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## Sneakers tie down suspect

### Tracks in snow lead police to alleged burglar

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The generosity of a local church and a brand new pair of Spalding sneakers landed a 27-year-old man in jail Thursday.

Edward Fowler, a transient, was arrested by Ruidoso police at 10:45 p.m., Wednesday after officers followed his tracks in the snow from a burglarized church to his room at the Nob Hill Lodge. The tracks were made by a pair of sneakers the First Assembly of God had purchased for Fowler.

I.T. Michael Lovelace was patrolling the area behind the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Dr., when he noticed a set of footprints in the snow.

The prints had the same zig-zag pattern of tread that was found at the scene of other church burglaries. Lovelace called for backup and then he and Officer Eric Woods followed the prints to a window on the southeast corner of the church, where the screen was off. The officers entered the church finding open doors, cabinets and desk drawers.

The officers found the same prints leading away from the church and followed them to Nob Hill Lodge, up the stairs and to room 14. After talking to the lodge manager, officers obtained a master key and headed for Fowler's room. After knocking twice and identifying themselves as police officers, Lovelace and Woods entered and arrested Fowler on suspicion of burglary.

At the time of his arrest, Fowler was fully clothed - except for his shoes. When he was asked where

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## County commissioner hits 60 years with sonic boom

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Other people are happy celebrating their 60th birthdays at nice restaurants with family and friends.

But Lincoln County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley spent the start of his seventh decade strapped into the passenger seat of a F16 jet fighter as it broke the sound barrier over White Sands Missile Range.

The surprise birthday gift was arranged by Nunley's 32-year-old son, Lon, a captain in the New Mexico Air National Guard with 6,000 hours of flight time. The former graduate of Ruidoso High School and All-State football player, ignored his father's earlier reservations and cleared the flight in time to surprise Nunley with just a few days advance notice.

"I was unaware it was going to happen," Nunley said. "We actually hadn't talked about it."

But a few years earlier when a friend took a ride, Nunley, an accomplished pilot of one-engine planes, had decided it might be better to stay on the ground because of a hernia.

His wife, Mary Lee, knew about Lon's surprise and became a co-conspirator, planning a birthday trip to Albuquerque for Nunley.

"Then Lon called and told me when and where to be and I thought that this could be my last chance, hernia or not," Nunley said. "To me, it was the ultimate birthday present."

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## Check mates



Joyce Thompson and Brian Smith, both fifth-graders at White Mountain Intermediate School, matched wits Thursday at lunch. Thompson, Smith and fellow chess club members met in Barbara Avalos' classroom for the challenge. Other members found battling it out with pawns and rooks were Homero Romero, Josh Lynch, Robert Gonzales, Shasheen Balatche and Amber Kite. This is the second year Avalos has sponsored the club at WMIS, which culminates in a double-elimination tournament during the last nine weeks of school.

## Capitan disputes Eagle Creek appraisal

### Capitan village officials next week will consider seeking a second opinion

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An appraiser says Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association assets, including water rights, are worth about \$8 million.

But Capitan officials say the figure is too low.

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro said Thursday the village Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, at village hall to discuss the possibility of calling for a second appraisal, as permitted in the association dissolution agreement between Capitan and the village of Ruidoso.

Capitan is partners with Ruidoso in the Eagle Creek Partnership, formed in 1956 to create a source of water for the two villages. But because Capitan hasn't received any water from the association's system for the past nine years, village officials want to dissolve the partnership. They have proposed that

Ruidoso buy out some of Capitan's interest and lease some of its water rights.

The appraisal, performed by Armond L. Smith of Clovis, estimated the value of the Alto Reservoir at \$406,483, but Capitan officials say it was suppose to have been worth about \$5 million when it was built in 1965.

Assistant Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley, who sits on the Eagle Creek board, said Thursday that his village still is evaluating the appraisal. Because he also is an Eagle Creek board member, in this matter he could not speak for the village, he said.

Smith appraised seven tracts of land totaling 416.58 acres at \$1 million and water conveyance and storage facilities at \$1,185,000. The latter includes 60,360 linear feet or 11.4 side of Eagle Creek. The system delivers only non-treated water to the owners.

He appraised the association's

1,710.26 acre feet of water rights at \$3,400 per acre foot, which came to \$5,815,000 for the rights package.

An acre foot is the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of land one foot deep, about 325,851 gallons.

Since 1988, water rights have been increasing in value, Smith wrote in the appraisal. In 1988 and 1990, typical rights were selling for \$1,600 to \$1,800 per acre foot. The range in 1996 and 1997 was \$2,600 to \$4,600 per acre foot for rights with early priority dates. The earlier the date, the more priority the right has in times of drought or in usage disputes.

Smith wrote that his appraisal didn't include other assets of the association such as cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, liabilities or non real property. The appraisal was based on market value, he noted. He also presented a lower appraisal of \$6.2 million based on an income approach.

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CLOUDY  
FRIDAY,  
SNOW ON  
SATURDAY.

### Girls basketball district playoffs reaching top speed for county teams

#### ► DISTRICT 6AA

Tularosa 45  
Capitan 43

Tularosa advances to the District 6AA title game against Dexter at 6 p.m. Saturday in Dexter.

#### ► DISTRICT 3A

Corona 52  
Vaughn 46

Corona advances to the District 3A title game against Fort Sumner at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fort Sumner.

#### ► DISTRICT 5A

Hondo Valley 38  
Mesilla Valley 31

Hondo Valley advances to the District 5A title game against Hagerman at 5 p.m. Saturday in Hagerman.



Capitan senior Tawyna Reynolds led her Tigers past Cloudcroft, 57-37, in the quarterfinals of the District 6AA playoffs Tuesday Thursday. Capitan's season came to an end when Tularosa edged the Tigers, 45-43, in the district semifinals.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SATURDAY** High ... 36  
Low ... 24



Snow

**SUNDAY** High ... 43  
Low ... 18



Mostly cloudy

**MONDAY** High ... 48  
Low ... 20



Partly cloudy

## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	48	18	.07"
Wednesday	39	23	.33"
Thursday	46	19	Trace

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	53	24	Mostly cloudy
El Paso, TX	62	28	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	60	31	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	62	33	Partly cloudy



### Aug./Sept. phases of the moon



### STARDATE

By late February, Sirius and Canis Major command the southern sky during evening, making this the dog-end of winter in a literal sense. Orion, the dog's legendary master, stands to his upper right, moving westward as the season advances. The star in Orion's upper left shoulder is bright orange Betelgeuse.

StarDate courtesy of McDonald Observatory, Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate

## SNEAKERS: Police say the suspect confessed to breaking into two churches

his shoes were, Fowler told the officers in the closet. Officers looked and found only a pair of suede, smooth-soled shoes. When officers asked him where "his other shoes" were, Fowler said the suede shoes were all he had.

But the officers weren't convinced. As Lovelace was searching out back, Woods found the sneakers hidden behind a plumbing panel - with snow still melting off the soles and a puddle of water forming under them.

The distinctive tread of the Spaldings linked Fowler to other church burglaries.

The Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail,

was burglarized twice last week and four times in the last month.

The First Assembly of God, 139 El Paso Road was also burglarized twice last week. Items taken during those break-ins included a JVC "boom" box, a Sony microcassette player and cash.

Lt. Wolf Born said Fowler confessed to breaking into all three churches, but did not admit to having taken the boom box or the cassette player.

Born said Fowler confessed to breaking and entering the Church of the Holy Mount and the First Assembly

of God, twice each, and admitted that he had broken into the First Presbyterian Church and exited the west side while officers were entering the east.

At the time of his arrest, officers found a blank check from the First Assembly of God account signed by the Rev. Bill Lenard in Fowler's wallet. They also found the combination to the First Assembly of God's safe in Fowler's address book.

Born said police had suspected Fowler, who had been hanging around the churches asking for help and odd jobs, but did not know where to find him.

In fact, the police had already obtained a search warrant for Fowler's tennis shoes and his fingerprints, but had no address for him, when the arrest was made.

Both Born and Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox praised the work of the patrol officers for paying attention to details and tracking Fowler down.

Fowler was arraigned Thursday afternoon in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

He is charged with five counts of commercial burglary and Judge William Butts set his bail at \$50,000.

Fowler is being held in the Lincoln County Jail.

## CANDIDATES in the Ruidoso municipal election on March 3 were incorrectly identified in a special section published Wednesday. Here is the correct information. The Ruidoso News regrets the error.

### Leon Eggleston 430 Main Road Ruidoso



Eggleston Council (Incumbent)

1. What are your goal(s) in running for this office?

I would like to see us complete the projects that we started in the past four years and I would like to see the Village Council complete the purchase of the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply, Inc.

2. How would you achieve those goals?

By working with the staff and council.

3. What qualifications or attributes make you a good candidate?

I have been involved in government for the past 18 years in working for the village of Capitan

for two years, the village of Ruidoso for 12 years, the county of Lincoln for two years and serving on the Village Council for the past four years. I have a good background in government and the laws that effect our local government.

#### Biographical

Place of Work: Lincoln Cablevision  
Position: Business manager  
Employment background: Government  
Education: More than three years of college.  
Age: 54  
Years in community: 20 years  
Marital status: Married  
Name of spouse: Cindy Eggleston  
Other offices held: Ruidoso Village Council, four years.  
Have you ever been arrested? No

### Ray F. Sharbutt 201 University Ruidoso

1. What are your goal(s) in running for this office?

My primary goal is to serve the people and the community of Ruidoso by offering open access to all our citizens to their local government. I will work to provide better roads and community

services, including long-term solutions for water and solid waste. We must develop the infrastructure that will ensure an orderly development of our community, without destroying our most precious asset - the natural beauty and environment.



Sharbutt Council candidate

2. How would you achieve those goals?

I will consider the facts and arguments on both sides, prior to making decisions in the interests of all the citizens of Ruidoso. I will approach each issue with an open mind and a resolve to make the decision that will benefit all of us, both now and into the future. We must ensure that Ruidoso continues to be an appealing community for our children and their families to live, work and go to school.

3. What qualifications or attributes make you a good candidate?

I am prepared to work and expend the time necessary to study each issue that comes before the council. I have the maturity, broad life experience, academic background and specialized training to place the issues in proper perspective. I am independent minded and willing to listen and discuss all issues with any individual or group. I have previous experience working with groups with divergent interests in successfully forging acceptable solutions to long-term problems.

#### Biographical

Place of Work: The Dutton Firm, Ltd.  
Position: Attorney  
Employment background: president of association at the University of New Mexico; English teacher; owner of auto repair business; drilling foreman; a safety consultant; a sales representative and service technician; executive of Savings Association; Russian translator in the U.S. Army.  
Education: bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in education and a law degree from New Mexico State University.  
Age: 47  
Years in the community: Since 1984  
Marital status: N/A  
Political offices held: None  
Other offices held: Several professional, student positions at UNM.  
Have you ever been arrested? No.



David Jackson, right, son of slaves, long-time White Oaks resident with Queen and Whitewell families.

### L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

#### White Oaks Eagle

Feb. 15, 1900

Nogal Nuggets: W. T. Henley has gone to the Oscuras to do assessments on a number of claims, some of which it is said are showing up a quantity of high grade ore... B. Wilson and Joe Cochran have located new claims recently in this district.

Nogal people are in good spirits as a result of a prospective mining stimulus which is expected to manifest itself here this spring.

The public school is progressing nicely with a good attendance... Hunter Watson, the hustling photographer is in the city, and is doing considerable business. Geo. E. Sligh and W. T. Henry have an exhibit of specimens of very fine copper ore which they have uncovered in this vicinity... R.C. Russell and Ed Homan are in from the Oscura Copper district.

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### If Elected, Our Administration Will:

- Seek to increase public input into the decision making process through town meetings and focus groups.
- Treat all of our citizens with respect and will serve this community with honor.
- Provide leadership with a view to Ruidoso's future.
- Place emphasis on long range planning.
- Continue to improve and develop our water system.
- Make maintenance of our infrastructure our priority.
- Focus on new ways to enhance service at Village Hall.
- Work to position Ruidoso's Economy to compete and succeed into the 21st century.

#### Qualifications:

- Served 2 terms on the Ruidoso Village Council.
- 19 year resident and business owner in Ruidoso
- Graduate of UTEP with BBA in Finance and MBA with minor in Economics
- Served on Ruidoso Commissions for 7 years.
- Member of Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Planning and Zoning Authority.
- President and long term member of Ruidoso Rotary Club.

# Sonic: Lon dazzled his father with maneuvers and rolls

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rolling down the runway."

Once the plane was airborne, his son beamed up the excitement level by accelerating low to the runway and then turning the craft straight up, going from a 5,000 foot elevation to 7,000 feet in a matter of seconds, Nunley said. That was followed by a 360 degree roll.

"I think he was having fun with his dad," Nunley said.

The plane headed east, but it took Nunley a few moments to get his bearings. He had to look at the ground to get oriented. The two flew to Moriarty and turned south. They buzzed the Ruidoso area with a couple of passes over Wal-Mart, where Nunley heads the pharmacy.

"We had plenty of altitude,

but we tried to blow the doors off," he joked.

The next target was Sierra Blanca Peak, which they shot over with a clearance of 300 to 400 feet, Nunley said.

It took them just nine minutes going 600 miles per hour to reach Datil and cruise over the Very Large Array.

Lon dazzled his father with maneuvers and rolls over White Sands Missile Range and in a prearranged privilege, Nunley was allowed to fly the craft for a few minutes with Lon, of course, supervising.

But maybe the biggest thrill of the day occurred next while the plane was headed north toward Carrizozo. The plane broke the sound barrier in a designated area.

"The only way you can tell is that there is a slight shutter," Nunley said. "I wasn't

sure if it was the aircraft or me. And the altimeter jumped 2,500 feet. The mountains seem to be coming up real fast at 800 to 1,000 mph."

A few more special moves and Lon turned the airplane back toward Albuquerque, where he executed a few touch and go landings on instruments before bringing the plane safely back to its berth.

"It was fun to be a part of it," Nunley said.

Because of his past piloting experience, his knees weren't knocking when his feet finally hit the ground.

"But I didn't know how excited I could get over an airplane flight," he said. "It happened once and probably never will again and I'm thankful I got to go. I would recommend it to anyone."



L. Ray Nunley (right) and his son, Lon, with grandson, Colton, pose in front of an F-16 Jet Fighter. Nunley's son treated his dad to a birthday ride that broke the sound barrier. courtesy of the Nunley family

# Visioning Committee discusses importance of art and local history of the area

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A discussion on lifestyle issues such as art, education and history, drew more people to a meeting of the Ruidoso Ad Hoc Visioning Committee than the group has seen since starting the process four months ago.

About 25 people filed into Rooms Two and Three at the Ruidoso Convention Center to discuss what issues and questions should appear on a survey being compiled by the committee. The survey will be aimed at gaining resident input on long-term goals for the village.

Herb Brunnell, a member of the Ruidoso Arts Commission, got things started by citing the long list of arts and artists found in Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

"The arts are such a broad based thing," Brunnell said. "I

think you'll be amazed when you really start thinking about that."

Brunnell emphasized the importance of retaining those artists, as well as attracting new ones, proposing possible incentives to draw them to the area.

"The economic impact of art is felt county wide," he said, adding that the village and the county can benefit from the other's art community. "What benefits Lincoln County, benefits Ruidoso. What benefits Ruidoso, benefits Lincoln County."

Other proposals Brunnell made for the survey included questions on the possibility of a permanent performance and display space, how village ordinances could enhance art, and a village funding plan to buy art.

Others in the audience echoed Brunnell's enthusiasm for bolstering the local arts

scene, adding that hanging on to local history should be included too.

Robert Donaldson, a Ruidoso village councilor and mayoral candidate, said it's clear that the historic culture of the area is important to tourism. He particularly said how valuable the area's three distinct cultures - Anglo, Hispanic and Native American - are.

Donaldson's and other's comments led Village Manager Gary Jackson, who was manning pen and paper to record questions, to add "Should the village encourage the creation of a historical society organization?" to his list.

Visioning committee member Ron Anderson suggested a

museum for the same purpose.

"How about a city or area museum?" he asked. "Almost every city you go to has a museum."

Ruidoso Village Council candidate Ross Dingman suggested that natural history not be excluded from any historical preservation or promotion efforts.

When talk turned to education, Ruidoso Superintendent Mike Gladden said the most important thing the community can do is include children in decision making.

"We're all in this together," Gladden said.

Committee members liked the idea of including youth in the process, and asked Gladden to spread the word about

the visioning meetings, as well as planned to invite student council members to the next gathering.

Jim Miller, director Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, spoke of higher education. His main point was that Ruidoso needs to start thinking of itself as a college town.

With that thinking comes issues such as the availability of affordable child care and affordable housing, future development of the public library for more academic use, continued improvements and maintenance to village infrastructure and the ability to promote and encourage the continued development of

technology, Miller said.

Committee member Morgan Clough praised both the turnout and the input that Tuesday's meeting garnered, but warned that not every comment would find its way on to the survey.

He said pure logistics would prevent every question from being asked, simply because not many people would be willing to answer 300-plus questions.

But Clough did promise that the committee would study the questions generated, evaluate them and try to find a way in which every issue is covered on the survey, which is projected to be complete sometime this spring.

## DEATHS FUNERALS

### Alice Lorea Cook

A graveside service for Alice Lorea Cook, 89, of Ruidoso will be held at 10 a.m. today at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso with Mr. John Whitlock officiating.

Mrs. Cook died Tuesday at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born

Jan. 13, 1909, in Guthrie Texas. She had lived in Ruidoso for four years, moving here from Clovis, N.M. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a brother, William Franklin Morris and his wife, Viola, two sisters-in-law, Alene Morris and Ina Morris; four nieces; and three nephews.

## CLARIFICATION

Bob Hollis said that private land owners should not have to maintain access to public lands but that the public should be able to create access to public lands off of private property.

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### OUR OPINION

## An invitation

A number of Lincoln County's elected policy-makers — village mayors, councilors and trustees, county commissioners, school board members — and their administrators gathered in Ruidoso on Wednesday night at the invitation of this newspaper to help plan a county-wide public "community update" forum on March 31.

That 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. event will give an opportunity for citizens to sit down with their elected officials in separate breakout discussions and talk about each entity's problems and goals. Every municipal board, school board and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, along with the Lincoln County Commission, has been invited to participate.

The *Ruidoso News* will publish what might serve as an agenda for public consideration in a special section on March 27.

The idea, of course, is to enhance communication between officials and their constituents, and to define those tasks that might be accomplished best through cooperative effort.

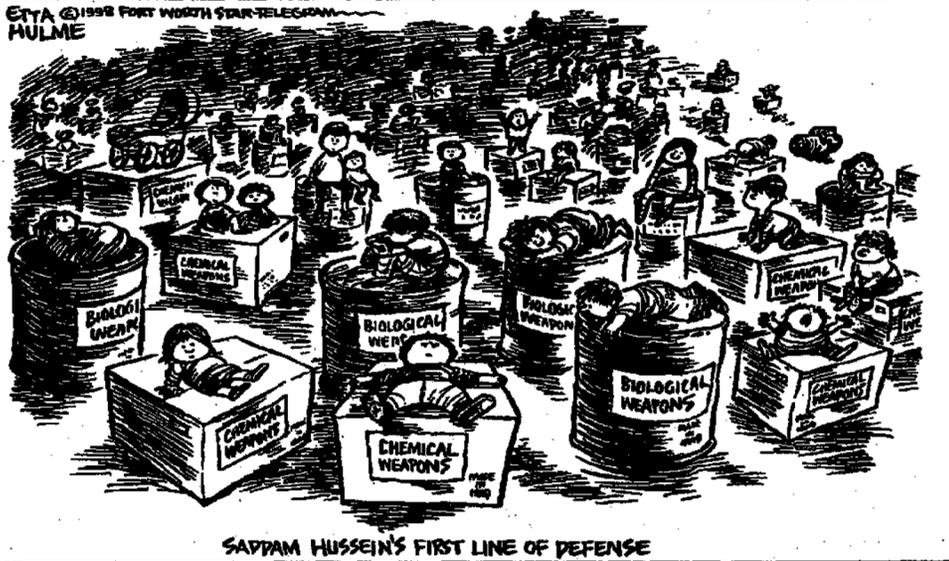
Ruidoso Councilor Robert Donaldson reiterated the importance of accurate information reaching the public via the media or otherwise, and the way inaccurate or inflammatory comment sometimes can undermine efforts. He had objected to the newspaper that an editorial opinion on Feb. 18 concerning a revised "hillside protection" ordinance fell in that category, noting that although revisions stripped commercial development from the section other ordinances in force governed such projects.

A cooperative need cited by County Manager Frank Potter is the use of the satellite Global Information System to pinpoint rural addresses for emergency response; he said it would have been invaluable during the December storm that isolated so many ranches. Potter pointed out that the county is moving toward such a system in establishing rural addresses, but it would be much more effective if all the municipalities also were involved.

Sharing of technical information between school districts in establishing computerized "distance learning" in the schools through such providers as Eastern New Mexico University also was seen as an area of cooperation.

A Ruidoso Downs trustee cited the need for enhanced awareness county-wide about drug and alcohol abuse; she said her own survey had shown the area near the top in the state for such abuse, but with no treatment centers (short of jail) within reach.

And so the table is set, and the invitation is issued, to all the area's people to communicate with their own local government leaders on March 31.



SAPPAM HUSSEIN'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

### THE SILVER LINING

## George Washington's heritage

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."



BY DAN STORM  
COLUMNIST

These words will go echoing down through the years as we celebrate the birthday of George Washington, the "father of our country."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, said of Washington: "He was the best of great men, and the greatest of good men."

God reached down from Heaven and selected George Washington to guide our infant nation through its birth and infancy. He was born Feb. 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Va., to Augustine Washington and Mary Ball Washington.

When George was 11 years old, his father was called home by our Lord, leaving him in the care of his older brother Lawrence and his mother, a lady of high intelligence and Christian character who was the guiding light and spirit of Washington's life

While a youth, it was intended that he should follow a life at sea. All was in readiness and George was at the door saying goodbye. His mother had given her consent, but at the last minute she broke down and wept.

From the door, Washington signaled to the men in the boat ready to take him to the ship that he wasn't coming.

This was one of many prophetic turning points in Washington's life. Back before the Revolutionary war, when we were still English, George served under an English general in a battle in which the British were defeated during the French and Indian War. In this battle and others in the same war, the young officer Washington learned valuable lessons which stood him in good stead later when the fate of the country hung in the balance.

#### A charmed life

Some years after this battle, and old Indian chief spoke words foreshadowing Washington's destiny:

"We were firing at this man from every direction with arrows and bullets, from behind rocks and trees. Many fell a his side. He and his fellow soldiers were out in the open without protec-

tion. Although his clothes were cut to ribbons he was unharmed.

"This man will never die in battle. He will live to establish a great nation."

One of the favorite subjects of American painters is of Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow at Valley Forge.

