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## Area ranchers surprised with boost in grazing fees on federal land

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An increase in grazing fee for permit holders on federal land caught some local people by surprise.

Greg Gray, who handles grazing permits on the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said he heard about the increase about 15 minutes before being contacted by the newspaper.

"It came through the Washington D.C. office," he said. "I didn't know

it was coming."

Forty-three people hold permits in his district, accounting for about 100,000 acres, Gray said.

An increase of 8-cents per animal unit month will take effect March 1 and run through Feb. 28, 2003. The increase will move the fee from \$1.35 to \$1.43 per "aum," or animal unit month — the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and her calf, five sheep or goats, or one horse for one month.

Fees are calculated using a for-

mula that combines lease rates for private grazing land, beef cattle prices and the cost of livestock production. The approach was part of the Public Rangeland Improvement Act passed by Congress in 1978.

"I wasn't really aware an increase was coming," said Rex Wilson, a rancher, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission and a permit holder on about 8,000 acres in the Smokey Bear District. "It fluctuates according to market conditions and is determined by a formula."

Howard Parman, of the Bureau of Land Management's Roswell district office, said 235 permits in his area are issued to Lincoln County ranchers, covering 475,000 acres of managed land and representing 94,000 animal unit months. An individual may hold multiple permits, he said.

In the fiscal year of 1995-96, the grazing fee was \$1.61. The next year it dropped to \$1.35 and remained there for the past five years.

Caren Cowan, executive director of the New Mexico Cattle Growers

Association, said one of that group's members tracks the recalculation every year at this time and was aware that an increase was anticipated.

"This is proof the formula is working and is an indicator of the health of the cattle industry (nation-wide)," she said. "Unfortunately, in New Mexico that isn't necessarily the case because of an extended drought. The fact that (the fee) didn't change all of these years reflects that the industry wasn't doing well."

## Gas service an election 'byproduct'

■ An inconclusive survey of CCNG customers tilts toward continued ownership, but few respond.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The fate of the Capitan and Carrizozo jointly owned municipal natural gas company may be decided as a byproduct of March elections in those villages as factions on both sides of the issue run for office.

But according to the results of a survey conducted by the company of its 1,051 customers, a majority of those responding favor retaining ownership. However, only a third of those queried sent back the questionnaire, which also contained questions about satisfaction with service.

Kay Strickland, who heads the natural gas company office in Capitan, said 302 responses were received. The results were:

- Satisfied with service, 267 said yes and 19 said no.
- Satisfied with rates, 171 said yes and 106 said no.
- Satisfied with field service, 246 said yes and 23 said no.
- Prefer retaining ownership, 225 said yes and 30 said no.
- Prefer selling, 35 said yes and 218 said no.

Because the company's rates currently are not competitive with Zia Natural Gas, some officials are considering selling CCNG. Others are trying to work on ways to drop rates, add customers and remain a viable utility.

## Call it '02-22-2002'

Today's date reaps a bonanza of number twos on the twenty-second day of the second month of the year 2002.

Twenty more years will pass before more consecutive twos — uninterrupted by any other numerals except zero — will hit the calendar.

## INTERSECTION EXPANSION



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Zia Natural Gas employees work on a line that will service the new Brewer Oil Shell gas pumps, convenience store and car wash complex at the corner of Ski Run Road and State Road 48. The business will open within one month if everything stays on schedule, a spokesman said.

Lincoln County's commissioners plunge in to

## MODEL WATER

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After years of discussion, Lincoln County Commissioners took the plunge Thursday and asked a representative of the U.S. Geological Survey to create a hydrological model for the county.

Although Commissioner Leo Martinez said the state should be doing the work instead of making the local taxpayer pick up the tab, Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said the county can't wait. County planner Patsy Sanchez said by then, dozens more subdivisions could be approved.

Martinez said without the state's concurrence on the information, developers could challenge data in court.

Sanchez responded, "Everything in the world is open to appeal. We can't be afraid. This is a water atlas, not a study and you (commissioners) are the ones who have to decide on future subdivision."

Nathan Myers from USGS said the county will pay \$45,000 during the current fiscal year, \$60,000 next year and \$25,000 the last year. They previously set aside \$60,000 for the work, but kept postponing a commitment as they looked at different options.

Myers said his agency can come

up with \$70,000.

The atlas will show the geology of the county and the location and properties of the aquifers, formations that carry the water. That data is critical in determining if a proposed well should be drilled, he said.

The atlas will map the water table and will show channels of underground flow like a topography map, he said. Hard data will be sought from well drillers and anyone else who has kept track of river flow and other water-related information.

Sanchez, who literally begged commissioners to approve the work, said the atlas will be a vital reference in deciding whether a proposed subdivision is located in an area with enough water to support it, if a water system would work better than individual wells and whether septic systems might pollute an aquifer.

The county still will require developers to perform water availability studies when they proposed subdivisions. That data can be added to fill in blanks. Existing reports already produced by developers will help USGS officials put together the atlas, but development tends to cluster in certain areas of the county, with unknown conditions in the rest, Sanchez said.

## Cause of death in Hovland case 'undetermined'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Less than a month after a wrongful death civil suit filed against former minister James Munson Hovland was settled, he may be looking at more problems in connection to his wife's death in January 1997.

Ross E. Zumwalt, chief medical investigator for the state, filed an addendum to an autopsy report on Susan Hovland.

Although Hovland's death previous was determined to be accidental from a fall off a horse, Zumwalt wrote that after reviewing medical records, photographs of the scene and autopsy findings, the cause of her death "is best certified as undetermined. It is possible that the injuries did not occur as originally reported from a fall from a horse."

"We're looking into (the addendum)."

Canon Stevens  
Assistant district attorney

Assistant District Attorney Canon Stevens said Thursday prosecutors for the 12th Judicial District are looking into the case and the new finding. "We're looking into it," he said.

James Hovland reported to Lincoln County sheriff's deputies Jan. 1, 1997 that his wife fell from a horse and then was dragged. He stayed by her side for two hours before going for help because she didn't want to be left alone, deputies reported he told them. By the time they arrived, she was dead.

But in the wrongful death suit filed in August 1999, a representative of her estate contended Hovland battered his 51-year-old wife, causing her death, and that her clothing was clean although the ground was covered with snow.

## Signs of service wait

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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With the installation of three new "welcome" signs at entrances to Ruidoso, service clubs can let newcomers know they're active in the village.

Village Manager Alan Briley told council members last week that signs went up on U.S. 70, State Route 48 and at School House Park on Sudderth Drive welcoming visitors and alerting them to the current stage of water conservation and fire danger.

Service organizations have told him they want a place to put their insignias, he said. Altrusa and Rotary already posted their signs, but space is available for eight organizations at each site, Briley said.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Mary Kay Sarrett, president of Altrusa, stands next to the new sign on the SR 48 entrance to Ruidoso.

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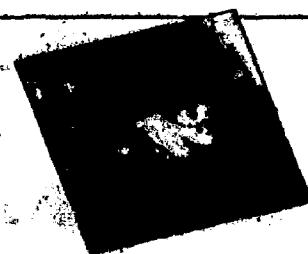
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## Shedding light on a painful subject

Fibro myalgia attacks/6C



## ¡VAMONOS!

Artistry in the kitchen, not just on stage, is a specialty at the Spencer Theater

## Four county teams win in playoffs

It's district tournament time/1B



# Major renovation work planned on four structures in historic Lincoln

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Major preservation work is planned for four structures in the historical settlement of Lincoln.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West operates several properties in the community and received \$1 million for the projects last year from the Saving America's

Treasures program administered by the National Park Service. Lincoln was the center of the Lincoln County War in 1877-78, which spawned the infamous Billy the Kid.

Ron Smith, assistant director of the Hubbard museum including the main center in Ruidoso Downs, said requests for proposals from historic preservation architects were sent out this week to eight firms as well

as advertised in newspapers. They hope to select someone by late April or early May. Projects could begin by middle to late August.

The work will cover Dr. Woods House and annex, the Gallegos House and the Luna House. A separate piece of property, where the ruins of the Aragon Store are located, also is included, Smith said.

The three houses will receive

alarm, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. Dr. Woods House will be restuccoed and will receive a new roof.

"The annex will be structurally put back together again so we can use it," he said. "We're hoping to be able to restore a lot of the original landscaping and fruit trees around Dr. Woods House. Money is there for a new public restroom and support

facility behind the museum and pretty much anything on those buildings that need fixing."

The target date for completion is December 2003.

"A lot of work can be done inside during the winter," Smith said. "Outdoor work will depend on the weather, but with five nice projects, they can work nearly year-around."

## Expensive work ahead for municipal water systems everywhere to eliminate pollutants

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Compliance with proposed new state water standards could end up costing Ruidoso and every other municipal water system in New Mexico.

Village Manager Alan Briley said Wednesday he's aware of the effort by state Environment Department representatives to come up with standards for 91 pollutants identified by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"It's all part of the Clean Water Act," he said. "There will be new standards to meet coming down. People probably have heard about arsenic, but we'll be more affected by cryptosporidium and giardia from deer, elk and bear around surface water. Fertilizer contaminants also could be a problem."

"Those could be very expensive to meet. A meeting for the state Water Quality Control Commission to consider proposed new standards is set for March 12 in Santa

Fe. Briley said village officials, primarily from the water department, will attend.

Although state environment officials last year resisted initiating standards, contending they were unnecessary because pollutants weren't present in New Mexico's rivers and lakes, they later decided to move ahead.

That decision probably was spurred by EPA experts, who claimed that 24 contaminants were found in state waters and warned that either the state will set standards or they will.

Joining in that warning were members of Forest Guardians, a Santa Fe-based organization that threatened to sue to ensure standards were adopted.

While environmental officials say they're pleased with the change of direction on the state level, other groups that deal with water want more public participation and time to study proposals.

For more information, call environment department representative Cathy Tyson at (505)827-0314.

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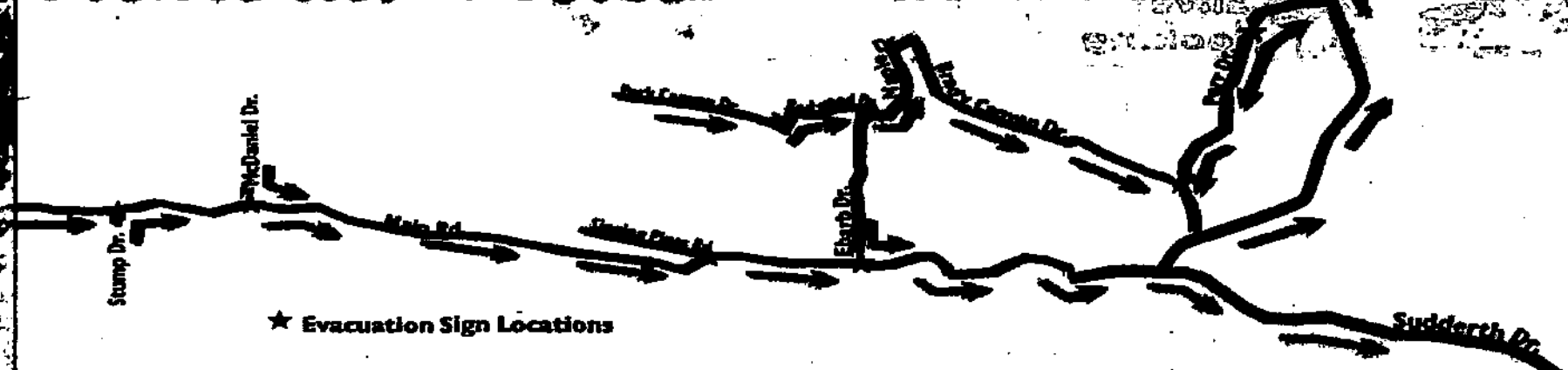
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### OUR OPINION

## Stating the rules, upfront and very clear

Runnels recognizes where the power lies

Ruidoso, almost everybody knows, has for generations had one prime industry — real estate. Land sales, single-family housing, condos, land use, resale... All are a part of the mix.

It's a bit refreshing, then, to see the village's new planning and zoning director most directly address the "human relations" aspect of his department.

Mike Runnels says upfront that any input a property owner might ask of his staff can be considered only "advisory." That's pretty good information in a couple of ways.

