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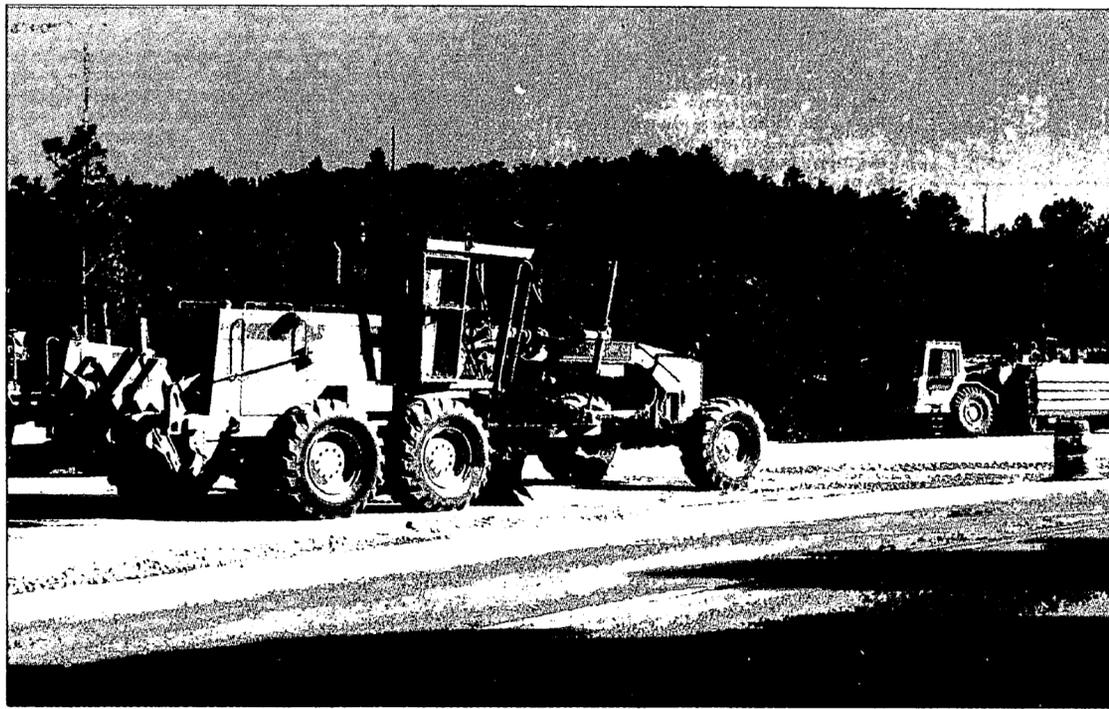
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Highway construction, seen here on Mechem Drive north of Ruidoso, will begin next Monday in both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, according to officials with Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. The highways 48 and 70 projects, which were scheduled to be finished last year, now have an early summer target for completion.

Area highway work continues

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The pace of highway construction in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will begin to pick up noticeably next week.

Road construction is set to resume, on the U.S. 70 project through Ruidoso Downs.

Traffic will be diverted to the east bound lanes of the roadway, while crews begin to tear up the west bound lanes, Mike Davenport, the project manager for Meadow Valley, said.

Both east and west bound traffic will be diverted to the two-lane east bound side of the corridor beginning Monday. On Tuesday

milling work will start. The construction will focus on the west-bound lanes into May. The section of highway that will see the road building is from the Big-O Tire Store, east to the Hubbard Museum of the American West, Davenport said.

Following milling of the old west bound pavement, excavation, drainage work, and "subgrade" preparations will take place. The subgrade will include the addition of lime, which requires 48 hours of temperatures over the freezing point.

The project will also include the installation of light bases, sidewalks, and concrete medians before any asphalt is laid.

"We're hoping to be finished by the start of the racing season," Davenport said. "May 26 is when we plan to begin O.G.F.C. (open graded friction course, the top asphalt layer), putting down a friction course on the pavement." Final stripping of the roadway is expected in early June.

The Highway 48 project, which is divided into two sections, upper and lower Mechem Drive, has seen limited work over the winter months. Upper 48 is described as north of White Mountain Drive. The lower project is from White Mountain Drive to Sudderth Drive.

The upper part of the project, in

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Village outlines rec center

Officials at forum cover amenities, design, taxes

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Visionary.

It was one of the words used by two audience members in describing the village of Ruidoso's plans for a community and recreation center.

The fate of the center hinges on voter approval next month of up to \$6 million in general obligation bonds, that would be repaid through property taxes.

About 100 citizens were on hand Wednesday night for a community forum that had village officials outlining the community center plans and finances and field questions.

"This is a much needed facility for all," said Rafael (Rifle) Salas, Ruidoso's Parks and Recreation Department director. "Recreation is important as far as the pursuit of happiness."

Village Manager Alan Briley said the center would be a "center point where everyone can come in and recreate as a community."

The facility would house a 50-meter indoor pool that could be divided into two, three, four or as many as five sections for multiple use at one time. An infant pool would be included. Just outside a wall of doors from the pool area would be a sunning deck, according to the plans.

The facility would have "locker rooms, baths, changing rooms and offices for the village's Parks and Recreation Department," Briley said.

A 10,800-square foot activity center room would be available for gymnasium activities, including basketball, and could also be used for large gatherings.

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Driver in Tinnie crash to be charged with misdemeanor

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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The semi-truck driver, who plowed into a church van on U.S. 70 in Tinnie, killing three and injuring nine other van occupants, will face a misdemeanor charge of careless driving.

The driver, Bruce Miller, 45, of Brampton, Ontario, was not under the influence of any alcohol or drug, and was traveling within the speed limit, at the time of the Jan. 8 collision, according to Scot D. Key, 12th Judicial District prosecutor.

"Although the events of that day were very tragic to a great many people and several communities, my decision must be based upon facts that have been developed and the current state of New Mexico law," Key said Thursday.

"Prosecution decisions cannot be based upon speculation, guess, emotion or public outcry. Al-

though it was a very hard on me to this decision to the victims of this tragedy, I am confident that it is the correct one," the District Attorney said.

The van was carrying 12 members of the First Baptist Church of Alamogordo to a graveside service at the Tinnie Cemetery. As the van slowed, looking for the entrance to the cemetery, the eastbound semi, loaded with produce, slammed into the van, sending the church vehicle more than 500 feet off the roadway.

Killed in the crash were Emmet Carson, 70, the associate pastor of the church, Florence Otto, 72, and Vera Wagner, 76. The three victims were seated in the rear of the van.

Assistance and information about the charging decision is being provided to the victims and their families, Key said.

The prosecutor said the careless driving charge against Miller followed a review of the accident, and

studies by attorneys in the District Attorney's Office, and by officers from the New Mexico State Police Department and the Department of Transportation. The results of forensic analysis and drug and alcohol testing were also part of the review.

"Our investigation revealed that Mr. Miller did not give his full time and attention to the operation of the semi he was driving," Key said. "By definition, the actions or lack thereof of Mr. Miller were careless at best. The Supreme Court of New Mexico has ruled that ordinary negligence, such as what we have here, does not rise to the level of criminal negligence that would be required to charge vehicular homicide. Careless driving cannot be used as a predicate for a vehicular homicide or involuntary manslaughter charge."

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State Attorney General: Downs violated public records law

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

▷ **RELATED STORY, 2A**

The New Mexico's Attorney General's office has determined that the Ruidoso Downs Police Department violated state law by denying the Ruidoso News access to a public record.

In a written response, the attorney representing Ruidoso Downs disagrees.

In a letter dated Feb. 4, Mary H. Smith, an assistant with the Attorney General's Office, said the Ruidoso Downs Police Department violated the Inspection of Public Records Act by characterizing a video or audio tape as a confidential police record.

The Ruidoso News had requested to inspect and copy a video or audio tape recording of Ruidoso Downs police Officer Ken Arther's patrol between 12:00 a.m. and 2:45 a.m. on Sept. 23, 1999. Attorney Sean Baker, whose firm represents Ruidoso Downs, denied the request. The Ruidoso News filed a complaint with the state Attorney General's office.

The Ruidoso News sought the video in connection with the arrest of a Ruidoso Downs man who accused Officer Ken Arthur of using excessive

force. Part of the incident was captured on a video tape machine in Arther's patrol vehicle. This was the tape that the Ruidoso News had requested.

"Our review of the complaint and Sean Baker's response has shown that the Ruidoso Downs Police Department violated the Inspection of Public Records Act by its characterization of the tape recording as a confidential police record," Smith's letter states. "We believe the video or audio tape recording does not fall within the Act's law enforcement records exemption."

In answering the complaint on Nov. 19, 1999, Baker had stated a Ruidoso News headline reporting "officer accused of excessive force" effectively accused but did not charge Arther with a crime, and thus the tape of the incident is protected from disclosure.

But Smith responded that the law enforcement records exemption to the Inspection of Public Records Act protects criminal investigative materials, which, if disclosed could seriously interfere with the effectiveness of an investigation.

"Given the circumstances and information we

have, and pursuant to both the Inspection of Public Records Act and the Arrest Record Information Act, the requested video or audio tape is not a law enforcement record that would reveal confidential sources, methods, information or individuals accused but not charged with a crime," Smith states. She labeled the tape a public record.

In disagreeing with Smith in a Feb. 15 correspondence, attorney Dan Bryant, who works with Sean Baker's office, said the video tape fell within the "law enforcement records" exemption of the Public Records Act.

"Your letter completely ignores the fact there was, in fact, a criminal investigation being conducted of Officer Arther by the New Mexico State Police," Bryant states. "Accordingly, your assertion that the newspaper headline did not constitute the accusation of a crime completely ignores the fact that in fact a criminal investigation was proceeding."

Bryant also said the conclusion that the video tape did not constitute the kind of law enforcement record that would reveal "confidential sources, methods, information or individuals accused but not charged with a crime," also was in error.

The village attorney said releasing the video tape could have tainted the investigation of Arther.

"Mr. Baca made an allegation that Officer Arther had used excessive force," Bryant said. "His version of the facts ... would most certainly have been tailored to fit the content of the video if we had released it."

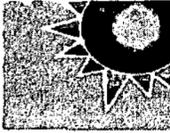
Bryant cautioned the Attorney General's office that the opinion risks compromising the investigative process.

The Arther investigation involved a Sept. 23, 1999, arrest of a suspected drunk driver. The arrest subject, Freddy Ray Baca, alleged that Arther beat him before other officers arrived. State Police finished their investigation of the incident earlier this year. District Attorney Scot Key decided there wasn't sufficient evidence to criminally charge Arther.

Bryant said now that the Arther investigation has been completed, the video tape is available for the news media to view.

"Although I would relish the opportunity of testing the issue before the court, the matter has become moot," Bryant said in his response to the Assistant Attorney General.

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SUNDAY	High ... 59 Low ... 22		Partly cloudy
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	65	31	.00"
Wednesday	67	29	.00"
Thursday	60	22	.00"

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Lubbock, TX	57	30	Mostly sunny
Midland, TX	59	33	Mostly sunny



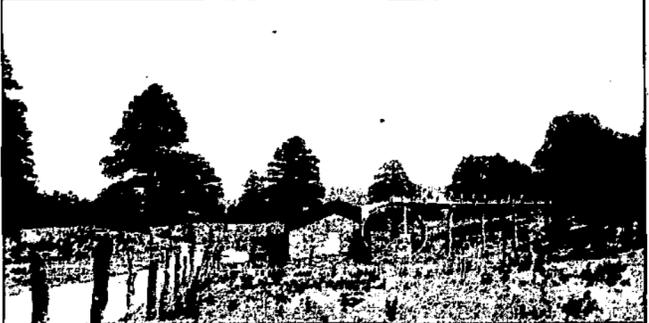
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Feb. 15, 1900

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Video tape shows alleged drunk suspect trying to flee

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A video tape recording of a Ruidoso Downs police officer apprehending a suspected drunk driver shows the suspect trying to run away before being tackled by the officer.

The suspect, who has accused Officer Ken Arther of using excessive force, was repeatedly asked to place his hands behind his back before the incident turned into the use of force, the video tape shows.

The 15-minute video taped segment begins at 1:59 a.m. on Sept. 23, 1999. Arther, with his in-vehicle video camera rolling, begins by approaching a pickup truck operated by Freddy Ray Baca.

"Turn your truck off," Arther said. "License and insurance, God, you smell like a brewery

again."

Baca had been arrested by Arther earlier in September but escaped from the officer's custody.

"You tore up my handcuffs. You escaped from me and tore up my handcuff," Arther told Baca, before asking the suspect to submit to a field sobriety test.

Baca completed the first test, walking off nine paces, but only completed part of a second test, the video shows.

"I really, really apologize," Baca is heard saying. "I just want to explain my point of view." Baca began telling Arther why he hadn't registered the pickup truck he was driving.

"I don't care," Arther said. "You're drinking and driving."

After six commands for Baca to place his hands behind his back, Arther said he "was fixing to spray you."

The two men moved to the left of the patrol vehicle, out of range of the video camera.

The audio portion of the recording indicated that twice again the officer told the suspect to put his hands behind his back, and Arther again added "I'm going to spray you with pepper spray."

The next scene showed Baca in the camera's view, running away from the patrol vehicle and Arther in foot pursuit. The officer is then seen tackling Baca, Baca got to his feet, and continued to run with Arther again in pursuit.

The recording failed to capture the now distant picture of the officer and suspect, but the audio indicated Arther had caught up with the fleeing suspect.

"Lay down, lay down, lay down, lay down," Arther is heard

yelling. The out-of-breath Arther is also heard four times saying "put your hands behind your back."

"I'm going to break it if you don't put your hands behind your back."

Arther then radioed in for back-up, saying he had a resisting suspect.

While Baca's audio is, at this point, difficult to hear, Arther responded, "excuse me. All you had to do is what you were told."

"I did," said Baca.

"No, you didn't. Lay still, do you hear me, lay still," said Arther.

"I can't breathe, get off of me, you f..."

"I said lay still," Arther commands.

Another patrol vehicle ar-

See TAPE, page 7A

CENTER: Some attending the forum said they wanted taxes to come down

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"It's designed to be open for everybody, for whatever they choose," Briley said.

An elevated walking path would appeal to those who use the path around the Links golf course during winter or other weather unsuitable for outdoor walking.

A multi-purpose room and a teen center are other rooms planned for the community center.

While there would be no charge to use the activity, multi-purpose or teen center side of the facility, pool use would require a daily fee or annual pass.

Currently village officials are looking at a \$250 annual family pass, \$150 for singles and \$200 for couples. Daily fees would possibly be \$5. Estimated annual revenues would total \$359,800. The estimates figure 15 percent of those in the Ruidoso area would use the facility.

"We believe that to be a very conservative number based on what Ruidoso is," said Robert Donaldson, village mayor.

Other potential sources of income could be pool parties, room rentals, concessions and fees for holding classes in the facility.

Operational expenses, for things like additional department employees, maintenance, pool needs, utilities and insurance, are estimated at \$242,034 annually.

"That's quite a comfort zone between revenues and expenditures," Lori McKnight, Ruidoso's Finance Director told the audience.

While several forum attendees doubted the estimates, Donaldson, and some other audience members, felt revenues would exceed the estimates.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Salas said he had gathered information on what other communities charge for pool use, and Ruidoso's proposed annual fee would be far below the cost of other New Mexico municipalities. He pointed to Alamogordo, which charges \$768 for an annual family pass, as an example.

The general obligation bonds that voters would have to approve on March 7 would be repaid over 10 to 12 years. The cost of the repayments, for the owner of a \$100,000 home, would be \$109 per year.

"Your millage or debt service will not increase," said McKnight. The finance director said the new bond payments would begin as other debt ser-

vice on the property tax retires.

Several people in the audience said they felt the village should allow the property tax levy to decrease, instead of continuing bond repayments.

"I would like for cities to have their tax rate go down," said Ruidoso resident Tony Seno.

The facility would be available to all residents of Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation, as well as visitors, village officials said. Fee structures could be higher for out-of-village residents. Fee differentials would likely depend on financial assistance from other communities.

"We would like a unified

rate, it would be easier," said Donaldson. "We want to go to the county, Capitan, Ruidoso Downs and other communities, to ask them to help participate by funding some employees. If they don't, then we will have a different fee for those who don't own Ruidoso property."

Donaldson also said that a mechanism would be devised to assure that lower income residents have access to the center.

Saying that Ruidoso is becoming a premier location in the country because of the visions of people like Jackie Spencer and R.D. Hubbard, resident George Staten said the vision must continue and the community center "is a marvelous start."

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County commission pledges support for struggling Hondo clinic

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The new Hondo Health Clinic will receive its share of a special property tax levy that for more than eight years was funneled only to the Carrizozo Health Clinic, Lincoln County Commissioners said Thursday.

But they stopped short of setting aside a specified amount of money for the clinic now waiting for its license to open.

Barbara Casey, Hondo School District superintendent and an organizer of the clinic, said commissioners abrogated their duty to residents of the unincorporated area by failing to acknowledge in 1996 that money was available from the tax levy to help the clinic get started.

County Attorney Alan Morel said commissioners did nothing legally incorrect, because the clinic technically doesn't exist until it is open. The county also must have a management contract in place to convey money for its operation or improvements, he said.

But Wanda Gielow de Figueroa, a local health care coordinator, said a public health clinic operated in a room at the school during the time the tax levy first was passed by voters. It was renewed in 1992, with wording that specified one mill of the levy was to be shared by clinics in Carrizozo, Hondo and Corona.

That hasn't occurred, Casey said. She specifically was told that the clinic was "on its own" and the county would not lend support after giving Hondo a building no longer being used in Carrizozo, she said.

When Commission Chairman Rex Wilson objected to that statement, saying Casey offered to put together a clinic without county support, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley corrected him.

When he served as chairman, the county was facing the expense of renovation of the county hospital in Ruidoso and building a new jail, Nunley said. He told Casey at that time, no money was available to help and she sought grants and money from the state Legislature instead, he said.

Casey said she never would have known that money was available for the Hondo Clinic if she had not received a call from The Ruidoso News. The clinic could have been activated much faster if she used money from the one mill levy, she said.

One mill generates about \$447,953 a year. One mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

The Carrizozo Clinic has a reserve of \$546,768 projected for the end of the fiscal year, June 30, said County Manager Tom Stewart.

Commissioner Leo Martinez asked what can be done to ensure other voter mandates are

not being overlooked or not distributed as required.

"The institutional memory of the county is short," Morel said. "We go through a county manager every two years."

He previously requested a "perpetual calendar" be set up so that the staff knows when issues are due to be reviewed, he said.

Martinez said when he looked at the annual budget and monthly financial reports, he was confused because all of the money is under a fund labeled for the Carrizozo clinic.

At least after 1996, the heading should have been changed to include all three clinics or separate funds should have been established for each, he told County Treasurer Joan Park.

She responded that the commissioners approve the wording for funds. "It's not my arbitrary choice," she said.

The arbitrary doesn't mean Carrizozo, remodeled and enlarged a year ago, still won't receive the major share of the money.

Wilson said he wants to review the number of patients using each clinic and possibly distribute the money based on that percentage.

But Martinez said the clinic needs \$180,000 just to operate the first year. After that, commissioners will have a better idea of usage.

At times, the discussion heated up between

Commissioner William Schwettmann and Martinez. When Schwettmann referred to Martinez' motion to set aside \$180,000 for Hondo as "knee jerk" action, Martinez took exception.

To cool things down, Wilson called a break. Martinez later pointed out that the \$180,000, also proposed by Nunley, but later removed from the his motion, was based on Hondo's first year operating budget. Carrizozo resident Barbara Ward told commissioners before acting, they should look at needs of the Carrizozo clinic and in Corona.

But Martinez said it's time to share the money.

A few minutes later, commissioners granted a request by James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso for a \$10,000 renovation at the Carrizozo clinic, creating two more examination rooms.

The clinic is managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which also runs the hospital under contract with the county and sends a health care worker to Corona once a week.

Gibson said one physician at the Carrizozo clinic is seeing 5,000 patients a year. He wants to bring in a second physician on a part-time basis to alleviate that pressure, he said. If the patient load continues to grow, an addition will have to be built, he said.

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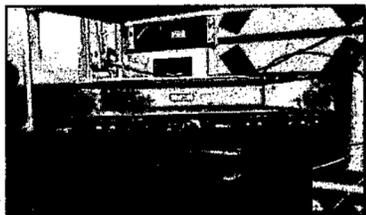
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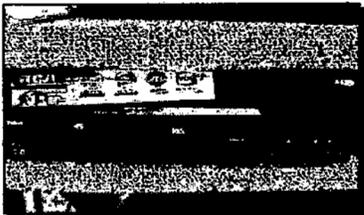
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OUR OPINION

Debating water problems and solutions

Without question, a real or perceived shortage of water has captured the attention of Ruidoso residents. On Wednesday, four different letter-writers viewed the issue from as many different perspectives on this opinion page.

The *ruidosonews.com* Web site, with more than 40,000 "hits" in January alone, has become an even bigger clearing-house for water issues and objections; well over half of those site contacts were to the public forum page, and water continues to be a primary topic.

That is inevitable, no doubt, as more weeks go by of unseasonable weather, falling reservoir water levels, and upgraded water conservation measures. Because water impacts everything and everybody, inevitably other facets become part of the argument—proposed golf courses, infrastructure impact fees, exploratory well-drilling, civic efforts to improve quality of life, even the number of building permits.

Predictably, everybody has an opinion. But nobody has suggested that a mass-migration to other climes is the solution, even if it might be in the most extreme circumstance. (Come to think of it, hurricane-battered Florida doesn't appear to have lost any population.)

So, in our view, the "water situation" must be looked at for what it is: Another problem to be solved by a community that faced, and solved, hundreds if not thousands of problems over more than half the 20th Century.

Part of that process is open, free-wheeling debate. Sometimes such a debate turns up a fresh solution.

The bottom line is that ours is a *water* problem, not a personality problem or a censorship problem. Let the debate continue.



YOUR OPINION

Public meetings do make a difference

To the editor:

Regarding your conclusions: "Public meetings and what usually follows." You are incorrect when stating "public meetings don't change any thinking." If your premise was correct, the construction at Mechem would now be complete; at less cost to citizens, and with a more adequate design to handle current population growth.

Traffic growth, as it turns out, was accurately predicted by the State Highway Department. The project is supposed to handle traffic and population growth for the next 20 years. Growth projections now suggest that "New Mechem" may be inadequate within 10 years or less.

Locals opposed the project for self-serving reasons. The project was delayed and a compromise (was reached) — the present mess (not ironically by the low bidder) resulted. The public meetings did influence the state. We the people hire the best engineers possible, and then ridiculous studies they provide. I drive to Roswell several times each month; we need a wider, safer highway.

You reported most people were against school uniforms in public meetings. As usual in Ruidoso those "against" were the loudest, while in fact parents (of course not kids) were about evenly divided. Due to the public meeting and with the help of your article, the school board was influenced to vote the issue down.

Your paper hosted our area's last two candidate forums. You set the format, picked the presenters, whom in turn picked and even rephrased questions. You, therefore, were influential in the elections, by your own perhaps well-intended manipulations of a public meeting.

Public meetings do influence events. Let the public ask their own questions. Citizens, let us truly listen to the people paid to give us the best technical information.

PS: To my good friend Mr. (A) Jung: Among other issues, you are wrong about Realtors opposing water impact fees; that was another organization.

Joseph A. Zagone
Ruidoso

they charged us for stalls and food at their parades when in fact they provided these amenities.

In all the Posse could use new chaps and breast collars; however, considering that there are so many in the county with real needs, I question this solicitation. I would think that if someone could afford \$25,000 in sunk costs and \$2,500 annual upkeep that another \$270 would be walk-around money.

Perhaps some have lost sight of what the Posse is all about.

Blair Carter
Captain

Why be a leader in Girl Scouting?

To the editor:

As a Girl Scout volunteer in Ruidoso, many people ask me why volunteering is worth my valuable time. It is not a hard answer to give:

I choose to be a Girl Scout leader because I value helping girls grow strong in body, mind, and spirit. Many girls today have needs that aren't being met, and Girl Scouts have stepped up to the plate to provide a program that develops strong values and life skills.

I choose to be a Girl Scout leader because I receive many rewards that I don't always get in my daily life — rewards such as a sense of giving back, making a difference in a young person's life, and contributing to our community.

I choose to be a Girl Scout leader because I want the girls to have fun times and make new friends so they will have fond memories that will last a lifetime.

I choose to be a Girl Scout leader because I believe that the relationship I have with my daughter is stronger because of Girl Scouting. Whether it's camping, hiking, building a bird feeder, organizing a community food drive, or exploring science and technology, the activities we do together make us closer.

Girl Scouts builds leaders one girl at a time. But we can't build leaders without leaders. Volunteers are needed: men, women, parents and non-parents

to start new troops in our area. Our area includes Ruidoso, Capitani, and all of Lincoln County. Get involved today because the benefits are boundless; ask me, I know.

Pam Robinson
Artesia

All the water comes from the same water table

To the editor:

Let me see if I understand this. On Friday, Jan. 28, our mayor made the headlines... "Water won't be an issue. We're in good shape to meet our commitment to development in the village."

"If we find water, it could be connected to the system real quickly." Now come the radio and television spots stating we are in Phase 3: No watering except certain days, certain hours, and a bucket of water for outside plants. Is this an issue?

Reminds me of Al Gore, who has difficulty with the truth — says anything to anyone to stay in the game.

Why would the mayor, council, village manager, planning and zoning, etc., allow more subdivision development, more golf courses, more drain on our very limited water supply at the risk of depleting the very lifeline of our little village? Surely those who live, work, retire and enjoy our mountain home deserve first consideration! Or do they?

Now a local attorney takes a half-page... to defend the rights of those who would buy the water rights because "they have the money to do so." Does he not understand that the water comes from the same water table? The water bought by him for wealthy clients is lowering that table. We can drink water, cook with water, shower with water, maybe keep a few flowers in water, OR we can pour that same water on yet another golf course or two or three. What will it be? Are we afraid to stand and be counted?

I live on a golf course, and when my grass was yellow and brown, the fairway behind my home was green. (Private wells—same water table).

Patricia G. Adkins
Ruidoso

Don't despair, compare

In the winter of our waterless discontent, there are some positives on the horizon.

La Nina might be drying up our meager surface water, but every day that passes means the summer monsoon season is that much closer. And few can remember when it didn't rain in July and August.

On the job front, the New Mexico Department of Labor notes that Lincoln County's unemployment rate continues among the lowest in the state at 4.9 percent last December.

Consider also that other mountain counties were much worse off: Mora at 17.5 percent, Catron at 12.9 percent, Taos at 11.6 percent. You've got to go to the flatlands to find those with lower rates; Union County in far northeastern New Mexico had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.3 percent — or 44 out of a labor force of 1,942.

Lincoln County's force was more than 7,000 with 361 jobs.

Then there's our celebrity status. What other county in the state this year can claim as resident a nominee for an Academy Award? We can, and Richard Farnsworth should have a good shot at winning.

Ruidoso has a winning high school basketball team, and who a year ago would have thought it, with an unproved assistant coach named Billy Page coming in to take up the slack?

Ain't no slack now, people; Billy's boys are undefeated in conference.

It even looks like Ruidoso might get some improved telephone service before year-end. When Valor Communications President Ann Bingham was introduced at a Rotary Club meeting last week as the head of the company taking over from GTE, the crowd cheered.

Our state representative, Dub Williams, proved to be a winner again last week when he got that "sell Fort Stanton to the highest bidder" legislation permanently tabled in the Legislature....

Lots of good things, and they could be much worse.

Consider a recent issue of the *Rio Grande Sun*, the weekly paper serving Rio Arriba County. These headlines topped the front page:

"Personnel Problems Plague Schools: Employees accuse personnel director of sexual harassment. Head coach returns to courtside after three-day suspension. Middle School teacher suspended for second time this year."

Considering all that, Lincoln County's pretty nice, wouldn't you say?

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

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

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Posse volunteers shouldn't ask help

To the editor:

I am embarrassed by the recent article in the *News* regarding the Sheriff's Posse looking for contributions for new parade equipment.

As a past member of the Parade Unit, I felt the expenses of owning horses were sunk costs no matter what I used my horse for. I gladly donated my time, energy and yes expenses to a community service organization.

I thought that was what volunteering was all about. Our host Posses in Carlsbad, Albuquerque and El Paso would find it interesting that



Ruidoso police search for robber of store

Ruidoso police are looking for an armed hold-up suspect, who robbed an Allsup's Store Wednesday night.

Police were called at 10:15 p.m. to the Allsup's Convenience Store at 725 Mechem Drive.

The store's clerk told officers that a man had entered the store, and brandished a handgun.

