

## County seeks jail architect

Commission looks for designs for 75 to 100 bed county detention center

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Inching their way toward the goal of a new jail, after more than three years of consideration, Lincoln County commissioners Thursday approved advertising for an architect to design a 75 to 100 bed detention center.

But they stopped short of authorizing a 1/8th-cent gross receipts tax to cover the annual debt repayment. Commissioners agreed they need a better idea of what the new jail will contain and cost before they approve a method of financing.

Jon Zaman, director of Outreach for the New Mexico Finance Authority, said the county is approved for a \$3.9 million loan, with \$542,000 to be repaid at 3 percent interest under a "disadvantaged" designation and the rest at 5.85 percent. If the county delays too long, the disadvantaged rate could be lost to other applicants, he said.

If the tax was approved today, it would not take effect until Jan. 1 and the county wouldn't start collecting the full amount, estimated at \$374,000 a year, until the following July, he said. Finance authority officials think the county will collect more than it initially projected from the tax and a requirement to set aside one-fourth of the collection as a financial hedge the first year won't affect the amount needed to pay the debt service of \$312,532.

"How can we ask a commitment of money when we don't know how much the jail is going to cost?" Commissioner William Schwettmann asked. If commissioners wait until after an architect is chosen, they still would have enough time to approve a loan for the amount needed to build based on solid figures, he said.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said the county would be in trouble if it goes for a \$3.5 million loan now and the bids come in for the jail at \$5 million.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson agreed, saying the county could be hurt financially if all of the beds were filled by county inmates and anticipated income isn't earned renting out some beds to other counties or to the state. Communities using the jail also may decide it's less expensive to go to a detention center in another county, he said.

Property tax millage cannot be pledged to repay a finance authority loan, Zaman said, but Schwettmann said the county should look at other

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Brother Peter, who doubles as fund-raiser and director of restoration for the St. Joseph's Apache Mission project, stands in front of the church in Mescalero while lime mortar expert Pete Mold, in back left, demonstrates the application method.

## Restoration begins at St. Joseph's

Lessons learned at the chapel could help the town of Lincoln as well

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A restoration and repair project at St. Joseph's Apache Mission in Mescalero is evolving into a demonstration program that could create a new generation of craftsmen who work with lime mortar.

Preserving that skill is just about as important as preserving the buildings the craftsmen restore, says Peter Mold, a British expert on lime mortar restorations throughout Europe and who recently worked on San Xavier Mission, another Franciscan mission south of Phoenix.

That's where Brother Peter, who heads the St. Joseph's restoration project, met Mold - just one of the providential occurrences that have helped advance the work.

"We were ready to use cement and by the grace of God, Pete was brought into the project," Brother Peter said.

He convinced Mold to take a look at St. Joseph's and to meet with the contractor Ernest Martinez of Bar-M Construction in La Luz. Martinez' father grew up doing lime mortar work in Mexico and has become a valuable resource on the Mescalero job, Mold said.

A landmark along U.S. 70, the Gothic-looking mission, built with hand-hewn stone starting in 1919,

wasn't finished by Father Albert Braun until 1939. The 131-foot long church is 64 feet wide with 50-foot high walls. But it lacks a reliable heating system and the hand-mixed lime mortar between the huge locally-quarried stones is crumbling, occasionally sending chunks of stone crashing to the ground.

Mold wasn't working alone Wednesday. Ira Rabke and Al Sanchez from the state Monuments Division in the historic settlement of Lincoln, were at the church to learn about creating the lime putty, then mixing it with aggregate - sand - to produce the mortar, the application process and follow up protection.

One two-week demonstration project at the church costing about \$25,000 was completed last month by Martinez.

"The function of the test panel was to design the right mortar and to practice the protection and after care that will be necessary," Brother Peter said. The mortar must be dampened daily to ensure it "cures" correctly. It requires carbon dioxide from the air to cure, so batches of the mixed material can be stored as long as it's covered tightly.

Mold demonstrated for Sanchez and Rabke that the composition of the sand being used is just right for the project. By sifting

the material with different sized screened pans, he showed that the sand consists of several different sizes of particles. The heaviest concentration is in the middle size range, tapering off at the extremes of large and small sizes. That means fewer air pockets in the mortar, making it more likely that the lime putty will bind each piece.

"It's important to convince people to stop using cement as mortar," Mold said. "It's hard, brittle and doesn't breathe or allow the stones to shed moisture."

"Lime mortar is in balance with the properties of the stone and is one of the oldest building materials worldwide. Unfortunately, the threat to buildings because it's not being used in restorations, also is worldwide."

The mortar is sacrificial, Mold said, because it can be replaced. Yet it shows longevity. Lime work in Jordan dates back 1,000 year. It works with a building, not against it, but adjustments must be made for each climate, he said.

"This climate here is as demanding and harsh as they come," Mold said. "We have to deal with high altitude, heat, wind, intense sun, frost and thin air. It puts a huge demand on the mortar

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## Meetings to address highway from Ruidoso to Roswell

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Proposed improvements on U.S. 70 from Ruidoso Downs 37 miles east to the settlement of Riverside will be the focus of two meetings next week.

The New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department is conducting a corridor study of the road that links Ruidoso with Roswell to determine its existing condition and future problems that could affect the safety of highway travelers.

The study also will identify the effects of each alternate improvement plan on the project area, residents, businesses, communities and the natural and cultural environment, said Luis Alba, an engineer with the department's Albuquerque office.

"At this point, we're doing the study," he said Thursday. "We'll ultimately end up with a number of possible alternatives from which we'll make recommendations."

Alba said these recommendations could include improving existing lanes to widening to four lanes on the existing alignment or off the existing alignment.

"We'll talk at these meetings about types of options and alternates, the things we're going to be considering, and hear what the people have to say," Alba said.

The meeting Tuesday will start with an open house at 6 p.m., a presentation at 7 p.m. and public comments and discussion at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Rural Events Center in Glencoe on U.S. 70, mile marker 275.

The meeting Wednesday will follow the same schedule at the Hondo Valley School on U.S. 70 near mile marker 286.

## 'Better coordination' sought in roadwork

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Ed Gonzalez is not allowed to say how much business has dropped at the Wal-Mart Super Center he manages in Ruidoso Downs.

"The company won't let us give any figures, but it has definitely affected us," said Gonzalez, one of many managers of businesses along the route of a 6-mile highway construction project on U.S. Highway 70.

But he does think some burdens of highway construction could be alleviated through better coordination of road crews.

"At different times they have closed off both entrances to the parking lot because neither side knew what the other was doing," Gonzalez said. "That and the fact that they broke our water main five different times..."

Business owners up and down the path of construction say they have seen a drop in revenues because of the road construction. All say they understand the need for the work and are willing to

put up with losses. But, like Gonzalez, many are unhappy about how road crews go about the work.

"Everybody has to go through problems," said Leo Martinez, owner of Chileo's restaurant, where he has had to cut back on employee hours. "I went out there this morning and pushed barrels to the side (so people can turn left into the parking lot). So, it's just been a hassle getting the little things done that mean a lot."

Nancy "Wanda" Bankston, owner of Wanda's Cafe, recently said she is 60 percent behind in sales from this time last year. "It has absolutely crippled us... There have been times when this whole area has been precluded (from traffic entering)," she said of her establishment as well as the two hotels on either side of the restaurant.

Bankston said she made repeated attempts to reach executives with the contractor hired by the state for the \$7.6 million project to repave the four-lane highway. But she was never allowed to talk to anyone with Meadow Valley Contractor Inc., from the presi-

dent in his Phoenix office to the local project manager.

She eventually was directed to Ray Romero, who is overseeing the project for the state. While Romero listened to her concerns and responded immediately, Bankston said she and others are frustrated about being told one thing and seeing something else happen.

For example, at a public meeting prior to the project start, she and others were told the entrances to their businesses would never be blocked for more than 20-30 minute intervals. One day last week, the entrance to her restaurant was closed for six hours, she said.

Al Oulman, assistant area manager for Meadow Valley, said entrances were blocked for three hours at the most, and only that long because of the recent rush to open the south four lanes.

Oulman said he reserves comment on complaints about the company's

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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Low ... 46



**SUNDAY** High ... 80  
Low ... 46



**MONDAY** High ... 82  
Low ... 48



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Wednesday	71	45	.35"
Thursday	68	44	.10"
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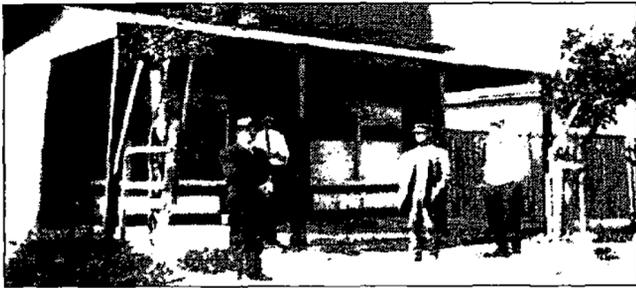
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### STARDATE

Cepheus is a large, faint constellation near the pole star, Polaris. It is named for an Ethiopian king, and it's now in the northeast after sunset. Cepheus looks like a child's stick drawing of a house: a square with a triangular roof.

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Carrizozo began to grow after World War I.

# County commission discusses future of Fort Stanton

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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They may not be sure how they want Fort Stanton to be used, but Lincoln County commissioners want the state to know they expect a say in what happens to the historic buildings.

Commissioners voted Thursday to send letters to the state General Services Department (GSD) and Gov.

Gary Johnson staking their right to input. They agreed that the worst thing that could happen to the fort established in 1855 would be to allow the buildings to stand unattended.

County Manager Tom Stewart met with state Corrections Secretary Rob Perry at the fort Wednesday and, "he's on the same sheet with us regarding preservation." Perry agreed to attend the next commission meeting to

discuss the situation, he said. The fort is scheduled to close as a women's minimum security prison in August.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said while waiting for a final disposition, or possibly in concert with it, the county could use the fort in several ways, including establishing a new road department yard in non-historical area, temporarily housing county minimum security inmates there to help

maintain the buildings, establishing a health clinic in connection with the county hospital in Ruidoso and creating a transfer station where garbage from northern sections of the county could be compacted for hauling to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

"I'd like to see the board send a letter to the governor and the GSD telling them we're interested in the facility," Howell said.

# CONSTRUCTION: Workers had no accurate guides to Downs water lines

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work other than to say that laymen don't always understand the reason for various actions.

For example, the average person probably does not know portions of the road had to be dug up repeatedly because of "soft spots" where water had made the surface unstable, he said.

"But we have worked diligently to get the roadway in for the public and I think has been evident by the results," Oulman said.

As far water line breaks, he said no accurate guides were available to show crews where

the water lines were. "Locating the utility has been a challenge for both the village and us," Oulman said.

Pete Schiavone, owner of Frank's Fruit Market, said things have improved for his store, especially since the orange traffic barrels were rearranged this week to allow westbound traffic to enter his parking lot.

"When I did call, they did get it done so I can't complain about that," Schiavone said. However, "I don't think they are really in tune with the retailers ... It seems like they should be doing what they can to protect our businesses."

He said he thinks one solu-

tion would be more and better communication between the contractor and businesses. "And there's not that many of us," Schiavone said.

Since the project began, no public meetings have been held about road construction, though one is now planned June 30.

Details about the meeting are to be released later by the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department.

Greg Kopacka, former owner of Roxanne's Bakery, reached in Belen Thursday, said the complaints sound familiar. He said them himself about this time last year while struggling to hold on to his bak-

ery at the corner of Sudderth and Mechem Drive. Road construction virtually eliminated access to his shop for about three months starting in April of last year. By July, Kopacka was out of business.

"I personally tried to hang in as long as I could until I literally ran out of money," Kopacka said. "I wish I could offer words of encouragement, but when you run out of money, you have to lock the doors."

Meadow Valley's offices in Ruidoso Downs can be reached at 378-1271. Romero can be reached at 378-8456.

# JAIL: Commissioners urged the county manager to broaden the search area

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financing options such as general obligation bonds or revenue bonds as alternate sources to pay for the jail.

County Manager Tom Stewart reminded commissioners the design-build and design-build-finance approaches were dropped because they didn't work for the county. The method left is to hire an architect to design the jail, Stewart said. The project as outlined on the request for design proposals (RFP) will consist of a detention center to accommodate 75 to 100 inmates with administrative, health service, recreation, food services, laun-

dry, visiting and conference room, and maximum security for 20 inmates.

The jail will be built on 6.49 acres in the Carrizozo Industrial Park at a cost not to exceed \$2.6 million.

Currently, the county takes care of 61 inmates with an additional 10 wearing an ankle radio monitoring device. Using a study by a company that pitched the need for a new jail several years ago, Stewart said about a 16 percent inmate increase was projected for each year and that appears to be on target. If that estimate continues to be accurate, the county will have 73 inmates on the average each day in the year 2000 and up to 115 in the year 2003.

The date to open proposals will be Aug. 9, but Schwettmann told Stewart to give architectural firms more time to mull over their plans before a scheduled pre-proposal meeting June 24. The date was moved back one month.

"It gives bidders a chance to look at the site," Schwettmann said. "You'll get more questions and more participation in the bidding."

The commissioners also urged Stewart to broaden his field of advertising to include more newspapers, including The Wall Street Journal. The cost of advertising is insignificant, when looking for a top notch company, Schwettmann said. Along that same line, he

said companies should not be penalized on the RFP scoring system for having more than \$25,000 in projects in progress. A good firm probably will be involved in several projects at one time, well in excess of \$100,000, he said.

An engineer, Schwettmann said the county also should insist on someone from the architectural firm being on site constantly instead of "periodically," as written in the proposed RFP.

Incorporating his suggestions, commissioners unanimously approved sending out the request for proposals.

### LC SCRAPBOOK

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

#### White Oaks Eagle June 15, 1899

The jury which sat in the trial of Lee and Gilliland was out only seven minutes until it returned with a verdict of not guilty. They were now held on the charge of the murder of deputy sheriff Kearney and it is not yet known whether the court will allow them bail or not. The attorneys of the defendants

state that a bond for any reasonable amount can be made when demanded. The most important developments brought out during the trial were the failure of the prosecution to produce a shade of evidence that would warrant a conviction while on the other hand there is much evidence that Lee Gilliland have been victims of a political persecution.

The steel is now laid within two miles of Three Rivers and will cross just as soon as the bridge now being built is completed.

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# BLM looks for input on management around Fort Stanton

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Plans to use and protect a 24,000-acre reserve surrounding historic Fort Stanton, and possibly to manage the fort through a multiple partnership, will be developed over the next year and people are lining up to contribute their input.

Fort Stanton Inc., a group dedicated to preserving the fort, went on record as wanting representation on a planning team to be formed by the Bureau of Land Management.

At a recent open house on the issue sponsored by the BLM, others showed up to urge that cattle grazing be allowed and to talk about controlled fires as a way of allowing natural grasses to reestablish.

Bureau officials are consid-

ering a nature trail along the Rio Bonito, but found some downstream residents not pleased with that idea.

The possibility of an interpretive center covering the archaeological and cultural history at The Feather Cave Archaeological Complex was covered, said Howard Parmen, BLM spokesman, who's heading the project with Paul Happel, a natural resource specialist.

Comments on the 20 issues raised by the BLM can be submitted through July 7.

"The next step won't be taken until then," Parmen said. "We'll summarize what we think we've been told and send it out to all the people who commented, particularly the ones who want to be on the team."

"Once we get verification,

we'll put a team together and discuss concepts and conflicts. We'll go through one after another. Some may be shelved, others may be resolved. We're shooting to be finished by late next year."

The land under discussion - about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso - is designated as an area of critical environmental concern in the BLM's Roswell District Management Plan.

That means livestock grazing cannot be used as a vegetation management device, that endangered plants must be protected, as well as the "world class" (stream side) areas and a cave where unique formations are found, Parmen said.

The timing is right to try to form partnerships in respect to the future of the fort itself,

Parmen said.

The BLM was aware of the state's plans to close out the fort as a women's prison, set to begin in August.

Specific proposals under consideration include:

Restricting off highway vehicle use to designated roads and trails with a total ban within a 100-foot corridor from each side of the Rio Bonito and Salado Creek.

The restrictions would also be on trails earmarked for horses, hiking and mountain biking, at the Feather Cave Complex and in areas where the endangered Kuenzler hedgehog cactus grows.

Determining where 20 miles of new trails could be developed, how to maintain them as multiple use and if a fee should be charged.

Recommending what lands may be suitable for acquisition around and in the areas of critical environmental concern.

Copies of the 20 issues may be obtained from the BLM's Roswell district office by calling (505) 627-0272.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### June McCutcheon

Services for June McCutcheon, 68, of Big Spring, Texas, were June 14.

Mrs. McCutcheon died Thursday, June 10, 1999 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 7, 1931, in Hot Springs. She married Leonard McCutcheon. She was a registered nurse, and had owned Gentleman's Corner in Big Spring from 1982 to 1992. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. McCutcheon had a ranch in Lincoln County and was a part-time resident.

She was the daughter of Tull and Esther Stansell who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard McCutcheon; sons Ray McCutcheon of Boerne, Texas and David McCutcheon of Wichita Falls; daughters Cheryl McCutcheon of Ruidoso Downs and Mary Browning of Big Spring; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Randolph (Rudy) Gaddy

A memorial service for Randolph (Rudy) Gaddy, 75, of Ruidoso Downs, was held June 16 with the Rev. Canon John Penn officiating.

Mr. Gaddy was born Aug. 11, 1923 in Fairmont, N.C.

In 1975 he and his wife, Anna, moved to Ruidoso Downs from Midland, Texas. He served in the army throughout World War II and was honorably discharged in 1948. In Ruidoso Downs he owned and operated his own lawn and janitorial service and served as sexton for the Church of the Holy Mount.

Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Anna Gaddy of the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County; a sister, Carolyn Tillman of Far Rockaway, N.Y.; a niece, Wilma Newton of Philadelphia, Pa.; a stepson, Randy Vineyard; a daughter-in-law, Jennifer; grandsons Kyle and Travis of Denver, Colo.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

## Sun fun carries some risks

BY MESHIA SMITH  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Water splashing, children's laughter, and bright red sunburns are all images that come to mind as Monday, the first day of summer, approaches.

"Over-exposure to the sun and heat can cause health problems," Jackie Campo, marketing and public relations director for the New Mexico Department of Health, said.

"The risk of getting a sunburn in Ruidoso is as high as it is in Albuquerque," Campo said. "Because of the high elevation, you are essentially getting closer to the sun."

To avoid sunburn, wear protective clothing, stay out of the sun at the hottest part of the day, between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and wear sunscreen with a high protective factor, Campo said.

Besides sunburn, heat exhaustion and heat stroke can also occur when a person is exposed to excessive heat and sun, Campo said.

Campo said that signs of heat exhaustion include

muscle cramps in the legs and abdomen, weakness, exhaustion, dizziness, rapid shallow breathing, a weak pulse, moist pale skin which may feel normal to cool, and heavy perspiration.

People experiencing these symptoms should get out of the sun and into an air conditioned environment, re-hydrate by drinking water, and rest, Campo said.

Heat stroke, a more serious condition in which the body's temperature regulating mechanisms fail and the body cannot rid itself of heat, has different symptoms, Campo said.

Hot, dry or moist skin, cessation of perspiration, rapid shallow breathing and possible loss of consciousness are all indications of heat stroke. When a person suffers from these symptoms, Campo said, they should immediately get into a cooler environment, remove clothing, cool the skin and seek medical assistance.

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### OUR OPINION

## What Fort Stanton solution is realistic?

What is it about Fort Stanton that makes it so difficult to manage? Good question, *que no?*

That solid collection of buildings has stood on a gently sloping hillside above the Rio Bonito for almost 160 years. It worked just fine as a fort when settlers were finding little in common with the Mescalero Apaches. Kit Carson worked there. So did the Buffalo soldiers, the regiment that proved beyond doubt that black men could fight. Gen. John J. Pershing, who later headed the American Expeditionary Force in France during World War I, called it home for a while.

It made a decent, secluded, hospital for merchant mariners with tuberculosis, for many decades; the cemetery nearby is a monument to those who didn't survive. It has been an internment camp; again, the cemetery's markers have a wealth of strange names to verify it.

The state, once it took over, used it as a decent, secluded, center for the care of the developmentally disabled for some years. But when the tide shifted in Santa Fe, and a Republican governor with economy on his mind took office, it was decided that Fort Stanton was too expensive to operate as a hospital. It was closed.

Then the state needed somewhere to store women prisoners until someplace cheaper to operate to house them could be built for several millions of dollars by private enterprise. So Fort Stanton was reopened, this time as a prison for the malefactresses — women wrong-doers, according to Webster's New World Dictionary.

So why is Fort Stanton, full of history, teeming with ghosts no doubt, so expensive to operate and manage?

The main buildings, it is said, are heated with steam from boilers installed almost 50 years ago.

And that's apparently why old Fort Stanton is a thorn under the state General Services Administration's saddle blanket.

The real problem, of course, is that it's a large piece of historic property *not* located in north-central New Mexico. If it were somewhere in the Santa Fe-Taos-Las Vegas triangle, upscale pressure groups with preservation on their minds would alternatively have pressed to turn it into a state monument, a historical museum, or some such, complete with a board of directors and frequent fund-raising fundangos.

And, with their political clout, they probably would by now have convinced the state to hand it over to them.

After fixing the boilers, of course.



## Goodbye, Jack

When Jack died last Monday at 82, we didn't hear about it until Wednesday. That's about par for the time-lapse involved when out-of-town friends give up this world for the next one. We read about it in an Albuquerque paper, but certainly it was noted in Roswell. Jack launched himself there after moving from Kansas just before World War II...but like so many others took time out to go to war as a Marine officer.

### MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN  
RUIDOSO NEWS

Back in Roswell, lawyering in the '50s, Jack got himself elected to the Legislature and did good enough a job to earn a promotion in 1962, when people decided he might be a good governor.

He was a superb one, who established the state's first non-partisan personnel act; built today's Roundhouse; saw the UNM School of Medicine established; and was the driving force behind the spectacular Rio Grande Gorge bridge near Taos.

He had help, of course — an overwhelming Democratic majority in the Legislature (Bruce King was speaker of the house).

I learned much about government watching him as a reporter during the 1963 session, and learned especially that good men aren't pompous.

Jack served his statutory two terms, the second win in a 60 percent landslide election, then settled down to be a practicing lawyer.

I didn't see him again for probably 15 years. But I was walking by Sena Plaza one afternoon in Santa Fe in late '70s and glanced in an open office door. There was Jack Campbell, former governor, leading lawyer, outstanding oil industry lobbyist.

"Well, hello Keith," he said. "Let's visit a minute."

And we did, and did again about 10 years later, and again in 1996.

As noted: Not pompous. Goodbye, Governor.

### YOUR OPINION

#### Three times too many for water line breaks

To the editor:

More than once the road construction crew along Mechem have broken the water main. Once is probably an accident. Twice is not careful planning. Three times is downright carelessness! Forget about the mess it causes. Forget about the inconvenience to homeowners and drivers.

What I would like to know is this: During this time of water restriction, do they have to pay for all the water that they spill? Are they fined for "watering" during the day? If I am caught using just a little water outside my home I could be cited. When they break a water main it's "Katie bar the door"! I guess I'm just a curious fellow.

Joseph Gingell  
Ruidoso

#### How are they living up to their promises?

To the editor:

Rarely have I empathized with a letter to the editor as much as I did last Friday when I read Mr. Mathews' letter: "The Disenfranchised".

His voice was heard, loud and clear. Should he decide to run for office he'll have my vote. It's time to elect public officials who do not have an agenda to advance their own business interests under the guise of: "It's good for Ruidoso."

I seem to recall that several years ago the Ruidoso News conducted a poll, under a previous editor, of the priorities for village government as seen by your readers. Could you publish those results again so that we may see how well our council has listened to their constituents?

Lou Stajer  
Ruidoso

#### TV interference isn't much fun in Little Creek

To the editor:

Someone in the Little Creek valley has a new toy. And whenever that person decides to play with that toy, a CB radio, the television reception to all of us in the valley who use an antenna, and watch channel 58, are forced to miss whatever show we are watching. Can you imagine that? Because one person wants to play with his radio equipment, all of our wishes

are upset at this inconsiderate person's whim.

Because we in the valley are in a direct line with the antennas up on Goat mountain, it only makes economical sense to use an antenna instead of paying exorbitant prices for cable, or to buy a dish.

I can't believe that the FCC agrees with this sort of selfishness, which if it keeps up, and it appears that it is going to do so, will force us to buy what we don't want or afford. Cable, or a dish.

Surely there must be a public nuisance law that can prevent one individual from upsetting the entertainment of the many. This person usually starts tearing up our TV reception shortly after 8 p.m. most evenings and sometimes keeps it up to 10 p.m. But Monday it occurred before 9 a.m. A for instance: Those of us who wished to watch "Texas Justice" Thursday night did not get to, because of this person. We watched the beginning, only to have it blotted out by explosive noise and a TV pattern that looked and sounded like a violent lightning storm. It might even be damaging our sound systems...

Kent Martin  
Rancho Ruidoso

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Funding growth in the village

BY BEN MASON  
RUIDOSO RESIDENT

The recent water bond election enjoyed remarkable support from the community. Voters realized that pipeline leaks and failures demanded attention and action. From 1992 to 1998, leakage and loss had increased 40 percent from 163 million gallons to 253 million gallons — ever worsening despite miles of pipe replacement.

What was not mentioned is that water demand is growing faster still. Over the same period, production expanded from 534 million gallons to 766 million gallons, up 43 percent. Consequently, desperately needed repair and replacement must compete for funds against expansion of production facilities, a game that expansion never loses.

When the community runs out of water because of new demand, everybody (not just newcomers) runs out of water. In choosing whether to spend on a new well or replace a mile of old pipe, the well is the certain winner. Village authorities must soon find new infrastructure funding or otherwise divert repair money to keep the taps flowing.

Last year, the administration approved an economic impact fee which would prepay system expansion, ending the uncertainty of bond elections. The imposition of such a fee does not create a new burden; it ends an old subsidy. It simply charges each new connection the amount that it costs the village to provide its share of basic infrastructure (treatment plants, reservoirs, pumps, main lines). Until now, the taxpayers have subsidized this amount, depleting the capital value of the system by about \$4,000 per new connection.

The development lobby fiercely opposed ending the subsidy, and its hostility caused the mayor and council to reduce the impact fee to an accounting abomination of little value by chopping it into one hundred eighty no-interest monthly payments. The council is expected to kill the fee, and it should.

The development lobby (subdividers, realtors, homebuilders, appraisers, mortgage brokers) owes its power to the fact that it is composed of intelligent, dynamic people who believe fervently that what is best for their own agenda is best for Ruidoso.

Often, they are right, but

when they are wrong, they are very, very wrong. Their distaste for municipal planning and regulation (plus their legendary ability to make village administrations roll over) is the explanation for the two-inch galvanized subdivision lines now costing taxpayers millions to replace.

Adding further injury, two-inch lines can't even support fire hydrants. The point here is that the same constituency that gave Ruidoso the two-inch lines has just shot down the best chance the village ever had to free up funds for their replacement.

A developer counter-proposal to raise money involves a tax on water lines that cross vacant lots. The tax, called a maintenance fee and proposed to be \$67, will cost each lot owner roughly \$1 per year per foot of line. This stratospheric rate is justified by the truly awful maintenance burden suffered by the water department.

The lot owner, already the victim of shoddy prior development, will thereby provide the money to continue subsidizing new development. If this tax passes, resentful owners may be disinclined to support future bond issues.

In contrast, a clean, simple

economic impact fee would generate \$14 million dollars (based on administration estimates of 3,500 vacant lots) to apply to system expansion, releasing a like amount for repair and maintenance and without any tax or debt. The Council should look at this again.

The writer had a long professional career as an engineer dealing with water issues, and was a dissenting member of a committee that chose not to recommend an impact fee in 1998. He is an officer in the Ruidoso River Association and lives in Upper Canyon.

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**RUIDOSO POLICE**

**Condominiums burglarized**

Three televisions valued at \$540 each and two headboards valued at \$300 each were taken from storage at Pinecliff Village Resort Condominiums, 401 Highway 70, according to police reports.

Employees noticed the items were missing between 7 p.m. June 13 and 5 p.m. June 14, the report states.

**Man arrested for false social security card**

Ruidoso police arrested Oscar Pena-Vasquez, 38, of Ruidoso for presenting a false social security card to obtain a driver's license from the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division at 301 Highway 70.

Officers called the Social Security Administration and were told the number on Pena-Vasquez's card was not a valid social security number. Making a false affidavit is a fourth-degree felony.

**Police seek felon**

The Ruidoso Police Department has filed a criminal complaint against convicted felon Josh Gent, 21, of Ruidoso for alleged possession of a firearm.

Perusal of pawn shop lists of High Dollar Pawn Store, 137 Highway 70, by police revealed that Gent had pawned a 22-caliber rifle. Gent's probation officer was notified.

**Bear stolen**

A bear cutter on Junction Road reported to police that someone took his carved bear worth \$450 from where it was tied to his truck in preparation for donating it to the Senior Center for a charity auction June 11. Reddish knots on the left brow identify the bear.

**Criminal damage to property**

A glass door was kicked in at Diamond Shamrock, 1901 Sudderth Dr. between 12:32 and 12:57 a.m. June 11. The door was valued at \$250.

A cashier window was broken at Gateway Shell, 416 Sudderth Dr. between 9:40 p.m. June 10 and 6:55 a.m. June 11, police report. The primary lock on the window was released but entry was not made because there was secondary lock. Police state that a long narrow object was used to break the window, evidenced by the damage to the window frame.

**Fire at Super Saver Inn**

An electrical short caused a fire at Super Saver Inn, at the junction of Highways 70 and 48 at 3:50 a.m. June 12, according to a spokesperson from the Ruidoso Fire Department.

No one occupied the room at the time of the fire, said Loretta Kirk of the fire department, and everybody had been evacuated from the hotel. The ceiling, light fixture, heater and roof area of unit 17 burned but it only took firefighters about five minutes to put it out, Kirk said.

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**Continental Harmony at Spencer falls in disharmony**

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A federally-funded musical program to be hosted by the Spencer Theater hit a flat note after its script writer resigned earlier this month over a question of who is actually running the show.

Patty Brimberry, who spearheaded the effort to enlist volunteers for Continental Harmony - a nationwide millennium project that emphasizes contemporary musical composition - quit June 1, which will delay signing a contract with a composer. Signing a composer is the first step in getting Continental Harmony off the ground.

Brimberry took part in writing the grant for the project with Margaret Lahey and learned that the American Composers Forum had accepted the grant proposal in January, according to the forum.

The forum in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts selected 50 host organizations, one in each state, to commission original musical works celebrating the millennium. The partnership will provide \$12,500 to hire a composer for the Spencer Theater program.

The proposal to the American Composer's Forum describes local music teacher Brimberry's vision of the tricultural story of this region and states that Brimberry "is scripting the libretto for a large tritipite musical drama which

will describe this community's past and its dreams for a harmonious future."

"I allowed the Spencer Theater to use my idea for a musical drama to secure this grant," Brimberry said. "Then they renege on every assertion related to the work and on every verbal agreement made with me."

When the Continental Harmony Council first met on April 14, seeds of conflict were planted as Lahey presented those present with a list of suggested committees the council might form. This list begins with a recommendation that the council form a board under the Spencer Theater's 501 (c) 3 to "serve for the purpose of bringing to realization the Continental Harmony project for which the Theater serves as agent and host site."

But the theater's lawyer, Mike Line, informed members May 27 that the council would be an independent entity.

Brimberry, in her statement to the council June 1 said she was not willing or able to assume any liability or risk on behalf of the Spencer Theater. Brimberry further said that she had spent over a thousand hours on this project and had recruited assistance and volunteers from all over the state only to be stonewalled and ridiculed for clarifying her role as author of the drama and artistic director of the production.

Mary Maxson, a member of the council, said if the Continental Project does proceed, it won't

be what was presented at the first meeting. Because of Brimberry's resignation, Maxson said she doesn't see how the Spencer can continue with her concept.

"It's very disappointing," Maxson said. "They were saying this isn't our project, this is your (the council's) project, and we would be financially responsible and liable for it, but we weren't signing any contracts for it. We were invited in to help them, and then we were told it's our project."

Continental Harmony project director Patricia Shifferd of the American Composer's Forum said Brimberry's resignation will delay the contract with the composer, but she hopes the Spencer Theater will be able to go forward with the project.

"We've talked with the folks at the Spencer Theater and assured them that we want them to participate," Shifferd said. "Our goal is to bring this music into places where there's an organization that has connections throughout the community."

Shifferd said project organizers are waiting to see if the Spencer Theater can continue without the participation of one of the team members.

"We are on hold while they work out this difficulty," Shifferd said.

The Continental Harmony Council drafted a letter to the Spencer Board of Trustees June 1 asking for clarification about council members' liability, whether they would be covered

under the auspices of the theater for accounting, auditing and legal council. In addition, the letter asks what staff and technical support the theater would provide and whether it would honor and meet the original terms of the grant.

The letter states that when the council were initially invited in April, the members were under the impression they would be covered by the "umbrella of the Spencer Theater, and that we would be augmenting the community support needed by the Theater to reach the objectives of this grant. We are now dismayed and confused, not knowing where we stand and what our responsibilities are to be at this late date."

The letter requests decisions on these questions by June 21.

Theta Smith, executive director of the Spencer, said the board of trustees will discuss these issues at its meeting June 30.

"Everything Continental Harmony presented to us in the original grant will be clarified at that time and everyone's responsibilities and role in the project," Smith said.

Smith said she couldn't comment on whether or not the project will go ahead because that final decision is up to the board.

"I know that this is a community project that is certainly worthwhile for everyone concerned. I think everyone in the community is supportive of it," Smith said.

**Car show pulls into Ruidoso**

BY MESHIA SMITH  
 FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Custom cars and antique trucks will be pulling into Ruidoso Saturday as the Spring Fling Rod Run opens at 10 a.m. at the Cedar Creek Recreational area.

This is the third year that the proceeds of the event, organized by the Pine Top Rod and Custom Club, have gone to help the Special Olympics, Doug Babcock, former president and present member of the club, said.

"The club chose to donate our proceeds to the Special Olympics because its more of a local charity," Babcock said.

These kids have to attend meets several times a year, Babcock said, and the donated money helps them to be financially able to make it to all of their activities.

Around 11:30 a.m. a cook-out lunch will be provided at a modest cost, club member Dale Murphy said. Then the Poker Run, a road rally, will begin at 2 p.m. Murphy said the event will wind down around 5 p.m.

Registration is at the event grounds from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Murphy said. The entry fee is \$10.

Sometimes the best part of change is what doesn't change.



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### Public comments sought on ETZ issue

Public comments will be sought Tuesday night on whether the village of Ruidoso should oversee zoning enforcement inside a 1-mile radius of village limits.

The hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, in a joint meeting of the Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission and Extra-Territorial Authority.

Currently, zoning enforcement in Ruidoso's 1-mile extraterritorial zone is carried out by Lincoln County.

However, the existing zoning ordinance is outdated and needs to be revised, say all those involved.

But before a new ordinance is drafted at village expense, Ruidoso leaders want assurances the Ruidoso Planning Department will

have the authority to enforce the amended regulations.

Lincoln County has only one person, Patsy Sanchez, to carry out the enforcement, and Sanchez has numerous other responsibilities as well.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson has said the planning department could adequately provide zoning enforcement for the 1-mile radius.

### Albuquerque zoo rolls into Ruidoso



Jan Dosch, a docent for the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque and Julio, the blue and gold Macaw, watch as the children come up to look at the animals individually.

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sniffing, chewing, snorting, whistling, burrowing visitors came to the Ruidoso Library Wednesday and entertained and educated children and adults.

One of the scheduled summer programs at the library, a zoo-in-a-van brought about a dozen animals from the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque and two volunteer docents who used puppets to introduce the animals.

Discussing their habits and habitat, the focus was on ecology and conservation.

"Does everybody want to see the snake?" asked docent Joyce Connors, after showing around a gecko and a toad. One child said protested. "Well, you can just close your eyes if you don't want to see the snake," she said, bringing laughter into the room.

Some of the critters let the audience know they were there before the docents got around to them. Sage and Huey, prairie dogs, chomped on the fabric covering their cage, and Julio, the blue and gold macaw, whistled and chortled.

Docent Jan Dosch brought

out a hedgehog rolled up in a prickly ball. "Do you know what they like to eat?" she asked the audience.

"Cottage cheese," said a young girl authoritatively. Everyone looked her way expectantly.

"No," said Dosch. "Worms." The children seemed the most enthralled with the animal with a prehensile tongue - Julio the macaw, largest of the parrot family. He spread his wings and preened and hepped on the cage of a myna bird that also was part of the exhibit.

Dosch said Julio had been with the zoo's education department for 12 years, and would live to be 70 or 80 in captivity. She warned that only dedicated pet-owners should get such a bird as they require a lot of attention and care.

The docents showed the skin of a three-day-old giraffe that weighed 120 pounds and was five to six feet tall when it was born, then the skin of a lion and the shell of a sea turtle, which was almost three feet across.

Connors explained that Phelps Dodge Mining Company sponsors the traveling zoo program, buying a van and

paying the expenses for the 30 docents who alternate making trips around the state. The van goes out almost every week of the year, she said.

The Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque has a 10-week training program for volunteers every year and additional training for those wishing to become van-docents and for other programs through the zoo.

"Primarily it's schools during the school year, but we do also go to fairs and senior centers, or sometimes we just do an exhibit," Connors said. "Since we're primarily educators we like to zero in on the schools and we have a slide presentation and videos."

The pair of docents goes out for four days at a time and stay in motels. That means asking for a double room - but sharing it with the dozen or so animals in the van.

"We have to take the animals in and clean them, and feed them," Connors said. "We can't leave them in the van, so the two of us line them up and we share the room with them."

The mobile zoo visited the Ruidoso Senior Center Thursday.

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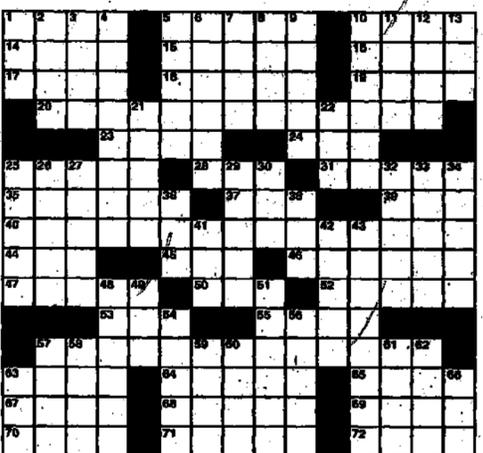
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# MISSION: Brother Peter will pass on what he has learned

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and the curing process." Completed work is sheeted for protection. If the mortar dries too fast, it eventually will crumble and fall.

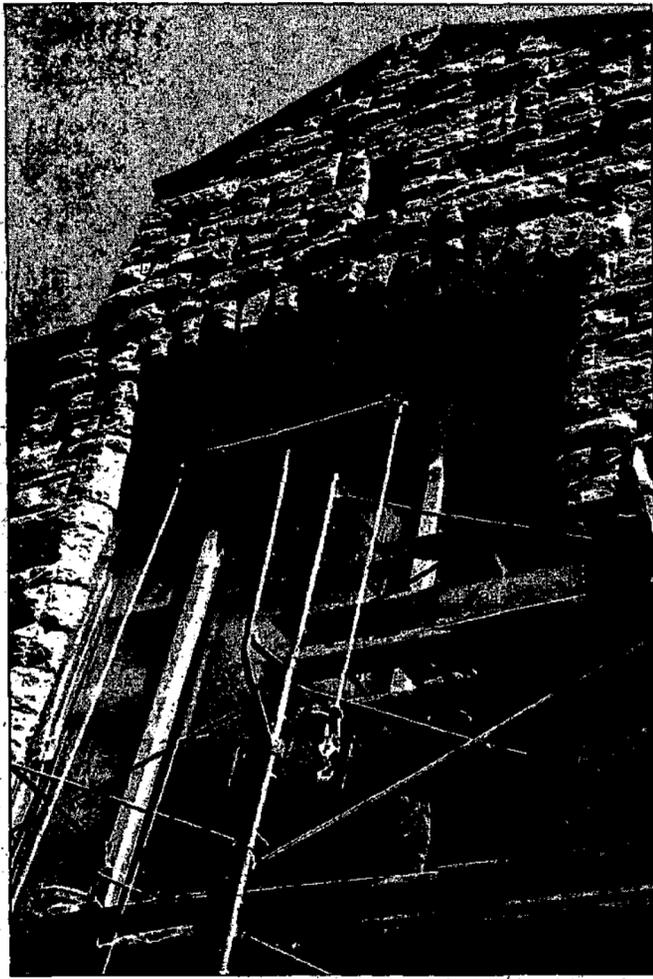
While the contractor works on the higher points of the mission, Brother Peter and local workers dig out old crumbling mortar lower down and jam in new mortar mixed with broken pieces of clay roofing material.

"We stuff in the lime mortar and push in the rajuelas (broken clay pieces that react well with the mortar), because the joints are so huge and deep," Peter said. "Then we over fill the joint and scrape away the excess, giving a texture that forces the water to run off."

"The roof pieces were dumped (in a ditch behind the church) when the old roof was taken off in the 1960s. I used to complain, but now I realize they were meant to be there."

Mold will demonstrate lime mortar techniques in Lincoln next week, but emphasizes he's still learning and that the exchange of ideas is one of the other lasting benefits of Saint Joseph's restoration. He will pass the challenge to teach and continue the restoration to Brother Peter when he leaves, Mold said.

"I'm learning as much as I can so in a small way with people from here, we can (apply mortar to) what's accessible," Brother Peter said. "If we had \$1 million we'd just sign a contract and get it done, but the building is at a critical stage and we need to move ahead in whatever steps we can."



Ira Rabke from the state Monuments Division at Lincoln, get a lime mortar lesson from Pete Mold on the a scaffold at the side of St. Joseph's Apache Mission in Mescalero.



Pete Mold, left, who worked with lime mortar in Britain, explains to Ira Rabke and Al Sanchez, right, why sand mixed with lime putty must contain different sized particles.

## Mission restoration depends on raising funds

A restoration effort started late last year with a goal of \$1.2 million has hit the \$63,000 mark, but can only progress as money allows, said Brother Peter of the Franciscan Order that operates the Saint Joseph's Mission.

To date, the largest contributions have come from three foundations, although smaller individual donations add up, he said. The Stockman Family Foundation in Albuquerque gave \$24,000 to be used to learn about the technique and pass along the information for future restoration. Other donations came from the Frank J. Lewis Foundation based in Florida and the William and Virginia Hayden Foundation in California. A Christmas Concert and youth group fundraisers also have boosted the total, Brother Peter said.

The correct sand for St. Joseph's was found in Bent and is being donated by Richard and Estefana Saenz. Marshalltown Manufacturing, which produces construction tools, donated a box of trowels for the Mescalero project, as well as for the San Xavier Mission and The Globe Theater in London; one of Pete Mold's other restoration efforts. Mold is an expert in lime mortar applications who is helping out restoration efforts at the mission.

Cornerstone Community Partnership is another group interested in preserving the lime mortar technique and using it in restorations.

Contact Brother Peter by calling (505) 671-4473 or send donations to the Diocesan Development Office, 1280 Med Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M. 88006.

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# Fifth-grader wins New Mexico 'Tar Wars' poster contest

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A local fifth-grader won a \$50 savings bond and a trip to Washington, D.C. for her winning poster warning people of the dangers of smoking.

Kimberly Sanderson of Alto won the 1999 New Mexico Tar Wars poster contest and will represent New Mexico in the National Poster Contest in Washington, D.C. on June 18. Sanderson's poster shows a smoking spider on a web background with the message, "Don't get caught in the web of smoking."

This program is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians

with funding provided by the New Mexico ASSIST Project, a collaboration between the New Mexico Department of Health and the American Cancer Society, Southwest Division. The Ruidoso contest was sponsored by Lincoln County Medical Center and physicians Arlene Brown and Roger Beechie.

Brown said Kimberly's poster was chosen because it's simple and gets the message across with very few words. It may be used for bookmarks and possibly billboards, she said.

"This is the second year local physicians did presentations at the schools," Brown said. "We're trying to get every school nationwide to participate."