1. — It should serve to soothe some of the pain created in the past among local permit-seekers who felt they were caught in an endless game of bureaucratic "dodge 'em."

2. — It also makes it abundantly clear that the P&Z staff can't make decisions — that all power rests elsewhere... with the appointed P&Z Commission and the elected village council and mayor.

And that, carried to the obvious conclusion, means the politicians pull the development strings, as they always have.

## Celebrating Johnny Cash

Johnny Cash came striding out of that brightly lit 7-11 store in Santa Fe one night back in the 1970s, and he truly was that famous "Man in Black."

He was tall, lean, wearing black boots, black shirt and pants, carrying a six-pack of something.

We saw him smile at a lovely lady (was it June Carter Cash, his wife since 1968?) waiting in a convertible parked next to our battered old Buick Special, then hop in and drive away.

He had the authoritative swagger and perpetual pout that were his trademarks. We knew he was making a movie called "A Gunfight" with Kirk Douglas at the Eaves Movie Ranch south of town, so that added some credibility to the sighting.

It was our first in-person look at a man who in those years was even better known than... well, than that pair of Canadian Olympic skaters these days.

We recalled that Johnny Cash near-encounter last Sunday when a TV show reminded us that Cash will be 70 years old come Tuesday, and that the country music world will be celebrating that fact almost everywhere.

Since that night in Santa Fe, he has been part of our limited

collection of famous people. Just about everybody, we suspect, has somebody fitting in that niche of memory labeled "famous people I have seen, if not known." Cash, to us, is a no-nonsense voice out of rural America who champions the downtrodden. That voice made him both famous and rich.

Now we find, via the Internet, that he was born in Kingsland, Ark., in 1932, lost a well-loved brother to accidental death at an early age, worked the cotton fields as a boy, served in the Air Force in Germany (where he bought his first guitar for \$5), stood 6 feet, 2 inches tall — and wrote and performed songs over many decades that we still hear: "I Walk the Line," "Folsom Prison Blues," "A Boy Named Sue," and one June Carter co-wrote, "Ring of Fire," among them. A new CD, "Man in Black," will be issued Monday by Columbia.

We saw Cash one more time, in New York City. We were anxious to see a real Broadway musical, and Stephen Sondheim's "Follies" was the season's hot ticket. Alexis Smith was the big name in the cast.

We spent a lot of money to get the only tickets available — in the second row of the orchestra, yet.

All very nice Sondheim music, the story about a cast reunion of an earlier Broadway musical. "Follies" closed after 522 performances, and Smith won a Tony Award.

After the curtain rose, we became aware that in the row behind us were Johnny Cash and June Carter, right there, in person.

We were thinking about saying something to them at intermission when, suddenly, the music stopped and people left the stage in a rush.

A clatter of folding seats got our attention; the audience was rushing out the exits. A layer of smoke hung near the ceiling.

Sombody came on stage and asked all of us to evacuate — and keep it orderly, please. We did.

The play resumed almost three-quarters of an hour later, after the stage manager said smoke from a restaurant kitchen next door had been sucked into the theater's ventilation system.

The show went on. We don't recall for certain, these many years later, whether the Cashes stayed until the end. We never did talk to them.

Maybe June Cash thought that was one "ring of fire" too many.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Thinning trees doesn't improve the watershed

To the editor:

One of the laws of physics states that for every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction. The laws of physics apply to everything in our world, including nature.

It is a well-known fact that the cooler the temperature of the earth, the greater attraction of clouds bearing rain or snow. Conversely, the higher the ground temperature the less moisture will fall.

Another proven and long-known fact is that vegetation, especially trees, cool the ground by tens of degrees. Despite the laws of physics and nature, the public has been "educated" by the agricultural and ranch industries that clearing our forested lands is beneficial to water conservation.

Hogwash! Clearing trees is beneficial only to increase useable acreage for farming and livestock.

Back in the 1940s and 1950s, when rainfall was more abundant in New Mexico, I remember seeing teams of bulldozers linked with a cable or heavy chain pulling down thousands of acres of trees. Rainfall in the area diminished soon afterward and soil erosion became a problem in those

areas.

The same thing is happening, on a greater scale, in the Amazon rain forest today, while locally we wonder why we have a continuing and increasing drought while we continue to destroy trees. DUH!

Jim Alston  
Ruidoso

#### Verdict an 'outrage'

To the editor:

I have just picked up the Feb. 13 edition of the Ruidoso News, and am astonished at what I am reading. Let me rephrase that; I am outraged.

The headline reads, "Texas woman cleared in 1999 traffic fatality." It should read, "Come to New Mexico, where no one is responsible for their actions." If it sounds like I have a problem with the verdict, you're right.

I was directly behind the white Explorer that took the life of not only Christine Sanchez, but of a grandmother, mother, wife, aunt and numerous friends. I especially dislike the "scientific experts' opinion."

I don't know about the rest of the state, but if I registered at 1.3 BAC (blood alcohol content), I would go to jail for DWI. Pile that on top of killing someone while driving, and I would expect to not ever see the light of day.

And that was almost two hours after the accident. You can probably guess it was higher than that at the time it occurred. What really gets me is that everywhere you go, you see people speaking out against drunk driving because this is what happens.

Well, guess what: I don't want to hear any more of it. (The Texas defendant) may very well be a good person with no bad intentions, and probably has a good heart. However, she made a mistake and should be held responsible.

I have grown to love this town and state in the six years I have lived here, but this injustice makes me seriously consider leaving. My heart goes out to the Sanchez family and I hope that they can find some sort of peace within themselves through this outrage.

Evan Gunter  
Ruidoso

### OUR RIGHT TO KNOW The First Amendment

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

### RESEARCH FINDINGS

## Higher cigarette taxes reduce teen smoking

CHICAGO — Relatively small increases in cigarette taxes can prevent teenagers from becoming heavier smokers, according to a new analysis of national data.

Previous research has shown that raising cigarette taxes decreases the number of teenagers who smoke or the number of cigarettes they smoke if they do. This study, published in the February issue of *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, is the first to show how much cigarette tax increases affect adolescents who smoke every day.

Teenagers who experiment with smoking or smoke only infrequently are unlikely to be dissuaded by price increases because they mostly buy cig-

arettes, says author Lan Liang, Ph.D., of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Regular smokers, on the other hand, are more likely to purchase their own cigarettes. When the amount of money they spend on cigarettes constitutes a larger share of their budgets, economic theory predicts that they will be more responsive to price," Liang explains.

The researchers analyzed 1992, 1993 and 1994 data from the Monitoring the Future Surveys of 8th, 10th- and 12th-grade students. The survey collects data on a nationally representative sample of 15,000 to 19,000 students per grade each year. According to these studies,

teenagers living in areas where a taxes pushed the cost of a pack of cigarettes above \$2.32 (adjusted to 2001 dollars) were about 12 percent less likely to smoke any cigarettes than teenagers living in areas with prices below \$2.07.

Teenagers in the high-tax areas were also about 30 percent less likely to smoke a pack or more a day when compared with teens in the low-tax areas. Teens in areas with middle-of-the-road taxes fell predictably along this continuum.

The researchers note that their study is limited by the fact that they did not assess smoking intensity above a pack a day and so could not determine how price affected teenagers who were heavier smokers.

However, "given the estimates above, it is likely that there are further differences between teens who smoke one pack of cigarettes per day and those who smoke two packs per day," they say.

Overall, the study shows that increasing cigarette prices discourages teens from becoming heavier smokers, they say.

The study was funded through grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nicotine & Tobacco Research is the official peer-reviewed quarterly journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. For information about the journal, contact Gary E. Swan, Ph.D., at (650) 850-8222.



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# RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Cattle Baron chain announces changes

Cattle Baron Steak and Seafood Restaurants Inc., with headquarters in Roswell, and with three Ruidoso restaurants, has announced the promotion of Scott Taylor to the position of second vice president and assistant director of operations. Taylor has been a district manager.

Cattle Baron also has announced plans to renovate its Roswell Cattle Baron restaurant. It will close March 20 for 30 days, with a planned reopening date of April 17.

The \$800,000 project will be a complete makeover of the facility's interior, exterior, landscape and signage.

The restaurant chain includes Ruidoso's Cattle Baron, Farley's Food, Fun and Pub and Santino's Italian Restaurant.

### Trade workshop slated

The New Mexico Export Assistance Center, a division of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the New Mexico

Trade Division, the City of Albuquerque, the Albuquerque Small Business Development Center and the New Mexico Procurement Assistance Program are collaborating to present a trade seminar in early March. It will teach ways to develop business in the global market, particularly in Mexico, Canada, Europe and Asia.

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon on Tuesday, March 5, at the TVI Workforce Training Center, 5600 Eagle Rock Ave. NE, Albuquerque.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration by Feb. 28 is required. Call 827-0316 or 768-3258.

### Business talk Tuesday

Tom McKinney, Roswell, representing the state Taxation and Revenue Department, will discuss problems and opportunities for small business in a Ruidoso Tuesday, in a Lincoln County LULAC-sponsored event. It will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Texas-New Mexico Power Company conference room. The public is welcome.

## Lots of sun, little water — food for sale

■ An available greenhouse in a kit opens the way to year-round produce, thanks to Lincoln County's winter sunshine.

BY SANDY SUGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For the amount of water in half a shower, Tom and Gail Histen water 400 lettuce plants each day at Enchanted Gardens. They sell the lettuce to Lawrence Brothers in Ruidoso and Roswell, Farmers Country Market in Capitan and the Ellis Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln.

And this is only the beginning. Tom Histen, a dealer of Sanctuary Hobby Greenhouses, has set up a 28x18 hydroponic greenhouse on land four miles from Capitan, but wants to go to the commercial size greenhouse, and he plans to get orchids growing and at least one avocado tree.

"We started growing here because the sun's so good," he said. "Hydroponics is a natural because of the lack of water."

Plants are grown in a water and fertilizer solution with the necessary nutrients

for plant growth, and the water is recirculated through the system. The greenhouses are automated, energy efficient and durable — strong enough, Histen said, to

They are equipped with automatic heating, cooling and ventilation. The kits come with blueprints and construction manuals and "great technical support," he said.

Tom Histen had been a chef since 1973, working in Aspen, Colo., for 10 years and San Diego, Calif., for 13 years. The couple moved to Ruidoso in 1997 and bought their place in Capitan almost four years ago.

They built the greenhouse this winter, then planted their first crop Dec. 3, 2001, and harvested it Dec. 23.

"We tried to grow outside," he said. "We got the deer and huge jackrabbits and mice. An outdoor farmer is a gambler. I'm not ready for doing it outdoors."



Lettuce grown hydroponically in this greenhouse near Capitan starting in December already is being marketed throughout the county.

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The Histens' produce is free of pesticides. Calcium nitrate in the fertilizer solution is the only ingredient that's not organic, he said. The company that manufactures the greenhouses is moving toward fully organic growing, and he foresees that in the near future.

Hydroponics is in the curriculum of science classes at Capitan Middle School and the Histens look forward to field trips at Enchanted Gardens, and a summer 4-H program is in the planning stages.

"It is the future, another way to grow," Histen said.

In addition to being water-efficient and allowing growers to produce food year round, the greenhouses are like a room addition: The Histens have a rocking chair in one half and the other side is the greenhouse.

For information about the produce or the greenhouses, call 354-6025 for an appointment.

## The Economy and Markets

### A consumer double-dip?

BY SING WOH SOHN

CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Despite the incredible performance of consumers in supporting economic growth, a "double dip" recession scenario, where consumer spending falters, has not gone away. There are four major concerns.

One, mounting layoffs will sap consumers' buying power and confidence. Two, the balance sheet is highly leveraged under the mountain of debt. Three, the boom in the stock market, which helped the consumers' spending spree, has turned into headwinds for consumers. Four, there is little pent-up demand to sustain consumer spending.

The first concern on jobs should diminish. The sharp fall in initial claims for unemployment insurance and the increase in new orders for capital goods by businesses signal that the worst of corporate retrenchment is over. Furthermore, inventories are at rock bottom, encouraging businesses to increase production and hire people. Manufacturing, which has shed well over one million jobs, has hit the bottom.

To be sure, consumer debt relative to income is at record high, but about 70 percent of the debt is in mortgages. House prices continue to rise, allowing consumers to tap their home equity through refinancing. More importantly, consumer debt service in relation to income has peaked.

