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## County lifts ban on fires, fireworks

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Over the objections of Commissioner William Schwettman, the commission lifted the restrictions because recent rains have reduced the fire danger from extreme to moderate.

In a 3-1 vote Monday, Lincoln County commissioners lifted a ban imposed June 21 on open fires and fireworks.

Commissioner William Schwettman voted against the motion, saying that after living through an evacuation and seeing fire threaten his community, he doesn't think anything that could start a wild fire is worth the risk.

"I don't want to deprive people of their Fourth of July entertainment,

but it's just not worth it," he said Tuesday during an interview on the issue.

"And as far as the open fires, all this does is lift one level of bureaucracy. People won't need a county permit to burn, but they still will need a state (Environment Department) permit."

During the Monday meeting, Matt Reidy of the U.S. Forest Service's Smokey Bear Ranger District, said the fire-hazard level in the area was reduced to moderate because of recent rains.

But while the district has lifted its fire restrictions, the state still has restrictions in place, he said. Fireworks are never permitted in the forest, Commissioner Leo Martinez added.

Although drier weather is predicted for the next six to 10 days, moisture has built up in the Lincoln National Forest, Reidy said.

"Fires are not responding like they did earlier when it was so dry in May," Reidy said.

Schwettmann pointed out that the ban was contained in a proclamation,

which is not a law and carries little enforcement power.

County Manager Tom Stewart said fireworks permits have been requested by the Carrizozo Fire Department and the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts.

The village of Corona also plans to ask residents to gather at the local ball field, where the fire department will supervise while people set off fireworks they have purchased privately, according to a spokesman for the village that lies at the county's northern boundary.

### TOWERING PROJECT



A new Verizon International cellular telephone tower is hoisted into position, right, Monday behind the Radio Shack store on Sudderth Drive. The tower, erected by Wheatfield Communication Construction Company, was painted green in order to minimize its visual impact on the Ruidoso landscape. The tower is not yet in operation.

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## Officials call for halt to U.S. 70 expansion

County commission measure urges another look

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although they endorsed the widening of U.S. 70 for safety reasons, Lincoln County Commissioners Monday approved a resolution calling for a halt to the project until more turn lanes and sufficient shoulders for emergencies can be added, and impacts on 18 acequias are reduced.

After listening to members of the Hondo Valley Community Preservation group describe safety problems with the proposed four-lane design of the highway from Riverside to Ruidoso Downs and how it might damage the valley, commissioners agreed to send the resolution to state and federal transportation officials.

The resolution declares that in line with state statutes, the courses of irrigation ditches or acequias "shall not be disturbed" and urged coordination with the office of the State Engineer.

The resolution also notes that the proposed routing would impact the customs, culture and welfare of residents of the Hondo Valley, which is part of the 37-mile section.

"I'm supporting it, but I want to be sure you understand the

ramifications," Commissioner Leo Martinez said.

"The highway department could say they'll go somewhere else. Some would be happy about that and some would not. The truck traffic in this county will not decrease whether or not the project is completed."

Martinez was notified by County Attorney Alan Morel Tuesday that he "hit the nail on the head" concerning the state's reaction.

"Apparently, Peter Rahn with the state Highway Department said if the county opposes the project, they'll pull the money out and spend it somewhere else and there won't be any work on the highway for the next 25 years," Morel told Martinez in a message left for the commissioner.

Morel and County Manager Tom Stewart could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

Martinez told the dozen people at the Monday meeting that he didn't like the request coming "at the 11th hour," and he wondered why their points weren't discussed earlier during a regular commission meeting where

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## Care center hit with nine citations

Alleged deficiencies are in connection with patient transfers from the Ruidoso facility

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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A state agency has issued the Ruidoso Care Center nine citations in connection with the handling of patient transfers.

Roy Weidner, head of the state Department of Health, licensing and certification division, said Monday notice of the deficiencies were sent to the care center after an inspection late last month.

"We're awaiting responses and approved plans of correction," he said.

Two previous citations were corrected and the termination date for the center's eligibility to receive Medicare and Medicaid reimburse-

ments was extended while officials respond to the new citations, he said.

The actions are connected to an announcement by Integrated Health Services Inc., the firm that manages the center for The Lyrick Corp., that two wings of the center housing Alzheimer and skilled nursing care patients would be closed, amounting to about 50 beds.

Several patients have appealed their transfers and state ombudsmen are working with their families to ensure the rights of patients are protected.

In a letter to patients and guardians, center officials tied the closing to structural problems with

the building, but subsequent examinations by Ruidoso village inspectors contradicted company findings.

Initially, the center was cited by the state for the notification letter, which officials said lack enough required information for patients about transfer procedures and how to appeal. No new letter has been issued, because "the contents are contingent on what (IHS officials) decide to do," Weidner said.

Company officials asked for information about reducing the number of beds certified by the state at the center, he said. No formal request for a reduction or a termination has been filed, he said.

### COMING OF AGE



Lori Gerlene Tissnolthos-Morgan and Kelly T. Pellman are two of the Mescalero Apache maidens marking their puberty rites during the tribe's July 4th celebration. See story, page 3A.

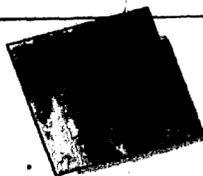
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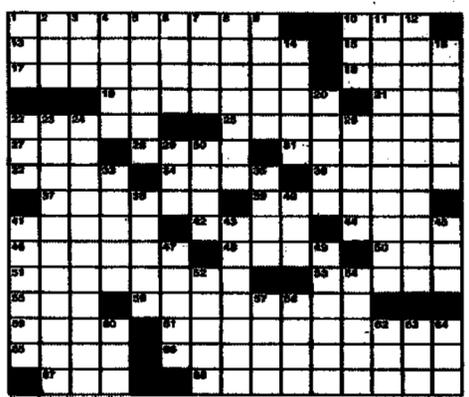
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Ordinance would put brakes on truckers

Drivers of semi-trucks may be forced to lay off their "jake brakes" to avoid jarring guests at RV parks and motels near the entrance to Ruidoso. The Lincoln County Commission is considering enacting an ordinance...

the lower 45 mph speed limit in the village." Her 100-site park is full of art of racing and throughout the summer season, she said. "This is one of the main comments I hear from our customers - the sounds from the semi trucks," she said.

She went back to Stewart, who agreed the issue should be discussed "because it's disruptive to the whole area, not just our business, especially in the evening when people are trying to rest," Durden said. She wrote a letter in late April requesting commission action to add a sign further west than the village limits and her RV park warning semi-truck drivers not to use their jake brakes.

HIGHWAY: County wants issues to be considered

people who favor the project also could speak. "I like to hear both sides of issues," he said. "I don't travel the road because I think it's so dangerous, but you're not offering the state alternatives." He noted that up until Monday, the commission had stayed out of the fray over the project, but now "was being asked to do something that could cost the county a lot of money."

Hondo group joins lawsuit

A Hondo Valley group has joined a lawsuit filed against the New Mexico Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration over the expansion and improvement of U.S. 70. The filers are asking the U.S. District Court to declare that Reuben Thomas, as administrator, is in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act...

moved forward with it. "But the law says if you have a big project being funded with federal monies, you can't split it in half and do the easy part and then come back and do the harder part. You're supposed to look at it all at once and make the determination of environmental impact on the entire project. Before you build any of it, they're supposed to do that entire study."

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### Four girls participating in Mescalero ceremonies

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RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Already under way is the puberty ceremony of Kelly L. Pellman, one of four girls celebrating their rite of passage this week at the Mescalero Apache ceremonial grounds.

The public is invited to watch portions of the ceremonies and to join the family feasts, an essential part of one of the tribes most treasured celebrations. The tribe really is three bands, the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua, which came together to secure the future of the reservation.

The ceremony continues for several days, but during the last few, the girls are in seclusion. July Fourth is a chance to watch some of the elements of this special event in the lives of the young girls of the Mescalero.

Pellman's sponsors are Sidney Baca, medicine man, and Zelda Yazza, medicine woman.

The 15-year-old's parents are Georgina Treas and William Pellman. She is the eldest of five siblings, three sisters, Adreanna, Sondra and Kristie, and brother Jared.

She lives with her "auntie" Sonya Geronimo and Patrick Hiles. She is being honored by her grandparents, Mary Helen and Snyder Geronimo.

Her heritage, both paternal and maternal, goes back to the Apache prisoners of war on her Chiricahua side. Her great-grandfather was a veteran of World War II.

Showing respect for her ancestors, the family didn't mention their names—following another tribal tradition. Her heritage includes both Mescalero and Chiricahua Apache.

Pellman won the title of Mescalero Middle School Princess when she attended that school. She is a member of the Ruidoso Indian Club at the village high school, where she is active in basketball and volleyball, and runs track.

The three other girls celebrating their rites this week, whose announcements already were published, are Martena Marin, Katurah Eileen Palmer and Lori Gerlene Tssnolthtos-Morgan.

The ceremonial grounds are on the north side of U.S. 70 in Mescalero.

## Conference echoes call for local control

Participants in Ruidoso meeting want the federal government to lighten up on forest regs

BY JAMES KAUFELAGE  
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Ease national restrictions dealing with federal forest lands. That was a recurring message voiced during a federal hearing in Ruidoso on forest health and wildfire concerns.

The Monday hearing-workshop on the National Fire Plan was assembled by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM.

"Industry needs to play a part in fuel reductions on the Lincoln National Forest," said Jim Bridge, general manager of Mescalero Forest Products. "Let us be a part of the solution so as not to be a burden to the

taxpayers."

He called it "a shame" that the National Environmental Policy Act allows environmental groups to file a \$45 lawsuit and delay or undo efforts to create a healthy forest.

Bridge was one of seven local panel members providing testimony that will be forwarded to Domenici and the U.S. Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Village of Cloudcroft Mayor David Venable likened NEPA to the narrow middle of an hourglass.

"The federal government is at the top, with great pro-

grams, studies and reports," Venable said. "At the bottom of the hourglass is the forest. And in the middle is the NEPA situation that has a stranglehold on us. That's the message that needs to be taken back to our representatives and Senator Domenici."

A number of witnesses on the local panel agreed that NEPA created red tape and allowed environmental groups to stop projects on federal lands, projects such as removal of excess fuels from a fire-threatened, overgrown forest.

Speaking at the opening of the session by telephone,

Domenici told the approximately 70 people gathered for the oversight field meeting that he wanted to hear how best to implement the recently approved National Fire Plan. He said he needed to hear if there are "too many bottle-necks or is it happening smoothly."

While members on a federal and state panel praised the flood of federal funding to address public awareness and actions in the wildland-urban interface, many of the local panel participants urged Congress to allow private industry to solve the problem.

## Three injured in Mechem Drive rollover

Three people were injured Thursday after a vehicle clocked at a high speed rolled numerous times on State Highway 48 in Ruidoso.

Two of the three occupants of the vehicle were ejected. A New Mexico State Police report stated alcohol was a factor in the rollover.

Shawntell Karn, 18, of Ruidoso Downs was transported by air ambulance to University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, where she had been in serious condition in intensive care, an

official said Friday. Tuesday her condition was listed as satisfactory. Two others, the driver, James E. Barela, 28, of Alamogordo and Tay Karn, 14, whose address was unavailable, were taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Tay Karn was discharged from the hospital after treatment. Barela, who suffered a broken collar bone and dislocated hip, according to police, was later transferred to the Albuquerque hospital. His condition Tuesday was satisfactory.

The rollover happened about 2:24 a.m. in the 1000 block of Mechem Drive. Ruidoso police received a call of a possible vehicle crash and a woman screaming near Pioneer Bank. A New Mexico State Police officer was the first to arrive at the location.

The initial state police report indicated an officer had attempted to make a traffic stop of the vehicle, reportedly moving at 80 miles per hour, north of Ruidoso. The officer lost sight of the vehicle until coming upon the rollover location.

Charges of drunk driving, child abuse, causing great bodily harm, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, evading a police officer and reckless driving were pending against Barela, police said. Additionally he was accused of driving with a suspended license and speeding.

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny G. Maddox said Barela was also wanted on two arrest warrants issued by Otero County.

The investigation by the state police is ongoing.

### STATE POLICE

Citations are pending following a single-vehicle collision with two trees on Cedar Creek Road, west of Ruidoso.

Three 15-year-old Ruidoso children escaped serious injury in the crash, according to a New Mexico State Police report. The July 1 accident happened about 8:30 p.m., one to two miles west of Mechem Drive.

Police said excessive speed was a factor in the crash.

A pick-up truck driver refused medical treatment following a roll-over incident involving the truck and a trailer being pulled.

Cameron Sidwell, 22, Ruidoso Downs, rolled the vehicles shortly after 10 a.m. June 30 on U.S. Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

The trailer began swaying, causing the vehicles to leave the roadway and roll one time, according to a police report.

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### OUR OPINION

## Granted, two good commission ideas

Ruidoso, Lincoln projects have merit

County commission members this month will examine a pair of projects for possible inclusion in an application for a 2002 Community Development Block Grant. One would provide for expansion of the county sub-office in Ruidoso, next to the Ruidoso Public Library. We submit that the building truly is over-stuffed. The health office needs more space. More public access to the services provided by the tax assessor

and sheriff in Ruidoso makes good sense. Computer technology could provide other county services. Another proposal would improve the water system in Lincoln, something the community has sought for a long time. When the commission gets around to the CDBG item during its regular meeting on July 19 in Carrizozo, we hope it will stay focused on these two items, and go for the grants.

### AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

## Recycling a famous old fort

BY STEWART TRULSEN  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Dating back to 1875, Fort Reno, Okla., has seen Buffalo soldiers, Indian scouts, horse breeders and German prisoners of war come through its gates. Today, it's the home of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Grazinglands Research Laboratory.

The fort once played a critical role in preserving peace with the Indians and supervising the Oklahoma Land Rush. Now the nearly 7,000 acres are used for research into forage and livestock production and climate studies.

Barracks and officers' quarters are being restored, but there is no general in charge anymore. Herman Mayeux is the laboratory director for USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Mayeux says the mission is to reduce risk and increase profitability for Great Plains farmers and ranchers. Even General Sheridan's men would have difficulty carrying out those orders.

One of a number of projects Mayeux's staff is working on is interpreting seasonal climate forecasts for agriculture. They are using 90-day forecasts of precipitation and temperature variability issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

These relatively new forecasts cover wide areas of the country. USDA researchers are determining if they can be applied to smaller areas. The hope is that dry land farmers like those in Oklahoma and other parts of the Great Plains will know months in advance of rainfall and temperature patterns, not just a week or two. This would give them a chance to make production adjustments.

Other research involves Brangus cattle, a cross between

Brahman and Angus cattle developed in Oklahoma and Texas. Cattle on the grounds also include exotic breeds from Africa and South America, but Fort Reno is best known for breeding horses for the military. Between 1908 and 1947 it was one of two remount stations. Black Jack, the riderless horse in President John F. Kennedy's funeral procession, was raised at Fort Reno.

Two black cavalry regiments, nicknamed Buffalo Soldiers by the Indians, were assigned here. Part of their job was to prevent Somers from entering the Oklahoma territory prior to the official land rush. A few of the soldiers are buried at the Fort Reno Military Cemetery. At the back of the cemetery is a row of tombstones bearing German and Italian names. They belong to POWs from a number of U. S. camps during World War II. The men imprisoned at Fort Reno were hired out in small groups with a guard to work on local farms.

Aviatrix Amelia Earhart flew an autogiro, a cross between a helicopter and an airplane, to Fort Reno in the 1920s. Now, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is raising nearly 150 baboons here for life-saving medical research. The university is one of a number of institutional partners working with USDA.

History has made many stops at Fort Reno, and perhaps it will continue to do so. If scientists can ever accurately forecast a drought and help farmers mitigate its effect, it may be because of work at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory. Agricultural research is important to farmers, consumers and the environment.

Stewart Trulsen is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau.



### YOUR OPINION

#### With a downwind lie

To the editor:  
We have spent the last four days in your village and read in your newspaper where the village has been sending out several thousand dollars worth of radio and television ads, from Tucson to Texas, with the message that Ruidoso was unscathed by this year's forest fires, and we assume they were trying to promote tourism.

We would consider this very counterproductive after smelling the stench from the Links golf course.

Having a farming background, we have never encountered a commercial fertilizer with that odor. Are they watering the greens with sewer water? We live in a county with 49 dairies and even they don't stink any worse than that golf course.

We can't figure how the people staying at the new Hawthorn Suites can tolerate this. We were several blocks away trying to enjoy an evening on the deck and an evening sleeping with the windows open and could do neither.

So we suggest, before you waste any more money promoting the village, you clean up the air.

James and Theresa Bradley  
Portales

#### Parks lose appeal

To the editor:  
It's summer time and the living is easy for New Mexico residents. Unless of course, you plan to go camping in the state parks and you happen to be either a disabled veteran, a senior citizen or a handicapped person.

If you fit any of those descriptions, you have bad news coming your way. Your use of the state parks has recently been made much less convenient and much more expensive to the benefit of an out-of-state firm allowed to dip into the New Mexico State Parks cookie jar by being hired to "manage the camping reservations" in our state parks.

In the past, if you were a 100 percent service-connected disabled veteran, or over age 62 or permanently handicapped, you could buy a camping permit for the state parks for \$52 for a full year. It would cover all camping fees for any camping site in the state parks for that year except a \$4 per day electric hookup fee for your camper or RV in sites where electricity was available.

This year, the camping permit fee for the three groups mentioned above has nearly doubled in price from \$52 to \$90 per year and it no longer provides anything like the same savings it once did.

This is to the direct profit of the out-of-state firm retained by the governor's appointees to "manage the camping reservations" in our parks. The fewer discounts to resident seniors, handicapped and disabled veterans the more they pocket in "reservation fees."

Also, the special yearly permits are now valid in only the less desirable, less convenient camping sites in our state parks.

Again, this is to the direct financial gain of the firm being paid for "managing the camping reservations."

If seniors, the handicapped or the disabled veterans want to use the more convenient camping sites they must pay the full price plus the \$10 "reservation fee" which goes directly into the pockets of the ... company.

All this can amount to as much as \$88 in camping fees for a one-night camping trip for a disabled veteran with a wife and one child or an elderly couple or a handicapped person and spouse.

And this is after they have paid their \$90 for the yearly camping permit in the hope of saving money.

The \$90 "special" camping permits are nearly worthless, as the choicest, most desirable camping sites in our state parks are now off limits to the use of these yearly permits. These premium camping areas are left sitting unused much of the time. This is to ensure the ... firm paid to "manage the camping reservations" doesn't miss out on collecting even one \$10 "reservation

fee" ... Denying the handicapped the use of the most convenient and desirable camping spots in our state parks is indefensible and it was not the intention of our state Legislature. The Legislature created the special yearly permits to make our state parks affordable for our seniors, our handicapped and our disabled veterans.

And most importantly this funneling of \$10 in "reservation fees" for a dubious "camping reservation service" when we camp in our tax-supported state parks, is, at best, foolish. And at worst a very questionable sweetheart deal that is making someone in another state wealthy at the expense of voting New Mexicans. This just simply fails the smell test.

Ask your governor, your state senators and representatives and your local veteran's service organization why this has been tolerated as long as it has and how soon it will be made right.

Ron Neeler  
Las Cruces

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### AMERICAN ISSUES

## Has Greenspan's Fed lost its leverage?

BY TOM RAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — After six rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, some veteran Fed watchers are wondering if the nation's central bank and chairman Alan Greenspan are losing leverage over the U.S. economy.

Even as the Fed dropped a key short-term interest rate last week, this time's economic prognosis remained uncertain. The five previous, larger cuts have yet to be felt. Corporate profit warnings and layoff announcements persist.

And impatient investors seemed little stirred by the latest Fed installment. Stocks declined briefly just after the Fed announcement, then came back, then declined again.

Many economists insist it's still too early to expect much from the march of rate cuts that began Jan. 3, suggesting a typical lag time of six to nine months. But others say the lack of more pro-

nounced improvement underscores a deeper institutional problem: that the Fed's ability to move the economy may have faded.

"There's been a great loss of real authority," said Martin Mayer, a scholar at Brookings Institution who has written extensively about the Federal Reserve.

"The Fed doesn't have as many tools now as when the banks called the shots," said Mayer. "In the old days, when the Fed took action, it influenced what the banks did, and that influenced the rest of the market. Today, the Fed is just spinning everyone in hopes of influencing the market."

He says that Greenspan is skillful as chairman and good at "theatrics."

Mayer's case against the Fed has helped stir a lively debate on the Federal Reserve's role in an economy that is becoming increasingly globalized and diversified.

Currently, the Fed's primary device

to prod or brake the economy is to change the interest rate on overnight loans between banks. That's what it did again last week, lowering the federal funds rate to 3.75 percent — down from 6.5 percent at the start of the year. The Fed cited continued weakness throughout the economy.

At that signal, banks in turn lowered their prime rate to borrowers by a quarter point, to 6.75 percent, the lowest since 1994.

The Fed used to have more levers to pull. But some have disappeared and others no longer work as designed.

For instance, the Fed also lowered its discount rate on direct loans to banks, also by a quarter percentage point, to 3.25 percent.

But this action, once the Fed's main way of driving rate changes, is now largely symbolic. Few banks today borrow directly from the Fed, or want to be seen doing so.

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# Phoenix Galleries

Special to the Ruidoso News  
Wendy Wagner

Earlier this year, Phoenix Gallery owners, Chuck and Mary Ann Dodson along with Stephanie Caviness, all three out of El Paso, brought in Gallery Director, Kay Swena to put together an upscale collection of art and sculptures in their establishment.

The world class gallery is open daily at 10 A.M. and is located at 610 Highway 70 East in Ruidoso Downs, one half mile east of the racetrack.

Kay ventured to our tiny mountain town out of Carmel, California, after living there for nine years and owning several galleries in Carmel and Arizona. Kay's expertise is accredited to her 25 years experience in the business and is making wonders in the Phoenix Galleries.

Besides planning a sculpture garden featuring a minimum of fourteen pieces by world-renowned artists that can be seen from the highway, Phoenix Galleries also specializes in international and southwestern fine art. "We have such a wonderful stable of artists," comments Kay. "We are thrilled with the caliber of artists we represent."

Phoenix Galleries shares a building with Classic Bronze, the only full bronze foundry in Ruidoso. The whole bronzing process occurs in that one building and tours are given periodically to reveal all of the work put into one bronze sculpture. Although not affiliated with the gallery, the foundry does cast some of the artist's work that are featured in Phoenix Galleries.

Artists such as James Nathan Muir are able to work in a studio adjoining Phoenix Galleries and Classic Bronze and allows patrons to come in and gaze at the masterpiece in process. Currently, Muir is working on a larger than life monument that is going to Fort Reilly, Kansas, to be placed on display.

Another one of Muir's pieces, "The Line," is a depiction of Colonel William Travis who served at the famous Alamo. The sculpture shows Travis drawing a line on the ground with his sword while he challenged his 186 men to choose between life and death. All chose to stay with the Colonel save one, and, as history records, all of those men died the next day.

Most artists are from New Mexico, Colorado,



James Muir, sculpture, at work at the Phoenix Gallery.

Texas, Arizona, and California. The types of art exhibited at Phoenix Galleries span from impressionistic to southwestern to contemporary to stylized to Native American art. In fact, the gallery hosts more than 2.5 million dollars worth of fine art and sculptures and as Kay says, "The inventory is always changing."

On Saturday, July 7, Phoenix Galleries is hosting its third Artist Reception, featuring Jeff St. John, Cynthia Britain and Joe Netherwood.

St. John is the only local artist represented in the gallery. Capturing the character of the western cowboy in his large, beautifully colored paintings, is St. John's forte.

Britain is a Plein Air Impressionist, meaning that she does all of her work from life. So, according to Kay, when Britain is at the Phoenix Galleries, it wouldn't be surprising if she is sitting outside painting a mountain, rain or shine. Britain has won numerous awards including the Silver Medal at the 1997 National Competition

for Plein Air Painting in Carmel, California. More recently, Britain has received the Gold Medal Award from the San Diego Museum of Art Juried Exhibition. Britain is also a founding and signature member of Laguna Plein Air Painters Association.

Netherwood will also be at the Phoenix Galleries on July 7, venturing out of his residence in Scottsdale, Arizona. Netherwood got his first glance at the West when he was stationed in Texas during his enlistment in the Air Force. Then he worked as a designer and illustrator and then as a stand-up comedian before he crossed over into a career as a western artist.

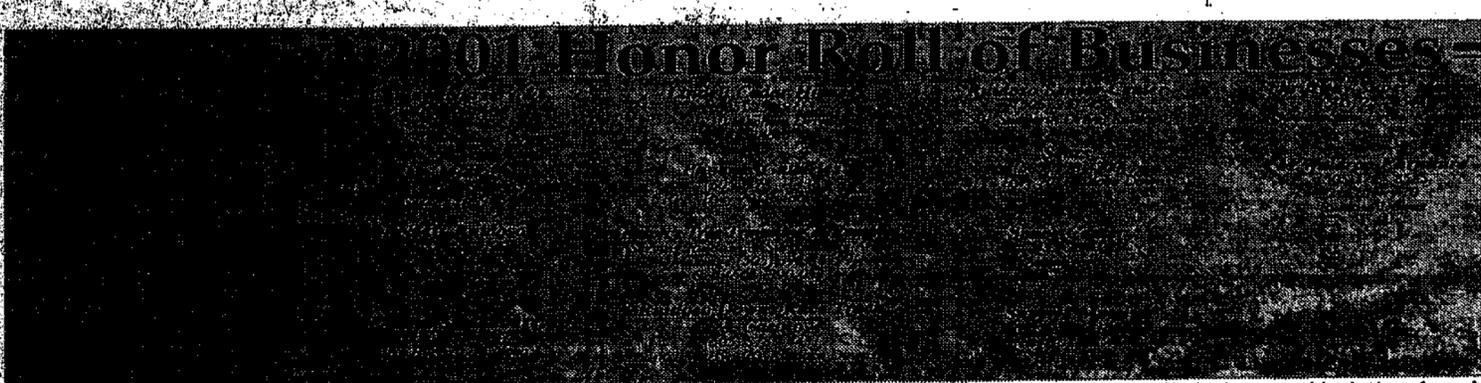
The July 7 gala is open to all art-lovers and people who are just plain interested. There is to be complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres from 4-6 P.M.

The entire collection of art and sculptures can also be seen on-line at [www.phoenix-galleries.com](http://www.phoenix-galleries.com). The pieces are sorted by artist and each item is either currently at the gallery or has been at one time. The site also encourages patrons to call 1 (877) 378-5938 if a featured piece meets an interest.

Kay and her delightful staff make visiting Phoenix Galleries more than just a walk through a museum, but an unforgettable experience.



Left to right: Assistant Director, Vicki Innis, Kay Swena and Hessica Reynolds in front of the Phoenix Gallery with JR the Rabbit.



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# County and hospital to consider future of area's health care needs

New demographic information from 2000 census spurs a joint study

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Looking at information from the 2000 census prompted officials with the Lincoln County Medical Center to consider what specific changes may be needed in hospital services.

Over the next few months, members of the hospital board, which oversees the management of the county-owned center by Presbyterian HealthCare Services Inc., will try to decipher what the data means for the future of local health care.

"We believe that the breadth of existing services available at the hospital and the number of specialties represented in our clinic are pretty impressive, but we are always evaluating our services and looking for ways to improve," said Jim

Gibson, hospital administrator. "This information will help us make some good choices."

Board Chairman Gary Mitchell said it's important for hospital officials to understand the changing population of the county and how that impacts the health care they need to allow the hospital to plan for the future.

"We want to do the best job we can for the people of Lincoln County," Mitchell said. "Planning for future health care needs is an important aspect of that job."

Some of the statistics of interest to the board include:

- During the last decade, the county grew by 58.9 percent from 12,219 residents to 19,411 residents.
- With a median age of 43.8

years, the population of the county is older than the general population of New Mexico that has a median age of 34.6 years.

• The county's largest age segment, 45-54 years old, comprises 16.2 percent of the population. As Baby Boomers aged, this segment also saw the largest percentage of growth in the county during the last 10 years, increasing a hefty 122.3 percent.

• Ruidoso Downs was the fastest growing community in the county at a rate of 98.3 percent over the last 10 years.

• 19.3 percent of county residents live in poverty, defined at about \$17,000 for a family of four.

• The leading cause of death in the county is cancer, followed by heart disease.

# Ruidoso Downs adopts new P&Z ordinance

Village trustees for Ruidoso Downs have adopted new Planning and Zoning ordinances.

The revamped ordinances were the subject of three public hearings since late May that registered little comment from

residents.

Village Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Paul van Gulick said since the public hearings the draft ordinance had seen no substantive changes.

"Zoning maps will reside on

computer as part of the village's geographic information system," van Gulick said.

He added the system will be a benefit to residents seeking permits and dealing with land use issues because it will streamline the process.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Connie Walstad

Services for Connie Walstad, 83, of Hobbs, were Saturday in Hobbs.

Mrs. Walstad died Tuesday, June 26, 2001 in Hobbs.

She was born Feb. 17, 1918 in Paragould, Ark.

She married Jack Walstad Jan. 10, 1948.

She was a nationally recognized artist, with works in

many private and public collections. She worked in watercolors, acrylic and mixed media, rendering the subjects in vibrant color, which evoke happiness in the viewer.

Mrs. Walstad and her husband moved to Hobbs in 1964.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, of the home; a son, Mike Walstad of Ruidoso; daughters Diane Murrell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and

Martha Livingston of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bill, and his wife, Barbara Cannon; and a grandson, Chris Cannon.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church Fund in Hobbs.

Arrangements were made through Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

# County seeks water, fire grants

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To protect against future devastating wildfires and to better judge the status of the county's underground water supply, Lincoln County is applying for two new grants.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday he submitted an application for a \$130,000 Rural Community Assistance grant to help pay for a hydrological model of the county.

Stewart said the study is needed urgently in view of the county's rapid growth.

"We feel it is imperative that we have a model of our

water resources to make intelligent decisions regarding the growing number of subdivisions," Stewart wrote. Jose Martinez, supervisor of the Lincoln National Forest based in Alamogordo.

"It seems that areas with limited water can sustain a finite number of wells, but without a water model we cannot make that decision."

The U.S. Geological Survey will head the effort to create the model.

Stewart also is applying for \$129,000 under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program authorized by the Community

Forest Restoration Act of 2000 to pay for a loader and employee to help collect material cleared from private land where trees are being thinned and underbrush removed.

He hopes that money can get the system set up and running, so that in future years, additional grants under the program can be used to hire a private firm to dispose of the slash by mulching. That way, everyone benefits, Stewart said.

The maximum that can be requested each year is \$150,000 under the four-year program, he said.

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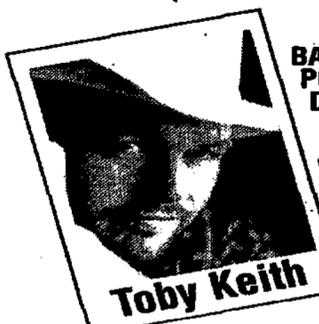
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# ETZ commissioner appeals own board's decision

Concerned about possible environmental contamination, Commissioner Teri Sodd sought to overturn her Board's approval of a convenience store with gas pumps and a car wash at N.M. Highway 48 and Ski Run Road.

Sodd told members of the ETZ Authority, which hears appeals, she wasn't satisfied with some of the information presented by Brewer and pointed to the lack of specific reference in the ETZ regulations to such uses.

But by the time the issue was brought up on the agenda, the ETZ Authority had approved changes to the law that covered several of the uses she cited.

Five minutes ago, a car wash was illegal and now it's not," Sodd said. "I feel guilty because I allowed this to go through without enough investigation."

Although the three-member authority ultimately approved the development as described in their revised site plan, they followed Sodd's lead in asking about precautions to protect the water resource.

"This was brought to the ETZ Commission twice," Sodd said. "I voted against it. What they are requesting exceeds a convenience store. My biggest issue is pollution of the watershed. I've seen many underground gasoline storage tanks dug up because of leakage."

Don Brewer explained that the first submission was a preliminary run-through to find out where commission members might have objections.

The second plan contained a fast-food drive-through lane, which was removed in the third version that also flipped the location of the convenience store to accommodate a utility easement.

A spokesman for Brewer said that underground storage tanks will have double containment and an electronic monitoring system in addition to inspections by the state

Underground Storage Tank Bureau.

The car wash is a "closed" system, that recycles water, he said. Sludge collected will be stored until it is pumped out by a septic tank service, he testified. Retention ponds on the property are designed for a 100-year flood.

Brewer said his company has invested about a quarter-million dollars in the \$2-million project already.

"We started in March," he said, pointing out that the com-

pany wants to avoid any more delays and that when completed, the complex would employ about 20 people with a \$15,000 a month payroll.

With assurances from the board's attorney that the action was legal although changes to the site plan were involved, the board approved the plan with a stipulation that a topographical map of the project be submitted to the village planning department.

Before Commissioner voting, William Schweitmann, the other county commissioner on the board, said he'd prefer not to see that type of activity in the area and asked about operating hours and light pollution.

He was told the hours would be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., that the largest bulb wattage would be 80 and that all lighting would comply with state regulations.

BY MARG STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The possibility of car wash water or gasoline contaminating the Bouito River or the water supply for the village of Ruidoso prompted Teri Sodd to take an unusual step.

A member of the Ruidoso Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission responsible for reviewing development projects in a 1-mile zone around the village, Sodd appealed a decision by her own board.

The ETZ Commission in May approved plans for gas pumps, a convenience store, a fast-food drive-through and a car wash at the corner of Ski Run Road and State Highway 48 proposed by Brewer Oil.

But at their June meeting,

## Library offers workshop

A six-part writing workshop will be offered at the Capitán Public Library beginning July 22, meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. for six consecutive Sundays, with question-and-answer periods afterward.

The workshop, limited to 16 participants, will be presented by Steven F. Havill, author of 14 published novels and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles.

Sessions include: "Breaking into Print: a Place to Start," "Ruthless Markets: Going National," "The Art of Listening," and "The World of Fiction."

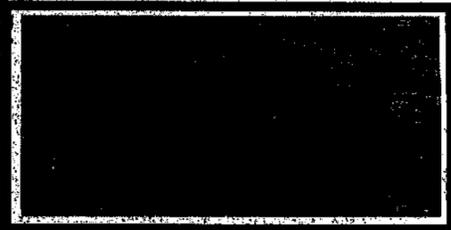
The workshops are sponsored by the library and the \$60 fee will be donated to the library fund.

Workshop enrollment is available at the library during regular hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (not the 4th of July); and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Call 354-9035 to reserve a space.

Payment must be received by July 14 and can be mailed to Capitán Public Library, P.O. Box 1189, Capitán, NM 88316, with checks made to the library.



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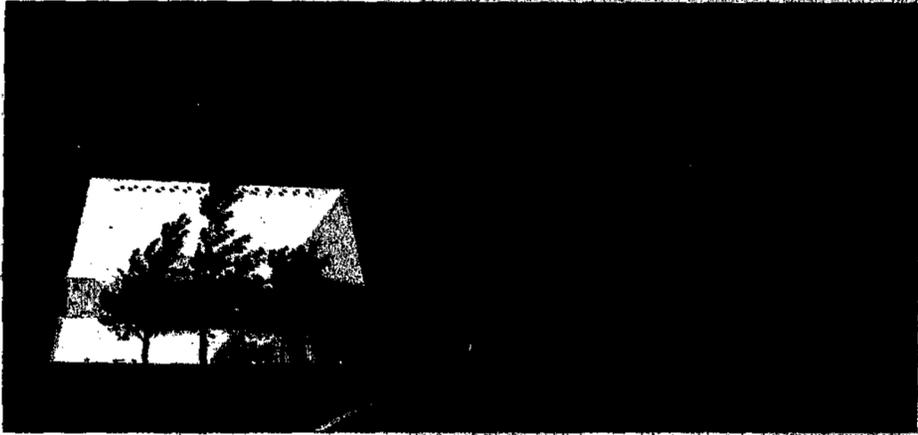
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### NATURE'S DRAMA



The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts stands in sharp contrast to ominous storm clouds in the west. Though the monsoon season is typically suggested as a July 4 beginning timeframe, rain has been a daily event for the past week in or around Ruidoso.

JAMES KALVESE/STAFF

## Park developers go forward

Developers of two proposed RV parks are moving ahead with their plans under new rules adopted by the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority. Ron Andrews, a former Ruidoso Village councilor and one of the partners in Arrowhead and Mor, appealed the Lincoln County Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission's denial of his project to the authority. Commission members said they couldn't approve the plans because RV parks were not covered in ETZ rules.

Before dealing with the appeal during the authority's regular meeting last month, board members adopted new rules that included recreational vehicles and other previously undressed uses.

By the time Andrews' project along U.S. 70 on land that includes the Arrowhead Motel came up for review, they were in a position to take action. The authority, composed of two county commissioners and one village councilor, rules on land use within a one-mile district around the village.

They approved the Andrews development, which is surrounded by other RV parks, and granted the appeal of Terry Carter for an RV park on Gavilan Canyon Road.

That action will allow Carter to develop the park in the Pines of Gavilan subdivision under a concept that each of the 15 RV owners will be part owners of the property, Carter said. He plans a recreational center and decks at each unit.

### RUIDOSO POLICE

#### Security cam stolen

A security camera was reported stolen June 27 from Ruidoso Ice and Water Co., 1605 Sudderth Drive.

The company owner told Ruidoso police a cable to an outside camera was cut and the camera taken.

The thief is also suspected of taking five gallons of water without paying.

While the outside camera, valued at \$100 was taken, another camera, inside the business, recorded the outdoor activity. The case is considered a misdemeanor larceny.

#### Snowboard stolen

A felony larceny June 27 occurred at Rush Ski Shop, 101 Mechem Drive.

The shop's owner said a mountain board, valued at \$449.95, had been placed outside the business's front door.

The merchandise was reported missing that afternoon. The mountain board was described as a MBS brand, colored green.

#### Break-in reported

Ruidoso police were notified June 29 that a storage unit at 413 Mechem Drive was broken into between June 3 and 6.

Taken from the unit were a toy fire truck made during the 1970s and a 1970s pinball machine.

The toy truck was valued at \$500 and the pinball machine

was worth an estimated \$100.

The case has been categorized as a breaking and entering, burglary and larceny, all felonies.

#### Police cite woman

Ruidoso police cited a Tularosa woman after some occupants of a vehicle parked at Grindstone Lake were believed to have been drinking.

An officer spotted the vehicle shortly after 11 p.m. on July 1. An unopen beer was seen on the front seat of the vehicle, according to a police report. The driver allegedly turned over to the officer three open beers from the car.

A partial 18-pack of beer was found in the trunk and a nearly empty bottle of rum was also discovered.

