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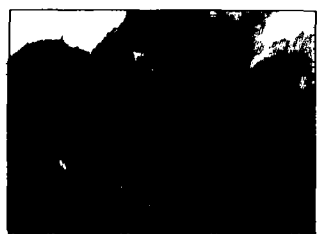
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Village crews are out in force, filling pot holes as fast as they find them. But the village sees

'No end in sight'

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Potholes seem to have blossomed all over Ruidoso. And the village street department has been filling the openings for weeks.

"Thank God we've gotten the moisture," said J.R. Baumann, director of the street department. "But with the moisture we've got pot holes."

Baumann said this winter has proven to be especially favorable for damage to pavement.

"The last two weeks we have had four two-man crews doing nothing but pot holes," Baumann said. "There's no end in sight. We need some drying weather."

While the street department doesn't keep track of the numbers of holes patched, the streets chief said last week saw 40 tons of cold mix deposited around town. This week Baumann figured more than 80 tons will have been used in the repair frenzy.

In addition to holes in the middle of streets Baumann said patching has also taken place on the edge of pavements where asphalt is breaking up.

This past week both cold and hot mix has been used. Baumann said warmer weather allows filling pot holes with the longer lasting hot patch and justifies firing up the department's hot mix plant. The cold polymer material can be put down in any weather, even in a hole containing water.



Ruidoso street department employees James Fitzpatrick, left, and Don Hendricks fill a pot hole on Junction Road Wednesday, one of many being repaired in the village.

The cold mix carries a price of about \$80 per ton. The hot mix costs around \$40.

Baumann said his department's budget is shouldering the increased attention to pot holes.

"But if we're still doing this in a month we'll be hurting," Baumann said.

While Sudderth and Mechem drives are state highways, Baumann said the village has been as-

sisting with some of the bigger chunk holes.

With 180 miles of village streets the department doesn't know where all the pot holes are, and there's not a pot hole patrol, per se.

"We absolutely encourage the public to call us if they have pot holes," Baumann said.

The street department's phone number is 257-6023.

Charter to raise cable rates March 1

Company cites programming costs, upgraded technology, labor

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso area customers of Charter Communications, the area's cable television provider, will see bills for basic service increase \$1.65 starting March 1.

In a letter to customers, Paul Crown, Ruidoso system manager for Charter, said increased costs for programming, upgraded technology in the system and higher labor expenses prompted the new monthly rate.

Charter subscribers in Capitan and Carrizozo will find a \$1.34 boost in bills, taking basic service to \$30.59 monthly in those communities.

The monthly charge for two wire maintenance products also will rise.

Dan Sherrell, chief engineer for the local Charter operation, said customers will be getting more programming with the increased basic rate.

"We caught a lot of flack when we had to remove The

Travel Channel and C-Span 2," Sherrell said. "We're bringing them back."

Sherrell said the returned programs and an improved infrastructure contributed to the higher rates. He noted \$10 million was being put into the system in the Ruidoso area.

The 5 percent basic service hike is in line with inflation, Sherrell said.

"With the rate increases people have seen on gas and electric our increase is going to be quite minuscule," Sherrell said.

In a letter going to subscribers with their bills, Crown said rising professional sports salaries and team operating costs have made sports network coverage on cable TV a more expensive offering.

Charter locally serves Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, Capitan and Carrizozo, and areas of Lincoln County near those communities. The company has about 7,000 customers in Ruidoso and adjacent communities.

1 million board feet involved

Forest Service approves fire-damaged timber sale

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Smokey Bear Ranger District received approval this week for a salvage harvest of about 1 million board feet of timber burned in last May's Cree Fire.

"Everyone is pretty excited about this and wants to see it happen, to see something positive come out of all this," said Matt Reidy, fire management officer with the U.S. Forest Service office in Ruidoso.

Timber sale contracts will be put out for bid for the largest portion of the area in March and harvesting could begin in April, he said Wednesday. One million board feet equates to

enough wood to build 65 to 100 houses.

"Then we're going to have some small sales because we've had a lot of interest from a lot of these small portable mill owners," he said. "We also have people who want to build log cabins and have been looking for house logs. We'll try to get as much as we can to the local people, but if we put it all for that, we would just flood the market. There would be way too many trees."

The district is looking at tree sales varying in size from 50,000 to 800,000 board feet.

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No sale Bill to let go of fort tabled

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A legislative measure calling for state authorization to sell historic Fort Stanton was killed in committee Thursday.

"We were impressed," said Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton, Inc., a group seeking to preserve the fort. Weber was in Santa Fe pressing lawmakers to allow completion of a study on the best uses of the property.

"We are elated that we have another year to work toward the study results," Weber said.

House Joint Resolution 13, which could have led to a sale or lease of the 145 year old fort northeast of Ruidoso, was tabled during a hearing before the New Mexico House Voters and Elections Committee, Weber said. He added that a motion to table the resolution succeeded on an 11-2 vote. The resolution had been introduced by State Rep. William W. Fuller, R-Albuquerque.

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Village wants ex-firefighters to pay \$30,000

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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The village of Ruidoso Downs has gone to court seeking nearly \$30,000 in restitution from former paid and volunteer members of the community's fire department.

The restitution, spelled out in civil complaints filed in Magistrate Court Thursday, would reimburse the village for what it contends were unauthorized payments.

Twelve former members of the department are named in separate complaints.

Four other former members of the fire department previously filed suit against the village charging Ruidoso Downs owes them money.

The village has counter-sued, arguing on the other hand that the four owe the municipality for overpayments.

The 12 complaints allege the former department members had been paid for runs and attending meetings that should not have been submitted for payments.

The court filings also state the defendants should have only been paid for runs to structure fires or vehicle accidents with injuries, at a rate of \$20 per run.

Village records reviewed last year by the *Ruidoso News* showed a huge spike in payments for runs and meetings in January 2000.

The village paid \$10,280 that month to the firefighters for runs that included addressing fireworks. While fire department records showed 76 department responses in January 2000, police department dispatch records showed only 27 calls for fire department runs.

The civil complaints seek restitution ranging from \$600 to \$4,105 from each of the dozen.

Former fire chief Nick Herrera is being sued for the largest reimbursement. The civil complaint filed against Herrera stated he had received \$4,885.71 in compensation for runs and meetings and the legitimate amount should have been \$780.

Herrera declined to comment, referring questions to his attorney. The attorney was unavailable Thursday.

Also named in separate complaints were volunteers Art Cruz, Tori Ellis, Albert Flores, Jr., Jeweli Smith, Walter Wilson, Jerry Paiz, Danny Hoffer, Phillip Herrera, Terry Bernard, and Kelly J. Calicoat. Jimmy D. Smith, a former paid member of the department, also had a civil complaint filed against him Thursday.

Boom rattles windows

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dishes and windows rattled as houses shook from a sonic boom about 8 a.m. Wednesday in Ruidoso and surrounding areas.

Bob Pepper with the public information office for Holloman Air Force Base said later that day the pilot of a 4F Phantom II fighter jet was performing a functional test flight at an altitude of about 41,000 feet. When conditions are right, a sonic boom can result, he said.

"Above 30,000 feet is authorized air space known as Cowboy, that includes above Ruidoso," Pepper said. "No violation

occurred, no pilot was out there just breaking the sound barrier" without purpose.

His office received one query from an Alto resident, but the person didn't want to file a formal complaint, he said.

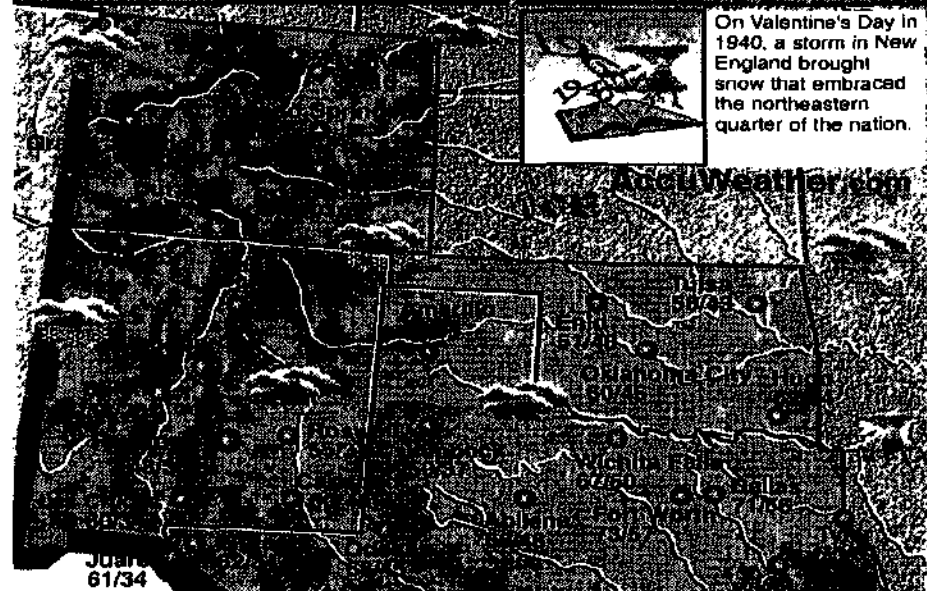
A sonic boom is an explosive sound created when the cone-shaped shock wave caused by an airplane or other object traveling at supersonic speed touches the ground.

German air crew training for the 4F Phantom II and Tornado are centralized at Holloman south of Alamogordo. They come to the base from undergraduate navigator training at Pensacola, Fla.

ACCUWEATHER SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO



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	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed	6:48 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Thu	6:47 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Fri	6:46 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Sat	6:45 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Sun	6:44 a.m.	5:50 p.m.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

	Moonrise	Moonsset
Wed	none	11:06 a.m.
Thu	12:56 a.m.	11:43 a.m.
Fri	1:54 a.m.	12:24 p.m.
Sat	2:50 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Sun	3:42 a.m.	1:55 p.m.

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R. A. Hurt, our newly elected justice of the peace, held his first term of court Tuesday.

The first case called was the Territory versus James Steward charged with the larceny of a suit of clothes.

Miss Maggie May died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fritz at Lincoln on February 7 of consumption.

Miss May was a sister of Mrs. Bradstreet of Feliz.

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FORT: Proposals working their way through the Legislature in Santa Fe

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Williams for \$193,000 to be used to secure a \$2.5 million to \$3 million federal grant for improvements and expansion of the Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery at the fort 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

"Those are the actions pending for the fort, and at this point, I haven't had a chance to talk to Dub and decide on our approach," Stewart said, adding that Les Swindle, head of the state property control division that oversees the fort "is pulling out his hair as well."

"I've proposed a couple of options and we're negotiating," Stewart said. He also is working with the state historical preservation division to find a way to preserve the fort and possibly turn it into a living museum.

Williams said the capital outlay request he introduced would bring back many times the money invested, but he

doesn't plan to sponsor any other capital outlay for the fort that was closed in 1995 as a state hospital.

"There are requests for capital outlay from two groups," Williams said, adding that he doesn't want to see another Lincoln County War break out over the fort with two factions not coordinating their efforts. "I wish the new group (the foundation) would come together with the group that already was working. I think they would accomplish more."

"I don't think there's anything out there that will fall down in the next few months and if we have two senators introducing bills, I'll let them handle it," Williams said. "Senator Jennings comes from a different district and if he wants to send some of his money our way, I appreciate it."

Williams prefers to wait for the outcome of a study, in part paid for with money approved by the governor, to determine

the best use of the fort.

To that end, he also refused to sign on as a sponsor of Fuller's resolution that would authorize the long-term lease or sale of the fort.

The joint resolution specifies that if the fort is sold to a non-government entity, the price cannot be for less than the appraised value as established by the state and that protective preservation covenants will be placed on the landscape and "all of the character-defining features of the fort, as well as the necessary water rights for the long-term preservation of the site for the people of New Mexico."

Williams said as he understands the legalities, if someone tried to buy the water rights and sever them from the fort, a separate bill would have to be introduced because the rights are valued at more than \$100,000.

"They're probably worth \$1 million or more on the current

market," Williams said.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is urging people to write legislators asking that they reject Fuller's initiative and postpone any such activity until the results of the study of the best future use is submitted, scheduled in June.

"If we can keep Fort Stanton off the auction block for another year, it will be our chance to bring BIG tourism dollars to all of us YEAR-AROUND," chamber officials wrote. They also asked for support for Campos' capital outlay request 663.

Representatives of both fort groups plan to continue lobbying in Santa Fe against the bill to sell the fort and for appropriation bills, they said.

Dick Weber, Fort Stanton Inc. president, said he's asked members to sign an "altruism" statement declaring that they will not gain financially by any of their actions in working to turn the fort into a living museum.

ZONING: County's hands are tied under existing law

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dents would be exceedingly resistant to zoning," Rennick said. "I don't think the Airport Road and Fort Stanton Road should have to wait for zoning in remote areas. If we have to zone everything at the same time, call those (remote) areas agriculture."

Lynch said he's especially worried about metal buildings going up everywhere.

"There's a complete ban on that in Ruidoso except in industrial zones," Rennick said. "The county can't apply architectural standards in the absence of districts."

Rod Graham, a retired sheriff from California, said proper zoning can prevent light pollution from signs in rural areas. Good planning also should dictate that development be limited in the flight

plan area of the airport, but that's not happening, he said.

Those who decide to build in the flight path could be required to sign waivers ahead of time, acknowledging that they will not object later to the associated noise, Graham said.

"A countywide zoning plan would save big bucks later in fighting crime too," he said.

To get started on any zoning plan, the board needs the demographics of the area and existing uses, Rennick said.

Board member Jerry Wright said more than 10 years ago, the county commission approved a zoning ordinance, but it was never put into effect because a required component is

zoning maps, and they were never completed.

Under current law, "our hands are tied if we're sent a subdivision that meets the rules," he said. "We have no choice but to recommend approval. I don't think this board has the authority to do master planning."

They dropped zoning off our name a few years ago."

But Rennick asked, "If this board doesn't start and the commission doesn't initiate it, where do the people turn for protection?"

Sanchez said a procedure exists under which a petition with signatures of 25 percent of the people who voted in the last

general election can be submitted to force zoning. That's about 1,500 people, she said.

Greg Switzer, a resident of Ranches of Sonterra, said he came to discuss why the county should pass zoning, "but there appears to be a desire here."

To move ahead, besides demographics and previously approved subdivisions, the board must determine the hydrology of the county based on underground patterns, current usage and water needs in the next five to 10 years, he said.

Until that's accomplished, the county could consider temporary restrictions on major developments and highway commercial zoning, he said.

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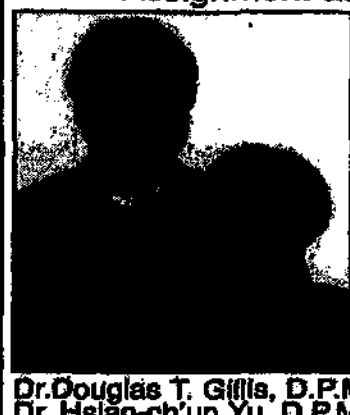
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RUIDOSO COUNCIL

License transfer OKd

The Ruidoso village council Tuesday gave their endorsement to a liquor license transfer for the Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort.

The dispensers liquor license would be transferred from a Las Cruces location where the license is listed on an application as not currently in use.

The transfer of location and ownership was approved by the council with no comment during a public hearing.

A village official said there had been no written objections to the transfer which yet requires concurrence from the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division.

Councilors approved two resolutions dealing with the DWI Prevention Program.

One resolution seeks distribution of \$114,167 from the state's Local Government Division. From the money, \$33,666 would be for the area program's prevention initiative, said Barbara Reyes, coordinator of the DWI Prevention Program.

Another \$5,466 would cover screening and assessment, \$32,106 for intensive probation and \$43,016 for coordination, planning and evaluation.

The second resolution requests additional funding from the state of more than \$45,500 for a 2001-2002 grant. Reyes said the local DWI program will know on April 5 if the grant has been approved by the state.

During the meeting's consent agenda, councilors approved an annual agreement renewal with Key Communications Inc. for general radio maintenance of village communications equipment.

The agreement establishes rates for labor and other charges for radio maintenance. Key Communications deals with village communications equipment, cellular phones, lights and sirens, pagers, and other electronics.

The council also awarded a bid to Guardiola Construction Company of Ruidoso for a Cree Meadow sanitary sewer realignment.

Guardiola was the low bidder of three at \$41,370 plus gross receipts tax. Village consulting firm International Consulting and Associates LTD recommended award of the project to Guardiola Construction.

Village to sell Grindstone Resort lots

Money from the land sale would be returned to the village water fund

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some Grindstone Resort Subdivision lots owned by the village of Ruidoso will be showing up on the real estate market.

After a closed session of the village council Jan. 30, the council authorized moving forward with the sale of the developed lots in the subdivision.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said there are approximately 20 lots that include utility connections which would be offered for sale as open listings.

He said said the village will look at how to proceed with the area real estate industry in a way that will maximize income from the lots.

"We won't sell below appraised value," Donaldson said. "The lots were appraised about two years ago so we'll add like 25 percent to that. They're not

something we have to sell immediately, so we won't have to discount them."

While the mayor said he didn't know the several year old appraised values, he believed the properties could collectively fetch enough to cover the early 1990s purchase price of the entire subdivision.

The village bought the failed subdivision 10 years ago. Officials have said in the past the approximately 400-acre subdivision was bought for about \$1,000 per acre. The developed lots are estimated to represent 10 acres or less, Donaldson said.

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Robert Donaldson,
Ruidoso mayor

Revenues derived from the lot sales would return to the village's water fund, which was tapped to purchase the subdivision, the mayor said. He added that there are plenty of projects on-line in the water and wastewater department.

Donaldson had first suggested selling the developed lots a year ago, at the same time he pressed for a 10 to 12 acre sale of property in the subdivision for an affordable housing development.

A sale of 12.37 acres of the subdivision to CDS Investments Inc. of Salt Lake City, Utah, is awaiting closing. The firm would construct a 150-unit apartment complex per the sale agreement. The deal would bring the village \$325,000 in sewer improvements.

Other parts of the subdivision are planned to remain green space, including an initiative to establish a village park near Grindstone Reservoir.

Spring could supplement supply

Downs contractor: Rely less on water wells

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs has been asked by its engineering firm working on an update of community water planning to provide better data and adjust some of its pursuits.

German Andrade, a senior engineer with ASCG Inc., told village trustees Monday that two issues could play major roles on water planning and resources.

One involves a discrepancy between state future population estimates for Ruidoso Downs and village projections.

Andrade said the more liberal village projections could have a severe impact on water supplies and delivery.

He also called on the village to identify areas of the village where growth could increase the greatest.

Andrade also urged the village to plan less reliance on two water wells near the Rio Ruidoso and fully use a major spring. He said that would require additional storage tanks.

"There is more unused water from the spring than you could realize from possible effluent credits being sought," Andrade said.

The village is seeking water rights credits from treated wastewater discharged to the Rio Ruidoso. The credits, being requested from the State Engineer's office, would be applied at the well locations.

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engineer

could realize from possible effluent credits being sought," Andrade said.

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ASCG is working on a two-phase water study for the village. One would create a 40 year water plan, which Andrade called "a road map to the village's growth in respect to water."

The other would be a water master plan, looking at needed system infrastructure.

"It is very important that the village complete the review," Andrade said. "We will need public meetings to complete the report. And we need some comments and review from your legal council."

Those public hearings are expected to be scheduled later this year.

Butts declared Purser guilty of criminal contempt of court, upped his jail time to 30 days, and then more as the alleged yelling at the judge continued. Court officials called for additional police backup.

In the end, Purser's sentence was set at one day short of a year behind bars, with no time off for good time on the contempt charge.

Purser became irate with a clerk when asked to sign

Man jailed for courtroom antics

A Ruidoso Downs man, initially sentenced to 15 days in jail, had the term increased to 364 days for his reported antics in court.

Joshua Purser, 23, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and receiving stolen property in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso Monday.

Judge William R. Butts suspended 349 days of a 364-day jail sentence in first putting Purser on mostly probation and required Purser to pay \$157 in court costs.

Purser became irate with a clerk when asked to sign

paperwork, Butts said.

He then allegedly began kicking a metal bench and after being told to be quiet, he allegedly began swearing at the judge.

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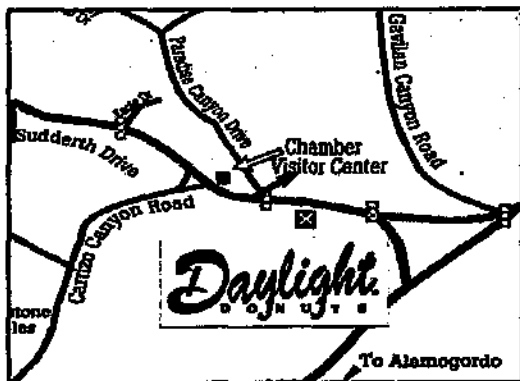
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OUR OPINION

Another Lincoln County War?

With all the interest in poor, battered, old Fort Stanton these days, there must be a secret gold mine under it. Right now, our neighborly representatives in Santa Fe have introduced spending bills in the Legislature totaling at least \$1,458,000 to make "improvements."

Those were introduced by Lincoln County's Rep. Dub Williams and Sen. Pete Campos, and Chaves County's Sen. Tim Jennings. (Some of the bills are near-duplicates.) And Rep. William Fuller of Albuquerque has introduced a joint resolution opening the way to sell or lease the fort.

All that's enough to drive him crazy, says Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart. Even the state property control division chief, who oversees the fort, is wringing his hands.

Representative Williams doesn't want another Lincoln County War to break out. He's concerned by the fact that two different local groups are lobbying fort issues, even if both are seeking to prevent its sale by the state.

A consensus has been established in Lincoln County that the fort should be supported as a historic "living museum." It is a worthy goal, and one that will require lots of money, from somewhere.

To that end, a solid, peaceful, front is essential.

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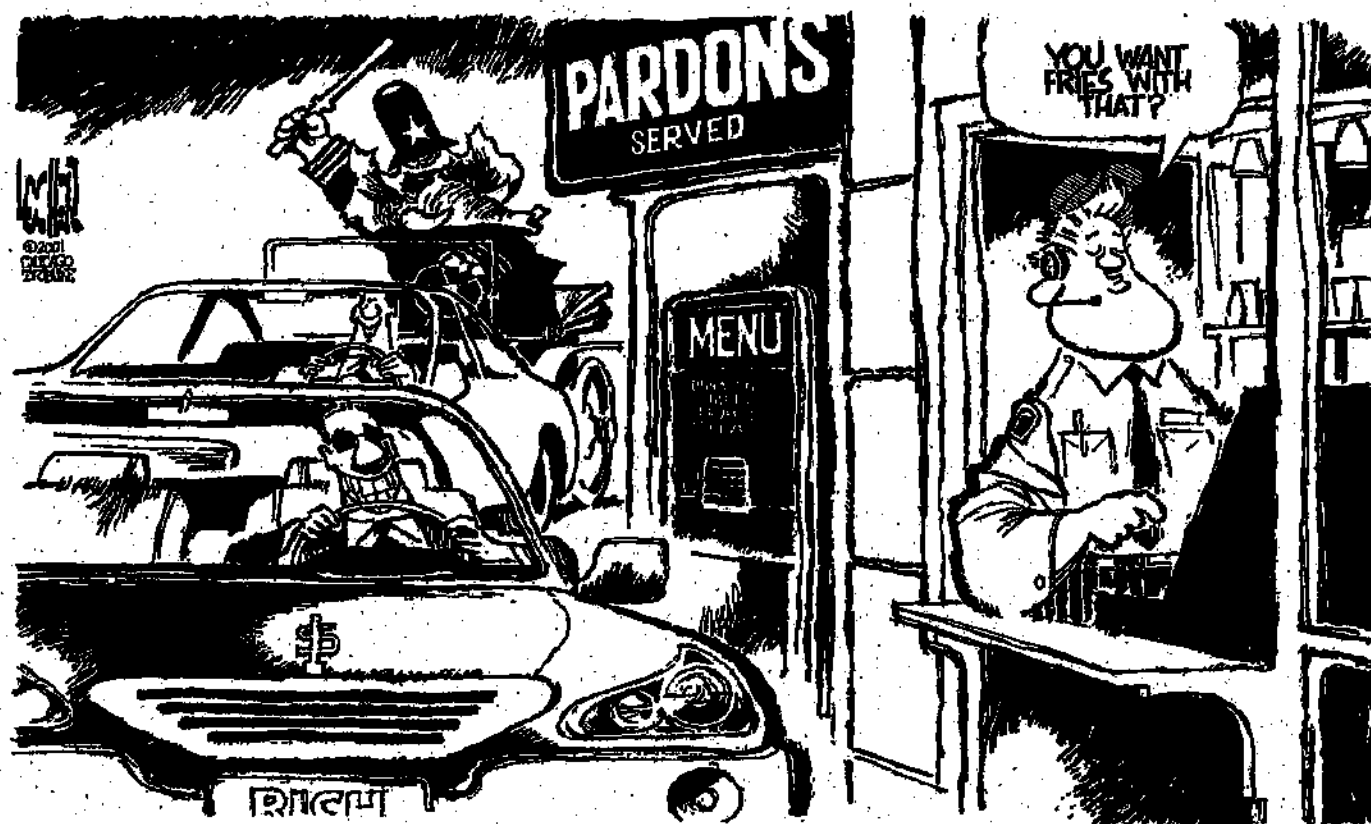
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YOUR OPINION

Voters remember

To the editor:

It is incorrect to state that a tax reduction gives money to taxpayers. The government does not produce products or income. It is dependent on obtaining funds from its citizens to finance services, which it provides.

To reduce its collections because it is over-taxing and building a surplus is not giving its citizens anything but fairness. For each citizen to contribute an equal proportion of their income for this purpose is only just. Using the government to distribute wealth is, of course, socialistic, and citizens dependent upon a government dole give up their independence and are easily threatened. It will be interesting to see what philosophy representatives and senators of New Mexico exhibit regarding taxes.

I supported Sen. (Jeff) Bingaman in the recent election, but I now have no confidence that he will fairly represent New Mexico. I thought he avoided controversial issues and focused on education in his campaign, to distance himself from the Clinton Administration and to demonstrate reasonableness. But when President-elect Bush invited him to an educational conference, he could not attend because of personal vacation plans. And when he aligned himself with Ted Kennedy, Charles Schummer and Jesse Jackson to attempt to defeat the confirmation of Attorney General Ashcroft, I was disappointed. And his insinuation that national taxpayers and the Western states should bail out California from its self-inflicted power crisis surprised me.

A public servant should represent the interests of his or her constituents and should not rub their stamp of the policies espoused by the leaders of the affiliated political party. Also the representatives should be judged by the policies he initiates and/or supports that are beneficial to the nation and his constituents, and not by the pork-barrel projects he manages to secure for his state or district.

Six years is a long time, but I believe voters have good memories.

Harold Inman
Alto

Where's the profit?

To the editor:
If the "not-for-profit" LCMC generated net revenues in November of \$203,951, what happens to this profit?

I realize through the magic of year-end accounting practices, write-offs will undoubtedly occur to substantiate very little, if any, profit was realized for the year. Perhaps our commissioners, instead of rubber-stamping PHS, reported activities, should take a more professional approach in monitoring LCMC operations. If they are at a loss as to where to start, I'd recommend closely monitoring all expenditures from the special

levy fund.

The propaganda released by PHS through an election advertising blitz and endorsed by our commissioners' silence, stated the special mill levy tax burden would decrease with a decrease in the mill levy. Instead, for the next property tax period, the special mill levy tax burden actually increased. While \$180,000 in taxes have been collected and set aside for the Hondo Valley Clinic, no funds have, as yet, been disbursed. While HVC must have RFP approval prior to receiving funds, apparently there is no such restriction on LCMC, which for years entered into a contractual relationship with PHS without utilizing RFP procedures, in direct conflict with an attorney general's opinion. Not to worry HVC, according to Mr. Stewart, these funds "will be released when the time is right." In the meantime, collections will continue.

It would be a novelty if just once taxpayers were represented by elected officials concerned with excess tax burdens rather than an ever-increasing tax-and-spend mentality and who are as concerned with the average taxpayer as they are with special-interest groups. Of course, this would require candidates for office who have no hidden personal agendas; i.e., Utopia.

Serafino "Steve" Carri
Ruidoso

Library addiction

To the editor:

Withdrawal ... "giving up" that to which one has become addicted, typically accompanied by unpleasant effects on the body and/or mind." (Webster's New World Dictionary).

OK, I admit it: I have become addicted to the Ruidoso Public Library, and am experiencing withdrawal each time I return to my home in Texas. Of course Texas has libraries, which come in all shapes and sizes, so why all the attachment to yours? For therapeutic benefit, I feel compelled to share with the community ways in which this particular library has enriched my life for the past few years.

It all started innocently enough, while walking the

trail close to our Ruidoso home-away-from-home, I was impressed with the unique structure which housed the library and the natural setting surrounding it. After circling the exterior several times, I was eager to explore the library itself. During my first visit inside, I discovered that all of the sections required my serious attention and reflection. As an educator and avid reader, I soon found all of my senses highly stimulated. Time was not a factor, until my husband later questioned where I had been all afternoon. Aware of the hours that I can reclusively myself in a bookstore, he was not surprised with my account of "library loitering."

A sense of community is reflected throughout the library, with the local art displays, the paperback exchange, the Friends of the Library bookstore, and the common bulletin board announcing community events and workshops. The computers available for public use afford another community service to visitors and local residents alike. The audio books and compact discs offer many hours of enjoyment and education, and the Ruidoso library has exceptional selections of both.

The Southwest section of the library has definitely got a hold on me, from the many collections available I am convinced that I can one day be a scholar of Southwest history and literature, if I can live 1,000 years. Transplanted to Santa Fe at a very young age, I grew to appreciate the culture, the history and the arts; I have come across the works of a number of acquaintances form my childhood, including William Lumpkins, Tony Hillerman and Ernest Thompson Seton. From an adult perspective today, I have an even keener regard for their talents.

While I feel I know the library well, there is still much to see and learn behind those walls. I have many questions to ask of the friendly, professional staff. The reference section awaits with many medical and educational facts, and the archives have yet to be explored! I will be back.

Nancy Hodges
Arlington, Texas

Time to think

Having just about finished reading a newly published 716-page biography of Benjamin Franklin (The First American, by historian H. W. Brands of Texas A&M), we're about to conclude that the modern world — 211 years after old Ben was laid to rest — is too much with us.

A notice from system manager Paul Crown that Charter Communications is raising its basic cable rate for Ruidoso subscribers to \$35 per month merely reinforced the thought.

With Charter, we can get 48 channels of news, sports, drama and education from which to choose. For a few dollars more, the total jumps to 81 channels, plus 45 more of digital music, and more to come.

Franklin, we're sure, would have appreciated all that information; after all, he was the most brilliant American of his day, world-renowned as an inventor, philosopher, politician, diplomat and writer. Above all, he wanted fast communication, especially when contact with Europe meant an ocean voyage of many weeks, or months if the weather was bad.

He established the colonies' postal service and made it work; a letter from Philadelphia to New York could have a response the following day. (It's doubtful that happens consistently today, but that's another story.)

Franklin's world fame began with his experiments that equated lightning with electricity. That got him into the Royal Academy.

His curiosity led to much-improved heating for homes (the Franklin stove, still being manufactured), very shrewd conclusions about the Gulf Stream that made ocean crossings faster; bifocal spectacles for his aging eyes...among other things useful.

Ben never was a medical doctor, yet learned quickly that cleanliness and exercise kept him healthy. But he was "Doctor Franklin" for decades, with an honorary degree for his contributions to knowledge.

The point is, Franklin's fertile imagination was at play because he had time to think — something he might not have managed, with 81 channels of distraction available by a flick of the remote control gadget.

Food for thought: If curious old Ben Franklin hadn't been so interested in electricity we might not now have to think about whether Paul Crown's \$1.65 per month basic cable rate increase is worth it.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings. All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings.

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1



Federal money for forests, mine reclamation due state

Federal money for road improvements in the Lincoln National Forest and to reclaim and restore land affected by mines is on its way to New Mexico.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, reported this week that the U.S. Transportation Department awarded a \$5.2 million contract to improve a 5.5-mile portion of the Sacramento River Road in the national forest near Cloudcroft.

Road 537, which one local resident characterized as "not much of a road," breaks off from Sunspot Road in Otero County.

The improvements will include grading, drainage and asphaltic concrete pavement. The contract was awarded to Nielsons Inc. of Cortez, Colo. The money was provided through the Federal Lands Highway program, a division of the Federal Highway Administration.

Domenici also said a

\$3 million grant was awarded through the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement to be used in New Mexico's abandoned mine lands program.

"This grant money will be used to rehabilitate lands by eliminating safety and environmental problems and restoring areas with abandoned mines," he said. "I am pleased to see this funding going to make our state's lands safer and more environmentally sound."

The grant money comes from the National Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, which receives reclamation fees from active coal producers at the rate of 35 cents per ton of surface-mined coal and 15 cents per ton of coal mined underground.

Domenici serves on the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee that sets funding levels for federal agencies.

DWI grant would bring program to jail

One corrections officer would devote 80 percent of time on the job to working with offenders

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County's DWI coordinator said she hopes to see a program later this year in the county's new jail in Carrizozo.

Barbara Reyes told county commissioners Thursday she has applied for a grant to pay for the salary of one corrections officer for one year.

The officer would spend 80 percent of his or her time evaluating and educating offenders with substance abuse problems, Reyes said.

The program would be aimed at reducing the incidence of repeat DWI (driving while under the influence of alcohol) offenses, but also could work on underlying problems of inmates in jail for other crimes, she said. More than 85 percent of the people in jail, although they may not be charged with a drug or alcohol offense, have substance abuse problems, she said.

Commissioners agreed to endorse her efforts and commit to continue the jail program in some form after the one-year grant for the pilot program expires.

"My program includes the responsibility to deal with repeat offenders, to do something so they are not adjudicated again," Reyes said. "One area I have done nothing for is the Lincoln County Detention Center to support and help those who are incarcerated."

The grant would pay the salary and benefits of a corrections officer plus a \$1,000 bonus because of the special training required, she said. She wrote in \$4,200 for training supplies the first year that should last several more years. Anything else needed would come from her DWI program, Reyes said.

The county's only obligation would be to pay for the DWI corrections officers in future years. She would prefer the person remain a county employee even if all of the other jail employees eventually switch to jobs under Corrections Systems Inc., the

company that will manage the new jail starting March 1.

"I want to be sure a person will be in place to take care of substance abuse and evaluation after that (the first year)," Reyes said. "I'll continue training to keep up with new information on substance abuse and make sure supplies are upgraded and useful."

Work books used in the jail DWI program could be coordinated with efforts of the high school equivalency diploma instructor or remedial reading instructor, she said.

Evaluation would cover looking at the substance abuse history of the offender.

Jail administrator John Buffington said the program is vital to the county.

"You would be remiss by not doing it," he said. "I think it's critical. This is one way at least, we can make some kind of dent (in the problem)."

Reyes said she budgeted \$19,668 for a base salary. Adding the \$1,000 bonus and benefits, the cost for one corrections DWI officer would be \$26,372.

"That's the only part I'm asking the county to agree to continue," she said.

Without a commitment that the program will continue, she might have a hard time convincing the grant review board to channel the money into Lincoln County, she said. The application must be submitted by Feb. 20. She should know whether the county will receive the money in April, she said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said until

employees decided next Friday, the deadline to declare whether they will stay under county pay, benefits and rules, or switch to CSI, he's not sure if the county will have any correctional officers on the payroll.

But Chairman Rex Wilson said County Manager Tom Stewart, in Santa Fe to lobby the state Legislature on several bills of local impact, recommended approval of the grant application.

If the program is successful the first year, Reyes said she has plans to expand it. Commissioner Leo Martinez asked Reyes if she has considered a halfway house for DWI offender who live and work in Ruidoso.

"We're looking at that, but my big dilemma is that judges sometimes are forced to give jail time for DWIs," Reyes said. "They have no choice because of mandatory sentencing. I have to find a way to get to these people so that they understand the consequences of substance abuse and the destruction it causes. I need to effect change rather than allowing them to just sit in jail."

The New Mexico Traffic Bureau is under the gun and federal money is at risk because the state isn't doing enough to reach DWI offenders, she said. Other projects can come later.

Tony Seno, policy analyst for the county Libertarian Party, questioned the effectiveness of such programs.

A previous program aimed at school children talked about the legal ramifications of substance abuse, not what's going on in the child's home that makes them at risk, Reyes said.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Andrews of Ruidoso and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Kahn of Lubbock have announced the engagement of their children, Amy Laura Andrews and Andy Kahn.

The bride and groom both currently are attending medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

The wedding will take place June 16 in Lubbock.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)
Policy & Technical Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2001
TIME: 9:00am - Technical Subcommittee
10:00am - Technical Committee
11:00 am - (Time approximate) Policy Committee

LOCATION: NMSHTD Training Academy,
785 East Cummings, Roswell, NM

Action Items:

The Southwest Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) and the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) District 2 will hold a district-wide RPO Meeting to rank projects for inclusion in the SERPO's Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation (RTIPR) for FY 2001/2007. All SERPO Technical Subcommittee, Technical Committee and Policy Committee members are invited to participate in the project ranking process.

Each Committee will determine the presence of a Quorum of its members.

- 9:00 AM - The SERPO Technical Subcommittee will discuss road project proposals. The Subcommittee will then determine a recommended point rating for each project and submit the point ratings to the full Technical Committee for review.
- 10:00 AM - The SERPO Technical Committee will review the Technical Subcommittee's road project point ratings and recommendations. The Technical Committee will then submit road project recommendations to the RPO Policy Committee.
- 11:00 AM - (approximate time) The SERPO Policy Committee will act on: Approve minutes of the February 7, 2001 meeting:
 - Hear presentations on Road projects:
 - Consider the Technical Committee's recommendations;
 - Award economic development points;
 - Award other factor points as deemed appropriate by the Committee;
 - Assign a priority ranking to each road project
 - Hear presentations on Enhancement projects:
 - Assign a priority ranking to each enhancement project
 - Hear presentations on Scenic Byways projects:
 - Assign a priority ranking to each scenic byways project
 - Compile the Region's RTIPR. The RTIPR is made up of road project, enhancement projects, Scenic Byways projects and Public Transportation projects (Public Transportation projects were ranked by the SERPO on November 9, 2000).
 - Pass a SERPO Resolution transmitting the RTIPR to the State Highway and Transportation Department.
- Other Business
- New Business
- Set time and place of next SERPO meeting
- Adjourn

Representation is requested from all municipal, county and tribal governments within Lincoln, De Baca, Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt, Otero, Eddy & Lea counties. Any questions about the agenda may be directed to the SERPO Planner, c/o Regional Planning Section, NMSHTD, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148 or by phone at (505) 827-3244.

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He doesn't get it

Capitan rancher finds irony in federal land management

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan rancher and oil man Don Brewer said he just doesn't get it.

He'd like to graze cattle on Bureau of Land Management pastures around Fort Stanton adjoining his ranch, but the agency hasn't allowed grazing there for several years, he said.

The federal government through the BLM pays for controlled grass fires on some of its land to eliminate wild fire risk, noxious weeds and the invasive one-seed juniper that grazing won't kill.

On the other hand, the federal government also offers money to ranchers who suffered last year from drought that resulted in below normal range conditions for their livestock.

An item in the Otero-Lincoln County Farm and Ranch News gives details about the counties of Chaves, Otero and Lincoln being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for a period from April 15 to Nov. 15, 2000.

Reasons for reimbursement include below normal range condition and livestock losses.

This isn't the first time Brewer has complained. In March 1999, he watched 1,300 acres burn while he was buying feed for his cattle.

BLM spokesman Howard Parman said Wednesday the situation

hasn't changed much in the last two years.

Legislation still has not passed Congress that would allow fees paid by ranchers to go back into improvements on the land they graze instead of going into the general treasury, he said. Under the Taylor Grazing Act, all fees go into a pot and a percentage comes back.

"We don't have the budget to pour

into grazing facilities that need to be kept up," he said. "If we could get the same situation we have with the recreation pilot fee project where the money comes back to the recreational facility that collected it, like Valley of Fires, we could do that."

Far fewer acres are targeted this spring for controlled fires than in 1999, he said. The total will be 450 acres in three different areas, 150 acres each at South Mesa, West Mesa and Government Springs. That's out of 26,000 acres, Parman pointed out.

The burns that won't start until later this month or in April will eliminate piles of brush accumulated last year and allowed to dry out.

"The projects are part of our (wild fire) fuel reduction and watershed improvement programs,"

he said. "We're not just burning because we feel like it. We're trying to integrate some of our cutting work with watershed improvement. It will get rid of the real dense brushy small stuff."

"What we're trying to do in those areas is open them back up to be grass land by reducing the invading juniper."

To Brewer it's simple.

Allow the cattle to graze what they can and then burn the other vegetation later — an approach that might reduce the number of ranchers signing up for federal reimbursement for losses. He pointed out that grazing to reduce fire hazard is acceptable in the resource management plan for the area.

Jerry Burchett, who's active in agricultural issues and lives in Lincoln County, said he agrees with Brewer.

"Like the bumper sticker says when God wanted an environmentalist, he created ranchers and farmers," Burchett said. "They don't want to deplete the land they depend on for their livelihood."

For more information on the burn schedule or procedures, contact Parman at the Roswell BLM office, (505) 627-0272.

"We're not just burning because we feel like it."

Howard Parman,
BLM spokesman

FUNERALS DEATHS

Roy C. Cox Jr.

A memorial service for Roy C. Cox Jr., 76, of Ruidoso will be Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Mr. Cox died Feb. 6 in Ruidoso. He was born Aug. 30, 1924 in Hagerstown, Wash. He moved to Ruidoso in June, 1997 from Organ, NM. He was owner of Cox Aircraft Maintenance. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Mary Ann Borst on Dec. 30, 1996 in Ruidoso.

Mr. Cox is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of Ruidoso as well as three sons, three daughters, two step-daughters—Donna Lehma of Ruidoso and Denise Lehma of Palao, Kansas, a brother and four grandchildren.

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

Dana S. Dolan

A prayer service for Dana S. Dolan, 37, of Mescalero will take place today at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Mission in Mescalero. A funeral Mass at the mission is scheduled for Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery. Rev. Paul Botenhausen will officiate.

Mr. Dolan died Feb. 13 in Alamogordo. He was born May 8, 1963 at Mescalero and had lived there all his life. He was a heavy equipment operator and a member of St. Joseph's Mission.

Survivors include a son, Dudley Dolan of Mescalero; two daughters, Diedra Dolan and Kelly Dolan of Mescalero; a brother, Mike Dolan; sister,

Jennifer; two aunts, Rosaline Miller and Sara Miquez; and a close friend, Corliss Treas, all of Mescalero.

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

Raymond P. Stout

Lt. Col. Raymond P. Stout, CAP, died Jan. 23 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Stout was born Feb. 5, 1925, in Alamogordo to Samuel W. and Satie B. Stout. He married Jane Perry of Glencoe in 1952.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than 46 years, serving in numerous positions including squadron and group commander, communications director and finance officer.

Survivors include his wife Jane, two sons and daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, and a sister, Nell Mullins and her husband Walter, both of Ruidoso.

A Memorial service was held Jan. 26 at the Madison Baptist Church in Phoenix. His ashes will be interred at the Perry Family cemetery in Glencoe at a later date.

Emmett B. Johnston

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. this morning at the First United Methodist Church in Roswell for Emmett Bernard Johnston. Officiating at the church, located at Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue will be Rev. Michael Brunk, Dr. Andy Jamison and Rev. Elton Dilbeck. Burial will follow the service at South Park Cemetery.

Mr. Johnston died Feb. 12 at the age of 92 following an 11 year battle with cancer.

He was born in Ravanna, Kansas on April 13, 1908 to Emmett Barnett Johnston and Bertie Mae Laughon Johnson. He moved to Roswell with his parents and two sisters in 1923.

Mr. Johnston married Jane Shugart in Artesia on April 10, 1948.

The couple lived their entire married life in Roswell. His wife died Jan. 25, 1990. He is survived by his only child, Mary Ellen of Roswell. The Bernard family has a family retreat in Ruidoso.

Those wishing to make contributions in Mr. Johnston's memory may do so to charities of their own choosing.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell.

Sherryl Lynn Patterson

Sherryl Lynn Patterson, 44, of Ruidoso, died Jan. 4.

She was born in Clovis on July 28, 1956 to Paul and Jan Patterson.

Ms. Patterson was a TV news anchor for KBIM in Roswell. She was also a journalist in Farmington for the Albuquerque Journal. The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau named her farm news director of the year in 1989. She was also a counselor at the Cottonwood Home for abused children in Los Lunas.

Ms. Patterson is survived by her mother, Jan Salazar of Springer and her father, Paul Peterson of Ruidoso. It was her wish that her ashes be scattered on the Diamond A Ranch near Wagon Mound.