The negative wealth effect from the setback in the stock market has been overblown. For the vast majority of consumers, home equity is much larger than stock equity. As of 1998, government data show that the average home equity was \$180,000, compared to \$25,000 for stock equity.

In addition, two thirds of households own homes, compared to less than half for stocks, including both direct and indirect ownership. The top quintile of households owns 83 percent of all the equity outstanding. It is true

that there isn't much pent-up demand, but consumers will open up their wallets if enough incentives are given. The lack of pent-up demand is an argument for moderate growth in consumer spending, not a double-dip. Consumers' financial position is sound overall.

### Bonds: 'Enron-itis'

The antidote for "Enron-itis" has not worked yet. The flight-to-quality has kept Treasury yields below where they should be and the credit spreads have widened. Without the fears of more landmines in accounting irregularities, the beginning of economic recovery, the prospect of tighter monetary policy and the re-emergence of budget deficits should have raised Treasury bond yields. The adjustment process will take place later.

Investors have flocked to mortgage-backed securities as another safe haven. Because of guarantees and collateral, there is very little credit risk in mortgages. Since mortgage rates are expected to trend up, there is little prepayment or "convexity" risk in mortgages. However, investors could pick up about 200 basis points in yield by switching to Baa Corporates. This is a buying opportunity for Corporates.

### Stocks: Earnings-driven

Generally, the liquidity-driven market moves fast and is broadly based. Since liquidity, not earnings, has been the primary driver of the market, the price-earnings ratio rose.

In the earnings-driven market, however, earnings drive prices. Therefore, the price-earnings ratio may not change much. The key in detecting the transition from a liquidity- to earnings-driven market is not earnings, but monetary policy.

Abstracting from the accounting scandal, earnings should take over from liquidity sometime around mid-year. Economic recovery has begun. Corporate earnings should rise at a double-digit rate during the second half of the year. Monetary policy will tighten around the time as well.

These are not investment recommendations; consult your financial adviser.

## Harris Poll ranks states for tort litigation; N.M. at 39

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — A new issue of The Harris Poll finds that senior corporate lawyers see substantial differences between the states' liability systems — the judges, juries, processes, timeliness, and their treatment of tort and contract litigation and class action suits for example.

At one end of the spectrum they have much more favorable opinions of the courts in Delaware (ranked 1), Virginia (2), Washington (3), Kansas (4) and Iowa (5). At the other end, they give the worst marks to Mississippi (50), West Virginia (49), Alabama (48), Louisiana (47) and Texas (46).

New Mexico's overall rank was 39.

This research was conducted by Harris Interactive for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Legal Reform among a national sample of general counsel or other senior litigators in large corporations.

It sought to explore how reasonable and fair the tort liability system is perceived to be by corporate America.

The interviews were conducted by telephone among a nationwide sample of senior attorneys at companies with annual revenues of at least \$100 million.

Of this sample, 44 percent of respondents were from companies with annual revenues of \$1 billion and over. Interviews averaging 15 minutes in length were conducted with a total of 824 respondents and took place between Nov. 7 and Dec. 11, 2001. The sample was segmented into two main groups.

Of the 824 respondents, 86 were from insurance companies with the remaining 738 interviews being conducted among public corporations.

The differences between states are not trivial. Overall, 88 percent of all the lawyers surveyed gave Delaware an

"A" or "B" rating on 10 criteria, compared to 1 percent who did so for Mississippi. Indeed, 73 percent gave Mississippi a "D" or "F" rating. There was also a considerable amount of consistency across all criteria. Delaware is No. 1 on all criteria except treatment of class action suits, on which it was not rated because it doesn't have them. Virginia and Washington are in the top five for six of the criteria.

West Virginia and Alabama are in the lowest five for all criteria. Apart from the rating and ranking of the 50 states, other key findings were:

Looking broadly at America, a 57 percent majority of the senior corporate lawyers rate the state court systems negatively and 39 percent rate them positively overall in terms of their fairness and reasonableness.

Positive scores include 2

percent who rate them as excellent and 37 percent who rate them as pretty good. Negative scores include 14 percent who rate them as poor and 43 percent who rate them as only fair.

More than three quarters of these lawyers (78 percent) believe that the litigation environment in different states could affect important decisions by their corporations, such as where to locate or do business.

There is some other evidence that this is not just a hypothetical question. According to Marty Regalia, the U.S. Chamber's economist, the average economic growth rate from 1995 to 1999 was substantially higher among the top ten states (4.8 percent) than in the bottom ten states (3.8 percent).

The 98-page report is available on the Web at [www.litigationfairness.org](http://www.litigationfairness.org).

## Focus on Agriculture

### Where the buffalo (a.k.a. bison) roam

BY ERIK L. NESS

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The memories of rumbling herds of buffalo on the plains of America fetch a romantic notion of the Old West. That mystique remains strong today as the great beasts are seeing a resurgence for economic and cultural reasons.

Those associated with this movement prefer to call the animals bison, to avoid any confusion with other species such as the cape buffalo of Africa. According to the National Bison Association, either way is fine. You say buffalo, I say bison.

On this wave of renewal in bison production, a piece of legislation popped up in the New Mexico legislature this year that attempted to deal with the overpopulation of bison on certain Indian Pueblos in the state. The plan was to relocate the surplus animals to a federal grassland reserve in north-

ern New Mexico.

Understandably, cattlemen who own private land and grazing leases in the area of the Kiowa National Grasslands were concerned. Basically, cattle and bison don't mix for a variety of reasons, including disease, management and basic herd philosophy.

The state bill was labeled the "Buffalo Bill" by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. When word got out about the plan in the news media, a house committee killed the legislation.

One headline read, "Farm Bureau shoots down Buffalo Bill." During this sometimes lighthearted debate everyone learned a few new things about bison (a.k.a. buffalo), the status of cows and the culture that arises across the West from both industries.

A bison is a different animal than a beef cow. In fact,

bison are 10 or more times removed genetically from domestic cattle. Management and marketing are also very different. Experts say when cattlemen convert to bison production the first rule is to "forget everything you know about cattle."

Bison are big, strong and wild animals in many cases. A bison ranch manager in New Mexico notes that they are managed more like sheep than cattle. In order to work bison, ranchers need a philosophy of leading, not driving.

The herding instinct in bison is so strong that they will give up their individuality as bison to leap the fence and join another species to be a part of a herd of whatever animals happen to be there.

One bison rancher in New Mexico said he witnessed a bull easily jump a six foot fence to get to a yucca cactus flower. When the treat was consumed

he soared over the fence back into his home pasture. If bison are born and stay on one ranch their urge to move and meander is somewhat diminished. But they're still buffalo; they like to roam.

There's no doubt buffalo production is a legitimate segment — albeit small — of the agricultural industry.

Demand for the meat is strong and the price to producers is good. It's hard to argue with that. The only beef the N.M. Farm Bureau has with bison is any attempt by the government to dump them in a federal pasture and drive away. A beast that can rocket six feet over a reinforced fence to eat a flower gives ranchers who neighbor on such herds some obvious concerns.

Erik L. Ness is the director of communications for the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau.



# SPORTS

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## Taking on State



PHOTO BY TODD BUTTS

Warrior heavyweight Patrick Hodges, top, looks to get position on an opponent during the Individual State Tournament over the weekend. Hodges just missed repeating as state champion, finishing second.

### Seven individuals place, but no gold for Ruidoso at State

BY TODD BUTTS  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The hard-working Ruidoso Warriors wrestling team headed off to the Individual State Wrestling Championships in Tucumcari last weekend. The Warriors had seven wrestlers place at the tournament, but managed no gold.

The Warriors will hit the practice mats hard this week and may be even hungrier as they prepare for the Team State Duals Championships Friday and Saturday.

Warrior Shawn Gurule is looking to knock off defending state champion Robertson this weekend. Robertson had 10 wrestlers make it into the Championship round at the Individual Tournament and took home seven winners.

"I think we came into this tournament a little bit overconfident and a little bit unprepared mentally, and it showed," said Warrior coach Jerrett Perry. "If we don't get more emotional next week it's going to be a long weekend. However, I think our kids are very resilient. Our kids are motivated. They always have been. We have that concept of team unity. What we have to do is challenge ourselves as a team and make sure we are ready next weekend."

Warrior Shawn Gurule brought home a third-place finish in the 103-pound class, pinning his opponent in the first round of the consolation championship match. Gurule went 3-1 at the individual tournament after a bye in the first round.

Eighth-grader Dayne Hall, at 112 pounds, got some valuable mat experience under championship pressure. Hall was 1-2 at the tournament going out in the consolation quarterfinals.

Warrior District Champion Jeremy Pritchett in the 119-pound class had a tough time at the tournament. Pritchett went 1-2, falling out of contention in the third round.

Warrior Justin Huffman was the next medalist for Ruidoso. Huffman went 4-2 and brought home a fifth place finish.

Warrior Tye Phillips in the 130-pound class was working his way up the championship bracket when he got pinned in the quarterfinal by Matt Madrid from Coche. Phillips fought his way through the consolation bracket for fourth place at the tournament.

Warriors Josh Rue, Elijah Hedin and Josh Pior fought hard at the tournament but were knocked out in the early rounds at 135, 140 and 145 pounds.

Injured Warrior David McNally, still nursing a pectoral strain, was the next to place at the individual tournament. McNally went 4-2 in his matches and came back with a fourth place title.

A first-round loss for Warrior Tanner McGarvey at 160 pounds had him having to work his way through the consolation bracket for sixth place. McGarvey went 3-2 at the tournament.

Warrior Luis Hernandez, in his first year of wrestling, followed his athletic talent to fifth place at the individual tournament in the 171 pound class.

Warriors Luke Bates at 189 and Ricky Phillips at 215 pounds both went 2-2 at the tournament. The early losses left them out of contention.

Defending state heavyweight champion Warrior Patrick Hodges had the highest finish for the Warriors. Hodges powered his way through the championship bracket and ran into the only wrestler to beat him this season: Armando Montoya from Robertson. Montoya beat Hodges again by decision in the last match of the tourney, giving Hodges the runner-up spot for the second time in three years.

The Warriors will travel to Albuquerque this weekend for the State Duals Tournament to be held at Rio Rancho High School.

Ruidoso 52, Santa Teresa 43

## Ruidoso victorious in district tourney

■ The third time was a charm for the Warriors against Santa T, as they got their first win of 2002.

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Maybe the Ruidoso boys basketball team was just waiting for the postseason.

After winning just one game in the 2001-2002 regular season, the Warriors matched that total with an opening-round victory at Santa Teresa Monday in the District 4AAA Tournament.

The Warriors took home a 52-43 win, finally getting over the hump that had stopped them in their last few games. Ruidoso had gotten off to strong starts against Lovington and Portales recently, only to see the opponent come storming back to a win.

"There was nothing really different (that we did), we just played better," Warrior coach Billy Page said Tuesday. "We're starting to gel."

Ruidoso did all the things Page said it had to do at the beginning of the year: Keep turnovers down, rebound and feed the ball to the inside players.

Warrior David Rice scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds in a balanced Ruidoso attack. Fellow post players Chance Hooper and Kendal Bishop added seven points each.

Josh Adams also had a good night in the backcourt, scoring 10 points and pulling down five boards.

But what seems to have sparked the Warriors this past week was the return of senior guard Christie LaPaz. Deemed the leader of the team by Page, LaPaz went out with an appendicitis Jan. 24. He returned to practice on Feb. 11

and played his first game since the surgery Friday against Portales.

LaPaz hit several three-pointers in that contest and led the Warriors to a one-point lead with less than 20 seconds left. But Portales put back an offensive rebound as time ran out for a 46-45 win.

LaPaz did not put together big numbers offensively against Santa Teresa, but gave his team a lift through leadership.

"With him being on the floor, they knew we had another weapon. They had to respect that," Page said. "... He's a little out of shape, but we play him as we need to. A kid like that, if he feels like playing he gets to play. He's not a selfish player."

While the win was perhaps the team's most complete game of the year, it still had some problems. The Warriors shot just 16-of-29 from the free throw line, although they made their last four in a row.

They also did not hit a three-point basket. "We didn't have to make any," Page said.