An undisclosed amount of cash was reported taken from the cash register by the gunman. The suspect, described

as an Hispanic male, in his mid to late twenties, fled west from the store.

A further description of the suspect stated he had a slender build, moderately short hair and a mustache. He was reported to have been wearing a dark-colored baseball cap and a dark jacket with a Coca-Cola emblem on the front.

A composite drawing of the subject was being prepared by Ruidoso Police Detective Robert Layher Thursday.

CRASH: The penalty carries a 90-day jail sentence with a \$1,000 fine

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The careless driving charge, which will be filed on a criminal complaint in Lincoln County Magistrate Court, carries a possible penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The investigation of the crash indicated that the church van had slowed to

make a left hand turn, and the van driver had activated a left turn signal.

The review also concluded that the van driver realized the turn was not the correct one, and began to accelerate when it was hit from behind. Forensic analysis revealed that the left turn signal was not engaged at the moment of the collision.

CONSTRUCTION: The project's original completion date was August '99

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recent weeks, has seen grading, blasting, fill and compaction work.

"If the weather holds, we're going to start breaking open the bottom part on Monday," said O.H. Hank Schenk, project superintendent.

He said some of the upper section is ready for paving, but asphalt won't be laid down until overnight temperatures are warmer.

"Most of the excavation work is done on the upper part," Schenk said.

The lower section has portions that need curbs and gutters, storm sewers, and excavation or fill. The Meadow Valley official said most of the excavation or fill is minimal. He said fill and compaction, or cut and compaction, would be tackled as soon as possible.

More equipment and workers will be arriving to reach what Schenk "is looking

for," an end of June completion of the entire Mechem Drive project. The project, which began in July 1998, had an original completion date of August 1999.

Claiming qualified workers are in short supply, Schenk said he could use as many as 30 more employees. Including sub-contracted workers, as many as 150 people are working the project.

The Mechem Drive project will provide four lanes of traf-

fic from Sudderth Drive to Terrace Drive, continue north with three lanes to Buckner Drive, widen to five lanes for several blocks before reverting back to four lanes until the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Three lanes will then carry traffic to the project's end, at Ski Run Road.

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Capitan School bomb threat leads to explosion

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan school students were evacuated from the school complex, and a bomb squad detonated a duffel bag Thursday that was suspected of containing explosives.

Diana Billingsley, superintendent of the school district, said the school received the bomb threat at 12:30 p.m.

Billingsley said the secretary who received the call said it sounded like a "younger male voice."

"The voice said 'There's a bomb in the building' and we didn't know what building so we evacuated all three," Billingsley said.

Some 595 students from all

three buildings, elementary, middle and high schools, were marched away from the facilities, Billingsley said.

"The kids were good, they did what they were supposed to do," Billingsley said.

Billingsley said a teacher found a duffel bag in her classroom that should not recognize as belonging to one of her students.

The duffel bag was removed from a classroom through a window and taken to a "safe area," where it was manually detonated by a bomb team from the State Police.

Officials said there was no secondary explosion, indicating the bag had not contained explosives.

A post detonation examination indicated the duffel bag had contained clothing, accord-

ing to State Police. Billingsley said the duffel bag probably did belong to a student.

She said the administration will have a debriefing Tuesday morning to discuss the incident.

During the bomb threat, Billingsley was in Albuquerque meeting with architects for a school addition and was kept apprised of the situation by cell phone.

Billingsley said the ironic thing about the incident is that the teachers and administration recently attended a program that addressed taking steps against violence in schools.

Students at all levels also are receiving training or are making presentations to other students on non-violence, she said.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Archie Kingston

Memorial services for Archie Kingston, 67, of Ruidoso Downs, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

Mr. Kingston died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000 in Ruidoso Downs.

He was born Aug. 3, 1932, in San Jon, and lived in Ruidoso Downs for 32 years. He worked as a mechanic for the villages of Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso. He married JoAnn Oney on Dec. 11, 1951, in Clovis.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn, of Ruidoso Downs; daughters Vicki Smith of Portales and Sharla Ryan of Ruidoso Downs; a sister, Christine Southern of Portales; grandchildren Julian Rue, Joshua

Rue, Shandy Smith, Rhiannon Iivar, Nataasha Ryan, Seante Ryan, Devon Ryan, Chance Ryan, Randy Day and Roxanne Day; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Dorcie E. Kazhe

A prayer service for Dorcie E. Kazhe, 85, of Mescalero, will be at 6:30 p.m. today, Friday, at the Mescalero Reformed Church, where the funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with the Rev. Bob Schut officiating. Burial will follow at the White Tail Cemetery.

Mrs. Kazhe died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000 in

Mescalero. She was born Feb. 22, 1914, in Sacaton, Ariz., and moved to Mescalero 60 years ago from Arizona. She was retired from civil service and was a member of the Mescalero Reformed Church.

She married Isaac Kazhe on March 29, 1936, in Phoenix, Ariz., and he preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1990.

Survivors include sons Karl Kazhe and Peter Kazhe, both of Mescalero; a daughter, Lynette Kanseath of Mescalero; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Kazhe; and a daughter, Carla Rice.

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According to a spokesperson for Phillips Gulf Corporation, the exclusive North American Distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss claims for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases sugar cravings and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

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Ruidoso continues exploratory drilling for water sources

In an effort to make its water supply system more "flexible," the village of Ruidoso is currently drilling exploratory wells near Eagle Creek.

The drilling, which began several weeks ago, is a component of the village's new Water System Master Plan improvement program. The 20-year outline includes several exploratory projects and upgrades to

other water source points.

"We're drilling (exploratory) wells daily, they're working on them right now," Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso's mayor said this week.

He said the latest quest is part of a plan, looking for subterranean water sources. In addition to the Eagle Creek exploration, which presently is along Ski Run Road, other loca-

tions this year will include along Gavilan Canyon (near Ruidoso High School), in the Fifth Street area, and near Grindstone Lake.

An existing village well, in the Eagle Creek water basin, will be drilled deeper.

"The Eagle Creek basin has been, for years, a major source for our drinking water system. We've got substantially more

room to develop," Donaldson said.

The mayor said the village has been using less than half of its water rights in the Eagle Creek basin.

Donaldson said he would like to see the exploratory wells deliver 200 to 300 gallons per minute. Anything under 100 gallons per minute would likely not be developed.

Blazes near Corona keep firefighters busy

BY JIM KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Firefighters from three Lincoln County departments and from the state forestry division snuffed out a series of fires Tuesday afternoon along U.S. Highway 54.

Thirteen fire "starts" were discovered and quickly extinguished, between Carrizozo and Corona.

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, most of the fires were between mile markers 130 and 135, in the Ancho area.

Lynn Hutchinson, the incident dispatcher with the state Forestry Division, said the first reports of the fires came in about noon. Eight crew members with the forestry division were still working on smoldering areas at 4:30 p.m.

"We suspect a fire blew out on a vehicle being towed," Hutchinson said of a possible cause.

"A fireman had seen a

car (trailer) pulling a mini-van without any tire," said Leroy Zamora, Carrizozo fire chief. He speculated that would create sparks igniting the series of fires on the west side of the highway.

The quick response from area departments limited the amount of land burned to about ten acres, according to Hutchinson.

In addition to crews from the New Mexico Forestry Division and firefighters from Carrizozo, departments from Nogal and White Oaks responded to the blazes.

Another roadside fire, just west of Carrizozo, was pinned on employees burning grass along a fence line, according to Zamora.

The fire, reported about 2 p.m. Tuesday, occurred at the Ortiz Wrecking Yard, on U.S. 380, about a mile west of Carrizozo.

Carrizozo firefighters and a pumper truck from the State Forestry Division responded to that fire.

TAPE: The Ruidoso Downs police chief said he believes Arther was justified

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commands.

Another patrol vehicle

arrived at 2:13 a.m., and minutes later a medical response vehicle.

"I told him to put his

hands on the car, over and over," Arther is heard saying. "He took a swing at me and the fight was on."

Baca's voice is largely inaudible, but Arther can be heard saying "shut your mouth."

"Look what you did to my face man," Baca is heard saying.

While the incident remains too far from the camera to capture video of the incident, the audio picks up Arther saying "I hit him with everything I had."

"He fell at the corner. I went to hit him with my night stick and the whole thing fell off again," Arther says. "He ran, I tackled him, he got up and ran again, and he fell here

at the corner."

New Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Eddie Lerma said he felt Arther's actions, in dealing with a resistive person, were justified.

"It's my opinion that Arther acted totally within the scope of his authority and duties, based on what I've seen on the tape," Lerma said Wednesday.

Lerma, who joined the Ruidoso Downs Police Department as its chief in January, said he hopes the use of force can be avoided, but added, in some situations, when suspects initiate force, police are justified in responding forcefully, to enforce the laws officers are sworn to uphold.

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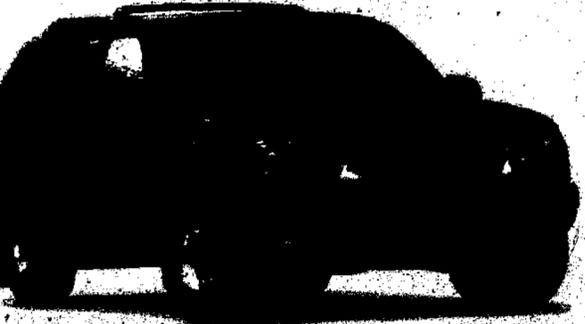
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Ski report

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Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Making snow nightly
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 17-26 inches
Trails open: Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, Capitan, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SPT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.
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This week

Friday, Feb. 18
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.
Capitan vs. Tularosa (JV, V) 5:30 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Mesilla Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Corona vs. To'hajillies, 5 p.m.
Prep wrestling
State Tournament at Kirtland Central, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Hot Springs (V, JV, Fr), 1 p.m.
District 6AA Tournament: Tularosa vs. winner of Thursday's game, 6 p.m.
District 3A Tournament: Carrizozo at home vs. winner of Thursday's game, 6 p.m.
Prep wrestling
State Tournament at Kirtland Central, 10 a.m.
Prep girls track
Ruidoso at Lubbock Christian University (practice meet), 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Prep boys basketball
District 6AA Tournament: Capitan vs. Cloudcroft, 6 p.m.
District 3A Tournament: Hondo at home vs. Corona, 6 p.m.
Carrizozo at home vs. Vaughn, 6 p.m.
District 6A Tournament: Mescalero vs. Hagerman, 6 p.m.

Scoreboard

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Prep girls basketball
Hondo 57, Mountainair 32
Mesilla Valley 39, Mescalero 26

Pecking order

Mescalero Parks & Rec
Mier's Basketball League Standings through Feb. 15

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	5	0	1.000
The Players	5	1	.833
Curtis	5	1	.833
Julian G.	4	1	.800
Tulie Bad Boys	5	2	.714
Sierra Blanca Slammers	3	3	.500
Hardwood Thunder	2	4	.333
Brew Crew	2	5	.286
Renegades	0	5	.000
Forty Minutes Plus	0	5	.000
Oliver O's	0	5	.000

Results from Feb. 15
Brew Crew 89, Renegades 56
Julian G. 61, Tulie Bad Boys 46
Forty Minutes Plus 64, Oliver O's 58

Results from Feb. 16
Alamo Pipe 64, Hardwood Thunder 47
Curtis 85, Brew Crew 77 OT
Sierra Blanca Slammers 57, The Players 51

Games for Feb. 20
5:30 p.m. - Renegades vs. Oliver O's
6:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Forty Minutes Plus
7:30 p.m. - Julian G. vs. Alamo Pipe
8:30 p.m. - Tulie Bad Boys vs. Curtis

Games for Feb. 21
7:30 p.m. - Oliver Os vs. Hardwood Thunder

Games for Feb. 22
6:30 p.m. - Alamo Pipe vs. The Players
7:30 p.m. - Julian G. vs. Hardwood Thunder
8:30 p.m. - Renegades vs. Sierra Blanca Slammers

Fishing report

For fly fishing -
RIO RUIDOSO: With the decreased water flow in the river, fishing above the Carrizo Creek confluence is almost nonexistent. The best fly selections this past week have been green rock worms, bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs.
BONITO CREEK: Wait for water on the South Fork. The fishing is very limited, although lots of pocket water fishing and lots of natural beauty are here to enjoy. The fish are not picky on the South Fork, so grab the best of what your fly box holds and toss it.
BONITO LAKE: The lake reopens April 1, 2000.
EAGLE LAKES: The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 1999.
GRINDSTONE LAKE: The lake level is down about 10 feet, but is fishing well. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. It's time to break out the streamer flies and some head wooly buggers. Bubble rigs and popper flies will do well for the spin casters. Try a double renegade or black prop fly with your bubble. Remember to squeeze the hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release.
LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well late-afternoon and evening. Dry flies that have been working are parachute Adams, Herdicksons, mosquitoes and midges. Place a dropper fly behind your dry fly and see what happens. Prop flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters.

State tourney final hurrah for Warrior wrestlers

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For Ruidoso's wrestlers, it all comes down to this weekend.

Finishing well in the state tournament has always been the team's goal, and while a team medal is only a dream, individual wrestlers do have a chance to take home some hardware.

"Our ultimate goal is to get five (medals)," said coach Jerrett Perry. "Our whole season is predicated on the state tournament. So if we can place four, we're going to be extremely happy. If we place three, then we'll tie a school record, which we have to be pleased with, having such a young team."

While the team is somewhat "banged up," Perry said that's to be expected, and said the wrestlers are ready.

"I think we're prepared. I think we're hungry," he said. "We have a very tough district. Silver City and Cobre, in my opinion, will be in the top four teams in the state. And we wrestled right there with them. In fact, we beat some of them. So if we can do that, and if we can play

our cards right and get good draws in the tournament, then we can be mentally prepared at the weight classes we expect to win. I think we're going to do extremely well."

The Warriors should start off strong with 103-pounder Shawn Gurule, a district champion. The freshman wants to improve on last season's finish.

"We expect good things from Shawn," Perry said. "We feel like he has progressed to the point where he's not just a good technical wrestler, which he was at the beginning, but now he has stamina. He has a little bit more strength and now he has the smarts to go along with that."

Jeremy Pritchett, 112, is another freshman who may have a chance to medal.

"If we can get good draws, I believe Jeremy's another one to look forward to," Perry said.

And so is freshman David McNally at 125 pounds.

"He has the ability, so if he's mentally prepared, I think he's another guy to look forward to," the coach said.

Junior Cade Hall wrestles at 135

pounds, against one of the toughest wrestlers in the nation.

"We expect great things from Cade Hall," Perry said. "Our ultimate goal is to get him on the opposite end of Peru from Cobre, for about the 10 zillionth time, and meet him in the finals. That's what Cade's ultimate goal is. I know I've said this before, and it may seem far-fetched to some, but it's not to us. We feel if Cade meets

(Peru) in the final match for the state championship, for all the marbles, that Cade is going to win. I truly believe that. I feel like if anybody on the team can do it, it's Cade. And if anybody in the state can beat this Peru kid, it's Cade Hall."

Senior Grant Brumlow has not one, but at least eight tough wrestlers in the 160-pound weight class. Perry's strategy is to have Brumlow randomly drawn into the bracket, rather than seeded, to hopefully get a better placing.

"That enhances our chances of drawing the No. 3, 4 or 5 seed and that gives us a better chance of going to the final match," Perry said. "Grant is in the toughest weight class in the state this year, and we feel like he's right there in the middle of the pack."

Senior Keith Bassett is the team's leader. Although he's wrestled for four years, it's always been in the shadow of more experienced wrestlers. This year it's his turn.

"He had a lot of tough competition but he's definitely filled those shoes," Perry said. "His ultimate goal is to place in the top three. If we can do that, and if we can wrestle smart and wrestle strong and hard, he's going to succeed."

"I think my chances are good if I can



Wrestler David McNally, a freshman, will be one of the Warriors fighting for a medal at the state tournament today and Saturday at Kirtland Central.

Busy hoops weekend on tap

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The basketball season is heating up, with playoffs underway and district titles on the line.

The Warrior boys are on the road in a very tough game against Hot Springs tonight. The district is still wide open, with a three-way tie for first still a possibility, but Ruidoso coach Billy Page said he's not thinking beyond tonight's game.

"The only thing I'm thinking about right now is taking care of Hot Springs," he said. "If we can do that, we'll have pretty much cinched the No.-1 spot if we can split with Cobre and Silver."

Page knows it's going to be tough, but he's confident his team is up to the challenge.

"They have a smaller gym," he said. "And it's loud in there and they have a lot of people who go to their games. I'm sure we'll have a lot of people from Ruidoso go up to our game."

It's going to be fun. It's exciting." The key, Page said, is holding Hot Springs' big men.

"We have to be able to out-rebound them," Page said. "Not give them second shots. That's going to be key, is not allowing them to get second shots."

The Ruidoso girls close the regular season against Hot Springs Saturday at home. A win over the Tigers would earn a second-place tie. A win by more than 11 points would give the Lady Warriors an outright second-place finish and guarantee a bye in the playoffs until Feb. 25.

The freshman and junior varsity teams close the home season prior to the varsity match, and all three teams are hoping for a good fan turnout.

"That's the goal. We'll wrap up the District 3A playoffs Saturday in Carrizozo. They'll face the winner of the Corona/Hondo game that was scheduled for Thursday. Both teams will head for the regional tournament hosted by District 6A.

Lady Eagles advance in 3A playoffs

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

HONDO — The Lady Eagles extended their season for at least one more game Tuesday, downing Mountainair 87-82 in the opening round of the District 3A playoffs.

Hondo only trailed once — with 3:02 left in the first quarter when Mustang Adrienne Zamora hit a field goal to put Mountainair up 11-10 — but the Eagles never could breathe easy, as the Mustangs stayed close throughout.

"We didn't play real consistent, but we'll work on that," said coach Julie Montoya. "I think we got a good little lead then we'd rush the ball. We were taking care of the ball real well the first half then we started rushing it a little bit and that's what hurt us."

Hondo had a three-point lead after each of the first two quarters. The Eagles stretched their advantage to 28-20 early in the third, but Mountainair put in eight unanswered points to tie the match at 28-all going into the final stanza.

But from then on it was all Hondo, as the Eagles outscored the Mustangs 9-4 in the final

stanza to take the win.

"Overall, I was real happy with them," Montoya said. "It got a little tight there at the end and they were able to stay focused."

Neither the vocal Mountainair fans nor coaches seemed very good losers. Mountainair assistant coach Carol Zamora blamed the officiating on the loss.

"I want to know who paid him? Which one of these people paid him? That was a pure ref game," she said.

"We got a lot of bad calls down the stretch," agreed coach Travis Dempsey. "A lot of bad calls. Last time we were here the same story, though. Same refs, same story."

The statistics told a different story.

In the first half, Hondo had eight fouls to Mountainair's two. Both teams had just moved into the bonus at the final buzzer, indicating balanced officiating.

Two Eagles scored in double figures. Renee Lopez had 12 and Chriselda Acosta 11.

The victory moved Hondo into the second round of the tournament, wrapping up the Eagles home season.



Lady Eagle Chriselda Acosta looks for a way around a Mountainair Mustang during Tuesday's first-round playoff game in Hondo.

Although Hondo has to finish on the road — the next game was scheduled for Thursday in Corona — Montoya is confident her team can advance to Saturday's championship against Carrizozo.

"We can play well on the road," she said. "We just need to take care of the ball and our shot selection needs to be a little better."

"When we went over to the Mesilla Valley game, I told the seniors we were going to go as they go," Bradford said. "We were going to play however they played. If all boiled down to they had to step up and be the leaders. And for the most part they did a super job. As I look back on that game, we finally stepped up and played a tough team the

Warriors' top scorer, to 12 points from the field.

"The girls played super defense," he said. "I couldn't ask for any more hustle. We really did an outstanding job on Staff Harrison, their best player."

They held Harrison, the

get seeded right," Bassett said. "I've wrestled Moriarty twice and lost to him both times and he's lost to Aztec, so I know I've got some catching up to do with those two guys, but if I can get seeded right, maybe I'll end up in the final round."

Heavyweight Patrick Hodges also has some very tough competition from around the state. Perry expects wrestlers from Aztec, Silver and Los Alamos to be the ones to beat.

"Those are the (three) schools who are going to be tough," Perry said. "We lost to Los Alamos (earlier this season), and we really felt like we should have beat him. Since the last time we wrestled him, Patrick has increased his wrestling ability times 10, so we hope we can see him again. If we can beat Los Alamos, then we can meet up with Aztec. That's the ultimate goal."

Other Warriors who'll be getting some experience at state are Casey Arnett, 145, Derek Dennis, filling in for the ill Thatcher Hampton at 189, and Luke Bates at 170.

"It's all on the line and it's everything we've worked for," Perry said. "Our whole season is predicated on the state tournament. And our boys are ready, mentally and physically."

Local takes tennis title

Local junior tennis player Heather McDougal won the consolation championship in girls 12 singles and teamed up with Tasha Nathanson of El Paso to capture the girls 12 doubles championship at the Snowbreaker Junior Open, Feb. 3-6 at Pichaco Hills Country Club in Las Cruces.

The United States Tennis Association Southwest Section-sponsored tournament featured 115 entries.

In the girls 12 doubles, McDougal and Nathanson defeated Nicki LaFierre and Ellen Salgado of Las Cruces 6-2, 6-4 then downed Courtney Littlepage and Chelsea Littlepage of El Paso 6-0, 6-0 to earn their second consecutive doubles victory this year.

In singles, McDougal lost her opening-round match to Jackie Doak of Las Cruces but then defeated Ashley Lee of El Paso 7-5, 6-0, Nilsa Ramirez of El Paso 6-3, 6-3 and Stephanie Ramirez of El Paso 6-4, 6-1 to capture the consolation trophy.

McDougal will compete this weekend in the Sun City Junior Open in El Paso.

Lady Chiefs play well in basketball season closer

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Chiefs' basketball season is over, but it didn't end without a fight.

In the opening round of the District 6A playoffs Tuesday, Mescalero (7-14, 2-5) fell to Mesilla Valley 39-26. But the Lady Chiefs actually led 19-17 late in the second quarter, and only trailed 21-20 going into the locker room. Only some bad luck

in the second half led to Mescalero's downfall.

"We really worked the ball well in the second half and really got good shots and they just wouldn't fall," said coach Rol Bradford.

Ophelia Prins, who led the Chiefs with nine points, scored only one basket in the second half.

"(She) had a lot of open 3s," Bradford said. "She shot her

shot. It wasn't forced or anything. It just wouldn't fall."

And Jessica St. John, who tallied eight points, got all hers in the first half.

Defensively, the Chiefs were outstanding, Bradford said.

"The girls played super defense," he said. "I couldn't ask for any more hustle. We really did an outstanding job on Staff Harrison, their best player."

They held Harrison, the

way we should play them?"

The Lady Chiefs may not have had a winning season, but Bradford said he was proud of the way they closed it out.

"It's a good feeling as a coach to end it on a note like that," he said. "If you have to go down, you want to go down playing well. I'm sure Mesilla Valley was nervous. I think they thought they would have an easy time."

Victims of drunk driving remembered in state highway sign program

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Carroll David White will be remembered by drivers on Highway 70, thanks to the Memorial Sign Program of the Highway Department and the local Lincoln County/Ruidoso DWI Prevention Program.

Hondo. Representatives from the Sheriff's Department, State Police and the Highway Department attended, as well as the mother and grandmother of White.

"If it makes people think about driving and drinking, if it saves one life, the program is certainly worthwhile," Paula White, the mother of Carroll David White, said afterward.

Her son died in 1992 in a head-on collision in San Antonio, Texas, caused by a drunk

driver who had been driving at least 18 miles in the wrong lane on Interstate 35.

"I think it feels good (to have the sign up)," Paula White said. "I had been wanting to do something but the time wasn't right, and now I'm ready to talk about it without going to pieces. ... They have places for 12 or 14 signs in this area and they're looking for people who would like to remember their loved ones that that have been killed by a drunk driver."

Victoria Hiseel, administrative assistant for the DWI program, said people who would like to participate in the Memorial Sign Program can contact her office or the Highway

Department's district coordinator, Molly Evanstad, who spoke at the ceremony.

Evanstad herself lost a daughter and her daughter's best friend 12 years ago in a wreck caused by a drunk driver who had four previous DWI offenses.

"I feel like with New Mexico having 6,400 people with over five DWIs, we'll be putting these signs up forever," Evanstad said.

"I think it's a great program to memorialize the victim and to convey a message from the victim's family not to drink or drive because we as victims do not want other families to suffer like we are," she said.

"It's such a senseless

tragedy to lose a loved one because someone else chose to drink and drive and I believe that from my heart," Evanstad said. "This program is effective because the Highway Department recognizes that behind all their statistics are faces of loved ones."

"There's a \$20 charge and I explain that ... we use the money to pay for the sign and any speakers we have," said Barbara Reyes, coordinator of the DWI program.

The DWI program, as sponsor, bought the sign for \$120, Hiseel said.

Only state highways are included in the Memorial Sign Program, and documentation is

required that the person who caused the accident was under the influence of alcohol, but not the victim, Hiseel said.

A brochure available on the program states that it was created "as a means of lending emotional support to the victim's family, and furthering the Department's efforts to combat drinking and driving."

The brochure further states that the sign will remain in place for at least one year from the installation date, but Hiseel said there are plenty of spaces for more signs on Highway 70, so the one placed Feb. 9 is likely to remain up longer. After the sign is replaced, it goes back to the sponsor and relatives can pick it up and keep it, Hiseel said.

The locations of the memorial signs have been chosen by the State Highway and Transportation Department and "take into consideration road geometrics, visibility, and federal and state regulations," the brochure states, but personal preferences will be taken into consideration.

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Man arrested for criminal damage

A 22-year-old man was arrested on Feb. 10, for allegedly damaging part of the men's restroom at the Fina Gas Station, at 126 U.S. 70. David Lee Brooks, who refused to provide police with an address, was charged with criminal damage to property. The station attendant told police there was a lot of noise coming from the restroom. Acoustic tiles were torn down, a light fixture was hanging from the ceiling and insulation ripped up, according to a police report. Ruidoso Downs police arrested Brooks on a warrant.

Breaking and entering reported

Four incidents of breaking and entering are under investigation by Ruidoso Police. Following a Feb. 12 alarm at a College Drive residence, officers found a glass window in an entry door broken out, and another window at the residence broken. The out-of-town owner of the property was notified.

A Feb. 13 breaking and entering, at a Fern Trail residence, marked at least the third time the structure has been broken into, according to Ruidoso police.

The owner of the home found the front door unlocked and the home vandalized. In addition to the investigation as a breaking and entering, the case is also classified as criminal damage to property.

A break-in at the Lincoln County Medical Center Thrift Shop, 140 Nob Hill, damaged both a front and rear door to the building. The incident occurred between closing on Feb. 11 and opening the next morning.

A thief made off with a microwave oven, television set, lamps and linens from two rooms at Sixmark Chalet, 627 Sudderth Drive. The burglary occurred sometime between Feb. 13 and Feb. 15.

Snowmobile still missing

Ruidoso Police are investigating a fraud and an unlawful issuance of a check case, involving a purchase of a pick-up truck, trailer and two snowmobiles. The items, totaling \$12,622.46, were purchased from Rocky Mountain Motors, 2804 Sudderth Drive on Nov. 15, 1999. The check used to buy the vehicles was returned for insufficient funds. According to a police report, the buyer reissued a check on another account, which was reported closed. The suspect, when reissuing a check, left the pick-up, trailer and one snowmobile at the dealer. The suspect is reported to still be in possession of one snowmobile.

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Area teens have celebration of life

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Teens will be locked up overnight Feb. 25 but not for youthful misdeeds.

The lock-up is to celebrate life and build developmental strengths, said Wanda Gielow de Figueroa, coordinator of Lincoln County Maternal Child Health, one of the planners of "Celebrate Life 2000."

Ether Salas, a 10th-grade student who went to a Youth Power conference in Albuquerque in November and is one of the teen planners, said the purpose of the lock-in is to increase youth suicide prevention awareness and to offer activities that build youth developmental assets and keep teens out of trouble.

The event, open to all students in Lincoln County in grades 7-12, starts at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 7 p.m. At midnight the doors will be locked until 7 a.m., when the event ends.

Gielow de Figueroa said having area residents in the room during the lock-in is a way for the community to show that they care about young people.

"Primarily (the purpose) is to increase awareness of the community that youth suicide is an issue in Lincoln County and that we can actively do something about," she said. "Secondly, to be aware that asset-building activities decrease high-risk behaviors in youth."

Tenth-grade student Heliena Rolph, another teen planner, said last year the lock-in was held at That Place Teen Center, which closed in July, and it "gave them something to do besides going to parties, getting drunk, doing drugs and having sex."