Lincoln County GOP women's group elects new officers

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County has elected a new slate of officers.

They are President Francine Murtaugh, First Vice President Libby Babcock and Second Vice President Susan Frederickson. Others

elected were Recording Secretary Jo Mayberry, and Corresponding Secretary Mary Skeen. Co-treasurers are Lavonne Adams and Joellyn Jordan. The group's next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 27 at Clare Bay, 2710 Sudderth Drive.

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Ruidoso Downs Mayor Bob Miller accepts a plaque from Hollis Fox, with the New Mexico section of the Society of Range Management. The Range Innovator of the Year honor lauds the village for cooperating in rehabilitation efforts following the Cree Fire.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News



Downs recognized for range innovations

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The village of Ruidoso Downs has been named a Range Innovator of the Year by the New Mexico Section of the Society for Range Management.

The award, which its presenter said was unusual for a municipality, honors the village for its cooperative work with others at rehabilitation after the Cree Fire.

"We had the Cree Fire," said Hollis Fuchs, representing the Society for Range Management.

"The smoke ends and the hard work begins. They used to just walk off and leave a community to fend for itself. My organization reviews rehabilitation, such as after the Cree Fire. My

organization is impressed with this rehabilitation."

Fuchs, who also works with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, was one of numerous organizations addressing the aftermath of the Cree Fire.

"This was a uniquely innovative rehabilitation effort," Fuchs told Ruidoso Downs officials at Monday's council meeting. "Local governments and local representatives of state and federal agencies came together to address flooding and erosion from several severely damaged watersheds. That cooperative spirit was without concern about things like agency turf."

Presenting a plaque noting Ruidoso Downs' involvement in the rehabilitation work to Mayor Bob Miller, Fuchs said a number

of other area governments and agencies will be receiving the Range Innovator of the Year honors. Fuchs said they would include Ruidoso, Lincoln County, the U.S. Forest Service's Smokey Bear Ranger District, and other agencies.

He said all advanced resources and money to the rehabilitation work.

Fuchs said not only did agencies and local governments come together to address post-fire concerns they did it without any of the participants voicing credit for the work.

Later in the meeting, Trustee Bonnie Richardson suggested the village establish a committee to look at the disaster resistant federal funding for communities with annual wildfire fear.

"I think we got the feeling that the federal government wants people to take advantage of these grants," Richardson said of a village Planning and Zoning Committee meeting where a national forest fire manager spoke.

Planning and zoning panel chairman Paul Van Gulick said the committee would like the village to look into the grant monies, for development and planning efforts and how they relate to the village surrounding forest lands.

"Normally with grants there is \$25,000 or so," Van Gulick said. "With this there's millions out there."

He noted the village of Ruidoso has received more than \$1 million to address fire concerns in the urban-wildland interface.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Vehicle damage reported

Ruidoso police are investigating two incidents of damage to motor vehicles.

One of the cases, believed to have occurred between Feb. 9-12, caused an estimated \$2,100 damage to four village of Ruidoso Street Department vehicles. The vehicles were at the department's parking lot on Close Drive.

The damage was caused by rocks thrown from a 35 foot high hill adjacent to the parking area. A broken windshield, broken back windows, and dents to the roofs, hoods and trunks of the vehicles occurred.

Sometime overnight Feb. 10-11 a door window was broken on a vehicle parked at a Snow Cap Drive residence. The right front passenger door window was broken.

Police found a rock on the ground next to the vehicle. Both cases have been classified as injury to motor vehicles.

Tuant teens referred

A number of teens were referred to juvenile probation authorities after police discovered six people at a Crown Drive apartment Feb. 13 during a report of truant juveniles.

One of the teens, who answered the door to police, reported to an officer that some of his friends in a back bedroom.

When the teen opened the bedroom door officers said they could smell marijuana smoke coming from the room.

After further review police said they found rolling papers, a pipe with marijuana residue and marijuana seeds in the room.

The teen who lived at the apartment told officers the items were his. The other five juveniles were delivered to school where they were suspended and picked up by parents, a police report stated.

Wood stove taken

A Franklin-style wood-burning stove was reported taken from a residence on Grindstone Canyon Road.

The felony larceny occurred sometime between Dec. 31 and Feb. 11. The stove was valued at \$800, making the case a felony larceny.

Window frame taken

A front porch window frame was taken from an unoccupied residence in the 100 block of Birch Drive.

Ruidoso police determined entry had not been made to the dwelling. The value of the missing window was listed at \$200.

2 arrested in burglary

Two people were arrested Feb. 10 following a suspected burglary from a Sudderth Drive lodging business.

Joshua Purser, 23, Ruidoso Downs and Bonnie Kerr, 33, Taylor Ranch, were arrested after believed stolen items were discovered.

Officers were sent to the lodging establishment to investigate a larceny involving a missing cell phone and knife, with a combined value of \$450. The two people arrested were found leaving a different rental unit.

In addition police said they found a hypodermic syringe on the property of Purser.

Watch your speed on Gavilan Canyon Road

Slow it down on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The speed maximum on the road, from Warrior Drive to its southern terminus, is 25 miles per hour. Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said he

understands the county is ready to replace the 35 m.p.h. signs on the road segment. Donaldson added, during Tuesday's village council meeting, that police will be enforcing the lower speed limit.

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Parks and Rec Department: The Maintenance crew spread six (6) cubic yards of mulch from the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful "Thank You Very Much" program. Trees along Highway 70 and Schoolhouse Park received the mulch.
Planning and Zoning Department: 43 Building permits were issued in January, 2001. The value of construction covered by these permits exceeded \$2 million.
At the Library: Federal and New Mexico State tax forms are available.
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MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were recently adjudicated in Lincoln County Magistrate Court in Ruidoso with Judge William R. Butts presiding.

Adelina Payne, 31, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of first offense driving while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug. A charge of driving with a suspended or revoked license was dismissed. Payne was sentenced to 90 days probation and assessed a fine and court costs adding up to \$299.

Sergio Sanchez, 48, El Paso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of first offense DWI. Charges of aggravated DWI and a lane violation were dismissed. Sanchez was placed on 90 days probation and required to pay \$399 in fines and costs.

Mark A. Waltmire, 49, Roswell, through a plea agree-

ment, was found guilty of first offense DWI. Charges of speeding and a red light violation were dismissed. Waltmire received 90 days probation and was ordered to pay \$499 in fines and court costs.

Curtis M. Guthrie, 40, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was convicted of DWI-second offense, aggravated. Charges of aggravated third offense DWI and speeding were dismissed. Guthrie was credited with 123 days spent in the county jail, placed on probation for 241 days, ordered to perform 48 hours of community service, and assessed fines and fees totaling \$799.

Gerald Delaat, 62, Ruidoso, during a court trial, was convicted of criminal contempt for failing to comply with a civil judgment. Delaat was required to pay \$51 in court costs and a \$100 bench warrant fee.

DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings are scheduled for next week in the Ruidoso area.

Monday, Feb. 19 -
• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 -
• 2 p.m., Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

• 2 p.m., Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, LCSWA office.

• 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Lodgers Tax Board, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee, village hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 -

• 3 p.m., Ruidoso Economic Development Ad-hoc committee, Ruidoso village hall.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

Saturday, Feb. 24 -
• 9 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee (workshop on updating village zoning ordinances).

Ruidoso village hall is located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority office is at Second Avenue and Entrance Road in Ruidoso Downs.

Ruidoso Downs village hall is at 122 Downs Drive.

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Agreement still awaits neighbor signatures

Dispute stalls expansion of retail complex at upper end of Midtown area

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A draft agreement between a developer and his neighbors — who fear aesthetic and property damage — is awaiting signatures.

The potential agreement averted an appeal by the neighbors of a Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission approval of a site development plan for the project at 2803 Suddarth Drive.

Developer Mark Marquez wants to build a commercial addition to the Visions retail complex at the upper end of Midtown. During previous planning commission meetings residential neighbors uphill from the planned development contended cracks appeared in home walls when the site's former Super Saver Inn was demolished.

The neighbors also feared hillside erosion and aesthetic degradation.

That prompted some of the residents to file an appeal of the commission's conditional approval of a site development plan.

Appellant attorney Dan Bryant, at the Jan. 30 scheduled appeal hearing before the village council, said his clients

would drop their protest pending a finalized agreement.

In addition to a withdrawal of the appeal, the tentative accord would see Marquez plant blue spruce trees 10 to 15 feet tall as a buffer near the top or rear of his property. In addition two coniferous or evergreen shrubs would be placed between each of the blue spruce trees.

A 6-foot-tall chain link fence would be erected along the rear property line.

The slope of hillside near the back of the property would have to receive a 6-inch layer of shotcrete, a cement, sand and water mixture that would be sprayed under pressure to

hold the steep incline in place.

Much of the aesthetic, erosion and runoff issues had been called for by the planning commission.

Marquez would also be required to install seismographs near each of the four homes of the named appellants.

If vibrations are suspected, Marquez is to be notified. The seismologic monitoring would have to be done in a manner that allows a tape of the readings to be duplicated

and provided to the homeowners.

Appellants will take pictures of their homes to document current conditions to verify if vibration damage occurs from the planned excavation and construction activities. Should the excavation require any blasting, which Marquez said was not anticipated, the neighbors would be provided with a 48 hour notice.

The agreement requires the signatures of five neighbors and Marquez. A copy of the pact, once finalized, would be filed with the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department.



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- Use 1/2-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries two times each year.
- Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

Practice Wildfire Safety

- People start most wildfires... find out how you can promote and practice wildfire safety.
- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.
- Post fire emergency telephone numbers.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home - by car and by foot.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a wildfire. Make a list of your neighbors' skills such as medical or technical. Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs such as elderly or disabled persons. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.

Before Wildfire Threatens

Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling. Or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with UL-approved fire-retardant chemicals. Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.

Create a 30 to 50 foot safety zone around your home.

Within this area, you can take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Homes built in pine forests should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on a steep slope, standard protective measures may not suffice. Contact your local fire department or forestry office for additional information.

- Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
- Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
- Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.
- Remove vines from the walls

- of the home.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks & the barbecue. Place a screen over the grill - use non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than one-quarter inch.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site. Follow local burning regulations.
- Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket, soak in water for two days, then bury the cold ashes in mineral soil.
- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home. Clear combustible material within 20 feet. Use only UL-approved wood burning devices.

When Wildfire Threatens

If you are warned that a wildfire is threatening your area, listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.

- Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key in the ignition. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage floor operators.
- Confine pets to one room. Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.
- Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately

- Wear protective clothing - sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Listen for evacuation sirens. In town sirens will sound in emergencies only, except for testing every other Monday night.
- Tell someone when you left and where you are going.
- Choose a route away from fire hazards. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.
- Tune radio into KWES/KBUY.
- For Emergency Alert systems, listen for evacuation in the area and where emergency shelters will be placed.



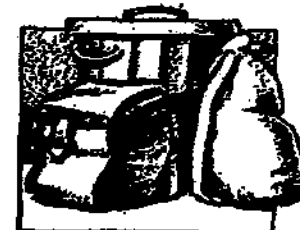
If you're sure you have time, take steps to protect your home:

- Close windows, vents, doors, venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and heavy drapes. Remove lightweight curtains.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screen.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Place combustible patio furniture inside.
- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Set up the portable gasoline-powered pump.
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet the roof.
- Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of the home.
- Gather fire tools.

When wildfire or any disaster threatens, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit with items you may need if advised to evacuate. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffel bags or trash containers.

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications.
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- An extra pair of eyeglasses.

Keep important family documents in a waterproof container. Assemble a smaller version of your kit to keep in the trunk of your car.



Wildfire and other types of disasters - hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, hazardous materials spill, winter storm - can strike quickly and without warning. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together. Meet with your family to create a disaster plan. To get started...

Contact your local emergency management at 258-4014 or your local American Red Cross chapter.

- Find out about the hazards in your community.
- Ask how you would be warned.
- Find out how to prepare for each type of disaster.

Meet with your family

- Discuss the types of disasters that could occur.
- Explain how to prepare and respond to each type of disaster.
- Discuss where to go and what to bring if advised to evacuate.
- Practice what you have discussed.

Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by disaster

- Pick two meeting places:
- 1) a place a safe distance from your home in case of a home fire.
- 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Choose an out-of-state friend as a "check-in contact" for everyone to call.

Complete these steps

- Post emergency telephone numbers by every phone.
- Show responsible family members how and when to shut off water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Contact your local fire department to learn about home fire hazards.
- Examine first aid and CPR. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information and training.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open.
New Snow Past 24 hours: 4 inches
Weather at Report Time: Snowing
Road conditions at report time: Snow-packed, chains needed on 2WD vehicles
Midway depth: 56 inches
Siding conditions: Excellent
Surface conditions: Powder and packed powder
Trails open: 55 of 55, 100 percent open.
Lifts open: 11 of 11
Snowmaking past 24 hours: No
Additional info: Bring your chains if you have a 2WD. Could still be pretty wintry.
Tomorrow's forecast: Mostly sunny

Preps on tap

Friday, Feb. 17
Girls basketball
Mesalero vs. TDS at District 8A tournament
Wrestling
Ruidoso at state tournament, McGee Park, Farmington
Saturday, Feb. 18
Girls basketball
Cartizozo vs. TDS at District 7A tournament
Wrestling
Ruidoso at state tournament, McGee Park, Farmington

On Deck

Basketball tournament
The fifth annual March Madness men's 6-foot and under plus one basketball tournament will run March 9-11 in Mesalero. The entry fee is \$175, with a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by March 2. The first 16 teams with a deposit will play. Trophies and prizes will be given to the first-through fourth-place teams, as well as for most valuable player, all-tournament players (two per team), most 3-pointers, fastest, most points and sportsmanship. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at (505) 257-7497.

Cahoon Park Run
The annual Cahoon Park Run, sponsored by the Roswell Parks and Recreation Department, will be Feb. 24. Check in and late registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. with the run starting at 10 a.m. Entry fees for the 10K run, 3 mile fun run/walk and 2 mile walk are \$8 before Feb. 21 and \$9 after. The fee includes a T-shirt for the first 150 participants, ribbons to the first-third place finishers in each race, a commemorative city collectible to the overall winners and age group winners. For more information, call Damian Chestern at (505) 624-6720.

Softball tournaments
Sportsworld 1-pitch softball tournaments, for men's and co-ed class C and D teams, are set for Saturday, Feb. 24 and March 10. Registration is \$75 per tournament. The deadline to register and team meetings are at 7 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the tournaments. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsarkspazo@aol.com.

Youth baseball
Registration for the Sportsark El Paso youth baseball summer season will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in February at Sportsark El Paso, 1701 N. Zaragoza. Coaches meetings will be at 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsarkspazo@aol.com.

Senior Olympics
The 2001 Lincoln County Senior Olympics schedule of events follows:
Billiards (8 ball pool) — 10 a.m. March 6, Captain Senior Center
Bowling — 3:30 p.m. March 27, 1:30 p.m. March 28-29, Ruidoso Bowling Center; 1:30 p.m. March 24 and 29, Cartizozo Recreation Center. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team
Golf — 1 p.m., March 31, The Links at Sierra Blanca
Horsehoes — 10:30 a.m., March 16, Cartizozo Country Club
Recreational events — 9 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School gym (Frisbee, soccer kick, basketball free throw)
Shuffleboard — 1:30 p.m. March 14, Ruidoso Senior Center
Table tennis — 10:30 a.m. March 20, Ruidoso Senior Center
Tennis — 9 a.m. March 21, Ruidoso city courts, Schoolhouse Park
Track and field — 10 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School (discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800-meter estimated three run/walk and 100-, 200-, 400-, 800-, 1,500 and 5K runs)
For more information, call Bart Young at 257-3193.

Socorro duathlon
The city of Socorro and the Socorro Striders and Riders athletic club will host the M Mountain Duathlon March 4. The race consists of a 5K run on gravel roads near the base of Socorro Peak, followed by a 30K ride around the mountain on gravel roads and finishing with a repeat of the first run. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in the triathlon division. The top three finishers in other categories will receive customized medals. The entry fee is \$25 before Feb. 25 and \$30 after. Relay teams are \$35 in advance, \$40 thereafter. For more information, visit the race Web page at <http://www.usdc.org/~srm/mdudu>, e-mail to rmdu@pmc-inc.com or call Matt Perini at (505) 838-1610.

Pecos Valley Stampede
The 20th annual Pecos Valley Stampede, a half-marathon run, 10K run, 2 mile run and 2 mile walk will be March 24 at Cahoon Park. The half-marathon will start at 8 a.m. with the remaining races starting at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 before March 13 and \$25 thereafter. Participants will receive event pants and a T-shirt and will be eligible for post-race door prizes. Awards will be given for the top male and female triathlete in each event, with medals to the top three male and female triathletes in each age division. For more information, call Clyde or Michael McKee at (505) 822-1668 or Bob Edwards at (505) 827-5507.

Warriors beat Grants in first round of wrestling tourney

Ruidoso team wins eight matches on the mat and another three by forfeit

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

FARMINGTON — Thursday morning, with eight teams competing on four separate mats, the Ruidoso Warriors successfully completed the first step on the road to the district 4A-AAA state title.

The Warriors defeated the Grants Pirates 53-23.

It was a convincing victory against the Pirates with Ruidoso winning eight matches on the mat and three by forfeit.

"We did pretty good. We

knew that if we could continue our peak from last week, that we were going to be able to hang with the best," said Coach Jerret Perry.

"We dominated Grants. We only lost three weight classes. We feel like if we can keep that momentum going into this next round against Robertson, we have a very good shot.

"If we beat Robertson, we're in the finals. We just

have to keep up the momentum," Perry said.

Robertson Cardinals won their first match against Hatch 76-6.

All the Warriors wrestled very well. Stepping up the challenge was Jeremy Prichett, who won his match in overtime with a

takedown.

Logan Flaherty gave his best shot in his loss to the Pirates' George Vigil in the 140

weight class. Flaherty was filling in for Cade Hall, who broke his nose in pre-game practice Wednesday.

After the Ruidoso coaches locate a mask for Hall, he was expected to compete against Robertson in second-round matches Thursday afternoon.

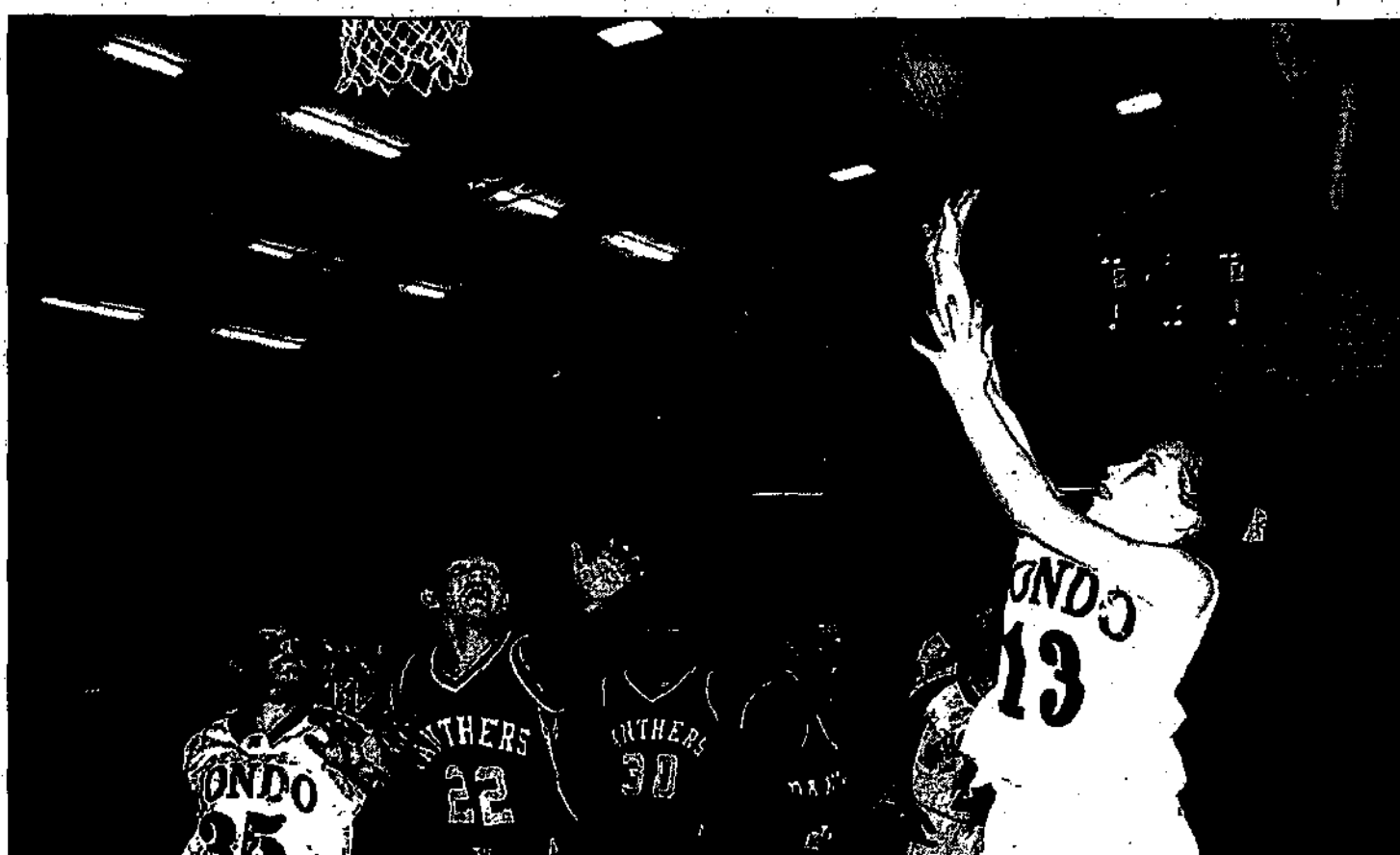
"I think our kids missed a few good matches. They're a tough team. You've got to give them that," said Grants Coach Mike Cordova. "We won some of the matches I thought we would win. We lost some of the

matches I thought we could have won.

"They're a good team. I think Ruidoso will go a long way. I think they'll be in the top three or four teams."

The rest of the first-round action wrapped up, with Shiprock Chieftans soundly beating the Tucumcari Rattlers 52-12.

The Cobre Indians made their way into the second round, defeating the New Mexico Military Institute Colts 57-24.



Chriselda Acosta, right, dazzles an audience of teammates and opposing Panther players Tuesday in the opening round of the District 8 Girls Basketball Tournament. Acosta, a senior, led Eagle scoring with 24 points.

Hondo girls advance

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

HONDO — The Hondo Eagles are flying high as they take down the Lake Arthur Panthers in the first round district playoffs 58-4. The Eagles dominated the game, practicing for the remainder of tournament play. The young Panther team consisting of mostly freshmen and eighth graders is now looking forward to next season.

The Eagles turned on the press from the beginning, not letting the Panthers get to the basket. They were held scoreless for almost the entire first half. The only scoring allowed by the Eagle defense was the last minute of the first half. The Panthers managed to put their points on the board with the half ending 31-4.

"I think we have a real good chance," said Coach Julie Montoya, "if we keep playing together and the girls want it bad enough. We can get up to a championship game. It just depends on the

"If we keep playing together and the girls want it bad enough. We can get up to a championship game. It just depends on the desire."

Julie Montoya,
Hondo coach



The competition grows intense as the Hondo Eagles soar toward victory Tuesday in the opening game of the District 8 Girls Basketball Tournament.

desire."

The Hondo girls never let the Panthers catch their breath. They put the pressure on the entire game, holding the Lake Arthur girls scoreless for three quarters.

Most of the offense for the Eagles came from the halfcourt press, with senior Chriselda Acosta leading the way, stealing the

ball and laying it in the hoop. She was the high scorer for Hondo with 24 points. Sarah Sanchez also reached double digits with 12 points.

As the Eagles continue down the tournament road they were scheduled to play Mesilla Valley Christian School Thursday night in Hondo.

Ski team shines in Flagstaff

Medals abound for area competitors at meet

► PHOTOS, 2B

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Team dominated the Pepsi/Mountain Sports Cup in Flagstaff, Ariz. on Feb. 10 and 11, bringing home four gold medals, two silver medals, three bronze medals and 17 top 10 finishes.

Nine junior racers from Ruidoso competed in the event, part of the Ski and Snowboard Association's Southern Race Series.

Hosts were Arizona Snowbowl and the Flagstaff Ski Club.

"What a great weekend," coach Hubert Seigmann said. "Our racers are beginning to really see what they are capable of."

The slalom course was set on the Agassiz run under clear blue skies. Temperatures of 19 degrees kept the snow hard and fast. One hundred seventeen racers entered the races.

In Saturday morning's J4 Men's Division for 11- and 12-year-olds, Ruidoso's Peter Zagone set the pace by posting a time of 44.18. His time was good enough to bring home Ruidoso's first gold medal of the competition.

Zagone was joined by teammate, Joe Lynch who skied a 56.34, elevating him to a top 10 finish.

Saturday afternoon, Ruidoso's J4 men continued the sweep of medals. Rett Smith brought home the gold with a time of 50.23. Peter Zagone again mounted the podium to collect a silver medal. Dylan Jasinsky placed in the top 10 with a 10th-place finish and Lynch followed in 20th place.

In the J4 Women's Division, Nicole Doth continued the push for Ruidoso with two 7th-place finishes on Saturday.

The J3 Men's Division for 13- and 14-year-olds was a combined time event.

Standings were determined by combining the times for the morning run with the times for the afternoon run.

In a major move, Josh Lynch brought home times of 51.01 for the morning run and 57.77 for the afternoon. His combined time of 176.68 clinched the bronze medal for Ruidoso.

Sunday again belonged to the Ruidoso Ski Team.

Rett Smith added to his collection of gold medals with a first place finish in both the morning and afternoon runs.

Sunday morning, Smith posted a time of

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Primaries begin Saturday for Kentucky Derby with Fountain of Youth

The primary season begins for the Kentucky Derby class of 2001 with the first Grade 1 event of the year for 3-year-olds, Saturday's Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Racing fans will be able to watch and wager on the Kentucky Derby live during the

race in early May at Ruidoso Downs.

And for at least the fifth straight year, it is trainer Bob Baffert around whom the campaign will focus. Baffert won the Kentucky Derby in 1997 and 1998, and though he fared poorly the past two years, he has become a perennial player

in the run to the spring classics, this year being no exception.

Baffert has the early Derby favorite in Point Given, who is ranked first in the inaugural top 25 of Daily Racing Form's Derby Watch for 2001. But while Point Given remains at Santa Anita, preparing for next

month's San Felipe Stakes, Baffert has brought his mystery horse, Global Gait, to Florida for the wide-open Fountain of Youth.

Global Gait was purchased privately by Bob and Beverly Lewis on advice of Baffert, for a price upward of \$600,000. That's big money for a gelding

whose only previous races were in Delaware and Maryland.

"I know it's a lot of money for a gelding, but it's only a lot of money if a horse can't run," Baffert said. "He can run. I told Bob [Lewis] I felt strongly about the horse, and that barring any bad luck we could get out on him."

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Ruidoso ski team makes good showing at Flagstaff meet

Continued from page 1B

44.70. He was joined on the podium by Peter Zagone who brought home the bronze medal. Team mates Dylan Jasinsky and Joe Lynch placed 14th and 15th.

In the afternoon race, Smith's time of 44.85 guaranteed him his third gold medal of the weekend. Zagone brought home another bronze medal with a time of 47.04. Jasinsky and Joe Lynch finished 12th and 14th respectively.

In the J4 Women's Division, Nicole Doth showed marked improvement, posting two 6th-place finishes for the day.

The Ruidoso team had a strong finish in the J3 Men's Division. Aaron Goeller overcame a fall on Saturday to seize the silver medal on Sunday.

He had a time of 43.94 in the morning run, followed by a time of 43.72 in the afternoon for a combined time of 1:27.66.

Josh Lynch again skied well, posting a combined time of 1:51.51 which guaranteed him a 6th-place finish. In his first top 10 finish, Travis Ingels had two strong runs down the mountain.

His combined time of 1:57.44 locked him into eighth place.

The J3 men will be traveling to Steamboat Springs, Colorado this weekend for the second Junior Olympic Qualifying event. The J4 racers will compete in their Junior Olympic Qualifying events in Crested Butte, Colo. Feb. 23 through 25.

Full Results

Saturday, Feb. 10 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Men (Morning Race)

Peter Zagone 1st 44.18
Joe Lynch 10th 56.34
Rett Smith DNF
Dylan Jasinsky DNF

Saturday, Feb. 10 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Women (Morning Race)

Nicole Doth 7th 1:08.43

Saturday, Feb. 10 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Men (Afternoon Race)

Rett Smith 1st 50.23
Peter Zagone 2nd 53.12
Dylan Jasinsky 10th 1:01.74
Joe Lynch 20th 1:19.17

Saturday, Feb. 10 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Women (Afternoon Race)



Josh Lynch competes in the Pepsi/Mountain Sports Cup in Flagstaff, Ariz. Lynch won a bronze medal for Ruidoso as part of the team's spectacular performance at the meet.

noon Race)

Nicole Doth 7th 1:17.74

Saturday, Feb. 10 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J3 Men (Combined Times)

Josh Lynch 3rd 51.01 (AM) 57.77 (PM) 1:48.78 (Combined)
Stefan Seigmann DNF 1st Run

Travis Ingels DNF 1st Run
Aaron Goeller DNF 1st Run

Sunday, Feb. 11 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Men (Morning Race)

Rett Smith 1st 44.70
Peter Zagone 3rd 48.49
Dylan Jasinsky 14th 56.88
Joe Lynch 15th 58.25

Sunday, Feb. 11 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Women (Morning Race)

Nicole Doth 6th 1:09.14

Sunday, Feb. 11 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Men (Afternoon Race)

Rett Smith 1st 44.85
Peter Zagone 3rd 47.04
Dylan Jasinsky 12th 57.54
Joe Lynch 14th 58.65

Sunday, February 11 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J4 Women (Afternoon Race)

Nicole Doth 6th 1:11.17

Sunday, Feb. 11 Pepsi Mountain Sports Cup Slalom - J3 Men (Combined Times)

Aaron Goeller 2nd 43.94 (AM) 43.72 (PM) 1:27.66 (Combined)

Josh Lynch 6th 57.57 (AM) 53.94 (PM) 1:51.51 (Combined)

Travis Ingels 8th 1:00.41 (AM) 57.03 (PM) 1:57.44 (Combined)

Stefan Seigmann DNF 1st Run

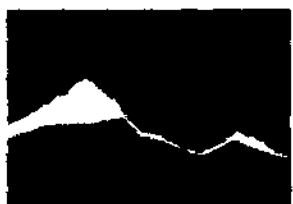


Rett Smith, above, and Aaron Goeller, below, slid in the Flagstaff, Ariz. competition.



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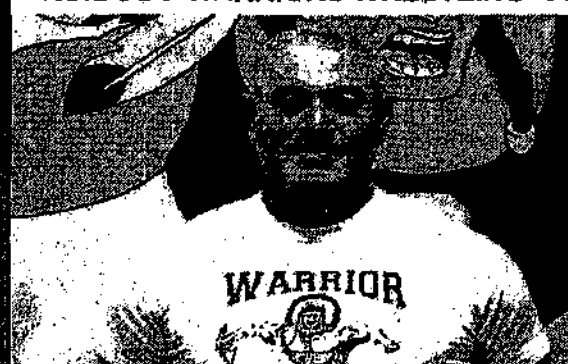
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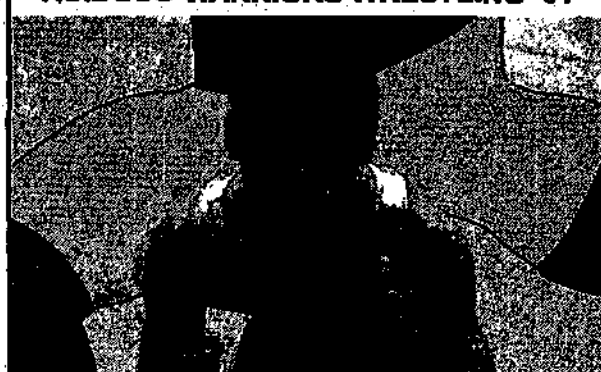
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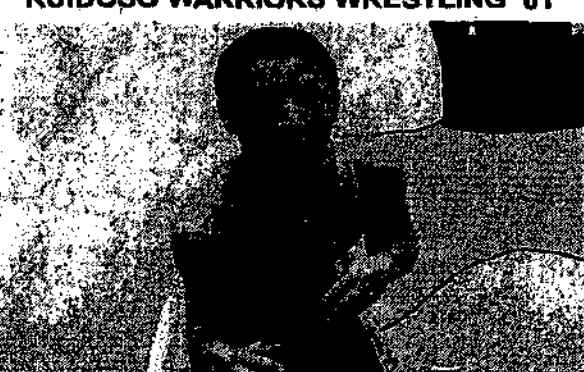
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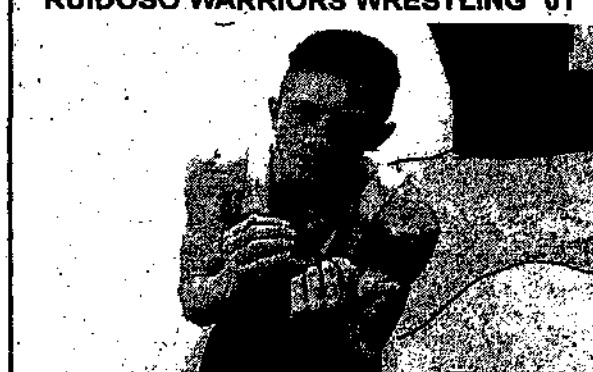
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Bert and Sydney Bonnell of Glencoe came by the *News* office to visit and brought the staff a large bowl of those good old Bonnell Golden Delicious apples...

Feb. 17, 1971

County Agent's Report
by Ralph Dunlap

Lincoln County Wool Growers took top honors at the State Wool Show held in Roswell last week. The Cooper Brothers had the Grand Champion fleece of the show and the Fuller Ranch had the Champion half blood fleece and champion three-eighths blood fleece.

Tom Slaughter won the sweepstake award with his exhibit of five fleeces. In the 80s ewe class, Ivan Watson took first and S. P. Johnson Jr. second. In the 70s ewe class Tom Slaughter took second and third. ...

Feb. 19, 1971

Ernest Sanchez appoints
new deputy sheriff

Ernest Sanchez, Lincoln County sheriff, announced this week his appointment of Leandro Vega Jr. as deputy sheriff. Vega, a Lincoln County native, replaces Moses Sambrano who resigned recently to take another position with the county.

The new deputy will be assigned to the Carrizozo area. (Vega) served four years as a deputy and two separate elected terms as sheriff, Jan. 1, 1965 through Dec. 31, 1969.

Feb. 19, 1981

Rotary donates \$1,500
to local hospital fund

The Ruidoso Rotary club Tuesday presented a check for \$1,500 to the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital. Administrator Ken Moore, who accepted the check from Rotary President Ralph Bellon, said the money would be used to purchase a device used in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training.

Last year's donation from the Rotary Club, Moore said, was used to purchase an electrosurgery machine, which allows electronic incisions and cauterization of blood vessels.

Feb. 21, 1991

Blaze destroys
Alto vacation home

Heavy snow and poor access hampered the efforts of firefighters battling a structure fire after midnight in the High Sierra subdivision in Alto early Tuesday morning.

A vacation home belonging to Miguel Viveros Reveles of Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas was engulfed when the first firefighters arrived shortly after midnight. The house was unoccupied and the alarm had been turned in by a passerby. Although located close to Highway 48, the Reveles house had no access, Chief Howard Puckett of Bonito Volunteer Fire Department said.

Attempting to reach the fire, B.V.F.D.'s Class A pumper became mired in deep mud...

When you find your **dog** gone

Tammy takes over

Ruidoso's new animal control officer brings years of animal-care experience, and a love of animals, to her job.



Tammy Williams, Ruidoso's new animal control officer, brings in an untagged German shepherd dog captured last Friday. Williams says she wants to work with the public and pet owners to handle dogs running at large and an overpopulation of cats in some parts of the village.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

She's the "remote control dog catcher," at least in her son's eyes. Ruidoso's new animal control officer comes to the job aware that meeting with and educating the public is part of the work.

Tammy Matthews started with the Ruidoso Police Department animal control department last Dec. 4. She said she actually had applied for the newly created animal control position in Ruidoso Downs. Peggy Williams, who Matthews replaced, also applied for the Ruidoso Downs post, was hired, and suggested Matthews try for her former position in Ruidoso.

She got the job. "I love Ruidoso. I love my job," Matthews said. "I've never really done animal control, but I do have a vet background."

Matthews had served a long stint with the Army as an animal care specialist. That included a term in a veterinary surgical facility. She also had worked in a veterinary clinic in Alamogordo.

Matthews said the past two months has meant becoming familiar with the village and meeting with the public.

"I strongly believe there aren't

any bad animals," she said. "It's an issue with the owner. I want to educate the public. If you know your animals, you can take care of things when this happens or that happens. I'll take that extra step — take (a wayward cat or dog) back to the owner and educate the owner. I feel like everybody deserves knowledge of their responsibilities," Matthews said she'll give most cases one extra chance.

The animal control officer recalled her first day on the job in Ruidoso. There were two calls about a neighbor's barking dog.

"I like to let them (the dog's owners) know a complaint was made," Matthews said. "I like to hear both sides of it. To me it's weighing both sides. If they're taking care of the dog like it should be, it shouldn't be barking excessively. But it's not something where it's said 'you're in trouble.' The more people I know and the more that they know me, the better, I think, compliance will be."

Her years of working around animals provides Matthews with a confidence about approaching dogs and cats. She said she believes every animal is good. She approaches them like they're the "friendliest animal."

"You learn an animal's body language too," Matthews added.

Matthews said her love of animals

goes back to her childhood growing up in Victoria, Texas.

"My dad had cattle," the brunette said. "I grew up with the outdoors. Mom and dad raised horses. Until coming here I've always had my horses."

She said she and her younger brother and sister were involved with 4-H.

Matthews, a certified veterinary technician, spent almost nine years with the U.S. Army as an animal care specialist. The assignment included work with military dogs, marine life and research.

After a horse-riding accident Matthews' military career ended, and she went back to school, earning an associate degree in elementary education. The combination of a love of animals and years of working with animals plus the teaching credential has Matthews taking the educational approach to her new job.

Ruidoso's animal control program deals with dogs and cats. Matthews said cats are a problem when it comes to over-population. She urges pet owners to make sure their animals are spayed or neutered.

Dogs and cats in Ruidoso need to be licensed, and permitted if not spayed or neutered, but she noted the annual license fees are much less expensive when a pet is spayed or neutered. Matthews also called on pet owners to

be diligent that the tags are on the animals so she can return a roamer to its home.

The village has a leash law, which Matthews said she'll enforce.

Annual rabies vaccinations are required as well as licensing, which is issued by the Lincoln County Humane Society on Gavilan Canyon Road. Spaying and neutering is mandatory, though unaltered permits can be obtained.

For additional information about Ruidoso's ordinance dealing with animals, telephone animal control at 257-7365.

What about a cat up a tree? Matthews said the fire department doesn't respond to those kind of calls, but she was able to convince an off-duty firefighter to help out recently. The feline had been in a tree for three days, and when brought down they realized why the critter didn't leave the tree on its own. The cross-eyed cat couldn't see very well.

When not chasing dogs and cats, Matthews said she is enjoying Ruidoso, dreaming of returning a horse to her life and raising her 5-year-old son Kolton.

"He is very, very proud of his mom," Matthews said. "He calls me a 'remote control dog catcher.' You know how 5-year-olds are. He just doesn't get the 'animal' in animal control and so it's 'remote' control."

Sanchez family marks milestone in coaching

I have both good and sad news this week.

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ROSALIE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS

Gary Sanchez received the National Federated Coach Association "Coach of the Year" award for 2000. He has coached at Highland High School in Albuquerque for 20 years.

Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanchez Jr. of Lincoln. He graduated from Del Norte High School in Albuquerque and received his degree from the University of New Mexico.

Gary is following in the footsteps of his father, Henry, who received the same award in 1983. He was a coach for 25 years. This brings between father and son 45 years of coaching in high school. They were assistant football coaches and head track coaches. Their love is the track sports.

Beloved citizen

Lincoln lost one of its beloved citizens, a wonderful friend and mother, with the passing of Lucinda Nunez. She leaves behind a large family and lots of friends.

When her husband, R.C., was in politics, she was always at his side. They both had a great sense of humor. Among her survivors are Ratsy

Sanchez and husband Tony of Carrizozo.

At one time or the other, they participated in the Billy the Kid Pageant and many in Lincoln went to New Mexico State University with her sons.

A daughter is born

Little Toney Jean arrived Monday Feb. 5. The little miss weighed in at 5 lb., 14 oz. Her parents are Betty Hobbs and Trevor Stokes. Cheri and Bobbie Hobbs are two proud grandparents. The paternal grandmother is Tanya Stokes and paternal great-grandfather is Cowboy Stokes.

'The bug' is here

Several in the Lincoln have been

suffering from the "bug" that has been going around, including yours truly.

Anniversary observed

Mr. and Mrs. Peg Pfingsten and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap celebrated the Dunlaps' 54th wedding anniversary Friday. As usual Leota and Rosalie were busy taking photographs.

The gentleman at the next table graciously offered to take a group photo. He and his wife were also celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary. They were Don and Mary Brothers of Capitlan.

Don is retired from the Air force and has been all over the world during his military service. We took their photograph also.

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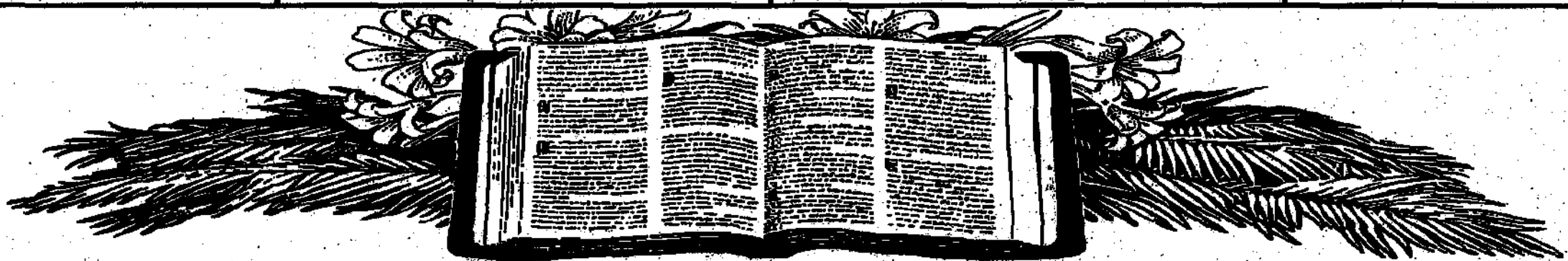
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p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

FOURSQUARE

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

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle. Allan M.
Miller, pastor. 209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM. 354-2025.
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 pm; Sun. School 10:00 am; Sun-
day Evening 6:00 pm.

METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the congregation of Capitan
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 Capitan. 505-648-2846.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD**The Word of Life Church**

Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Car-
rizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly
Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

BAPTIST**First Baptist Church**

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

CATHOLIC**Santa Rita Catholic Church**

648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass:
6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible
Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am;
Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

pm.

EPISCOPAL**St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel**

Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30
a.m.

METHODIST**United Methodist Church Parish**

Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizo-
zo. Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00
a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m. Choir Practice
(Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of
month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**

Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. &
Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am;
Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 pm.

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD**Apache Indian Assembly of God**

Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald
Petty, pastor. Sunday School:
9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45
a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday
services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God

El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill
Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School,
9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning wor-
ship: 10:45 a.m. (includes chil-
dren's church); Sunday evening
praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family
night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST**Bent Tree Baptist Church**

Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
Wednesday, 7 p.m. White Moun-
tain Plaza on Mechem. Rev.
James Crowder, 336-1979.

First Baptist Church

420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso,
NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim
Gilliland, Pastor. Service times:
Saturday - 7 p.m. Praise & Wor-
ship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise &
Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday
School all ages, 11 a.m. Tradition-
al Worship, 5:30 p.m. Youth
Power Hour, 6:30 p.m. Prayer
Service Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.
Discipleship classes for all ages.