In Washington, D.C., the state winners will be given a tour of the city's monuments and historical sites in D.C. Ducks (land-and-water vehicles). There also will be programs for the youngsters to come back and continue working locally with the anti-smoking campaign. Sanderson's mother, Rene Scarpa, will be flown to Washington, D.C. with her daughter Thursday and they will return on Sunday.

"This is dear to our hearts," said Scarpa. "She lost her grandmother to emphysema and her aunt has severe emphysema and has to have a tracheotomy to get oxygen. Kimberly put a lot of work into that poster."

# Bone density evaluations now available at LCMC

Early detection is key to preventing, treating osteoporosis

Bone densitometry, the latest technology for prevention and early detection of osteoporosis, is now available at Lincoln County Medical Center. Fifty percent of post-menopausal women will have a fragility fracture caused by osteoporosis, according to the hospital.

Bone density evaluations allow patients to take advantage of a number of new treatments now available to prevent or treat osteoporosis and help document the effects of these interventions.

Post-menopausal women under age 65 who have one or more additional risk factors for osteoporosis, and all women age 65 or older should have bone density evaluations.

Bone density evaluations help physicians determine if a patient has osteoporosis, and also allows them to monitor the results of therapy. Left undetected, osteoporosis leads to low trauma fragility fractures of the hip and wrist, compression fractures of the spinal vertebra, loss of height, and loss of mobility. Diagnosing the disease in its early stages helps physicians to alleviate substantial patient suffering and reduce the risk of subsequent disability.

Caucasian and Asian women are at increased risk for developing osteoporosis. Risk factors for osteoporosis also include a family history of the disease, smoking, inadequate calcium intake, inadequate vitamin D intake, a sedentary lifestyle, excessive alcohol consumption, estrogen deficiency (in post-menopausal women), and early menopause. Some medications, such as steroids, and those used to treat cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, can also cause bone loss.

Several new medicines and treatments are now available for patients at risk or those already showing signs of the disease. Ten years ago, the only treatment available was estrogen therapy, and it was only effective in certain types of cases.

Increasing elemental calcium intake to 1,200 milligrams to 2 grams per day by eating foods rich in calcium or taking calcium supplements can help prevent bone loss and osteoporosis. Milk is a good source of dietary calcium, an 8-ounce glass of skim milk contains 250 milligrams of calcium, or 16 to 25 percent of the recommended daily intake. Tums are another source of calcium. Taking a multi-vitamin that contains 400 units of vitamin D daily, doing weight-bearing exercises such as walking and lifting weights, quitting smoking and reducing alcohol consumption are other important preventive measures.

For more information about bone densitometry, contact your primary care physician or call the Lincoln County Medical Center Radiology Department at 257-8292.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Humane Society, Elks plan garage sale

A joint garage sale of the Humane Society of Lincoln County and the Ruidoso Elks is set for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Elk Lodge on U.S. 70.

Sale proceeds will be split between the two organizations. Plenty of items from furniture and household goods to small decorative pieces will be for sale.

#### Fort Stanton group installs new president

Dick Weber is the new president of Fort Stanton Inc., a volunteer non-profit group dedicated to the preservation of historic Fort Stanton.

Sally Burkstaller will serve as vice president, Trine Edmonds as secretary and Jack Pruitt as treasurer.

Outgoing president Van Shamblin updated members recently on the board's decision to participate with the Bureau of Land Management in the development of uses for the land surrounding the fort, and for the fort reserve, which is scheduled to begin shutting down as a prison for women in August.

#### Church invites community to a movie

The newest film release from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the "Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, "A Vow to Cherish" will show at 6 p.m. Sun-

day, June 27, at First Baptist Church, 420 Mechem Drive.

The movie presents Ken Howard and Barbara Babcock as John and Ellen Brighton, a loving Christian couple devoted to each other and their two children. Everything in their lives moves along as it should until, without warning, Ellen is diagnosed with a devastating illness.

Over the following months, the support and commitment of the entire family are severely challenged as Ellen gradually slips away into the grips of her merciless infirmity. For John, it ultimately leads him to face the reality of the marriage vows he made to her before God so many years before... "to be at your side in sorrow and in joy, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish you always, as long as we both shall live."

The movie is described as "tremendously personal and deeply emotional."

Pastor Tim Gilliland and the congregation of First Baptist Church welcome all to attend their showing of this new film.

For more information, please call the church office at 257-2081.

#### Club to give painting away

The Hurd-LaRinconada Art Gallery donated to Ruidoso Federated Women's Club a print from a painting of Henriette Wyeth Hurd titled "October Sunflowers."

The club has been selling chances on this print. The drawing will be held June 28 at the Clubhouse at 116 Evergreen St. at noon. The public is invited to a pot luck lunch followed by games. Eddie Parker, representing the gallery, will be present for the drawing.

The money raised from this endeavor helps with the many altruistic activities sponsored by the club. Some of the benefactors include scholarships for high school seniors, Girls State, the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar, Girls Ranch, Home Health, Hospice, the handicapped ski program, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, reading material for elementary school, Ruidoso Middle School, graduation, and the Ruidoso Care Center.

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## Meeting a gateman at the racetrack

His name is Mike Mitchell. He's a "gateman." But folks who know him just call him "Mitch."

Mitch comes from Canning, S.D. where he grew up on a ranch with his two sisters and five brothers.

"It was cold up there, but happy," he laughs, "when it's you're happy when it's hot, you're happy when it's hot, you're happy when it cools off. It was happy."

That pretty much describes Mitch; he's a happy man. When you talk to him, it's evident that he not only is happy to be here in Ruidoso, but happy in his life's work.

For those of you who don't know what gateman are, they are crewmembers that man the starting gates on a race track.

Mitch started riding races in 1969, came to Ruidoso eleven years ago and began working on the starting gates.

"I work here in Ruidoso in the summer, then go to the State Fair in Albuquerque and the fall meet, then to my home in El Paso, Texas for the meet at Sunland. I'm off three Tuesdays a year. We work seven days a week and when I'm not working the gates I'm a horse dentist. I do a lot of teeth on horses; it makes my job in the gates easier."

Mitch said if said if horses are not in pain then they behave better in the gate.

"Cause if they're hurting they'll fight with me," he said.

Mitch said his main responsibility in the gate is to

ensure the safety of the jockeys.

When the horses come to the gate, Mitch leads them into the gate while another crew member closes the tailgate. Mitch then leads the horse in them in, backs it up against the tailgate, making sure the horses hind-end is square, before he climbs up out of the gate area.

Mitch said then he makes sure the horse's front-end is straight and just tries to keep them quiet and straight until the last horse is in.

"Then I just point them and they're gone," he said.

Mitch said the first-time starters are more difficult because they're scared.

"Everything bothers them, the noise, just everything," Mitch said. "The thing about our crew here is we all know each other, we work well together and we're quiet. You won't hear much scream'n and holler'n. We get those little babies in there, we let them look around, let them relax and pet them. Once they give you that little deep breath of air, they stand up and they leave," explained Mitch.

The gateman said the one of the most important factors at Ruidoso Downs Race Track is "schoolin' in the morning."

Lessons start as soon as the horses arrive at the track. Trainers bring their colts to the gates, where the gatecrew works with the trainers and horses to familiarize them with the gate procedures.

"Cause if we do our home-

work in the morning our afternoons will be pretty easy," Mitch said. "When you're running quality horses like we have here, these people do their homework. If a horse has a problem we have to cure it before someone or the horse gets hurt."

Mitch said crew workers are involved daily with the ongoing training the horses receive.

Some of the horses that come to the track are ill-mannered and the crew works with the trainers so the horses will run "right and safe," Mitch said.

Mitch credits his skill as a gateman from his own "schoolin'" with Don Matlock.

"I worked for Don Matlock, when he was here, for eight or nine years and I learned more from him than anybody," Mitch said. "He was amazing; he'd fool with a colt for a few minutes behind the gates and he'd have them eat'n carrots out of his pocket. I mean he was sharp! Pretty soon those colts would be following him around like a puppy dog. He was a real artist."

Being around horses for so long just reinforces the gateman that what he is doing, the schedule that he keeps, is what he loves.

"Come race time some horse you've worked with and played with, runs out there and all of a sudden everything just falls into place," Mitch said. "Makes you feel proud! The jockeys come back and

pat ya on the back and tell you what a great job you've done, just make me feel good.

Mitch reiterated that racing is a team effort, then you have a meet and its an event that continues to get better and better.

"The way things are going now there's no telling how great racing will get here in Ruidoso," Mitch said. "Did you see the people on opening day? It was a great crowd, everyone was having fun and they came to see our babies run. Our athletes!"

"I've had the honor of handling the fastest!" Mitch said. "One of my favorites was Treacherously, the Big Horse, I thought he'd win the Triple Crown. If he hadn't gotten bumped, I think he would have. He could really run, good in the gate, he just didn't get lucky that trip."

Mitch pointed out that some of the greatest horse riders in the world come to Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The best trainers, like Jack Brooks, also can be found at the track.

"He's a great horseman," Mitch said. "When we're open, he's up here doing his homework, and then he's at the barn working on their legs making sure they stay sound. Guess that's why his won the All American Futurity seven times. Another couple of trainers you always see working are Sleepy Gilbreth and John Bassett. Both of them are out there working and teaching, and their colts are ready to race. If the colts



Mike Mitchell, or "Mitch," is a "gateman" who works at keeping the horses calm and healthy.

aren't scared of the gate their thinking about running!"

Mitch said despite the constant moving, "track life is good."

"You know, here people come up from Texas, then in Albuquerque, they come in

from Denver," Mitch said.

"You may not see someone for a while and then there they are, or somebody says so and so said 'Hi,' its good. I've got a lot of friends everywhere. No matter where I go we're just one big happy family."

## FISHING REPORT

### For fly fishing —

**RIO RUIDOSO:** I guess it is time for everyone in town to wash their trucks and outside windows along with a bunch of prayers for rain ... The flow in the river is very low, below three CFS. As a result of such low flow, the New Mexico Game and Fish Department has not and will not stock the river with fish. Grindstone Lake received about 3,000 new resident fish last week just before the Kids Fishing Day outing.

**Rio Ruidoso:** Fishing is very spotty due to low water flow. The best patterns are pheasant tail, green rock

worms, prince nymphs. Late afternoons until dusk are producing scattered dry fly action along the vegetation lines of the riverbanks. Sunday evening proved to have a good Mayfly hatch near dark. The best dries have been parachute adams, blue wing olives, and hendricksons.

**Bonito Creek:** Above the lake scattered catches of rainbows have been steady for the hard core fisherman. Take your camera and watch for great nature shows along the way. Not any change from last week, just less water. Toss what you brought, the fish above here are usually hungry. The water flow below Bonito is virtually non-existent and unfishable.

**Bonito Lake:** Water level is good with reports of early and late fishing good on dry flies. Best reported patterns are Blue Wing Olives, hendricksons, and light cahills. The spin caster will do well with a bubble rig and a propeller fly tied on the business end. The hot propeller flies last week and this seems to be one with a red body and white hack or the double renegade.

**Grindstone Lake:** Late evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. Take advantage of Midge and damselfly hatches. Several evenings this past week dry flies such as light cahills, para-

chute adams, and griffin's gnats have provided numerous surface takes. Throw and strip large wolly buggers, muddler at dusk in search of large cruising browns and rainbows. The spin caster will do well with a bubble rig with propeller flies or drowning a muddler minnow, zonkers or wolly buggers.

**Lake Mesquero:** The lake level is good. Shoreline and boat fishing have been producing nice fish in the evening hours. Dry flies that have been working are parachute adams, hendricksons, mosquitoes and midges. Not much change from last week.

Remember to take your trash home with you and pick up whatever trash you may see while visiting one of our lakes or streams. Keep our waterways clean and beautiful. Practice catch and release wherever and whenever you can.

### For bait fishing —

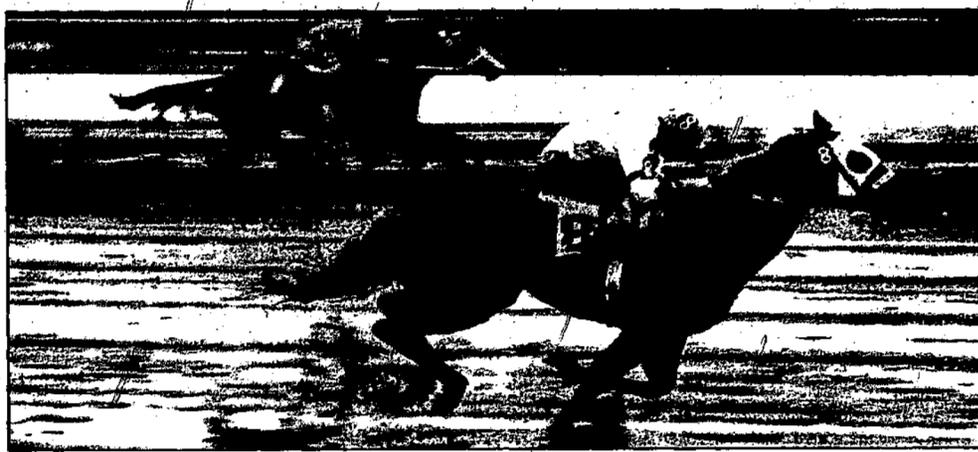
**RIO RUIDOSO:** low water  
**ALTO LAKE:** Unfishable. No stocking planned in the near future

**GRINDSTONE LAKE:** Good on pistol petes and powerbait.

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**EAGLE LAKES:** Good on superdupers and worms

## Old Habit continues at Ruidoso Downs



Old Habits, who came in second in last year's All American Futurity, makes his return to the Ruidoso Downs Sunday

**RUIDOSO DOWNS —** "The Girls" as they are known, will be here in Ruidoso with their horse Old Habits on Sunday, for the Sooner Derby Challenge Finals.

Old Habits, who finished second in the All American Futurity last year, qualified on June 4th, with the fastest time of 20.046, for this year's Sooner Derby.

Old Habits is owned by a ten woman syndicate who invested \$1,850 each and what a Quarter Horse investment it has been!

To date the horse has earned \$401,330.

Janice Knorpp of Clarendon, Texas, a member of "The Girls", reported that seven of the group will be at the racetrack with Old Habits on Sunday.

"He pulled-up great after the trials and he's in great shape for Sunday," Knorpp said. "He is amazing to watch, he just shifts into another gear about half way through a race, and away he goes!"

Two other horses have been added to the barn of "The Girls" since their purchase of Old

Habits.

Natovas Princess and Special Allure, both two year old colts currently in California, will be shipped to New Mexico for the All American Futurity trials on August 19th.

Several new members have joined this happy group of owners to allow these additions.

Knorpp said there is a simple reason why "The Girls" continue in their horse racing venture.

"It's fun," she said.

## Race Track wrapup: Kindergarten Futurity and Quarter Horse Derby

**RUIDOSO DOWNS —** Sunday's eighth race at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, featured the Rio Grande Kindergarten Futurity Finals.

Breaking from post position eight, Piute ran across the finish line winning the New Mexico bred futurity by a neck at 5-1 odds, paying \$12.80.

Nancy Summers was aboard the victorious Piute and said after the race, "He broke well and by the time we came out of the final turn we were six abreast going into the straight away. It was a good race, all the way!"

Piute was never far off the pace during the five furlong race. Coming into the final turn five wide, he dualed to the end winning by a neck over Festival Legs who ran second by 3 3/4 lengths and Braxtons Relyk finished

third by a nose. Piute, earned \$29,234 for his effort, bring his lifetime earnings to \$31,790.

Owner and trainer Billie Floyd of Delores, Colo., said the race was the horse's only third trip out.

"We raised this colt and he did everything he was supposed to do today," the trainer said. "He had some trouble in the trials, he got boxed in early at the start and we just didn't have any where to go. We knew he was more horse than he showed in the trials and he showed that today!"

### The Quarter Horse Derby

Less than two lengths separated the winner, Okey Dokey Dale from the last place runner, Kas Im De Man in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Derby.

The mad dash in the 400 yard, Grade 1 race, for three year olds, saw a field of evenly matched horses running for the \$33,577.08 winner's share of the \$67,154 purse.

With the victory Okey Dokey Dale's life time earnings increased to \$114,727.00.

Winning by a neck, Okey Dokey Dale, ridden by Salvador Estrada, Jr., turned in a time of 19.64, odds of 12-1 paid \$27.80.

Running second, was Takin the Fast Lane by a neck and capturing third by a nose, was a disappointed, Falling In Loveagain, last year's All American winner.

Howard R. Moore, owner of Okey Dokey Dale said he was "real proud of his horse."

"He has one of the nicest dispositions for a stallion I've ever seen," Moore said. "He broke well and ran good. He ran better today than in the trials, because he is a little afraid of the one hole and this nine or ten hole he just loves it. He'll be in the Rainbow Derby and the All American Derby. We like to run here in Ruidoso."

Trainer, Jose Dominguez said they had been working on a few problems since their last out.

"What I saw today was him leaving the gate like a race horse! He's a nice horse, I guess I should thank the four horse for breaking out (No. 4 Kas Im De Man) broke through the starting gate before the race), cause it gave our horse more time to settle down in the gate."

### On deck

**Summer Bull & Barrel Benefit, Saturday, June 19**  
A bull and barrel benefit fund-raiser for local high school rodeo contestants is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Salazar Arena in Mesquero. Events are: open bullriding, junior bullriding (limited to first 10 entrants), wolly sheep riding (for children 6 and under) and barrel racing. To enter barrel racing call, Kelly Marr at 585-9111 or, 278-8346. For roostock entries call, Kathy Saenz at 378-8346. Entries are open and close at 10 a.m. June 19 for roostock and noon June 19 for barrel racing. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

**Smokey Bear Run, July 3**  
The 19th Smokey Bear Run is set for Saturday, July 3, in Capitan. A 10-kilometer race and a 2-mile fun run are offered. Entry fee is \$10. T-shirts and refreshments for all participants. Awards for top finishers in age group and overall winners. The course is out and back along a paved road with gently rolling hills. For more information, call the Ruidoso State Bank main branch office at 257-4043.

**Ruidoso Volleyball Camp, July 19-23**  
A volleyball camp, sponsored by the Ruidoso High School coaches and the Lubbo Volleyball coaches, will be July 19-23. Cost is \$120. Instruction by University of New Mexico volleyball coaches. For more information, call 258-4910 (during June), or 258-9056 or 378-8502 (during July).

### Volunteers needed

**Ruidoso Little League Basketball** has an opening for a new board member. Interested parties should send a letter of intent to: RLLB, P.O. Box 412, Ruidoso, NM, 88355, before July 1. An open meeting will be July 7 for officer elections.

DISTRICT COURT

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

May 26 - Jacqueline Craig, Sandra Davis, Bruce Kernodle, Lester Mazourek, Strand McDougal and Clifford Vaughn vs. village of Ruidoso, Hotel Ruidoso LLC, a Kansas limited liability company; temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction, declaratory judgment; dismissed by plaintiffs; CV99-113.

May 26 - Providian National Bank vs. Tricia S. York; debt and money due; CV99-114.

May 27 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Aldon R. Coris; debt collection; CV99-

115. May 28 - Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Laurence J. and Cynthia M. Encinas, husband and wife; foreclosure; CV99-118.

May 28 - John R. Bailey and Dorothy G. Bailey vs. John P. Reynolds and Ruidoso Properties Inc., James R. Wheeler and Doris L. Wheeler, realtor malpractice, negligence and breach of contract for purchase of real property; CV99-117.

May 28 - First National Bank of Ruidoso vs. Bonnie M. Sanchez, also known as Bonnie Sanchez, doing business as B&R Enterprises, Ruidoso State Bank, New Mexico Department of Labor, employment security division, state Taxation and Revenue Department, Bank of America, formerly known as NationalBank, formerly known as Sunmer Bank of Albuquerque, doing business as Mesa Grande Bank Cards, Department of

Treasury, IRS; money due and mortgage foreclosure; CV99-118.

June 1 - Penasco Valley Telephone Coop Inc., a New Mexico corporation, vs. Walter Ronnie Gass and Pamela Wilson Gass; utility right of way easement; CV99-119.

June 2 - CYZ International Inc., a Texas corporation, vs. Donald A. and Jean E. Strobbe, husband and wife, and Douglas S. and Cheryl C. Kaip, husband and wife; foreclosure mortgage and liens; CV99-120.

June 3 - Judy Trumble, doing business as Kawligas, vs. Tony White Crow; money due on open account; CV99-121.

June 3 - Judy Trumble, doing business as Kawligas, vs. Mail Depot; money due on open account; CV99-122.

June 3 - F. Grant Lipscomb vs. village of Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso Downs police Department; writ of certiorari; CV99-123.

MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were filed in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso. They are identified by the defendant, the birthdate of the defendant and the residence of the defendant whenever possible.

May 3 - Juan Rivera, 24, of Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense), having an open container of alcohol and lane violation. Sentenced to one day served at the Ruidoso Police Department and 89 days probation, fined \$36 and charged \$277 in court costs.

May 3 - Veda Chee, 53, of 867 White Mountain Road, Mesalero, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense) and driving an unsafe vehicle. Charges of no liability insurance

and being a minor consuming or possessing alcohol were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to 90 days probation and charged \$238 in court costs.

May 3 - Zachary Burns, 32, of Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (first offense). Sentenced to 90 days probation and charged \$199.

May 3 - Clarence Beltran, 34, of 309 Cedar, Carrizozo, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a second offense). Charges of felony DWI, possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and lane violation were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to seven days in jail and 357 days probation, fined \$500 and charged \$199 in court costs.

May 3 - Robert Barker, 51, of 200 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol (a second offense). Charges of aggravated DWI and lane violation were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to 73 days at the Lincoln County Detention Center, 291 days probation, fined \$500 and charged \$199 in court costs.

May 4 - Steven Messmore, 35, of 101 W. Santa Rosa, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to petty misdemeanor charges of three counts of battery against a household member. Charges of assault against a household member were dismissed by state per plea disposition. Sentenced to 24 days at the Lincoln County Detention Center with no good time off, 510 days of probation and charged \$113 in court costs.

May 4 - Mary A. Garcia, 49, of 109 East Drive, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of abandonment of a child. Charges of battery against a household member were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to one year probation and charged \$51 in court costs.

May 4 - Ronnie Porter, 41, of Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense, aggravated), lane violation and defective equipment. Sentenced to two days at Lincoln County Detention Center and 88 days probation and charged \$277 in court costs.

May 6 - Nathan Miller, 18, of 105 B. Allison Lane, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest to the petty misdemeanor charge of concealing his identity. Sentenced to 180 days probation, fined \$100 and charged \$51 in court costs.

May 6 - Jonathan Lucero, 18, of 105 B. Allison Lane, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of resisting, evading or obstructing a police officer and speeding. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$230, and charged \$90 in court costs.

May 7 - Melody L. Farris, 40, of Capitán, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense), driving while license suspended, no liability insurance and defective equipment (tail light). Sentenced to one year proba-

tion, fined \$150 and charged \$316 in court costs.

May 10 - Curtis Bogy, 21, of Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to the petty misdemeanor charge of concealing identity. Sentenced to 180 days probation, fined \$200 and charged \$51 in court costs.

May 10 - Brandon York, 20, of Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense) and speeding 44 mph in a 25 mph zone. Sentenced to 90 days probation and charged \$238 in court costs.

May 14 - Russell Seely, 19, of County Road E005, Glencoe, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (a first offense, aggravated), possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless driving and violation of probation. Sentenced to one year at the Lincoln County Detention Center, though may be considered by rehab and probation after minimum of 30 days served, and charged \$344 in court costs.

May 11 - Steven C. Spall, 48, of 106 Whitney, Alto, pleaded no contest to charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (third offense), having an open container of alcohol and bond forfeiture. Charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to 30 days at the Lincoln County Detention Center and 334 days probation, fined \$750 and charged \$238 in court costs.

May 14 - Lydia Rose, 66, of 514 E. Park Lane, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest to the petty misdemeanor charge of battery against a household member (second offense, same victim). Sentenced to 180 days probation, fined \$200 and charged \$51 in court costs.

May 14 - Carlos Martinez, 34, of 312 Heath Drive, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to the petty misdemeanor charge of battery against a household member (second offense, same victim). Sentenced to 180 days probation, fined \$200 and charged \$51 in court costs.

May 14 - Steven Messmore, 35, of 101 W. Santa Rosa, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of aggravated driving while under the influence of alcohol (third offense, aggravated), resisting, evading or obstructing a police officer, driving while license suspended or revoked, lane violation, violation of probation for domestic violence (probation was to expire Oct. 21, 2000). Sentenced to one year at the Lincoln County Detention Center with no good time off followed by two years of probation, fined \$750 and charged \$308 in court costs.

May 14 - Rafael Guajardo, 38, of 826 Arsenal Ave., Fayetteville, N.C., pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (first offense) and driving without a valid drivers license. Charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and failure to dim lights were dismissed by the state per plea disposition. Sentenced to 180 days probation, fined \$250 and charged \$238 in court costs.

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**CAPITAN: CLOSE TO TOWN** 3.2 acres +/-, beautiful piece of property; awesome view. If you're looking for land in Capitán, you must see this property before you buy. \$29,500. Call Bill, owner agent, Re/Max of Ruidoso, 258-5833, home 354-3166.

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**4 Houses for Sale**

**LOT WITH 110' FRONTAGE** on Cree Meadows that has a 3-2, beautiful view on a quiet cul-de-sac. Appointment 257-4615.

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**ALTO VILLAGE FOR SALE** By Owner. 2500 sq. ft. custom home on 2 lots. Full golf membership, \$269,000. 526 Ft. Stanton Rd. 336-4663.

**BY OWNER EXCEPTIONAL** 3bdm/2ba one level cedar home on 1/2 acre. Oversized heated garage & workshop. RV parking, \$127,500. For appt. to see, #3 Enchanted Forest Dr. Call 336-8042.

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**BEAUTIFUL HOUSE BY OWNER** Nice view, Cree Meadows Golf Course, 4bd/2ba, 6 fruit trees, double garage. 420-0511 \$145,000/Owner financing

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**6 Mobiles for Sale**

**LARGE WOODED LOT,** QUIET no traffic. 2BDRM/1BA washer + dryer. Really nice. Large deck. New carpet. Makes great rental, \$36,900. 258-9272.

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**TAKING APPLICATIONS** FOR one bedroom furnished house, \$300. For one person. No pets, water paid, central location, 257-2004.

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**2BDRM/2BA FF LAUNDRY** room, furnished hot tub, nice clean fenced yard, convenient location, non smoker, pets OK. \$750. +util. 257-7065, evenings 258-3676.

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**8 Apts. for Rent**

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**IN CAPITAN: LARGE 2** bedroom \$365/mo, unfurnished. Water, sewer & garbage paid. 354-2006; 354-7014

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**9 Mobiles for Rent**

**FOR RENT UNFURNISHED** two bedroom mobile home, bath and half, fireplace, big deck, washer and dryer, \$500. month, \$300. deposit, 257-4902.

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**NICE 2 BEDROOM, STOVE** AND REFRIG. Easy access near "Y", on river, \$375/mo, water furnished, 6-mo lease. Natural gas, electricity & cable available. Nice. 378-4498, 915-526-8326

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A complete job description is available at the Center office. Salary ranges from \$25,398 to \$27,733 based on education and experience.

Anticipated Start Date: August 1, 1999

Interested applicants should send a letter of application, a current resume, and transcripts to:

Dr. Jim Miller, Center Director  
Ruidoso Center of ENMU  
709 Mechem Drive  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
(505) 257-2120  
jim.miller@enmu.edu

Application deadline is 5 p.m. July 9, 1999

visit <http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu> for more information

ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

**Thriftway**  
Immediate opening for butcher. Apply in person at Thriftway of Ruidoso. 304 Mechem

**NEED PART-TIME** housekeeper on Thursday & Friday. Apply at Crown Point, 220 Crown Dr. No phone calls.

**NOW HIRING COOKS** dishwashers & waitresses. Apply in person El Camino Nuevo Restaurant, 1026 Mechem Dr.

**CO. SPONSORED TRAINING** & 1st year income \$35K. Stevens Transport-OTR Truck Drivers Wanted! Non-experienced or experienced-888-286-8617. EOE

**Planning Director**  
Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 1999. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**Angel Fire Resort Real Estate**  
**Rocky Mountain Boom Town**  
Incredible land sales opportunity in the fastest growing village in Northern New Mexico. Land Properties is experiencing a fast growth and is looking for land sales agents. If you like mountain sports and are looking for excitement, we offer beautiful surroundings, excellent mountain property to sell, and the highest commissions in the industry with amazing benefits. Interested parties may contact Bobby at Land Properties, Inc. dba, Angel Fire Resort Real Estate in Angel Fire, New Mexico at (505) 377-4210.

**Ruidoso Ready Labor**  
Daily Work/Daily Pay  
Construction, framers, general labor, food service and clerical. All skill levels.  
Apply Today!  
449 Sudderth Drive Gateway Center

**Ruidoso Care Center**  
is seeking an individual for van transportation.  
Qualified applicants must have a clean driving record and CPR certification.  
Contact Human Resources at (505)257-9071.

**Here We Grow Again**  
Denny's is seeking Experienced MANAGERS

To help us grow in Ruidoso. Construction will begin soon, so if you want to be part of the excitement and possess the skills to make things happen; Fax your resume to, Attn: Paul Faust at (915) 859-3858 or Attn: Marvin Brookreson at (602) 234-1050.

We offer competitive salaries, insurance, bonus program and the best benefits of all.  
(Opportunity for Advancement)  
Denny's is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mescalero Apache School, Mescalero, New Mexico, is announcing POSITION OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR SY-1999/2000:

- Elementary School Principal
- Apache Language-Culture Bilingual Program Director
- Librarian
- High School Business Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Reading Teacher
- Special Education Teachers
- Music Teacher (K-12)
- Professional (RN) School Nurse
- Computer Technician

**OPENING DATE: June 12, 1999**  
**CLOSING DATE: Until filled**

Submit applications, resumes, official copies of teaching licenses/certificates, college transcripts, three letters of reference, and three letters of previous employment to:

Mescalero Apache School  
Administration-Personnel Office  
P. O. Box 230  
Mescalero, New Mexico 88340  
Call (505) 671-4434 for information.

**WAITSTAFF NEEDED.** Must be 21 years old. Apply anytime. Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem.

**DEPENDABLE NURSERY** worker; over 21. Needed for Sunday mornings 9:30-12:30 and for special occasions. 1st Baptist Church, 378-4811 for interview.

**POSITION OPEN**  
Caretaker for a 1000 sq. ft. apartment building. Apply in person at 200 Sudderth Dr. No phone calls.

**HOUSEKEEPER, PART-TIME** for cabins. 911 Mechem Drive. 257-2435

**SUBWAY OF RUIDOSO** has immediate openings for day & night shift positions. Apply in person only, 148 Sudderth.

**EXPERIENCED SALESPERSON** for Midtown gift shop. Pick up applications at Cactus Flower Gift Shop, 2330 Sudderth Dr.

**Schlotsky's Deli**  
We want you; mature, dependable, responsible customer-friendly person to be a part of the Best Buns and Coolest Treats in town. Benefits available including health insurance and retirement wages. Apply in person Schlotsky's Deli, TCBY Treats 2812 Sudderth

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**Plumber**  
18 yrs. of age or older.  
Experience needed.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 1999

**CASA BLANCA** is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

**WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION** Jobs. Park Rangers, Maintenance, & More. For application & job info. (800)522-8858 ext. NM 107C

**Restaurant** is now accepting applications for experienced food servers & cooks. Apply in person between 2-4, Tuesdays & Thursdays only. Health benefits, 401(k), paid vacation, employee meals and the best compensation in the area.

**NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!** Nursery worker for our church nursery. Sunday mornings & evenings and Wednesday evenings. Excellent salary. Please come by First Baptist Church of Ruidoso office to complete an application or call 257-2081.

**Pizza Hut Drivers & Servers Needed**  
Apply at 725 Sudderth - Pizza Hut, anytime.

**Temporary Lifeguard**  
Salary \$5.89 hourly. Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**Night Maintenance**  
18 yrs. of age or older.  
Some experience needed.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 1999

**NURSING ASSISTANTS**  
**\$500 SIGN-ON BONUS**  
Needed for a long term facility. We will pay you while you train. Shift differential. Benefits available. New wage scale available. For a career move come to Ruidoso Care Center - Caring for Generations.  
Contact Therese at 257-9071.

**QMRP Casa Feliz**, division of Ruidoso Care Center, is seeking qualified applicants for QMRP. Requires experience with working with developmentally delayed individuals. Working knowledge of Federal Regulations helpful. For an exciting career advancement submit resume to:

Ruidoso Care Center  
P. O. Box 2214  
Ruidoso, NM 88355  
Attention: Administrator

For further information, call (605)257-9071 and ask for the Administrator.

**Eastern New Mexico University**  
**Ruidoso Instruction Center**  
**Ruidoso, New Mexico**

Join our team of talented professionals at ENMU's Ruidoso Center!

Applicants are being solicited for the following Support Staff positions:

**Administrative Secretary/Bookstore Manager**  
**Front Desk Receptionist/Clerk**  
**Evening Office Clerk/Receptionist (halftime)**

These positions involve Student Affairs secretarial support, or general receptionist, clerical and computer data input responsibilities. Compensation range is from \$5.71 to \$6.24 per hour depending upon qualifications and experience, plus full benefits including medical and dental insurance. Successful applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate, (Administrative Secretary - AA degree or 4 years of related experience), and 2 or more years of related experience. Applicants should also demonstrate the ability to work with adults from nontraditional, multicultural backgrounds, must have excellent interpersonal, customer service, and computer skills, and the ability to work flexible hours including evenings. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are also preferred but not required.

Anticipated Start Date: July 6, 1999

Interested applicants must provide a letter of interest, current resume, and a Support Staff Application to the College Office by 5 p.m. Friday, June 18, 1999.

For information, contact Dr. Jim Miller, Director the Ruidoso Center of ENMU 709 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2120 <http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu>

Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 18, 1999, 5 p.m.

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**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for Housekeepers. Apply in person. Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED & Inexperienced** drivers & team! Contracted CDL. Training available, excellent pay/benefits, assigned equipment. Consistent miles, job stability. Swift Transportation. 1-888-890-7938 (808-nv)

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for all positions. Apply in person at Village Cafe, Hwy 70 East, Ruidoso Downs.

**RNs & LPNs** needed at Ruidoso Care Center \$2000 sign-on bonus. Contact Human Resources at 257-9071

**WAREHOUSE/PURCHASE.** NO experience necessary, we will train while you learn shipping/receiving, & forklifts. Excellent salary benefits & promotions. H.S. grads - ages 17-34. Call 1-800-354-9827.

**LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER/RUIDOSO EMS** has immediate openings for F/T EMTs-I or EMTs-P. National Registry or NM certification. Experience preferred. If interested, contact Pam, Human Resources, Box 8000, Ruidoso, NM 88355, (505) 257-8256. EOE

**LINCOLN COUNTY GRILL**  
**NOW HIRING**  
**Cooks**  
**Dishwashers**  
**Cashiers**  
Paid vacation, health insurance, top salaries.  
2717 Sudderth

**POSITION AVAILABLE** At Arabian horse farm near Mayhill, NM for HORSE TRAINER. Must be able to speak, read and understand English. Duties include starting young horses for race, western pleasure & general ranch use; arena upkeep. Must have kind disposition with horses and be able to ride. Physical required. Mail resume with salary expectations & references to: J.G., POB 104, Mayhill, NM, 88339

**Temporary Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Project Laborer**  
Salary \$5.32 hourly. Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!**

- Bartenders (must be 21)
- Servers (must be 21)
- Hostesses
- Busers
- Cooks
- Dishwashers

Please apply in person or send resume to:  
**Che Bella !!**  
2823 Sudderth  
Ruidoso, NM 88345  
257-7540

**DOMESTIC CARE/LIVE-IN**  
Compassionate, gentle individual with nursing experience needed to care for 47 year old female recovering from recent surgeries. Assist with dressing, transfers, bathing, etc. Light housework, cooking, laundry, shopping and medical appointments. Salary \$1,500 per month, plus room and board. Location is Tularosa, NM in/new home. Send letters of interest, recent photo and references to: 209 Main Street, Annapolis MD 21401 and please call 410-268-1213 for phone interview.

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**HVAC Maintenance**  
18 yrs. of age or older.  
Experience needed.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 1999

**ATTENTION!** Delivery drivers needed. Make up to \$12.60 per hr. Apply at both Pizza Huts 257-5161 or 258-3033.

**HOME MAILERS NEEDED** Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-426-3252 Ext. 8400 24 Hrs.

**NEEDED ABLE BODIED** to help with stonework. Below Bonito Lake. Call 336-7811.

**FRONT DESK CLERK & Housekeeper** needed immediately. Must be dependable & hard working. Apply in person at Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

**Pub 48**  
Cooks, bussers, bartenders, servers needed. Apply in person at Pub 48. Ask for Sue.

**NOW HIRING BUSERS.** Apply anytime. Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem.

**Temporary Show Hands**  
Salary \$5.89 hourly. Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**Temporary Water/Wastewater Laborer**  
Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**2 Cocktail Waitresses**  
Must be 21 yrs. of age or older. One year experience serving cocktails in a bar, able to handle money. Neat, clean appearance, able to work with public in a positive manner. Must be willing to work weekends & holidays.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 1999

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**2 Bartenders**  
Must be 21 yrs. of age or older. One year experience bartending, able to handle money. Neat, clean appearance. Able to work with public in a positive manner. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 1999

**Full Time Waste Water Treatment Plant Laborer**  
Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 21, 1999. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 2-5361. EEOE

**Inn at Mountain Gods**  
**Housekeeping Maintenance**  
18 yrs. of age or older. Some experience needed. Will be working for the housekeeping department. Maintenance for the hotel rooms.  
Applications must be received, in person, by the Human Resources Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 1999

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 1999. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO** is seeking a full time employee for the position of Teller/New Accounts Rep. with full benefits. Experience preferred but will train. Salary commensurate with experience. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**GREAT WALL OF CHINA** NOW hiring full-time & part-time dishwasher and kitchen help. Apply in person at 2813 Sudderth.

**HELP WANTED**, all positions open. Apply at Mr. Burger, 1203 Mechem. 258-3616.

**ALTO LAKES GOLF & CC** Now hiring Prep Cook, Dishwasher. Apply in person. Contact Brad Wilson #1 Country Club Rd. Alto NM.

**HELP WANTED K-BOB'S**  
All Positions  
Apply in person  
Mon.-Fri., 3-5p.m.

**ASSISTANT PRESSMAN** NEEDED. Goss Community experience preferred. Full-time position, night time hours, will train. Apply in person or send resume to Ruidoso News, 104 Park Ave., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

**Receptionist**  
Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 1999. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

**Notice of Vacancy**  
Ruidoso Municipal Schools Ruidoso, NM  
**School Librarian Position**  
Applications are now being accepted for a school Librarian position with Ruidoso Municipal Schools. Applicant must be a certified school Librarian or eligible for licensure with the State Department of Education. Salary according to certified salary schedule. Applications can be picked up at the Administration office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-4051

**FARLEY'S**  
All Positions needed at Farley's Health benefits plus 401(k) plan available. Apply in person at 1200 Mechem.

**Temporary Beautiful Project Laborer**  
Salary \$5.32 hourly. Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-5361. EEOE

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Willow Tree Lodge Apartments



111 SOUTH WILLOW ROAD
By Owner: Furnished 19 unit apartment complex: 10-1bd units, 9-2bd units, 7 storage units, laundry room and office.

TALL PINES REALTY

2704 Sudderth • 257-7786 • 800-257-7786
Johnny Mobley 257-5485
Mark Mobley 257-3890
Pat Brown 257-7416

Feature of the Week!



BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED UPPER CANYON RETREAT!

Listen to the river from the redwood decks of this wonderful cabin. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, skylights, hard wood & satellite tile floors.

\$10,000 PRICE REDUCTION! Call us to see this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with an elevator up to the deck. All one level, beautiful views, remodeled, light open, high ceilings, sits on 2 lots. Now priced at only \$129,900.

GREAT RENTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo is priced to sell. Easy access, central location, fully furnished, built in fireplace and only \$39,000.

LOVELY HOME IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home has a separate living area plus a family room. Built in gas log fireplace, covered deck, utility room, nice open kitchen and much more. Well worth looking at - \$82,000.

WONDERFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION BY TOM NICHOLS! Located in White Mountain Meadows, this 3br, 2ba home has it all! Wood floors, vaulted ceilings, Sierra Blanca views, stucco exterior, metal roof, 2 heating & cooling systems, 2-car attached garage, covered deck, all in a great neighborhood. \$269,900.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING
Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Ruidoso School District #3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 7:00 P.M. at the Ruidoso Schools Board Room present and publicly review an operational budget increase for the 1999-00 school year.

Legal Notice

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DATES 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

- AUGUST 10, 1999, 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 14, 1999, 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 12, 1999, 7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 9, 1999, 7:00 PM
DECEMBER 14, 1999, 7:00 PM
JANUARY 11, 2000, 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 8, 2000, 7:00 PM
MARCH 14, 2000, 7:00 PM
APRIL 11, 2000, 7:00 PM
MAY 8, 2000, 7:00 PM
JUNE 13, 2000, 7:00 PM
JULY 11, 2000, 7:00 PM
2241 4T(5)18,23,25,30

LEGAL NOTICE

RUIDOSO-LINCOLN COUNTY EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

ORDINANCE 99-01
Notice is hereby given that the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission and the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority shall conduct a public hearing at a meeting scheduled on June 21, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Center for the purpose of adopting the following Ordinance:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
The Sun Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors is accepting names of persons interested in being nominated for a seat vacancy, created by a resignation, to serve the remainder of the term that expires January 2001. Applicants must be willing to serve without compensation, be a full time resident of Sun Valley, be eligible to vote at General Elections of the State of New Mexico and have paid or incurred a tax on property within the Sun Valley Sanitation District in the twelve (12) month period preceding the Biennial Election of January 1999. Contact Jo Steele, Secretary at 338-4700. 2226 2T(5)16,18

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Texas corporation, Plaintiff,

v. Cause No. CV-99-120 DONALD A. STROBEL and JEAN E. STROBEL, husband and wife, and DOUGLAS S. KAIP and CHERYL C. KAIP, husband and wife. Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: DONALD A. STROBEL AND JEAN E. STROBEL AND DOUGLAS S. KAIP AND CHERYL C. KAIP AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC. is the Plaintiff and you are the Defendants, the same being Cause No. CV-99-120. The object and purpose of the said suit is to foreclose a mortgage and maintenance fee lien against the following described real property: Timeshare No. 403-32, TRIPLE CROWN CONDOMINIUMS, pursuant to the Condominium Declaration recorded at Book 99 at pages 539 through 581, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Supplemental Declarations of Timeshare Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, recorded at Book 100 pages 19 through 34, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Amended and Restated Condominium Declaration for Champion's Run Condominiums recorded in Book 1991-13 at pages 537 through 605 of the Lincoln County Clerk's records; ("the Stobel Timeshare"); and, Timeshare No. 403-31, TRIPLE CROWN CONDOMINIUMS, pursuant to the Condominium Declaration recorded at Book 99 at pages 539 through 581, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Supplemental Declaration of Timeshare Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, recorded at Book 100 pages 19 through 34, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Amended and Restated Condominium Declaration for Champion's Run Condominiums recorded in Book 1991-13 at pages 537 through 605 of the Lincoln County Clerk's records; ("the Kaip Timeshare"). YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before July 20, 1999, the Plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint. The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is Charles E. Hawthorne, and whose address is 1096 Mechem, Suite 302, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. THE WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 16th day of June, 1999. ALICE BACA BAXTER DISTRICT COURT CLERK LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO By: Elizabeth Lueras Deputy 2239 4T(5)16,23,30(7)7

LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will meet on Monday, June 28, 1999 At 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, June 25, 1999 1972 2T(6)16,25

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN HIGH SIERRA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, Plaintiff,

No. CV-99-516 Div. III

v. VICTOR CHAVEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; ROSARIO C. CHAVEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; CARMEN CAZARES and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; KNOX SPOUSE; MICHAEL E. COCHRANE and ALEXANDRA A. COCHRANE; BILL DEMATIO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; GILBERTO DUCKER, a/k/a GUILLERMO DUCKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; ALEJANDRA DUCKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; ELENA DUCKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; JOHN C. HARPER and DONNA K. HARPER; TIMOTHY M. HIPP and MARTINA L. HIPP; RONALD F. JACKSON and ROSA A. JACKSON; PAUL ANDREW JOHNSON and BETTY JANE JOHNSON; JAMES L. LANHAN and GABRIELE LANHAN; JARROL LAYTON and BEVERLY LAYTON; RAYMOND B. MADRID and ALICIA MADRID; FRED MARTINEZ and ALICIA MARTINEZ; RODOLFO PEREZ CHAVEZ and AIDA MIREYA RIOS de PEREZ; CARMEN ALICIA MUELA VDA de RIVERA; MIGUEL A. ROMO and ALICIA ROMO; DONALD R. SEVERNS and RIS M. SEVERNS; CLYDE P. WILSON and UNKNOWN SPOUSE; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 9, 1999, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal complex located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title and interest of the above named Defendants in the following described properties of the High Sierra Condominiums, Phase I, located at 504 Excelsior Road, in Ruidoso, New Mexico, pursuant to the following judgment liens: a) Victor Chavez, Rosario C. Chavez and Carmen Cazares, and their Unknown Spouses, if any, jointly and severally Building 3, Unit 1, Unit Week 40 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,542.86 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,967.86 b) Michael E. Cochran and Alexandra A. Cochran, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 1, Unit 1, Maintenance Fees..... \$1,967.86 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$2,392.86

RUIDOSO FORD LINCOLN MERCURY Lincoln County's Superstore

0.9% Financing on New Cars & Trucks
Image of a car.