Salas said besides dancing, eating (pizza, finger foods, popcorn, vegetable dishes and maybe cotton candy), playing games, winning prizes and maybe watching movies, teens who lock themselves in will have an opportunity to participate in training that will teach them to identify depressed or suicidal behavior in their peers and explain how to get them help.

There will be DJs for dancing and food all night, and KLYT, a Christian radio station out of Albuquerque, will make comments on air

throughout the night about what's happening with the lock-in in Ruidoso to Albuquerque listeners, Gielow de Figueroa said.

"It's free," Salas said, "and we'll be doing fun stuff that'll keep us awake all night."

"No sleeping," added Lisa Lovelace, another 10th-grade planner. "No pillows, no sleeping bags, no PJs and no blankets."

Gielow de Figueroa said there will be enough food and activities for 500 people and the first 100 will receive a T-shirt with a logo for "Celebrate Life 2000."

Major sponsors for the event include the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, the Lincoln County Community and Youth Asset Building Team, Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, Lincoln County Health and Wellness Board, and the DWI Council.

Gielow de Figueroa said that this event was funded entirely by community donations. In addition to the major sponsors, 14 businesses and individuals contributed to the lock-in.

Smokey Bear Museum seeks assistance

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CAPITAN - Smokey Bear Museum is in need of help from the community: much of the memorabilia and collectibles is in storage now because the building lacks alarm and sprinkler systems, outdoor lighting, locking display cases and sealed frames for original art work.

Pamela Ray, newly hired by the village of Capitan as curator, said the contents of the museum are insured for \$1 million.

Capitan Deputy Clerk Kateri Hicks, who manages museums, said the new village administrator, Steve Barela, ordered the memorabilia boxed up in January "for remodeling purposes, and they'll be returned as soon as the security system is hooked up."

Gloria Aldaz, who has worked at the museum since 1997, said there are old comic books and coloring books of Smokey's travels and exploits, posters, and photos.

Ray added that the inventory includes a gold tro-

phy from President Dwight Eisenhower and artifacts from people who fought the fire from which baby Smokey was rescued back in the 1950s. Other items are from people involved with Smokey when he traveled to Washington, D.C. and those - like local Angie Provine - who played with Smokey when he was a cub.

Ray said Mountain Alarm has offered to give the museum insurance "almost at cost" and the village is willing to cut a check for an alarm system, which will come out of the museum fund.

"There's been a lot of support from Wal-Mart, Furr's, (county Commissioner) Ray Nunley, and outdoor lighting was donated by 3 Bar D Ace Hardware," Ray said. "We still need money for a sprinkler system, locking display cases to be built and people to reframe (original) paintings and photographs."

Ray said she priced security cameras and they cost about \$300, and can be set up so the monitor is at Village Hall or the Police Department.

"We want to reorganize the showroom a bit better and make it more profitable, and eventually build on and get our memorabilia on display. We have one-of-a-kind items that are considered priceless," said Katherine Griffin, the village clerk.

Some of the paintings are of Smokey from 1950 by artist Rudolph Wendelin.

Ray pointed out dry rot on the exterior of the building and said something needs to be done about that.

"We could add onto the back of the cabin and the gift store could pay the way of the museum, and it could be free to the public," Ray said.

Aldaz said people from all over the world know about Capitan because of Smokey Bear, and Ray said she would like to set up a Web site to offer information and merchandise internationally.

About 10 businesses and individuals have made donations to help the museum, Ray said. Anyone who wishes to donate money or services to contact Ray or Aldaz at the Smokey Bear Museum, 354-2298.

Capitan Library gets new director

Maxine Schrup, who has worked for the advancement of the Capitan Public Library since its inception, is taking on the extra job of library director.

Linda Fox, who worked hard to better the library financially as well as in resources and volunteer staff since she took over in March 1997, resigned for personal reasons.

"We're sorry to lose her, but look forward to carrying on her wonderful endeavors under the auspices of Maxine Schrup, our new director," said Peal L. Tippin, library volunteer organization board president.

Since starting as a rural reading room, the library has grown under Fox's leadership, Tippin said.

Her accomplishments include installing computers, cataloging material and a developing a larger membership base and circulation numbers.

"Through her thoughtful selection of books, videos, audio books and periodicals, the library's collections were enhanced," Tippin said. "She also successfully established and trained a capable staff of 20 volunteers to continue her

work."

The board presidents said Fox secured financial help for the library from the village of Capitan and from the Lincoln County Commission, and achieved recognition of the library's accomplishments from the New Mexico State Library.

"We wish Ms. Fox well in all her undertakings and acknowledge the great debt we owe her for helping us become the county's second public library," Tippin said.

The library is next to village hall on Lincoln Avenue.

RUIDOSO PLANNING AND ZONING

Fuel storage tank request denied

A request to allow a 1,000-gallon diesel fuel storage tank on a commercial lot was rejected by the village of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Judith A. Howard, the owner of the lot, sought to allow placement of the storage tank for refueling of trenching equipment. Howard is a subcontractor for Charter Communications, the area's cable

television provider.

The property, next to Charter, is used to store equipment to undertake contractor work for placing cable lines.

The property fronts on both Vision Drive and Front Street.

Commission member Bill Hirschfeld questioned if a fuel storage tank "fit" with the C-2 community commercial zoning of the neighborhood.

"This seems very much like an industrial use, and not C-

2," said Chay Rennick, village attorney. "I don't think this was ever contemplated for C-2."

Hirschfeld said allowing the fuel tank on a lot not zoned industrial would be a wrong direction for Ruidoso.

A three - three vote on the commission, with panel chair Glen Barrow abstaining, resulted in the rejection of the commercial site development amendment.

The decision can be appealed to the village council.



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Resident reminded of area leash laws after dog injured

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Christina Lawrence's dog Beau nearly died more than three weeks ago after a car hit him, she figured it was time to use her own experience as a reminder to others about Ruidoso's leash law.

The blond Labrador was adopted five years ago from the Humane Society of Lincoln County shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road. Christina and her husband, George, estimate his age as about six. They also have an 11-year-old Siamese and an eight-year-old cocker spaniel.

"I'm guilty because I let my two dogs out without a leash," she said. "Normally, they both come back."

They don't stay out long because Beau has a grass allergy - the reason his previous owners abandoned him at the shelter, she said.

"He lives inside most of the time," she said. "He just goes out three or four times a day."

But on Jan. 12, he didn't come right back. A friend heard the dog yelp about 11:45 a.m. Five minutes later, Lawrence found him lying on the porch bleeding and crying.

She credits the immediate attention of the staff at the Ruidoso Animal Clinic, and the skill and expertise of Dr. Lynn Willard and Dr. Mary Jane Cooper for saving his life, but



Christina Lawrence takes Beau out for a short walk, this time on a leash. The side of his body is shaved where he has one hundred stitches.

the dog spent 16 days at the clinic.

"He had two surgeries, four screws in his hip, a rib wired together and repair to a cut in his lung," Lawrence said. "He may still lose one leg."

Although she acknowledged her part in the accident by not leashing her dogs, Lawrence

said she can't understand why someone didn't see her 87-pound dog on a residential street, Jack Little Road.

"It's a residential area and they shouldn't have been driving fast," she said.

Why didn't the driver stop to help the animal, she wonders.

A few days ago she noticed a man walked with a German shepherd on Mechem Drive. The dog wasn't on a leash.

"I had to learn the hard way, but when I saw that I just had to speak out," Lawrence said.

Sandra Ford-Wenzel, administrator of the humane society shelter, said a leash law is in effect throughout Lincoln County. Essentially all dogs must be on a leash unless they are inside a fenced yard or a house. The county can impose a fine of up to \$500 for violations, she pointed out. The fine in the city is \$67, according to a

municipal court official.

Besides endangering a pet, the other problem with allowing a dog to run loose is that it could be picked up by an animal control officer or by someone trying to be helpful. If the pet does not carry a current license tag or other identification, it may never be reunited with its owner, she said.

"One of our big problems is visitors whose animals either don't have current registrations or they have a number in Texas or somewhere, but no one knows where the owners may be staying here in town," Ford-Wenzel said.

When a pet is taken out of town, the veterinarian who issued the rabies license should be given a telephone number where the owner can be reached, if a pet becomes separated, she said. Or write a number on the animal's collar or attach a separate tag with a number.

"It's common sense today to keep your dog on a leash, especially with Ruidoso growing. There's more traffic and more people," she said. "If you see someone with an unrestrained animal, it might help to remind them there's a law and a fine. It could save both the owner and animal a great deal of emotional and physical pain."

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
ROBERT VICKERS and CAROLYN G. VICKERS, and JOSEPH CARSTENS and VICTORIA CARSTENS,
Plaintiffs

No. CV-00-029
Div. III

GROUP I:
TIERRA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, a Limited Partnership;
GROUP II:
STEPHEN R. SMITH, MARK NORTON and PAUL ERWAY, Individually and as GENERAL PARTNERS OF TIERRA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, if living, and if deceased, their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and ASSIGNS;

GROUP III:
JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100, and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and ASSIGNS;

GROUP IV:
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

Each and every Defendant named in Groups I, II, III and IV of the caption of this case.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the suit is a Complaint to quiet Plaintiff's fee simple title in the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico: Lot 11, Block 2, HIGH SIERRA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 10, 1972, in Tube No. 471. SUBJECT to easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

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will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Complaint.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC.,
P.O.
1086 Mechem Drive,
Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 258-5546
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on February 9th, 2000.
SHERYL O. CASTRO
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/ Elizabeth Lujanas
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Petitioner,

No. DM-2000-8
Div. III

ROBERT LARA,
Respondent.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as a Respondent. You are notified that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for a Decree of Default and a Decree of Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the Complaint.

The name of Petitioner's Attorney is: Don E. Dutton, THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD., whose address is 1086 Mechem, Suite 202, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this 21st day of January, 2000.

SHERYL O. CASTRO
District Court Clerk
/s/ Stephanie J. Browning
By: Deputy

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Anti-wolf reintroduction rallies scheduled

An anti-wolf reintroduction rally is set for Feb. 26 in Glenwood, west of the Gila National Wilderness.

Officials with the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association are "beating the bushes" to encourage people who are against the proposal to relocate several wolves from the Apache National Forest in Arizona to the Gila in New Mexico, to show up for the rally and for hearings scheduled in early March.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction program, set meetings for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 1 at the Reserve Community Center and on March 2 at Light Hall on the campus of Western New Mexico University in Silver City.

"The best way to participate in any decision making process is to be personally involved," said Caren Cowen, executive

secretary of the association. "Everyone who is interested in or will be affected by the outcome of this decision needs to attend at least one of the meetings and make their voices heard."

Comments will be documented as part of the environmental assessment process, Cowen said.

For more information, call the association office at (505) 247-0584.

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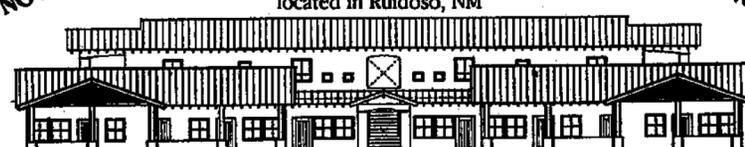


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BIG VIEWS, DECKS, 4/3 OR HOME OFFICE - Approximately 2400 sq. ft. home has great living choices. Separate quarters make great office or guest suite. Sierra Blanca view, carport, all city utilities. \$219,000

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DOUBLE WIDE LOTS: City water, electric, telephone available. Starting at \$9,500. Call for more information.

BEAUTIFUL LAND IN DESIRABLE AREA! Tract 1 and/or 2 of Middle Cedar. Approximately 1.25 acres each. Community water, well tested and approved. 1.66 acre R.V. and pine trees. \$18,500 each or \$35,000 for both.

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LAS CASITAS DE ROSA, excellent location. 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$575 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

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2BD/2BA; UNFURNISHED, out of city limits. In Alto area. Local references required, no pets. \$400/mo. plus bills. 6 month minimum lease. \$275/mo. for year lease. \$200 deposit. 378-4345 after 5:00 p.m.

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3BD/2BA 14X80 great condition, appliances only. Capitan Estates Mobile Home Park. \$460/mo. 257-4700.

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190 AUTOS FOR SALE

1978 HONDA CIVIC wagon; good condition, runs well. \$700. Call 878-6458, leave message. Must See.

1989 TOYOTA Camry; good condition, 5 speed, 6 cyl. air, cruise, 8 CD changer, power windows, locks, asking \$2,600. 338-7846

1991 OLDS CUTLASS Supreme; power seats, power windows, clean and runs well. Call 630-2601. \$3,500 OBO

98 SUBURBAN K-2500 LT; loaded, 454 Vortec, great for towing, 45k miles, sticker price \$40,500, asking \$23,000. State Farm office, 510 Mechem. 257-5366 days. 258-4488 evenings.

FOR SALE TO SATISFY debt of \$168.75; 1980 Mercury 2 door. Date of sale: 04/20/00. 8am, at the Gateway Texaco, 393 Sudderth, Ruidoso.

1985 CHEVY 4X4 Silverado; 4-speed, w/PTO winch on front, 305 engine with high mileage, \$4,500 OBO. 338-1127, leave message.

1988 CHEV BLAZER 4X4 excellent condition, like new, low miles, 4 wheel drive, one owner. 5 speed trans; \$7,000. Call 378-8458.

1988 JEEP GRAND Wagoneer; 4WD, automatic, excellent condition, red leather, new tires. A Real Buy. 338-1735

1991 TOYOTA 4-Runner; blue, SR5, automatic. 4x4, 116k miles, \$9,900, excellent condition. 338-4819

1993 ONE TON DODGE; 4x4, 10' flatbed, dump, wench, radio, 5.9 liter, turbo diesel, great condition. 338-7846

1997 FORD EXPLORER; Eddie Bauer, loaded, auto, 6 cyl., excellent condition. \$22,500. 505-625-1668 eves.

1998 F-150 4X4; super cab, Lariat Flare Side, with 5.4 liter EFI V-8 and 4 speed auto overdrive, low miles, one owner, estate sale. \$23,500 OBO. Call David Stevens at 257-0777.

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200 TRUCKS & 4X4S FOR SALE

4X4 PATHFINDER 1993; SE, V-6, automatic, a/c, alarm, running boards, sunroof, only 40k miles. \$8,800. 268-2021

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CLASSIC GMC; 1964 pickup; 100% original, long bed, standard, 350, V-8, \$1,900. 115 N. Eagle Dr., Cree Meadows Golf Course.

YAMAHA 1980; black, 1100 cc, loaded, \$1,900 OBO. 630-2424

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WRAP AROUND BUMPER guard for Dodge full-size pickup, "black", \$125. 257-4537

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FRIDAY 18TH ONLY! 7am-2pm. 104 Vine Dr. Many items, small and big. Don't miss this one!

INVENTORY CLOSEOUT Reduced 50% or more. Come by soon for best choices. Large assortment, antiques to candles. The Tumbleweed, Hwy 70 East at Griffith.

MOVING SALE; 108 Lark, Saturday, 18th, Sunday 20th, 8am-7 Trunk toolbox, bushguard, toys, tables, chairs, dishes, crystal, lots of clothes, misc. Don't miss this one!

SAT: 9AM-2PM Art storage unit with flat and upright files. Picture frames, purses, rug, lots of misc good junk. 229 Timberline Dr.

SUPER SALE! Cleaning out several storage units. Lots of misc items for sale at bargain prices. Appliances, furniture & electronic items. Friday 12 noon to 4pm, Saturday 10 to 12 noon. A-1 Storage, 253 Canyon Canyon. 257-9417

THE HUMANE SOCIETY of Lincoln County is excited to announce the opening of a new Thrift Store and we need donations of resaleable goods. Also shelving, display cases and counter tops. Call 257-8841 for information or bring your donations to the animal shelter at 430 Gaylan Canyon Road.

CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES; purebred, no papers; 5 males, 2 females. \$250 each. Ready now. 505-648-2194, Carizozo

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NEW FROST-FREE refrigerator \$275, trunk style coffee table \$50, 2 sofa block chairs, 1 rocking, \$50 each, new microwave \$50, 2 end tables \$30/pair. Kometra washer; new, \$150. GE dryer \$50. 258-1180

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS & box springs; brand new condition, \$200 OBO. Bed frame; adjustable w/many drawers, \$100 OBO. Glass table w/4 chairs \$50. File cabinet \$10. 2 chairs \$5. 257-9673

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Feb. 17, 1950

Capitan News Items
by Mary R. Werner

Capitan Chamber of Commerce had their annual election of officers Wednesday. Officers elected for the coming year are: President L. D. Merchant, Vice-President Joe Wigley, Secretary-Treasurer J. W. Earling. New directors elected are L. W. Clark and D. O. Murphy.

Glencoe News
by Sydney Bonnell

Dan Storm proved a friend in need to carry on while my arm was lame and very much appreciated. Wish he would continue but he refused but promised to help in other ways.

Feb. 19, 1960

Joe Skeen exhibit is reserve champ at NM Wool Show

A fine wool fleece exhibited at the 21st annual New Mexico Wool Show in Albuquerque recently by Joe Skeen of Picacho was winner of the reserve championship.

Other Lincoln County exhibitors garnering awards were Glen Hiesel, M. K. Vance, both of Yeso; Ivan Watson, of near Tinnie; Fuller Ranch of Picacho, with two awards; James Goodrum, also of Picacho; and in the junior show, Mary Ann McKnight, Hondo, and John Cooper, Tinnie.

Feb. 20, 1970

Youth center idea presented to Noon Lions

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club members heard visitor Ray Day, of the Evening Lions Club, at their regular meeting... Feb. 18.

Day feels that the center, which would serve as a community recreation center, is especially needed in Ruidoso in the winter months when the young people have nothing to do....

Feb. 21, 1980

Security Bank names board chairman, president

Newly named Security Bank of Ruidoso chairman of the board Joe Skeen, Picacho, and president Bob Dyer, will take office March 1, A. G. Hamilton, president and chief executive officer of Bank Securities, Incorporated (BSI), announced Tuesday afternoon.

Skeen, well-known rancher, businessman and political leader, has operated the Buckhorn ranch at Picacho since 1954....

Feb. 22, 1990

The Silver Lining
by Daniel Agnew Storm

...God reached down from Heaven and picked George Washington to lead our country through its birth and its infancy.

This destiny was recognized by an old Indian chief back when we were still English in the French and Indian War. Washington was in the battle in which the British General Braddock was defeated by the combined French and Indians. Washington's coat was cut to shreds by bullets but he did not receive a scratch. The old Indian chief after the battle said:

"They were firing at this man from everywhere and yet he was not wounded. He is protected by God. He will never die in battle but will live to establish a great nation."



Linda Berglund, a registered nurse and diabetes educator, reviews the latest research on the disease with Lynn Ardizzone, a diabetic who attends Berglund's class.

"Blurry visions is what brings a lot of people to the doctor and they find out they have diabetes."

Linda Berglund
nurse and diabetes educator

Learning to live with - or avoid - diabetes

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Her father was diabetic, four of his siblings suffered from the disease, and a cousin and uncle from her mother's side were afflicted.

Although Linda Berglund is free of symptoms, she decided long ago to learn as much as she could about the disease and to take as many steps to avoid its consequences as her genes will allow.

A registered nurse for 33 years, Berglund started teaching about diabetes in 1981 and now gives a two-day course on how to maintain quality of life while living with the disease.

"It's not just a disease of blood sugar, because you will have a multi-system failure if the diabetes is not controlled," Berglund said. "Some of the things that have to be treated aggressively are hypertension. That standard now is that your blood pressure should be 130/85 or less."

"If you get high blood pressure, it may be from the blood vessels closing off. If not controlled, it could ruin your kidneys or result in a stroke."

Blood sugar readings should range from 70 to 150, she said.

Most people with diabetes develop elevated cholesterol and triglyceride, she said. "You can send the patient home for six weeks and see if they're going to bring the cholesterol down, get their blood sugar under control and start an exercise program," Berglund said. "If they haven't done it by six weeks, they need to be treated with medicines and fortunately, we have the medicine to treat all these things."

The pills are not oral insulin, she said. They do three things: cause the pancreas to secrete more insulin, prevent the liver from producing glucose, and allow cells to accept glucose more easily, bringing the substance out of blood vessels to nourish the body.

Most important, people need to learn about the disease, and from the right people — a physician or diabetes educator, not an acquaintance.

"It's not just taking a pill," Berglund said. "We don't put people on a diet, we teach people how to eat food they like, how to eat foods in combinations so their pancreas can handle the food better."

"We come from the very positive standpoint of how you can manage your diabetes and still be happy with your food. The only three ways to control diabetes are medication, exercise and food — not diet. Diet is something you go on on Monday and cry about on Tuesday."

Stress causes blood sugar to rise, whether it's emotional or physical, as from an illness.

Lynn Ardizzone fled the stress of a television-related job to retire in Ruidoso. She has battled diabetes for 20 years and now takes oral medication and insulin injections.

"She's mad as hell, as most people are," Berglund said. "Like most people with cancer, they start with denial and then move to anger as part of a grieving process."

Ardizzone said, "My doctor told me I had it and I told him I didn't. There's never been diabetes in my family. I wouldn't believe it and went on for another year not believing it, then my eyes started doing funny things."

An ophthalmologist told Ardizzone he detected changes in her eyes and sent her to a doctor to be tested for diabetes.

She started on pills. After 10 years, she needed some unrelated minor surgery and left the hospital on insulin.

"Blurry visions is what brings a lot of people to the doctor and they find out they have diabetes," Berglund said.

Other symptoms include excessive thirst, frequent urination, fatigue and slow-healing sores. Large babies can indicate gestational diabetes, but the most common types are Type 1, juvenile onset, and Type 2, adult onset.

"People can't just go to their doctor and get their blood glucose checked once a month or every six months, because before they go, they go into training and eat the right food for three days," Berglund said. "So the doctor gives you a pat on the head, and your blood glucose is sky high the rest of the time."

"If it builds up in the blood — glucose is sticky — then you put fats in there and they close off the blood vessels," Berglund said.

The genetic ability to store fats and use them as reserves when times are lean was an advantage when people only lived to be 40 or 50 years old, she said.

But as the population in the United States grows older, physicians are seeing a tremendous increase in diabetes. Type 2 also is beginning to show up in younger people who grew up eating fast foods and not exercising, Berglund said.

"Eat a low-fat, high-fiber diet and avoid concentrated sweets," she said. "Essentially, eat a healthy meal, exercise for 30 minutes every day, and see your physician."

Studies in the United States and Great Britain showed that complications from diabetes could be reduced 60 percent with a healthy diet, she said.

Combination eating such as a salad with pasta slows the absorption of sugar into the system, she said. Fresh fruits and vegetables are best, but if canned or frozen are used, be sure to rinse them thoroughly, she said. If blood sugar is up, drink a lot of water to help flush the kidneys, Berglund said.

Blood sugar will run highest about two hours after a meal, she said. If you eat at a restaurant and find the reading is too high, the next time, exercise for a half hour before you eat out, ask for a carry-out bag when you order and when the food arrives, put half the portion of the entrée into the bag to take home. Fill up on salad and vegetables, she advised.

If you're going to splurge, plan ahead and don't feel guilty.

"You are at the controls," Berglund said. "A spouse can't do it for you. You have to decide you want to take care of this illness. You can let it go for five years but at the end, you're going to get a real nasty ticket."

The free class sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center meets for two consecutive Wednesdays. Attendance may be arranged through a physician's office, or by calling Berglund at (505) 258-5139.

New inn and coffee shop opens in old Lincoln

Lincoln has a new business, The Bonito Inn and Coffee Shop.

Betty Shrecongost and Rhonda Gonzales are serving coffee, tea, and several varieties of sweet rolls. At noon, they will be serving quiche.

Here are the field trips and activities planned for the Lincoln County Historical Society:

April 29, The Cox, Garrett ranches and Fountain Murder Site; reser-

ations needed.

May 26-27, Adobe workshop in Lincoln.

Sept. 23, field trip to Hembriillo Canyon, Victoria Peak, White Sands.

Scheduled regular programs include:

April 8, Billy Matthews, by Elvis Fleming.

June 7, Hubbard Museum, Erna Ferguson, N. M. First Lady of Letters.

Aug. 19, Fort Stanton, Lincoln Monument will present a reenactment by Ira Rabke, hopefully to tie in with Capitan's Centennial.

Oct. 21, annual meeting at the Carrizozo Women's Club, with the program on the Lincoln County ranching heritage.

The Lincoln Pageant and

Festivals group met at the Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan Sunday. Plans for the August pageant were discussed. The Mountain Men of New Mexico are canceling all other activities in the state that weekend and will be in Lincoln.

A national tomahawk-throwing contest also is planned.

Lincoln pageant grounds improvements were discussed; the work should be finished soon.

The group was brought up to date on the Pageant History Project by Ralph Dunlap. Several people have gotten material together and there have been lots of offers for help.

The next meeting will be

on March 19, the place to be announced.

Our dear friend and neighbor Henry Sanchez passed away at Albuquerque last week.

Louise Coleman of Dawson, Texas, passed away the same day.

Those who attended the funeral from New Mexico were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Coleman, Cloudercroft, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coleman and family; Ruidoso; Gail Brown and son, Capitan; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap, Lincoln.

Louise and family lived in Cloudercroft in the early '80s and was an employee of the REA office.

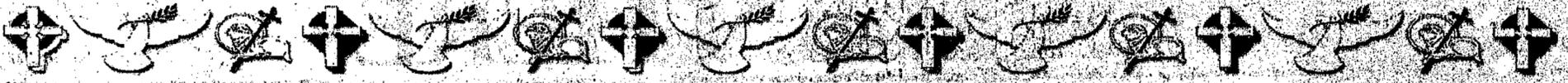
Those who have lived here a long time and remember Herman Cope will like to

know he is in the Heart Hospital in Albuquerque. The last we heard he was improving. He was to have had a pacemaker, but was improving enough that the doctors decided to wait.

Mr. Cope is the father of Rebecca Coleman.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were Bob and Inez Marrs, Barbara and Russell Beckley, and Rosalie and Ralph Dunlap.

Residents of the Lincoln area enjoyed their second movie about Billy the Kid. The movie, "The Left-Handed Gun," starring Paul Newman, showed at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. The first one shown at the museum was "The Outlaw."



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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 6 p.m. (Bible study); 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev. James Crowder, 336-4080.

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

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study; 11 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 5 p.m., Adult and Children Discipleship classes, Youth Power Hour; 6 p.m., Worship Service/Bible Study. Monday: Ladies' Noon Bible Study, Fellowship Hall. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study, Youth and Children's activities.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Trinity. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva
420 Mechem Drive. (Sunshine Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

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

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Captain Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft Friendship Bible College: Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5 yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs. 7 p.m.; Body-Life Fellowship.

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CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 6 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Captain, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday

Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave Berg, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 8:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church
Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mesalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent, Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 6 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Diocesan of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
Captain - Highway 48, Las Arroyos, Mesalero. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Gavilan Church of Christ
415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Arny Sporsman, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Captain, Joe

Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacramento starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

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

EPISCOPAL

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel
Glendon, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Captain Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Captain. 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 Fountain 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. 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk, 10 a.m.; Watchtower 10:50 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659. 336-7078. Domingos: Reunion Publica: 1 p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia: 7:30 p.m.; Martes: Escuela del Ministerio Teologico: 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio: 7:30 p.m.; Jueves: Estudio de la Biblia: 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod

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

METHODIST

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

Captain United Methodist Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the congregation of Captain United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Captain, 505-244-2844.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Outreach
Lincoln Ave., Captain, 257-6864. Alvin V. Miller, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

NAZARENE

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mesalero. Bob Schuch, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship: 10:30 a.m. (Monday) Junior high youth: 6:30 a.m. (Wed.) High school meeting: 7 p.m. Thru Kids Club (grades 1-5) 5:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-1161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1168. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship: 6 p.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study room at Pitzer Plus, Picheram Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. in Schlotzsky's Deli. Captain Jr. High and St. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

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

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinecrest Square), Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos

CHRIST COMMUNITY Fellowship

Christ Community Fellowship
Captain, Highway 380 West, 254-2458. Ed Vrisson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

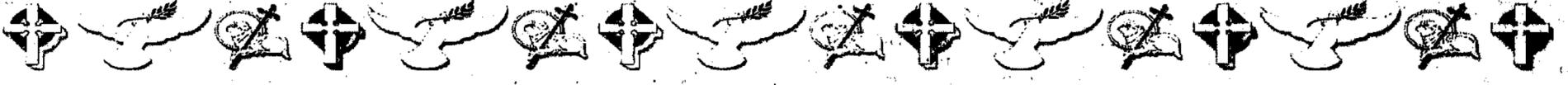
Cornerstone Church
Congress Square, 619 Sudderth Drive, 257-9245. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and children's church: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: Adult and Youth, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glendon Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Prudential Bazaar: Wood of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday morning prayer: 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

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: Intercosy prayer room; mid-week services 7 p.m.