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widen-
er, 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

Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday wor-
ship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

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

Mescalero Baptist Mission

Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday
school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.,
7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30

p.m. Wednesday services 6:30
p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church

126 Church Drive, Palmer Gate-
way. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sun-
day School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday
worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH**Baha'i Faith**

Meeting in members' homes.
257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al
Galvan. Sacrament of Penance:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment;
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilingual);
Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English),
11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament
of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 to 4:30
p.m.; Wed. 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Sun-
day Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio: 8 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero. 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: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

Crosspoint Christain
Fellowship
A Christ Centered Church
Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sud-
derth Drive, 258-1492. Steve
Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service
prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship
service 10 a.m.; Children's
Church 10 a.m. Small group
meetings, including youth
group, at various times and lo-
cations.
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor.
Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30
a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45
a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday
7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST**Gateway Church of Christ**

415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.
Jay Willmon, 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 Capitan,
Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday
schedule: Sacrament starts at 10
a.m.; Sunday School, Priesthood
and Relief Society.

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

EPISCOPAL**Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount**

121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Fa-
ther John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday
Eucharist 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednes-
day: Daughters of King; noon, Eu-
charist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir
practice: 7 p.m.

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

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9
a.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 1:30
p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Mon-
day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thurs-
day: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Ser-
vice Meeting 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana
de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-
3659, 336-7076. Dom.: Reunion
Publica 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la
Atalaya 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela
del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.;
Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.;
Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod

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

METHODIST

Community United
Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind "The Cof-
fee House". Harry Riser, Pastor.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
day worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55
a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

The Apostolics
of Lincoln County
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sud-
derth, 354-4906 or 430-6654.
Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday
evening worship 6 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Rui-
doso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032.
Charles Hail, Pastor. Sat. Alterni-
tive Worship, 6:30 pm; Sunday
School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morn-
ing Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tues-
day Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.;
Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30
p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Rui-
doso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school
9:45 a.m.; worship 8:30 and 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 Scott King. Sunday:
Church 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
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor
Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.;
worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior
high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high
school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.:
Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Earl
Robertson 505-439-0760; 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,
257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor.
Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thurs-
day 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 noon at Pizza Hut,
Mechem Drive, Wednesday:
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at
Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr.
High and Sr. High Youth Groups
6:30 p.m. at Christ Community
Fellowship.

Calvary Chapel

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

Centro Cristiano Casa de Ora-
cion
2818 Sudderth (Pinetree Square),
Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos
Carreon. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m.
Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m.
(ninos).

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

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sud-
derth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thur-
man, 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 Glencoe
Rural Events Center. Everyone
welcome. Preacher Buster Reed
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.; ser-
vice 10 a.m.

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

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

Sacramento Mountains Unitari-
an Universalist Church, meet-
ing in members' homes. Call
258-1881.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Valor Telecom adds long-distance service

The Ruidoso region's local telephone provider, Valor Telecom, is now offering long-distance service.

"This is the first of several new services Valor Telecom will provide to our local phone service customers," said Julie Burnett, vice president of long-distance and emerging services. "Valor Telecom long-distance customers will have the convenience of receiving one bill for both local and long-distance calling."

The new service will carry the same rates for both in-state and out-of-state calling at what Burnett said are rates competitive with other long-distance companies.

Residential rates will be as low as 8 cents per minute with a monthly plan fee, Burnett said.

In addition to long-distance service, Valor is now offering long-distance calling cards and toll-free services, both personal and business 800 numbers.

Valor Telecom purchased GTE phone lines and equipment in parts of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma last year. Locally Valor operates phone exchanges in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, Alto and Capitan.

Course completed

A Ruidoso massage therapist has completed a course in reflexology.

Joe Martinez, licensed massage therapist, took the 16 hour course in Taos.

Reflexology is the art of working the whole body and its organs through the feet. Martinez has a special reflexology protocol for treating particular problems.

The therapist's office is now located at the Natural Health Care Complex, 1035 Mechem Drive. Appointments for a reflexology treatment or a clas-

sical massage may be made by calling 258-3739.

Neurology diploma

Dr. Bruce Klinekole, owner and chiropractor at White Mountain Chiropractic, was recently awarded a Diplomate (a post-doctorate specialty degree) in neurology from the American Chiropractic Neurology board.

The degree requires successful completion of at least 300 class hours of advanced neurology instruction and training. The qualification allows Klinekole to practice both chiropractic and neurology in New Mexico.

A chiropractic neurologist serves in the same consulting manner as a medical neurologist, however the therapies and applications differ, Klinekole said in a news release.

For more information or to make an appointment the White Mountain Chiropractic office, at 500 Mechem Drive, can be reached by phone at 257-7970.

Farm Bureau honored

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau has received the President's Award from the American Farm Bureau Federation.

New Mexico joined only Idaho in the western United States in receiving the award, which was presented to New Mexico Farm Bureau President John Van Sweden.

The American Farm Bureau noted that New Mexico had excelled in almost every program associated with Farm Bureau organizational activity.

"We're obviously pleased with this recognition at the national level and it speaks volumes about the efforts of our volunteer leaders across the state," Van Sweden said.

Furrs executives studying 'size' of the chain

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While Furrs Supermarkets officials said their financial problems won't bring any layoffs, they do admit the size of the grocery chain is one of the things being reviewed.

Furrs Supermarkets executives said their reorganization effort seeks to eliminate a burdensome debt structure and enable the grocery chain to compete more effectively.

Of the 71 Furrs stores in New Mexico and West Texas, two are in Ruidoso.

The financial restructuring, initiated on Feb. 8 with a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, was immediately followed by commitments for more than \$30 million in financing. The financing, which would be subject to approval by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Albuquerque, was provided by the company's pre-existing bank group, made up of four financial institutions.

"We are pleased with the efforts of the company's lenders to support our business and our business plan," said Thomas Dahlen, Furrs president and CEO.

Dahlen said the financing will allow the chain to significantly reduce costs and provide the liquidity needed to ensure its stores are more competitive in the marketplace.

"Despite fierce competition, a weakening economy and tighter trade requirements, we are still the market share leader in both New Mexico and El Paso," Dahlen said. "We will now resume the progress we had been making in profitability through sales and expense controls. We will continue assessing our current store base and determining the right size for the company in the future."

Dahlen said that for some time management has been working with its lenders to put in place an agree-



The Furrs Supermarket on Mechem Drive is one of two serving the Ruidoso area.

ment that would give the company the cash it needs to operate its business efficiently.

"This ... process took much longer than anyone anticipated and had a serious impact on trade obligations and created pressure on payables and product," Dahlen said. "Faced with this liquidity squeeze, management and the board reviewed various alternatives. We concluded that it was in all of the company's key constituents' long term interests ... to facilitate a financial restructuring, secure a means for obtaining additional financing and enable Furrs to compete more effectively through the filing of a voluntary petition for reorganization."

Dahlen said a restructuring outside of court could have taken more time than the company had. He noted that although federal law prohibits the payment of pre-petition debts

without a court order, Furrs will pay vendors and shippers for goods and services received after the filing. He added that bankruptcy laws gives a priority status to bills for goods and services rendered after the filing.

"With the availability of approximately \$30 million in post petition financing, once approved by the court, we should have adequate financial resources to purchase the goods and services we need," Dahlen said.

Rumors surfaced in late 1997, after the opening of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Ruidoso Downs, that the Furrs on U.S. Highway 70 would be closing. Company officials at that time denied the store would close, pointing to improvements made to the facility.

Efforts to reach the company's corporate headquarters in Albuquerque by telephone on Monday were unsuccessful.

GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE

Tackle those tolerations

BY DEBBIE HAINES-INGALLS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Improve your life by tackling tolerations. Tolerations are those subtle energy drains and time-suckers, the things you put up with on a daily basis. Your goal in identifying your own personal tolerations is to put up with less and less.

As you experience the joyful benefits of a toleration-free lifestyle, you'll begin eliminating tolerations automatically, handling them immediately when they start to emerge.

Here are the last five of the Top Ten Tolerations list that we began last week. They will help you get started on your own list.

5. - Clutter. Are your office or home well organized? Are things easy to find? Or do you tolerate wasting time looking for a report or a letter you know you received but can't find in all the piles of paper on your desk? When you need a phone number, can you put your hands on it quickly? How about the list you made last week? Living a life with clutter is like pouring tea into a cup with a hole in it. Your time is constantly drained, and the cup never gets full. Set a goal with a specific timeframe. Clear out one stack of papers a day or de-clutter one room a week. It will be freeing and invigorating. Do it!

4. - Externally imposed deadlines. Are you tolerating unnecessary urgent deadlines imposed by others? If might be your boss, a team leader or family members. It is your conscious choice to accept or decline such deadlines. Who is in control of your life - you or them? Considerately let them know what boundaries you have set for your time and when you can accomplish the task. You may feel obligated to accept a deadline your boss imposes; if so, indicate your criteria for the next deadline and work

toward planning and preparation that will lessen the urgent demands.

3. - Self-limiting paradigms. Has someone told you that you're not smart enough? Not creative enough? Not industrious enough? Pretty enough? Have you told yourself you can't do things because you haven't enough time or money or energy or space or opportunity? Allowing our performance to be limited by these paradigms is a toleration. Change your thinking, and new actions will follow, which will give you new results! Guaranteed!

2. - Unrewarding work. Are you in a job with no challenge, no growth, no opportunity? Are you just bored with what you're doing? Career transition has become the norm. If you're tolerating a job that isn't fulfilling to you, that doesn't cause you to want to go to work each day, that doesn't allow you opportunity to live your life's mission, take action now. No longer do employees have "entitlement" or the promise of a job for life and then a pension. It's up to you to take action to create the work life you want that will be a part of the overall satisfaction of a fulfilling life.

1. - Poor resources. What resources are you doing without - proper equipment, effective lighting, up-to-date technology, space, support personnel, a coach? Proactively find ways to obtain the resources to allow you to be more effective. Maybe there are plenty of computers available, but they're all outdated with old software. Go for quality. Get the best possible. When resources are scarce, you have to be creative. Think out of the box in finding new ways to get better resources. Partner with vendors, share with other departments, sell the existing to buy better equipment. Get the resources you need to be highly effective at everything you do!

To achieve more, make a commitment to not only get more but tolerate less. Expand the space of your life not only by raising the ceiling of what you'll accomplish, but by lowering the floor, the tolerations you put up with. For assistance in this process, call my Coaching for Brilliance office at (505) 258-1102 or check out my Web site, www.coachingforbrilliance.com.

Harvey T, hired by the competition, is back on the air

Ruidoso radio personality Harvey T is back on the air - working for the competition.

After being dismissed last month at KWES-FM, Harvey Twite, who goes by the air name Harvey T, began working for KWMW-FM on Feb. 6.

"I'm thrilled to be back on the air, especially at a station with such a vast radio signal," Twite said.

"W-105 is making tremendous strides at becoming a major force in southeast New Mexico radio, and I'm looking forward to being a part of that progress," Twite said.

Twite hosts Harvey T in the After-

noon, which runs from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday on KWMW, 105.1 megacycles on the FM radio band.

"We will try to do what has always been successful for me personally," Twite said. "We want to inform the public about what's going on in their area while being as entertaining as possible."

The program features interviews from around southeastern New Mexico and contemporary country music.

The station, licensed to Maljamar, has its studios in Ruidoso. KWMW's coverage area is listed as the communities of Roswell, Lovington, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Artesia and Ruidoso.



Harvey Twite is back at a microphone.

'Interesting' report focuses on a growing Lincoln County

Labor force outpaces available jobs during 2000

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Job growth in Lincoln County failed to keep pace with an increasing labor pool last year.

According to figures from the New Mexico Department of Labor, the work force increased by 2.8 percent, comparing December 1999 with December 2000. The number of people employed during the same period rose by 1.6 percent.

"The (Lincoln County) labor force was up. Employment was up. And unemployment was more," said Dan Hall, labor economist supervisor with the Department of Labor. "The numbers are very interesting."

Hall said it will be even more interesting to see if Lincoln County's population is up dramatically when census figures are released this spring. In December, the preliminary Lincoln County unemployment rate was 5.8 percent. A year earlier the rate stood at 4.7 percent. Hall attributed much of the change to the larg-

er work force and discounted any influence from a national economic slowdown detected in recent months. He said if the slowdown were to have any impact it would show up in future labor numbers. In addition, a more normal winter, compared to a lack of snow a year ago, would have a positive effect on the local economy and employment.

While the December 2000 jobless rate was higher than a year ago, the rate was down from November's 6 percent level.

The recently released unemployment figures put Lincoln County 20th of the 30 reporting regions of New Mexico, in a ranking from highest unemployment percentages to lowest. A year ago Lincoln

County was 22nd.

In neighboring counties, Otero County posted a preliminary out-of-work rate of 6 percent in December, compared with 4.8 percent a year ago, and 6.2 percent in November.

Chaves County's December 2000 unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, versus 7 percent the previous year, and 6.5 percent a month earlier.

Higher county jobless rate reflects growing population

Lincoln County's changing jobless rates over the past 15 months, as determined by the New Mexico Department of Labor:

Oct. 1999	4.8%	Mar. 2000	4.5%	Aug. 2000	4.0%
Nov. 1999	4.5%	Apr. 2000	3.8%	Sept. 2000	5.2%
Dec. 1999	4.7%	May 2000	3.7%	Oct. 2000	5.5%
Jan. 2000	5.0%	June 2000	4.6%	Nov. 2000	6.0%
Feb. 2000	4.5%	July 2000	4.0%	Dec. 2000	5.8%

A large number of short-term U.S. Census hires impacted the April and May 2000 rates.

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Human genome DNA sequence available to all on the Web

BETHESDA, Md. — The DNA sequence of the Human Genome is now freely accessible to all, for public or private use, from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). The Center is a part of the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

The Web address for the Human Genome home page is:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/guide/human>

The completion of a "working

draft" of the human genome — a milestone in the Human Genome Project — was announced last June at a press conference at the White House and was to be published in the Feb. 15, 2001 issue of *Nature*.

An ongoing research challenge is to piece together and analyze the multitudes of data produced by the project. NCBI has completed its first assembly of the DNA sequence into an organized and easily accessible resource — including labels that point to impor-

tant regions of the sequence such as those containing genes and is now making it public.

If you think of the genome as a book, it wasn't "read" from cover to cover. Instead, it was photocopied and split into paragraphs — with no spacing or punctuation — before being sequenced by various participants in the Human Genome Project. NCBI scientists are working to put the paragraphs back into their correct order, annotate them with section headings

that guide the reader, and create an index to help locate any particular section of interest.

NCBI's Web site serves as an integrated, one-stop, genomic resource for biomedical researchers around the world. Using search and analysis tools developed at NCBI, scientists can, for example:

- find a gene's location in the genome
- find other genes in the same region

- correlate many diseases to genes
- find out if a similar gene exists in another organism
- see genetic variations

The Human Genome data can be downloaded in its entirety, chromosome by chromosome, in segments referred to as "contigs" (for "contiguous sequence"). This data, along with information about the location of genes and other biological features associated with the sequence, is available from NCBI's public FTP site.

Mapping the human genome presents opportunity, warning, according to religious leaders

The following report is provided by Science and Religion News Service, which is committed to providing informed, interfaith religious perspectives on breaking news in science. For more information contact the Web site srms@science-spirit.org.

The publication of the human genome is a moment for both celebration and humility. Christian and Jewish religious leaders respond to the event with mixed reactions, ranging from resounding affirmations of the underlying science to profound worries about its applications.

Among the first comments following release of the report were the following:

• **Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff, Ph.D., Rector and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Judaism, Los Angeles, Calif.**

"The publication of the human genome puts in front of us in graphic detail just how complex — and yet how elegant — is the structure of our very being. Surely we have a sense of pride in what human minds have come to know. At the same time, though, we cannot help but feel both wonder and awe when we view the intricate biochemical matrix that makes human life possible. This is clearly an event in which science and religion should be at one in rejoicing, for now we know just how much wisdom God demonstrated in making us as we are.

"We also should rejoice over the many positive implications of this new knowledge. Scientists have already identified the genetic mutations that are at the root of a number of diseases, raising hope that we will soon find cures for them. In Judaism, physicians and those who do medical research are God's partners and agents in the ongoing act of healing, and the mapping of the human genome makes it possible for us to carry out that mandate all the more effectively. Moreover, in so doing, we will be relieving human suffering, and that too, as Judaism sees it, an unmitigated good — indeed, a divine demand."

• **Sondra Ely Wheeler, Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.**

"The publication of the human genome is rightly the occasion for both excitement and trepidation. On one side there is a sense of the enormous potential for scientific and medical advances that arise with this knowledge, and on the other there is an appreciation for the ethical and social challenges that the same knowledge brings with it.

"We are already struggling with the problems of access to and funding for our growing capacities in medical technology. The potency of genetic treatment and intervention for a whole range of medical conditions may greatly raise the stakes in our debates about the shape of justice and human solidarity in our communities.

"But equally serious is the philosophical challenge, the care we must take not to succumb to a mechanistic and materialist view of ourselves that our new genetic science does not require and in fact does not warrant. We need to recall how much there is to a human being which cannot be predicted or read off from the sequence of their genetic code,

whose expression varies widely even between identical twins. A person is too complex an interaction of genetic endowment, physical environment, social context and the innumerable of human freedom to be regarded as the simple realization of a biochemical blueprint. It is as important to remember what we do not learn about our humanity from the genome as it is to make wise use of what we do learn."

• **Ted Peters, Professor of Systematic Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif.**

"The final chapter in the story of the Human Genome Project marks a transition to what might become an even greater epic. The sequencing of nucleotides and mapping of genes is not merely an achievement of a handful of scientists; it is a Promethean accomplishment on behalf of the entire human race.

"Many fear that molecular biologists are 'playing God' by delving into the inner sanctums of forbidden knowledge. I disagree. The uncovering of the genetic code is a revelation of one of the wondrous ways God has stitched together the fabric of creation. The Book of Nature reveals God's handiwork in creation, as does the Book of

Scripture reveal God's saving work in redemption.

"Nevertheless, flags of ethical caution need waving. The DNA code as our evolutionary history has bequeathed it to the present generation is a jewel of nature. It should not be owned by anyone. I oppose the patenting of raw genomic data, of issuing intellectual property rights on knowledge of what's in the DNA. Key to the flourishing of research in our time is the free flow of scientific information, a flow to be protected by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office."

• **Donald Bruce, director, Society, Religion and Technology Project, Church of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland.**

"The first map of the human genome brings a picture of scientists working together across the globe, to unravel our genetic code for

human benefit. Sadly this is only a half truth. Who is it really for, ask European churches? It looks to us more like the Wild West gold rush than 21st century science, as companies and governments have fought ruthlessly to be the first to stake out their gene claims. The race for breast cancer genes showed how nasty it can get. Years of patient research by several groups got close to locating the first gene. At the last minute, a newly set up U.S. company hustled in, did the last few steps and claimed that whole gold seam as their own private property.

"The UK Sanger Centre wanted to make the second gene freely available for all, but in jumped the same company and claimed a private monopoly. Some of the trumpets for the human genome project are drowned by uglier noises. This is all quite legal,

because of the way we've allowed patent laws to be set up. Once, you couldn't patent a mere discovery or "products of nature" like genes, animals or plants. Now U.S. patent law sees everything under the sun as patentable, and once one country ups the stakes, everyone follows suit. But other voices are being heard. The European Union legislation has run into trouble, with several member states now objecting to gene patenting... Genes are part of the common heritage of humanity, not for anyone's private monopoly. You can patent an inventive use of

a gene but you should never make an exclusive claim over the gene itself, any more than claiming an element in the periodic table...

"We need to recover patenting as a social contract. Companies and governments must now both be held more accountable to society for how they use their powers for the public good. We expect something in return. Christians want a bias to the poor in the way the genome is used. Will the genome project see genetic medicine as a mine for patent prospectors, or a discovery for all humanity?"

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Christian Quiroz watches Ricardo Nava, Giovanni Quiroz, Katrina Vargas, Aaron Gallegos and Melissa Beltran work on their cabins.

Third-graders in the bilingual class of Melvina Torres at White Mountain Elementary construct log cabins out of pretzels as part of the school's celebration of President Lincoln's birthday. They also may tackle some cherry trees or other symbols for Presidents Day Monday.



Isaac Torres, left, carefully lines up his pretzels as Eric Castillo and Emanuel Perea, right, share the glue.



Dianne Staffings/Ruidoso News
Daniel Gandarilla peers over his glasses before finishing the roof on his pretzel home.

Frequent religious attendance may encourage better health behaviors

BERKELEY, Calif. — Individuals who attend weekly religious services may be more likely than less-frequent attenders to improve their health behaviors and to maintain already established good health habits, according to a three-decade-long study.

"Our analyses indicate that attendees did not all start off with such good behaviors," said lead author William J. Strawbridge, PhD, of the Human Population Laboratory in Berkeley. "To some extent, their good health behaviors occurred in conjunction with their attendance."

Several studies have found religious attendance improves one's chance of survival. Those who regularly attend services are known to smoke and drink less, and in general to exhibit better health behaviors. However, the question remaining has been whether religious organizations attract people who already have good health behaviors or if attendance helps create these behaviors.

Strawbridge and colleagues addressed this question by analyzing nearly 30 years of health data on more than 2,600 individuals. "We examined the extent to which religious attendance is associated with both improving poor health behaviors and maintaining good ones already established," said Strawbridge.

"Individuals who regularly attended religious services were more likely to become more physically active, quit smoking, become less depressed, increase social relationships and initiate and maintain stable marriages," said Strawbridge.

The researchers publish their results in the February 2001 issue of *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*.

Certain results were stronger for women than for men. The researchers noted that female frequent attenders tended to be more likely than male frequent attenders to improve poor health behaviors and mental health. "Our results were consistent with known gender differences in associations between religious attendance and survival," Strawbridge noted.

More research is needed on exactly how religious attendance may increase survival, according to the researchers. It may benefit health by offering attendees a sense of coherence or perceived control of their lives.

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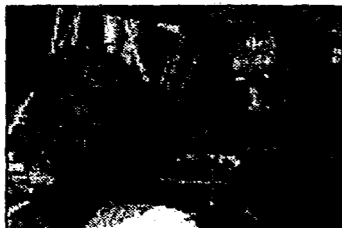
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ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

The good life with CuisinArt?

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Imagine a place where you fall asleep to the gentle lapping of the sea against an unspoiled stretch of white sand beach. A place where you awaken to an aromatic pot of gourmet coffee, fresh-baked pastries, tropical fruits and the morning paper served to you on a private patio? A place where lemon-chilled face towels are delivered on a silver platter to your beach chair.



The Barones

Or where an endless selection of award-winning cuisine and fine wines are available...

You just might be able to imagine a vacation to the CuisinArt Resort and Spa on the Caribbean Island of Anguilla. If you're feeling stressed out, sick and tired of winter, or you're just craving a sinfully indulgent vacation, CuisinArt is definitely the place to wallow in comfort.

Thanks to an assignment from a guardian editor at Epicurean Magazine (a publication dedicated to the pursuit of fine food, wine and travel), we arrived at CuisinArt with firm instructions to eat, drink and be merry. A plethora of press releases exclaimed the resort to be the Caribbean's hot new (it opened in December 1999) resort destination and we were to find out if all the hype was true.

Dedicated to our task, we slept in just to test out the custom-made Egyptian cotton sheets. We rarely changed out of the provided thick cotton robes and spent hours "testing" the en-suite oversized Jacuzzi tub. Diligently, we made sure the extensive selection of spa treatments, such as the seaweed body wrap and deep tissue massage were up to standard. Imagine our disappointment when we couldn't find a single flaw.

Anguilla (pronounced ang-will-a) is a tiny (16 miles long by 3 miles wide) British outpost situated at the top of the Leeward Islands where peace and quiet, exclusive resorts, fine dining, dazzling white sand beaches and lustrous blue and aquamarine waters are the island's main assets. One of the drier islands, covered in tangled vegetation and low tough scrub, foraged by the island's favorite pets (goats), top soil is scarce and only a few acres are fertile enough to support some hardy crops: pigeon peas, cassava, yams, corn and tropical fruits. Traditionally, Anguillians have turned to their most reliable resource for their food supply — the sea.

While the cuisine at CuisinArt obviously embraces the abundance of seafood available, the use of modern technology in the form of on-site hydro-

ponics agriculture enables it to grow fresh vegetables for use in preparing award-winning meals.

The name CuisinArt is more known for its popular food processors than high-end resorts. In fact the Anguilla property is the only resort carrying the famous CuisinArt name, and a visit wouldn't be complete without a cooking class utilizing, what else but a CuisinArt! The resort features regularly scheduled cooking demonstrations and hands-on lessons with Executive Chef Denis Jaricot and well known cooking experts.

In spite of being known by our friends as cooking-flunkies or kitchen-phobics, we enjoyed our afternoon in the kitchen. But true to form, we enjoyed the taste-testing even more than the cooking.

The successful combination of fabulous food, an attentive and friendly staff, a stunning ocean-side location, one of the Caribbean's finest full-service spas and luxurious accommodations makes CuisinArt high on our list of beach escapes.

To plan your own CuisinArt Resort and Spa vacation call (800) 943-3210 or www.cuisinartresort.com. American Airlines (800-433-7300) flies to Anguilla via San Juan, Puerto Rico. For more information on Anguilla, Insight Guide: Caribbean published by Langenscheidt Publishers Inc. is a great resource.

Ellen and Hank Barone are full-time freelance travel writers/photographers living in Alto, whose work appears in numerous regional, national and international travel publications.

More overtime equals less sick leave at work, study reveals

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — People who do a lot of overtime at work are less likely to take days off sick, shows research in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

But employees who struggle through work when they are ill actually end up having more sick leave.

The study analyzed the sickness absence records of around 3,500 staff at the Swedish mail service, Sweden Post. All grades of employment were assessed, including postmen/women, administrators, cleaners and technicians.

Staff were also sent a questionnaire about the physical, psychosocial, and organizational aspects of the workplace. More than three quarters of them responded.

Older workers were less likely to take time off for sickness than younger workers, and slightly more women than men took sick leave, the analysis showed.

Physically strenuous and repetitive work was associated with more sick leave for both men and women. And women who worked in a forward bent position took twice as much sick leave as women who did not work in this way.

Bullying at work was

reported by 16 percent of women, among whom it doubled the risk of sick leave. For men the most significant predictor of sick leave was anxiety about reorganization in the workplace.

Working instead of taking sick leave when ill was more common among both men and women who took a lot of time off work for sickness. Men who worked through illness and who worried about reorganization were three times as likely to take time off sick.

But working 50 or more hours a year of overtime was associated with a low rate of sickness absence.

The work is reported in "Physical, psychosocial and organizational factors relative to sickness absence: a study based on Sweden Post 2001; 58: 171-84."

More information is available from Dr. Margaretha Voss, Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden. margaretha.voss@imm.ki.se, or from Dr. Ching Aw, deputy editor, Institute of Occupational Health, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

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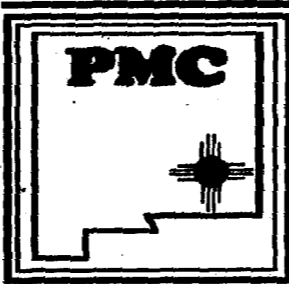
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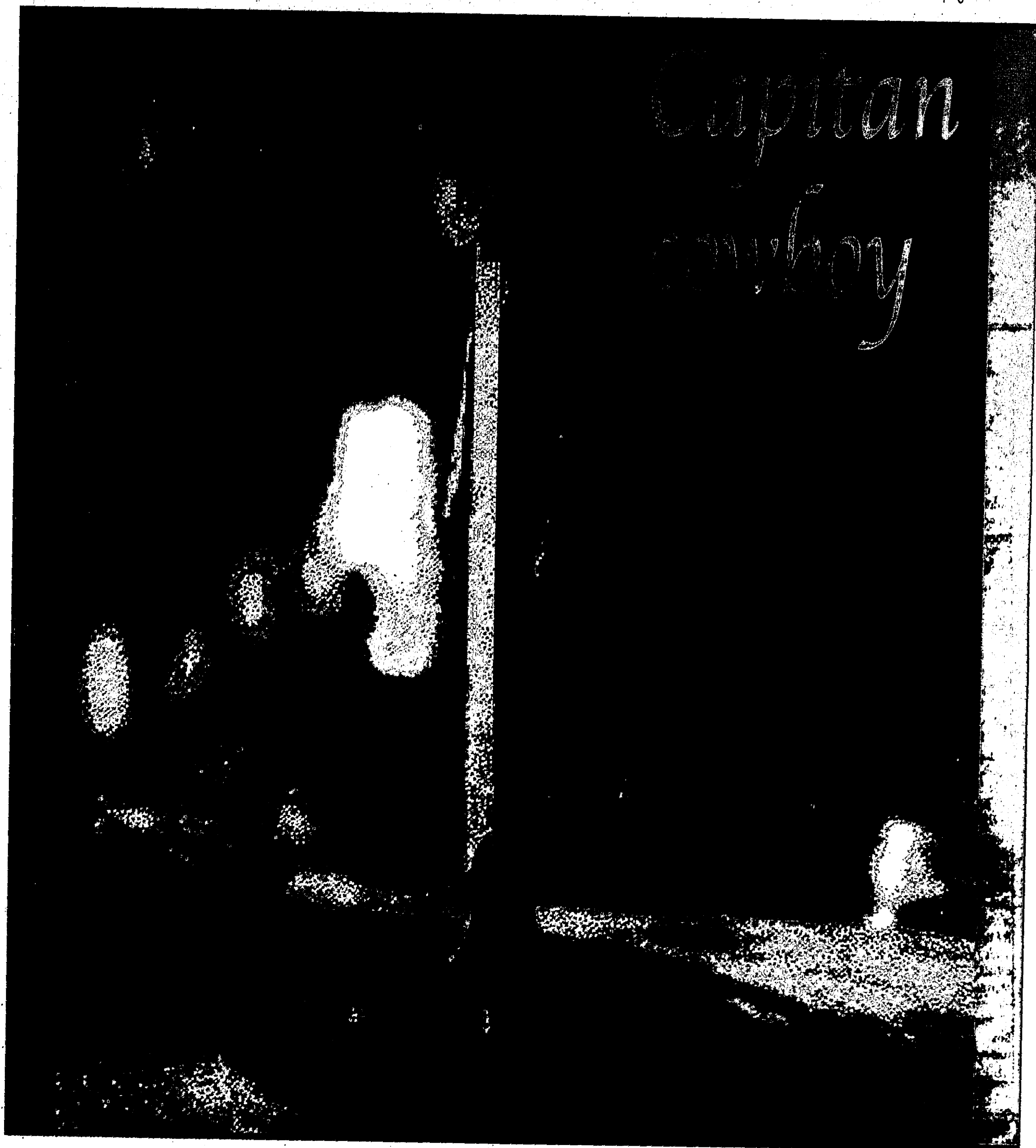
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BOOK ART WORKSHOPS will be offered at Fruit of the Tree, Highway 380, mile marker 95.9, in Lincoln. Instructor Mita Saldana is a bookbinder, boxmaker, silversmith and owner of Against the Grain Center for Book Arts in Albuquerque. She exhibits her books and jewelry in the Albuquerque and Chicago areas and has taught in many places in New Mexico.

Long Stitch Book workshop will be 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 17, \$30 plus tax. Learn to make a book with multiple signatures sewn directly through the cover, creating a pattern of colored thread across the outside of the spine, a good travel journal.

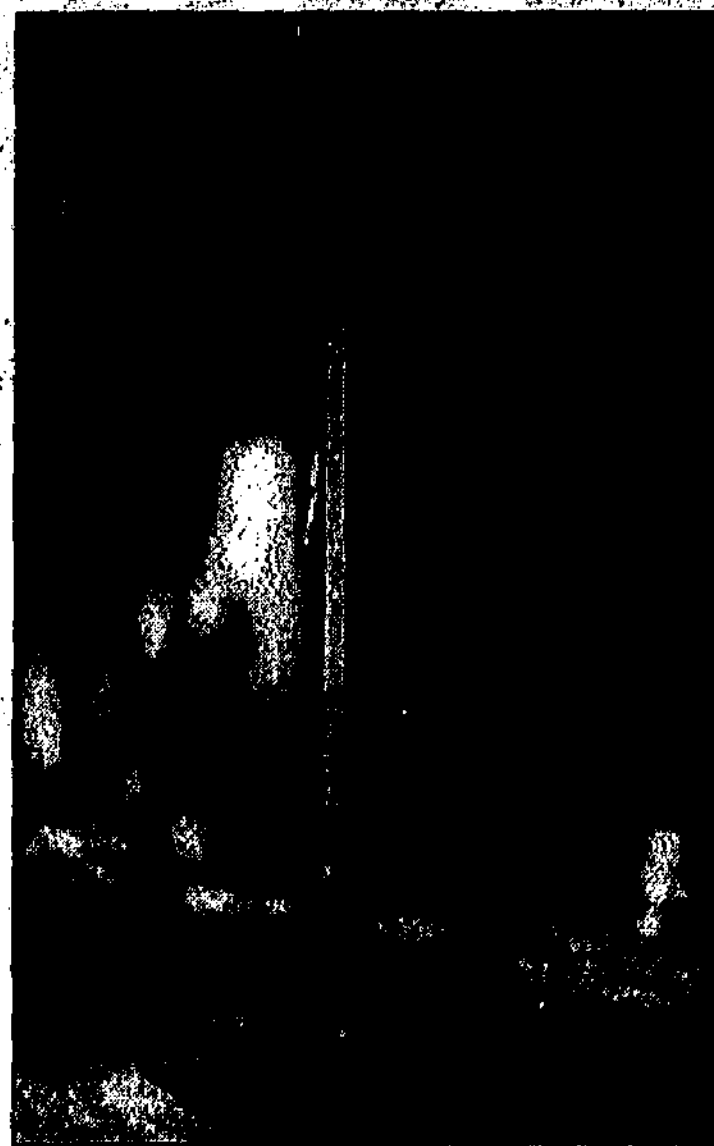
Clamshell or Drop-spine or Solander Box workshop will be 1-5 p.m., Sunday, March 18, \$40 plus tax. This is a box that looks like a book when closed. When open, it lays flat and has two trays suitable for photo displays, protecting antique plates or books, etc.

To register, contact Beverly Wilson at (505) 653-4699. Payment needs to be received by March 8. Refunds will be paid until March 10.

TWO LOCAL ARTISTS will be opening an artist coop in the downtown area of Capitan in April. It will consist of studio workshop spaces along with retail space. The spaces will be very reasonably priced and the artists will be juried in. There will be room for both high quality crafters and fine artists. You will be working in a very creative environment and will be in a coop with 5-10 other artists. For your chance at one of the spots, call Suzanne Butler-Marra, 354-6206, or e-mail to aa5dx@zianet.com.

Fax notices to Sandy at 257-7053, mail to Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or e-mail to ruidosonews@zianet.com.

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Dianne Stallings

A CLAY SCULPTURE by Lee York, is shown on the cover. To see more of this Capitan cowboy's work, turn to PAGE 6D.

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'Swan Lake' brought to the Spencer by the Moscow Festival Ballet



The four-act ballet will be performed at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday by the Moscow Festival Ballet, a 12-year-old company under the direction of founder and principal dancer Sergei Radchenko.

For ticket information, call the Spencer Box Office at (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872, or contact the Box Office at www.spencertheater.com.

Cinderella's magical ice rink



Sandy Suggitt

LAYING DOWN THE PLASTIC LINER, which is then sealed with 120 yards of duct tape.



Sandy Suggitt

THERE'S A LEAK HERE SOMEWHERE — but they'll find it.



Charles Centilli

ONE OF SEVERAL people hosing down the ice cubes for 12 hours.

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS! EDITOR

Cinderella might've turned into a frozen pumpkin last weekend when 31 members of the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet performed at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts — considering that 9,500 pounds of ice cubes were

poured onto the stage floor 24 hours before the afternoon performance.

Egor Grebelsky, president of IDM Silver Ice Inc. of Rego Park, New York, has been building ice rinks on stages all over the world — last year at the Kennedy Center.

"They trust us," he said.

Indeed, Charles Centilli, executive director of the Spencer Theater, said if any major leakages occurred, the

maple floor of the stage would expand and could conceivably burst the walls of the theater.

The process started with laying down plastic liner (new for each show), followed by Styrofoam insulation, another layer of liner, then 1 1/2-inch refrigeration coils. Antifreeze is then pumped through the

coils and ice is poured on. Snow would've worked as well, but it would've taken longer.

CONNECTING THE refrigeration coils — very carefully, as it was, fully.

Lenny Allen, owner of Allen's Ice House of Ruidoso, provided 190 50-pound bags of ice and, as this was the largest single order for ice he's had, he started production for it a week earlier.

Then for 12 hours, workers hosed down the ice until it was a smooth, tough ice rink ready for the weight of 31 skaters.

Clean-up is considerably quicker than building the ice rink: Workers started after the last show Saturday and were finished by 4 a.m. on Sunday.

There were no leaks, fortunately, and the "field of ice," as Allen described it, was dumped on the grounds next to the theater, to provide additional moisture to the Kentucky bluegrass growing there.



Sandy Suggitt



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AN ASSEMBLY LINE OF ICE CARRIERS delivered 190 50-pound bags of ice.



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THE ICE HELD FOR THE PERFORMANCE!

'CINDERELLA ON ICE' delighted audiences at the Spender Theater February 10.

Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Friday, February 16

ENMU art show
4-6 p.m. ENMU student art show, with artists' reception at Runnels Gallery in Portales.

Saturday, February 17

Jack Bethards' "A Big Band Bash"
7:30 p.m. the Roswell Symphony Guild presents "A Big Band Bash" — thrill to the sound of Jack Bethards and his 13-piece Swing Orchestra, featuring Lyn Larsen on the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ at the NMML Pearson Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Ginsbergs, Finlshin Touchs or from any Guild member or call the symphony office at (505) 623-5882.

"L'Italiana in Algeri" on FM radio
"L'Italiana in Algeri" by Rossini will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with Bruno Campanella conducting. The cast includes Jennifer Larmore (Isabella), Paul Austin Kelly (Lindoro), Alessandro Corbelli (Taddeo), Samuel Ramey (Mustafa). In this comic romp, Isabella, a wily and beautiful young Italian woman, successfully escapes the romantic attentions of the Algerian bey, Mustafa, and rescues her beloved Lindoro from slavery.

Hip-Hop, Country and Spanish Dance
8 p.m. to midnight at Elks Lodge, with door prizes and food; Fund-raiser for group of 8th grade students traveling to New York and Washington, DC. Entertainment by Party Animals DJ. Admission is \$5 per person; ages ten and under are free. For more information contact Sylvia Gonzales at 378-8415.

Sunday, February 18

The Moscow Festival Ballet comes to Popéjoy Hall

2 p.m. performed by the Moscow Festival Ballet and music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; Swan Lake, his first and perhaps most romantic ballet staged by a company of 50. Tickets are \$32, \$37, \$40 available through tickets.com by calling (800) 905-3315, online at www.tickets.com, or by visiting any tickets.com outlet.

Susan Klahr: Small Paintings

Part of the El Paso Museum of Art's ongoing Focus series devoted to the art of the region. Small paintings highlight intimate portraits of the lives and faces close to Susan Klahr, a lecturer and practicing artist on the faculty of the University of Texas at El Paso. Klahr's painting style is formed from the tradition of Renaissance and baroque portraiture with a distinct contemporary sensibility. Admission to the museum is \$1 for adults and \$0.50 for students and children. Sunday admission is free. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday. For more information contact the museum at (915) 532-1707 or visit its Web site at www.elpasomuseum.org.

Tuesday, February 20

After-school Tuesdays

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Wednesday, February 21

Pre-school Storytime

2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, February 22

Peter Hurd, My Land Is The Southwest

7 p.m. Chautauqua; in which Ron Grimes portrays Peter Hurd in a one-man presentation, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. For more information call (505) 378-4142.

After-school movie

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Friday, February 23

Museum Kicks Off "Informed Vision"

5:30-6:30 p.m. a reception for the artist is followed by a lecture from artist Walter Cotten at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Cotten uses the technology of pinhole photography to create subtle and unusual compositions that explore the wonder and complexity of the found object. In his talk, he explains his technique and discusses the unique aspects of his imagery. For more information or to reserve tickets call the call the museum at (505) 624-6744 extension 10.

Ongoing

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Sacred Places Exhibit

Open through May 27 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture on Camino Lejo, off Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe. The exhibition of stunning photographs and moving statements tells the story of the irreplaceable large temples and small shrines built by Native people during the period of Hawaiian sovereignty. Tickets are \$1 on Sundays for New Mexico residents with I.D., \$5 for adults, no charge for 16 years of age and younger. For more information contact Duane Anderson at (505) 476-1251 or Jennifer Marshall at (505) 476-5001.

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Library Photographic Exhibition

Artwork is of Sierra Blanca and Lincoln County and Beyond by Pablo Bianchi. Through February 27: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas

City Road.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance

Classical ballet, jazz and tap for all ages. Beginners and volunteers always welcome, 1204 Mechem, 258-1946.

Blood Pressure Clinic

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

Bridge

At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

• **Party Bridge** — Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m.

• **Duplicate Bridge** — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Capitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Avenue. 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, 354-3035. Volunteers needed.

• Spanish and English workstations available to the public. Free Internet access. Call to reserve a space.

• **Winter Reading Program** for children up to 18 years the first Saturday of each month.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program

Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 387-4659.

Ruidoso Public Library

107 Kansas City Road (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.

• **Friends of the Library Book Shoppe** is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Photographer, Melanie J. Sanchez is the February Exhibit of the Month at the Chamber of Commerce.

Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

Through April 8, drawing from dozens of private and corporate art collections throughout El Paso and the surrounding region, Roundup showcases more than 50 works of art in all media, with a strong focus on 19th-20th century American artifacts, master paintings by the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies and the Mexican modernists Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamayo, as well as major contemporary works by Matthew Barney, Ross Bleckner, James Drake, Luis Jimenez.

Movies

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Romance. Rated PG-13 for martial arts violence and some sexuality.

Starring: Michelle Yeoh, Zhang Ziyi, Chang Chen, Chow Yun Fat, Sihung Lung. Directed by Ang Lee.

Produced by Ang Lee, Bill Kong and Li-Kong Hsu.

Written by Hui Ling Wang, Kuo Jung Tsai, James Schamus, Wang Hui Ling and Kuo-Rong Tsai.

Distributor: Sony Pictures Classics
Synopsis: Known for making films about familial relationships, director Ang Lee surprised everyone with his martial arts epic Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. Based on a novel by Wang Du Lu,



Courtesy

JULIA STILES as Sara in Paramount's *Save The Last Dance*.

Crouching Tiger starts with the revenge plot common in the wuxia stories that Lee loved as a child, then adds a feminist twist. Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun Fat) is a legendary martial artist who has decided to pass on his sword, the Green Destiny, to a friend. Soon afterwards, the sword is stolen by a masked female, setting in motion events that test the bonds of family, love, duty, and sisterhood. Chow appears with three generations of female stars: Cheng Pei Pei, a 1960s action heroine; Michelle Yeoh, the beauty queen turned 1980s action goddess; and newcomer Zhang Ziyi, who smolders as the princess who wants more than domestic tranquility. Famed action choreographer Yuen Wo Ping (*The Matrix*) stages jaw-dropping zero-G fights across rooftops, rivers, and bamboo trees, while Yo Yo Ma punctuates the fistcuffs with dramatic cello solos. Described by Lee as "Sense and Sensibility with martial arts," *Crouching Tiger* recalls the best wuxia films of the 1960s and pushes the genre in new directions.

Showtimes: *1:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

Save The Last Dance

Romance.

Rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language and brief drug references.

Starring: Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas, Blanca Lawson, Fredro Starr, Kerry Washington.

Directed by Thomas Carter.

Produced by David Madden and Robert W. Cort.

Written by Cheryl Edwards, Duane Adler and Tori Ann Johnson.

Distributor: Paramount Pictures

Synopsis: With her dreams of becoming a professional ballerina decimated by the accidental death of her mother, Sara Johnson (Stiles) is forced to move from her quiet Midwestern town to her father's ghetto apartment on the south side of Chicago. The stark urban environment's contrast of race and class compound Sara's loss and her misplaced guilt, which are both exacerbated by the fact that her mother had been en route to her dance performance at the time of her death. But when she meets Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas), a popular black student with a passion for hip hop and a future brighter than his troubled past, her repressed ambition and sorrow are released through a revitalized interest in the cathartic and expressive power of dance. Their friendship and mutual interest in dancing inexorably lead to a passionate romance that raises the sadly typical, bigoted resistance from Sara's white father and Derek's black friends. Widely hailed by critics for being as sophisticated and intelligent as it is viscerally passionate, *Save The Last Dance* enjoyed the top of the American box office in its first weekend in release, playing to sold out shows

across the country, a landslide affirmation that Sara and Derek are not as alone as they think.

Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:40 p.m.

Hannibal

Thriller and Drama.

Rated R for strong gruesome violence, some nudity and language.

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Francesca Neri, Giancarlo Giannini, Ray Liotta.

Directed by Ridley Scott.

Produced by Dino De Laurentiis, Edward Saxon, Martha De Laurentiis and Ridley Scott.

Written by David Mamet and Steven Zaillian.