Used Cars & Truck Center QUALITY SELECTION WARRANTY FINANCING

Image of several cars and trucks.

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Unit Week 46 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,738.67 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$2,163.67 c) Bill Dematio and his Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally Building 14, Unit 2, Unit Week 44 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,050.53 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,475.53 d) Guillermo Ducker, a/k/a Guillermo Ducker, Alejandra Ducker, Elena Ducker, and Elena Rodriguez, and their Unknown Spouses, if any, jointly and severally Building 9, Unit 1, Unit Week 6 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,230.29 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,655.29 e) John C. Harper and Donna K. Harper, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 5, Unit 1, Unit Week 46 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,362.93 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,787.93 f) Timothy M. Hipp and Martina L. Hipp, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 4, Unit 1, Unit Week 15 Maintenance Fees..... \$2,267.41 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$2,692.41 g) Ronald F. Jackson and Rosa A. Jackson, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 13, Unit 1, Unit Week 10 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,312.86 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,737.86 h) Paul Andrew Johnson and Betty Jane Johnson, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 5, Unit 2, Unit Week 18 Maintenance Fees..... \$1,383.89 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$1,808.89 i) James L. Lanhan and Gabriele Lanhan, husband and wife, jointly and severally Building 5, Unit 2, Unit Week 33 Maintenance Fees..... \$2,161.86 Attorney's Fees and Costs..... 425.00 \$2,586.86

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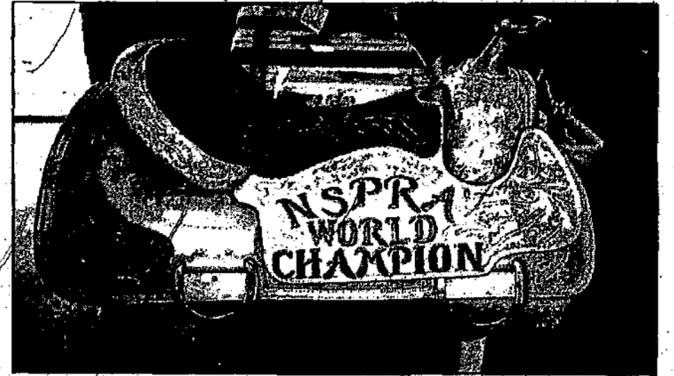
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A saddlemaker with a background in many trades and many places — but always a saddlemaker.



A prize saddle is a thing of beauty for cowboys old and young.

Marty Racine

**He's a saddlemaker from the faraway hills and deserts and plains ... and many other places**

## Harry Jones brings leather to life

BY MARTY RACINE  
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENCE

**C**APITAN - Through the open door of Mule Creek Trading the tap-tap of a saddlemaker echoes into the afternoon.

It is a timeless sound of the tooling art, the sound of a man who works with his hands, who brings leather to life. And it fits this rustic, Western-front building on the edge of town.

Inside, Harry Jones' domain is a fluorescent-lit workbench amidst tools and machines and saddles in various states of completion. Dr. Laura dispenses advice and morality from a radio in the corner. Tack hangs from the wall.

Jones, 64, moved to Capitan a couple of years ago but has been making saddles for a long time. Each is built to order.

"I've got the unique pleasure," he says with the easy smile of a man who knows his place in life. "(Customers) let me do what I want to. None of my saddles are the same. When I start working on a saddle, that saddle starts telling me its personality. The saddle and myself kind of get together and see what it's gonna look like."

And when it's finished, when the handwork speaks to him, Harry Jones feels blessed.

"It's just a beautiful thing."

Jones was raised on a ranch in Texas somewhere out there between Abilene and Fort Worth. It was a great life. A simple life.

"We were just having legitimate fun all the time. You didn't have time to get in trouble."

The lessons of the land, he says, taught him much.

"When you're dealing with nature, that's the mother of everything. That teaches you values, that's the gamut — sacrifice, patience. When you have an opportunity to witness nature and be a part of nature, it's real fulfilling."

Which explains why his father stuck with ranching.

"Ranching is a hard business. It's a gamble. So why do they do that?"

Peace of mind, the satisfaction of working with nature. Watching a calf being born, planting something and watching it grow, hoping that it grows, hoping that it rains.

At Albany High Jones ran track. He turned in a respectable 440-yard dash and ran the third leg in the mile relay. "I was the slowest one (on the relay team) but I was pretty fast for the third leg. I could catch 'em all."

Short but quick, he also played end on a winning football team. But he also was interested in music. He was one of three footballers to join the marching band. It was a great way to meet girls.

Was he not razed by his teammates?

"Oh no, we were toughies."

Jones attended TCU as a freshman but Fort Worth was too big for a country boy. He tried Tarleton Junior College in nearby Stephenville where he pole vaulted "12-something with the stiff poles" — and then Eastern New Mexico University and Lamar Tech in Beaumont, Texas.

The humidity down in Beaumont about killed him.

"We was running those wind sprints, and golly, I'd just come from

Portales, and you'd just give out at the end of it. I was drowning in my own breath."

He finally graduated from Texas Tech in geology, then enlisted in the Army in 1959. While stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., he befriended a saddlemaker.

"I've always messed around with horses, and I've always been talented with my hands. Saddles fit into my program."

He got some deals on equipment and returned to Albany, where he ran a saddle shop and feedstore for about five years. He joined the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for nine years, then went back to Albany once more, buying into a drilling company.

"I supervised drilling rigs for five years. Then I retired, you might say."

Not exactly. In 1986 Jones moved to Cave Creek, Ariz., and joined the senior pro rodeo circuit. He roped and made saddles in the winter, then for seven months he rodeoed up north, living in a motor home with his wife.

In 1990 and '91 he was a world champion calf roper in his class, and in 1995 he was a world champion team roper. But, tired of the travel, he quit the tour in 1996 and returned to ranching. After a fashion.

"I made three saddles for this lady that had a ranch there in Camp Verde. She was a city-type ranch person and she was having a bunch of trouble, and so in the process of making the saddle she'd come out and we got to talking."

"Well, these two married lawyers from Connecticut — or was it Cincinnati? — bought a guest ranch out there on the Mexican border, didn't know anything, I mean didn't know how to ride a horse. They was at this party bragging

about buying (the property). She heard 'em, she said, 'I tell you what, you need to see about hiring Harry Jones.'"

He worked for the city slickers for a year, then decided it was time to come to New Mexico.

The Joneses knew some people in Ruidoso, looked around, and settled in Capitan.

"It was a lot more horsey," he says. They bought an old adobe on Highway 246 and began restoring it. Harry moved into his shop, where he builds, he says, a pretty fair saddle.

"In my opinion, the rigging in my saddles is the stoutest you can put in, and they're less bulky. They fit the horses real well."

He specializes in ranch and roping saddles. A roping saddle has more tooling; a ranch saddle has more accessories like saddlebags and has to be comfortable.

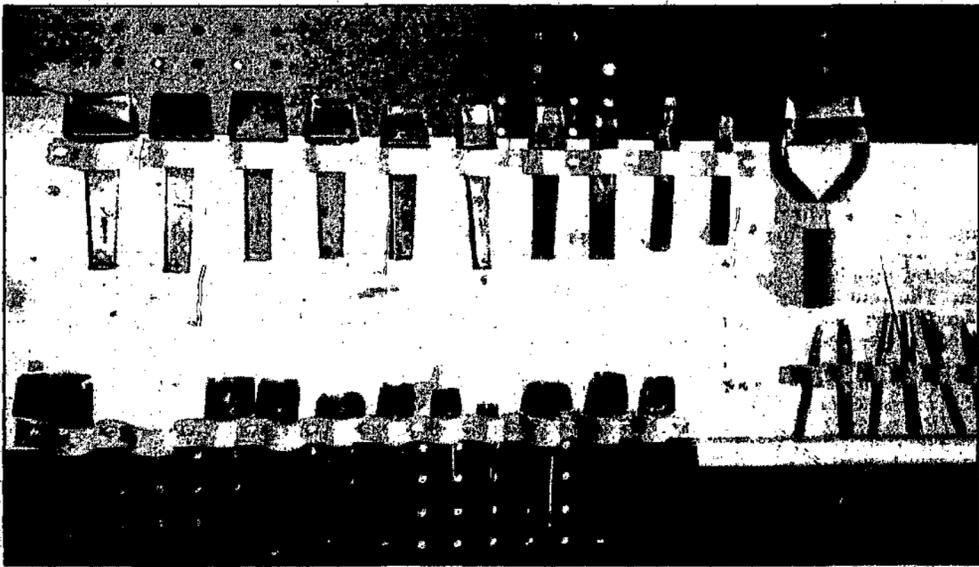
"You have to be able to sit in it all day long. It really has to fit the horse good, because the horse is gonna have that thing on him all the time."

They must also be tough. "They're out in the weather. You leave in the morning, it might rain (later). It's got to withstand wear and tear; throw it back in the pickup. There's not as much tooling because you're gonna abuse them, anyway."

It takes at least 40 hours to make a saddle, depending on the amount of tooling, which Jones designs himself before tracing the pattern onto the leather.

The secret there, he says, is patience.

Nature taught him that.



Marty Racine

**"I've always messed around with horses, and I've always been talented with my hands. Saddles fit into my program."**

Harry Jones, saddlemaker

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Business expands**

Ruth Ann's Originals, a quilt shop housed this summer inside Ruidoso Ski Rentals in midtown, has expanded to include a selection of quilt-making materials — from patterns to fabric.

Ruth Ann Crumpton, who shares her business space at 2511 Sudderth with Kara's Pine Needle Baskets, also teaches quilt-making and takes special

order requests for quilts.

Kara Matheson, who makes pine needle baskets, also sells a collection of baskets from her website at <http://www.sky-business.com/kara>.

The businesses can be reached at 257-4847. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Hours Sunday are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop is closed Tuesdays.

A household name, and a paycheck too

**Job opens up for a Billy the Kid look-alike; no six-gun needed**

Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino in Ruidoso Downs has started a search for a Billy the Kid look-a-like to serve as a mascot for the new Billy the Kid Casino at the race track.

The new Billy the Kid will attend functions at the casino but also will work on many community events along the Billy the Kid Scenic By-Way, including the Hubbard Museum of the American West and Historic Lincoln where the original Billy the Kid became a household name.

"This is an opportunity for some up and coming young actor to become a household name in Billy the Kid Country," Fritz Widaman, marketing director for Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, said. "We are looking for someone who looks like the original Billy the Kid, but six-gun shooting is not a requirement. We will utilize this individual at functions throughout the year in the community. It will be a lot of fun for someone and the best part for them is they get paid as well."

Two positions will be filled to work year around. Both positions will be selected

through a special process that will include screening through original applications and portfolios. After the field is narrowed, the contestants will be brought to Ruidoso Downs where a panel of judges, that will include representatives from Historic Lincoln, The Hubbard Museum of the American West, Billy the Kid Scenic By-Ways committee and other dignitaries from the community, will make the final determination.

Preference will be given to applicants that look similar to the original 1880's Billy the Kid and possess entertaining qualities. Actors and actresses are encouraged to apply. The job will entail some travel throughout Texas and New Mexico for different promotional appearances. The job will begin the summer of 1999. The selected Billy the Kid will be required to live in Ruidoso.

Applicants should send a résumé and video footage or a photo to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, Attn: Fritz Widaman, Hwy 70/P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso, NM 88346, (505) 378-4431.

**Research, experimentation tax credit gets support of Domenici**

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has advocated a permanent extension for a research and experimentation tax credit as a means of expanding the high tech industries that have been deemed the catalyst for the booming American economy.

Domenici this week participated in the opening of a three-day National Summit on High Technology sponsored by the Joint Economic Committee. Summit participants will include Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and, among others, Intel CEO Craig Barrett, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, and Louis Gerstner, CEO of the IBM Corp.

"Federal spending on research and development is important to our economy. There is a strong link between basic research, innovation and increasing the number of high-paying jobs. One purpose for this summit is to make sure Congress is informed so that it will make better policy decisions," Domenici said.

"Congress needs to recognize that knowledge-based industries are extremely sensitive to tax policy and tax costs. The R&E credit expired again on May 31. The credit has been renewed seven times since its creation. We have to make it permanent. Companies have five to 10 year planning time horizons for R&D projects that do not jibe with the six month, one year or 18 month extensions that Congress passes for the credit," he said.

The information technology sector has accounted for about a third of the growth in the U.S. economy since 1992. As a sector, it has been growing about 12 percent a year since 1993. On a similar note, e-commerce growth tripled in 1998 to \$9 billion.

"This is just phenomenal," Domenici said. "It is not hard to conclude that what's good for high tech is good for the nation. At least 40 states have some kind of R&E incentives. It is time for the Federal Government to make the credit permanent."

Domenici in May introduced legislation (S.951, The Private Sector Research and Development Investment Act of 1999) to make the research and experimentation (R&E) tax credit permanent and strengthen incentives for private companies to undertake research that leads to new processes, services and products.

The bill, which has bipartisan support, is also written to improve the tax credit and make it easier for companies to use. For instance, it eliminates the 50 percent rule for users of the alternative credit, and encourages industrial partnerships with universities and national labs. It also encourages the establishment of research-driven consortia by providing a 20 percent credit for research expenses, and provides a phase-in of the credit for start-up businesses.

"The current credit serves as a disincentive to long-term research investment. We want to fix that," Domenici said. "Since New Mexico blundered in denying Bill Gates a \$15,000 economic development grant in the 1970s, we have learned and become a leader in technology and R&D. The permanent tax credit we propose would strengthen that work to the benefit of New Mexico and the United States as a whole."

Summaries of the Domenici bill are available from the Domenici press office or at the Senator's web site.



The lobby of the convention center's new neighbor (next year) is shown in this architect's rendering.

Courtesy Leisure Development, LLC

Leisure Hotels LLC will seek local financing, sub-contractors for project

**Hawthorn resort hotel work near start**

A 117-room Hawthorn Suites Golf Resort should be open next to the Ruidoso Convention Center within 10 months to a year, an executive with the company said.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Crews are still surveying the site and architects continue polishing blueprints, but the developer of a \$7.6 million hotel in Ruidoso expects to be "pushing dirt in July at the latest."

"Hopefully, it will be very soon," Steve Olson, president and chief executive officer of Leisure Hotels L.L.C., said Wednesday of the construction of a 117-room Hawthorn Suites Golf Resort. "We don't have an exact date."

Olson's firm has a lease agreement with the village of Ruidoso to build the hotel on 3.8 acres next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. The hotel is to be finished and operating by next summer's tourist season, he said.

"It could take as long as a year and it could take as short as 10 months," Olson said, adding that variables such as

weather and construction crew availability will impact the completion date.

In all, about 60 people, including a seven-member management team, will staff the hotel. The majority will be hired three months before the hotel's opening, Olson said.

Some local residents and business owners opposed the project earlier because of the lease agreement between Leisure Hotels, a Kansas-based company, and the village of Ruidoso. Criticism has centered on the incentive package the village offered in the agreement.

Last week, six people representing the Ruidoso Lodgers Association dropped a lawsuit against the village regarding the lease agreement. They dismissed the lawsuit, which pushed for a public vote on the incentive package, because of the cost in money and time it would take, the plaintiffs' attorney David Thomsen said.

Olson said his firm continues to discuss financing for the project with Tom Batten, president of the Ruidoso State Bank.

"We have several sources of financing available to us," Olson said. "But we

have been dealing with Tom Batten ... and we would like to work with a local group if we can, and they are working diligently to get us something."

Once construction is under way, the first task will be to put "some substantial" footings at the site for the foundation, Olson said. The footings will have to be sunk to depths of 15 feet to provide a stable foundation, he said. The village, as stated in the lease agreement, is to pay for the footings.

Olson said a subsidiary company of his firm will oversee construction of the hotel, but that as many local sub-contractors as possible will be used for the project.

His firm will hire and bring in a full-time sales director starting in July to promote and book events for both the hotel and convention center, Olson said. The position will be paid at least in part through an \$80,000 contract for marketing with the village.

"Conventions will be booked three years in advance," Olson said. "So, we need to start selling now in order to be successful."

**Construction slips in April, but shows gain for the year to date**

While the number of building permits increased in April, overall construction values were down 35 percent for Ruidoso and its 3-mile-wide adjacent planning area, according to the Ruidoso Planning Department.

For the year, overall construction values are up by 20 percent over last year as of April, based on the building permit applications.

Joyce McMath, with the planning department, said a senior housing complex on Jack Little Drive is the largest construction project now under way in the village. The complex, which was started in 1998, was earlier estimated to cost \$3.9 million.

Pending large commercial construction in the village include a \$7.5 million Hawthorn Suites Golf Resort

next to the Ruidoso Convention Center and a Comfort Inn on Sudderth Drive, McMath said.

Single-family home construction values dropped in April to half as much as in April 1998 — from \$3.2 million to \$1.5 million. Permits for five new homes were filed with the department in April. The homes' value range from \$111,000 to \$383,000.

Residential alterations and additions jumped 126 percent from \$288,725 to \$653,696, in April. However, the number of alterations and

additions projects increased by just 74 percent, indicating a rise in construction costs per project.

Commercial construction showed the same pattern in April. While new commercial construction values dropped to nothing from \$316,510 last April, commercial alterations and additions rose to 81 percent, from \$46,168 to \$83,400.

In terms of permits issued, April saw an increase of 43 percent over the same month last year. For the year, the number of building permit applications has increased by 63 percent.

**Economy cooling off a bit, so get ready**

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
 CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

**Consumers:** Americans have been spending money with gusto, accounting for 85 percent of economic growth in 1998 and 112 percent during the first quarter of 1999. This spending spree should slow. Higher inflation and a deceleration in productivity gains will cool increases in real wages.

When Chairman Greenspan raises interest rates, the stock market will correct. A 15 percent decline in stock prices would shave \$1.5 trillion from consumers' net worth, hurting spending.

Special factors, including favorable weather conditions, hefty tax refunds, sales incentives for vehicles, etc., are likely to be less of a factor in the future.

**Housing:** Home building has truly been hot. Realtors and mortgage bankers worry about shortages of homes to sell. But, housing is nearing its plateau. As in the case of

consumption, real income, interest rates,

stocks, house prices and the economy will begin to restrain home building activity.

**Business:** Top honors for the fastest growth goes to capital spending, not consumers. Some of the spending has been related to fixing the Y2K problem, much of which is behind us, but the booming economy has been the primary support. Capital spending should soften. The rental cost of capital, which includes interest rates, stock prices, import costs and taxes, is rising. In addition, internal cash flows are hurting due to squeezed profits.

**Foreign Trade:** Exports and imports will continue to be the biggest drag on economic growth. The weakness has come from two sources: the relative strength of the U.S. economy and the stronger value of the dollar. Until the year 2000, the U.S. economy will continue to be the locomotive pulling the

rest of the world. The interest rate differential will widen, favoring the United States. The trade deficit will remain huge.

**Bonds:** On pins and needles

The central bank is in no hurry to raise interest rates. There have been too many "crying wolves" on inflation. An economic slowdown is in progress. No one is expecting the core inflation rate to surge. Policy makers need more evidence of inflation before they act. Reaction, not preemptive strikes, is likely.

Long-term interest rates will not peak until the Federal Reserve raises interest rates sufficiently enough to cool the economy. How do we know when bond yields have topped? Historically, a flat or an inverted yield curve is a good telltale sign. Extended sell-offs in interest-sensitive sectors of the equity market could be another signal. In the meantime, keep

maturities short and ladder your portfolio. Long-term investors could purchase "spread products", such as corporates and tax-exempts.

**Stocks:** Correction?

Accommodative monetary policy is no longer supporting equities. How would the market react when Chairman Greenspan takes the punch bowl away from the party?

The recent sell-off of Internet stocks could be a taste of what lies ahead. The overall market did not correct, in part because of the expectation of stronger earnings during the second half of this year.

If a correction comes, there are safety nets for stocks. There is a lot of liquidity in the economy thanks to Chairman Greenspan. The equity-risk premium is hefty; investors are well compensated for taking risks in equities. Wall Street continues to see the world through rose-colored glasses, as evidenced by earnings projections.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aspen Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald
Pattay, pastor. Sunday School 9:45
a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.;
Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday
School 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Mass:
9 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST LDS

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

EPISCOPAL

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

FOUR SQUARE

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

FULL GOSPEL

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659.

257-3671. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30
p.m.; Watchtower: 2:30 p.m. Mon-
day: Bible School 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service
Meet 8:20 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296. Kevin L. Kohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening
Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for loca-
tion.

METHODIST

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

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/
Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864.
Allan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening
Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible
Study: 7 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on
Hwy. 48, 336-8932. Charles Hall,
Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; Wed-
nesday: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso,
257-2220. Vernon Edmondson,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school
9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck
fellowship after worship the third
Sunday of every month.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero, Bob Schuy, Pastor. Sun-
day: Church school 9:30 a.m.; wor-
ship 10:30 a.m. Mon: Junior high
youth 6:30 p.m. Wed: high school
meeting 7 p.m. Thur: Kids Club
(grades 1-5) 3:30.

Seventh Day Adventist
Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lyle
443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morrow, 622-1206. Saturday: Sab-
bath school 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-
vice, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor.
Sunday worship 6 p.m. Thursday
Bible study 7 p.m.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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

CALVARY CHAPEL

Calvary Chapel
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway
Center, 257-5915. Pastor John
Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30
a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible
study 7 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE DOWNS

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and
Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday
services 7 p.m.

CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 390 West,
354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday
School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship,
10:30 a.m.

CONVENTS

Convents Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth
Drive, 257-9245. B.A. Thurman,
Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and
children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible
Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday:
7 p.m.

COWBOY CHURCH

Cowboy Church
Neon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural
Events Center. Everyone welcome.
Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo.
Call 378-4840 for more info.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry
and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal
services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Intercessory prayer noon;
mid-week services 7 p.m.

PEACE CHAPEL

Peace Chapel
Interdenominational (MUC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeannie
Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50
a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Services:
11 a.m.

TRINITY MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP

Trinity Mountain Fellowship
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213,
Sunday: morning prayer, 8:30 a.m.;
Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.
Thursday: home Bible study 7 p.m.

CLUBS

All American Duplicate Bridge Club
7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso
Senior Citizens Center for weekly
open and novice games. For more
information call 257-9228.

AL-AMM OF RUIDOSO

Al-AMM of Ruidoso
Meets every Tuesday from 8-9 p.m.
at the Gateway Center, 439 Sud-
derth, Ruidoso, 257-7124

ALPHA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Alpha Women's Association
Meets 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto
Club House for lunch at noon and
carding 1 p.m. Business meeting the
first Tuesday of every month.

AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion
Meets at noon and 8 p.m. every day
at the Gateway Center, 439 Sud-
derth, Ruidoso, 257-9397

AMERICAN SENIORS CLUB

American Seniors Club
Meets at noon every Tuesday at K-
Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting
Kiwans members are always wel-
come.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DRAFTSMEN

American Society of Colonial
Draftsmen
Meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday
of every month at the Alto Country
Club.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHERS

American Society of Photo-
graphers
Meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at K-
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every month at the Ruidoso Public
Library.
Friends of Saseley-Capitan, Inc.
12:30 p.m. at the Saseley Bear Cafe
in Capitan. The public is welcome to
attend all meetings and events.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

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

HIJ++ SUPPORT GROUP

HIJ++ Support Group
Meets the second Monday of every
month "Loving Others Support
Group" for friends and family of
HIJ++ meets the first Tuesday of
every month, 257-2236.

HOPE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Hope Society of Lincoln County
Meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday
of every month at the Alto Country
Club.

IDEA CLUB

Idea Club
Meets Saturdays at 11 a.m. at the
Gateway Church at 415 Sudderth.
257-4381 or 378-1113

KIWAIS CLUB

Kiwa's Club
Meets noon every Tuesday at K-
Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting
Kiwans members are always wel-
come.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIAN

Knights of Columbian
Foster E. Dolan Council
Meets in the parish hall at St.
Eleonor's Catholic Church at 7 a.m.
the second and fourth Tuesdays
of every month. William F. Studer,
grand knight.

LA JOLTA N.C.E.

La Jolta N.C.E.
Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens
Center at 10:45 a.m. the third
Wednesday of every month. (505)
653-4912.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County
Meets 7 p.m. on the second Thurs-
day of every month at the Texas
New Mexico Power Building. The
public is welcome.

LINCOLN COUNTY ADULT SINGLES GROUP

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
Meets every Thursday for social
time or varied program. Additional
activities are also planned for week-
ends. Adult singles of all ages are
welcome. For more information and
locations, call 258-3201 or 354-
2635. www.nogal.com/casg

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

Lincoln County Bird Club
Meets on the second Tuesday of
every month, 257-9090

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Lincoln County Democratic Party
Meets once a month, 257-9090

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

Lincoln County Food Bank
In St. Eleonor's Catholic Church. Board
meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of
every month. Food bank hours are
noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and
Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

LINCOLN COUNTY HONORABLES

Lincoln County Honorables
Meets at the Texas Club the first
Tuesday of each month. Board of Di-
rectors meeting at 6 p.m. and general
meeting at 7 p.m. 257-9090

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Lincoln County Medical Center
Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of
each month at the VFW Post 7686
Auditory Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West,
Alamogordo.

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD

Members of the American Brotherhood
Meets on the second Thursday of
every month in the American Legion
Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road,
Ruidoso Downs, 257-5776

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP

Domestic Violence Victims Support
Group
Meets noon Tuesdays at the office of
Doree Harman, 12511 Rte. 1, Lincoln
County Courthouse, Conference
Room, 258-4708.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

Family Crisis Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Fraternal Order of Police
Meets at K-Bob's Steak House
Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library
Meets at 4 p.m. the first Monday of

Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30
p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on
the first Monday (second Monday if
first is a holiday) of every month.
257-9604

MODEL BOCKET ASSOCIATION

Model Bocket Association
The association meets the first
Thursday of every month at the
Science Education Building. Call Bob
Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405
evening. Outside Alamogordo area
call Turner at 800-545-4021.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED

National Association of Retired
Federal Employees, Chapter 079
Meets 10 a.m. the second Tuesday
of every month at the Ruidoso Senior
Citizens Center, 258-3493 or 378-
4669.

NEW MEXICO CHRISTIAN

New Mexico Christian
Hersemann's Association
Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship
activities, Christian programs. For more
information on membership and vol-
unteer positions for the 1998 summer
please call 505-336-4675.

OLYMPIA WATERBURY CLUB

Olympia Waterbury Club
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday
of the month at K-Bob's. For more
information call Evelyn Shaw at
257-3479.

OPTICIST CLUB (FRIENDS OF YOUTH)

Opticist Club (Friends of Youth)
Meets at noon every Tuesday at
Cres Meadow Country Club. New
members always welcome. For more
information call Elizabeth
Jones 258-5969 or Vera Wood 258-
9218.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Order of the Eastern Star
Meets 7:30 the second Thursday of
every month in the Masonic Family
Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

ISRAELI CHAPTER 4th MEETINGS

Israeli Chapter 4th Meetings
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays during
the winter months—September thru
May. 257-1465

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Photographic Society of Lincoln County
Meets 7:00 p.m. the third Thurs-
day of each month in the Public Meeting
Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High
School, 258-4003

PIZZA HUT & CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Pizza Hut & Custom Car Club
Meets 7:00 p.m. every second
Wednesday of the month in the meet-
ing room at the Texas-New Mexico
Power Building, Ruidoso, 257-4451

PREPARED CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Prepared Children's Classes
Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m.
Wednesdays at the Texas-New Mexico
Power, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.
Qualified instructors. 257-
7381 (ask for OEB Dept.)

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Republican Party of Lincoln County
Meets the first Monday of each month
at 6 p.m. 354-4230

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Republican Women of Lincoln County
Meets the fourth Tuesday of each
month at 11:30 a.m. Board meeting at
10:00 a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109.

RUIDOSO INTERNATIONAL

Ruidoso International
Ruidoso Valley Club
Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon
on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO BOOK REVIEW

Ruidoso Book Review
and Discussion Group Meeting
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every
month at First Christian Church
1211 Hill Road. Everyone is wel-
come to attend.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary
Meets 1:15 a.m. the third Thursday
of every month in the Ruidoso Care
Center dining room for free lunch
with 24-hour advance reservations.
1:15 program for residents and guests.

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

Ruidoso Chess Club
Meets 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays at Cree
Meadows Country Club. Open to
beginners and all levels welcome. 336-4211,
354-8036, 258-4757.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary
Meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of
every month in the Auxiliary Building,
123 Downes Center, Ruidoso Downs.
378-4184 or 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club
Meets 1 p.m. every Saturday at the
Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.
257-7411

Ruidoso Federated Women's Club
Meets 1:30 p.m. the second Wednes-
day of each month Sept. through May
in the Women's Club Building, 1115
Evergreen Road, Ruidoso, 258-1129

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Ruidoso Garden Club
Meets 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of
every month at various locations.
258-5509 or 257-7157

RUIDOSO GOLF CLUB

Ruidoso Golf Club
Meets 7 p.m. first Monday of each
month at the Church of the Holy
Mount, Mescalero 368, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PLEASANTON GOLFING GROUP

Ruidoso Pleasanton Golfing Group
Meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of
every month. 257-3446 or 336-8064

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Ruidoso Public Library Board
Meets at noon the second Wednes-
day of every month at the Ruidoso
Public Library.

RUIDOSO STRIKE CLUB

Ruidoso Strike Club
Meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth
Wednesday of every month at Cree
Meadows Restaurant. 257-3062

RUIDOSO VALLEY NEON LANE CLUB

Ruidoso Valley Neon Lane Club
Meets 1:30 a.m. every Tuesday for
lunch and a short meeting at Cree
Meadows Country Club. 258-9169

RUIDOSO VEGETARIAN CLUB

Ruidoso Vegetarian Club
will meet on Thursday July 15th at
6:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior
Center for their monthly potluck.
Please bring a meatless dish or suggested
donation for the club. 257-2172

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HEARING PEOPLE, INC.
Smoky Bear Chapter meets the
fourth Thursday of each month at
7:00 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico
Power Company, 1100 Mechem
Drive, Ruidoso. For information con-
tact: Thyra Heger at
nheger@yahoo.com, or call Linda
Parks at 258-1082.

SIERRA BLANCA AUXILIARY

Sierra Blanca Auxiliary
Meets 9 a.m. every Saturday. Loca-
tion to be announced on 146-920.
M/F after 8 a.m. 257-2135

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Sierra Blanca Duplicate Bridge Club
Meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the
Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for
weekly open and novice games. 257-9228

SIERRA BLANCA SWIMMERS

Sierra Blanca Swimmers
Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third
Thursday of each month at Nob Hill
Elementary for basic and maintenance
square dancing. 257-3193; 336-4808

STREET MANAGEMENT GROUP

Street Management Group
Meets 4 p.m. Mondays at The Coun-
selling Center, 206 Sudderth Drive,
Ruidoso. This group is free and open
to the public. 257-5038

THE PARTY BRIDGE GROUP

The Party Bridge Group
Meets 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday
at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Cen-
ter. Elementary for basic and main-
tenance square dancing to play call Mrs.
Ellis at 257-2560.

THURSDAY BRIDGE

Thursday Bridge
11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.
258-9186

UNITED WIFE STAND

United Wife Stand
For meeting time, call 257-6600

VFW POST 7072 and AUXILIARY

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary
Joanne Don Nalin Post 7072 and its
women's auxiliary meet 7 p.m. the
second Monday of every month at Ameri-
can Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring
Road, Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796

WOMEN IN BUSINESS 21st MEETING

Women in Business 21st Meeting
Meets every Monday 6:45 a.m. at
Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth. 378-
8091 or 257-2560

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

White Mountain Search & Rescue
Meets 7 p.m. the third Monday at the
public meeting room at Texas-NM
Power. 258-4759

WOMEN'S WIFE OUT

Women's Wife Out
Meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of
the month in the meeting room of Texas-
New Mexico Power. 336-9669 or
258-1158

YOUTH WEDNESDAY

Youth Wednesday
Meets on the third Wednesday of
every month. 257-9704, 257-4767 or
257-2295

# 'A time for illusion'

Puppeteers emphasize communication, culture

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**CAPITAN** - Puppeteer duo Mike and Jamie Gieb plan to take Punch and Judy into the millennium, poking fun at people and improving communications.

The hand-made wooden puppets entertained at the Capitan Library Monday making cracks about locals and singing wackily.

Gieb got started with puppets as an art teacher in the Taos area trying to come up with something that would reach students from the three cultures of the region.

His search for something both artistic and utilitarian led him to marionettes, which he used to teach human anatomy, leatherwork, clothing design and shoe-making.

"I used it as an expressive tool for people living in a tricultural community," Gieb said. "I used puppets to bridge the gap, had plays based on communication, and kids put together the shows. The kids got the idea they could be expressive through puppets. The action-art of a puppet is a language of its own."

Influences for Gieb were Edgar Bergen, Bill Baird, Sherry Lewis and Lamb Chop, which he describes as "just a stocking with character," and Jim Hensen.

Jamie Gieb, a classically trained musician, was choir director at Taos High School when she met Mike, but they began working as a husband-wife team in 1987 in Odessa,



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News  
Mike and Jamie Gieb perform with Punch, Judy and other handy friends at the Capitan Library as part of the summer program for children.

Texas through a church that had thousands of dollars of puppets "lying dormant," Mike said.

Jamie Gieb rejuvenated them and the couple started performing "The Last Days of Mr. Punch" at the Globe Theatre, a replica of Shakespeare's Globe at Odessa College.

The current cast of characters was inspired by drawings by Kruckshank made in the 18th century.

Mike Gieb made his own drawings and then carved the wooden faces in the likeness of Kruckshank's depictions of puppets then current.

The Giebs - and Punch and Judy - participated in several Renaissance Fairs with the Society for Creative Anachronism, including a one-act play called "The Beggar's Bag," written by Mike Gieb about young people during the Renaissance.

The Giebs moved to Ruidoso in 1989 - although Mike commuted from Odessa, Texas every week for several more years - and now live in Carrizozo and have a metal-smithing and jewelry studio.

Mike is a job coach and community partnership coordinator for the developmentally disabled through Casa Alegre. Jamie teaches music privately and is warden for Carrizozo Schools - in charge of in-school suspension.

Together the Giebs and the puppets do fundraisers for schools, churches, libraries, art shows and any organization that needs help - and private parties for a fee - "mostly spreading music and madness throughout the community," as Mike describes it. "With puppets, people are willing to allow themselves a little time for illusion."

# Summertime brings Bible school time in 'Zozo

BY PHYLLIS W. SCHLEGEL  
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

**CARRIZOZO** - All children ages four through the sixth grade are welcome to attend the annual Bible school at First Baptist Church in Carrizozo June 21 through June 25.

A youth team from Bethel Baptist Church of Brandon, Miss., will lead this 5-day session on the theme "Adventure Zone".

Pre-enrollment is not required for the school which is scheduled daily from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church on the corner of 10th Avenue and 4th Street.

Parents and friends of Bible school children are welcome at the Friday morning session at 11 a.m. for a closing program and luncheon.

The Mississippi youth team invites young people, grades 7 through 12, to a special Wednesday evening get-together in Fellowship Hall.

### Fund raiser for local FCE

The Carrizozo Family and Community Education (FCE) club is sponsoring a raffle with five prizes lined up for the winners.

First prize is an ecru hand-knit sweater made and donated by Peg Schimmelfinng; second prize is a red, white and blue afghan donated by Phyllis Schlegel; third prize is a 20 inch Victorian cloth doll handmade and donated by Carol Stromberg; fourth prize is a gourmet basket of "unusual foods" donated by Angie Provine and Edith Malcolm; and fifth prize is a woolen lap robe, donated by Annie Withers.

Proceeds from fund raisers help FCE to sponsor programs of interest to the community and give financial support to local youth trips and events, such as the Malpais Colts 4-H Club.

Drawings for these prizes will take place at the Carrizozo Street Fair, Saturday, Aug. 28. Ticket holders do not need be present to win.

Tickets are available from club members. Prizes are displayed and a membership list posted at the Carrizozo Norwest Bank.

### Senior class racks up scholarships

The 1999 Senior Class of Carrizozo High School was awarded a total of \$86,625 in scholarships.

Though small in number, this class measured up academically to any of the larger graduating classes of previous years.

The seniors, their scholarships, and future plans are:

Elizabeth Avila, class salutatorian, class secretary, and Student Council president, was awarded scholarships by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, Parents for Kids (PFK), Carrizozo Rotary Club, New Mexico Highlands University Road to Success Scholarship, and the John Allen Hightower Memorial Scholarship. Avila plans to attend New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, and pursue a career in education.

Monica Gillihan was presented the Montgomery G. I. Bill award and expects to join the United States Marine Corp in the near future.

Briton Goad, class valedictorian, was awarded the Carrizozo Woman's Club and Carrizozo Masonic Lodge scholarships along with an Abilene Christian University Trustee scholarship and the New Mexico University Regents Plus scholarship. Briton will attend Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, and pursue a career in international business.

Miguel Najar was awarded a Santa Rita Parish Scholarship, and will be attending New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, but is undecided on a major at this time.

Melissa Nava, class president, received the Carrizozo Rotary Club, Carrizozo Masonic Lodge, and the John Allen Hightower Memorial scholarship. Melissa will attend New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, to become a registered nurse.

Amber Vallejos, class treasurer, received the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Carrizozo Rotary Club, Santa Rita Parish, and New Mexico State University Regent's Scholarships. Vallejos will be attending NMSU, beginning a career goal in physical therapy.

Melanie Whittaker, class vice-president and Student Council treasurer, was awarded the Tribute to Hispanics scholarship, Santa Rita Parish, Carrizozo Masonic Lodge and New Mexico State University Regent's scholarships. Melanie plans studies at NMSU, leading to a career in radiology.

# Ruidoso Public Library hosts an open house

The Ruidoso Public Library and the Gates Center for Technology Access will be holding an open house to introduce community members to the library's new computers.

A trainer from the Gates Center for Technology Access will talk about the computers and software that is being installed in the library.

Library staff members will be available to answer ques-

tions about what computer services the library will offer.

The open house will be 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday.

For more information contact the library at 258-3704.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL Mountain of Blues Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday on Highway 220 across from the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Familiar faces of the local blues scene will join internationally known acts for a two-day celebration of the blues. For more festival notes, please see page 10D.

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## Art and Artifact

**107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2314.**  
A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors, housed in a 1896 bordello. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

## Benson Fine Art

**Off Hwy 70, San Patricio, 653-4081.**  
Now open in its new location in San Patricio, call 653-4081.

## Bonito Bronze

**1204 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-833**  
Bronze sculptor Gaylon Gillem's works. Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## California Colors

**201 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9538**  
Barbara DeHl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this 5,600 square-foot gallery of art. Call for more information.

## Chamber of Commerce

**728 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-7395**  
Artist Margaret Bohannon's pastels and oils are featured this month at the public art space of the chamber of commerce. Hours are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

**7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.**  
Featured in June: Carol Meyer's quilts. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

## Gail's Frame of Mind

**2204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.**  
An alternative gallery featuring originals by Gaylon Gillem, Denise Dorn, Iz, Billie Long, Marcia Bizeau & Bears Tiew, Pam Topper, Jim Leasure, Rick Hall, Laurel Appel, Barbara Culler, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum, Marty Lane, Falling Rock Pottery and Crystals Glass sculptures by Anaya Lynn. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Gary D. Garrett

**2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4977**  
The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

## Handwoven Designs

**102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008**  
Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Using natural fibers, dyes, and hand-spun yarns, the garments are finished with knitted trim and eclectic buttons. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Hubbard Museum of the American West

**Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.**  
'Reflections of a Journey,' the engravings of Karl Bodmer and his trip across the West in the 1830s. Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily.

## Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

**Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.**  
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carl Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 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 Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

## Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

**268 Main Rd. Capitan, 354-2605**  
Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

## Expressions in Bronze

**2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790**  
Dave McGary's 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. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

## The Montano Store

**Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 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. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

## Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

**2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748**  
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale TerBush, Robert Carver and Suzanne Wansley. Artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Nogal Store & Gallery

**Highway 37, Nogal**  
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazie, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Anne Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## Red Rose Art Studio

**County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.**  
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

## Rio Street Gallery

**Located in Midtown at N Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844**  
Original fine art in a variety of media by nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday by appointment.

## Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

**416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627**  
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

## Spring Canyon Gallery

**2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.**  
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

## Stribling Fine Art

**1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892**  
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, or by appt.

## The Tree's House

**Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206.**  
The Lags 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.

## Three of Cups Antiques

**81 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, 354-4801**  
Primitive antiques and rustic accessories for cabin living. Open Monday - Saturday.

## Western Trails Gallery

**320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 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 Mtn. 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. Call for gallery hours.

## White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

**3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985.**  
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The University Art Gallery in Las Cruces is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary. Eight exhibitions are planned for this calendar year, as well as a variety of educational programs and events. To support these contemporary events, the University Art Gallery relies heavily upon community support. A membership drive is currently underway asking for community support.

The University Art Gallery is one of the largest contemporary art galleries in south central New Mexico. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities in the visual arts for the multicultural residents of Southern New Mexico, West Texas, and visitors to our region. To accomplish these goals, the University Art Gallery provides an innovative exhibition program in contemporary and historical art while collecting and maintaining a permanent collection for study and research. They also offer numerous lectures, as well as frequent workshops, symposia, and publications. The highly successful new lunchtime performance series, Art Ala Carte features writers, poets, musicians and dancers.

All University Art Gallery exhibitions, programs and school tours are free. In exchange for these multi-cultural events, the University Art Gallery is seeking community support.

Membership in the Friends of the Gallery is available at a variety of levels: \$10 for students and seniors, \$25 individual membership, \$35 family membership, \$50 sustaining membership, \$100 Friend, \$250 Donor, \$500 Partons, and \$1000 Benefactors. Corporate memberships are also available at \$500, \$1000, and \$5000. Various benefits accompany all membership levels.

Upcoming exhibitions include Chromaform: Color In Contemporary Sculpture. This exhibition of contemporary sculpture features the multi-media work of thirteen contemporary sculptors. Organized by the Pamela Auchincloss Gallery in New York City, this is the only scheduled New Mexico venue for this national traveling exhibition.

The University Art Gallery is also the organizer of the major international traveling exhibition, El Favor De Los Santos: The Retablo Collection of New Mexico State University. The University Gallery has more than 1,700 nineteenth century Mexican Retablos, the largest collection of Retablos in any United States museum.

To become a member or to sponsor specific exhibitions for the University Art Gallery's 25th exhibition year, please contact the Gallery at 624-2545.