Pace Chapel
Interdenominational (DLC) Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanne Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Residential building permits in Ruidoso surge

Building permits issued by the Village of Ruidoso were up in January, by 16 percent. While permits for commercial endeavors fell, residential permits were up substantially. New single-family home permits nearly doubled the January, 1999, level according to the planning and zoning office. Single-family home permits totaled 17, compared to six permits a year ago. Residential permits reached nearly \$2.4 million for 2000. In January last year the value was slightly more than \$1.2 million.

Residential alteration or addition permits fell in number but the value jumped from \$210,532 a year ago to \$398,065 last month.

No permits were requested for new commercial construction. Commercial alterations

or additions dropped to \$152,929. In January, 1999, commercial remodeling permits totaled \$1.3 million.

Little Nellie's comes to Ruidoso

Little Nellie's Chile Factory, a long established Las Cruces eatery, has set up a kitchen at the entrance to Ruidoso's Upper Canyon. The new Ruidoso restaurant opened last week.

The Las Cruces restaurant began in 1962, when Danny and Nellie Hernandez established a burrito route. Danny quickly became known as the Burrito Man. The route turned into a restaurant, that grew, and is currently located at 600 E. Amador in Las Cruces.

The Ruidoso restaurant, Little Nellie's Upper Canyon, is in the former Brandin' Iron, at 101 Vision Drive.

Jobless rate remains low

Lincoln County's unemployment rate closed 1999 at 4.9 percent, according to the state Department of Labor. The figure was low for a rural New Mexico county.

December was up slightly from November's 4.7 percent. A year ago the county jobless rate stood at 5 percent.

Jerry Bradley, an economic researcher with the department, said the Ruidoso region's job picture has lost some of its seasonal ups and downs. "I think it's the tourism industry there. It's helping to keep the employment level steady."

While this autumn months continue to show a cyclical decrease in jobs, recent springs, especially in 1999, suggest the tourism sector is "holding its own" from the end of the ski season to the start of the summer season.

Winter and summer have traditionally been the strong

periods for jobs, with spring and fall normally considered "shoulder months" for the tourism economy.

Before 1999, Lincoln County registered a growth of 300 to 400 jobs per year; 1999 came in flat. "I don't think that indicated a trend," Bradley said. He felt Lincoln County will continue to show employment growth and low unemployment rates.

"I'm predicting continued job growth in New Mexico, and I don't think Lincoln County will be left out."

Otero County registered a December rate of 4.8 percent, an improvement from November's 5.4 percent.

In Chaves County the December figure was 6.5 percent. A month earlier the rate had been 7.1 percent. In December of 1998 Chaves posted a 10.9 percent unemployment rate, fed by layoffs and a shut-down of several industries.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Use professionals when buying a home

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER SAVINGS BANK

You're entering into a major investment! Purchasing real estate might just be the largest investment of your life. Do not make the mistake of thinking you can "do it all yourself."

Find a knowledgeable Realtor. You need someone who knows the area, understands your needs, can respond to questions regarding home inspections, septic vs. sewer, wells vs. city water, propane vs. natural gas, schools. While they are not expected to be experts in all areas, a competent Realtor will have contacts and would have done their homework.

The Realtor will also be familiar with the preparation of a purchase contract. What does the buyer pay; what is the seller's responsibility? A Realtor will have creative alternatives whether in pursuing the home of your dreams or something you had not even thought of.

Align yourself with a lender. An experienced lender understands the various mortgage programs and which will best suit your financial situation. When comparing lenders, be sure to ask questions beyond interest rates. Monies due at closing generally include the cost of the transaction plus reserves for insurance and taxes. Ask your lender about how much you actually need to come out of pocket with. Also, is it important to you that the loan is serviced by the lender? Is the lender local? Who can you go to after closing if you have questions? Can the lender meet your

timeline? Understand the difference between a mortgage company and a bank.

Obtain an insurance agent to handle your fire hazard insurance. Find out lender requirements, plus know what you feel comfortable with in the event of an occurrence or catastrophe. In the event of a condominium or town home, what does the condo association not cover? You might need additional coverage.

The title company, usually chosen by the seller, handles the loan closing after all loan conditions have been met. The title company will perform a title search and record the appropriate documents with the county. You will be informed of easements, liens and encroachments. The title company will issue a final title policy reflecting legal description, vesting, and applicable indebtedness. That final title report will insure clear title to the subject property.

There is a team of professionals working on your behalf, generally in tandem: Realtor, lender, title company/closing agent, appraiser, home inspector, surveyor, insurance agent, and in some instances a contractor. Choosing the right lender and Realtor who would be your points of contact will eliminate confusion. These professionals also help you recognize what is necessary to protect your interests. Use their expertise.

Rosalyn Robinson has more than 20 years of financial experience.

The new telecom company's president sees better telephone service and customer service ahead, but the local system's "switching" peculiarities will slow the timetable for high-speed access.



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News
Anne Bingaman, former law-school professor, assistant U. S. attorney general, and presently president of Valor Communications, at a Ruidoso Rotary Club meeting.

Valor won't hike phone rates

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Seeing the Ruidoso area as a "major player" in rural telecommunications, the president of the region's pending new telephone company, Valor Telecommunications, vowed the firm would focus on Ruidoso.

Anne Bingaman also said Valor, which should finalize their acquisition before fall, will provide phone options that customers want, such as caller ID and three-way calling. Internet service, and eventually high-speed data lines, will also come. Bingaman promised base rates for phone service would not increase with the Valor Telecommunications replacement of G.T.E. in the area.

Valor, which was created last year, has purchased 520,000 G.T.E. phone lines in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma, pending state regulatory approvals.

"This is going to be one of the greatest success stories right here, in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto and White Mountain," Bingaman told the Ruidoso Rotary Club.

The Valor president said the Ruidoso area ranks fifth in the company's service region, with 14,000 telephone business and residential lines.

"Focusing on this community," Bingaman said, "we will be repaid prosperously and many fold."

Creating the regional phone company and purchasing G.T.E. customer lines in New Mexico, Oklahoma and parts of Texas totals a

\$1.7-billion dollar deal. The New Mexico part of the transaction is expected to finalized Sept. 1.

"Our plans are to help the community, and we'll focus on the top twenty, including Ruidoso, initially," Bingaman said.

Valor will establish a local Internet service provider (ISP), which will compete with other area ISPs.

While DSL, or high-speed, data lines are also a two-year target for the top twenty markets in the Valor service region, Bingaman said Ruidoso will probably have to wait longer. Inadequate equipment currently in the Ruidoso area will delay the high-speed system locally.

"You have an unusual kind of switching mechanism, embedded in ancient history," Bingaman. "But I'm very proud of our business plan, because it includes DSL, eventually for Ruidoso too."

Phone customers also will be able to subscribe to optional services, such as three-way calling, call waiting, caller ID and others.

"We are committed to doing that no later than two years from now. There's every reason in the world to get those in here," Bingaman said her company has heard plenty of demand in the Ruidoso area for the services.

"We will do this by enhancing the number of service personnel in the company by ten percent over the next 18 months."

Valor will bring back phone retail stores and payment centers in some of their communities, Bingaman said. "We will reopen what G.T.E. had, customer payment centers. We have not

yet selected which communities that will get one, and there's no commitment, but you folks look like such a community," she told the Rotary Club members.

Becoming a long distance service provider will be another facet of the telecommunication business that Valor will get into, but that will be further down the road. "We want to first establish vertical services, the caller ID, DSL, a link to the Internet."

The phone company official promised stable rates for its customers.

"We have absolutely no plans for a rate increase," Bingaman said. "We want a seven-year flat rate. In fact, rates may even decrease."

Bingaman, the wife of U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, is a former U.S. Justice Department assistant attorney general who addressed telecommunications issues. She felt the new phone company would be around for a long time, and is committed to customer service and local business development.

The phone company was formed last September, and includes 12 prominent Hispanic investors from New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas. The company's headquarters will be in Dallas.

Promising Valor would be active in business communities across its service region, Bingaman told the Rotarians she's heard Ruidoso has a vision of becoming a telecommunicating business capital.

"We're thrilled about that, and we want to be in the business that helps communities and their businesses grow."

The Pot Belly, or 'inverted yield curve'

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The Treasury yield curve has been bent by the Treasury's announcement to cut back borrowings and tighter monetary policy.

The Treasury will reduce publicly held debt by \$17 billion this quarter followed by a whopping \$15.2 billion next quarter. It will sell 1-year Treasuries only four times per year instead of every four weeks and reduce the number of 10-year notes and 30-year bonds it sells. A mad scramble for longer-dated issues, especially for 30-year bonds, has bent the back-end of the yield curve. At the same time, the pot belly of the curve (2 to 5 years) is very sensitive to tighter monetary policy. The market expects the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates another couple of notches; the pot belly has become larger.

Inversion peaking yields?
In the past, an inversion of

the yield curve ► **MARKET GLANCE** Convincing signs of an economic slowdown and improved inflation expectations are needed for bond yields to crest. At the moment, the economy is moving full steam ahead, shrugging off higher interest rates. The bond market is not convinced that the central bank is doing enough to contain inflation.

Lower interest rates followed. To be sure, the Federal Reserve has been hiking interest rates. But this time around, the inversion is occurring mainly because the ballooning Treasury surplus is slashing the need to borrow.

The Treasury has elected to cut borrowing costs by shortening the average maturity of outstanding debt, influencing the slope of the yield curve. What we have is not a fully inverted curve; it steepens up to about 5 years before sloping down.

An inverted yield curve does not necessarily herald the peak in bond yields. During the last 6 out of 10 episodes of inversion, bond yields were actually higher one year later.

Investors who focus on total returns should extend maturities. If bond yields decline, the benefits from capital gains will outweigh the give-up in current yields. Risk-averse investors, who are looking for income, should do the opposite. By shortening maturities, yields can be enhanced. As monetary policy tightens, maturing issues can be put to work at higher interest rates.

Stocks impervious to rates?
Historically, the price-earnings ratio (P/E) is inversely correlated with interest rates. In other words, stock

and bond prices tended to move in the same direction. Three researchers from the Federal Reserve wrote a paper in 1997 arguing that when "earnings yields (E/P) stray too far from bond yields, equity prices tend to change to correct the imbalance." If this relationship still holds, the stock market is due for a correction.

In 1999, an equity market correction did occur, validating the above relationship between P/E and bond yields. To be sure, the broad indices, including the S&P 500 and NASDAQ, have performed well, but half of all the publicly traded stocks in 1999 fell in price. Seventy-five percent of the 1999 increase in valuation in the S&P 500 came from technology stocks. The inverse relationship between interest rates and the P/E ratio still holds in the non-technology world; the lion's share of the market is still rational.

DISTRICT COURT

Civil docket

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.

- Dec. 30 - Ruth A. Wade vs. Lawrence Wade; divorce; DM99-154.
- Jan. 3 - Deborah Jane Hovland vs. James M. Hovland; domestic abuse petition; DV00-01.
- Jan. 5 - Patricia A. Dana vs. Glen W. Dana; divorce; DM00-01.
- Jan. 6 - Sarah E. Garrett vs. Richard W. Garrett; divorce; DM00-02.
- Jan. 7 - Crystal Wilmeth vs. Brian Wilmeth; divorce; DM00-03.
- Jan. 11 - Thelma Lopez-Bennett vs. Terry Dean Bennett; divorce; DM00-04.
- Jan. 11 - Donny and Joann Robertson vs. Victor Baca and Excavating, Monroy Chavez; personal injury; CV00-05.
- Jan. 13 - Leo and Georgia Griffin vs. Nadine Evans; debt and money due; CV00-06.
- Jan. 14 - In re: name change Jonathan Hoss Jeppesen and Thomas Hans Jeppesen to Jonathan Hoss Row and Thomas Hans Row; CV00-07.
- Jan. 19 - Estate of John Albert Deibler, deceased, by and through Angela D. Deibler, personal representative of the Deibler estate, vs. Allsup's Convenience Store Inc., a New Mexico corporation; damages as a result of wrongful death; CV00-08.
- Jan. 15 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Jimmy R. an Rosemary A. Aragon; debt collection; CV00-09.
- Jan. 19 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. David T. Collins; debt collection; CV00-10.
- Jan. 20 - Re: name change of Marie Gabriella Dawson to Morgan Sajj Dawson, for professional reasons; CV00-11.
- Jan. 20 - Rocky Mountain RV Park and Rhonda Vincent vs. Bonnie Ragan; notice of appeal; CV00-12/
- Jan. 24 - Mary Ellen Masters vs. Furr's Supermarket Inc.; negligence; CV00-13.
- Jan. 24 - Blaugrund-Nosker partnership, a New Mexico partnership, vs. Gary Shewan; injuries, for fraud and misrepresentation, and for equitable rescission; CV00-14.
- Jan. 24 - Charter Bank vs. Michael Jerold Terceo and Inette Terceo; foreclosure; CV00-15.

- Jan. 27 - Western Bank of Alamogordo vs. Albert M. Sanchez, Loretta Sanchez, the United States of America, acting through Farmers Home Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture; money owed, real property foreclosure, personal property foreclosure and appointment of special receiver; CV00-16.
- Jan. 28 - William Sheehan vs. state of New Mexico, Motor Vehicle Division; appeal and petition for writ of certiorari; CV00-17.
- Jan. 28 - Thomas and Edward C. Simonini and Karen C. Simonini vs. Alpine Acres Ltd. a New Mexico limited partnership by and through its general partner, Bill Eastland, H.W. Enterprises Inc., a New Mexico corporation, and Sue Jacobs, Joe Does one through 100, unknown heirs, devise and assigns, any and all individual claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiffs; quiet title; CV00-18.
- Jan. 31 - Contimortgage Corp. vs. Rachel Hargrove, also known as Jackson, Kelly Jackson, also known as Kelly Shane Jackson, Jessie Lou Locke, and the village of Ruidoso; complaint for foreclosure; CV00-19.
- Jan. 31 - Bill and Jeanne Leach vs. Donald and Cheri Russell and Russell Construction Inv., a New Mexico corporation; declaratory judgment to have residential restrictions declared valid, and to remove construction contrary to residential restrictions and for damages; CV00-21.
- Feb. 1 - Fleet Mortgage Corp., formerly known as Fleet Real Estate Funding Corp., vs. Jack F. Valliant, Simone Catherine Keith, Joe Doe and Jane Doe tenants; foreclosure; CV00-22.
- Feb. 1 - United Companies Lending Corp. vs. Robert W. Doody, also known as Robert William Doody, Cheryl Dana Doody and Crescent Electric Supply Co.; foreclosure; CV00-23.
- Feb. 2 - Provident National Bank vs. Ronald R. Hodges; debt and money due; CV00-24.
- Feb. 2 - Woodrow Michael Warren and Pamela Warren vs. R.D. Hubbard and MTD Inc., a New Mexico corporation; CV00-25.
- Feb. 4 - Wells Fargo Bank of New Mexico, a national banking association, formerly known as Norwest Bank of New Mexico, vs. Tommy A. Jones, individually and doing business as Allen's Auto Parts Inc., a New Mexico corporation; debt and money due and foreclosure of security agreement; CV00-26.
- Feb. 4 - Re: name change of Roberta Maria Ortiz to Maria Alvarado; CV00-27.
- Feb. 4 - Ford Motor Credit Co vs. Christopher and Norma G. Chee; debt and collection; CV00-28.
- Feb. 4 - Robert T. and Carolyn G. Vickers and Joseph and Victoria Carstens vs. Tierra Development Co., a limited partnership, Stephen R. Smith, Mark Norton and Paul Erway, individually and as general partners of Tierra Development Co., their heirs, devisees, Joe and Jane Does, and unknown claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; quiet title; CV00-29.
- Feb. 7 - Claire Greenwood vs. Kenneth D. Arther in his individual capacity, the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and the village of Ruidoso Downs; assault and battery, violation of

civil rights, personal injury, retaliation for filing tort claim notice, malicious prosecution, false arrest and damages; CV00-30.

Feb. 7 - David and Nancy Bartels, husband and wife, vs. T. Dean and Allyson E. Whitaker, husband and wife, Century 21 Aspen Real Estates Inc., a New Mexico corporation, and Scott Miller; damages; CV00-31.

Feb. 8 - Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Jon Raven, the unknown spouse of Jon Raven, Paul and Barbara Westbrook; foreclosure; CV00-32.

Criminal docket

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

- Jan. 19 - Kristin Billingslea, 21, Honda; contributing to the delinquency of a minor; fourth-degree felony; CR00-04.
- Jan. 21 - John Christopher Fuentes, 38, Roswell; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony, and DWI; CR00-05.
- Jan. 28 - Eric Chavez, 19, Carrizozo; receiving stolen property; CV00-06.
- Jan. 28 - James Todd Nicolson, 31, El Paso, Texas; fugitive complaint from El Paso County; CV00-07.
- Jan. 28 - Cynthia L. Hall, 42, no address listed; fugitive complaint from Teller County, Colo.; CR00-08.
- Jan. 28 - David W. Hall, 43, no address listed; fugitive complaint from Teller County, Colo.; CR00-09.
- Feb. 1 - Richard Waterfield, 22, Las Cruces; possession marijuana with intent to distribute, fourth-degree felony, aggravated DWI, second offense, misdemeanor, possession open container of alcohol in vehicle, motor vehicle code misdemeanor, driving while license suspended or revoked, misdemeanor, and speeding, penalty assessment violation; CR00-10.
- Feb. 3 - John Egbert, 40, Ruidoso; DWI, fourth aggravated, driving left of center, driving vehicle while license suspended or revoked, CV00-11.
- Feb. 3 - Shannon Morgan, 20, Ruidoso; possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, third-degree felony, possession methamphetamines with intent to distribute, third-degree felony; conspiracy to distribute controlled substance - cocaine, fourth-degree felony, conspiracy to distribute controlled substance - methamphetamines, fourth-degree felony, possession drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor, and possession marijuana under one ounce, petty misdemeanor; CR00-12.
- Feb. 3 - Charles Reynolds, also known as Jason Reynolds, 30, DWI; CR00-13.
- Feb. 3 - Floyd Lopez, 40, Albuquerque; auto burglary, larceny and shoplifting; CR00-14.
- Feb. 7 - Melinda Furness, 40, Nogal and Roswell; contributing to the delinquency of a minor; CR00-15.
- Feb. 7 - Pete Yasi, 26, Carrizozo; possession of burglary tools, tampering with evidence, possession of stolen property less than \$100; CR00-16.
- Feb. 7 - Maria Vega, 46, Denver, Colo.; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, fourth-degree felony; CR00-17.

Domestic relations docket

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

Champion of Service



Harry Noble, manager of Village Hardware, was recently presented with the Champion of Service award for February. Noble, who returned to Ruidoso seven years ago, after working across the country, credited his colleagues in the warehouse, the sales floor and in the office, for providing great customer service. The award is sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Valley Greeters, and the Ruidoso News. Pictured with Noble are Mildred Crocker, of the Greeters (left) and Joan Zagone, executive director of the chamber.

- Jan. 4 - Ann Beltran vs. Charles Hawkins; petition for order of protection from domestic violence; DV00-02.
- Jan. 5 - Patricia A. Dana vs. Glen W. Dana; divorce; DM00-01.
- Jan. 6 - Sarah E. Garrett vs. Richard W. Garrett; divorce; DM00-02.
- Jan. 7 - Crystal Wilmeth vs. Brian Wilmeth; divorce; DM00-03.
- Jan. 11 - Thelma Lopez-Bennett vs. Terry Dean Bennett; divorce; DM00-04.
- Jan. 12 - David Allen Jordan vs. Sharon J. Jordan; divorce; DM00-05.
- Jan. 14 - Molly Foster vs. Dennis Foster; domestic violence petition; DV00-03.
- Jan. 20 - Janet Kay Burch vs. Everett E. Burch; divorce; DM00-06.
- Jan. 21 - Deborah Jane Hovland vs. James Munson Hovland; divorce; DM00-07.
- Jan. 21 - Josephine Lara vs. Robert Lara; divorce; DM00-08.
- Jan. 21 - Bobby L. Power Jr. vs. Joelle Power; divorce; DM00-09.
- Jan. 24 - Amanda Bates-Ryen vs. Cody L. Ryen; divorce; DM00-10.
- Jan. 24 - Wesley Ray Owen vs. Debra Rene Owen; divorce; DM00-11.
- Jan. 24 - Rosemary Aragon vs. Flora Medina; domestic violence petition; DV00-04.
- Jan. 24 - Steve L. Stroud vs. Betty Joan Stroud; domestic violence petition; DV00-05.
- Jan. 25 - Shawn E. Wear vs. Angel Wear; domestic violence petition; DV00-06.
- Jan. 25 - Crystal Wilmeth vs. Brian Wilmeth; domestic violence emergency order; DV00-07.
- Jan. 25 - Crystal Wilmeth vs. Brian Wilmeth; domestic violence petition; DV00-08.
- Jan. 26 - Kimalee A. Casenave vs. Jack Casenave; domestic violence petition; DV00-09.
- Jan. 26 - Louis Ray Mestas vs. Priscilla Mestas; divorce; DM00-12.
- Jan. 27 - Ethel R. Loya vs. Florentina Loya; divorce; DM00-13.
- Jan. 27 - Carol McGee vs. James McGee; divorce; DM00-14.
- Jan. 28 - Rhonda Cox vs. Thomas Cox; domestic violence petition; DV00-10.
- Jan. 31 - Jack H. Casenave vs. Kimalee A. Casenave; divorce; DM00-15.
- Jan. 31 - Thomas Ray Cox vs. Rhonda Kay Cox; divorce; DM00-16.
- Jan. 31 - Della Dawn Havens vs. Wesley Dwayne Havens; divorce; DM00-17.
- Feb. 8 - Francine LaMay vs. William LaMay; divorce; DM00-18.
- Feb. 3 - Jeanette Thensing vs. Richard Garcia Melendez; divorce; DM00-19.
- Feb. 7 - Lorrissa J. Orocco vs. Lamar R. Willkinson; domestic violence petition; DV00-13.
- Feb. 9 - Lisa Orciuoli vs. Nick Orciuoli; domestic violence petition; DV00-04.
- Feb. 9 - Robie Williams vs. Josephine Rue; domestic violence petition; DV00-15.

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GED testing dates changed

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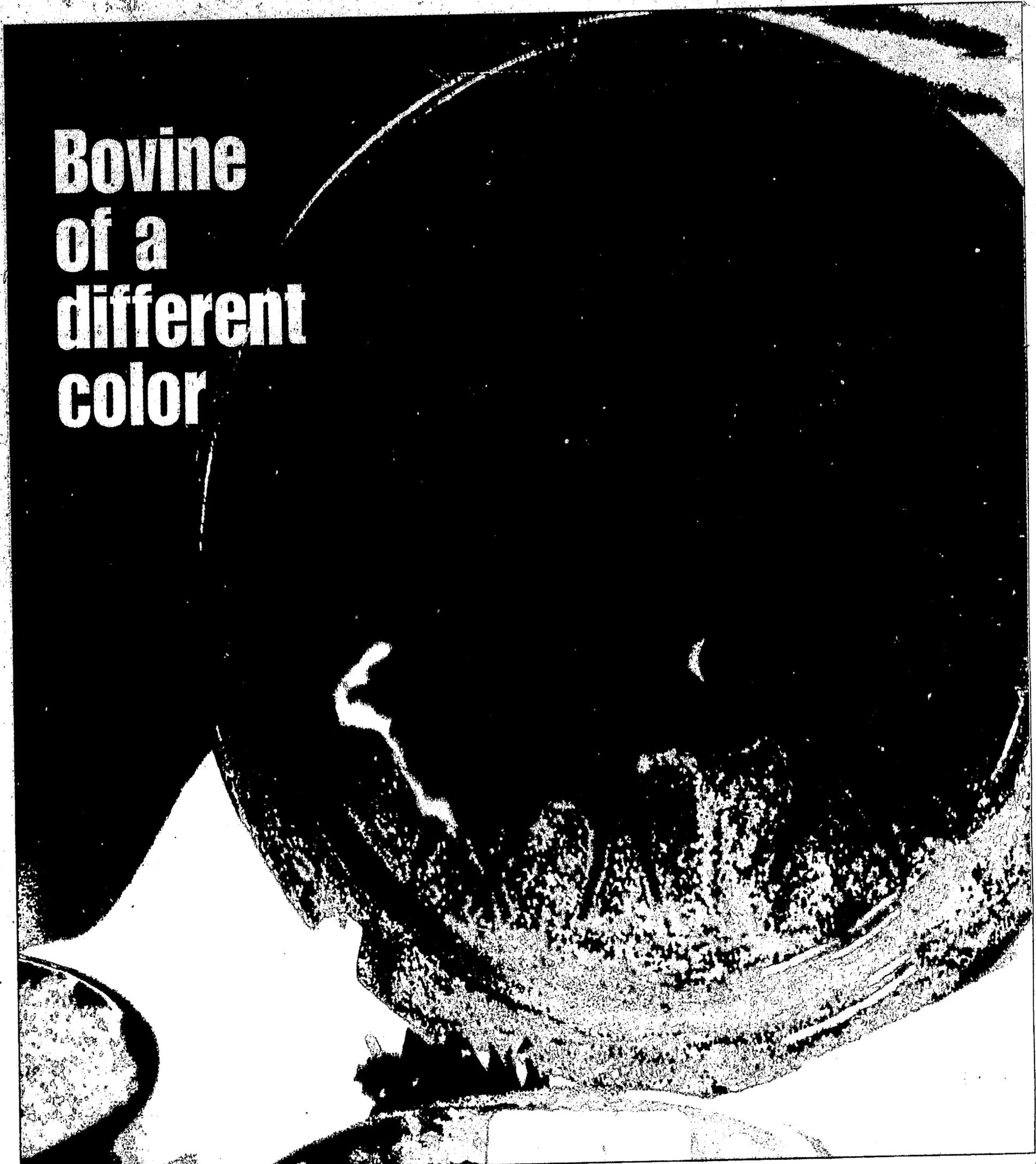
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The Arts

Bovine of a different color

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Producing a work of art on each plate, cup and saucer she molds at her potter's wheel, Beth G. Braid recreates images of life on the range.

Stylized cattle roam pastures set against a background of mountains or trot down a dirt trail.

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Dianne Stallings

ARTIST BETH BRAID throws a pot in her Blue Cow Pottery Studio/Shop.

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Dianne Stallings

CATTLE AND HORSES are Braid's signature subjects for decorating pottery.

The colors and combinations differ with the settings and the seasons.

Visitors to Blue Cow Pottery Company at Home Again Antiques & Collectibles on Sudderth Drive may choose one piece, a place setting or an entire set of dishes.

They can serve dinner on them, hang them on a wall or display them in a cabinet.

Whatever buyers have in mind is fine with Braid as long as she's satisfied that what she's created is functional, yet artistically sound.

Originally from Houston, Texas, where her father was a fireman, but also owned acreage and cattle, Braid married a professional ranch manager. Living among bovines became a major part of her life.

The two met while attending Texas A&M University, where husband Neil earned a master's degree and Braid was attending classes toward her bachelor's degree, which she completed in Montana, graduating summa cum laude in the spring of 1998.

Her painting, "In the Bunch Grass" was accepted into the National Juried Show of the Great Frame Up in Red Lodge, Mont. in 1998 and another in the Meadowlark Art Review in Helena, Mont. in 1997.

The couple lived in Illinois, California, Arizona and Montana before moving to the area, where Braid's husband manages the Mescalero Apache cattle operation.

As a high school student, Braid showed promise with her pencil sketches of guns, chaps and portraits. But she turned down a chance to attend a school that specialized in art, because she wasn't comfortable with her talent.

"My teachers let me focus on competitions, but that spoiled me, because I didn't

have to do what I didn't want to," she said.

Her preference in college was painting ranching vignettes with bold colors and palette knife texture. But when Braid had to take a class in three dimensional art, she decided whatever she picked must be functional more than just decorative. Pottery seemed to offer a chance to combine her drawing and painting skills on something that also could be used for cheese and crackers, she said.

When Braid left Montana, she brought more with her than furniture and clothing. Inspired by the scenery on those magnificent ranches and the horses and longhorn cattle that roamed there, Braid transferred her fascination with the shapes and colors to her pottery.

One of her favorites is a circular pattern of longhorn cattle, reminiscent of a Minoan design.

"They're awesome with their curved horns and bone structure," she said. "When they move in a group, you can hear the horns tapping."