Distributor: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Synopsis: Hannibal is set in Florence, Italy, a decade after the events of *Silence of the Lambs*, in which psychopath Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) was interviewed by FBI agent Clarice Starling (originally played by Jodi Foster) while in the custody of a maximum-security prison. Then he escaped. Hannibal picks up where that film left off — with the deranged Lecter now free as a bird in Italy, and Starling still on his trail. A terrifyingly horrific story based on the novel by Thomas Harris, the film takes viewers on a sickening journey through Lecter's violent, cannibalistic mind.
Showtimes: *1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:15 p.m.

* Friday and Saturday Only

Music

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

Screaming Eagle Lounge

Open Mon.-Sat. in the Enchantment Inn. Live music with Talisman Band Wednesday through Saturday. Call 378-4051 for information.

The Quarters

Live rock and roll music through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Drive.

Win, Place & Show

Live music by Wild Card from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at 2516 Sudderth Drive. Ladies Night is Monday.

Hollywood Inn and Cantina

Live music featuring the Longhorn Band on Friday and Saturday. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.

Le Bistro

Live entertainment from 7:30-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 2800 Sudderth Drive.



The Arts

Capitan cowboy



*Story and photographs by
Dianne Stallings*

IVAMONOS! WRITER

Lee York fits the public perception of a cowboy. Tall and lanky, he grew up on ranches and spent much of his adult life rounding up livestock.

But this "tall drink of water" added another dimension to his life about 25 years ago when he tried his hand seriously at sculpting for the first time. Since then, the Capitan resident has gone through periods of intense

creativity, broken up now and then with other pursuits. Recently, he entered three pieces in competition for Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium, a show to be displayed at the Governor's Gallery in the Capitol Building.

Born in Denton, Texas, York spent his early years on his grandfather's ranch in Las Vegas, New Mexico, then moved to another family ranch at Pie Town, about 120 miles west of Socorro. His father managed both ranches.



Albuquerque was between the two destinations and when the children reached school age, they lived there and his father stopped on his way back and forth. Summers were spent on the ranches. Fourteen years followed at his father's ranches in Wilcox, Arizona, and Marfa, Texas. York attended high school at San Marcos Military Academy and majored in animal science at Texas Tech.

His father bought a ranch in the Three Rivers area north of Tularosa, where York worked for him after college and between trips to East Africa and Australia to view ranching operations there.

In a later trade for that ranch, York acquired a spread at Horse Springs near Pie Town in the Gila area of western New Mexico. By that time, he had earned a pilot's license, which eased travel time — something he learned from his father and uncle.

"There was no electricity or phone and everyone used wood-burning stoves," he said. "It was pretty isolated. The world nearly passed me by."

To fill that isolation, York's friend gave him a chunk of wax in 1975 to encourage his interest in sculpting, which he previously tried in college.

"I made my first tools out of pecan picks, flattened, sharpened and some rounded off," York said. "I always like the bronze sculptures of Charles Russell and Frederic Remington. The house was full of their books and prints."

One of his first memories as a young child is of a

bronze sculpture at his grandparents' home on the Las Vegas Ranch, he said.

"I just get excited looking at good bronze Western art,"

York said. "There was a 20-year period where every incident, every scene struck me for a piece to do — cattle at a watering hole, a cowboy riding a trail. It would freeze in time and I would see a good bronze if I twisted, one thing this way and another that way. I don't guess I'll ever tackle all my ideas."

For three years, he joined former Lincoln County resident Gary Morton and another sculptor to form the Working Cowboy Artist Association, staging shows in Albuquerque that drew large audiences. During that time, he also played polo with artist Peter Hurd at his ranch in San Patricio.

"I remember just flying down the field on opposing teams while he was leaning over and telling me some funny story," York said.

After eight years at Horse Springs, York's bachelor days ended when he met his future wife, Janie, at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track in 1978. They spent three more years on the Horse Springs ranch where their daughter, Buffie, was born. They sold in 1983. He worked a few years in the oil fields and went back to ranching in 1985. The family, which by then included a son, Bob, moved to Capitan in 1986.

Although he took a few years off from sculpting, in 1989, he resurrected a cow skull sculpture started years earlier showing the remnant half buried in sand. Several pieces followed, all cast at a Santa Fe foundry.

"The skull was my ranch life, part of one of my old cows," he said. He named the sculpture "She Always Raised a Good Calf."

Another favorite, "Sambo the Mule and Rusty the dog," depicts a saddled mule and a catahoula dog, based on a close friend of his father in Arizona, whose animals were trained and trustworthy.

York's studio is a window nook of his living room where natural light illuminates his clay work. Once he's deep into a new sculpture, he may sit for hours



and not realize time has passed, York said.

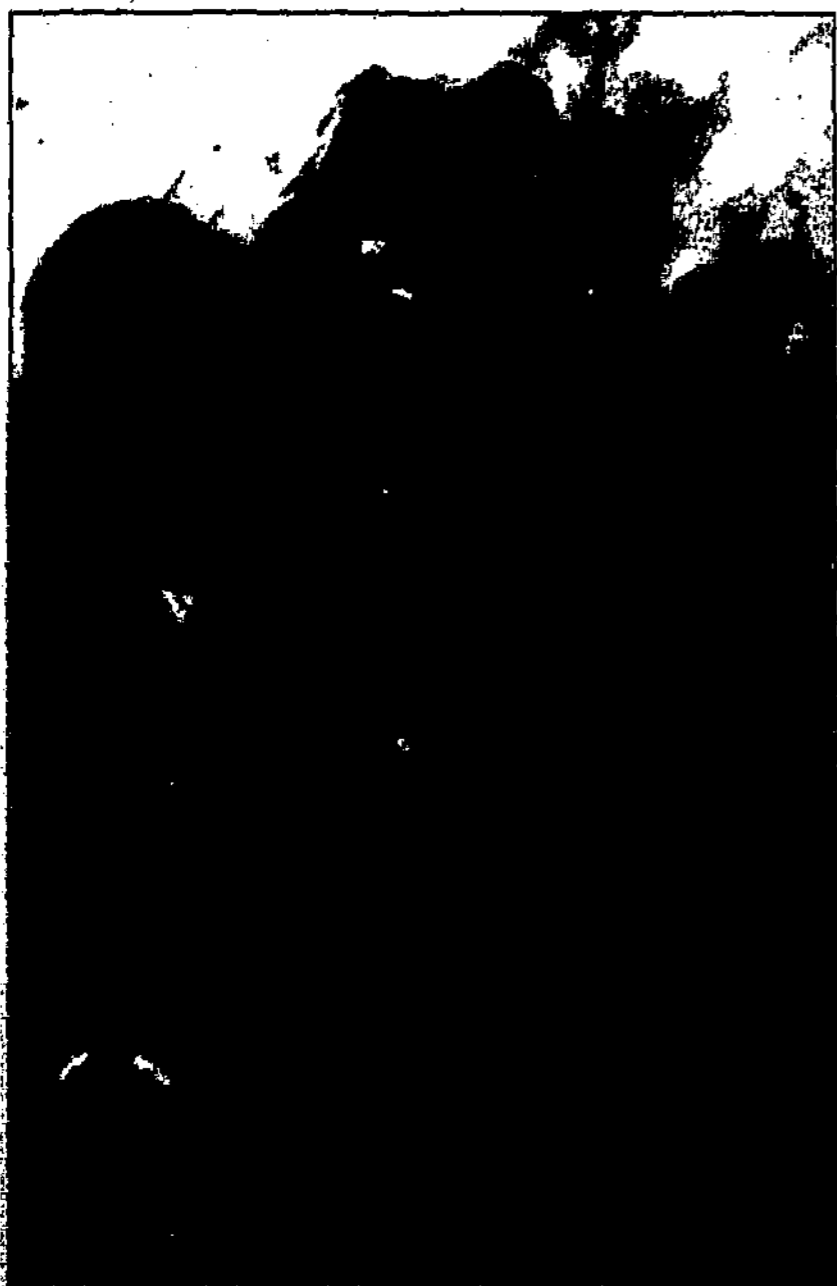
"I work so long, I can't see it anymore," he said. He needs to step away or face the danger of "getting used to the mistakes." Often he will sit in the evening and just stare at a sculpting project, turning it for different angles.

"My wife says when I work, I work fast," York said. "But a lot is the mental process. Sooner or later, it will strike me what's wrong. Some pieces could take a year or two to finish."

"For a long time, I was reluctant to change because I had worked so hard, but I know I'm not satisfied," he said. "I've learned now to just go for it and fix it."

For more than eight years he worked at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, but 2 1/2 years ago, he left to sculpt full time. He started attending gun shows and soon launched a custom leather business. Now he's shooting for sculpting two days a week and leather five days. Most of his sales are word of mouth.

"I still get excited like a little kid thinking of what I could do or when I see a good sculpture," York said.



BELLAS ARTES

Adobe, The

2905 Sudderth Drive, 257-5795, 257-4489
Original paintings, silver jewelry, pottery, wrought iron and wood by local artists, and unusual items from around the world.

Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Avenue, Capitán, 354-2316
A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment.

Bellas Artes Gallery

No. 15 Jira Plaza, 700 Medchem, (877) 630-8606
Featuring the sophisticated art of Manuel Lopez Cia.

Benson Fine Art

Off Highway 70, San Patricio, 653-4081
In Hondo Valley: entrada gallery with early Southwestern artists, guest house gallery with landscape photography and contemporary gallery; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday or by appointment.

Blue Cow Pottery Company

616 Sudderth Drive, 630-4122
(At Home Again Antiques & Collectibles Mall) Handmade, wheel-thrown, originals — everything to classically glazed functional pottery. Denimware, Petroglyphs, Cranberries & Oats. See artists at work on premises.

California Colors

201 Country Club Road, Ruidoso, 257-9011
Barbara Dehl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Crucis Art Bronze

524 Sudderth Drive, 257-7186
Foundry, gallery and jewelry. Specializing in custom bronze casting, bronze sculpture, alabaster and more. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3790
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Fruit of the Trees

Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, 653-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase handmade paper, blank journals and multiple paper products. North at the sign on Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, follow the drive to the studio. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977
Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Avenue, Capitán, 354-2008
Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitán. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331
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.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth Drive, 257-4056
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

268 Main Road, Capitán, 354-2605
Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

J. Mauritsen Studio

501-B Carrizo Canyon Road, 257-6348
Freestyle sculptures. Stone and burlwood. Also works by Apache sculptor Jordan Torres. Always open.

La Paloma Gallery

Mile marker 98, U.S. 380, Lincoln, 653-4619
Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. Open most days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: www.lapalomagallery.com.

Lincoln State Monument

Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372
Montaño Store and exhibits highlighting the Montaño family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

McMahon Fine Art

No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Medchem, 257-9102
Tom McMahon features internationally acclaimed artists in a variety of media. American paintings and works on paper, 18th to 20th centuries.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9748
Originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd, prints by B. Jaxon, D. Terbush, A. Shade, Henle, J. Larson, B. Carver, G. Snidow, S. Wamsley. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Piñon Pottery Studio & Gallery

2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 378-4270
Vicky Conley's functional and decorative raku pottery, etchings, block prints and monotypes. Bridal registry available. Original paintings, prints, silk scarves, jewelry and funky clocks by local artists. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Road E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

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

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561
Artist Misha Malpica's Spring Canyon sculpturing studio, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Medchem Drive, 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 appointment.

T Cross Antler Lighting & Home Furnishings

107 Alameda Drive, Alto, 336-9171
Scott and Trish Thompson's creative antler lighting, log, iron, antler and leather furnishings features their custom designs or yours. Call for appointment.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Highway 37 between mile markers 9 and 10, Nogal, 354-4206
The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Highway 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Unique Creations

Nogal Mesa, 354-3500 354-4203
Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art furniture, etched and stained glass, original macrame headboards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery

320 Snokey Bear Blvd., Capitán 354-4203.
Original Western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3644
Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio & Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2965
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Potosi Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ZW's gallery

Milemarker 4 3/4, Highway 37, Nogal
Weaving, spinning, blacksmithing. Open from noon to 6 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

CALL FOR THE ARTS

Largest sculpture yet leaves Classic Bronze foundry



Sandy Suggitt

LINCOLN FOX poses next to "Song for the Deer."

The largest sculpture to be produced by Classic Bronze of Ruidoso Downs, was sent out to Denver, Colorado last week.

"Song for the Deer," a 9 1/2-foot, 800-pound sculpture by Lincoln Fox, had to be moved outdoors for the patina workers to do their job because of the size of the sculpture.

"I love to do people with animals," Fox said. "The relationship between the two highest life forms, if you have mutual respect, seems to work better."

"American Indians fascinate me because, in this case the man asked permission to take the deer's life. In this case, he's going back to camp, looking one more time before he goes back."

"Song for the Deer" came out of Fox's imagination. He hasn't used a model in the last 25 years, he said.

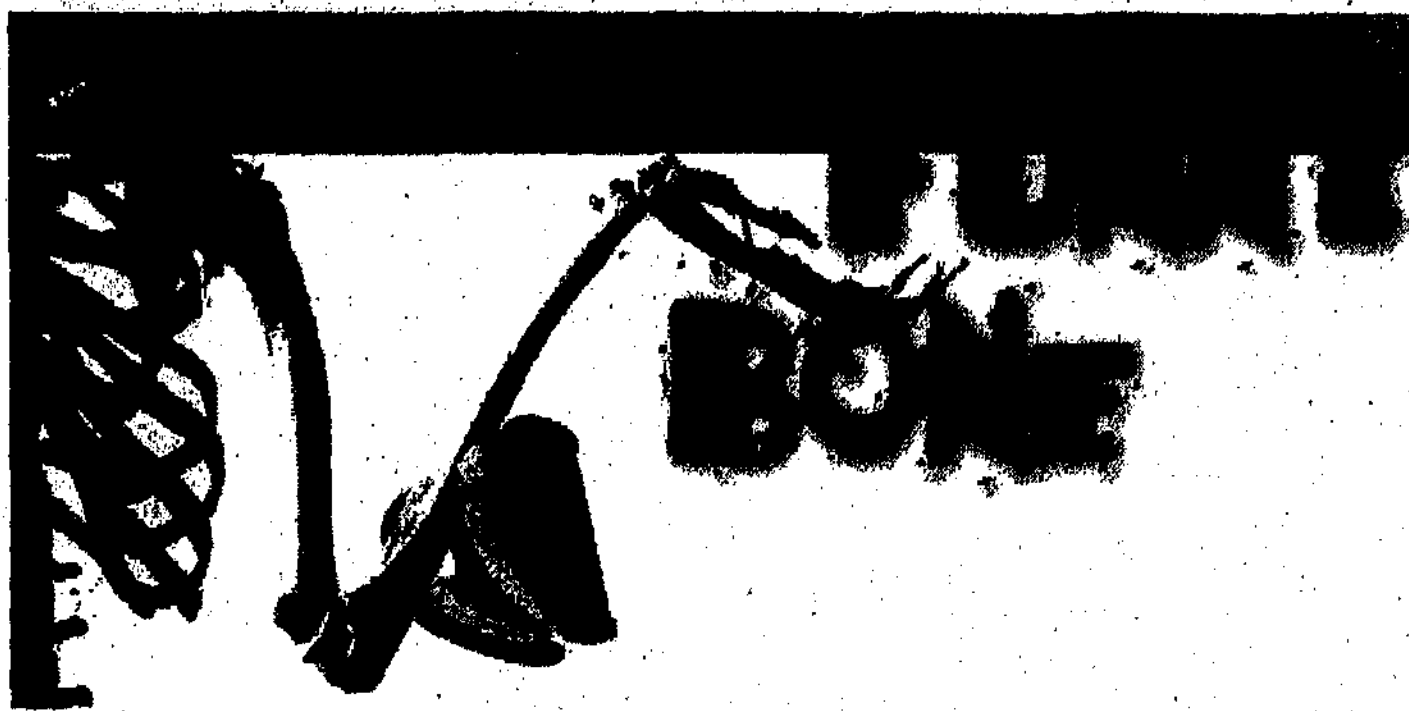
Seven editions were made of the large sculpture and 75 of the smaller version. Eventually one of the large sculptures will be displayed in the sculpture garden in front of the gallery and foundry.

Fox said that although "Song for the Deer" is the largest piece to date, it won't be the largest piece for long. The foundry, which is about 1 1/2 years old, casts for many well known sculptors, including Gene and Rebecca Tobey, James Muir and Star York.

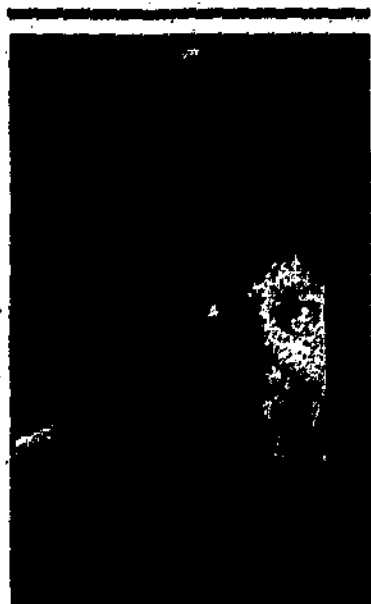
"We have facilities to do unusual things here," Fox said about the combination foundry, art gallery and sculpture garden.

James N. Muir sculpture to be exhibited at Phoenix Gallery/Classic Bronze

"Quo Vadis" ("Where are you going?" in Latin), a life-like sculpture of Christ, by James N. Muir, will be on display Feb. 22. The sculpture is almost 7 feet tall. To see and learn about the piece and artist, visit at 610 Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs or call 378-1438.



A big thumbs up from the body parts beat



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Get out the cocktail wieners and settle back for a pleasant "read," because it's time for our fun feature, "Body Parts Making the News."

Our first body part is featured in an Aug. 8 article from the Seattle Times, written by Ian Ith (yes, "Ian Ith") and sent in by alert medically trained reader Christine Robertson, M.D. The article states that a janitor at a Bellevue, Wash., apartment complex saw "crows pecking at something" in the parking lot; he shoed the crows away, and saw what they had been pecking on: a human thumb.

Nobody knows how the thumb got there. One possibility, of course, is that it was originally an entire human, and the crows pecked away everything but the thumb, which they were saving for dessert.

Another possibility is that this situation was caused by a bagel. As a species, bagels have survived for thousands of years by developing highly effective defenses against being sliced. Many people try to overcome these defenses by grasping the bagel with one hand and using the other hand to attack the bagel with a sharp knife the size of a canoe paddle. A person could definitely lose a thumb this way, although it's hard to believe that even a really hungry person would simply abandon the thumb and wander off, chewing the bagel.

In any event, the janitor, having

found what was clearly a human body part, elected to handle this situation by — Crimestoppers, take note — throwing the thumb into a Dumpster. Later on, according to the Times article, he "casually mentioned" the incident to a manager. The manager called the police, who searched the Dumpster but did not find the thumb, which apparently had been taken by the crows, or had somehow managed to flee on foot. The thumb is still at large, so be on the lookout for it. The article describes it as being — and I am not making up this quote — "in good shape except for a few peck marks."

Our next item in Body Parts Making the News comes from an Aug. 5 story in the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin, written by Robert LeBlanc and sent in by alert reader Carol Murkett. The article is datelined Mashantucket (yes, "Mashantucket"), Conn., and begins with this riveting sentence: "A Massachusetts man was arrested Friday at Foxwoods Resort Casino and charged with stealing two human corneas."

The obvious question raised by that sentence is: Were the human corneas attached to an actual human at the time of the theft? This is not out of the question. Remember, this occurred at a casino. I have seen casino patrons so deeply engrossed in losing money that they would not notice if you amputated a good 75 percent of their limbs, as long as you left them one arm for yanking the slot-machine lever.

But it turned out that the corneas were inside a plastic foam box, which belonged to a medical transplant bank, and which had been stolen in

Boston. In a news article the following day, the police are quoted as saying that the man charged with stealing the corneas claimed that "he thought they were lobsters."

In legal circles, this is known as "the lobster defense." You see it often in criminal cases, because it is so effective:

JUDGE: You are charged with kidnapping and robbing these people at gunpoint. What do you have to say for yourself?

DEFENDANT: Your honor, I thought they were lobsters.

JUDGE: Well, OK, then. You're free to go.

Anyway, the positive side of the Mashantucket case is that the police got the box of corneas back before it wound up being sold on the black market, perhaps to some guy who thought he was getting stolen lobsters,

which he intended to use to impress a hot date:

HOT DATE: What's in the box?

GUY: A little something I picked up for dinner!

HOT DATE (opening the box): Let me seeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

GUY: For dessert, we're having thumb!

Our final story in Body Parts Making the News, which also occurred last August — something was DEFINITELY going on last August — comes from Cairns, Australia. Workers at a seafood wholesaler there called the Fine Kettle O' Fish (yes, the "Fine Kettle O' Fish") had cut open the stomach of a 97-pound cod, when — according to a newspaper report sent in by many alert readers — "a human head rolled out."

I would explain how this happened, but I'm out of space here. Let me just

conclude by reassuring you that there was a perfectly simple explanation, and it had nothing to do with bagels. So be careful.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for The Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.)

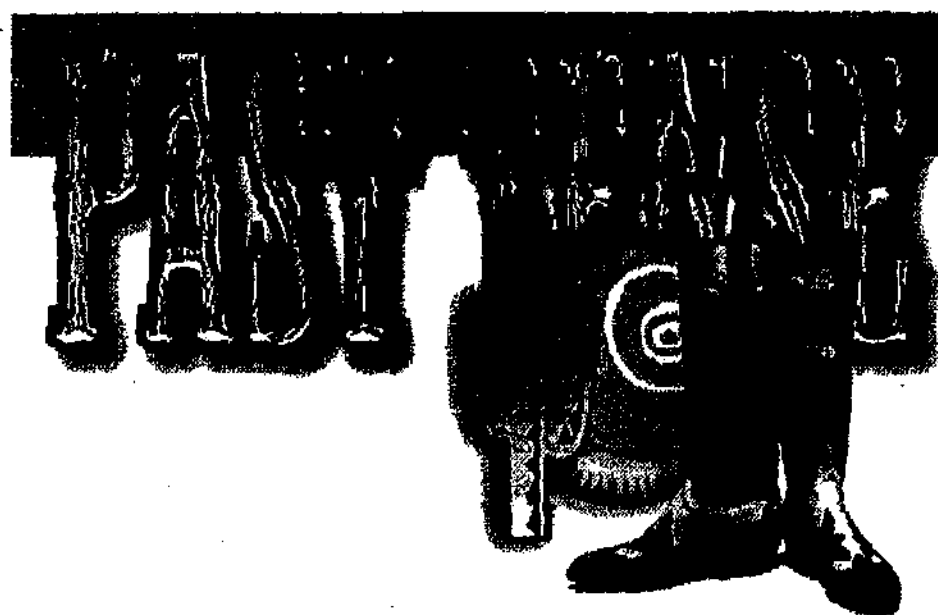
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Peter Hurd: My Land is the Southwest

A Chautauqua performance with Ron Grimes portraying Peter Hurd will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Born and raised in Roswell by proper East Coast parents, Peter Hurd developed his great love for the New Mexico desert land and its people at an early age. His inquisitive imagination and easy manner made him a favorite among his peers, especially the Mexican-American boys of the area, from whom he learned Spanish. Hurd's love and strong emotional ties to this land — no matter how far he traveled or the fame and success he achieved worldwide — resulted in the overwhelming body of works he produced of the people and landscapes of his native state. As acclaimed author Paul Horgan wrote, "he never saw anything in all his life that made him prefer any place to his own New Mexico, and whenever he was far from there, his longing to return and to remain determined the course of his life — and his art."

Grimes, who also portrays Sheriff Pat Garrett, said he wants to portray Hurd as not just an accomplished artist, but humanist, curator of the folks and landscapes of his native land, and conservationist. Peter Hurd was indeed "un hombre de la tierra," who in spite of the fame and notoriety, remained his humility, simplicity and childlike awe of all the wonders of nature.



Drew Gombor
HISTORIAN,
THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Jeff Milton and the train robbers

*In 1884, near Socorro,
New Mexico Territory,
Jeff and a young cow-
boy named Hammil
were leading a pack
horse when a volley
erupted from the brush.
One of the rounds
ripped through Jeff's
leg and killed his horse.
As his mount went
down, Milton jerked his
Winchester from the
scabbard and a brief,
fierce gun battle ensued.*

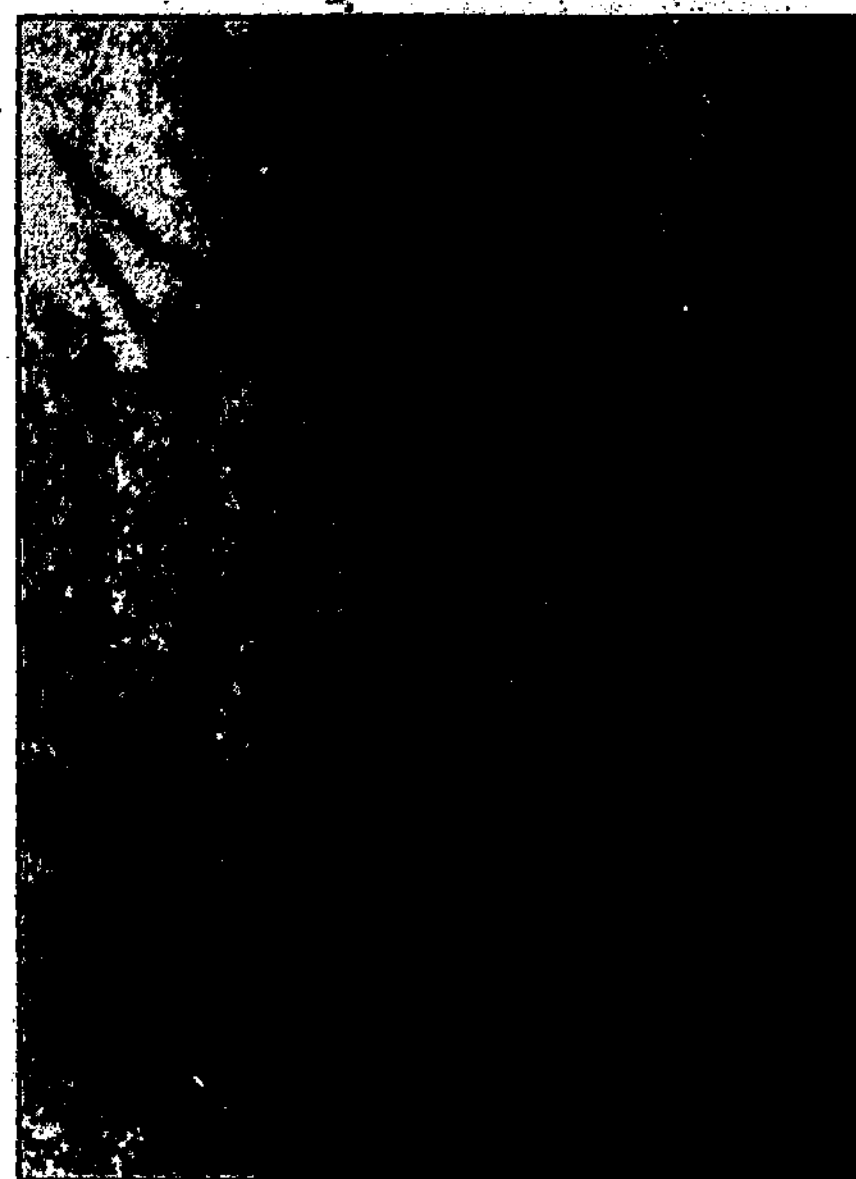
For some reason, Jeff Milton has never been considered to be grist for Hollywood's mill. This is unfortunate, as Milton's career as a lawman on the Western Frontier is rivaled by almost no one. He was El Paso's Chief of Police at the time when John Wesley Hardin, the deadliest gunman ever to live, was residing there. Over the course of his long life (he died in 1947), Jeff held many jobs on the frontier: farmer, clerk, overseer, cowboy, saloon keeper, customs inspector, rancher, train fireman, conductor, express messenger, prospector, oil driller, range detective, and most notably, as a law officer. This week's offering is about an experience that Jeff had while working as an express messenger in Arizona on February 15, 1900, almost exactly 101 years ago.

Beginnings

To truly understand the man the train robbers were forced to confront at Fairbank, Arizona, it is necessary to go back into his personal history for a bit to see exactly what sort of frontier character with whom we are dealing.

Jeff Milton was no stranger to violence. After leaving his Florida home at an early age, Jeff found himself, at the age of

20, working as a Texas Ranger in Colorado City, Texas. There, on May 16, 1881, a troublemaker by the name of W.P. Patterson was confronted by Milton and two other officers as he attempted to shoot up the town. When they asked for Patterson's pistol, he attempted to give it to them piecemeal, with the bullets coming first. Jeff jerked his .45 and insured that Patterson never bothered anyone again.



JEFF MILTON

Courtesy

In 1884, near Socorro, New Mexico Territory, Jeff and a young cowboy named Hammil were leading a pack horse when a volley erupted from the brush. One of the rounds ripped through Jeff's leg and killed his horse. As his mount went down, Milton jerked his Winchester from the scabbard and a brief, fierce gun battle ensued. When it was over, three Mexican bandits lay dead. Milton poured turpentine into his wound, bound it, and mounted the pack animal, riding away in the company of Hammil. Not exactly a wimp ...

Jeff was involved in other violent encounters, but the two listed above should be enough to give one the idea of just what a tough hombre Jeff Milton really was!

The bandits

The men who attempted the Fairbank robbery were not exactly dudes themselves. Burt Alvord and Billy Stiles, who had worked together as lawmen, were the masterminds. When these two found that Milton would be riding the train they planned to rob — the New Mexico and Arizona — on which Milton had been riding as express messenger, they realized that having Jeff Milton facing their men in the dark was probably not the best possible situation. Therefore, they came up with a scheme to get him out of the way. Stiles rode down to Nogales where he informed Milton that there was a third party interested in some mining claims that Milton owned in the Quijotoa Mountains. They agreed to go up to the claims, and if Jeff could not make it, he was to telegraph Stiles in Benson. It was a pretty good plan, with the lawman actually keeping them informed of his whereabouts. In retrospect, however, it is obvious that they did not take into consideration the fact that Milton would have undoubtedly grown suspicious when he heard of the train robbery. No matter, it never came to that.

Milton and Stiles agreed that the two of them and the fictional "third party" would meet in Nogales and would ride up into the Quijotoas on the 16th. Consequently, the outlaws planned to rob the train at Fairbank on the evening of the 15th. Both Alvord and Stiles were extremely happy with this plan. As masterminds, they did not even plan on being present at the robbery — they had five accomplices to do the actual dirty work. Those five were Three Fingers Jack Dunlap, with whom Milton was already familiar as a lawman; George and Lewis Owens; Thomas Yoas aka "Bravo Juan," and Bob Brown. Three Fingers Jack was a notorious character in south-east Arizona at the time. A veteran

of the Black Jack Christian gang, he and Milton had exchanged shots before. One writer has even described them as "arch-enemies."

Later, it is hard not to imagine these men saying things like "Gee, it seemed like a good idea at the time." Of course, they undoubtedly used much stronger terms. As the saying goes, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft-times go astray." And they sure did this time ...

Fate took a hand when the messenger supposed to relieve Jeff became ill and Milton was contacted at the last minute to go in his place. In the last-minute confusion, Jeff forgot to telegraph Stiles and the bandits were unaware that it was Milton they would be facing.

The Robbery

It was about dusk when the train pulled into Fairbank, and there were a number of people on the platform. Jeff opened the express car door as the train pulled in to expedite the loading and unloading. As the train stopped, Jeff jumped down onto the platform and the station agent jumped up into the car. Unbeknownst to both of them, Lewis Owens and Bob Brown had jumped into the engineer's cab and taken both the engineer and the fireman hostage. They then proceeded to march their two prisoners toward the platform.

Milton was just about to start handing things up to the station agent when he heard the call "Hands Up!" The station agent suggested that it was just a drunken cowboy having fun, but the experienced Milton became wary. He became truly alarmed when he heard the voice again (it was Three Fingers Jack) call out "Throw up your hands and come out of there!" With that, the outlaw ripped off a shot that tore Milton's hat from his head. The bandits' blood ran cold when they heard Milton's voice, which Three Fingers Jack recognized, call back "If there's anything here you want, come and get it." Three of them opened fire with rifles and pinned Jeff down. His pistol was lying on his desk, out of reach and he knew that if he opened fire with the shotgun he was holding, he would hit innocent bystanders. He was still thinking about that, when, seconds later, a bullet slammed into his right arm just above the elbow. Jeff dropped to the floor, where he proceeded to bleed heavily.

Unfortunately for them, the bandits had over-estimated their own marksmanship and assumed that they had killed the plucky lawman. BIG mistake. The bandits rushed toward the open door of the car and jumped in. They expected to see Milton lying dead

on the floor. What they *did* see was Milton lying on the floor of the car alright, but he was a long way from dead.

Jeff had pulled himself painfully into a position where he could lay his hands on his trusty shotgun. Holding the shotgun with his good arm, Milton grimly brought it up to firing position as the bandits entered the car. Before any of them could bring their own weapons into play, Milton cut loose. Three Fingers Jack took the bulk of the charge and dropped like a stone. "Bravo Juan" Yoas also managed to collect some shot in his buttocks.

As is usually the case in such desperate, violent encounters, a lot happened in a very brief time. Even as he went down, Three Fingers Jack saw that the stagecoach outside was beginning to bolt. He knew that if the stage could get to Tombstone safely, a posse would arrive at Fairbank a lot sooner than the bandits had hoped. Jack had the presence of mind to shoot the lead horse, stopping the stage. George Owens had been rushing frantically around the depot, trying to find some explosives with which to dislodge Milton. Luckily for Jeff, he was unsuccessful. Not knowing if Milton was armed with anything other than the shotgun, the bandits decided that they had enough of this particular express messenger. Helping Three Fingers Jack Dunlap onto his horse, the outlaws thundered off into the night, with Bravo Juan yelping in pain at every step (pellets in the buttocks, remember?) They rode off with a grand total of \$40.

Aftermath

This was where the otherwise good planning of Alvord and Stiles fell apart. None of the five men who actually performed the robbery had ever ridden together before. The culprits headed for the Dragoon Mountains, splitting up into groups: the Owens brothers headed for their place near Pearce, slightly northeast of Tombstone. Bravo Juan headed for Mexico in the hopes of getting his wounds dressed and Bob Brown, in the company of the still-bleeding-heavily Three Fingers Jack Dunlap, headed out into the desert, but they didn't get far before they split up. According to Dunlap, Brown simply abandoned him. According to Brown, he was going for help. Whatever. In the end, it made no difference.

Dunlap was found the next day by a posse from Tombstone. Feeling betrayed, Jack couldn't name his accomplices quickly enough. Needless to say, the lawmen were interested in the extreme when the names of Alvord and Stiles, neither of whom would have been sus-

pected, and both of whom were previously respected lawmen, were mentioned. The Owens brothers were captured at their homes, as were Alvord and Stiles. Bob Brown was extradited from his native Texas when he attempted to hide out there and Bravo Juan Yoas was located and extradited from Mexico.

Well, at that point, all loyalty to each other vanished. Billy Stiles testified against his partner, Burt Alvord, and Three Fingers Jack testified against *everybody*.

Perhaps Dunlap was trying to make his peace with God, which was a good idea, as the very next day, Three Fingers Jack went on that journey from which no man returns ...

The others were all given nice, healthy prison sentences. Burt Alvord, at least, escaped, but the story of the odyssey of Burt Alvord is for another time.

And Jeff Milton? Already a noted frontier character and lawman, the Fairbank train robbery elevated him to near-legendary status. The *Arizona Daily Citizen* said it best: "Milton's Nerve: Brave Stand

Taken by an Express Messenger in a Hold-Up." In a few desperate moments, Jeff Milton had — despite a severe wound that troubled him for the rest of his life — distinguished himself. Out-numbered five-to-one, he had not only held his own, he had routed the Bad Guys and quite literally "saved the day."

Milton was one of those rare men: a lawman on the Western frontier who never, at least as far as the record is concerned, strayed from the "straight and narrow." History remembers Jeff Milton as one of the most honest lawmen to ever grace the American frontier. He was also brave, courageous and bold. In the words of historian J. Evetts Haley, a "good man with a gun."

Hollywood, are you listening?

Sources: *The Odyssey of Burt Alvord*, by Don Chaput; *Legendary Characters of Southeast Arizona*, by Ben Traywick; *Jeff Milton: A Good Man With A Gun*, by J. Evetts Haley and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gun-fighters*, by Bill O'Neal.



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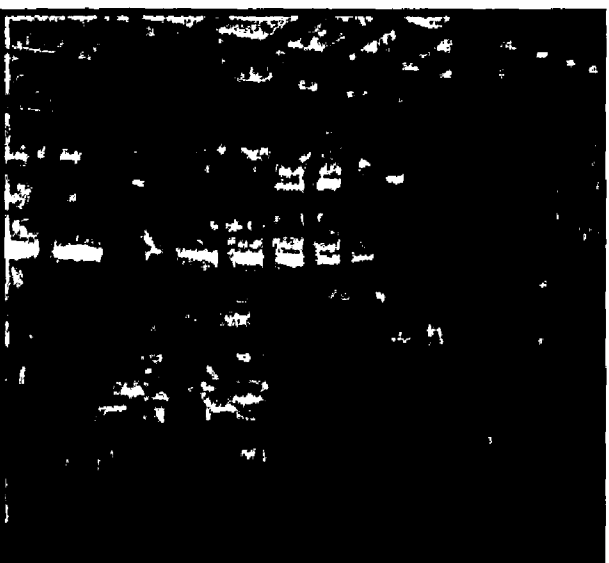


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2 KASA	Jamie Foxx	Grace Under Fire	Mad About You	Home Improvement	Family Feud	To Tell the Truth	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown	Divorce Court	Nat'l Enquirer	Inside Edition
3 KENW	Mister Rogers	Between the Lions	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Instructional	Varied Programs			Sit and Be Fit	Varied Programs	Wishbone
4 KOBR	(7:00) Today				Dr. Laura		Jenny Jones		News		Days of Our Lives
6 CNN	(7:00) Morning News	Varied Programs			NewsDay	Burden of Proof	CNN Today				Talkback
7 KOAT	(7:00) Good Morning America	Live With Regis and Kelly			The View		All My Children		News		One Life to Live
8 EI	True Hollywood Story	Celebrity Profile			Celebrity Profile		News Daily	Celebrity Homes	Fashion Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup
9 USA	Doctor, Doctor	Ned and Stacey	Wings	Jesse	Veronica's Closet	John Larroquette	Martin	Martin	Movie		Varied Programs
10 KBIM	(7:00) Early Show	Martha Stewart Living			As the World Turns		Price Is Right		News	Bold, Beautiful	Young-Resistant
12 KASY	Sabrina	Pepper Ann	Paid Program	M*A*S*H	Paid Program	Wayans Bros.	Paid Program	In the House	Jerry Springer		Ricki Lake
13 DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment	Varied Programs	Home Matters		Design		Christopher
14 TNN	Newhart	Newhart	Wonder Years	Wonder Years	Taxi	Taxi	Waltons		Rockford Files		Picket Fences
15 FAM	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Two of a Kind	Angela Anaconda	Kids From Room 402	It's Itsy Bitsy Time!	CBN Special	700 Club		It's Itsy Bitsy Time!	It's Itsy Bitsy Time!	Rotten Ralph
17 HBO	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
18 HBO-2	(7:30) Movie	Varied Programs									
19 HBO-3	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
20 SHOW	(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs	(1:15) Movie		Varied Programs		(1:05) Movie		Varied Programs		Movie
21 MAX	(7:45) Movie				Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie
22 DISN	Book of Pooh	Out of the Box	Bear in the Hat	PS & J Otter	Rolie Polie Olie	Book of Pooh	Out of the Box	Little Mermaid	Rolie Polie Olie	Winnie-Pooh	Brotherly Love
23 TNT	ER						In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Fat Factor: Chronicles
24 AMC	Movie				Varied Programs		Movie				
25 KRPV	Varied Programs	Life in the Word	Kenneth Copeland	Diane Sherif	Varied Programs		News	Make Your Day Count	Varied Programs	John Hages Today	Light Southwest
27 COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie				Daily Show	Whose Line?	Toothbrush	Today's Money	Saturday Night Live
28 TLC	Dating Story	Dating Story	Wedding Story	Wedding Story	Makeover Story	Makeover Story	Dating Story	Dating Story	Baby Story	Baby Story	Wedding Story
29 TCM	(7:30) Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			Movie		Movie
32 UNI	Marta Susana	Pobre Diabla			La Revancha		Siempre Te Amaré		El Gordo y la Flaca		Cristina
33 ESPN	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Varied Programs				
39 NICK	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Thomberry	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Bob the Builder	Franklin	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill	Varied Programs
40 SciFi	Dark Shadows	Dark Shadows									
41 FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue		Beverly Hills, 90210		Beverly Hills, 90210		Movie
42 H&G	Decorating With Style	Room by Room	Typical Mary Ellen	Smart Solutions	Appraisal Fair	Appraisal It!	At the Auction	Collectible Treasures	Carol Duval	Simply Quilts	Decorating With Style
43 CNN-FN	(7:30) Market Call	In the Money			Market Coverage		Talking Stocks		Market Coverage		
44 WTBS	Little House	Varied Programs	Mama's Family	Cosby	Matlock		Hunter		Movie		
45 WGN	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	MacGyver		Matlock		News	Bzzz!	Caroline in the City	Change of Heart	
46 LIFE	Knows You	Operation Style	Varied Programs				Movie				
48 FSSW	Last Word	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs						
49 ESPN2	Varied Programs										
50 OUTD	Adventure Quest	Varied Programs			Candace & Kayak	Surfer's Journal	Skiers World		Varied Programs		Paid Program
51 HIST	20th Century	True Action	Great Blunders	FBI: Untold St.	Crimes & Trials	Black Sheep Squadron	History's Lost	History IQ	20th Century		
52 A&E	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.		Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order	Northern Exposure		L.A. Law		
54 CNBC	Market Watch			Power Lunch			Street Signs		Varied Programs		
55 CMAX2	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs			(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs					

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON											
	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
2 KASA	Divorce Court	Judge Hatchett	Power of Attorney	Monster Rancher	Big Guy and Rusty	Action Man	Digimon: Digital	Simpsons	Drew Carey	Friends	Friends
3 KENW	Clifford the Red Dog	Reading Rainbow	Callous	Zoboomafo	Imagination Station	Book of Virtues	Headline News	Business Rpt.	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		
4 KOBR	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Montel Williams								
6 CNN	(1:00) Talkback	CNN Today		Inside Politics		Worldview	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	Wolf Blitzer	The Point	
7 KOAT	(1:00) One Life to Live	General Hospital	Maury			Oprah Winfrey		News	ABC Wild News	News	Ent. Tonight
8 EI	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story	Varied Programs	Fashion Emergency	News Daily	Varied Programs	Talk Soup	Mysteries & Scandals	Mysteries & Scandals		
9 USA	(12:00) Movie	Baywatch	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG					
10 KBIM	Young-Resistant	Guiding Light	Sally			Hollywood Squares	News	CBS Evening	News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune
12 KASY	(1:00) Ricki Lake	Paid Program	Cosby	People's Court	Roseanne	Real TV	Cops	Cops	Star Trek: The Next Generation		
13 DSC	Christopher	Home Matters		Design		Christopher Lowell		Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Your New House	
14 TNN	(1:00) Picket Fences	Movie				Rockford Files	Varied Programs	Miami Vice		Marital Law	
15 FAM	Bobby's World	Bad Dog	Mega Babies	Camp Candy	Kids From Room 402	Angela Anaconda	New Addams	Goosebumps	Big Wolf on Campus	S Club 7 in a Kind	Two of a Kind
17 HBO	(12:15) Movie	Varied Programs									
18 HBO-2	(1:00) Movie	Varied Programs				(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs				
19 HBO-3	(12:30) Movie	Varied Programs									
20 SHOW	(12:00) Movie	Varied Programs								(1:45) Movie	
21 MAX	(12:45) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs							
22 DISN	Growing Pains	So Weird	Jett Jackson	Jersey	Boy Meets World	Smart Guy	Boy Meets World	Movie	Varied Programs		
23 TNT	Pal Factor: Chronicles	Tour of Duty	Pensacola: Wings of Gold			ER		Pretender		Varied Programs	
24 AMC	(12:00) Movie	Movie				Three Stooges		Hollywood Lives and Legends		Movie	
25 KRPV	(1:00) Light of the Southwest			Varied Programs				News	John Hages Today	Light of the Southwest	
27 COM	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Whose Line?	Stein's Money					
28 TLC	Wedding Story	Varied Programs	Home Again	Home Again		Trauma: Life in the ER		Varied Programs			
29 TCM	(12:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
32 UNI	(1:00) Cristina	Ramona	Primer Impacto			El Blablazo	Noticiero Univision	Locura de Amor		Abrazame Muy Fuerte	
33 ESPN	Varied Programs		Up Close			Sportscenter		College Basketball		Varied Programs	
39 NICK	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Little Bear	Doug	Angry Beavers	Kablam!	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Rocket Power	U Pick Nicktoons
40 SciFi	Varied Programs	Quantum Leap		Star Trek		Hercules: The Legendary Journeys		Babylon 5		Varied Programs	
41 FX	(1:00) Movie	Varied Programs	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Beverly Hills, 90210		Beverly Hills, 90210		Beverly Hills, 90210	
42 H&G	You're Home	Decorating Cents	Varied Programs	Kitchen Design	Across America	Dream Builders	Help Around	This Old House	Before & After	Varied Programs	
43 CNN-FN	Market Coverage	Street Sweep		N.E.W.		Bliz Buzz		Moneyline Newshour		Digital Jam	Business Unusual
44 WTBS	(12:00) Movie	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	(1:05) Movie	
45 WGN	Street Smart	Family Matters	Family Matters	7th Heaven		Full House		Clueless	Fresh Prince	Suddenly Susan	Movie
46 LIFE	(1:00) Movie	Murphy Brown	Murphy Brown	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Intimate Portrait					
48 FSSW	Varied Programs		Bluetorch TV	Chicago Hoops	You Gotta See This!	Totally NASCAR	Last Word	SW Sports	Varied Programs		
49 ESPN2	Varied Programs		ESPNNews	Varied Programs				RPM 2Night	Varied Programs		
50 OUTD	Outdoor Adventures	One More Canada	In-Fisherman	Doc on Point	Outdoor Guides	Fish'n Canada	Sports Jmt.	Hunting With Hank	Days of a Sportsman	Varied Programs	
51 HIST	(1:00) 20th Century	True Action	Great Blunders	FBI: Untold St.	Crimes & Trials	Black Sheep Squadron	History's Lost	History IQ	Founding Fathers		
52 A&E	(1:00) L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order					
54 CNBC	Street Signs	Market Wrap	Market Wrap	Edge	Business Center	Varied Programs		Hardball			
55 CMAX2	(12:00) Movie										

FRIDAY EVENING											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
2 KASA	Police Videos (N) (P)	Police Videos (N) (P)	News				Blind Date	Blind Date	Suddenly Susan	Access Hollywood	SMC in Action
3 KENW	Market to Market	Nature's Best	Washington Week	Wall Street Week	Manor Born	Waiting for God	Secrets of the Pharaohs	Masterpiece Theatre "Bramwell" (N)			
4 KOBR	Providence (The Lion's Den)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
6 CNN	Larry King Live (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)
7 KOAT	Two Guys and a Girl	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire
8 EI	True Hollywood Story	Richard Simmons	Plastic Surgery		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
9 USA	** "Red Camer" (1997) Richard Gere, Bal Ling, A young American is framed for a brutal murder in China. (N)				Farmclub.com (N) (P)		** "Death Warrant" (1990, Drama) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Robert Guillaume. (N)				
10 KBIM	Diagnosis Murder "You Bet Your Life" (N)	Fugitive "Jenny" (Part 1 of 2) (N)	Nash Bridges "Out of Miami" (N)	Star Trek: Voyager "Think Tank" (N)	Jerry Springer "Lovers reveal true sex" (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Ricki Lake "Slot of the year award" (N)	M*A*S*H (N)			
12 KASY	Gary & Mike (N)	Celebrity Death	Cheating Spouses Caught on Tape 2 (N)	Wild Discovery: Everglades: Primeval	Enforcers: Inside the D.E.A.	Crash Files: On the Inside of the NTSB	Casino Diaries (N)	After Midnight	Justice Files		
13 DSC	Wild Discovery: Everglades: Primeval	PRCA Rodeo From Denver, CO	Two of a Kind	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?
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17 HBO	** "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves, A computer hacker learns the world is a computer simulation. (N) (P)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)	Sopranos "Full Leather Jacket" (N)
18 HBO-2	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)
19 HBO-3	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)
20 SHOW	(8:45) ** "Notting Hill" (1999) Hugh Grant, Julia Roberts. (N) (P)	** "Switchback" (1997) Dennis Quaid, An FBI agent helps a Texas sheriff nab a serial killer. (N) (P)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)
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29 TCM	(8:00) ** "Love in the Afternoon" (1957, Comedy) Gary Cooper. (N)	** "The Maltese Falcon" (1941) Humphrey Bogart. (N) (DVS)	(1:15) ** "In Cold Blood" (1967, Drama) Robert Blake. Two ex-cons terrorize and murder an innocent farm family. (N) (DVS)								
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33 ESPN	(8:00) NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (N)	Sportscenter	Venus Serena	Black History	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter
39 NICK	Pinky & the Catdog (N)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Thomberry	Rocket Power	Facts of Life	Roc	Jeffersons	

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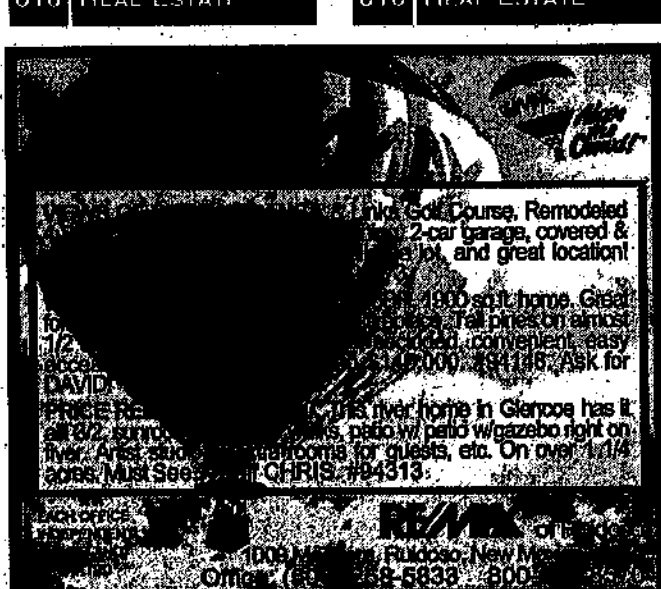
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Public Notice of Filing of Application for Purchase of Assets and Assumption of Liabilities

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Office of Thrift Supervision, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 500, Irving, Texas 75062-2731, for approval of the purchase of two branch offices and the assumption of related deposit liabilities of Ruidoso State Bank, 1710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345; by First Federal Bank, 300 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, New Mexico 88301.