But a win is a win, especially in a postseason game. Ruidoso moved on to another round game, this time at the New Mexico Military Institute Tuesday. Results from that were unavailable.

"It's awesome," Page said of the win. "It might be the sweetest win I've had in my career."

There's a long road ahead for the Warriors, though, if they are to make the regional playoffs. It would take a win at NMII and again at Portales to lock up a regional spot.

But the first step has been taken.

"The kids just came together. They've overcome a lot of things together," Page said.

**"It's awesome. This might be the sweetest win I've had in my career."**

Billy Page  
RHS boys  
basketball coach

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
New Snow Past 24 hrs: 2 in.  
Road at Report Time: Snowpacked  
Midway Depth: 52 in.  
Surface Conditions: Packed powder  
Trails Open: All trails are open  
Lifts Open: All lifts are open  
Trails Groomed Today: 16 of 55  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Continued snow

### Prep Scoreboard

**Girls basketball**  
Feb. 15  
Roy 56, Mesalero 53  
Feb. 18  
Mesalero 77, Lake Arthur 19  
Tularosa 51, Capitan 48  
Hondo 63, Gateway 44

**Boys basketball**  
Feb. 15  
Portales 46, Ruidoso 45  
Feb. 18  
Ruidoso 62, Santa Teresa 43  
Gateway 74, Mesalero 46

### Preps on Tap

**Wednesday, Feb. 20**  
**Girls basketball**  
Crown at Mountainair, TBA

**Thursday, Feb. 21**  
**Girls basketball**  
Hondo/Mesalero at Mesilla Valley  
**Boys basketball**  
Carrizozo/Corona at Vaughn, TBA  
Ruidoso/Portales at NMII, TBA

**Friday, Feb. 22**  
**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso at State Duals, TBA  
**Girls basketball**  
TBA at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso at State Duals, TBA

### On Deck

**Little League Sign-up**  
Sign-ups for the upcoming little league baseball season will be held around Lincoln County in March. They will be at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and March 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign-ups will also be at Capitan Schools cafeteria March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call Valerie at 354-3600. Volunteer umpires are also needed. Call Scott at 354-9154 for more information.

**Basketball Tourney**  
An open Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament will be held March 1-3 at Mesalero Community Gym. Ten men's and 8 women's teams will be allowed with 10 players per roster. Entry fee is \$150. A \$75 fee must be turned in no later than Feb. 15th. No checks accepted. The rest due upon first game. Prizes for 1st to 4th place. For more info, please contact Head Start 464-8163/8458.

**Basketball Tournament**  
The 6th annual March Madness basketball tournament will be held in Mesalero March 15-17. The tourney is a men's six-foot-and-under-plus-one competition. Teams are limited to 10 players each. Entry fee is \$175, with \$100 of that due by March 8. The first 16 teams with a deposit will be guaranteed spots. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Choe at (505) 484-3197.

### Big Boys

**NCAA Basketball**  
Monday  
Utah 68, New Mexico 65  
Saturday  
NMSU 69, Arkansas St. 59  
BYU 68, New Mexico 62

## Lady Chiefs dominate Lake Arthur

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into Monday's District 8A playoff opener with Lake Arthur, the Mesalero Chiefs girls basketball team knew it couldn't afford a letdown against the weaker Panthers.

No problem.

The Lady Chiefs dominated Lake Arthur, coasting to a 77-19 win at home Monday night. Time and again the Chiefs beat the Panthers downcourt, getting easy layups and offensive rebounds. The Mesalero defense was oppressive, seeming to steal the ball at will.

But it's still just one win, coach Roland Bradford reminded his team.

"I told them we've got to go out and play good, disciplined basketball, the same way we want to play the rest of the week," he said. "... It's district time. Your girls have got to be disciplined. The girls are playing aggressive and playing smart."

That style of play gave the Chiefs a sizeable advantage early on. The Panthers looked stunned, as they found themselves down 48-10 at halftime.

Ten of the 12 Chiefs who played scored, led by



Chiefs' Angusta Lang shoots against Lake Arthur Monday. She had 17 points in the win.



WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF

Ruidoso Warrior A.J. Richardson looks to pass after drawing attention from Portales' defenders Friday. The Warriors fell to Portales, but beat Santa Teresa Monday in the first round of the District 4AAA Tournament.

## HOMETOWN SUPPORT



The fourth-grade class of Nari Wierwille wishes Olympian and former Ruidosoan Tristin Gale luck in front of White Mountain Elementary School Tuesday. Gale, who races in skeleton today, used to attend the school and is a friend of Wierwille's. "Kids who go to this school, who knows what the future holds for them," Wierwille said.

WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF



# Lobos fall in a nailbiter

A late rally by New Mexico at Utah Monday was not quite enough to break a two-game losing streak.

Eric Chatfield's 18-footer bounced off the back rim in the final seconds, and the University of Utah survived a late scare to beat New Mexico 66-65 at the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City Monday night.

The loss was UNM's third straight, and dropped the Lobos to 14-10 on the season, 4-3 in Mountain West Conference play. Utah claimed sole possession of first place in league play at 9-2, and improved to 19-5 overall. UNM has now lost 13 straight games at Utah, and is just 5-46 all-time in Salt Lake City.

The Utes took their largest

lead of the game, 65-54, when Travis Spivey scored in the paint with less than four minutes remaining. UNM stormed back, however, and scored the next 11 points to tie the game at 65-65. Cody Payne and Chatfield hit back-to-back threes to bring the Lobos to within five, 65-60, with 2:11 remaining. Two Rusten Douglas free throws cut the deficit to three, then Chatfield buried a long three from the top of the key to tie the game with 41.5 seconds left.

Utah ran down the game clock to 11 seconds, when Nick Jacobsen missed a jumper from the side. Britton Johnson grabbed the rebound — his 11th of the night — and was fouled by Patrick Dennehy with 7.6 seconds remaining. He hit the second of two free throws to give the Utes a one-point lead, and UNM would have to travel the

length of the floor to win the game. Chatfield dribbled down and got a clean look from the side, but his shot was just long, and bounced out of bounds as time expired.

New Mexico led by as many as 11 points midway through the first half but watched Utah tear off a 24-3 run in less than eight minutes between the first and second halves to take control of the game. It marks the third consecutive contest UNM has surrendered a lead of 10 points or better on the way to a loss. The Lobos led Air Force 16-3 and lost 47-44 on Feb. 9, UNM led BYU 51-39 on Feb. 16 and lost 68-62.

After a slow start, in which each team hit just three of its first 10 shots, UNM got hot and went on a 16-5 run to take a 20-14 advantage with 5:45 left in the first half. Cody Payne and Moustapha Diagne had tough hoops inside to start the run, and Tim Lightfoot drained a three to complete it, as the Lobos hit 6 of 7 shots in the skein.

Utah roared back and went on a 16-0 blitz to take a 30-27 advantage. The key play in the sequence came when Dennehy and Britton Johnson engaged in somewhat of a slap fight near the top of the key. Dennehy was called for a foul after Johnson drove to the basket, and Lobo head coach Fran Fraschilla was slapped with a technical for arguing Johnson's tactics. The Utes made four straight free throws to fuel their fire and eventually took a 30-27 lead into the halftime locker room.

New Mexico was miserable from the line throughout the night, hitting just 53% (8-15). Utah was 18-23 (70%) from the charity stripe.

Johnson led all scorers with 23 points, including three three-pointers, and he was 8-12 from the free-throw line. UNM was led by Dennehy and Chatfield, who had 16 points apiece.

# CHIEFS: Girls advance after easy victory

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Augusta Lang with 17 points, Sherrie Davis added 14 and Charlotte Tabnitz and Laura Shosh each put in nine.

Lake Arthur was missing its head coach, but Bradford said the lopsided result was a result of what his team did more than anything else.

"I was impressed. I asked them to treat this like it would be the toughest game in the district," he said. "There was no screwing around."

The win was doubly impressive since the Chiefs were coming off a road loss to Roy Friday 56-53. Mescalero showed no signs of fatigue or frustration Gateway Tuesday.

Monday, though.

The win put Mescalero in a second-round match-up with Hondo at home Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Hondo topped Gateway Christian 68-44 Monday at home. The winner of Tuesday's game will move on to play Mesilla Valley Thursday on the road.

The Mescalero boys fell Monday at Gateway Christian 74-46 in their first-round game. Results from the Hondo boys' game at Lake Arthur were not available. The winner was scheduled to play Gateway Tuesday.

## Fishing report for Ruidoso area, Feb. 20, 2001

**Redoubt River:** As stated last week, the water level in the River is nearly at a year low. We are under 2 CFS and dropping. If you plan to fish the River, we suggest you concentrate your efforts below the confluence of Carlson Creek downstream to the Gavilan Canyon Bridge. The fishing in this stretch of water has been quite good. The last stocking of the river was several weeks ago. The NMGFD has assured us that a stocking will take place soon. Remember the state of NM is under great pressure in their efforts to provide stocked fish due to the closure of several hatcheries due to Whirling Disease and mechanical failures. This is just one more reason to please practice Catch and Release. Stoneflies are still abundant in the river. Rock Worms are declining in size and quantity. Chasent fall nymphs will produce fish when about anything else fails. Tie a dry fly on as a lead fly then tie a nymph dropper about 12-18" behind. Use the lead fly as your strike indicator. This is an effective and fun way to fish small waters. Wear layers of clothes as the temperature near the water changes quickly. Remember to always wear eye protection.

**South Fork —** Southfork is about done until Spring. The water flow rate is at a trickle.

**Snake Lake:** Bonito Lake is closed until April 1.

**Eagle Lake:** Eagle Lake site closed for the season.

**Grindstone:** No change from the past

couple of weeks. Grindstone continues to offer spotty fishing. Woolly Buggers and Zorikos fished fairly deep have produced fish the past two weeks. For spin casters, tie on an Olive or Black popper fly behind a bubble rig and enjoy catching fish. Please remember to squeeze the bars down on all floats; this will reduce injury to any fish caught and returned to the water.

**Lake Mescalero:** The lake level is quite low, but is fishing well. Dark woolly buggers continue to take fish late in the day. A few folks have been successful with Parachute Adams, Mosquito, or Hendrickson patterns and casting to rising fish. Remember to get your day pass at the front desk.

Please practice Catch and Release whenever and wherever you can. We have moved our local shop. New address is 2501 Sudderth Drive. Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded website for community information.

**Fly Fishing Tip:** No matter how tempting to use your rod tip to dislodge a fly stuck in a tree or shrub, do not do it. More rods are broken in this move than any other. The price of a fly does not compare to the price of a rod. If pulling on a line to free a fly, look but. If the fly comes loose you can lose an eye or be impaled by the recoiling fly. Again the cost of a fly is not worth the injury to damaged gear.

**Jim Storch, NMGFD, at 505-257-4000**  
www.nmgs.com  
www.fly-fish.com

## WATER WATER WATER

An Open Letter from Mayor Robert Donaldson

Dear Friends,

We all know how valuable water is to our beautiful mountain community. Every other issue pales in comparison to our most important natural resource... WATER.

As Mayor, I have worked hard to learn as much as I could about the complicated issues facing our community and southeast New Mexico. The answers are not simple but we believe that we have made great progress. While areas north of Ruidoso struggle with water problems, we have taken the necessary positive actions, with more in the works, to meet the water needs not only for us but our children and grandchildren.

We created a water task force that includes New Mexico's leading water attorneys, hydrologists and consultants. Its mission is to enhance our water rights, push our water applications through the state engineer's office and enhance the production of our current wells as well as locate new wells and water supplies. We have detailed each person's responsibilities, expected performance timetables and outlined short, medium and long-term goals. We meet regularly to assess our performance in meeting these goals.

We developed and have begun implementation of a 25-year water master plan that addresses Ruidoso's water needs, now and in the future, including system repair and improvements and continued system maintenance. The necessary revenue sources have been put in place to fund this plan.

Our water needs have been and will always be my personal priority as Mayor. Thank you for your past support. I need your vote on March 5th to continue this critical work on water.