Barbara Sanchez, 30, was cited for public drinking. A man in the car, Carlos Galindo Villalobos, 29, Ruidoso, was detained for the U.S. Border Patrol.

A 15-year-old girl was released after it was determined she showed no signs of intoxication or odor of alcohol.

#### 2 arrested in battery

Two people were arrested June 30 after a reported battery on a household member incident.

Etinne E. Turner, 28, Ruidoso and Kelly Cipollone, 37, Capitan were charged for an alleged incident in the 700 block of Carters Lane.

Turner told police he and Cipollone had argued through the night and into the morning of June 30. A police report indicated he had scratches, bruises and bite marks.

Cipollone reportedly had bruising, scratches and a swollen black eye.

#### Battery charged

A 911 call of a domestic incident in progress brought a 3:55 a.m. response from police on June 30.

Officers were called to a location in the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive, where a man was reportedly dragging a woman across a parking lot. When questioned by police, the woman said only a verbal argument occurred.

Based on a witness statement and a lump on the woman's head, officers arrested Joshua Bo Jackson, 20, Ruidoso, on a charge of battery against a household member.

#### Girl harassed

A 14-year-old Ruidoso girl told police she was harassed by three other people and then chased on foot.

The incident, classified as an assault and harassment, was reported about 9:10 p.m. on July 1. The girl had been in the 100 block of Rio Street when she said three people got out of a car and pursued her on foot. She sought refuge in a Sudderth Drive business, where police were called.

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# SPORTS

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## Girls win in Duke City

The Lady Warriors went 6-4 at the I-25 camp in Albuquerque Thursday through Saturday to finish 16-12 for the summer.

BY TODD BUTTS  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It's been a busy summer for the Ruidoso High School girls basketball team, as they recently concluded their third weekend of play in the past three weeks.

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors traveled to Albuquerque to participate in the second half of the I-25 Girls Summer Basketball League.

The competition began Thursday and concluded on Saturday.

The games were held at five different high schools in Albuquerque: Cibola, Del Norte, Eldorado, Rio Rancho and West Mesa.

After going 6-4 in Las Cruces June 15-17, the Warriors put together another 6-4 record in Albuquerque.

Ruidoso also played at a camp in Denver June 22-24, where they went 4-4 against teams from all over the region. The team's overall record from the three weekends totaled 16-12.

The Lady Warriors started off the league play in Albuquerque by beating Del Norte, a Class 5A school, in their own gym Thursday. Ruidoso truly got off to a great start in Albuquerque Thursday, as they also defeated Gadsden and Laguna Acoma for an early 3-0 record.

Friday was very busy for the Warriors, as they were scheduled to play five games in one day.

The Warriors suffered two losses on Friday, falling to Rio Rancho and Eldorado, both Class 5A schools. But they also managed to record three victories, as they defeated Belen, Bernalillo and Cloudercroft.

The Cloudercroft contest was very physical. The Warriors had a 16-10

See RHS, page 2B.



TODD BUTTS/STAFF  
Lady Warrior Meghan Gabaldon, above, hits the floor to keep the ball in play in a summer camp game against Cloudercroft over the weekend. The Lady Warriors went 6-4 at the I-25 camp in Albuquerque. At right, Ruidoso's Carrie Lane goes up for a jumper over a foe from Rio Rancho.



## Tapia KO's Soto; may see Hamed

N.M. boxer gets knocked down, but comes back

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Johnny Tapia knocked out Cesar Soto with a left-right combination to the head in the third round of their featherweight bout Saturday night.

Tapia (50-2-2, 27 knockouts) had stunned Soto (63-10-3, 39 knockouts) with 30 seconds left in the third round with punishing body blows. Two left hands clearly hurt Soto, a former

WBC featherweight champion, and then came the deciding combination.

Referee Joe Cortez counted out Soto as he sat in the ring holding his ribs.

"I just caught him with a good shot to the body," said Tapia, a four-time world champion. "I went to the body to see what he had down there and I caught him."

Soto, a 126-pounder from Juarez, Mexico, landed a left hook to Tapia's face in the second round and knocked him down. Tapia pleaded with the referee that it was not a knockdown, because Soto was standing on his feet.

It marked only the second time in Tapia's career he had been knocked down.

The 34-year-old Tapia, 125 1/2 pounds from Albuquerque, has his sights set on Prince Naseem Hamed. There is a possibility the two could meet in New York in October.

The fight with Soto was Tapia's first since signing on with promoter Don King.

"I went to the body to see what he had down there and I caught him."

Johnny Tapia on his KO of Cesar Soto

## side line

### How They Stand

Ruidoso Parks & Rec  
Men's Adult Softball League  
Standings through June 26

Team	W	L	Pct.
Armark Thunder	10	0	1.000
Nads	10	1	.910
Valos Locos	10	2	.833
Homeboys	9	3	.750
Grizzlies	9	3	.750
Mescalero Indians	5	6	.455
Eagles	5	7	.417
Ball Hawks	5	7	.417
Gators	4	8	.333
Buzzards	4	8	.333
Amity	3	9	.250
Latin Action	1	10	.091
Lumberjacks	0	11	.000

Ruidoso Parks & Rec  
Women's Adult Softball League  
Standings through July 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Casino Apache	10	0	1.000
Jagged Edge/Razzors	6	3	.667
Mountain Maniacs	5	4	.556
Blue Angels	5	4	.556
Fringos	3	4	.429
Ma Ma Mias	1	8	.111
Intermo	0	7	.000

### Games for July 9

6:30 p.m.: Ma Ma Mias vs. Mountain Maniacs, Jagged Edge/Razzors vs. Intermo  
7:30 p.m.: Fringos vs. Casino Apache, Blue Angels vs. Intermo  
8:30 p.m.: Fringos vs. Mountain Maniacs, Ma Ma Mias vs. Casino Apache

### On Deck

**Volleyball Camp**  
Ruidoso High School will play host to a volleyball camp for incoming seventh-through 12th-graders from July 9-13. Charity Savarde, head volleyball coach at NMMI Junior College, will teach the camp in basic volleyball skills. It will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day and the entry fee is \$50. For more information, call RHS coach Bridget Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433.

**Relay for Life**  
The 2001 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will take place at Ruidoso High School. The relay will give Lincoln County residents a chance to honor cancer survivors and victims by bringing teams of 12-15 people to the RHS track, where team members will take turns walking for 15 hours. The event will take place from 6 p.m. July 13 to noon July 14. If you are interested in registering a team, sponsoring the event or for more information, call 376-4786.

**Smokee Bear Run**  
The 21st annual Smokee Bear Run will be held in Capitan on July 4. It will start at First Federal Bank and follow an out and back course along NM 246. The race begins at 8 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10. There are seven age groups. For more information or a registration form, call Kacey Holt at (800) 219-6201.

**Softball Tournament**  
The "Last Chance Qualifier" softball tournament will be held at Eagle Creek Softball Complex July 13-15. Entry fee is \$165 due by July 10. Men's Open, D, E, and Women's Comp and Rec divisions may participate. For more information about the USSSA-approved tournament, contact Claudia Branum at 257-5030 or e-mail parksrec@zianet.com.

**Basketball Camps**  
Seven 2001 Fran Fraschilla Lobo Basketball Camps will be held between June 4 and Aug. 3 this summer. Camps will be run by Lobo coaches and players and are open to kids age 7-17. All camps will be in Albuquerque, Santa Fe or Rio Rancho and cost \$125 for a half day and \$165 for a full day. Call (505) 925-6751 or (877) 321-7488 for more information.

**Junior golf tour**  
The Sun Country PGA Section is now accepting application for the 2001 Sun Country PGA Junior Golf Tour. The winners of the boys and girls divisions of the Section Championship will compete at the national Westfield Junior PGA Championship in Westfield Center, Ohio, July 18-21. Junior golfers, ages 7-17, may qualify at any of the nine qualifier sites featured in the 2001 tour by obtaining a membership in either the Junior Tour or the Pepsi Tour. Membership information may be obtained at suncountrypga.com or by calling (505) 867-4890.

**Tennis camp**  
A youth tennis camp is scheduled for July 9-13. The camp will be held at School House Park and will be organized by Ruidoso High School tennis coach Celeste Franklin.

## Zia Futurity, Derby trials highlight weekend at track

Fields are set for the July 15 Zia Festival races; Western Kaper pulls an upset in Sunday's biggest stakes race

Fields for the Zia Futurity, and Zia Derby are set after a weekend full of trials.

Ima Cry Baby Two was the fastest qualifier for the \$150,000-estimated Zia Futurity, to be held July 15 as part of the Zia Festival. The horse qualified in a time of 17.740.

Major Phantom was the next fastest, running in 17.763.

WR Red Ace led the qualifying field for the \$40,000-added Zia Derby in a time of 19.984. Chicks For Sure was the only other horse that ran in under 20 seconds, at 19.997.

Complete fields and qualifying times for the two races follow.

Zia Futurity	
Ima Cry Baby Two	17.740
Major Phantom	17.763
Tommy's Gal	17.868
Chicks For Sure	17.970
Split N Run	17.974
Dontalonnynparade	18.004
Major's Exclusive	18.011
Don Jacobo	18.019
De Talker	18.059
Rabbits Jet	18.059

Zia Derby	
WR Red Ace	19.984
Chicks For Sure	19.997
Newarce	20.010
Serious Cash	20.053
Negro De Az	20.158

Tahiti Blues 20.192  
Mary My Day 20.220  
Grit And Glamour 20.228  
Imtalkinspeed 20.237  
Megasail 20.240

### Fern Sawyer Handicap

All eyes were on Cashin'Rain going into Sunday's \$22,500 Fern Sawyer Handicap, but Western Kaper had other ideas.

Soaring Ego took the lead after the break and held it through the first turn and the backstretch. Coming into the second turn, Cashin'Rain, the heavy favorite, started to challenge Soaring Ego. Soaring Ego started to tire, letting

Cashin'Rain take the lead, but no one saw Western Kaper flying down the center of the track until she was right next to the leader. Western Kaper won the race a length ahead of Cashin'Rain.

Western Kaper is owned and trained by Ramon Gonzales and ridden by Tome Green. Going into the race Green thought she had a good chance on top of the horse.

"I had a lot of confidence in her. She has been training really good, so I was confident," Green said.

Cashin'Rain came in second ahead of Soaring Ego.

Cashin'Rain is owned by Catherine A. Rausch, trained by Antonio B. Hernandez and was ridden by Miguel Fuentes.

Today's earnings in the \$22,500 Fern Sawyer Handicap brings Western Kaper's lifetime earnings to \$50,759.

### Track notes

Last year's All American Futurity winner Eysesa Special will run in the last race of the Rainbow Derby Trials to be run Thursday, July 5. Rare Fasteroid, this year's Ruidoso Derby winner, will also run in the last race on Thursday.

## Local girl McDougal claims tennis championship at tourney in Hobbs

The Ruidoso teen-ager also saw her first competition in the 16-and-under division at Hobbs, earning a third-place finish.

BY WES SCHWENGLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso junior tennis standout Heather McDougal continued her strong play recently at the Hobbs Deadwood Junior Open.

McDougal, 13, won the tournament, held June 22-23 at the Hobbs City School Tennis Courts. She cap-

tured the 14-and-under championship with decisive straight-set wins over Jessica Fierro and Lindsey Spears, both of Hobbs. Fierro fell 6-2, 6-0, and Spears was defeated 6-1, 6-0.

The title is the second for McDougal at the Hobbs tournament, as she also took the 12-and-under crown two years ago, in 1999.

McDougal also put forth a strong showing in the 16-and-under division, ending up with a third-place finish. It was her first competition in that age group. She defeated Melinda Williams of Hobbs in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, in the hard-fought

third-place match.

She lost her second-round match to eventual champion Sara Baker of Hobbs, 6-0, 6-0. Baker was the Class 4A high school state runner-up in May.

McDougal has also recently competed at tournaments throughout the Southwest, including stops in El Paso and Arizona.

She will next head to Roswell for the Alberto's Junior Open, scheduled for July 6-8.

She will be an eighth-grader next year at Ruidoso Middle School, making her eligible for the high school team.



WES SCHWENGLER/STAFF  
Heather McDougal poses with trophies she won at a recent tennis tourney in Hobbs.

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# RHS: Girls hoops team goes 6-4

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 lead at halftime. They then came out in the second half pressing, and soon had increased the lead to 21-12.  
 Ruidoso's defense frustrated the Clouderoft Bears so much offensively, that at one point, a Clouderoft player, with her back to the basket, threw the ball up backward toward the rim. The Warriors beat the Bears 43-36.  
 "I was really pleased with what we accomplished," said Warrior coach Albert Ronquillo, after the camp's con-

clusion. "We basically played a whole season. There were some really quality teams. We beat the teams we were supposed to beat."  
 Clouderoft coach Danny Ward agreed that his team was simply too small to compete with some of the schools in Albuquerque.  
 "We are doing all right," Ward said. "We are playing bigger schools. They are supposed to beat us. We've beat two of them since we've been here. So I am happy. That's what we are doing. We are learning."

The fourth game Ruidoso played Friday was against Rio Rancho at the Rams' home gym.  
 The Warriors seemed a little tired, and had a tough time against the Class 5A school. Ruidoso lost the game, 49-18.  
 But Ronquillo said the experience against the larger schools, such as Rio Rancho, will benefit the team for next season.  
 The 1-26 Girls Summer Basketball League was started seven years ago. The league play is divided between Las Cruces and Albuquerque.  
 Several schools from around the state attended the league competitions to sharpen their game for the upcoming school season.

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Albert Ronquillo  
RHS girls basketball coach

## YANKEES WIN



The Ruidoso Little League Farm Division Yankees pose after winning the division championship in June.

# UNM names men's golf head coach

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Glen Millican has been named head men's golf coach at the University of New Mexico.  
 Millican, 26, has served as an assistant at New Mexico the last three years.  
 A native of Richardson, Texas, he is a 1998 graduate of UNM.  
 Millican had seven top-10 finishes during his playing career at New Mexico from 1994-1998. His top showing was a seventh-place tie at the 1994 Red River Classic as a freshman. He also tied for 11th at the 1997 Western Athletic Conference Championships.  
 His career stroke average was 75.06 in 80 rounds.  
 Millican succeeds J.T. Higgins, who became the men's golf coach at Texas A&M.

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There is no such thing as a typical host family. Host families can be single parents, retired, having small children, teens or no children.

The students are pre-screened, speak English, and look forward to learning about our culture while teaching us about their country. They have medical insurance and their own spending money to cover such things as clothing, school supplies and entertainment.

Host families provide a loving home, meals and a place to study. Host families are paid but may be able to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution on their income tax.

For more information, call Pacific Intercultural Exchange at (800) 732-5929.

**Dean's list**

Steven Currin, son of Mike and Linda Currin of Alto, was named to The National Dean's List, 2000-2001. He also became automatically eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$50,000 to be awarded this year. Currin is a senior in the Robert O. Anderson School of Business at the University of New Mexico.

The National Dean's List is the largest publication in the country recognizing gifted students selected by their deans, faculty members or other educational organizations. Each year, 2,500 of the finest colleges and universities use the publication as a special award to honor their best students.

The biographies of students chosen will be published, and students have access to the Student Referral Service, a reference service for students applying to graduate school or seeking employment.

**Technology in New Mexico schools**

New Mexico is tied with Arizona and Colorado and better than California and Utah in computer access and learning in schools.

New Mexico schools average five students for every school computer, one student less than the national average, and 84 percent of New Mexico classrooms have Internet access.

"We're making progress, but expect the Legislature to do even more," said Rep. John Heaton, D-Carlsbad.

Technology in education is the cornerstone to improving educational quality and to be able to offer programs and curriculum not normally available in some schools. It is also integral to providing the latest information to keep our educational work force up-to-date.

The State Legislature's Technology for Education Fund was given almost \$14.4 million over the last three years to make sure school children in New Mexico have

opportunities to compete in the ever-growing computer-savvy world. There will be another \$6 million for fiscal 2002.

The importance of technology has been re-emphasized in New Mexico schools year after year, said Rep. J. Paul Taylor, D-Mesilla. Now the Legislature is moving beyond computer introduction into refinement of computer technology for all public school children. I am just back from the National Migrant Committee Conference dealing with technology for migrant students. I was quite impressed about the next wave of laptops for children that will fold up and fit into your pocket. It's exciting to use this technology in conjunction with all the traditional teaching tools. I'm happy to report that as we upgrade education, the teacher is still the guiding force.

Rep. Rhonda King, D-Stanley, said, "We are looking at not just teaching computer skills but to integrate technology into every aspect of our teaching curriculum, as a teaching aid, posting homework assignments and grades on the Web. Look for electronic textbooks updated with the latest information on a continual basis ... there is cutting edge education everywhere, both rural and urban schools throughout New Mexico."

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**Kindergarten program expands**

The New Mexico State Department of Education announced that 50 percent of kindergarten students in the state's public schools will be provided with full-day kindergarten next year.

"The combined full-day setting and emphasis on literacy will provide these children with the foundation they need for future success," said Toni Nolan-Trujillo, the SDE's assistant superintendent for Learning Services and Indian Education.

The SDE approved 99 new full-day kindergarten programs for 2001-2002, including five funded with emergency supplemental funds last year.

A total of 173 schools in 44 school districts will receive funding for full-day kindergarten programs for 2001-2002, the second year of the full-day kindergarten phase-in. Implementation is ahead of the five-year phase-in projection, Nolan-Trujillo said.

The schools will receive approximately \$21.8 million in funding under the New Mexico State Board of Education's Optional Full-Day Kindergarten Literacy Readiness Program.

The full-day kindergarten funding includes \$13.1 million, allocated by the Legislature for new programs, \$8.5 million in recurring funds allocated by the Legislature for programs funded in 2000-2001 and an estimated \$251,000 from the SDE's Program Enrichment Fund.

The listing of funded full-day kindergarten programs for 2001-2002, recurring programs from 2000-2001 and a statewide distribution map are available on the SDE's Web site at [www.ade.state.nm.us](http://www.ade.state.nm.us).

Funded schools must include a comprehensive research-based early literacy program that continues in the first and second grades following kindergarten.

**Early rains can't stop the fun at Ruidoso's summer wilderness camp**

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Early monsoons have rained out some of the outdoor activities for this year's Wilderness Camp, a program of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, but backup activities have kept the children busy, said Parks and Rec director Rafael Salas.

"This happens every year ... but sunny days we stick with our planned agenda," Salas said.

On rainy days, the children go bowling, to the movie theater and on small field trips to museums, as well as having more arts and crafts activities.

Camp started for the last three weeks of June and will continue for the last three weeks of July — and it's never too late to join in the fun. Parents can register their 7- to 12-year-old children for one day or the entire week of camp (\$50 for the week or \$15 per day).

Last week, 25 children participated in camp, which included arts and crafts and games on Monday, visiting

KIDX radio station and the bowling alley on Tuesday, swimming on Wednesday, horseback riding on Thursday and canoeing, hiking and fishing at Grindstone Lake on Friday. (Most weeks follow this general pattern, although field trips are added, such as one to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in June.)

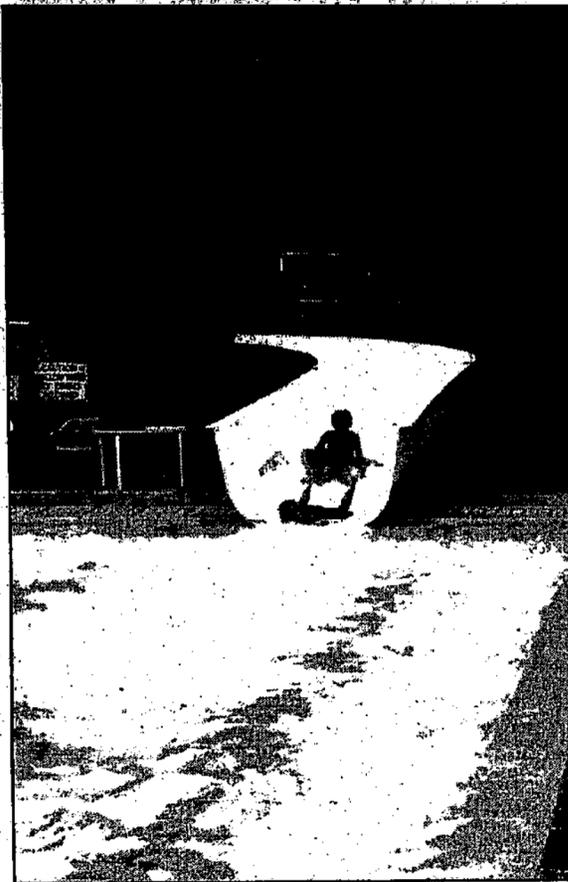
For Capitan resident Kevin Johnston, 7, who's attended every week of camp this year and attended the whole time last year, too, swimming is "the most fun thing" because he likes doing tricks off the high dive.

"Horseback riding at Buddy's was my favorite last year — and swimming," he said. "I bet Funtrackers is going to be my other favorite. And canoeing next Friday."

Carl Nelson, 8, from Alto, said swimming's his favorite activity at Wilderness Camp, and bowling comes in second.

Sarah Conner, 10, also from Alto, said this is her first year to attend camp, and she likes arts and crafts best.

"We made tops out of string and popsicle sticks," she said. "We did bird feeders



Jeremy Brillante, 9, of Ruidoso, enters the pool by the water slide.

with pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed. We covered the popsicle sticks with peanut butter and rolled them in bird seed."

Sarah said she'd put her bird feeder out for the birds at home but "the birds haven't noticed it yet, I guess."

Melanie Whittaker is the camp coordinator, and she's assisted by recreation aides Amber Word, Vonda Busby and Vikki Christian. Most of the time it's hard to tell who's having more fun — the adults or the children.



Christina Haribut, 9, from Ruidoso, wraps yarn around a square to make a picture frame.



Missie Balderosa, 10, from Ruidoso, laughs when the music stopped in a game of musical chairs in the White Mountain Gymnasium.



Bowling is one of the popular activities chosen when monsoons preclude outdoor activities. Here, Heather Briley, 10, of Ruidoso, bowls with flair.

**Teachers to receive 8 percent pay raises**

■ The average base salary for next year is \$44,587, which could raise the statewide ranking for teacher pay.

The Ruidoso school board has approved an 8 percent salary increase for teachers and a 6 1/2 percent increase for other instructional staff, certified and noninstructional personnel.

Average salaries for returning teachers this past year was \$41,233, fourth highest in the state.

The pay raises were included in next year's school operating budget approved during

the school board's June 20 meeting.

The projected average base salary for next year is \$44,587, which could raise the statewide ranking, said business manager Caren Snow.

The salary increases for teachers were mandated by the Legislature and the average 6 1/2 percent increase for other staff was recommended by the Legislature and given the governor's signature.

A 6 percent increase, \$923,120, will be made available through the State Department of Education for next year's program costs, toward the total budget of \$23.5 million.

About \$15.9 million is proposed for operating expenses and federal projects, food services, athletics, transportation and instructional materials. Of this, \$12.8 million is for salaries and benefits.

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380 HELP WANTED. APPLICATIONS BEING taken for full-time warehouse and delivery help. Must have clean driving record. Apply in person. Dale's Furniture Hwy 70 East. 1 1/2 miles East of Race Track, Ruidoso Downs. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR part-time work? A major greeting card company needs part-time merchandiser to help with maintenance with card department in local store. Flexible hours. No experience necessary. If interested leave your name and phone number at 1-505-437-6182.

ASSISTANT Maintenance Supervisor full-time employment. See Lynn Carter at Crown Point Condos, 220 Crown Dr. References required. No phone calls please. ATT: WORK FROM Home. \$1,500 a month P.T. \$4,500-\$7,200 P.T. Grow business needs help. Training. Free booklet: 888-687-8688/FashionYour Dream.com.

BREAKFAST COOK needed for breakfast and lunch. Coffee servers also needed. Apply in person at Books-N-Beans 2501 Suddeth. CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

CDL TRUCK DRIVERS Clean Record Local Work Call Paul 378-1091. C&L LUMBER IS accepting applications for outside help. Must apply in person. 2028 Hwy. 70 West.

CONVENIENCE STORE clerk/kitchen help needed. \$7.50 an hour. Day shift 6 AM to 3 PM. Night shift 3 PM to 11 PM. Apply in person at TR's Market. Alto. Cooks, Dishwashers, Cashiers. Start at \$8.00/hr and up depending on experience. Apply in person. Lincoln County Court, 2717 Suddeth.

COOKS, PIZZA MAKERS, hostess and servers. Please apply in person at Michelena's, 2703 Suddeth, Mon.-Fri., 2:00pm-5:00pm. DOMINO'S PIZZA IS accepting applications for the following positions: Management Drivers and inside. Must have good driving record and positive attitude. Great career opportunity. Drop off applications at 2919 Suddeth Dr.

DRIVER NEEDED FOR executive motorhome, a Prevost bus. Overnight travel required, must be flexible. 505/848-2727. EL CAMINO NUEVO restaurant is taking applications for servers. Apply in person, 1025 Mechem between 3:00pm-5:00pm daily.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for front desk clerk. Apply in person at Super 8 Motel, Hwy. 70 West. 310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS. 310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

380 HELP WANTED. ENCHANTMENT INN now hiring. Looking for motivated staff members. The following positions: front desk, night auditor. Experience preferred. Must work week-ends and be flexible. Bar-tenders/waitress nights and weekends. House-keeping. Apply in person, 307 Hwy. 70 West.

FULL-TIME OR part-time caregiver needed for physically disabled executive. Patient care experience required. Applicant must be physically disabled, preferred. Salary negotiable, housing available. 505/648-2727. GREAT OPPORTUNITY for ambitious handymen. For more information contact Hot Rod's Maintenance at 257-0261 and ask for Rod.

HELP WANTED FOR Sunday only. Apply at Backdoor Studio, 2008 Suddeth. Call for appointment at 257-2270. To begin as soon as possible. HOUSEKEEPER/laundry 20 to 30 hours a week. Apply at Shadow Mountain Lodge, 107 Main Rd, Ruidoso. HOUSEKEEPERS needed for Thursdays and Fridays. Apply at Crown Point Condos 220 Crown Drive. Contact Sue Parker. HOUSEKEEPERS needed. Must have some experience. \$7.00 per hour. Apply at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 West Hwy. 70.

HOUSEKEEPING position available. Ramada Limited is offering a special summer bonus plan this summer. Deadline is June 23rd. Laundry position available for Saturday and Sunday, 3pm-7. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70. IMMEDIATE OPENING for experienced meat cutter. Apply in person at Thrifway Super Market 304 Mechem.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for part-time telemarketer through the summer. Good customer service skills a must. Sales experience a plus. Base plus commission, 30 hours a week, Mon.-Fri. Must have reliable transportation. Apply in person at Ruidoso News, 104 Park Ave. in Ruidoso. EOE

Immediate openings for STOCKERS AND CHECKERS. Apply in person at 378-1091. IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for landscaping and nursery employees. Full time. Call 378-4375 or apply at Conley's Nursery, Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs.

LAUNDRY HELP needed. Apply in person at Beckers Mountain Laundry 721 Mechem. LEGAL SECRETARY needed. Experienced only need apply. Please send resume to P.O. Box 2408, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Application deadline Monday, July 9, 2001.

Clerical Positions Available. Permanent & Temporary Full & Part-Time. Apply in Person at 449 Suddeth Drive in Gateway Center. RUIDOSO READY LABOR 257-7876.

390 WORK WANTED. Excelente Construction Thomas Brilante Redwood Deck Remodeling Painting. Lic. #258-5198-Ruidoso, NM.

HONEST AND dependable no job to small. Sewing, cleaning, windows washed, hauling, pine needles raked. References available. 354-2803.

380 HELP WANTED. RUIDOSO READY LABOR 257-7876.

380 HELP WANTED. NOW HIRING DELIVERY DRIVERS AT BOTH LOCATIONS. Must be 18 years of age & have proof of insurance. TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SHIFT MANAGER @ SUDDERTH LOCATION. Please Come By Between 10-2, 5-9 For Interview. An Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

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SERVICES Coordinator/Developmental Specialist. Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking individual committed to early childhood services for children with developmental delays and their families. Minimum qualifications are: 1. Bachelor's degree in early childhood education, education, special education, social work, or other related field deemed appropriate by REC IX; 2. Two years professional experience in an early childhood setting. Only fully-qualified candidates need inquire. For complete job description and application, please contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett at REC IX (505) 257-2368, 1400 Suddeth, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Application deadline: July 16, 2001.

DEVELOPMENTAL Specialist. Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking individual committed to early childhood services for children with developmental delays and their families. Minimum qualifications are: 1. High school diploma; 2. Child Development Associate (CDA) license, or willingness to obtain. Only fully-qualified candidates need inquire. For complete job description and application, please contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett at REC IX (505) 257-2368, 1400 Suddeth, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Application deadline Monday, July 9, 2001.

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GARDEN GREEN & Super Clean powerwashing, deck refinishing, lawncare, pine-needles, roof/gutters, tree/brush removal. FIRE-breaks, defensible space. HAULING. Estimates. 257-2172 Or 420-5225 dangerus@zianet.com

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YARD MAINTENANCE, mowing, weeding, raking, gutters cleaned, hauling. Free estimates. 257-3007

460 LOST & FOUND BLACK FEMALE LONG haired retriever dog with white spot on chest, found in Loma Grande Acres. Red collar with no tags. Please contact Anne, 257-3783 from 9:00am-6:00pm. If not there leave message.

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Region IX Education Cooperative Related Service Providers (Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech/Language Pathologists, Clinical Psychologists, School Psychologists, Social Workers)

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Minimum requirements: 1. State Department of Education Licensure. 2. State of New Mexico license, as appropriate. Complete Request for Proposal information available at REC IX Office. Proposal submission deadline is Friday, July 13, 2001. Only fully-qualified candidates need inquire. For additional information, please call (505)257-2368 Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

3572 4T(6)22, 27, 29, (7)4 LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Region IX Education Cooperative Educational Diagnostic Services (Educational Diagnosticians, School Psychologists)

Minimum requirements: 1. State Department of Education Licensure.

Complete Request for Proposal information available at REC IX Office. Only fully-qualified candidates need inquire. Proposal submission deadline is Friday, July 13, 2001. For additional information, please call (505)257-2368 Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

3573 4T(6)22, 27, 29, (7)4 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Alpine Village Sanitation District will review its 2001-2002 proposed budget in public meeting at the Alpine Village Building at 112-A Sun Valley Trail on Monday, July 9, 2001, at 8:00 A.M.

3577 2T(6)27, (7)4 LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

VIVIEN BOSHARD, Deceased. Cause No. PB-01-09 Division III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their

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Claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented within 10 days under signed personal representative at P.O. Box 1812, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court. DATED: June 29th, 2001 A/Bruce Lee Boshard P.O. Box 7477 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355

19/Adam D. Flakin, P.C. P.O. Box 1912 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 (505)257-0128/257-0113 Fax

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 3581 2T(6)27, (7)4 LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the title and general summary of the subject matter contained in Village Ordinance No. 2001-05 duly adopted and approved by the Village Council of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, on June 29, 2001, relating to the authorization and issuance of the Village Supplemental Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 (the "Bonds"). Complete copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The title of the Ordinance is: ORDINANCE NO. 2001-05

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2001, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,895,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE COST TO CONSTRUCT, EQUIP, ACQUIRE, ENLARGE, EXTEND AND IMPROVE THE RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUES IMPOSED BY THE VILLAGE; PRO-

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VIDING FOR THE FORM, TERMS, EXECUTION AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE BONDS AND THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED THEREBY. A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF AND RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The following is a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Ordinance: Prescribes rules or provides such matters as the status of the supplemental municipal gross receipts tax revenues imposed by the Village; the Village's receipt of the proposed form of bond purchase agreement; authorizing the Village Council to take and official statement, which relate to the issuance and sale of the Village Supplemental Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 (the "Bonds"); the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to issue Bonds secured by a lien on the pledged gross receipts tax revenues; and the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to enter into the bond purchase agreement with and sell the bonds to Dain Flauscher Incorporated and that the bonds be insured by a policy of municipal bond insurance to be purchased by the Village from Financial Security Assurance Inc.

Sections 1 through 4 define the terms used in the Ordinance, ratify and confirm all previous actions taken by the Village directed toward the authorization of the Bonds; authorize the issuance of the Bonds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, acquiring, extending and improving the Ruidoso municipal water supply system (the "Project"); and set forth certain findings of the governing body which include: the need for the Project; monies available for the Project from all sources; that the issuance of revenue bonds are not sufficient to defray the cost of the Project.

Section 5 authorizes the issuance of the Bonds, sets forth interest rates and maturity dates for the Bonds; and provides that the Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds. Section 6 through 9 provides prior redemption provisions of the Bonds; provides details with respect to the notice of redemption; for the filing of signatures and execution and authentication of the Bonds; and that the bonds are fully negotiable. Sections 10 through 14 provide details relating to payment of the Bonds and presentation of the Bonds for payment; for the registration transfer and exchange and ownership of the Bonds; that the Bonds constitute special limited obligations of the Village; and provide for the form of the Bonds.

Section 15 through 18 provide details relating to the position of the proceeds of the Bonds; for creation and administration of special funds and accounts for deposit of the revenues pledged to the payment of the Bonds; provide for the

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deposit and flow of funds to pay the Bonds; security for the payment of the Bonds and other obligations of the Village relating thereto. Sections 19 through 22 provide details relating to the pledged revenues to the powers of the Bonds; provide details relating to the issuance of additional bonds and refunding bonds secured by pledged revenues and monies that all Bonds shall be fully and ratably secured.

Section 23 through 27 provide protective covenants relating to such matters as the use of Bond proceeds for the Village; the Village's other gross receipts tax revenues; the duty to impose taxes; impairment of contract; and the exclusion of interest paid on the Bonds from the Village's other gross receipts tax purposes; define events of default; and provide for remedies and duties upon default.

Sections 28 and 29 relate to the extent of liability for Bonds not presented when due; and delegate powers to the officers of the Village to effectuate the provisions of the Ordinance.

Sections 30 through 35 provide for amendments to the Ordinance and the defeasance of the Bonds; state that the Ordinance is irrevocable; provide for severability and repealer clauses; and provide an effective date for the Ordinance.

Sections 36 and 37 set forth provisions relating to the municipal bond insurance and provide a form for publication.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-B, NMSA 1978.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 29th day of June, 2001.

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO /s/Tammie Maddox Village Clerk 3585 1T(6)29

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2001 at 8:30 p.m. Regular meetings of the Parks & Recreation Committee are held at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at 122 Downs Drive the first Thursday of every month. Meetings begin at 8:30 p.m. and 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 3587 1T(7)4

380 HELP WANTED

The Village of Ruidoso Downs, NM is accepting applications for the position of Communications Administrator. The position is a full-time position. Knowledge of law enforcement communications equipment and procedures is preferred. High School Diploma required. Must possess and State Police Radio License. Applicant must have a minimum of 3 years of law enforcement communications experience. Position is located in Ruidoso Downs, NM. For more information, please contact the Village Clerk at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM at 505-378-4271. Deadline for return of applications is Thursday 7/5/01 at 4:00pm. EEOE

380 HELP WANTED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES! AUTO LAKE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Applications being accepted for the following positions: full-time and part-time:

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SIERRA BLANCA REGIONAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS - 2001 INSTALLATION OF GAME FENCE**  
A.J.P. PROJECT NO. 9-35-0052-14

The Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will receive sealed proposals for construction of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Improvements - 2001 Installation of Game Fence. All bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, at which time bids will be publicly opened. Read aloud and approved proposals should be addressed or delivered to:

Purchasing Agent  
Village of Ruidoso  
421 Winfield Dr.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico  
Phone: (505) 257-2721

The bids received will be considered by the Village Council at its next regular meeting on at a special meeting, if any, as required. No bid will be received or considered if received by the Purchasing Agent after the hour of 2:00 p.m. (local time) on July 19, 2001.

Copies of plans and specifications together with contract documents are available for public inspection at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, the Village of Ruidoso, office of the Purchasing Agent, and at ASOC, Incorporated, 500 Copper Ave., N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, upon a deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) which will be refunded to each contractor submitting a bid upon return of the plans and bidding documents which are in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.

Each bidder shall be prepared to furnish the owner with satisfactory evidence of his competency to perform the work contemplated.

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Each bidder will be required to submit with his bid, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of his bid, made payable to the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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The Village Council agrees to carefully canvass and consider each bid submitted. In consideration thereof, no bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

The Village Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities and to accept the proposal it deems to be in the best interest of the Village to accept.

Minimum Wage rates on this project shall be determined by the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Rate Decision No. 000002 of the New Mexico State Labor Commission which may be higher than the project's contract.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of constructing approximately 30,000 L.F. of an eight-foot high game fence around much of the airport perimeter and miscellaneous related construction.

**BASIS OF AWARD:** The basis of award will be the final amount for the project, excluding New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (NMGR), NMGR or local option tax (NMSA 1978 (as amended) 13-1-108 shall be excluded from the contract award amount. When a line for NMGR is provided, it is provided for budgeting purposes only.

The resident contractor preference will not apply to this contract (NMSA 1978 (as amended) 13-4-3).

Bidders must possess a current and valid New Mexico Contractors License at the time of bid opening for the classification work.

The procurement code, Sections 13-1-22 through 13-1-29, NMSA 1978 (as amended), imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico Criminal Statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO**  
/s/Momie McGowan,  
Purchasing Agent  
3566 27(74) 6

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, conducted a public hearing on June 28, 2001 at 8:30 p.m. in a

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regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:  
**ORDINANCE 2001-01 AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO AND SETTING FORTH INITIAL ZONING OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**

Copies of Ordinance 2001-01 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The public hearing is to consider annexation and initial zoning of R-1 Single Family Residential zoning tract, more particularly as follows:

Tract of land within Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described as follows:

The Sunny Lane Tract  
A Tract of land in the N 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 29, T11 S, R13 E, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Copies of the property plat and zoning regulations are on file in the Planning Department at the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Copies of Ordinance 2001-01 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 4th day of July, 2001.

/s/Tammie J. Mackdox,  
Village Clerk  
3581 17(74)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
4B-302  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE COURT  
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON WILEY KEEPER  
DECEASED  
No. 1880

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the herein named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within and 12 months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 209 Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: June 11, 2001  
/s/Gordon Wayne Keefer,  
431 W. Collins, Stephenville, TX 75401  
(254) 965-6574  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees in their regular meeting on June 28, 2001 adopted the following ordinance: Ordinance No. 2001-02 Amendment to Article 10 Zoning and Land Use. Copies of such are available for review at the office of the Village Clerk at Ruidoso Downs, Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, during normal business hours.

/s/Gladys Dillard  
Clerk Treasurer  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room of the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALLS**

**OLD BUSINESS -** Continue naming of county roads.

A. Nazarene camp grounds.

B. Valley Heights Subdivision - Teton Circle. Formerly Henderson Drive, Center, Juniper, Teton and Spruce suggestion - Wild Rose.

