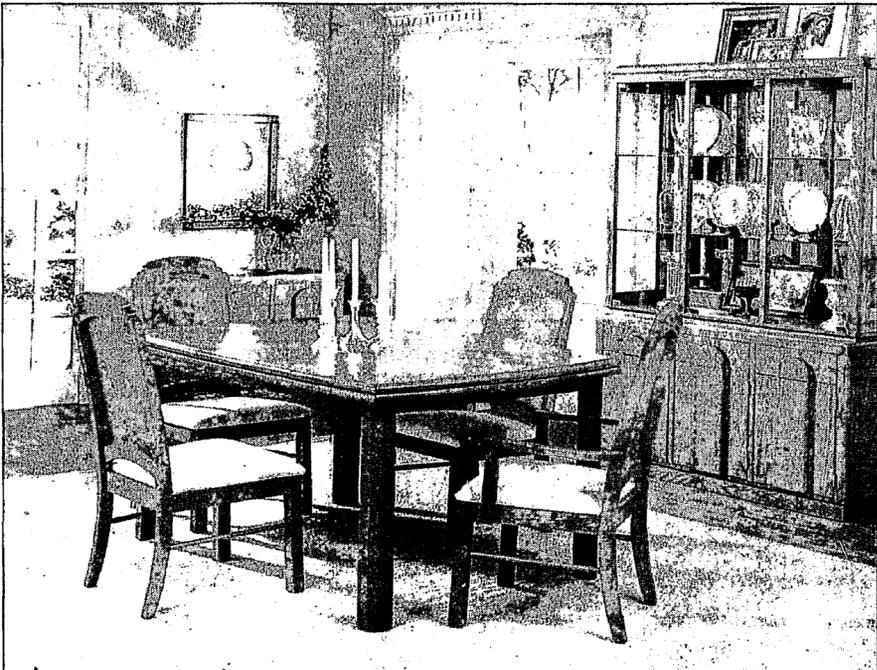


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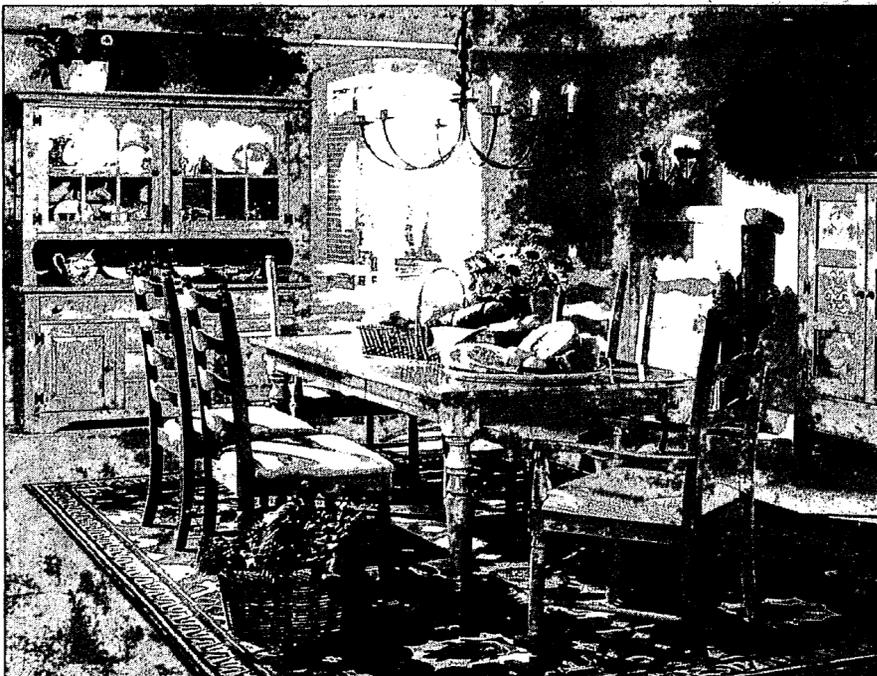
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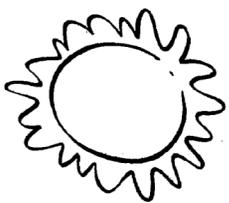
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