#### Washington's message

In his address to the American people at the close of the Revolutionary War, Washington said:

"I now make my devout prayer that God would have you in His holy protection; that He would include the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly love and affection for one another, for the fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field; and finally that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose all of us to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion without a humble invitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation."

### YOUR OPINION

#### A daughter remembers

To the editor:

This is to the countless number of people who opened their hearts, hands and homes to me and my family during the loss of my father, Ray Reed.

There are no words to express the gratitude felt to lifetime friends, neighbors and new-found friends, who thought well enough of my father to bring food, words of comfort, shoulders to cry on and understanding to his family.

Many thanks to the Museum of the Horse and its staff for allowing us to see Dad off, surrounded by parts of his world that he loved best. Horses, cowboys' good music, friends and family. A very special thank-you to the Enjady family of the Mescalero Apache for honoring my father with acceptance into their family many years ago, and for the brilliant blankets of Pendleton that draped him on his last journey. Also a thank-you to Danny Sisson, who went above and beyond in his compassion and handling of my father and family in Ruidoso and at his final resting place at the foot of the breaks in San Jon.

Gregarious, irascible, vibrant, passionate about what he loved to do, ornery...all these things have been used to describe my father in the last few days. Yes, he was all of these things. To me he was bigger than life, and a brilliant star that shone in my life for 42 years. And although the star has

been extinguished here on earth it shines brightly with our Master in Heaven and always will and forever have sanctuary within my heart. I will miss him.

Susan Reed Allen  
Ruidoso Downs

#### Compassion needed

To the editor:

Shame, shame shame. Does the word "compassion" have anyplace in a small-town newspaper today? What is considered news — information necessary and appropriate for public consumption — and what is just insensitive, cruel and unnecessary.

I am referring to the front page coverage of the tragic death of Felisa Montes, daughter of Commissioner Monroy Montes, and the accompanying article highlighted on page 3 regarding the pending charges against his son.

Exactly how much is one family supposed to take, and I ask the question again...where is your compassion? Maybe you could have waited to print the son's story in the next issue if you just had to print it at all.

Joan Bailey  
Ruidoso

#### The blood of life

To the editor:

This is a reminder and a call to all community-minded volunteer blood donors to stop by the Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive in Gateway next Tuesday,

Feb. 24, and take part in our LCMC Auxiliary blood drive. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone who is in good health, has not donated for eight weeks, presents an I. D., weighs at least 110 pounds, is 17 (with signed permit card) to 79 years, may stop by to be interviewed and screened. The need for blood is always urgent and supplies are usually critical. Every unit donated has the potential to help four people.

For this first blood drive in 1998, the premium will be a free T-shirt.

Margaret Bertramsen  
Ruidoso Downs

#### Art Loop's beginning

To the editor:

Re: The letter from Barbara Diehl-Westbrook, printed in the Feb. 13 issue. There is no doubt that Virginia Jones has been a mover and a shaker in the Lincoln County arts scene; however, she did not "form" the Art Loop.

To set the record straight: The Art Loop is the creation of Molly Hart and Todd Shelby, with the assistance of Georgia Van Pelt of Capitán. Virginia Jones was not involved.

The concept of the Art Loop was to bring people into the burgeoning art scene outside the existing Lincoln County focus of Ruidoso, and give those artists... a shot at the larger market. The first Art Loop was held in December, 1996. It is a juried, open studio tour which normally

## Symposium takes root

It's officially the "Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium of the Air," even if it was recorded in Stephenville, Texas, and after just one broadcast it's getting attention from all over.

Uh? Well, Ray Reed was always thinking, and last October, after a superlative Symposium tribute to famous songwriter Cindy Walker and music arranger Eldon Shamblin (two of the greats of western swing music), he started thinking about what could be done for an encore to promote the symposium and Lincoln County.

The four-hour live broadcast over Tulsa's popular radio station KVOO from Glencoe that Thursday night was the catalyst for Ray. Before long he was talking to friends all over the country, and by the time he attended the Elko, Nev., cowboy poetry gathering early this month everything was set for a first recording session on Feb. 9, for broadcast on KVOO and four other stations the following Sunday.

But Ray died on his way back home. His family concluded that the show would go on; Ray would want it no other way. And it did, with Boomtown Hotels and Casinos (one of R. D. Hubbard's enterprises) as the initial sponsor.

Scott Wells at the Museum of the Horse says it's shaping up as one of those "right idea at the right time" things. Larry Scott, of KVOO (but now with KBAP, Dallas), who arranged the first broadcast of the program on Feb. 15, called Wells on Tuesday to tell him that he's getting inquiries from other stations to pick up the monthly one-hour radio show; it appears that "Americana music" like Western swing is making a big comeback with radio listeners.

Wells will do a two-minute piece on area history during each program. And Lincoln County thereby also will get a promotional boost, just as Ray intended.

### MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN  
RUIDOSO NEWS

includes Hondo, Lincoln, Capitán, Nopal and Carrizozo (White Oaks has not been involved). It has been a success.

I hasten to add that this is not carping. It is great to see any group of artists get together to improve their lot. It is also pleasing to see that gallery owners are involved.

Leif Ancker  
Lincoln

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## Getting deep into Ruidoso's water situation and how to keep it afloat

The village of Ruidoso has called an election for March 3 in which voters will be asked to extend the existing 1 percent Supplemental Gross Receipts Tax (SGRT) for the purpose of financing bonds for the "constructing and equipping and otherwise acquiring a municipal water supply system."

### COMMENT



BY GARY JACKSON  
VILLAGE MANAGER

This article will give a brief overview of the current water system in Ruidoso, the existing bond indebtedness of the village as well as the specific need for the extension of the SGRT for the water system bonds.

### Ruidoso's Water System

The Village of Ruidoso water system is one of the most complex water systems in the state of New Mexico. The water, which is used by customers and consumers in the village of Ruidoso, comes from a combination of ground (well) sources as well as surface water from two sources, which are the Eagle Creek Drainage and the Rio Ruidoso via Grindstone Lake.

It should be remembered that the water system has separate but interrelated components, which are: water rights, sources of water, water production and treatment and water distribution.

**Water rights** - regardless of the quantity of water available, the legal right to divert or use the water is still necessary. This is complicated by the fact that all water rights in the Hondo Water Basin have been adjudicated (ownership determined by a court).

Any water rights needed by the village must, therefore, be secured on a long-term basis by either purchase or lease. Remember, a water right must be in place before a drop of water can be used.

**Sources of water** - Ruidoso has a number of wells that produce ground water. Treatment and operating costs on these wells are typically relatively simple and inexpensive.

Much of the supply of the surface water currently comes

from the Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association (ECICWSA), which is jointly owned by the village of Ruidoso and Capitan. (Note:

After lawsuits between the two villages, a settlement agreement has been reached and the purchase of ECICWSA assets by Ruidoso is a primary consideration of the upcoming SGRT bond election).

The village also owns Grindstone Lake and Dam, supplying water that is diverted from the Rio Ruidoso.

**Water production and treatment** - Ruidoso owns and operates two surface water treatment plants. The water treatment plant at Alto Crest treats both surface and ground water.

The newer water treatment plant is located at Grindstone Lake, and the first phase of the plant was constructed in 1994.

The second phase was constructed as part of the 1995 General Obligation Bond issue. Particularly in the case of surface water treatment, compliance with environmental regulations, such as the removal of contaminants and disinfectant by-products required by the Safe Water Drinking Act, is costly.

The village also is working with the Ruidoso River Association to develop a plan to recover water leaking from the dam to recycle back into the Grindstone Lake or treatment process. Design for this recovery project is currently underway.

**Water distribution** - the village has approximately 350 miles of water mains, serving approximately 7,639 service units, including both residential and commercial customers in a total of 37 pressure zones.

These pressure zones are necessary because of the topographical challenges of Ruidoso, where water pressures must be increased to lift water to higher elevations, and then pressures reduced to lower elevations.

With the approval of the 1995 General Obligation Bond issue, the village has made progress toward the replacement of undersized and otherwise deteriorated lines with one project complete and a second underway.

Also, the village has 16 elevated water reservoirs that have a total capacity of 19 million gallons, which is critical for peak demand concerns.

### Existing Bonded Indebtedness

Bonds have been issued with various terms or maturity dates as well as interest rates. In the current administration, efforts have been made to keep the term, or maturity, as short as possible to save interest costs.

For instance, the 1995 General Obligation Bond series were issued for an eight-year term. This short term, combined with a favorable economic climate for borrowing, resulted in an interest rate of 4.36 percent for the General Purpose Bonds and 4.3 percent for the water/sewer purpose.

The village currently has existing bonds in the following categories: Sales/gross receipts tax, Utility (water/sewer) and General Obligation.

**Sales/gross receipts tax debt** - on June 30, 1998, the outstanding amount in this category will be \$8,122,865 (which includes the \$4,375,000 outstanding in SGRT). These bonds are financed by gross receipts taxes on the sales on goods and services within the village.

**Utility Fund (water/sewer)** - on June 30, 1998, the outstanding amount in this category will be \$1,445,000. These bonds are financed by water and/or sewer rates.

**General Obligation** - on June 30, 1998, the outstanding amount in this category will be \$6,025,000. These bonds are financed by property taxes.

Although this totals \$15,592,865 in outstanding debt at June 30, 1998, it should be pointed out that \$13,190,000, or 85 percent of this debt, will be retired on or before August, 2003, or within five and a half years.

### Property tax rates

As stated, some of the village's debt is General Obligation Bonds. These must be approved by the voters and commit property taxes for repayment. General Obligation Bonds constitute the "debt service" component of the property tax rate, while operating expenses of the general fund are financed by the "municipal operations" component of the property tax rate. In accordance with state law, each taxing entity within Lincoln County adopts its own tax rate annually, while the county is responsible for appraising all property establishing evaluations. The table below shows a

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX RATES (MILS) IN RUIDOSO			
	1996	1997	% CHANGE
State	1.556	1.347	-13.43%
Lincoln County	7.633	6.520	-14.58%
Village of Ruidoso	14.912	11.939	-19.94%
Ruidoso Schools	7.982	7.884	-1.23%
Other*	4.689	3.999	-14.71%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36.772</b>	<b>31.689</b>	<b>-13.82%</b>

\*Other includes Lincoln County Medical Center, Carrizozo Health Center, and ENMU Ruidoso Operations.

comparison of residential property tax rates by taxing entity in Lincoln County in the 1996 tax year vs. the 1997 tax year. During this time the village of Ruidoso's tax rate (including both "municipal operations" and "debt service") for residential property was reduced from 14.912 mils to 11.939 mils or a -19.94 percent change.

**Supplemental Gross Receipts Tax (SGRT) Bond Election (sub head)**

The SGRT tax election on March 3 will pose two questions:

1. Shall the village extend the imposition of an existing excise tax for the privilege of engaging in business in the village known as the "supplemental municipal gross receipts tax" and which shall be imposed at the rate of 1 percent of the gross receipts of the person engaging in business, the proceeds of which are to be dedicated to the payment of supplemental gross receipts tax bonds, and,

2. Shall the village be authorized to issue supplemental municipal gross receipts bonds in an amount of not exceeding \$4,625,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping and otherwise acquiring a municipal water supply system?

The Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association (ECICWSA) purchase is a primary purpose for holding the SGRT election at this time.

The settlement agreement between the villages of Ruidoso and Capitan over the ECICWSA is beneficial to both communities. This settlement allows:

1. the village of Ruidoso to

achieve control of a significant quantity of water rights as well as Alto Lake and other water facilities and land;

2. the village of Capitan to receive water rights and assets as well as funding for its water system, since the purchase by Ruidoso will be at the final appraised value. This purchase can either be accomplished through water rate increases or through the proposed SGRT bonds.

Additionally, the village is currently seeking proposals from engineering firms to update the village's "water master plan." Recommendations for system upgrades and improvements are anticipated when this plan is completed.

In considering the two ballot measures, the following should be kept in mind:

- both ballot questions must be approved in order to allow these bonds
- approval of these two measures do not impose any new tax;
- approval of these measures do not increase the property tax in any manner;
- if voters reject either or both of these measures, the 1 percent SGRT will still continue until the existing bonds mature in 2003;
- if these measures are approved the supplemental tax

will only continue as long as the term of the new bonds or unless voters subsequently approve a new SGRT bond issue at a future election;

• although a water rate increase will be part of the upcoming budget process, approval of these measures will help mitigate or lessen the impact of water rate increases.

### Summary

Ruidoso's water system is complex and expensive. Keeping the system updated requires both long-range as well as short-range planning with respect to capital maintenance and expansion.

The village has continued to pursue assistance from the state Legislature, as in 1994 when \$670,000 was appropriated for help with the first phase of the Grindstone water treatment plant.

The proposed SGRT bonds, if approved on March 3, will be a significant help for the water needs of the village.

However, continued attention must be focused on the investment in making the water system as viable as it can be.

These bonds should be included as a component of a comprehensive approach that thoroughly examines all financing mechanisms for water (and wastewater) improvements).

"... continued attention must be focused on the investment in making the water system as viable as it can be."

Gary Jackson,  
village manager

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# County growth taps into top 20

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

It may be the scenic beauty. Or it may be the slower pace of life. But whatever it is, more and more people are finding Lincoln County an attractive place to live.

In fact, the five municipalities in the county were ranked among the 20 fastest growing in the state, according to data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau and distributed in the February newsletter of the Albuquerque-based Association of Commerce and Industry. Capitan, Corona, Carrizozo, Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso all found a place in the top 15.

But some municipal officials are questioning the accuracy of the numbers. Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel disputed the population of 1,351, which landed Carrizozo 10th on the list, saying that the village's population is really closer to 960 or 980.

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson said the numbers seem to coincide with the village's building permit records. But, he said, there is a continuing debate in the village on what the full-time population is.

"Historically, somewhere between 60 and 70 percent of our homes are owned by second home owners," Jackson said. "There is a question about (Census) accuracy. How far off is that? How do you disprove it?"

Jackson said Village Planning Administrator Cleatus Richards has been studying different models using factors such as voter registration to

come up with a more accurate way to tally what Ruidoso's real population is.

And growth must be taken in context. Corona grew by 27.4 percent, but that percentage only equaled 59 people. Corona grew from 215 people counted on the 1990 Census to 274 on the 1996 survey, ranking sixth among the top 20; Ruidoso Downs grew from 920 people in 1990 to 1,148 in 1996, ranking 13th; and Ruidoso ranked 14th growing from 4,600 in 1990 to 5,714 in 1996.

Capitan ranked highest on the list among Lincoln County communities, falling into third behind only Rio Rancho and Bosque Farms. The village had a 34.3 percent growth rate - an increase from a population of 842 when the 1990 Census was taken, to 1,131 on the 1996 Census. Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro said he's not surprised by the growth. Instead, he said the village has been anticipating it. To prepare, he said a water study is already underway.

Renfro estimated the population using water meters. He said Capitan now has about 755 water meters with an average of two to three people per meter. When he did the math, Renfro estimated the population of Capitan to be around 2,000 or so.

"We've got a water engineer doing a 40-year water plan," he said. "And we've got the Eagle Creek situation and we're hoping that will be the answer."

The villages of Capitan and Ruidoso are partners in Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association and Capitan wants out. The village is hoping

Ruidoso will buy out its interest in Eagle Creek, and that the proceeds from that sale will buy enough water rights to last 40 years and beyond.

Water is Capitan's priority, Renfro said. As for other issues like infrastructure, facilities and services, Renfro said Capitan is waiting to determine what those needs will be before plotting its course.

Those very issues of infrastructure have taken local prominence in Ruidoso, though. The Ruidoso Village Council, in the past few months, has faced such issues as impact fees and zoning ordinances aimed at planning for growth.

"We have to be vigilant in the fact that we have to accommodate the growth and be prepared for the growth," Jackson said. "We have to investigate all avenues for infrastructure maintenance, improvements and upgrades."

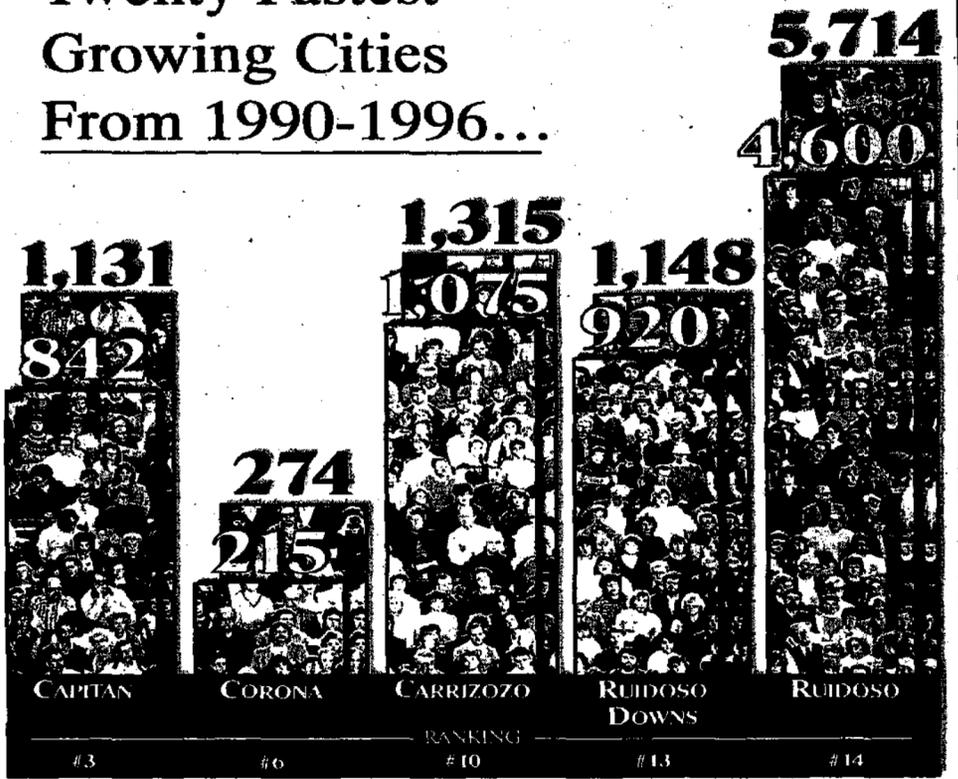
Jackson said the proposed impact fee was looked at as tool for building a solid foundation for a booming population.

In Ruidoso Downs, Mayor Joe Hayhurst said the figures showing a population increase from 920 in 1990 to 1,148 in 1996 sounds right. And he credited the cooperation of the village council as having led to the growth and to the village's ability to handle it.

"For the past six years, we've had council willing to work together and work with me to get things done," he said.

Hayhurst also said Ruidoso Downs is poised to handle the growth because the growth has been, and continues to be gradual.

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### TO THE VOTERS OF RUIDOSO

This is the fourth in the series that constitutes my campaign for Village Councilor. As in the preceding letters I would like to address several items that I hope will prove to be of interest to you.

I would again like to discuss factors that impact directly on our property taxes and to suggest several ways for bringing these excessive taxes under control. In a past letter I explained that out of 12 items that impact on our property taxes there were only two, School Bonds and Village Bonds, that we have direct control over. There are some which we may have indirect control over and these are the ones I'd like to discuss.

During the tax year '94-'95 the County Commissioners had a cash surplus of over \$5 million. In each budget year since, they have approved budgets that have exceeded the revenues collected. This year the budget they approved is greater than \$2 million more than income. At this rate, next years budget will completely wipe out all cash reserves. The following year, unless they are stopped, they will raise your property taxes to make up the shortage. The time to stop them is now. There are up for re-election soon. If persons are elected who are committed to holding spending and taxes down, we can forestall being blindsided by the Commissioners and their grossly irresponsible actions. In the long run this most certainly will help hold our taxes down.

Another problem that must be addressed is something of a "scared cow". School bonds and attendant expenses. I know, everybody wants our kids to have the best schools that we can afford. I have a grandson in 1st grade here, so I know whatof I speak. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford all the niceties. Young couples generally are the ones who have children in schools - that's no great revelation - many also work at lower paying jobs - that too is a widely understood fact. Taxes are driving them out. This year there were 33 fewer children enrolled in Ruidoso Municipal School District than last year. I fully expect that next year there will be 100 or more, fewer students. Capitan, on the other hand, had a net 133 student increase. Does that tell us something? Curtail spending, or we'll wake up with many very nice, but empty schools - schools that we'll be paying on for years to come. Elementary school gymnasiums and high school swimming pools are in the nice, but not essential, category - an we must find a way to let the School Board know this. Right now in School District 3 we are paying \$78,490.06 for School District Operational rate, also \$420,383.92 for School District Capital Improvement, \$1,418,203.99 in School Bond Debt, as well as \$416,037.79 for ECMU - which is another story I'll talk about in a minute. This is a total of \$2,333,115.76 in supplemental funds we spent on education in School District 3. Our schools have 2300 students - give or take a few - so this works out to over \$1,000 per student this year. This amount is almost insignificant when we consider the yearly School Budget of nearly \$11 million. That it is costing more than \$5,000 each to teach 2300 students strikes me as a bit much. In that ECMU students pay tuition I'm not counting them as our students.

However, ECMU is yet another problem that has begun to cost us dearly. Only those of us living in School District 3 pay this Operational Rate - this bothers me as I see it as being grossly unfair. What also bothers me is that in 1995 this amounted to \$175,000, and today it's \$416,000.00. That's a 237% increase in the costs - which pushes it to the forefront of the nice, but not essential category for me. How such a small number of us got saddled with this expense remains a mystery to me. By sharing the cost with the entire county a savings could be realized in our property taxes. Not much, but every little bit counts.

These are only some of the various expenses that are driving property taxes even higher. If we allow this new Village bond issue to pass, and the County Commissioners continue spending money at an unprecedented and irresponsible rate and the School District sells the bonds they are holding for what I believe to be essentially frivolous purposes - our property taxes in the next three years will make today's look like absolutely nothing. If we're going to protect what we've still got - we have to take all this seriously and do something to stop what is surely coming. Go to your friends, neighbors and acquaintances and relatives and do all you can to convince them it is in everyone's best interest if they vote. Stop this bond issue and vote some new blood into office - Village, County and, if need be, School Board.

Since 1995 there has been \$7,962,319.59 collected from Ruidoso property owners just to re-pay bond debt. This number does not include all the money collected from the one cent Gross Receipts Tax, and the supplemental 1% Gross Receipts Tax - which is also significant amount. Look around and see if you can identify what exactly we have received for all that money - I see very little. The sad thing is that we are still in debt for about \$10 million more. Don't you think the time has come to call a stop to this?

The next letter will be the last of my campaign for Village Councilor. I hope that I have been able to provide information that has given you reason to become involved in the voting process. I realize it often doesn't seem so, but we do have some control over what is visited upon us - if we take an interest. Please do.

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# Hondo Valley man to stand trial for murder

By DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Hondo Valley man will be tried Monday in Carrizozo on charges that he murdered a horse trainer with a sledgehammer, Oct. 5, 1996.

Steve Hernandez, 34, is accused of striking Jim Hare in the back of the neck after an argument at a roping arena on U.S. 380.