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Robert Donaldson

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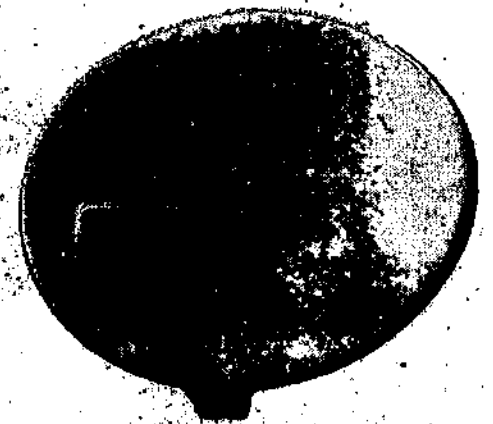
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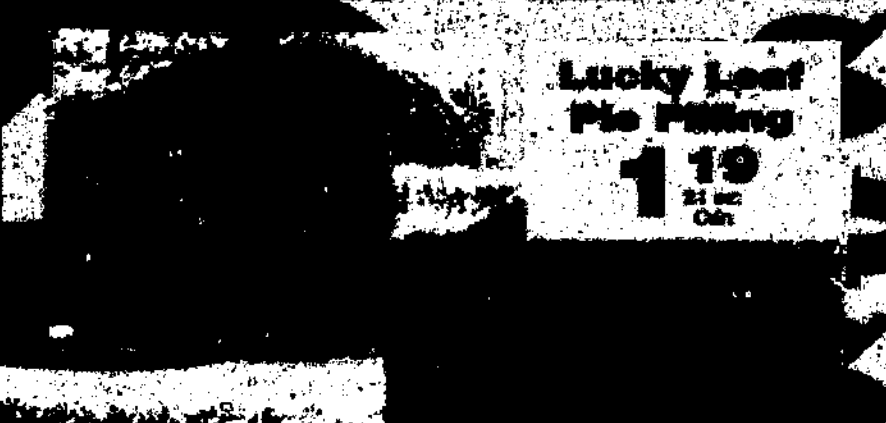
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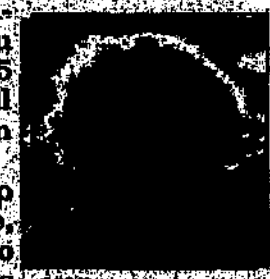
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## Ruidosan takes home the gold

PARK CITY, Utah — In the sport of Olympic skeleton, snow is usually a bad forecast, particularly when you weigh only 115 pounds and need all the speed you can get.

But for Ruidoso native Tristan Gale, snow was nothing to be worried about, as her combined time of 1 minute, 45.11 seconds was just fast enough to ensure her a gold Winter



Gale

Olympic medal.

Her run was 10 hundredths of a second faster than teammate Lea Ann Parsley of Granville, Ohio. Alex Coomber of Great Britain took the bronze.

"It was awesome," said Gale, typically excited during the post-race news conference. "I'm just so glad to be here today, it was fabulous."

Gale, 21, lived in Ruidoso until she was 8, when her mother was transferred by the United States Forest

Service to Utah. In previous interviews, Gale said she still considers Ruidoso her home.

Gale said the snow which fell throughout the competition threatened her chances for a medal, as the diminutive athlete has to use the heaviest sled allowed to compensate for her lack of weight. The snow could have only served to slow her down.

"I'll take anything but snow," Gale said. "I'm just not big enough to com-

pete on a snowy day."

But compete she did, and the snow turned out to be a non-factor, partly due to track maintenance and her own self-control.

"I was a little down on myself at first," Gale said. "But I decided that I just had so much support here. From New Mexico, where I was born, from Utah, where I grew up, everywhere."

"I have a lot of great memories from there," she added, remembering her childhood in Ruidoso. "There were a lot of folks up from New Mexico to watch me."

## Lady Chiefs blow past Hondo in 8A

BY TONY FERRA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

With their next opponent watching from the stands and a raucous home crowd egging them on, the Mescalero Lady Chiefs overcame a sluggish start to put Hondo away 59-50 in the second round of the District 8A playoffs Tuesday night.

Mescalero found themselves down by just two points at the end of the first quarter, and didn't look like they were firing on all cylinders. Besides poor shooting, ball handling also kept them from taking control.

But the Lady Eagles had problems of their own. After taking an 11-4 lead with 3:30 left in the first quarter, Hondo started throwing the ball away, giving Mescalero the chance they needed.

They made the most of those chances in the second quarter, holding the Lady Eagles to just three points on three free-throws and ending the half with an 11-0 run.

"We were tight and just missed too many shots in the beginning," said Mescalero coach Rol Bradford. "I told the girls at halftime that we would have been up by 20 points if we had made our shots."

The Lady Chiefs continued their impressive run in the second half, and even started to run themselves out of the game near the end. With time running down, Mescalero continually tried to run, despite their coach's plea to slow it down.

That up-tempo type of game started to catch up with them in turnovers, and fouls — Augusta Lang, Sasha Enjady and Nicole Dolan all fouled out for the Lady Chiefs.

Lang's foul-out was particu-

larly troubling to coach Bradford, as she had 14 points and several big blocks and rebounds inside. Sherience Davis had 16 points to lead the Lady Chiefs. Charlotte Tahinto added 10.

Kalyn Gomez had 13 points to lead Hondo, while Angelica Chavez added 12.

Actually, excepting the second quarter, the entire game was a pretty close affair. Mescalero had only two points more than the Lady Eagles the rest of the game.

"When those girls got in foul trouble, I had to keep a lot of the girls on the floor for a long time," Bradford said.

"They got tired and that started to hurt."

But it didn't hurt enough, as their scoring streak in the first half proved too much to overcome for the Lady Eagles.

"That happens, teams go on the road and end up on the wrong side of a scoring run," said Hondo coach Julie Montoya.

"They went on a run and we couldn't answer. We played tough, but couldn't take care of the ball on offense."

Mescalero advanced to Thursday's semifinal round of the district tournament against Mesilla Valley, a team which sat in the stands for much of Tuesday's game.

Results from Thursday's game were late.

"We've had two tight games with them," Bradford said of the SonBlazers. "It will be very physical, and we'll have to step it up a notch."

If Mescalero was able to defeat Mesilla Valley Thursday, they would travel to Hagerman Saturday for the District 8A championship game.

### Lady Chief basketball

Lady Chiefs 59, Lady Eagles 50

Hondo (58)  
Angelica Chavez 4-4-6-12, Sarah Sanchez 0-1-2-1, Kalyn Gomez 4-3-3-13, Santanna Gonzales 1-3-5-5, Jackie Chavez 3-0-0-7, Harmony Hawn 0-0-0-0, Randi Gomez 4-0-1-8, Josephine Fletek 0-0-0-0, Lauren Richardson 1-0-0-2, Jamie Garcia 0-0-0-0, Josephine Gutierrez 0-2-4-2. Totals: 17-13-21-58.

Mescalero (59)  
Augusta Lang 8-2-2-14, Nicole Dolan 2-0-0-4, Sasha Enjady 4-0-0-8, Laura Shosh 1-2-4-4, Sherlene Davis 7-2-2-16, Leslie Bigmouth 1-1-2-3, Hilary Sago 0-0-0-0, Emily Blake 0-0-0-0, Ilene Lang 0-0-0-0, Shanelle Mariano 0-0-0-0, Myrtil Kanseah 0-0-0-0, Charlotte Tahinto 4-1-2-10. Totals: 23-7-18-59.

Hondo 17 3 18 22 — 58  
Mescalero 15 10 13 21 — 59  
Three-point goals: Hondo 3 (Gomez, Chavez), Mescalero 1 (Tahinto).  
Total fouls: Hondo 17, Mescalero 24.  
Fouled out: Hondo, Gomez, Mescalero, Lang, Dolan, Enjady.



WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF

Ruidoso's Clarissa Silva (14) flies through the air past two Santa Teresa defenders for two points Tuesday at Ruidoso High during the District 4AAA Tournament. Trailing on the play is Lady Warrior Carrie Line (15). Silva and Line each scored nine points to lead Ruidoso to a 35-29 victory.

## Ruidoso rebounds in final quarter against Santa Teresa

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Prospects were bleak early in the second half for the Ruidoso Warriors girls basketball team Tuesday night. The Warriors found themselves down by four with about five minutes left in the third quarter, when senior leader Carrie Line went down with an ankle injury.

When she came back halfway through the fourth, the tables had turned.

Ruidoso held Santa Teresa to 13 second-half points in route to a 35-29 victory at home in the opening round of the District 4AAA Tournament, earning the right to travel to Lovington Thursday. Results from that game were late.

Line and sophomore Clarissa Silva each scored nine points to lead the Warriors, but it was strong defense that cleared the path for Ruidoso's win. The Desert Warriors scored just six points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth, compared to Ruidoso's 16 fourth-quarter points. The Lady Warriors had just 19 going into the fourth.

"We were ready for (them)," Ruidoso coach Greg Marez said afterward. "They like to slow it down, but this time, we took more control of the situation."

While it wasn't a pretty win — the Warriors shot just 19 percent from the field — Marez said, it will give his team the momentum it needs on the road.

"With Lovington, we've got to take control. ... This will give them the confidence to know that we are supposed to be in this position, that we

are supposed to beat Santa Teresa."

It looked like it would be the other way around early, though.

Ruidoso struggled with turnovers for much of the first half and couldn't hit many of the shots it got. Strong defense and a slow pace kept the Warriors in it, but they still found themselves down 16-14 at halftime. The girls kept it close in the third, but failed to make up any ground, trailing 22-19 after three.

The fourth quarter was when things finally started clicking. Silva tied the game at 22 with 6:12 remaining on a three-pointer. Meghan Gabaldon, Dusti Franklin and Line all hit clutch shots down the stretch, as the Warriors slowly extended their lead. Silva hit four free throws in a 13-second span to give Ruidoso its biggest lead to that point, 33-28, with :38 ticks remaining.

But Marez said Line's return after her injury was perhaps the biggest lift for the team.

"She may have been faking 55 percent, but her heart was at 110."

The win was Ruidoso's second in a week over the Desert Warriors, as it squeaked out a two-point overtime victory in Santa Teresa Feb. 12. But despite the recent experience, the Lady Warriors still couldn't make Santa T play at their tempo.

"What Santa Teresa did to us tonight is what we've got to do to Lovington," Marez said.

If Ruidoso won Thursday, they would travel to Portales Saturday for the district championship.

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
New Snow Past 48 hrs: 2 in.  
Road at Report Time: Clear  
Midway Depth: 52 in.  
Surface Conditions: Packed powder  
Trails Open: All trails are open  
Lifts Open: All lifts are open  
Trails Groomed Today: 20 of 55  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Partly cloudy

### Prep Scoreboard

**Girls basketball**  
Feb. 19  
Mescalero 59, Hondo 50  
Ruidoso 35, Santa Teresa 29

**Boys basketball**  
Feb. 19  
Carrizozo 84, Corona 51  
Portales 54, Ruidoso 41

### On Deck

**Little League Sign-up**  
Sign-ups for the upcoming Little League baseball season will be held around Lincoln County in March. They will be at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign-ups will also be at Capital Schools cafeteria March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call Valerie at 354-3600. Volunteer umpires are also needed. Call Scott at 354-9154 for more information.

**Basketball Tourney**  
An open Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament will be held March 1-3 at Mescalero Community Gym. Ten men's and 8 women's teams will be allowed with 10 players per roster. Entry fee is \$150. A \$75 fee must be turned in no later than Feb. 15th. No checks accepted. The rest due upon first game. Prizes for 1st to 4th place. For more info, please contact Head Start 464-9183/8458.

**Basketball Tournament**  
The 30th annual March Madness basketball tournament will be held in Mescalero March 15-17. The tourney is a men's ski-foot-and-under-plus-one competition. Teams are limited to 10 players each. Entry fee is \$175, with \$100 of that due by March 8. The first 16 teams with a deposit will be guaranteed spots. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at (505) 464-2197.

**Little League Football**  
An organizational meeting for those interested in Little League Football will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in room C-212 at Ruidoso High School. Those interested in coaching or being a league official are also encouraged to attend. Call Kevin Clawson 257-3403 for further information.

## Capitan boys move on in 5AA

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan Tigers boys hoopsters got off to a promising start Tuesday night, easily downing the Hatch Bears, 42-21 at home in the District 5AA Tournament.

After two relatively close victories over the Bears during the regular season, the Tigers were able to shut down Hatch leading scorer Josue Ochoa by putting a bigger defender on him. Ochoa was held to seven points.