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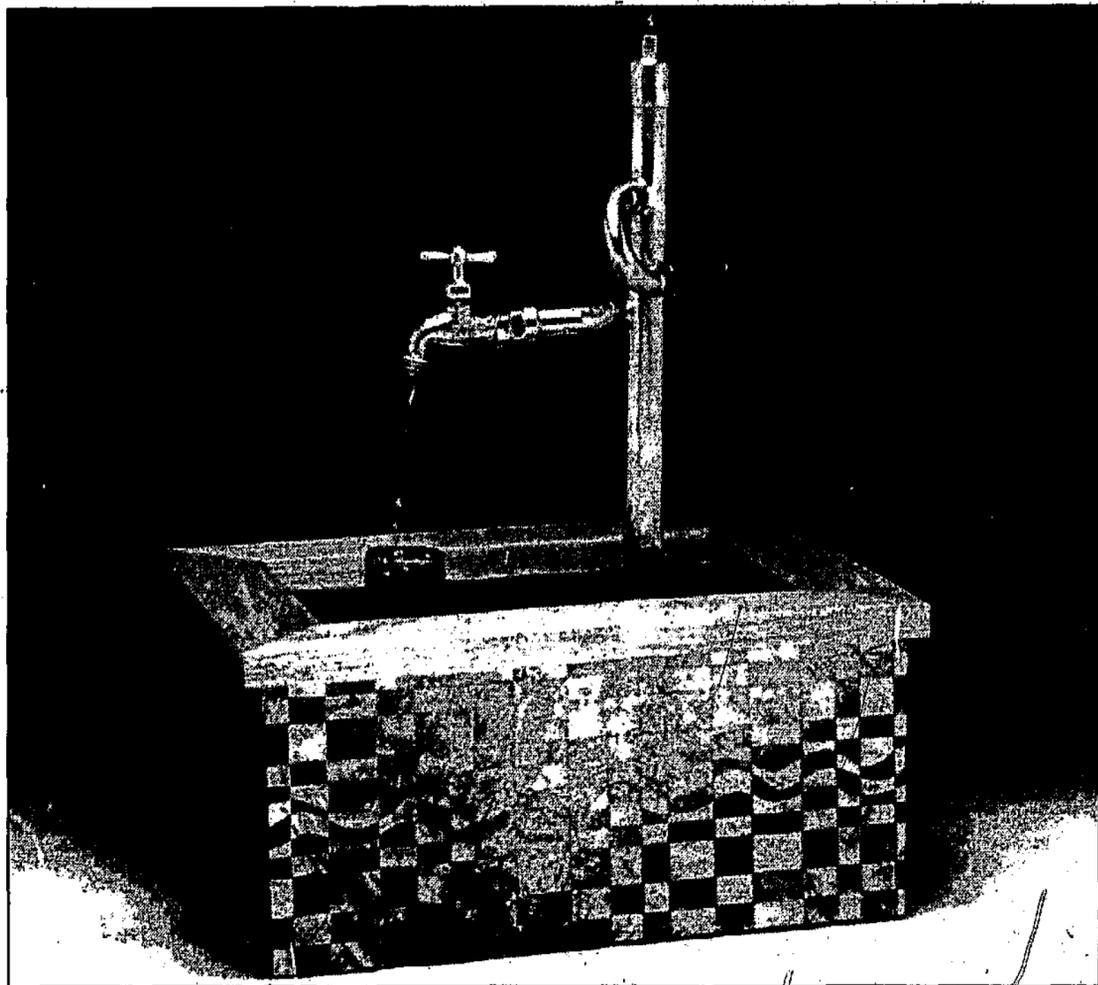
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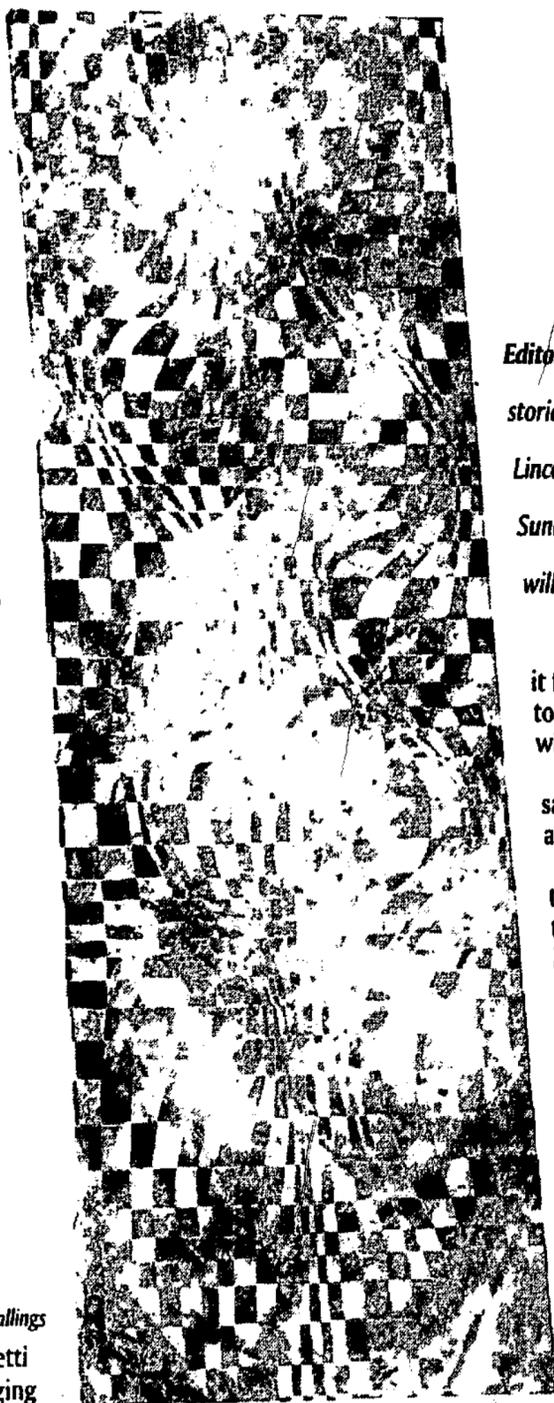
# Metal obsession

by Dianne Stallings  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



courtesy

THIS WOVEN METAL FOUNTAIN by Suzanne Donazetti was featured in a book for decorators.



Dianne Stallings  
A Donazetti  
wall hanging

*Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of feature stories about the artists participating in the 1999 Lincoln County Art Loop Tour. On Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, 21 Lincoln County artists will open their studio/homes to the public.*

Suzanne Donazetti doesn't take much credit for the life path that led her to metal art and to a serene home in Carrizozo that she shares with four cats and artist Ken Payne.

"It's sort of a new age thing," she grins. "I said to the universe this is what I want to do and it pretty much happened."

Her distinctive work centers on weaving thin copper and other metals colored with transparent washes of ink, into large wall hangings and folding screens or smaller items such as frames and clocks.

Visitors on the Annual Lincoln County Art Loop, Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, will be able to view her work and, if their timing is right, watch her application process. Payne and Donazetti are two of 21 artists on the tour this year from Carrizozo to Lincoln, Capitan to Nogal and points between.

"I think a lot of artists spend an inordinate amount of time finding their medium," Donazetti said. "I started with the 'womanly' mediums, fiber, glass, wood. I did jewelry and lost wax casting in San

Antonio (Texas). I hated the process, but I fell in love with metal.

"I kept wanting to use fiber techniques to wrap and weave things. Finally, I tried it with silver."

But her fascination with metal went beyond how it could be manipulated. She also experimented with color, trying different application techniques. Although she currently uses ink washes, Donazetti said the process is on-going.

Born in Virginia, she lived in Maryland, but moved frequently with her husband, who was in the Air Force. She dreamed of living in the Southwest and when her children left home for school, she started her migration.

"I'd always done art, drawing, painting, sketching, fiber art and things for the kids, but in the evening," Donazetti said. "It was kind of schizophrenic. I worked in the day time and would make art at night. Very strange."

Her work was never representational.

"I thought you had to be able to draw to be a good artist," she said. "I can't. I'd start with a brush, but end with palette knives. I love the abstract".

In San Antonio, Texas, she took a course in jewelry-making.

"I get really obsessed about these things," she said. "The enjoyment always is the learning process. I take classes and then veer off into some unknown direction. I have visions of what I want to create, but they're always a little skewed."

That new age thing popped up again before Donazetti's jump to New Mexico.

"I went to a psychic who said I would move to New Mexico and would not be doing jewelry. I was grief stricken, but within one year it happened that way," she said.

Donazetti soon tired of "little stuff" and decided to try wall art. She began working with thin gauge sheets of silver, then copper, sometimes mixed with glass, pine, straw and twigs.

She experimented on her own to nail down a color technique. But each time she sprays the ink, the resulting patterns are different, creating a new excitement with every piece. Sometimes she also guilds the



Dianne Stallings

DONAZETTI applies an ink wash to a sheet of copper in her studio.

metal for even more variety.

"It really punches the color and produces wonderful jewel tones," Donazetti said. "I'm utterly infatuated with the process. I've been doing this 10 years now, painting copper. It's so exciting, because the (color outcomes) are endless. It's the interaction with copper and silver and inks that do it for me. It's like having a handful of gems, it's complex."

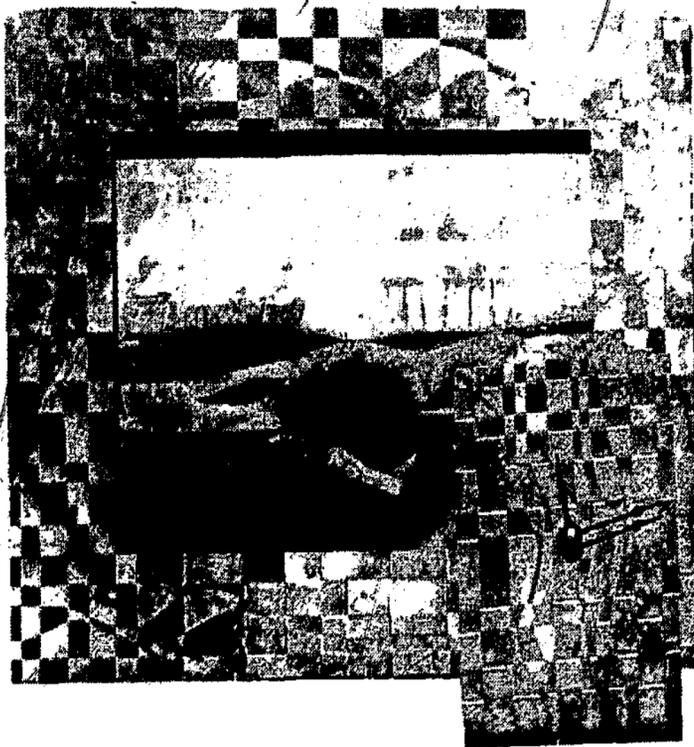
In 1992, she was able to leave her day time job and work full time on her art, with the help of a small inheritance from her mother.

She tried arts and crafts shows, but ended up producing her folding screens, clocks, frames, wall pieces and fountains for the wholesale market, setting up a website with Payne, being featured in the publication, "Art for the Wall, Furniture and Accessories: the Decorator's Source Book" and attending an annual February show in Baltimore, Md., where they would collect enough orders to stay busy the rest of the year.

After a few years, the couple burned.

Today, she stays busy doing commissions for corporations and individuals, and occasionally for a decorator. The only problem working with decorators is to convince them that with her original art, no two pieces will come out exactly the same, she said.

For the Art Loop, she's revisited some small items, such as frames, boxes, cards and clocks that sell on the low end of her



Dianne Stallings

PICTURE FRAMES and clocks will be sold during the Art Loop Tour.

price scale starting at \$40. Her wall hangings go for about \$900 and her folding screens for \$2,000.

Commissions also mean she can indulge her inclination toward large pieces, using copper so thin that when it is laid out, it resembles a thick tin foil.

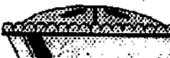
She recently was awarded a public arts commission for the New Mexico Emergency Management Center in Santa Fe.

"They sent out a call and I sent

slides," Donazetti said. "It was so exciting to be a finalist. I had to make a presentation and did a small model of the rooms.

"This is my dream, to work big. It's really exciting, because there's so much copper involved, about 40 linear feet."

Another commission will be nearly 10 feet wide and was ordered by a New York agent. She doesn't know where it will eventually hang, "but I'm being paid for it and I'm happy," she said.



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## COMPUTER TALK

### Earn your degree on the internet

The Internet is not just for shopping and doing research. You can now get a college degree. Yes, college degrees can be obtained via the Internet efficiently and fairly cost effectively.

Most major universities as well as private institutions such as the University of Phoenix, are offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of subjects. This is a perfect way to finish a degree or complete an advanced degree while working a full time job.

It's also an option for stay at home moms. Earn a degree while bringing up your small children at the same time.

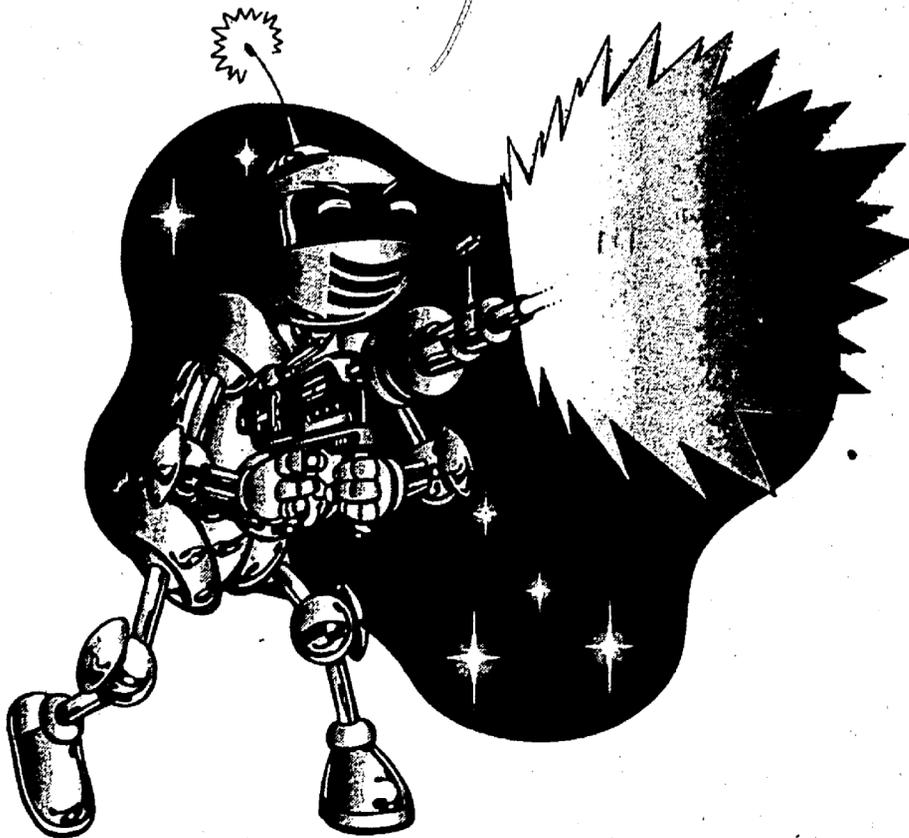
The next logical question is, how does this work? It is a fairly easy process. All you need is a computer, internet access, an e-mail account and discipline to stay up with your course load. The most common degree available on the Internet is an MBA. You still have to be accepted into the program within the institution and you can count on roughly the equivalent cost to obtain your degree.

There are also on-line training courses available. Web-based computer training classes can help you learn new programs or tune up on those you already have. You can find a great selection of classes at [www.handtech.com/tcweb/topaz](http://www.handtech.com/tcweb/topaz) and click on The Learning Center. You can get free Windows 98 training to sample the course style.

For more information on obtaining degrees on the internet, log on to the site of the school you are interested in. It may be easier to get that degree than you think!

Kim Smith and Michelle Volk are owners of Topaz Technology Group, Inc., a local company offering computer training, web site design and computer products. You can visit their site for past Byte Bits features at [www.topazonline.net](http://www.topazonline.net)

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**Y**ou've almost certainly heard of the Melissa virus that attacked computers nationwide a few weeks ago, now there is a new one circulating that may be even more damaging.

This new virus, ExploreZip.worm is a worm that infects Windows systems. It is very dangerous, potentially more destructive than Melissa. Worm reproduces itself by sending replies to incoming email messages, with itself as an attachment called "zipped\_files.exe."

**IMPORTANT:** If you receive an email with the message "I received your email and I shall send you a reply ASAP. Till then, take a look at the attached zipped docs.," delete it IMMEDIATELY! It will have an attachment called "zipped\_files.exe"; do not double-click or run this attachment! If you do, it will infect your system!

With all these new viruses coming out lately, it's more important than ever to be armed and ready. Here are a couple tips on preventing a virus in your system.

1. If you receive an email with an attachment that is an executable file (.exe file extension) DO NOT open the file until you double check with the sender to confirm it's contents. If they do not know what it is, delete the e-mail from your hard drive completely, without opening the attachment.

2. If you download a file or program from the internet, scan it with

your virus protection software.

3. Use your anti-virus program to run regular virus checks on your entire system.

4. Back up your files on disk frequently in case you do get a virus in your system. Once you've dealt with the virus, you can restore the files to your hard drive.

5. If you do not have a virus-protection program, get one now. McAfee VirusScan at [www.mcafee.com](http://www.mcafee.com) is a good one. You can go to their site for virus information and alerts, or to download VirusScan. Once you've purchased VirusScan, you may return to their site to download updates. This is highly recommended!

6. If you do not understand these steps, have a professional train you.

Once you learn the basics, it's easy to maintain a healthy system. It's worth the effort, considering the alternative—a time consuming restoration of your computer.

- If you have your own computer or Internet related questions, email them to: [Info@topazonline.net](mailto:Info@topazonline.net) and it may be featured in Byte Bits!

## Arm your system

A defensive course of action is your best bet

## HOT SITES

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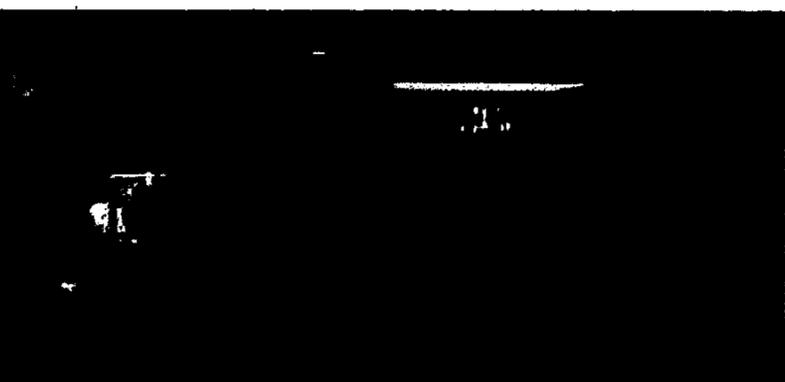
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### Dan Li Ka Dining Room

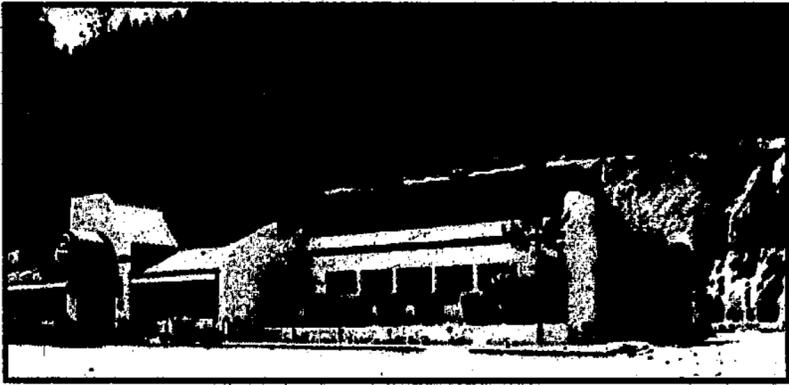
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

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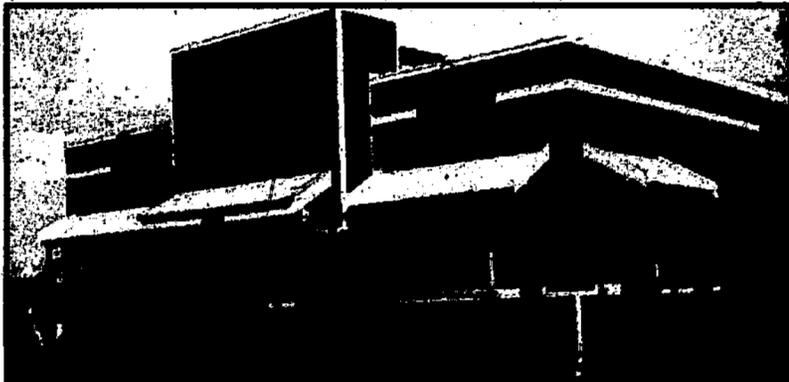
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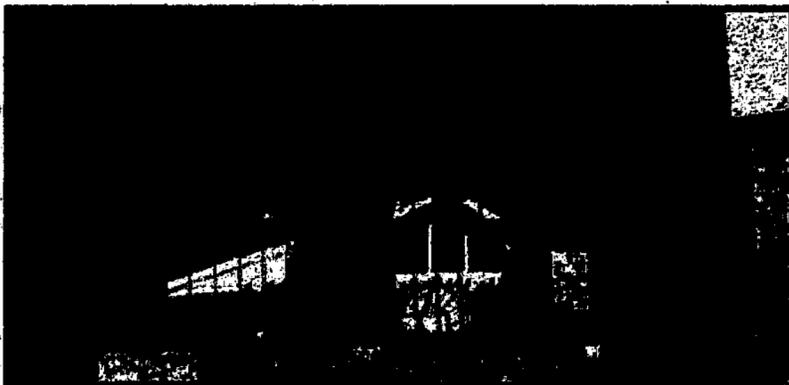
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dining guide

# GOING OUT

## The many shades of blue



Meredith Keeton

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Laura Clymer

BARE BONES JAMS with Bad News Blues at last year's festival.

The second annual Mountain of Blues Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday on Highway 220 across from the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The event will feature numerous bands as well as concession and arts and crafts booths. Some of the bands who made an appearance last year are returning, as well as some talent that's new to the area.

### Saturday, June 19

#### 10 a.m.: Gates open

11-11:45 a.m.: More Than Blues Band performing the music of the 'blues greats,' contemporary blues artists, and their own material. The band strives to put variety into their music. Formerly called "Lou Ann Ellison and Cold Shot," the band is relatively new on the scene. Their first album is set for release this summer.

noon-1:15 p.m.: Sistah Blue, a group brought together by the annual women musicians' blues jams held at the Phoenix blues club, The Rythm Room. In 1996, the Sistahs won first place in the phoenix Blues Society's annual Arizona Blues Showdown. They went on to compete in the International Blues Talent Competition in Memphis, Tennessee later that year and finished second. They have been voted "Best Blues and R&B Band" by new Times Weekly for 1997 and 1998, as well as "Best Blues Band" in 1998 by Get Out magazine.

1:30-2:30 p.m.: Bare Bones Blues Band, the youngest performing blues band in the Southwest, delight crowds of all ages. All members are 15 to 17 years old. The group astounds audiences with their mature sound, both vocally and instrumentally.

2:45-4:15 p.m.: Mike Pritchard with Blue Thunder and the Lightning Horns, a high energy blues/rock band that bring audiences the highs and lows of the blues. Pritchard has been playing the blues in Texas for the past 20 years. At any point, any or all of the band could pour out into the audience and play around, on top of, or under tables, chairs, laps or the bar.

4:30-6 p.m.: Keith Little, billed as the "Cincinnati Blues Man," Keith Little was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but spent most of his adolescent life between Georgiana, Alabama and Cincinnati. He was raised on the Music of B.B. King, Bobby Blue and a host of other blues legends. By the age of 7 he was hooked. His mother bought him his first guitar when he was in the sixth grade. Keith little plays it all- from soul, R & B, Jazz, Blues and Country to Orchestra.

6:15-7:45 p.m.: Long John Hunter, Louisiana native who grew up in Arkansas and Texas, went from being a box factory worker to a blues legend. Hunter's career began after seeing B.B. King perform at the Raven Club in Beaumont, Texas. Hunter was impressed with the

### music

#### Win, Place & Show

The 751 Band plays from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. through Sunday at 2516 Sudderth Dr.

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### performances

#### Asleep At The Wheel

Asleep At The Wheel perform from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Inn of the Mountain Gods West Conference Center. For ticket information call 630-7520 or 257-5141.

#### 'My Cowboy's Gift'

Lubbock lyricist Andy Wilkinson presents his one-act play "My Cowboy's Gift," a story of love and faith uniquely framed in poetry and song June 26 at the Spencer Theater. Call the Spencer Box Office at 336-7872 for ticket information.

#### Bug 2000

Tailgate VI featuring Bug 2000. Bugs is a devoted performer and a professional in the highest sense. A native of Las Cruces, he takes a break from touring to perform in the Tailgate series at 8 p.m. June 26 at the Space Center in Alamogordo. The band performs rock, blues and jazz. Theme for the evening is Bugmania, bug eyes, bug antennas, bugs bunny. For season ticket information, contact the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts at 437-2202.

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reception King got from the crowd, especially the frenzy of women in the audience. The next day Hunter bought his first guitar and began teaching himself to play. Before long he had developed his own style—a mix of swinging blues and razor sharp guitar playing. Less than a year later Hunter was headlining at the Raven Club and was quickly rocking the border town of El Paso in the 50s and 60s. Since then he's played numerous high-profile concerts including the

Chicago Blues Festival, South By Southwest, and done tours in Europe and Hawaii.

### Sunday, June 12

10 a.m.: Gates open

noon-1 p.m.: Bare Bones Blues Band

1:15-2:15 p.m.: KGB Blues Band, a local group, offer a combination of originally penned tunes and obscure covers. Mixing Chicago and Texas style blues, KGB is on a mission to spread the news

about the blues. All band members write songs and offer original tunes inspired by personal experience. Some of the biggest crowd pleasers are "girl songs," blues from the female perspective.

2:30-4 p.m.: Anson Funderburgh & Sam Meyers intertwine their two distinctive Texas and Mississippi sounds to create one of the most successful stories in contemporary blues. Winners of numerous awards, the past ten years have brought them from their homes in the South to travel around the world. The group made their major film debut in 1993's *China Moon* starring Ed Harris, in which the band performed three songs from their fourth Black Top Records album, *Tell Me What I Want To Hear*.

4:15-5:45 p.m.: Little Charlie & The Night Cats take jump and swing jazz mixed with hard Chicago blues, rockabilly, bebop and original songs. The band's mastery of American roots music, from Chicago blues to Texas swing to proto-rock'n'roll to jumping jive and bebop is fueled by guitar acrobatics, wiseguy vocals, deep harmonica and winning originals.

6-7:30 p.m.: Bad News Blues, winners of the 1997 Arizona Blues Showdown, take blues back to its roots—complete with dark shades and suits a la "Blues Brothers." With an awesome horn section and

mean guitar playing, Bad News can make the trip worthwhile.

Mark Kashmar Delta Blues will perform during breaks.

Tickets are \$10 for adults per day and \$5 for children 6 through 12 per day. Kids under get in free with an adult. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Texas House Cafe, 2811 Sudderth Drive. For more information, call 257-3506.

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**Q&A**

The Bare Bones Blues Band bring something different to the stage. The group Joe Skinner on drums, Sam Cox on five-string bass, James Ballard on lead rhythm guitar, and Nino Cooper on rhythm and lead guitar are a unit that has been 17. While a gag alone might be

enough to draw a crowd, their sound and style keep audiences standing. Labeled as the youngest blues band in the Southwest, Bare Bones is escaping the original lure of their youth and being recognized for their talent. Joe Skinner explains:

**Q: What's unusual about your band?**

**A:** I guess we're all a bunch of teenagers playing blues. Nino's 15, James is 16, Sam is 17 and I'm 17.

**Q: How do you arrange your gigs?**

**A:** Our parents usually accompany us, that's how we can get into bar-and-grill type places because they wouldn't allow us in without our parents.

**Q: Does it complicate things having to coordinate your gigs with parents?**

**A:** All the parents in this group are really supportive of us, that makes it a lot easier on everyone for gigs. My dad is the manager, Don Skinner, and he sets everything up and clears it with everyone, so all the parents know and if they have any feedback they come straight to us and we can fix it. It's pretty effective that way. **Q: How long have you been playing together?**

**Q: What kind of musical training have you had?**

**A:** I'm in the Franklin High School Marching Band, Sam and James have taken guitar class, but

Nino hasn't had any formal training in school. I think we've all taken some sort of lessons at one point or another, but not really for an extended amount of time except for myself in the marching band.

**Q: You were invited to play at this year's Mountain of Blues Festival, so your reputation has gotten around. How much traveling do you do?**

**A:** New Mexico is really the farthest we've gone so far. We're going to be going to Colorado to play at a wedding, but usually we play at the Silver City Blues Fest and we played at the Ruidoso Blues Fest last year and we're playing again this year.

**Q: What are your ambitions as a group and as individuals?**

**A:** As a group and as individuals we want to become more musically stable, stronger in our skills, kind of develop more of our own style and just learn to work better together which we're doing pretty good now. We just want to get out there and have fun and hope that the people listening to the music enjoy it as much as we get into it.

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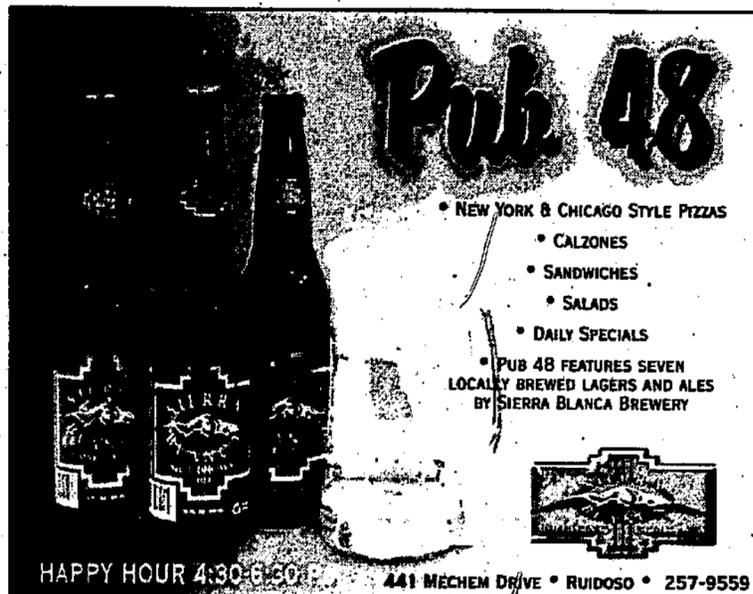


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# Feelin' groovy

Close to 1,500 hippies of all ages and sizes, from as far away as New York, showed up for the Pinestock concert June 12 at Farley's. Mike Fisher, speaking on behalf of Farley's, said he felt sure he'd be able to present the mayor with a check in five figures to benefit the Mayor's Youth Sports Council.

Four bands entertained the laid-back crowd: Doug Roysden Band of Abilene, Texas, Gypsy's Bottle of Roswell, Cuervo from El Paso, and Lumbre de Sol of Santa Fe.



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KAYLIN WICKWARE of Ruidoso braids a festival-goer's hair.



Ana Anglada

GENESIS RAIN from Roswell shows some attitude.



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WINNER of the "Best Hippie" contest.



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NEW YORKERS Rosalynn Frederick and Jennifer Laverack "dance to the music."



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WINNER of the "Janice Joplin look-alike/sound-alike" contest.



Sandy Suggitt

TERESA MONTES of Ruidoso paints the chest of Mario Sanchez of Carlsbad.



Sandy Suggitt

MEMBERS OF Gypsy's Bottle ham it up in front of an outdoor head shop.

# Kid's play • where to take the children •

Fun places for the young and the young at heart abound in Ruidoso. Here's a list of places to take the kids.

• **FUNTRACKERS**, located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Road (257-3275), is an amusing park that offers bumper boat rides (children 7 or older), three tracks for go-carts (children 14 and up only on the "pro" track); 18 holes of miniature golf; video arcade; and a snack bar.

Bumper boats, go-carts and miniature golf cost \$4 each; the "pro" track costs riders \$4.

Funtrackers is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

• **MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL** is where families can cool off with a dip in the village swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park, 501 Sudderth Drive (257-2795). The pool, which is operated by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, is open until middle August.

Swimming fees are \$2.25 per swim or \$50 for a season pass. Hours of operation are 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

It costs \$6 for swimmers who want to use the slide, or \$80 for a swim and slide season pass. Lap swims cost \$2.25 per person or \$30 for a season pass.

An adult lap swim is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday,



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**THE SLIDE** at the Municipal Swimming Pool is open daily.

Wednesday and Friday.

Family passes are available as well for a cost of \$75, or \$150 for swim and slide.

Also on tap at the pool are two teen pool parties scheduled. The fun starts at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Cost is \$4 per teen-ager, ages 13-16. Call for dates; 257-2795.

• **PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS** Also at Schoolhouse Park is a playground. It features 15 different apparatuses, some of which are accessible to wheelchair-bound children. The play equipment includes a slide and jungle gym. Four, lighted tennis courts, picnic

tables, three pavilions and restroom facilities are available as well.

A short jaunt west on Sudderth takes you to Two Rivers Park, located behind the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrizo Creek meets the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park, which offers a playground with swings, a slide and circular ride and picnic pavilion area. The park closes at night-fall.

Skateboarders and roller bladers can skate, jump and hot-dog to their hearts content at Northpark, another relatively new

village addition. Northpark is next to Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive.

It's open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian is required to be in attendance at all times with children under 13 years of age.

For a more structured program, parents can enroll their children (ages 7 to 12) in the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation's Wilderness Camp. Wilderness Camp, which begins in early June and runs through the summer, offers participants outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips and nature studies designed just for children.

For program prices and more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 257-5030.

**THAT PLACE**, a teen center, is located at 1214 Mechem, Ruidoso. Summer hours are noon to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. There is no admission charge. Dances, DJ and live music on weekends, plus video games and a snack bar. Call 258-4415 for more information.

## In Alamogordo

The Space Center, located at the top of New Mexico Highway 2001 in Alamogordo, has expanded its hours for the summer. The

International Space Hall of Fame and the John P. Stapp Air and Space Park will open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily through Sept. 5.

From now through June 30, the IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium will show "Whales" daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The theater will show "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily through Sept. 5.

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## SILVERSCREEN

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### Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 11 a.m.\* 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Plot: The groovemeister returns, and this time the shag-gadelic fashion spy travels back to the '60s to recover a most important asset: his mojo. Once again, Dr. Evil's the dastardly culprit behind the shenanigans. Heather Graham co-stars as Power's foxy sidekick Felicity Shagwell. Rob Lowe plays the younger version of Robert Wagner's Number 2.

### Star Wars: Episode I

#### The Phantom Menace

Rated: PG

Show times: 10:45 a.m.\* 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Plot: A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away ...

Go back to the beginning of the Star Wars tale, when Darth Vader is a hopeful 9-year-old boy named Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi is a determined young Jedi knight. This is the first chapter and it follows Anakin's

journey as he pursues his dreams and confronts his fears in the midst of a galaxy in turmoil. Stars Liam Neeson as Qui-Gon Jinn, Ewan McGregor as Obi-Wan Kenobi and Jake Lloyd as Anakin Skywalker.

### Tarzan

Rated: PG

Show times: 11:15 a.m.\* 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Plot: Disney Pictures' animated adventure, "Tarzan," is an innovative and entertaining exploration of the classic tale by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Tarzan traces the story of a human baby who is orphaned in the African jungle and lovingly raised by a family of apes. Tarzan's peaceful and sheltered world is turned upside down by the arrival of a human expedition and the revelation that he is one of "them." As he struggles to decide which family he belongs with, his dilemma is further complicated by his feelings for a beautiful young woman named Jane and the discovery that a trusted member of his new human family is plotting to harm the apes. With music by Grammy-Award winning singer Phil Collins, Tarzan captures the fantasy of this literary favorite as never before.

## VIDEORAMA

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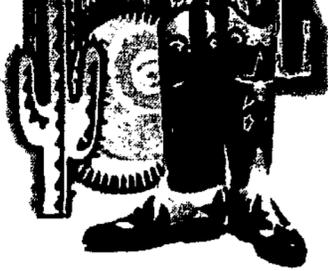
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Patch Adams  
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Storm of the Century  
Wishful Thinking  
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## The pursuit of Billy the Kid

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All around the world, he is probably the most famous and legendary American outlaw of all time. Despite the efforts of professional "debunkers" in the almost 6 score years since his death, he remains one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest legendary figure that America has ever produced. And yet, in many ways, we are not sure who he really was.

Of course, the world knows him as Billy the Kid. Physically, he wasn't much to look at, although those who knew him tell us that the only verified picture in existence of him at this time is a poor likeness at best.

However attractive or unattractive his appearance was, he had so much personality that most people found him attractive despite his looks. Beneath his sunny disposition, there was a keen mind and a temper that was like a coiled spring. And anyone that touched that spring off was liable to have a serious difficulty on their hands.

### The fugitive

For most of his brief life, the Kid was rather high profile. People seemed to remember him wherever he went. Always friendly and polite, his manners were impeccable, and nearly everyone who came into contact with him liked him.

At the close of the Lincoln County War, the Kid,



BILLY THE KID

# PAST TENSE

like so many others involved in that legendary fracas, became a fugitive from justice. Despite his years, he had held his own among some extremely dangerous men and in fact had become something of a leader.

Billy always claimed that John Chisum owed him money, and consequently, delighted in stealing Chisum's cattle and horses. Of course, he saw no reason to limit his life of crime to just Chisum stock, and was in fact, quite democratic in his choices of whom to rob. Generally, he preferred larger ranches, but virtually any unguarded stock was fair game for Billy and his friends.

Needless to say, those Billy counted among his friends were not the larger cattlemen in the area.

His customary modus operandi was to steal stock in New Mexico, run it down to Tascosa, Texas and sell it there. Then he would liberate some Texas stock, drive it back up to New Mexico and sell his ill-gotten stock here.

By late 1880, the cattlemen had enough and Lincoln County's new sheriff, Pat Garrett, had made the Kid's capture his number one priority.

## Pat Garrett

Pat Garrett's method of man-hunting was simple. He would simply find out about a locale that his quarry frequented, and then go to that place and set up an ambush. In December of 1880, Garrett and his posse were lying in wait in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

The night of December 19, 1880, was cold. There was a foot of snow on the ground and the entire landscape was illuminated by the moonlight. Garrett and his men had taken up residence in the old military hospital at Fort Sumner and were passing the time by playing cards when the man on guard duty entered and announced that a party of well-armed men were riding into town.

Garrett's feeling was that only the Kid and his men would be abroad on such a night, and he was right. As the party of unsuspecting horsemen approached, Garrett drew a bead on the man in the lead, assuming him to be the Kid. When Pat's rifle cracked, all of his men opened fire and pandemonium ensued. With the exception of the man in the lead, all of the horsemen galloped off into the night with the possemen's bullets whistling all around them.

The man who had been in the lead was clearly hit and had lost control of his horse. The

confused animal walked in circles for a few moments and then headed for the only human beings it could see: the posse. As Garrett and his men warily approached the wounded man, they saw that it was not Billy, but his friend, Tom O'Folliard.

Tom was still alive when they pulled him from the saddle, but didn't live long after. He did remain in the land of the living long enough to curse Garrett, who had rather callously gone back to his card game.

## Stinking Springs

At the same time that Pat Garrett was finishing his card game and Tom O'Folliard was finishing his life, the Kid and the rest of the gang had paused just a few miles away. Dave Rudabaugh's horse had been hit as the gang thundered out of Fort Sumner and a few miles later, it collapsed. Rudabaugh jumped up behind another gang member, Billy Wilson, and the gang headed toward the Wilcox-Brazil ranch, about 20 miles east of Fort Sumner.

Upon their arrival at the ranch, the Kid made a mistake. He sent Emanuel Brazil back into Fort Sumner to try and find out what Garrett's next move would be. He chose the wrong man. Brazil went to Fort Sumner, sought out Garrett and proceeded to tell him exactly where the Kid and his gang were.

Garrett then sent Brazil back with some misinformation for the Kid, but by the time Brazil arrived, the gang had gone. When Garrett and his men arrived shortly thereafter, the outlaws' tracks were still clearly visible in the moonlit snow. As they followed the tracks that ran straight as an arrow, Garrett had to have realized where his quarry was headed: Alejandro Perea's old forage station at Stinking Springs.

## The capture

When the posse arrived about two in the morning, they could see that there were a couple of horses tethered outside and they correctly assumed that there were a couple more inside the building, brought there for warmth. They were close enough to be able to hear the men inside snoring.

At dawn, a man came outside with some feed for the horses. He appeared to be the Kid's approximate size and weight and he was wearing a broad-brimmed sombrero with a brightly colored band.

Despite the picture of Billy wearing a military slouch hat, he was known for wearing a broad-

brimmed sombrero with a brightly colored band. (There is a possibility that the hat he was wearing in that picture was a photographer's prop.)

So, once again, Garrett assumed that he was looking down his sights at the kid and once again, he opened fire on the wrong man. It was Charlie Bowdre, a former Regulator. Bowdre staggered back into the building and in a few moments re-emerged with a pistol in each hand. He never raised them up. He just staggered toward the posse, saying "I wish, I wish," and then he collapsed and died.

Personally, I suspect he wished he'd never worn that damn hat.

A few minutes after the shooting, the Kid's voice rang out from inside the structure. According to Lon Chambers, one of Garrett's possemen, Billy and Garrett had the following exchange: "Billy cried out is that you Pat come up here like a man and give us a fair fight. Pat says I don't aim to. Billy says that is what I thought of you, you old long legged (legged) S.O.B. and then every thing hushed for a while." (The spelling is his, not mine.)

A short while later, the posse noticed that the men inside the shack were attempting to reach out and lead the horses into the building. The posse fired on the horse in the doorway, killing it. The other horses, the ones inside, panicked and rather than risk being trampled, the outlaws released them and they bolted out of the building right over the dead horse.

Some little time after that, the outlaws smelled the posse cooking lunch. They decided that lunchtime was as good a time as any to surrender, seeing as how they were simply famished and all. So they gave up and had lunch.

## Aftermath

When they arrived back in Fort Sumner, Garrett had the unpleasant duty of informing Manuela Bowdre, Charlie's wife, of her husband's death. She didn't take it very well. Upon receiving the news, she grabbed a skillet and promptly brained one of the possemen with it.

Garrett, to his credit, paid for the funeral out of his own pocket.

It was over, or so they thought. All that remained was to disperse the prisoners appropriately. Billy was ultimately taken to La Mesilla, where he was tried for the murder of Sheriff Brady in 1878, and sentenced to death.

In April of 1881, the Kid was returned to his old stomping grounds in Lincoln, where he was supposed to be executed on May 13, 1881. It was an execution that was destined to never take place.

When Pat Garrett arrived back in Lincoln in late April to find his two deputies dead and the Kid

gone, he said "Now I'll have to do it all over again."

And he did, too. But that's another story.

Sources: "High Noon in Lincoln" by Robert Utley; and "A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War" by Frederick Nolan.