The branch offices to be purchased are located at 100 Smokey Bear, Capitán, New Mexico 88316 and 411 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

It is contemplated that the above offices will continue to operate as offices of First Federal Bank.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and 12 C.F.R. 563.22 of the regulations of the Office of Thrift Supervision. This notice will appear at approximately one week intervals over a 30-day period beginning January 19, 2001 and ending February 16, 2001.

Anyone desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to Regional Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 500, Irving, Texas 75062-2731. This public file is available for inspection in the Regional Office during regular business hours.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico offers for sealed bids on Bid #00-019:

The Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department is accepting bids to replace Hallico walking floors for three (3) McCain fifty (50) foot trailers

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Central Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, (505) 257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office if hand delivered, to the Ruidoso Central Purchasing Warehouse at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be received until Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informalities and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By the Order of the Governing Body
 /s/ Morris McGowan
 Purchasing Agent
 Village of Ruidoso

3333 27(2)14,16

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Qualifications based competitive sealed proposals from Professional Services will be received by the Contracting Agency, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 for RFP #00-007.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Contracting Agency is requesting Professional Services for Legal Services-Water Rights/Issues.

Proposals will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 5:00pm local time, Thursday, March 15, 2001. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened. Any proposals received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 421 Wingfield or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Morris McGowan, Purchasing Agent, at 505-257-2721.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any/all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

Morris McGowan
 Village of Ruidoso
 Purchasing Agent

3336 27(2)14,16

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NO. CV-00-110

PAUL A. KEITH, RENEE KEITH, KAREN D. RICHARDSON, THE PACESETTER CORPORATION AND FEDERAL DIVERSIFIED SERVICES,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 7, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9, BLOCK 2 OF SECOND ADDITION TO AIRPORT WEST, RUIDOSO, 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, AUGUST 11, 1972, IN TUBE NO. 457

The address of the real property is 117 University Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 19, 2001, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$62,738.65, plus interest from December 16, 2000 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.75% per annum, or \$11.26 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Village of Ruidoso has a lien on the property for unpaid water and sewer charges. Property taxes for the year 2000, and after are due.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 01/28/01

600 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

/s/ Peter Baca
 Special Master
 Box 215
 Carrizozo, NM 88301

3324 47(2)9,16,23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodger's Tax Committee of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a special meeting on Monday, February 19, 2001 at 1:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weibrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505)648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Leann Weibrecht, CMC
 Town Clerk/Treasurer
 Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Planning & Zoning Committee of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at 6:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weibrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505)648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Leann Weibrecht, CMC
 Town Clerk/Treasurer
 Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2001. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Meeting agendas are available at Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall on the Friday prior to the meeting. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body are open to the public. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Gladys Dillard
 Village Clerk/Treasurer

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Proposals will be received by the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent, located at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, until 5:00 p.m. local time, Friday, March 30, 2001. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened. Proposals received after that time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any/all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

By Order of the Governing Body
 Village of Ruidoso

/s/ Morris McGowan
 Purchasing Agent

3340 27(2)16,21

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Board for the Village of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regular meeting on February 20, 2001 at 6:30 P.M. in the Village of Ruidoso Downs. At the end of the meeting, there will be a workshop for commercial zoning.

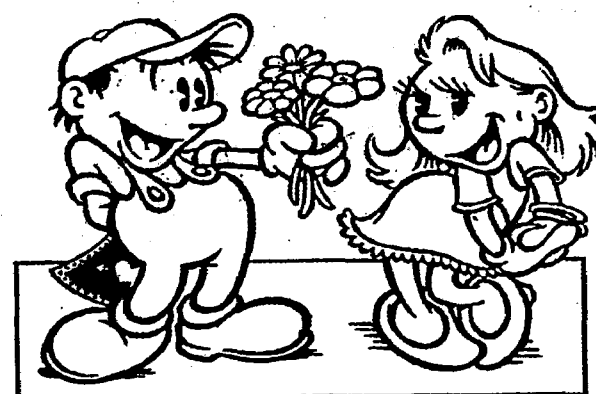
Request for a variance for a setback for Tract 2 & 3 of George Fuch Survey. The purpose of the variance is to build a proposed covered Entry; 18 feet into a 20 foot setback; Luis Galego, as owner of Lupe's Grill.

Planning & Zoning Workshops are scheduled for February 24th, 2001 to update current zoning ordinance. Workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M.

All citizens will have the opportunity to make written and/or verbal comment.

/s/ Emma Herrera
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- 1 de Boulogne (Paris park)
- 5 Constant complainer
- 9 Excite, as interest
- 14 Ancient inscription
- 15 Daughter of Cronus
- 16 Pluck
- 17 Start with boy or girl
- 18 "The jig" —
- 19 Much-played part of a 45
- 20 Led Zeppelin hit, 1969
- 23 English
- 24 Rocker Garcia, informally
- 25 Big Blue
- 26 "Yes!" (old political placard)
- 28 Jewel
- 30 Classic clown
- 32 It comes after Mardi
- 33 Gaggling cry
- 35 Actor Beatty
- 36 Make out
- 37 Midgame broadcasts
- 42 Inch, e.g.
- 43 "Fish posh!"
- 44 Part of an academic yr.
- 45 Sicilian spouter
- 46 McDonald's founder Ray
- 48 Dance version of a pop song, e.g.
- 52 "Comprende?"
- 53 Clump

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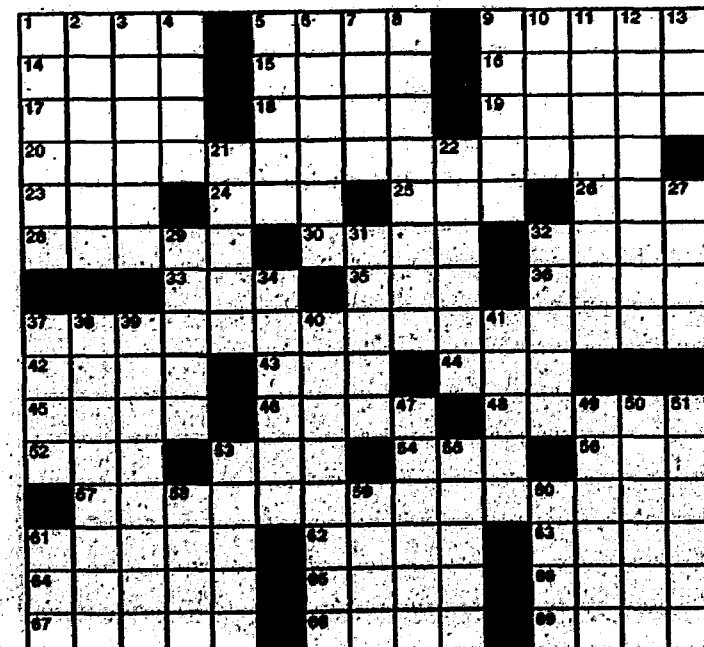
- 4 Make sense, with "up"
- 5 British verb ending
- 57 Alternative to a Whopper
- 61 Deceit
- 62 Engagement gift
- 63 Waters: Fr.
- 64 Part of a furniture joint
- 65 Pins and needles holder
- 66 Fair distance
- 67 Works with words
- 68 Do carbon-testing on
- 69 Table scraps

DOWN

- 1 Barroom fights
- 2 Do better than at
- 3 Battogether
- 4 Whiskered circus animal
- 5 Its capital is Santiago
- 6 Soak up again
- 7 It (stuck)
- 8 Saint John, for one
- 9 Sacred song
- 10 — facto
- 11 Shaker
- 12 Just walk through a role, say
- 13 Stretch, with "out"
- 21 Cassette deck button

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22 Homes

27 Questions

28 First-term Clinton victory

31 ... and grow on

32 Treasure-hoarding dwarf

34 Popular candy bar

37 Tinted

38 Artificially made to look old

39 Pasta favorite

40 Trounced, in sports

41 Hidden

47 Screw backer

48 Any point in a trapeze artist's routine

50 Tristram's love

51 Persian king who destroyed Athens

53 Brown songbirds

54 Cowboy's stray

55 Meter maid of song

56 Verne captain

61 AT&T competitor

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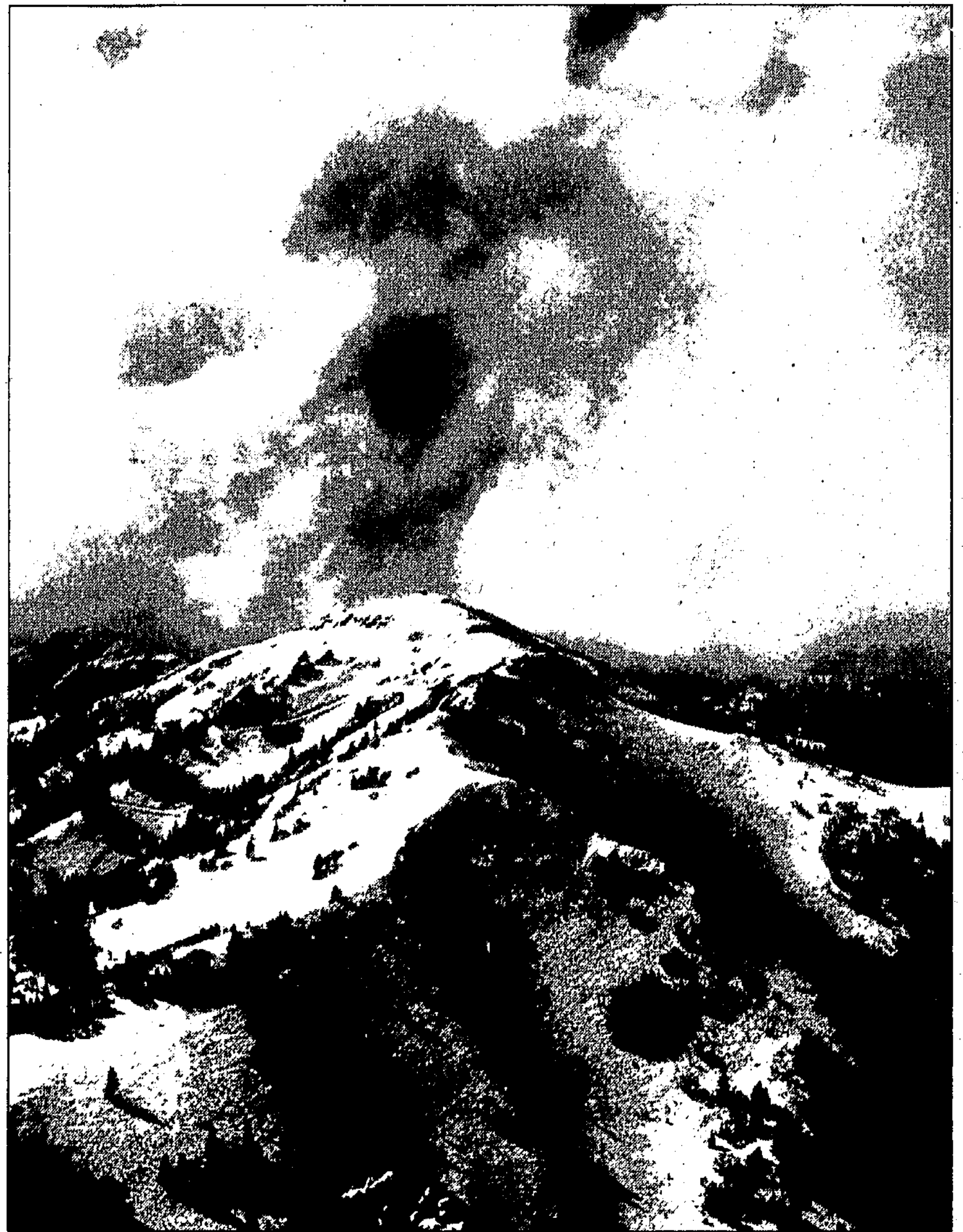
by James Kalvelage
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many relish the cool pines of Ruidoso during the summer months. More and more people are realizing the year-round lure of the shadow of Sierra Blanca, especially its winter splendor.

The mountain tops the snow activity with Ski Apache beckoning downhill skiers and snowboarders. For those inclined to a tad more horizontal ski venture, cross country skiing is close by, too. And there's sledding for the young and young at heart. But there's a lot more than the slopes and trails in the land with a season of activities and more. The year-round gift shops and art galleries continue to call to visitors. Two casinos offer a chance to try your luck. Nightclubs and a smorgasbord of restaurants cover the main roads in the village. Don't forget to check the calendar for the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. You may find the timing right for a cool performance or some hot music.

"The number one reason people continue to come here in the winter is skiing, even if they don't ski," said Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We don't need nearly as much snow here as other places. Ski Apache can make a lot of snow, and artificial snow is just as good, it's made from the same stuff as snow that falls from the skies."

Indeed, winter weather is mild by most standards. Daytime highs normally reach into the 40s during January and February.



Linda Wallace.

Sierra Blanca's 12,000 feet of mountain splendor tops the Sacramento Mountains.

Overnight lows typically dip to 20 degrees. Don't be alarmed if one morning the mercury falls close to zero. Or an afternoon hits 60 degrees. Atop Ski Apache, at 11,000-plus feet above sea level, usually cooler temperatures are perfect for snowmaking if Mother Nature is playing games.

But at 7,000 feet, the altitude of Ruidoso, the normally sunny days can lend themselves often to snow-free links. So have your clubs and golf balls ready for the opportunity on one of four golf courses in or near Ruidoso. There are days when a group that was on the slopes in the morning can be found on the fairways in the afternoon.

"One of the things that we continue to talk about is the reality that we continue to have new attractions and businesses," Zagone said of Ruidoso. "And that goes a long way to making the Ruidoso area a winter destination too."

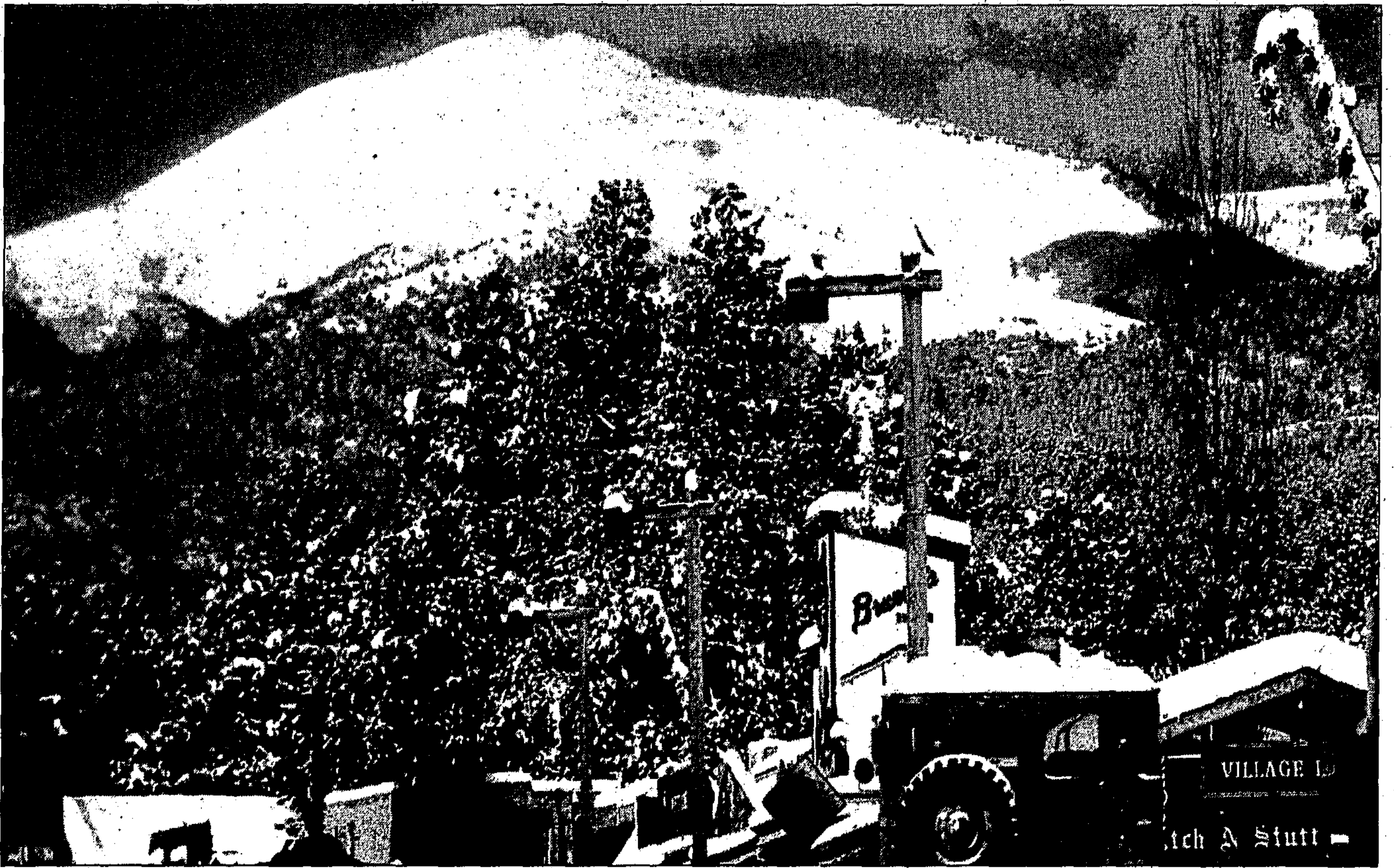
While some visitors to Ruidoso own seasonal homes or cabins, the lodging industry takes up the slack of those who come to experience winter in the southern Rocky Mountains.

From luxurious hotel accommodations to quaint cabins, moderately priced motels, to bed and breakfasts, more than 70 lodging establishments are in the area. A new luxury suites hotel is scheduled to open by late winter.

What's happening in Ruidoso? What are the conditions at Ski Apache? It's all as close as an on-line computer terminal through the chamber's Web page, www.ruidoso.net.

"Every morning we have an update on snowfall and the Ski Apache report," Zagone said. "There's the weather conditions, lodging information, a calendar of events, and information about other attractions."

That information and more is available in person at the chamber and visitor's center at 720 Sudderth Drive, or by calling the chamber at (505) 257-7395.



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From midtown Ruidoso, ski conditions are apparent at a glance.

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Ruidoso Downs

by James Kalvelage
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The race track oval may be void of the ponies, but horses and the lure of the West are still evident over the winter in Ruidoso Downs.

And the racetrack complex doesn't sit idle from now to Memorial Day, which will kick off the racing season. There's the Billy the Kid Casino, an addition to Ruidoso Downs that is less than two years old.

The village of Ruidoso Downs, considered to be New Mexico's "fastest growing little community," is expanding, especially on the business front. A new main drag, a five-lane U.S. Highway 70, is bringing the economic surge.

Mayor Bob Miller anticipates more business growth in the village he's dubbed "the Gateway to the Mountains." And it may seem like a gateway, as banners arch their way along the edge of the new highway. Miller said the banners will convey a seasonal theme to those entering the village.

No matter what the season, Free Spirits at Noisy Water, the larger-than-life horse statues displayed at the entrance of the Hubbard Museum of the American West along U.S. Highway 70 just east of the racetrack, provide the flavor of Ruidoso Downs. The museum, with everything racing and everything American West, is a top attraction. There's horse memorabilia, Indian artifacts, art and more. Some displays change with the season, so be sure to check in and see what's new.

Right next door to the museum is the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway and Visitor's Center. It depicts the legend of the Kid who once romped the region. The center also details the scenic byway loop along highways 70, 48 and 380, as well as the communities on the byway. The generally mild weather makes the trip winter friendly. But winter storms do roll



File photo

Cross Lincoln with Las Vegas, and you have the Billy the Kid Casino.

through the mountains. Current weather information is available on four area radio stations, KBUY-AM 1360, KIDX-FM 101.5, KRUI-AM 1490 and KWES-FM 93.5.

All American Park, Ruidoso Downs' recreation area, will be undergoing renovations.

"We're going to highly improve the park," the mayor said. "Our parks and rec committee is going to be doing some neat things." A goal of providing more activities for youth is spearheading the park changes.

Seniors in Ruidoso Downs find daily activities, thanks to the village's senior center. For details of what's happening on the senior front, call the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at 378-4659.

The mayor believes his community is in store for explosive growth, especially with the completion of the new highway. Commercial interests have already set up shop along the roadway. And a new motel is in the works.

"This is the place for business growth," Miller said. "And the trend is here."

For more information about events and facilities in Ruidoso Downs, phone the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at (505) 257-7395 or the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at (505) 378-4422.

Billy the Kid Casino

by Karen Boehler
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Winter visitors looking for something to do off the slopes - or a place to get warmed up from the chilly winter weather - might want to stop by the Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

The casino is now a year old and a half old, with longer hours — 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily — and lots to keep the visitor occupied.

Designed on the inside as a replica of Billy the Kid's historic Lincoln, the casino offers gambling on 300 slot machines and year-round full-card simulcasting from the largest racetracks across the nation. The track's off-track betting facilities are now located in the casino, offering race fans off-track wagering every day of the week.

When visitors stroll into the casino, they'll amble through time, going back to when cattle barons, outlaws and merchants fought for control of Lincoln. They may even see Billy roaming around, recounting tales of the past, or catch a glimpse of where Billy hid after he and five of the Regulators ambushed Sheriff Brady.

Western artifacts from the Hubbard Museum of the American West and historic Lincoln decorate the casino, located at the east end of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grandstand.

The 16,000-square-foot casino offers nickel, quarter, \$1 and \$5 video slot machines, plus progressive jackpots, multi-video poker, video keno and video blackjack.

Those at the casino can round up some "grub" at the all-you-can-eat San Patricio buffet and whet their whistle at the Regulators bar and lounge. If they're in search of the perfect souvenir, visitors can look for it in the Tunstall Store, or rest their "dogs" on the front porch of the Murphy-Dolan Store.

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Ski Apache

by Karen Boehler
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For any ski resort, the biggest need is snow. For the last few years, the white stuff has been in short supply around New Mexico. While ski resort operators can't say for certain that things are going to get better, they're decidedly hopeful.

"We're not in the prediction business, but we check with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and they say we're due for an average winter, if not better than average," said Ski Apache's Riker Davis. "They say winter may yet come late this year, but the prediction is for above normal precipitation for February and March."

That's certainly good news, but whether the resort has to rely on Mother Nature or its extensive snowmaking, Ski Apache is ready for the season.

The new, three-story cedar building that houses the ski rental shop, ski school desk and the sport shop is complete.

Walk into the rental shop and you'll see more than 1,500 pairs of skis, including high-performance styles from Volkl, K-2, Rossignol, Fisher and Nordica.

All of the rental fleet features shaped skis, which offer a big advantage to both beginners and experienced skiers.

"Any piece of equipment that makes things easier is better," Davis said. "Shaped skis truly make the skiing experience easier so

that's better, and an advantage for a learner. The fewer beginners we can have go away frustrated rather than go away satisfied; that's a big plus. Shaped skis certainly make it a more user-friendly experience when people go out and are first starting to learn to turn on a pair of skis."

For folks wanting to try something different, the rental shop also offers Salomon snowblades — a short (100-120 cm) skiboard that harks back to the 1950s.

"It's just another way of coming down the hill and having fun," Davis said. "There's a limited demand but it's just another option for people coming up to look to enjoy themselves on the slopes."

Snowboarders are welcomed as well at Ski Apache. Snowboarders are invited to cruise on any of the mountain's 55 runs. Snowboard specialists staff a separate rental facility near the Kiddie Korral, with top quality equipment from Burton and Gnu.

Whether you're wanting to learn to ski or snowboard, Ski Apache offers multi-day options for both.

The popular two-day beginner's package that includes lift tickets, lessons and rentals will be available for skiers and snowboarders this season.

"The two-day, learn-to-ski package has been one of our most popular items for years and years and years," Davis said. "With the continued growth of snowboarding, we added a discounted package at the ski school for people just getting started."

Lessons are available for all ages and abilities. Special ski school programs include men's, women's and seniors' seminars. The Kiddie Korral program offers lessons, lunch, snacks and all-day supervision for the younger set, ages 4-6. The Kiddie Korral has its own surface lift, terrain garden and indoor facilities.

Ski Apache also hosts the oldest and largest adaptive skier programs in New Mexico.

The Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association is designed to give anyone - no matter their physical or mental abilities - a chance to experience the thrill of schussing down a ski slope.

No matter what your choice of getting down the mountain, Ski Apache has prices for everyone. Value season pricing offers \$29 adult and \$19 child lift tickets from Nov. 26-Dec.15. Three-consecutive-day lift tickets are deeper discounted this season. Adults save \$9 and children \$6 over the daily rate.

Group rates are also available for all but 10 holiday dates during the season.



Bill Riggles

A view from the top of Ski Apache.

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Courtesy Riker Davis
Many trails and a variety of terrain await skiers at Ski Apache.

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Although there are no new lifts this season, Ski Apache still has the ability to carry more than 16,500 skiers per hour, the highest number in New Mexico.

The resort features 55 trails on 750 acres, including the wide-open Apache Bowl. Lifts include two tows, one double chair, five triples, two quads and the state's only gondola. Elevations rise from 9,600 feet at the base to 11,500 feet at the top, with a

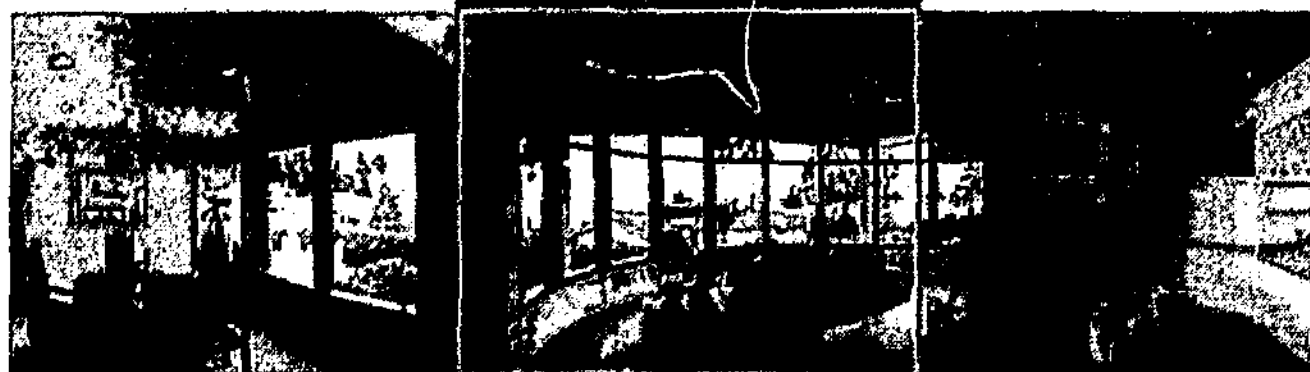
vertical drop of 1,900 feet.

And whether or not Mother Nature decides to smile on New Mexico's mountains this winter, Ski Apache can still offer man-made skiing with the use of eight of its 11 lifts.

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Odoors

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When snow falls in the Sacramento Mountains, the hardy view it as just another invitation to hike pristine trails and to huddle over a cozy campfire.



Linda Wallace

The Rio Ruidoso adds its own magic in a winter wonderland.

For those seeking deep snow for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, try the Sacramento District of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft. But plenty of hiking trails and dispersed camping sites are accessible nearly year-around in the Smokey Bear Ranger District around Ruidoso and on the way to Bonito Lake.

Richard Carlson, recreation lands staff member with Smokey Bear, said because snow around Ruidoso at 6,000 to 7,000 feet elevation doesn't last long, accumulations usually aren't conducive to cross-country skiing or snowmobiles. But snow-shoeing can provide a new adventure or just the thrill of breaking the crust of new snow in some waterproof winter boots.

The district doesn't clear parking lots and its group campgrounds at Cedar Creek and improved campground at Bonito Lake are closed in the winter. A picnic pavilion at Cedar Creek will be open when weather permits, as will the School House picnic area on Bonito Lake Road.

Popular winter hiking around town can be found at Perk Canyon off Ebarb Street in Upper Canyon. Hiking area favorites also can be found at the end of Cedar Creek Road, now called Sam Tobias Road, at Spring Canyon, which turns off Cedar Creek, and at trail heads such as Mills Canyon, near the intersection of Bonito Lake Road and State Highway 37.

Although campgrounds are closed, dispersed camping is allowed on national forest land.

"We just want people to be aware that there will be no facilities for them," Carlson said. Restrooms will be locked and water disconnected.

Please be careful not to tear up unpaved roads if conditions are wet and muddy," Carlson asked.

Westlake Campground, operated by the city of Alamogordo at Bonito Lake, closes Nov. 30 or earlier, if snow is heavy.

An exception to winter conditions may be found at Three Rivers Campground on U.S. Highway 54 between Carrizozo and Tularosa on the western side of the mountain range and lying at a lower elevation. 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, a stream and a picnic area.

An added advantage is the campground's proximity to the Three Rivers Petroglyphs National Recreation Site where ancient Mogollon carved designs in stone.

Baca Canyon Campground near Fort Stanton on U.S. Highway 380 also may be open.

Andrea Gehrke, assistant recreation staff member for the Sacramento District in neighboring Otero County, said while all improved campgrounds are shut down during the winter in her area, those who enjoy a good chill can pack in their camping gear and stay.

"We plow out some of the parking area at Silver Saddle Apache Campground and Upper Karr to allow cross-country skiers to strike out on trails, although they are not maintained after the summer," she said. "If people are inclined to camp in the snow and cold, dispersed camping still is available anywhere unless a road is gated off."

Three snowmobile outfitter guides in Cloudcroft also are allowed to take people on any trails designated for motorized vehicles, Gehrke said. They are Triple M Snowplay, The Lodge and JR's Rentals.

"The trails may not necessarily be in appropriate condition for that kind of use, so people should call ahead," she said. "Snow levels may vary."

Anyone planning an outdoor activity in the national forest during the winter is advised to:

- Have the ability to stay warm and dry. Temperatures in the mountains can change drastically and storms come up suddenly.
 - Always keep the gas tank full
 - Be prepared for conditions requiring four-wheel drive.
 - Layer clothing and stay away from cotton. Choose a material that will keep moisture away from the body in case you become cold or wet.
 - Let someone know where you are going and set up a contact time.
- "We don't send out search parties. That's the state police's jurisdiction," Gehrke said. "So make arrangements with a family member or friend. If they're worried, however, we do encourage them to let us know."

Waterproof maps also can be purchased at the two district offices.

If you enjoy hiking or skiing with a purpose, buy a Christmas tree permit at either of the ranger districts and search out that perfect specimen. Plan a method for hauling it back ahead of time so you don't get tired and leave the tree along the trail.

Visitors also are advised to check ahead with the district office to ensure weather conditions are safe and no changes in rules or closings have occurred. The Sacramento office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (505) 682-2551. The Smokey Bear office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (505) 257-4095.

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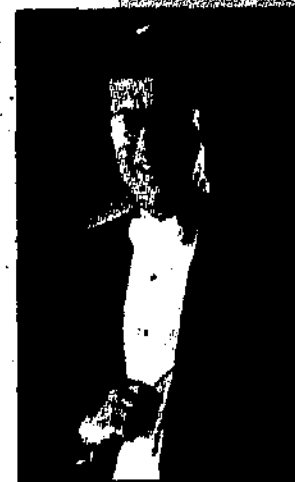


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by Sandy Suggitt

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In its fourth season now, the amazing "gem of the desert," the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, will top anything offered so far with "Cinderella on Ice," transforming the stage into a 40-by-50-foot ice rink for two shows on Feb. 10.

Thirty-four ice dancers of the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet, with choreography by Russian ballet star Konstantin Rassadin, will glide and lift and spiral their way into everyone's heart.

The theater's maple floor will be covered with several layers of plastic, explained Ed Spurr, a staff member of the theater, for the preparation of the ice rink.

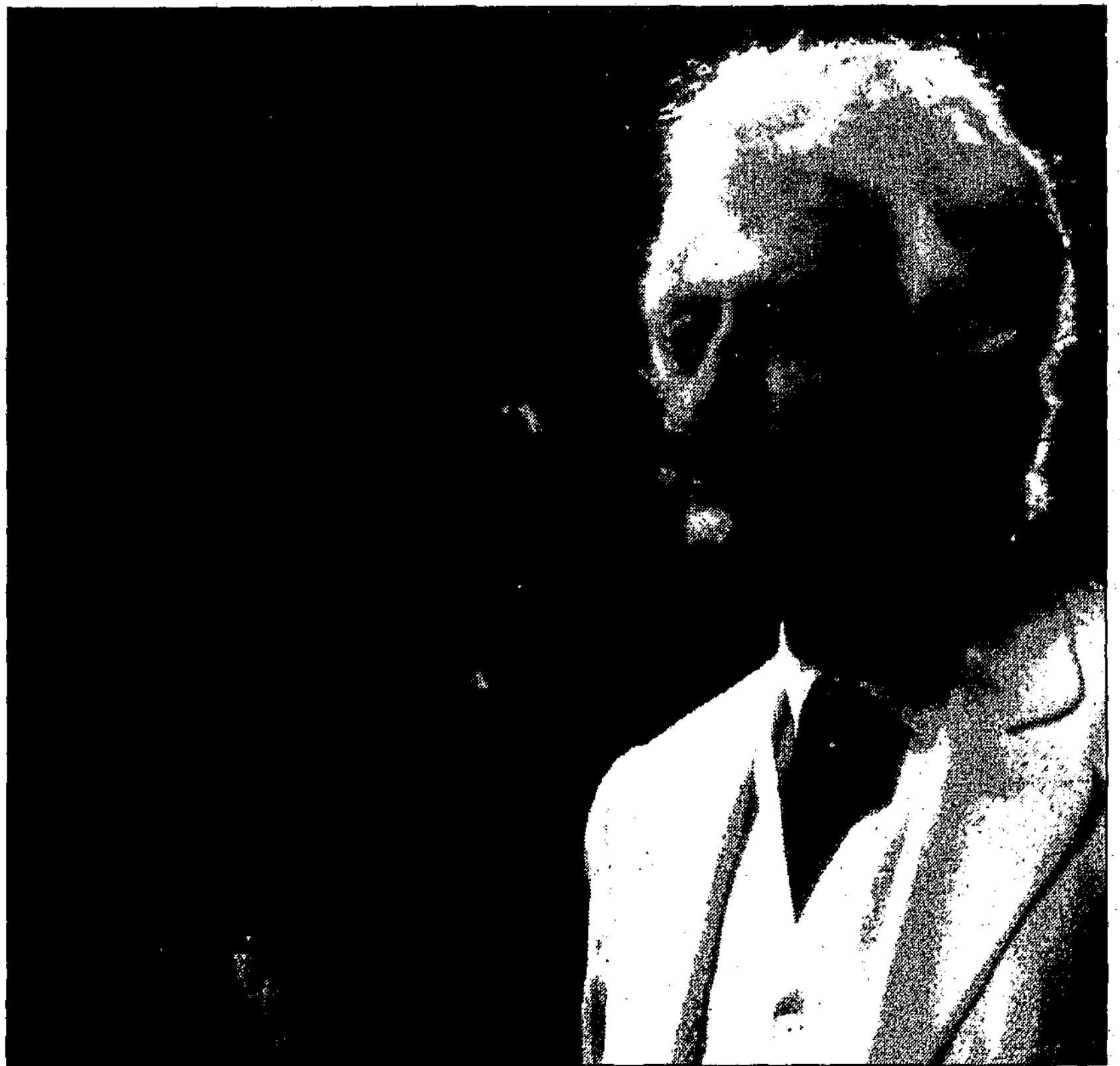
The day before the shows, the crew will put down refrigeration coils to cover the entire floor.

"Then we get 10,000 pounds — I think that's two big trucks — of ice cubes ... then they crush it and spread the crushed ice over the entire area of the stage.

"Then they turn on the refrigeration coils and hose it down slowly and let everything freeze, and voila! You have a big ice cube on your stage."

Spurr said the ice will be six to eight inches thick and it takes 24 hours to prepare the rink for skating. When the performances are over, he said, the crew will take sledge hammers to the ice and wheel it out-doors.

The St. Petersburg State Ice



Courtesy Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

Hal Holbrook will perform his Tony award-winning role, Mark Twain.

Ballet sent videotapes of performances as well as of the process of making a stage into an ice rink.

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, designed by Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock, opened in October of 1997 with jazz great Dave Brubeck conducting the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and concert violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg. Since then, the theater has hosted Glen Campbell, the Russian National Ballet, the Broadway musical comedy "big," David Brenner and Rita Coolidge.

Brad Cooper, marketing director for the theater, said that having three years under its belt gives the Spencer more confidence in choosing presentations that will please its audience.

"We know that our audience absolutely loves musical theater," Cooper said, "and we've been trying to get our hands on every one that gets anywhere near us. As a result, we have four of them during our winter season. ..."

Cooper said a survey of contributors to the theater indicated that musical theater was "very, very high" among their preferences, with light classical and oldies rated as "high."

"We need to try to define that further," Cooper said. "To me oldies is the Beatles, but what do they consider oldies? Glenn Miller?"

Charles Centilli, executive director of the theater, doesn't rely solely on the survey results in his selections, however.

"We found that classical dance was low on the list, yet our classical dance entrees are among the very top to sell out, too," Cooper said. He said that many families with young children like to take their children to see dance, to encourage them to attend dance lessons, and these families are not the mainstay of the contributor base, but they are the mainstay of the service base. Another survey may be conducted next year, he added.

Two musicals coming up in March exemplify what the Spencer is looking for in music. "Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical," revives Robert Louis Stevenson's classical tale of good and evil with lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and composer Frank Wildhorn. "Crazy For You," with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin is based on Gershwin's "Girl Crazy" of the 1930s and includes familiar songs such as "I've Got Rhythm."

"These are very popular," Cooper said. "They hit our target audience square in the head. 'Crazy For You' is sold out for the evening show and the afternoon performance is closing in as we're speaking. As far as trends go, this is what the audience would go for probably every weekend up here."

On top of that, Cooper said, there will be some chamber trios, but the show he expects to stand out and be remembered for years afterward is Hal Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight." This is the show that launched Holbrook's career more than 40 years ago and won him a Tony and a New York Drama Critics' Circle Special Citation.

"He doesn't do his Mark Twain very often and he almost always refuses to do it on a weekend," Cooper

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Courtesy Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet will turn the Spencer Theater stage into an ice arena.

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said. "We managed to get him in here on a Saturday."

Although ticket prices rarely sell for more than \$50 at the Spencer, Cooper said this show sold out just after it went to public sales and people are "likely to be scalping tickets on that one."