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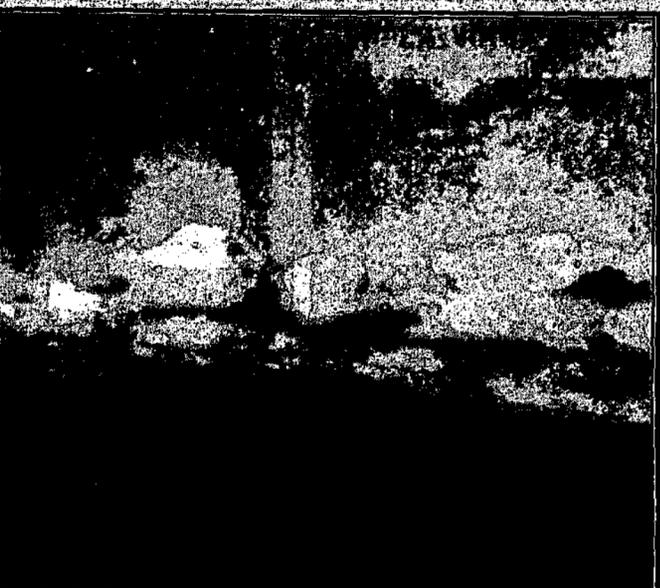


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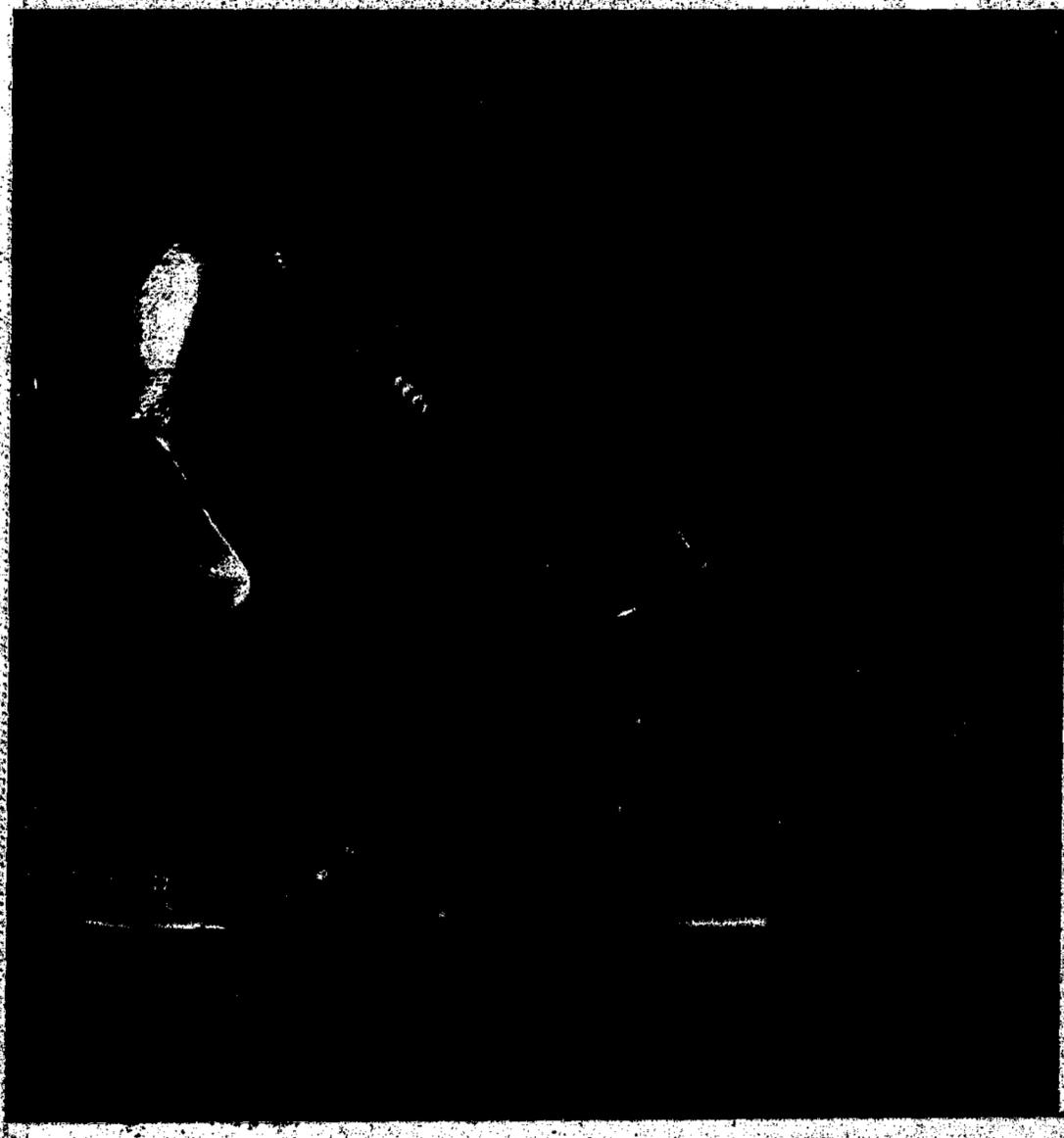


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**50TH ANNIVERSARY**



COURTESY CUMMINS

Frank and "Shorty" Cummins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at the Elks Lodge in Ruidoso.

**Pageant parade entries sought**

The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals Corporation is seeking entries for the annual parade in conjunction with the celebration of Old Lincoln Days. All entries should have a historical theme. Judging will identify winners in several categories.

Old Lincoln Days is planned Aug. 3 through Aug. 5. The parade will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Entries must arrive at the staging grounds no later than 9:30 a.m. Those interested may call Cherie Hobbs at 653-4123 or 653-4680.

**Review at Woman's Club**

Mrs. Doris Svetoka of El Paso, Texas, will speak at the Ruidoso Woman's Club Monday, July 9, at 10 a.m. She will review Patricia Poppy Smith's book, "I'm 'Too Young to be This Old." Donations will help fund a scholarship for a Ruidoso High School senior. Scholarships now are held by Cassie Bednorz and Rachel Warren.

**WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS**



Dewayne Langley and Teagan Bosson

**Langley-Bosson**

Announcing the engagement of their children are the parents of Dewayne Langley and Teagan Bosson. The couple plan an Aug. 11 wedding in Ruidoso.

Teagan is the daughter of Albert Monteverde, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Jeanne Bosson, of Mesa, Ariz.; Richard Bosson, of Mesa, Ariz. and the granddaughter of Patricia and Robert Reiber, also of Mesa, Ariz.

Dewayne is the son of Allen and Barbara Langley of Carrizozo. Dewayne's grandparents are Bill and Carolyn Wells of Claunch and Ralph and Selia Langley of Estancia.

**Jensen-Hegre**

Jim and Stephanie Jensen, of Ruidoso, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kampee Dawn Jensen, to Peter William Eric Hegre IV, the son of Gary and Nancy Hegre of Wrangell, Alaska.

The ceremony will be Saturday, Aug. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso. A reception will follow at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Kelly Jo Beck and Neil Jouett

Kelly Jo Beck and Neil Jouett will be married Aug. 11, 2001, at Veribest Baptist

Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beck of Midland, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Clois Jouett, of Paint Rock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jouett, of Aspermont.



Amy Andrews Kahn

**Andrews-Kahn**

Amy Andrews Kahn and Andy Kahn were married on June 16 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Texas. Amy is the daughter of Dwight and Sally Andrews. Andy is the son of Dr. Dan and Mrs. Jane Kahn.

Both second-year medical students at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the couple will reside in Friendswood, Texas.

**Dern-Rayhouser**

Renee Carpenter and Bernard Roth have announced the engagement of their daughter Amber Rayhouser, of Vista, Calif., to Christopher Dern, of Carlsbad, Calif. The couple will marry July 28 at the Hilton Resort in San Diego, Calif.

Amber is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, in world literature. She works for Barnes and Noble Bookstores.

Chris is a senior software engineer working for NetWorld Exchange. The couple will reside in Carlsbad, Calif.

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**Adult Singles group schedules events.**

Lincoln County Adult Singles have scheduled activities for the remainder of July as follows:

July 12, 6:30 p.m. at End of the Vine.

July 14, 7 p.m., Tailgate Concert, at the Space Museum in Alamogordo.

July 19, 6:30 p.m.,

Lana's at Rainbow on Carrizo Canyon Road; social evening.

July 26, 6:30 p.m., Deck House; dinner and social evening.

July 28, 7 p.m., Tailgate Concert (see July 14 above) with jazz music by Capitan Gap.

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- 6 & 7 - Melodrama - at the Open Air Pavilion - 7:30 pm
- 7 - Lumber Jack Competition at Zenith Park - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 7 - Old Fashion Western Street Dance - on Burro Ave. - 7:00 - 11:00 pm
- 13 & 14 - Melodrama at the Open Air Pavilion - 7:30 pm
- 14 & 15 - July Jamboree Art & Craft Fair - Zenith Park - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 14 - Old Fashion Western Street Dance - on Burro Ave. - 7:00 - 11:00 pm
- 20 & 21 - Melodrama at the Open Air Pavilion - 7:30 pm

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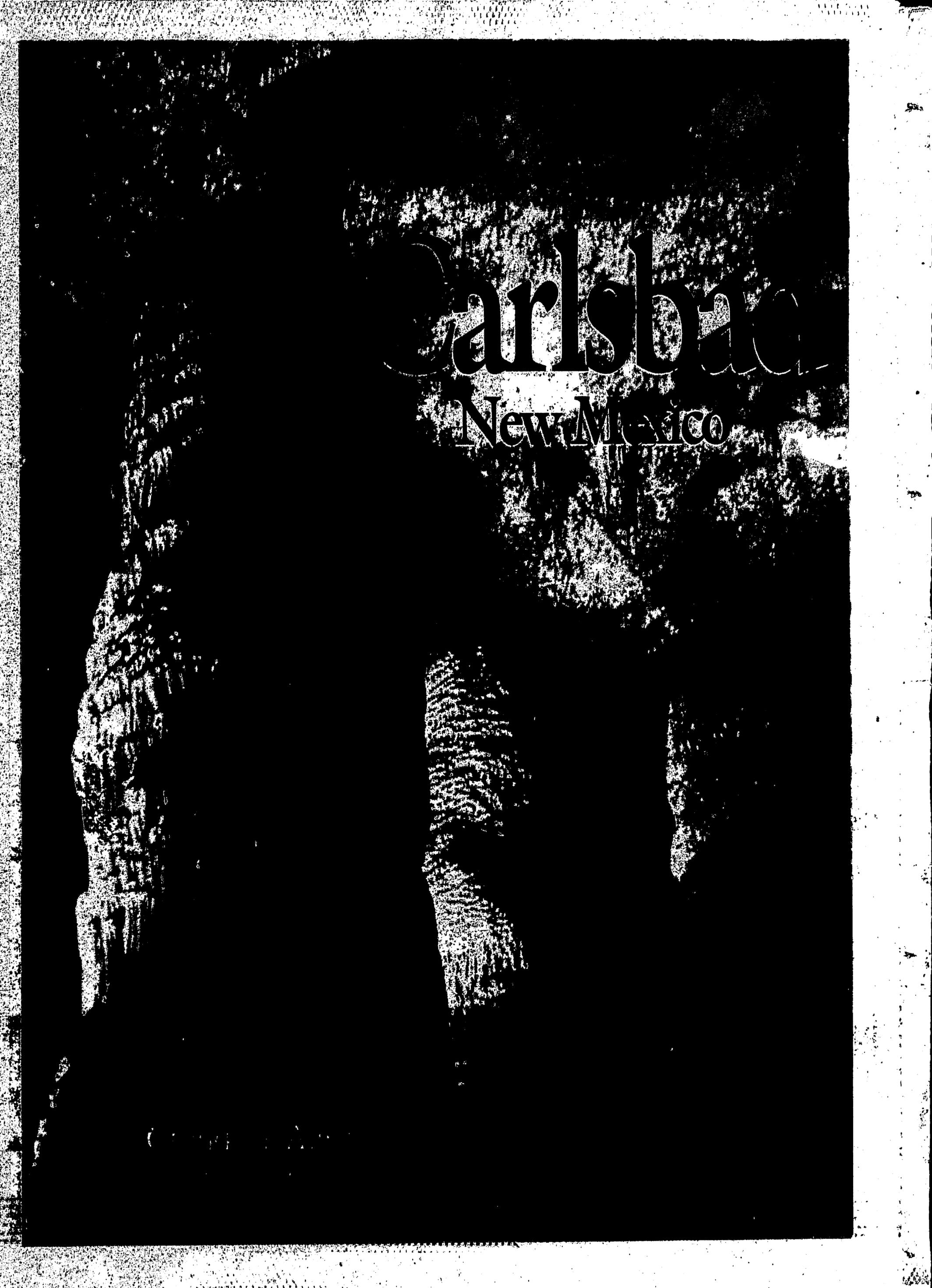
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3 KENW	Ecote de Cuisine	Kitchen Sessions	Vanessa Shop	Router Workshop	Yard Garden	Victory Garden	School of Fine Art	Joy of Painting	Art Workshop	Old N.R. Day	Lap Quilting
4 KOBR	(7:00) Tennis Wimbledon Wimbledon England (Live)	Travel Now	People in the News	CRN Saturday	Page One	CRN Saturday	Science Tech	CRN doct on (N)	Pinpoints	CRN Saturday	NASCAR 2001
5 CNN	6:00 News	Weekend Update	Newsweek								
7 KOAT	(6:00) News	Weekend Update	Newsweek								
8 EI	Fashion File (N)	Video Fashion	Shabby Chic	Fashion Television	Newsweek	Talk Soup	Celebrity Profile	Celebrity Profile	Behind the Scenes	Behind the Scenes	Women of Style
9 USA	Veronica's Closet (N)	Veronica's Closet									
10 KBIM	Adventure Rio	Animal Advent	Little Bear	Sara the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill					
12 KASY	Paid Program	Goldwell Bank	Paid Program								
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14 TNN	WWF Live Wire (N)	WWF Live Wire									
15 FAM	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Mary-Kate and Ashley
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33 ESPN	Life (N)	Sportscenter									
34 NICK	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers	Angry Beavers
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2 KASA	Weekend Update	Major League Soccer	Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Dodgers	From the Earth to the Moon							
3 KENW	Keynote	Creative Living	Painting	Stained Glass	Novelists	The Old House	To My Story	Sewing	Computer	Front Santa Fe	Society
4 KOBR	NASCAR 2001	Golf American Century	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship	Country Club Championship
5 CNN	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
7 KOAT	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open	PGA Golf Western Open
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13 DSC	Death Rap	Amelia's Invitations	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers	Face Makers
14 TNN	Crash and Burn	How to Party	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding	Hot Rodding
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3 KENW	Lawrence Welk Show	Country Headliners	Austin City Limits	Joe Cooker	Nova	Japan's Secret Garden	Secrets of the Dead	Nature	The Wild Side of New York	Austin City Limits	
4 KOBR	(6:30) Auto Racing	NASCAR Winston Cup - Pepsi 400 (Live)	Xena: Warrior Princess	Xena: Warrior Princess	News	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live
5 CNN	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend	King Weekend
7 KOAT	Best Commercials	You've Never Seen	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad	Chad
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### On the Cover:

The Hall of Giants stands guard in the Big Room of Carlsbad Caverns. The Big Room is the most often visited feature at Carlsbad Caverns. Photo courtesy of Carlsbad Caverns National Park and Cavern Supply Company.

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# Underground

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switchback trails. It takes about an hour to walk from the entrance to the start of the Big Room Trail. The trail descends 79 stories down the main corridor, then ascends a 40-foot hill to the elevator area about 750 feet beneath the surface. Patrons then take the elevator back to the visitor center.

Self-guided tours are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Those under 6 are admitted free. Entrance fee tickets are good for three days.

For \$3, visitors can rent a CD-ROM audio guide during their visit. The guide is a state-of-the-art way to learn more about the history and science of the cave.

The King's Palace Tour is ranger-guided and includes four scenic rooms. The tour takes about 1½ hours. Reservations are recommended.

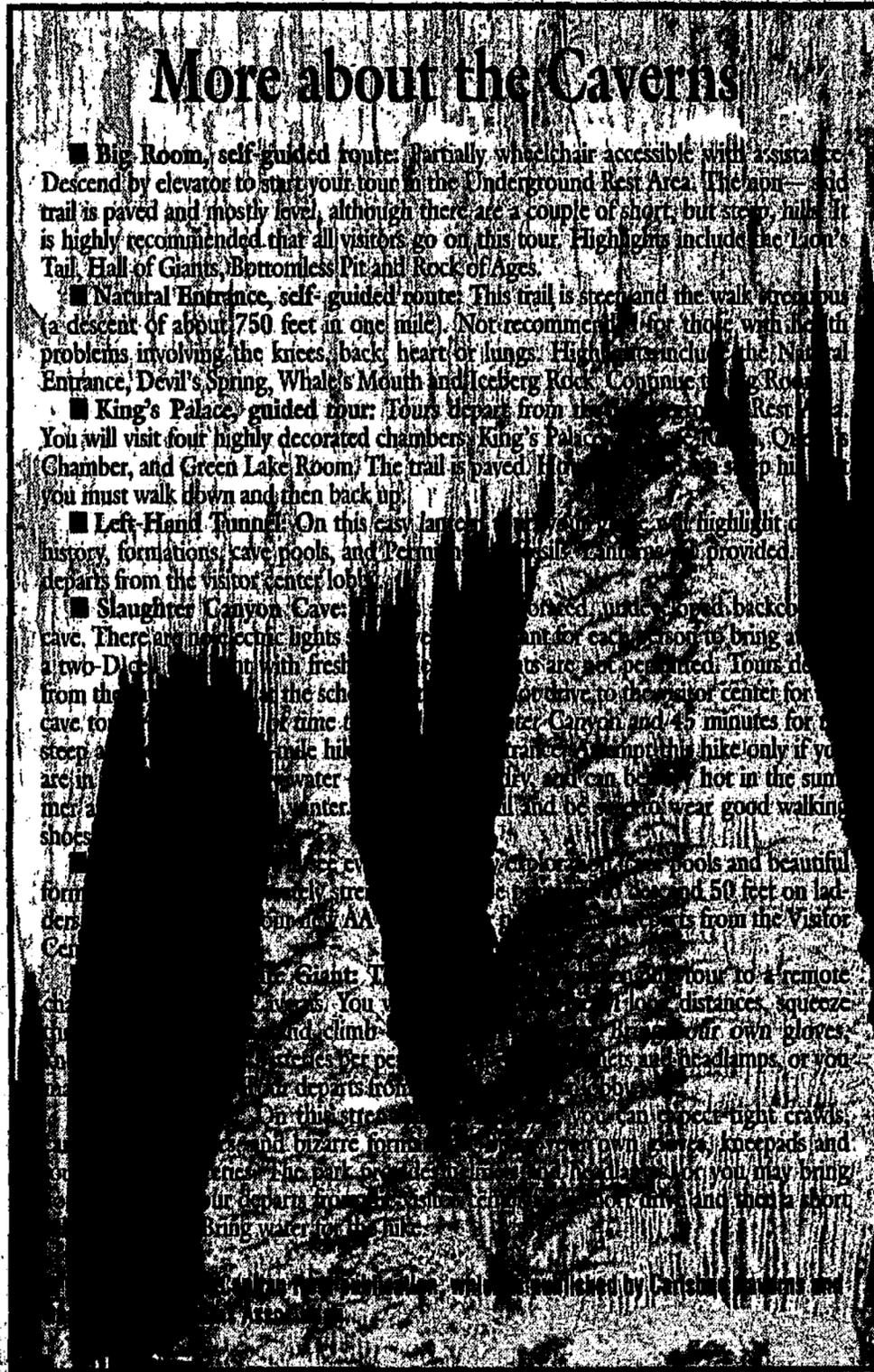
Other guided off-trail tours are also offered: Left Hand Tunnel; Lower Cave, which lies beneath the more regularly seen cave portions; and the Hall of the White Giant. These tours are offered year-round. During the summer, one tour is offered daily on a rotation basis. Visitors should call the park to make reservations and find out which trip is being offered.

Ranger-guided tours to King's Palace are offered at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. during the summer; and at 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. for the winter months.

Guided tours range from \$8 to \$20 for adults, and \$4 to \$10 for ages 6-15. Children ages 4-5 are admitted free, and children under 3 are not permitted. There are restrictions on some ranger-guided tours.

Tickets for King's Palace and off-trail tours may be purchased in advance by calling 1-800-967-CAVE. Information about Carlsbad Caverns' ongoing Junior Ranger program is also available at the same number.

There are also off-trail trips offered daily to Lower Cave for \$20, Left Hand Tunnel for \$7, Hall of the White Giant for \$20, Spider Cave for \$20 and Slaughter Canyon Cave for \$15.



## More about the Caverns

■ **Big Room, self-guided route:** Partially wheelchair accessible with assistance. Descend by elevator to start your tour in the Underground Rest Area. The non-slip trail is paved and mostly level, although there are a couple of short, but steep, hills. It is highly recommended that all visitors go on this tour. Highlights include the Lion's Tail, Hall of Giants, Bottomless Pit and Rock of Ages.

■ **Natural Entrance, self-guided route:** This trail is steep and the walk is rough (a descent of about 750 feet in one mile). Not recommended for those with health problems involving the knees, back, heart or lungs. Highlights include the Natural Entrance, Devil's Spring, Whale's Mouth and Iceberg Rock. Continue to the Rock of Ages.

■ **King's Palace, guided tour:** Tours depart from the Underground Rest Area. You will visit four highly decorated chambers: King's Palace, Queen's Chamber, Chamber, and Green Lake Room. The trail is paved. Highlights include the steep hills you must walk down and then back up.

■ **Left Hand Tunnel:** On this easy, lantern lit walk, you will see a variety of history, formations, cave pools, and Petrified Wood. A flashlight is provided. Tours depart from the visitor center lobby.

■ **Slaughter Canyon Cave:** This is an undeveloped, unexplored backcountry cave. There are no electric lights. Visitors must bring a flashlight. A two-D-cell flashlight with fresh batteries is not permitted. Tours depart from the visitor center lobby. The hike to the cave takes about 45 minutes. The hike back to the visitor center is a steep ascent. The hike is about 1.5 miles. The hike is very hot in the summer months. Visitors should wear good walking shoes.

■ **Lower Cave:** This cave is located about 50 feet on ladder from the visitor center. It is a very small cave with some interesting formations.

■ **Hall of the White Giant:** This is a very remote cave. The hike to the cave is about 4 miles. The hike is very hot in the summer months. Visitors should wear good walking shoes.

■ **Spider Cave:** This is a very remote cave. The hike to the cave is about 2.3 miles. The hike is very hot in the summer months. Visitors should wear good walking shoes.

The Left Hand Tunnel trip runs daily at 9 a.m. Visitors should bring a lantern and allow at least two hours for hiking.

The White Giant trip is available on Saturdays all year long. Hikers should expect four hours of strenuous hiking and should bring gloves and four new AA batteries.

Spider Cave is open at 1 p.m. on Saturdays all year round with no entrance

fee required. Hikers are in for a treat of four hours of strenuous hiking, crawling and getting dirty, and should bring gloves and four new AA batteries.

Lower Cave is open Monday through Friday all year, starting at 1 p.m. The tour entails three hours of mildly strenuous hiking. Hikers need to bring gloves and four new AA batteries.

Slaughter Canyon Cave, an undeveloped cave 23 miles from the Caverns'

visitor center, sits at the end of a strenuous half-mile hike and requires some fancy footwork once inside. It contains some formations not found in the main cave.

Those hikers visiting Slaughter Canyon Cave are required to bring a two D-cell flashlight and should allow about an hour to get to the cave from White's City. Tours run 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily from Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in August.

All of the caves, except Spider Cave and Slaughter Canyon, require the listed fee plus the regular entrance fee.

Tour offerings are daily during the summer, with two tours each Saturday and Sunday during the winter. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 1-800-967-CAVE.

The Slaughter turn-off is five miles past White's City off of Highway 62/180. A scenic drive of about 10 miles brings patrons to the cave parking area and the beginning of the 30- to 45-minute hike.

The park also offers a scenic Chihuahuan Walnut Canyon tour. The 9.5-mile drive winds along Guadalupe Ridge before dipping into upper Walnut Canyon. Information and guidebooks for this self-guided driving tour are available at the Caverns' visitor center.

Hikers, campers and wild cavers can also take advantage of other areas of the park, including more than 50 miles of trails and 46,775 acres of scenic desert, canyons and mountain wilderness.

Topographic maps and a lot of water are recommended for hikers, and guides to the park's backcountry are available at the visitor's center. Free backcountry permits are required for overnight patrons.

Wild caving is also allowed in 10 of the park's 80 undeveloped caves by special permit only. Cavers should call the Resource Office for more information at 785-2232.

Outdoorsmen looking for less strenuous activities should try a picnic at Rattlesnake Springs. The area, located near Black River from a turn off of Highway 62/180, is about five miles from White's City. The area includes tables, grills, water, restrooms, shade trees and excellent birding. ♦

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# Walk with the animals of the Chihuahuan Desert

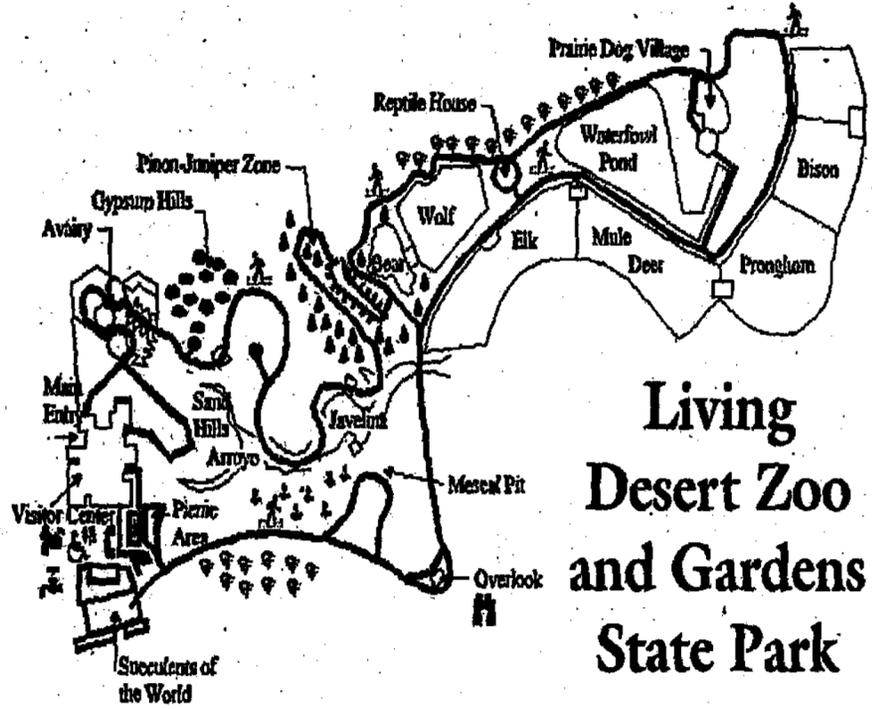
By Darin Fenger  
Current-Argus staff writer

**C**ARLSBAD — Step onto the park trail and enter another world at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park. The plants are exotic, almost flamboyant in their prickly defense. The animals, more numerous than you might suppose, seek shelter from the sun in these brown, yellow and red surroundings.



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Every type of animal from New Mexico's state bird the roadrunner to the mighty mountain lion can be found at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park.



Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park

Welcome to the beautiful abundance of the Chihuahuan Desert.

The state park is located atop C-Hill in western Carlsbad. It is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. thereafter. Last entry onto the trail is 6:30 p.m. during the summer and 3:30 p.m. during the winter months.

Admission to the park is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 7 to 12. Children 6 and younger may enter free of charge. A special rate of \$2 per person is available for groups of 20 or more.

Activities for the summer include a gem and mineral show, an art show and a zoo camp.

For more information, call the park at 887-5516. To get there, watch for the park's sign in north Carlsbad off U.S. Highway 285.

Living Desert is a popular attraction for both families and retirees who often visit Carlsbad Caverns National Park on the same day for a well-rounded Carlsbad experience. Folks begin their day at Living Desert during the morning hours and retreat into the cave's depths before the sun reaches its fullest force in the afternoon.

Plan at least 1½ hours for a visit to Living Desert. If more time is available, allow at least an hour to enjoy the visitor center's educational displays and make a quick trip to the gift shop.

The park trail winds through 1.3 miles of intricate landscaping and animal displays.

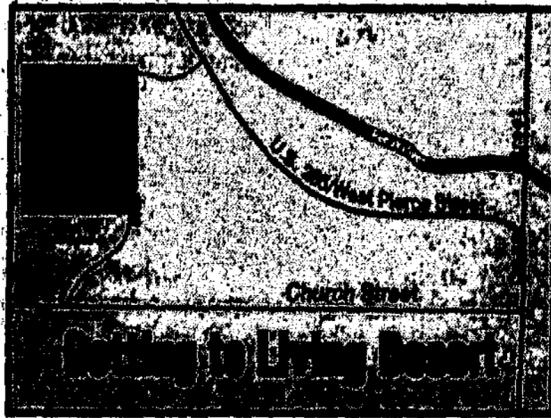
"I think people are shocked to see

such a large, beautiful park in Carlsbad," said Linda Frank, a volunteer at the park. "They always leave thanking us and saying how much they want to return."

Although formal tours must be made at least one week in advance, visitors are encouraged to tour at their own pace and stop park personnel along the trail to ask questions.

Visitors should wear comfortable walking shoes and have sunscreen and plenty of water on hand. Along the way, visitors will find various shady spots to sit down for a few minutes, retreat from the sun.

The landscaping plays an almost theatrical role in creating the park's magical feeling of being somewhere else. The native Chihuahuan plants, shrubs and



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trees are all rooted into tall, rolling berms that may block the view of surrounding areas. Frank said visitors are often impressed by the variety of plants native to an area

wrongly stereotyped as barren.

"People see these same plants as they are whizzing by on the highway and think, 'Look, weeds!'" she said. "Here, they can get up close to the plants and see their true beauty. It's really a more intimate experience."

Parents are cautioned to keep children on the trail to prevent an accidental meeting with a cactus.

The animal displays are split into separate habitats.

For many of the animals, Living Desert is a refuge that has given them a second chance at life after being injured

in the wild or caught illegally.

"These are animals that have imprinted on humans. They wouldn't stand a chance in the wild," Frank said. "Living Desert's goals are education and conservation. Now, these animals are sort of ambassadors for their particular species. After visiting the park, I think people have a new respect for these animals when they see them in the wild."

The first of the animal exhibits contains several varieties of birds, including the infamous raven named "Amazing Grace" who likes to play pebble toss with visitors. She tosses small stones just outside her cage and waits for folks to throw them back.

Next stop is the walk-in aviary, designed to give visitors the feel of a stroll through the woods.

The trail then leads through exhibits containing critters like foxes, javelinas (small desert boars), Mexican gray wolves and "Dukie Underhill" the badger.

This is the area where visitors will meet the animal that is arguably Living

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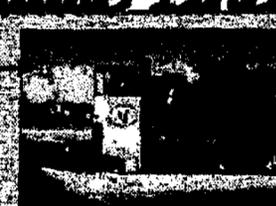
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## Brantley Lake State Park Southeastern New Mexico's best-kept secret

By Stella Davis  
Current-Argus Staff Writer

**C**ARLSBAD — Shhh! Keep it to yourself, but 12 miles north of Carlsbad along U.S. Highway 285 is a large dam and lake — in the middle of the desert. It is perhaps one of Eddy County's best-kept secrets.

The dam and adjoining Brantley Lake State Park offers fishing, water skiing, jet skiing, hiking, swimming, camping and bird watching for those with an urge to escape their desert surroundings.

Visitors have the option of camping in a campground that offers water and electric hookups, covered picnic tables at each campsite and a restroom and shower facility, or camping in the park's primitive area, where there are no amenities, but where nature abounds.

The park's trails offer a chance to see many of the local animals, including mule deer, jackrabbits, Texas horned lizards, coyotes, red tailed hawks, scaled quail and great horned owls.

Brantley Dam was completed in July 1988, and Brantley Lake State Park was officially opened to the public in

November 1989.

After more than 75 years of study and discussion, Congress authorized the construction of the four-mile Brantley Dam. The dam's main purpose is to provide flood protection for Carlsbad and to store irrigation water for area farmers.

But the dam has brought bonuses for local residents and others in surrounding communities.

Bass fishing is popular, but channel catfish, bluegill and walleye are also stocked in the lake. There are boat ramps in the improved area on the west side of the lake, and boat owners can also launch their boats on the east side of the lake. The park also offers a 2½-mile hiking trail, which takes about 1½ hours to hike.

Landlubbers can use the park's sheltered picnic areas, tables and grills. A group shelter is available by reservation, and a sand volleyball court and several nature trails are nearby.

According to local historians, in 1876 the area that is now Brantley Lake was the site of the Wild West town of Seven Rivers. Some of the initial settlers traveled by ox wagon from Virginia to the spot where seven arroyos led into the

Pecos River.

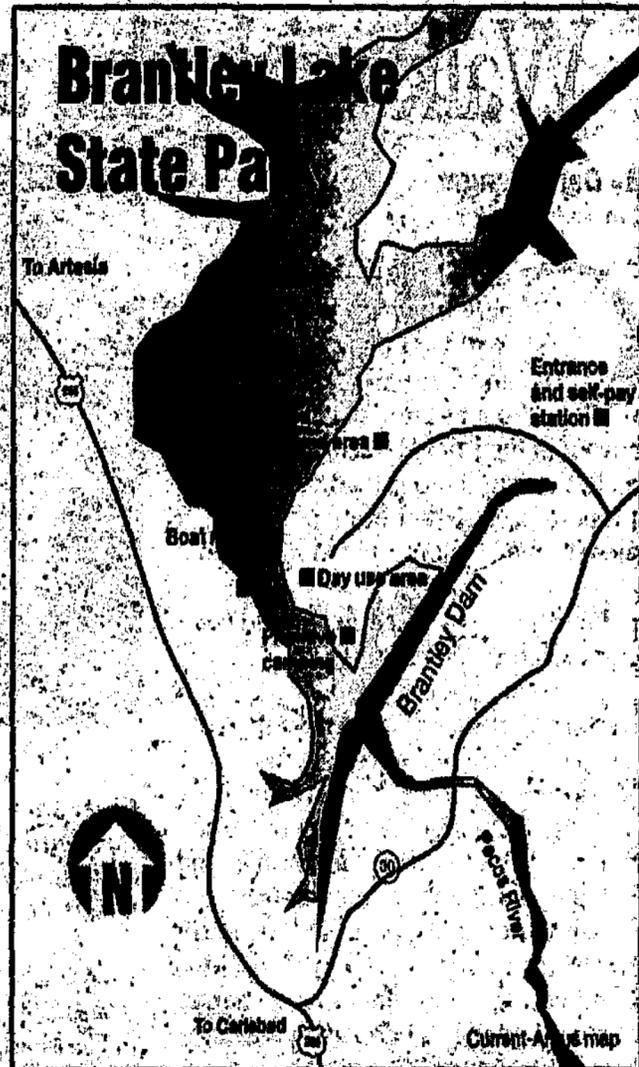
At its peak in the 1880s, the settlement had a population of 300, with two stores, a post office, a schoolhouse, a hotel and two saloons.

It became a popular stop-over for cattle drivers, a gathering place for Pecos Valley ranchers and a hangout for outlaws, gamblers and cattle rustlers. Shootouts were a fact of life in the frontier town.

Folklore boasts a saloon with removable hinged doors that served as stretchers for customers too slow on the draw.

The decline of the cattle industry and the development of a new community to the south — now Carlsbad — contributed to the abandonment of Seven Rivers in 1896.

The park is open year round with a \$4 charge per vehicle. Sites with electricity run \$14 a night, developed camping runs \$10 per night and primitive camp-



ing costs \$8 a night. Use of the group shelter is \$30 per day for less than 750 square feet and \$60 for anything over. A group less than 30 costs \$60 and a group

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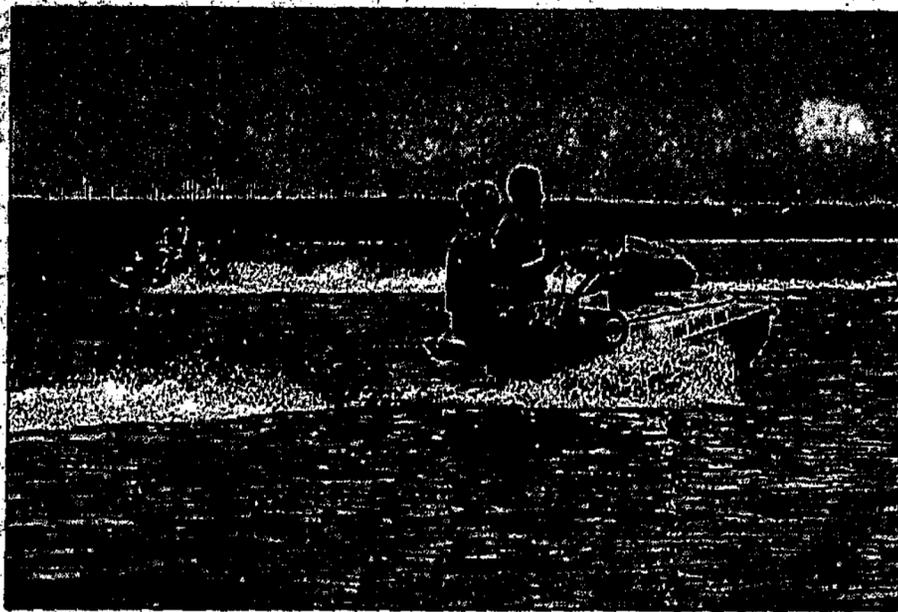
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Desert's biggest celebrity — "El Patron," the escape-artist bear.

The 265-pound Chihuahuan black bear captured the hearts of local residents when he scaled the walls of his compound and took a stroll through town in the late 1990s. El Patron, which is Spanish for "The Boss," was captured and taken to the Roswell Zoo while his Carlsbad home could be made more escape-proof.

Living Desert's hooved animals — mule deer, elk and bison — are located at the far end of the trail's loop. This is often a point where visitors also enjoy the wonderful view of Carlsbad down below.