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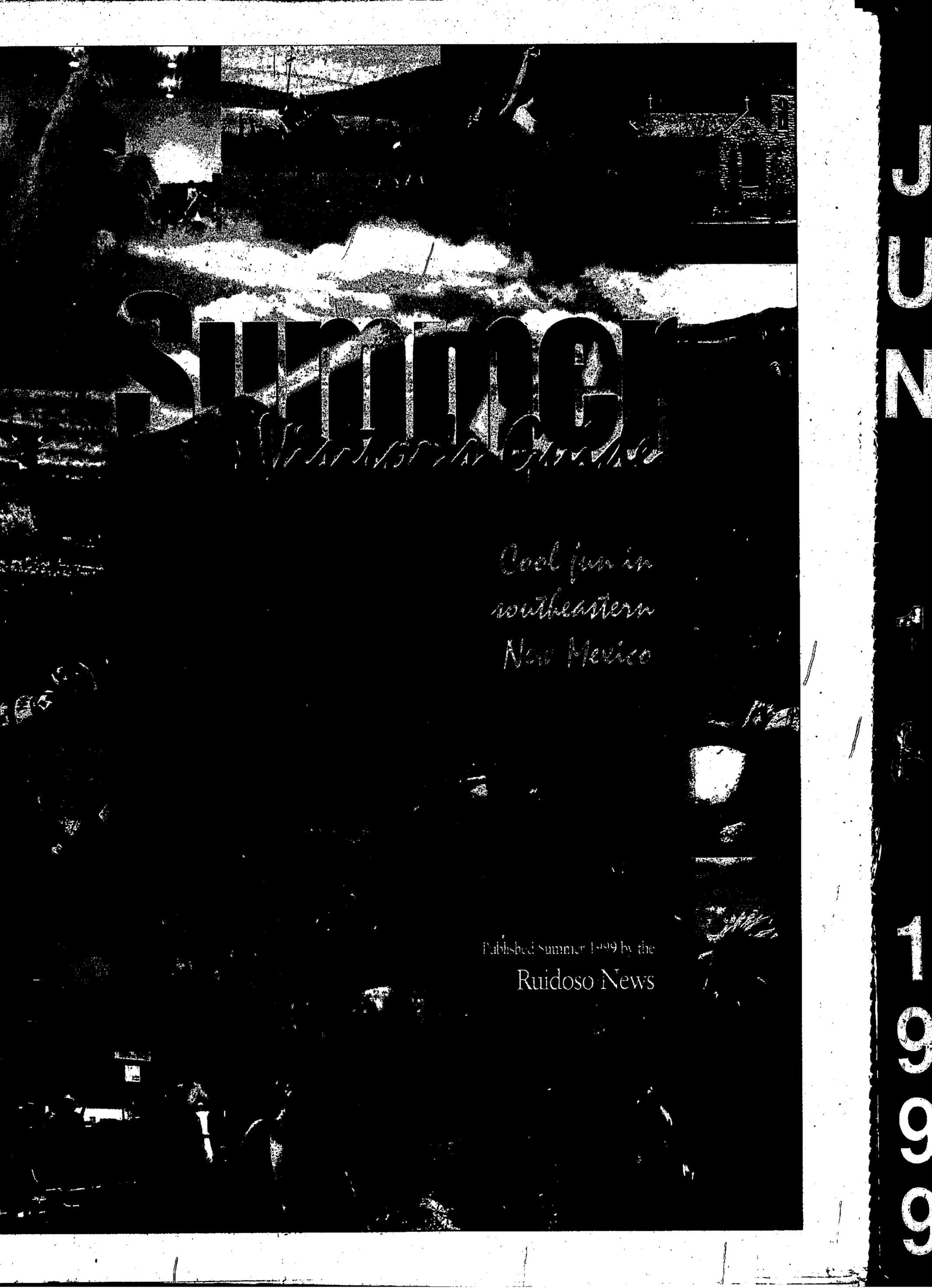
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# Welcome



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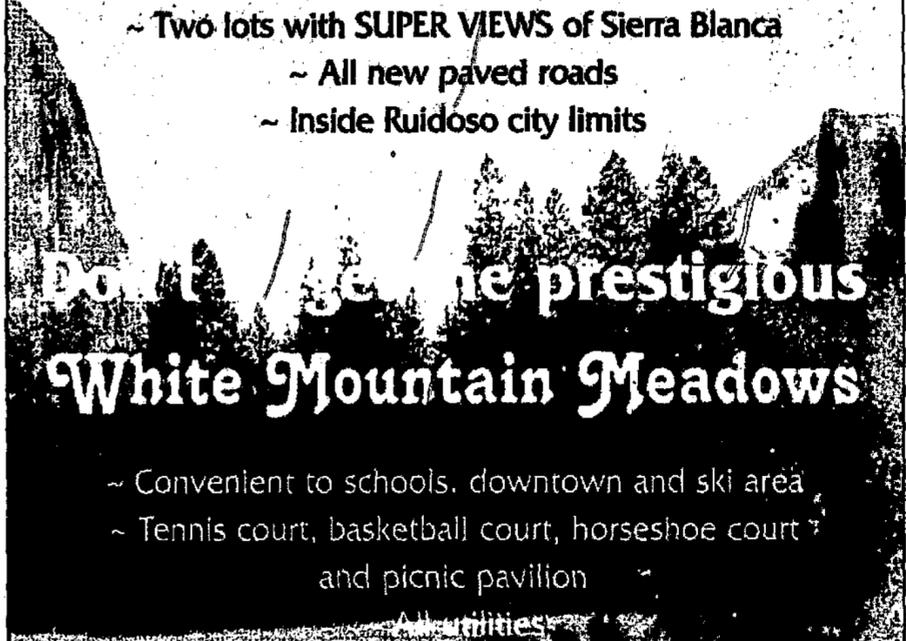
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# Ruidoso

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**W**ITH THE GRANDEUR OF THE 12,000-FOOT-high Sierra Blanca as a backdrop, Ruidoso's combination of piney woods beauty, cool summer breezes and recreational opportunities have made the resort a popular summer destination

Located about an hour west of Roswell and an hour east of Alamogordo off of U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso rests at about 6,000 feet above sea level in the pine woods surrounding Sierra Blanca. About 8,000 people live year-round in the village itself, about 1,200 in the neighboring village of Ruidoso Down and a growing number of communities are springing up on the villages' borders.

Ruidoso's summer visitors have a wide selection of activities to keep them busy - whether practicing a drive at one of three area golf courses, fly fishing in the Rio Ruidoso or browsing through the quaint midtown shopping district.

The village also is the hub of numerous area attractions. These include the historic town of Lincoln, Casino Apache in Mescalero, the Ruidoso Downs Race



Dianne Stallings

Trails around the Ruidoso area can take visitors to the top of the world.

Track, the White Sands National Monument, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, the UFO museums in Roswell and much more.

With the Lincoln National Forest surrounding most of the village, outdoor recreational opportunities are just as plentiful and include hiking, mountain biking, and camping.

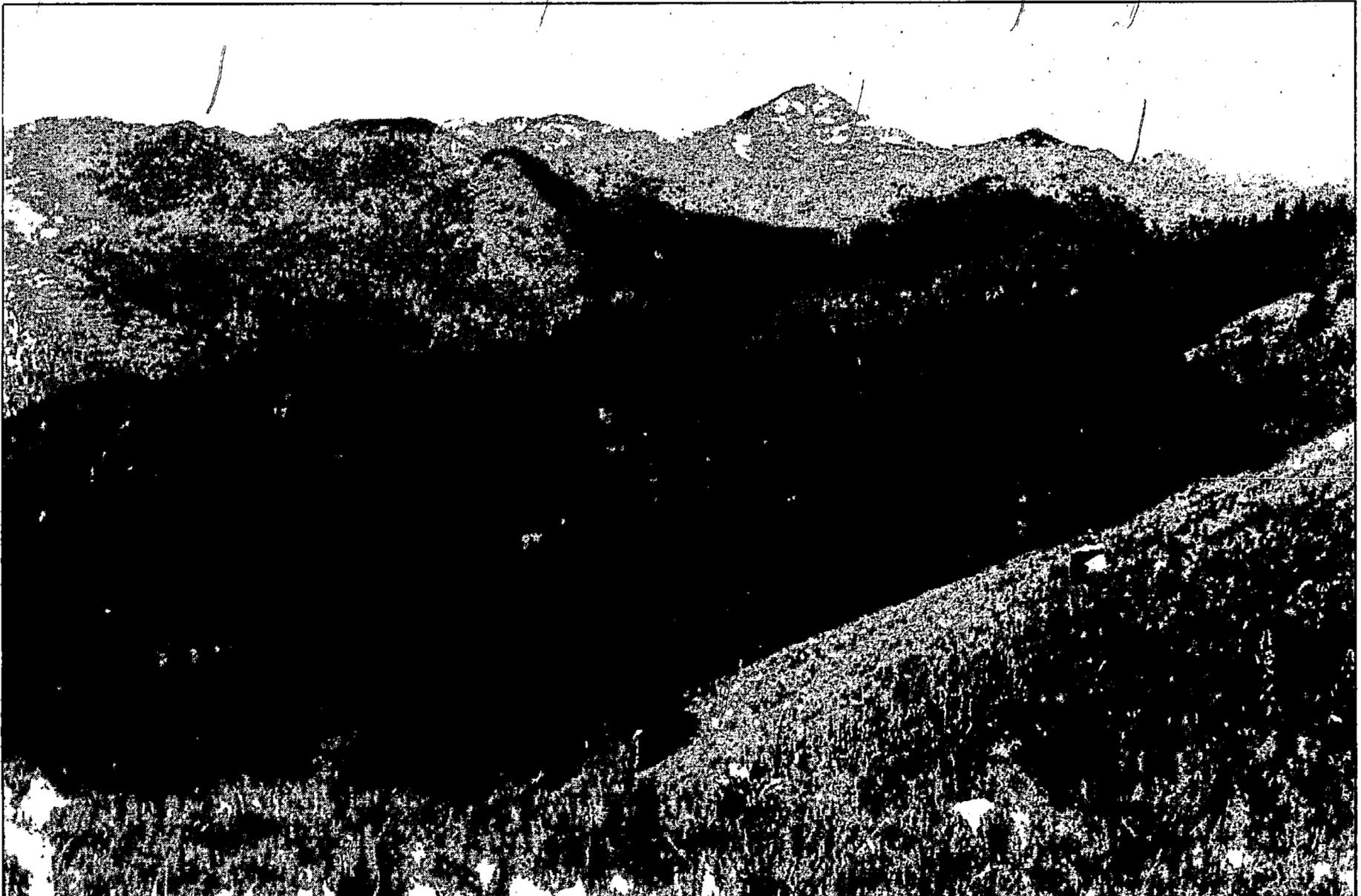
Another benefit for visitors is Ruidoso's relatively low-cost in comparison with other resorts, Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Cham-

ber of Commerce, said.

"Prices overall are very affordable," Zagone said. "We still remain a very affordable vacation choice for families."

Dining opportunities in Ruidoso, for example, start at the very inexpensive. With 60 restaurants in the Ruidoso area, visitors have a wide selection of dining experiences, from the inexpensive hamburger to haute cuisine. Many restaurants have outdoor seating during the summer, as well.

Ruidoso, with about 70 area lodging establishments, also offers a selection of



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The splendor that is the Lincoln National Forest, which surrounds Ruidoso, continues to bring visitors back to bask in nature's glow.



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Bird watching has become increasingly popular around Ruidoso.

lodging styles - from modern hotel rooms or fully equipped condominiums to quaint and cozy wooden cabins in the woods.

Ruidoso has a number of art galleries that predominantly feature the works of the area's local artists. Artwork from jewelry to sculptures is available for purchase in both Ruidoso shops and galleries.

Ruidoso's midtown area, located on Sudderth Drive, is the home of more than 60 retail stores and restaurants. The

stores offer clothing, gifts, jewelry, artwork, gourmet food items and more.

In addition to the above attractions, a growing number of people come to Ruidoso for the abundant bird watching and photographic opportunities, Zagone said.

"Because we have such a wonderful atmosphere here. And such incredible sunrises and sunsets," she said.

Whether seeking beautiful panoramas, outdoor recreation or shopping opportunities, visitors to Ruidoso can find it all.



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# Lincoln

BY DREW GOMBER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**T**HERE WILL BE MUCH EXCITEMENT IN Lincoln this summer. Of course, it won't be the same sort of excitement that occurred here back in the 1800s - thank God.

There will be shootouts, but unlike the old days, there won't be any funerals afterward. These shootouts will occur in August, as they do every year in Lincoln. The first weekend in August is when Lincoln holds its annual pageant, much to the delight of tourists and locals alike.

Much has happened in Lincoln during the course of the last year. In October of 1998, the Lincoln Heritage Trust, for 20 years a fixture in Lincoln, dissolved. The museums and grounds owned by the Trust entered a sort of limbo that lasted through the end of 1998.

Luckily, the story has a happy ending. The Hubbard Museum of the American West, formerly known as the Museum of the Horse, stepped in and accepted the assets of the Trust. After the legalities were finalized, workers and volunteers for the Museum began a months-long work schedule that included refurbishing and redesigning the various properties formerly owned by the Trust.

Lincoln has always fascinated tourists from all over the world. The pristine preservation that has historically distinguished Lincoln is still there, and anyone wishing to experience what it must have been like to stride down a street in the Old West has the freedom to do so in this most perfectly preserved of old western towns.

These days, of course, Lincoln is a quiet little hamlet nestled in a beautiful valley bordered by the Capitan Mountains. However, back in the 1870s, the town was anything but quiet. When Englishman John Tunstall arrived in 1876 and opened his store the following year, he was starting a mercantile competition that would soon erupt into a shooting war.

He had gone into competition with "The House," which was what the locals called the store owned by L.G. Murphy and his protégé, the ruthless James J. Dolan. The House had a stranglehold on the economics of the county and Tunstall intended to break it. He apparently felt that he was in some sort of high stakes chess game with Murphy and Dolan, but he vastly underestimated with whom he was dealing.

It was Tunstall's own death that touched off what became known as "The Lincoln County War." In February of 1878, the 24-year-old Englishman was gunned down near modern-day Glencoe by a duly authorized sheriff's posse that included known outlaws.

Afterward, Tunstall's friends and employees formed a group known as the Regulators. Their avowed intention was to bring justice back to Lincoln County, but things did not work out that way. With badges on their chests and warrants in their pockets, the Regulators set out to arrest anyone and everyone connected with the death of their friend and employer. However, the way things worked out, they treated these warrants more like hunting licenses and began riding about the countryside eradicating anyone they could find that they could connect with the death of Tunstall.

In March of that year they captured two of the men who were present at Tunstall's demise. The Regulators left Roswell with the two miscreants in tow, but some 15 miles outside of Lincoln, both prisoners were left riddled with bullets along with one of the Regulators who had, apparently, tried to defend the two prisoners.

In April, Lincoln's Sheriff Brady was assassinated on the street near the Tunstall Store. Several days later, in a wild gun battle in what is now modern-day Mesalero, the Regulators' first "captain," a young man named Dick Brewer, was killed along with the man that he was attempting to arrest, Andrew L. "Buckshot" Roberts. In the same gun battle, several of the other Regulators were wounded.

Skirmish followed skirmish until July of 1878 when the climactic "Five Day Battle" took place in Lincoln. It was a five-day period that almost destroyed the town.

When dawn broke on the sixth day, Alexander McSween, who had been Tunstall's partner, lay dead in the back yard of his home, which was by then just smoldering embers. With him lay at least four others, all of who had died in what the old-timers referred to as "The Big Killing."

Among the Regulators who had escaped from the inferno that the McSween house had become the night before was a young man who most people just called "Kid." Today, the world knows him as Billy the Kid.

For the next couple of years, Billy would continue riding (and rustling) in the Lincoln area until Pat Garrett's posse captured him near Fort Sumner in December of 1880. The Kid was ultimately tried for the murder of Sheriff Brady and sentenced to death at La Mesilla. He was sent back to Lincoln to await his execution in May of 1881. It was an execution that would never take place.



courtesy

William H. Bonney, aka Billy the Kid, infamously put Lincoln County on the map.

On April 28, 1881, the Kid released himself on his own recognizance from the courthouse in Lincoln, killing both of his guards in the process. It was at that point that the world began to take note of the youthful gunman who only had 76 days to live.

Shortly before midnight on the night of July 14, 1881, Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett gunned the Kid down in a darkened bedroom in the Maxwell house in Fort Sumner. If Garrett thought that was the end of the Kid, he was sadly mistaken. Today, Billy is better known worldwide than is George Washington.

The 1999 schedule of "Lincoln Days" includes:

- On Friday, Aug. 6, the first performance of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" will be presented at Lincoln's pageant grounds (next door to the courthouse) at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for adults will be \$4, with admission for children 6 to 12 only \$1. There is no admission charge for children 5 and under.

- On Saturday, Aug. 7, there will be a Mass at the San Juan Mission in Lincoln at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., there will be a fiddler's contest at the Dr. Woods Annex Park. And at 8:30 p.m. there will be another performance of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid."

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, the annual parade will be held on Lincoln's only street. Past parades have featured the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, antique cars, those reenacting 19th Century U.S. Cavalrymen, mountain men and other attractions that have delighted both children and adults alike.

At 3 p.m. the final performance of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" will be held at the pageant grounds.

Throughout the weekend, vendors will sell their wares - from both the 19th and 20th centuries - up and down the street in Lincoln.

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Come to Lincoln. Relive the past.

# The Downs

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**B**EFORE IT BECAME A VILLAGE AND THE home of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Ruidoso Downs was a mill town and bigger than the village of Ruidoso.

Now, the 52-year-old village has a population of about 1,300 year-round residents, and is in the middle of a growth spurt, not only in population but in the number of businesses growing along U.S. Highway 70.

The 3-square-mile village was incorporated in 1947 under the name of Paloverde. Its name was changed to Green Tree, and then again to Ruidoso Downs in 1956. The village was a major stop from Roswell to Tularosa, first on a stage line and later by bus and car, according to historical articles about the village.

When the timber ran out, the village

turned into a racetrack town. The first racetrack was built in the 1940s, after the New Mexico governor shut down the slot machine and gambling tables in the Ruidoso area. Promoters searched for a field that would be visible from the highway, and settled on a pasture owned by Fount Miller. They drew a circle and started running horses. At one point, the track was called Hollywood Park.

That track went broke, but was revived by later investors, who introduced the All American Futurity, the richest quarterhorse race in the world, which helped establish the track's reputation. The track now is Ruidoso Downs' main in-



Terrance Vestal

The Billy the Kid Casino, part of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, opened in May, adding yet another attraction to the village of Ruidoso Downs.

dustry and is owned primarily by R.D. and Joan Hubbard.

As of March 1999, Ruidoso Downs has four modern or recently renovated hotels, three restaurants (not including those at the racetrack) and many retail stores, which sell everything from antiques to furniture to fresh fruit, Weibrecht said. The village also has riding stables, a Christian private school and two churches.

Another highlight of the village is the Hubbard Museum of the American West, formerly the Museum of the Horse, located next to the racetrack.

Adjacent to the museum is the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Interpretive Center,

where visitors can learn about the byway tour of Lincoln County's many historic, cultural and scenic attractions.

Ruidoso Downs also has a park, just off of U.S. Highway 70. The All American Park recently has been refurbished, and includes a ballpark and playground equipment.

Next to the park is the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center, which serves meals five days a week to its senior citizens.

Every Labor Day weekend, Ruidoso Downs holds an arts and crafts fair, put on by the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary. The fair, held at the All American Park, typically features the works of about 150 vendors.

# Hondo

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**O**LD-TIMERS SAY THE HONDO VALLEY starts about 20 miles east of Ruidoso, near Hondo where the Rios Bonito and Ruidoso meet, and continues eastward another 20 miles.

It's the area west of Hondo they call the Ruidoso Valley. But to newcomers - and some not-so-new comers like Della Bonnell, born in Hondo and now living in Glencoe, it's all "the valley," from just outside Ruidoso Downs to Riverside.

Along U.S. Highway 70 in the valley are apple stands - not nearly as numerous as in the "old days" when orchards predominated and Hondo hosted apple blossom festivals, but still providing delicious fruit on a warm summer day.

Most of the pioneers of the area were Hispanic, and much of that culture can still be seen in the valley.

Pastureland for cattle and horses rolls

gently, giving breathtaking views of land that seems to stretch on forever, bounded only by the foothills known as the "Lincoln Folds."

In Glencoe, travelers can see the rustic barn of the Coe Ranch, homestead of the Coe family of Lincoln County War fame.

Not far from here is the alpaca farm of Ann and Rick Evans, who last year brought the Alpaca National Convention to the Glencoe Rural Events Center, a 37,100-square-foot arena that also housed the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

Several small, picturesque churches catch the eye along U.S. Highway 70 east,



Dianne Stallings

The Hondo Valley is home to artists, artisans, apples and alpacas alike.

starting with St. Anne's Episcopal Church west of the Glencoe post office, where services are still held.

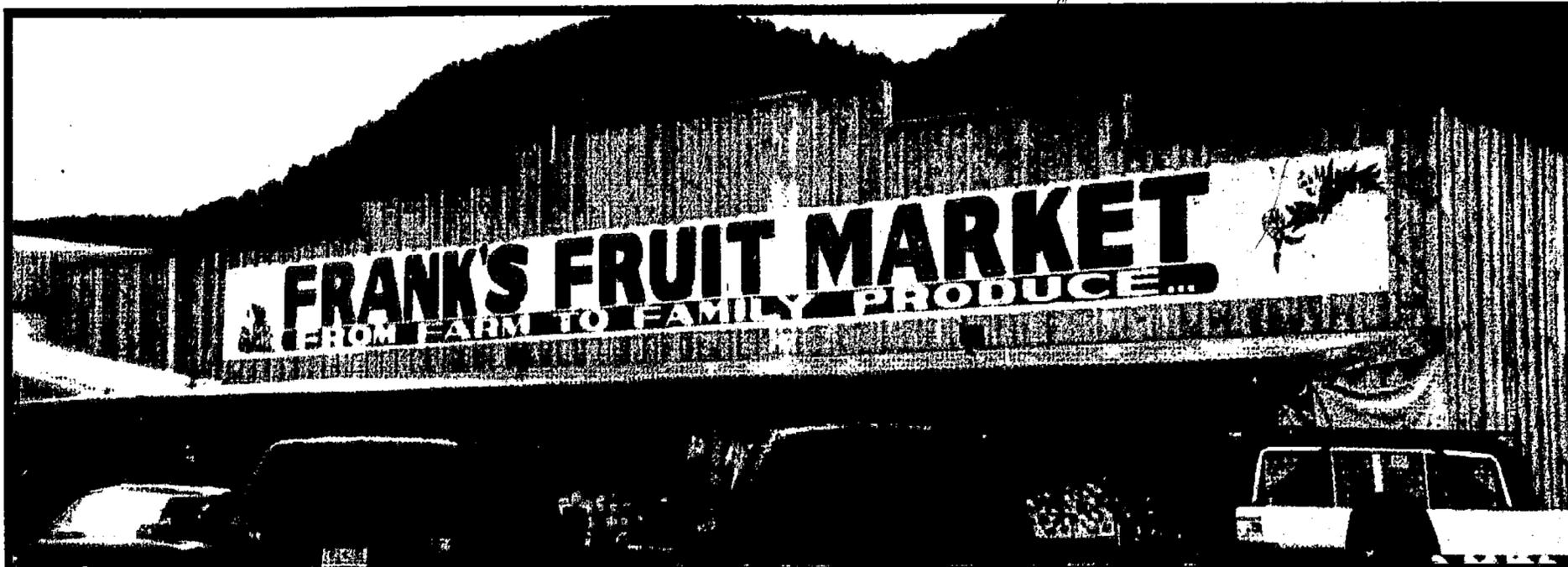
Down the road eastward at San Patricio is the Iglesia de San Patricio. Built in 1880, this is the oldest standing church in southeastern New Mexico. Its doors are only open on St. Patrick's Day, but locals still care for the grounds and graveyards.

The Wyeth-Hurd family's Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery shows the works of Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth and their children.

Across the road Benedictine monks operate a retreat. There also is the glass house of artist-collector John Meigs, who donated the property to the Benedictines.

The Red Rose Art Studio of Paula White, with porcelain, water colors and oil artwork also has a home in Hondo. Renowned fiberglass sculptor Luis Jimenez also lives in the valley as well as abstract artist Dee Wescott and Ann Templeton, an expressionist painter.

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# Capitan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**J**UST 20 MILES NORTH OF RUIDOSO ON STATE Road 48 lies Capitan, the gateway to the Capitan Mountain Range and the home of Smokey Bear, the nation's symbol for wild fire prevention.

The village of about 1,000 residents is a tourist treasure, sheltering a handful of unusual shops, a gallery, an antique-store, a bed and breakfast and interesting restaurants, including the gourmet Hotel Chango and a haute cuisine pizza and pasta cafe called Spanky's.

Other places in town offer souvenirs for sale, as well as artwork, leather, wood and woven goods, and Victorian accessories.

A colony of artists has settled in and around the small town, which originally was called Gray, and owes much of its fame to Smokey, who is buried at the state historical park on U.S. 380.

One of the biggest celebrations of the year in the town, founded in part on the development of coal fields about 1.5 miles northwest of the town boundaries, occurs over the 4th of July weekend with the Smokey Bear Stampede. The largest rodeo in the county, the stampede draws participants from across the country and is staged

each evening over the holiday weekend.

On Saturday, a parade honoring the bruin starts at about 10 a.m. on Smokey Bear Boulevard (U.S. 380), preceded by a fun run and followed by a ranch rodeo that focuses on events showcasing everyday ranching skills. Lip-smacking barbecue — New Mexico-style — caps off the day for many, but the hardy usually spend a few of the last hours dancing the two-step and twirl in the fair building.

Open all year-around is the Smokey Bear Historical Museum on U.S. 380. A small singed bear cub was found clinging to a charred tree during a 1950 forest fire in the nearby mountains. The cub became a living symbol of the popular poster character already adopted by the U.S. Forest Service in 1944 who preached wild fire prevention.

After a long life of fame in the national zoo in Washington D.C., Smokey was returned to Capitan to be buried at the state-run park. Visitors can learn more about Smokey at the park and the adjacent town-operated



Dianne Stallings

The Smokey Bear Stampede offers visitors a variety of treats.

museum.

A self-guided tour covers the Smokey Bear fire prevention campaign with touch-screen, interactive computers. A documen-

tary also is shown in a small theater. Outside, Smokey's grave is in a garden created from native plants.

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, the park fee is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children seven to 12. There is no admission charge for children under seven.

The museum adjacent to the east side of the park features a gift shop and memorabilia about the bear. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., six days a week, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Miles of hiking trails, rocky and steep in places, are laid out in the Capitan Mountains, but stop by the state Forestry Division Office on 2nd Street first for a map and tips. Horse trails are easily accessible through a parking lot on Bureau of Land Management property on State Highway 214.

Just seven miles east on U.S. 380 and south on State Highway 214, is historic Fort Stanton, founded in 1855, where John J. Pershing, later known as Blackjack Pershing, drew a money order in 1887. Now a minimum-security prison for women, the fort will be turned into a living museum and national military cemetery, if local supporters are successful.

Visitors can grab a great view of Capitan Gap, a dip on the east-west Capitan Mountain range, from a viewing station four miles east of town on U.S. 380 where a display tells Smokey's story and reviews the geology of the mountain range.

A different perspective of the Capitan and Sacramento mountain ranges can be seen on State Road 48 about four miles south of town at another Smokey Bear pull-off.

## Waddy Hobbs ropes in the Smokey Bear Stampede



courtesy

Waddy Hobbs

When a calf leaves a chute at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Capitan during a community ranch rodeo or the annual Smokey Bear Stampede, you can be sure Waddy Hobbs is somewhere around.

Hobbs has worked behind the scenes for decades as a rancher interested in preserving Western traditions and supporting community youth projects, and more recently, as a member of the county fair board that manages the fairgrounds.

Born and raised in Lincoln County, Hobbs' roots go deep. His grandfather homesteaded near Ancho between Carrizozo and Corona, and his father and mother operated a ranch near Claunch,

a sparse settlement between Carrizozo and Socorro.

"I always showed livestock as a kid and (going to the fair at) Capitan was always a big deal," Hobbs said. "I rodeoed as a younger man. It's kind of my life. As time went on, I worked a ranch north of Capitan and got involved with the fair board and putting on the rodeo."

First he helped with the Smokey Bear Stampede, the big Fourth of July weekend event put on in the evening. Seven years ago, an afternoon ranch rodeo was added and that became Hobbs' special project.

Money earned from the Stampede pays for the annual county fair in August. Proceeds from the ranch rodeo goes to the children who show livestock at the fair, which focuses exclusively on youth livestock competition and hand work by all ages, with none of the usual carnival booths and rides.

Ranch rodeos give spectators a chance to watch mostly local people or friends from other towns compete in events based on actual skills needed in ranching.

"They're not professionals. They're just regular people," Hobbs said. "It's our lives and the things we do everyday."

The stock comes from area ranches donated for the event.

Over the seven years, the event has built a following. Hobbs starts mailing out invitations in late March or early April. This year, the rodeo will start at about 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, and Sunday, July 4, at the fairgrounds. Each rodeo lasts about two hours.

The entry fee is \$500 per team and the competition covers horse catching, team penning, team branding, team tying and wild cow milking.

# White Oaks

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**O**NLY ABOUT 24 SOULS RESIDE IN DOWNTOWN White Oaks, once a booming gold mining town of about 2,500 people.

A man on the run from an El Paso sheriff, who ultimately sold his interest to prospector friends, discovered gold there in 1879. The post office opened that year, and White Oaks grew quickly. Two churches, a school, a bank, a saloon, a hotel, a drug store, newspapers, restaurants and general merchandise stores popped up to accommodate the mining families.

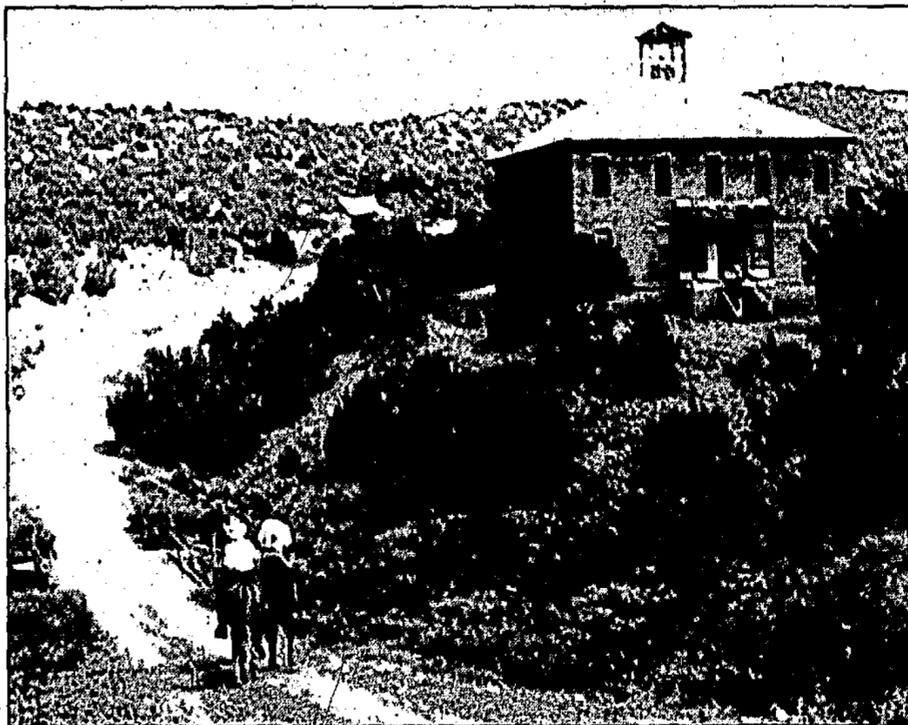
Now all that's left are a few of the houses — including the red brick Victorian Hoyle House, the white Victorian Gumm House, and the White Oaks Saloon — which is still open for business.

The relative isolation and peace may have attracted the artists who live and work here. Both seem to attract visitors. There are now two museums in town, and

the cemetery is a historical record of the settlers, which includes the grave of New Mexico's first governor, William C. McDonald, who worked as a surveyor in White Oaks.

The two-story School House Museum, built in 1895, a few blocks off the main road and clearly visible, houses memorabilia, photographs, and documents. Its most precious treasure, though, is Robert Leslie, a native of White Oaks, who curates the museum and enchants with stories on all the old families of the town.

A relatively new museum, the Miner's Home Museum, was moved two miles south of town in the 1950s, and a group formed to return it to White Oaks and restore it as a show place. Behind the miner's



courtesy

The School House Museum in White Oaks was built in 1895.

home is a tool shed displaying implements of the times. The building was an assayer's shed at the old Cimarron Mill in Carrizozo.

Snacks can be purchased at the saloon and at Ruth Birdsong's Craft Shop.

Miner's Day, June 5, draws crowds for a parade and other festivities.

On this day also White Oaks has official postal service to Lincoln to commemorate the Pony Express service of olden days with the annual Lincoln County Pony Express Race. Visitors can have mail stamped with the official White Oaks postal stamp

only on June 5.

A handful of artists live and work in White Oaks, including Bob Reynierson, a painter of pastels and acrylics who has a gallery in town.

The paved road ends and a gravel road forks left, leading to the pottery studio of Ivy Heymann. Farther down the road is Harlan Webb's wood-framed saddle shop.

To get to White Oaks, drive three miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54, take a right onto Highway 349, the Gold Road, and enjoy the road winding through the valley.

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# Mescalero

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO STAFF NEWS WRITER

**T**HE 469,741-ACRE MESCALERO APACHE Reservation draws visitors year-around to special events, but the Fourth of July weekend is the tribe's biggest celebration of the year.

Starting at about 9 a.m. Thursday, July 1, with the run of the maidens during their puberty ceremony, there's lots to see on the reservation that borders Ruidoso on the southwest.

Several maidens each year undergo a weeklong rite of passage at the tribal ceremonial grounds. The last four days (July 1-July 4) are open to the public, including participation in a feast put on by families and friends of the girls. There is traditional dancing in the afternoons and evenings.

Check with officials at the gate to see if visitors can bring cameras.

A four-day afternoon rodeo begins Friday, July 2, drawing participants from across the country to compete for the daily jackpot and to show off their talents bare bronc riding, bull team roping, calf roping and barrel racing for women.

But it may be the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3, that attracts the most people.

The event that starts at the ceremonial grounds and winds down a frontage road is a treat for the eyes and cameras with colorful traditional garb, horses, floats, bands and dancers. Get there early to find a good parking place and view of the entries.

During other times of the year, the Mescalero Cultural Center offers a glimpse of early Apache life with exhibits on clothing, basketry, foods and history. No one can miss St. Joseph's Mission, an imposing presence on the south side of U.S. 70. Tribal members built the church out of rock quarried nearby and timber from the spectacular mountains

that surround the valley where administration offices are located.

Members of three tribes - the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua, who early in the century struck an alliance for survival on one of the most productive and attractive pieces of real estate in New Mexico, inhabit the reservation.

The tribal name Mescalero comes from the Spanish word for "people who eat mescal."

The mescal plant not only was a source of food and fiber for the tribe; today the tribe uses it for ceremonial purposes such as the maidens' ceremony.

Much more can be learned about the Apache, including their famous leaders such as Geronimo and Victorio, at the Cultural Center in the Chiricahua Plaza off U.S. 70 near the tribal store in Mescalero.

Just outside the center is a metal sculpture by artist Oliver Enjady, honoring the Red Hats, predecessors to the Mescalero Hot Shot fire fighting crews, which are well-respected in wild fire-fighting circles.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, but tours at other times may be prearranged by calling curator Elynn Bigrope at (505) 671-9254 or the tribal offices at 671-4494.

A stop at St. Joseph's Mission also is worth the time. Tribal members and Franciscan Friar Albert Braun, the man with a vision for a new church, built the 131-foot long by 64-foot wide Catholic church with back-breaking effort.



Dianne Stallings

Elynn Bigrope is the curator of the Mescalero Cultural Center, which offers a glimpse at the past of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Braun arrived in Mescalero in 1916 and saw the need for a new church to serve tribal members. He returned from World War I in 1919 after serving as chaplain, with visions in his head of the striking Gothic cathedrals he saw in Europe.

When Braun received permission to build the mission, he started with only \$100 and a few volunteers, who helped him dig the foundation. Builders laid the corner stone of the church in 1920 and completed it

in 1939. The stone is from a quarry about four miles away near Bent.

Braun, who died at 95, is buried in the sanctuary of the church. Outside the front doors is the grave of another priest who was crushed while unloading some of the stone.

Currently, an effort is underway to raise \$1 million to restore and improve the church, which needs a better heating system and repair to its 50-foot high, 4-foot thick stone walls.

## Naomi Sainz 'parades' her talents for the good of the community



Naomi Sainz

Juggling different assignments at the same time is nothing new for Naomi Sainz, the woman behind the annual Mescalero Fourth of July Parade.

She worked full time, attended college while raising her children, and earned a bachelor's degree in social psychology. She's now putting in hours toward a master's degree in human resources and counseling.

Sainz also took over the annual Mescalero parade in 1983, four years after its inception. Aside from a two-year hiatus for personal reasons, she has

stayed involved.

"In 1988, we had a budget of \$3,000, which didn't go far when you think of all of the telephone contacts and negotiating we have to do," she said. "The budget is up to \$8,000 now, but we get a lot done on a volunteer basis. We started with a four-member team and now there are eight or nine members."

The number of entries in the parade varies anywhere from 50 to 100, from year-to-year, depending on what other activities may be going on, she said.

One of the most enjoyable parts of getting the parade together is coming up with a theme, which the parade committee selects through a contest opened to everyone, not just tribal members, Sainz said.

"People bring in suggestions and the parade committee tries to eliminate those that are too biased or too long," she

said. The winner becomes one of the parade marshals. The committee bases its choice of the grand marshal on the appropriateness for the theme.

Her family is used to viewing the event without Sainz being around.

"Even during the parade, I run around trying to keep things running smoothly without gaps," she said. "... I'm not usually finished until the evening."

Now working in a new position as coordinator under the Job Training Partnership Act program in Mescalero, Sainz divides her time among many civic organizations. She also writes grants for the tribe and stays involved with her two teenage sons.

She serves on the tribal Council on Alcohol, the Adult Basic Education committee and for 15 years has volunteered with the Literacy Volunteers of America.

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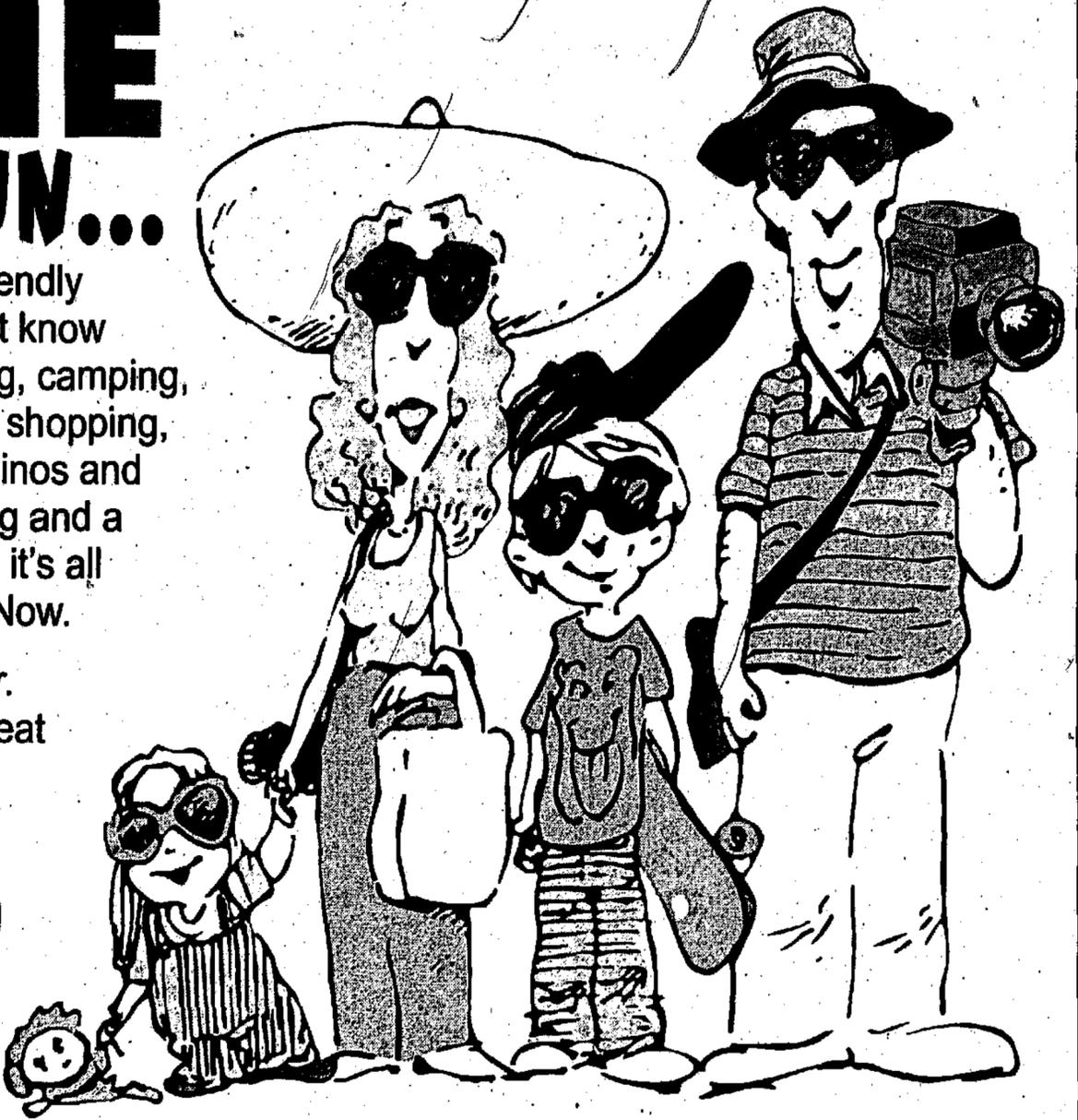
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# Resort

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**E**VERY YEAR THE INN OF THE MOUNTAIN Gods adds something new to its offerings at the scenic destination resort. This year is no different.

From a new sports bar at the Inn's main building to a new practice activity for hunting enthusiasts, the first-class resort is always updating and adding to its attractions for guests and visitors.

Named after the Mescalero Apache Tribe's Mountain Gods, the first-class resort is located about four miles southwest of Ruidoso. The tribe owns and operates the facility.

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

Besides golfing, hunting, fishing or casino play, visitors also can enjoy a variety of special events at the Inn this summer, Inn executives say. Inn officials have scheduled concerts through the summer months as well as celebrity appearances.

"We will have lots of fun summer promotions with prizes, giveaways and live music," said a resort official. "So just watch the paper, because we will be having a lot going on up here."

For guests, the Inn has 253 rooms and three honeymoon suites, a sauna, a

whirlpool and a heated swimming pool. More than four restaurants are at the Inn, offering guests and visitors a wide selection of dining experiences.

Casino Apache, one of the first casinos in New Mexico, is also one of the largest with almost 1,000 video slot machines as well as blackjack tables, craps tables and a variety of poker games. Slot machine games include Megabucks and Quartermania. Dawn Davison, a marketing coordinator, said the casino has recently rotated out all of its slot machines for new ones, including its first 5-cent machines.

The entire casino is now under one roof. The casino management moved the blackjack and poker games to the top floor from the former Top o' the Inn Card Room and the Ina Da Card Room at the main building of the Inn. The tables still offer seven-card stud, a game called Texas Hold 'em, Omaha and Caribbean stud.

Summer events include black jack tournaments, in which participants pay a flat entry fee, and stud poker tournaments. For more information about the tournament or casino and times, call the Inn at (505) 630-4100. The casino itself is open most of the time, closing only between 3-7



courtesy Inn of the Mountain Gods/Monte Shew

Mescalero Lake at the Inn of the Mountain Gods offers fishing and boating.

a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Davison said.

Next to the casino is a terrace restaurant, called the Casino Deck. The buffet restaurant has terrace seating for patrons. Visitors may enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner while enjoying a view of Sierra Blanca.

A new sports bar now occupies the former card rooms at the main building of the Inn. The Time Out Sports Bar is open seven days a week and offers dartboards, pool tables and numerous televisions throughout. The bar is located across from the Dan La Ka dining room downstairs in the main building. Johnnie Adams, an Inn executive, said live music and DJ dance music will be part of the weekend offerings of the bar.

Meals and appetizers also are available at the Apache Tee Bar and Cafe (right across from the casino), and fine dining at the Dan Li Ka Dining Room. Down the road is Cafe Mescalero, which offers southwestern cuisine.

At the Inn's nearby hunting lodge,

sporting enthusiasts may arrange for a big game hunt on horseback or may try their hand at the new Sporting Clay, a practice range similar to skeet shooting, Adams said. Participants shoot a number of targets at a station before moving to the next. People may bring their own guns or rent guns at the lodge for the Sporting Clay.

Visitors can hunt for bear, turkey and elk on the reservation, but hunters must apply in advance for available slots. Hunters can arrange for packaged deals. These packages include the cost of the hunting license, lodging, meals and meat processing. For more information, contact the hunting lodge at 630-7424.

Those interested in fishing can get special licenses for the Inn at the front desk or the boat dock for \$8 a day. The license allows a catch of up to 12 of the rainbow and cutthroat trout that are stocked at Lake Mescalero. Fishing is allowed from rowboats from the boat dock as well as the shores of the lake but not from the golf course.

At the Inn's boat dock at Lake Mescalero, visitors may rent aqua cycles, paddleboats and rowboats for an hourly rate. The aqua cycles seat two people, the paddleboats seat up to four people as well as the rowboats.

The Inn has an 18-hole championship golf course, designed by Ted Robinson. From the championship tees, the course is 6,834-yards. For the championship tees, the course is rated par 72.1 with a slope of 132. A fully stocked pro shop is available as well as lessons from the course pro.