Jury selection in Lincoln County's 12th Judicial District Court may take all day, because both the defendant

and his attorney, Gary Mitchell are well-known in many circles in the Lincoln County. Mitchell often takes high profile cases where the death penalty is a possibility. In this case, the state is not seeking the death penalty.

Mitchell argued during Hernandez' hearing in magistrate court Oct. 15, 1996, that his client acted in self defense. He said Hernandez' actions were not premeditated and that Hare struck him with a board before he verbally threatened the trainer or

swung the sledgehammer.

But Assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes painted Hernandez as a man whose ego was bruised when he was bested in an earlier fight he started with Hare over the treatment of a horse. She said he was a man who couldn't let it go, picked up a long-handled sledgehammer and went after Hare again.

She pointed out that an aggressor can't claim self defense and contended Hernandez began both fights. Hernandez struck Hare once while

the victim was on his hands and knees and the last time while he was lying on the ground, Rhodes said.

Assistant District Attorney Roxe Anne Matise from the Alamogordo office of District Attorney Scot Key, will be the lead prosecutor at the trial.

Conviction on a first degree murder charge could carry a sentence of life in prison. A second-degree murder conviction would be for six to 12 years, plus a maximum fine of \$10,000.

## Ruidoso man claims false arrest

The village of Ruidoso and one of its police officers is being sued by Jack Cattedra for false arrest and imprisonment connected to a traffic stop March 20, 1997.

In a suit filed February 11 by his attorney, Charles Hawthorne, Cattedra asks for the court to assess damages for the humiliation and loss of wages he suffered because of the incident.

Cattedra contends that he was stopped by village police officer Ignacio Lopez while driving through the intersection of Sudderth Drive and U.S. 70 on his way to his job at The Enchantment Inn.

When the officer asked for

his driver's license, Cattedra tried to explain that he was allowed to drive to and from his job on a limited license, but Lopez refused to check the information, Cattedra stated.

The officer arrested him for driving on a suspended license, handcuffed him, parked the car at the Inn and later had it towed and impounded without cause, Cattedra contends.

He also insists his civil rights of freedom from search and seizure, from deprivation of liberty and of due process under the law were violated by the officer.

The village has referred the case to its Risk Management representative.

## REGIONAL BRIEFS

### Businesses eligible for disaster relief loans

Businesses in eight New Mexico counties, including Lincoln, may be eligible for low-interest disaster relief loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The application deadline is March 2.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from snow storms, ice, freezing temperatures, high winds and driving rain which occurred April 24 and 25, 1997.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Businesses in Lincoln, Bernalillo, Guadalupe, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Socorro, Torrance and Valencia counties may apply for the loans.

The loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting capital losses which they suffered as a result of the weather reducing crop income of area farmers and ranchers.

Small business claiming

to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

For applications or more information, call the SBA at 800-368-6303 or TDD at 817-2647-4688 for the hearing impaired.

### TNP announces quarterly dividend

TNP Enterprises, the parent company of Texas-New Mexico Power Company, announced quarterly dividends of 27 cents per share of common stock. The dividend level remains unchanged from the previous quarter. Quarterly dividends will be paid March 15 to shareholders of record on Feb. 27.

### Friends of Library meet in March

The Ruidoso Friends of the Library will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 2. This meeting will include the annual meeting and election of officers and will be at 3 p.m. in the new Ruidoso Public Library at 107 Kansas City Road.

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## Gov. Johnson supports Fort Stanton cemetery proposal

A proposal to study creating a state or national veterans cemetery out of the existing Fort Stanton military cemetery 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso was introduced last week by State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe).

House Joint Memorial 71 was under review Wednesday by the Senate Public Affairs Committee.

Williams was responding to information from veterans in Lincoln County who pointed out that Fort Stanton, which already is state owned, could meet New Mexico's need for a larger veterans' cemetery. It has plenty of room for expansion.

The cemetery is situated just outside the historic fort complex, which is being used as a minimum security prison for women. But a citizens group is working to drum up financial support to convince the state to turn the former fort and public hospi-

tal into a living museum and convention center when the lease with the state Department of Correction expires.

Gov. Gary Johnson wrote Victor Schaerer, a Ruidoso resident and retired skipper from the U.S. Merchant Marines, that he's glad to see the local interest in the cemetery. Schaerer, with the help of other volunteers, conducts memorial services at the cemetery and has overseen its rehabilitation.

In his letter dated Feb. 12, Johnson said he has asked Lester H. Swindle of the state property control division to meet with Michael D'Arco, director of the Veterans Service Commission, to discuss the issue and the options for use of the cemetery.

Currently, maintenance, repair of markers and other work at the cemetery is being handled by inmates at the prison.

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**COURT RECORDS**

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Jan. 22 - Molly Farrar vs. Malloy Brothers Inc., doing business as Albuquerque Nissan; complaint to recover damages; CV98-11.  
 Jan. 26 - Parkview Episcopal Medical Center Inc. vs. Kacey Hoek; filing of foreign judgment; CV98-13.  
 Jan. 28 - Leasconan Corp. vs. Mike McDonald; filing of foreign judgment; CV98-14.  
 Jan. 29 - Novus Services Inc. as serving agent for Greenwood Trust Inc., doing business as Discover Card Services, vs. Donald R. Spencer; breach of agreement and for debt and money due; CV98-15.  
 Jan. 29 - Alpine Village Sanitation Dept. vs. Ricardo Candelaria and Collette D. Candelaria; foreclosure of lien; CV98-16.  
 Jan. 30 - B & B Ready Mix L.L.C., a New Mexico limited liability company, vs. John Lamb; breach of contract; CV98-17.  
 Jan. 30 - Soledad Portillo, mother and next friend of Uriel Garcia, a minor, vs. Matthew Smith, Gary Smith and Timmie Smith; personal injuries; CV98-18.  
 Jan. 30 - Soren C. Thompson vs. Dave Blackmon; notice of appeal; CV98-21.  
 Feb. 2 - Paul Durham and Gary Peterson, individually and as partners of Southwest Developers Joint Ventures, and as shareholders of Motel Mania Inc., a New Mexico corporation, vs. Southwest Developers Joint Venture, a New Mexico general partnership, Motel Mania Inc., a New Mexico corporation, Claire McLaughlin, individually and as an employee, officer and director of Motel Mania Inc., H. John Underwood, Richard M. Mounds and Richard Arlaud, individually and as an employee and officer of Motel Mania Inc. and of Southwest Developers Joint Venture; breach of fiduciary duty, breach of duty of loyalty and fraud, and constructive trust; CV98-22.  
 Feb. 4 - City of Capitan vs. Steve

Davis; notice of appeal; CV98-23.  
 Feb. 6 - In re: the forfeiture of a red 1994 Oldsmobile, two-door with a Pennsylvania license, #889.85 and one AT&T cell phone, and concerning Michael Conklin and the vehicle's registered owner, Michael Martin; petition for forfeiture; CV98-24.  
 Feb. 6 - Heather Boustany vs. James C. Capps, deceased; personal injury; CV98-25.  
 Feb. 9 - Sears Roebuck and Co. vs. Dan Smith; complaint on open account; CV98-26.  
 Feb. 9 - Mark and Barbara Sultemeier vs. Bar Hill Inc. and Justen Washburn; declaratory judgment; CV98-27.  
 Feb. 11 - Jack Cattedra vs. the village of Ruidoso and Ignacio Lopez; damages for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment; CV98-28.

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Jan. 30 - Michael R. Martin; trafficking cocaine by possession with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to distribute; CR98-08.  
 Jan. 30 - Michael L. Conklin; trafficking cocaine by possession with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to distribute; CR98-09.  
 Jan. 30 - Michael Martin; conspiracy to traffic cocaine by possession with intent to distribute; CR98-10.  
 Jan. 30 - Michael Conklin; conspiracy to traffic cocaine by possession with intent to distribute; CR98-11.  
 Feb. 5 - Keith S. Warren; possession marijuana with intent to distribute, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, possession of LSD with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, racketeering; CR98-12.  
 Feb. 10 - Anna S. Henley; shoplifting over \$250, 4th degree felony; CR98-13.  
 Feb. 10 - April Henley; shoplifting

over \$250; CR98-14.  
 Feb. 10 - William C. Burdick; receiving stolen property, dispose over \$250, 4th degree felony; CR98-15.  
 Feb. 10 - Shannon Bartholomew; forgery, third degree felony; CR98-16.  
 Feb. 10 - Jerry Baca; forgery, third degree felony, and larceny over \$250, fourth degree felony; CR98-17.  
 Feb. 10 - Charles Klein; seven counts embezzlement \$100 or less, petty misdemeanor, and one count fraudulent use of credit card, fourth degree felony; CR98-18.

The following domestic relation cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Jan. 5 - Linda Castro vs. Tom McCarty; petition to prohibit domestic violence; DV98-01.  
 Jan. 6 - Victoria Baca vs. Cornelia Prudencio; petition to prohibit domestic violence, order issued Jan. 14; DV98-02.  
 Jan. 15 - Evelyn Guerra vs. Doyle Escalante; petition to prohibit domestic violence, order issued Jan. 28; DV98-03.  
 Jan. 22 - Francisco Martin vs. Virginia S. Jones Martin; domestic violence petition, order issued Jan. 28; DV98-04.  
 Jan. 22 - Hector Ruben Aguilar vs. Lisa Aguilar; divorce; DM98-11.  
 Jan. 26 - Bernadette Prudencio vs. Carlos Chavez; domestic violence petition, order issued Feb. 4; DV98-05.  
 Jan. 26 - Hollyce D'Layne Johnson vs. Ivan Johnson; divorce; DM98-12.  
 Jan. 29 - Sonia Herd vs. Troy Herd; domestic violence petition, order issued Feb. 4; DV98-06.  
 Feb. 2 - Virginia Jones Martin vs. Francisco Martin; divorce; DM98-15.

**Commissioners urge researchers to use completed forestry studies that are paid for already**

Instead of paying for a new study, researchers should take a look at data already collected or being gathered in other projects on the Lincoln National Forest, Lincoln County Commissioners say.

Richard Zierlein, an Otero County Commissioner, requested backing from the Lincoln County Commission last week in a proposed new study of the health of the forest that surrounds Ruidoso, extends into Otero County and into a separate section around Carlsbad. The study would focus on the declining condition of the forest and could pave the way for more logging to thin the trees and to improve the water shed, he said.

If more logging was permitted as a result of recommendations in the first study, additional work could be paid for with proceeds from the logging, he said. He also is trying to line up support from the cities of Cloudcroft, Tularosa and Alamogordo, and Otero County.

Fire suppression and prevention is one of the culprits, he said. At the turn of the century, the forest had an average of 36 trees per acre, but now has between 100 to 150 trees. They

aren't healthy and smaller trees have no chance to grow with the canopy keeping out light and rain. Streams have dried up and erosion has occurred, Zierlein said.

The deterioration started in the 1980s, he said.

But Commissioner Rex Wilson said the situation already has been and is being studied.

The General Administration Office is reviewing the forest right now, he said. A Carrizo Demonstration project was started several years ago to show the benefits from thinning and how natural grasses can be brought back. The commissioner said Zierlein also should contact the Forest Health Coalition

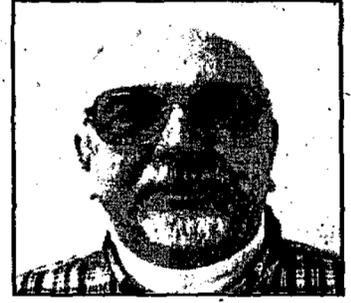
based in Ruidoso, because that group has been active in trying to improve the health of the forest.

"I'd rather start solving this now instead of waiting two years for a study," Wilson said.

He suggested Zierlein also contact the city of Carlsbad, which has a stake in the forest's health. He also recommended commissioners refer the request to the county Public Lands Use Advisory Board.

Zierlein said other studies have been fragmented. He hopes for one large study that can generate more public awareness to show how everyone is affected.

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**Ruidoso Village Council - March 3**

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  - Village of Ruidoso - Committee on Forest Waste
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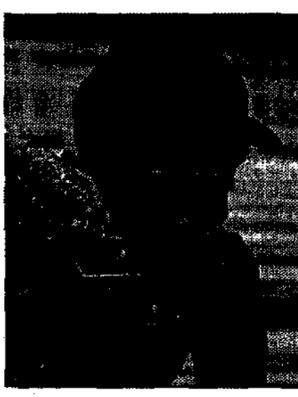
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Today he travels across the country as a singing evangelist. Joe is Pro Director of Athletes International Ministries in Phoenix, Arizona; a worldwide outreach to professional and collegiate athletes as well as coaches. He is a member of the Phoenix First Assembly of God (Tommy Barnett, Pastor).

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**Ski report**

New snow Wednesday: 16 inches  
New snow past week: 34 inches  
Settled snow depth: 86 inches  
Surface conditions: powder and packed powder  
Skiing conditions: excellent  
Trails open: 55 of 55  
Lifts open: 11 of 11  
Snow report: 257-9001  
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**Scoreboard**

**TUESDAY, FEB. 17**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Ruidoso 47, Cobre 39  
District 6AA playoffs  
Captain 57, Cloudfcroft 37  
District 3A playoffs  
Corona 53, Carrizozo 46  
Vaughn 59, Mountainair 49  
District 5A playoffs  
Mesilla Valley 51, Lake Arthur 34

**On deck**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 21**  
**Disabled skiers' auction**  
The annual silent auction for the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program starts at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Sections will close out at 15-minute intervals from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. At 9 p.m., the winner of the 1998-99 Ski Apache season pass will be drawn. For more information, call 336-4416.

**Youth soccer league sign-up**  
The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will hold registration for new soccer players from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the White Mountain schools cafeteria. Cost is \$20 for spring season play and \$25 for the traveling team. All school age children are eligible. Children who played the fall 1997 season are automatically registered for the spring season. For more information, call 336-9613.

**High Altitude Snowboard Races**  
Ski Cloudfcroft will host its first snowboard race day Saturday. The entry fee includes a T-shirt and lift ticket. Cost is \$22 for juniors (12 and under), \$32 for teens (13 to 16), seniors (17 to 29) and "over the hill" (30 and above). For more information, call Ski Cloudfcroft at 682-2333 or 1-800-333-7542.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 24**  
**Senior Olympic Regional Sports Clinic**  
Senior olympians in search of some additional instruction can find it at the New Mexico Senior Olympics Sports Clinic Feb. 24 in Roswell. The clinic is designed to improve a present game and/or teach a new sport. Adults 50 and older can attend the clinic which runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roswell High School and the Yucca Youth Center. The clinic is free of charge. For more information, call Lincoln County senior olympics coordinator Bart Young at 257-3193, or call the Roswell office at 623-5777.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 27**  
**March Madness 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament**  
Deadline to enter and pay half the entry fee for the March Madness Basketball Tournament at Ruidoso Middle School. Divisions are women's open and men's 6-foot and under. Cost to enter the double elimination tournament is \$150. Call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-6720 for more information.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28**  
**Richard Golly Cross Country Ski Races**  
Ski Cloudfcroft is hosting the Richard Golly Cross Country Ski Races Feb. 28. The races start at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on race day. The \$10 entry fee includes a T-shirt. Classes for the race are novice, intermediate and expert. Trophies will be awarded to the first three place in each class. To preregister or for more information, call 682-2333 or 1-800-333-7542.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**  
**Sign-up Little League Baseball and Girls Youth Softball for boys and girls, ages 5-15, will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at Sierra Vista Primary School. Late sign-up from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 24 at Sierra Vista Primary as well.**

**Fishing report**

RUIDOSO RIVER flows are moderate, predominantly clear and typical early spring action. Sluggish fish, small diameter line, nymphing is best. Princes, pheasant tails, gold ribbed hare's ear, green rock worms.  
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR considerably low, predominantly ice free, action primarily on 12 to 20 nymphs of a varied selection. Very little dry fly action.  
HURD RANCH slow but still good for a few fish. Slight beats hatch and predominantly a nymph program.  
LAKE MESCALERO catdids and midge patterns mid-day. Nymphs fairly productive. Bank fishing only.  
Closed waters include Bonito Lake, Eagle Lakes and Upper Canyon on the reservation.  
"Patiently awaiting spring runoff. Fishing will improve drastically in the next six weeks. Let's all pray for clear runoff."

Mike Hyman  
Ruidoso River Association

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Youth programs receive biggest piece of money pie**

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso Little League Baseball hit a grand slam Wednesday, garnering 87 percent of a \$68,000 gift from Lincoln County to the Village of Ruidoso for parks and recreation.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission spent nearly two hours Wednesday deciding how to divvy up the \$67,965.

Ruidoso Little League Baseball was recommended to receive the most funding with \$25,000 going to the development of a T-ball and pee wee-league diamond at a new location, North Park; another \$15,000 going to the remodeling of the Gavilan Canyon ball field storage room and restrooms; and \$6,430 for the purchase of portable baseball backstops.

The little league baseball organization can't circle the bases just yet, however. The village council must OK PARC's recommendations at its 6:30 p.m. Tuesday village council meeting.

PARC Chairman Jim Stoddard said he was "absolutely" pleased with the

board's final suggestions. "I just wanted to make sure we got plenty of input ... We're helping kids," Stoddard said Wednesday after the meeting.

Little League Baseball received the most funding because it had the most need, Stoddard said.

"They had the most kids (involved) and they have only one little field," he added.

PARC focused on funding capital projects and improvements because Lincoln County Commissioners will keep a "report card" of funding to determine if they will repeat such gifts in the future.

"We need to invest our money so that it will be here year after year," Stoddard said.

With those requirements carrying the most weight, PARC whittled a list of 10 requests down to seven. All but \$1,800 was allocated. The commission decided to put the remaining money in a contingency fund, noting that it has a year to use all the money should another project be proposed.

There's something for nearly every-

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Jim Stoddard,  
PARC chairman

youth softball, \$3,500 for perimeter security for White Mountain Recreational Complex; \$3,025 for two portable basketball goals for Ruidoso Little League Basketball, and \$502 for a boxing bag for the Lincoln County Boxing Club.

The only "players" to strike out were bicycling enthusiast John Parker who requested \$10,000 in seed money for an annual bike race, and former PARC chairman James Townsend who suggested some money be used to develop phase II of Grindstone Park.

PARC chairman Stoddard said Parker's request just didn't fit the criteria the board had established. Stoddard

one in the seven recommended projects - \$8,500 for an irrigation project at the east soccer field of the White Mountain Recreational Complex, \$4,200 for flexible fencing at Eagle Creek Sports Complex for

added that he'd like to see some of the money go toward signs for bike trails and the mapping of the trails.

Two requests submitted by Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Salas also didn't get funded. The board decided not to recommend for funding a \$6,800 remote lighting controller at Eagle Creek Sports Complex and \$3,700 worth of bleacher seating for White Mountain Recreational Complex.

Even the Lincoln County Bird-watchers received some seed money, although it's not from \$68,000 county gift. The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department will fund \$150 worth of materials to build bird feeding stations at Wingfield Park and Two Rivers Park, Salas said.

In other action, the commission: Directed Salas to negotiate fee reductions, when necessary, for the department's contract instructor program and;

Begin forming a Sport Council. The Parks and Recreation Commission's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 at village hall.

**PREP BASKETBALL**

**Warriors need a win for the inside track**

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The situation is ironic, indeed.

Ruidoso boys basketball coach Gary Grahn finds himself cheering for his team's rival, the Silver Colts.

Silver plays Hot Springs today in a District 3AAA contest in Truth or Consequences. Then, Hot Springs hits the road to take on Grahn's Warriors Saturday in the RHS gym.

Should the Colts (4-1 in 3AAA, 7-12 overall) beat Hot Springs (2-3 and 5-14), and the Warriors (3-2 and 11-9) accomplish the same feat Saturday, Ruidoso will have a firm grip on second place.

"The bottom line is this game is a must win because what if Silver loses and T or C beats us?" Grahn rhetorically asked Thursday.

Well coach, then the Hot Springs Tigers have the inside track on second place.

Grahn doesn't want that to happen.

It's been awhile since the Warriors stepped on the hardwood for a game. Ten days to be exact, and about six or seven days too long in Grahn's opinion.

"It's just too long," Grahn said of the Warriors' mid-sea-

son lull of games.

"We've tried to do all the magical coaching things that keep them fresh and hungry. These kids have been told the importance of Saturday's game," he said.

Getting Grahn's starting call Saturday will be forwards Tyler Cluff (Sr., 6-3) and Adam Windham (Sr., 6-4), and guards Matt Blank (Sr., 8-2), Scott Sebastian (Sr., 6-1) and Solomon Barnett (Fr., 5-8).

The Tigers come to town with one victory over Ruidoso already notched on their belts. Hot Springs scorched the nets Jan. 31 en route to a 71-55 rout of the Warriors.

"They do two things that really hurt us," Grahn said. "At their place, they changed defenses on us and we did a really poor job of adjusting."

"Offensively they shot the lights out, and we have to hope they don't do that in our gym."

The week of practice has allowed the Warriors to work on their offense - an attack that managed only 50 points in its last outing, a loss to Santa Teresa.

"We have really focused in on trying to get better shots, more shots and then making them," Grahn said.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with KRUI 1490 AM broadcasting the game live.

**Driving home**



Ruidoso's Jana Morris finds room to roam on her way to the basket. The Warriors held off Cobre, 47-39, Tuesday for a crucial District 3AAA triumph. The win improved Dwayne Rogers' team to 3-4 in district play and 7-15 overall, putting the Warriors in a good position to host a first-round District 3AAA playoff game Monday. If the district standings hold to form, #3-seed Ruidoso will host #4-seed Cobre at 7 p.m. Monday in the RHS gym.

**At a glance**

Playoffs for boys Class A and AA basketball teams begin Tuesday.

- In the 6AA - #4 seed at #3 seed, game at 6 p.m.
- In the 5A - #5 Mescalero at #2 Hondo, and #4 Mesilla Valley at #3 Lake Arthur, both games at 6 p.m.
- In the 3A - #5 Carrizozo at #2 Mountainair and #4 Corona at #3 Vaughn, both games at 6 p.m.

**Tiger coach hopes his team is ready as postseason arrives**

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The possible scenarios for the District 6AA boys basketball playoffs are mindboggling - full of ifs and ands.

Capitan boys coach Gerald Montes doesn't care, however, because one issue is quite clear in Montes' mind; Montes doesn't know if the Tigers are ready for their showdown in Tularosa with the Wildcats.

It's a big game for Capitan.

"It's important that we win, but it's more important that we put together a complete game," Montes said. "For some reason we can't get focused in the second half. We might as well not come out of the locker-room."

As evidence, Montes points to his Tigers' last outing. A week ago, Capitan rolled into Cloudfcroft, built a 12-point halftime lead only to squander it in the second half. The Bears picked up their first district win, 70-58, sending the race for second place up in the air.

The Tigers accomplished their objectives in the Cloudfcroft game, putting Bear post player Chris Evans on the bench with fouls. But they couldn't complement it with solid defensive play or offense.