Around the bend and back toward the visitor center are a prairie dog town, a waterfowl pond and a reptile house. The tour ends with a trip through a greenhouse containing 300 varieties of succulents from around the globe. ♦

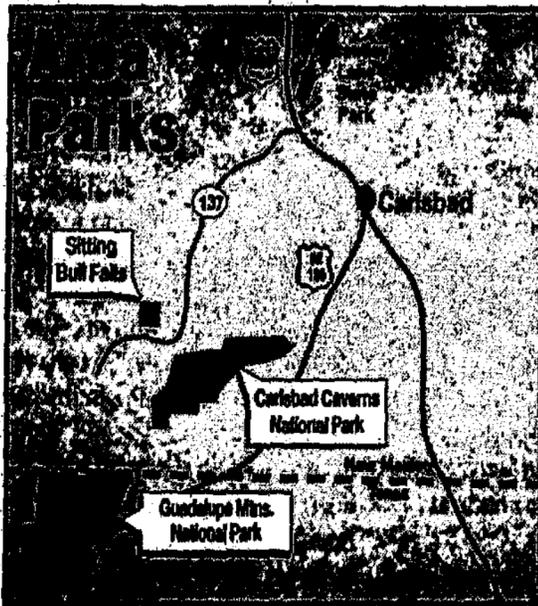


On any hot summer day, visitors to Brantley Lake State Park will see dozens of watercraft, fishermen and swimmers cooling off in the refreshing waters of the lake.

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## Brantley Lake State Park

- The park is open all year. Wheelchair accessible, (505) 457-2384.
- Brantley Lake is located 12 miles north of Carlsbad on U.S. 285. The campground has 51 sites with water and RV electric hookups, a dump station, tables, grills and restrooms with hot showers.
- Champion Cove can be accessed by a 1.5-mile dirt road off U.S. 285. The road is two miles north of the Seven Rivers Day Use turnoff. The road, which takes visitors straight to the water, is not marked. The Bureau of Reclamation is in charge of the site.
- Families can enjoy summer interpretive programs offered by the park 7:30-8 p.m. each Saturday. The programs are free and run from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Fishing Fun: Anglers can catch a variety of warm water fish such as largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, white bass, bluegill, and crappie.
- The southern lake: Brantley Lake is the southernmost lake in New Mexico, offering water sports and year-round camping to visitors. It is also New Mexico's newest state park.



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more than 30 costs \$90.

Facilities include picnic areas, and campsites with shelters, RV electric hookups, a dump station, a modern comfort station and a visitor's center. The park offers a total of 51 campsites with electricity, water, shelters, tables and grills. A primitive campsite also includes water access.

A lock box collects fees, with rangers checking permits throughout the park.

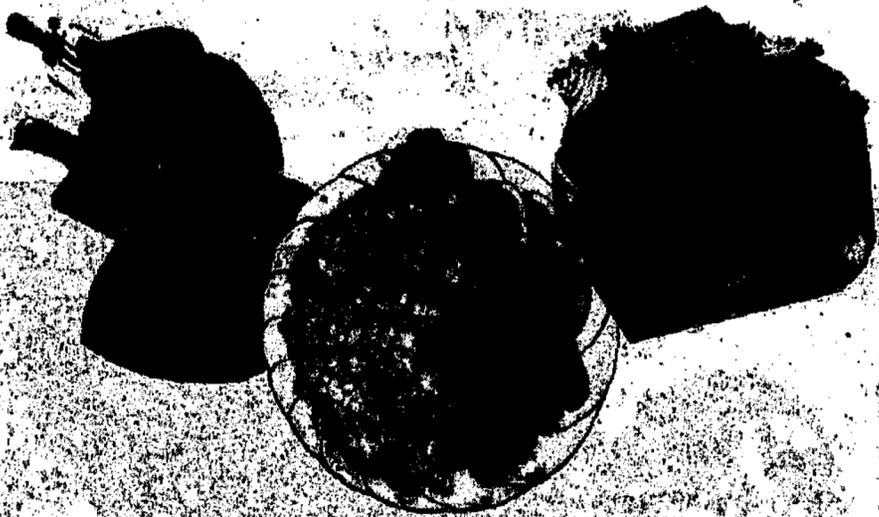
The park also offers special events throughout spring and fall, including the "Go Fly a Kite" rally in March and the "Kids Fishing Clinic" in May.

Winter high temperatures hover at around 59 degrees, with spring temperatures of about 80 degrees starting in April. Visitors experience average temperatures of about 96 degrees in July, dipping back to 80 for fall.

Park campsites are under construction. Half are closed and reservations for the rest are highly recommended. Renovations are expected to wrap up by mid-July. ♦

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# Sitting Bull Falls: A desert mountain oasis

By Stella Davis  
Current-Argus Staff Writer

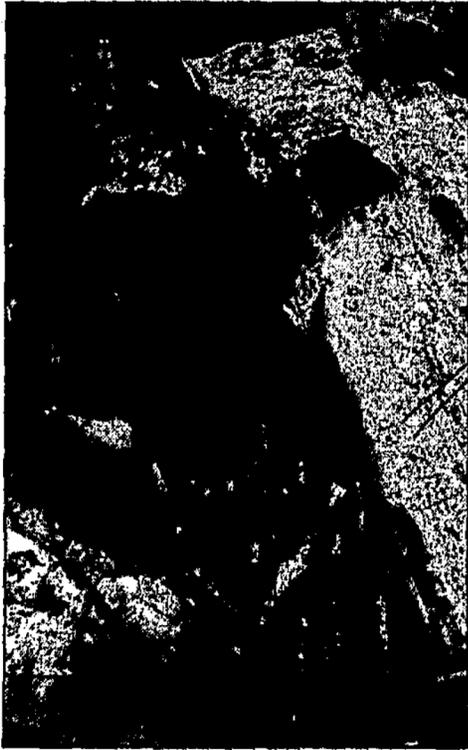
**C**ARLSBAD — Eyebrows tend to rise when Carlsbad residents tell visitors they should visit Sitting Bull Falls. The last thing visitors expect to see in the middle of the desert is a waterfall spilling over into cool, clear pools of water shimmering in the sunlight.

The area, located 43 miles northwest of Carlsbad, is one of the distinctive recreation sites in the Lincoln National Forest.

Its natural settings of rock cliffs, cascading waterfalls and riparian vegetation, along with historic structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, has attracted thousands of visitors over the years.

A 150-foot high limestone cliff supports the waterfall, and a variety of mosses and ferns grow in the immediate area. There are many natural pools above and below the falls.

Many believe Sitting Bull Falls was named after Sitting Bull, an Arapaho Indian prophet of the



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Ghost Dance Religion. But one Eddy County pioneer family says family members named the falls.

The U.S. Forest Service purchased Sitting Bull Falls in the mid-1920s. By 1931, visitors could reach the falls by hiking one mile from the end of a graded Forest Service road.

As then, the area today continues to be a popular recreation area to swim in the crystal-clear pools, to hold family and group picnics and to hike in the canyon trails.

Visitors to Sitting Bull Falls will find covered picnic facilities, a paved parking lot and restroom facilities. The area is wheelchair accessible, and wheelchairs can reach

the lookout area at the falls. The cost to enjoy the falls and its facilities is \$5 per vehicle and \$10 per van or bus. Visitors are on the honor system to pay the fee.

Sitting Bull Falls can be reached by taking State Road 137 off U.S. 285, then turning onto Forest Road 276, which stops at the falls. Signs along the highway direct motorists where to turn to go to the falls. ♦

# Guadalupe Mountains National Park Camper and hiker paradise

By Kyle Markstener  
Current-Argus Staff Writer

**C**ARLSBAD — With just a short trip out of town, area explorers can take their pick from visiting rugged desert mountains, blue lakes or rushing waterfalls.

Attractions at the Guadalupe Mountains include McKittrick Canyon — a popular area known for its fall beauty — and Guadalupe Peak — the tallest mountain in Texas.

The park includes 80 miles of trails leading through forests, mountains, canyons and desert.

The visitor's center and main campground can be reached by heading south out of Carlsbad on U.S. Highway 62/180. (See map on page 7).

Dog Canyon, a secluded, forested area on the north side of the park, can be reached by taking County Road 137 off of U.S. 285 south through Queen.

Park entry is free, but camping permits are needed.

Most trails are open at all times. The popular McKittrick Canyon area, however, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the winter. The visitor's center closes for Christmas Day.

Ranger-led informative programs run from March until October.

**Other camping information:**  
Dog Canyon: \$8 per night; \$2.50 per person with a minimum of \$25. Reservations are accepted for front country groups of 10 or more. Tent and RV sites are available, as are water and restrooms, but no showers or hookups. No fires are allowed in the park.

Pine Springs: \$8 per night; \$2.50 per person with a minimum of \$25. Reservations are accepted for front country groups of 10 or more. Tent and RV sites are available, as are water and restrooms, but no showers or hookups. No fires are allowed in the park.

Backcountry camping is free. There is water available at the trailheads, but not in the backcountry areas. ♦



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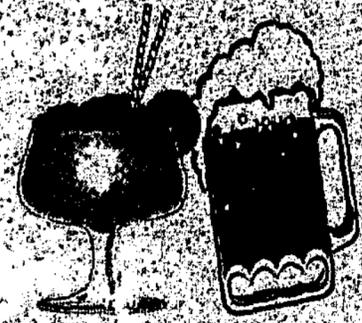
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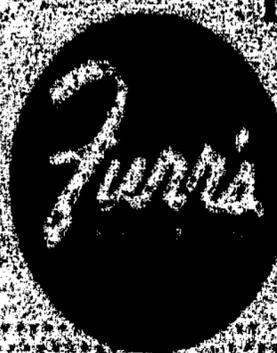


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# Rattlesnake Springs offers visitors a peek at the past

By Kyle Markstelner  
Current-Argus Staff Writer

**C**ARLSBAD CAVERNS — Ever want to just close your eyes, dig your toes in the dirt, throw your head back and magically transport yourself 100 years in the past — just to see what things looked like?

Such a journey into the history of Pecos Valley's natural environment is possible at Rattlesnake Springs.

Local naturalists say Rattlesnake Springs is one of the few areas around that actually looks like the whole area did 100 years ago. Because of years of foresight, the area remains an oasis of diversity.

"It serves as a reminder of what all the riparian environment around here was probably like," biologist Steve West said. "Cottonwoods, beavers and all that stuff, not salt cedars and tires and trash. We probably have more biological richness per acre (at Rattlesnake Springs) than any place in the state of New Mexico."

Rattlesnake Springs, a popular haven for bird watchers, picnickers and scientists, is a portion of Carlsbad Caverns National Park a few miles south of White's City, along U.S. Highway 62/180.

There are picnic tables, grills, water and restroom facilities available, and access is free, but be sure to bring your binoculars.

The United States first gained ownership of Rattlesnake Springs in 1934. Irrigation canals were used to provide water to Carlsbad Caverns, and the area eventually became a recreation base for the U.S. Air Force.

The area was eventually restored to its original state and became part of Carlsbad Caverns park in 1963. Domestic water for the park still comes from Rattlesnake Springs.

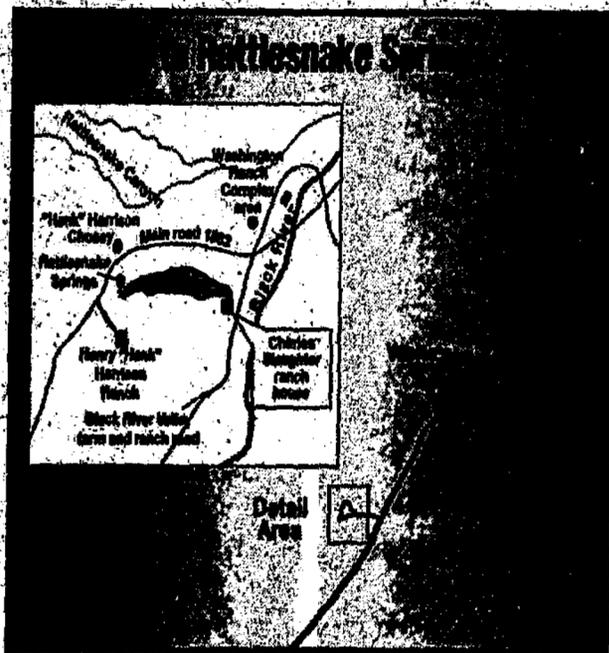
Since then, park officials have worked to preserve both the natural and contemporary history of the area. An original Civilian Conservation Corps camp, some roads and a homestead house site are preserved to look as they were in 1934.

More importantly though, the native trees have been preserved.

West said salt cedar and other foreign flora were introduced to southeast New Mexico in the 1930s and 1940s and quickly ousted the native plants in most locations.

Because the cottonwoods and other native plants have been preserved around Rattlesnake Springs and because of the readily available water, the area serves as a migratory stopover for numerous varieties of birds.

"Rattlesnake Springs is the best spot in New Mexico



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The Rattlesnake Springs picnic area offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities for visitors.

for bird sighting," West said. "We're right at about 500 species (of birds) for the state. I suspect Rattlesnake Spring lists somewhere from 325-340."

The diversity of plants and animals in the area has also provided numerous scientists with study subjects.

"Rattlesnake Springs is just a whisper of what a lot of these areas probably looked like," West said. "It's one of those places where we've done it right." ♦

## Early history of Rattlesnake Springs

The Mescalero Apaches and possibly other American Indian groups used the springs prior to the arrival of Euro-American travelers and settlers.

Spanish and Mexican travelers created a wagon road, and the earliest map (1849) calls the springs "Ojo del Camino" meaning spring of the road. The same road is shown on an 1881 map by Livermore and Butterfield.

The Slaughter cattle trail, blazed in 1877 and first used in 1879, passed the springs.

In 1878, Company K of the 10th Cavalry from Ft. Davis camped near the springs, as did Company C of the 10th Cavalry in 1879.

### Homestead Era

In 1880, Henry Harrison arrived at the springs to graze horses and cattle with Charles Slaughter.

Harrison mowed grass plots for hay and planted corn for his personal use as well as cattle feed.

He first lived in a dugout south of the springs. (Slaughter would establish his first homestead at the site of Washington Ranch and later was bought out by his sons-in-law, the three Lucas brothers in 1900).

Harrison was born in Indiana in 1848 and left home at 17, doing time as a soldier and buffalo hunter in the Southwest before settling in Seven Rivers in 1878. Harrison saw the entrance to Carlsbad Cavern in 1882, but did not enter the cave.

In 1881, Harrison began construction of a gravity-fed ditch irrigation system at Rattlesnake Spring utilizing the natural slope of the landscape. The system, completed in 1882, consisted of two looped ditches, one running north and east of the spring and the other running south and east. The ditches edged the high sides of the draw.

Harrison planted hay on the north side of the creek and corn on the south side. He also planted a fruit orchard and planted vegetables for personal use and grass for pasture.

Harrison built two homes, the first house burned after a spark escaped from the stovepipe igniting the roof. The second house was a five-room, one-story adobe structure located directly across from the present-day ranger residence.

In 1881, two other families lived near Rattlesnake Springs, the Slaughters and the Welches. The nearest trading post was at Seven Rivers, some 50 miles away.

In 1881, General Miles and Crook met at Rattlesnake Springs with 1,000 Buffalo Soldiers (either the 8th or 9th regiment out of Ft. Davis). The army bought Harrison's corn for 6 cents a pound and hay for \$40 a ton. The same troops returned to camp and bought feed in 1882 and 1883.

By 1884, the Mescalero Apaches were not perceived as a major threat and the military did not return to the spring.

In 1882, Harrison's "swamp" in the bottom of the draw was surveyed. Surveyor William Malland, recorded a circular swamp with a width of 392 feet, noting that the grass was good, the soil third-rate and that there was no timber.

In 1889, Harrison received his first patent on 160 acres with springs under the Homestead Act of 1864. In 1912, he received his second and final 160-acre patent for his Rattlesnake Springs holdings.

In 1921, Harrison's ditches were surveyed and officially registered with the state of New Mexico. The ditch system is still legally known as the "Henry Harrison Ditch System."

In 1931, Harrison died in Carlsbad and is buried in the Carlsbad Cemetery. His tombstone reads, "Henry Harrison/Silent Sage of Rattlesnake Springs."

— Information obtained from the Carlsbad Caverns National Park files on Rattlesnake Springs Chronology

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# Community Calendar of Events

## July 2001

■ **1, 2:** Shorthorn Little League District 6 Little League Tournament - Shorthorn League Park, at the corner of Solana and Blodgett streets. For more information, contact David Anderson at (505) 234-5605 or Deanie Bartlett at (505) 887-3146.

■ **4:** Annual three-person, 27-hole Firecracker Scramble, Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

9 a.m. Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the Patriotic Association featuring Eddy County Sheriff's Posse.

Noon - 3 p.m. Eddy County Sheriff's Posse BBQ at Beach Bandshell.

9 p.m. - Independence Day Fireworks Celebration on the banks of the Pecos River. For more information contact the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce at (505) 887-6516.

■ **5, 6, 7:** AJRA Rodeo starts at 7 p.m. nightly at Eddy County Sheriff's Posse Arena. Dances follow by Billy Grandi at the Eddy County Sheriff's Posse Pavilion. For more information, contact the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce (505) 887-6516.

■ **14:** Blind Partnership (MGA) Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

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■ **26, 27, 28:** Carlsbad Community Theater's 25<sup>th</sup> summer fund-raiser musical "Big River; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Roger Miller and

William Hauptman. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased in advance for a particular performance from Etc., Shade Tree and Old Pecos Gallery. Tickets will also be sold at the box office on production nights as seating is available. (505) 887-3157.

■ **27, 28, 29:** The City Golf Championship (RCC - LCGC - RCC) Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **29, 30, 31:** Eddy County Fair - parade, dances, livestock shows, arts and crafts exhibits, food and more. For more information, contact the Eddy County Extension Office at (505) 887-6595.

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■ **4:** Westinghouse Company Outing Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **9:** Carlsbad Caverns Bat Flight Breakfast - Feast on a buffet breakfast while you treat your ears to the sounds of

thousands of bats' wings snapping shut as they fly back into the cave during their early morning return. For more information, call (505) 785-2232.

■ **11, 12:** The MGA Club Stroke Play Championship Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **18:** LULAC Scramble Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

Hawgfest - Hawgfest Queen Contest, Poker Run to benefit charity, Bike Run & Bike Show. For more information, contact Dave Shanks at (505) 234-1546.

■ **25, 26:** Elks Club Stroke Play Championship Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

## September 2001

■ **8, 9:** MGA Member Guest Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **15:** American Legion Scramble Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **16, 17:** 16<sup>th</sup> of September Celebration - The Fiesta Parade begins a fun-filled weekend of live music, food, games and arts and crafts during this traditional Hispanic Celebration at the San Jose Plaza. For more information, contact LULAC's Jackie Hadzic at (505) 887-6458.

■ **21, 22, 23:** Fourth Annual International Bat Festival - Learn all about

these little mammals during a weekend of educational and family events. For more information, call Aleta Knight at (505) 785-2232, extension 322.

■ **22, 23:** Elks Member Guest Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

## October 2001

■ **6, 7:** The United Way 3-Man Scramble Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **13, 14:** MGA 2-Person Las Vegas Scramble Match Play Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ **Mid-October through mid-November:** McKittrick Canyon Fall Colors Tour at Guadalupe Mountains national Park. Admire nature's bold display of autumn hues as you hike through the canyon and enjoy the fall colors in the Guadalupe National Park. For more information, contact the park at (915) 828-3251.

■ **27:** The Annual 3-Man 27-Hole Trick or Treat Scramble Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

## November 2001

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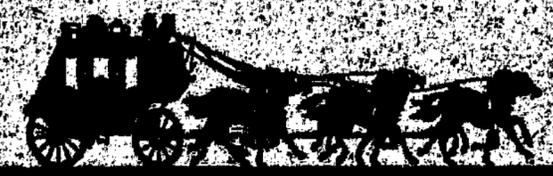
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# Calendar

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autumn hues as you hike through the canyon and enjoy the fall colors in the Guadalupe National Park. For more information, contact the park at (915) 828-3251.

■ 10: Turkey Shoot (MGA) Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.

■ 22-30: Christmas on the Pecos — Float along the Pecos River through a fairyland of twinkling lights that radiate the warmth of the holiday season in Carlsbad. Named an American Business Association top 100 event in North America in 1996. Don't miss New Mexico's most spectacular light show. For more information, contact the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce at (505) 887-6516.

■ 23, 24: Calico Christmas Arts and Crafts Show — People of all ages will enjoy this annual event. For more information, contact Dale Oney at (505) 887-3430.

■ 24: Electric Light Parade — Share the holiday spirit as MainStreet presents the Christmas Electric Light Parade through downtown Carlsbad. For more

information, contact MainStreet Carlsbad at (505) 234-9781.

## December 2001

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■ 2: Assistance League of Carlsbad Home Tour — A holiday tour of some of Carlsbad's most beautiful homes. For more information, contact the Carlsbad Assistance League at (505) 885-5394.

■ 7, 8, 9: Balloon Rally — Come see dozens of hot air balloons from throughout the region. This is a great event for ballooning enthusiasts. For more information, contact Bob Walker at (505) 887-0775.

■ 8: Christmas Anonymous (MGA) Lake Carlsbad Golf Course, 905 Muscatel Ave. For more information, contact John Heaton at (505) 885-5444.



Above: Emily Pierce, left, waves at the drummers as they pass in a Fourth of July parade on Church Street along with her father Eric Pierce, sitting, and brother Michael Pierce.

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Below: Four-year-old Wesley Burnett, center, talks with 8-year-old Tad Menefee, left, as the duo and 5-year-old Weston Leonard, inspects the rows of sheep at the Eddy County Fairgrounds.

## 2002

■ Jan. 24: Community Concert: Yoon and Min Kwon at P.R. Leyva Auditorium.

■ Feb. 18: Community Concert: Amelia Piano Trio — P.R. Leyva Auditorium.

■ April 8: Community Concert: Soprano Alison England — P.R. Leyva Auditorium.

■ Oct. 24: Community Concert: The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats — P.R. Leyva Auditorium.

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A water skier takes advantage of a hot summer day to practice some moves in the cool waters of the Pecos River, which runs through the heart of Carlsbad.

## Pecos River a key part of community's beginnings

By Victoria Parker-Stevens  
 Current Argus Staff Writer



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**C**ARLSBAD—Water—a precious commodity in the desert. It means life. In Carlsbad, it also means fun. The Pecos River was the key player more than 100 years ago in the development of the town that would become Carlsbad. Cattlemen first used the river as they drove their herds to market.

Carlsbad's famous Flume was built to aid in the irrigation of farmland.

But settlement required irrigation to withstand drought years, and the first irrigation company was formed even before the town. The project was huge, with dams, miles of canals and a Flume.

first substantial structure, which is maintained and used for special events.

With plans to develop farmland on the eastern side of the Pecos, the irrigation company developed a flume—or an artificial watercourse—to transport water over the river. Since the river thus appears to cross itself, the Flume has given Carlsbad fame with an entry in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

After entering Carlsbad, the Pecos takes on a different countenance, broadening to become a 100-meter-wide channel known as Lake Carlsbad. Winding along the eastern side of town, the river remains strong, replenished by natural springs.

Located where the Pecos enters Carlsbad from the north, the Flume was originally constructed of wood. After a flood in the early part of the century, it was rebuilt and was the largest concrete structure in existence at the time.

It was the springs that resulted in a residents' vote 100 years ago to change the city's name from Eddy to Carlsbad—after Karlsbad, Bohemia, a famous European health resort with waters said to be identical in healing properties to those found in Carlsbad.

In use to this day, the Flume sits in a riverside park near Eddy House, the area's

Then, city leaders hoped the name change would bring tourists, and today they still look to the river for economic

# River

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prosperity.

The city's current focus is on the eastern shore adjacent to the downtown area, where a conference center attracts visitor dollars to the area.

The center is part of the Pecos River Village, a complex that includes Western storefronts. Conventions as well as company banquets, school reunions and family events such as weddings utilize the center, drawing both residents and out-of-town visitors.

Nearby, to the south, is a renovated powerhouse, now run by the city as the Riverwalk Recreation Center. A community center, the space holds not only basketball hoops and video games, but room for area groups and families to use for activities.

Along both sides of the river, there are additional sports facilities, such as soccer and baseball fields.

On the eastern shore, public golf courses run along the river, and on the western shore, tennis and racquetball courts are available.

The western shore of the

Pecos near downtown is mostly dedicated to a city park, with large shade trees and grass that, along with the abundance of water, create the illusion visitors are far from the desert.

Summer days find parents spreading feasts on picnic tables and starting grills, while children are entertained by playground equipment and swimming at the sand beach, staffed by lifeguards.

Taking full advantage of the water, boaters, jet-skiers and water-skiers speed up and down the river, and those who enjoy quieter pursuits are seen paddling canoes and kayaks.

Paddleboats are available for rental near the beach, and a large paddlewheeler offers Pecos tours.

In the early morning, fishermen can be seen along the banks casting for bass, trout and catfish. There is also a paved boat ramp near the beach parking area for those who wish to cast away from shore.

Throughout the day and into the evening, a riverside path extending more than five miles along both sides of the river allows for a lengthy jog or a quiet stroll. ♦

# Walls of Eddy House hold secrets, stories of early days in Carlsbad

By Stella Davis

Current-Argus Staff Writer

**C**ARLSBAD — If the walls of the small rock house at Flume Park could talk, what stories would they tell?

Located on the north side of Carlsbad Medical Center a block east of U.S. 285, the house could tell of the lonely nights of the 1870s, when ditch riders rested there after releasing water to farmers.

The walls surely heard the grumbling of the cowboys who used the house as a line camp for the VVN Ranch owned by one of Eddy County's founders, Charles Eddy, and his business partner, Amos Bissell.

And, there is no doubt the walls heard the laughter of children in the winter of 1888 when Robert W. Tansil, another founding father, and his family

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Eddy House, located in Flume Park, is believed to be the first permanent structure in Eddy County. Over the years it has served as a private home, a dentist's office and a law office, among other uses.

Molly M. Mings  
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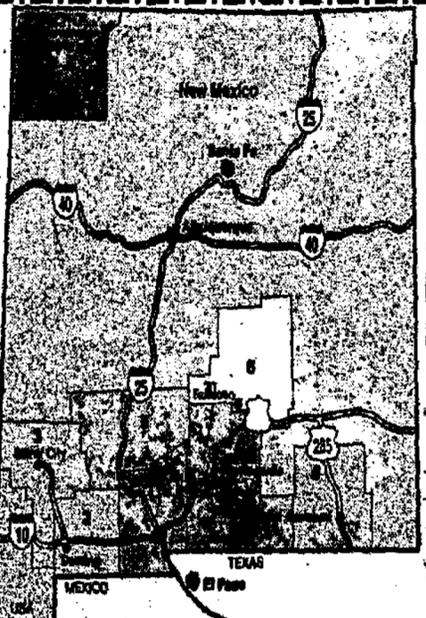
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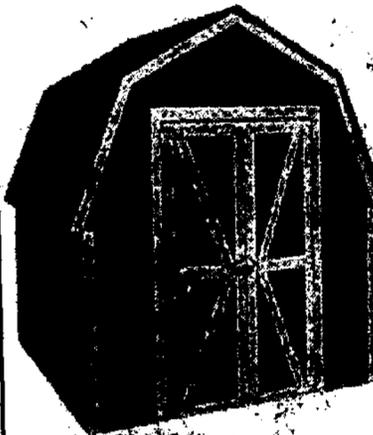
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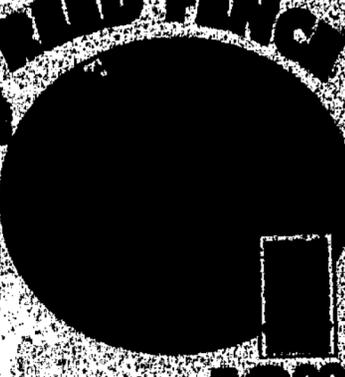
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# Eddy House

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lived there.

At the turn of the century, the town's first dentist, Dr. Berup, also used the house as his office, and for a short period during the early 1900s, the house served as a law office for Col. Etienne Bujac, a prominent Carlsbad attorney.

The house was originally located just off of North Canal Street, about two miles from its current location on Callaway and Westridge drives, next to the Flume. It had fallen into disrepair, and the Carlsbad Museum and Fine Arts Board of Directors put into motion a plan for restoration.

Many local citizens contributed time and money to preserve this piece of Carlsbad's history.

The house, referred to by locals as "Eddy House," is believed to be the first permanent structure in Eddy County.

Local historians believe the house was originally constructed for the ditch rider whose job was to allocate water from Halagueno Ditch to farmers. Halagueno Ditch was the first irrigation project in the La Huerta area in North Carlsbad. The area at that time was undeveloped and considered to be "out in the country."

Former museum board member Harvey Hicks remembers the day he agreed to help raise money to restore the house

and move it to its current location. He marvels that the structure, ravaged by time, still stands.

"The house was located on the Sam Tracy Farm in La Huerta," Hicks recalled. "He gave it to the city in 1982, but it was falling apart. The city was not interested in doing anything with it, and they didn't want to move it."

He said the house continued to sit on the Tracy property until Bob Forrest became mayor. Forrest approached the museum board and asked if it would be interested in restoring the house.

"At that time, Joe Rose, a former Carlsbad resident and businessman, was president of the Carlsbad Museum Board," Hicks said. "He was getting ready to move out of town, so I and Nadine Rosenberg (the wife of the late Mike Rosenberg, a well-known Carlsbad lawyer) agreed to spearhead a fund-raising drive to pay for the moving and restoration of the house."

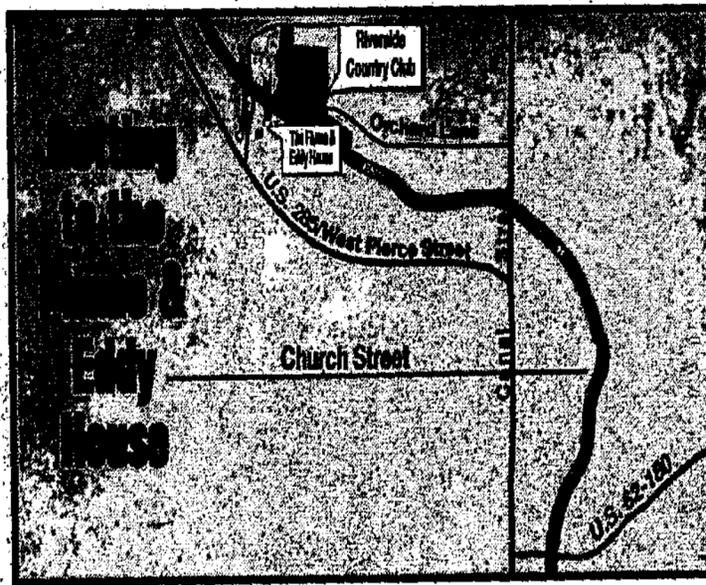
"The first estimate we got was \$5,000, but it ended up costing about \$12,000. We raised the money and moved the house to its current location in 1991," he added.

Moving and restoring the house was a difficult and tedious job.

"We hired Raymond Najjar, a local contractor, and his son Robert, to move the house," Hicks said. "They took each block and numbered it and wrote down exactly the area of the house the block came from. We were fortunate

that the Bujac family had photos of the house, and we were able to restore it by looking at the photos."

The house can only be viewed from the outside, except during the annual Heritage Days celebration in October. ♦



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# Visitors and residents can take to the links on Carlsbad's courses

From the Current-Argus

**C**ARLSBAD — Carlsbad's two golf courses both incorporate the east bank of the Pecos River into their design.

The Lake Carlsbad Golf Facility is located on the east bank of the Pecos River. It is about a 5- to 10- minute drive from just about anywhere in Carlsbad. It is the only public golf course in Eddy County.

The 18-hole course wanders throughout the fingers and hills that surround the Pecos River Basin. The 9-hole Par 3 course follows the east bank along the scenic riverwalk. Both Lake Carlsbad courses offer a challenging atmosphere to all golfers no matter what their ability.

The facility is located next to the Pecos River Conference Center. Being so close to the center gives corporations and golfers a chance to plan a golf outing, just play a quick round of golf after a meeting or hit some practice balls during a lunch break.

The facility has 25 new electric golf carts and access to more if needed.

Prices are \$20 per player with a cart on weekdays and \$23 per player with a cart on weekends. The Par 3 course is \$5.50 per 18-hole round per player. There is a full-service Golf Pro Shop — stocked with merchandise — and staff to help golfers with their needs.

The facility also has a snack bar with food and beverage service on the course. There is a conference room located on the west side of the building, which overlooks the Pecos River, for small groups of 75 or fewer.

The course's head pro is John Heaton. For more information, call 885-5444.



Left: Rudy Dominguez Jr. tees off from the first hole during a Lake Carlsbad golf tournament. Carlsbad features two golf courses that both run along the banks of the Pecos River.

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Carlsbad's other golf course can be found at Riverside Country Club.

Tuesdays through Fridays, golf at the Country Club costs \$29 for a round of golf with a cart. Prices go up slightly to \$33 for a round of golf with a cart on weekends.

Below: Dave Shelton plays the 9th hole at the Lake Carlsbad Golf Facility.

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Members of the general public can play on Tuesdays for \$29 with a cart.

Fees at the Country Club are \$170 per month for use of all facilities. This includes a \$40 fee for food and beverages.

Out-of-town visitors can play golf

anytime they wish.

The course is open from 7:30 a.m. until dark every day except Monday. It includes a par 70 course for men and women.

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Ted White is the course's head pro. For more information, call 885-4253. ♦

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# The arts are alive and well in Carlsbad

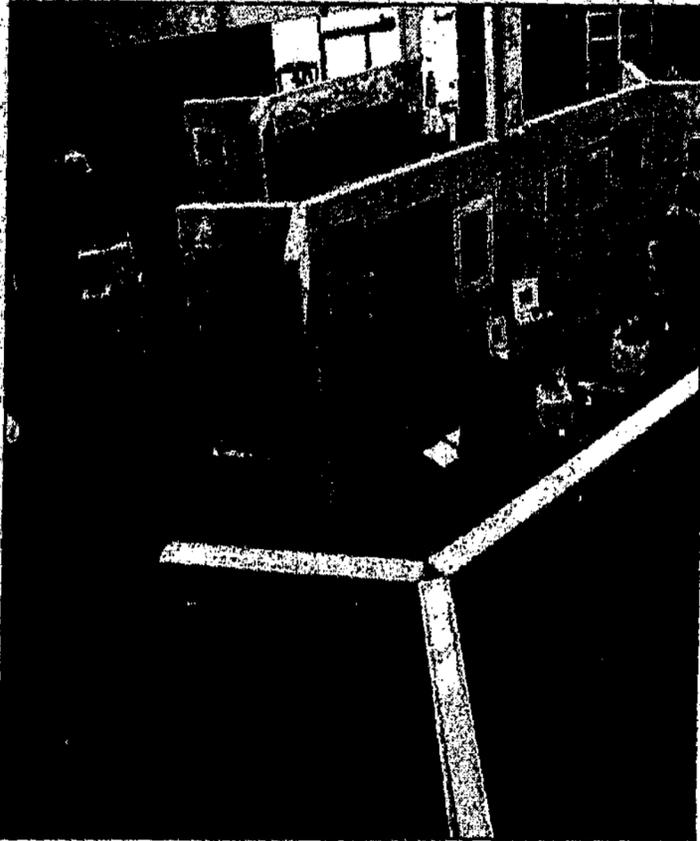
From the Current-Argus

**C**ARLSBAD — Forget what the skeptics say, Carlsbad has more culture than you can shake a conductor's baton at.

Professionals and amateurs provide a spectrum of arts and culture in Carlsbad, ranging from serious concerts to musicals to local artist galleries.

The Carlsbad Museum and Arts Center offers a place to view art as well as pieces of Carlsbad's history.

Permanent displays and exhibits at the museum include the McAdoo collection of the Taos founder's paintings; pueblo pottery; the Hollebeke Collection of historical artifacts from the early days of West Texas; the Bataan Exhibit; artifacts from Northern New Mexico; and the "Dance Day" and "Ollie" sculptures by Glenna Goodacre.



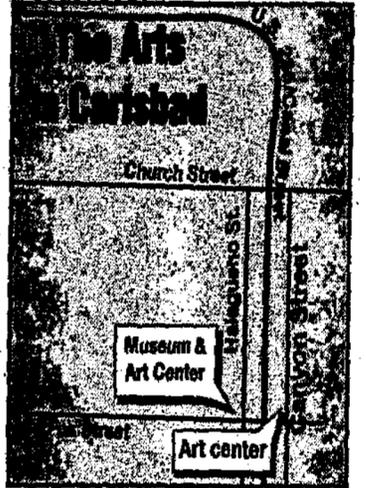
For more information on the museum and art center or current exhibits on display,

contact Virginia Dodier, museum director, at 887-0276. The performing arts are represented

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The Artist Gallery moved to a new location on Canyon Street. The new building provides much more space for more artists' works to be displayed.

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This "Facts of Life," bronze sculpture by Glenna Goodacre adorns the walkway outside Carlsbad Museum and Art Center.



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On the Trail

# Painted Ponies on display in Carlsbad, around state

## Arts

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resented by several local organizations, including the Carlsbad Community Theater, which puts on five productions each year. The theater is located south of Carlsbad on National Parks Highway. For more information, call 887-3157.

The Carlsbad Arts and Humanities Alliance sponsors a variety of events each year.

The Carlsbad Community Concert Association series features several musical offerings throughout the year, including chamber music, orchestra concerts and soloists. While most tickets are reserved for members, a few are available to visitors.

The downtown area features the Artist's Gallery, which shares a location on Canyon Street with the Carlsbad Educational Center for the Arts and the Carlsbad Area Art Association since early 2001.

The newly refurbished location has more floor space and a soft pink color that enhances art. Moveable wall standards make art accessible, and there are various seating areas. ♦

### Locations and number of horses in Carlsbad area

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- Best Western Motel in White's City-1 17 Carlsbad Caverns Highway
- Stevens Inn-1 1829 S. Canal St.
- Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce-1 302 S. Canal St.
- Court Cafe-1 219 S. Canyon St.
- Wells Fargo Bank-2 115 W. Fox St.
- Old Pecos Gallery-1 102 W. Fox St.
- Artist's Gallery-1 122 S. Canyon St.
- Carlsbad Foundation-1 116 S. Canyon St.
- Anne's Cards and Gifts-1 104 S. Canyon St.
- Etc. Gifts and Decor-1 107 S. Canyon St.
- Jill's Fabric and Designs-1 121 S. Canyon St.
- Western Commerce Bank-1 127 S. Canyon St.
- Carlsbad Mall-2 2302 W. Pierce St.
- Carlsbad Museum and Art Center-1 Halagueno Park
- Living Desert State Park-1 1504 Michls Drive



Anne Strait paints more color onto "Caballo de Ojos." The pony is one of a dozen painted by local artists as part of the HorsePower New Mexico Trail of Painted Ponies project. The ponies can be seen at various locations around Carlsbad. A complete list is to the left of the photo.