"Whenever we've played them, he's been the high-point man," Capitan coach Royce Brown said. "He's good in the post, athletic and quick."

After being shut down in the first half, the Bears put together a 12-point third quarter, drawing within nine at one point. Hatch used a series of Capitan turnovers to close the gap, but the Tigers regrouped and finished strong.

J.R. Mitchell led the Tigers with 16 points, followed by Bo Sparks with 11. Brown said that while all five starters played well, Dennis Brockman provided a much-needed spark

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## Warriors get tough loss to end season

BY TONY FERRA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

It was a tall order for the Ruidoso boys to face a solid Portales team for the second time in five days, with a game thrown in just one day before. That grueling schedule caught up to the Warriors, who dropped a 54-41 decision to the

Rams Tuesday night.

With the loss, Ruidoso bowed out of the District 4AAA tournament and finished at 2-21 on the year.

"We might have been a little tired, playing Friday and Monday, then to play on Tuesday," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "But that's what happens when you end up in the bottom of the district."

The Warriors lost to Portales on Friday as well, but that was just a one-point game. The biggest difference on Tuesday, besides some tired legs, was the sudden shift in playing styles between Portales and Santa Teresa.

"They play two completely different styles of basketball," Page said. "Also, in the second quarter, we didn't have any

shots fall at all and scored only four points. We were stuck on 14 for the longest time."

Except for that one quarter, Page said his team played well and the game could have ended very differently.

"But that's our story all year," Page said. "We dig ourselves a little hole, and then it's too late."

Nick Fajardo had eight

points to lead the Warriors, followed by Steven Stroop and Kendall Bishop with six points each.

Despite the loss, and the overall record, Page expressed pride in his team.

"We felt we were a better team than our record showed," Page said. "I was really proud of our kids all year long. The

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## RUIDOSO POLICE

### Highway exposure

A passenger in a blue truck allegedly attempted to expose himself to an employee at Allsup's Convenience Store, 127 U.S. Highway 70 Feb. 18 when she was throwing out the trash.

The driver of the truck honked the horn and the passenger "raised up and attempted to expose himself to her," the report states.

The truck drove east on Highway 70 toward the Ruidoso Downs area, the police there were notified, with no results, the report states.

### 'Unruly' emergency

Staff of Lincoln County Medical Center called the police department Feb. 17 to report unruly people in the emergency room. A Ruidoso police officer observed four subjects in the parking lot and interviewed them.

Two of the subjects were hostile toward the officer, the report states, and Joshua Dale Graham, 23, of Ruidoso Downs was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Graham had been attempting to get information on his sister, who had been involved in an accident but had not yet been brought to the hospital, the report states.

### Alcohol citation

Police cited Quanah Lee Loretto, 20, of Mesalero Feb. 16, for being a minor allowing self to be served alcohol, having found him at McDonald's

restaurant, 144 Sudderth Drive, with an open can of beer.

### Unattended deaths

Police reported the unattended deaths of Joyce Jane Glover, 66, of Big Spring, Texas, Feb. 17, and Penelope L. Cannon, 59, of Ruidoso Feb. 16.

### Vehicle 'keyed'

Someone "keyed" the vehicle of a teacher at Ruidoso High School, 125 Warrior Drive, between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Feb. 18.

### Disorderly charge

Beat R. Jarvis, 24, of Ruidoso, was arrested Feb. 15 at Win Place and Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive, and charged with disorderly conduct. Three bouncers had escorted him out after he allegedly became upset when a bartender refused to serve him.

### Highway exposure

Police arrested Christopher J. Jones, 30, of Ruidoso Downs, after being called to Win Place and Show, 1526 Sudderth Drive, regarding a fight in progress. A bouncer was injured in the process of trying to break up a fight.

### 'Possession' charged

Leo J. Peralto Jr., 20, of Mesalero, was arrested Feb. 16 at Allsup's Convenience Store, 2820 Sudderth Drive, and charged with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A police officer discovered that the driver of a "suspicious" vehicle had an outstanding warrant and no valid driver's license and found a used pipe and a bag of marijuana in the vehicle.

### Suspect handed to BIA

Police arrested Elie E. Hosetosavit, 40, of Mesalero, Feb. 17, charging him with disorderly conduct at the Allsup's Convenience Store, 135 Highway 70.

A call had come in regarding an "intoxicated male" at Chileo's, next door and officers found the suspect at Allsup's, the report states. Police later found that he was wanted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for escape from a work detail, and turned the suspect over to the BIA.

### Juvenile driver crashes

A 16-year-old female resident of Ruidoso Downs was cited with driving while under the influence of alcohol and being a minor allowing self to be served, after she allegedly lost control of her vehicle heading west on Carrizo Canyon Road in excess of the posted speed.

The vehicle left the road sideways and subsequently rolled over, coming to rest on the driver's side of the vehicle. The two passengers and the driver were buckled in. The driver complained of neck pain and was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center.

## Red Cross announces annual regional rose sale

The American Red Cross chapters of southeastern New Mexico will conduct their 12th annual rose sale in honor of National Red Cross Month March 27 and 28, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

The Rio Hondo, Zia and Southeastern New Mexico chapters are joining to "blanket all of southeastern New Mexico with roses," a spokesman said. The fund-raising roses, at \$20 per dozen, will be deliv-

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Theater isn't the only art at the Spencer. Culinary master Omar Gonzalez is

## Cookin' at the theater

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Omar Gonzalez rolls a clump of dough with each hand from the bowl and in less than a second rolls two smooth balls that will, before the interview is over, become perfect rolls. He rolls up 100 identical balls in three minutes. His fifth-grade daughter, April, tops them with sesame and poppy seeds while he cuts steaks for Turnedos Florentine for the Founders Club dinner that night. That's sauteed medallions of beef with spinach, tomatoes, onions and bearnaise sauce. The rest of the menu includes clam chowder, crab-stuffed zucchini and Bailey's Irish Creme Cheesecake.

Gonzalez was 19 when he came to Ruidoso from Chihuahua by train with some friends. They left. He didn't. First he got a job at Carrizo Lodge washing dishes. Then he moved on to InnCredible, starting out with the dishes but soon moving up to prep cook, and, after five months, to cook. There, he cooked as many as 250 dinners by himself. Sixteen years later, he is the chef at the Spencer Theater's Founders Club for pre-performance dinners.

"When I was at InnCredible, I went to cooking seminars in Chicago every year for four years, and to food shows," he said. "I

started learning by watching TV and reading books — it was something easy for me to read. I'd get ideas and then do my own plates."

He learned English by learning to read cook books, and his command of both is impeccable.

Gonzalez said his favorite thing to cook is — everything.

"Here they want me to cook beef, chicken, pork and lamb — that's what they like. I like to do fish, shrimp; I like to cook sauces."

Gonzalez has been chef at the Spencer Theater for a year and a half. About a year ago, he quit cooking for InnCredible to take a job with the Mescalero Forest Service so he could spend more time with his daughter. When she's older and more self-sufficient, the single father said he'll go back to cooking full time.

The kitchen for the Founders Club was never intended for the preparation of full dinners. It was designed to be a catering kitchen. Right now, Gonzalez creates from 50 to 200 full dinners in a space about 6 feet wide and 20 feet long. The walk-in refrigerator is downstairs by the bar, and April runs down there for ingredients when she's not helping him prep. There are plans to expand the kitchen and put in another



Omar Gonzalez has been the chef for the Founders Club at the Spencer Theater for a year and a half, conjuring up gourmet meals in what was originally intended as merely a catering kitchen.

oven and a walk-in refrigerator. Gonzalez prepares every dish from scratch — nothing frozen or from a package comes out of this kitchen. He has to be ready for last-minute changes: Sometimes he finds out 10 minutes before serving time that vegetarian or chicken meals are needed for some extra people who've just arrived.

"I didn't even know I was going to be a cook," he said. "I would help my mother in Mexico and would help make tamales and corn tortillas. In Mexico, the females do the kitchen stuff. I had sisters, but I'm the oldest. When I came up

here I was embarrassed when they gave me an apron, so I was washing dishes without an apron. After awhile, I didn't care."

Although his dexterity and speed in the kitchen is amazing, that's not what he attributes the success of his creations to.

"Cooking here is not to be fast. It's to be perfect," he said. "Preparation is everything. If you've got everything prepared, you don't have to worry about being fast."



COURTESY

April, left, said she wants to be a chef when she grows up. Meanwhile, she gets experience by helping her father prepare meals for the Founders Club. At right is an example of the culinary masterpieces Omar creates.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

## Ticket Angels give seniors Spencer seats

ALTO — New at the Spencer Theater is a fund called "Ticket Angels," which buys available show tickets for senior citizens involved in Lincoln County senior centers and citizens participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Donations will always be accepted for the ongoing program. The fund is tapped into only when a substantial number of seats are left available two days before a show.

"This is a great program because it reaches out to the community at large, enriching the lives of two distinct populations. It definitely introduces the theater to citizens who might not otherwise get to enjoy Spencer Theater performances, and helps fill the hall to capacity levels," says Charles Centilli, Spencer Theater executive director. "Audience energy is important at every show and a full house always affects that vibrant mood."

The response to the Ticket Angel program has been truly heartwarming, he adds, with 54 people sending in donations. Thus far, the fund has been tapped for free performance tickets for area seniors — 20 for "The Sunshine Boys" Feb. 8rd and 30 to the Feb. 9 ballet "Raymonda." Sandie Jourden, the director of the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, identified the recipients after being notified by Centilli.

"I asked seniors who wouldn't normally be able to go to the Spencer if not for Ticket Angels. Many live on very limited incomes — social security," Jourden says. "Every single one I asked came; some had never been out there before and were so in awe."

"This is a wonderful program and we're so grateful," she adds. "I've had people hugging me for 'Sunshine Boys' and kissing me for 'Raymonda.' I explained to them that the Spencer tickets are provided by the theater's Ticket Angel program — all I'm doing is handing out the tickets."

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Anyone interested in being a Ticket Angel may call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (818) 888-7872 or (505) 336-4800. The donations are tax deductible and impact the lives of many, Centilli said.

## Artists tend to make the lives of janitors more difficult



Dave Barry  
DAVE'S WORLD  
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We Americans tend to assume that the British are more intelligent than we are, because they speak with British accents. That's why we need to know about the Turner Prize.

This is a much-publicized prize awarded annually to a British artist. The people who award it say it's "one of the most important and prestigious awards for the visual arts in Europe." Besides prestige, the winner gets 20,000 pounds, which, if you convert it to American dollars, is a large wad of American dollars.

To win that kind of money, you'd think the artist would have to produce an actual, physical piece of art — a painting, a sculpture, a statue of the Queen carved out of cheese — something.

Nope. The 2001 Turner Prize went to an artist named Martin Creed, whose entry was entitled: "The Lights Going On and Off." It consists, as the title suggests, of lights going on and off in a vacant room. They go on for five seconds, then off for five seconds.

That's it. In other words, this guy got 20,000 pounds for demonstrating the same artistic talent as a defective circuit breaker.

Here's the scary part: He deserved to win. I say this because, according to BBC News, his strongest competition was an artist whose entry consisted of a dusty room "filled with an array of disparate objects, including a plastic cactus, mirrors, doors and old tabloid newspapers." Some gallery visitors mistook this for an actual storeroom, before realizing that it was art.

So Martin Creed's blinking lights probably looked pretty darned artistic to the Turner Prize jurors. The prize was formally presented by Madonna, who said: "Art is always at its best when there is no money, because it is nothing to do with money and everything to do with love." That Madonna. Always joking!

You should know that the artistry of Martin Creed is not limited to blinking lights.

Another of his works is entitled "A sheet of A4 paper crumpled into a ball." It's a piece of paper crumpled into a ball. Perhaps you're thinking: "How come when I crumple paper, it's trash, but when this guy does it, it's art?"

The answer is that Creed has an artistic asset that you don't have: the fervent admiration of professional art twits. For example, one critic wrote that Creed's ball of paper "is not simply a sheet of A4 paper; it is a beautifully crumpled piece of A4 paper." Creed has also received critical acclaim for attaching a rubber doormat to an art-gallery floor so that the door could be opened only partway. This annoyed the public, which, being the stupid old public, did not recognize that the doormat was art. Naturally the critics thought it was brilliant.