Guests can schedule tee times when they make room reservations. The Inn has golf package available. Non-guests may make reservations for tee times up to two weeks in advance based on availability and weather permitting. Only soft-spike shoes are allowed on the course.

The riding stables offer full day rides or rides by the hour. The full-day guided rides, which must be arranged 24-hours in advance, cost \$87 per person. Riders can also have lunch for an additional charge. The stables are closed during big game hunts for safety. Use of the stables is based on availability and weather.

## From 18-wheeler to blackjack dealer

To watch Dee Dee Ganaway deal blackjack games at Casino Apache, one would never guess the tiny blonde woman with the bright smile is a former truck driver.

Besides driving an 18-wheeler, the Ruidoso woman and grandmother of 12 has sold fishing bait and pumped gas. It is partly because of those past vocations that she now enjoys her job of four years as a blackjack dealer.

"I got tired of checking oil and filling tires," Ganaway said.

Working at a casino realizes a childhood dream, said Ganaway, who spent part of her youth in Las Vegas, Nev.

"And I was infatuated with all the lights and all the things going on," Ganaway said. "I thought it was all so glamorous."

Since then, she has always had in the back of her mind that it would be great to be associated with a casino.

So, four years ago, when the Inn opened classes for blackjack dealers, Ganaway jumped in. Her class was trained and then put on the floor that weekend.

"It was scary," she recalled.

She has since become a popular blackjack dealer at the casino. Ganaway said one of the job's bonuses is the many friends she has made. Those are evident by the way the blackjack tables she presides over fill quickly with friendly faces.

The discussion is lively, the people typically fun and friendly



Toni K. Laxson

Dee Dee Ganaway practices her trade at Casino Apache

and the payoff, at least for Ganaway, is in the interaction, she said.

Of course, it is always exciting when people win at her table, she said. She enjoys watching people win, especially those who seem to be just as thrilled about winning \$2 as others are about winning \$1,000, she said.

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# Byways

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

## THE BILLY THE KID SCENIC BYWAYS CENTER offers visitors a chance to "walk" through the driving tour of attractions.

Designated last year as a national scenic byway, the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway in Lincoln County offers travelers a variety of historic, cultural and scenic attractions.

The route, which starts and ends in Ruidoso Downs, takes about 90 minutes to drive if no stops are made. But the point of the byway is to stop and enjoy the various sites along the way — whether walking through the historically preserved town of Lincoln or visiting the Smokey Bear Museum in Capitan.

The route winds through Ruidoso, past the dramatic Spencer Theater for Performing Arts near Fort Stanton and through the village of Capitan and the historic town of Lincoln. The route turns at Hondo, the valley where apple orchards have bloomed for more than 100 years. Then the byway continues back into the village of Ruidoso Downs, home of the famous Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Several side trips to the loop include the Inn of the Mountain Gods, the Mescalero Apache Tribe's resort where Casino Apache is located, the early mining boom towns of White Oaks and Nogal and the Valley of Fire lava flow.

The starting and ending point of the route is the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Interpretive Center, next to the Hubbard Museum of the American West, formerly the Museum of the Horse, in Ruidoso Downs.

Besides providing literature about loop and off-loop attractions, the visitors' center has a miniature byway loop that visitors may walk for a vicarious tour of many attractions along the loop. Faux miniature mountains surround a pathway that occupies about half of the center, which also includes public restrooms and a gift shop.

The pathway, made to look like a road, duplicates the scenic byway and passes displays featuring the attractions along the loop. Some of the displays are interactive and all are informative. For instance, a four-sided rotating glass case extols Ruidoso's year-round attractions. Each side of the case reveals a different season — all featuring the attractions to be found in Ruidoso. A Smokey Bear exhibit informs visitors about the Smokey Bear Museum, the Smokey Bear State Park and the singed bear cub found clinging to a burnt tree after a forest fire in the Capitan mountains in 1950. The display will offer a fun photo opportunity for visitors. A life-size panel of Smokey Bear has a cut-out at the face, allowing visitors to "become" Smokey.

Also along the path will be a Fort Stan-

ton exhibit, to be housed in a fort-like display case. Visitors may read about historic fort, where the famous Buffalo Soldiers were stationed, from a spinning wheel inside a small fortress.

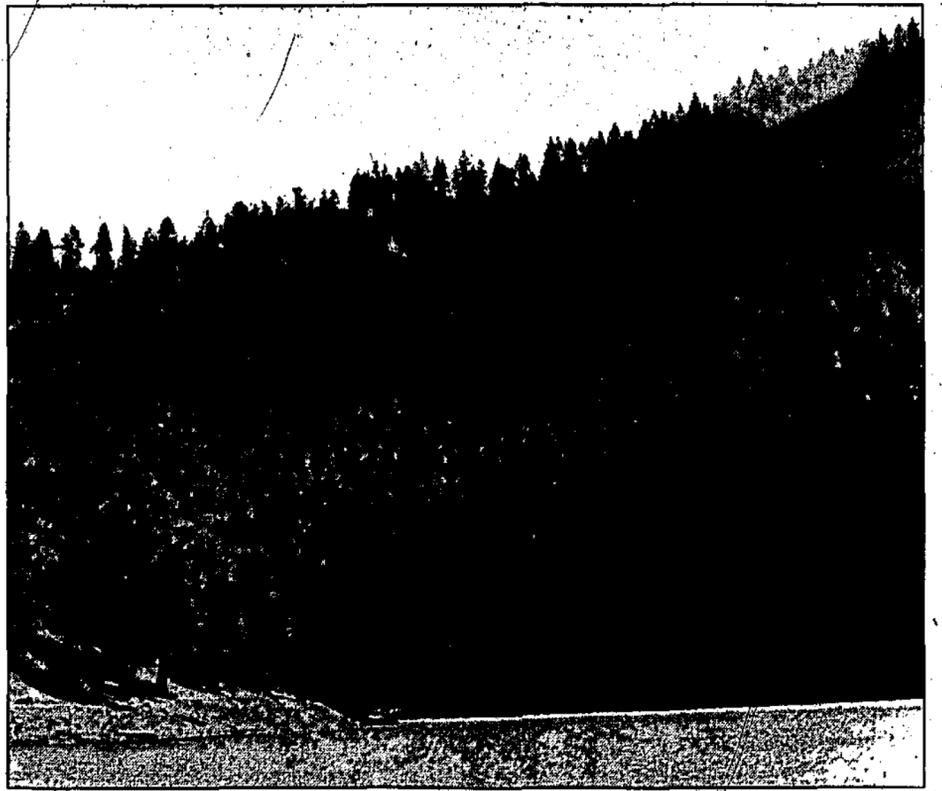
Center organizers plan on more displays as funds become available, such as a giant slot machine, symbolizing the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The loop starts along U.S. Highway 70 next to the Museum of the Horse. It turns onto Sudderth Drive, travels up State Road 48 to Capitan and hooks south on U.S. Highway 380.

At Hondo, where Highway 380 intersects with U.S. Highway 70, the loop turns west and comes full circle again at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Loop attractions include:

- The Billy the Kid Interpretive Center, located next to the Hubbard Museum of the American West on U.S. Highway 70, orients visitors to the area and provides information and exhibits on the many attractions available along the Scenic Byway or within easy driving distance.
- The village of Ruidoso Downs offers lodging and dining facilities as well as major tourist attractions and a popular annual arts and crafts fair.
- The Hubbard Museum of the American West houses exhibits of horse, cowboy and Indian artifacts, fine art and special exhibits. The equine sculpture, "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" by local artist Dave McGary, marks the museum's entrance.
- Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, home of the World's Richest Quarter Horse Race — the All American Futurity — operates mid-May through Labor Day. This summer, the Billy the Kid Casino is scheduled to open at the track.
- Ruidoso is a cosmopolitan village with restaurants and lodging facilities ranging from rustic to luxurious. It offers fine galleries, shops and five area golf courses. Fishing, biking, hiking, horseback riding and casino gaming are just moments away.
- The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, located on a picturesque plain in Alto, hosts a



Bonito Lake is one of the many side trips along the Billy The Kid Scenic Byway tour.

year-round offering of Broadway theater, dance, music and family events.

- Capitan is the home of Smokey Bear and site of the Smokey Bear Museum and State Park. The singed bear cub was found clinging to a burnt tree after a forest fire in the Capitan mountains in 1950.
- Fort Stanton was established in the 1850s and re-occupied after the Civil War by Kit Carson. It was home to the renowned Buffalo Soldiers of the Ninth Cavalry. A Merchant Marine cemetery is on the site. Limited access to the historic sites is available.
- Lincoln, established in the 1850s, has remained virtually the same since the Lincoln County War was fought here. Now a National Historical Landmark and a state monument, the courthouse where Billy the Kid made his last escape is open to visitors. The Hubbard Museum of the American West operates the Visitors Center in Lincoln which features exhibits of Apache and Spanish cultures, the Western Black Cavalry (buffalo soldiers) and the Lincoln County War. Lincoln offers a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the many cultures that created Lincoln County and New Mexico.
- Hondo, home of the famous Hondo Fiesta Dancers, rests at the juncture of the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonita, where the Rio Hondo is formed. Apple orchards and fruit stands abound in summer and fall.
- San Patricio was ransacked in 1878 by a posse searching for Billy the Kid and others of the "Regulators" who often hid out there. More recently, renowned artists Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth made it their home.
- Glencoe is the home of the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Lincoln

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- Bonito Lake, a man-made lake, is kept stocked during fishing season and is surrounded by hiking trails and camping areas. The lake is located off State Road 48, turning left onto State Road 37. When the road splits into a "Y," take the left leg to Bonito Dam.
- Nogal, an early New Mexico mining town that is now home to many local artisans, is also off State Road 37, off of the right leg of the "Y," past the turn off to Bonito Lake.
- Carrizozo, the Lincoln County seat since 1912, is located off U.S. Highway 380, which intersects State Road 48, several miles north of Alto.
- To the west of Carrizozo is the Valley of Fires, a 1,000-year-old lava flow.
- White Oaks, once a booming mining town in the 1880s, is now part ghost town, part artist's colony. The entrance to White Oaks is located three miles north of Carrizozo on U.S. Highway 54, visitors then turn east on State Road 349 for nine miles.
- Ancho, about 19 miles north of the turnoff to White Oaks, features My House of Old Things, a museum in the town's former railroad depot.
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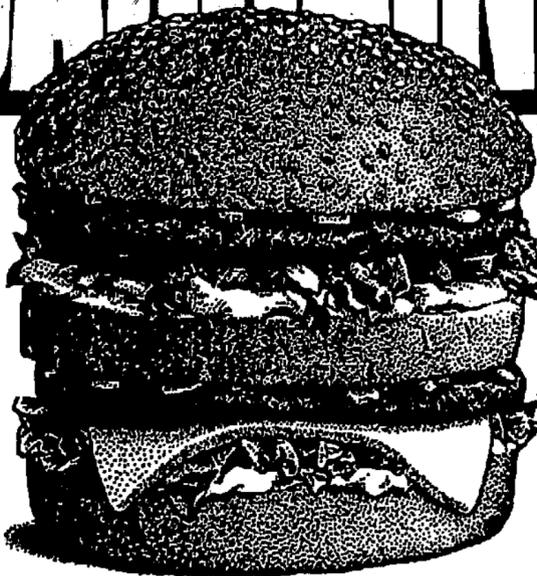
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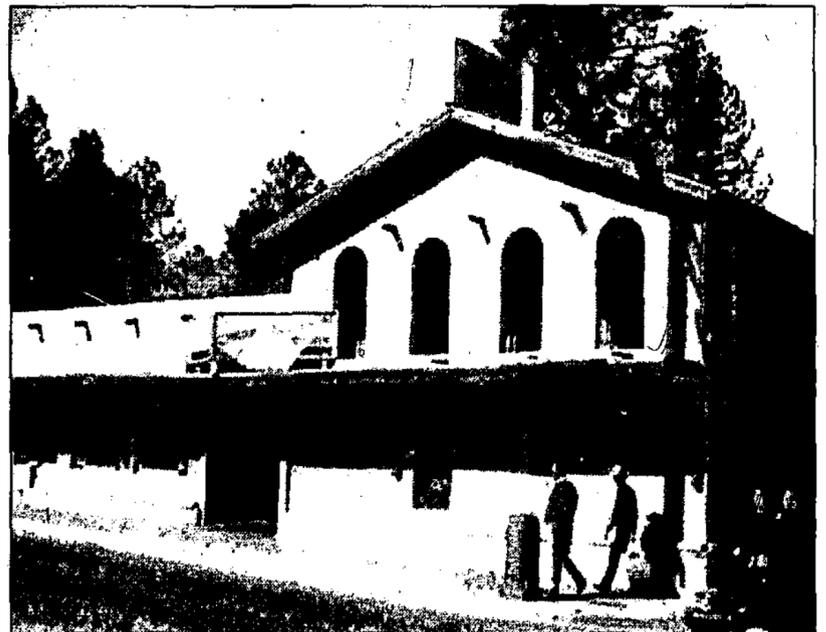
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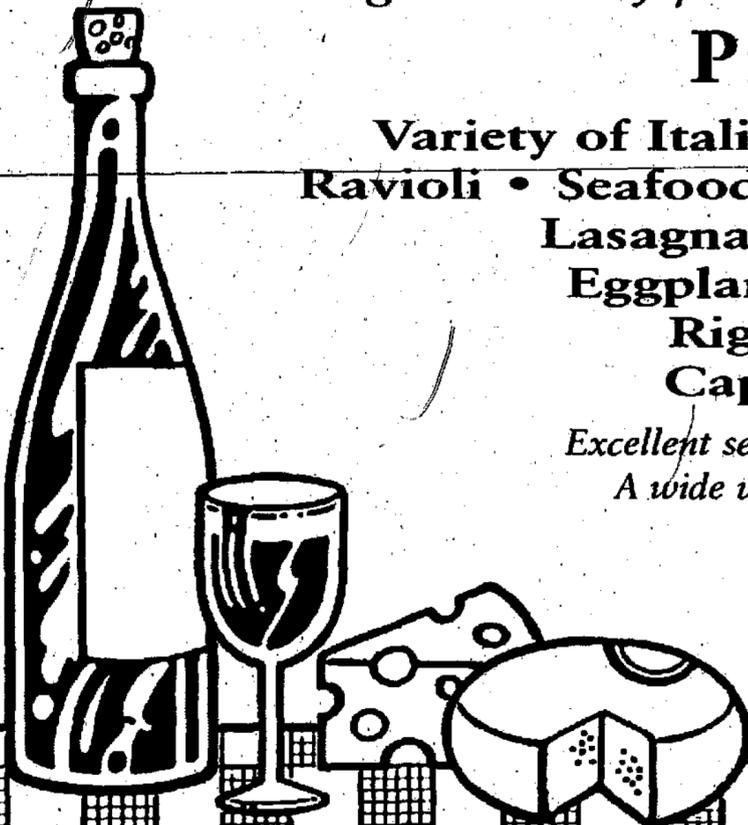
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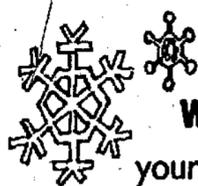
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# Museum

BY LAURA CLYMER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

## THE HOME OF THE ANNE C. STRADLING

collection and the Ruidoso Downs Race

Horse Hall of Fame has a new name and a

broader focus as it enters its seventh year of operation.

"We began to see that we had outgrown our name of Museum of the Horse," said Scott Wells, director of public relations and development. "People said there was much more here than what the name indicated."

"The Museum of the Horse is alive and well as part of the Hubbard Museum of the American West. We are going to attempt to attract more people to one of the true jewels of the Southwest."

Last year, more than 75,000 people visited the museum and attended the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, breaking the 1995 attendance record.

Two shows this summer will reflect the museum's expanded scope.

First, the museum will feature the hand-colored works of Karl Bodmer that are more than 160 years old.

Bodmer traveled the American West in the 1830s with Prince Maximilian of Germany. Bodmer documented their journeys with large engravings. Many of his works depict the Native Americans whom Bodmer and Maximilian encountered.

The museum will display 75 of Bodmer's original pieces in a show titled, "Reflections of a Journey: the Engravings of Karl Bodmer," from May 30 through July 18 at the museum.

Then on July 23, the first retrospective of New Mexico artist Veloy Vigil becomes the focal point until Oct. 18.

Vigil, who died in 1998, is known for his large canvasses of horses and New Mexican scenery. Wells described Vigil's paintings as dramatic and colorful.

To complement each show, the museum will offer expanded educational programming that relates the Bodmer and

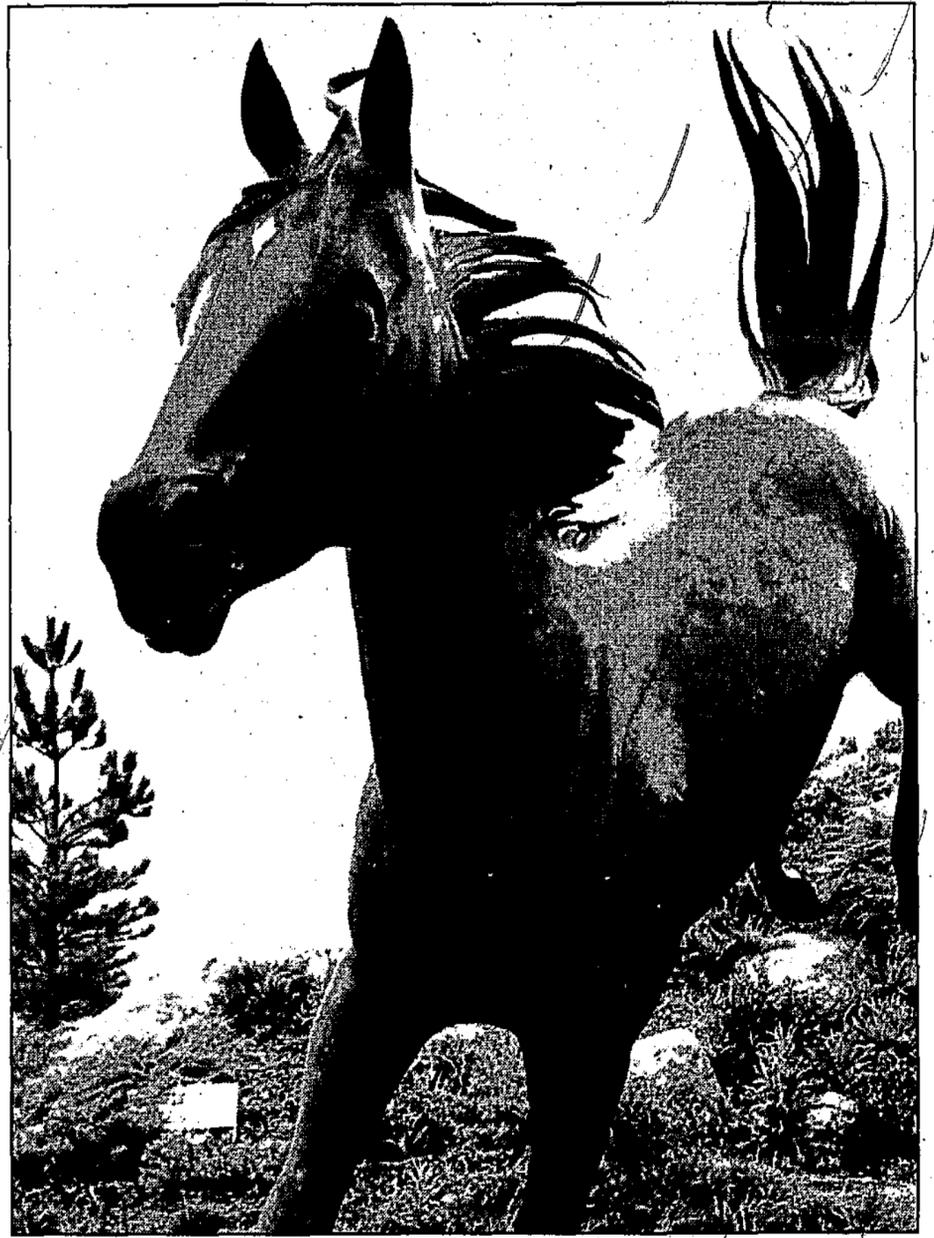
Vigil exhibits.

Anne Stradling's collection of more than 10,000 horse-related items, books and works of art continues to be the centerpiece of the museum's permanent collection.

The Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame opened in 1997. It's the home of more than 1,000 photos, trophies and artifacts about the racehorses, riders and owners who made Ruidoso Downs famous. Visitors can watch videotaped interviews with racing legends and replays of the track's most exciting races from a touch-screen computer video terminal.

Visitors can dress up in jockey silks and goggles and climb aboard a mount in the antique starting gate for a real feel of what it's like.

Or, jockey-wanna-bes can play the Hall of Fame Racing virtual reality game. Riders sit aboard real saddles on horse-shaped units. Their image is projected on a giant television screen - from the post parade to the starting gate to the final stretch. As in real life, the 'fastest' horse wins.



Laura Clymer

One of the many horses in Dave McGary's sculpture "Free Spirits at Noisy Water." The artwork adorns the front of the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Galloping in front of the Hubbard Museum of the American West is Free Spirits of Noisy Water, sculptor Dave McGary's bronze interpretation of the horse.

What visitors will find at the Hubbard Museum of the American West is a representation of the passage of time, Wells

said, from prehistoric times to early Native American artifacts through various tools and means of transportation right through to the present.

Summer hours for the Hubbard Museum of the American West are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.

## Museum curator is at home among the artifacts

She's been on the job for a year now, and Barbara Bertucio, curator of collections for the Hubbard Museum of the American West, still hasn't unpacked all of her moving boxes at home.

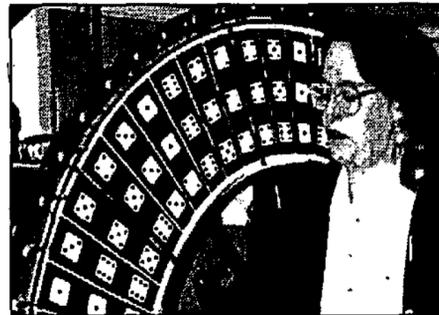
She has a valid excuse for not being totally settled in.

Bertucio is in charge of collections and exhibitions at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, as well as collections and exhibitions at the Hubbard Foundation's latest acquisition, the former Lincoln Heritage Trust.

With the Hubbard museum's procurement of the Trust and its artifacts, the number of historical objects in Bertucio's care increased another 1,800 to 11,800.

When Bertucio and her staff learned of the Hubbard's acquisition of the Lincoln Heritage Trust, they were champing at the bit to sort through its artifacts, log the items, document their findings and upgrade the museum.

"We were all just like runners in the starting blocks," recalled Bertucio, who has bachelor's degree in sociology and an-



Laura Clymer

Barbara Bertucio stands in front of a turn-of-the-century gambling wheel.

thropology from Skidmore College and a master's degree in museum science from Texas Tech University.

Sorting out the Trust's loan agreements and tracing the descendants log is much like reading a detective story, Bertucio said.

"Lincoln is a real jewel," said Bertucio, a Massachusetts native.

The Trust reopened April 1, but Bertucio and her staff still have a mountain of

work ahead of them.

Bertucio came to Ruidoso Downs in May 1998 from the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio where she served as collections manager.

And even though she was educated in the East until her graduate work, Bertucio said she knew the area because of her affection for equines.

"Like any red-blooded American girl, I loved horses," she said.

So when the curator's job at the Museum of the Horse opened in 1998, it was the perfect fit for Bertucio.

When she's not in Lincoln this summer, Bertucio will oversee two major exhibits at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Switching from one exhibit to the next creates an adrenaline-rush for Bertucio.

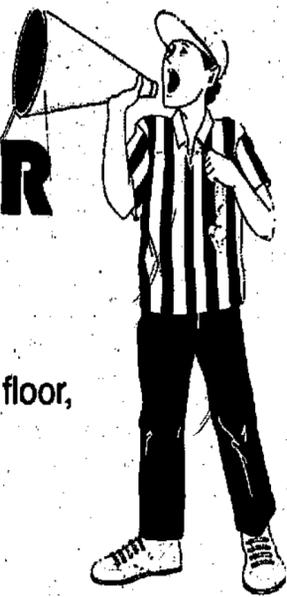
Now the question is, just when will Bertucio get to those unpacked boxes in her home?

"Probably some time in the late summer," she said.

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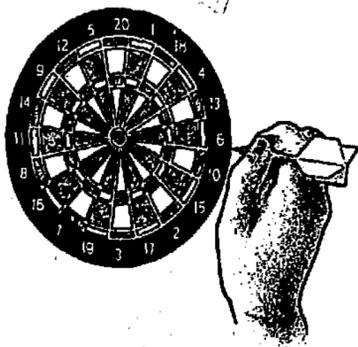
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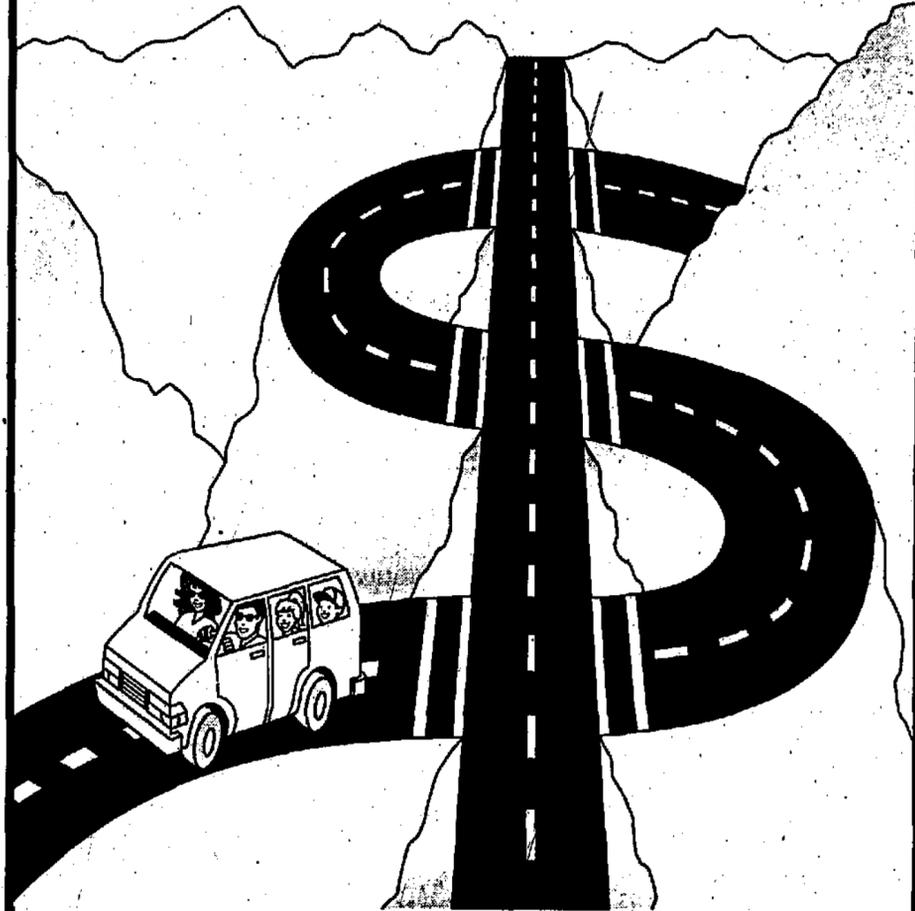
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**COST:** Approximately \$22.5 million.

**DURATION:** Phase I & II should be complete in the fall of 1999. Phase III will be let to contract in March, 1999 and will take 12 to 18 months to complete.

**PHASE I** - will be to reconstruct the junction of Sudderth & Mechem. Build 4-lanes to Terrace Drive, 3-lanes to Buckner then 5-lanes from Pott to Rio Arriba Drive then 3-lanes to White Mountain. This will include: new curb & gutter, sidewalk, center left turn lanes, signal, city waterline and storm drains.

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# Theater

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**T**HE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE HALL glittering in the backdrop of Sierra Blanca in the Sacramento Mountains opens for its second summer of world-class entertainment.

This "gem of the desert," acclaimed as one of the most technically advanced theaters in the nation, was designed by Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock with the surrounding mountains in mind.

The 514-seat, \$20 million theater, the dream of A.N. and Jackie Spencer of Alto, opened its doors in October 1997 with performances by violinist Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg and jazz pianist Dave Brubeck. Since then, it's been one amazing performance after another: from Glen Campbell to the Russian National Ballet, the theater has offered incredible variety to southeastern New Mexico. This past winter, the road company for "big" opened at the Spencer.

About 20 minutes northeast of Ruidoso on Airport Road, visitors can tour the Spencer on Tuesdays and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Spencer Theater's Summer Festival '99 offers everything from dueling jazz pianos and Russian folk music to concerts under the stars. The 15-week summer season will feature more regionally-based artists. Some of these artists, such as the El Paso Brass, Trio Voronezh and Sweet Adelines, will perform Sunset Concerts on the theater's outdoor stage.

The Spencer's outdoor stage, carved out

of the sloping eight-story limestone walls, faces an unobstructed view of Sierra Blanca's 12,000-foot peak, with the mountains of the Capitan range visible to the north. The space accommodates about 1,200 people on lush grass and a terrace more than twice the capacity of the theater's main stage auditorium.

Patrons can bring picnic blankets and stadium chairs (no coolers) for the outdoor shows, and jackets are a good idea in these mountain climes.

Two children's theater productions, "The Troll & The Elephant Prince," June 12, and "Wiz of the West," July 10, are sponsored by Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

"The Troll," presented by First National Bank of Ruidoso, is produced by Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) as part of a two-week seminar in children's theater. Adults and children can take the class, which is taught at the Ruidoso Center May 31 to June 12 by guest professors of drama and dance from Portales. Adults will learn how to conduct children's theater and children will learn the basics of acting and movement on stage. Interested adults and children ages 6-16 can contact ENMU-Ruidoso at 505-257-



courtesy Spencer Theater

Eastern New Mexico's Children's Program will be performing "The Troll and the Elephant Prince" at the Spencer Theater Saturday, June 12 (above photo from another ENMU production, "Urasaimo Taro").

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The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) returns to Ruidoso in July, giving local youngsters another opportunity for stardom. This time MCT seeks locals to fill up to 50 roles in "Wiz of the West," a fairy tale with a twang. Auditions are July 5, the time and place to be announced.

May 22 - jazz singer Lisa Thorson begins the summer season in the tradition of Rosemary Clooney and Ella Fitzgerald

May 29 - the Santa Fe Desert Chorale performs a capella a wide range of music, including folk songs from around the globe and sacred music spanning the centuries

June 5 - El Paso Brass applies five horns to everything from J.S. Bach's Contrapunctus IX to Dixieland jazz and "Beer Barrel Polka"

June 26 - Lubbock lyricist Andy Wilkinson presents his one-act play "My Cowboy's Gift," a story of love and faith uniquely framed in poetry and song

July 17 - Russian musicians, Trio

Voronezh

July 31 - venerable jazz men Billy Taylor and Ramsey Lewis in a duet concert

August 6-7 - Albuquerque Civic Light Opera presents Stephen Sondheim's "Follies," a haunting, warm-hearted story of remembered youth set in an old theater before the wrecking ball strikes

August 14 - the Las Cruces Sweet Adelines and guest quartet Guys & Dolls, an old-fashioned ice cream social

August 21 - classical pianist John Bayless

August 28 - New York Metropolitan's favorite baritone Sherrill Milnes in a solo performance

Summer season tickets go on sale April 12 at the Spencer Box Office and range from \$15 to \$35. Call 505-336-4800 or 888-818-7872 to request a brochure. Single tickets go on sale April 26 through ProTix at Furr's or by calling 800-905-3315. Order forms are available at the Spencer Theater web site: [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com).

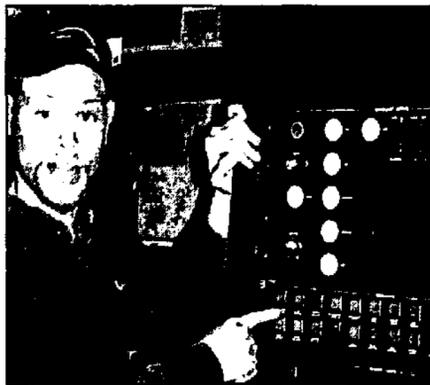
## From saddle to spotlight: Making it shine at the Spencer

Tony Godoc was the "original crewmember" at the Spencer Theater - the first person working with the "raw stage," when nothing was walled in yet.

Now he's "the lighting guy," and he loves his job.

"I did a lot of cleaning and dusting in the beginning. There were no doors on anything yet," he said. "I helped install the flash system. I didn't know much about console boards and I went to Denver to get trained on the Echelon board." The Echelon board is a computerized lighting system that stores the different patterns of lighting needed for each performance.

Kip Smith, the master electrician of the theater, started two months after Godoc. But "he went to school to learn all this stuff, and got a degree," Godoc said, "and he taught me. If the console boards or the electrical wiring break down, Kip set them up and could take them apart and put them



Sandy Suggitt

The Spencer "lighting guy," Tony Godoc, demonstrates the Echelon lighting control board. Godoc switched from breaking horses to fixing lighting for performances.

back together again." Godoc takes pride in the lighting equip-

ment and the opportunity to learn to use it.

The director of each show gives the lighting folks a light-plot telling them how to hang the lights and when to dim and where to spotlight, Godoc said. Each scene has a sequence of lighting instructions on its own channel entered into the computerized console board, so changing the lighting is almost automatic.

Then during the show, there is a director on each side of the stage with earphones, synchronizing with "the lighting guy" in case the performers are a little ahead or behind schedule.

"It's all timing," Godoc said.

Godoc moved to the area seven years ago to work at the racetrack breaking racehorses. Then he started a family and tried out various jobs in Ruidoso looking for something more stable.

"I've always been interested in this," he said. "My mom used to work for a television

station. I always wanted to work in show business. I think everybody does. This is a good job. It's steady and it's fun."

But it is not all fun and play. After big shows that might have taken two days to set up, Godoc and other crewmembers will have to "strike" the sets, load them back into their semi-trucks, and get them out in one night.

And everyone does everything at the Spencer, so Godoc is learning everyone else's job too.

"We alternate with the crew. Our boss wants to make it so we can do anything and nobody's getting stuck anywhere," he said. "He keeps everybody dealing with all the problems that come up."

"This is one of the better jobs you could find in Ruidoso," he said. "I've always been interested in show biz, and that gets to be fulfilled here. You feel important and you see a lot of plays."

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# Playtime

BY LAURA CLYMER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**F**UN PLACES FOR THE YOUNG AND THE young at heart abound in Ruidoso. Here's a list of places to take the kids.

- Funtrackers, located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Road (257-3275), is an amusing park that offers bumper boat rides (children 7 or older), three tracks for go-carts (children 14 and up only on the "pro" track); 18 holes of miniature golf; video arcade; and a snack bar.

Bumper boats, go-carts and miniature golf cost \$4 each; the "pro" track costs riders \$4.

Funtrackers is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

- Municipal swimming pool is where families can cool off with a dip in the village swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park, 501 Sudderth Drive (257-2795). The pool, which is operated by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, usually opens Memorial Day weekend and stays open until middle

August.

Swimming fees are \$2.25 per swim or \$50 for a season pass. Hours of operation are 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

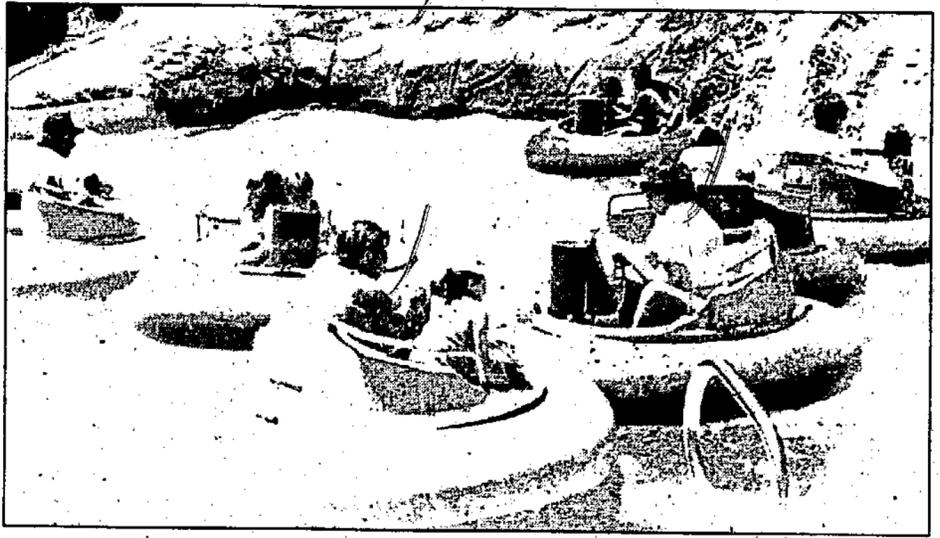
It costs \$6 for swimmers who want to use the slide, or \$80 for a swim and slide season pass. Lap swims cost \$2.25 per person or \$30 for a season pass.

An adult lap swim is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning June 7.

Family passes are available as well for a cost of \$75, or \$150 for swim and slide.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers swim lessons during the season. Registration at the pool began May 17 and lasts until classes are filled. Call 257-2795 for more information.

Also on tap at the pool are two teen



courtesy Kody Taylor

The bumper boats at Funtrackers are a favorite place to beat the heat.

pool parties scheduled for Friday, July 10, and Friday, August 7. The fun starts at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Cost is \$4 per teen-ager, ages 13-16.

- Playgrounds and parks - Also at Schoolhouse Park is a playground. It features 15 different apparatuses, some of which are accessible to wheelchair-bound children. The play equipment includes a slide and jungle gym. Also at Schoolhouse Park are four, lighted tennis courts, picnic tables, three pavilions and restroom facilities.

A short jaunt west on Sudderth takes you to Two Rivers Park, located behind the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrizo Creek meets the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park, which offers a playground with swings, a slide and circular ride and picnic pavilion area. The park closes at nightfall.

Skateboarders and roller bladers can skate, jump and hotdog to their hearts con-

tent at Northpark, another relatively new village addition. Northpark is next to Fire Station #2 on White Mountain Drive.

It's open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian is required to be in attendance at all times with children under 13 years of age.

For a more structured program, parents can enroll their children (ages 7 to 12) in the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation's Wilderness Camp. Wilderness Camp, which begins in early June and runs through the summer, offers participants outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips and nature studies designed just for children.

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# Outdoors

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**P**EOPLE VISITED THE Lincoln National Forest more than a million times last year, whether to hike, camp, picnic or to just get a breath of fresh air, according to forestry officials.

Covering 1.1 million acres, the Lincoln National Forest provides tremendous outdoor recreational opportunities to Ruidoso area residents and visitors alike, and is located only a short drive or even a walk away. The forest stretches from the Sacramento Mountains to the south all the way to Lake Jicarilla to the north.

Shrouded in the forest are developed and undeveloped camp sites, picnic areas and some 40 to 50 hiking trails. The popular White Mountain Wilderness area borders the village of Ruidoso in many spots and contains the majority of hiking and camping opportunities. Hiking trails and some camp grounds also are in the Capitan Mountains. Hiking trails also can be found throughout the forest.

The White Mountain Wilderness area contains more than 30 hiking trails. Visitors can find maps of the hiking paths at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, located at Lechem Drive and Cedar Creek Road. Visi-

tors can either use the maps at the station or buy a map for \$5. The trails provide a full variety of choices, from long to short hikes, from easy to difficult hikes. Trail designations also include those that are better suited for children.

Marcie Stokes, with the Forest Service, recommended that hikers be adequately equipped when they go hiking, and that hikers always tell someone where they are going and when they intend to return. It's always good to take water, she said.

Besides water, visitors planning longer hikes may want to carry matches, energy foods, such as power bars, and a rain poncho — even on days when rain doesn't seem likely, she said. It's also important that people know their physical capabilities when hiking and don't push beyond their limits, she said.

When it comes to camping, essentially, the whole forest is a campground, Stokes said. Though rules need to be followed,

## At home in the Lincoln National Forest

Jim Rogge applied to the U.S. Forest Service in 1978 and has not looked back since.

"I wanted to do it," Rogge said of his life's career. "I didn't always know it, but I've never regretted it."

Rogge oversees hiking trails as well as camp and picnic sites in the Lincoln National Forest and particularly in the White Mountain Wilderness area. During the winter, he spends about 60 percent of his work day indoors. But in the summertime, he's out in the forest 80 percent of the time.

"And the people who work seasonally, besides their training, I'll bet 95 percent of their job is outdoors," Rogge said of the volunteers that turn out each summer to help forestry officials maintain a national park that covers 1.1 million acres.

It is no surprise when Rogge says he loves the outdoors. His whole family, which hales from Illinois, shares that appreciation. Other siblings also have chosen careers that focus on the outdoors. For example, his brother, Bill Rogge, is a



Jim Rogge

fire management officer with the New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division based in Capitan.

One aspect of the job that Rogge likes most is assisting the "hot shot" fire crews fighting forest fires around the country during the spring and summer months, Rogge said.

"We travel a lot in the summer on fires and I enjoy that a lot," he said, adding that almost everyone who works for the U.S. Forest Service in the summertime is usually required to help out when fire season strikes.

Rogge helps get the firefighters to the fires and sets up camp for them.

So, if his job is spent outdoors either in the Lincoln National Forest or camping in other forests when fires are being doused, then what does he do for vacations?

"I have gone on camping trips. But on my vacations, I usually go to Florida to see my folks," Rogge said, adding that camping is still fun for him, even after doing it on and off as part of the job for more than 20 years.



Laura Clymer

A view from the Tlaloc Trail near Fort Stanton.

visitors can set up a camp-site virtually anywhere in the forest, she said. Those who prefer the developed areas, with amenities such as bathrooms, fire rings, picnic tables and more, also have several choices.

One popular camping site, called South Fork, is located on the far side of Bonito Lake. This, and a group campsite off Cedar Creek, are the only sites where users must pay a fee. Jim Rogge, who oversees the trails and campsites for the Forest Service, said the campground fee is \$10 per vehicle per night with a limit of two vehicles per campsite. South Fork, which is located next to some popular hiking trails, is part of a demonstration project for the Forest Service. About 90 percent of the fees collected are used directly for maintenance and upgrades at the campsite, Rogge said.

"The money they are receiving in that campground is going to stay in that campground," he said.

The initiative is one that may eventually spread to other forestry campgrounds in the next few years, he said.

Another developed campground is the group camping site located just off Mechem Drive on Cedar Creek Road,

Rogge said. The site is a popular spot for family reunions, club gatherings and even weddings, he said. Visitors must make reservations for the site, which also is part of the demonstration project, by calling (505) 257-4095.

Other developed camping locations include the Oak Grove area, located off Ski Run Road, and the Three Rivers area on the other side of Sierra Blanca peak. The Three Rivers area is 65 to 70 miles one-way from Ruidoso, Rogge said.

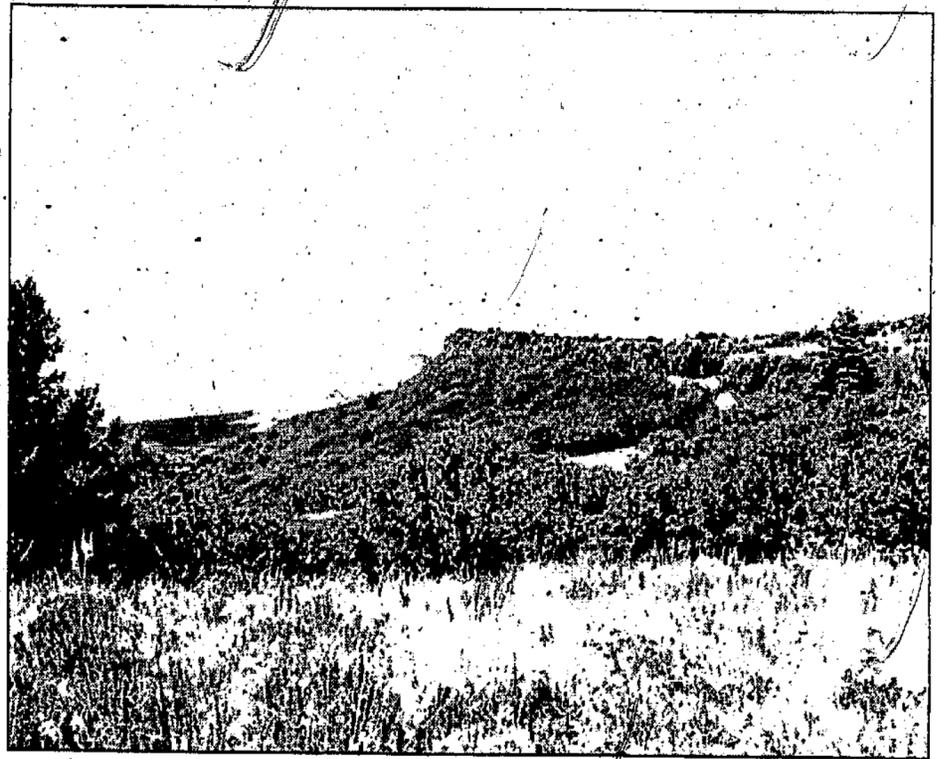
The Forest service plans to give the Oak Grove a "face lift" in September with new bathrooms, new tables, fire rings and more, Rogge said. The service also will create a spot for a volunteer, known as a "camp host," who stays at the site to assist visitors. The campground opens in April and closes in November.