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## Display can be viewed through October

By Valerie Cranston  
Current-Argus Staff Writer

CARLSBAD — The ponies are here. Part of the statewide Trail of Painted Ponies, the creations of local artists are located in strategic points and are ready for viewing.

Originally, the ponies were to be displayed outside, but organizers decided to keep them away from the elements, both natural and human.

The ponies will be on display until October, although there's a possibility a few of the horses may leave for a month or two for out-of-town — or even out-of-state — events.

HorsePower of New Mexico is the sponsor of the Trail of Painted Ponies and will hold an auction in Santa Fe in November. Those who are interested may place bids in person and possibly over the phone or on the Internet. ♦

### HorsePower New Mexico "The Trail of Painted Ponies" Event fact summary

"The Trail of Painted Ponies" is a statewide cultural, tourism and public art exhibition of 100 to 200 life-size fiberglass horses aesthetically enhanced by Native American, Hispanic and Anglo artists. The event will be similar to the exhibition featuring cows that took place in Chicago in 1999 and New York in 2000.

■ Purpose: To raise New Mexico's profile as an arts community. To increase tourism by offering visitors an additional attraction that is not wealth-dependent. To provide businesses with innovative ways of marketing themselves. To raise monies for underfunded philanthropic and cultural organizations.

■ Dates and Locations: The painted ponies will be displayed at strategic public locations from Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Ruidoso and Carlsbad. The exhibition is running now through mid-October. The artworks will then be sold at live and Internet auctions.

■ Organizer: HorsePower New Mexico, LLC, will produce the event through public-private partnerships with the New Mexico Department of Tourism, Office of Cultural Affairs and various departments in participating cities.

■ Sponsors: The event will be sponsored by major corporations that do business in New Mexico, as well as by state and local businesses, individuals and nonprofit organizations.

■ Benefit Groups: Proceeds from the sales of the horses at the end of the exhibition will go to youth and arts groups and cultural nonprofit organizations throughout New Mexico.

■ Publicity: A publication, including a map, will show visitors where each animal is located. A Web site will provide information on individual horses, the artists, the sponsors and the benefiting organizations. National and international media will be sent promotional material.

■ Contact: For more information, interested persons can contact Jon Nelson at 887-0847 or Dorothy Queen at 885-6560 in Carlsbad or Rodney Barker or Dava Shumsky Ansell at 505-955-9595 in Santa Fe; E-mail address: horsepower@cybermesa.com

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# Discover Carlsbad

**T**he Discover Carlsbad Scenic Drive is a good way to see the town and get a good view of why Carlsbad is called the "Oasis in the Desert."

The tour is user friendly, with signs designating some of the city's most interesting sites, all visible from your car.

Start the tour by obtaining information at the **CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, at the corner of Canal and Greene streets.

Then, head east on Greene Street and turn left just before crossing the Pecos River via the historical **BATAAN MEMORIAL BRIDGE**.

The bridge memorializes Eddy County members of the 200th Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division of the New Mexico National Guard who lost their lives in the Bataan Death March during World War II.

Turning on to Park Drive at this sign continues the tour. The road winds along the Pecos River past the city's Riverwalk, a 4.5-mile sidewalk circling one of Carlsbad's greatest assets — its water source. On the right, across the river, stand the **PECOS RIVER VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTER** and the **RIVERWALK RECREATION CENTER**. The transformed power plant was renovated by Army Corp of Engineers troops and became the home of one of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Carlsbad.

A riverfront park runs along Park Drive and is the perfect place for picnicking, fishing and duck feeding. The park includes tables, charcoal grills, water fountains, playgrounds and restrooms.

On the left of Park Drive is the **LAKE CARLSBAD TENNIS COMPLEX**. The complex offers lighted play on nine tennis courts and three handball and racquetball courts. The complex pro shop is open 8-11 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

The drive then passes three bits of local history. The **TANSIL DAM**, named for Robert Weems Tansil, who manufactured the country's first five-cent cigar, was originally built of wood and adobe in the 1890s.

The dam was destroyed by a flood and was rebuilt in 1894, then destroyed and rebuilt again in 1904 under the direction of Tansil, who had taken control of the Carlsbad Irrigation District following its bankruptcy. At that time, the first hydroelectric power generator was established on the river.

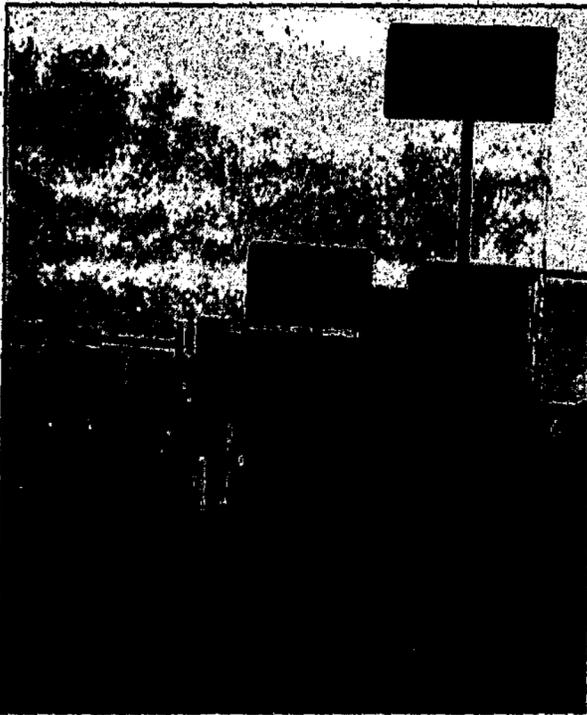
The **POTASH MEMORIAL** pays tribute to the vital local industry. Potash for many years was the lifeblood of the Carlsbad area. Although economics has hit the industry hard recently, it is still the largest employer of Carlsbad residents.

The **U.S. POTASH STEAM LOCOMOTIVE** was the first train to run out of the first potash mine in the basin in the 1930s. Potash was discovered in the Carlsbad area in 1926, and this same area still produces one of the largest amounts of potash fertilizer in the United States.

Next to the locomotive is the **FREEDOM TREE MEMORIAL**, which honors the dead and missing of Carlsbad's Vietnam-era veterans. A tree-ringed median



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Seventeen new Discover Carlsbad signs were placed up around town late last year to give visitors a better idea of where specific features around Carlsbad can be located.

encloses the small marble and brass plaques that list the names of those Vietnam fighters.

Just past these two memorials lies the **LAKE CARLSBAD RECREATION AREA AND LAKE CARLSBAD BEACH** which offer swimming, paddle boating and boating.

There are two large parks bookending the beach area parking lot, which includes a basketball goal. Swimmers in the area during the summer enjoy the watchful gaze of on-duty lifeguards.

Continuing down Riverside Drive, residents come across the **CARLSBAD SPRING** and **PECOS RIVER FLUME** area. The city takes its name from the spring that has a mineral content similar to that of the famous health springs in Karlsbad, Bohemia, in the former nation of Czechoslovakia.

There is no marker for the spring, which bubbles up beneath a covered bridge near the Flume. A sidewalk, complete with stone benches, separates the spring and the flume. Geese and ducks are readily available for feeding.

The **PECOS FLUME** is Carlsbad's own "Believe It Or Not" entry for being the only river that crosses itself. Originally built of wood, the flume was rebuilt of concrete after the 1902 flood. It is still in use, carrying Pecos River water from Lake Avalon across the river and to area farms.

The flume was designed as part of an elaborate irrigation system and represented the leading edge of a new technology at the time it was built. It was the largest irrigation system built of wood in the United States in 1890, was washed out in 1898 and was rebuilt in 1902 of concrete to become the largest concrete structure in the world at that time.

Just past the flume is the **EDDY HOUSE**, a project showing the life and times of Carlsbad's founding settlers. The house is reportedly one of the first in Eddy, the former name of Carlsbad. It was moved from its original location and rebuilt, stone by stone, with a new wood shingle roof added.

Landscaping continues around the house, which includes a turning windmill and a demonstration dugout — a common prairie temporary home in the history of this area. Around the bend from the Eddy House, past **CARLSBAD MEDICAL CENTER** is Highway 285 north to Artesia. Just a few blocks away, however, another sign leads tour participants up Skyline Drive to the **LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS STATE PARK**, a unique zoo and botanical garden featuring the life of the Chihuahuan desert.

The park is open year-round, except Christmas Day. Tours cost \$4 per person with children 6 and younger going for free. Organized groups of 20 or more pay \$2 per person.

From the park, drivers will continue past **CARLSBAD HIGH SCHOOL** down to Church Street and back to Canal Street. A right turn here puts them on the last leg of the tour, which includes a glimpse of the **EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**.

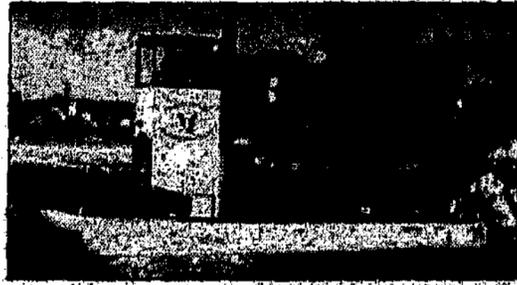
Turning right on Mermod Street allows a glimpse of the **CARLSBAD PUBLIC LIBRARY** and the **CARLSBAD MUSEUM AND ART CENTER** on Halagueno Street between Mermod and Fox streets. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

The museum is free to the public, though donations are accepted. The museum may be visited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Permanent displays on the exhibits include the famous McAdoo collection, paintings by the founder of Taos; the Hollebeke Collection of historical artifacts from the early days of West Texas; the Stockwell Collection of local historical items of interest; Tarahumara Indian artifacts from Northern Mexico; the Heinemann Collection of Peruvian artifacts; early pottery of the Southwest; the magnificent bird carvings of local artist Jack Drake; a sculpture by Alan Houser called "Night Drum;" and the "Dance Day" and "Ollie" sculptures by Glenna Goddacre.

The museum has a gift shop featuring jewelry, hand-crafted Indian artwork, a selection of books on the Southwest and stationery. Continuing down Halagueno Street brings you right back to Greene Street at the chamber, where the tour began. ♦

## Carlsbad Cruiselines: A full Pecos River experience



The George Washington offers a 45-minute tour up and down the Pecos River.

From the Current-Argus

**C**ARLSBAD — The antique George Washington paddleboat is available throughout the summer months for a relaxing 45-minute guided tour up the Pecos River.

The boat seats up to 43 passengers, and tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and younger. Children age 2 and younger ride for free. The tours run every day from noon until dark.

Also offered by Carlsbad Cruise Lines are paddleboats, HydroBikes and canoes. A family of four will easily fit on a paddleboat while it drifts along the sides of the Pecos River.

Cost for paddleboat rental is \$8 for a one-hour trip. Cost for the Hydro-Bikes is \$5 for one person for up to one hour, and canoes can be rented for \$8 for two people for an hour.

New to the cruise line's boat lineup this year is an 18-passenger pontoon boat named Bella Notte'. The Bella Notte' takes daily tours of the upper river area called the Flumes. The Flume tour is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and younger for a 50-minute guided tour.

Another new feature is the Bella Notte' Sunset Dinner Cruise offered on Friday and Saturday nights by reservation only. Reservations must be made two days in advance, and the dinner and tour cost \$12 per person for adults and \$6 per person age 12 and younger. Reservations for this special-occasion tour can be made by calling (505) 885-4992, (505) 885-1600 or at the dock, (505) 887-8343.

Accommodations can be made for large groups by calling, e-mailing sunset@carlsbadcruiselines.com or checking out the Web site at www.carlsbadcruiselines.com. ♦

## Drive-in theaters a rare remnant of yesteryear — but Carlsbad has one

From The Current-Argus

**C**ARLSBAD — Carlsbad's Fiesta Drive-in, located at 401 W. Fiesta Drive, is one of only three remaining operational drive-in theaters in New Mexico.

The theater was originally opened on Aug. 10, 1948, and closed in 1970. It was re-opened on June 1, 1990, and is co-owned and operated by Brad Light.

The three-screen drive-in is open year round with a capacity of 600 cars. The theater runs shows Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only from Labor Day weekend through Memorial Day Weekend. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, shows run seven days a week.

All features at the drive-in are in stereo, and movie-goers need to have a working radio in their cars because there are no speakers. Sound for the movie showing on a particular screen can be picked up on an FM radio channel.

The drive-in opens at 8 p.m. nightly

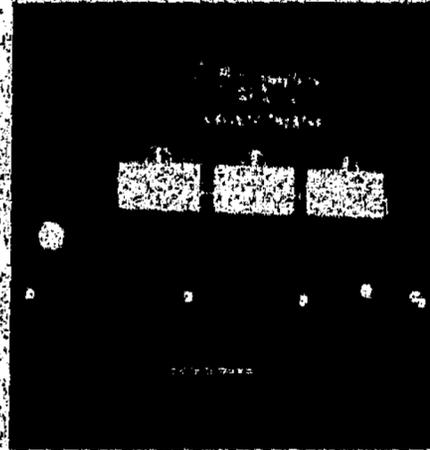


Photo courtesy of the Fiesta Drive-in

Fiesta Drive-in is one of only three operating drive-in theaters in New Mexico.

with shows at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday.

Ticket prices are \$5 per carload or per person for early shows; \$4 per carload or \$2 per person for late shows; \$2 per person on Wednesday.

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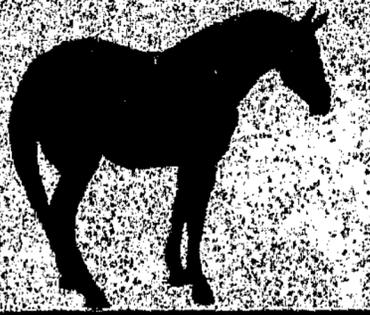
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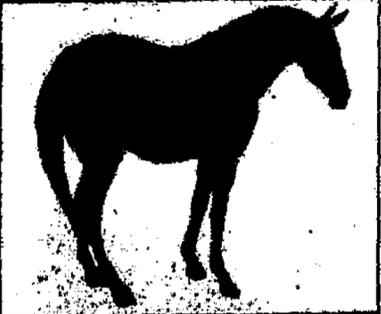
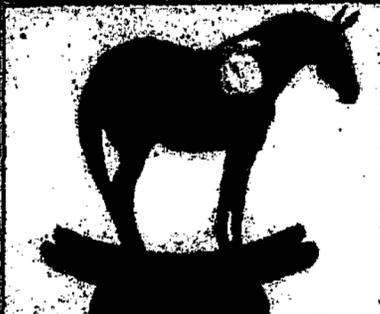
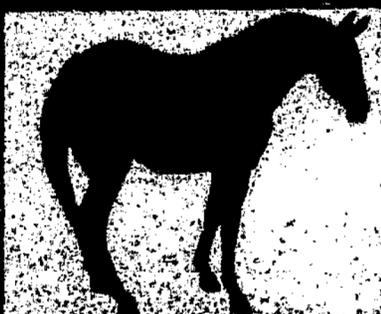
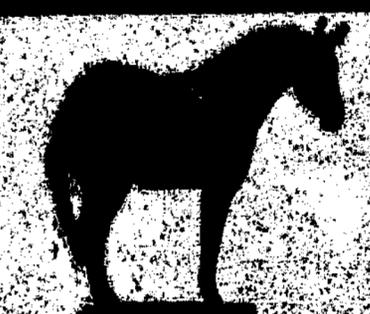
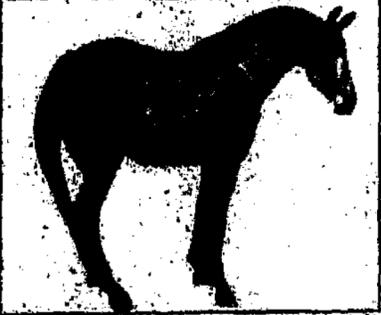
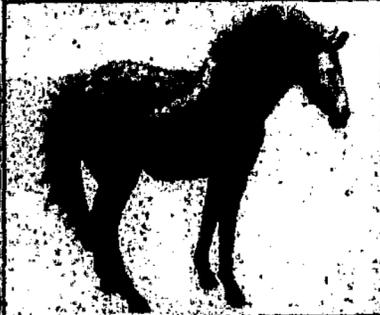
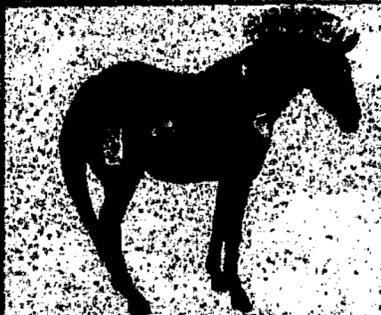
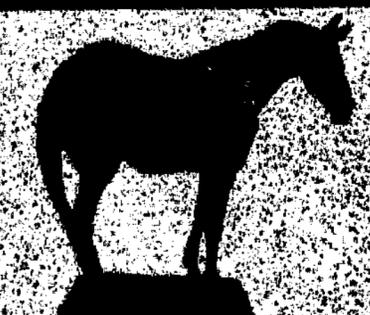
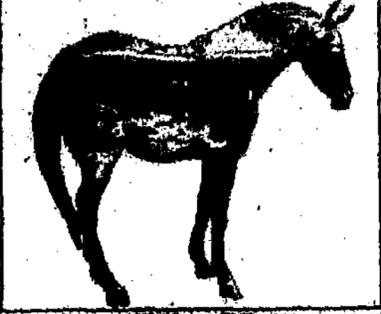
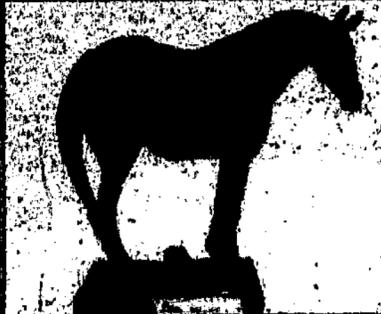
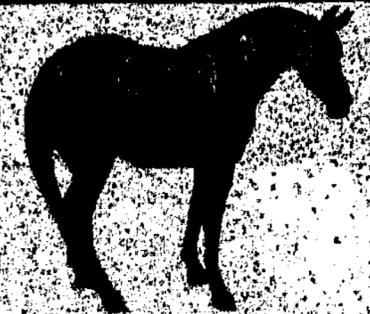
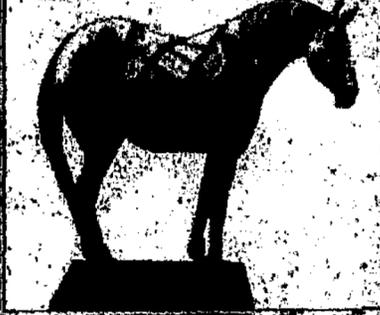
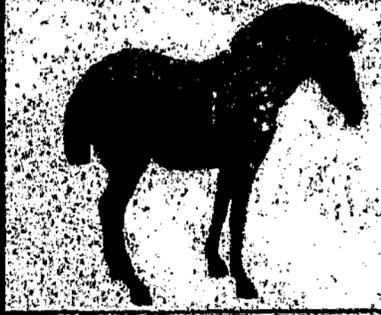
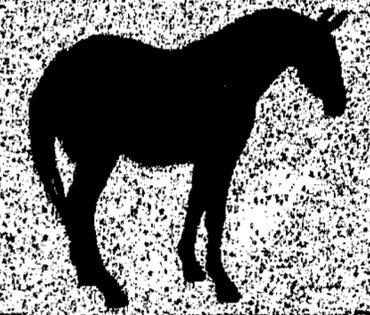
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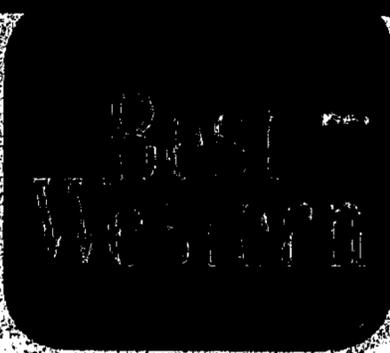
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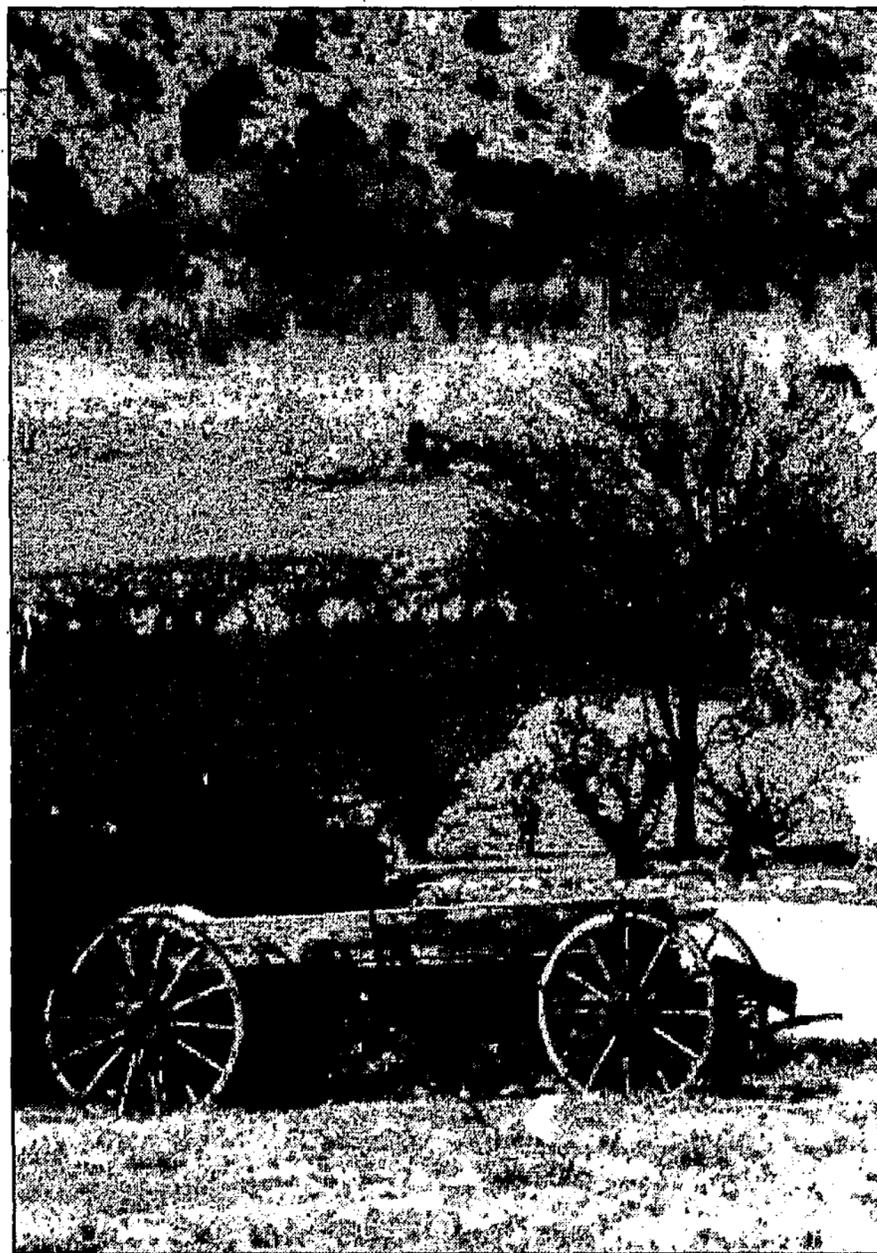
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# For All the Right Seasons

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Visitors to Ruidoso will find what the locals have enjoyed for years.

A summer filled with classics and new events. From music to the sound of motorcycles. Quiet forest locations to the excitement of horse racing and casino gambling. Bird watching to window shopping. Eighteen holes of links to miniature golfing. Scenic walking or motoring tours to bustling night life. Rustic lodging to modern art. Angling for tonight's trout dinner to eateries that cover just about every style of cuisine.

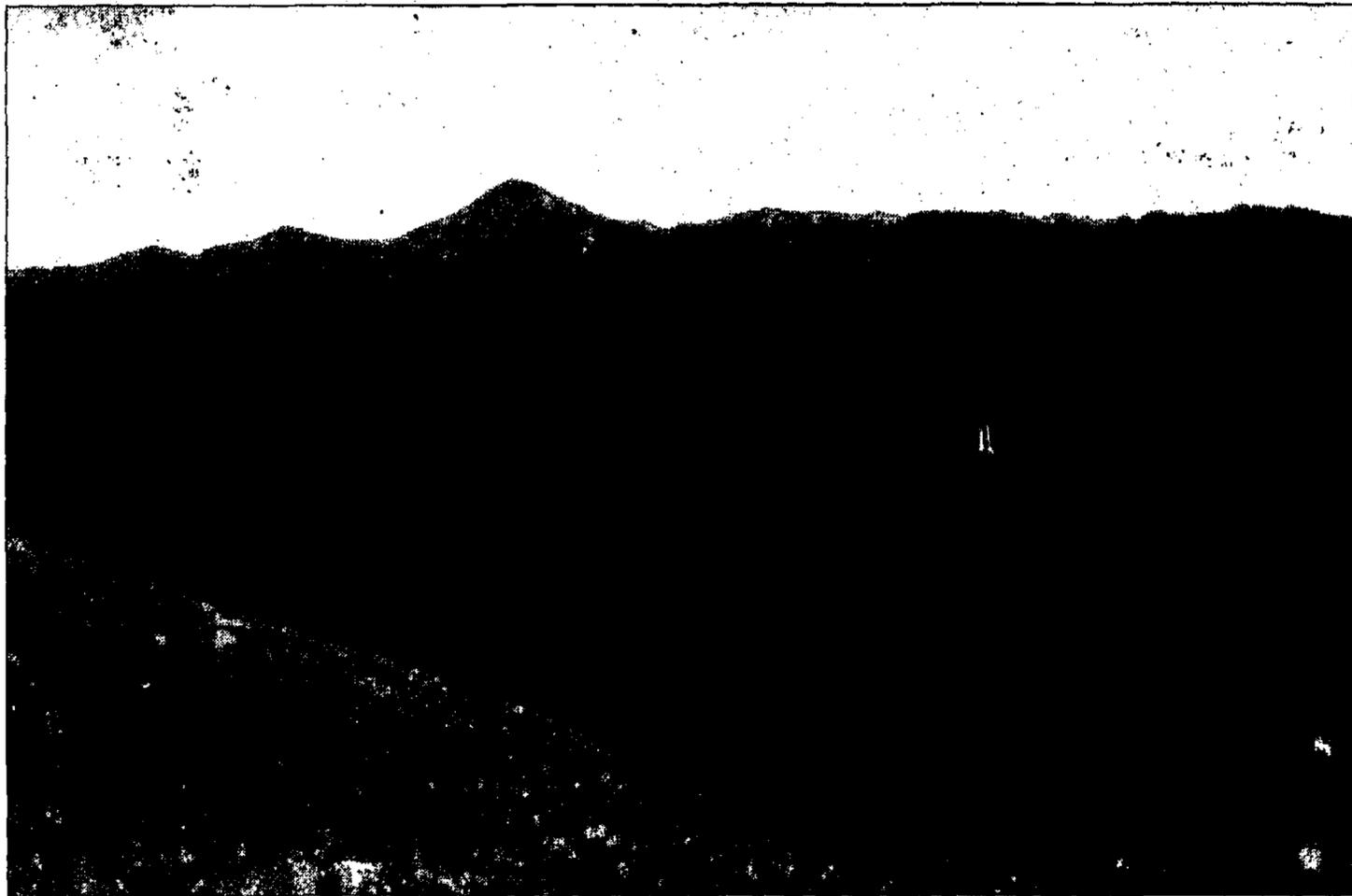
Many visitors own second homes in and around Ruidoso, and the mountain village has ample hotels, motels, cabins and lodges. Amenities range from the rustic to the extravagant.

The new Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort was expected to open in time for the summer season, said the complex's manager.

The cool mountain air that typically starts the morning quickly gives way to warm temperatures. Average low temperatures during the summer are around the 50-degree mark. By early afternoon, readings in the 80s are the norm.

By mid morning, golf courses become quite active.

Golf has always been big in Ruidoso.



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Clear mountain vistas and breathtaking scenery draw visitors to the Ruidoso area.

And this year, Golf Digest has named the Links at Sierra Blanca the sixth best course in New Mexico. The golf course at the Inn of the Mountain Gods was named No. 8.

Other courses within a 10-minute drive are the Cree Meadows Public Golf Course and the private Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club and adjacent Kokopelli. Two other courses are in the planning stage.

Miniature golf is offered at two Ruidoso locations.

Other outdoor activities abound, from a walk through the quaint Midtown retail district to a trail trek on the Lincoln National Forest. The village's Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course includes a 2.5-mile paved walking path. Eco-tourism is an theme village officials are looking to expand upon.

Joan Zagone, with the area chamber, said attention is coming to the llama farm industry, guided fishing and backpacking, motorcycling and hot-air balloon opportunities in the area.

Fishing, mountain biking, camping, canoeing and picnicking have been major pastimes for both the locals and visitors. Ample information is available at the Smokey Bear Ranger District office on Mechem Drive and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center on Sudderth Drive.

The village's mayor, Robert Donaldson, considers June to be

"music month" in Ruidoso, based on the melodic events that are scheduled.

Pinestock 2001-A Festival of Music, Grapes and Grain will include Country, Blues, World Beat, Celtic, Jazz and Rock for the ears.

Wineries and microbreweries from the Southwest will provide the taste of the event, set for June 9 and 10 at the Eagle Creek Softball Complex on Ski Run Road.

On the docket during June at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts is the Kingston Trio (June 2), a World Festival of Harps (June 15), the El Paso Symphony Orchestra (June 23) and a "Salute to Swing" (June 30).

Squeeze into June the Mountain of Blues Festival across from the the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport on June 16 and nearly a quarter of the month includes music.

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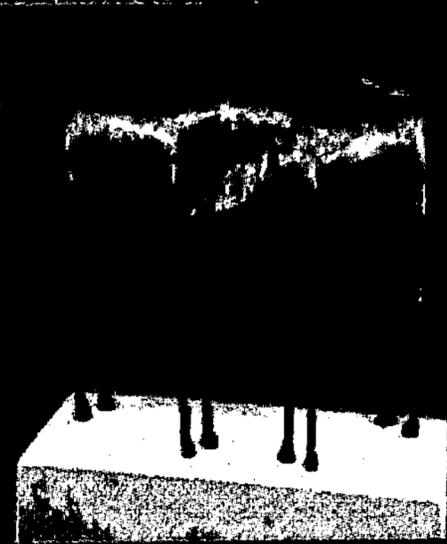
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## Ruidoso

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Bands also perform nightly on weekends at two Midtown Ruidoso nightclubs, Win Place and Show and the Quarters.

And music isn't limited to June. The Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino's concert series will include Pam Tillis on May 27, Toby Keith July 4, Ronnie Milsap on July 7, Tracy Lawrence on August 11 and Jerry Jeff Walker on September 22.

Have we mentioned casino play?

The Billy the Kid Casino is adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Slot machines await gamblers, while next door thoroughbreds and quarter horses move into the stretch.

Just minutes away in the other direction, slot machines and table games are plentiful at Casino Apache.

While a lot of activities may be geared for adults, there are things for the kids, and more on tap.

The village offers a complete summer schedule for youth, much of it centered around recreational outposts.

The village operates an outdoor swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park along



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The pool is open seven days a week, from 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Daily admission for swimming is \$2.25 or \$6 for the pool's massive slide. A number of swim lesson classes are also offered.

Two Rivers Park, behind the chamber of commerce and Ruidoso Visitors Center, has playground equipment, picnic

areas and grills, shelters and of course a flowing stream.

A complete list of village sponsored youth activities is available at locations like the Ruidoso Visitors Center, or by calling the parks and rec department at 257-5030.

Funtrackers, at Sudderth Drive and Carrizo Canyon Road, offers go-carts, mini-golf, bumper boats and a video

arcade. Just across the highway are pony rides for kids.

The Ruidoso Bowling Center on Mechem Drive is just that, and more. There is an arcade and pool tables. Outdoor basketball courts can be found at the White Mountain Elementary School on White Mountain Drive and at Ruidoso Middle School, along Service Road. For youth who like to zip along on small wheels a municipal skateboard park is located just off White Mountain Drive.

Volunteers are expected to come together late this summer, and over a four-day period put together a community-built playground.

The park, planned by area youth, will be located near the White Mountain Schools complex off White Mountain Drive and Hull Road.

For seniors, the Ruidoso Senior Center hops. Juke box dances, barbecues, bridge tournaments and ice cream socials are some of the events.

The center is located in the Schoolhouse Park area at 501 Junction Road. Another nearby senior center is located in Ruidoso Downs.

The village, luring tourist and summer long residents of all ages, will see a great summer, promised the mayor.

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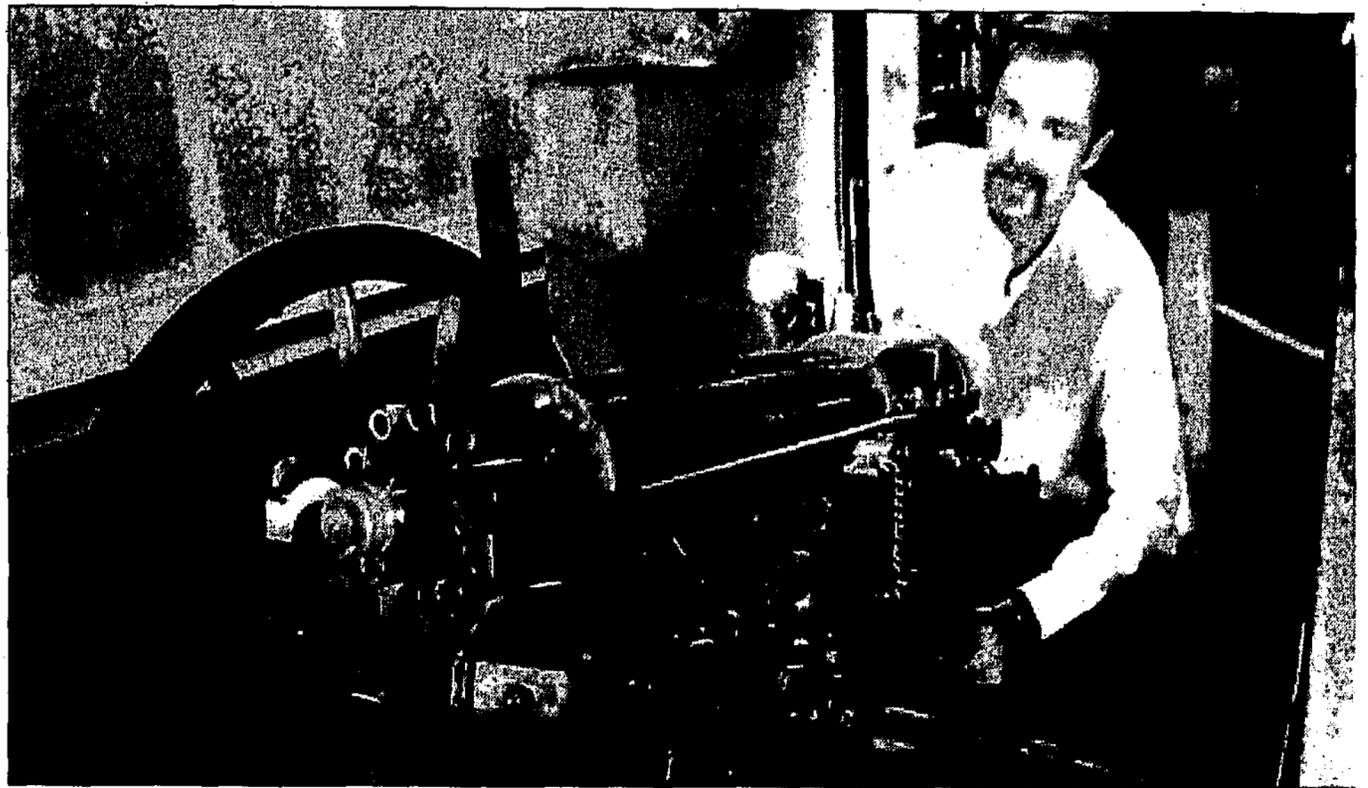
*The Hubbard Museum of the American West*  
**FOCUS ON GUNS OF THE FRONTIER**

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The Hubbard Museum of the American West focuses on the history of the American frontier, and guns were a big part of that history.

For that reason, the museum is presenting one of the largest firearm displays in the

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Historian and writer Drew Comber straddles an 1876 Gatling gun that is part of a new exhibition on frontier firearms set to open in late May at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

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country this summer.

"Firearms of the American West, 1803-1900" will feature everything from rare military pieces to common sporting rifles. The display will include guns that belonged to Wyatt Earp, Geronimo and Kit Carson, as well as several other prominent Western and New Mexican figures.

Pieces will be on loan from such institutions as the Smithsonian Institution, Buffalo Bill Historical Center and 25 other public and private collections.

The exhibit runs from May 26 to Oct. 21 and will be the featured display at the museum throughout the summer.

The gun exhibit is not all the museum has to offer, though. Authentic pieces from the Western frontier, from horse-drawn carriages to Native American pottery to paintings and sculptures, are displayed around the building. Also featured is one of the most extensive horse racing exhibits in the country. More than 1,000 pho-

tos, trophies, and artifacts associated with famous Ruidoso Downs racehorses, riders and owners are included in the Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame.

Armchair jockeys can climb into the saddle in the Hall of Fame Racing virtual reality game. Participants sit on horse-like units and "race" each other on a giant television screen in front of them.

For younger visitors, there is a children's corner at which kids can draw and color horses, create their own brand, work puzzles, doff Western clothing, climb onto a full-size horse mannequin with saddle and bridle and play with other horse-

related toys.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West also houses more than 10,000 horse-related items donated by the late Anne Stradling.

Many of these can be viewed on the museum's mezzanine level in a special collection dedicated to Stradling's life. Also on the mezzanine is a small display of recent acquisitions received by the museum.

But even with all this history and art awaiting visitors, the first things they will see are eight giant sculptures of horses galloping on a grassy hill outside the museum.

The three-story-tall exhibit, called "Free Spirits at Noisy

Water" by local sculptor Dave McGary, includes seven different breeds of horses. A Thoroughbred, quarter horse, Appaloosa, paint mare with a foal, Arabian, Morgan and standardbred all can be viewed just off U.S. 70.

It is the largest equine sculpture in the United States, and each bronze is formed and painted to represent the specific breed in every detail.

Other features and events coming to the museum this summer include:

- The Fiesta Grande, a fundraiser to be held July 21 which will feature a dinner with full bar, the raffling of two cars, a silent auction and a small live auction, as well as other events.

- Unveiling of a new prominent sculpture near the museum's entrance is planned in late May or early June. Specifics, such as who the artist is or what the piece will be were not available, but it should be interesting.