Frankly, I admire Martin Creed. He can do whatever he wants, and the critics will declare that it's art, especially if it annoys normal people. If he suspended a bucket over an art-

gallery door so it dumped water on whoever walked in, he'd be hailed as a genius. In fact, he may already have done this.

Another important British artist is Damien Hirst. In 1995, he also won the Turner Prize, for an entry that consisted of (I am not making any of this up) a cow and a calf cut in half and preserved in formaldehyde. Last October, a London gallery threw a party to launch an exhibition by Hirst. When it was over, there was a bunch of party trash — beer bottles, ashtrays, coffee cups, etc. — lying around. Hirst, artist that he is, arranged this trash into an "installation," which is an artistic term meaning "trash that the gallery can now price at 5,000 pounds and try to sell to a wealthy moron."

The next morning, in came the janitor, who, tragically, was not an art professional. When he saw the trash, he assumed that it was trash, and threw it away.

"I didn't think for a second that it was a work of art," he later told the press.

When the gallery staff

arrived, they went out and retrieved the artistic trash from the regular trash, then reassembled the original installation, guided by photographs taken the night before.

So to summarize the London art scene: A trash arrangement, created by an award-winning artist, is painstakingly recreated by art gallery professionals, who hope to sell it, for 5,000 pounds, to an art collector, assuming the collector can open the gallery door, which might be blocked by a doormat placed there, to critical acclaim, by another award-winning artist.

The thing to bear in mind about all this is that everyone involved has a British accent. Including, more and more, Madonna.

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# One for the road: The tale of John Shaw's last drink

We frequently tend to think that with the beginning of the year 1900, the Wild West was a thing of the past. Not hardly.

A chain of events that took place in 1905 in Arizona illustrates this fact dramatically. Shortly before midnight on April 7, 1905, two nattily dressed cowboys named John Shaw and William Smythe strolled into the Wig Wam Saloon in Winslow, Arizona, and belted up to the bar. They ordered two whiskeys, and, taking the drinks in hand, turned and surveyed the saloon interior. What immediately caught their attention was a "high stakes" poker game going on across the room. In what may have been a spur-of-the-moment decision, the pair put their untouched drinks back on the bar and, pulling their pistols, entered the game in a manner that the other players found to be objectionable.

Taking turns, covering and robbing the seven gamblers at the table, Shaw and Smythe relieved them of somewhere between \$450 and \$600 and then proceeded to slowly back out through the batwing doors and disappear into the Arizona night.

The local Navajo County deputy sheriff, a fellow named Pete Pemberton, immediately notified County Sheriff Chet Houck at Holbrook. Pemberton, along with Winslow city marshal Boh Giles, discovered that either Shaw or Smythe - or both - had been careless. The lawmen were able to follow a trail of sil-

ver dollars from the saloon straight to the railroad tracks, where they naturally assumed that the bandits had taken the westbound train to Flagstaff.

## A cold trail turns hot

But they could find no trace of the outlaws in Flagstaff and returned to Winslow the next day, April 8. However, on the train they met a man who claimed to have seen two men hiding in the brush near the right-of-way to the town of Canyon Diablo. Stopping the train, the two lawmen disembarked and started back toward Canyon Diablo on foot, reaching it just about sunset.

Almost immediately after they reached town, things began to happen - rapidly and dramatically. First, they were accosted by a local man who, having heard about the robbery, had noticed two men, who he considered to be suspicious looking "hanging around" all day. Just then, the two men appeared and as the officers began to walk after them, they disappeared around a corner and headed down an alley.

When Pemberton and Giles rounded the corner, they suddenly found themselves face-to-face with the two men, who seemed to be waiting for them. When Pemberton announced that he wanted to search them, the two lawmen realized that they had, in fact, located their prey. One of the desperadoes replied "No one searches us!" and the fireworks began.

All four men jerked their pistols and the air was suddenly filled with gunspokes. At

about six to eight feet apart, it is reasonable to assume that it was only the first few shots that could be fired with any accuracy before the heavy black powder smoke rendered the participants more or less invisible to each other. In ear and eyewitnesses, the shots were like one long explosion. It was over in about three seconds. Both Pemberton and Giles had been backing away, firing into the smoke at dimly perceived muzzle flashes until their guns were empty. Something like 20 or 21 shots were fired in the exchange.

As the breeze gradually blew the smoke away, a heavy, ominous silence fell over the entire scene. When the gunsmoke finally cleared, the lawmen, neither of whom was hit, could see the two outlaws sprawled in the dust of the alley. William Smythe, who turned out to be an ex-convict whose real name was William Evans, was badly wounded, but alive. The same could not be said of John Shaw who, although he had managed to empty his own revolver, had been hit a number of times, at least two of which would have been fatal within a matter of

moments. Shaw was as dead as dead could be, but his story was not yet over.

## The saga of John Shaw

Not a whole lot of loving care was taken with the bodies of dead outlaws and the late John Shaw was no exception. They searched him, removing any valuables, and then, dressing him in a cheap suit, they plopped him into a pine box and dumped him in a shallow grave (their excuse was that the earth was hard and rocky) in Canyon Diablo's cemetery. Which appeared to be the end of the story. Well, not exactly.

The next night a group of Hashknife cowboys were getting progressively soused in the Wig Wam Saloon, scene of John Shaw's final escapade. They had gotten to talking about the robbery and the subsequent, sudden death of Shaw, when one of them observed that neither Evans (known to them as Smythe), nor Shaw, had gotten the opportunity to finish their drinks. Smythe, they reasoned, had years of living left in which to make up for lost drinking time, but Shaw? Poor Shaw had never gotten to fin-

ish that drink. Can you see this one coming?

That's right. About 15 extremely inebriated cowboys, each with a bottle of tangle paint under his arm, boarded a train for Canyon Diablo, intent on correcting what they called the "injustice" of Shaw not being able to finish that last drink. They arrived around dawn, in what may have been even more drunken shape (if that is possible) than they had been in the night before.

There, they awakened a man named Fred Volz (who, coincidentally, was the man who had tipped off the lawmen as the whereabouts of Smythe and Shaw). Volz was, apparently, more than helpful, although one has to wonder what he - or anyone else - would think if a dozen or more incredibly drunk cowboys arrived at his door wanting to borrow shovels to go dig up a dead outlaw and have a drink with him.

Well, it seems that Volz was not only unfazed, he was downright eager and joined right in the bacchanalian lunacy abroad in Canyon Diablo that night. He not only supplied the shovels, he also supplied a Kodak camera with which to record the occasion. What a guy!

## One last drink

As I stated earlier, not a whole lot of care was taken with the deceased when the deceased was something other than an upstanding citizen. Luckily, the disinterment was taking place a day or so after the burial, as nothing had been done to preserve the body. The grave was shallow enough that the digging did not take up a whole lot of time, most of the delays being attributed to the less than steady condition of

the grave diggers. Finally, they opened it up and pulled old John out amongst the land of the living once more. Rigor mortis had set in and they had no trouble getting him to stand. They just leaned him against a fence post and began discussing interesting poses in which they might arrange the deceased.

Then, someone noticed that John Shaw was smiling. Really, I'm not making this up (see photograph). And, while they still posed for various and sundry pictures with the late desperado, the hilarity was rapidly wearing off - whiskey or no whiskey. Really - the mortal enemy of drunks everywhere - was beginning to set in. A number of these cowboy-guys were living and working under assumed names themselves, thanks to some prior indiscretions, and they were aware of the fact that any one of them could have been standing there, like Shaw, stiff as a board. (Come to think of it, almost all of them were stiff as boards, but you know what I mean).

But they had come there to have a drink with the deceased and by God, they were going to do it! Pouring out a tumbler full of whiskey, they dumped it down Shaw's throat through his tightly clenched teeth.

But it just wasn't as much fun as they had thought it would be back on the train, what with Shaw displaying that weird grin and all. So, taking care to leave a half bottle of whiskey in the casket with him, they placed Shaw back in his coffin and closed up the grave.

This time, forever.

Sources: Canyon Diablo by Harry McNeer and Bad Men by Bob Baze Bell.

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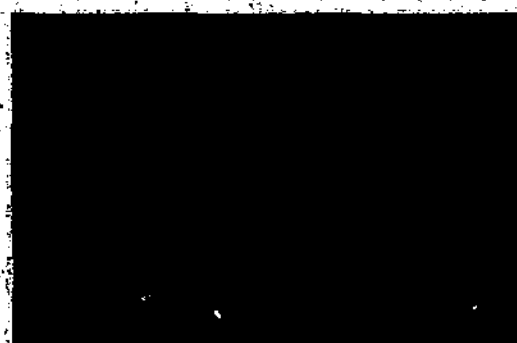
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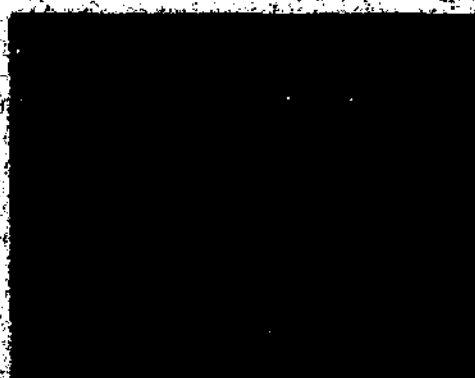


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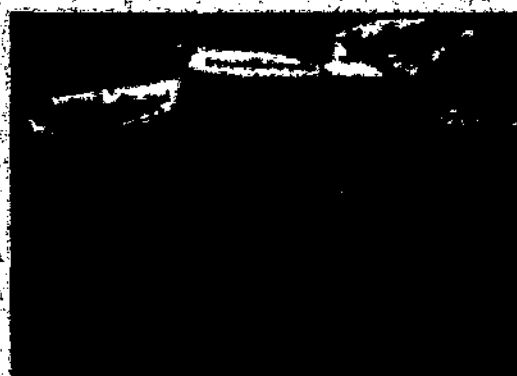


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location.  
METHODIST  
Community United Methodist Church  
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House", Bob  
Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday  
worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
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The Apostles of Lincoln County  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-  
6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sat. evening worship 6  
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8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship,  
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101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220.  
Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school  
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worship the third Sunday of every month.  
Mountain Ministry  
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church  
Andro, Reverend Scott King, Sunday worship: 9  
a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Scott King, Sunday: Church School, 10  
a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Nogal Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday School: 10

### CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

BAPTIST  
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (corner of Highway 40) Dr. Captain Ed. 504-  
2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA: Sunday 4-6 p.m.  
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Carrizozo, 354-9502. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult  
Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Capitan - Highway 40, Lee Barwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.;  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.  
FOUNDAQUAKE  
Capitan Foundational Church  
Highway 40, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.;  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.  
METHODIST  
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a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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The Word of Life Church  
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711 "F" Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated  
with the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 p.m.  
BAPTIST  
First Baptist Church  
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15  
p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday  
CATHOLIC  
Santa Rita Catholic Church  
648-2853, Father Dave Rogers, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass:  
11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Perry Zamboni, Minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00  
a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 1:15 p.m. Wednesday Bible



## Craftsmen needed at Hubbard

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is looking for traditional craftsmen and demonstrators to donate their time for an event celebrating historic rural life. Help the museum in Lincoln celebrate Historic Preservation Week by displaying your craft in a day of demonstrations.

If you enjoy historical reenactments and possess skills in blacksmithing, spinning, soap making, woodworking, butter churning, cow milking, chair caning, quilting or other folk skills, contact Elizabeth Becker at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs at 378-4142. The event will take place in early May.

## Cooking classes at Sierra Dove

Cooking classes at Sierra Dove Center for Healing will resume in March on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning March 12. These are fun, informal classes featuring exotic oriental and East Indian cooking, Italian, French and Cajun specialties. Registration is through Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, 257-2120. Classes will be held at Sierra Dove Center.

## 'Windows of the Sky'

March 8-10: Don Cornwell will teach a workshop for energy workers at Sierra Dove Center for Healing called "Windows of the Sky." These are a series of acupuncture points used to connect heart and mind.

Through this technique, people begin to unfold the tangle of their lives, let go of what is keeping them caged and step into the action that is their purpose.

The fee is \$250, and a \$50 deposit is due by March 1. For information, contact Julia Price at 338-1037.