"We didn't play a lick (in

the third quarter) and we get the big kid in foul trouble ...," said Montes.

It still wasn't enough, and the Bears rallied to win.

Tigers Garydon Silva and Kenny Stahl scored 17 apiece in the Cloudfcroft game, while Kris Davis added nine.

"Right now I think we're our own worst enemy," said Montes, not one to mince words.

Tularosa's press combined with Capitan's loss of point guard Garydon Silva resulted in an easy 72-52 victory for the Wildcats Feb. 6.

Silva is back, which should help the Tigers handle the Wildcat pressure.

Montes isn't worried about the Tularosa Xs and Os.

"I'm not so worried about anyone else. I'm more worried about us. When are the real Tigers going to show up?" Montes said.

The Tiger coach said it's just a matter of desire.

"Who plays (Friday) night and who decides to play next week (is what it comes down to)," Montes added. "We have the potential to be a pretty good basketball team, but we haven't shown it yet."

**District 6AA playoffs**

#4 seed at #3 seed, 6 p.m. Tuesday. Winner of #4 and #3 at #2 seed, 6 p.m. Thursday. District 6AA championship game 6 p.m. at Tularosa.

**Wide-eyed**



This drive by Chad Swanner was one of the few things that came easy last Saturday for the Ruidoso Middle School Braves. Visiting Tularosa cruised to a victory in the championship game of the Knights of Columbus Eighth-Grade Invitational. The RMS boys finished the season with a 13-5 record.

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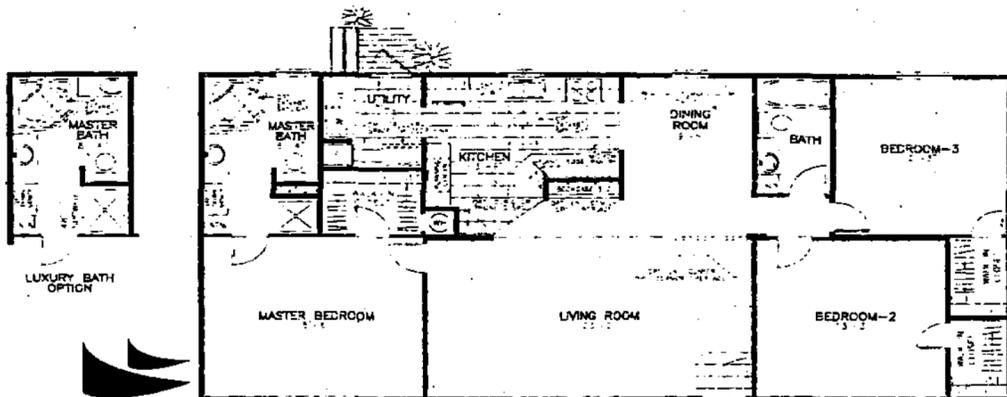
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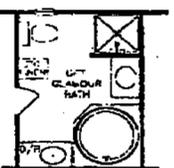
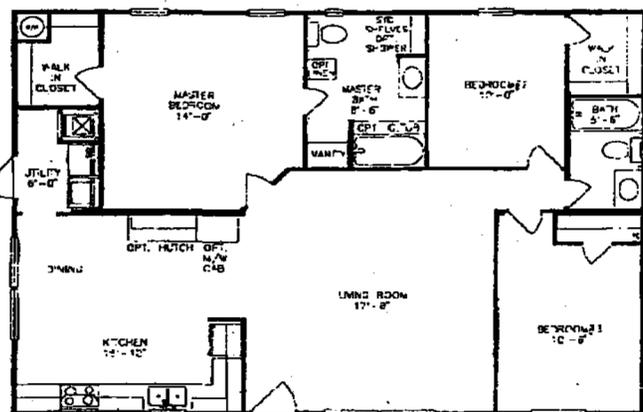


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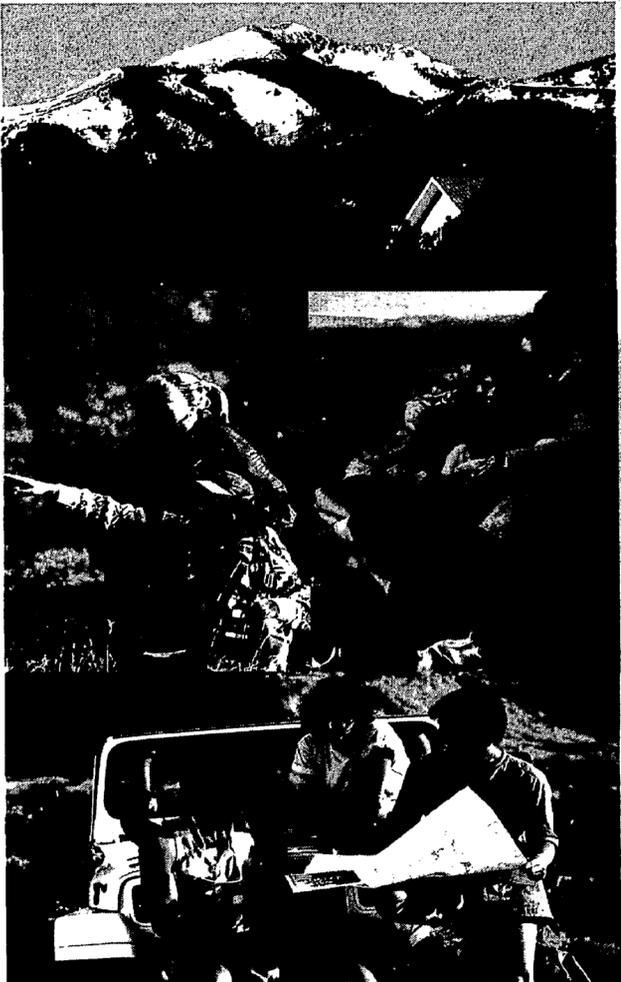
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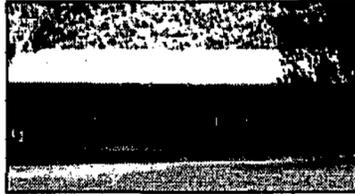


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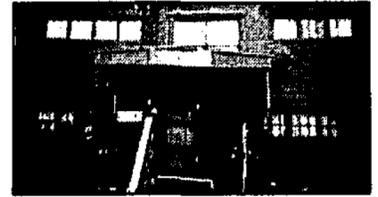


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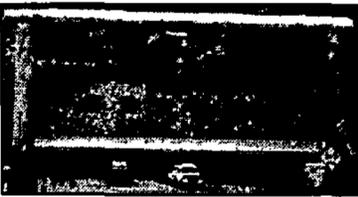


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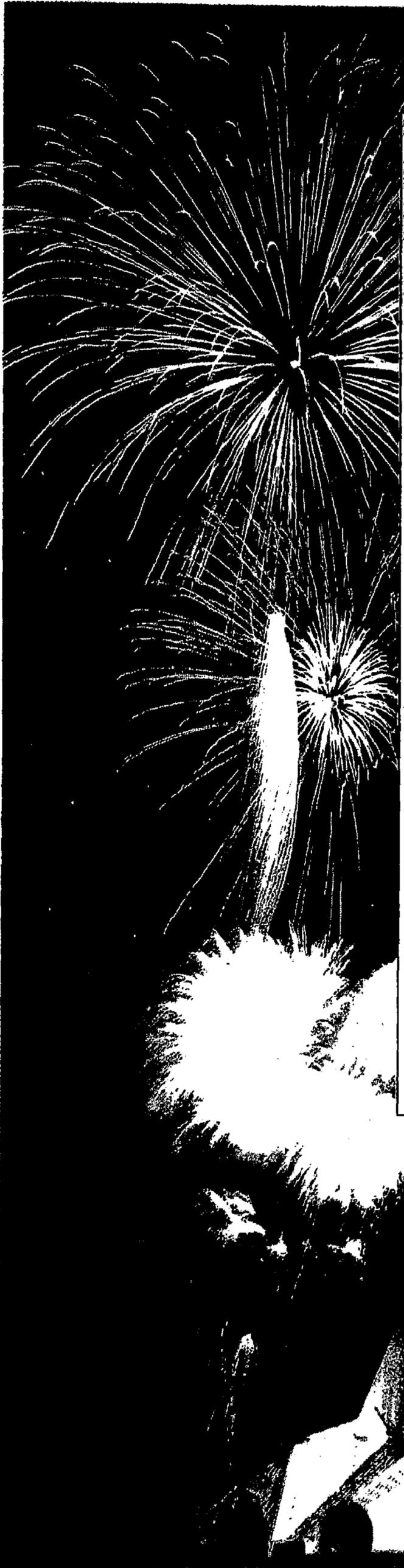
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Stacy Byington, a Ruidoso bookkeeper, wears about \$1,000 worth of chic ski wear from the Mountain Ski Shop. Her outfit includes an Alpaca fur vest, an Obermeyer stretch bib and an Obermeyer stretch velvet turtleneck sweater.

# Style merger on board

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

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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said that's the case at her shop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Drive a few miles north and a longer run waits at the end of Cedar Creek Road. The turnoff from Mechem Drive is next to the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office of the U.S. Forest Service.

About 40 years ago, the Cedar Creek run doubled as Ruidoso's ski area with tow ropes to help skiers to the top.

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

turers.

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

## Sledding at Cloudcroft

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

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

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The play area is set to open Dec. 19, but everything hinges on snowfall.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lift tickets are \$12 for all day and \$8 for a half-day. Lift tickets with a tube rental are \$16 all day and \$11 for half-day.

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

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Tracks slated for simulcast this winter include Louisiana Downs, Turf Paradise in Phoenix, Ariz., Santa Anita in California, the Meadowlands in New Jersey and Lone Star in Fort Worth. Albuquerque Downs races will be simulcast when races are held there.

There's plenty of good seats to be found at the Sports Theater, too. Whether you're looking for a chair in the auditorium, a table, a spot at the counter or a seat in the track kitchen, the Sports Theater has a seat for all tastes and all pocket books. Seating in the auditorium and track kitchen is free; tables, which seat four, go for \$3 a seat and counter

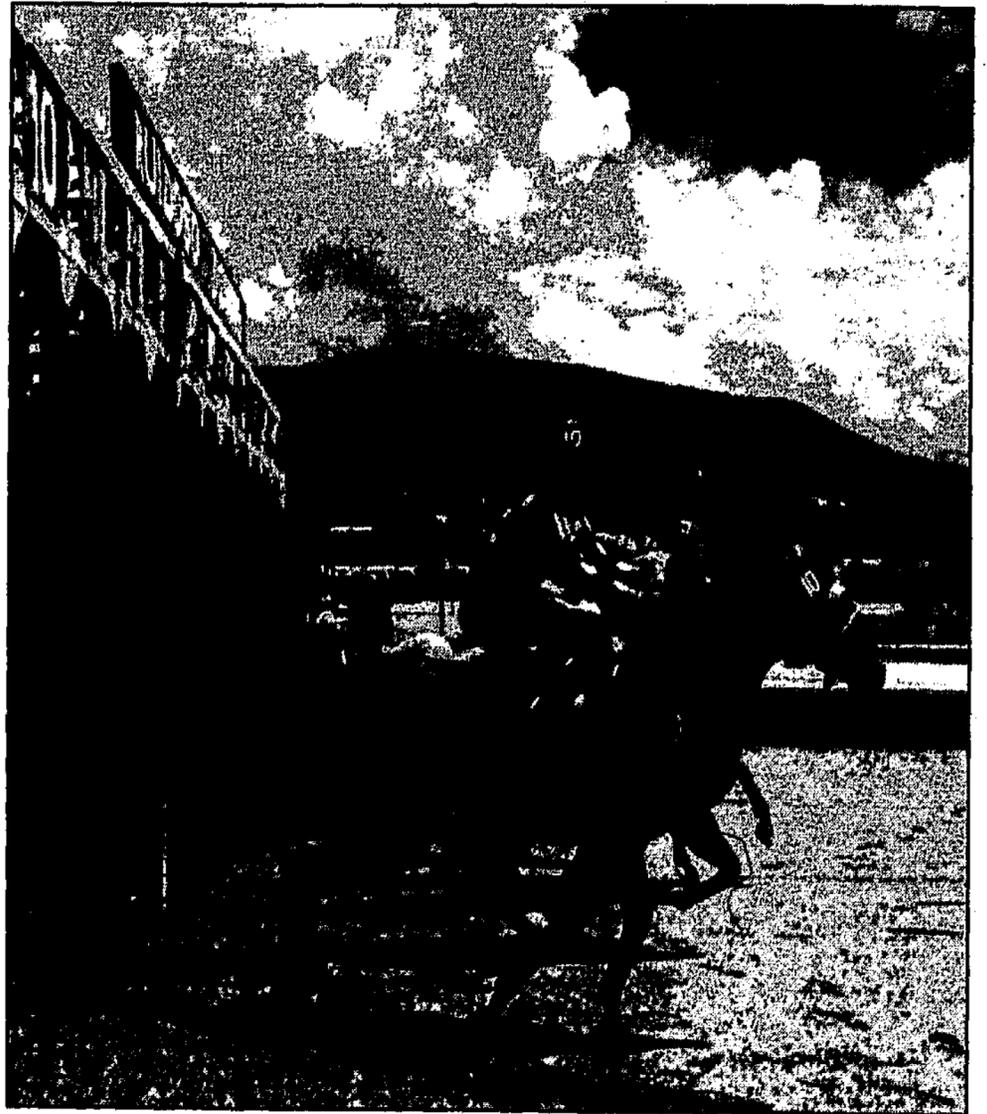
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## ENCHANTED WINTER

# Winter shopping in Ruidoso is a pleasure

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Experienced shoppers say the odds are that no matter what you're looking for, someone, somewhere in Lincoln County is bound to have it for sale.



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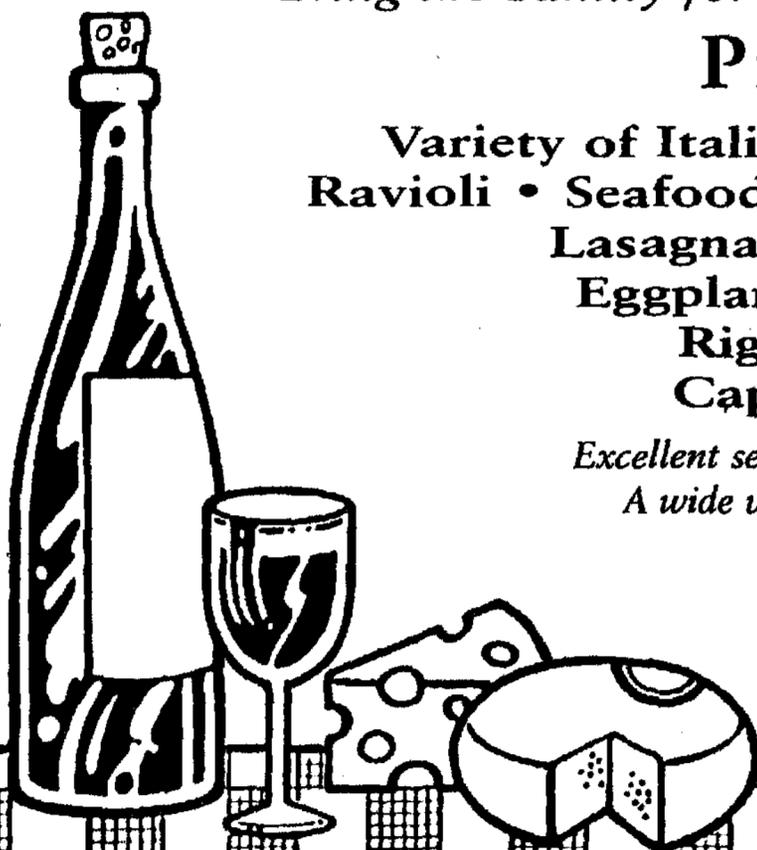
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# Now, a whole forest of reasons to visit Ruidoso during the holidays

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

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"In the years to come, the spectacular Sierra Blanca Festival of Trees holiday season will bring thousands of visitors to Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

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

Community response to the expanded event was immediate and considerable when it was announced, Bailey said.

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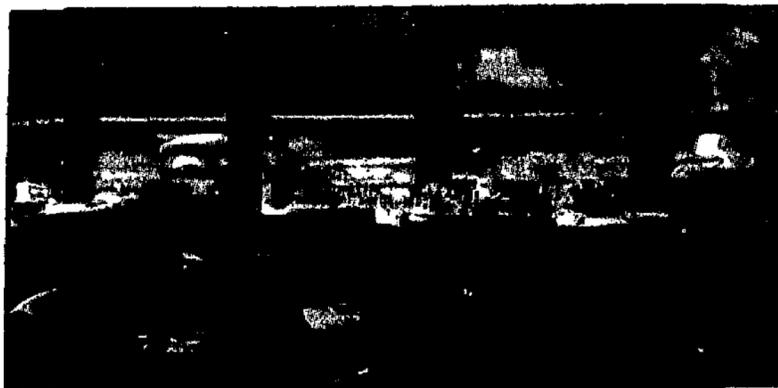


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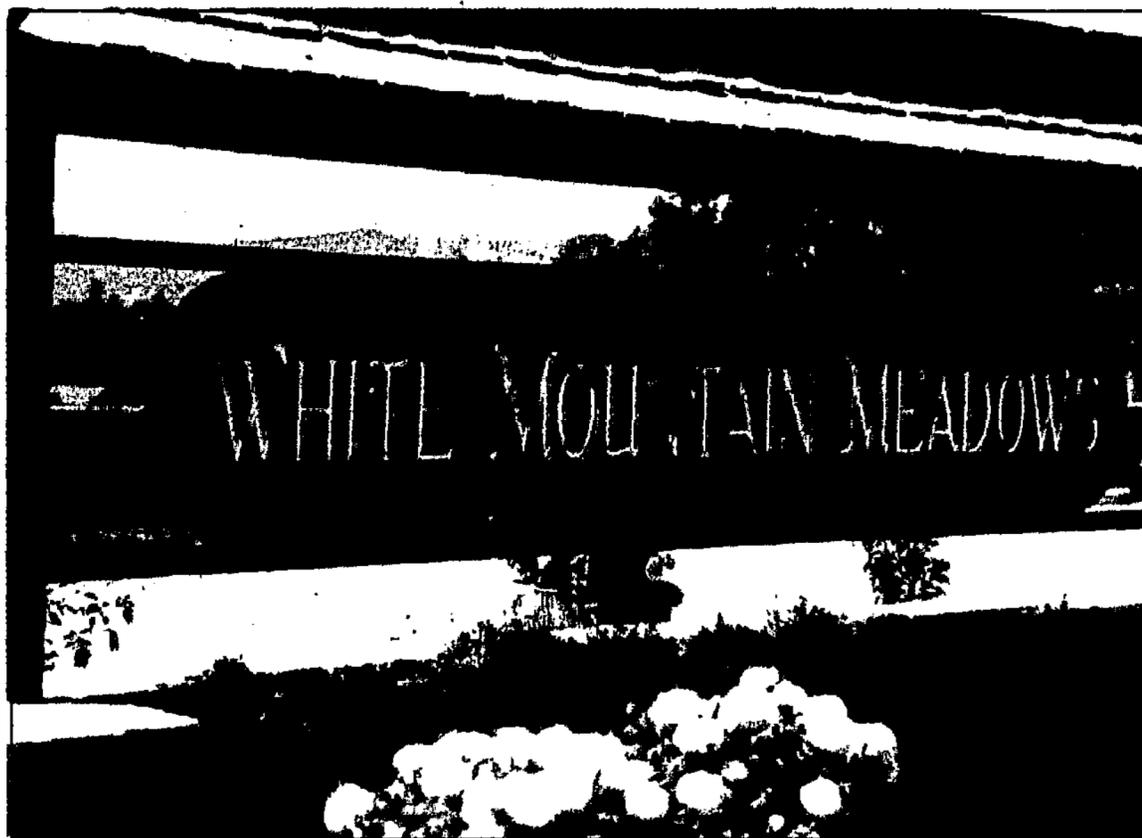
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# Beginning skier or not, ski lessons pay off in safety and fun



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

RICK VINCENT  
SKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Vincent said.

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

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

All beginning classes are held on the lower slopes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<b>Child (7 to 12)</b>		
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# Ruidoso's 'OFC' finds that age puts no brakes on skiing

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

And he's usually not skiing alone.

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

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

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

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

Wooley, who started skiing in 1961 when

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hook is looking at knee replacement,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ny.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Ageless skiers**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

They have discovered the sport of cross-country skiing.

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

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

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

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

Tower also is a thrill.

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

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

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

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

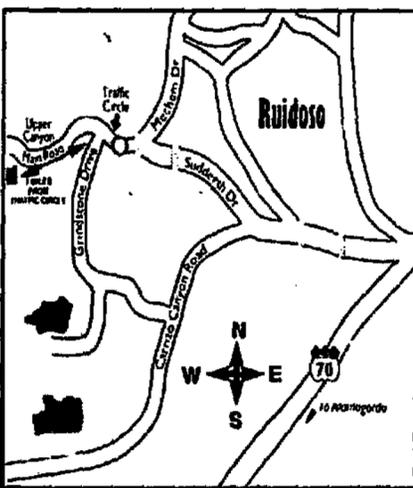
For safety, ski with a buddy, Crim says. Take water, a map, a compass and dress in layers. Make sure someone knows where you're going and when you're supposed to be back in case you get lost.

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

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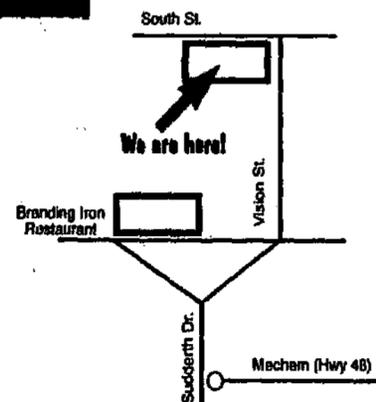
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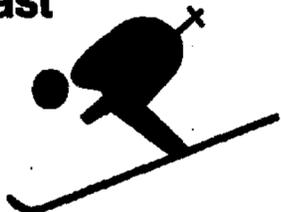
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Ruidoso Little Theater has a castle for its performances.