- "Lincoln County Art: The New Millenium," an exhibition running from June 1 to July 8 featuring Lincoln County artists who recently displayed at the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe.

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# A 'Gateway' Comes of Age

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Last year, Ruidoso Downs' new mayor labeled his village "the gateway to the mountains."

Today that image is beginning to fit, as the community has been tidying up.

A new U.S. Highway 70 through Ruidoso Downs, and plans for further improvements to the highway east and west of the village, attest to the area

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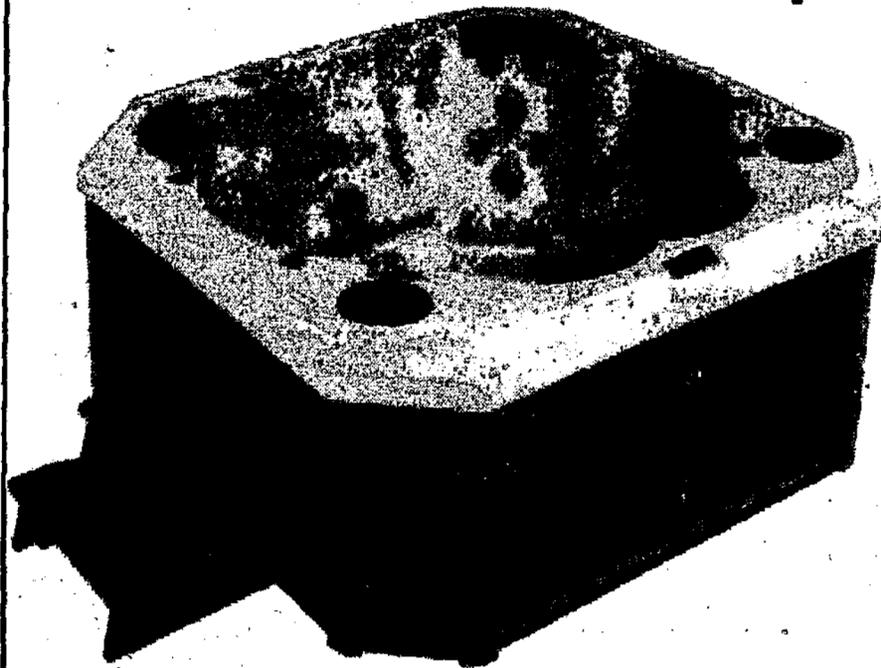
Sculptured frolicking horses decorate the entrance to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

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### Ruidoso Downs

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being a driving destination, said Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino has been a mecca for those looking for excitement. And while the village is anticipating new business will come at a fast clip, the municipality wants to address families.

Major renovations are planned for the village's All American Park, a 12-acre site in the heart of town. A master plan for the park is expected to see the first phase begin this summer. New basketball courts, playground areas and hiking paths will be the initial improvements.

Over the course of the next few years, additional offerings at the park should be tennis courts, a new volleyball area, frisbee golf and landscaping.

An outdoor amphitheater is in the long-range plans. The proposed improvements carry a price tag of \$1 million. The park, just off U.S. Highway 70, is also home to the village's senior center.

An 80-acre tract along Ruidoso Downs' north slope was purchased by the village last year to help protect the community's water supply, a spring that continuously produces hundreds of gallons per minute. Mayor Bob Miller envisions an outdoor recreational and educational center someday at the new property.

While Ruidoso Downs is home to a horse racing track that boasts the richest quarter-horse test in the nation as well as the Billy the Kid Casino, the Kid gets additional billing.

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Interpretive Center provides a history les-



son and a preview of the communities along the byway, which runs along highways 70, 48 and 380.

Next door to the center is the Hubbard Museum of the American West which delves into the history of racing at the Downs and the settling of the West.

The Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino is attracting more than just bettors. Other events, such as the late summer Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, are finding the track facilities fit the bill. And in addition to the world-class horse racing the track brings in world-class entertainment. This year's concert series at the track will see country music stars Toby Keith, Pam Tillis, Ronnie Milsap and Tracy Lawrence. Tillis is scheduled to sing May 27, during opening weekend at the track. Milsap's performance is July 7 and Lawrence's on Aug. 11.

Ruidoso Downs is also home to a big summer closing event, the Arts and Crafts Fair. The Labor Day weekend fair, put on by the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary, will feature the works of more than 100 vendors. The fest is held at All American Park.

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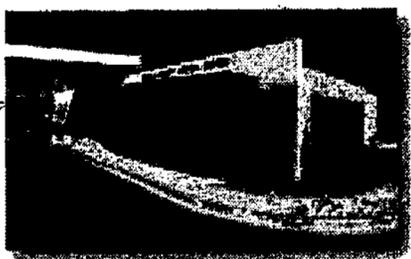
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## Hondo Valley

# Orchards, artists on this tour

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

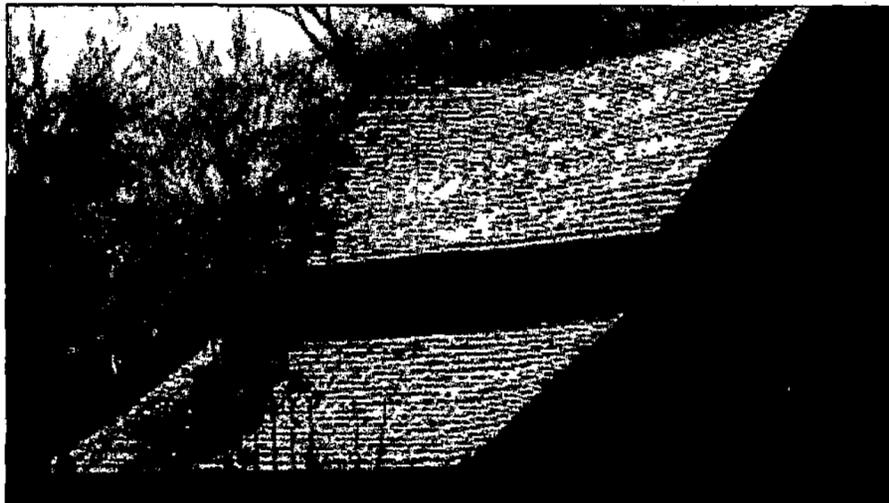
Lined with ranches, fruit orchards and stands, artists' homes and galleries, and quaint communities with historic churches, the Hondo Valley deserves a leisurely tour.

Much of the valley is a step back in time. But time is catching up with U.S. Highway 70, the route along the Rio Ruidoso, the river that becomes the Rio Hondo when it merges with the Rio Bonito at Hondo.

Plans are in the works to upgrade the highway which feeds visitors from West Texas to the Sacramento Mountains. The road construction, which is likely to put a four lane highway in place, could begin as soon as next year.

The prospect of road work and a four-lane highway has not set well with some in the Hondo Valley.

Since the road is a major east-west route, the valley has been a popular tour location



The swayed roof of an aging barn reflects the afternoon light in the Hondo Valley.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

with its lush valley flanked by ridges.

Churches and chapels in the valley can date back more than 100 years. Linda Sanchez, a Southwest historian, said the churches helped keep people together in the past.

While newcomers have arrived, many families have roots entrenched for generations in the valley.

One of the more famous stops along the highway is the Tinnie Silver Dollar Saloon and Restaurant. The long-time

restaurant lures travelers, visitors and full-timers from Ruidoso to Roswell.

But make sure you get off the main drag and check out the communities of San Patricio and Glencoe. Frontage roads are many between Hondo and Ruidoso Downs, and provide slower view than the high speed highway.

In August, polo matches are offered at San Patricio at the Hurd Gallery. The gallery is one of a number of art centers in the valley.

While ranches and farms line a lot of the valley, a number of artists make the region their home.

So it's fitting that a major event that includes the Hondo Valley is the long running Art Loop, which includes three stops in the valley.

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# A Link to Another Time

BY DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Originally the county seat of Lincoln County, the settlement of Lincoln, located in the Bonito Valley between Capitan and Hondo, is truly a gateway to the Old West.

And, while Lincoln would have been in the history books for the Lincoln County War alone, that legendary conflict is only part of its real claim to fame.

Lincoln's true historical claim to fame is as the place that served as a springboard into legend for a lad of sunny disposition and deadly trigger finger. His real name, to the best of our knowledge, was Henry McCarty. When his mother remarried in the early 1870s, the youth adopted his stepfather's name: Antrim. When he first came to Lincoln County, he was known as 'Kid Antrim,' or, simply 'The Kid.' It was not until after the Lincoln County War that he acquired the legendary sobriquet by which we know him today: Billy the Kid.

After the death of his mother Catherine, Billy got into some minor trouble in Silver City, where his mother had settled her little family (Billy had a brother, Joe). And, after his first unpleasantness with the authorities, the lad left Silver City, never to return. Making his way to Fort Grant, Arizona Territory,

the young man found himself in more serious trouble: murder.

It seems that there was a local blacksmith named Frank 'Windy' Cahill (his nickname should tell us all we need to know!) who found it amusing to ruffle the boy's hair, slap him around and generally humiliate him for the amusement of the other patrons. And he did that

one time too many...

After killing Cahill and escaping from Fort Grant, the Kid made his way to Lincoln County where he secured employment with a young Englishman named John Tunstall. Billy had only been

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- Dr. Woods House
- The old Courthouse, scene of Billy the Kid's dramatic 1881 escape

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# Lincoln

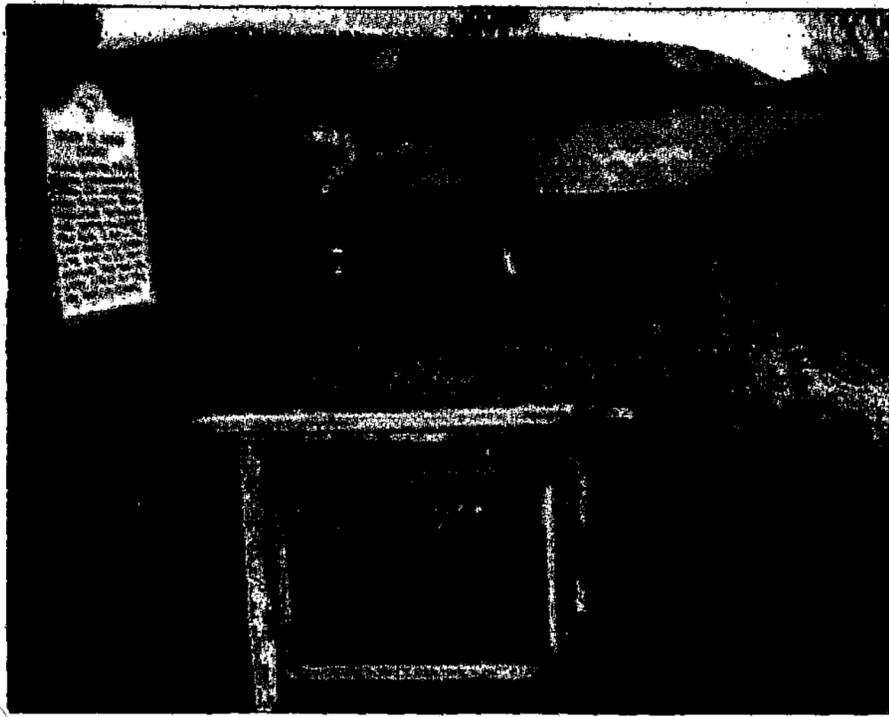
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here in Lincoln County a few months when Tunstall was murdered and the Lincoln County War exploded across the countryside.

Dealing himself into this legendary fracas, Billy fought in virtually every skirmish of the war, becoming an accomplished gunman in the process. There may be little known of him prior to his arrival in Lincoln County, but we know much of his activities following his arrival. It is a story that has been told, retold and will continue to be told for as long as there are storytellers.

If the Kid were to ride into Lincoln today, he would recognize it instantly. Many of the structures from Billy's time are still here in Lincoln and many of them are open to the public. Thanks to the efforts of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, in cooperation with the New Mexico State Monuments Division, Lincoln today is a historic gem. It is not just a museum or two, it is an entire town in which the visitor can truly take a step back in time.

One \$6 ticket covers all. The



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Faithfully preserved structures and a picturesque setting make Lincoln a place where visitors can relive history.

Visitor's Center and Gift Shop, The Tunstall Store (opened by John Tunstall in 1877 and stocked with goods of the period), the Montano Store, Dr. Woods House (the home of a country doctor constructed in the early 1880s), and the old Courthouse, scene of the Kid's dramatic 1881 escape that left two guards dead and virtually catapulted him into legend. Less than three months later, the

youthful outlaw, whose good and bad points are still being debated, was killed by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett at Fort Sumner.

If the visitor is pressed for time, individual site tickets can be purchased for \$2.50 per site. But it is strongly recommended that the visitors stay and savor the entire experience.

Also in Lincoln is the San Juan Mission, constructed in the

1880s and open to the public; the Torreón, which is a fort built by the original settlers to escape into when the Apaches attacked; and the Wortley Hotel, still a working hotel and once owned very briefly by Pat Garrett.

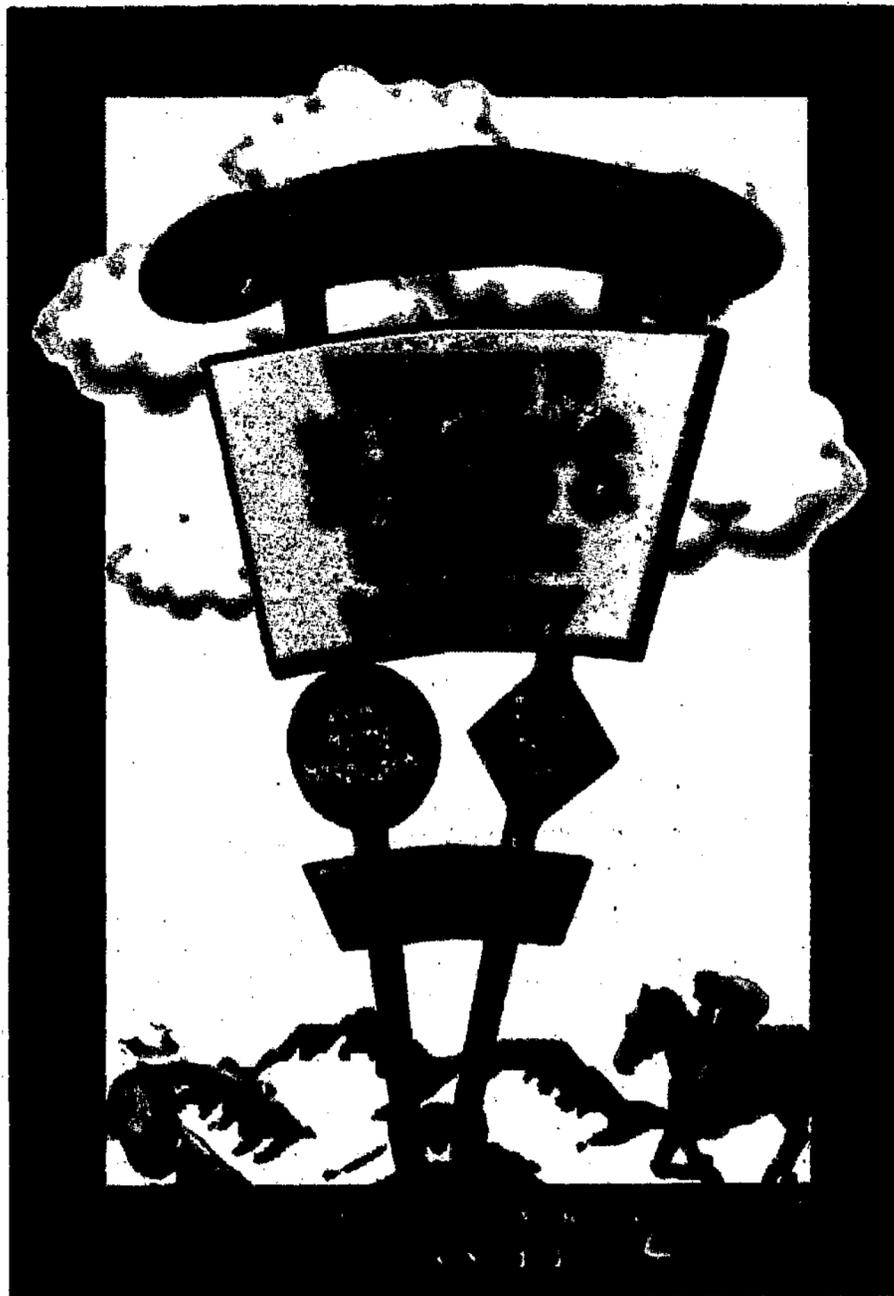
The original Wortley burned to the ground, but all of the other above named structures are originals.

A must-see for adults and children alike, Lincoln's "Old Lincoln Days Pageant" is Lincoln's annual party, held the first weekend of August every year. America's longest-running folk pageant celebrates the history and culture of Lincoln and the surrounding area. During this festive weekend, all variety of vendors line Lincoln's only street.

In addition, Mountain Men, cavalry reenactors and others are present for demonstrations of the skills used by our ancestors on the frontier.

A trip to Lincoln is like time traveling. The visitor is transported back to the 1870s and 1880s when men destined to become legends strode its dusty streets. Black Jack Pershing, Pat Garrett and, of course, Billy the Kid are waiting to make your acquaintance.

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# Ruidoso Downs Race Track

## A Claim to Racing Fame

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

New Mexico has recognized horse racing at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track since 1946.

This year, the track will recognize New Mexico with an eight-race, one-day festival dedicated to the state.

The New Mexico Zia Festival will take place Sunday, July 15, in celebration of the Land of Enchantment. On top of the many races, all run by New Mexico-bred horses for a combined stakes of about \$450,000, the racetrack will feature many New Mexican products from wines to pecans to dairy items and more. The festival is the first of its kind in New Mexico.

The track will also be holding its second summer concert series, after a successful inaugural year in 2000.

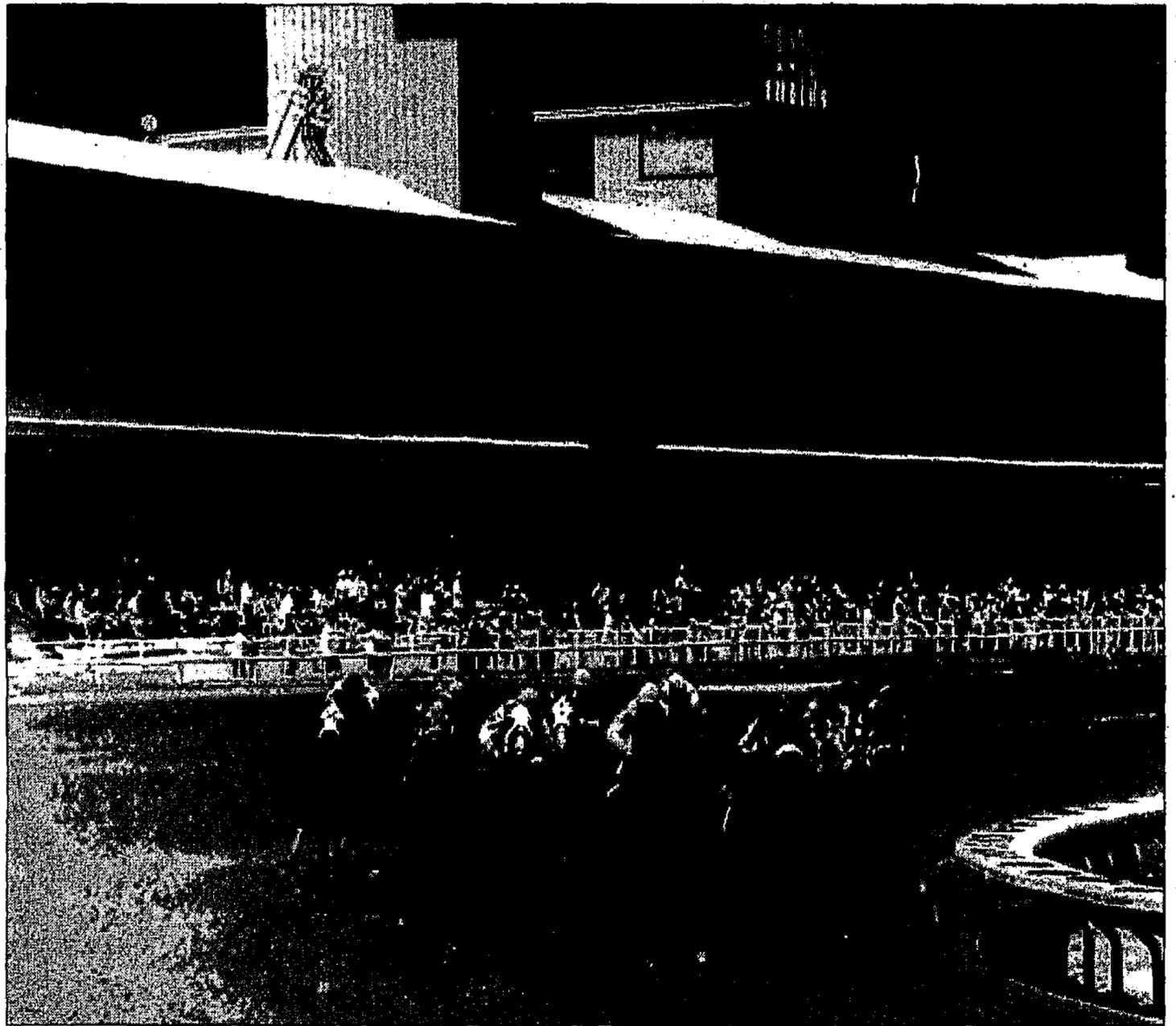
Country superstars and veterans Pam Tillis, Ronnie Milsap, Tracy Lawrence and Jerry Jeff Walker will grace the Downs with their musical stylings this season.

Concert dates are May 27, July 7, Aug. 11 and Sept. 22, all beginning at 8 p.m.

Of course, the main attraction is the racing, and there will be plenty of that between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The season kicks off May 25 and concludes Sept. 3 with the world's richest quarter horse race, the \$2.2 million All American Futurity.

The grand daddy of quarter horse racetracks is entering its 55th year of state-sanctioned parimutuel racing and has scheduled 61 race days this season.

Racing is scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with two Mondays during holiday weekends and a Fourth of July race day thrown in. First race is 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. on week-



Courtesy photo

A tight field of Thoroughbreds rounds the curve at Ruidoso Downs Race Track as spectators in the grandstand watch the action.

ends and holidays.

The track will also simulcast nationally important races from across the country every day.

Twenty percent of the revenues taken in by the 300 slot machines at neighboring Billy the Kid Casino are allocated to increase purses and hopefully attract high-quality horses and competition to the Downs.

Purse money has grown significantly since 1998 when slot machines were first allowed by the state.

Parimutuel racing has been ongoing in Ruidoso since 1946, when a 10-day meet with 175 horses was held. The meet was extended throughout the summer in 1952, and the idea of a futurity was conceived in the

late 1950s.

Gene Hensley is given credit with starting the All American Futurity.

The race was first run in 1959 and won by Galobar. Last year, the title was taken by Eyesa Special.

General admission:  
Grandstand bucket seat: \$4  
Grandstand counter seat:  
\$5.50

Four-seat table: \$22

Six-seat table: \$33

Four-seat box: \$24

Six-seat box: \$36

Turf Club admission: \$9

Call 378-4140 for reservations.

Race times:

First race weekdays at 3:30 p.m.

First race weekends and holidays at 1 p.m.

Summer concerts:

Sunday, May 27: Pam Tillis  
Saturday, July 7: Ronnie Milsap

Saturday, Aug. 11: Tracy Lawrence

Saturday, Sept. 22: Jerry Jeff Walker

Major stakes races:  
Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity, Sunday, June 10  
Zia Futurity, Sunday, July 15  
Rainbow Futurity, Sunday, July 22

American Airlines Juvenile Challenge, Sunday, Aug. 5

Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity, Sunday, Sept. 2

All American Futurity, Monday, Sept. 3

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## Alto Lakes

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Scott Forestor is director of golf

Kirk Taylor is the head pro  
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- 18 holes, 6,539 yards from the black tees, course rating 70.1, 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.
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## Cree Meadows

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- Cree Meadows is a public course.

## Inn of the Mountain Gods

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Daniel Nuñez is the golf pro

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• Signature hole - No. 14 is 506-yards, par 5 that has a double dogleg.

- Small practice range.

• The Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course is located adjacent to the hotel and casino on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. It's open to the public.

## The Links

105 Sierra Blanca Drive,  
call 258-5330 for tee times

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

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# Wrought by the Earth Itself

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Fifteen hundred years ago, a lava flow oozed from cinder cones in the Tularosa Basin, burning a 44-mile-long path from 2 to 5 miles wide.

As the flow cooled, it left behind a landscape of gracefully twisted shapes later called the malpais - the badlands - by early Spanish explorers.

Today, visitors to Valley of Fires Recreational Area can see Little Black Peak, the last of the vents to open. They can picnic on a island of rock surrounded by a river of frozen lava or set up a tent camp at the edge of the flow.

Living among the lava caves, tubes and folds, lizards, snakes and even ground squirrel have adapted to their dark surroundings to survive.

"They're called melanistic animals," said Jerry Ballard, wildlife biologist with the federal Bureau of Land Management office in Roswell, which supervises the unique recreation area on U.S. 380. "They've changed colors due to the blackness of the lava.

Lava breaks down into rich soil and a great source of nutrients for a variety of plants, he said.

Besides reptiles, inhabitants include cottontail rabbits, road-runners, quail, cactus wrens, hawks, eagles and ravens.

The area features mostly Great Basin plants such as creosote and mesquite. Prickly pear cactus, walking stick cholla, hedgehog cactus and banana yucca light up the dark flow with their richly-colored flowers, while ferns flourish in the canyons.

More than 142,000 people



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Desert cactus grows among the lava flow at Valley of Fires Recreation Area.

visited the recreation area in 1999, Ballard said.

"We're on the regular route for bus tours now and we surfaced the gravel roads last year so they are dust free," he said.

Both types of lava are found at Valley of Fires; the rope-like pahoehoe and "aa" (pronounced ah ah), which was ejected from the cones in jagged lumps.

Under the surface, tubes were created as the outer core of the lava cooled while the boiling interior continued to flow.

A wheelchair-accessible nature trail cuts through the flow for about two-thirds of a mile. Interpretive panels in relief that allow tactile and interactive experiences were placed this year. Viewing binoc-

ulars are available at the head of the trail and at the shorter Vista Trail Overlook.

More adventurous visitors sometimes strike out across the lava, but they should take extra care, Ballard said. The sharp edges of the lava will shred most shoes and a simple fall can turn into a serious injury. Lava "bubbles" just under the crust, left by gas bubbles during the flow's formation, can break underfoot and drop a hiker 40 feet down.

Park managers recommend hikers check in before going out on their own. They should carry sufficient water, because the lava absorbs heat and radiates enough to drive temperatures even higher than normal. Wear sturdy hiking boots, a long-

sleeve shirt, bring a compass and a first aid kit, Ballard said.

In addition to individual recreational vehicle sites with water and electric hook-ups, six tent sites were created last year at the edge of the flow with covered shelters and picnic tables. Safe water and a restroom are a short walk away.

One group shelter, which can be reserved for \$15 per day, was built last year at the tent camping area and another is situated above in the regular pull-in sites.

Nineteen sites are on higher ground by the visitors center, where the manager's office, camp host and a restroom is situated. The center sells books on the malpais and other southwestern interests.

Valley of Fires is five miles west of Carrizozo on U.S. 380. From Alamogordo, go 58 miles north on U.S. 54, then turn left onto U.S. 380.

The visitors center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recreational vehicles and tent campers can check in at any time. A camp host will be on site. Hosts are volunteers who receive a private site and free utilities in exchange for providing round-the-clock assistance for visitors.

## VALLEY OF FIRES

- \$3 for one person in a vehicle and \$5 for two or more, day time use only
  - \$15 for buses with 15 or more people, day time use
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## Horseback riding

# The True Western Experience

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Nothing epitomizes the Western experience like moseying up a mountain trail on the back of horse, watching the scenery pass by slowly enough to enjoy and remember.

In Lincoln County, novices and experienced equestrians can swing into a saddle and grab

the reins for a great ride into the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso and Bonito Lake. Breathe in a mixture of crisp mountain air and the aroma of leather while straddling a horse as it stops by a cool-running stream.

The Sacramento Mountains provide the perfect backdrop for trail rides and pack trips ranging from one-hour short excursions to half-day, full-day and overnight adventures. At the top of Crest Trail, riders can pause for a spectacular view of the Tularosa Basin with White Sands Monument to the south and Valley of Fires lava flow to the north.

If people prefer the wide open spaces, they can head with their own horses to the Fort Stanton riding trails about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

Two horse trails have been mapped out by the Bureau of Land Management in a section of the fort reserve off State Road

220 from U.S. 380, about 4.25 miles east of Capitan or 7.7 miles west of the historic settlement of Lincoln.

The starting and ending point for the loop trails is the Horse Trails parking lot. The multi-use trails are marked by brown fiberglass markers with directional arrows and equestrian decals, as well as hiking and mountain bike insignias.

The Capitan Horse Trail is the easiest, about 7.5 miles long with an elevation change of 660 feet, and an opportunity for an additional 1.5 miles side trip. A few areas are steep and rocky.

The Lincoln Horse Trail is 11 miles with an elevation change of 600 feet, but it is steep and rocky in several places. Water for the horses is available at East Well and the Rio Bonito, which the trail follows for several miles.

At two points, riders can leave the main trail and return to the parking lot or take a side

trip.

Maps are available from the BLM by writing the Roswell Field Office at 2909 W 2nd, Roswell, NM 88201, or calling (505) 627-0212.

If following a leader is the preference, five stables operate in the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area, Elite Outfitters offer wilderness trail rides and a seventh is situated near the Bonito Lake Recreation Area.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation adjoining Ruidoso schedules one-hour rides each day. Two hour rides, half-day and all day rides also may be prearranged during the week in season. To ride, children must be eight or older and have riding experience.

Horses that appeared in films can be ridden at Grindstone Stables on the way to Grindstone Dam and

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## Horseback riding

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### Reservoir.

Buddie's Stables on Gavilan Canyon Road offers a half hour and one-hour ride for ages three and older and operators have a permit to ride on national forest land.

Desert High Country Stables on U.S. 70 also has a permit to ride on the Lincoln around the Hale Lake area.

Cowboy Stables may be a familiar name for people who remember seeing horses saddled and waiting on the way to Ruidoso Downs Race Track from Ruidoso, but the stables moved down off the road on the race track side.

Bonito Lake Stables, which is further away from the town on Bonito Lake Road, is right in the thick of the forest. Operated by Robert Runnels, the stable is just minutes away from the Argentine Trail head.

The Argentine - a 2.5-mile access route to Crest Trail (No. 25), the 21.7-mile master trail that runs the rim of the Sacramento Mountain Range - is a favorite among horse owners who come to camp overnight and keep their horses in the corrals there.

## Billy the Kid Casino

# One of the Hot Spots

Although the Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track is turning just two years old this year, it has become one of the hot spots for Ruidoso entertainment, especially during the summer.

Visitors can go from the excitement of quarter horse racing at the racetrack to a trip back in time to historic Lincoln, as the casino is designed and decorated as a replica of Billy's old hometown.

The casino offers gambling on 300 slot machines, including nickel, quarter, \$1 and \$5 slots, as well as progressive jackpots, multivideo poker, video keno and video blackjack. If the machines aren't enticing enough, Billy the Kid Casino also has off-track betting facilities, offering racing fans wagering seven days a week.

From time to time, Billy himself may be seen wandering around, telling stories of his past. Visitors can also catch a glimpse of where Billy hid after he and five of the Regulators



Courtesy photo

Gamblers try their luck at the Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso Downs.

ambushed Sheriff Brady.

The casino itself is decorated with Western artifacts from the Hubbard Museum of the American West and historic Lincoln. It is located at the east end of the grandstand at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

If guests get tired of gambling, they can always get a bite to eat at the San Patricio buffet

or grab a cold one at the Regulators bar and lounge. The Tunstall Store offers a variety of souvenirs, as does the Murphy-Dolan Store, where visitors can take a load off at the shop's front porch.

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## Three Rivers Petroglyphs Site

# The World as They Knew It

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Sitting in the shadow of Sierra Blanca Peak with the plains of the Tularosa Basin spread out before them, Jornada Mogollon artists 1,000 years ago pecked designs in the rocks depicting the animals they hunted and symbols of nature.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

A visitor to the Three Rivers Petroglyphs site examines one of more than 21,000 depictions in the rock art site.

Today, visitors can walk the same ridge and sit next to the same rocks while trying to imagine the forces that shaped the lives of those prehistoric people.

Three Rivers Petroglyphs Site contains more than 21,000 depictions including masks, sunbursts, wildlife, handprints and geometric designs, making it one of the largest and most diverse rock art sites in the Southwest.

A rugged trail begins at the visitor's shelter and runs for about a half mile. The rock carv-

ings were produced with stone tools by removing the dark patina on the exterior of the rock. The patina is formed through oxidation, when oxygen in the air comes into contact with the minerals in the rock's surface.

While some were created by simply scratching through the patina, others were painstakingly pecked, usually with two rocks used like a hammer and chisel. Over time, the exposed surfaces repatinate, helping

experts determine which are older.

Oz Gomez with the Las Cruces office of the Bureau of Land Management, which runs the site, reminded visitors to respect the history and fragility of the petroglyphs and refrain from climbing on the boulders and stepping on the designs. Vandals already have damaged structures in a partially excavated Mogollon village along the river.

Although visitors still can stroll down the trail to that village, they can no longer enter the huts to experience what everyday life was like for the builders.

The agricultural village was occupied for about 400 years, but the prehistoric occupation of the Tularosa Basin, the expanse between the San Andres Mountains to the west and the Sacramento Mountains on the east, began at least 10,000 years ago when nomadic hunters populated most of

North America. As larger game such as mammoth and bison died off, the bands turned to smaller game and plant resources.

The mountain branch of the Mogollons are called Mimbres and the desert people, Jornada Mogollon.

Dogs on leashes are allowed in the park, but not on the trail. Water and restrooms are available. Within the last few years, camp and picnic sites were improved and a campsite host now is on duty year-round managing a visitor's center. A \$2 fee per vehicle is charged.

Points to remember:

- The site has eight shelters with tables, barbecue grills and trash cans. Two accommodate full RV hookups, one is handicapped accessible and one is a group shelter.

- A shade shelter is situated on the petroglyphs trail because the sun can be intense. Bring water, a hat and sunscreen.

- Wear sturdy boots.

### THREE RIVERS PETROGLYPHS SITE

Three Rivers Petroglyph Site is 17 miles north of Tularosa and 28 miles south of Carrizozo on US 54. Turn east onto CR830 and travel 5 miles on a paved road, following the signs.

Call (505) 525-4300 for more information.

# The Great Outdoors

## Where it all begins

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Picnicking, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting and sporting activities. With the Lincoln National Forest hugging at Ruidoso's edges, the opportunities are boundless.

The forest has numerous campgrounds and other recreational spots. Some are just steps from civilization. Others are remote. A stop at the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the forest, on State Highway 48 in Ruidoso, can provide maps, information, tips and fee schedules if they apply.

For those looking for a scenic overview by motor vehicle, there are two ski-high locations. Windy Point Vista, along State Highway 532 near Ski Apache, has a parking area for its scenic viewing. And Monjeau Lookout is a picnic-camping location that provides a vista for the looking. Hikers will find an array of trails, some mild, some exhausting, that give bird's-eye views of

the northern Sacramento Mountains.

In addition to the public camping locations on the Lincoln National Forest and in the Bonito Lake area, nearly two dozen private campgrounds can be found in the Ruidoso region.

Anglers will find several rivers and lakes in the region that offer the chance for trout fishing.

Bonito Lake, off State Highway 37 north of Ruidoso, is a popular location for fishing. The lake is owned and its recreational aspects managed by the city of Alamogordo.

In Ruidoso, Grindstone Lake is open year round for fishing. Non-motorized boats are allowed, with a permit, from April through October. Permits can be obtained, for a fee, from the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department office. The permits are also for sale during the summer at the vil-

lage's public swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive.

Anglers are required to have a New Mexico fishing license at Grindstone Lake and most other waters in the area.

Youth Fishing Daze at Grindstone will be held June 2, from 9 a.m. until noon, at Grindstone Lake. The free fishing and friendly competition, is open to children 7 to 11 years old. Canoe rides, lectures and refreshments will be provided. Youth need to bring their own fishing poles.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department offers a number of activities geared to children.

One of the programs, a wilderness camp, promises to provide children with outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, canoeing, volleyball, swimming, field trips and more. The daily or weeklong programs are tar-

geted to boys and girls from 7 to 12 years of age. For more information, contact the department at 257-5030.

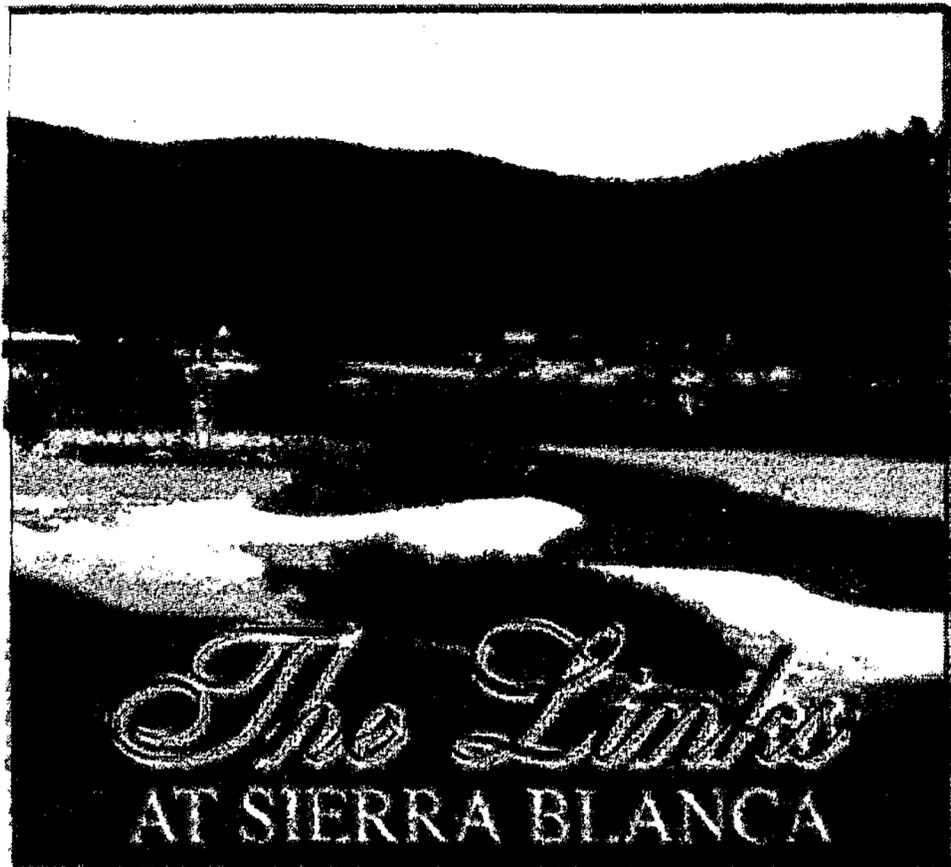
Softball is big in Ruidoso for both adults and teens. Ruidoso's Eagle Creek Sports Complex on Ski Run Road hosts leagues and tournaments through the summer.