But Braid said she had to start from scratch on glazes when she changed to an electric kiln. The college's large kiln and gas firing process produced rich variegated colors and potential for endless variations.

She's been testing since last April and is pleased with the results, which range from a feeling of snow on some pieces to warm summer greens and brown to the blue shadows of afternoon with cattle in silhouette.

"You don't see details as you look at them in the distance, just the shapes," she said. "I'm excited at the idea of taking a plate or mug and communicating distance



Dianne Stallings

DETAIL of a pencil sketch that Braid created in high school.

and space."

Other scenes carry more detail.

"It amazes me," Braid said. "I just don't run out of ideas."

"I can communicate different ideas with the change of the angle of an ear or the twist of the neck. I can place a calf against the mother with a light blue against a dark blue. There are so many forms to experiment with."

Each shape is hand drawn and painted, colors are layered. When she has the desired effect, she applies latex on top of the shapes, which protects the figures as she dips again to create the background.

"Sometimes I create images of mountains, other times, I just let the glaze do as it wishes," she said. "It's a procedural process, step by step until I achieve the right look. I keep refining it as I go."

Braid stays busy with special orders as well as selling from her shop.

"In August, I got an order for six place settings and they ended up buying eight,"

she said.

While most people want different backgrounds and scenes, if a customer prefers one predominant design, she does several variations to allow them to select.

Although some of her buyers are ranchers, most are not. They either like the images of cattle and horses, or they simply enjoy her art, whatever the subject.

Pieces range from \$15 for saucers to \$50 for plates. A place setting is \$150.

"For a person to order something like this, I believe they must have a fun personality," she said. "They must be bold."

Braid's paintings hang at Edward Jones Investment Company on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso and at The Nogal Store. She was one of two artists in an invitational exhibition at The Lincoln Center in Fort Collins, Colo. last year.

Braid's shop at 616 Sudderth Drive is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday, except for Sunday when the hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase their hand-made paper, blank journals and multiple products - all with paper. Turn north at the sign on Hwy. 380 between mile marker 95 and 96, follow the drive and signs to the studio.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.
Featuring exclusively "Ruidoso's Winter Moon" and Sierra Blanca Art and Lincoln County artists. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, Isz, Joyce Jones, Bernice Lnadrum, Marcia Bizeau and Bear Tiewis, Rick Hall, and others. Open Mon.-Fri, 10-5 and Sat., 10-2.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977
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102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008
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Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

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Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette-Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol 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.

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546 Sudderth, 257-1056.
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The Montañio Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.
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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, Suanne Wamsley and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Rio Street Gallery

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Society

107 E. 5th St., Roswell, 625-5263
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Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

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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, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

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.

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Governor's Gallery Calls for Art by Breast Cancer Survivors

The Governor's Gallery will be exhibiting pieces of art to raise public awareness of breast cancer and all breast cancer survivors and artists are welcome to submit their artistic creations that helped them deal with their cancer.

Submissions may include paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, prints, mixed media and literary works. The exhibit, called "On Borrowed Time: Translations of Life with Breast Cancer" will be on display in the Governor's Gallery on the fourth floor of the New Mexico State Capitol and on the second floor of the capitol building from May 19, through July 14, 2000.

The deadline for entries is March 10, 2000. The entries should include: title of the work, slide or high quality photo of the piece, medium and the dimensions of the work. The entire written piece should be submitted. Phone inquiries should be referred to 505-827-3089. Submissions should be mailed to:

Curator/The Governor's Gallery
Attn: Terry Bumpass
Governor's Gallery
Room 400
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

"Year of Parks" Poster Contest

As a part of a Gubernatorial Proclamation, the New Mexico State Parks Division today invited New Mexico K-12 students to participate in the 2000 "Year of State Parks" poster contest by submitting a poster design recognizing that theme.

The contest is open to all New Mexico students enrolled in a public, private or home-based school. One winner will be chosen, with the winning poster printed and distributed statewide. The deadline for poster entries is Wednesday, March 15, 2000. The winners will be announced on Friday, March 17, 2000.

Entry forms can be obtained via the internet at www.nmparks.com or by contacting the New Mexico State Parks Division at (505) 827-7173 or toll free 1-888-NMPARKS. The form must be filled out completely and attached to the back of the poster. Entries must be sent or delivered to the New Mexico State Parks Division, Attention: Poster Contest, 2040 S. Pacheco Street, PO Box 1147, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504-1147, by March 15, 2000.

Statewide art competition set

The Art in Public Places Program of New Mexico Arts invites artists to apply to the following public art competitions.

One is a 2d/3d interior piece to be placed at the new Game and Fish building in Santa Fe.

The other is a 3d exterior piece to be displayed at The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in the grassy area to the south of Macey Center in Socorro. Artists are encouraged to apply by requesting a prospectus for each project under consideration.

The deadline for the first competition, a three or two dimensional piece to be placed inside the new Game and Fish building in Santa Fe, is March 9.

The second deadline, for the exterior three dimensional piece to be placed at the grassy area to the south of Macey Center in Socorro, is April 4.

For more information call 1-800-879-4278 or 505/827-6490.



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 Dinner, Sun-Thurs. 5-9:30 p.m.
 Dinner, Fri-Sat. 5-11:30 p.m.



Cattle Baron

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

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



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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
 11:30 a.m., 7 days a week



K Bob's Steak House

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 378-4747
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 Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.

La Lorraine

Located in midtown Ruidoso, the inviting exterior of La Lorraine restaurant promises a memorable and exquisite dining experience inside. Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu items including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb,

and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

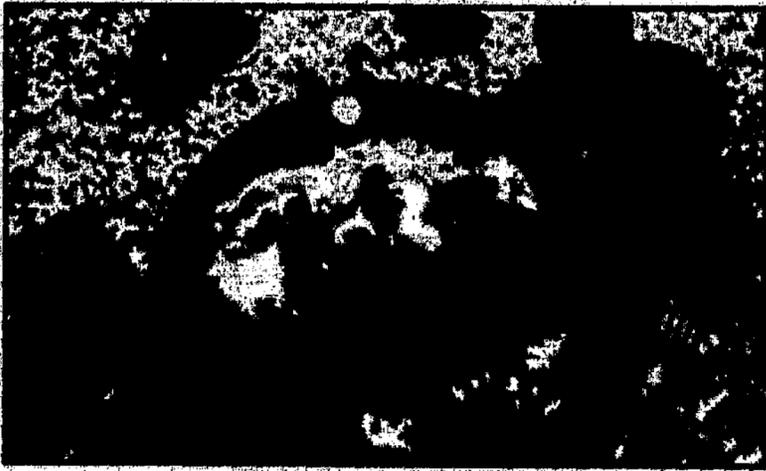
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: ... 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
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Little Nellies

Home-style southwestern Mexican cooking can now be found in the heart of Ruidoso. Little Nellie's has been featured in *Gourmet* and *Sunset* magazines and was voted best southwestern Mexican food 3 years running in Las Cruces, NM by the "People's Choice" feature in the *Sun News*. Little Nellie's cordially invites you and your family to sample our family's cooking tradition.

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 "at the Circle"
 Hours: 7 days a week



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

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

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 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



Texas Club Grill & Bar

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr.
 in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
 Dinner 5-10 p.m.;
 (Closed Mondays)



dining guide

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

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GOING OUT



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Indian leader comes to life in bronze



Courtesy
Shoshone Leader Monument by Dave McGary Dedicated in Washington, D.C. in September 2000.

Master of Realism" Dave McGary, known internationally for his colorful bronze tributes to Native Americans of the late 19th century, is at his Ruidoso studio this month putting finishing touches on a life-sized bronze of Chief Washakie for the permanent collection of Washington, D.C.

McGary also owns Expressions In Bronze gallery in Ruidoso and has spent most of his 20-year career in New Mexico.

He was selected to replicate Chief Washakie, the esteemed Shoshone warrior and peacemaker, by a committee of Wyoming officials including members of the Washakie family. The Wyoming Legislature commissioned the bronze in August 1999 as one of two figures allowed per state for placement in the permanent collection of Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. The monument will be dedicated at the U.S. capitol on September 7, 2000.

McGary will create three of the 11-foot-high monuments – the first to be placed in the U.S. capitol, the others at the Wyoming state capitol in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the Joint Shoshone and Arapaho tribal complex in Fort Washakie, Wyo. The larger-than-life bronze will be unveiled for the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes during a special dedication ceremony followed by a powwow hosted by McGary and his wife, Molly, and Washakie descendants in September 2000.

A percentage of the sales of the Masterworks and Maquettes (smaller versions of the Masterwork) of the Shoshone Chief at Expressions In Bronze and other galleries will be donated to a scholarship fund for the education of tribal members. The McGarys are active supporters of numerous Native American charitable causes.

Throughout the creative process, McGary is working closely with the Washakie family. Following his stop in Ruidoso, he travels to the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming to show family members his work on Chief Washakie thus far.

Probably no other leader contributed such a multiplicity of roles as Chief Washakie to the history of the American West – statesman, warrior, peacemaker, preservationist and champion of education for all Native Americans. This remarkable visionary unified his nomadic people into a significant political and military

force, led Lewis-and-Clark guide Sacajawea back to her Shoshone homeland, counted legendary Kit Carson and Jim Bridger as friends and was honored by President Ulysses S. Grant with a handsome silver-trimmed saddle for his valor in the Battle at Rosebud Creek.

But no doubt Washakie's greatest achievement was securing Wyoming's dramatically beautiful 3-million-acre Wind River Valley for his people.

At only age 15, McGary left his Wyoming ranch home to study anatomy and the bronze-making process with master craftsmen in Italy under a special grant.

McGary's fascinating career spans two decades and recently was chronicled in a limited edition retrospective by Michael Duty.

McGary opened his finishing studio in Ruidoso in 1981 after working at a bronze foundry in 1979 perfecting his technique. In New Mexico, McGary's life-sized bronze, Long Soldier, was selected for public display at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. In 1992, the prodigy artist also was commissioned by the City of Santa Fe to depict its founder, Don Pedro de Peralta, in an 18-foot-high monument installed in a city park west of the historic Plaza. In 1995, McGary received two honors – the "New Mexican of the Year" award and the Honorary Lifetime Alumni Award from Eastern New Mexico University for his contributions to the arts in New Mexico.

McGary has earned the title "Master of Realism" for depicting Native Americans with amazing attention to detail and historic content through his bronze works. An adopted member of the Lakota tribe, his vivid combination of paint and patina replicate the spirit and pageantry of his early Native American subjects – and the respect and admiration he feels for them.

For information, call gallery director Susie Fuqua at Expressions in Bronze gallery at (505) 257-3790 or access McGary's web site at www.davemcgary.com.

Friday, Feb. 18

"The Held Chronicles"
At the University Theatre Center, ENMU Portales. Call 562-2710.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Modern Mandolin Quartet
7:30 p.m. at Macey Center on the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro. Classical, folk and bluegrass on the mandolin.

New Mexico Native Plant Society
Trip to Smokey Bear State Park in Capitan by the Ruidoso Chapter. Call 378-8292 or meet at Nob Hill Elementary School at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch.

40th Freedom Banquet
U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman is featured speaker, Alamogordo Senior High School. Call Doug Patrick at 427-3227. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner.

Kid's Club
11 a.m. at 2814 Sudderth Drive. For children 3 to twelve-years-old. Games, prizes, snacks. Transportation can be provided. 378-1113.

Club Amistad
11 a.m. 2814 Sudderth Drive. Invita a todos los niños de 3 a 12 años. Tendremos: juegos, premios, snack y mucha diversion. Si necesitas transportación habla al 378-1113. Gratis.

The Physical Arts of Tibet
Performing at Flickinger Center in Alamogordo, a Tibetan temple music and dance band called the Monks of Depung Loseling. Starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children.

Upward Bound
ENMU Upward Bound meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Portales.

Sunday, Feb. 20

Hypnosis - A Way of Life
White Mountain Health Resource Network presents this seminar by George N.W. Brown, Ph.D., hypnotherapist, at 2-4 p.m., High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto.

March Grad 2000
1-5 p.m. at Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel, 2600 Louisiana Blvd. Features Tuxedo Junction and Santa Fe Chiles Jazz Band. Call Barbara Daniels at (505) 994-2120.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

ENMU Faculty Chamber Recital
8 p.m. School of Music, Buchanan Hall, Portales, admission \$4 adults, \$1 students.

Republican Women of Lincoln County
11:30 a.m. at Tinnie's Silver Dollar, speakers Ron and Beverly Merritt on legislative concerns. Board meeting at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Red Cross Sports Safety Training
5:30-10 p.m. at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce board room, 770 Sudderth. 257-7579

Chauntauqua featuring Jean Jorson
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

ENMU Faculty Recital
8 p.m., Alan Asher, violin, Kae Hosoda-Ayer, piano, School of Music, Buchanan Hall, Portales

Friday, Feb. 25

"Ranchwomen of New Mexico"
A traveling exhibit of photographs by Ann Bromberg. Opening reception 5:30-7 p.m. at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, at 11th and Main Streets in Roswell. Continues through July 16.

Gregory Popovich's Pet Circus
7:30 p.m. at Macey Center on the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro. Housecats as circus performers. Tickets are \$12/\$10/\$8.

Smart Strategies Sales Motivation and Results Training
7-9:30 p.m. in the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School. The topic is 12 powerful life principles.

Ongoing

AARP Free Tax Assistance
At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth every Thursday and Friday, through April 14. 257-4565

Blood Pressure Clinic
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Internet Training
Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library, 106 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. Please call to reserve a space. (505) 354-3035.

Pre-School Story Hour
Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Pre-School Story Hour
Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704

Pre-School Story Time
Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon at the Capitan Public Library. Pre-schoolers and their parents/care givers all welcome! 354-3035.

Movie Time
Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704

High School Drama Festival
University Theatre Center at ENMU, Portales, Call (505)562-2711.

Capitan Public Library
106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. Open Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Info and renew by phone. (505) 354-3035.

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Ruidoso Public Library
107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Ruidoso High School Class of 1990
is looking for alumni, for its 10 year reunion. Contact Allen Crane at (817) 685-7871 or 750 E. Midcities Blvd. #309, Euless, Tex. 76039.

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Party Bridge
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Movies

The Beach
Drama
Rated: R for violence, some strong sexuality, language and drug content.



courtesy Warner Brothers

Matthew Perry as "Oz" Oseransky in Warner Brothers "The Whole Nine Yards."

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton, Virginie Ledoyen and Guillaume Canet.

Directed by: Danny Boyle.
Produced by: Andrew Macdonald.
Written by: John Hodge and Alex Garland.
Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox
Synopsis: Leonardo DiCaprio portrays an American who sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand in search of "The Beach," a legendary tropical paradise free of conventional society's problems. But when he finds the modern day Eden, he learns that it hides more than a few disturbing secrets.

Hanging Up
Comedy and Drama. 1 hr. 26 min.
Rated: PG-13 for language and some sex-related material.
Starring: Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Lisa Kudrow, Walter Matthau, Adam Arkin.
Directed by: Diane Keaton.
Produced by: Laurence Mark and Nora Ephron.
Written by: Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron.
Distributor: Columbia Tristar

Synopsis: Three sisters - Eve, Georgia and Maddy - deal with life, love, and death on the telephone when they learn that their father, after years of wild living, intermittent affection, constant phoning and driving them crazy, is finally threatening to die.

The Whole Nine Yards
Comedy. Rated R for some sexuality/nudity and violence.
Starring: Bruce Willis, Amanda Peet, Matthew Perry, Natasha Henstridge and Michael Clarke Duncan
Directed by: Jonathan Lynn.
Produced by: Elie Samaha and Andrew Stevens.

Written by: Mitchell Kapner.
Distributor: Warner Brothers
Synopsis: Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new next door neighbor, Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski, is a hit man hiding out from a dangerous Chicago crime family. Despite their differences, Oz and Jimmy have one thing in common: someone's trying to kill them both. For Jimmy, avoiding a couple of hired killers is child's play. But for Oz, it's a whole new ball game. To stay alive, they're going to have to stick together - Jimmy with his cunning and cold-blooded accuracy and Oz with his dental tools.

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Exhibits & Receptions

Bob Reymerson and Sam Huston
Lincoln County artists Bob Reymerson of White Oaks and Sam Huston of Carrizozo are the featured artists for February at the Eagle Ranch. The Eagle Ranch is at 7288 Highway 54/70 between Alamogordo and Tularosa and is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. (800) 432-0999 or 434-0035.

Frederic Wise
Guest artist for February at The Gallery, 107 E. 5th St. in Roswell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Wise does pen and ink drawings, many involving the human figure.

ENMU Art Show
Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center's first art show to include all art classes for the fall semester runs through Feb. 25.

Private Art in Public Places
At the Ruidoso Library: a painting exhibition by Mescalero artist Oliver Enjady continues through Feb. 29. 258-3704.

At the Chamber of Commerce, Jesse Hofacket is displaying photography.

The Free Spirits Juried Fine & Decorative Art Show and Sale
Hubbard Museum of the American West. Works from New Mexican artists in different media. The show will run through March 19. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 378-4142.



courtesy Columbia Pictures

SISTERS MADDY (Lisa Kudrow, left), Eve (Meg Ryan, center) and Georgia (Diane Keaton) get a hilarious surprise when they pay an unannounced visit on their father in the Columbia Pictures presentation, Hanging Up.



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Fun with Salt

Part III (final)

Unfortunately for the prisoners, Barela went to Padre Borajo for guidance. Borajo allegedly told him to "Shoot all the gringos and I will absolve you." Well, that did it.

With the death of Louis Cardis, Texas' Governor Hubbard instructed Major John B. Jones of the Texas Rangers to go to El Paso and see exactly what all the hubbub was about. Upon his arrival at that place, Jones went to the residence of Mauro Lujan at San Elizario where he found that all the Hispanic population really wanted was justice. They immediately showed Jones a copy of the U.S. Constitution and pointed out that the 1st and 2nd Amendments to that document dictated that they had the right to bear firearms and to assemble freely. Jones agreed with them, stating that if and when Charles Howard returned to Texas he would be arrested and charged with murder. He also attempted to tactfully point out the difference between a lawful assembly and a mob.

Announcing that he was going to form a company of Rangers to quell the disturbance and that if any of the Hispanics were American citizens, they were welcome to enlist, Jones made what some have called an error in judgment. He appointed local man John Tays to raise the company. Tays was never the brightest bulb in El Paso, but he was honest. Unfortunately, as historian Leon Metz has accurately pointed out, the recruits that Tays enlisted would have "disgraced a penitentiary." At least two of them were sent down from Mesilla by Howard himself!

Jones then commissioned Joe Magoffin and justice of the peace Guadalupe Carbajal to ride over to Mesilla and arrest Charles Howard. He told them to charge Howard with murder, set his bond at \$4,000 and then release him to await trial, all of which they did. In addition, Magoffin warned Howard to stay out of El Paso. Unfortunately, Howard did not heed this excellent advice. In fact, he continued to bellow that if anyone took "his" salt without his permission, he would prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

When Tays got word of the fact that Howard was on his way to San Elizario to make still more trouble, he rode to Ysleta to provide an escort and avoid violence. However, when he attempted to do this, he met a vastly superior force of Hispanics, which discouraged him mightily, so he sent for the U.S. Army.

The next evening, Captain Thomas Blair, with 14 soldiers, encountered the same force, with roughly the same

result. When Blair was able to ascertain that the Hispanics were American citizens, he withdrew, stating that unless it was a force from Old Mexico, it could not be considered an armed invasion, and therefore, he was powerless to do anything. In short, Blair and his men "got while the gettin' was good."

Violence flares

After all that, Howard arrived in San Elizario safe and sound on his own. Upon his arrival he went to the residence of Charles Ellis, a local storekeeper. Shortly after Howard's arrival, there was a disturbance in the street and Ellis ill-advisedly went to investigate. When he was recognized by the Hispanic mob, his throat was cut and he was stabbed twice through the heart. His corpse was then dragged through the village on the end of a rope.

The same night, the Ranger headquarters was besieged. The next day, things began getting uglier. A Ranger was killed by a sniper in the early hours, and the mob attacked the now abandoned Ellis-Store and looted it. A Hispanic employee, Miguel Garcia, was killed. This was a bad sign. It meant that the mob was in control. No one was safe.

The siege dragged on for days. When the Hispanics announced that if the Rangers didn't give up Howard, the mob would blow up the building, Howard suddenly got brave. "I will go," he said. "It is the only chance to save your lives. But they will kill me." According to witnesses, after giving his money and papers to two associates, John McBride and John Atkinson, Howard strolled out the door as casually as he could. He was taken prisoner and when the unarmed Rangers exited a few moments later, they too, were taken prisoner. It was the only time in history that a company of Texas Rangers was taken prisoner by anyone.

Chico Barela, a salinero, was the man more or less in charge of the Hispanic mob. With the war pretty much won, Barela vacillated about killing the prisoners. Unfortunately for the prisoners, Barela went to Padre Borajo for guidance. Borajo allegedly told him to "Shoot all the gringos and I will absolve you." Well, that did it.

Executions

Howard, as one might

expect, was chosen for the first execution. He walked, erect and unsupported, to a spot in front of a five-man execution squad. And he himself gave the command to "Fire!" Unfortunately, the execution was botched. As Howard writhed in agony in the dirt, one man ran up and attempted to finish the job with a machete. As luck would have it, just as the man brought the blade down, Howard writhed in another direction and the unfortunate executioner wound up cutting two of his own toes off. With that, others rushed in with machetes and finished the job.

Next, John Atkinson was led forward. He too, gave the command to the execution squad, and once again, they botched it. All five bullets hit Atkinson in the belly. "Higher!" he screamed at them. Two more rounds knocked him down, but he still wasn't dead. Finally, a man stepped forward and put a bullet in Atkinson's head, finishing him. McBride was next, but the record is silent on the details of his execution, other than the fact that it was successfully carried out. Then the bodies were stripped and mutilated. But when the mob began chanting that they should kill all gringos, it was too much for Chico Barela. He opposed this and managed to get the Rangers released, mounted, and out of town sans weapons.

Now, U.S. troops from New Mexico arrived in force. In addition, a number of outlaws saw a possible opportunity to make some quick and easy money and attempted to enlist in the Rangers themselves. They were led by John Kinney, known as the "King of the Rustlers" and soon to make his historic mark doing battle with Billy the Kid during the Lincoln County War. Luckily, Kinney's odious reputation preceded him and the gunmen were turned away.

At Ysleta, the Rangers arrested two men involved in the executions. Both were "killed trying to escape." When the Rangers arrived in Socorro, they seemed to have just opened fire on anyone of Hispanic origin. Several were killed, including at least one woman. In fact it became something of a free-for-all. When the Rangers weren't busying themselves killing Hispanics, they busied themselves killing each other. On New Year's Day, 1878, one Ranger

sergeant killed another in a dispute that no one could remember the cause of. At this point, Tays rather hastily mustered them all out and told them to go on their collective way.

Epilogue

It had become quite the fiasco. Major Jones placed damages in the vicinity of \$31,000, and of course, there were all those dead people. Chico Barela, one of the few who had attempted to show mercy, was indicted and fled across the Rio Grande, never to return. A num-

ber of others went with him.

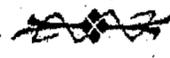
Many have tried to claim that the El Paso Salt Wars were the result of Anglo-Hispanic tension, or of Protestant-Catholic tension. But it was really neither. Both of those things had a hand in getting the violence started, but once it was started, it took on a life of its own. Ellis' clerk, Miguel Garcia, was killed by a mob of people that were of the same ethnic background as he was.

It should stand as a lesson to all of us, even now, over a century since it happened.

What the Salt War was really about was greed. Unfortunately, it thrived on the prejudices of both sides and brought about uncounted deaths. And for what? Salt? Ethnic pride? What?

We would do well to remember, especially now, in the 21st Century, that whatever our ethnic backgrounds are, we are all Americans.

Sources: "Blood, and Salt" by Leon Metz and "Revolution on the Border" by Glenn Justice.

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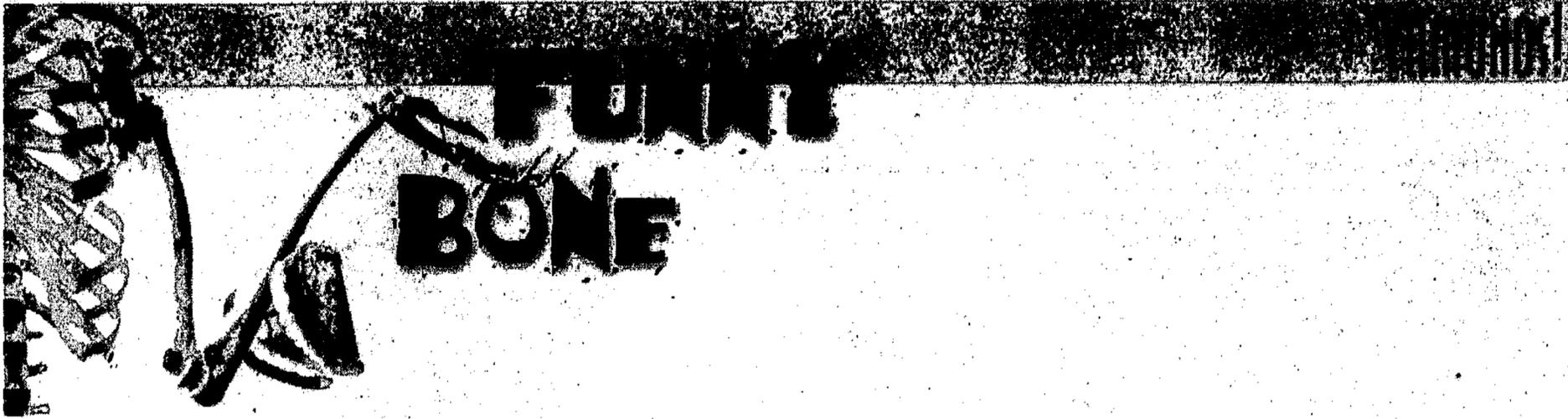
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WALTER: Regis, I brought my dog, Boomer.

(Boomer wags his tail.)

REGIS: OK! Let's play for a MILLION DOLLARS!

MUSIC: DUMDUMDUMDUMDUMDUM!

REGIS: Here we go. For \$100, which of the following letters is NOT really a letter? (A) "A"; (B) "B"; (C) "C"; or (D) The Grand Canyon.

MUSIC: AAAAAAAAAA00000000
(Walter frowns with deep concentration.)

MUSIC: 00000000EEEEEEEEEE

REGIS: God, this is dramatic, isn't it?

(The reaction camera shows Boomer, who is engaged in an act of personal hygiene.)

MUSIC: 00000000AAAAAAAAAAAA

WALTER: Regis, I am just not sure what the answer is. But I am really getting off on calling you Regis, Regis.

REGIS: As you know, Walter, you have three lifelines: You can poll the audience; you can make a

phone call; or you can have me shout the correct answer out loud, like this: "IT'S 'D,' YOU MORONI!"

WALTER: Regis, I'm going to call my mother.

REGIS: We're getting her on the line now. (Sound of phone ringing.)

WALTER'S MOTHER: Hello? REGIS: Mrs. Gweemble, this is Regis Philbin, with ABC's "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire"!

WALTER'S MOTHER: I told you damn people a million times, we don't want MCI.

WALTER: Mom! It's me! Walter!

WALTER'S MOTHER: Walter? WALTER: Yes!

WALTER'S MOTHER: You call your mother DURING "THE X-FILES"?? (click)

WALTER: Mom? REGIS: Walter, please give your final answer, so I can ask you if your final answer is in fact your final answer. I get paid \$25,000 for every time I say "final answer."

MUSIC: 00000000EEEEEEEEEE

WALTER: Gosh, Regis, I just don't... (He looks over at Boomer, who is drawing a "D" on the floor with his paw.) Regis, I'm going to

say... "D."

REGIS: Is that your final answer? Final answer? Final answer?

WALTER: Regis, yes.

REGIS: "D" is correct! You've won \$100!

MUSIC: BOM BOM BOM BOMMMMM

(Walter collapses. The audience cheers wildly. Boomer makes the Wee-wee of Triumph on the studio floor.)

REGIS: Whew! Talk about drama! Only 14 more questions to go for a MILLION DOLLARS! Are you nervous, Walter?

WALTER: Well, Regis, I...

REGIS: Shut up. Your next

question, for \$200, is: How many legs are there on a standard cow? (A) None; (B) One; (C) More than one; (D) The Grand Canyon.

MUSIC: 00000000EEEEEEEEEE
REMOTE CONTROL: Click.

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REGIS: To select our first contestant, we're going to ask our 10 finalists to rank these four things in the order of how much you would not want to have them inserted deep into your ear: (A) A lima bean; (B) A spider; (C) A harmonica; (D) Rosie O'Donnell.