## Live performances help liven up the winter scene in Ruidoso

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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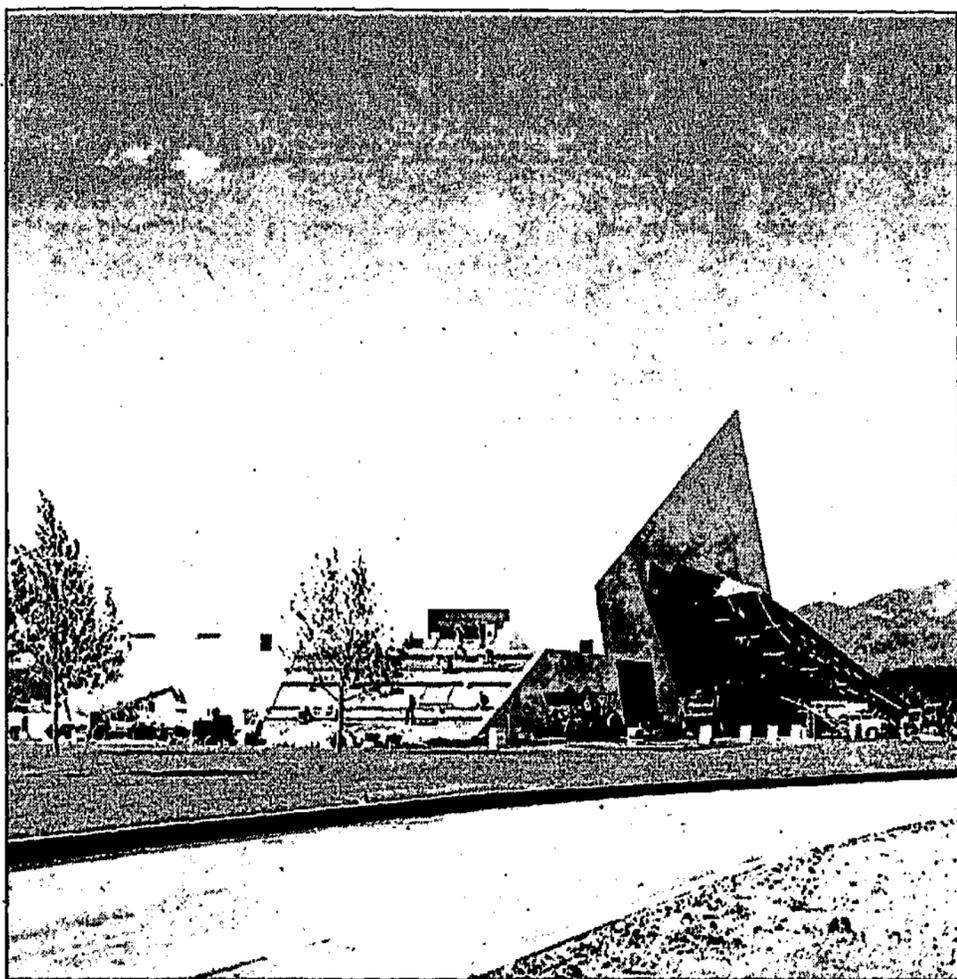


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### Winter schedule at the Spencer Theater

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

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The Spencer Theater on Fort Stanton Mesa near Alto.

# 'Holiday Series' to fill Spencer stage with magic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

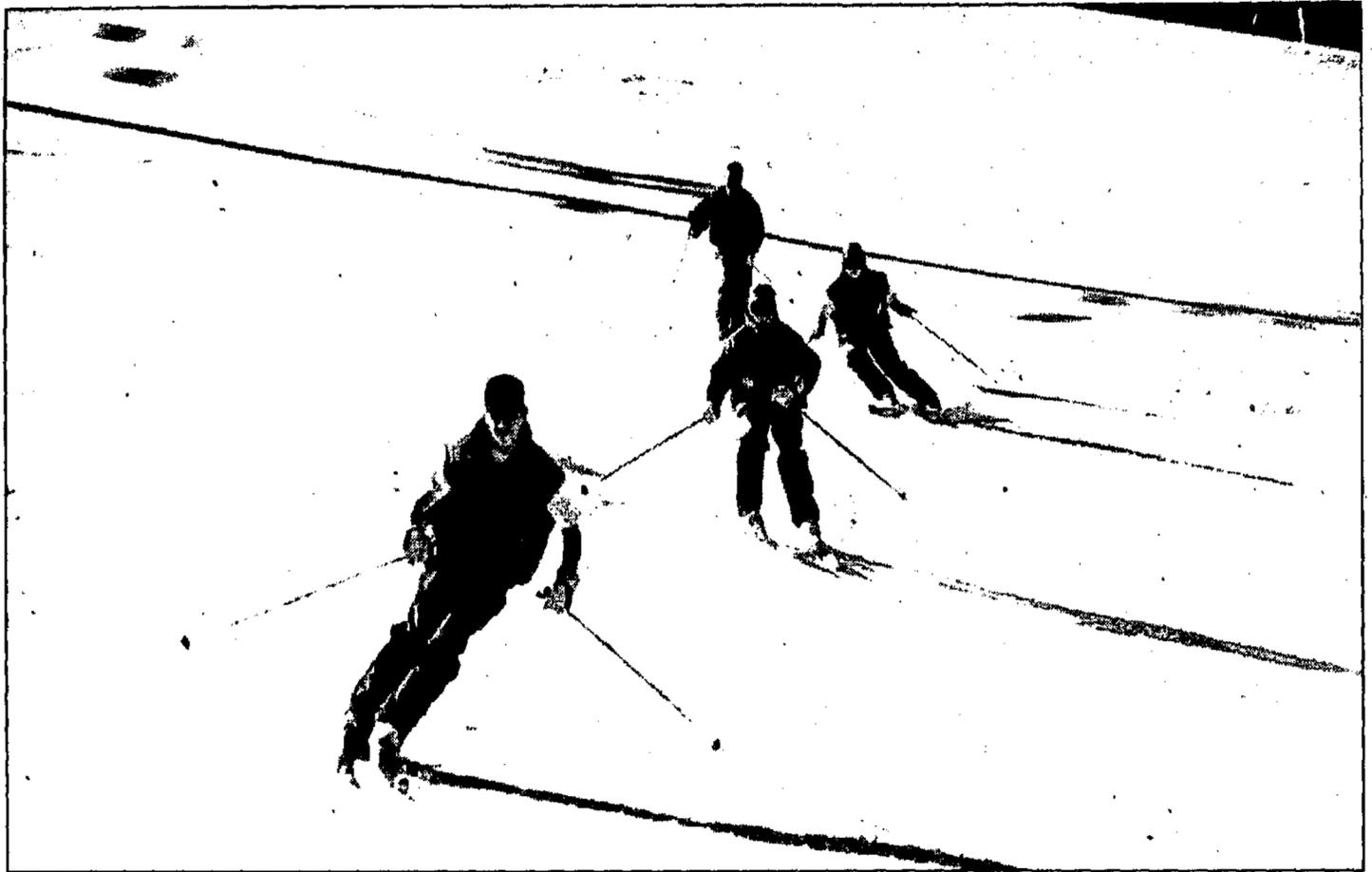
Lift ticket prices at the 36-year-old ski area will hold steady in 1997-98. Non-holiday lift rates are \$39 for adults and \$24 for children 12 and under. Those prices increase the usual \$3 over the holidays.

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

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

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

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



File photo/Ruidoso News

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

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

## Ski Apache: Facts in brief

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

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

Years of operation: 36

Phone number: 505-336-4356

Snow report phone number: 505-257-9001

Accommodations, call: 800-253-2255

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

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

Base elevation: 9,600 feet

Peak elevation: 11,500 feet

Vertical drop: 1,900 feet

Average annual snowfall: 183 inches

Number of runs: 55

Percent of expert runs: 55%

Percent of intermediate runs: 35%

Percent of beginner runs: 20%

Snowmaking: yes, over 36% of the terrain

Uphill lift capacity: 16,500 per hour

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

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

Snowboarding: yes

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

Daycare: no; 16 miles away



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

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

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dining guide

# At 21, Ski Apache's disabled skier's program is going stronger than ever

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lisa Maue,  
program director

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

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

from Roswell schools, the next from Carrizozo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bill Rigges file photo

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

## Extra help for extra fun and safety

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

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

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

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

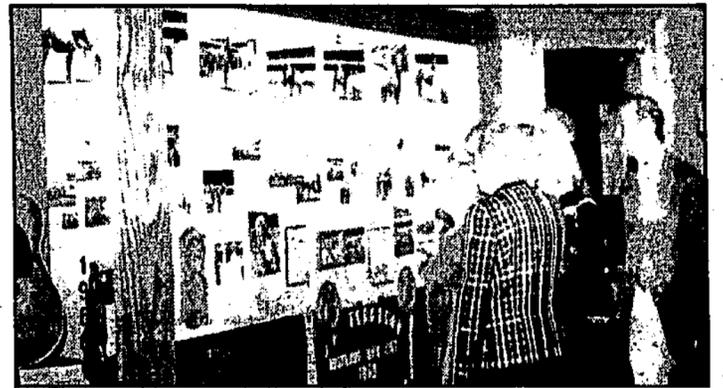
**Mono-ski:** This is a seat attached to a single ski, and the skiers have mini-outriggers on their arms, which allows them to turn. Partial paraplegics, who have use of their arms, typically use mono-skis.

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

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

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## Hall of Fame honors greatest race horses



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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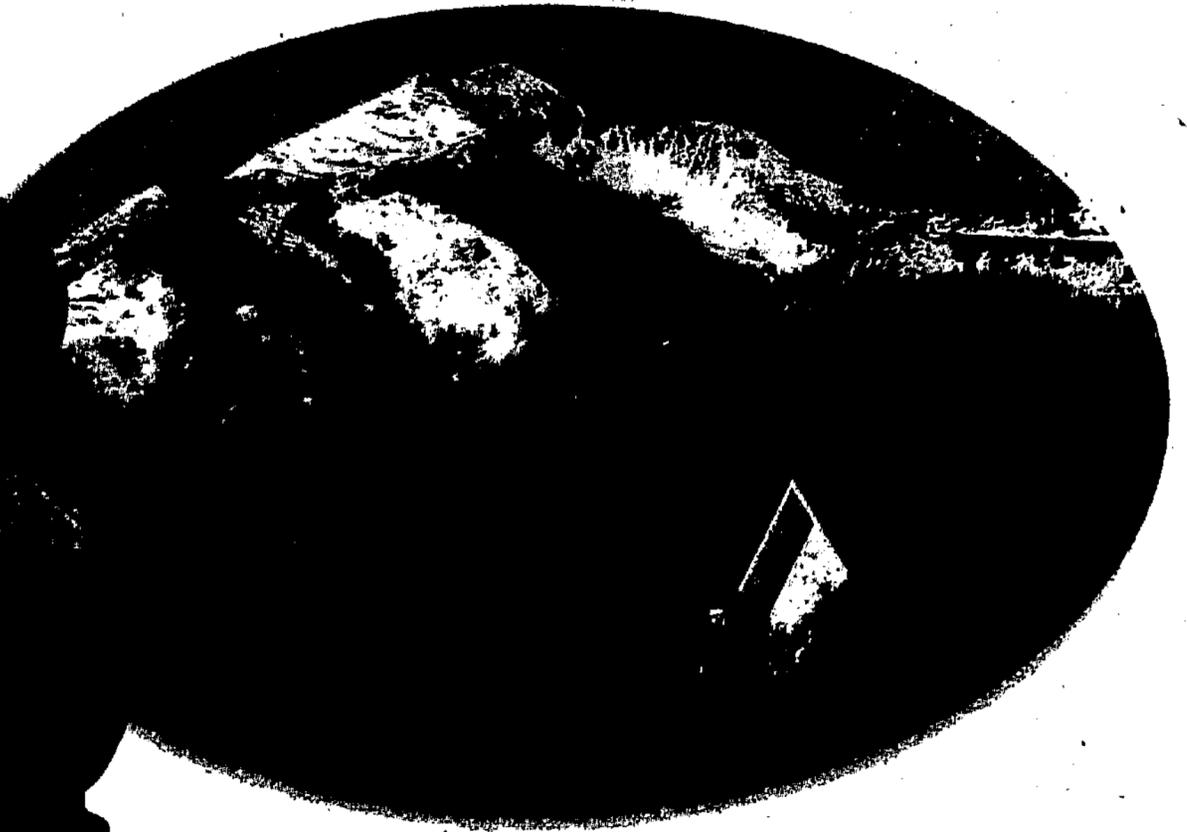
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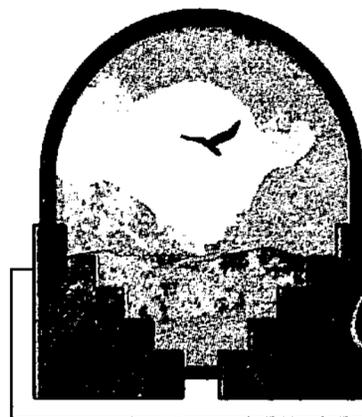
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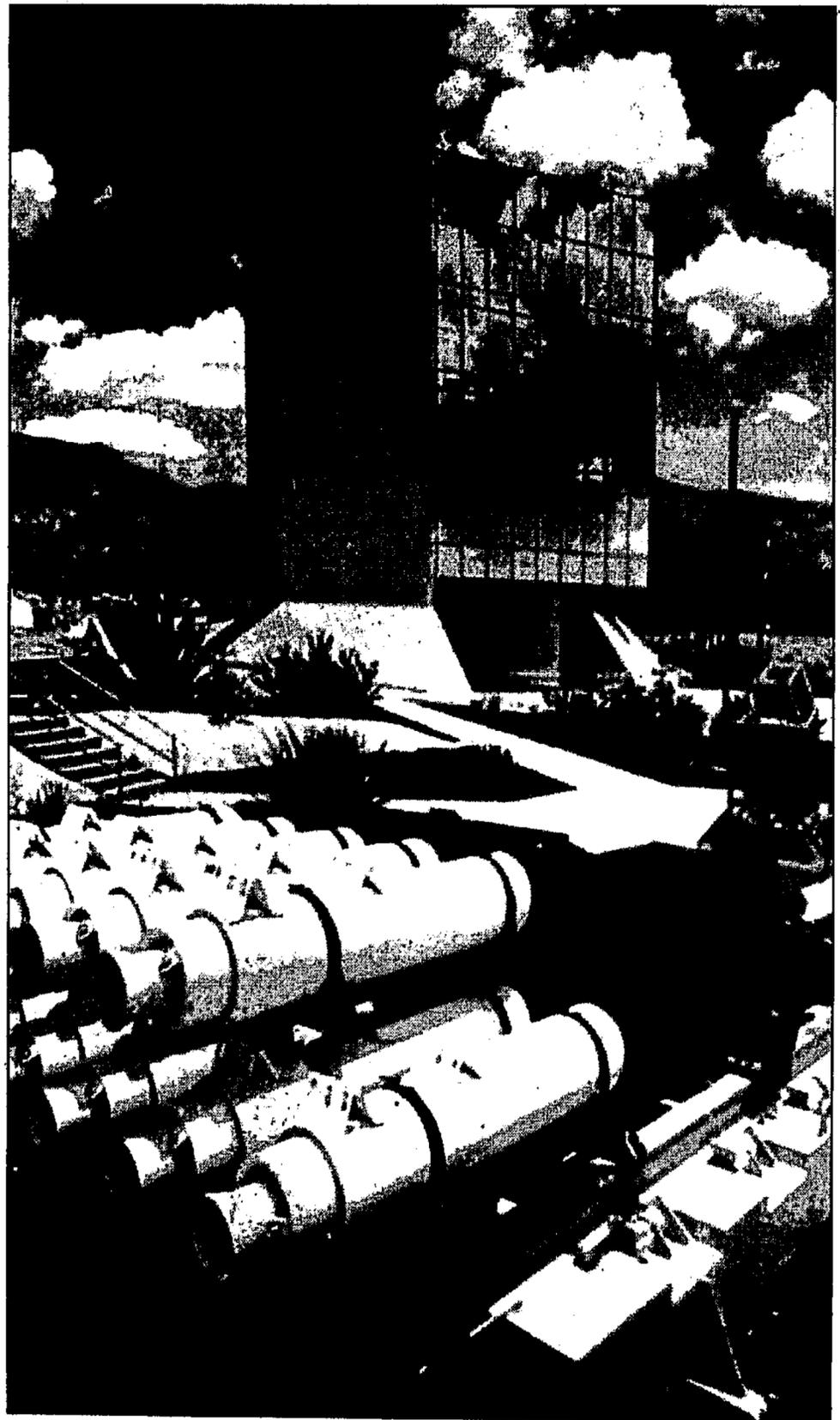
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- Dec. 7 - Roswell Symphony Orchestra subscription concert, New Mexico Military Institute Pearson Auditorium.
- Dec. 13 - Christmas parade, Alamogordo, 10 a.m., (505) 437-6120.
- Dec. 13 - Reindeer Run, Roswell Runners Club, Roswell Racquet Club.
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- Dec. 19, 20 - Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa, melodrama, call Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for more information (505) 682-2733.
- Dec. 21 - Christmas jazz concert,

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- Dec. 31 - First Night Alamogordo '98, Flickinger Center, Alamogordo, 6:30 p.m., (505) 437-2202.

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

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

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- March 20, 21 - Hobby show, Roswell Adult Center, (505) 64718.
- March 20 - Aug. 9 - "Marti Zelt Retrospective," Roswell Museum & Art Center, Entry Gallery.
- March 21 - Stamped half marathon, Parks and Recreation, (505) 624-64744.
- March 21, 22 - Wild West gun & knife show, Otero County Fairgrounds, (505) 437-0231.
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- March 28 - NMMI Governor's Day and open house, (505) 624-8100.

## Direct contact

- For more information about any events happening in Ruidoso, Roswell, Cloudcroft or Alamogordo, call the area Chambers of Commerce.
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# What's New In Ruidoso? Rush Ski & Snowboard.

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## Ski Pointers

BY RALPH RUSH, CERTIFIED SKI INSTRUCTOR

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pre Ski Conditioning

BY MICHELE RUSH, R.N.

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

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

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



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

## Shaped Skis, Hour Glass Skis, Super Side Cut Skis

BY RALPH RUSH, CERTIFIED SKI INSTRUCTOR

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

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

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

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

## Dog Trained to Snowboard

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



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

# 'Ski Cloudcroft' is back, and the whole village looks to El Niño to make this winter a delightfully snowy one



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

The Lodge is one of Cloudcroft's most famous landmarks.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow," is the chorus being sung around Cloudcroft these days as village officials plan to reopen Snow Canyon with a new (or old) name — Ski Cloudcroft — and new operators, Layne and Sue Preslar and Mel Adams. It's one of several sites in the area for visitors to enjoy winter sports.

Closed last year because of low snowfall, the ski area (and the village) is banking on the accuracy of forecasters who are predicting possible record snow.

But not all of the activities are out in the forest or on a mountain slope. The village plans a holiday celebration and visitors can see the sights in horse-drawn sleighs or they can lace on skates for a whirl around an ice skating rink.

For the more intense snow activities, head toward Triple M Snowplay Area on the Sunspot Highway or Ski Cloudcroft on U.S. 82.

Ski Cloudcroft, recently taken over from the village by the Preslars and Adams, offers down hill skiing, snowboarding and inner tubing, with a family orientation.

Triple M, which stands for Mysterious Mountains Magic, features three sliding slopes for inner tubes only; one for beginners, intermediate and the steepest in the state for advanced.

The tops of all three are reached by a special lift.

If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, owner Craig Sparling said he's prepared to create snowy conditions himself with a snow making machine.

Contact the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733 for details about Snow Canyon.

## Sleigh rides

Romantic two-person, horse-drawn, 1890-style sleigh rides can be arranged at Triple M for \$40. A large sleigh for more people costs \$11 per person.

Reservations are required. The snow play area, about 40 miles south of Ruidoso, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in mid-December, if the weather cooperates.

Call (505) 682-2205 or 1-800-SNO-PLAY for more information.

## Snowmobiles

If the idea of tramping through the snow on foot isn't appealing, snowmobiles can be rented at two Cloudcroft snowplay sites and at several outfitters in the community.

Seven days a week through the first week in January, Triple M will give guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One person per Polaris machine costs \$30 an hour and two on a machine costs \$40. Group discounts are available if arranged in advance. Reservations are required.

The tours move through the Russia Canyon and Benson Ridge area of the Lincoln National Forest, with some of the most spectacular scenery in the state.

Tour operation days will cut back to Friday through Monday after the first week in January. A driver's license or learner's permit is required to operate a snowmobile, but riders of any age can tag along.

The Lodge in Cloudcroft, a historic hotel true to its turn-of-the-century period, also will offer scenic half hour to two hour tours on Arctic Cats.

For information on specific times and charges call (505) 682-2566.

Snowmobilers can head out on trails in the Lincoln National Forest surrounding Cloudcroft, unless an area is posted banning motorized travel.

## Snow celebrations

Special events are planned for many of the days leading up to New Year's Eve in the picturesque mountain village about 40 miles south of Ruidoso. They include:

- A garland hanging party Friday, Dec. 5.
- Decorating the town Christmas tree at 2 p.m. with the tree lighting and Santa Claus' arrival about 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5.
- A melodrama performed at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, in the red brick school house.
- A pet parade at 2 p.m., photos with Santa Claus at 3 p.m., a melodrama performance at 7:30 p.m. and Light Up Cloudcroft at dark on Saturday, Dec. 13.
- The Cantata performed at 7 p.m. at the High School Sunday, Dec. 14.
- The Posada at dusk starting at the Catholic Church Wednesday, Dec. 17.
- Skating with Santa, Friday, Dec. 19.
- A ballet at 7:30 p.m. and lightning contest winners announced, Saturday, Dec. 20.
- Cookie decorating at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22.
- Gingerbread house decorating at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23.
- Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at The Lodge at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24.
- Skating rink opened from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25.
- Winter sports demonstration at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, in the park.
- A snowmobile demonstration at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 in the park.
- A snow sculpture contest at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30,

in the park.

• A light parade down the mountain at the ski area Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Call the chamber for more details at (505) 682-2733.

## Winter camping

A summer roller blading surface becomes a winter outdoor skating rink in Cloudcroft as soon as the temperatures drop low enough.

The small rink on U.S. 82, the main road through town, will open in mid-December after being flooded and groomed, said chamber spokesperson Karen Van Doren.

Once winter is entrenched in the village, the rink at the west end of Zenith Park will open seven days a week, she said.

Skaters will be able to ice skate from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends, weather permitting, she said.

If skates are no longer in your inventory, they can be rented at the rink for \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children from a selection of more than 500 skates.

No admission is charged to skate and a large fireplace helps keep skaters warm between spins around the rink. The chamber has telephone numbers of individuals who will help with skating lessons.

One Saturday night in early February, people of all ages gather at the rink for a Full Moon Skating Party.

The only outside rink in the state, James Sewell Skating Rink was the dream of a man who served as mayor of Cloudcroft on and off for 20 years. The story goes that he was so devoted to the rink he helped create that after work each evening, Sewell would clean the ice and run water over the rink to freeze and create a smooth surface to the children the next day.

## Winter camping

For the more hardy winter enthusiasts, the national forest in the Sacramental Ranger District also will be open for winter camping, but without water or other amenities. No fee is charged.

Pick up a map of the forest at the Cloudcroft office of the U.S. Forest Service and let the foresters know where you plan to camp.

A week before Christmas, the service office will start a new schedule and will not be open over the weekend. The winter hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, call the Forest Service's Cloudcroft office at (505) 682-2551.

# Snowshoeing is a low-key winter sport with its own special feel, and flavor

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If El Niño winds deliver heavy snow as forecasters predict, visitors can still tramp the inviting outdoor corners around Ruidoso by strapping on snowshoes, affectionately called "bear paws" by the initiated.