Though not a campground, the Windy Point Vista on Ski Run Road recently has undergone some improvements, Rogge said. Located about 3 miles from the ski resort, the lookout site has a new parking lot. It also features a more spacious area and an information board to tell people about the vista they are enjoying.

For more information about recreational opportunities in the Lincoln National Forest, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at (505) 257-4095.

**Trail inventory in the Smokey Bear Rangers District\***  
Supplied by the U.S. Forest Service

Trail name	No.	Length in miles	Difficulty
Telephone Canyon	12	1.3	Difficult
Miners Road	16	2.4	Difficult
Peacock	18	1.5	Difficult
Southfork (suitable for children)	19	6.0	Moderate
Rodamaker Canyon	20	2.5	Moderate-Difficult
Mills Canyon	22	5.0	Moderate
Dry Mills	24	1.0	Easy
Crest	25	21.1	Moderate
Spring Canyon	27	2.8	Difficult
Phantom	29	1.3	Easy
Bluefront	33	5.2	Difficult
Norman Canyon	34	2.2	Difficult
Aspen	35	2.4	Moderate
Big Bonito	36	4.6	Moderate
Little Bonito	37	1.4	Moderate
Cut Across	38	1.2	Easy
Argentina Canyon	39	2.5	Moderate
Turkey Canyon	40	2.3	Moderate
Skull Canyon	41	1.4	Moderate-Difficult
Clear Water	42	1.1	Easy
Oak Ridge	43	2.6	Difficult
Three Rivers	44	6.0	Difficult
Dry Canyon	46	3.3	Difficult
Goat Canyon	47	2.2	Difficult
Nogal	48	1.2	Moderate
Barber Ridge	49	6.5	Difficult
Doherty Ridge	50	4.2	Difficult
Pennsylvania Canyon	51	3.7	Moderate



Laura Clymer

Hikers can catch this view of the Argentina Canyon Trail looking toward Carrizozo and the Malpais.

Trail name	No.	Length in miles	Difficulty
Gaylord Canyon	52	1.5	Difficult
Water Canyon	53	3.9	Easy-Difficult
Tortolita Canyon	54	9.2	Easy-Moderate
Church Mountain	55	2.0	Moderate-Difficult
North Eagle Creek	77	1.1	Easy

All the above trails are in the White Mountain Wilderness area.

\*Maps of the trail paths are available for \$5 at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, at Mechem and Cedar Creek Drive.

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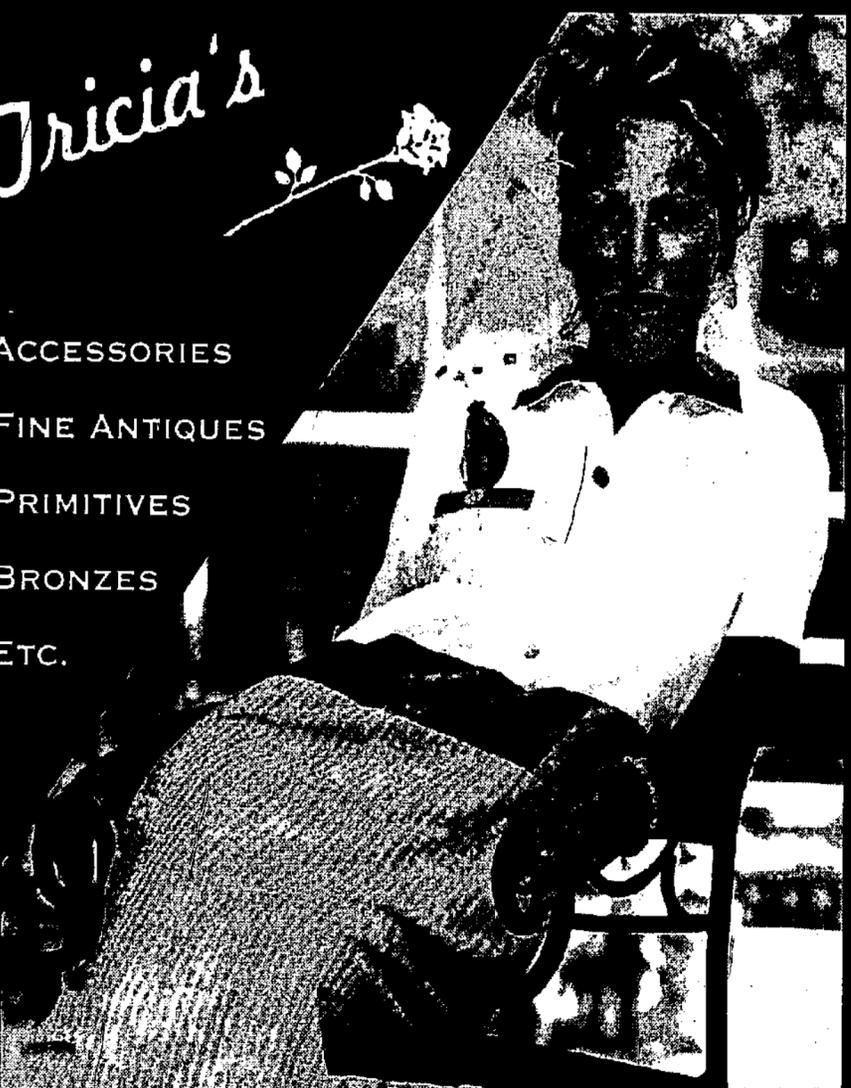
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# Fishing

BY MIKE HYMAN FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

## STREAM FISHING IN THE GREATER RUIDOSO area is some of the most difficult fishing in North America.

Whether you fish with a spinning or fly rod, expect small streams with lots of growth along the banks with shallow pocket water, and small bedrock pools. Fish in these streams are small; it's not unusual to catch a five-year-old trout that is barely 8-inches long.

One rule that applies to fishing on the Mescalero Apache Reservation or fishing on public or private waters in the Ruidoso area is simple: NO LIVE BAIT (minnows, crawdads, or fingerling trout).

Those who want to fish must obtain a license through the state Game and Fish Department. Call the Roswell office at (505) 624-6135 about vendors in the Ruidoso area. For fishing information on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, call (505) 671-4427.

The most fishable streams in the area are the Upper Ruidoso on the reservation, the Ruidoso through town, and Bonito Creek above and below Bonito Lake.

For the spin fisherman panther martins and mepps spinners are constant producers regardless of the time of year. For the fly fisherman, nymphs like pheasant tails, rock worms, princes, gold ribbed hairs ears also produce fish all-year long. But for the died-in-the-wool dry fly enthusiast, try elk hair caddis, blue winged olives, stimulators and hoppers.

After the prolonged winter drought this year expect stream fishing to be a little rough until monsoon season starts in early July. If it looks like there's not much water in these creeks, you'll be better off on one of the area lakes.

### Area lakes

**Alto** at present doesn't contain any fish and due to highway construction this year access will be impossible until that work is complete. This lake won't be fishable this year.

**Bonito Lake** opens April 1 and closes November 30. This lake is closed to all boats and float tubes. Processed bait like salmon eggs and floating bait have been good producers here for years but if you want to add a little spice to your fishing try kastmasters and daredevils along with a casting bubble and a woolly bugger or a Pistol Pete prop fly. For the died-in-the-wool fly fisherman try beaties and caddis with midges and streamers.

**Grindstone Lake** is open year round and boats and float tubes are allowed from April 1 to Oct. 31. However, you must have current registration numbers on your boat, and a Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department inspection stamp to set sail. This lake has

rainbow and brown trout. Processed bait is most commonly used but spinners and spoons are good producers along with small rapalas, and casting bubbles with streamers. For the fly fisher people try midges and beaties along with streamers and a variety of nymphs.

Don't be surprised if you catch large brown trout in this lake because they are getting quite common.

**Eagle Lakes** are small lakes on the reservation on Ski Run Road. There are two lakes and they produce many trout each year. Bait and lures are top producers along with casting bubbles and dry flies like mayflies and caddis along with stimulators and beaties. Be forewarned that the deer fly population here in the summer months can ruin a good day of fishing so be sure and carry a good supply of insect repellent. This recreation area on the reservation has a really nice camp ground for trailers and tents and in August and September is an excellent place to see and listen to elk in the early morning and right at dark.

**Lake Mescalero** at the Inn of the Mountain Gods is a great lake to fish. Rental rowboats are available in the summer months. Lures and bait once again are great producers but fly fishing out of a boat here is a real treat. A wide variety of dry flies work here in the summer. The lake is open year round but if the boat docks are closed you will have to purchase you daily permits at the hotel front desk.

**Silver Lake** is another reservation fishing site between Ruidoso and Cloudcroft. This lake has an improved camping area and is somewhat less frequented by the summer hoards and is quite nice during the week. Bait and lures hold true here, along with midges, mayflies and blue-winged olives in the evening for the fly fisherman.

**Ruidoso Quality Waters** is on the Ruidoso River. It begins across from Wal-Mart on U.S. Highway 70 and ends .7 miles upstream at Merriam Drive. This section of the Ruidoso is for artificial flies and lures only with a single barbless hook.

The limit here is two fish per day, 12 inches or longer. Pheasant tails, rock worms and olive scuds are the best flies in this section. This part of the river has plenty of back cast room and many great pools. It will normally take about 1/2 a day to fish this completely.



The Ruidoso area is one of the more popular spots in New Mexico for trout fishing.

### STATE FISHING INFORMATION

	Resident	Non Resident
Annual .....	\$17.50	\$39.00
One day .....	8.00	8.00
Five day .....	16.00	16.00
Junior ages 12-14 .....	5.00	5.00
Senior ages 65-69 .....	5.00	5.00
Lifetime 70+ .....	Free	N/A
Handicapped annual .....	5.00	N/A
Annual general hunting/fishing .....	37.50	N/A
Junior/senior or handicapped annual .....	20.00	N/A
General hunting/fishing License		
Wildlife Habitat Stamp		
(for use on BLM/USFS .....	5.00	5.00
Those under 12 need no fishing license.		

Bag and Possession limits for trout waters in the greater Ruidoso area are:  
Brown, Rainbow, and Bookie ..... 5 per day ..... 10 in possession  
Cutthroat ..... 2 per day ..... 2 in possession

The New Mexico hunting and fishing license year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 each year.

### MESCALERO FISHING INFORMATION

Silver Lake ..... April to September  
Upper Canyon, Eagle Lakes ..... May to September  
License fees ..... Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00  
Bag and possession limits ..... 8 per day,  
16 in possession on the first day

Lake Mescalero (Inn Of The Mountain Gods) ..... open year round  
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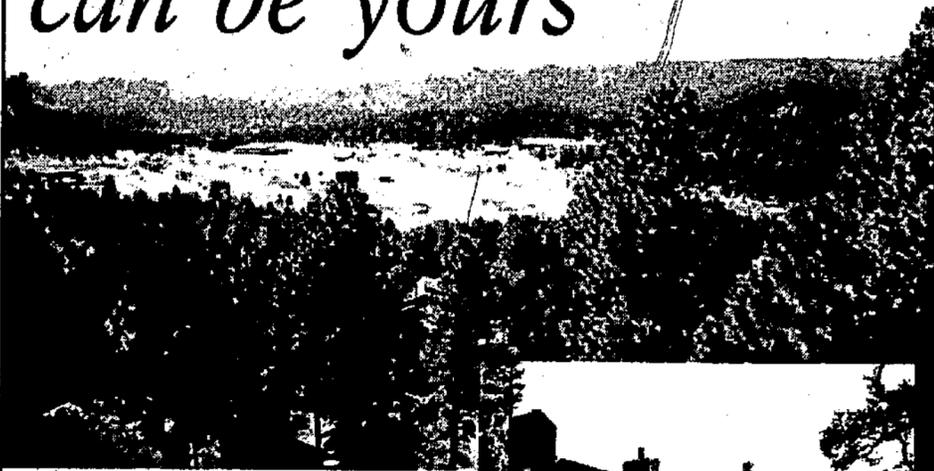
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# Racing

BY LAURA CLYMER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

**F**OR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, Ruidoso Downs has served as the testing ground for the Southwest's fleetest horses.

It's where owners challenge other owners about who has the fastest steed.

It's where horses with laid back ears battle hoof to hoof down the Ruidoso Downs quarter horse stretch or around the final turn of the mountain oval.

And, of course, it's where bettors from beginners to expert slap money down on their favorite to win.

With the advent of video gambling to supplement race purses, the best in the Southwest has just gotten better, said Rick Baugh, Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager.

"Once you improve the purses, you'll improve the horse racing," Baugh said. "So look for bigger and better racing at Ruidoso Downs."

The granddaddy of quarter horse racetracks enters its 53rd year of state-sanctioned parimutuel racing. Sixty-two race dates are slated, beginning Memorial Day weekend May 28 and concluding Labor Day, Sept. 6, with the running of the world's richest quarter horse race, the All American Futurity. Last year's All American Futurity final drew more than 11,000 fans to the track on Labor Day.

The Downs will host racing on Thurs-

days, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays with some Monday dates on holiday weekends. Post time is 1 p.m. Post time might be earlier for the All American Futurity trials and Labor Day.

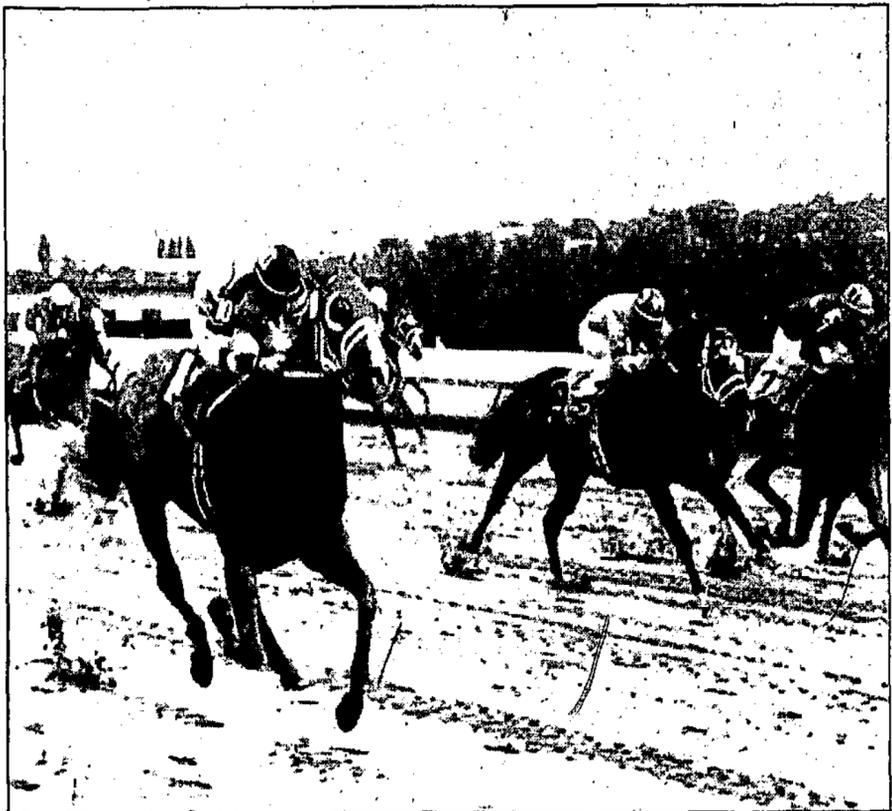
In addition, every day the track will continue its simulcasts of nationally important races and from other tracks, including Hollywood Park.

One of Ruidoso Downs' unique features is fans' proximity to the track. Fans can lean on the rail, watch the horses break from the post and feel the thundering hooves as the horses roar past, kicking up dirt behind them. Last year, more than 194,000 race fans took in the action at Ruidoso Downs.

Children can play in an expanded video arcade.

General admission and parking are free. Cost of seating ranges from \$3 for open-air reserved seating on up to \$8.50 reserved seating in the Turf Club. Box seats, table seating and individual seats are available. Discount packages for groups of 20 or more are available.

If visitors want to learn more about the history of the racetrack, stop by the Hubbard Museum of the American West,



Laura Clymer

cutline (AA Futurity trials)

just next door along Highway 70. The huge sculpture of running horses titled "Free Spirits of Noisy Water" by Ruidoso artist Dave McGary adorns the entrance to the museum.

Inside, visitors will find the new Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame, with classic photos and exhibits about the horses and the people that made Ruidoso Downs special.

#### THOROUGHBREDS

- Rio Grande Double Futurity, Sunday, June 13
- Kachina Stakes, Saturday, July 31
- Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity, Sunday, Sept. 5

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#### Top stakes races this summer at Ruidoso Downs

##### QUARTER HORSES

- Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sales Futurity, Saturday, June 12
- Rainbow Futurity, Saturday, July 24
- All American Futurity, Monday, Sept. 6

## Billy the Kid Casino

BY LAURA CLYMER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When visitors stroll into the Billy the Kid Casino, they'll walk into more than just a 16,000-square-foot casino with 300 video slot machines.

They'll amble through time as well, back when cattle barons, outlaws and merchants fought for control of Lincoln. They may even see Billy roaming around, recounting tales of the past, or catch a glimpse of where Billy hid after he and five of the Regulators ambushed Sheriff Brady.

"We wanted to have an old west theme," said Bruce Rimbo, president of Ruidoso Downs Racing.

And that's what visitors will get.

Western artifacts from the Hubbard Museum of the American West and historic Lincoln will decorate the casino, located at the east end of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grandstand.

The casino, which opens May 5, will offer more than just a gamb alternative to horse racing.

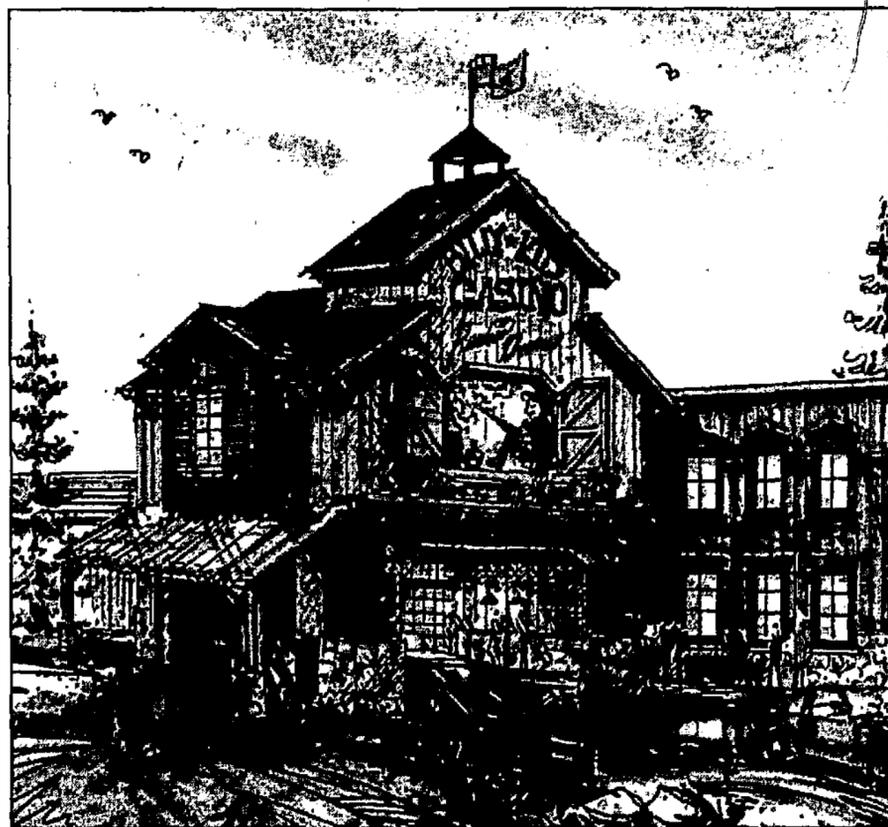
Among the video slots available are nickel, quarter, \$1 and \$5 machines, plus progressive jackpots, multi-video poker, video keno and video blackjack.

The track's off-track betting facilities have moved to the new location as well, offering race fans off-track wagering every day of the week.

Those at the casino can round up some "grub" at the San Patricio buffet and whet their whistle at the Regulators bar and lounge. If they're in search of the perfect souvenir, visitors can look for it in the Tinstall Store, or rest their "dogs" on the front porch of the Murphy-Dolan Store.

The casino will operate 12 hours a day and will be open year-round. (Specific hours for each day were not available by press time.)

Big-time gambler or not, visitors can presume this, Rimbo said, "The most important thing they can expect is fun."



Artist's rendering of the casino.

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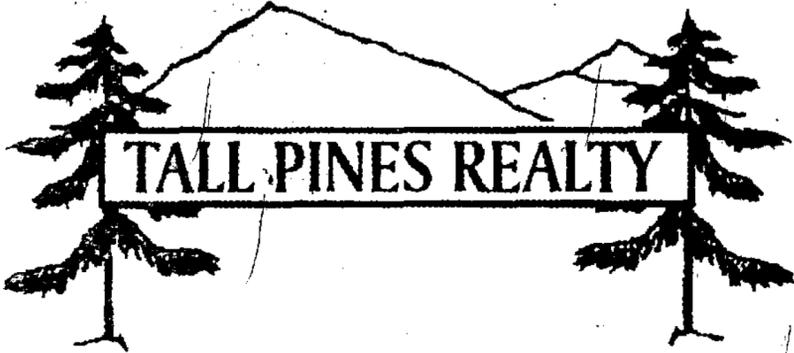
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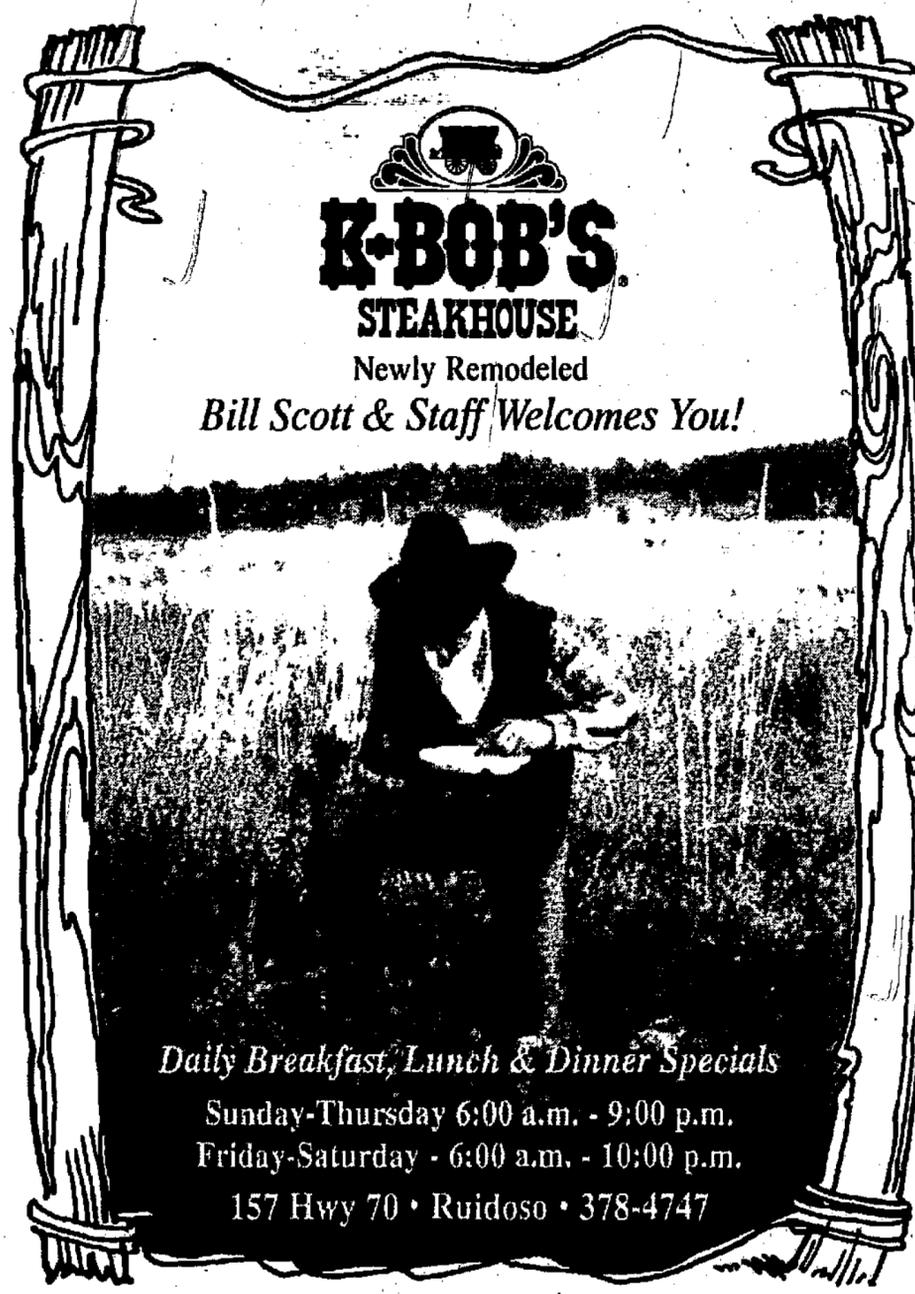
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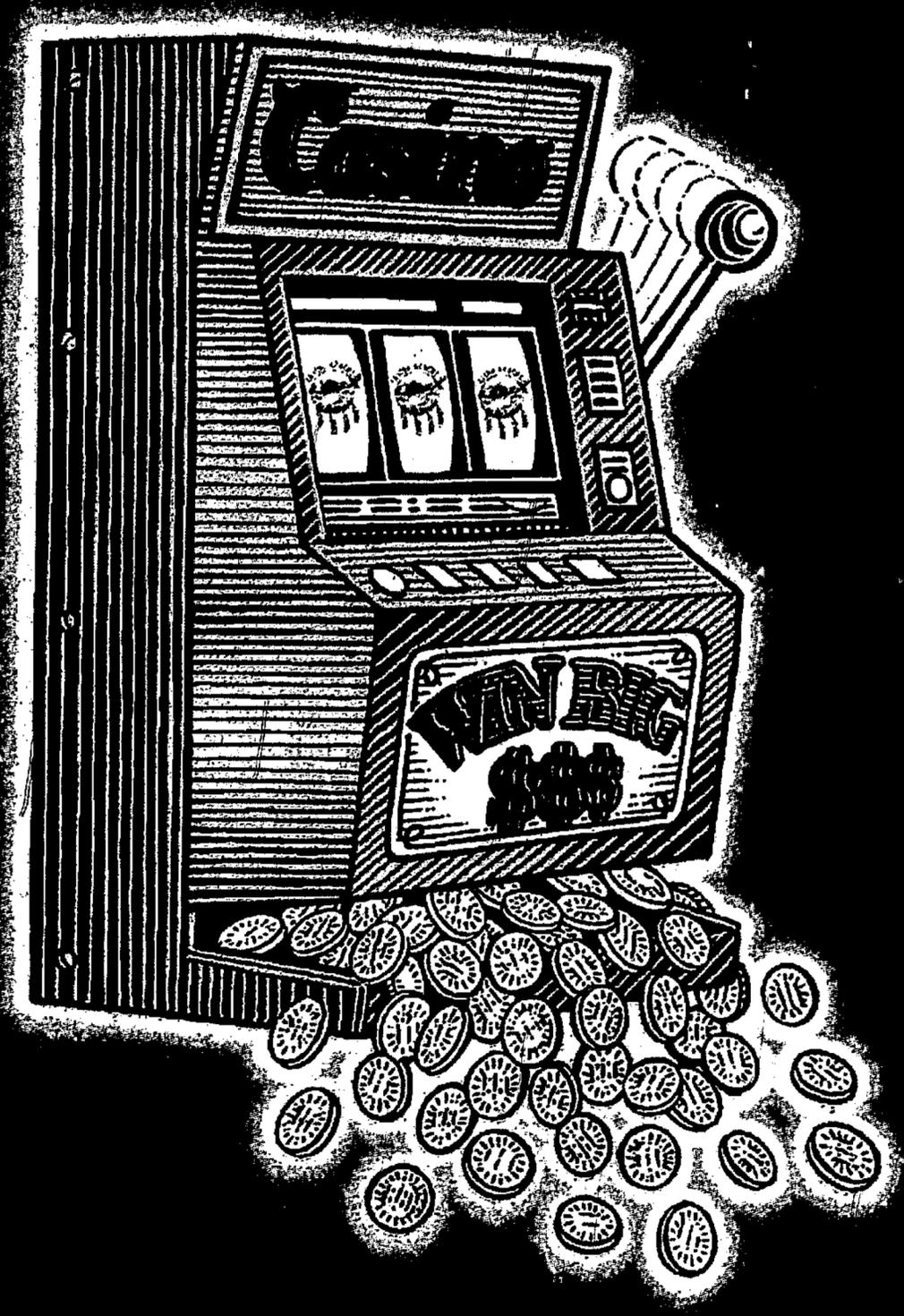
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# Riding

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Or maybe you prefer the wide-open spaces. If you own a horse, choose among the Lincoln National Forest, the Mescalero Apache Reservation or the Fort Stanton riding trails about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

But if you prefer letting someone else lead the way, six stables operate in the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area, and a seventh is located near Bonito Lake Recreation Area.

Fox Cave on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso Downs offers half-day, all-day and overnight rides, as well as wagon rides and an all-day combination adventure with horses and four-wheel drive vehicles.

The stables at The Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, which is southwest of Ruidoso, schedule one-hour rides at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m.

and 3 p.m. Two-hour rides, half-day and all-day rides may be prearranged during the week in season.

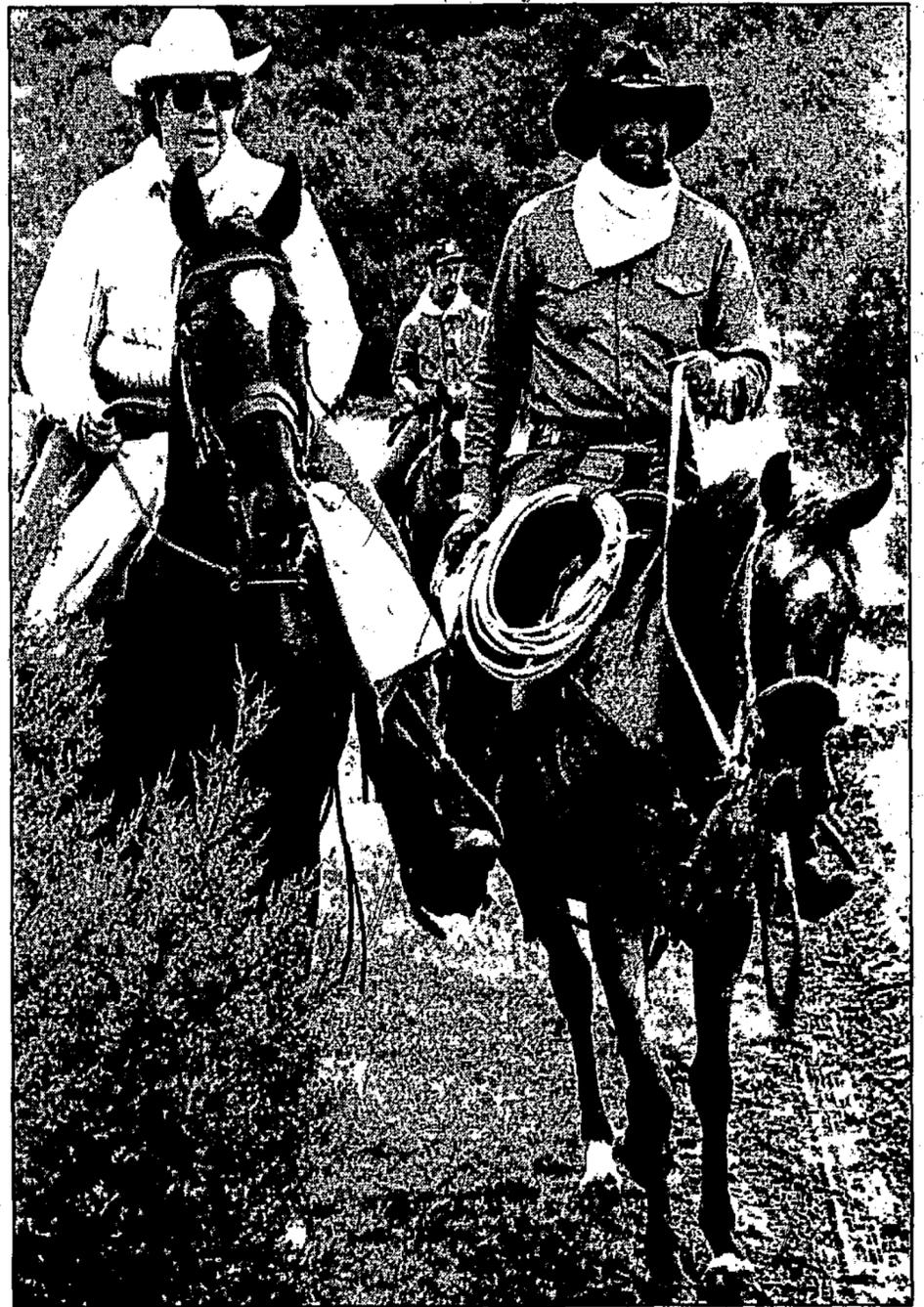
Visitors can ride horses that appeared in films at Grindstone Stables on the way to Grindstone Dam and Reservoir. Buddie's Stables on Gavilan Canyon Road and Desert High Country Stables on U.S. 70 also have permits to ride on national forest land, the latter around the Hale Lake area. Cowboy Stables may be a familiar name for people who remember seeing horses saddled and ready on the way to Ruidoso Downs Race Track from Ruidoso. These stables are now located off the road.

Farther away from the town on Bonito Lake Road, but right in the thick of the forest, are the Bonito Stables, operated by Robert Runnels, just minutes away from the Argentine Trail head. The Argentine - a 2.5 mile access route to Crest Trail (No. 25) — is a favorite among horse owners who come to camp overnight and keep their horses in the corrals there.

### Tips for riders

The U.S. Forest service offers a few reminders of ways to lower effects on the back country while riding horses on your own and camping overnight.

- Contact the Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service for maps and regulations concerning permits, camp fires, party size, grazing, weed-free feed, trail conditions and closures.
- Consider seasonal weather changes and make alternate plans.
- Take a few short day trip rides before attempting long overnight trips.
- Familiarize your animal with hobbles and temporary corrals before you go.
- Bring weed-free supplemental feed
- Use light weight compact camping equipment
- Use nosebags and mangers to feed horses.
- Carry enough drinking water for short trips and filtering devices, iodine tablets and boil all water on longer trips.
- Try prepackaged food, dehydrated or freeze-dried food to save space and reduce weight.
- Avoid packing needless trash
- A shovel, axe and water containers are useful for fire safety and keeping a camp clean.
- Use highlines and tree-saver straps. Bring an easy-to-remove picket pin for keeping your horse on a rope.
- Keep stock at least 200 feet from shorelines and streams.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Leave no trace.
- Stay on trails and avoid shortcuts. Yield to others and travel in small groups.
- Dig holes five to six inches deep for human waste, then cover.



Six stables operate in the Ruidoso area to fulfill the needs of visitors who want to hit the trail. There are also several trails for those who bring their own horses.

"Most of the trails in the White Mountain Wilderness of the Lincoln National Forest are well maintained, but the Argentine (No. 39) is a favorite," said Sam Tobias with the Smokey Bear Ranger District. Also connecting into Crest are the 2.5-mile Turkey Canyon Trail (No. 40), the three-mile Little Bonito (No. 37), the 4.6-mile Big Bonito (No. 36) and the Aspen (No. 35), which is a four-mile connection to the six-mile long South Fork Trail.

"But I have to offer a word of caution," Tobias said. "Early surveys show that the big wind we had in late January played havoc up there. The survey on South Fork Trail was so blocked by fallen trees, we couldn't go up that trail. Stop in the district office first and check conditions."

The Forest Service doesn't promote trails in the Capitan Mountains for horseback riding, Tobias said, adding that one guide, Ken Armenta, has a permit for that area. Check at the office for information.

"The water is limited," he said. "There are big loops, but the paths are rocky. It's only for those used to riding in high country. But try the Fort Stanton trails. It's different country, but the scenery is spectacular."

Tobias said are many other opportunities in the Jicarilla Mountains (near Carrizozo).

"We only ask that if you are riding on your own, especially if camping, use back country ethics and horse sense," he said.

Two horse trails have been mapped

out in a section of the Fort Stanton Reserve off State Road 220 from U.S. 380, about 4.25 miles east of Capitan or 7.7 miles west of the historic settlement of Lincoln. The starting and ending point for the loop trails is the Horse Trails parking lot. Brown fiberglass markers with directional arrows and equestrian decals, as well as hiking and mountain bike insignias, mark the multi-use trails.

The Capitan Horse Trail is the easiest ride. The trail is about 7.5 miles long with an elevation change of 660 feet. It offers an opportunity for an additional 1.5-mile side trip. A few areas are steep and rocky.

The Lincoln Horse Trail is 11 miles with an elevation change of 600 feet, but it is steep and rocky in several places. Water for horses is available at East Well and the Rio Bonito, which the trail follows for several miles. At two points, riders can leave the main trail and return to the parking lot or take a side trip.

Maps are available from the Bureau of Land Management by writing the Roswell Field Office at 2909 W. 2nd, Roswell, NM 88201, or calling (505) 627-0212.

A waterproof map can be purchased from the Smokey Bear District Office on Mechem Drive (State Road 48) next to Cedar Creek Drive, for \$5 that shows hiking and riding trails in the White Mountain Wilderness.

## On the trail — and on location with James Townsend

As he walks down the row of horses tied to a railing waiting for riders, James Townsend lists each of their credits — movies in which they have appeared and stunts they have performed. He is obviously proud.

Townsend, who was born in Melrose, but married a Ruidoso girl, operates Grindstone Stables with his four children. It represents his dream of owning a business where he and his family could work together.

"I own a small ranch, but there's not a whole lot of income, so I would also work at other jobs," Townsend said.

One "other job" took him to Santa Fe several years ago when he heard the movie "Young Guns II" was filming there. "I bluffed my way onto the set."

He knew that the people who make movies look for multi-talented employees on location. It's cheaper to hire a New Mexican who can do some dialogue, ride a horse, perform a stunt or two, and who looks like a cowboy, rather than paying to bring in an actor and train him, the ex- rodeo clown said.

Townsend has been working in films steadily since his first. He recently completed a CBS television pilot in North Carolina called "Glory Glory," and worked with singer Kenny Rogers on five television episodes of "The Real West" series. His animals can be seen every Christmas season on "Miracle in the



Dianne Stallings

James Townsend operates Grindstone Stables. Townsend's horses have appeared in a number of movies and television shows. He runs the business with his family.

Wilderness," starring Kris Kristofferson.

"I've been in about 40 movies from acting to handling livestock," Townsend said. Several were filmed for the European market and were never seen in the United States, but he's also worked with actors Sam Elliott, Melanie Griffin (Buffalo Girls), Ben Johnson, singer Randy Travis and Bart the Bear.

Although he still appears in front of the camera, Townsend spends

most of his time as livestock handler. The same horses he uses on a set as safe rides for actors, he brings home to Ruidoso to work his trail rides between films.

"It's easy duty for them," he said.

Juggling the three careers keeps everything interesting and no one gets bored, he said. His children are old enough now to handle the stable when he has to be away.

"All three businesses work together - the ranch, the stables and movies," he said. "The people who ride the horses usually enjoy hearing about who rode them in a movie. It's something for them to talk about later."

To show off his equines' talents, Townsend - who dresses the role of cowboy - created a running billboard at the stables office. The billboard features photographs and promotional posters of the movies and television programs on which he has worked. Several times these projects have included his son, Jesse.

Usually, Townsend takes about nine to 10 of his horses with him and then rents others on location, if the movie calls for more, he said. He handled 55 horses on the movie in Santa Fe.

"I've owned hundreds of horses in my life," Townsend said. "Each one has a personality. One that I would feel comfortable having my child ride would not be the one I chose to go elk hunting or roping."

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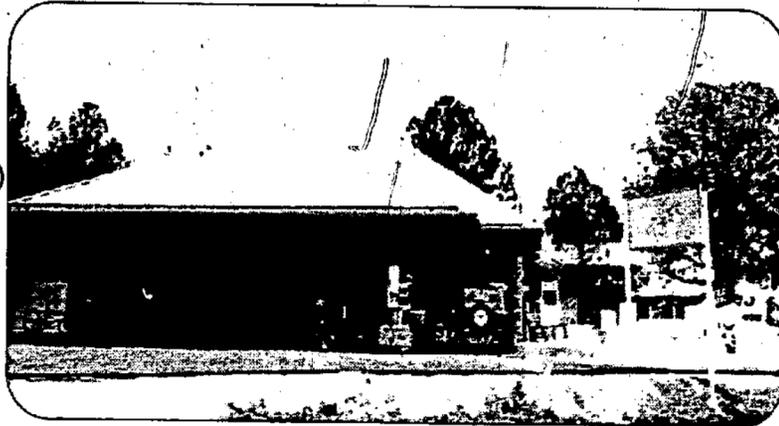
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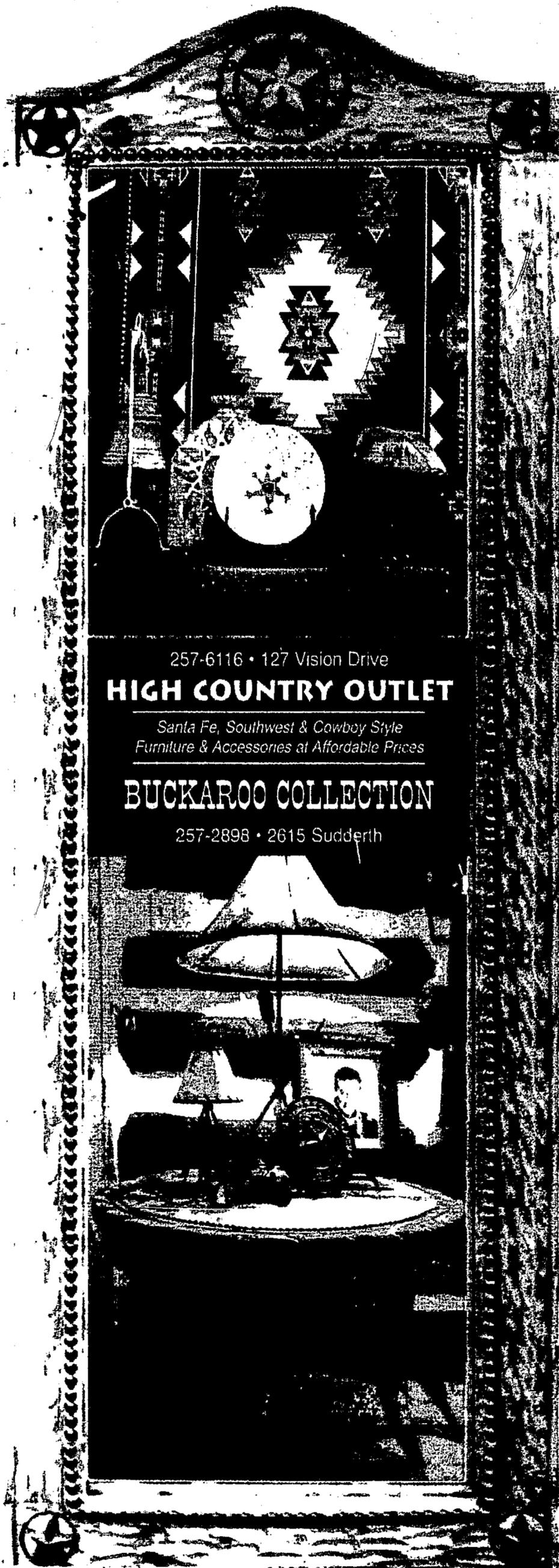


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# Flying J

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**S**INGING TO A ROOMFUL OF CHEERFUL, well-fed customers is just about the best job in the world, says James Hobbs.