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# Bait a Hook, Wet a Line

BY JIM SHOOP ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS.

The Ruidoso River basin and the connecting watersheds offer the novice and experienced fisher the complete spectrum of cold water trout-fishing opportunities.

During the summer months, one can pursue trout fishing in the region on numerous lakes and streams.

## Streams:

**Rio Ruidoso** - One can begin fishing the headwaters of the Rio Ruidoso on the Mescalero Apache reservation located in the upper canyon region of Ruidoso. One does not need a New Mexico fishing license to fish these waters. A day pass must be purchased at the gated entrance to the reservation in Upper Canyon.

You can drive to the confluence of the north and south forks of the River. Once there, don your hiking gear and grab your lightweight fishing gear and set off upstream on either fork. The area is beautiful and offers some great nature shows. The fishing is fun.

As you hike farther up, you will note you will stop catching rainbow trout and begin to catch brook trout. When this happens, you know you are catching wild fish. Please treat all fish caught on these high streams with care. We recommend you squeeze down all hook barbs to do minimal damage to each fish caught.

The area of the Rio Ruidoso below the Mescalero reservation line and the bridge at Mechem Drive is called Upper Canyon. This area holds some very beau-

tiful waters and has the highest amount of private homes nestled right up to the waters edge.

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department does a good job of stocking rainbow trout throughout Upper Canyon. You will find lots of pocket water fishing here. A long cast here is 15 feet. Please remember to honor all private land postings.

The area of the Rio Ruidoso from Mechem Drive to the bridge located on Friedenbloom Drive holds numerous runs and fishing holes.

Access is by the many bridges that cross the river. It is best fished up stream, and remember to wear dark-colored clothes in the normally clear flowing waters.

The area downstream of Friedenbloom Drive enters private property and is posted. Fishing downstream finds many private stretches of water. Your best bet is to contact landowners and ask permission to enter their lands.

**Rio Bonito** - This small stream can be broken in two segments - the first is located above Lake Bonito.

The spring and early summer usually find this area to have adequate water flow to hold fish.

One needs to hike about a mile upstream to find waters that hold fish with any regularity. The stream is small, cold and clear. The fish found here are usually all wild brook trout. These fish are not fussy, so most fly patterns tossed onto the water usually get action.

These fish seem to know when you approach, so move slowly, wear dark clothes and wear polarized glasses to help spot these small bundles of energy.

The second segment of the Rio Bonito is from the spillway of Bonito Lake downstream. The Game and Fish Department regularly stocks rainbow trout in this area during times of ample water flow.

Fishing some of this area is tough due to brush- and tree-lined banks. A few brook trout will be found in some of the more remote pools and runs of the stream.



Youngsters prepare their tackle for fishing.

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## Lakes

**Grindstone Lake** - The lake is an impoundment that serves as a source of drinking water for the village of Ruidoso and a source of great trout fishing fun.

The lake is open year-round for bank fishing and from April 1 to Oct. 1 for nonmotorized fishing (village permit is required to fish from non-motorized fishing). The Game and Fish Department stocks the lake several times throughout the year.

Most fish caught average between 10 and 15 inches in length, however, there are several fish are caught each year that exceed 5 pounds in weight. Bait and spincast fishing are very popular on Grindstone Lake. Many fly fishers enjoy the serenity of float-tubing the surface waters.

**Bonito Lake** - Bonito Lake is just off of Highway 48 about 8 miles out of Ruidoso. The lake serves as a water supply for Capitan and Alamogordo.

The lake is owned by the city of Alamogordo. A campground is located on the north end of the lake and offers both primitive and convenience camping. Wading and nonmotorized craft

are not allowed on this lake. Fish from the shore line only. The lake offers Rainbow and Brook trout.

Late afternoon or early morning fishing is best for the fly fishermen. Spin cast and bait fishing is fun all day. The lake closes on Dec. 1 of each year and opens on April 1 of each year.

**Eagle Lakes** - Eagle Lakes are about 3 miles up the ski mountain road with a left turn onto the Mescalero Apache reservation.

New Mexico fishing licenses are not required to fish these two small but very scenic lakes. A day fishing pass must be purchased at the Eagle Lakes office building located on the drive in. Camping at Eagle Lakes is awesome.

Some of the county's best nature shows develop each day here. Elk, deer, bears, coyotes, and many other of Nature's animals inhabit the area and, if time is taken to look around, you will see some great outdoor shows. Eagle Lakes should open near Memorial day and close near Labor Day.

**Mescalero Lake** - Mescalero Lake is at the Inn of the Mountain Gods resort just outside Ruidoso. A New Mexico fishing license is not required, but a day fishing permit is required. It may be purchased at the front desk of the Inn. Fly fishing is usually good evenings with a wide variety of dry flies being used along with casting the reliable old woolly bugger fly patterns. Bait and spincast fishers can find plenty of shoreline to stake out fishing spots. Mescalero Lake is open for year-round fishing fun.

Water levels vary a great deal in the mountains as do water temperatures. With changes of water and temperature, food sources for the trout vary, thus, fishing conditions change often and quickly.

It is always good to check on conditions before planning an outing. A fishing report is published weekly by the Ruidoso News which outlines, conditions, and feeding activities of the Trout in our local rivers and streams.

## Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway

# Where Nature Meets History

BY DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church at San Patricio is one of the sights to be seen along the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway.

### BILLY THE KID SCENIC BYWAY

- The visitors' center is located next to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs
- Exhibits explore the many interesting sights found along the byway
- The byway tour includes the communities of San Patricio, Lincoln and Capitan

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway is a must-see for anyone interested in history and the natural beauty of New Mexico.

This picturesque byway winds through historic towns surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Sacramento and Capitan mountains.

In springtime, the visitor is treated to air perfumed by apple blossoms and in the summer the green pastures lend allure. In autumn the bright gold aspens flicker in the wind and in winter the crisp mountain air invigorates the traveler as he passes beneath the snow capped peaks.

Lincoln County is, of course, the historic stomping grounds of Billy the Kid. With the death of English merchant John Tunstall, the Lincoln County War exploded across the countryside. With gunmen and vigilantes lined up on both sides, it became the most famous and perhaps the most violent of all the "wars" that took place in the Old West. The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway passes through many areas that are historically significant, and some that are also designed to entertain the modern visitor.

Nestled in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains is Ruidoso. The Spanish name comes from the Rio Ruidoso, or "noisy river," which runs through town. In Ruidoso, the visitor will find warm, friendly people, outstanding shops, restaurants, galleries and lodging. And during winter, nearby Ski Apache offers some of the finest skiing in the West.

Ruidoso Downs, immediately east of Ruidoso, is best known for its world class quarterhorse and Thoroughbred racing, but it is also home to the spectacular Hubbard Museum of the American West and the Billy the Kid Casino.

The farming and ranching

community of San Patricio was founded around 1875. During the Lincoln County War, San Patricio was a favorite hangout of Billy the Kid and the other men that he rode with, the legendary "Regulators."

Today, the town is home to artists and the Hurd La Rinconada Gallery, which showcases the works of the late Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth Hurd.

Lincoln itself is a step back in time. In 1878, the Lincoln County War catapulted a young cowboy known as Kid Antrim and later as Billy the Kid, into legend. Today, Lincoln remains much the same as it was in the late 1870s. There are a number of museums in Lincoln, including the Historic Lincoln Visitor's Center and the Old Courthouse from which Billy the Kid made his spectacular escape in 1881.

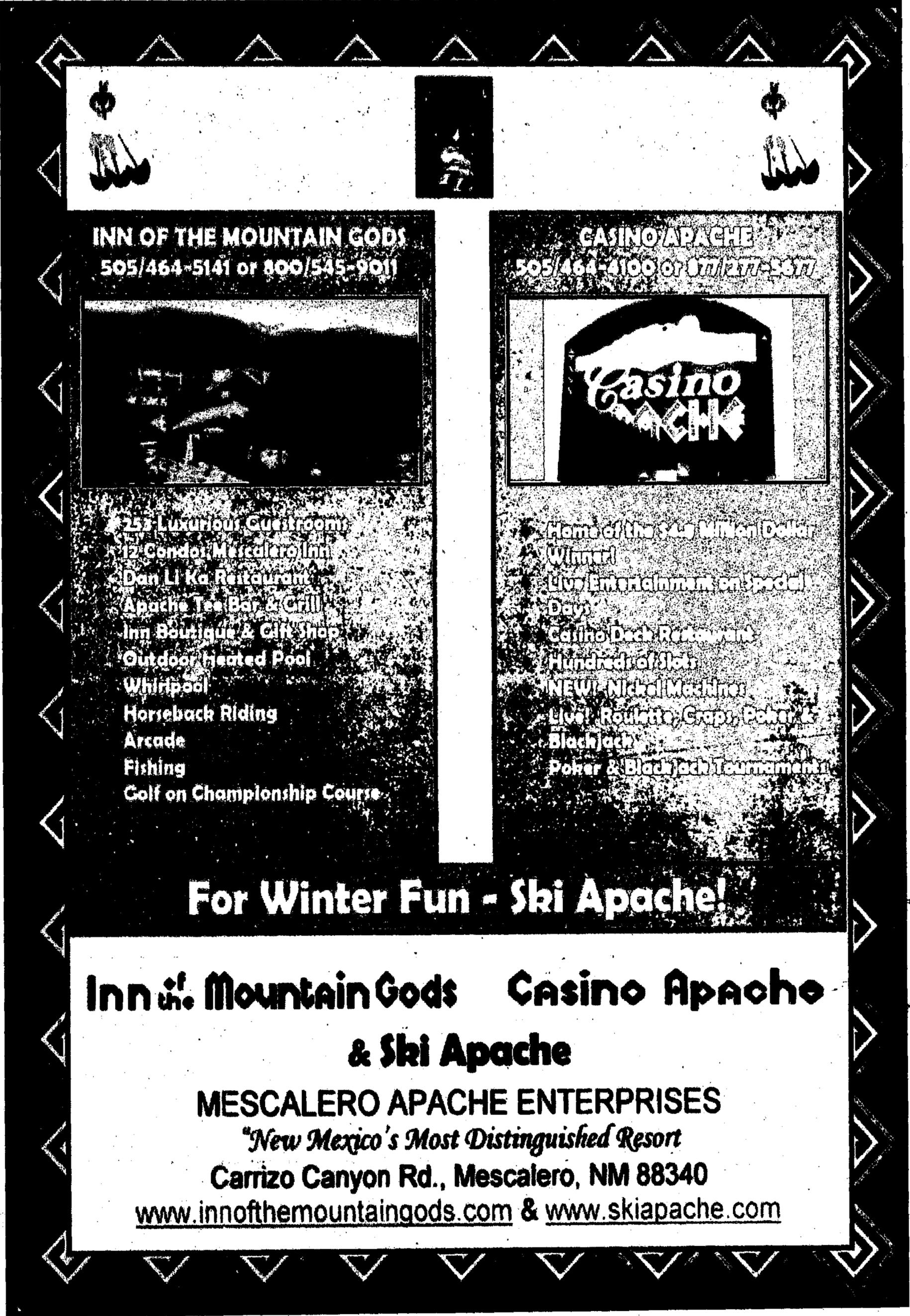
In 1866, the US Army organized two cavalry units (the 9th and 10th), designated for black Americans. Called the "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Indians, the 9th Cavalry was stationed at Fort Stanton. The fort's diverse history includes its role as a frontier fort, a German internee site from World War II, and a hospital. While the fort is not currently open to the public, visitors can visit the cemetery across the road.

Finally, there is Capitan, which was founded in the 1890s and incorporated in 1941. It earned the title "Birthplace of Smokey Bear" when, in 1950, a 17,000-acre fire in the Capitan Mountains destroyed forest land and wreaked havoc on the animals living there.

A tiny, badly singed bear cub was rescued by firefighters and became the living symbol of fire prevention. Today, the Smokey Bear State Park and a local museum pay tribute to the bear. Smokey's final resting place is on the park grounds.

Stop by the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitor's Center located right next door to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

Exhibits in the center explore some of the many attractions found along the Byway.



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# What A Day For A Day Trip

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**W**hite sand dunes to ponderosa pine forests.

Wines to pistachios.

Petroglyphs to an IMAX

theater. A space center to a high mountain hiking trail.

Otero County provides a

activities as diverse as its climate.

While the July average high temperature in Alamogordo is 95 degrees, just miles away (and at an altitude of 8,700 versus Alamogordo's 4,300 feet above sea level) in Cloudcroft the July average high is 73.

Nearly any trip from Lincoln County to Otero County will include a stop in Tularosa, known for its roses. And its wines.

The Tularosa Vineyards and Winery is located just off U.S. Highway 54, two miles north of the village. Tours, tastings and sales are available at the winery, which welcomes visitors from noon until 5 p.m. daily. Varietal grapes used to make wine include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Grenache, Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and Muscat Canneli.

In town is the St. Francis de Paula mission, an historic Catholic outpost that exemplifies massive adobe architecture, which is used today.

The trip farther south toward Alamogordo includes several pistachio orchards - Eagle Ranch Pistachio Groves as well as the Pistachio Tree Ranch and McGinn's Country Store. Both with retail shops, shoppers will find pistachios in

a wide array of styles, from pistachio brittle to pistachio baklava. Grove tours are available.

Tularosa is also home to the Sertoma Speedway, which offers racing Friday nights.

Aside from a major shopping mecca, Alamogordo provides a number of family activities.

In the city is the Tularosa Basin Historical Museum. The free museum provides an interesting look at the evolution of the region. The museum is adjacent to the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce building on North White Sands Boulevard.

For kids, there's Kids' Kingdom, a playground built through community efforts.

The Alameda Park Zoo, in the heart of Alamogordo, was established in 1898, making it the oldest zoo in the Southwest. The facility recently had new facilities added.

Animal-watchers will find 90 different species and nearly 300 animals. A shaded picnic area and playground are included in the 7-acre park.

For a leisurely look at some of the zoo there's the Toy Train Depot and Museum. The depot is at the north end of Alameda Park.

A miniature train chugs along 2.5 miles of track, providing a circuit of the park.

The International Space Hall of Fame overlooks Alamogordo from the east. The facilities include the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater, the Planetarium, the Astronaut Memorial Garden and the Air and Space Park. A history of space exploration awaits visitors.

Immediately west of Alamogordo is Holloman Air Force Base, a major contributor to Alamogordo's economy. The base is open for group tours by prior arrangement.

A few miles farther west (along U.S. Highway 70) is the entrance to the White Sands National Monument. The mountain-ringed valley of gypsum sand covers 275 square miles. The playland is used by hikers, picnickers, campers, sightseers and even summer sledders. (Don't be surprised to see a

plow moving drifted sand at any time of the year.) Park rangers conduct nature walks and special programs throughout the summer. Evening events include full moon walks.

South of Alamogordo is Oliver Lee State Park, with nature trails through Dog Canyon. A campground is available at the park as well as day-use facilities.

Above the park, some 3,000 feet up, is the Sunspot Scenic Byway and Rim Hiking Trail. The motoring way to the byway is U.S. Highway 82 through Cloudcroft, and then south.

The byway leads to Sunspot and Apache Point observatories. At Sunspot, self-guided tours of the National Solar Observatory take place daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the summer. The observatory keeps track of the Sun.

The site also affords a spectacular view of the Tularosa Basin and White Sands.

Back in Cloudcroft, visitors will find a mountain resort village surrounded by national forest lands. A walk down Burro Avenue (downtown) is a must to realize a step back in time. The village includes an historical museum and The Lodge, with its famous restaurant. The Lodge dates to pioneering railroad days.

For additional information about areas of Otero County, chambers of commerce are located in Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Tularosa.

## Alamogordo area events

• May 26-27 - Mayfair Juried Art Show, Zenith Park at Cloudcroft. For information call the Cloudcroft Chamber at (505) 682-2733.

• May 26-28 - 21st annual Memorial Day Hang-Gliding Fly-In, Griggs Sports Complex/Dry Canyon. 9 a.m. Free to spectators. For information call (505) 437-5213.

• June 9 - Miss New Mexico Parade. 10:30 a.m. Tenth Street, Alamogordo.

• June 16-17 - Cherry Festival, arts and crafts. 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. in High Rolls. Call (505) 434-2660 for information.

• June 16-17 - Thunder in the Desert, Spaceport Model Rocket Association launch. 8 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park. Call (505) 437-2840. [www.alamorocketry.org](http://www.alamorocketry.org)

• June 30 - Larry F. Memorial La Luz Friendship Fun Run/Walk. 8 a.m. La Luz Friendship

• July 4 - Independence Day Parade at Alamogordo. 10 a.m. Call (505) 439-4200.

• July 4 - Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza, Space Center. (877) 333-6589

• August 3 - Debut of new IMAX film "1.5: First City Space." At the Space Center IMAX Dome Theater. (877) 333-6589

• August 11 - Persian Meteor Shower Watch, 8:30 p.m. White Sands National Monument.

• August 16-18 - Otero County Fair/Frontier Village at Otero County Fairgrounds, Alamogordo.

• September 1-3 - Eleventh annual Cottonwood Arts and Crafts Festival, Alameda Park, Alamogordo. For information call (800) 826-0294

• September 1-2 - Hat Chile Festival. For information call (505) 267-8230.

• September 15-16 - Tercentennial White Sands Balloon Invitational. At White Sands National Monument. For information call (505) 479-6124.

• September 15-16 - Gold Gears Car Club Annual Car Show. All day. Alameda Park, Alamogordo.

## White Sands events

• Full Moon Nights June 4, July 5, Aug 3-4, Sept 1-2,

• Friday night Star Talk. June 8, 15, 22, July 13, 20, Aug 10, 17,

• Lake Lucero Tour, June 25, July 28, Aug 25,

• Persied Meteor Shower Watch, Aug 11

• 10th annual White Sands Balloon Invitational Sept 15-

• White Sands Star Parade Sept 21-22

## Motorcycling

# When Bikers Come Rollin' In

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The hills will come alive with the sound of engines this summer, as "riding season" in Ruidoso is bookended by a pair of motorcycle rallies.

The Golden Aspen Rally has been held every summer for the last 31 years, and rolls again this year from Sept. 19-23. Held at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, the rally is the premiere motorcycling event in Ruidoso.

The rally is put on by the Golden Aspen Rally Association, which is currently chartered with the American Motorcyclist Association and the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association, and is held the third Wednesday of September every year.

But there is plenty of riding to do before that.

"Riding season," as it is known (although the weather around town is usually pleasant enough for year-round biking), is kicked off by the Aspencash Rally, also put on by the Golden Aspen Rally Association. That event is held the third weekend in May, which was May 17-20 this year.

Of course, a motorcyclist doesn't need a rally to ride, and there are plenty of roads to roam in and around Ruidoso. Whether it's hairpin turns among the pines, flat stretches



Courtesy photo  
Cyclists motor through Ruidoso during one of the past biker events.

through farmlands, or a stop-and-go historical ride you're looking for, Lincoln, Otero and Chavez counties cater to every biker's desires.

When in town, you can ride the back roads of Ruidoso, many of which are just as majestic and

exciting as those you'll find off the beaten path.

If you're looking for a great view, hit the Ski Run Road. Highway 70 though the Hondo Valley may be a little busy at times, but this is the path that leads to the lifeblood of the area with many artistic masterpieces along the way.

For long, broad sweeps and more than a little history, you can take U.S. Highway 380 and check out Capitan, birthplace of Smokey Bear, and historic Lincoln, hometown of Billy the Kid. Also, if you're out at lunch or dinner time, you can always find a tasty bite to eat throughout the area.

And there's no need to worry if you left your iron mount back home. Just rent one.

Ruidoso Motorsports at 427 Mechem rents Yamaha V-Star

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## Motorcycling

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But the main event and finale is still the Golden Aspen Rally. Last year, 6,078 people registered for the rally, and more than 25,000 others took part in at least one of the activities. Riders from 42 states and three foreign countries made the trip, and one woman drove 2,100 miles from Florida. The oldest cyclist there was 82 years of age.

Featured events at this year's rally include parades, bike judging, a large trade show, poker runs, test rides, seminars, as well as:

- The Eighth Annual Biker Buddy Contest, which recognizes the best non-human motorcycling companion.



Courtesy photo  
Cyclists admire one of the many motorcycles gathered at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

- An observed-trials exhibition at which you can watch riders climb over obstacles and perform tricks without putting a foot down.

- A concert by the legendary Jerry Jeff Walker, held Sept. 22 at the race track.

For more information on the rally, contact the Golden Aspen Rally Association, P.O. Box 1458, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355-1458 or call 1-800-8045.

## Roads to ride

- Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway (includes U.S. 70 from Ruidoso Down to Hondo (22 miles), N.M. 48 from Ruidoso to Capitan (25 miles) and U.S. 380 from Capitan to Hondo (12 miles). This ride includes historical sites, farm and ranching valleys and high mountain communities.

- State Road 220 From Alto through Fort Stanton to U.S. 380 (20 miles). This ride takes you past the awe-inspiring Spencer Theater, the Ruidoso airport, the only Merchant Marine cemetery in the United States and through Fort Stanton, the former home of Buffalo Soldiers, Kit Carson, German prisoners of war and tuberculosis patients.

- N.M. 532 (Ski Run Road - 12 miles). Ski Run Road takes you through the Lincoln National Forest and Mescalero Apache Reservation on 12 miles of twists and turns. The road climbs to almost 12,000 feet, then drops slightly before ending at Ski Apache. There are several pull outs and scenic views of the valley below.

- N.M. 244 from U.S. Highway 70 to Cloudcroft (29 miles). One of the most impressive rides in the area, N.M. 244 winds through the Mescalero Apache Reservation in a series of sweeps and twisters, culminating just east of Cloudcroft. Watch the sharp curve at Elk Silver, and keep an eye out for animals, both wild and domestic.

- N.M. 246 (Pine Lodge Road) from Capitan to Roswell (82 miles). This back way from the home of Smokey Bear to the home of alien visitors is a narrow two-lane that crosses the Capitan Mountains then travels west in swoops and sweeps along the north side of the Capitan Wilderness, ending in the plains west of Roswell.

- N.M. 37 from N.M. 48 to U.S. 380 (14 miles). N.M. 37 starts in the mountains just north of Ruidoso then winds west to Angus, where you can take the cutoff to Bonito lake. Continuing on N.M. 37, you'll have views of the northern end of the Tularosa Basin and the Malpais before dropping down to Nogal and U.S. 380.

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## The Inn of the Mountain Gods

# A Spectacular Panorama

BY JAMES KALVELAGE ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache have a summer of activities planned as panoramic as the resort area's Mescalero Lake and the views of 12,000-foot-high Sierra Blanca.

The casino, minutes south of Ruidoso by way of Carrizo Canyon Road, offers two stories of video gaming, live keno, blackjack, craps and poker.

The gambling mecca is open daily and provides periodic tournaments. Phone the casino at 464-4100 for additional information.

But there's more than just gambling entertainment at Casino Apache.

The casino's summer music events will dig into some of the roots of rock 'n roll.

July 7 Casino Apache will present 30 year of rock 'n roll in one night. Seven acts and 20 hits from the past will provide an historic review of the golden years of rock.

The action begins at 8 p.m. in the West Conference Grounds of the casino.

The group that racked up a series of Top Ten hits during the late 60s, The Grassroots, will perform at the West Conference Grounds on Aug. 3.

The performance begins at 8 p.m.

And Three Dog Night will bring back memories of the late 60s and early 70s at the casino. The group will play Sept. 1 at 8 p.m.

Casino officials say the shows will go on, rain or shine. Food and beverages will be available. For ticket information phone 464-4103.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe's luxury resort complex includes the Inn of the Mountain Gods. In addition to more than 250 rooms, the Inn is home to the acclaimed Dan Li Ka Dining Room.

While the casino is just steps away from the Inn, guest have an array of other offerings.

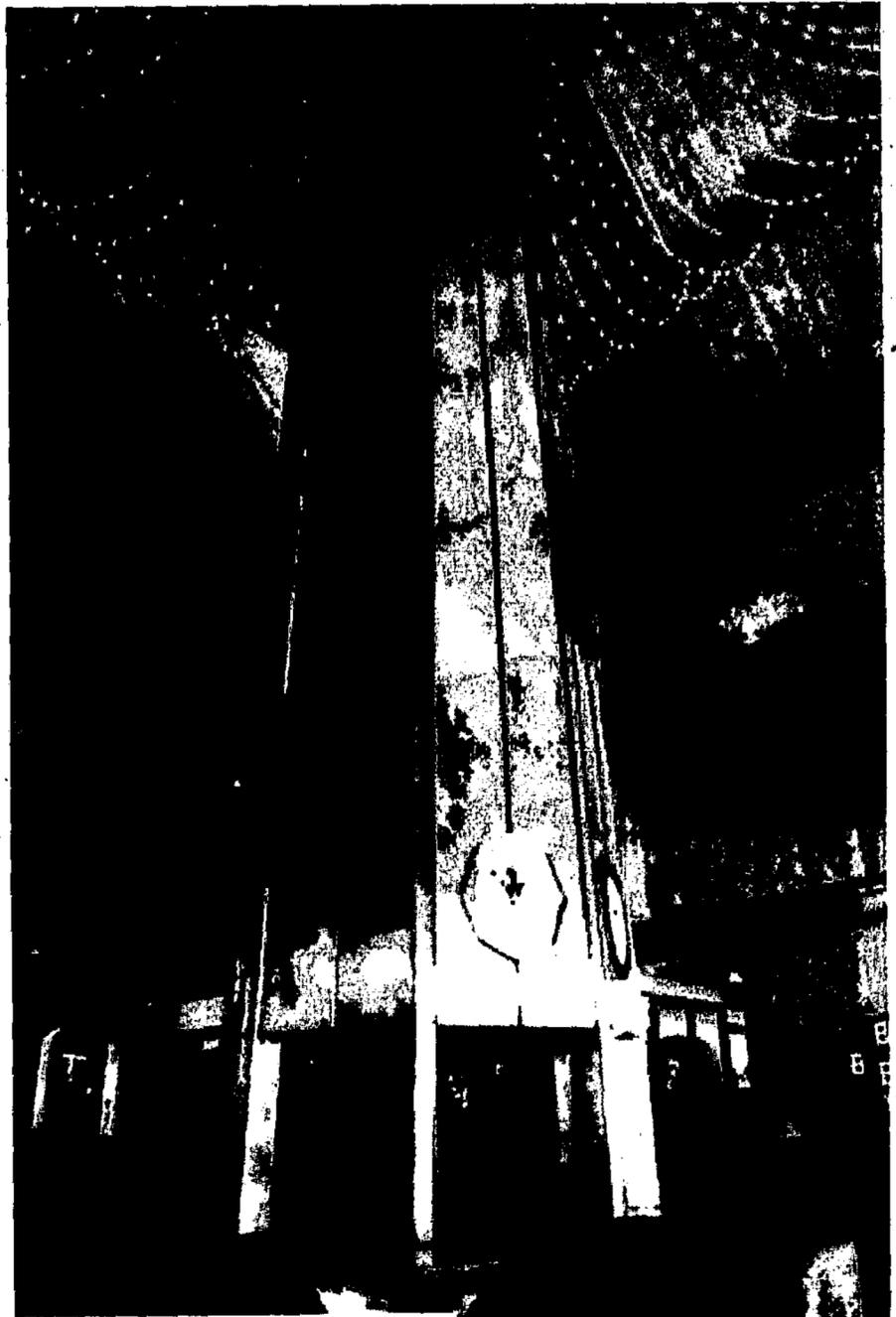
Outdoors is the Inn's championship 18-hole golf course. A fully equipped pro shop is available as well as lessons.

Hunting is another option, with the tribe's nearby hunting lodge providing the needs for big game hunters.

There's bear, elk and turkey on the reservation. Hunters do need to apply in advance for available slots.

Riding stables at the Inn complex offer full day rides or rides by the hour.

For more information on hunting, fishing or horse back riding, phone the Inn at (505) 257-5141.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News



The copper fireplace in the main lobby of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, above, rises to the high, richly beamed ceiling. At left, the Inn's main entrance beckons visitors and guests.

# Fare for the Younger Visitors

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County area has an abundance of resources for youth and family enjoyment, from fishing, hiking, swimming and touring to supervised activities through the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and the Ruidoso Public Library.

## Summer Reading Program

Ruidoso Public Library 107 Kansas City Road, near Village Hall

Shelby Nunn has whipped up an exciting summer program geared for the whole family, with story-tellers, entertainers and creative workshops. When parents bring in their children to register, the children receive reading logs to track their reading throughout the summer, making them eligible to compete for prizes, a book bag, bookmarks and pencils.

The program includes weekly story time for preschoolers, biweekly exploratory art classes and young authors workshops and guest entertainers every week. Nunn also plans to have Rocking-chair Reading Day, with seniors reading to children, a family-literacy approach.

"The more books they read, the more prizes they'll receive," Nunn said. "Their names go up on a bulletin board in the library. This is an incentive pro-

gram to keep kids reading."

Children age 3 and up can sign up for their own reading cards and visiting children are welcome to participate and can get temporary cards as long as they're with an adult who has a picture ID.

"Even if they're only here for one day, they can participate in any workshop or see the guests," Nunn said. More workshops will be developed after orientation and meetings with parents and children, so call the library at 258-3705 and ask Nunn for an update and watch the Education Page of the *Ruidoso News* for information.

Saturday, June 2 — Extraterrestrial Extravaganza, noon to 2 p.m. This is the big registration bash (but anyone can register for the summer program at any time) and children can come in costumes of their favorite space characters. A zany menu of snacks is planned and there will be prizes and entertainment.

Monday, June 4 — "Read-to-Me" orientation, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a biweekly program offered to parents of newborns to 3 years old as an incentive for "parents of 'bookwise' babies," to exchange information and barter, Nunn said.

Tuesday, June 5 — Art Class, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Shelby Nunn will help children explore mixed media. Materials will be provided.

Thursday, June 14 — "In the Days When the Planet was Young and the Animals Ruled," 10 to 11 a.m. Local storyteller Nisha Hoffman will lead a magical story hour for the whole family.

Friday, June 15 — Young Authors Workshop, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. "This is for kids that seriously want to explore their writing," Nunn said. "I've done some children's publishing and have a background in art education. A lot of preteens are interested in (the art and writing) workshops. There's no age limit and more classes may develop out of this."

Monday, June 18 — "Read-to-Me" orientation, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a biweekly program offered to parents of newborns

to 3 years old as an incentive for parents of "bookwise" babies, to exchange information and barter, Nunn said.

Wednesday, June 20 — "Where Is the Space Odyssey?" 2:30 to 4 p.m. David Lee Summers, an astronomer from Las Cruces, will present a science fiction tour of space and the stars. Summers has written short stories and lectures and tells stories for children and adults. This will be a hands-on lecture with slides, exploring space and beyond.

Wednesday, June 27 — Cooking from Mars, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Maureen Schmittle, Girl Scout field executive from Alamogordo, will lead a workshop with some zany recipes (such as ice cream that doesn't melt).

Monday, July 2 — "Read-to-Me" orientation, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a biweekly program offered to parents of newborns to 3 years old as an incentive for "parents of 'bookwise' babies," to exchange information and barter.

Thursday, July 12 — "The Mists of Time Lay Heavy on the Earth," 10 to 11 a.m. Storyteller Nisha Hoffman will spin tales of wizards and giants and magic for the whole family.

Monday, July 16 — "Read-to-Me" orientation, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a biweekly program offered to parents of newborns to 3 years old as an incentive for "parents of 'bookwise' babies" to exchange information and barter.

Wednesday, July 18 — Magic Show by The Pink Elephant Theatre, 10 a.m. This theater company from Albuquerque will "take a walk to the sun" through magic storytelling, puppets and music.

Saturday, July 28 — Out of This World Award Ceremony, 2 p.m. End-of-the-summer bash for everyone who's participated in the summer program. Certificates and coupons will be handed out.

## Wilderness Camp

The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department plans outdoor activities in the

area this summer, including fishing, hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, nature studies, field trips and sports.

Wilderness Camp will run from noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting June 4 and running for nine weeks (skipping the first week of July) ending Aug. 6. Children will be divided into two age groups: 7 to 9-year-olds and 10- to 12-year-olds, with a limit of 15 children per group and a cost of \$50 per child per week. Parents must sign a permission slip and waiver-of-liability form and prepay when registering their children in the program.

Because the department outgrew its old facility and moved the offices to Wingfield, the location for Wilderness Camp had not been decided at the time of publication.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 257-5030.

## Youth Fishing Daze

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, the U.S. Forest Service Wildlife and Fisheries Department and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department have scheduled 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 2 as Youth Fishing Daze at Grindstone Lake in Ruidoso for children 7 to 11 years of age. No admission will be charged, but participants need to bring fishing poles and sunscreen.

## Youth sports

May 25-28 — USSSA Baseball Classic (Youth NIT)  
June 1-3 — USSSA Fastpitch (youth) - tentative date  
Sept. 1-3 — USSSA Baseball (youth) - tentative date. Girls softball teams play in the Alamogordo league. For more information, contact Vicki Eckerdt, area youth director (257-4279), or Claudia Branum at the Parks and Recreation Department (257-5030 or e-mail parksrec@zianet.com).

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## FIRE SAFETY

Because of the forested nature of the community, Ruidoso has established restrictions dealing with the use of fire. The Fire Restriction Level is posted at several locations around the village.

### Level I restrictions –

- No open flames, such as campfires, outdoor burning, stoves or grills that use charcoal briquettes. The restriction includes public and private property.
- Smoking is permissible only in designated areas.
- UL/FM approved gas grill use is allowed, including propane and Coleman cooking stoves.
- Absolutely no fireworks are allowed.

### Level II restrictions –

In addition to all the Level 1 restrictions, outside smoking on public or private property is forbidden.

### Level III restrictions –

All of Level I and Level II restrictions, plus the use of gas grills is banned.

## Youth activities

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### Ruidoso Municipal Pool schedule

The pool opens May 26 and offers lifeguard training and swimming lessons through the Parks and Recreation Department, which warns that the classes fill quickly.

The pool is open 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. seven days a week. (Adult lap swims are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning June 4.)

Admission for swimming or lap swim is \$2.25, or \$30 for a season pass (\$20 will be charged for more than five persons on a family pass). Admission for the water slide is \$6 per day. No refunds will be made for inclement weather, but rain checks may be issued at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation supervisor.

Night-time pool parties (7 to 10 p.m.) are available for a pool-usage fee of \$200 for up to 40 people, and \$2 for each additional person. This includes lifeguards and use of the water slide. Call 275-2795 a week in advance to reserve the pool.

Special group swims are also available to interested

groups. For prices, call 257-2795 and ask for the pool manager.

### Swim lesson schedule

**Beginners (5- and 6-year-olds)** — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.: June 4-15, and June 18-29. \$30.

**Beginners (7 years of age and older)** — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.: June 4-15, June 18-29 and July 2-13. \$30

**Advanced beginners (for those who have completed the beginners course)** — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.: July 2-13 and July 16-27. \$30.

**Intermediate (all ages that have completed advanced beginners)** — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., July 16-20. \$30.

**Parent & Tot (1 to 4 years old, and parents must accompany children)** — One-week session, Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., July 16-20. \$15.

**Adult beginner** — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., June 12-28. \$15. (Must have six people registered to have the class.)

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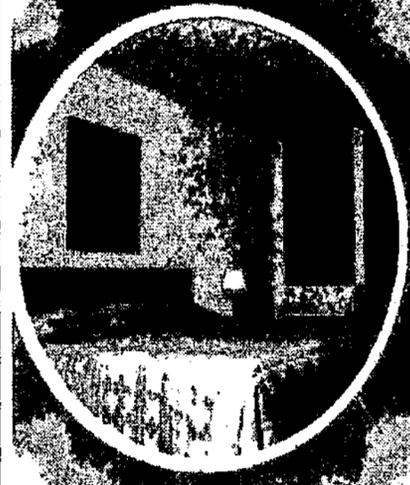
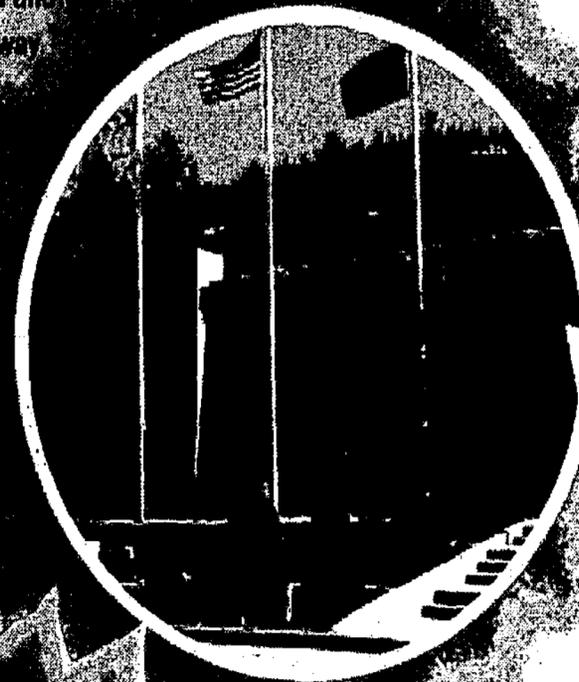
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# Flying J Ranch

## Taste the West

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

For an old-fashioned cowboy evening with campfire supper, activities and music by the Flying J Wranglers, the Flying J Ranch off Highway 48 is just the ticket.

It's a family operation of the entire Hobbs family, which also performs there as part of the Flying J Wranglers, famous in

the area for their three- and four-part harmonies and "Ghost Riders in the Sky"-type Western songs. The musicians include James Hobbs, Cindy Hobbs, Randy Jones, Lynn Campbell, Roy Black and this year, three nights a week, special guest Marilyn Bremer on fiddle.

The Flying J Ranch is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, six nights a week (closed Sunday), and then Saturdays after Labor Day through mid-October.

The ticket booth opens at 6 p.m. and activities abound for children and adults. Children can try their hands at pistol shooting (with real guns but wax bullets, said Cindy Hobbs) and pony rides. At 7:15 p.m., there's an old-fashioned Western gunfight, and chuck-wagon chow is served at 7:30 p.m. The show is afterward, and



Courtesy photo  
The Flying J Wranglers, famous for their vocal harmony, and old-fashioned Western music, perform at the Flying J Ranch.

ends about 9:15 p.m.