"We're always exploring too, especially in the area of pop and country/western and comedy," Cooper said.

One of the explorations for the winter season is "Kurt Bestor's Orchestral Christmas," which provides traditional music with Bestor's contemporary arrangements.

Rush tickets

Don't despair if tickets are sold out for a performance. At the last minute, performers often give their tickets back, and about 5 percent of reserved seats are no-shows, Cooper said. A rush ticket sells for \$20 at 8:02 p.m., and ticket holders can go in and sit in any unoccupied seat.

"There are very few times when we haven't been able to accommodate anybody who comes in," Cooper said. "This supersedes the wait-list, because we don't have time to call somebody on a wait list at the last minute."

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Winter season

- Dec. 22 and 23, Friday, 8 p.m. and Saturday, 2 p.m., Handel's "Messiah"
- Feb. 10, 2 and 8 p.m., "Cinderella on Ice," St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet
- Feb. 17, 2 and 8 p.m., "Swan Lake," Moscow Festival Ballet
- March 10, 8 p.m., Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight"
- March 21 and 22, 8 p.m., "Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical"
- March 30, 2 and 8 p.m., "Crazy for You"
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Snowplay

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A six-year-old from El Paso careens down the sledding hill at Schoolhouse Park, slides off the path and rolls into a snow bank.

Caked with the white stuff, the child emerges a few seconds later grinning broadly, ready to try again.

And that's what makes Ruidoso special to thousands of visitors each winter, many from places that never or seldom see snow.

When those flakes start to fall, visitors and locals take to the 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.

The only designated sledding area in Ruidoso is Schoolhouse Park next to the senior citizens center at Junction Road and Sudderth Drive, but plenty of back roads are transformed into sled runs at a moments notice and stay that way until the village's clearing equipment wipes away the fun.

A berm at the Schoolhouse run was added two years ago to keep sledders out of a fenced playground and the end of the run is buffered by small trees and a parking land to ensure no one sails into the street.

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

A commercial Snow Play area, Ruidoso Winter Park, in its fourth year of operation, continues to



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Taste the thrill on a snowy hill.

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.

Last year at the Kids Korral for children under 42 inches in height, chutes were redesigned and lengthened. One hundred new tubes also were added, some large enough for four to six people and others for riding in tandem.

Forty miles southwest and 2,000 feet higher, and more tubing possibilities unfold in the forest around Cloudcroft.

Andrea Gehrke, assistant recreation staff member with the Sacramento District of the national forest, said sledders frequently choose an undesignated hillside to try for some thrills. Drivers should be careful on the roads through the forest, because cars may be pulled off at odd angles and drivers may not be able to see sleds or people preparing their gear.

"Most of the forest can be used for sledding, but we have designated a few areas where we don't consider it safe," she said.

Outfitters also rent inner tubes for sledding, although many people bring their own, she said.

The outfitters in the Sacramento District are Triple M Snowplay, The Lodge and J.R.'s Rentals.

"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."

Besides many impromptu spots along the road — easy to see because tubers already are there or the snow shows evidence of their use — thrill seekers can whip down the slopes at the privately owned Triple M Snowplay Area, which stands for Mystical Mountain Magic.

"We have three slopes and one is the steepest in New Mexico," said owner Craig Sparling. "We also have an intermediate and beginners hill. All are supervised."

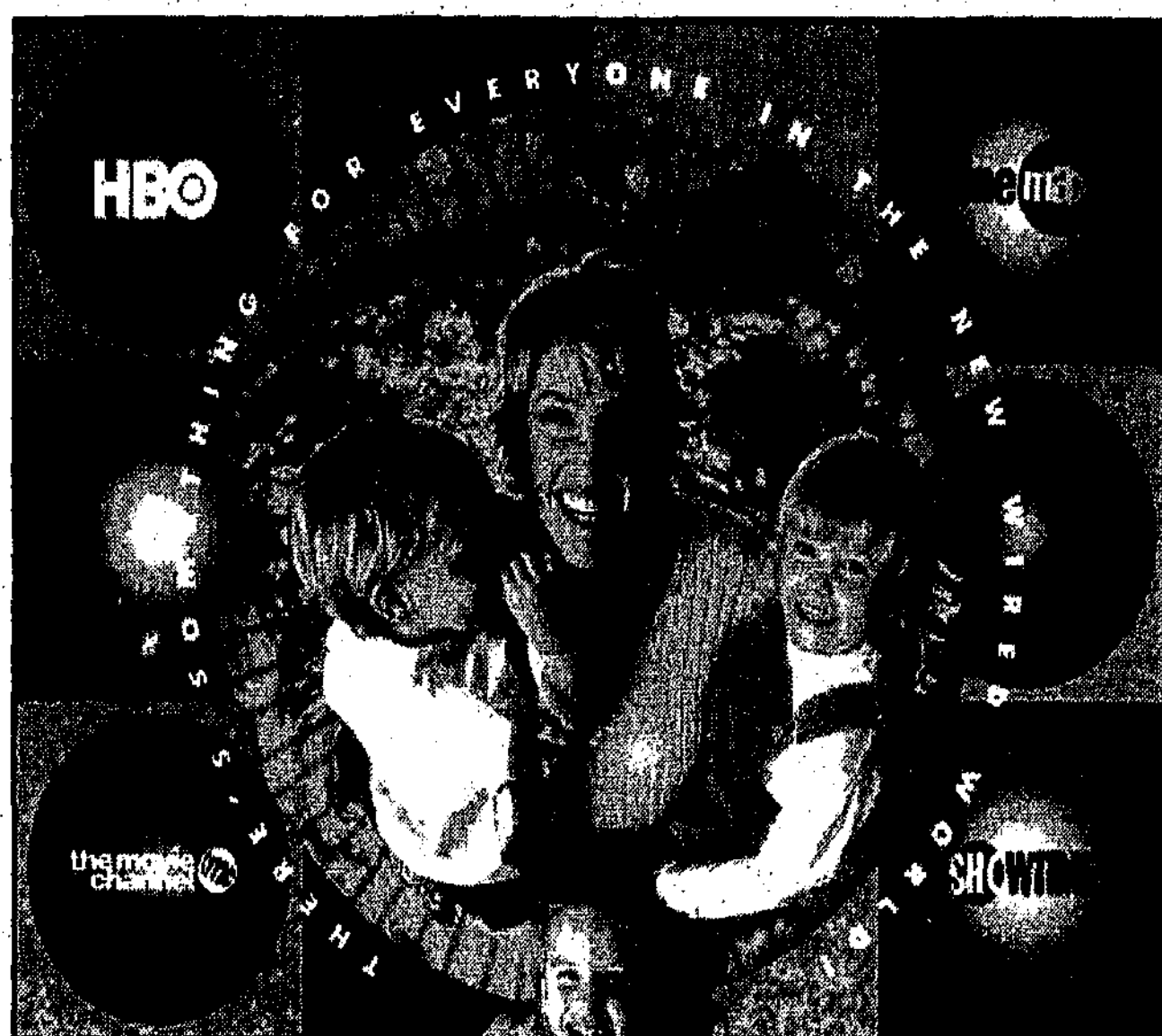
At Triple M, visitors don't even have to walk back up the slope after flying over the packed flakes to the bottom. A lift will move you gently to the top again for another trip down. The lift is open daily during the Christmas and New Year holidays, then closes on weekdays, except by reservation for groups of 50 or more.

The snow play area is set to open in mid-December, but everything hinges on snowfall. To remove some of that dependency, however, Sparling now has a snow-making machine. If nature doesn't cooperate, he can turn his hills white on his own.

Guided snowmobile rides also can be arranged on new Polaris models.

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 snow

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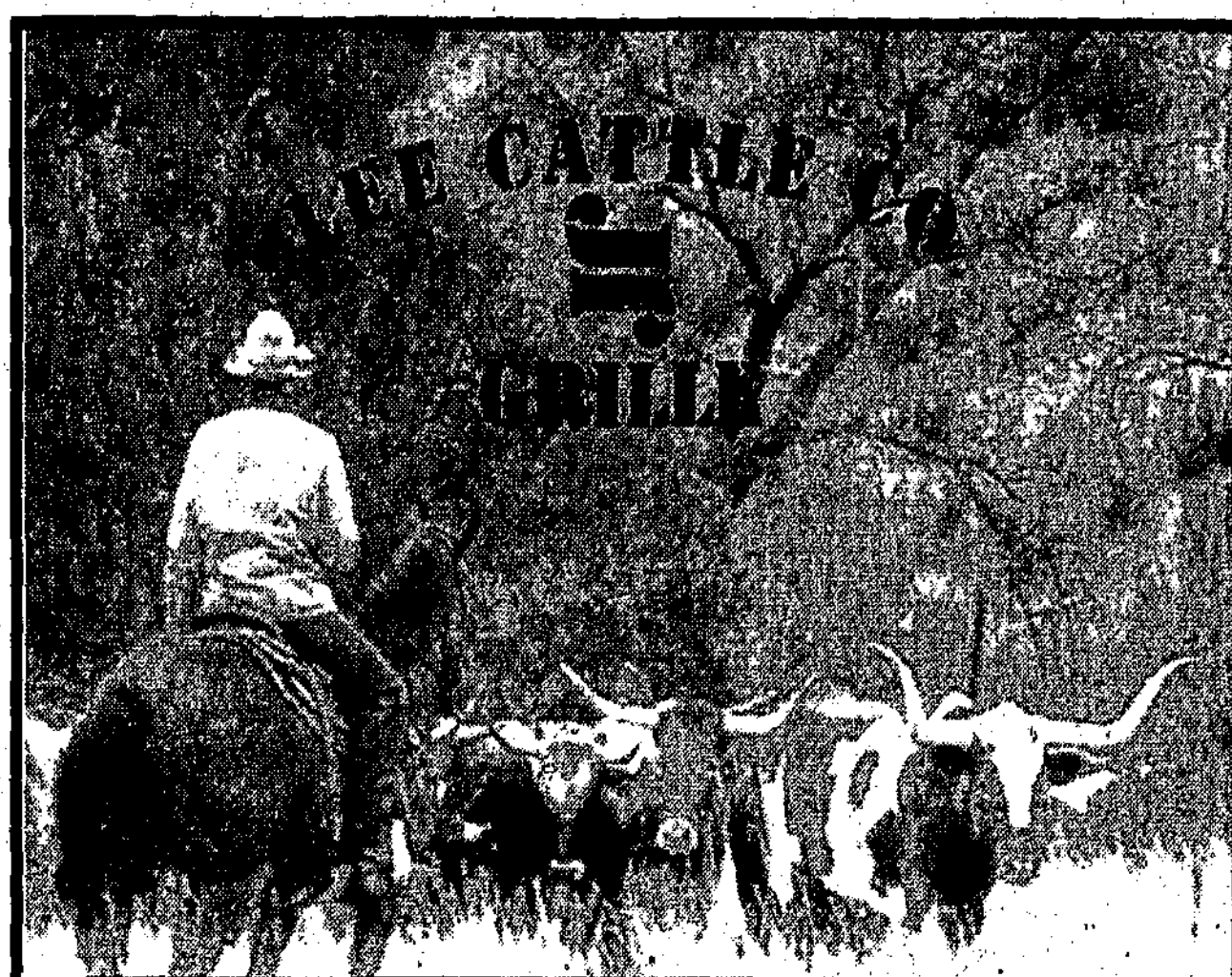
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mobile tours. The center will be open on all winter holidays. Private snowmobile tours may be scheduled at any time.

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. Highway 70 west toward Mescalero and turn south on Highway 244.

For more information about Triple M, call (800) 766-7529.

Check with the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for activities around Christmas. The calendar of events wasn't ready by press time, but the community celebrates with a week of fun including a parade, a tree lighting ceremony, theatrical productions, singing and Santa. The chamber's number is (505) 682-2733.

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 only skating rink in the area is operated by the village of Cloudcroft on U.S. Highway 82, 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

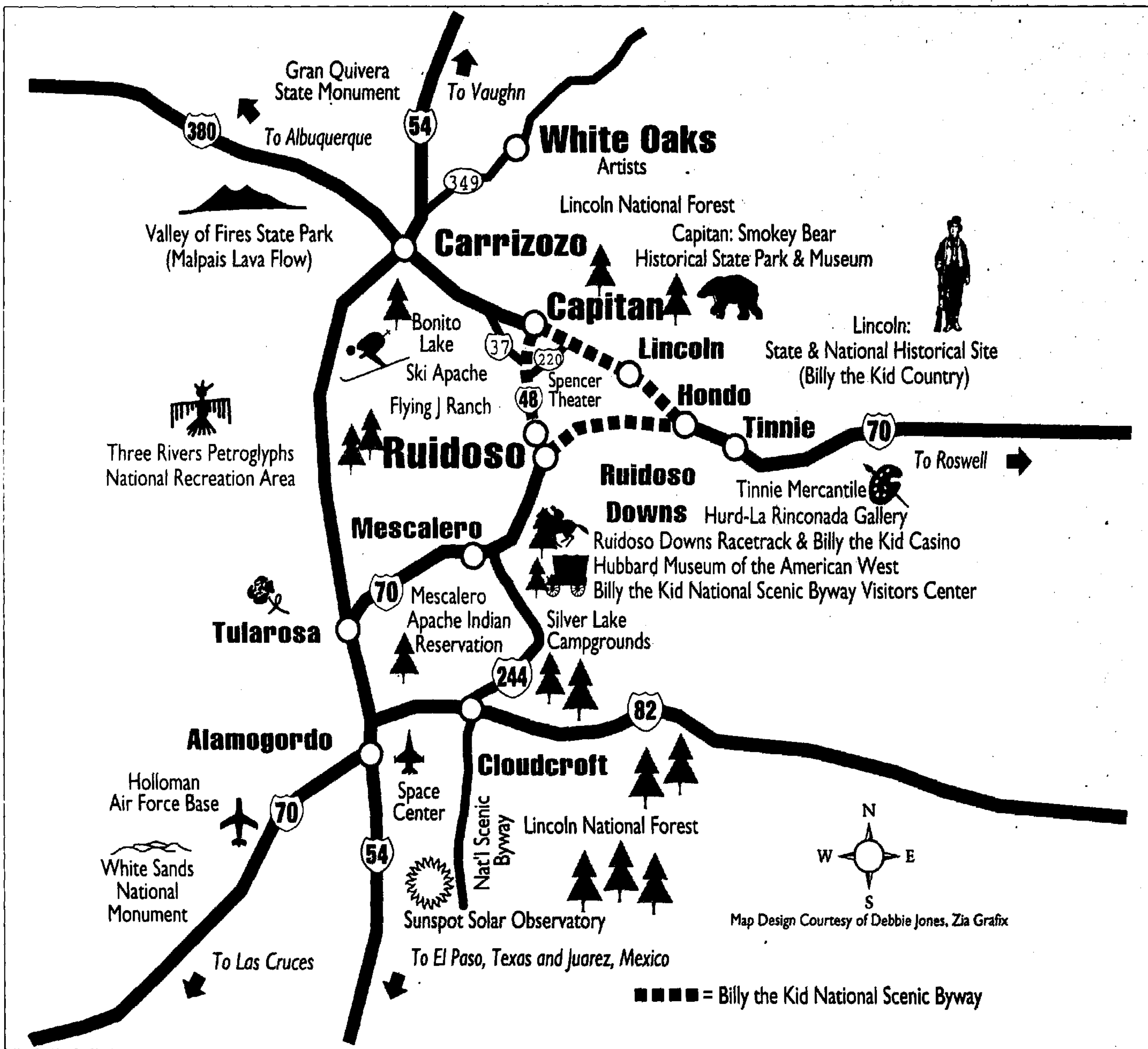
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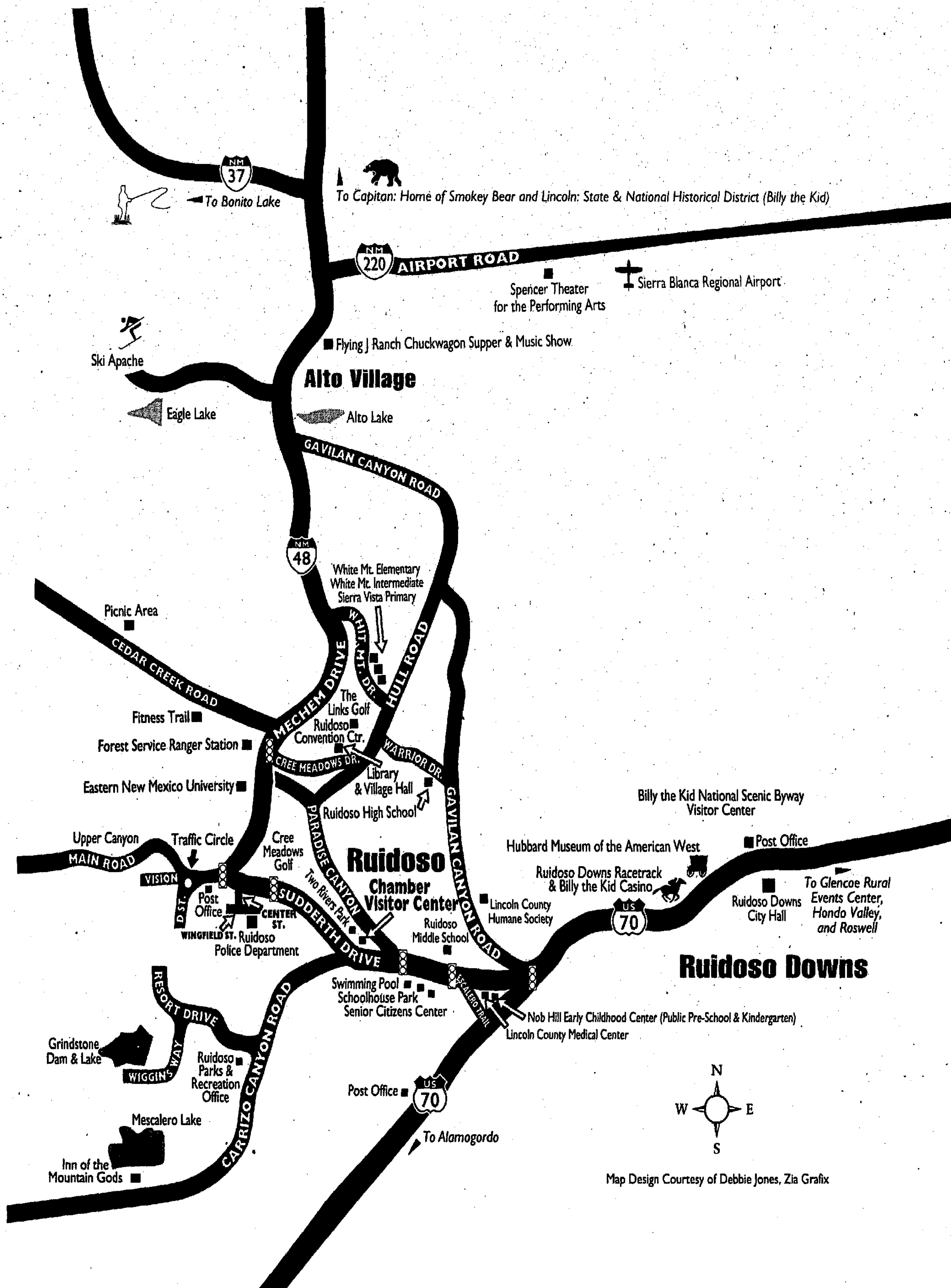
Visitors can take to the ice as early as 10 a.m. on weekends and at 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. The skating goes on into the evening. A large fireplace and cover helps skaters stay warm. Telephone numbers of skating instructors are available through the chamber of commerce.

No admission is charged if you bring your own skates.

A full-moon skating party will be scheduled in February.

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





Mescalero

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Mixing modern business enterprises with Apache traditions, the Mescalero Apache reservation boasts a luxury resort and a casino along with brush arbors and tepees amid some of the most spectacular scenery in New Mexico.

From the western edge of the reservation, which abuts Ruidoso and sprawls for 1,278-square miles on either side of U.S. Highway 70, enchanting White Sands National Monument stretches for more than 100 miles. From a pass lying below Apache Summit, impressive Sierra Blanca Peak looms in the distance to the east.

With the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache, 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.

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



Dianne Stallings

Pow-wows happen annually at Mescalero.

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, Mescalero wild fire-fighters, 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 during 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.

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Inn of the Mountain Gods

by Dianne Stallings

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One of the biggest draws for visitors to the Ruidoso area, the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache offer luxury treatment with exquisite dining options and gaming at its best.

But not everyone who stays there comes to feast on eggs benedict and smoked salmon for breakfast. Many choose a hardier breakfast to steel them for the slopes of Ski Apache or for a big game hunt arranged through the Mescalero Apache's Hunting Lodge.

Jonathan Adams, who puts together the hunts, said while bull elk draw more customers, bear and wild turkeys also bring repeat customers.

The Mescalero established a Rocky Mountain elk herd on the 460,000-acre reservation after a native species died out in the early 1900s. Tribal officials introduced 162 Rocky Mountain elk in 1967. Despite pessimistic predictions that the area lacked the necessary water to support a herd, the animals thrived.

Today a limited number of bull permits are available on a first-come basis for the fall bugle season. Cow elk, bear and turkey hunts also are scheduled.

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Apache dedication to their churches doesn't mean they 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 summer, 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.

Thousands of rainbow trout are raised each year at the reservation's fish hatchery, which is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 cradleboards, jewelry, medicine bags and beaded leather key chains.

However, all but the turkey hunts occur August through October. For more information, contact the Inn.

The hunting success rate on the reservation is 97 percent, Adams said. Hunts on the reservation stand out because of the quality of the animals taken, of the guides and of the food and lodging, Adams said.

Adams cautioned that the hunts can be physically taxing and participants should be in good physical condition. Participants may bring their own horses or rent horses locally. Each hunt is provided a tribal member as a guide and a vehicle.


Back at the Inn, a less taxing outdoor sport can be found on the golf course. Unless snow is falling, a round of golf is possible nearly all winter long.

For those who prefer their entertainment in front of a cozy fireplace or at a gaming table, winter packages are offered.

The Great Escape covers two breakfasts daily and a luxury room for \$98 per night, double occupancy from Oct. 1 through Dec. 19 and Jan. 2 through April 30.

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Ski shop owners are hoping the weatherman is right and that Ruidoso will see a wet winter with plenty of snow this season.

"I think we've paid our dues the last two years," said Ron Anderson, owner of Wild West Ski Shop. "We're ready to reap the fun."

The ski industry continues to come up with new ways to enjoy the slopes, he said.

"Snowboards still are growing in popularity, but the big new market is snowblades," Anderson said. "They're like skis, but shorter, about two feet long and you wear a traditional ski boot."

"They're a lot faster than traditional skis — about as fast as you can get and still have control. People who try them are always surprised for the better. You can turn on a dime."

He looks for the popularity of ski blades to climb again this year.

On more traditional lines, people can choose regular skis that went wider and shaped a few years ago.

"They all went that way, even the cross-country skis," he said. "They're stronger than ever. Just like the oversized tennis racket or golf club, a person can raise their level. Beginners learn faster."

Crazy hats and bright colors still dominate the ski clothing market, he said.

Like most shops in town, Wild West on Mechem Drive (State Road 48) opens in the winter at 7 a.m. and Anderson stays on Friday and holiday evenings as long as the traffic dictates.

"Whatever they need, we'll do," he said.

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 Mechem 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

with rear-end padding for snowboarders, because they end up on that part of their anatomy a lot," Cape said.

Steed Sports, whose business is across the street from A-Frame, also rents cross-country skis and snow shoes.

Owner Mike Steed recommends Buck Mountain, which can be accessed by a road near the top of Ski Run Road, as a great place to cross-country ski. Other choices are along Crest Trail to Monjeau Peak. Places also can be found around the Bonito Basin, Upper Eagle Creek and Lower Eagle Creek.

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

For safety, ski with a buddy, Forest Service officials advise. Take water, a map, a compass, and dress in layers. Make sure someone knows where you're going and when you're supposed to be back.

In the winter, trails can be tough to follow. Avalanches are rare, but they have occurred in the Buck Mountain area.

"If you can walk, you can snowshoe," Steed said. "It's pretty low key, but you can make it as difficult as you want by going to difficult areas."

Affectionately called "bear paws" by the initiated, snow-shoeing is winter's answer to jogging and requires stamina.

Learning to get up after your first fall is the biggest challenge, he said of the sport considered ancient and older than cross-country skiing. Snowshoes can take a person where skis can't go, he said.

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

Trails in the Lincoln National Forest double in the winter for cross-country and snowshoe adventure. Rangers at the Smokey District Station on Mechem near Sam Tobia Road can advise on those best suited to the two activities. Water repellent maps of two wilderness areas - White Mountain and Capitan - sell for \$5 each. More trails can be found in the Sacramento district of the forest near Cloudcroft and many of Ruidoso's back streets offer plenty of entertainment in snow.

Orin Nutting of Ski West Sports recommends trying demonstration skis before buying and not to skimp on boots. A few extra dollars may mean a much better fit and a lot more fun. Watch for summer sales to help.

Another improvement in skis are vibration absorption systems to reduce "chatter."

"Vibrations can kick a ski sideways and dump you and cause a premature release of the bindings," he said. "You need to find a binding that is in your proper weight range and in your proper ski range."

"Don't buy a brand just because that's what friends are using," he said. "Choose the right fit for you."

Snowboards continue to grow in popularity.



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Museum

by Dianne Stallings
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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 year 2000 also brought historical change and opportunity to the museum with its new affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution. The arrangement will allow the museum to bring in exhibits from the National Museum in Washington, D.C.

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. Highway 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



Anne C. Stradling, a New Jersey heiress and noted horsewoman, donated most of the Hubbard Museum of the American West's collection.

said.

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 recent visit.

"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 All American is the richest quarter horse race in the world. It 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 northeast on U.S. Highway 70 and then 10 miles west to Lincoln. The Hubbard museum operates a visitor's 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 May 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.

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Back in 1881, what may be the most famous jail-break in the history of the Old West took place at Lincoln, New Mexico, on April 28 of that year. Billy the Kid, convicted of murder and awaiting his execution, somehow acquired a pistol and shot his way out of the place, killing both of his guards in the process.

There are many stories much like this one that come down to us from those wild days. But, in most cases, the visitor to such a place would have to use his or her imagination to visualize the events of over a century ago. That is not the case in Lincoln.

The courthouse from which the Kid shot his way out of confinement and into legend is perfectly preserved — as is the rest of the settlement of Lincoln. The visitor can not only visualize the dramatic scene from 1881, they can actually view a bullet hole in the wall from



Unknown

The only known photograph of Billy the Kid.

Billy the Kid's gun. And that particular bullet passed through the body of one of the guards before striking the wall.

The Montano Store, where Lew Wallace stayed and heard local musicians serenading Billy "in his prison," is still there (and open to the public), as is the Casa de Patron right next door — the "prison" where the Kid was incarcerated. The Casa de Patron, like the Ellis Store, which shared the responsibility for Billy's confinement, are now both lovely Bed and Breakfasts where tourists can settle back in a relaxed atmosphere and re-live history.

If Billy the Kid were to ride back into Lincoln today, he would recognize it instantly. Many of the structures from Billy's time are still there. And, thanks to the conscientious citizens of Lincoln, many of them are open to the public.

The Tunstall Store, erected by John Tunstall in 1877, is stocked with goods from the period and is open to the public as a museum. The Doctor Woods House, built about 1882 by one of the sheriffs from the time of the Lincoln County War, gives the visitor an idea of what it was like to be a country doctor at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. The Old Courthouse, which was the original Murphy Store, is open to the public. Many people enjoy standing at the window from which Billy the Kid killed his bullying guard, Bob Olinger, just after calling out a cheery "Hello Bob" to the doomed man.

This is not just a museum. This is an entire town where visitors can see what it was like to live in New Mexico during the violent 1870s and 1880s. Many people are drawn to Lincoln by the legend of the Kid and the man who killed him, Pat Garrett. But there is much more. If the visitor starts his or her tour at the Visitor's Center at the east end of town, they can first view a short video about the history of Lincoln and then browse through the museum. There are artifacts here from the Three Peoples who settled this land: Native Americans, Hispanics and Anglos.

The famed Buffalo Soldiers, black troops who fought so nobly during the Indian Wars, occupy a portion of the Visitor's Center Museum, as do the Apache and Hispanic settlers. The other side of the museum is dedicated to the Lincoln County War, the most legendary "war" to ever take place in the Old West. And, for all you Billy buffs, the center room of the museum is dedicated to the Kid himself. That sunny, happy-go-lucky young man, who, despite his youth, became what may well be the most enduring legend the Old West ever produced, is immortalized in this room with text and photographs.

Additionally, there is the San Juan Mission, build during the 1880s and open to the public. Go back in time. Go to Lincoln and walk what was, in 1878, the most dangerous street in America.

Capitan

by Sandy Suggitt
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Smokey Bear still walks the streets of Capitan for various celebrations and festivities, and draws visitors from all over the world.

But even if he's hibernating, old photographs, literature and Smokey memorabilia can be seen at

Smokey Bear Museum, next to the Smokey Bear Historical State Park. A newly minted book on the history of Capitan is offered for sale there by Friends of Smokey to celebrate Capitan's 100th anniversary. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Near the Smokey Bear Museum is the Wildland & Firefighters Museum and the newly opened Capitan Museum.

Smokey Bear Historical Park bears Smokey's name because he was found in the Capitan Mountains in 1950 clinging to a tree after a forest fire. The bruin was buried in the park after his sojourn to Washington, D.C. as the mascot for the U.S. Forest Service's campaign to halt forest fires. Interactive and historical displays and videos in the park illustrate the vegetation in different zones of the state. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Hands-on is the name of the game at several of the two dozen businesses in downtown Capitan. Horse-drawn carriages are built and blacksmithing is done on the spot at Mule Creek Trading, and clothing is woven by a third-generation weaver at Handwoven Designs. The proprietor of White Dove Treasures makes handmade leather shoulder bags and clothing decorated with beadwork, and purses, belts and wallets are made on the premises of Jack Wolfhart Leather.

Besides these are antique shops, art shops, unusual gift shops, pottery, Western apparel, groceries and a hardware store.

Four restaurants offer a variety of foods. Spanky's is famous for gourmet pasta, salads and pizza. The Smokey Bear Motel and Restaurant offers diner food. Laurie's Grill & Game Room specializes in burgers and has all-you-can-eat catfish on Fridays. El Paisano serves Mexican food, and for quick eating, there's Brewer Shell Station/Taco Bell.

For the Christmas season, the Merchant's Open House is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, followed by Christmas in the Park, with refreshments and caroling and a drawing for prizes donated by the merchants.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce can provide visitors with information on artists in the area (505-354-2273), and for those wishing to hike in the Capitan Mountains, the New Mexico Forestry Division office at 302 West Second Street (505-354-2231) will give up-to-date weather reports.



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Smokey Bear, Capitan's most famous resident.

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Hondo Valley

by Sandy Suggitt
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the old days, people used to say, "Let's go see the apple blossoms in the Hondo Valley," where the orchards mingled with ranches and farms in the rolling foothills.

That's the way Wynema Tully, who moved to the valley to teach at the Stetson School when it was brand new in 1938, remembers the old days.

"It was such a beautiful place before the floods and before everybody got rid of the orchards," Tully said.

"Gerald (Tully, who became her husband after chasing off her boyfriends) packed groceries from Capitan over to his store here through Devil's Canyon," she said, showing an old photograph of a man with a horse-drawn wagon. The Tully family settled in the valley in 1905 and opened a grocery store that also served as the post office. The old highway went by there, then it was moved to the frontage road, and finally, in the '70s, farther up to its current location.

"It was a beautiful, productive valley," Tully said. "People grew cabbages and corn, there were ranches, and this area was apples. We shipped to Texas, and then Washington apples came in. They were ahead of us and we weren't going for the huge apples, but ours had the better flavor."

The orchards disappeared about 30 years ago, and gradually many people went out of the farming business, but cattle ranches can still be seen, and fruit stands still sell apples as well as other fruits — though they're mostly brought in from elsewhere. The Tullys still eat their own apples — and they do have better flavor than the commercial ones.

The area was originally settled by Hispanics, and many of their descendants still populate the valley.

Other valley activities are planned by the San Patricio senior center, Lincoln County Zia Center, next to the post office. Bridge, movies, crafts, exercising and pool tournaments are scheduled during the week, and the center has a Christmas party in late December.



Wynema Tully, a resident of the Hondo Valley since 1938.

Sandy Suggitt

Corn, alfalfa and cattle were raised for nearby Fort Stanton, and when the fort closed, locals switched to truck farming, until the earlier Washington apples put them out of business.

Evidence of the history of the valley is visible at the Coe Ranch in Glencoe, and several small churches along U.S. Highway 70 east between Glencoe and Hondo. St. Anne's Episcopal Church is west of the Glencoe Post Office, and services are still held there at 9 a.m. on Sundays. The Iglesia de San Patricio, farther down the road, is the oldest standing church in southeastern New Mexico, built in 1880. The church opens for a Mass on St. Patrick's Day.

For oral history, visit the Glencoe Post Office, where locals come for their mail and to sample Postmaster Better Joiner's bread, exchange gossip and reminisce about the "good ol' days."

In San Patricio, visitors can stop at the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery, where the artwork of Henriette Wyeth and Peter Hurd is exhibited, along with that of their son, Michael Hurd. Besides the gallery, built by Michael Hurd, there are guest houses available. Call (505) 653-4331 or (800) 658-6912 for reservations. Also in San Patricio is the Benson Fine Arts Gallery. Both galleries have holiday receptions in late December.

Other artists in the area are Paula White and her Red Rose Art Studio, renowned fiber-glass sculptor Louis Jimenez, and abstract artist Dee Wescott.



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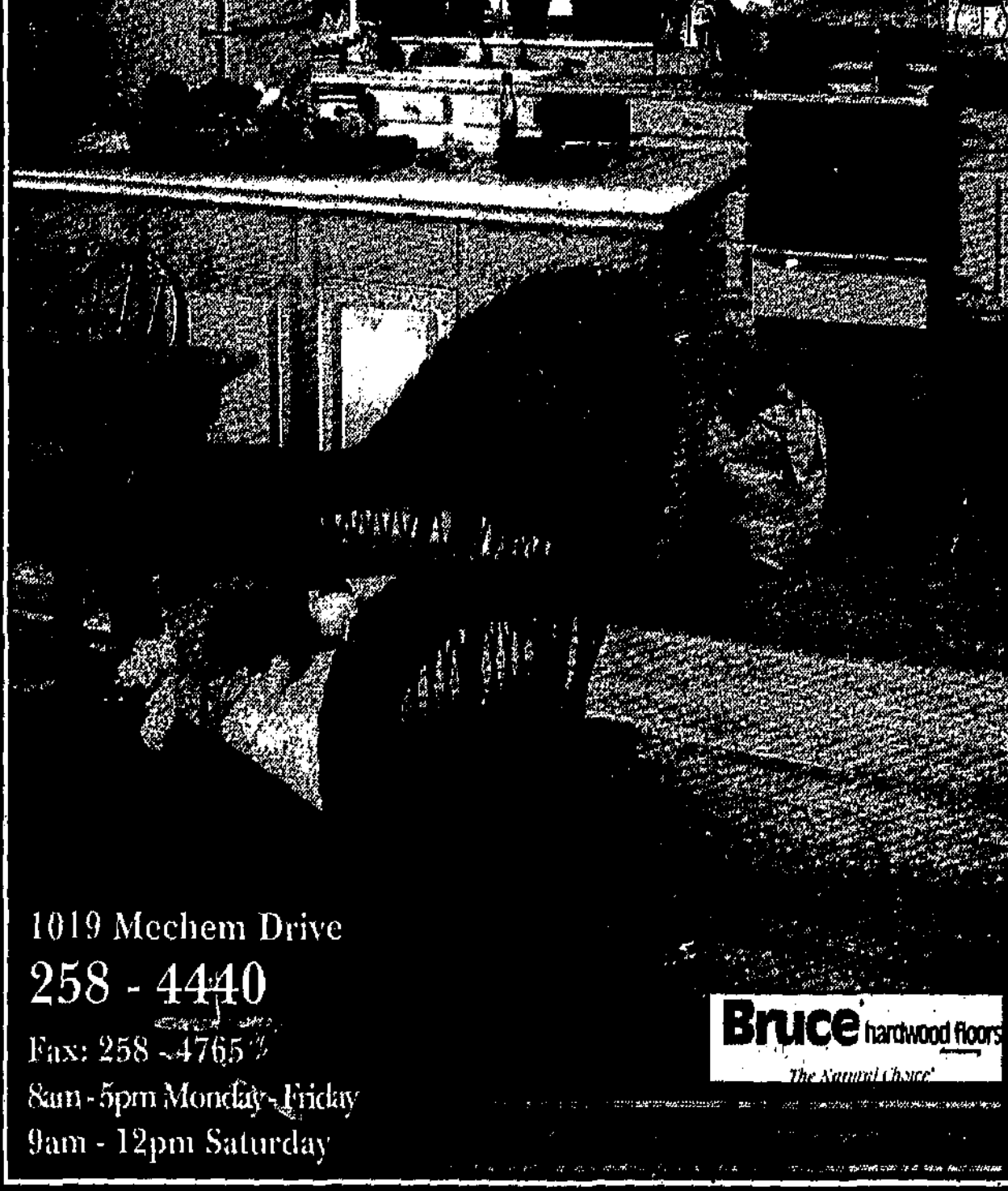
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by Karen Boehler
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

While many golf courses throughout the state close for the winter, most of the southern New Mexico courses take advantage of the mild winters to stay open year 'round.

Some feature shortened hours, and, of course, the golfing is limited on snow days, but pro shops are open year 'round.

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Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Drive, Alto
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Scott Forester is director of golf
Kirk Taylor is the head pro

Features:

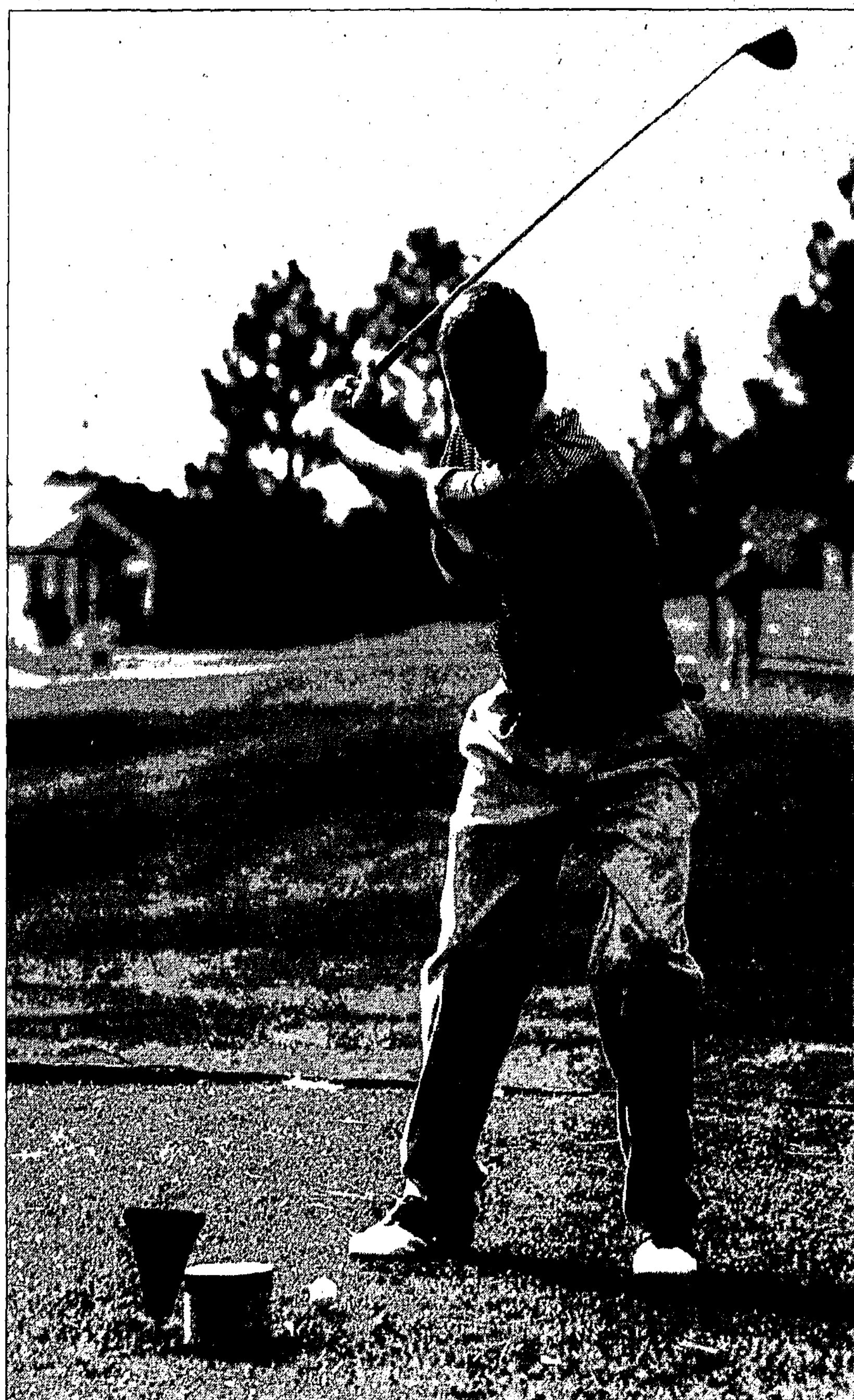
- 18 holes, 6,480 yards from the blue tees, course rating 68.0, par 71.
- Signature hole - No. 12 tees off from the top to a two-tier fairway.
- Alto Lakes is a private club for members and their guests. Its back nine is considered one of the best in the state.

Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course

Highway 380, Carrizozo
648-2143 for tee info

Features:

- 9 holes, 3,319 yards
- No driving range.
- Carrizozo is a public course. It is the least expensive golf course in New Mexico. \$5 for 9 holes; \$7 for 18 holes or \$25 monthly.



Karen Boehler

Golf is a year-round sport in Ruidoso.

Cree Meadows Public Golf Course

301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso
call 257-5815 for tee times

Winter hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Eric Eggleston is the course pro

Features:

- 18 holes, 5,786 yards from the blue tees; course rating 66.9, par 71.
- Signature hole - No. 2, it's the pretty one with an elevated tee down to a valley then to an elevated green.
- No driving range.
- Cree Meadows is a public course.

Desert Lakes Golf Course

2351 Hamilton Road, Alamogordo
call 505-437-0290 for tee times

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Winter hours: 7 a.m.-dusk
Grant M. Dalpes is the golf pro

Features:

- 18 holes, 6,491 yards from the blue tees, course rating 68.2, slope 118, par 72.
- Lighted driving range and putting green.
- Desert Lakes is a public golf course that has a restaurant, bar and fully stocked pro shop.
- The course was fully renovated in 1996. It is in great shape, and very scenic.

The Links at Sierra Blanca

105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso

call 258-5330 for tee times

Winter hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Snow days: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Morgan Clough is the general manager

Features:

- 18 holes, 6,793 from the gold tees, 6,422 from the blue tees, 5,940 from white tees, 5,071 from the green tees. Course rating on the gold tees is 71.0, par 72.
- Signature hole - No. 15 is a dogleg left nestled in the trees. It's always a challenge
- Driving range and practice greens.
- The berm-studded Links is a challenging public course designed by Jim Colbert.

New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

201 W. 19th Street, Roswell

505-622-6033

Tom Velarde is the golf pro

Mike Jones is the general manager

Features:

- 18 holes, 6,689 yards, par 72
- Signature hole - No. 16 is 469-yard, par 4
- Driving range and putting greens
- Owned by the Institute, this is a public course.
- Golf cart rental available and snack bar.
- \$10.50 for nine holes, \$15.75 for 18 holes
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited on the course.

Spring River Golf Course

1612 W. 8th Street, Roswell

John Fowler is the golf pro

505-622-9506

Features:

- 18 holes, 6,336 yards, course-rating 68.7, par 71
- Signature hole - No. 13 is a short par 3 that is three-tiered and well-bunkered
- Driving range, putting greens
- The Spring River greens are well undulated and well bunkered, quite demanding on the iron shots. Plus, more new trees were planted throughout last winter and spring.
- \$15 for 18 holes, cart rental is available

Roswell Country Club

2601 Urton Road, NE Roswell

call 505-622-2050 for information

Winter hours: 8 a.m.-dark

Features:

Luke Thompson is the head pro

- 9-hole course, with yardage of 3,055 on the front 9 and 3,094 the second time through, par 72
- Guests must play with the members
- Driving range, putting and chipping greens
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- Cart rental available



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White Oaks

by Sandy Suggitt
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For a lovely drive and a cold drink, take a trip to the ghost town of White Oaks, a few miles outside of Carrizozo on Highway 349 and stop in at The No Scum Allowed Saloon.