He's been doing it for more than two decades, and in his own business at the Flying J Ranch Chuck Wagon Supper and Western Show since 1982.

An evening with the cooking and entertainment crews at the Flying J, off State Road 48 (Mechem Drive) about 5 miles north of Ruidoso, is a knee-slapping, foot-stomping experience and a great memory to take back home.

With his wife, Cindy, lending her vocal talents, Hobbs and Randy Jones on guitar, Bart Trotter on fiddle and Colin Campbell on bass guitar, they mix jokes with traditional Western music. In the kitchen, the behind-the-scenes crew cooks up beans, chicken, beef, biscuits, boiled cowboy coffee and other dishes synonymous with life on the trail.

Born in Lovington, N.M., Hobbs is tied to the state through his great-grandparents and grandparents, a ranching and farming family that settled the town of Hobbs. But after a stint in Estes Park, Colo., performing with a chuckwagon singing group for \$25 a night and learning the business, Hobbs was interested in starting his own enterprise.

"I thought, 'Man. That's what I want to do,'" he said.

His sister lived in Lincoln County and he liked the idea of a smaller, but solid market.

When he first arrived in 1980 already married to Cindy, he sold real estate and started saving. By 1982, they were able to open Flying J with another couple, who later dropped out when the two families grew larger than one business could support.

Although the main show blasts from center stage in the dining hall at about 8:15 p.m., before the meal begins at 7:30 p.m., there's plenty of action outside with a "gun fight" in the recreated streets of an old western town. During summer months, children can enjoy pony rides or an ice cream cone at the ice cream shop, while their parents browse through the collectibles shop or the general store.

The inside entertainment also is family oriented. Parents don't have to worry about their children hearing off-color words in songs, tall tales or jokes, Hobbs said.

The hall has grown over the years to accommodate bigger crowds. The first summer they opened, the couple entertained about 5,000 people. Last summer, the number was 30,000.



Dianne Stallings

James Hobbs owns and operates the Flying J Ranch where visitors can take in cowboy cooking in a Western atmosphere.

"I used to think, if I could just do 20,000, it would take the pressure off," Hobbs said. "But we kept having children and that kept moving the mark."

Their three children are old enough now to help out and sometimes perform with their parents.

"That's more satisfying than I ever

dreamed," Hobbs said.

The wholesome atmosphere also appeals to the other musicians, he said, pointing to the mission statement on a brochure advertising the Chuckwagons of the West Association, "To be the leading provider of an authentic Western family experience through quality food and entertainment at a value."

Hobbs said it's gratifying to see people show up who attended the very first year and now he's seeing their children coming in with their children.

The Flying J's season runs from March 1 to Nov. 1 for special groups and parties. Regular performance during the summer run from May 28 to Labor Day. Tickets are \$14.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children four through 11. Children under three are free. The price includes the meal, the show and tip.

This year, a special event is planned for Oct. 3-8. The chuckwagon performance tradition is celebrated every year with a Chuckwagons of the West Jamboree - this year it's at the Flying J Ranch.

The event draws participants from other shows such as the Flying W in Colorado Springs, which started the genre, the Lazy B in Estes Park, where Hobbs worked, and the Bar D in Durango, Colo. What began as a one-night celebration has grown into four days of music, laughter and incredible food, with people coming from locales such as Jackson Hole, Wyo., South Dakota and Arizona.

Tickets are limited. Check with the Flying J at (505) 336-4330

## Vicky Cordova — Keeping the Flying J Ranch cooking

As sheet after sheet of hot biscuits emerge from the ovens at the Flying J Ranch, Vicky Cordova breaths easier, knowing they'll be ready for the 500 or more guests who will sit down for dinner that night.

Although owner James Hobbs praises her talent in the kitchen, Cordova admits, "I don't bake much at home, never biscuits. If I make a cake, my three kids ask, 'Whose birthday is it?'"

For nine months a year, Cordova works as a teacher's aide for children with special needs in the fifth grade at White Mountain Intermediate School. But for the last two summers, she's been mixing dough, flattening it with an oversized roller, cutting out biscuits and baking them for the chuckwagon-style dinner that goes with the Western-style stage show at the Flying J.

"I knew James and Cindy (Hobbs) from church (Gateway Church of Christ)," Cordova said. "They talked me into it. I was looking for a summer job."

Each performance night, Cordova

bakes from 550 to 800 biscuits, 55 to a pan. She does the mixing, rolling, cutting and arranging in the pan in advance and then starts cooking in time to allow about 15 minutes per batch in the oven - about three pans at a time.

"You wait until they're lightly browned on the top and then shake the pan," she said. "If they don't move, they're done."

The whole process takes about three hours. She also helps with other jobs that need to be done, including baking cakes, preparing the beans and cleaning debris from the floor of the performance hall.

Cordova moved to Lincoln County with her husband Larry Cordova, a U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist from Washington. She came to one of the Flying J shows long before she thought about the cooking job.

"I don't think I could handle the stress year around," Cordova said. "This definitely is a summer job. I enjoy cooking, but I never thought I'd be cooking for 500 people a night. It's a lot different than cooking for a family of five."



Dianne Stallings

Vicky Cordova

# Valley of Fires

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**B**ILL MURRY RECALLS WHEN A BUS FULL OF German tourists came to a sudden halt on its way out of the Valley of Fires.

Tourists tumbled out of the bus and started peering under it. Murry, park manager for nine years at the lava flow, walked over, thinking they might be looking at a rattlesnake.

But, "it was a tarantula," he said with a laugh.

People from all over the world have stopped by the Valley of Fires, the youngest lava flow in the continental United States at 1,500- to 2,000-years-old, Murry said.

The Valley of Fires is a big tourism draw for the area, with 130,000 to 150,000 people visiting the nationally managed park every year, either to camp, picnic, hike, learn or just take in the view, he said.

The broken and rough black surface of the flow, located just west of Carrizozo, stretches along the floor of the Tularosa Valley for 44 miles. In parts, it is 5 miles across and as much as 166 feet deep.

The lava, named "malpais" by the Spanish, did not spill out of from a volcano but from vents in the ground on at least two occasions. The flow, according to historical literature, acted as a barrier to early explorers and travelers, who were forced to go around it.

The surface of the lava flow, dotted with abundant plant life and alive with animals, is so rough and broken, that it cannot be driven across. With the exception of places where roads have been cut through the flow, the only way across is by foot, and that's dangerous, too, Murry said.

The sharp edges of the lava can turn a simple fall into a serious injury, and lava "bubbles" on the surface can break underfoot and drop a hiker 40 feet down, he said. Which is why managers of the park are adamant that hikers need to check in to say where they are going and for how long, Murry said.

"People who are going to hike out on the lava need to take certain precautions," he said. Besides notifying park authorities, they need to carry sufficient water, good hiking boots (the lava is very rough on footwear), appropriate clothing, a compass and a first aid kit for cuts, he said.

Most of visitors to the park come to either camp or hike the 3/4-mile trail cut into the lava, he said. Always being upgraded, the park, which is managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, currently has 26 camping sites with plans un-



Toni K. Laxson

Bill Murry, park manager at the Valley of Fires, points out how vast the 44-mile lava flow actually is.

derway for more.

"And we just went through a face-lift for the park this past year," he said.

Camp sites range from developed pads with electricity and water for recreational vehicles to the not-so-primitive tent sites that include covered areas, picnic tables, running potable water and a nearby restroom.

A visitors center in the park has the park managers' offices as well as bath-

rooms and a book store with information about the malpais and other southwestern interests.

Nearby is a place for the camp hosts, volunteers who receive a private location and free utilities for their recreational vehicle. In return, camp hosts provide round-the-clock assistance for campers and visitors. Murry said there is usually a waiting list of people applying as camp hosts.

Parts of the park have been developed for disabled visitors, including restrooms and a special campsite. And two years ago, with a \$280,000 federal grant, park officials were able to develop about 1/3 of the trail through the lava flow to allow access to the disabled, Murry said.

"We're hoping to put in a couple more trails, but a lot depends on funding," he said.

Plans also are under way to install interpretive panels about the park area with information about the lava flow and the life that now thrives in it, he said.

The park is maintained largely by the fees it collects, Murry said. A listing of the fees is posted near the park entrance along with a collection box for the fees. Day use of the park is \$3 a person or \$5 for a vehicle with two or more people. Buses pay \$15 for day use. A group shelter costs \$15.

Camping at developed sites is \$7 a night and an electrical hook-up is an extra \$4. The primitive sites (where tables, water and more are available) are \$5 a night.

For more information, contact the park at (505) 648-2241.

## Camp host Johnson Stearns looks for miles and smiles at the Valley of Fires



Toni K. Laxson

Johnson Stearns

Johnson Stearns reverently considers the tiny lavender flower in his hand.

"See? The desert is just beginning to bloom," said Stearns, a retired banker, a lifetime resident of the area, and one of the most popular volunteers at the Valley of Fires national park.

For more than a year, Stearns has given his time to the park and the many visitors who come to the lava flow.

Bill Murry, park manager, said Stearns has been a tremendous boon to the park.

"Johnson Stearns is probably one of the best hosts we have," Murry said. "He's just amazing. He's informative and likes people."

Not only do the beauty and wildlife of the 44-mile lava flow enrapture Stearns, but he carries that enthusiasm to the visitors he meets and talks with at the park.

Besides which, there are few people around who know as much about the

area as Stearns does.

As a naturally inquisitive man, Stearns appreciates the questions visitors have for him.

For some reason, visitors from across the Atlantic seem to have the most, he said.

"It's great, because people come here from all over the world," said Stearns, who matches visitors' question for question with his own about their homelands.

"It's more darn fun," he said. "Yesterday, there were two girls here from Rhode Island."

Besides which, there's the view, he said, adding that on afternoons, when the sun is just right, he can see a red roof shining from White Oaks, a hamlet roughly 20 miles away.

"I like the view. You know, there's not too many places you can work with a view like this ... You can see for miles," Stearns said.

# Carrizozo

BY POLLY CHAVEZ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**C**ARRIZOZO, LOCATED IN SOUTH CENTRAL New Mexico at the junctions of Highways 54 and 380, is gearing up for its summer centennial celebration.

In 1899 the area known as the Carrizozo Ranch began its transformation into the town of Carrizozo. Had not railroad executives bypassed the bustling gold town of White Oaks, Carrizozo would have been no more than a siding and junction with the Capitan branch of the El Paso & Northeastern Railroad. This twist of fate turned Carrizozo into the county seat of Lincoln County.

In August there will be several centennial activities. Carrizozo's new visitors center, a railroad caboose, is the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce headquarters. The caboose is a reminder of the town's beginnings.

This year Santa Rita Catholic Church has planned its fiesta to coincide with the town's centennial activities. Following a parade on July 31, veterans will be honored at Fred Chavez Park. Festivities at the park will include an early bird walk-a-thon, a basketball tournament, musical entertainment by Sangre de Christo Taos singers, food and craft booths, the annual Joe Portillo Barbecue, and an evening street dance.

On Aug. 1, the church will host a horse-shoe contest, Mass with Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, the Hondo Dancers, food and craft booths, and other fiesta fare.

On Aug. 14, the Lincoln County Historical Society will hold an archives open



courtesy

Carrizozo is steeped in the history of Lincoln County. The town celebrates 100 years this summer.

house at the Masonic Temple in Carrizozo. Local historian Johnson Stearns will speak about the Masons and the building.

Check out Carrizozo's web site at: <http://townofcarrizozo.click2site.com> for all the town's centennial events.

A July Fourth fireworks display will be at the Carrizozo Recreation Area. The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual barbecue earlier that day.

On July 10 and 11, five Carrizozo artists will be part of the Lincoln County Art Loop. The event, with more than 14 artists participating throughout the county, gives visitors a chance to see how art is created.

Carrizozo, home of the first elected

governor of New Mexico, William C. McDonald, is also home to several parks. The Carrizozo Recreation Area Park on U.S. 380, east of Carrizozo, offers golf, a tennis court, a basketball court, and a baseball field. This area, McDonald Park and Fred Chavez Park have picnic and playground areas. Spencer Park has a swimming pool. The nearby Rec Center features bowling, video games, a library and a café. The Zia Senior Citizens Center welcomes traveling seniors to stop by and enjoy a hot meal served Monday through Friday at noon. Domino games are offered and art classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.



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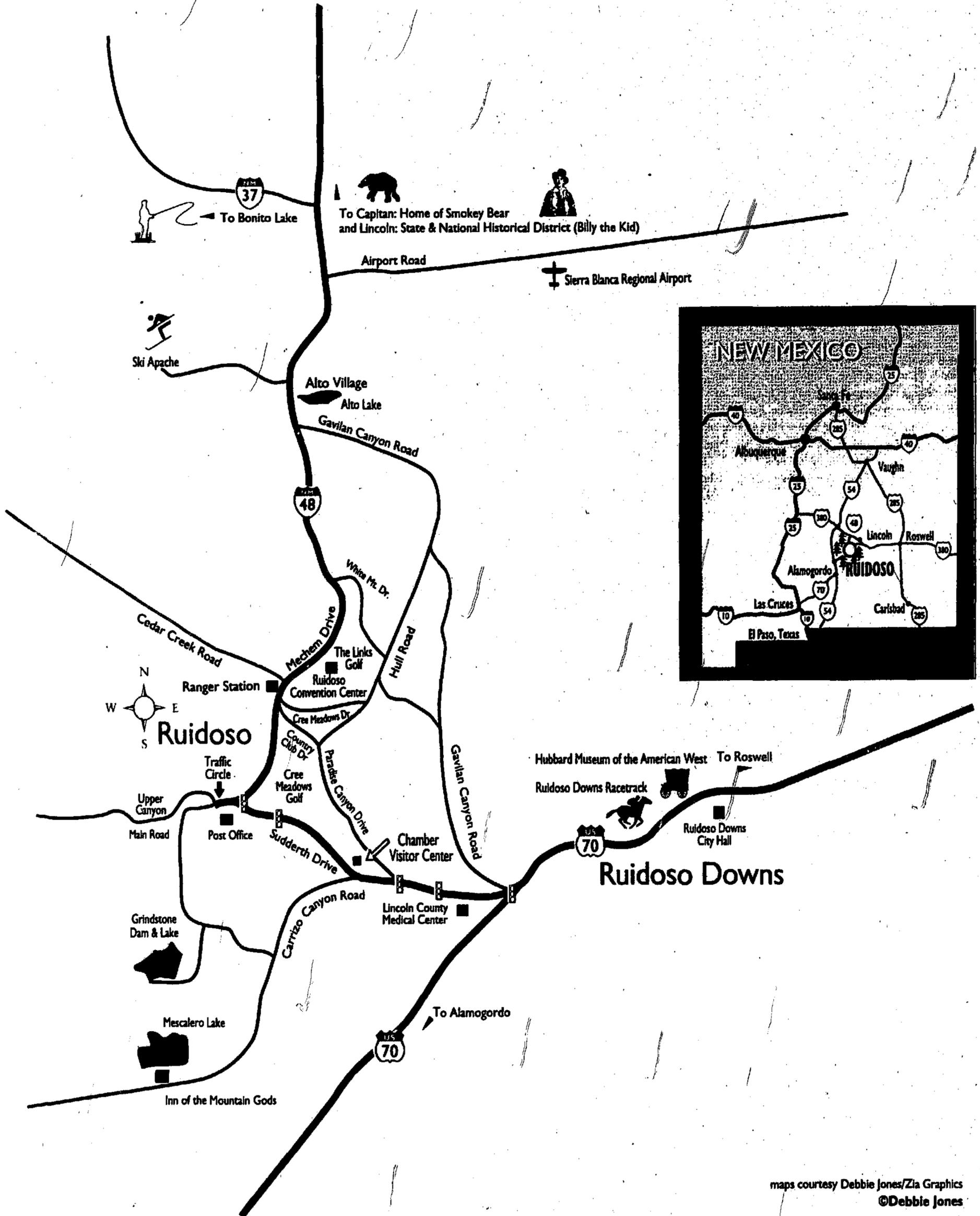
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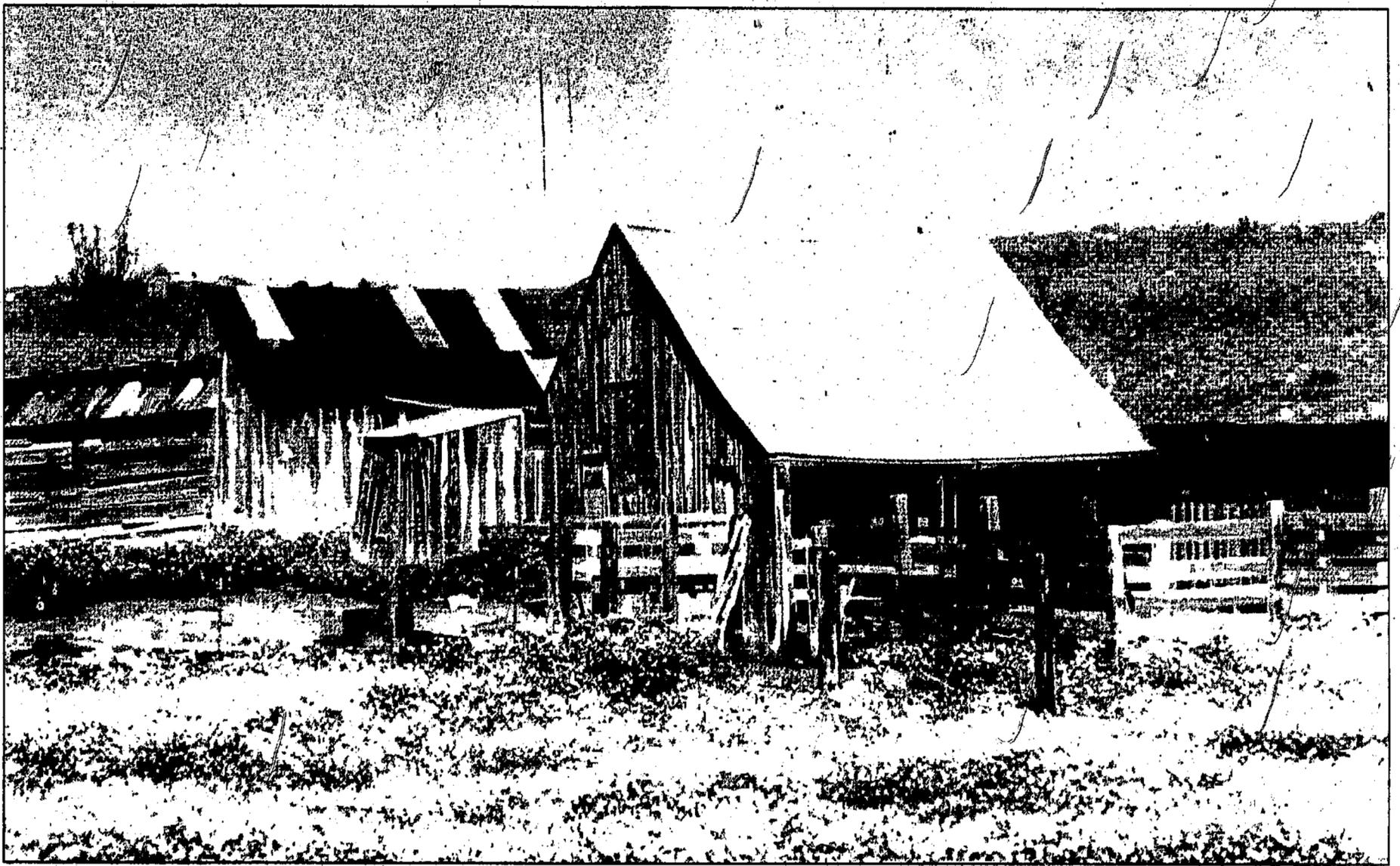
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# Caving

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**F**OR THOSE WHO PREFER TO FIND THEIR recreation underground instead of on top of it, try out Fort Stanton Cave. It's a special management area supervised by the Bureau of Land Management about 20 miles northwest of Ruidoso between the village of Capitan and the settlement of Lincoln.

Although it's not as large as Carlsbad Caverns, it's closer and its rare velvet formation attracts cavers from all over the world.

With eight miles of tunnels and "rooms," it offers an escape for the more adventurous since it's completely undeveloped and the only light comes from the lights sources carried in by cavers.

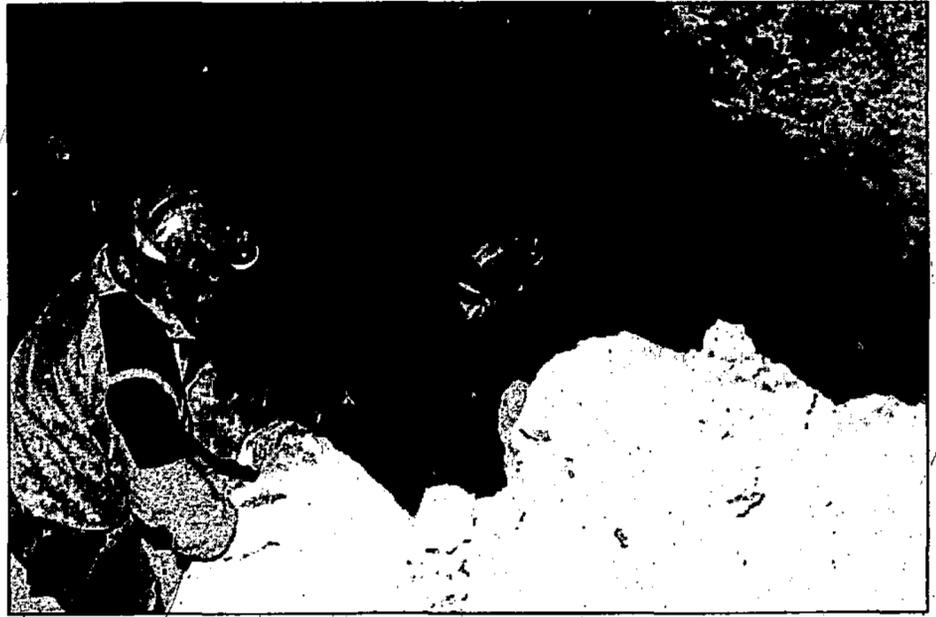
One of the prized assets of the bureau, the government keeps the entrance locked with a steel gate, but would-be spelunkers can obtain permits for exploring.

The cave system near Fort Stanton is a series of narrow passageways and spacious

chambers that has attained a reputation among cave enthusiasts. Besides a few guiding services approved for limited tours, individuals must prearrange access to the cave with the BLM. The BLM restricts access in most cases to the late spring and summer months to avoid disturbing the seasonal inhabitants: about 1,000 Townsend bats.

Some years when rain and snowfall are more abundant, a stream flows through the cave. But no algae or fish survive in the cave, because rocks filter out nutrients and no sunlight reaches beyond the entrance.

But behind all that darkness, there's



Dianne Stallings

Cavers are led down a narrow passage in Fort Stanton cave by a BLM guide.

plenty to see.

Displays of rare velvet formations in the Upper Breakdown Room ensure cavers an exciting trip. Starburst crystals splattered across the ceiling dazzle visitors before they enter the hands-and-knees Crystal Crawl corridor. Other formations include selenite needles, cave coral called popcorn, a twisting, worm-like growth called helicitite, soda straw stalactites and columns, the result of a stalactite growing downward, touching a stalagmite growing upward from the floor.

Explorers enter the Fort Stanton Cave through a sinkhole formed when underground water retreated and the earth above collapsed. The cave lies at about 6,160 feet above sea level. A confrontation between Indians and soldiers in the 1800s gave birth to the notion that a second entrance may exist

because the Indians are believed to have escaped, but it has never been found.

The first serious exploration of the cave occurred in 1877.

Slippery surfaces, fatigue and poor physical conditioning are the major problems encountered by most visitors. Equipment needed includes three sources of light and extra batteries to go with them, a hard hat or helmet, sturdy hiking boots and a sweatshirt or jacket for the cool 57-degree average temperature.

Those interested can request free permits by mail or in person by contacting the BLM at 2909 W. Second, Roswell, NM 88201. Allow at least 10 days for processing. The phone number is (505) 627-0272.

# Petroglyphs

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**T**HE THREE RIVERS PETROGLYPH SITE IS a must for those interested in ancient history of New Mexico.

More than 21,000 petroglyphs, or rock carvings, made possibly 10,000 years ago, can be seen from a hiking trail near the visitor's shelter at Three Rivers. Another trail leads to a partially excavated prehistoric village, where visitors can see ancient foundations of three types of dwellings of the Jornada Mogollon - the name of the desert-dwelling agricultural inhabitants of southwest New Mexico, southeast Arizona and northern Chihuahua, Mexico.

The petroglyphs include geometric designs, masks, sunbursts, animals, animal tracks, birds, reptiles, fish, handprints, clouds and corn reminiscent of Pueblo kachinas. Horned and goggle-eyed beings

appear in many site drawings.

A unique feature of these petroglyphs are that the animals depicted are not abstract, as is often the case, but are usually depicted realistically and show motion. Natural rock features often are used as parts of the carvings. Also, the circle and dot motif is more common at Three Rivers than at other Jornada Mogollon rock art sites.

The petroglyphs are believed to have been carved by the same people who inhabited the village. Nomadic hunters occupied the Tularosa Basin (between the San Andres Mountains on the west and the Sacramento Mountains on the east) about 10,000 years ago, foraging and hunting



Dianne Stallings

Petroglyphs left from ancient inhabitants of the area can be viewed at Three Rivers.

mammoth and bison. The farming of corn, beans and squash grew and trade networks developed from the Anasazi Pueblo strongholds in the north to Casas Grandes in the south and from the West to the Gulf Coast.

The petroglyphs are in a basaltic ridge above the Three Rivers Valley and constitute one of the largest rock art sites in the Southwest.

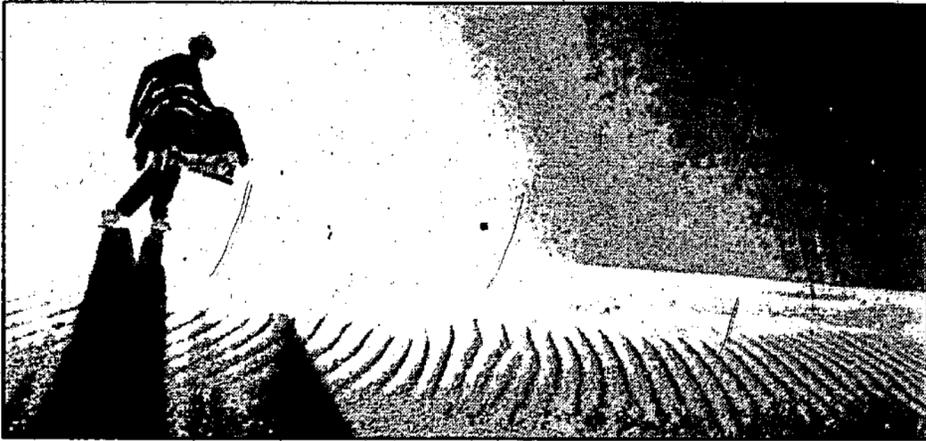
The site, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, is open to the public

year-round and the fee is \$2 per vehicle per day. The shelter has tables, barbecue grills, and trash cans, and camping is permitted. Sturdy shoes or boots, sunscreen and water are recommended. There are rattlesnakes in the areas, so stay alert and watch your children and pets.

The Three Rivers Petroglyph Site is 17 miles north of Tularosa and 28 miles south of Carrizozo on U.S. 54. Turn east at Three Rivers onto County Road B30 for five miles (the road is paved), and follow the signs.

# Alamogordo

BY TONI K. LAXSON RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



Dianne Stallings

It may look like snow, but it's really white sand.

**S**IX HUNDRED THOUSAND VISITORS A YEAR can't be wrong - the White Sands National Monument is worth seeing.

For the past two years, the 300-square-mile monument of glittery, white gypsum sand dunes has attracted more visitors than even the Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Marla Cooper, tourism and promotion manager for the city of Alamogordo, said.

The White Sands Monument is only one of several attractions to be found in Alamogordo, located about an hour's drive from Ruidoso, heading west on U.S. Highway 70.

Alamogordo, whose population is almost 32,000, also is home to the International Space Hall of Fame, the Alameda Park Zoo, the oldest zoo in the southwest, the Toy Train Depot and Museum, and the nearby Oliver Lee Park.

By far the most visited site, White Sands is located south of Alamogordo on the U.S. Highway 70. Cooper said the monument is the largest gypsum dune field in the world, and visitors to the monument may enjoy it through a variety of programs and tours, such as midnight bike rides, ranger-guided tours, astrological presentations and more. Or visitors can just sled down the dunes and picnic, if they like.

An 8-mile driving tour takes visitors through the heart of the dune monument, and a ranger-guided tour takes visitors to Lake Lucero, a dry lake bed hidden back in the dunes. The Lake Lucero tours are held all year at various times, but advance registration is required, Cooper said. For more information about White Sands or the programs and tours offered, call (505) 479-6124.

The Toy Train Depot and Museum is located next to Alameda Park off of White Sands Boulevard, which is the same as U.S. Highway 70. The 12-year-old museum is housed in a 100-year-old train depot, whose five rooms are filled with displays of

hundreds of model and toy trains, Cooper said.

"And, of course, one of the neatest features about the depot is that it actually has a toy train that you can physically ride through the Alameda Park ... children and adults," Cooper said.

Alamogordo's zoo was created when the town was founded and is the oldest in southwestern region of the country. The 7-acre zoo has more than 300 animals and 90 different species as well as an impressive listing of accreditation, Cooper said.

International Space Hall of Fame, also called the Space Center, is located in Alamogordo at the base of the Sacramento Mountains overlooking the Tularosa Basin. The center chronicles man's exploration of space from the earliest rocket, and also features the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Theater and Planetarium. For more information about the center, admission costs and theater times, call (505) 437-2840 or (800) 545-4021.

The Oliver Lee State Park, named after one of the state's more colorful historical figures, is 12 miles south of Alamogordo on U.S. Highway 54.

"This is a fabulous state park," Cooper said. "It is an award-winning state park."

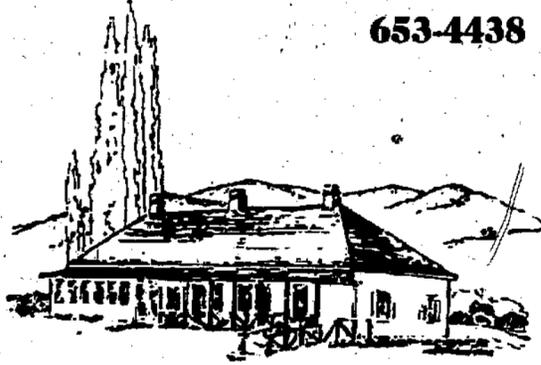
The park, about 640 acres, offers camping and hiking as well as historical and archeological attractions. Admission fees are charged at the park, which has an interpretive visitors center, tours of Oliver Lee's historical ranch home, interpretive trails and RV camping. The park has 44 developed campsites and 16 sites with electric hookups and overhead shelters. For more information about the park and its fees, call (505) 437-8284.

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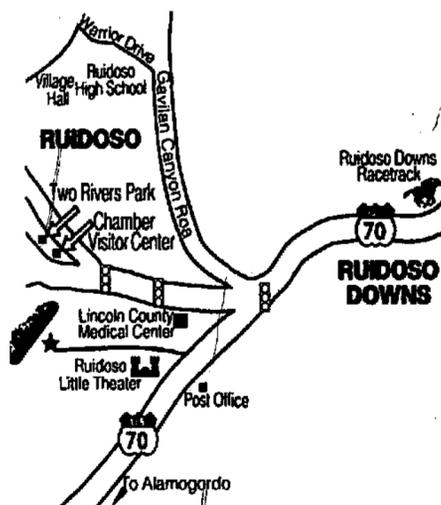
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# Golf

BY LAURA CLYMER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**W**ITH 11 GOLF COURSES IN THE AREA, golfers will find new challenges whenever they tee up from Ruidoso to Roswell, or from Alto to Alamogordo and all points in between.

## Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Dr., Alto  
call 336-4231 for tee times  
Kirk Taylor is the head pro

### Features:

- 18 holes, 6,480 yards from the blue tees, course rating 70.5, par 71.
- Signature hole - No. 12 tees off from the top to a two-tier fairway.
- No driving range.
- Alto Lakes is a private club for members and their guests. Its back nine is considered one of the best in the state.

## Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course

Highway 380, Carrizozo  
648-9984 for tee info

### Features:

- 9 holes, 3,319 yards
- No driving range.
- Carrizozo is a public course.
- Cart rental available.

## Cree Meadows Public Golf Course

301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso  
call 257-5815 for tee times  
Eric Eggleston is the course pro

### Features:

- 18 holes, 5,786 yards from the blue tees, course rating 66.9, par 71.
- Signature hole - No. 2. It's the pretty one with an elevated tee down to a valley then to an elevated green.
- No driving range.
- Cree Meadows is a public course.

## Desert Lakes Golf Course

2351 Hamilton Rd., Alamogordo  
call 505-437-0290 for tee times  
Grant M. Dalpes is the golf pro

### Features:

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

- The course underwent in renovations in late 1996 and it up and running.

## The Inn of the Mountain Gods

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

### Features:

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

## The Links of Sierra Blanca

105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso  
call 258-5330 for tee times  
Daniel Nunez is the golf pro

### Features:

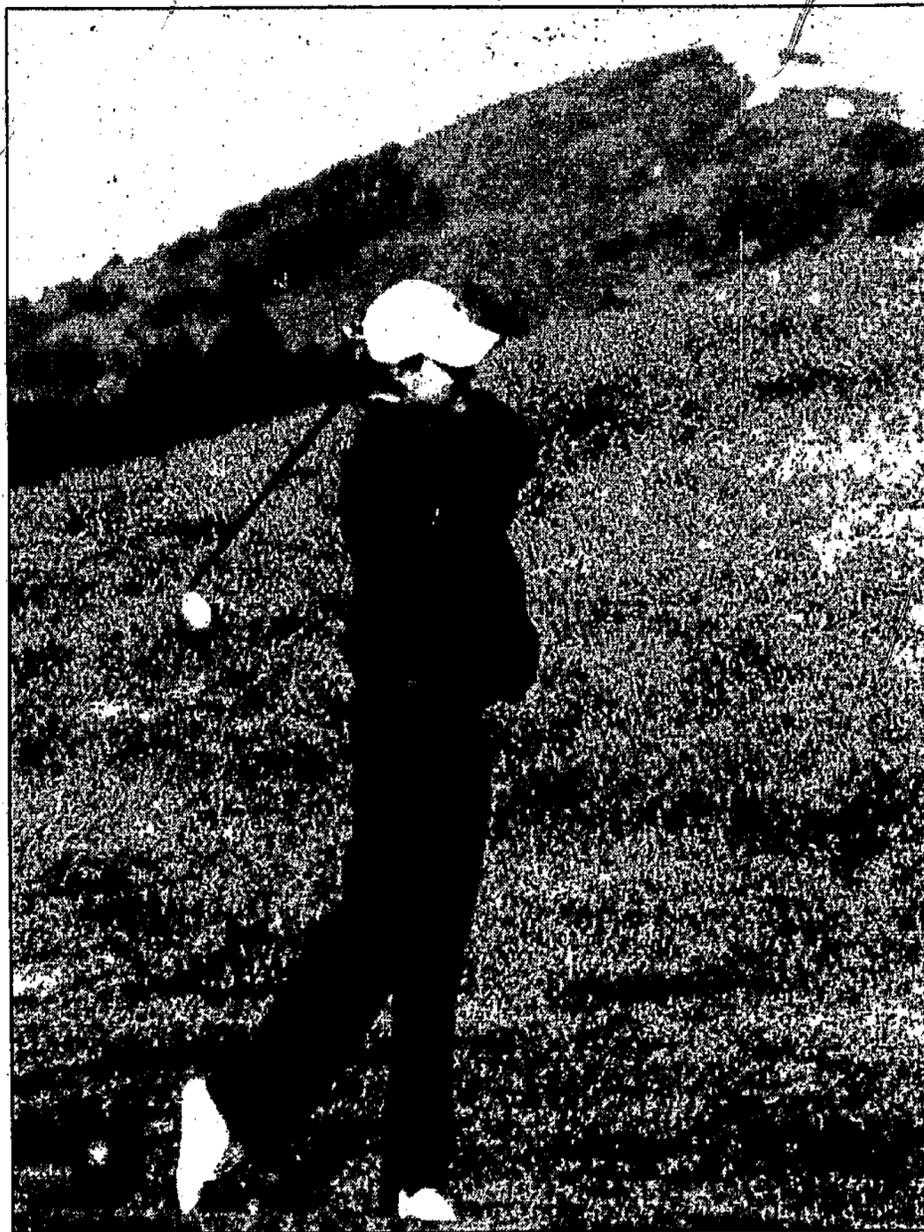
- 18 holes, 6,793 from the gold tees, 6,422 from the blue tees, 5,940 from white tees, 5,071 from the green tees. Course rating on the gold tees is 71.9, par 72.
- Signature hole - No. 17 is a par 3 with scenic views at 148 yards.
- Driving range and practice greens.
- The berm-studded Links is a challenging public course designed by Jim Colbert.

## The Lodge in Cloudcroft

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

### Features:

- 9 holes, 18-hole yardage is 4,858, double pins and tees on each hole.
- Signature hole - No. 5 is a 318-yard, par 4 hole that starts slightly uphill then drops straight down to the green.
- No driving range
- The Lodge offers golfers a Scottish tradition - a nine-hole course



Laura Clymer

With 11 courses in the area, visitors will have plenty to shoot for.

with double pins and tees.

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- \$10 for nine holes, \$15 for 18 holes
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited on the course.

## Spring River Golf Course

1612 W. 8th, Roswell  
Ron Doan is the golf pro  
505-622-9506

### Features:

- 18 holes, 6,336 yards, par 71
- Signature hole - No. 13 is a short par 3 that is three-tiered and well-bunkered
- Driving range, putting greens
- The Spring River greens are well undulated and well bunkered, quite demanding on the iron shots. Plus, several hundred new trees were planted throughout the winter and spring.
- \$15 for 18 holes, cart rental is available

## Ponderosa Pines Golf Course

Highway 130, Cloudcroft  
call 505-682-2995 for tee times

### Features:

- 9 holes, regulation-length course, par 34.
- Signature hole - No. 3 is a scenic par 3 that's nestled in the mountainside and flanked by pine and aspen trees.
- No driving range.
- Ponderosa Pines is a public course located nine miles southeast of Cloudcroft.

## New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

201 W. 19th, Roswell  
505-622-6033  
Tom Velarde is the golf pro  
Mike Jones is the general manager

### Features:

- 18 holes, 6,689 yards, par 72
- Signature hole - No. 16 is 469-yard, par 4
- Driving range and putting greens
- Owned by the Institute, this is a public course.
- Golf cart rental available and snack bar.

## Roswell Country Club

2601 Urton Road, NE Roswell  
call 505-622-2050 for information  
Luke Thompson is the head pro

### Features:

- 9-hole course, with yardage of 3,055 on the front 9 and 3,094 the second time through, par 72
- Guests must play with the members
- Driving range, putting and chipping greens
- \$20 for 18 holes, \$15 for nine with a member
- Cart rental available

# Calendar



courtesy Spencer Theater

"My Cowboy's Gift," a one-act play of love and faith uniquely framed in poetry and song by Lubbock, Texas, lyricist Andy Wilkinson will be performed at the Spencer Theater Saturday, June 26 at 8 p.m.

## May

**Monday-Sunday, May 24-30**  
SIDEWINDER - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, May 26-30**  
THE ROADRUNNERS - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9535.

**Saturday, May 29**  
SANTA FE CHORALE - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. The chorale performs a cappella - a wide range of music, including folk songs from around the globe and sacred music spanning the centuries. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Monday, May 31**  
RANGE CREEK RIDERS - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9982.

## June

**Tuesday-Sunday, June 1-6**  
RANGE CREEK RIDERS - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, June 2-6**  
ELLISON BROTHERS - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9535.

**Saturday, June 5**  
EL PASO BRASS - Spencer Theater (outdoors) - 8 p.m. This band applies five horns to everything from J.S. Bach's Contrapunctus IX to Dixieland jazz and "Beer Barrel Polka." For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Monday-Sunday, June 7-13**  
RANGE CREEK RIDERS - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505)

257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, June 9-13**  
AMERICAN PIE - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call (505) 257-9535.

**Saturday, June 12**  
"THE TROLL AND THE ELEPHANT PRINCE" - Spencer Theater - 3 p.m. Produced by Eastern New Mexico University, the performance is part of a two-week seminar in children's theater. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Sunday, June 13**  
BILLY THE KID CUP - This National Off Road Bicycling Association-sanctioned event starts at 10 a.m. mountain bike at the Fort Stanton Special Management Area, at Mile Marker 15 on Highway 220. The course is closed to access at 9 a.m. so come early and pick a great spot. For more information call (505) 258-3224.

**Monday-Sunday, June 14-20**  
THE 751 BAND - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more de-

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**Wednesday-Sunday, June 16-20**  
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**Friday, June 18**  
**ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** - Inn of the Mountain Gods at the West Conference Center. Shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. For more information call (505) 630-7520 or (505) 257-5141.

**Monday-Sunday, June 21-27**  
**FRANK AMSTED AND LEGACY** - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, June 23-27**  
**ROCKY AND THE BULLWINKLES** - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9535.

**Saturday, June 26**  
**"MY COWBOY'S GIFT"** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. It's a one-act play of love and faith uniquely framed in poetry and song by Lubbock, Texas, lyricist Andy Wilkinson. For more information, call (505) 336-4800.

**Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30**  
**RANGE CREEK RIDERS** - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9982.

**Wednesday, June 30**  
**THE ROADRUNNERS** - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9535.

## July

**Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4**  
**RANGE CREEK RIDERS** - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9982.

**Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4**  
**THE ROADRUNNERS** - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9535.

**Monday-Sunday, July 5-11**  
**RANGE CREEK RIDERS** - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, July 7-11**  
**THE ROADRUNNERS** - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9535.

**Saturday, July 10**  
**"WIZ OF THE WEST"** - Spencer Theater - 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Missoula Children's Theater returns to Ruidoso with the presentation of this fairy tale with a twang. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Monday-Sunday, July 12-18**  
**SILVER CREEK** - Win, Place and Show - Live country and western music from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9982.

**Wednesday-Sunday, July 14-18**  
**AMERICAN PIE** - The Quarters - Live classic rock and roll music from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. No cover charge. For more details call 257-9535.

**Friday, July 16**  
**GARY PUCKETT** - Inn of the Mountain Gods at the West Conference Center. Shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. For more information call (505) 630-7520 or (505) 257-5141.

**Saturday, July 17**  
**TRIO VORONEZH** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. Playing traditional Russian folk instruments, the trio performs everything from Russian ragtime to Bach's Toccata and Fugue. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Monday-Sunday, July 19-25**  
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**Saturday, July 31**  
**BILLY TAYLOR/RAMSEY LEWIS** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. Jazz greats Taylor and Lewis team up in a duo piano recital that will set your toes to tapping. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Sunday, August 1**  
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**FOLLIES** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. Albuquerque Civic Light Opera. A play about a host of aging Follies performers that make one last visit to their old theater before the wrecking ball strikes. For more information call (505) 336-4800.

**Saturday, Aug. 14**  
**SWEET ADELINES** - Spencer Theater - 7 p.m. The Las Cruces Sweet Adelines, guest quartet Guys & Dolls bring four-part harmony in a style reminiscent of the Pied Pipers and the Modernaires.

**Saturday, Aug. 21**  
**JOHN BAYLESS** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. Pianist John Bayless endeared himself to Spencer Theater audiences last summer with his unique blends of classical technique and popular melodies.

**Saturday, Aug. 28**  
**SHERRILL MILNES** - Spencer Theater - 8 p.m. Celebrated star of New York's Met, Sherrill Milnes has been considered the world's pre-eminent baritone for more than 25 years.

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