"If you can walk, you can snowshoe," says Mike Steed, owner of Steed's Ski Sports on Mechem Drive. "It's pretty low key, but you can make it as difficult as you want by going to quite difficult areas."

Winter's alternative to summer's jogging, snowshoeing opens up the forest in the winter for those with enough stamina.

With their tennis racquet-like webbing, snowshoes "float" wearers on top of the snow. No special boots are needed. Using regular boots, strap your feet on top of the wide, oblong, flat snowshoes and walk.

"When you get them on and start walking, you figure out the technique real quick," Steed said. "The gait isn't quite like hiking, but you figure out in the first 40 to 50 steps how to snowshoe."

Learning to right yourself after a fall probably is the toughest challenge.

Snowshoeing is an ancient sport, probably older than cross-country skiing, Steed said. It's popular with snowboard and backcountry ski fanatics, because the shows are used to climb slopes before strapping them on their back to ski or board down the hill.

"They can take you to areas where you can't cross-country ski," Steed said. "You can go between trees and you can climb."

Styles range from the modern aluminum or plastic, which are lighter and more durable, to the more aesthetically pleasing wooden shoes.

"I hope to have more snowshoes in stock this year," Steed said.

Locally popular spots to try out skills include Monjeau Peak off Ski Run Road, the Bonito River drainage and Buck Mountain, he said.

Rental is \$10 for a full day. Snowshoes sell for \$150 and up at Steed's shop at 1017 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

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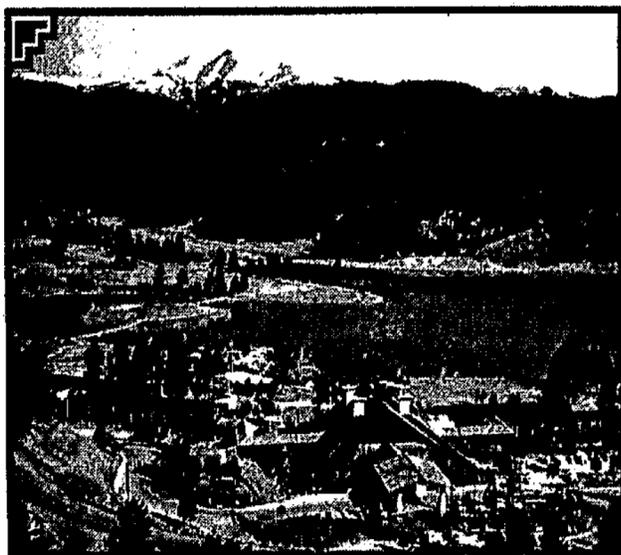
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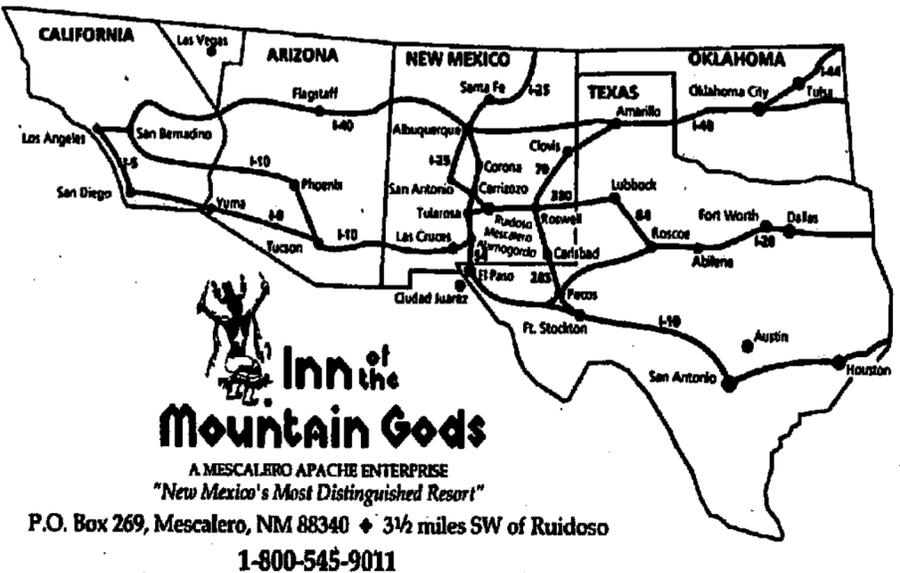
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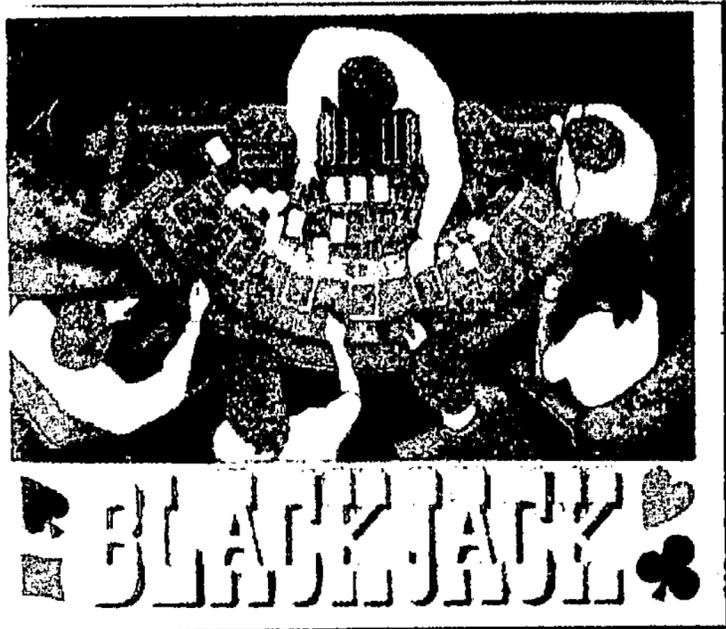
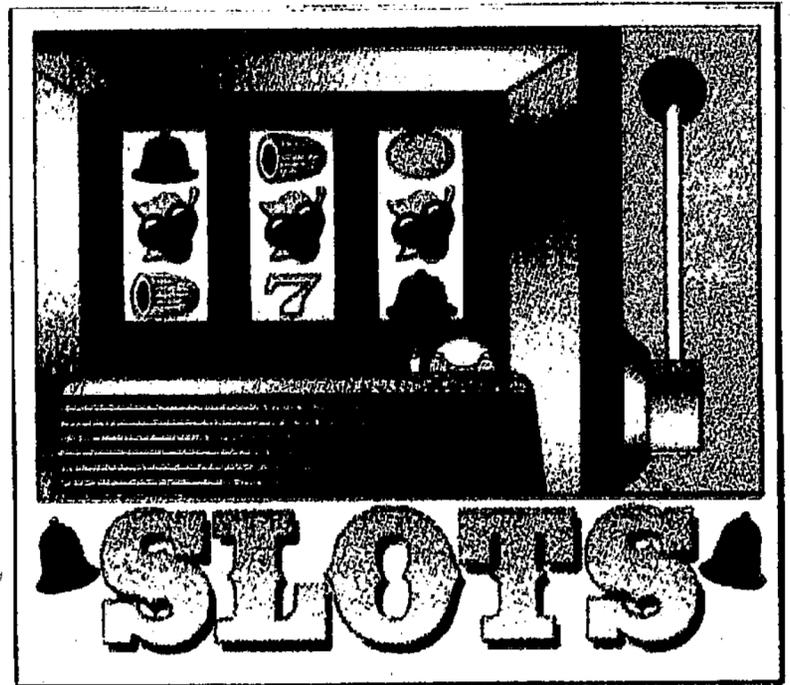
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**Benson Fine Art**

Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2813.

Ethnographic art, historical prints and maps are also available. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment.

**Duncan Studio Gallery**

Downtown White Oaks, (505) 648-2253.

The studio of post-impressionist representational artist John Duncan and the impressionist works of his wife (who paints under the name Palla) is the historic Taylor Home (1887) in this living ghost town and budding artist colony. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, as well as most week days. Call ahead to be sure.

**Eagle Ranch Art Gallery**

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.

Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

**Gail's Frame of Mind**

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

The gallery features original art by Gaylon Gillem, Patti Mayes, Barbara Diehl Westbrock, Bernice Landrum, Billie Long, Bruce Chapman, Teresa Hughes, Red Moore, Marcia Bizeau, Monty and Barbara Jones, Denise Dorn and Virgil Stephens. Also showing antiques from various vendors. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery**

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

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

**The Kenyon Thomas Gallery**

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

Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcla Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

**Lincoln County Art Co-op**

Four Seasons Mall at 2500 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-6906.

Twenty local artists featuring oil, pastel, acrylic, wood working, sculpture, metal art, Victorian lamps, ceramics and tile. New artists welcome. Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

**L.C. Mercantile & Trading Post**

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

Works by Peter Rogers, Jose Rivera, Suzanne Donazetti, Ken Payne, Geraldo Kirwin, Elaine Armstrong and others. On-premises studios of photographer Lionel Lipmann and Marilyn Quinell, designer of fine objects in stained glass. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and by appointment.

**Lincoln Heritage Trust**

Lincoln Heritage Trust, Lincoln (505) 653-4025.

Carrizozo artist Polly Chavez's Spanish Colonial New Mexican Retablos continues. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every day.

**McGary Studios & Expressions in Bronze Gallery**

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 1-800-687-3424.

Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

**The Montano Store**

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372.

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

**Mt. Legends Gallery & Foundry**

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

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

**Museum of the Horse**

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.

Ken Dixon's "Order and Disorder: Famous and Legendary Horses of West Texas" opened Jan. 31. Peter Hurd's wartime sketches continues until March 29. Museum hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**Quemada Studio & Gallery**

2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743.

Located at LeClaire's Mountain Village. Colorful paintings of people and places. Studio hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment.

**Red Rose Art Studio**

County Rd. E016, Hondo, (505) 653-4203.

The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in various styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for studio hours.

**Spring Canyon Gallery**

The Gazebo Place, 2117 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, (505) 257-1561.

Creating images of the Southwest in mixed media, acclaimed artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon studio to the public. Her sculptures are on display at the gallery. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

**The Tree's House**

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

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

**Western Trails Gallery**

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

Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts,

unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jei Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

**White Mt. Pottery Gallery**

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. "A collection of talented clay artists." Call for

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**White Oaks Pottery Studio**

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2985.

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# The arts



# THE PIANO MAN

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### WHO:

Pianist Marcus Roberts

### WHERE:

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

### WHEN:

8 p.m. Saturday Tickets for Roberts performance have been sold out since before Christmas but a waiting list is available. The waiting list has about 30 names on it. For more information, call the Spencer Theater box office at 336-0023

**F**or pianist Marcus Roberts, music has been a din of distinction since childhood.

Blind since the age of 5, Roberts was first exposed to music at a church in Jacksonville, Fla., where his mother was a gospel singer. His parents bought a piano when Marcus was 8 and he began nine years of formal training at 12. And that life-long need for the beat, the harmony and the keys started in the sunny climes of Florida, has propelled Roberts to national stardom.

Saturday, Roberts will stop at the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts to share his blend of blues, jazz and classical music with local audiences.

Critics have called his music "blues with brains and brawn." His influences range from classical masters to jazz greats, all of which are combined in one form or another on his four compact discs.

"Portraits in Blue," recorded with a full orchestra, and a second album "Time and Circumstance," a jazz trio recording of original compositions were both released in 1996.

"Portraits in Blue" has been called a landmark achievement. "Rhapsody in Blue," George Gershwin's signature classic and the album's focus piece, has been recorded many times, but this is the first time the piece has been completely rewritten with the personal-

interpretation of a particular artist. The album also includes Roberts' distinctive reworkings of "Variations on 'I Got Rhythm,'" and James P. Johnson's rarely heard "Yamekraw," named for a historic black settlement on the outskirts of Savannah, Ga.

"Classical music has always had a huge impact on jazz musicians," Roberts said; his personal listening mix includes Beethoven, Chopin, Mahler, Coltrane and Billie Holiday. "The basic goal of the 'Rhapsody in Blue' project is to showcase the art of improvisation from the jazz musician's perspective within a semi-classical form."

The two 1996 releases follow the stunning success of last year's "Gershwin for Lovers," Roberts' Columbia Records debut. One of the best selling jazz discs of 1994, Newsweek said the "genius" of the project is "to validate America's love for Gershwin by making his greatest hits sound new again."

His latest album, "Blues for the New Millennium" once again breaks new ground. Marcus said the album diverges from, or expands on, the standard 12-bar blues form.

"Our approach to rhythm to produce syncopation (swing) is fundamental to our philosophy of blues playing," Roberts said. "We use different grooves to create syncopation and tension, to give each piece a sense of forward motion, almost like a musical dance that is designed to combat the chaos and uncertainty of life itself. This is contrary to the popular belief that all blues melodies are sad or tragic."

But look beyond the push to expose audiences to a new way to look at Gershwin, blues and jazz, and you'll see Roberts is still a simple piano man at heart.

"My life's work," he said, "is to present the piano in as many settings as will bring the instrument to greater prominence."

# To clap or not to clap – when do I?

IN REVIEW



Joel B. Carothers  
Ruidoso News

Before re-viewing the stunning performance of the Prague Chamber Orchestra I will digress for a moment about applause.

There is a law, a rule, protocol for the audiences of classical music. Thou shalt not

applaud between movements.

We've only had three instances this season at the Spencer to learn about this: Opening night, when Nadja Sonnenberg actually spoke to the wildly enthusiastic audience saying, "It isn't finished yet;" when the Anonymous 4 requested, in the program, that applause not be given until the completion of the entire program; and last Friday evening during the Prague Chamber Orchestra's performance.

Some helpful clues include: When the conductor remains facing the orchestra, baton raised (sometimes not) it is a signal to the audience that there is more to come and therefore not yet time to applaud. When the piece is finished the conductor will turn and bow to the audience. Also, the violinist at the immediate left of the conductor is referred to as the Principal Violinist and Concertmaster. When he places his violin across his lap it is a signal to the audience that the piece is completed. In the case of the Prague Chamber Orchestra, which was conductorless, the clues were subtler so attention to the Concertmaster was necessary.

The third clue is the Italic type listed under the title of the piece. Words such as Allegro, Moderato, Andante, Menuetto, Vivace, Finale. These Italian words simply indicate tempo and can be thought of much like verses in a song. Each tempo is a different movement.

Thirty-three men & a lady

Enough on decorum already and on to one of the finest performances we've yet had the pleasure of experiencing at the Spencer. The PCO is quite unique in that it is all male; conductorless and small. From the comments I've been able to garner from several persons in attendance, it was a memorable experience. The balance, tone, intonation, perfection at which this orchestra performed was thrilling.

The PCO's program selections showcased its considerable versatility and virtuosity, which I cannot overstate. With 33 musicians the performance was quite lean thus calling

upon every musicians complete and total attention to the most minute detail. All tempos were extraordinarily crisp which kept my attention throughout the evening.

When Valentina Lisitsa, the PCO's only woman and only soloist, performed the Mendelssohn Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25, I was in awe of her artistry. I found the third movement particularly exciting because of its challenge to the artist.

I was, however, disturbed by the lower registers being frequently drowned out by the orchestra ... something I was surprised to hear in the otherwise acoustically perfect Spencer Theater. My reaction was affirmed by others comments during the intermission.

The opening Sinfonia in E flat Major for Double Orchestra, Op. 18, No. 1 by Johann Christian Bach was simply beautiful. From the very first sounds emitted by the orchestra I was pulled into the richness of the sound.

With equal numbers of like instrumentation on either side of the orchestra we watched and listened to perfect stereo music during the Bach.

Stravinsky's Concerto in D for String Orchestra was not something I was looking forward to when I first read it in the program. I am not a fan of Stravinsky at all. I find the harmonics he creates and the discordant meshing of some phrases just too hard on my ears. His music always ends up making a lot of sense but it still hurts my ears ... except for this particular performance. It was remarkable and beautiful and full of live and Stravinsky.

The program ended with Mozart's Symphony No. 39 in E flat Major, K. 543. As one who enjoys painting, I frequently listen to Mozart while I flail away at the canvas. His music is so inspirational. As I listened to the performance I began seeing images come to life and my brush stroking the color across and through the picture. I cannot imagine that others who paint, listening to that performance, were not having a similar experience.

Last Friday's performance was my favorite, to date, even with the grandiosity and party atmosphere of opening night. The Prague Chamber Orchestra hopefully, will be asked to return to the Spencer next season. They are talented, balanced, musically emotive orchestra, deserving of all the accolades they receive.

*Thou shalt not applaud between movements*

## Q&A

A mainstay at the monthly Blues and Barbecue events and an active voice in the drive to bring the sounds of the Mississippi to the mountains of Ruidoso, the KGB Blues Band has made a name for itself. And the names behind the name – Kathy and Gary Stamper – have also found a niche in these pines for the sounds of their hearts. With Gary on lead guitar, Kathy on keyboards and vocals, Steve Sandy on bass, and Tami Foor on drums, the KGB has made it its mission to bring nothing but the blues to local audiences.

Here are a few of Kathy and Gary's thoughts on the music and the mission.



**Q: When did you first discover music?**

Gary: About 1956 ...

Kathy: I was in the third grade. I used to put a little black transistor radio underneath my pillow and go to sleep to KOMA.

Gary: I listened to WLS in Chicago.

**Q: Whose music were they playing?**

Kathy: Elvis Presley.

Gary: People like B.B. King, James Brown, Sam and Dave, Booker T and the MGs. Those are the people I remember from the late '50s, early '60s.

**Q: Why the blues?**

Gary: I think it's real honest music. It always spoke to me because it concerned normal,

everyday problems, but could still have a good time.

Kathy: For me it's the music that expresses my soul the best.

**Q: Tell me about the band.**

Gary: All four of us really enjoy the blues. We've grown up with it. It's been an influence in all of our lives. The songs we do are important to us ... the ones we've written and even the cover tunes. They really express the way we feel about things ... especially in an area where you don't get to hear them very much.

**Q: Gary, you've become a quasi-historian on the blues. How did you get started with your research?**

Gary: I'm a real trivia freak. I've been that way for the last 30 years. I've always been very interested in music, artists, origins. Researching blues music was real natural for me because I've been interested in it since the time I was in grade school.

**Q: Define the blues.**

Gary: To me, blues is human emotion in musical form. It's honest. There's no pretentiousness there. It's all honesty.

Kathy: It doesn't really know any boundaries either – racial or gender boundaries.

Gary: Or age boundaries. It's crossed all those boundaries ... It doesn't matter who you are, everybody gets the blues.

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# A Guide To The Finest Restaurants In The Area



## Apache Tee Cafe

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

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



## Bentley's Brew Pub & Paw

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

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



## 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.



## Cafe Mescalero

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

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



## Che Bella

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

**Price Range:** \$\$  
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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.

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**Address:** Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero  
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## Cattle Baron

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



## Farley's Food Fun & Pub

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$  
Phone: 258-5676  
Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso  
Hours: The restaurant opens at  
11:30 a.m. seven days  
a week.



## 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: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tue.-Thurs,  
10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri. and Sat.



## Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

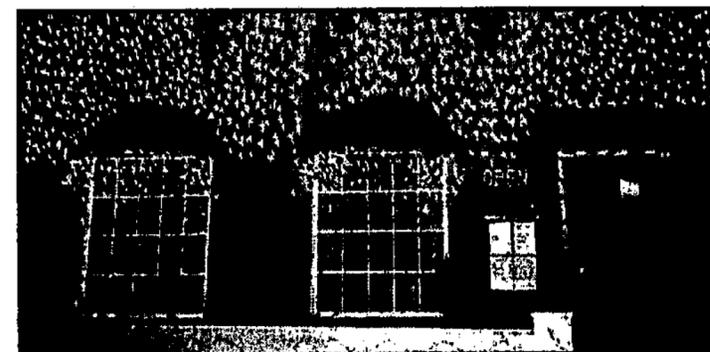
Price Range: \$-\$\$  
Phone: 257-5753  
Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr. - Midtown  
Hours: Open 11:00 a.m.



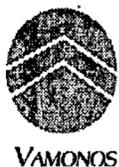
## La Lorraine

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.- Thur.,  
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# Going out

## MUSICAL NOTES

### Ruidoso ready to rock, again

The Texas House Cafe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold their fifth Blues and Barbecue event Feb. 27. The evening of music and food at the Ruidoso Convention Center will feature local bands Lou Ellison and Cold Shot and the KGB Blues Band, plus Albuquerque bluesters Memphis T. Tails, whose style is described as traditional blues and rock. The jam starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance for \$5 (adults) and \$2.50 (children) at the Texas House and the Chamber. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$6.

Music patrons can also get their fill of food and drink. A full barbecue dinner will be available for \$6.50 for adult plates and \$5 for kid's plates, and a cash bar will be open.

For more information, call the Texas House at 257-3506 or the Chamber at 257-7395.

### Asleep at the Wheel in Alamo

Asleep at the Wheel will pull into Alamogordo Saturday for a show at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo's Tays Special Events Center. Shelvon Compton will open for the country rockers. Floor tickets range from \$15 to \$20 and general admission seating is \$12.50. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, call the NMSU Tays center at (505) 439-3659.

### A tribute to Charlie

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra will present a Charlie Chaplin Festival at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27, at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. The orchestra accompanies Charlie Chaplin movies on the screen behind them. The music of Scott Joplin, Jerome Kern and John Phillip Sousa will be included.

For more information, call the Flickinger Center at (505) 437-2202.

## He put the Delta in the blues

Many great musicians have come from the Delta, but the man credited with starting the Delta blues is Charley Patton. Because documentation of the beginnings of blues is sketchy at best, conflicting stories abound, but most historians agree that Charley Patton defined the Delta blues style as we know it.

Charley Patton was born in Edwards, Miss. sometime between 1881 and 1891. As with so many of the early bluesmen, little is known of his childhood. But we do know when he was a child he moved to the Dockery Plantation with his family and became acquainted with Henry Sloan. Sloan, credited with being one of the first Delta bluesmen, took young Charley under his wing. Although we do not know how much Sloan taught him, historians believe Charley Patton's style was definitely shaped by Sloan. Sadly, Sloan was never recorded.

By 1915 Patton was becoming a very popular entertainer around the Delta. He became known as a real showman. It was not

### SINGING THE BLUES



Gary Stamper  
for the Ruidoso News

uncommon for him to play the guitar behind his back or between his legs, he would also thump on it like a drum. His vocals were rough and his guitar playing forceful, qualities that would become trademarks of the Delta style.

Although Patton was an innovative musician, he was not one of the first artists of his era to record. His recording career began in 1929 when blues was already very popu-

lar. Before his death, he recorded four different times. Most of these recordings were blues, but he did record some religious songs under the name "Elder J.J. Hadley."

There are conflicting accounts about the role of religion in his life, some say he was a religious man, at one time even a preacher. Others claim it was just the opposite.

In 1934, not long after his last recording session, Charley Patton died at his home in Indianola, Miss. of an infection caused by a heart murmur. As with so many bluesmen his life was short but his legacy continues to live on.