In the 1880s a booming gold-mining town with a population of about 4,000 - the second largest in the New Mexico Territory - White Oaks boasted four newspapers, two churches, numerous general merchandise stores and restaurants, a bank, a drug store, a school and a saloon. Now all that's left of all that busyness is the White Oaks Social Club and Saloon.

Built in 1880 as a lawyer's office, it later became an assay office, a print shop, a newspaper, an antique store, and 30 years ago it was a post office, said the current owner, Grady Stewart.

Stewart and his wife, Betty, moved to White Oaks in 1992 and bought the saloon almost five years ago.

"It was 'The Exchange' when I bought it, ... I changed the name to 'White Oaks Social Club and Saloon.' That's the official name, but everybody calls it 'The No Scum Allowed Saloon,'" Stewart said. That came from a sign an employee had made up after seeing it in a "Young Guns" movie.

The saloon is open six days a week, 12 months a year and Stewart said he has customers from all over the world.

"I've had days I haven't had 10 people here all day long," he said. "Some days I can have 20-30 people at a time - and that's a big crowd in this

place."

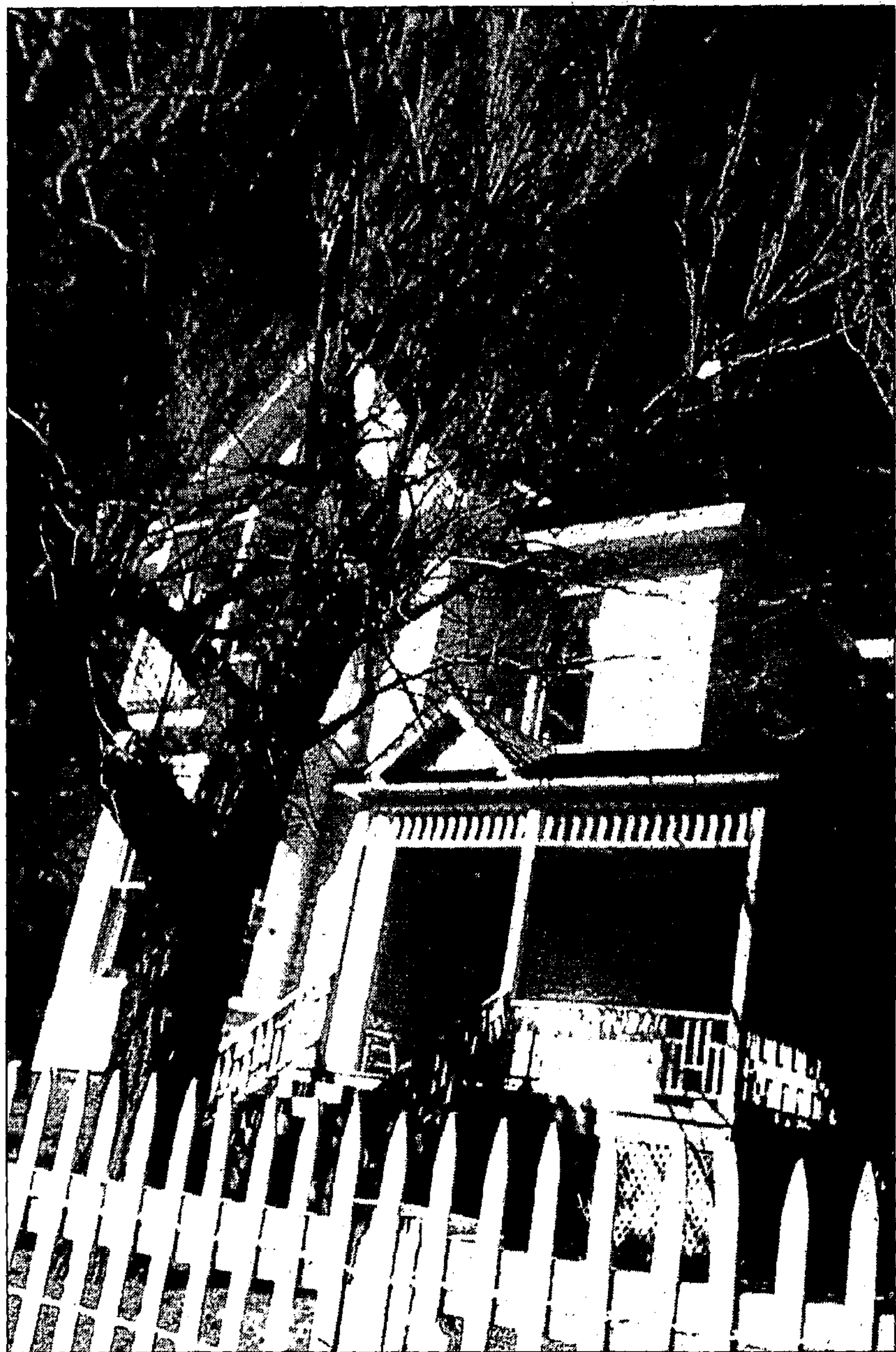
Stewart doesn't get a newspaper, but friends keep him informed on the local gossip, "and then I have to listen to it more than once to try to filter out somebody else's embellishment. Today we're playing a friendly game of dominoes."

In the winter, most everything else in the town is closed up, although a call to Robert Leslie, a native of White Oaks and curator of the two-story School House Museum, built in 1895, could end up with a tour. (For information, contact the Lincoln County Historical Society at (505) 648-2443 or Leslie at 505-648-2521.) The old classroom downstairs is used for artist tours, but upstairs are old photographs and memorabilia of White Oaks in its hey day, and definitely worth a visit.

A few artists keep their studios or galleries open during the winter for visitors, including painter Bob Reynierson, in the middle of town, and impressionist painter Palla, a little farther down. Driving straight through town to the gravel road at the end and following signs for White Oaks Pottery for three miles leads to Ivy Heymann's two-story handmade adobe studio and gallery. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but call (505) 648-2985 to confirm.

One of the best history texts left in White Oaks is the cemetery set just outside of town (perhaps for olfactory reasons). The bones of many of the movers and shakers are there with colorfully-written epitaphs memorializing them.

The road to White Oaks is a state road and paved all the way. To get there, take Highway 54 north out of Carrizozo for three miles, then turn onto Highway 349, the White Oaks turnoff. The road winds through the valley and the cemetery is the first sign of this old town.



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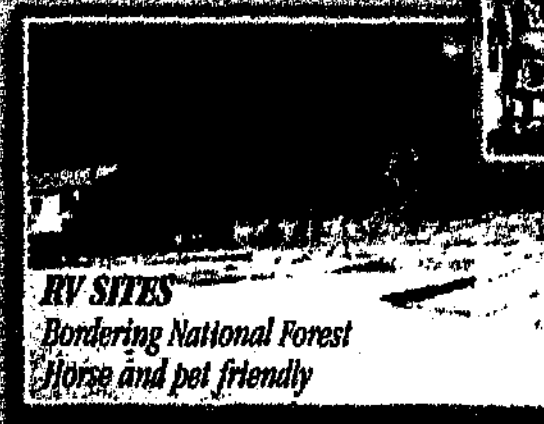
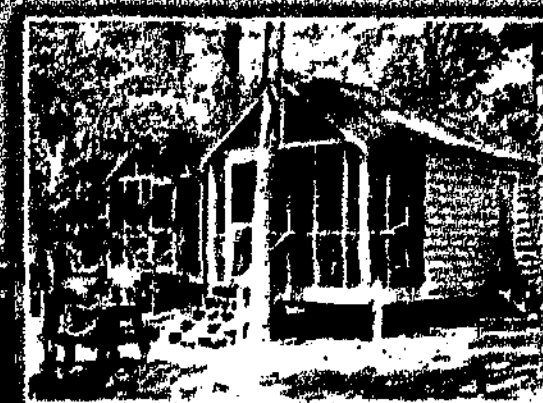
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Carrizozo

by Polly E. Chavez
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The town of Carrizozo celebrated its 100th year anniversary in 1999. The town began when the El Paso and Northeastern Railroad (E.P. & N.E.) chose the area for a railroad head. In 1909 Carrizozo became the county seat of Lincoln County.

William C. McDonald, the first elected governor of New Mexico, made his ranch home in Carrizozo. Located on a broad plateau in South Central New Mexico, Carrizozo is on the junctions of Highways 54 and 380. A panoramic view of mountains frames the town.

Volunteers are a major force behind what visitors see and do in Carrizozo. Volunteers are the heart of the town's diverse activities. Close-knit volunteers from civic club, church groups, municipal schools and business districts and government agencies organize events.

The town's sports boosters promote winter basketball events in "Grizzly Country." Sports fanatics driving through town will see Grizzly flags on game days. Mammoth grizzly paw prints along town streets lead to the gym. Pre-game authentic enchilada and spaghetti dinners raise funds to aid the school's programs.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club holds its annual Holiday Hoedown the first Saturday in December. The event features arts, crafts, bake goods, and a holiday luncheon. As an old-time experience the afternoon includes wassail punch and Christmas desserts. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department spon-

sors a December visit from Santa, who delights the young with generous bags of holiday goodies.

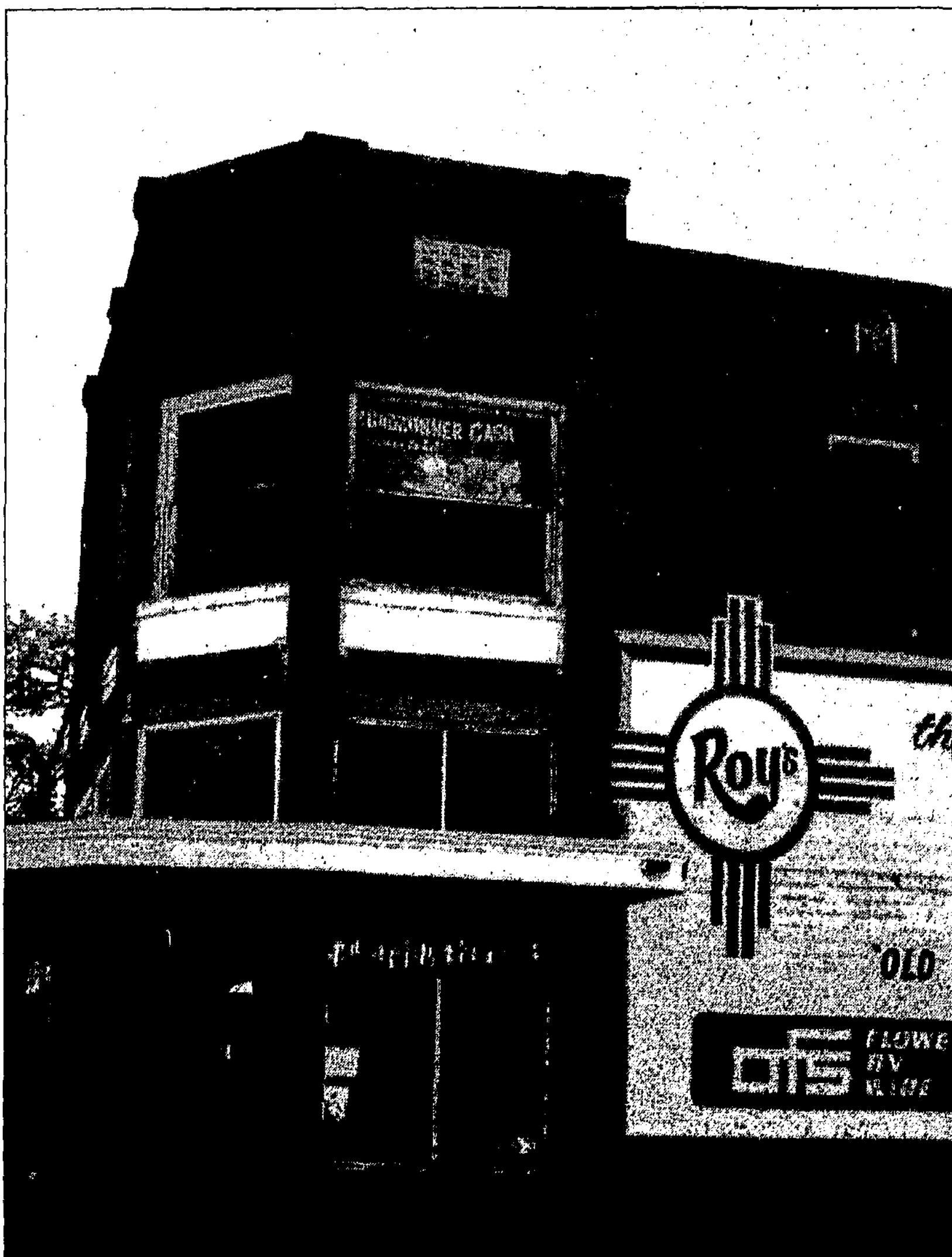
Carrizozo has shared with travelers, since 1993, its Hispanic culture of luminarias, which trace back from Spanish religious roots. Regardless of race, nationality and religious denomination, the town relies heavily on volunteer help to put on this large-scale display of lights. Dedicated volunteers begin early to prepare the thousands of sack, sand and candle paper lanterns, known as "farolitos" in northern New Mexico, but as luminarias in other parts.

Close attachment to the past has allowed Carrizozo residents to maintain a distinctive cultural identity that is uniquely New Mexican. This identity is based on a sense of family and religious traditions. This year the Hispanic cultural heritage of processions and pilgrimages will be reflected in Las Posadas, performed throughout the state in various adaptations of the original play. The event will be sponsored by the Santa Rita Catholic Church.

Las Posadas represents Mary (Maria) and Joseph (Jose) going through the streets of Bethlehem (Belen) seeking shelter for the birth of the Holy Child (Santo Niño). Luminarias will delineate the street route. Following the centuries-old musical reenactment of the journey to Bethlehem, the participants go to a designated site for a celebration. Biscochitos, hot chocolate or cider is enjoyed and children try to break a piñata filled with Christmas candies.

The Christmas holidays also bring other expressions of the Yuletide season. Trinity United Methodist Church sponsors the annual Community Christmas Cantata, made up of members of the local churches. First Baptist Church sponsors a children's caroling group, who ride on a hay-filled trailer, knock at senior citizens' doors and sing Christmas songs.

Volunteers serve at the at the Lincoln County Historical Society, which houses its archives at the historical Masonic Temple. Volunteers man a caboose, reminiscent of early-day Carrizozo when the town was a rail and shipping center. The efforts of town volunteers made a Web site for the town a reality. Plan a trip to Carrizozo by checking out <http://townofcarrizozo.click2site.com>



Visitors can taste the past in Carrizozo.

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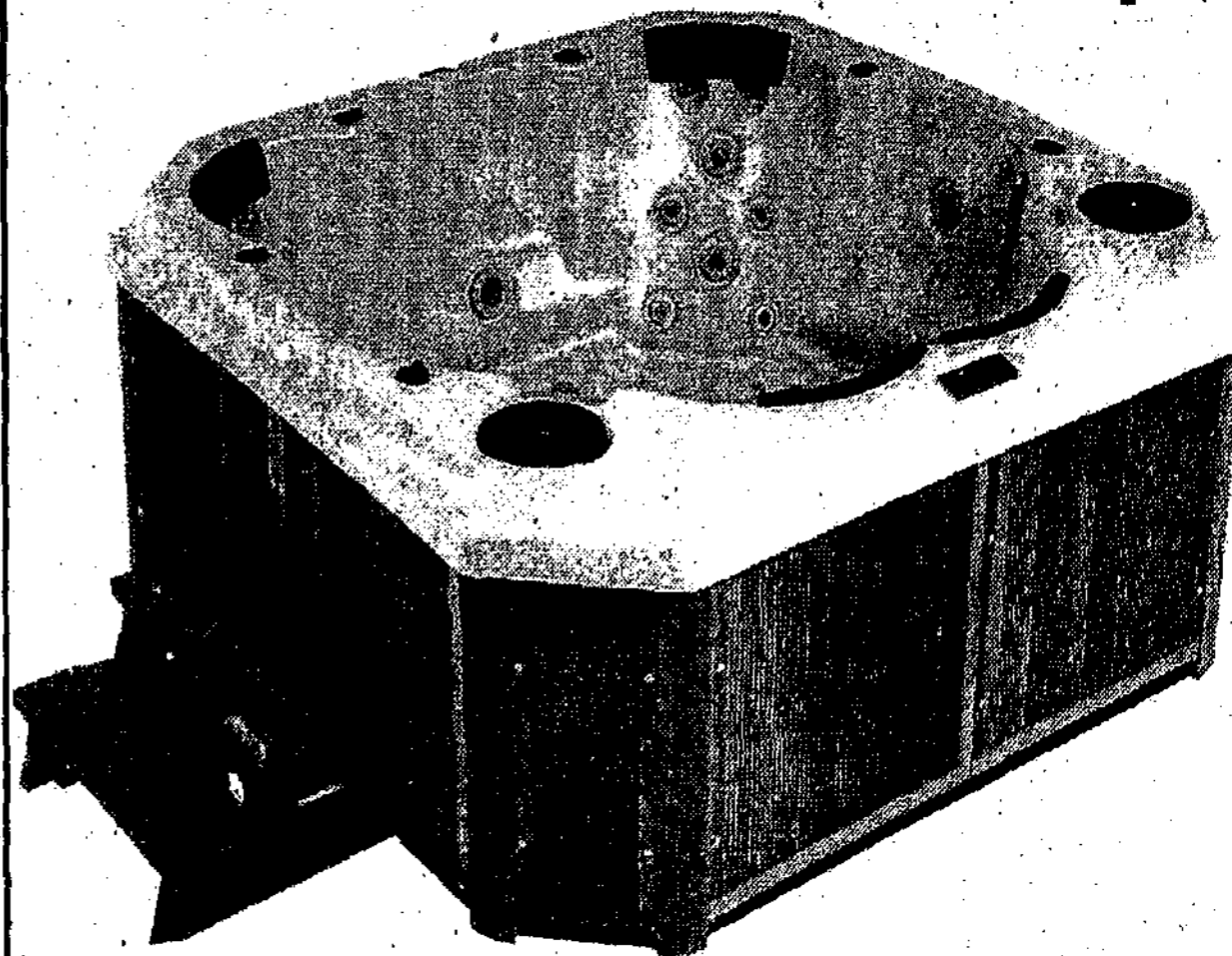
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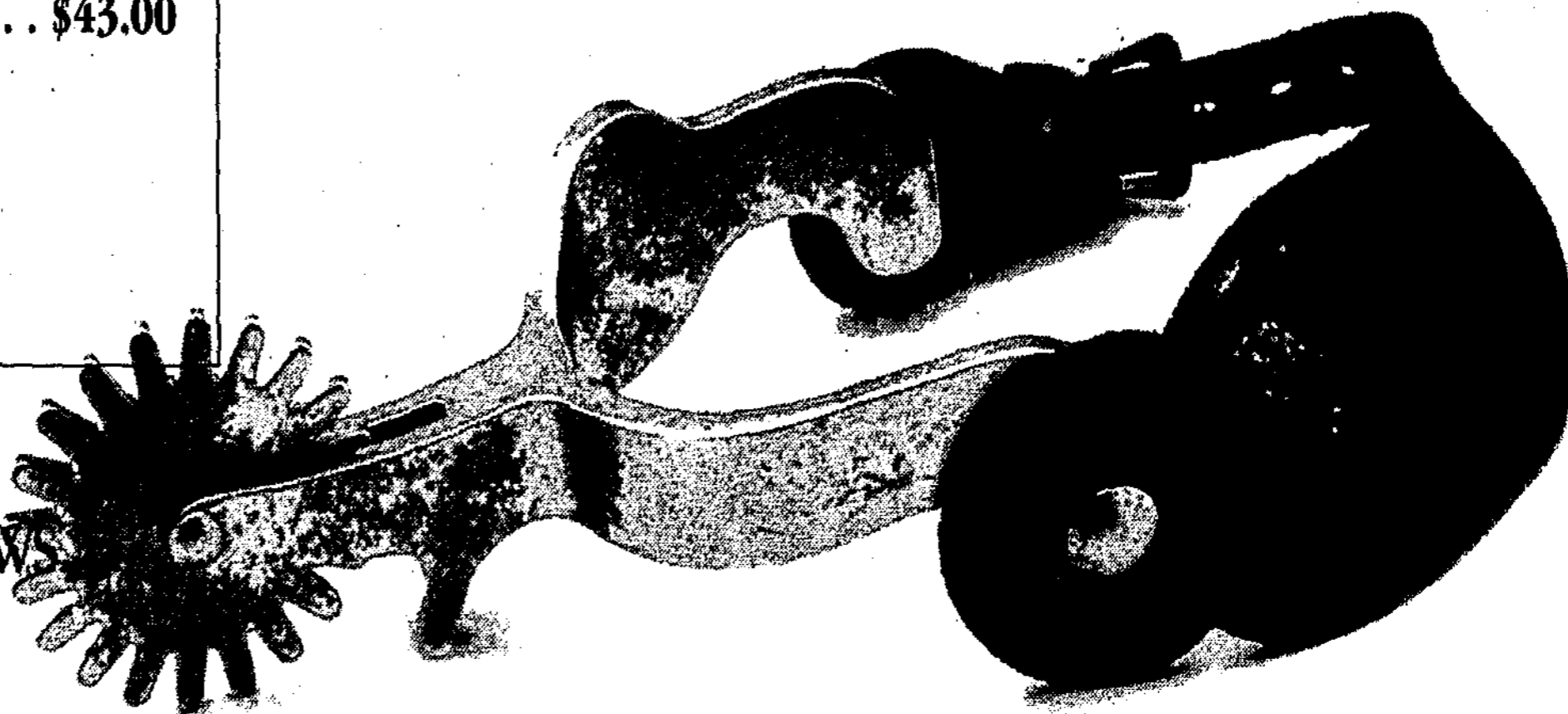
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The Moscow Festival Ballet will give two performances of Swan Lake at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on February 17, 2001.

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Dec. 5

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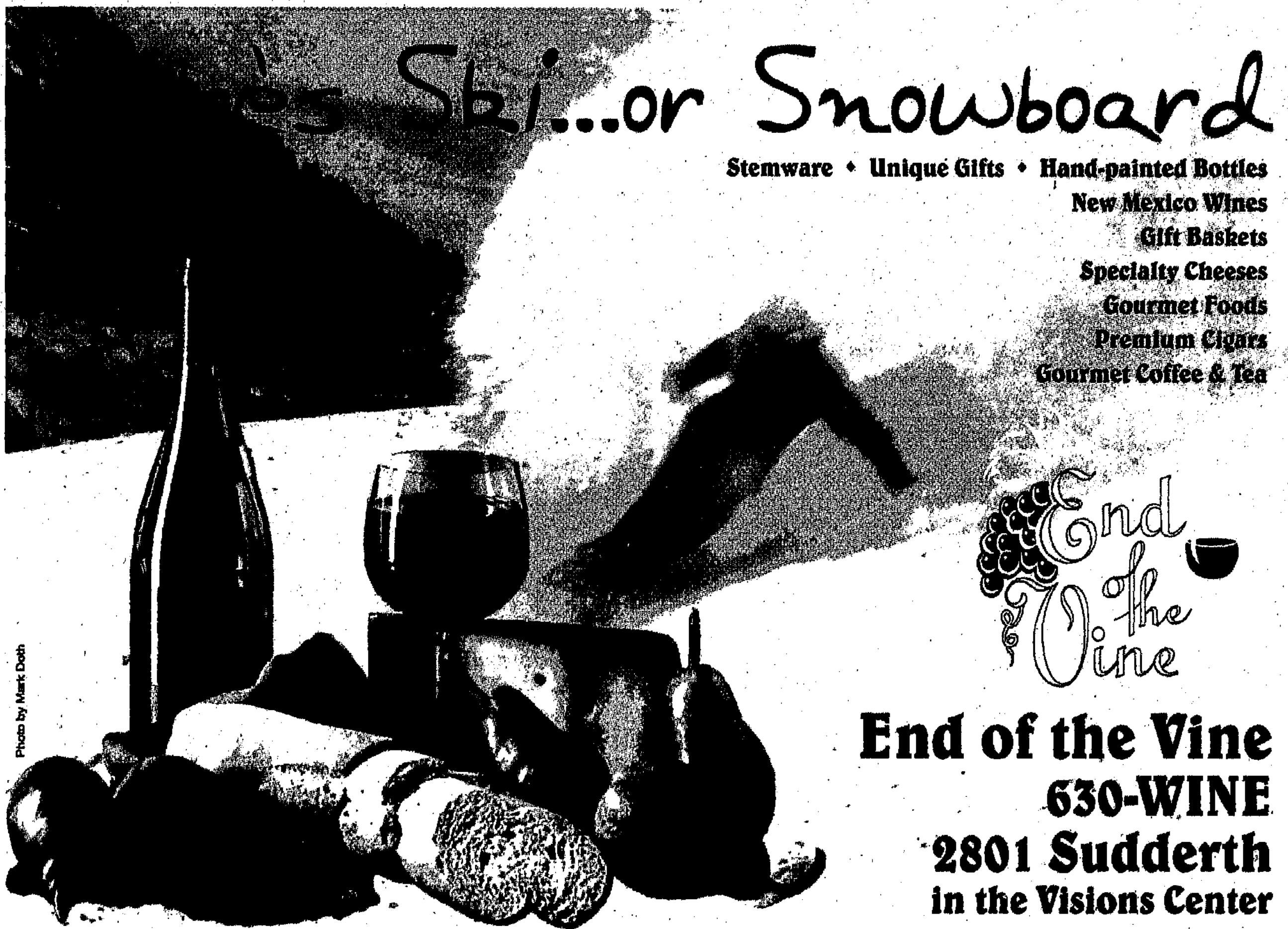
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Dec. 12

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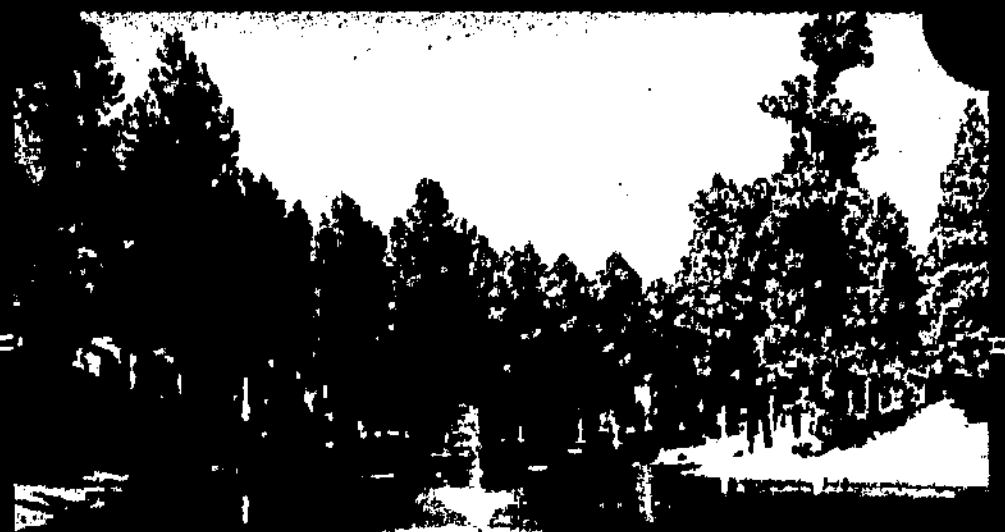
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Dec. 15

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Dec. 16

Kurt Bestor's Orchestral Christmas at the Spencer Theater. 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Backswing at Win Place & Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive. 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. 257-9982. Country & Western.

Dec. 17

Twas the Night Before Christmas, Cloudcroft Dance Theatre, Flickenger Center Alamogordo. Call (505) 687-3184.

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Dec. 18

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Dec. 19

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Dec. 22

Handel's "Messiah" at the Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. 336-4800.

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Dec. 31

Torch Light Parade at Ski Cloudcroft. Call (505) 682-2333.

Wildcard performs at Win Place & Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive. 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. 257-9982. Country & Western.

The Thieves of Blues at The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Drive. 8:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. 257-9535. Classic rock and blues.

Feb. 2

The Lodge Murder Mystery, at The

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The Lodge Murder Mystery, at The Lodge in Cloudcroft. (505) 682-2566.

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Feb. 10

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet performs "Cinderella on Ice" at the Spencer Theater. 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Feb. 17

The Moscow Festival Ballet performs "Swan Lake" at the Spencer Theater. 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Mar. 10

Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight" at the Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Mar. 21

"Jekyll & Hyde" at the Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Mar. 22

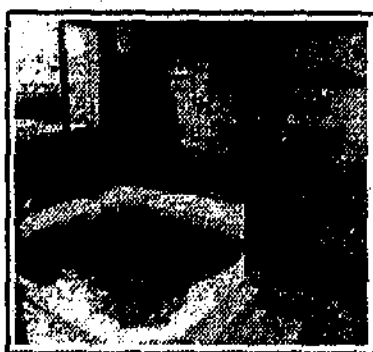
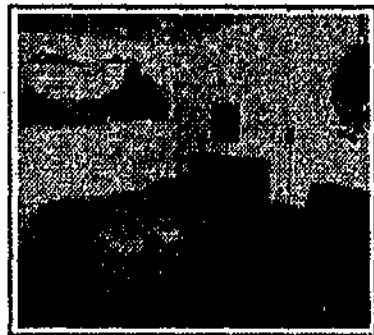
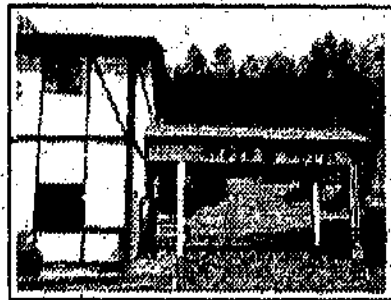
"Jekyll & Hyde" at the Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. 336-4800.

Mar. 30

"Crazy for You" at the Spencer Theater. 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. 336-4800.

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Winter Safety

The slopes and the snow-laden trails can make for great times for visitors. But visitors should also keep in the back of their minds the hazards winter can also bring.

The Ruidoso News encourages visitors to enjoy themselves while in the area but be safe.

Be Prepared Before the Storm Strikes

Primary concerns are the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day.

Have available:

- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information. These may be your only links to the outside.
- Extra food and water. High-energy food, such as dried fruit or candy, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best.
- Extra medicine and baby items.
- First aid supplies.
- Heating fuel. Fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a severe winter storm.
- Emergency heating source, such as a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc. Learn to use these items properly to prevent a fire. Have proper ventilation.
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector. Test units regularly to ensure they are working properly.

In cars and trucks . . .

Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm!

- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter sea-

son begins.

- Carry a Winter Storm Survival Kit:

Blankets/sleeping bags; flashlight with extra batteries; first-aid 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.

On the farm . . .

Move animals to sheltered areas. Shelter belts, properly laid out and oriented, are better protection for cattle than confining shelters, such as sheds. Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas. Have a water supply available. Most animal deaths in winter storms are from dehydration.

Signs and Treatment of Cold Weather 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; lurching gait
- Drowsiness
- Apparent exhaustion; inability to get up after a rest.

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 such 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.

If You Must Go Outside . . .

Observe the following safety measures:

- 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.

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,

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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.

- Exercise by clapping hands and moving arms and legs vigorously from time to time, and do not stay in one position for long. But don't overdo it. Exercise warms you but it also increases heat loss.

- 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.

- Remember, don't panic. Stay with the car.

Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. The leading cause of death during winter storms is from automobile or other transportation accidents. Exhaustion and heart attacks caused by overexertion are the two most likely causes of winter storm-related deaths. Elderly people account for the largest percentage of hypothermia victims. Many older Americans literally "freeze to death" in their own homes after being exposed to dangerously cold indoor temperatures, or are asphyxiated because of improper use of fuels such as charcoal briquettes, which produce carbon monoxide.

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.

Emergency Numbers

Police, fire, ambulance 911

Ruidoso

Police Department (non-emergency)	257-7365
Fire Department (non-emergency)	257-7365
Village Hall	258-4343
Ruidoso Public Library	258-3704
Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center	257-4565
Ruidoso Water and Sewer Maintenance	257-2386
Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (Alto)	336-8111
Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce	257-7395
U.S. Post Office	257-7120

Ruidoso Downs

Police Department (non emergency)	378-4001
Fire Department (non emergency)	378-4001
Village Hall	378-4422
Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center	378-4659
U.S. Post Office	378-4595

Capitan

Capitan Police Department (non emergency)	354-2154
if no answer	648-2341
Village Hall	354-2247
Capitan Public Library	354-3035
Capitan-Zia Senior Citizens Center	354-2640
Capitan Chamber of Commerce	354-2273
U.S. Post Office	354-2269

Carrizozo

Police (non emergency)	648-2341
Fire Department (non emergency)	648-2261
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The Crest Townhomes

Vanecsek • \$259,900 • Unit #13-110 Granite Dr.

3 bdrms, 3 baths - beautiful interior - Sierra Blanca view - 2 car garage - wet bar - atrium - awesome!!



Alto

Burkholder • \$395,000 • 121 Mashie Court

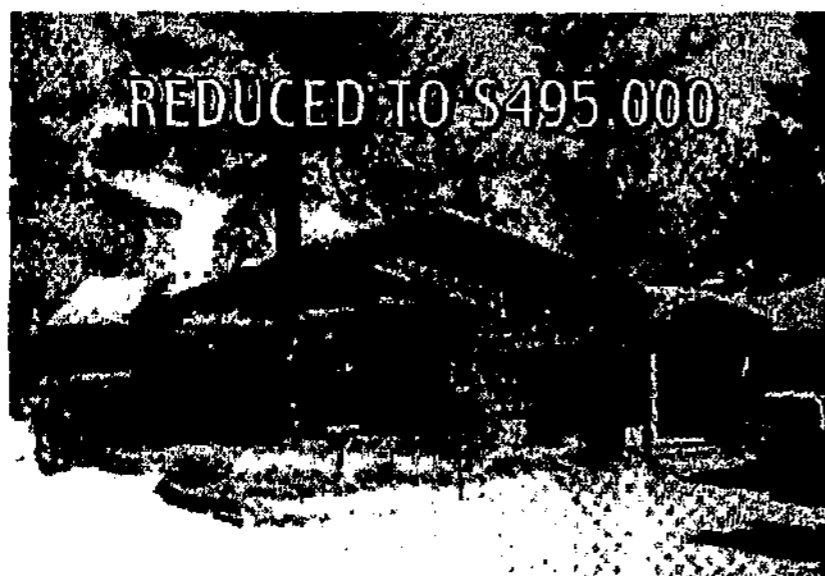
4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, 2984 sq. ft. mountain chalet on #6 fairway on charming cul-de-sac. Game room - close to club. Full golf membership.



Alto - Sierra Blanca Unit 3

Lenggenhager • \$184,000 • 205 Lakeshore Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, full golf mbrshp. Woodsy mtn. Chalet surrounded by tall pines. Nice deck overlooking Alto Lake. Rock fireplace. Paved drive and parking. Fully furnished.



REDUCED TO \$495,000

Alto

Spiral, Inc. • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Dr.

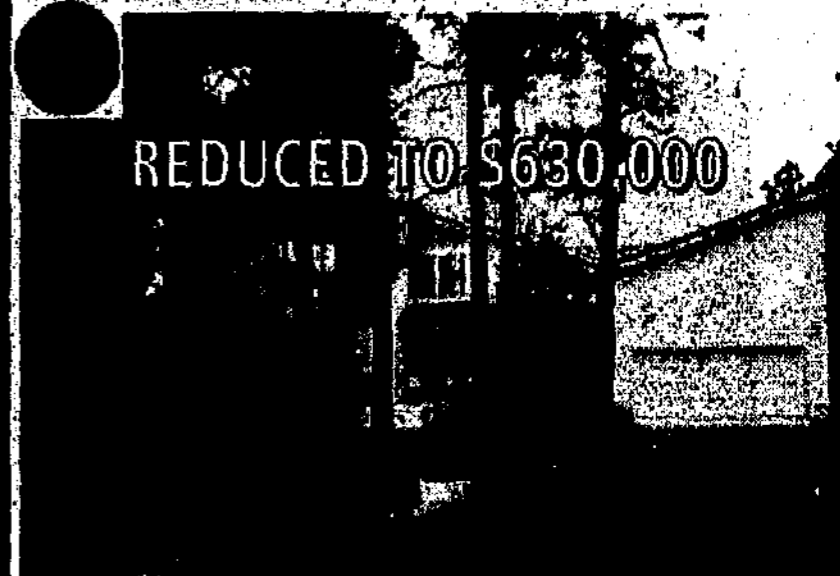
3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherrywood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.



Alto

Bloyd • \$239,900 • 130 Mira Monte Rd.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 1 level stucco home in immaculate condition with Alto social membership. Both living and den, river rock fireplace. Tile, new carpet, nice covered deck and level sunny lot.

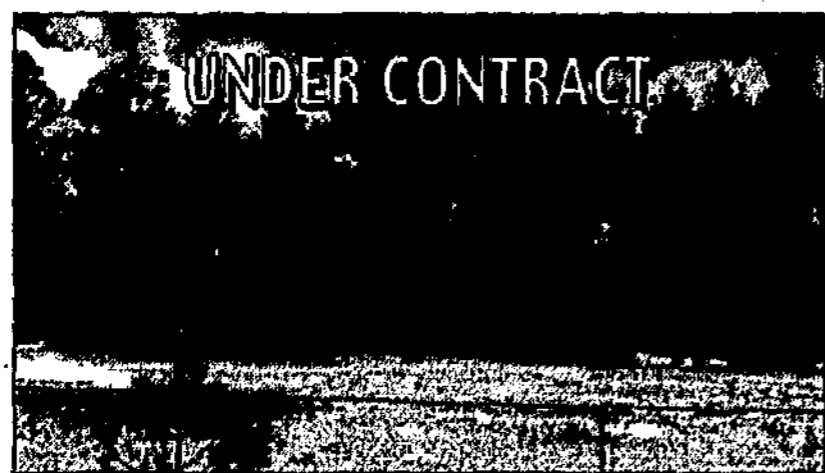


REDUCED TO \$630,000

Alto

Mote • \$675,000 • 739 Deer Park Drive

One of the most elegant and unique homes in Alto. Too many amenities to mention. 7 bedrooms, 7+ baths, over 6899 square feet of elegance! Lowest level is perfect for mother-in-law wing, teenagers, etc. with separate kitchen & living area ... plus fantastic views and golf membership.



UNDER CONTRACT

Awesome Commercial Acreage with Sierra Blanca Views

Robinson • \$1,250,000

9.3 ± acres. Seller is motivated on this large multi-use potential piece of property in the heart of Ruidoso with Sierra Blanca views, large trees and easy access. Owner will carry paper and/or joint venture. Submit all offers.



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Alto

Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

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Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

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FULL MEMBERSHIP ALTO LOTS FOR SALE!

Miller • \$99,998 • 128 Forest Dr.

Backs up to Golf Course - Level.

Very nice.

Dymsza • \$82,500 • 110 Deer Park Ct.

Just off Deer Park Dr. (1 acre lot).

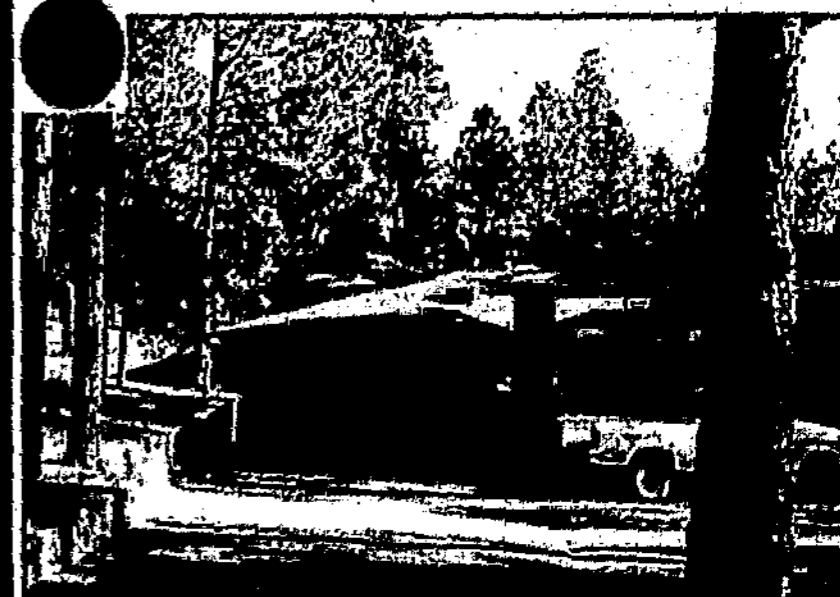
Very buildable. Big Views.



Alto Alps

Ploen • \$120,000 • #13 Alto Alps Condo

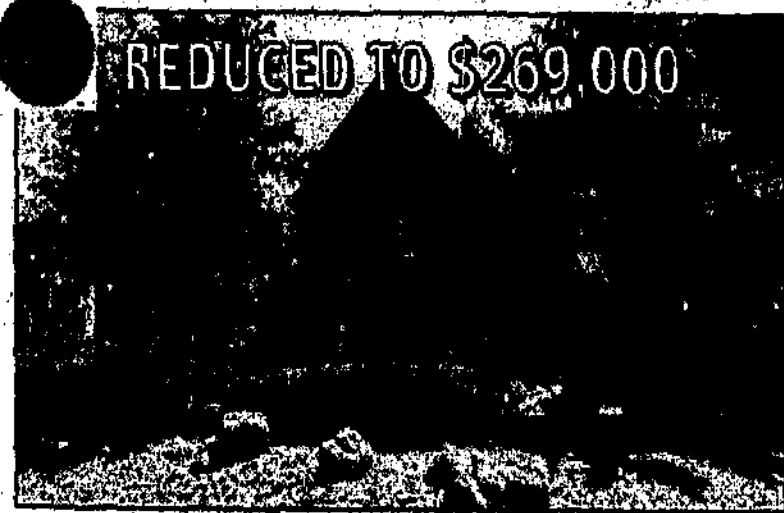
3 bdrm, 3 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Fully furnished. Secluded deck with wooded view. Social membership lot to ALGCC included.



Young Heights

Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.



REDUCED TO \$269,000

Country Club Estates

Carey • \$289,000 • 100 La Luz

Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



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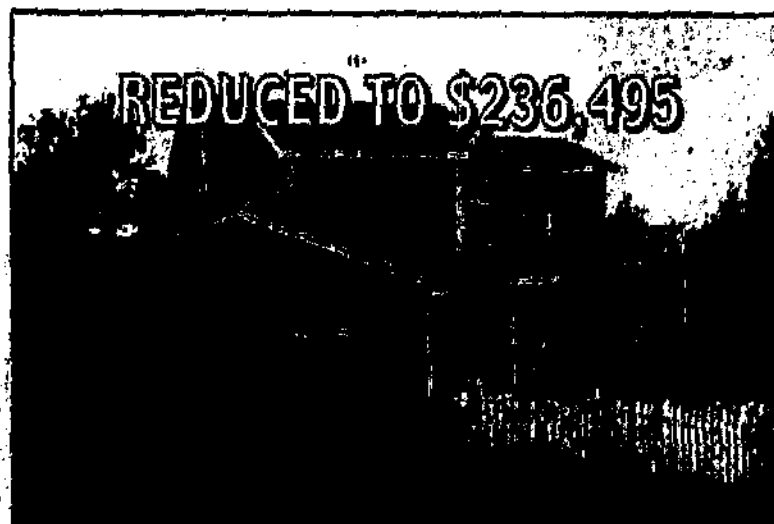
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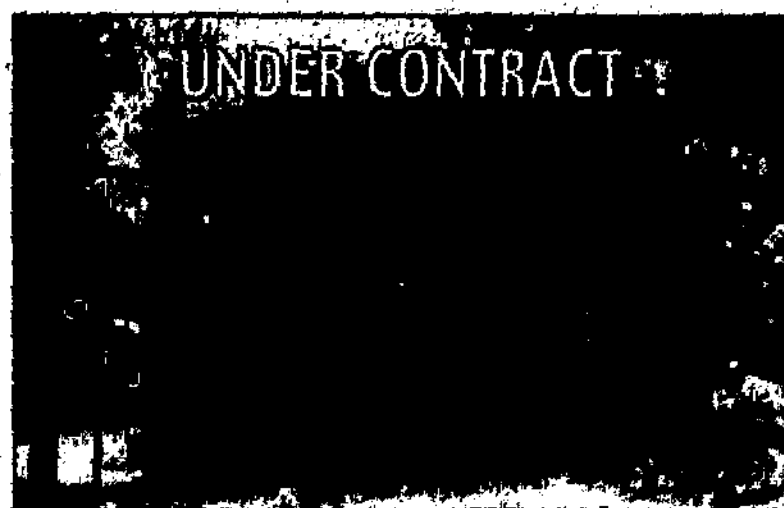


REDUCED TO \$199,500

Carrizo Canyon Road

Garnett • \$212,000 • Carrizo Canyon Road

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UNDER CONTRACT

Spring Park

Green • \$49,950 • 242 Mountain View Dr.