MUSIC: DEEDEEDEEDEEDEEE

FINALISTS (shouting over the music): Did you say "ear" or "rear"?

REGIS: Too late! The correct answer is: "(E) It depends on what kind of spider." Our winner is... Walter Gweemble of Toledo, Ohio! Come on out here, Walter! (Walter runs out and shakes hands violently with Regis.)

REGIS: So Walter, tell us about yourself.

WALTER: Well, Regis, I'm...

REGIS: Nobody cares, Walter. What loved one have you

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Ruidoso in all its winter splendor.

Born as a summer retreat, the greater Ruidoso area has grown up to become a winter resort as well, thanks to sun-filled winter days, fresh powder atop Ski Apache and a bevy of shops, restaurants, lodges and tourist attractions.

Ruidoso has carved out a name for itself as a winter haven that offers Rocky Mountain skiing and much, much more. If attacking the 1,900-foot of vertical slopes of Ski Apache doesn't thrill you, then there's plenty other things to do in Ruidoso — gift shops and art galleries to visit, two casinos at which to try your luck, golfing at four area courses and a number of fam-

ily-oriented activities ranging from museums to scenic routes to that favorite winter-time past-time, sledding.

Cherie Homes, executive assistant at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the diversity of activities and a family environment "amazes" people who inquire about the greater Ruidoso area.

"We are getting more and more inquiries each time," Holmes said. "They want something that can entertain the kids and a place where their wives can go shopping. Everyone can come up and have something to do."

Ski Apache

No doubt about it, many who have discovered Ruidoso in the winter did so because of Ski Apache. The southern-most ski area in the Rocky Mountains enters its 39th season of operation and is located about 16 miles northwest of Ruidoso.

Ski Apache opens each Thanksgiving and closes Easter Sunday. The second-busiest ski area in the state boasts 55 trails, more than 750 skiable acres, rental shops for skis and snowboards and the highest lift capacity — 16,500 skiers per hour — in the state.

In addition, Ski Apache has snowmaking capabilities on 33 percent of its slopes. So when nature isn't cooperating, like last year when it delivered just 123 inches, the snowmaking crews can create coats of manmade snow on the slopes.

"It was a lousy year (1998-99), but we take pride in the fact that we are able to make snow. We were able to make a lot of people happy with manmade snow on a year like last year," Ski Apache official Riker Davis said. "The bottom line is you prepare for the worst and hope for the best."

Unlike its northern counterparts in Colorado, Ski Apache and the greater Ruidoso area combine to provide an affordable choice for a ski resort, said Mark Doth, who handles marketing for the village of Ruidoso.

"Our lodging is probably a half to a third less than those areas," Doth said.

Ski Apache and the greater Ruidoso area attract visitors from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and

northern Mexico

"Texas is still our bread and butter," Doth said. "But we've seen a significant increase in other states regionally such as Arizona, California and the El Paso/Juarez area."

By establishing links on the Internet, Ruidoso has increased its visibility not only across the country but also internationally.

"Especially this year, as an overall resort destination, we've been striving to even out our highs and lows," Doth said. "We've really, really tried to increase our exposure on the Internet and it's really paying off."

Lodging

With more than 2,200 rooms available, lodging options can meet the needs of just about anyone. For those who prefer all the amenities of a resort, there's Inn of the Mountain Gods. For those who would rather enjoy the cozy comforts of a mountain cabin, there's that option as well as condominiums, bed and breakfast inns, national chain hotels and motels, plus recreational vehicle parks. A number of private rooms, cabins and homes are available for seasonal rent as well.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce acts as a clearinghouse for room availability, and on holiday weekends, the lodging options can fill up fast. Lisa Muhn, group sales director for the village of Ruidoso, suggests visitors call the chamber for lodging information.

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"What I've been seeing is that it's not just skiers coming up. People want to get away and they're bringing their families," Muhn said.



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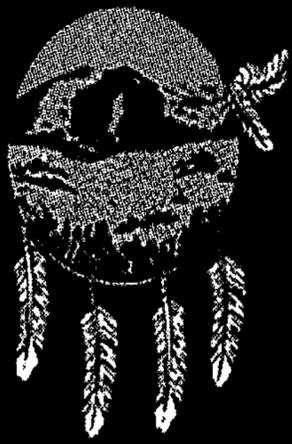
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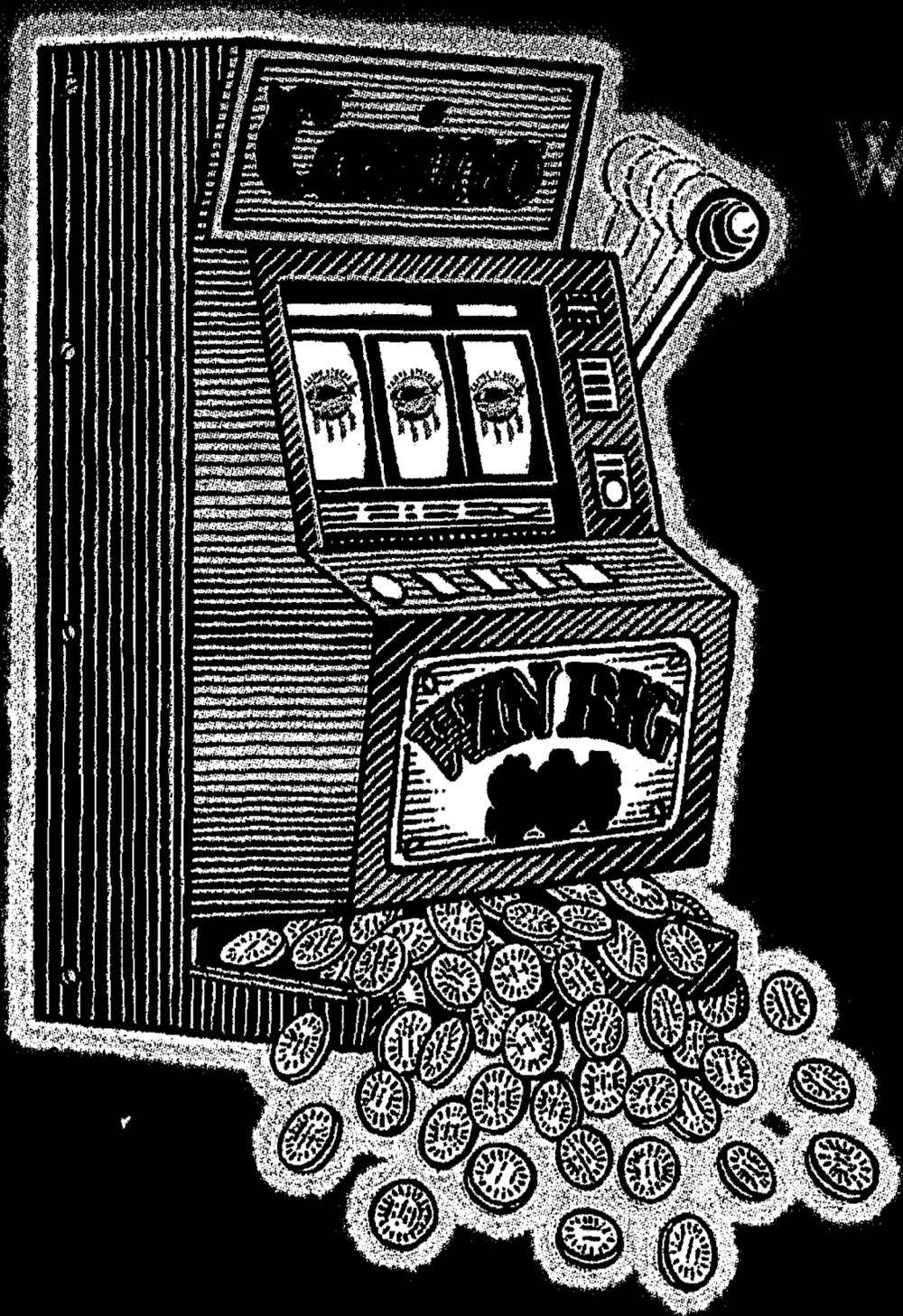
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Tramping in snow

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



Uinda Wallace/Ruidoso News

Cross country skiing is a popular alternative to the downhill race.

Streaking down a mountain at break-neck speed may not be everyone's preference in winter sports.

For some, a peaceful glide across snow covered meadows or trudging up hiking trails blanketed in white translates to a real outdoor experience.

The sound of previously undisturbed snow crunching beneath boots, cross-country skis or snowshoes delivers a thrill of a quieter nature. But the chance of seeing tracks of mountain lions, deer, bear and other creatures keeps adventurers alert, eager to read the story behind the footprints.

Many summer hiking trails in the Lincoln National Forest are passable in the winter, but for something close to home, Park Canyon and Spring Canyon offer some views and reasonable terrain for excursions of a few hours.

Mountain biking enthusiasts may have better luck hitting the trails of the Fort Stanton Special Management Area about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso. The Tlaloc Trail loops around historic Fort Stanton over a 19.65-mile course with an elevation change of 920 feet. Take State Road 48 to

Capitan, turn right on U.S. 380 to the Fort Stanton turnoff.

Many ranch roads branching off from State Highway 37 as it heads through Loma Grande on way to Nogal, from Alto also provide some excellent rides, good views and occasional encounters with wildlife in the winter.

If you can reach a trail, you probably can hike at least a portion of it, said longtime hiking and camping enthusiast Johnny Hughes.

He offered these tips for a safe hiking experience:

- ♦ Choose adequate foot gear, waterproof, warm and with a good tread.
- ♦ Layer clothing so you can peel or add as the day progresses.
- ♦ Take several types of fire starters.
- ♦ Pack some iodine tablets in case you have to treat water for drinking. People can become dehydrated in the winter.

Snowshoe and cross-country skiing trails crisscross the Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft. Just pick a trailhead and head out after telling relatives or rangers your route and expected time of return.

Winter camping is allowed in the forest, although most campgrounds are closed when the cold weather and snow hits.

Hughes recommended Three Rivers Campground on the western side of the mountain range accessible by U.S. 54 between Carrizozo and Tularosa. At a lower elevation of 6,000 feet above sea level, the campground usually is free of snow.

A hiking trail runs along the western base of the White Mountain Wilderness in high chaparral country. The campground features vault restrooms, corrals, horse trails, fishing and a picnic area.

An added advantage is the campground's proximity to the Three Rivers Petroglyph National Recreation Site where ancient Mogollon carved designs in stone.

Baca Canyon Campground near Fort Stanton on U.S. 380 also is open. Hardy campers can try to reach the Argentine campground on Forest Road 107 west of Bonito

Lake or pick a site in one of the designated camping canyons along Bonito Lake Road. But South Fork Campground is closed in the winter and the gate to Monjeau and Skyline camping areas will be locked when the snow flies.

If you enjoy hiking or skiing with a purpose, buy a Christmas tree permit for \$5 at either of the ranger district offices and search out that perfect specimen. Plan a method of hauling it back ahead of time, so you don't get tired and leave it along the trail.

Details on Perk Canyon

- ♦ A four-mile round-trip hike or mountain bike excursion into the upper Brady Canyon drainage.
- ♦ Views of Sierra Blanca
- ♦ 950-foot elevation climb
- ♦ Easy to moderate hiking
- ♦ Take Main Street into Upper Canyon, turn right onto Ebarb Road at the Story Book Cabins sign, continue up the hill to Perk Canyon Road, turn left to the trailhead. If the road is rough, park at the bottom off Main and hike a quarter mile to the trailhead.

The trail is open to mountain bikers, but because of some short, steep rocky sections, it may be unsuitable for novices.

Details on Spring Canyon

- ♦ A 1.5 mile trail or three mile round-trip
- ♦ Chances to view wildlife and enjoy solitude
- ♦ 760 feet elevation gain
- ♦ Moderate difficulty

Turn onto Cedar Creek Drive from State Road 48 by the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office. Go 1 1/2 miles and turn right at the intersection of Spring Canyon, look for the trailhead after a half mile. Or approach the trail from the other side by taking SR 48 to Ski Run Road, turn left and proceed to the junction with Forest Road 127. The trail-head is on the south side of the highway.



Photo Linda Wallace

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Doing the details

BY DIANNE STALLINGS + RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If you want to know the best slopes and all their peculiarities, Stan Cape has lived and skied in Ruidoso for the past 30 years.

Cape, who with his father operates the A-Frame Ski Shop on State Road 48 (Mechem Drive) and Stan's Snowboard Shop on Sudderth Drive, now spends a big chunk of his time behind the counter, but he hasn't lost touch.

"I would rather ski here than anywhere else when snow is good," he said. "We have such great powder, the vertical drop of the mountain is excellent and the ski area does a marvelous job of maintaining the slopes."

The A-Frame, one of more than a dozen ski and snow sport equipment sales and rental businesses in town, last year grew out of its rustic digs and into modern new quarters showcasing snowboards for sale and rent.

"Snowboarding has really increased," Cape said, "We now carry more than 200 rentals as well as the step-in bindings that have been developed." Don't worry if you arrive in town without the proper skiing wardrobe,

Cape rents clothing, helmets and even two-way radios.

"We even carry those Spandex shorts with rear-end padding for snowboarders, because they end up on that part of their anatomy a lot," Cape said.

Brands include Burton, which Cape said is top of the line, Salomon and K-3.

Ski rentals include Salomon, K2 and Rossignol.

Trying to find the traditional straight ski might be a problem, he said.

"The most exciting thing to happen in recent ski history is the onset of the shaped ski," he said. "It turned the entire industry around."

Mike Steed of Steed Sports, whose business is across the street from A-Frame, said the shaped ski makes turning easier for novices

and experts alike.

"The skis have a radical arch, in other words, they are wider at the shovel, narrow at the waist and wider at the top — sort of an hour glass shape," Steed said. "Snowboards incorporated that shape and the ski industry took it too. They've always had a side cut, but now it's more pronounced."

The side cut draw a skier into a turn, he said.

Steed's snowboards use the traditional two-to-three strap binding. Purchase prices have dropped on the boards over the last few years, he said.

He also rents cross-country skis and snowshoes. Trails in the Lincoln National Forest double in the winter for cross-country and snowshoe adventure.

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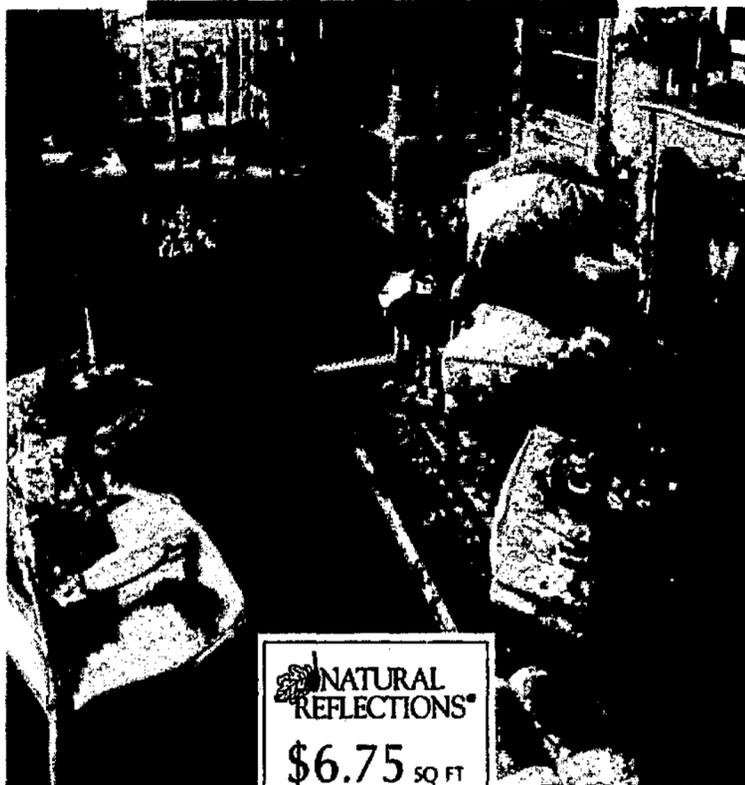
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Snow Play

Careening kids

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Even backwards it's fun.

S shrieks of laughter pierce the cold winter air as children on tubes careen down School House Park hill.

Winter in the Sacramento Mountains means locals and visitors to Ruidoso head for the ski slopes and sledding hills, they don snowshoes or cross country skis, or they climb aboard a snowmobile for a fast ride over mounds of fresh snow.

Between Ruidoso at 7,200 feet elevation in Lincoln County and Cloudcroft at 9,000 feet in neighboring Otero County, they have two ski resorts and two snow play areas at their disposal, miles of winter trails in the Lincoln National Forest and plenty of steep hills to try out their skills.

Lodging ranges from national name motels to quaint cabins and a historic lodge.

Two favorite sledding spots in Ruidoso are the hill behind the Senior Center in School House Park off Sudderth Drive and at the end of Cedar Creek Drive on the slopes that gave locals their first skiing thrills back in the 1940s. Turn off State Road 48 (Mechem Drive) on Cedar Creek Drive next to Smokey Bear Ranger District headquarters of the Lincoln National Forest.

A commercial Snow Play area, Ruidoso Winter Park, in its third year of operation, continues to offer premium tubing and two tow lines for those who want to save their energy for the downhill ride on three chutes.

The park, operated by Tom Dorgan at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex on

Ski Run Road 1/4 mile west off SR 48 north of Ruidoso, opens on Thanksgiving.

"We're redoing the Kids Korral for children under 42 inches in height, redesigning and lengthening chutes," Dorgan said. "We're also adding another chute to the upper part of the hill."

One hundred new tubes — including several for four to six people — will be available, along with triple and quadruple tandem tubes.

Because most of the snow last year arrived before Spring Break, Dorgan bought a more powerful pump from Oklahoma to double his snow-making capacity.

Rates are \$5 for children 42-inches and under for three hours on the slopes, \$13.50 for children through 15 and \$15 for those 16 and older.

For more information, call (505) 336-7079

Most of the sledding and tubing on the Lincoln National Forest occurs around Cloudcroft, about 40 miles southwest of Ruidoso.

"We encourage people to head to the Karr Snow Play area off Sunspot Highway six miles south of Cloudcroft," said Max Goodwin, Sacramento district ranger. "We have space for parking and nice slopes. People can tube without getting hurt."

Guided snowmobile rides can be arranged at Lopers in Cloudcroft or at Mystical Mountain Magic, called Triple M Snow Play.

Owner Craig Sparling plans a Dec. 17 opening for Triple M's snowmobile tours and a Dec. 18 opening of two tubing slopes with a tow line.

The fun center will stay open every day through Jan. 2. After that, operations for the tubing slopes will cut back to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Friday through Monday for snowmobile tours. The center will be open on all winter holidays. Private snowmobile tours may be scheduled at any time.

Snowmobile rates are \$30 per hour for singles and \$40 per hour for doubles. Tubers pay \$16 for all day, \$11 for half day for the use of the lift and tube, or \$8 for all day with a tube, but no lift.

Bring your own tube, and the price goes down to \$12 all day and \$8 half day with lift. Access to the slopes is \$6 without a lift.

Triple M is 4.7 miles south of

Cloudcroft. Take Highway 130 to the intersection of Sunspot Highway, continue on Sunspot and watch for the Triple M sign to the left. To reach Cloudcroft from Ruidoso, take U.S. 70 west toward Mescalero and turn south on Highway 244.

For more information about Triple M, call (800) 766-7529.

The Lodge, a historic inn and restaurant in Cloudcroft, also offers cross country skiing, tubing and snowmobiling. More sedentary visitors can try dining at Rebecca's Restaurant or shopping at Season/Lodge Mercantile. Special winter lodging and activity packages are available.

Call (800) 395-6343 for more information.

The village of Cloudcroft on U.S. 82 operates the only skating rink in the area, the main road through town.

"We usually open the second week in December and stay open until March 1," said Village Manager Mike Nivison. "It depends on when freezing temperatures begin. If you have your own skates, you can hit the ice about anytime the rink is not being groomed."

Members of the local FFA rent skates for \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children at the rink at the west end of Zenith Park.

Visitors can take to the ice as early as 10 a.m. on weekends and at 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. The skating goes on into the evening. A large fireplace and cover helps skaters stay warm. Telephone numbers of skating instructors are available through the chamber of commerce at (505) 682-2733.

A full moon skating party will be scheduled in February. Check with the chamber, where information also should be available on a month of events in December for Christmas in Cloudcroft, including a pet parade, a tree lighting ceremony, late night shopping and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Surrounding Cloudcroft is the Sacramento District of the Lincoln National Forest, which offers miles of scenic trails for cross-country skiing, and Ski Cloudcroft, managed by Mel and Jeremy McAdams, opens its downhill skiing and snow boarding in mid-December, if the weather cooperates.

Call (505) 682-233 for information about rates and hours.

Winter Safety

Be careful out there

BY THE RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

The slopes and snow-laden trails can make for fun times. But visitors and locals should also keep in mind the hazards winter can bring. The Ruidoso News encourages visitors to enjoy themselves while in the area but be safe.

Road travel

Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm.

- ✦ Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter season begins.
- ✦ Carry a winter storm survival kit: Blankets/sleeping bags; flashlight with extra batteries; firstaid kit; knife; high-calorie, non-perishable food; extra clothing to keep dry; a large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes; a smaller can and water-proof matches to melt snow for drinking water; sack of sand (or cat litter); shovel; windshield scraper and brush; tool kit; tow rope; booster cables; water container; compass and road maps.
- ✦ Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- ✦ Try not to travel alone.
- ✦ Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.

Car safety

If a blizzard traps you in your car:

- ✦ Don't panic! Stay in the vehicle. Do not attempt to walk in a blizzard. Disorientation comes quickly in blowing and drifting snow. Being lost in open country during a blizzard is extremely dangerous. You are more likely to be found in your car and will at least be sheltered there.

- ✦ Avoid overexertion and exposure. Exertions from attempting to push your car, shoveling heavy drifts, and performing other difficult chores during strong winds, blinding snow, and bitter cold of a blizzard may cause a heart attack — even for persons in apparently good physical condition.
- ✦ Beware of carbon monoxide. Run the engine, heater or catalytic heater sparingly, and only with a downwind window open for ventilation. Make sure that snow has not blocked the exhaust pipe. Keep a downwind window slightly open for fresh air. Freezing rain, wet snow and wind-driven snow can completely seal the passenger compartment.
- ✦ Take turns keeping watch. If more than one person is in the car, don't all sleep at the same time. If alone, stay awake as long as possible.
- ✦ Turn on the dome light at night to make your car more visible to working crews.

Outdoors

The following applies to outdoor recreation as much as it does to emergency situations.

- ✦ Avoid overexertion. Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile or even walking too fast or too far, you risk damaging your body.
- ✦ Dress warmly in loose-fitting,

layered, lightweight clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves — they allow your fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep your hands much warmer.

- ✦ Watch for frostbite and other symptoms of cold-weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of nose, ear lobes. If such symptoms are detected, get medical attention immediately. Do not rub with snow or ice — this does not help the condition and, in fact, will make it worse. The best treatment for frostbite is the re-warming of the affected tissue, as described above in the section on treatment for cold weather exposure.
- ✦ Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol causes the body to lose its heat more rapidly — even though one may feel warmer after drinking alcoholic beverages.
- ✦ Keep yourself and your clothes dry. Change wet socks and all other wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- ✦ If paralyzed persons or infants must go outside in severe weather, they should be checked frequently for signs of frostbite.

Signs of exposure

When the body begins to lose heat faster than it can produce it, a condition called hypothermia begins to develop. The symptoms become very apparent, and include:

- ✦ Uncontrollable shivering
- ✦ Vague, slow, slurred speech

- ✦ Memory lapses; incoherence
- ✦ Immobile, fumbling hands
- ✦ Frequent stumbling
- ✦ Drowsiness
- ✦ Apparent exhaustion; inability to get up after a rest.

Exposure treatment

If a person shows any signs of overexposure to cold or wet and windy weather, take the following measures — even if the person claims to be in no difficulty. Often the person will not realize the seriousness of the situation.

- ✦ Get the person into dry clothing and into a warm bed or sleeping bag with a "hot" water bottle (which should actually be only warm to the touch, not hot), warm towels, heating pad, or some other heat source.
- ✦ Concentrate heat on the trunk of the body first — that is, the shoulders, chest and stomach.
- ✦ Keep the head low and the feet up to get warm blood circulating to the head.
- ✦ Give the person warm drinks.
- ✦ Never give the person alcohol, sedatives, tranquilizers or pain relievers. They only slow down body processes even more.
- ✦ Keep the person quiet. Do not jostle, massage or rub.
- ✦ If symptoms are extreme, call for professional medical assistance immediately.

House fires occur more frequently in the winter due to lack of proper safety precautions when using alternate heating sources (unattended fires, disposal of ashes too soon, improperly placed space heaters, etc.). Fire during winter storms presents a great danger because water supplies may freeze and it may be difficult for firefighting equipment to get to the fire.



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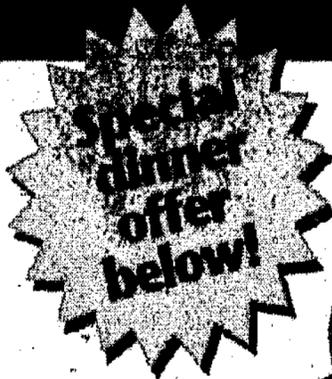
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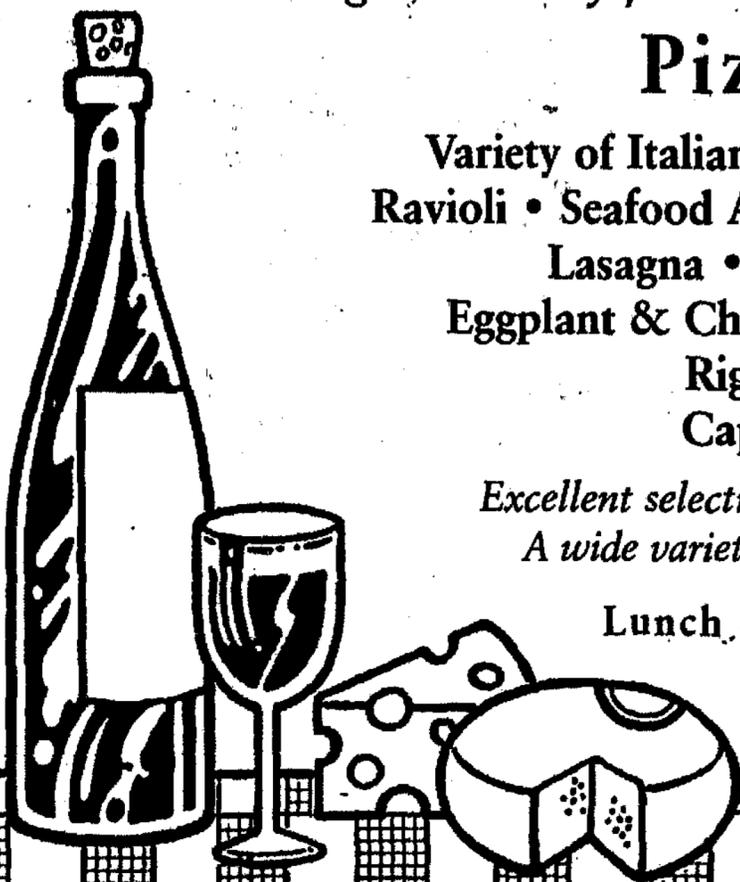
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Violinist Lella Josefowicz

Rising from a juniper-dotted mesa north of Ruidoso, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts enters its third winter season, offering patrons a variety of shows and entertainers in a near-perfect hall in which to perform.

The \$20-million majestic theater built by Dr. A. N. and Jackie Spencer of Alto and designed by Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock opened in October 1997.

Acting executive director Charles Centilli, who has been with Spencer Theater since its opening acts, said the winter lineup is tailored to audience preferences.

"They basically want to have fun and be entertained," Centilli said.

Patrons want a variety of performing arts — musical theater, drama, dance and family shows — and that's what they'll get this winter season and next summer as well, he said.

Spencer Theater officials made an effort a year ago to get in harmony with

its audience by asking patrons to complete a survey. Seventy percent returned the survey and the No. 1 request was for live musicals and/or Broadway shows.

That's one reason why this winter features two musicals, "Victor/Victoria" and "Annie," and Neil Simon's comedy-drama "Last of the Red Hot Lovers."

Director of operations Ed Spurr, who coordinates the productions for incoming shows, said, "The survey really pointed the direction of how programming goes."

The third winter season also spotlights musical performances by Elite Syncopation jazz ensemble, violinist Lella Josefowicz and Celtic musicians Hesperus with Bonnie Rideout.