## Watch out for water hazards

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. For more information call 257-9444.

### Sphere

Rated PG-13

Show times: 12:45 p.m.\*, 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.\*

Plot: A thousand feet beneath the ocean surface in the middle of the Pacific, something has been discovered. Its origin, its structure, its malevolent energy are baffling. But whatever it is, it can reach into your mind. It knows your worst fears. And now its starting to make those fears come true ...

Barry Levinson directs this terrifying science fiction thriller based on Michael Crichton's best seller.

### Good Will Hunting

Rated R

Show times: 12:30 p.m.\* and 6:45 p.m.

Plot: Wildly charismatic. Impossibly brilliant. Totally rebellious. Those are just a few ways to describe Will Hunting (Matt Damon). For the first 20 years of

his life, he has called the shots. Now, he's about to meet his match.

Like his friends in his rough, working-class South Boston neighborhood, Will does menial jobs between stints at the local bar — and run-ins with the law. He's never been to college, except to scrub the floor as a janitor at MIT. Yet he can summon obscure historical references from a photographic memory and almost instantly solve math problems that frustrate Nobel Prize-winning professors.

### As Good As It Gets

Rated PG-13

Show times: 3:30 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.\*

Plot: When he walks down the street, Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) contorts himself to avoid touching other people. He eats the same greasy breakfast every day, in the same restaurant, served by the same waitress — Carol (Helen Hunt). He keeps to himself as much as possible. When he does speak to other people, it's never to say anything nice. He's threatening and can never find a compliment for his gay artist

neighbor (Greg Kinnear) or Carol.

But, as played by Nicholson, Melvin's also a pretty slick obsessive-compulsive bigot.

Winner of three Golden Globe awards, "As Good As It Gets" has been winning the praise of critics everywhere.

### Titanic

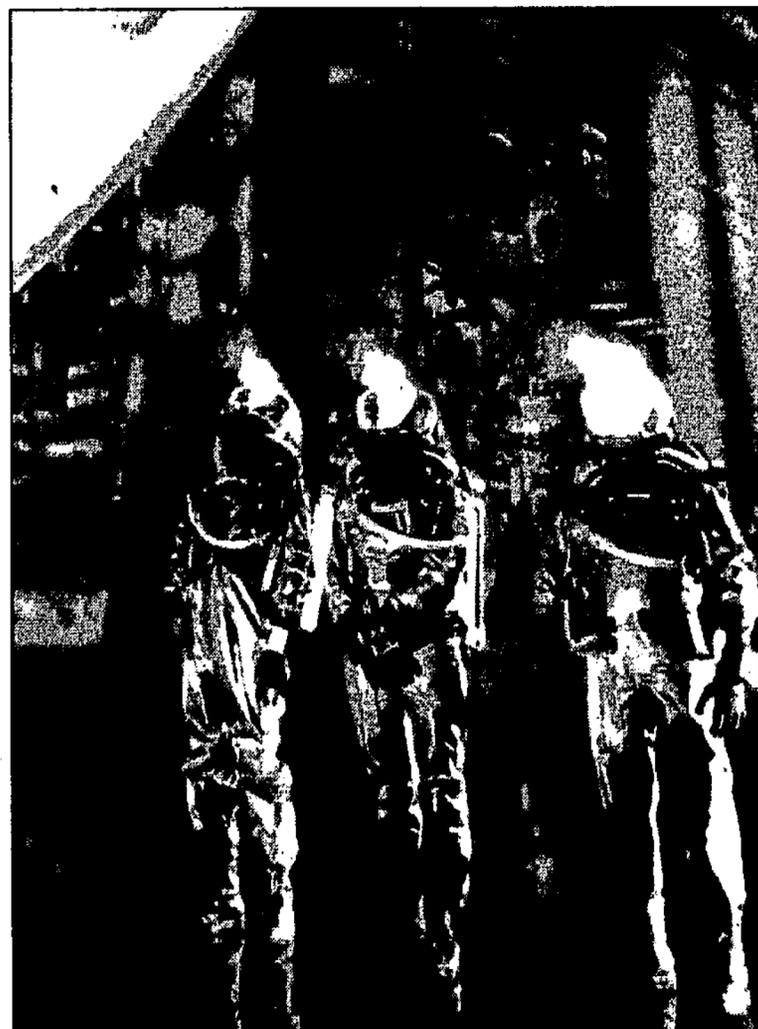
Rated PG-13

Show times: 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Plot: The journey of the Titanic begins in the present, at site of the ship's watery grave, two and a half miles under the ocean's surface. An ambitious fortune hunter is determined to plumb the treasures of this once-stately ship, only to bring to the surface a story left untold.

Destiny has called two young souls, Rose De Witt Bukater (Kate Winslet) and Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio), daring them to nurture a passion that would change their lives forever.

\* Show times Friday and Saturday only.



Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone and Samuel L. Jackson learn the shape of terror in "Sphere." Barry Levinson directs this screen adaptation of Michael Crichton's best-selling novel.

**BRIDGETACTICS**

**A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠74  
♥K  
♦QJ752  
♣AK752

**WEST**  
♠83  
♥Q8732  
♦A6  
♣Q1065

**EAST**  
♠J1096  
♥J1064  
♦K984  
♣J

**SOUTH**  
♠AKQ62  
♥A96  
♦105  
♣984

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass  
3NT  
Opening lead — three of hearts.

Dummy play is usually an orderly process based on the evidence declarer accumulates as the play progresses. As new evidence is introduced, declarer makes adjustments, if necessary, in his original plan of action.

Take this deal where West leads a heart, taken by dummy's king. South has three long suits to attack, but a little reflection should convince him that it is futile to establish the diamonds because the opponents, in the meantime, are certain to score three hearts and the

A-K of diamonds.

The spades can also be ignored for the moment because, if they are divided 3-3, the contract is guaranteed, while if they are divided 4-2, their establishment would lead to only eight tricks at best.

Therefore, by elimination, the suit to attack is clubs, where a 3-2 division assures nine tricks. Accordingly, declarer cashes the ace of clubs at trick two. When East produces the jack, South carefully plays the eight (or nine) in order not to block the suit if West started with four clubs.

Declarer then leads a low club to the nine. If West wins, South has nine tricks — so let's assume he ducks.

The club suit having been milked dry, declarer abandons his original plan and shifts his attention to spades. The objection to playing spades at the start is no longer valid because of the extra club trick gained in the interim.

To guard against a 4-2 spade division and to maintain maximum contact with both hands, South leads the spade deuce at trick four! As the cards lie, this sequence of plays is the only way to produce nine tricks.

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**IN THE STARS**

**Horoscopes for the week of Feb. 22-28**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You could end up being the silent partner in an enterprise. Discord arises midweek with a cantankerous co-worker. Ego considerations cause you to blunder into selfish behavior this weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Career objectives will be achieved, but it's better to work from behind the scenes than to engage in pitched battle. Keep peace on the home front. Some are just looking for an excuse to argue.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The financial picture for you should be improving. In fact, you should be able to plan that special vacation trip you've anticipated. Family members are cooperative over the weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You'll get your career on the right track this week. Still, further planning is needed. The weekend is relaxing and invigorates you for the week to come.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Loved ones should have a good time together, although the accent this week falls on home-based activities later on. Some could be burning the midnight oil this weekend with additional work tasks.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're ready to begin a new work push. However, you'll still be finishing up some matters left over from the recent past. The weekend highlights good times with friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Although you have your eye on something you'd like to buy, continue with a sound fiscal policy. Concentrate on investments and savings programs. This frugality will be handsomely rewarded.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make a point of getting good value for your money. A child accuses you of being inattentive. This weekend, it's best to be more aggressive with those who are overly dominant.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) More thinking is required before making a career move. You do not make a very good champion for your special cause because you're pushing too hard. This weekend, avoid raising controversial issues with loved ones.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your spending habits are inconsistent this week, alternating between cheapness and extravagance. If you can't get what your heart is set on, you tend to become indiscriminate. Recognize this to prevent it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll be relieved that a recent problem is solved to your satisfaction. Alternative plans needn't be second best. This weekend, stick to your high standards and don't be swayed by an unscrupulous type.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) You could find yourself returning an item you purchased recently. Still, pleasure pursuits are accentuated toward the end of the week. Learn to handle guilt better by analyzing its source.

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**VIDEORAMA**

Showtime Video's new releases for February and March.

- Feb. 17
- Devil's Advocate
- Good Burger
- Critical Care
- Most Wanted
- The Matchmaker
- Feb. 24
- The Edge
- Ernest in the Army
- First-time Felon
- Mad City
- The Man Who Knew Too Little
- March 3
- Eve's Bayou
- Brylcreem Boys
- Dogwatch

- Myth of the Finger
- Peter Pan
- March 10
- The Peacemaker
- In & Out
- The Full Monty
- March 17
- Mimic
- She's So Lovely
- Night and the Moment
- Body Count
- Ferngully 2
- The Assignment
- Batman and Mr. Freeze
- March 24
- I Know What You Did Last Summer
- One Night Stand
- A Thousand Acres

- Ulee's Gold
- Kiss Me Guido
- Shall We Dance
- March 31
- The Little Mermaid
- U-Turn
- Slappy and Stinkers
- Fairytale: A True Story
- Mr. Bean The Movie
- Twilight of the Golds
- Seawolf
- Showtime Video's Most Rented Videos for Feb. 16-20.
- Air Force One
- G.I. Jane
- Devil's Advocate

# The controversy about the gun

There has been an argument going on for some time now – 117 years to be exact – concerning exactly how Billy the Kid got the gun he used to kill J.W. Bell.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the circumstances, here is a brief synopsis of the Kid's escape from confinement in the Lincoln County Courthouse on April 28, 1881:

Sentenced to death in La Mesilla for the murder of Sheriff Brady in 1878, the Kid was transported to Lincoln where he was scheduled to be executed on May 13, 1881.

## PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber  
Lincoln  
Heritage Trust  
Historian

When Pat Garrett left town (some say to gather wood for the gallows, others to collect taxes, still others say both collecting taxes *and* gathering wood – is there nothing clear about this incident?) he repeatedly instructed his deputies, Bob Olinger and J.W. Bell, not to be taken in by the Kid's charm and easygoing manner. This was no problem for Olinger, a man many claimed to be a hulking bully, who hated the Kid.

### Doomed by his own kindness

J.W. Bell was different though. Although he was reportedly a member of the White Oaks posse that surrounded the Kid and his gang at the Greathouse Ranch, Bell had no previous personal history with the Kid and seemed to feel sorry for him.

That's understandable. It is difficult, even now, not to feel at least a twinge of sympathy for Billy. Of all the atrocities committed during the Lincoln County War, all the murders, the only person ever to stand trial for *anything* was Billy the Kid.

After he armed himself, most of the details of the Kid's escape are pretty straightforward. The question is *how* he armed himself.

When a shot rang out from inside the building, it was, in the words of New Mexico State Monument Manager II Jack Rigney, "earwitnessed" by Godfrey "Old Man" Gauss. By the way, it should be noted that, in those days, anyone over the age of 50 was usually referred to as "Old Man."

### A lack of foresight

Some little time before this, Bob Olinger had escorted the courthouse's other five prisoners over to the Wortley for lunch. The deputies felt – and they were right – that the Kid was far too dangerous to be wandering around town. So

they left him in the courthouse.

With one guard on him.

In a room that was next to the armory.

Pat Garrett later stated that the armory had a "bum door" on it.

Therefore, they put the most dangerous man in New Mexico next to a room full of guns that they could not lock.

Go figure.

When Olinger heard the shot, he leapt to his feet and raced across the street. While Olinger was doing this, the Kid was racing into the armory to procure Olinger's shotgun.

During Billy's incarceration in the courthouse, it was reported that Olinger had pointed his shotgun at the Kid and announced that "whoever gets this will feel it." The Kid supposedly replied, "Make sure it's not you, Bob."

Whatever the case, the Kid went out of his way to get hold of Olinger's shotgun. Bell was shot with a revolver, but the Kid seemed determined to kill Olinger with his own weapon.

Which is exactly what he did.

As "Pecos Bob" came under the northeast corner window of the courthouse, he heard a voice call out above him, "Hello Bob. Look up here and see what you get." What Olinger got was both barrels of his own shotgun in the face and chest. He died instantly.

However, how Bob Olinger met his end has never been in question. It has been Bell's death that has kept the historical debate going all this time.

We know that Bell was shot on the stairwell inside the courthouse, staggered out back and died in front of Gauss.

Gauss later stated that he heard a struggle inside the courthouse just before Bell came out the back door to stumble a few feet before dying.

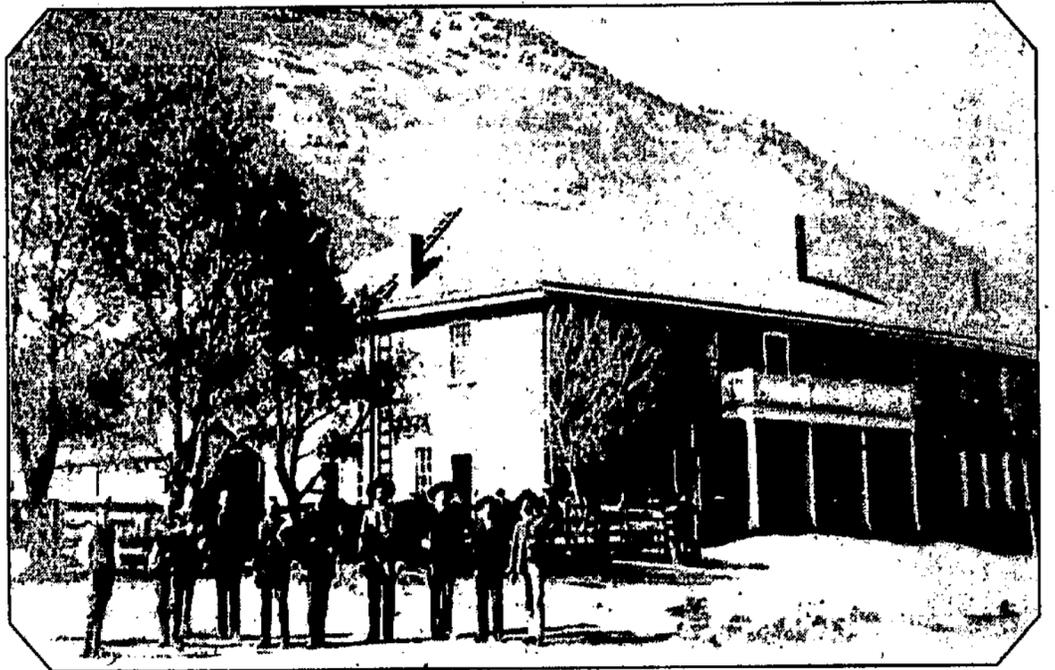
### The options

Basically, there are four schools of thought concerning what happened inside the courthouse that day. The first is that the Kid requested to use the privy, and on the way back, raced ahead of Bell, crashed through the armory's "bum door," grabbed a gun and shot Bell as he raced up the stairs trying to catch up.

The second is that the Kid overpowered Bell on the stairs and snatched Bell's weapon from him.

The third is that a friend, of whom Billy had many in Lincoln, left a gun in the privy for him. The Kid concealed it on his person until he and Bell were inside, at which point, the Kid pulled the pistol.

The fourth is that the Kid and Bell were playing cards. The Kid deliberately dropped a card and when Bell bent to retrieve it, his holstered gun was exposed to the Kid.



The site of the west's most famous escape – that of Billy the Kid from the Lincoln County Courthouse

OK, let's look at these for options, keeping in mind that this is merely the way that this writer sees it.

I've got a problem with the theory that the Kid raced ahead of Bell to seize a weapon from the armory. Quite simply, how could Billy race *anywhere* with leg irons on? A prisoner in leg irons was only capable of taking "baby steps." So how could Billy possibly have out-raced an unencumbered man?

If the Kid grabbed Bell's gun where they were supposedly playing cards, how in the world did they get out onto the stairs?

The Kid overpowering Bell on the stairs is a much more likely possibility. Godfrey Gauss *did* state that he heard a struggle in the courthouse and it is a matter of record that Bell had a fractured skull at the time of his death. These facts alone would seem to prove almost conclusively that this is the correct theory.

But hold on a second. There are a couple of extenuating circumstances as far as Godfrey Gauss is concerned.

There is an abiding story in Lincoln that the gun was left for Billy in the privy by John Tunstall's former clerk, Sam Corbet. What many historians seem to forget is that Godfrey Gauss had been employed as Tunstall's cook. Therefore, who's to say that Gauss wasn't actually in on it with Sam Corbet?

### A conspiracy

Personally, I don't think the idea of Corbet and Gauss being in cahoots is any stretch at all. It is a matter of historical fact that Tunstall's former employees were extremely loyal to their boss – however misguided they may have been – even after his death.

For Gauss to say that he heard a struggle on the stairs, which would give more weight to the idea of the Kid seizing Bell's pistol, would have been a logical

thing to say to protect Sam Corbet.

OK, so what about the fact of Bell's skull being fractured? Wouldn't that have indicated some sort of struggle? Well, yes. Unless Bell fractured his skull as he tumbled down the stairs *after* the Kid's bullet hit him. It would be pretty hard to stay on your feet on a stairwell after having a heavy caliber bullet pass through your body. No one knows exactly where on that stairwell Bell was when he was hit, or how far down it he tumbled.

### One possibility

Therefore, in the opinion of this writer, the gun was hidden in the privy for the Kid by Sam Corbet and "Old Man" Gauss said whatever necessary to protect Corbet.

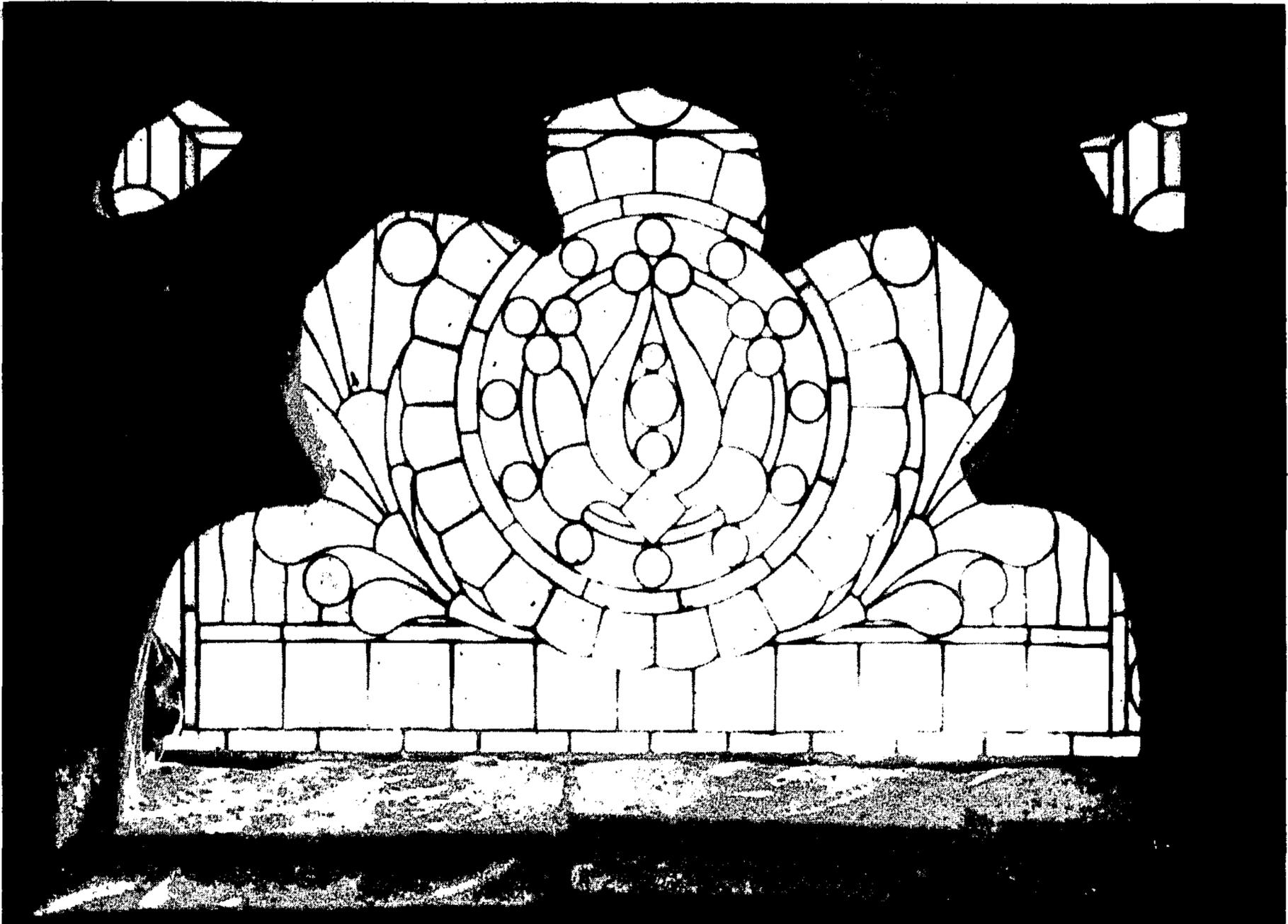
Pat Garrett never really looked into the matter of where the Kid got the gun. It was probably immaterial to him. To Pat, the real problem was that he had two dead deputies on his hands and would have to "do it all over again" as far as Billy was concerned.

No one every stated whether or not Bell's gun was still in its holster when he fell behind the courthouse.

The topic of where Billy the Kid got the revolver that he used to kill J.W. Bell will be debated ad infinitum by historians, with each having his or her pet theory. At this late date the debate will probably never be solved, and in the end it really makes no difference. What *does* make a difference is that in the early afternoon hours of April 28, 1881, Billy the Kid somehow got hold of a gun that he used to perpetrate what is arguably the most spectacular jailbreak in the history of the Old West.

"Truth lies within a little and certain compass, but error is immense."

– Henry St. John, Viscount Bolingbroke



Photographic Society of Lincoln County member David Travis shot this stained glass window while the group was on a field trip in the Hondo Valley. The study in light and concrete was one of a number of items of interest at Fort Meigs. Travis used his point-and-shoot camera in afternoon sunlight.