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Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

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Valley

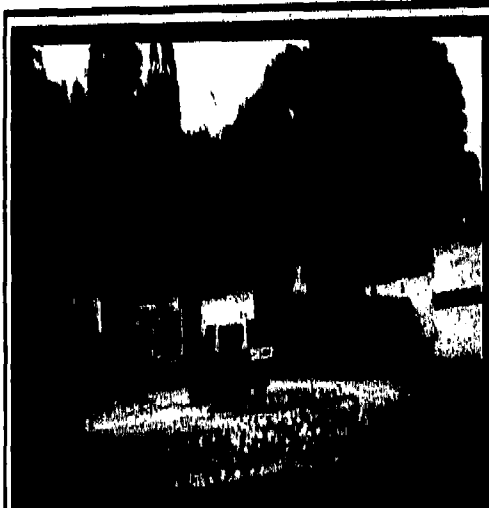
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North Cedar Creek

Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

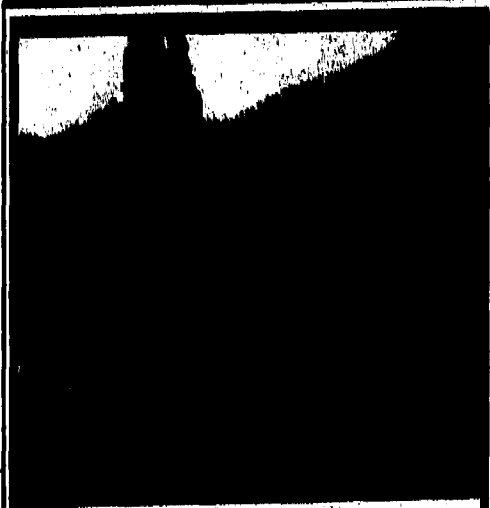
3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level catus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1 acre, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

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Agua Fria Estates

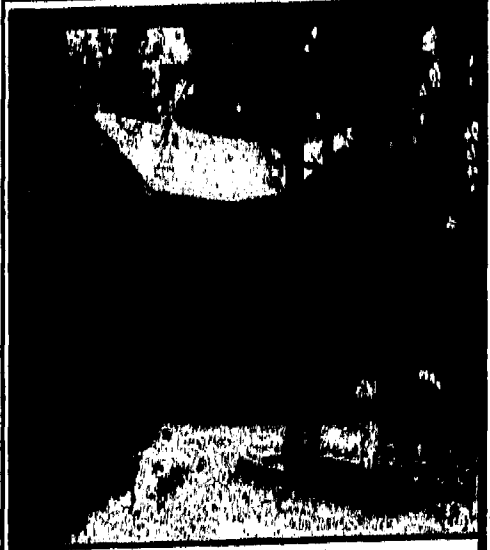
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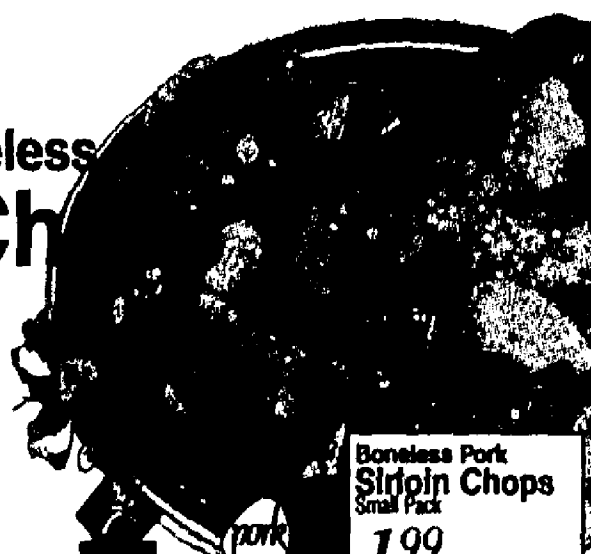


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Every day, in every store, you can win \$50 worth of free groceries. All you need to do is use your Furrs Club Card. You're automatically entered to win the grand prize of \$50 worth of free groceries every week. The more you use your card, the greater your chances of winning.

**Premium
Chiquita
Bananas**

The perfect food!

3⁹⁹¢
lbs. for

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 78¢ on three lbs.



**GUARANTEED
FRESH**

**Red Ripe
Tomatoes**

Terrific for soups,
salads or sandwiches!
4 pack

99¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 80¢



**GUARANTEED
FRESH**

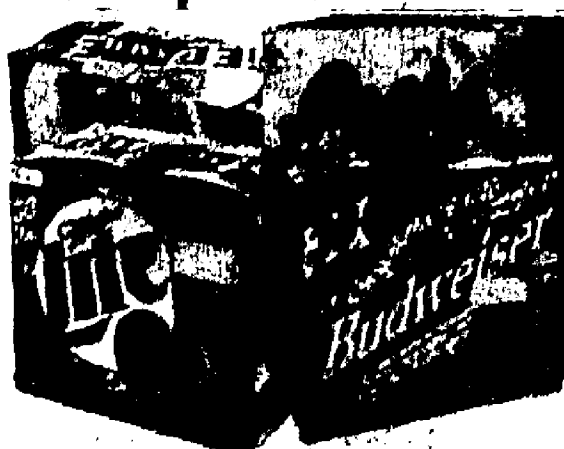
**Furrs
Yogurt**
8 oz.

5²⁰⁰
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 95¢ on five



**Quality Check'd
or Price's
Half & Half**
quart
2⁴⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50¢



**Budweiser, Coors,
Miller Lite or Tecate
Beer**
30 pack 12 oz. cans

16⁹⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$3.00



**Pepsi or Diet Pepsi
Soft Drinks**
Selected Varieties
12 pack 12 oz. cans

2⁹⁹

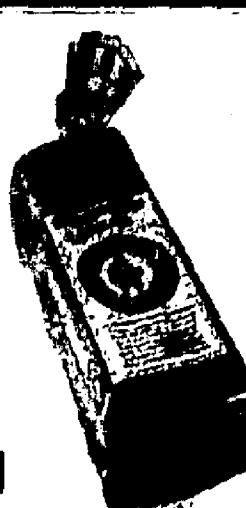
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 1.70



**Roman Meal
Sandwich
Bread**
24 oz.

99¢
LIMIT 2

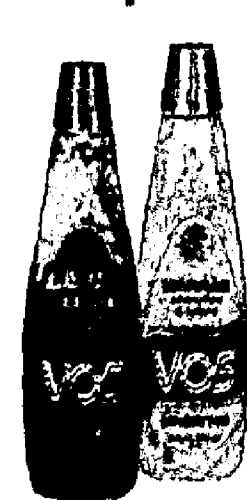
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.40



**VO5
Shampoo or
Conditioner**
15 oz.

89¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70¢



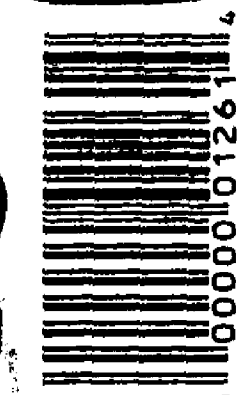
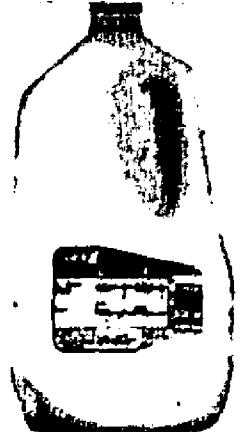
FURRS CLUB REWARD COUPON

**Furrs
Milk**
Homogenized,
Reduced Fat,
Fat Free or
Low Fat
Gallon

1⁹⁹
LIMIT 1

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.40

Valid only on purchases made using the Furrs Club Card. One coupon per customer. One coupon per purchase. Valid 2/14/01-2/20/01



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FURRS CLUB BEVERAGES

Pepsi or Diet Pepsi
Soft Drinks
Selected Varieties 2 liter

4 5⁰⁰
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 96¢ on four



Pepsi or Diet Pepsi
Soft Drinks
Selected Varieties
6 pack 24 oz. bottles

2 6⁰⁰
FOR

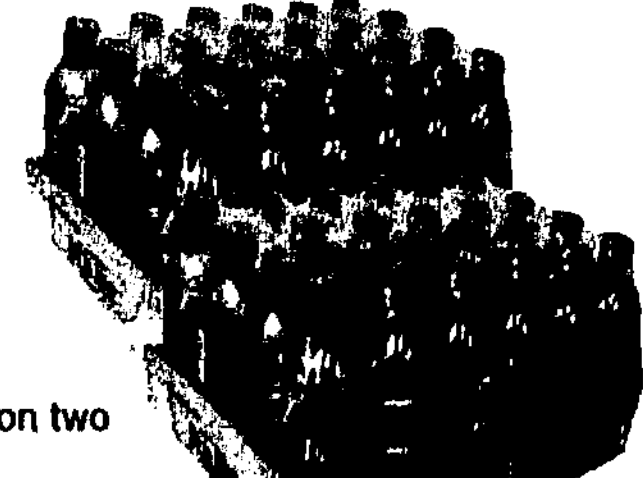
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.98 on two
Where Available



Deja Blue
Water

case
2 10⁰⁰
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$9.98 on two



Dole
Juices or Drinks
16 oz.

99¢

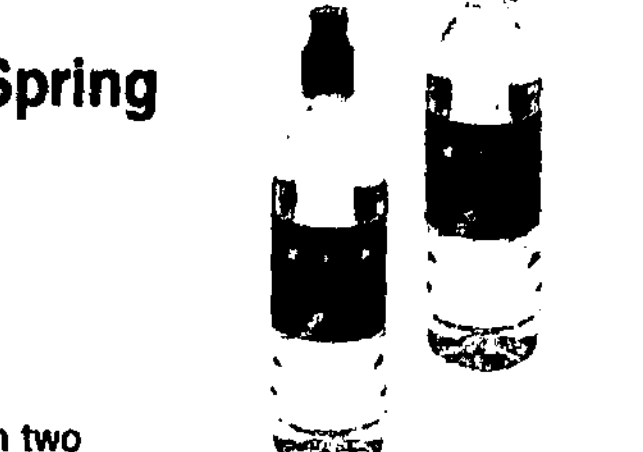
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢



Furrs
Mountain Spring
Water

1 liter
2 1⁰⁰
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 58¢ on two



Furrs Club Pet Center

Friskies or
Chef's Blend
Cat Food
18 to 22.5 lb.

9⁹⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$3.00

Sanl Cat
Premium
Cat Litter
25 lb.

4⁹⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.10



Fur s
Cranberry
Juice Cocktail
64 oz.

2 6⁰⁰
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.58 on two

Furrs
Chocolate
Syrup
24 oz.

1 6⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢



QUALITY, SELECTION, VALUE

General Mills
Cereal

13.75 oz. Cocoa Puffs,
13.75 oz. Nesquik,
14.25 oz. Reese's Puffs,
12.25 oz. Cookie Crisp

2 6⁰⁰
FOR

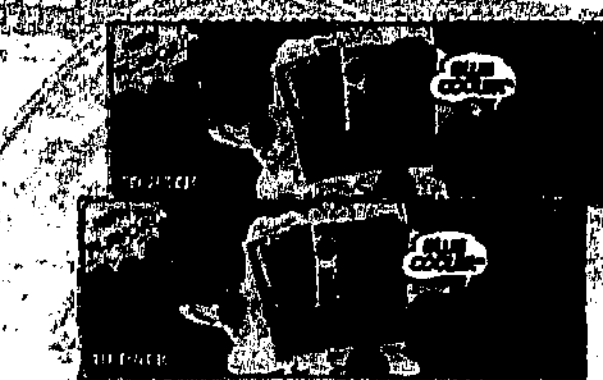
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$3.18 on two



Hi-C
Punch
Drinks
10 pack

2 9⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50¢



Crunch N Munch
Toffee
1 oz.
1 1⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢

Progresso
Soups
19 oz.

1 8⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 36¢



McCormick
Black Pepper
4 oz.
2 9⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 60¢

Sunshine
Krispy
Saltines
15 to 16 oz.

1 8⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50¢



Quaker
Small Bag
Cereal
12 to 18 oz.

1 7⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 41¢



Quaker
100% Natural
Cereals
Selected 25 to 28 oz.

4 4⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 90¢



Quaker
Oatmeal-
Express
Baked Apple or Golden
Brown Sugar 1.9 oz.

1 2⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢



Keebler
Cookies
Fudge Shoppe or
Frosted Animals
7 to 12.5 oz.

2 4⁰⁰
FOR

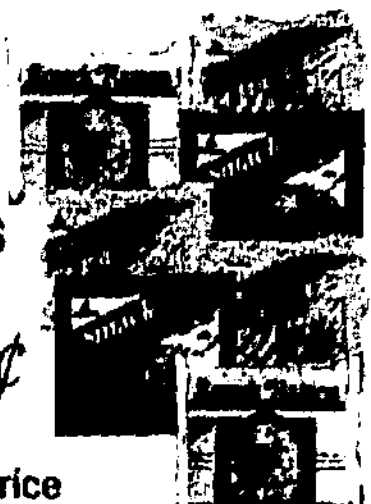
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.18 on two



Smack
Ramen
Noodles
3 oz.

7 9⁸
FOR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 42¢ on seven



Furrs
Granulated
Sugar
4 lb.

1 7⁹

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢



Furrs
Peaches,
Pears or
Fruit Cocktail
15 to 15.25 oz.

99¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢



Furrs Brand Favorites

Furrs
Bread
Selected 24 oz.
100% Whole Wheat,
12 Grain, Panko Cut
or Buttermilk

1 2⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢
Where Available

Furrs
Tomato
Sauce
8 oz.

5 1⁰⁰
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 45¢ on five

Furrs
Window
Cleaner
22 oz.

2 3⁰⁰
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.58 on two



Food Club
Whipped
Cream
Real or Non Dairy 7 oz.

2 3⁰⁰
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 42¢ on two

Furrs
Peanut
Butter
28 oz.

3 4⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 68¢

Furrs
Squeeze
Ketchup
20 oz.

1 0⁹
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70¢

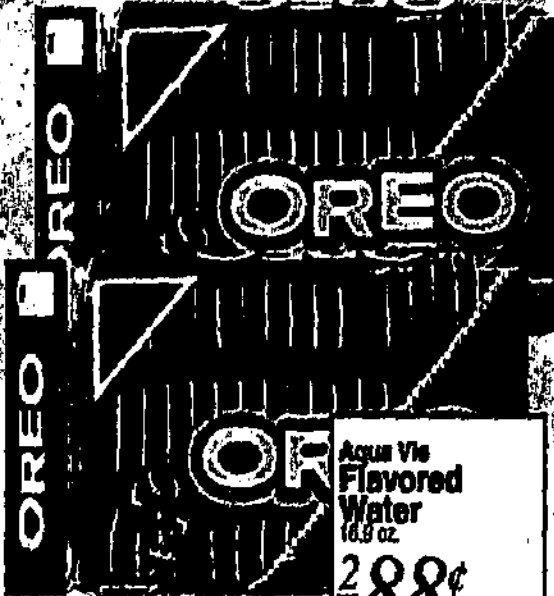


FURRS CLUB SAVINGS!

Nabisco
Oreo
Cookies
20 oz.

2.500
FMR

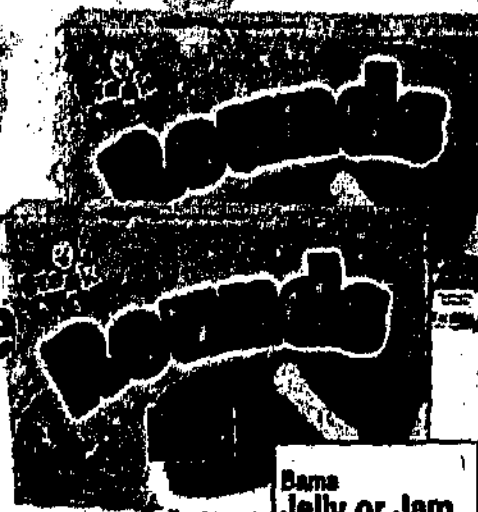
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.58 on two



Break Cake
Chocolate
Rounds or
Carrot Cake
8 ct.

2.400
FMR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.98 on two



Bama
Jelly or Jam
Grape 32 oz.
1.99
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c

Blue Bunny
Premium Ice
Cream
Round Half Gallon
Selected Variety

2.700
FMR

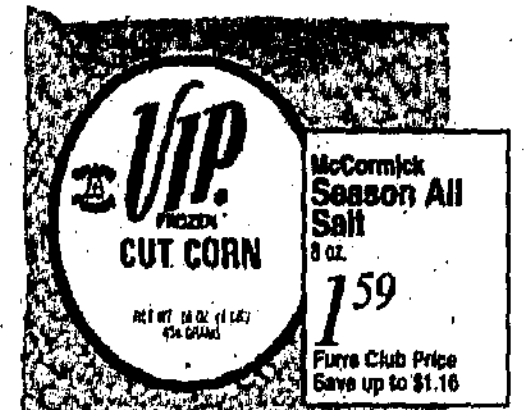
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.98 on two



VIP
Frozen
Vegetables
16 oz.

99¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 40c



Furrs Italian Classic
Penne
Rigate
Pasta
16 oz.

99¢

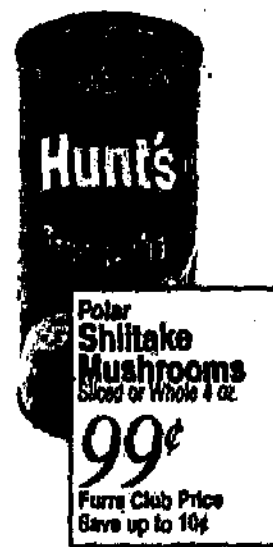
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20c



Hunt's
Spaghetti
Sauce
25.75 to 26.5 oz.

1.19

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c



Libby's
Canned
Tomatoes
14.5 oz.

79¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c



Pepperidge Farms
Classic
Cookies &
Mini's
7 to 7.75 oz.

2.400
FMR

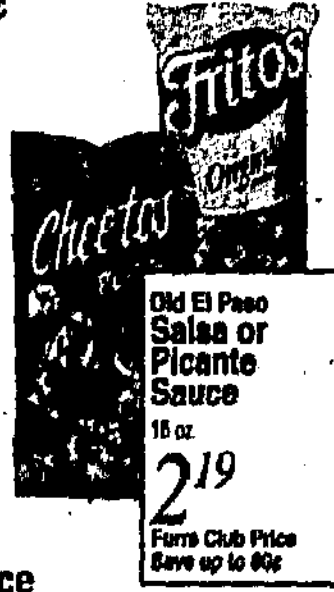
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.58 on two



Frito-Lay
Fritos or
Chee-tos
9.5 to 11 oz.

2.300
FMR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.40 on two



Furrs
Mayonnaise
32 oz.

2.69

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 40c



General Mills
Cinnamon
Toast
Crunch
Cereal
14 oz.

2.59

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20c



Minute
Rice
28 oz.

3.29

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 60c



Pringles
Twin Pack
12 to 14 oz.

2.69

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c



Furrs
Frozen
Orange Juice
12 oz.

99¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c



Furrs
Waffles
11 oz.

2.300
FMR

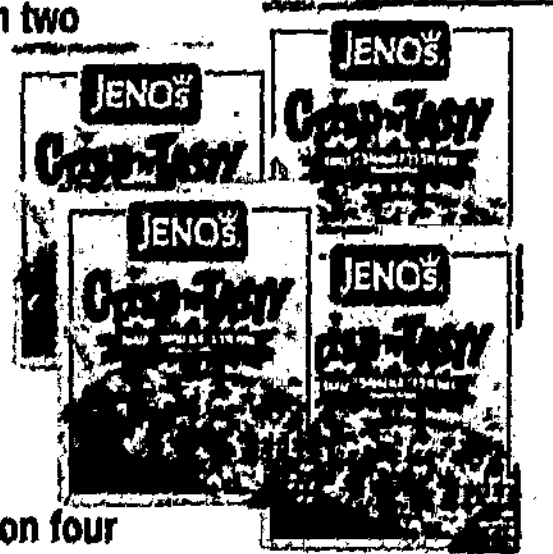
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 78c on two



Jenos
Pizza
6.8 to 7.3 oz.

4.400
FMR

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.16 on four



Furrs
Haminy
16.5 oz.

2.49

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50c

Food Club
Big Bag
Cereal
32 to 35 oz.

3.49

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30c



Furrs
Ice Cream
5 quart

5.99

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70c



Furrs
All Purpose
Flour
25 lb.

3.99

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.06



Furrs Surely Soft
Bath Tissue
12 Double Rolls

6.99

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.91



Fit
Fruit &
Vegetable
Wash
8.5 oz.

4.99

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00

Endust
Behold
Lemon
12.5 oz.

2.400

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.98 on two

Furrs
Tall Kitchen
Bags
13 gallon 35 ct.

2.200

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.38 on two



Vanish
Brush Free
Aerosol
20 oz.

2.79

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50c

Furrs
Print
Napkins
250 ct.

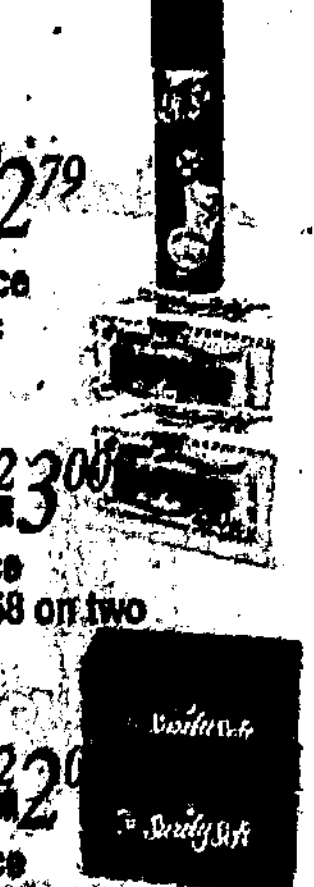
2.300

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.58 on two

Furrs
Facial
Tissue
80 to 175 ct.

2.200

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.98 on two



Personal Care, Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products

Furrs Club members save an average of 1-9% off their grocery bill with their Club Card, coupons and ad specials!

BEER BATTER PERCH FILLETS

Ingredients:
1 Cup Furrs All-Purpose Flour
1 Egg, Beaten
1 Teaspoon Furrs Garlic Powder
1/2 Teaspoon Furrs Ground Black Pepper
1 1/2 Cups Beer

In a small mixing bowl add flour, egg, garlic powder and black pepper. Stir in 1 cup of beer (you can add more than one cup to obtain your desired texture). Mix well.

Wash perch fillets, dip into batter and then fry to a golden brown. Serve immediately.

Individually Quick Frozen Lake Victoria Perch Fillets

2.99 lb.
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

Fresh Krab Salad with Shrimp

2.99 lb.
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

Cooked Tail-On Shrimp
41 to 60 Count

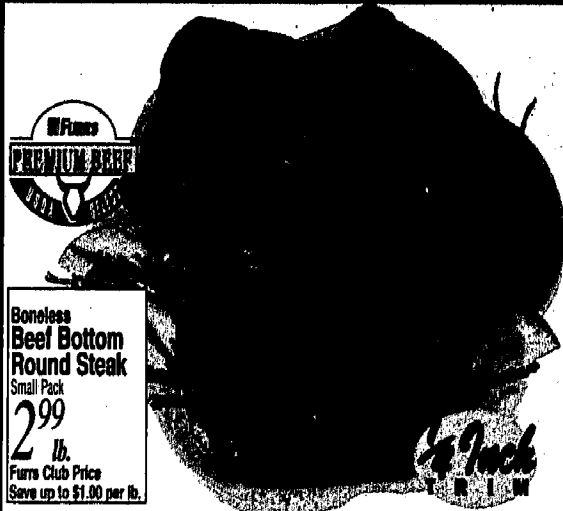
8.99 lb.
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

Fresh Mahi Mahi Fillets

6.99 lb.
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

Raw Shell-On Shrimp
51 to 60 Count

7.99 lb.
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.



Boneless Beef Bottom Round Steak

Value Pack
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.30 per lb.

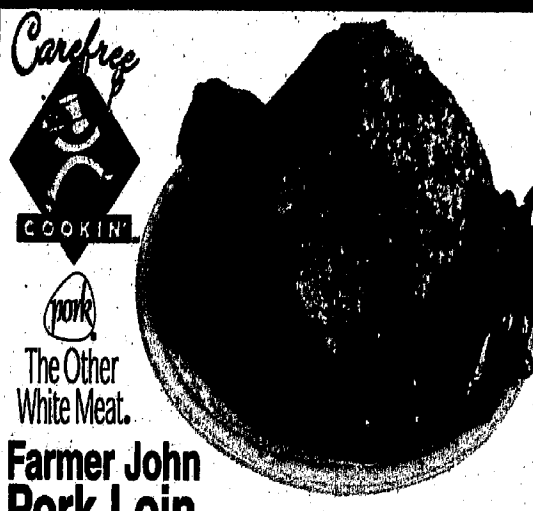
2.49 lb.



Pilgrim's Pride Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast Fillets

Family Pack
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.20 per lb.

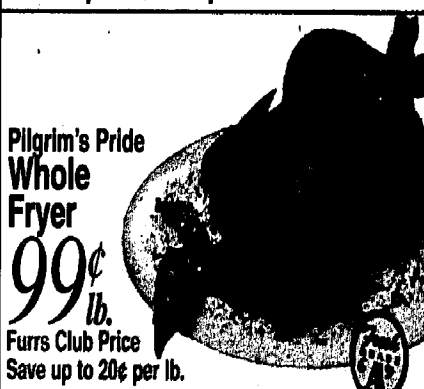
2.99 lb.



Farmer John Pork Loin Boneless Sirloin or Rib Half Roast

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.19 per lb.

2.49 lb.



Pilgrim's Pride Whole Fryer

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢ per lb.

99¢ lb.



Premium Ground Beef

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 20¢ per lb.



Farmer John Pork Shoulder Picnic Roast

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 40¢ per lb.

99¢ lb.



Thin Cut Sirloin Tip Steak

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.30 per lb.

3.99 lb.



Farmer John Special Trim Pork Spare Ribs

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢ per lb.



Thin Cut or Tenderized Boneless Beef Bottom Round Steak

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.30 per lb.

2.99 lb.



Boneless Beef Top Round London Broil

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

2.99 lb.



Extra Lean Boneless Beef Stew Meat

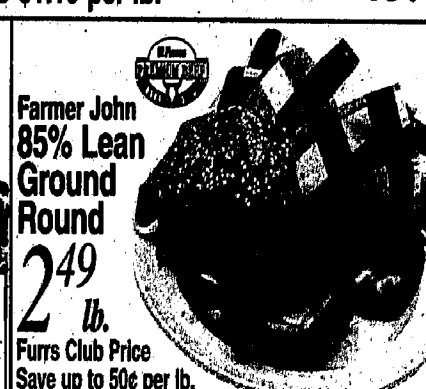
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.40 per lb.



Boneless Beef Top Round Steak

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00 per lb.

2.99 lb.



Farmer John 85% Lean Ground Round

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 50¢ per lb.

2.49 lb.



Pilgrim's Pride Chicken Breast Quarter with Wing

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢ per lb.

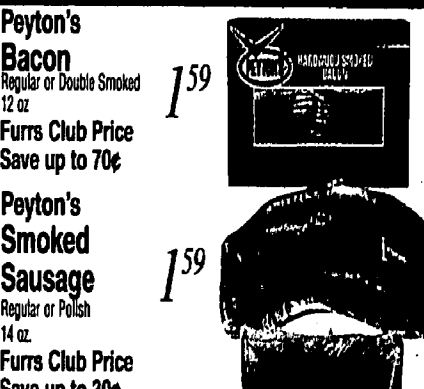
1.49 lb.



Thin Cut or Tenderized Boneless Beef Top Round Steak

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 90¢ per lb.

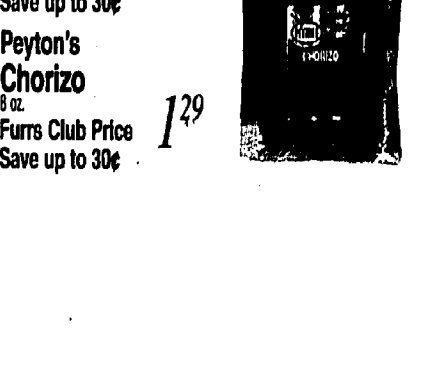
3.49 lb.



Peyton's Bacon

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70¢

1.59



Peyton's Smoked Sausage

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢

1.59



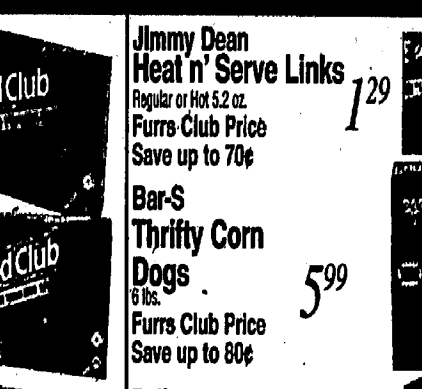
Food Club Popcorn Shrimp

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.10



Food Club Jumbo Butterfly Shrimp

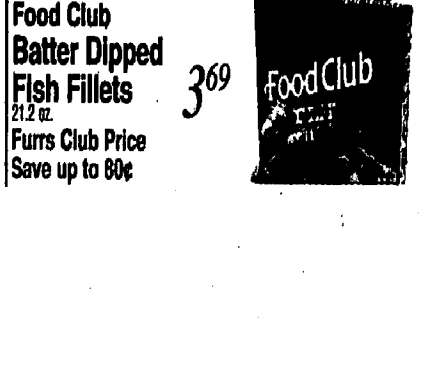
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.30



Jimmy Dean Heat 'n' Serve Links

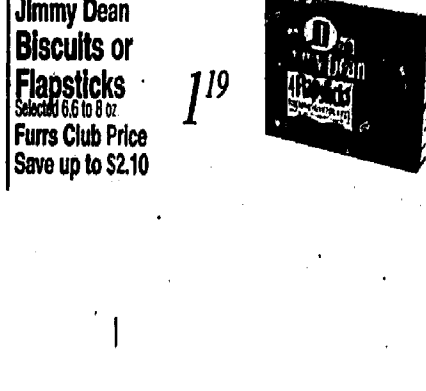
Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70¢

1.29



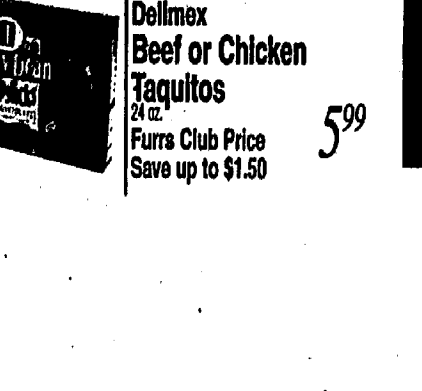
Food Club Breaded Fish Sticks

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00



Food Club Butter Dipped Fish Fillets

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 80¢



Jimmy Dean Biscuits or Flapsticks

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.10

1.19

FULL SERVICE DELI

Country Fresh Jumbo Rotisserie Chicken 4.99 ea. Furrs Club Price Save up to \$1.00

Delicious Mustard or Mayo Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad or Cole Slaw 1.59 ea. Furrs Club Price Save up to 20¢

Delicious Chicken Tenders 4.49 lb. Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢ per lb.

Deli Sliced Turkey Breast Oven Roasted or Smoked 3.49 lb. Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢ per lb.

Grade "A" Baby Swiss Cheese 5.49 lb. Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢ per lb.

97% Fat Free Deli Sliced Cooked Ham 3.49 lb. Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢ per lb.

Kosher or Tex Mex Pickles 2.400 Furrs Club Price Save up to \$3.98 on 2

FURRS CLUB FRESH BAKERY
BAKERY HOURS 7 A.M. - 6 P.M. (WHERE AVAILABLE)

Fresh Italian Bread 16 oz. Excellent with dinner! 99¢ Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢

Bakery Fudge Brownies Assorted 19 oz. Rich, moist and flavorful! 2.99 Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢

Bakery Yogurt Crumb Cake 16 oz. Strawberry, Cherry or Peach 2.99 Furrs Club Price Save up to \$1.00

Bakery Celebration Sheet Cake 48 oz. Terrific for parties and gatherings! 12.99 Furrs Club Price Save up to \$3.00

Fresh Potato Rolls 12 Count Use them for petite sandwiches! 1.49 Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢

Fresh High Top Muffins All Varieties 4 Count 2.49 Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢

Bar-S Thrifty Corn Dogs 6 lbs. Furrs Club Price Save up to 80¢

Dellmex Beef or Chicken Taquitos 24 oz. Furrs Club Price Save up to \$1.50

2/14/01 Gate Fold; Inside-All Stores

START HERE AT FURRS DOLLAR DAY

Furrs Vegetables Selected 14.5 to 15.25 oz. 2.100 Furrs Club Price Save up to 30¢ on two

Furrs Chunk Light Tuna 6 oz. 2.100 Furrs Club Price Save up to 70¢ on two

Furrs Macaroni & Cheese 7.25 oz. 2.100 Furrs Club Price Save up to 70¢ on two

Furrs Cream Cheese Regular or Neufchatel 8 oz. 1.00 Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢

Furrs Grated Parmesan 2.500

Furrs Sandwich Slices 6.00 Furrs Club Price Save up to \$2.59

Furrs Pimento Spread 14 oz. 2.400 Furrs Club Price Save up to 90¢ on two

Furrs Extra Sharp Cheddar 8 oz. 2.300 Furrs Club Price Save up to 90¢ on two

Food Club Part Skim Ricotta Cheese 15 oz. 2.300 Furrs Club Price Save up to 50¢ on two

Furrs Ultra Bleach CLEAN & BRIGHT

SPECIAL VALUES ON BEER & WINE

Lindeman's Wine

Chardonnay, Shiraz or Merlot
750 ml.

749

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.50



Woodbridge Wine

Cabernet, Chardonnay or Merlot
1.5 ltr.

1299

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.00

Red Stripe Jamaican Lager

6 pack 12 oz. bottles

649

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.00

Bombay Sapphire Gin or Cutty Sark Scotch

750 ml.

1899

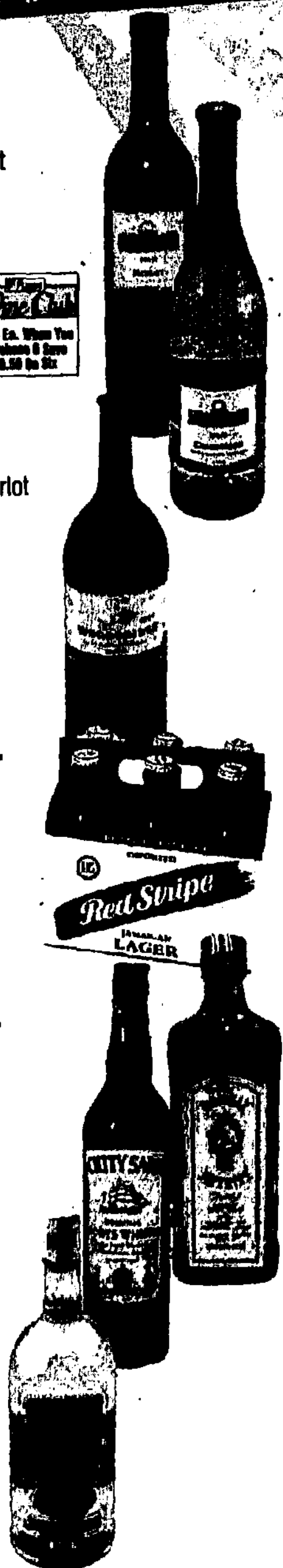
Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$3.00

Smirnoff Vodka

1.75 ltr.

2199

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.00



FRESH VALUES FROM

Shamrock Farms Cottage Cheese

16 oz.

199

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 90¢

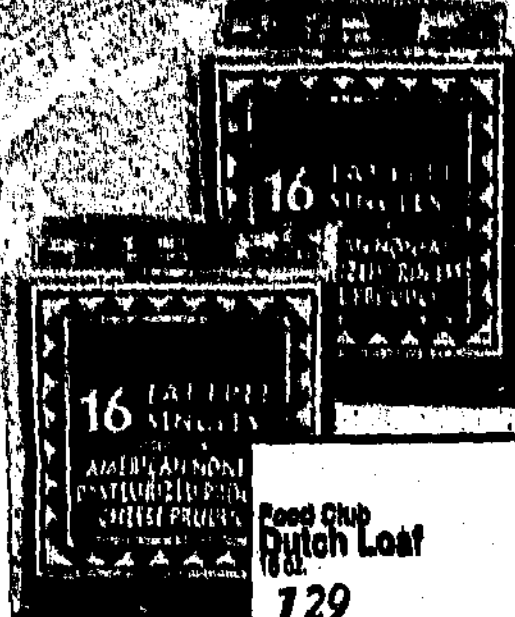


Furrs American Cheese Slices

Fat Free 12 oz.

2300

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.18 on two

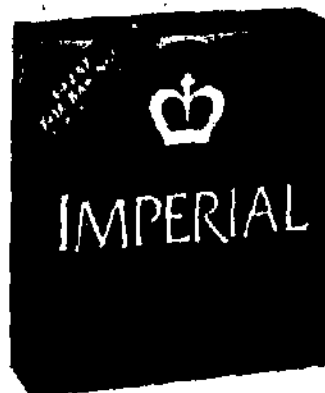


Imperial Margarine

1 lb.

79¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢



Shamrock Farms Sour Cream

12 to 16 oz.

2300

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.38 on two



Oscar Mayer Meat Franks

16 oz.

2300

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$2.98 on two



Payton's Chopped Ham

10 oz.

2400

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.58 on two

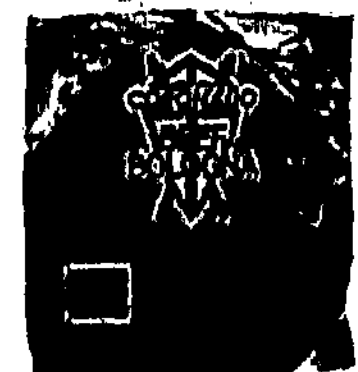


Coronado Beef Bologna

16 oz.

229

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 70¢



Coronado Meat Bologna

16 oz.

2400

Furrs Club Price
Save up to \$1.78 on two



Best Buy Corn Tortillas

30 ct.

99¢

Furrs Club Price
Save up to 30¢

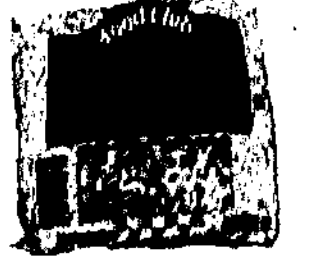


Food Club Shredded Cheese

Selected 32 oz.

499

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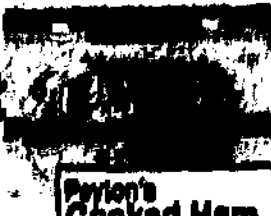


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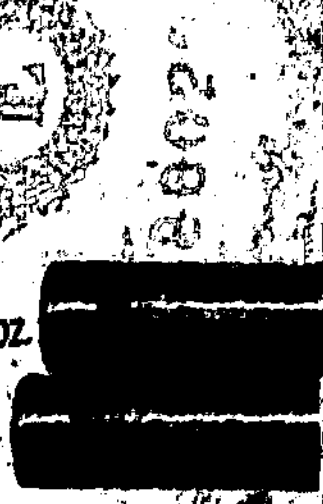


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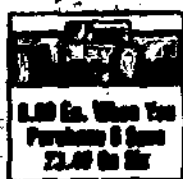
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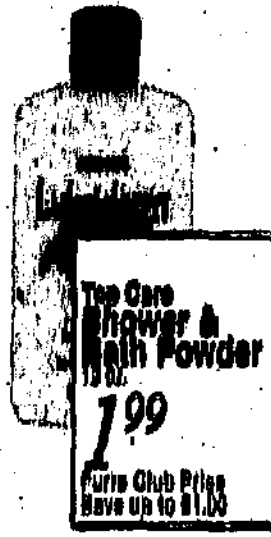


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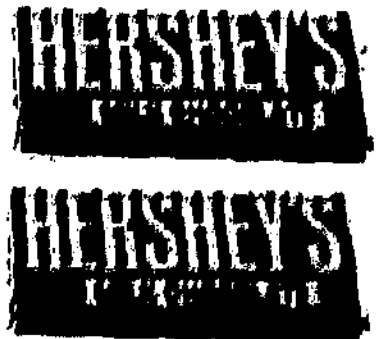


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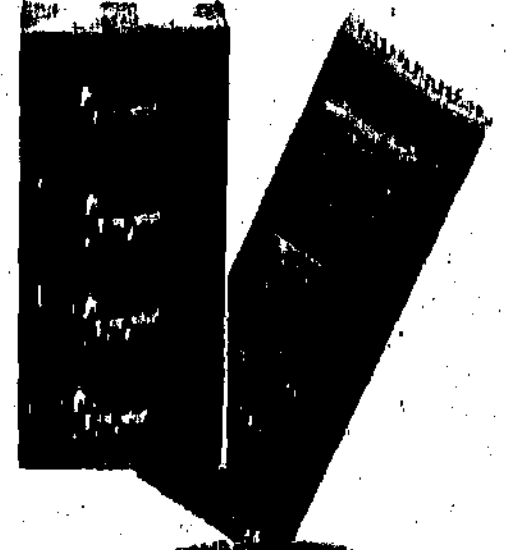
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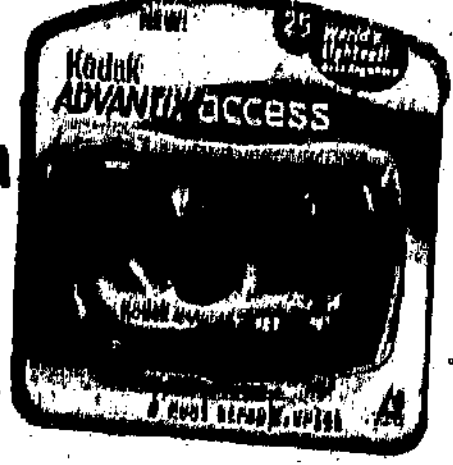
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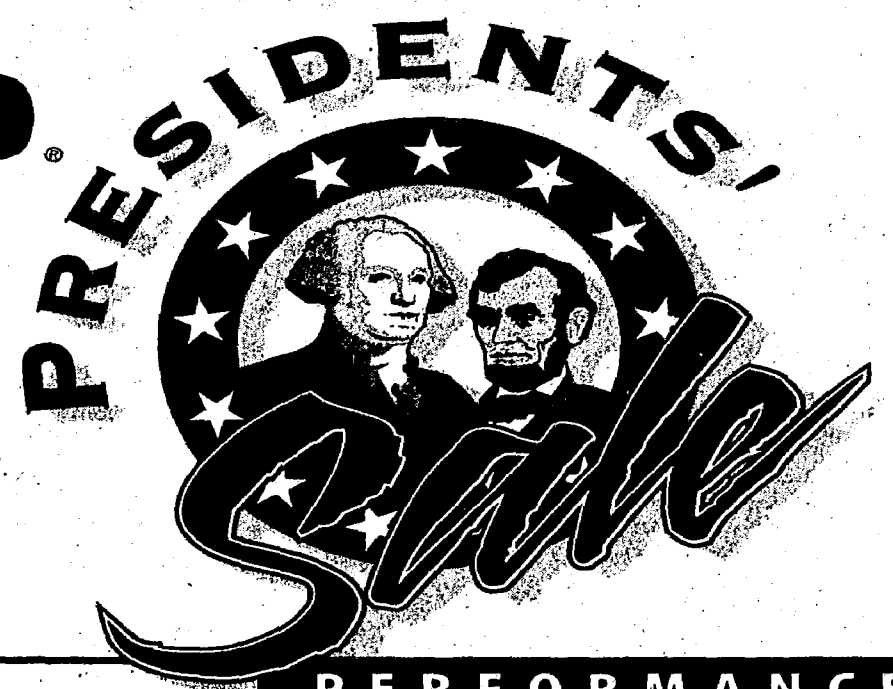
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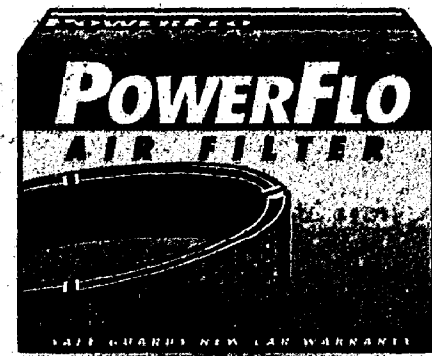


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