While audiences love the intimacy of the 514-seat hall, performers are often surprised by the theater's sound and stage quality.

"We are truly a state-of-the-art theater," Spurr said. "When they walk in and see all the equipment we have, they are in awe."

Among its assets, the theater boasts:

- † Dressing rooms for 52 artists: four star dressing rooms with access to a relaxing courtyard; two 12-member dressing rooms; one 24-member dressing room; and a multipurpose room;
- † A scene shop with 30-foot soundproof doors to stage;
- † Fly space to accommodate most productions, and;
- † State-of-the-art sound and

lighting technology.

"Technically, we can bring in any show out there," Centilli said.

About the only obstacle Spurr and workers face is when a performance calls for three dozen stage hands. That's when the theater's geographic remoteness becomes a challenge.

A Broadway show such as "Victor/Victoria" will require 30 to 36 experienced stage hands to help set up scenery, aim lights and assist with costumes, Spurr said.

Spurr's answer to that challenge is to form alliances with Eastern New Mexico University-Portales. The college will send some technical students from its theater department to help and receive hands-on experience.

What goes on backstage ultimately affects what the audience sees and hears, and based on the efforts of the Spencer Theater staff and the performance hall itself, that should be music to its ears.

Check out the theater's Web site for up-to-date ticket availability about the 1999-2000 Winter Season: www.spencertheater.com

Performance tickets may be purchased at the Spencer Theater Box Office, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or patrons may call ProTix at 1-800-905-3315 to charge by phone. Tickets for most performances range between \$15 and \$35, with children and family performances costing between \$3 and \$5.

For more information about the Spencer Theater Winter Season 2000, contact the box office at 888-818-7872.

The waiting list is sometimes worth the wait

It's never too late to join the waiting list for sold out Spencer Theater performances, says Mari Hein, box office manager.

Although there are no refunds or exchanges, ticket returns occur more frequently than patrons would guess.

The theater is a non-profit facility, so when tickets are returned they may be considered a tax deductible donation.

When tickets are turned back, box office personnel go straight down the waiting-list, chronologically, and inform the patrons of the ticket availability.

This procedure secures seats for about 10 percent to 20 percent of those listed, Hein says.

Those listed are informed of the ticket availability via telephone. As a policy, however, box office personnel will not leave a message on an answering machine, so leave both work and home phone numbers when being placed on the waiting list.

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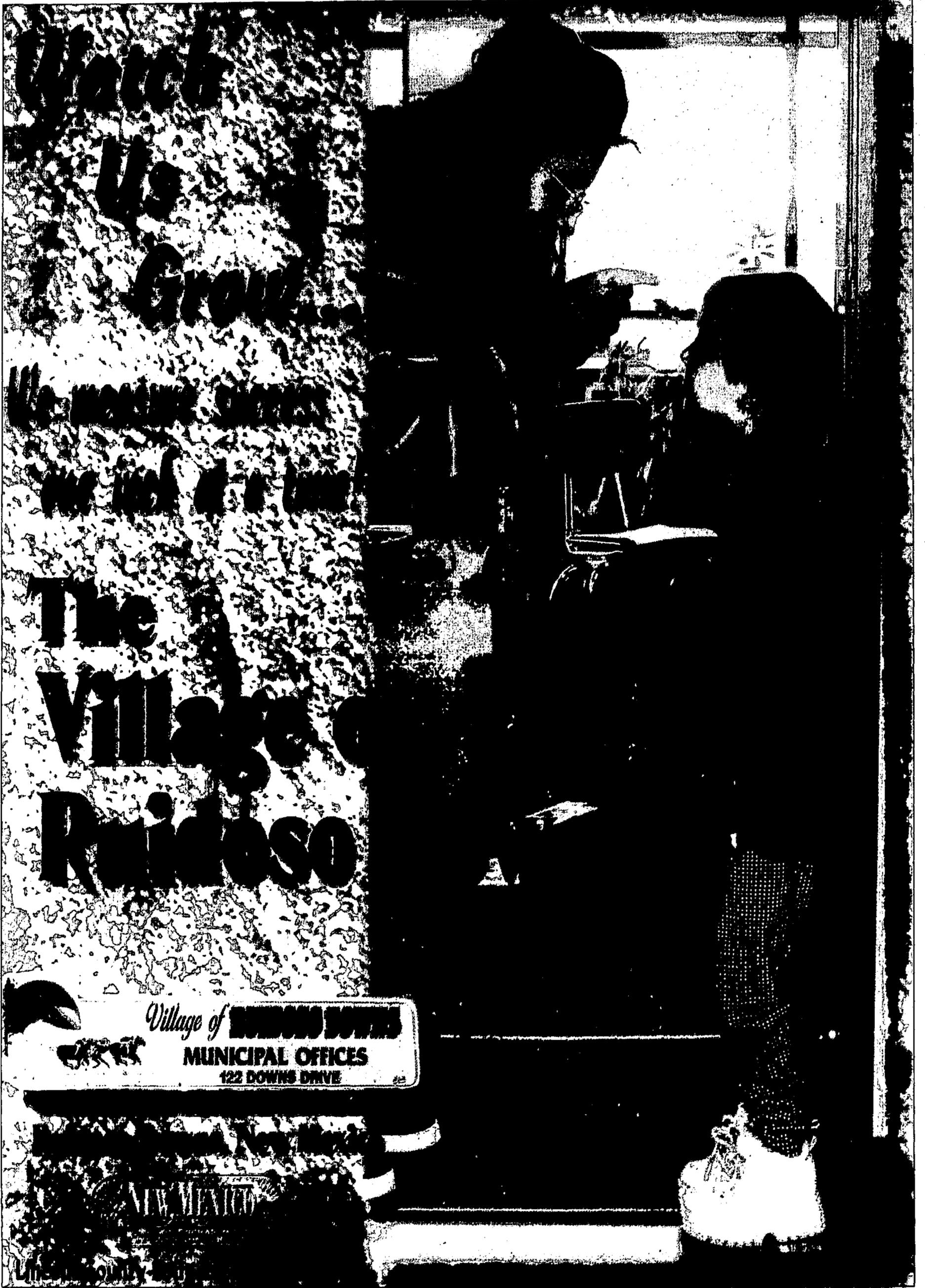
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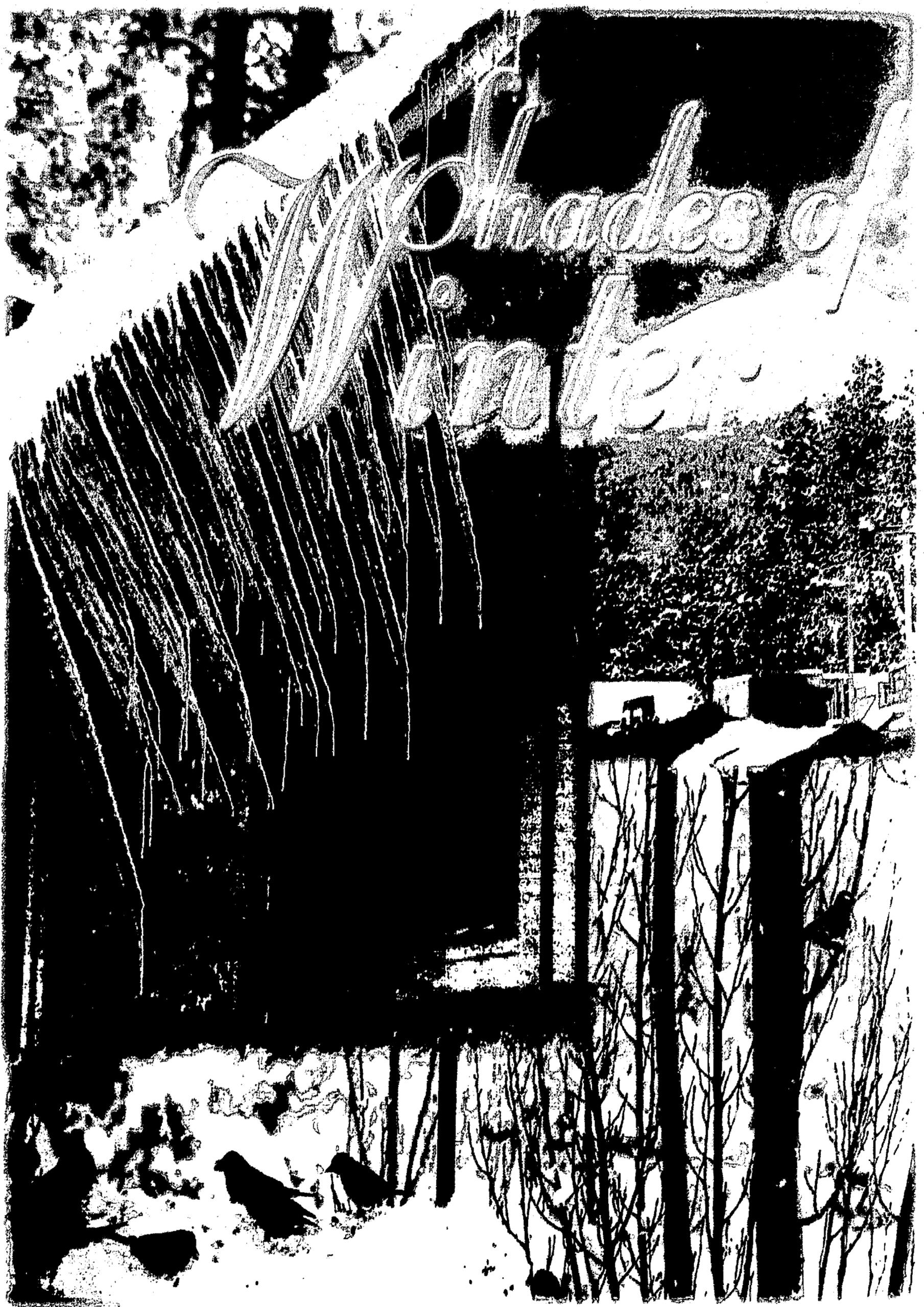
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Slopes and moguls

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Jamie Lamphier gets a helping hand from Marty Marletta of Brown City, Mich.



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Ski Apache offers an adaptive ski program for people with disabilities.

Ski Apache, located about 16 miles from Ruidoso, continues to draw crowds from all over the globe because of its temperate weather and terrain that accommodates the beginner as well as the expert.

The 1999 winter ski season kicked off with a 52-gun salute earlier this month — 52 snow guns that is.

Mother Nature actually sounded the beginning of the season with a mid-October snow that brought shivers of anticipation from all over.

"That snow brought a lot of interested phone calls," said Roy Parker, who has managed the ski area for the Mescalero Apache Tribe for more than 30 years. "That's what we hope for. People are getting tired of the summer sports and are ready to ski."

Ski Apache, situated on a 12,000-foot mountain with 11 lifts and 55 ski

runs, has something for everyone as far as terrain and weather, said Scott Goeller, who heads the ski school at Ski Apache.

Goeller points out that the temperature at Ski Apache is usually about 10 degrees higher than resorts in Colorado or even northern New Mexico.

"It's either snowing like crazy or the sun is shining," Goeller said.

Often when it snows on the mountain, the town below doesn't get snow or as much of it, which is a nice boon for motorists, he said.

Ski Apache also has a state-of-the-art grooming system to care for terrain that provides challenging runs to skiers of all levels.

"It's a first-rate facility and people know that," Goeller said.

What also is attractive this year

is that base lift ticket prices have remained the same with daylong tickets available at \$40. There also is a special rate for non-holiday weekday passes and those skiers 75 or older hit the slopes for free.

Those skiers who want to improve their skills have come to the right place.

Ski Apache is renowned for its ski school, which caters to beginning skiers.

"We encourage people to stop at the school and take a lesson," Goeller said.

A lift-ticket is included in the first time beginner lesson package.

Ski Apache offers a special lesson package for friends and couples, Goeller said.

"We offer a special half-price [package] for an upper level lesson



courtesy Bill Riggles

Juan Arreola, from Ruidoso, feels the need for speed.

if they purchase a full-day lesson at any level," Goeller said. "So if the wife doesn't ski, she gets her lesson while the husband gets a half-priced lesson at his level."

The ski resort also looks after the younger snow bums with its Kiddie Korral. The children's program targets 4- to 6-year-old children.

"It's a full-day, supervised program," Goeller said. "It's not day care, it's a ski program."

Goeller said children in the Kiddie Korral have their own area to work on skiing.

"They have their own environment that takes them out of the high traffic areas," Goeller said.

Goeller has about 110 ski instructors in the school, about 35 full-time instructors and another 80 who come in on weekends and holidays to handle peak times. Lessons are offered in the mornings and afternoons, with the times approxi-

mate, he said. Classes are formed as students appear.

Private lessons also are available for those wanting individual assistance.

"We have a wide myriad of services offered to skiers at any level," Goeller said.

Not only does Ski Apache have much to offer skiers, but ski instructors as well.

During the first weekend of December (Dec. 4 and 5 this year) a ski-hiring clinic is offered for people interested in teaching.

"We try to create a low-stress environment so people can learn how to teach beginning skiers," Goeller said, adding that part-time and full-time instructors are needed during the season.

As a member of the ski school, Goeller said "you make a little money and improve your own skiing through clinics and improve your teaching abilities."

Ski Apache, according to resort information, opened as Sierra Blanca Ski Resort for Christmas in 1961. After several years of feasibility studies measuring snow depths on horseback, the Forest Service was persuaded in the late 1950s to release a portion of the White Mountain Wilderness on the north side of Sierra Blanca Peak. Successful oilman Robert O. Anderson, from Roswell, N.M., formed Sierra Blanca Corporation and brought in ski expert Kingsbury Pitcher, from

Aspen, Colo., to develop a new ski area. During its inaugural year, the ski area offered three T-bars and \$3 lift tickets.

In 1963, Anderson merged his oil properties into Atlantic Richfield and sold his several ski businesses. Under the leadership of Wendell Chino, the Mescalero Apache Tribe bought Sierra Blanca Resort. Pitcher left after buying the Santa Fe Ski Area. Parker, who had managed a ski resort in Colorado and had years of experience in ski area operations, was hired by the Mescalero Apache Tribe in the summer of 1964.

Parker's ski business skills have guided the area through more than 30 years of expansion and improvement. In the winter of 1984-85, the ski area hosted an all-time record of 274,000 skiers and the name changed appropriately to Ski Apache.

The ski season traditionally runs from Thanksgiving to Easter and hosts skiing guests mostly from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico.

Of the dozens of different lodges in the Ruidoso area, the Inn of the Mountain Gods continues to be one of the favorite gems. The Mescalero Apache Tribe also owns this four-season resort.

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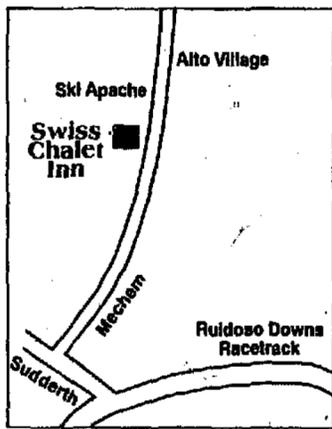
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Hubbard Museum

More than just horses

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



Laura Clymer

Part of "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" — a life-size sculptural work by artist Dave McGary.

A change of name and an expanded mission in 1999, transformed the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs into the Hubbard Museum of the American West, and took the historical center in the settlement of Lincoln under its wing.

The first hint of what lies inside the museum is what greets visitors on the outside — a bigger-than-life bronze sculpture of seven horse breeds galloping over hilly terrain. Local artist Dave McGary, internationally known for his exquisite and intricately realistic Indian bronze sculptures with

color accents, created "Free Spirits at Noisy Water."

Although horses play a dominant role in the museum's exhibitions, its scope is much broader, said Bruce Eldredge, director of the 50,000-square-foot museum on U.S. 70 next to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and the Billy the Kid Casino. Exhibits give visitors a glimpse of many more aspects of the American West with examples of wagons from Europe and North America, carriages, coaches, guns, saddles, cowboy boots, Indian pottery, crafts, weaving and assorted clothing.

More than 60,000 people tour the museum every year, Eldredge said. Another 17,000 people attend

the annual Cowboy Symposium sponsored by the museum in October.

Ten thousand more participate annually in programs and activities put on by the museum, Eldredge said.

"People want something to do that is arts, culturally or historically oriented during their visit to the area," Eldredge said. "People want a well-balanced, well-rounded vacation and we are part of that, just as the Spencer Theater now is a part of that."

The museum is the second largest private museum in New Mexico in terms of budget, visits and staff size, he said.

Anne C. Stradling, a New Jersey heiress and noted horsewoman who collected western memorabilia until her death in 1992, donated most of the museum's collection.

Her collection was displayed from 1960 to 1989 at the Patagonia Museum of the Horse in Arizona. When her health began to fail, Stradling decided to move her collection to the Hubbard museum. The building was created out of the former Chaparral Convention Center.

"When Anne gave her collection to the museum back in 1990, she gave about 10,000 objects," Eldredge said. In the last five years, objects not considered museum appropriate were weeded out, he said.

About 9,500 of Stradling's pieces are displayed with 600 new items added to the museum, he said. People who decide the museum is the best place to display a historic saddle or antique stable cloth from a major American cloth manufacturer often donate the new items, he said.

One of the newer features of the museum — a virtual reality animated horse race — is a sure-fire stop for visitors. Actor and film director Kevin Costner climbed aboard one of the "horses" to race R.D. Hubbard, the museum's co-founder, during a visit last summer.

"It's the first game of its type to put a racer into an animated horse race," Eldredge said. "Your image is projected into the race. We prototyped it with the Vivid Group out of Toronto, Canada, and with the Hollywood Park Racing Corporation of Englewood, Calif."

A favorite exhibit, the Ruidoso

Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame, highlights the winners of past All American futurities, the richest quarterhorse race in the world that runs Labor Day weekend.

To learn more about the real Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War that spawned him, visitors also can travel 20 miles east on U.S. 70 and then 10 miles north to Lincoln. The Hubbard museum operates a visitors' center and other stops in the historic stomping grounds of the outlaw there.

The museum's success comes from community support and the efforts of its board of directors and founders R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, owners of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Eldredge said.

The Billy the Kid Casino, also a Hubbard enterprise and situated behind the museum at the race-track, opened in mid-1999.

Three hundred slot machines offer a different type of winter entertainment. The casino is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Hamburgers and other easy food is fixed up in the Fort Stanton Grill for gamblers taking a break to rest their arms.

Simulcasting also is shown form nine tracks across the country including Belmont, Lone Star, Sun Ray and Remington Downs.

Winter Exhibition Schedule

- ◆ Dec. 4 - Kids Christmas Party

from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the visitor's center in Lincoln and from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs. Admission is free at both places.

- ◆ Dec. 15-20, the museum will participate in The Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium from Roswell to Lincoln, ending Dec. 21 with an End of the Trail Fandango at historic Fort Stanton.
- ◆ Call for December dates on Ruidoso Christmas and the Roswell Model Railroad Club exhibit at the museum.
- ◆ Jan. 11 - Billy the Kid Movie video at 7 p.m. at the theater in the visitors center in Lincoln. Admission is free.
- ◆ Jan. 20 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Program, a chautauqua featuring Vanann Moore as Lillian Russell, the original "Diamond Lil." Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. Open to all museum volunteers.
- ◆ Jan. 25 - Chautauqua at the Museum, where former Dallas Cowboy star fullback, Don Perkins, will portray Frederick Douglass, a former slave who



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Anne C. Stradling donated most of museum's permanent collection.

became a teacher, orator and friend of Abraham Lincoln. Free admission to the performance at 7 p.m.

Feb. 12, is a Valentine Day Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight by Hot Club of Cow Town at the museum.

For more information, call the Hubbard museum at (505) 378-4142.

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Dec. 11

"A Christmas Carol" at the Spencer Theater. Showing at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, \$15, \$20 for the matinee, and \$12, \$20, \$25 for the 8 p.m. showing. For more information call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

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Dec. 15

Ruidoso Christmas at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs, 1 (800) 263-5929

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Roswell Model Railroad Club, Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs, 1 (800) 263-5929

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The EDLOS A Capella Christmas Carols, 8 p.m., at the Spencer Theater. Tickets \$12, \$20, \$25. For more information call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872

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Christmas Concert at Bent Tree Community Church of Alto, 7 p.m. For more information call Ann Wright at (505) 257-2383.

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Cloudcroft Academy of Ballet Recital, Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

Dec. 19

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End of the Trail Fandango, 8 p.m. to midnight, music and dancing (Hubbard Museum of the American West), 1 (800) 263-5929

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Jan. 10

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Jan. 11

Billy the Kid Movie, "The Outlaw," at the theater in the Visitors Center Museum in Lincoln, Hubbard Museum of the American West, 1 (800) 263-5929

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Jan. 14

Joe Burgsaller - Delight in the trumpet accompaniment by the Ruidoso High School Band. Community Concert Series. For more information, call (505) 336-4156 or (505) 630-0077.

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Jan. 15

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Jan. 22

Victor/Victoria, 8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. Tickets \$12 \$30 \$35. For more information call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 505-336-4800 or (888) 818-7872

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Jan. 25

Chautauqua. Former Dallas Cowboy star fullback, Don Perkins, portrays Frederick Douglass, a former slave who became a teacher, orator and friend of Abraham Lincoln. Free admission 7 p.m. at Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs, 1 (800) 263-5929.

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Elite Syncopation Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., at the Spencer Theater. Tickets \$12, \$20, \$25. For more information call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872

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courtesy Spencer Theater

Ballet Internationale will perform "A Thousand and One Nights" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts Saturday, April 1, 2000.

Lincoln

History comes alive

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



Billy the Kid

Driving into Lincoln, 12 miles east of Capitan on U.S.

380 in the Rio Bonito Valley, is much like driving into the

past on a day before — or after — the events surrounding

the Lincoln County War when bullets whizzed.

Famous as the focus of the five-day Lincoln County War in which Billy the Kid fought on the side of English store-owner John Henry Tunstall against the Murphy-Dolan faction, some of Lincoln's historic buildings are still standing.

Lincoln State Monument Division of Museum of New Mexico and the Hubbard Museum of the American West manages these properties.

A tour of historic Lincoln this year goes beyond Billy the Kid lore to include Mescalero Apache history and a history of Bonito Valley, said DeAnn Kessler, monument manager.

Kessler, who has worked for 15 years as a monument ranger in Lincoln, coordinates with three other rangers who each specialize in some aspect of

historic life in Lincoln: the Lincoln County War, adobe construction, military living, and the Mescalero Apache Indians, who lived in the area for centuries.

Zone A, or the "downtown area," has 54 people living and working in it, and in the 10-mile long historic district, 150 people make their homes, including some ranching families that have lived in the area since the days of the Lincoln County War.

Lincoln State Monument manages 11 historic properties in old Lincoln, and seven of these are open for visitors during the winter season for a \$6 admission fee Monday through Friday (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, and Easter). Winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individual site tickets for any of the museums can be purchased for \$2.50 at each site.

There is a 50 percent discount on Sundays for New Mexico residents. Wednesday is New Mexico senior residents day when admission for that group is free. For parties with 10 people or more, there is a 20 percent discount, and school groups are always free.

Included in the price of the ticket is the Hubbard Museum of the American West's museum, formerly operated by the Lincoln County Heritage Trust, with memorabilia of the Lincoln County War, Billy the Kid, and other history of the area.

Buildings open to the public

♦ The Courthouse Museum, in 1874 the Murphy-Dolan store, and the place Billy the Kid was held and from which he made his infamous escape after killing two deputies.

♦ The Tunstall Store Museum, built in 1877 by John Tunstall and Alexander McSween, who were the founders of the Regulators, the opposing faction to the Murphy-Dolan group. This museum holds original goods stocked by the store. December through February this building will be open only on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by reservation.

♦ The Dr. Woods house, owned by the Hubbard Museum of the American West, still has

much of the original surgical equipment of the turn-of-the-century doctor's house and clinic and the living quarters are intact.

♦ The Torreón, a round building standing out from the rest of the squat adobe buildings, was built by the Spanish in the 1850s as protection against the Mescalero Apaches, Kessler said, but was never used. It is being restored by the rangers and visiting school children.

♦ The San Juan Church, built in 1887 with local timbers from the Capitan Mountains, is used at 10:30 a.m. Sundays for Episcopalian church services. It is much as it was when used by Lincoln's 19th century inhabitants. A plaque with the names of the builders has been placed inside the church as a memorial to their work.

♦ The Montañó Store, built in the 1860s, honors the Hispanic heritage of the first settlers of Lincoln, when it was a town of about 400 people. Here also is a brief history of some of the sheriffs and deputies that served after the Lincoln County War.

♦ The Historical Center, owned by the Hubbard Museum of the American West, has displays on the Lincoln County War, the Buffalo Soldiers, Native Americans and Hispanic heritage education. A walking tour map with descriptions of the buildings is on sale here.

For information, call the Museum of New Mexico Lincoln State Monument office at (505) 653-4372 or the Hubbard Museum of the American West at (800) 263-5929.

For those who wish to partake of the ambience of Lincoln for a night, there are several charming B&Bs in the historic zone. The Wortley Hotel and restaurant, formerly the Lincoln Hotel, is closed during the winter season.

Lodging: Casa de Patron (505) 653-4676, Ellis Store (505) 653-4609, the Bonito Inn Bed and Breakfast (505) 653-4893 or (800) 519-2632.

Capitan

Everybody's bear

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan, the birthplace of Smokey Bear, is a pleasant village of about 2,000 nestled between the Sacramento and Capitan mountains with much to offer visitors.

Smokey Bear State Park, named after Smokey, who was born in the Capitan Mountains and is buried in the park, has both a local and a state museum that offer displays on forest fires and bears. There are interactive displays and other displays that illustrate the vegetation in different zones in New Mexico. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Smokey Bear Museum, next door to the park, is operated by the village and has Smokey literature and memorabilia. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About five restaurants provide a variety of food, and the Smokey Bear Motel and the Raymond Gilmer Lodge (a bed and breakfast) provide lodging for visitors. New to Capitan is Rancho Los Burritos — A Mexican Kitchen, and Spanky's offers gourmet pasta, salads and pizza, among other fare.

There are picnic tables on the other side of the old railroad depot in Veteran's Park and in the Smokey Bear State Park for those who wish to eat outside on warmer days.

About a dozen businesses offer everything from antiques to leather work to groceries. Capitan has a branch of the Ruidoso State Bank, two RV parks, and a public library. The Zia Senior Center is active and eight churches serve the community.

Winter events include the Merchant's Open House from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, with door prizes and refreshments, and at 7 p.m. that day, Christmas in the Park in the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

For information on the artists in the area, contact the Capitan Chamber of Commerce at (505) 354-2273.