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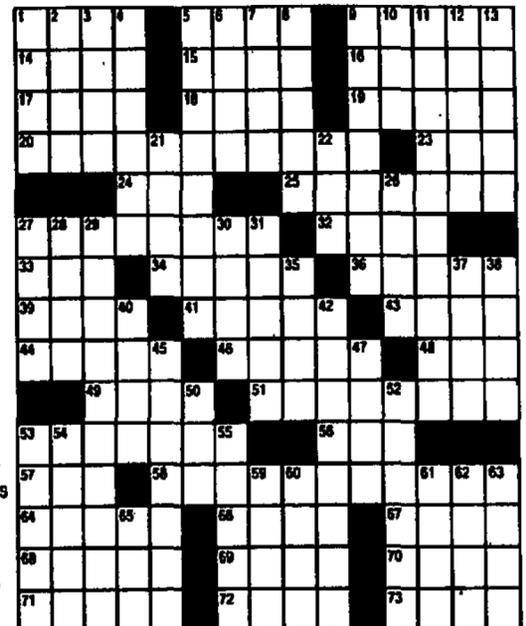
- 1 Civil disorder
- 5 Urban haze
- 9 Diners
- 14 Workers' protection org.
- 15 Variety of fine cotton
- 16 Hold dear
- 17 Tizzy
- 18 The New Yorker cartoonist Peter
- 19 Château-Thierry's river
- 20 "Peticoat Junction" setting
- 23 Lyricist Rice
- 24 Granola grain
- 25 Copyists
- 27 Trim, as a tree
- 32 Art's art
- 33 Military address: Abbr.
- 34 Fishing line
- 36 The "S" in WASP
- 38 State north of Ind.
- 41 Adventures
- 43 Battle of Normandy objective
- 44 Big news exclusive
- 46 Reading lights
- 48 Ames and Asner
- 49 Pub orders
- 51 Practice
- 53 Edmonton's province
- 56 Everything
- 57 Random number generator
- 58 "Father Knows Best" setting

DOWN

- 1 ha-Shanah
- 2 "Money — object"
- 3 Louisville's river
- 4 Dragon, perhaps
- 5 Big Ten team from East Lansing
- 6 Nuclear missile, briefly
- 7 Prefix meaning 56-Across
- 8 London lockups
- 9 Kodaks, e.g.
- 10 Nabokov novel
- 11 "The Phil Silvers Show" setting
- 12 Sgt. Bilko
- 13 Looks like
- 21 Prominent rabbit features
- 22 Digital readout, for short
- 26 Mrs. McKinley and others
- 27 Beavers' constructions
- 28 Kind of proportions
- 64 Texas site to remember
- 66 Have — good authority
- 67 Sewing case
- 68 Georgia city, home of Mercer University
- 69 Color of linen
- 70 Final Four inits.
- 71 Pronunciation symbol
- 72 Make-believe
- 73 Eschew

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FIR	CAPO	ACCOST
ENE	ODER	CHACHA
STANHOPE	CEREUS	
TOLUENES	ENFANT	
INITIAL	DIANNE	
VESTRIES	EERIER	
ARMY	SPEEDREADS	
EAU		
BIGBADWOLF	TSAR	
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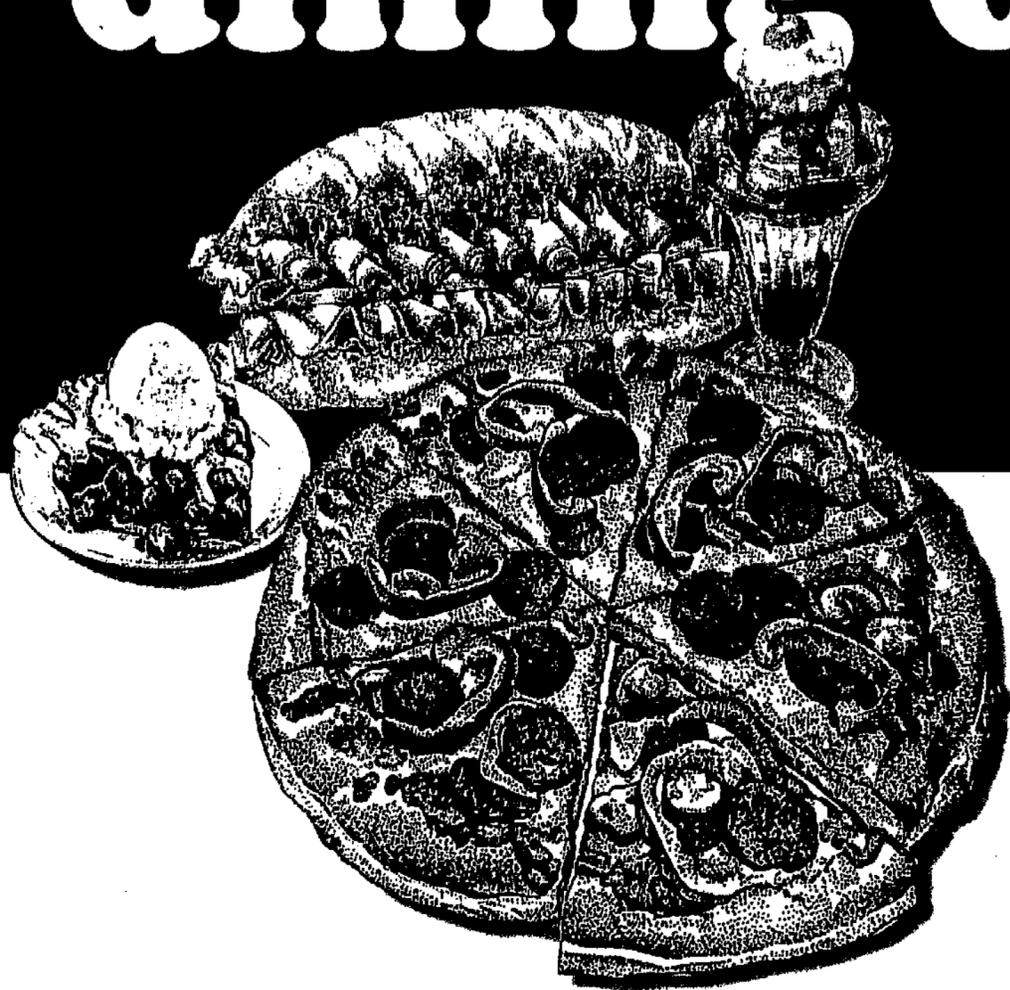
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- 29 "I Dream of Jeannie" setting
- 30 Marsh duck
- 31 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- 35 Shiny fabric
- 37 Auto pioneer Ransom
- 38 Victory margin, at times
- 40 Tunnel
- 42 Moss for potting plants
- 45 — non grata
- 47 Prefix with starter
- 50 Nascar sponsor
- 52 Little green men
- 53 Revolutionary leader Samuel
- 54 Light purple
- 55 Pisces's follower
- 59 Scratch it!
- 60 Nick and — Charles
- 61 Make an aquaint
- 62 Hilo feast
- 63 Primatologist Fossey
- 65 Cut the grass

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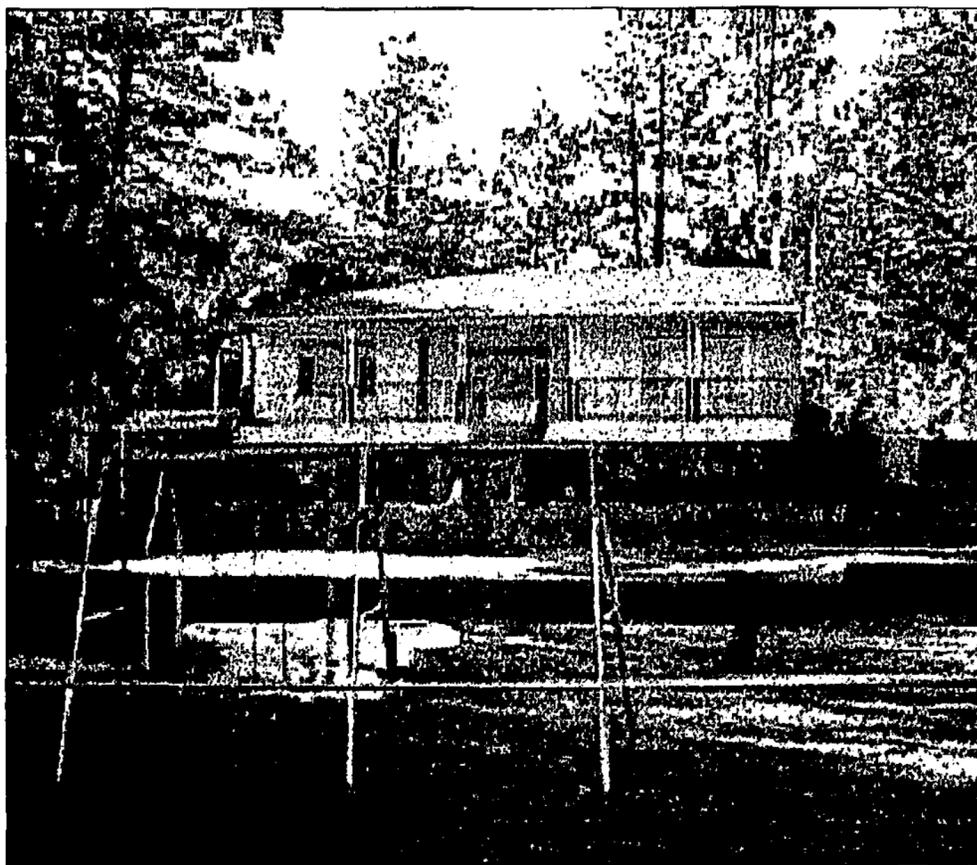
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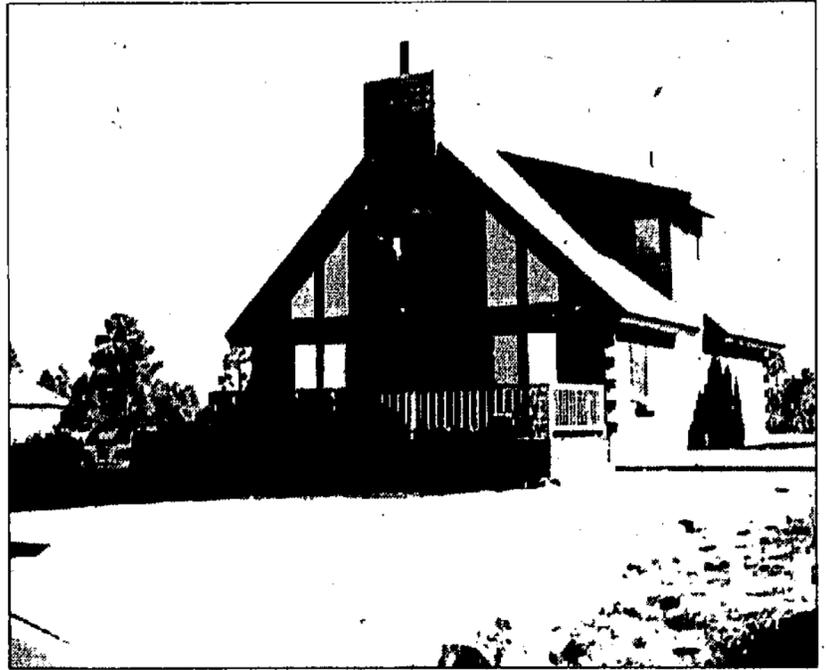


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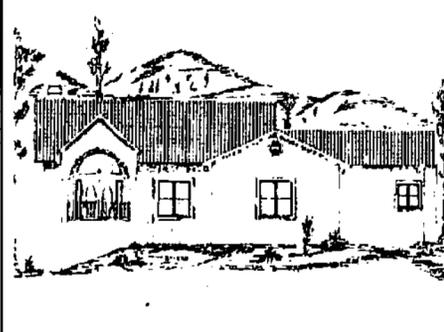
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4/3.5, full golf membership. Unfurnished.



**Mote • 739 Deer Park Dr.**

7 bedrooms and 6 1/2 baths plus an additional 1 1/2 bath. This very prestigious home is located in the heart of Deer Parks Woods with a full golf membership. This home is for the discriminating buyer looking for an exceptional home with a well appointed floor plan. Downstairs this home has a complete guest apartment. Showings are by appointment only. Please call, we would like the opportunity to show you what great taste and quality have to offer!

**Ask for Doug or Susan  
336-4248**



### Las Lomas

McGarvey • \$67,500 • 604 Colorado St.  
4 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice fenced yard.  
Large den.



### Pine Top Hills

**SOLD!!! SOLD!!! SOLD!!!**  
Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Doll house, cute!



### Village Homes at Chase Forest

Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keyes Dr.  
Units 46C and 46E. 2bdr, 2 bath units.  
New! Great downtown location!



### White Mtn. Meadows

577 - 583 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.  
4 nice patio homes \$96,500 each. 2  
bdm, 2 bath, 1 level, 1 car garage!



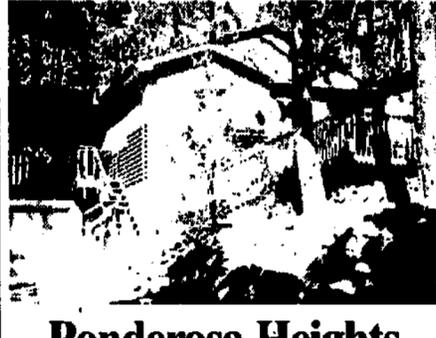
### Alpine Village

117 Iron Mountain Rd. • \$99,500  
2/2 nice home on 2 lots with small  
barn, 2 horses allowed. Appliances  
only. NOW VACANT.



### Pinecliff

Proctor • \$99,500 • 104 Cardinal Dr.  
2 bedroom, 2 bath. Workshop and large  
RV carport. Beautiful yards!



### Ponderosa Heights

Thomason • \$109,900 • 103 S Candlewood  
Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1-car  
garage. Fully furnished. The perfect  
get-a-way cabin!



### Western Hills

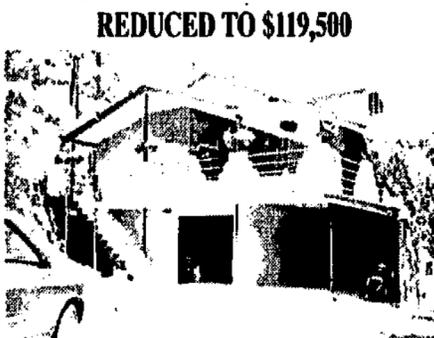
**REDUCED \$104,000**  
Adams • \$109,900 • 112 Bridle Dr.  
2/1.5, 2-car garage. New with owner  
financing. Secluded.



**SOLD!!! SOLD!!! SOLD!!!**

### Golf Course Estates

Christian • \$119,950 • 404 Barcus Rd.  
3/2, 1 level w/carport, nicely fur-  
nished, sunny lot, golf membership.



**REDUCED TO \$119,500**

### Upper Canyon Area

Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.  
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop.  
Master shower. Wow!



### Green Meadows

Vestal • \$113,900 • 112 Clover Dr.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. All  
one level. Nice fenced yard.



### Apache Hills Subdivision

Jaeger • \$116,000 • 125 Apache Hills Dr.  
Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Very  
secluded feeling yet right in town.  
Very nice - no step entry!



### The Country Club Tract

270 Country Club Dr.

As the photo to the right reflects, this is an exceptional 14 acre tract that is PUD-zoned. Planned unit development. Multi use potential! Seller financing! Utilities are nearly finished. A complete package available. Asking \$950,000.



### On The River

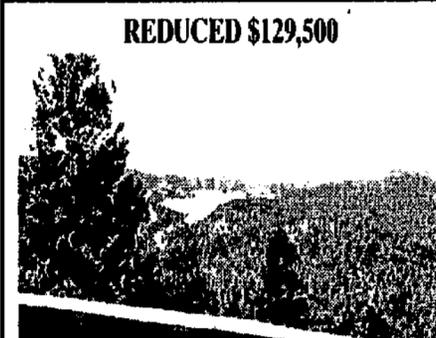
Valliant • \$125,000 • 142 Meander Dr.  
3 bdrm., 1.5 baths. Cute older cabin on  
1/2 acre river lot. Awesome yard!



**OWNER NEEDS OFFER!!**

### Middle Cedar

Vigil • \$137,500 • 120 Musketball  
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Chalet with Carport.  
Very nice with Mountain flavor!



**REDUCED \$129,500**

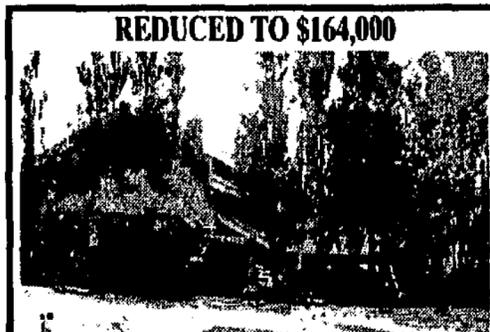
### Lake View Estates

Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully furnished.  
Breathtaking views!



### Skyland Addition

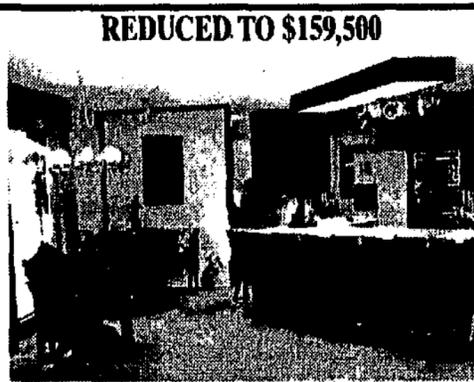
Proctor • \$149,900 • 4-Plex  
New carpet and paint. All rented 1  
bdm, 1 bath units. Just across from  
Ruidoso Women's Club.



REDUCED TO \$164,000

### Lake View Estates

Landsheft • \$169,500  
#19 Excalibur Road  
Outstanding Townhome with enormous views! 3 bdrm., 2 bath.



REDUCED TO \$159,500

### Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan  
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home. Fenced yard, well maintained.



AWESOME MOUNTAIN VIEWS!!

### Cedar Creek

Duran • \$179,900 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.  
Bedrooms 3, baths 2 1/2, jacuzzi tub, deck, on 1 acre. 2 car garage. Like new condition-motivated seller!



### White Mt. Meadow

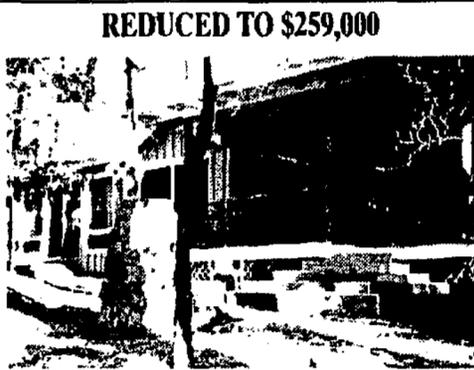
Halow • \$245,000 • 104 Pat Willingham  
Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage. Price includes an extra White Meadow lot! Rarely used, all interior, all one level.



SOLD!!! SOLD!!! SOLD!!!

### Cree Meadows

Daulton • \$259,900 • 306A Country Club Dr.  
3 bdrms., 3 1/2 baths. The interior is styled like a log cabin home with hardwood floors! Creek frontage.



REDUCED TO \$259,000

### River

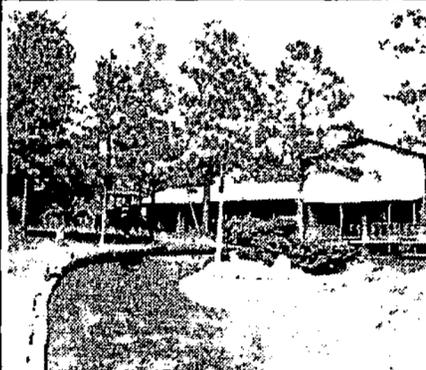
Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river. Two fireplaces.



FABULOUS NEW HOME WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS

### Highwood Addition

\$325,000 • 108 Lupine Loop  
3 bdrm, gameroom, workshop. Must see! Jacuzzi tub, cherry wood cabinets, hard wood floors, operable remote sky lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress yourself ... check it out! INFO ON SIGN!



### White Mtn. Estate

Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder  
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage. Owner/agent.



### Upper Canyon River Home

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main  
3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry



### Commercial

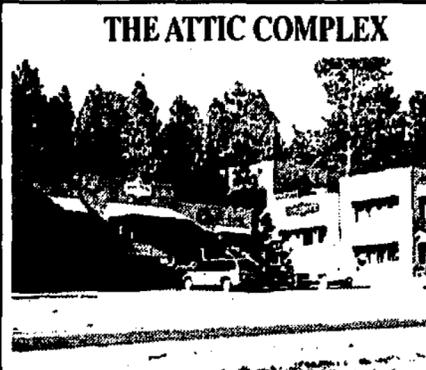
McMahon • \$62,500 ea. • 1121 Mechem Dr.  
3 street-to-street commercial lots! Very buildable.



OWNER FINANCING!!!

### Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza  
Last unit for sale - new - finished!



THE ATTIC COMPLEX

### Commercial

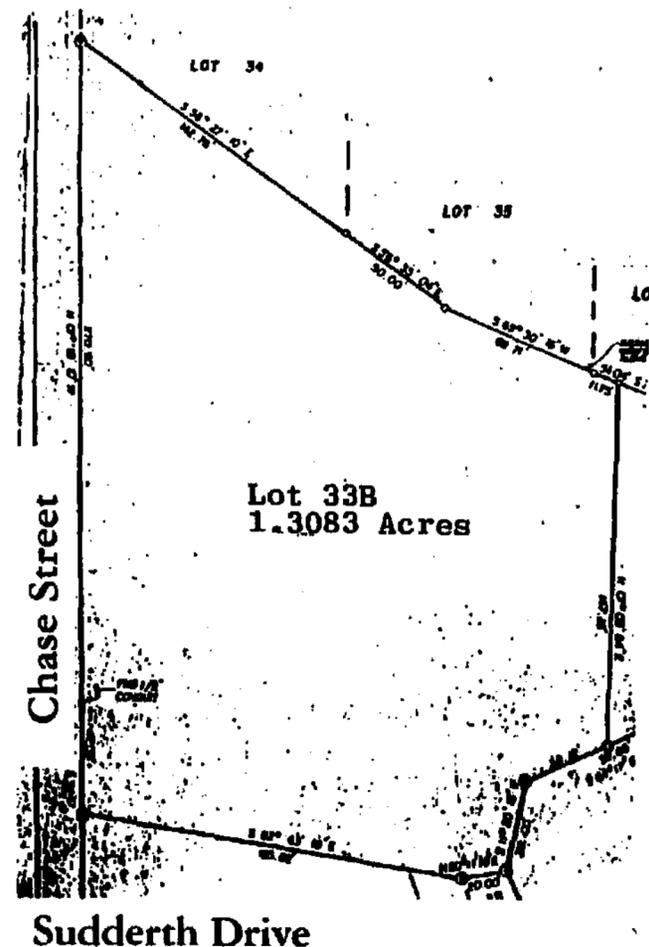
Now available in three separate parcels  
#1-\$125,000 #2-\$239,000 #3-\$299,000  
Possible owner financing!



### Chase Street Acreage! • \$169,500

Zoned C-2 this great commercial property is located just across from where the new proposed Motel 6 is going to be built. This 1.308 acres has easy access, all city utilities and high visibility!

Call Doug for details!



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Carryout Special:

One Large Specialty Pizza, a  
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 a Two Litre Bottle of Coke

For Only \$17<sup>99</sup>

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 Topping Pizzas

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Carryout Special:

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 Pepperoni Pizza

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 Supreme Pizza

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For \$12<sup>99</sup>

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One Medium  
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