Tickets, which include meal, the pistol shoot and tax, are \$8 for children, and children three years old and under are free. Adult tickets are \$16. Pony rides are \$1 each.

"It's geared around the Old West, to get a real cowboy experience," Hobbs said. "There's cowboy music, yodeling, banjo,

mandolin. We have a little western village with pony rides for kids, horseshoes, pistol-shooting with targets (real guns with wax bullets and the kids get to keep the target); a gunfight in the street, shops to browse through with kids' stuff, then a meal and a show, with music geared for the whole family, and comedy acts."

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Cloudcroft

# Reach for the sky

*R*eaching into the skies, Cloudcroft offers a cool summer retreat.

The community east of Alamogordo offers numerous trails that will delight bikers, hikers, ATVers and those on horseback.

A former rail corridor provides some of the trail opportunities, thanks to the work of the New Mexico Rails-to-Trails Association and other local entities. The Cloud-Climbing Rail Trail transforms the right-of-way into outdoor enjoyment, inspiration and recreation.

The rail corridor ran for 26 miles, climbing almost 4,000 feet along ridges and crossing canyons on trestles. Built more than 100 years ago, the rail line was dismantled in 1947. In recent years the Cloud-Climbing Rail Trail has taken

shape, with more additions planned.

The trails include the Grand View, Switchback, Trestle and Cross Over trails. The paths range from easy to moderate to challenging.

The Cloudcroft area also provides three nearby golf courses, including the nation's highest links. A Junior PGA golf tournament at The Lodge golf course in Cloudcroft is scheduled for June 11.

Scenic byways, historical sites and shopping are among other offerings.

Nestled in the southern Sacramento Mountains, the former logging community is home to the Sacramento Mountains Historical Society Museum. Historic buildings from the late 1800s and early 1900s and the artifacts of the time are at the museum on U.S. Highway 82, across from the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce.

Concerts, Western and lumberjack activities, Melodrama at the open-air pavilion and more are on the menu at Cloudcroft. The chamber can provide full details by phoning (505) 682-2733 or on the Web at [www.cloudcroft.net](http://www.cloudcroft.net).



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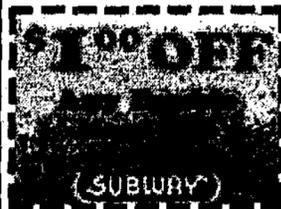
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Mescalero

# Home of Pride and Tradition

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The major celebration of the Mescalero Apache Tribe will blast visitors with color, dancing and music July 4th.

The 22nd Annual Mescalero Celebration Parade will start about 11 a.m. on the road beneath the ceremonial grounds off U.S. 70. Next to scaling Sierra Blanca Peak, this probably is the most spectacular experience in the Sacramento Mountains.

Come early to find a good parking space, bring some chairs and settle back to watch 75 to 100 entries including floats, dancers, bands, horse mounted groups and Indian royalty.

Plenty of homemade refreshments will be sold by vendors walking the route and occasionally, jewelry also may be shown.

The theme this year is "Apache Country: A Playground for All Seasons."

The parade is only a portion of the holiday package.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

St. Joseph's Apache Mission at Mescalero is undergoing restoration.

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## Mescalero

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Rodeo events will be staged in the arena next to the ceremonial grounds where a few Mescalero maidens will pass through their coming-of-age ceremony. Dances and family-prepared feasts under brush-covered arbors are part of the puberty ceremonial.

At designated times, the maidens - who during this period are considered the living embodiment of a figure of perfection and all good traits - will bestow blessings with sacred pollen on those who line up for the honor.

Cameras are welcome at the parade and rodeo, but check with officials at the gate to the ceremonial grounds, because this is one event where cameras often are not allowed.

The 469,741-acre reservation is inhabited by members of three tribes - the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua - who early in the century struck an alliance for survival on one of the most productive and attractive pieces of real estate in New Mexico.

The tribal name Mescalero

comes from the Spanish word for "people who eat mescal."

The mescal plant not only was a source of food and fiber for the tribe, today it is used for ceremonial purposes such as the maidens ceremony. The harvesting and roasting of the plant is a special event every year, with tribal groups traveling more than 100 miles in some cases to find the plant, which grows in the Apache's traditional homeland.

That homeland includes four sacred mountains: the Guadalupe, Three Sisters Mountain, Oscura Mountain Peak and Sierra Blanca, which looms over the town of Ruidoso and dominates the western side of Lincoln County. The four mountains represent the four directions of the universe.

Much more can be learned about the Apache, including their famous leaders such as Geronimo and Victorio, at the Cultural Center in the Chiricahua Plaza off U.S. 70 near the tribal store in Mescalero. The center offers a glimpse of early Apache life with exhibits on clothing, basketry, food preparation, the use of local herbs by medicine men to cure physical and spiritual ailments,

artifacts, past treaties and proclamations between the tribes and the United States government.

A few traditional beliefs that might be handy to remember:

- An owl, especially one close by or hooting, is considered a bad omen by the Apache.

- A bear is never to be touched or eaten. It is not called by name or even talked about directly while in the mountains.

- An eagle feather is sacred, to be used only in religious ceremonies, but an owl feather is forbidden to be used in any manner.

- Do not stare or look at people too much or too long, because it is considered impolite, and with the elderly, disrespectful.

Just outside the center is a metal sculpture by artist Oliver Enjady, honoring the Red Hats, predecessors to the Mescalero Hot Shot fire fighting crews, which are well-respected in wild fire-fighting circles.

The center usually is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but tours at other times may be prearranged by calling curator Ellyn Bigrope at (505) 464-9254 or the tribal offices at 464-4494.

No Indian artwork or hand

work is for sale at the center, but you can find them up the highway toward Ruidoso in two privately operated shops.

A stop at St. Joseph's Mission also is worth the time. The 131-foot long by 64-foot wide Catholic church was constructed with backbreaking effort by tribal members and Franciscan Friar Albert Braun, the man with a vision for a new church. Situated on the south side of U.S. 70, the mission was built with rock quarried nearby and timber from the spectacular mountains that surround the valley where the main tribal administration offices are located.

Father Braun, who died at 95, is buried in the sanctuary of the church. Outside the front doors is the grave of another priest who was crushed to death while unloading some of the quarried stone.

Currently, an effort is underway to raise \$1 million to restore and improve the church, which needs a better heating system and repair to its 50-foot high, 4-foot thick stone walls. Some exterior and interior restoration work is under way to replace the aging mortar between the massive stones.

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## Spencer Theater

# A Focus of Art and Culture

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

In its fourth summer, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts has become a focus of art and culture in Lincoln County, bringing to the windswept desert vista internationally acclaimed performers and drawing visitors to the area.

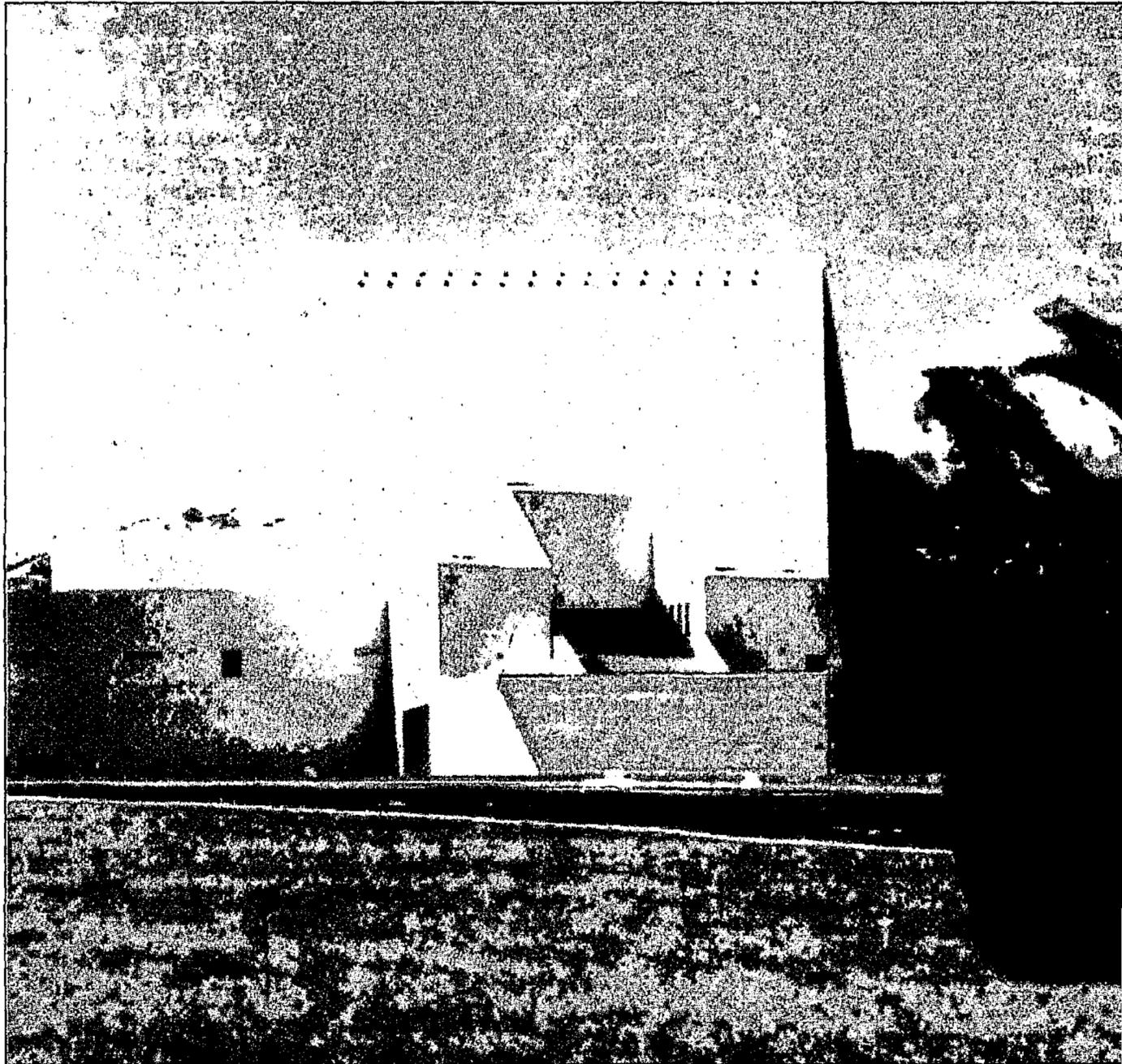
Opening in October of 1997 with jazz pianist Dave Brubeck and violinist Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg, the intimate, 514-seat theater has featured brilliant performers from all over the world.

This past season, Rita Coolidge, the spectacular St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet and Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight" dazzled audiences with their performances, and last summer, the Parsons Dance Company, Carlos Nakai Trio and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra with Alfredo Rolando Ortiz were among the performers to grace the Spencer stage.

This \$23 million, state-of-the-art theater is a gem, inside and out, sparkling on performance nights, and, inside, showcasing the exquisite blown-glass sculptures of renowned artist Dale Chihuly.

Architect Antoine Predock created the theater with an eye — or ear — to echoing the mountains surrounding it, and Chihuly designed the 200 Indian paintbrush flowers for the first-floor lobby based on that natural setting.

Visitors can tour the Spencer



The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts has become a part of the cultural fabric of all southeastern New Mexico. Courtesy of...

Theater at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Call (888) 818-7872 or (505) 335-4800 to make reservations or inquire about the tours.

This summer, the Kingston

Trio will perform on the outdoor stage for a "Twilight, Stars & Wine Festival" that promises three-part harmony and wine and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the theater's executive chef

June 2. The gates open at 7 p.m. for food and wine tasting, the Kingston Trio performs 8 p.m. If it rains, the show will move indoors for those 514 reserved seats. Tickets are \$35 (and will be refunded in case of rain).

On June 9, the Missoula Children's Theatre returns for the fourth summer to perform an adaptation of "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

The World Festival of Harp brings harpists from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America to perform classical and contemporary music from around the world 8 p.m. June 15. West Afr

### SPENCER THEATER

- The theater's summer season runs from early June through late August
- Performances range from the Kingston Trio to Van Cliburn
- For a summer season brochure, call (888) 818-7872 or (505) 336-4800

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Kora harp, Paraguayan harp music, the Chinese pedal harp and "Twin Harps" of founder and artistic director Diana Stork and Cheryl Ann Fulton will present harp music from the Celtic lands. Tickets are \$25 and \$28.

The winner of the 201 Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medal will perform at the Spencer with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. on June 23. About 137 pianists 30 years of age and younger from 37 countries will compete in Fort Worth, Texas for the gold medal, and the winner will perform with renowned music director Gurer Aykal and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$45 and \$50.

The State Street Ballet salutes swing with the music of Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington, the Andrews Sisters and Benny Goodman at 8 p.m. on June 30, directed by Rodney Gustafson and choreographed by Heinz Poll, Victoria Simon and Robert Sund.

Tickets for "Salute to Swing" are \$32 and \$35.

Grammy-award winner B.J. Thomas comes to the Spencer at

8 p.m. July 20 for remind fans of such familiar songs as "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" and "Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song." Tickets are \$35 and \$38.

On July 28, Estéban brings his guitar keyed for Flamenco, jazz, classical and western music, and his backup band consisting of Robert Brock on piano, keyboards, bass and percussion, Joe Morris on drums and Gary Gillespie on bass guitar. A student of the great classical guitarist Andrés Segovia for five years, Estéban was described by The Wall Street Journal as "Yanni meets Jose Feliciano." Tickets are \$32 and \$35.

The new Lincoln County Children's Theatre Company under the direction of Sandy Kashmar finishes its first six-week workshop to present "The Jungle Book" at 3 and 7 p.m. on Aug. 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for age 12 and under.

Music of the silver screen will be brought by Mac Frampton and the Hollywood Hills Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Aug. 11, and tickets are \$32 and \$35.

On Aug. 18, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company performs to Chinese opera scores



and Mahler's Fifth Symphony to wow audiences with exotic costumes and elegant dance steps. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$32 and \$35.

Twin pianists Julia and Irina Elkina bring their fingers together at the Spencer at 8 p.m. Aug. 25. Tickets are \$25 and \$28.

For a summer season brochure, call (888) 818-7872 or (505) 336-4800.

Kingston Trio, Wine Festival — June 2

"Treasure Island" — June 9  
World Festival of Harps —

June 15  
Van Cliburn Gold Medalist — June 23

A Ballet "Salute to Swing" — June 30

B.J. Thomas, Solid Gold — July 20

Estéban, "Yanni Meets Feliciano" — July 28

"Jungle Book" — August 4,  
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# Where the Legend Began

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

A comfortable little village with interesting shops and a claim to national fame because of Smokey Bear, Capitan is the gateway to camping, hiking and horseback riding in the rugged Capitan Mountains.

But once a year, its streets explode with visitors drawn to the rural community for the annual 4th of July bash. This year, the celebration will last five days because the holiday falls on a Wednesday.

Musical entertainment, the 20th Annual 10K & 2 Mile Smokey Bear Fun Run, the 46th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo and crowning of the county queen, a ranch rodeo, dances, art shows, music, crafts and down home baked goods and barbecue will keep everyone busy.

But the biggest attraction is the 46th Annual Smokey Bear Parade sponsored by the Friends of Smokey at 10 a.m. down U.S. 380, and featuring the Lincoln County Mounted Posse and lots of old-fashion fun.

Last year marked the town's centennial and the bruin's 50th birthday as the living version of

a cartoon bear that became the U.S. Forest Service's symbol of forest fire prevention. As a cub, Smokey was rescued from a fire in the nearby mountains and when he died of old age, his body was brought back to be buried at the state historical park in Capitan.

A colony of artists and musicians settled in and around the town of about 1,500, which originally was called Gray and was founded 100 years ago, in part, on the development of coal fields northwest of the current town boundaries.

Virginia Watson-Jones said the musical festival will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 4 at the Territorial Theater on Lincoln Avenue one block from the county fairgrounds.

Admission is free. People can spread a blanket and enjoy a picnic or buy their food from concessions.

"This is a celebration of the

arts," Watson-Jones said. "Original artwork will be displayed, everything from metal sculpture to oil paintings and jewelry. It's a relaxed atmosphere. People are welcomed to dance if they feel like it."

Musicians are donating their time and talents as a way of thanking the community, she said. New participants are welcome and spontaneous performances can be accommodated, she said.

A big crowd also is expected for the annual stampede rodeo and the ranch rodeo, which highlights actual ranching skills such as branding and penning. Both are at the fairgrounds arena, said Jerry Burchett of the county fair association.

"People come because it's good clean entertainment," he said. Traditional rodeo events include bull riding and calf roping.

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**Capitan**

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ing. The three-day Stampede event draws competitors from across the Southwest.

"If the weather cooperates this year, we plan on a fireworks display on the Fourth," Burchett said.

A trade show is scheduled at Capitan High School July 7-8.

If you can't attend the big holiday weekend, stop at the historical park year-round to see how Smokey was created in 1944 on paper and to read about the living Smokey who spent most of his life at the National zoo in Washington D.C.

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, the park fee is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 7 to 12. Children under 7 are free.

The museum adjacent to the east side of the park features memorabilia about the bruin and a gift shop. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Across the street is the Wildland Fire Fighters Museum.

For other things to do in the area, miles of hiking trails, rocky and steep in places, are laid out in the Capitan



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Information at Capitan Gap lookout point features Smokey Bear.

Mountains. Stop by Forest Service or state Forestry Division offices for maps and tips. Horse trails are easily accessible through a parking lot on Bureau of Land Management property off State Highway 214 between U.S. 380 and Fort Stanton.

The historic fort founded in 1855 was the training ground in 1887 for Gen. John J. Pershing, later known as Blackjack Pershing.

Visitors can grab a great glimpse of Capitan Gap, a dip on the east-west Capitan Mountain range, from a viewing station four miles east of town on U.S. 380 where a display tells Smokey's story and reviews the

geology of the mountain range.

A different perspective of the Capitan and Sacramento mountain ranges can be seen on State Road 48 about four miles south of town at another Smokey Bear pull-off.

The July 4th holiday schedule is:

- Wednesday, July 4
- 7 a.m. - Annual 10K & 2 mile Smokey Bear Fun Run sponsored by First Federal Bank.
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Capitan Public Library Annual Bake and Book Sale
- 10 a.m. - 46th Annual Smokey Bear Parade
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 5th Annual Capitan Music Festival and

- Celebration of the Arts
- Noon - BBQ at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds by Carrizozo Masons
- 1 p.m. - Youth timed events at the fairground arena
- 7 p.m. - 46th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo
- 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Dance with music by Desperados from Las Cruces

Fireworks at dark, weather permitting

- Thursday, July 5
- 9 a.m. - Girls timed events at the fairground arena
- 1 p.m. - Youth time events
- 7 p.m. - Stampede rodeo
- 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Dance

- Friday, July 6
- 8 a.m. - Senior steer tripping events
- 12:30 p.m. - 9th Annual Ranch Rodeo at the fairgrounds
- 7 p.m. - Stampede rodeo
- 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Dance

Same events as Friday at the fairgrounds

- Saturday, July 7
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - 2nd Annual Smokey Bear Fair-Trade Show at Capitan High School
- Sunday, July 8
- 8 a.m. - Cowboy church
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Smokey Bear Trade Show
- Rough stock events at fairgrounds



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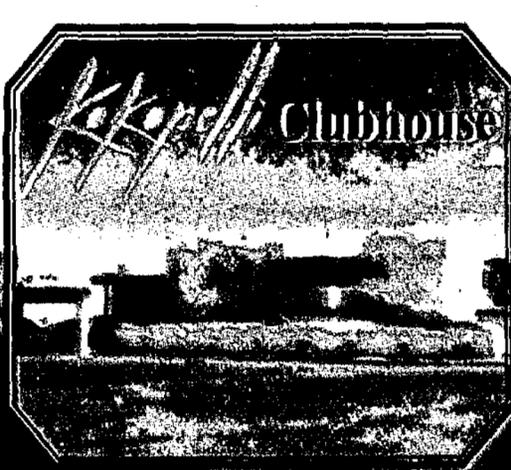
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# Ruidoso-area churches

Abundant Life Family Church, 257-1188

- Sundays - 8:30 a.m. worship service.
- Thursdays - 7 p.m. worship service.

Apache Indian Assembly of God Church, Yucca Drive, Mescalero 464-4747

- Sundays - 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship, 7 p.m. evening worship.
- Wednesdays - 7 p.m. worship.

Bent Tree Baptist Church, 1204 Mechem Dr., 336-1979

- Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. services and fellowship.
- Wednesdays, 7 p.m. services and youth program.

Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-5915

- Sundays - 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- Wednesdays - 7 p.m. worship service.

Capitan Foursquare Church, 547

Highway 48, Capitan 354-9117

- Sundays - 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship service, 7 p.m. Bible study.
- Wednesday - 7 p.m. Bible Study.

Christ Church in the Downs, Ruidoso Downs 378-8464

- Sundays - 8 a.m. worship service, 10:45 a.m. worship services.
- Thursdays - 7 p.m. worship service.

Christ Community Fellowship, Capitan 354-2458

- Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-4381

- Sundays - 9:30 a.m. class, 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. worship service.
- Wednesdays - 7 p.m. Bible study.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ruidoso 336-4359

Church of the Nazarene,

Highways 48 & 37, Angus 336-8032

- Saturdays - 6:30 p.m. worship service.
- Sundays - 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road, Ruidoso 257-4170

- Sundays - 8:30 a.m. worship service, 10:55 worship service.

Cornerstone Church, (nondenominational) 613 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-9265

- Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship services.
- Wednesdays - 7 p.m. Youth Bible study.

The Episcopal Church in Lincoln County (at Ruidoso, Glencoe, Lincoln & Carrizozo)

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso 257-2356

- Sundays - 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral).
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (1st Wed. of month

includes healing service).

St. Matthias Chapel, 6th and Street, Carrizozo

- Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

San Juan Chapel, U.S. Highway 380, Lincoln

- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

St. Anne's Chapel, U.S. Highway 70, Glencoe

- Sundays, 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

First Assembly of God Church 139 El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-232

- Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship, 6 p.m. Evening praise.
- Wednesdays - 7 p.m. family night.

First Baptist Church, Carrizozo 648-2968

- Sundays - 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship, 7:15 p.m. worship.

First Baptist Church, 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso 257-2081

- Saturdays - 7 p.m. worship

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# Ruidoso-area churches

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• Sundays - 8:15 a.m. worship service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship.

First Baptist Church, 361 U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs 378-4611

• Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship service.

First Baptist Church, Tinnie

• Sundays - 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship.

First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, Ruidoso 258-4250

• Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. morning worship.

First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Drive, Ruidoso 257-2220

• Sundays - 8:30 a.m. worship, 9:45 a.m. Church school, 11 a.m. worship.

First United Methodist Church, 3rd and White Oaks, Capitan 354-2288

• Sundays - 8:30 a.m. Bible study, 9:10 a.m. worship service.

Grace Harvest Church, Gavilan Canyon Road, Alto 336-4213

• Sundays - 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship service.

Mescalero Reform Church, Mescalero 671-4471

• Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:40 a.m. services.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Presbyterian Church USA at Corona, Ancho and Nogal

Corona Church, 1 block west of U.S. Highway 54, Corona 648-2024

• Sundays - 10 a.m. Church school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Ancho Church, 2 miles east of U.S. Highway 54, Ancho 648-2024

• Sundays - 9 a.m. worship service, 10 a.m. Church school.

Nogal Church, State Highway 37, Nogal 354-3138

• Sundays - 10 a.m. Adult Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Ruidoso Baptist Church, Ruidoso 378-4174

• Sundays - 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening services.

• Wednesdays - 7 p.m. Evening services.

St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Ruidoso 257-2330

• Saturdays - 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6 p.m. Mass (bilingual).

• Sundays - 10 a.m. Mass, 11:30 a.m. Mass (youth).

St. Jude Catholic Mission, San Patricio 257-2330

• Sundays - 8 a.m. Mass

Saint Joseph Apache Mission (Catholic), 114 Mission Trail, Mescalero 464-4473

• Saturdays - 6 p.m. Mass (at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Bent).

• Sundays - 8 a.m. Mass (at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Bent), 10:30 a.m. Mass (at St. Joseph).

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3rd Avenue and White Oaks St., Capitan 648-2853

• Saturdays - 5 p.m. Mass.

• Sundays - 9 a.m. Mass.

St. Rita Catholic Church, 213 Birch Street, Carrizozo 648-2853

• Sundays - 10:30 a.m. Mass.  
• Wednesdays - 10 a.m. Bible study.

St. Theresa Catholic Church, Corona 648-2853

• Sundays - 1 p.m. Mass.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran (Mo. Synod) 1210 Hull Road, Ruidoso 258-4191

• Sundays - 8:30 a.m. Outdoor worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school-Bible study, 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Mt. Capitan Road, Capitan 354-2044

• Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Living Word Church, Ruidoso 257-7885

• Sundays - 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Renewal services.

• Wednesdays - Noon intercessory prayer, 7 p.m. mid-week services.

Compiled by James Kalvelage, Ruidoso News

## PROJECT IMPACT

### 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 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. Home built in pine forests should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on 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 powerlines. ■ Remove vines from the walls of the home. ■ Mow grass regularly. ■ Clear a 10-foot area round propane tanks and 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. Lace 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 woodburning 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 windows. Leave the key in the ignition. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers. ■ 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.  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.



When wildfire 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, duffelbags 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 forest aid kit that includes our 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 truck of your car.

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**Calendar of Events**

**MAY**

- May 25 through Labor Day - Ruidoso Downs Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing. Opening Day is May 25 and racing continues through Labor Day. Call (505) 378-4431.
- May 26 - Memorial Day service at the Fort Stanton Cemetery. 1 p.m. Call (505) 354-3421 or 354-2329 for more information.
- May 26 through Oct. 20 - Firearms of the American West 1803-1900 Exhibit. Hubbard Museum of the American West, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-4142.
- May 27 - Pam Tillis in concert. 8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-4140.

**JUNE**

- June 1 through July 8 - Lincoln County Artists Exhibition. Hubbard Museum of the American West, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Reception June 14 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Call 505-378-4142.
- June 2 - 6th annual White Oaks Miner's Day Celebration. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Parade, museum displays, arts & crafts booths, food booths, covered wagon rides, etc. Call 505-648-2363.
- June 2 - Voices from the Past, White Oaks. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Cedarville Cemetery. Historic figures portrayed by local people.
- June 2 - Kingston Trio, "Twilight, Stars, and Wine Festival." Spencer

Theater, Outdoors, Gates open 7 p.m., Music at 8 p.m. The outdoor stage comes alive with food, wine, and the Kingston Trio's songbook of hits. Call 505-336-4800.

- June 3 - Billy The Kid Classic Team Penning. Glencoe Rural Events Center, Hwy. 70 West, Glencoe, NM.
- June 3 - Star Party in Historic Lincoln. 7:30 p.m. Call (505) 653-4609.
- June 8-10 - Capitan Merchants' Sidewalk Sale in Capitan.
- June 9 - Janis Herd Memorial Roping at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Corriente CowBelles.
- June 9 - Treasure Island.

Spencer Theater. 3 & 7 p.m. Missoula Children's Theater will audition 50-60 local children to include in this week-long workshop and family-affordable production. For information 505-336-4800.

- June 9 & 10 - Pinestock, a Festival of Music, Grapes and Grain. Eagle Creek Softball Complex in Ruidoso. Two events, Pinestock and the Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition, combine into a much larger event featuring Blues, World Beat, Celtic, Jazz, and Rock bands, as well as wineries and micro-breweries from the Southwest. Call 877-877-9322.
- June 10 - Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity. Ruidoso Downs Race Track.
- June 10 - Star Party, Lincoln

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Astronomy Club. 7:30 p.m. in Lincoln. Sponsored by the Astronomy Club from the Space Center in Alamogordo. Exact location to be announced. For information call (505) 653-4609.

- June 15 - World Festival of Harps. Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. World music with the harps of South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa played by the masters. For information 505-336-4800.

- June 16 - Mountain of Blues Festival. Saturday, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Great blues bands descend on the mountains for a terrific time. Call 505-336-1980 or 505-336-1144 for information.

- June 23 - Van Cliburn Gold Medalist with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. Spencer Theater. 7 p.m. The world's best

young pianist will be named June 10 in Fort Worth and play at Spencer 13 days later with the El Paso Symphony. For information 505-336-4800.

- June 24 - F.A.S.T. 2001 3-D Archery Competition. 8 a.m. Local shoots are held on Airport Road next to Spencer Theater. For a brochure call 505-257-5793 or visit our website at [www.fastarchery.org](http://www.fastarchery.org)

- June 30 - State Street Ballet "Salute to Swing." Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. Santa Barbara's State Street Ballet has been gaining a widening reputation for excellence. For information 505-336-4800.

## JULY

- July 1-4 - Mescalero Apache Ceremonial Dances. Celebrate the

Apache Spirit. Pow-wow, rodeo, parade, Native American food, and traditional Apache dances at sundown. Call 505-671-4494.

- July 4-8 - Smokey Bear Stampede. In nearby Capitan. A weekend of family fun! Events include parade, rodeo, barbecue, and dance. Call 505-354-2273.

- July 6-7 - Old West Ranch Rodeo. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Call (505) 354-2273 or 354-2666.

- July 7 - Ronnie Milsap in concert. 8 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-4140.

- July 7 - Thirty years of Rock 'n Roll. 8 p.m. West Conference Center at Casino Apache. Call (505)

464-4103.

- July 14-15 - Art Loop 2001. Visit the talented artists of Lincoln County by attending this free self-guided studio tour. For maps and further information call 505-354-2010 or 505-654-4707. [www.art-loop.org](http://www.art-loop.org)

- July 15 - F.A.S.T. 2001 3-D Archery Competition. 8 a.m. Local shoots are held on Airport Road next to Spencer Theater. For a brochure call 505-257-5793 or visit our website at [www.fastarchery.org](http://www.fastarchery.org)

- July 15 - Zia Festival & Zia Futurity. Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

- July 20 - B. J. Thomas. Spencer Theater. 8 p.m. 70 million records later and B. J. Thomas is still going



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## Calendar of Events

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• July 21 - Christmas in July. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Episcopal Church located at 121 Mescalero Trail in Ruidoso.

• July 22 - Rainbow Futurity. Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

• July 27-29 - 30th Ruidoso Annual Art Festival. Ruidoso Convention Center. 120 juried artists from a dozen states displaying paintings, photography, woodwork, jewelry, batik, pottery, weaving, fabric, leather, sculpture, etc. Call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce 505-257-7395 or 1-800-253-2255.

• July 28 - Esteban. 8 p.m. Spencer Theater. One of a handful

of guitarists personally trained by the late Andres Segovia. Flamenco to New Age. For information 505-336-4800.

### AUGUST

• August (date undertimed at press time) Polo Tournaments. The Hurd Gallery in San Patricio. Call for dates and times (505) 653-4331.

• August. 3-5 - Old Lincoln Days. In nearby Lincoln. Take a trip back in time to the 1800s. Street vendors, food, parade, mountain man camp, "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant. Call 505-653-4025.

• August 3 - F.A.S.T. National Championship. Future of Archery Sports Team. Airport Road next to Spencer Theater. For a brochure

call 505-257-5793 or visit our website at [www.fastarchery.org](http://www.fastarchery.org)

• August 3 - Pony Express Trail Ride. Carry the U.S. Mail over old west trails of Billy the Kid. Chuck wagon meals on historic trails. Three days and two nights. 505-354-2132 or 800-253-2255.

• August 3 - The Grassroots in concert. 8 p.m. West Conference Center at Casino Apache. Call (505) 464-4103.

• August 4 - Jungle Book. 3:00 & 7 p.m. Spencer Theater. A new children's theater company is born. Presented by the Ruidoso News. For information 505-336-4800.

• August 7-11 - Lincoln County Fair at the fairgrounds in Capitan. Call (505) 354-2273 or 354-2666.

• August 10-12 - Capitan Library Book Sale. Phone (505) 354-2273 or 354-2666.

• August 11 - Hollywood Hills Orchestra "Romancing the Movies". 8 p.m. Spencer Theater. Pianist arranger, conductor Mac Frampton and a 17-piece orchestra play the great timeless music from the silver screen. For information 505-336-4800.

• August 11 - Tracy Lawrence in concert. 8 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-4140.

• August 13 to Labor Day - All American Festival. Fashion show & luncheon, photography contest, fiddler championship, charity ball all leading up to the All American Futurity. Call (505) 378-4431.

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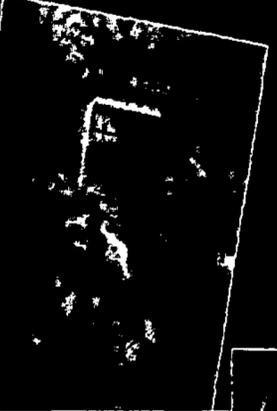
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# Summer and Fall 2001

## SEPTEMBER

• August 18 - Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. 8 p.m. Spencer Theater. A vivid and breathtaking journey into the mysterious beauty of Chinese dance and culture. For information 505-336-4800.

• August 19 - F.A.S.T. 2001 3-D Archery Competition. 8 a.m. Local shoots are held on Airport Road next to Spencer Theater. For a brochure call 505-257-5793 or visit our website at [www.fastarchery.org](http://www.fastarchery.org)

• August 25 - Duo Pianos/Twin Pianists Julia & Irina Elkina. 8 p.m. Spencer Theater. "...a duo piano team of truly remarkable oneness," said the New York Concert Review. For information 505-336-4800.

• September 1 - Three Dog Night in concert. 8 p.m. West Conference Center at Casino Apache. Call (505) 464-4103.

• September 1 & 2 - All American Gun & Western Collectible Show. Ruidoso Convention Center. All types of guns, Western artifacts & collectibles are bought and sold at this entertaining event. Call 877-877-9322.

• September 1-3 - Ruidoso Downs Arts and Crafts Fair, All American Park in Ruidoso Downs. More than 80 exhibitors will sell their crafts.

• September 3 - All American Futurity. Labor Day. Ruidoso Downs Race Track. World's richest Quarter Horse Race. Call 505-378-4431.

• September 9 - Art in the

Orchard. Location to be announced. Call (505) 648-2311.

• September 19-23 - Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. One of the Southwest's largest motorcycle gatherings. Five days of motorcycle events. Call 800-452-8045 [www.motorcyclerrally.com](http://www.motorcyclerrally.com)

• September 22 - Jerry Jeff Walker in concert. 8 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-4140.

• September 29 - Run for the B.E.A.C.H. 4th annual Run for the B.E.A.C.H. is a 5k run & fun walk to help defray mammogram expenses. Call Barbara Crane at (505) 257-7313 or (505) 336-4660.

## OCTOBER

• October 5-7 - Aspenfest Weekend. Celebrate Ruidoso's glorious fall colors.

Chili cook-off, arts & crafts fair, street vendors, Aspenfest Parade & 'Run to Ruidoso' road run show. Call 800-253-2255.

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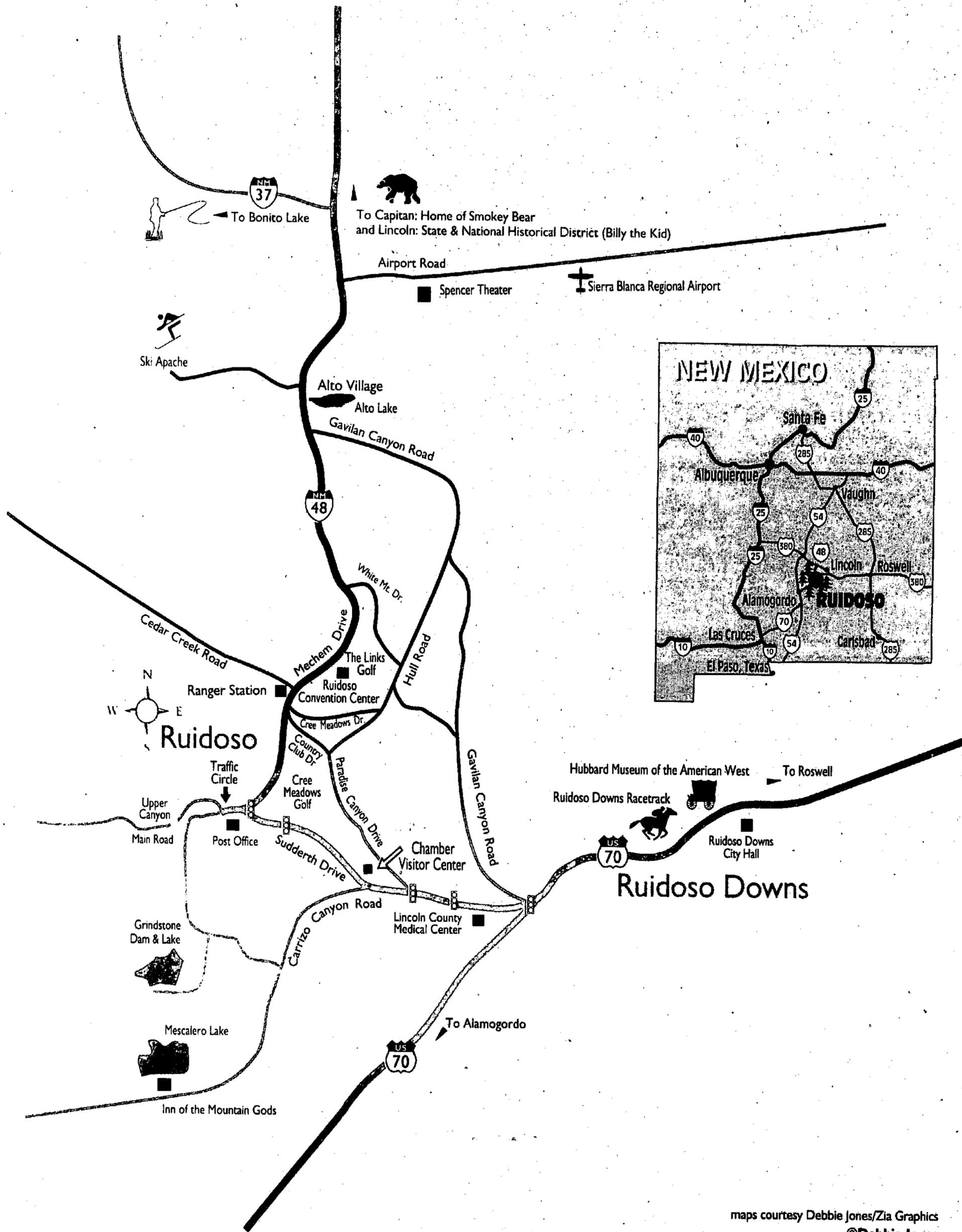
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