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Smokey Bear

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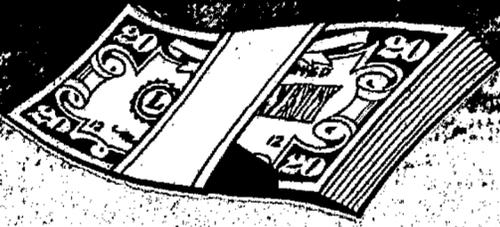
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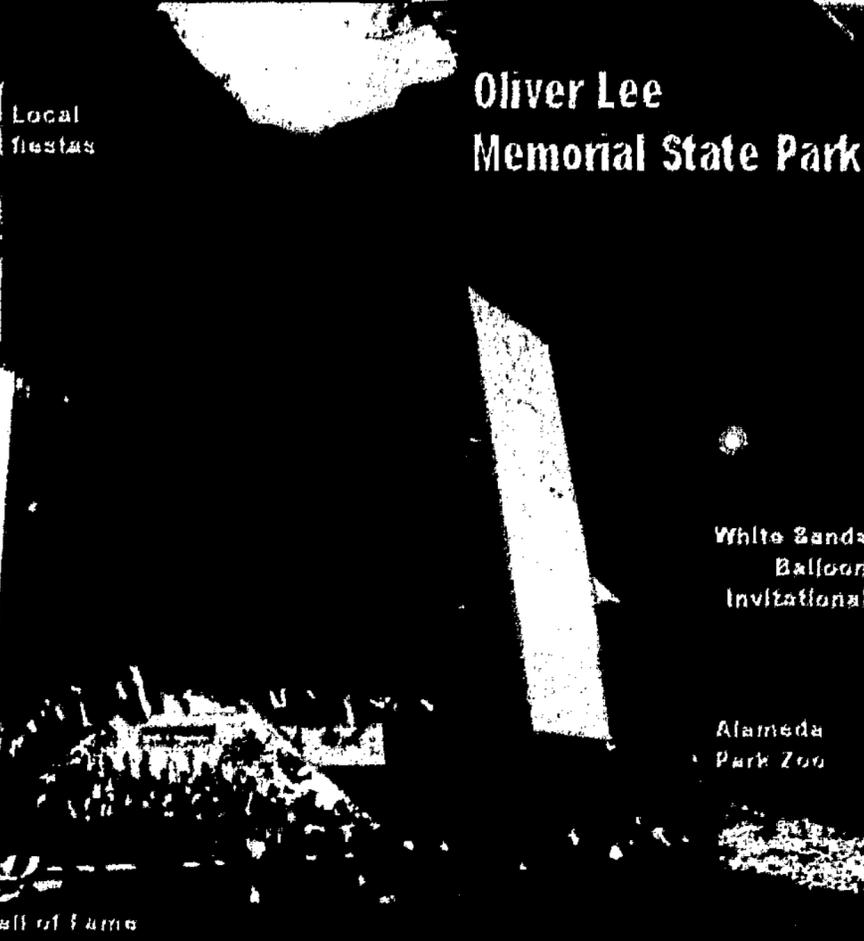
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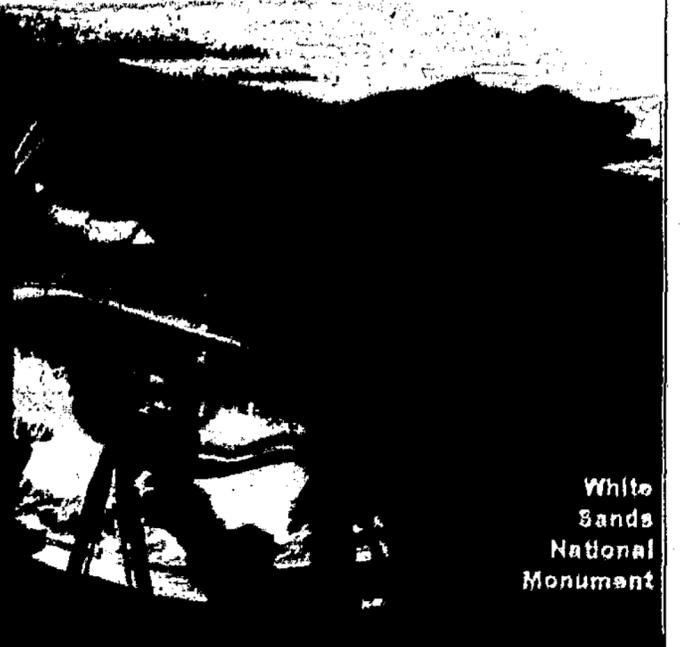
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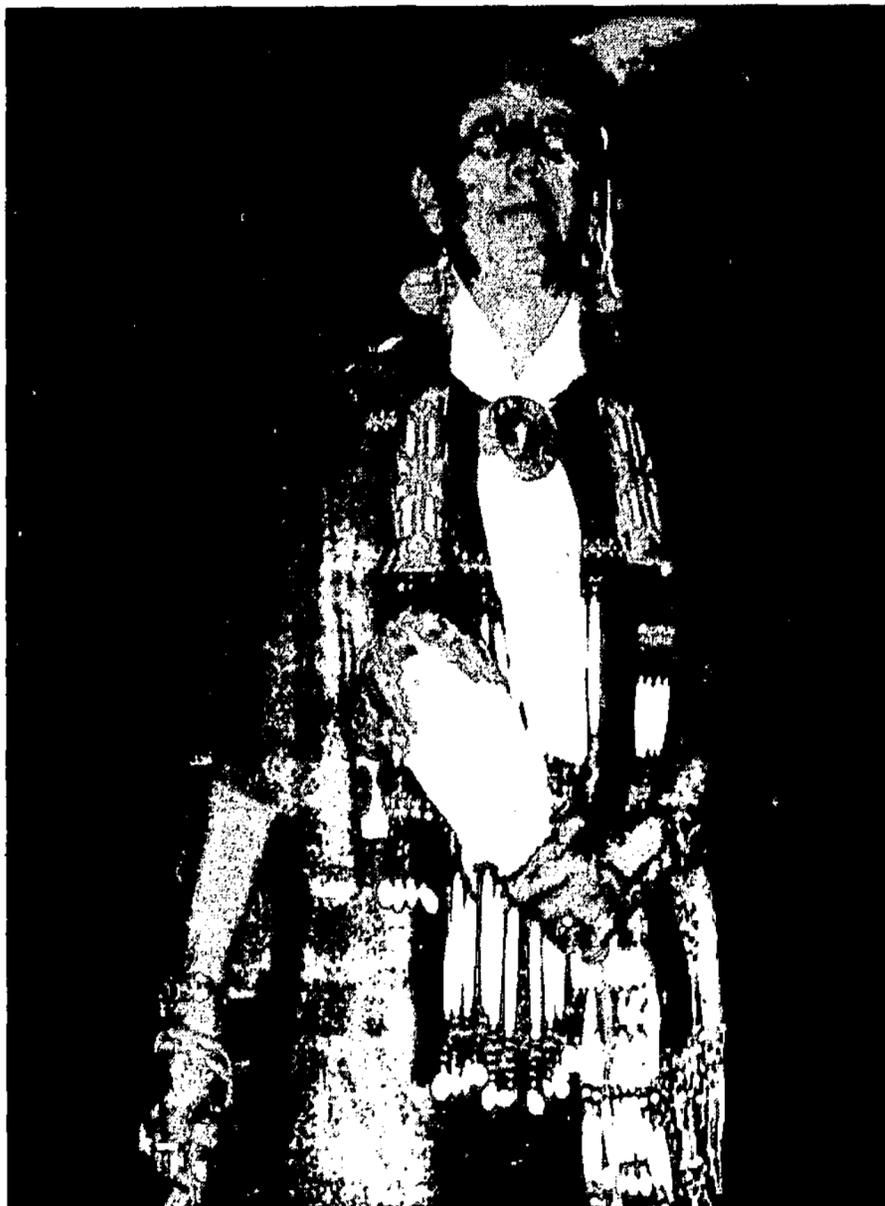
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Mescalero

Past meets present

by DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



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At the Mescalero Apache Reservation, Native American culture is kept alive.

When paintings of mescal plants and ceremonial symbols start appearing on hillside walls and overpasses, visitors know they've entered Mescalero Apache territory.

The reservation, which abuts Ruidoso and sprawls for 1,278-square miles on either side of U.S. 70, mixes tradition with modern business enterprises.

The biggest source of pride for the Mescalero is their Inn of the Mountain Gods, a luxury resort with golf course, lake and Casino Apache, for those who prefer their entertainment challenging the odds inside.

With the Inn and casino, Ski Apache resort and an assortment of other businesses including a cattle operation and metal fabrication plant, the Mescalero may look as if they've left their heritage far behind.

But in this case, appearances are deceiving.

A resurgence of interest in the preservation of their culture, language and history is evident in a series of initiatives. Some are not so obvious to casual visitors to the 460,000-acre reservation, but others — such as the painting of

the mescal plant, the source of the tribe's name — are visible reminders of the tribe's history.

A rare nugget of historical perspective can be found at the Mescalero Cultural Center, across from the tribal store off the highway in the main settlement.

Managed by curator Ellyn Bigrope, the center displays traditional and ceremonial clothing, baskets, plants eaten and used in ceremonies and other artifacts.

Photographs of tribal members from different moments in history line the walls.

Admission is by donation. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special tours during regular hours or off-hours and weekends may be arranged in advance by calling (505) 671-9254.

Outside the center, a monument by artist Oliver Enjady to the "Red Hats," the Mescalero wild firefighters, depicts a crew climbing and clearing their way up a mountain.

The crumbling adobe walls of Blazer's Mill, where one of the gun battles of the Lincoln County War occurred in the late 1870s, reminds visitors of the mix of cultures in the area more than a century ago.

The massive stones of St. Joseph's Apache Mission, by far the most majestic landmark along the highway, catch the rays of an afternoon sun and stand as monuments to the drive and dedication of Father Albert Braun.

St. Joseph's took 20 years to build after Braun first arrived in 1916 as a young friar. His work was disrupted in 1918 when he served in World War I and returned inspired by the Gothic cathedrals he saw in Europe.

Stone for the mission was quarried four miles west in a canyon near Bent. Lime was burned in pits near the church. Timber for the massive roof and ceiling came from a local sawmill and floor tiles from a pottery plant in La Luz Canyon.

The 131-foot-long, 65-foot-wide church was dedicated in 1939. The four-foot thick stone walls are 50 feet high — 80 feet to the peak of the roof.

Braun, who died at 95, is buried in the sanctuary of the church.

A campaign is underway to repair the walls, carefully replacing the aging lime mortar with a new mixture especially designed for

restoration projects.

Apache dedication to their churches doesn't mean they have abandoned beliefs established long before the first encounter with Spanish explorers. The symbol of the mountain gods can be found throughout the community, a reminder of the spirits who drive away sickness and evil.

Visitors may have the good fortune to see one of the Mountain Gods dances if a community or family celebration is scheduled. However, most of the tribal events occur in the spring and fall, including the cherished puberty rite marking the time a young girl becomes a woman.

More than 3,000 tribal members live on the reservation. Founded on May 27, 1873, it encompasses some of the most spectacular real estate in New Mexico, marked by fertile valleys framed by mountains, with a few small waterfalls and running streams.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service raise thousands of rainbow trout each year at the reservation fish hatchery.

For some authentic Mexican cooking, try The Old Road restaurant. Ask for directions, because there are no signs and it's off the highway down a dusty road.

The tribal store sells groceries, T-shirts and other tourist items, as well as some handmade goods and tasty piñon seeds.

Another good shopping stop is the Kaa Dasita farther east on U.S. 70, which carries the work of many tribal members and craftsmen from other tribes, including cradle boards, jewelry, medicine bags and beaded leather key chains.

For superb dining, a more sophisticated setting and more striking scenery, stop at the Inn's main dining room called Dan Li Ka or the Mescalero Tee at the Inn's golf course. You might even try a round of golf as long as it's not snowing.

"We're usually packed on weekends with golfers," said golf shop employee Don Mendez.

Two parties are planned for New Year's Eve to mark the passage of the millennium. Expect some exotic dishes, good music and a lot of non-traditional fun at either the Mardi Gras 2000 in the Inn of the Mountain Gods or at the Y2K celebration in the nightclub at the nearby Mescalero Inn.

Hondo Valley

Of art and apples

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the middle of the last century, the Hondo Valley was a farming and ranching community that raised alfalfa, corn and cattle for nearby Fort Stanton, and Lincoln was the center of activity of the area.

Then, when the fort closed in the late 1800s, the valley's inhabitants switched to truck farming, supplying West Texas with cabbage, strawberries, and carrots, and the area became known for its delicious apples.

Monroy Montes, a former county commissioner, has his father's orchard and fruit stand, growing and selling apples, along with only about half a dozen other ranchers who had either the tenacity or enough property to make a living.

"People still remember the Hondo apple as a very good apple," Montes said.

Montes figures about 600 people live in the valley now, which extends

from about 20 miles east of Ruidoso on Highway 70, the Biscuit Hill area in Glencoe, to the Silver Dollar restaurant in Tinnie and the Picacho area. Most people nowadays have small tracts and although some may raise a few head of cattle, most have gone into different occupations, Montes said.

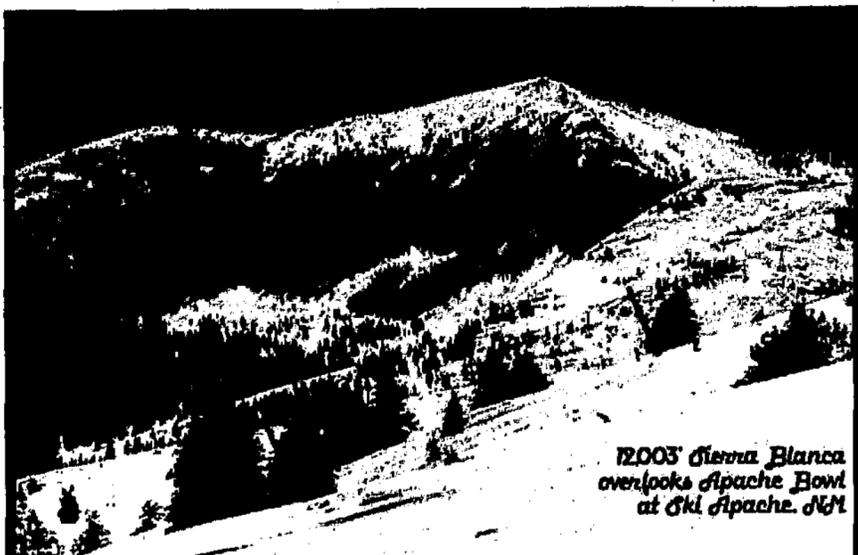
Two galleries in San Patricio off Highway 70 will have holiday receptions: Benson Fine Art (653-4081) and the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery (653-4331).

Michael Hurd, son of artists Henriette Wyeth and Peter Hurd, designed and built the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery, where artwork of three generations is exhibited. Visitors can stay at the Hurd Ranch Guest Homes (call 653-4331 or (800) 658-6912 for reservations).

In Glencoe, visitors can see San Isidro Church, named after the patron saint of farmers, but Mass is only performed there once a year, in May. Another once-a-year church is San Patricio Mission that has a Mass on St. Patrick's Day only.

The San Patricio senior center, Lincoln County Zia Center, is next to the San Patricio Post Office and has activities throughout the year and will have a Christmas party Dec. 21, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with lunch at noon and exchanging of gifts at about 1 p.m.

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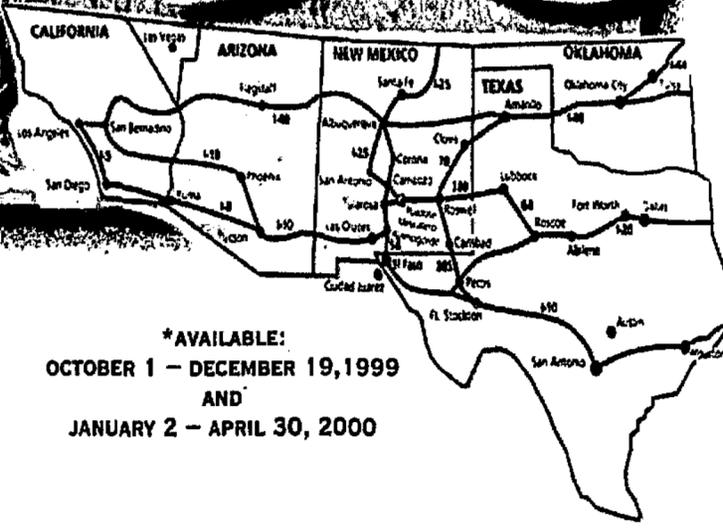
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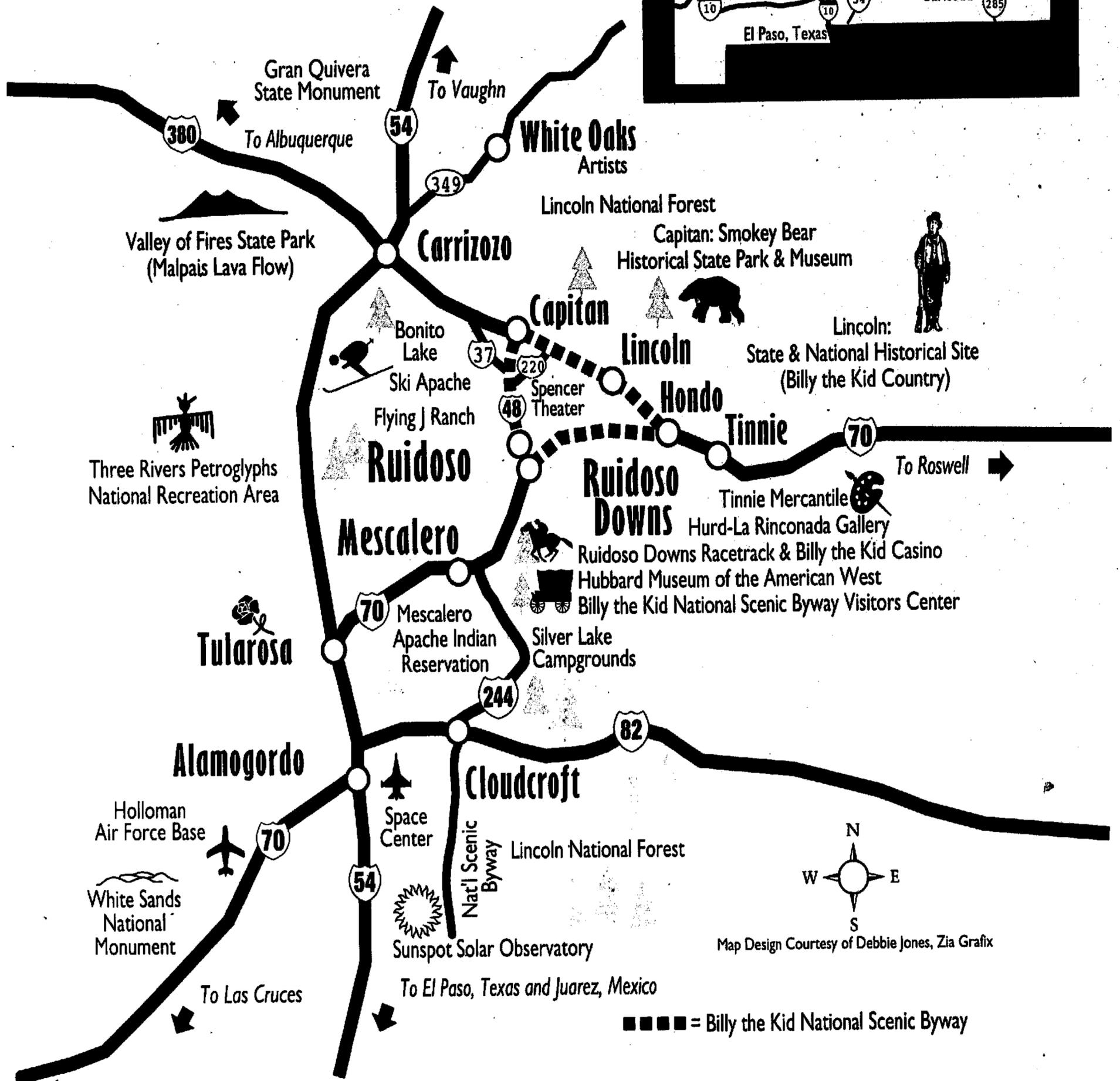
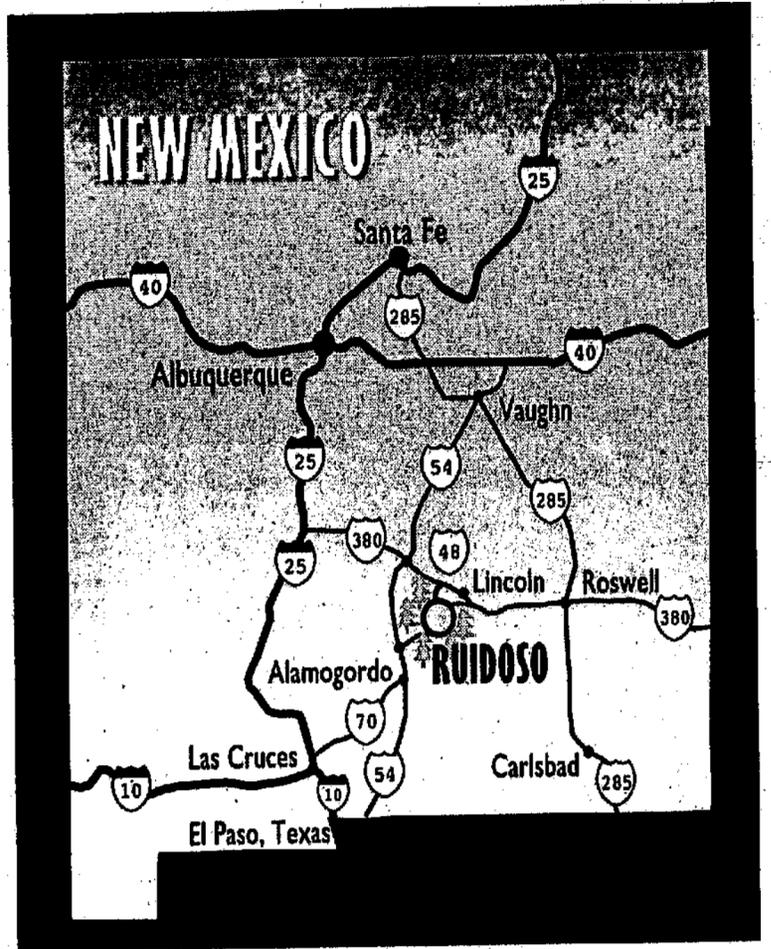
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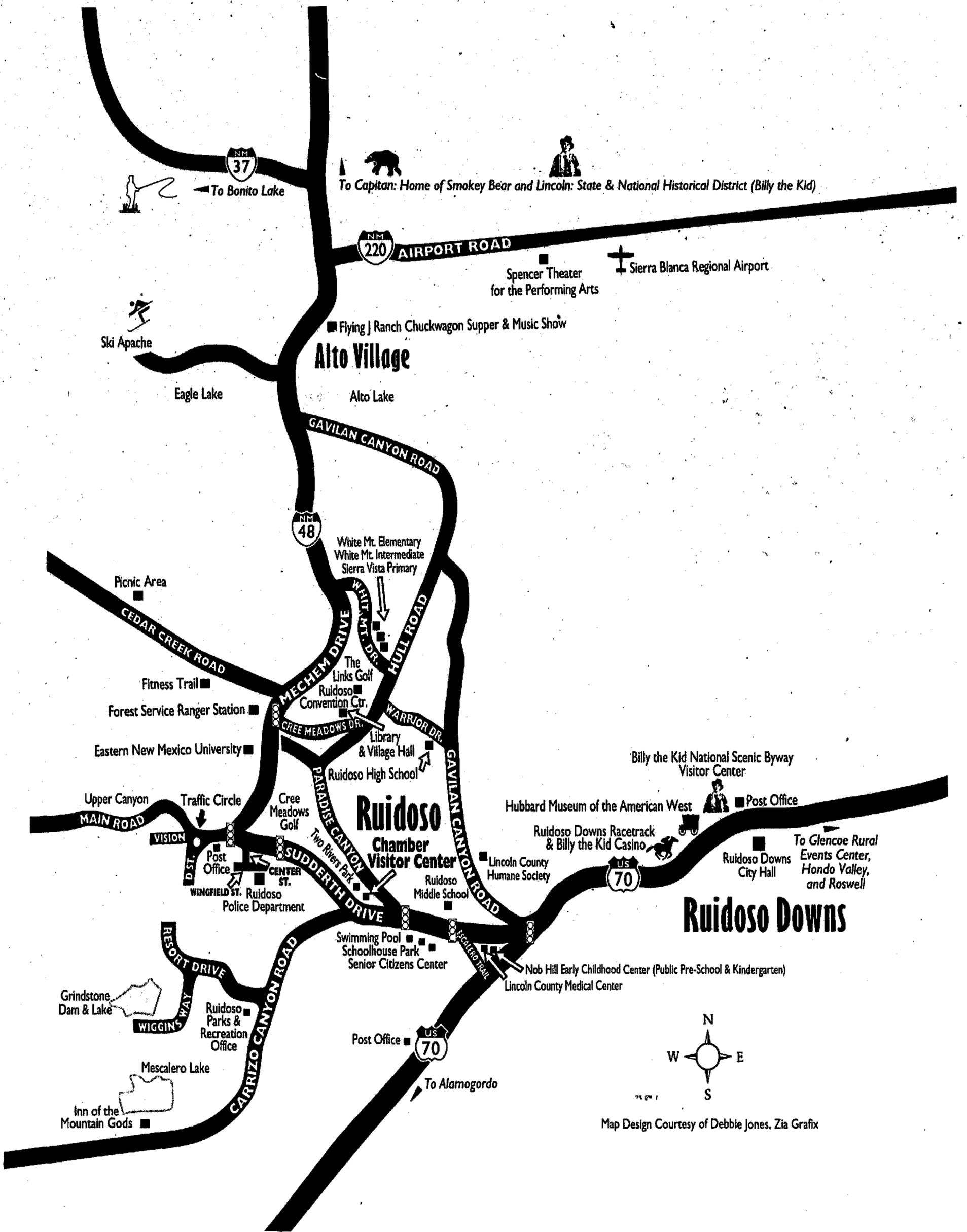
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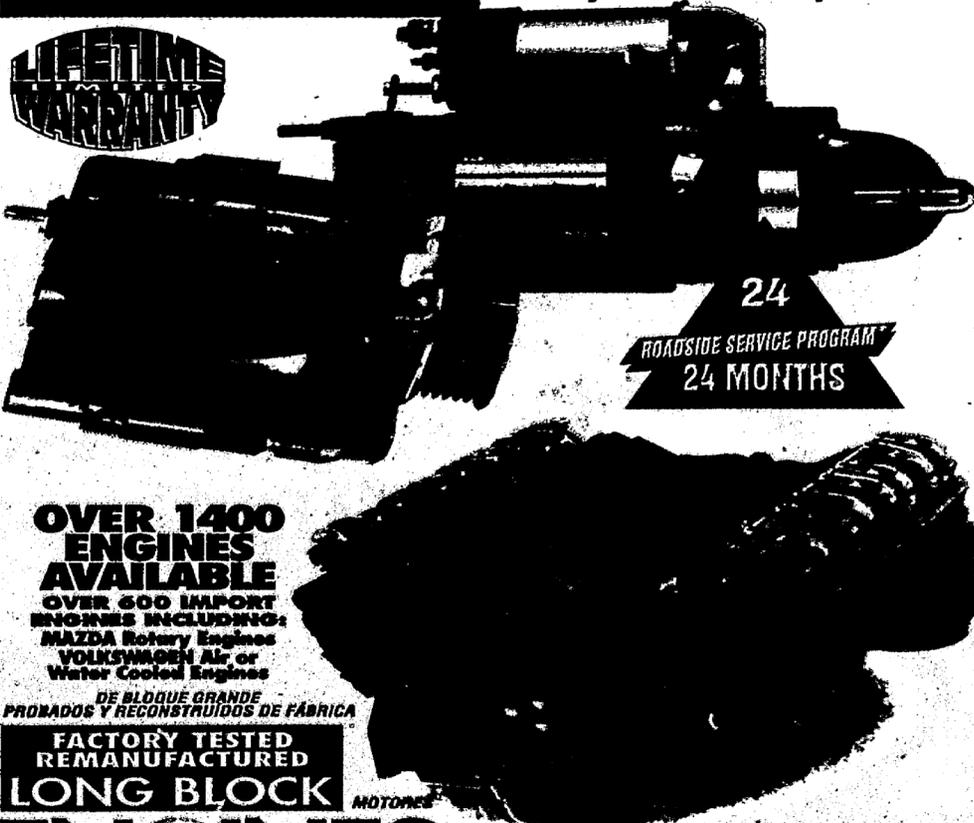
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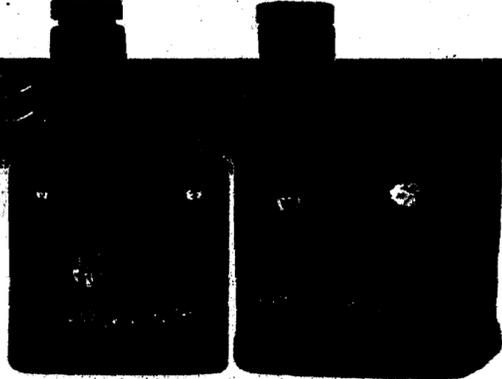
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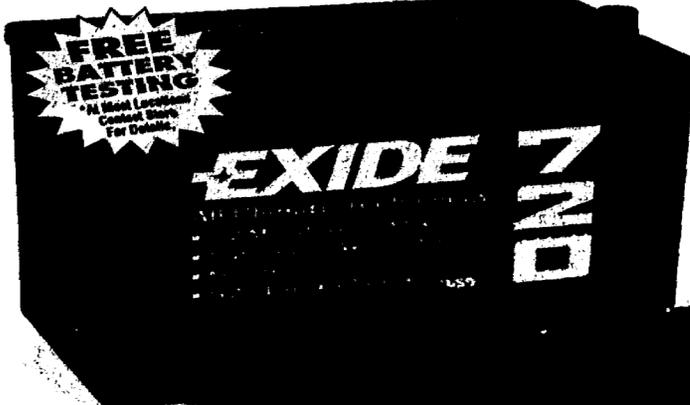
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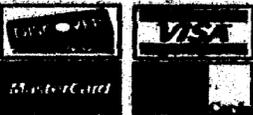
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