## Art Fest applications now available

Applications are available for the 31st annual Ruidoso Art Festival at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Visit [www.ruidosonews.com/artfest](http://www.ruidosonews.com/artfest) for more information, or call 257-7395 or stop in to pick up an application. The festival will be Friday through Sunday, July 26-28, at the Ruidoso Convention Center. This is a juried show and three slides must be submitted for each medium, and only two mediums may be entered.

# Background for creativity, art can be started through science

This past week I realized how science and art are closely associated. Scientists investigate light, color, shape, pushing, pulling, floating, sinking, sound and magnetism.

Entertaining art projects can be created with basic scientific principles.

I cannot imagine art without a pinhole camera, a kaleidoscope, a periscope, a cartoon flip book, mixing colors, 3-D glasses, tie-dye shirts, growing crystals, secret messages, marbled paper, a rudder boat, a compass, a drum, a xylophone, and more.

How fortunate for schools in Capitan, Ruidoso, Corona, Hondo and Carrizozo to have the opportunity to partake of the "Visiting Scientist Program," sponsored by the State of New Mexico. Some of the most distinguished scientists and mathematicians in the state are offered as guest lecturers for school stu-

dents. They represent a wide variety of areas including the standard sciences and some of the specialized fields as well.

At the invitation of a teacher, a participating scientist visits a class or school to present a lecture and/or demonstrate on a topic in his area of expertise.

There are no costs to the schools. If your school is not aware of this fantastic program, write for information or a visit request form from Rosalie

Martinez, N.M. Academy of Science Program, N.M. Highlands University, Columbia Suite 102, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

Robert Mishler, (Anthropology NMHU, Dept. of Behavioral Sciences) delighted Carrizozo students on Feb. 14 with his presentation: "What Can a Human Skeleton Tell Us?" The first group made up of students in kindergarten through second grade was

enthralled with real human bones.

They learned by touching, listening and asking questions. Mishler told how certain bony skull features determine if human remains are male or female. Then he told his young audience that there is something else that helps determine gender. He gave them a clue: "What can girls do that boys cannot?"

One little girl's hand shot up and she proudly responded, "Cook!" Mishler had hoped that his clue would bring to mind "have babies."

After the teachers and guest lecturer composed themselves, Mishler explained that the sacrum helps determine if the skeleton is that of a male or female.

The sacrum is a bone made up of several fused vertebrae that forms the posterior section of the pelvis, which supports the birth canal.

Science is a field that offers creative background for becoming an astronomer, a landscape architect, architect, robotics technician, oceanographer and much more. Even a food scientist, male or female!



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## Dragonfly

Thriller, Romance and Drama

1 hr. 30 min.

Rated PG-13 for thematic material and mild sensuality. Dragonfly is a supernatural thriller about a man (Kevin Costner) who believes that his deceased wife (Susanna Thompson) is trying to communicate with him through the near-death experiences of her patients.

Starring: Kevin Costner, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin, Kathryn Erbe, Linda Hunt

Directed by: Tom Shadyac

Produced by: Mark Johnson, Tom Shadyac, Gary Barber, Roger Birnbaum

Written by: David Seltzer, Brandon Camp, Mike Thompson

Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

\*Friday and Saturday only

## In the Bedroom

Thriller and Drama

2 hr. 10 min.

Rated R for some violence and language.

Matt Fowler is a doctor practicing in his native Maine and is married to New York-born Ruth, a choral music teacher. Their only child, Frank, is home from school for the summer, working part time as a lobsterman to earn money for graduate school in the fall. He's also involved in a love affair with a local single mother, which throws his parents for a loop. As the beauty of Maine's brief and fleeting summer comes to an end, these characters find

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

themselves in the midst of unimaginable tragedy.

Starring: Sissy Spacek, Tom Wilkinson, Nick Stahl, Marisa Tomei, William Wise

Directed by: Todd Field

Produced by: Ted Hope, John Pencil, Graham Leader, Ross Katz, Todd Field

Written by: Rob Eastinger, Robert Eastinger, Todd Field

Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

\*Friday and Saturday only

## John Q

Action/Adventure and Drama

1 hr. 58 min.

Rated PG-13 for violence, language and thematic elements.

After collapsing on the baseball field, a young boy is rushed to the hospital where it's discovered that he needs a heart transplant. When the hospital learns that his down-on-his-luck father's insurance won't cover the operation, he's promptly taken off the donor list. As a result, the boy's father takes over the hospital's emergency room until the doctors agree to operate.

Starring: Denzel Washington, Robert DuVall, Anne Heche, James Woods, Eddie Griffin

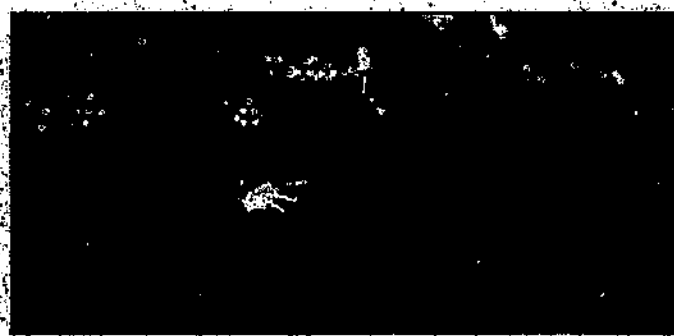
Directed by: Nick Cassavetes

Produced by: Mark Burg, Greg Kinnear

Written by: James Kearns

Showtimes: 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

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Linda Hunt and Kevin Costner star in Universal's Dragonfly



Marisa Tomei and Nick Stahl in Miramax's In the Bedroom

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## CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by  
Dr. Jack V.  
Waters  
Chiropractic  
Physician

### PREVENT ON-THE-JOB DISCOMFORT

Like most people, you have probably experienced neck pain that relates to your work situation. Specialists in ergonomics have found that over 50 percent of people say they have experienced discomfort from their jobs. Working in heavy boxes or repetitive neck motion on the job could cause this problem. There are a number of other work situations that will lead to neck pain and sore muscles. To improve your work situation, help to mind the following points:

- Do not rely on a desk or stool that is not for a previous worker or for a standard size.
- Position the chair and table at the right height for you.
- Place paperwork or equipment at eye level so you do not have to excessively look up or down at them.
- If you have to work long periods of time on the phone, use a headset rather than cradling the phone between your ear and shoulder.
- When doing extensive computer work, sit in the chair position with your neck, thigh, elbow and leg at right angles and your feet placed solidly on the floor. Adjust the chair so it supports the natural S-curve of your spine. At a properly positioned work surface, vertical movement of type-writing, this height should be at elbow height when you drop your arms to your side while sitting.
- Get up from your workstation regularly, stretch, walk around and focus your eyes on a distant object.

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It's painful, and it's called

## fibromyalgia syndrome

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**S**itting at her kitchen table, Raynena Greer shuffles through more than a dozen books spread out in front of her, searching for one more bit of information on the mysterious disease that has turned her body against itself.

■ It's a disease few doctors can identify, but one Ruidoso woman has discovered that many others in the area suffer from it. This is her story of struggle with the health system as well as the social security system.

After a productive 22-year career as a medical social worker, Greer now must measure any physical exertion against the days of recovery to be exacted later.

"It takes three to five years for most people with fibromyalgia syndrome to be diagnosed — sometimes up to 10 doctors — after unneeded surgeries and hours of counseling because many friends and family members think you're just lazy or a hysterical female," she said.

Among the 6 million to 10 million people suffering from the syndrome, 75 percent are women. Symptoms generally affect the muscles, ligaments and tendons, which is why rheumatologists often recognize the disease first even though it is not a rheumatic condition.

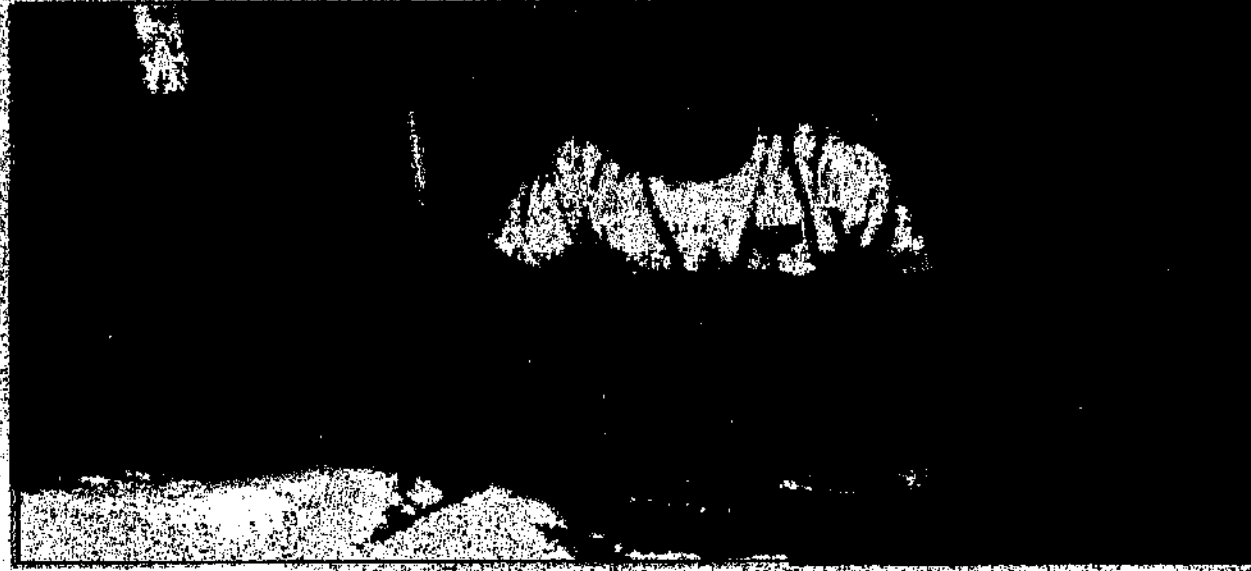
The cause is unknown, although in Greer's case, she believes the roots may lie in a thyroid problem she developed when she was 13 in 1963, which was misdiagnosed and mistreated. She suffered seizures and nearly died. After that, Greer said she was never really well. One of the major symptoms of the syndrome is a low thyroid, which can affect major organs as well as a person's energy and stamina.

Although fibromyalgia ended her social work career, Greer can't shake the basic motivation that drew her to that field in the first place. She recognized the need for a support group to help others diagnosed or seeking a diagnosis to share experiences, gain more information and to receive encouragement and validation.

"Unlike many other people, I knew I wasn't crazy because of my background," she said.

After several people in the community asked her to help organize a support group, Greer announced the first meeting, expecting to see under a dozen people — but 26 showed up.

"I was thrilled," she said. "Right now we're in the beginning process, but they want to meet every week because they want to share, and talk and meet others. It's validation and advocacy. It's incredibly liberating."



Raynena Greer and son Zeke talk over this week's shopping list as they thumb through some of the books she's read about fibromyalgia syndrome.

She encourages participants to read everything they can about the syndrome. That came naturally to her because of her medical social work background, but many people simply accept the pronouncement of a physician, who may not recognize the disease, she said.

The computer helped Greer. A gift from her son, it provided a network of people all over the country with the disease. That formed Greer's long-distance support group and provided her with many resources.

In Greer's case, when she was laid off in 1995 with the closure of Fort Stanton as a state hospital for the developmentally disabled, she also was caring for her elderly mother, and her son was in ninth grade.

To stay in the area, she took a job in Alamogordo, facing a lengthy round trip drive every day for three years. She wasn't sleeping well, another symptom of the syndrome, and after nodding off at the wheel with nearly fatal results three times, she knew something had to change.

Greer bought a small restaurant in Ruidoso in 1997, counting on limited hours and the elimination of the drive to work to compensate for the energy she would need. But after 2 1/2 years, as the disease progressed, she could no longer maintain a schedule. She lost the business and declared bankruptcy. All she managed to keep was her house.

Equally frustrating was trying to find a physician who could diagnose the immune system disease.

"By then I had an idea because I did a lot of reading and had been a medical social worker," she said. "Mine started with chronic fatigue."

But her big breakthrough occurred while visiting a now-defunct New Age store in The Attic complex where she spotted a book on the syndrome.

"I started reading and almost cried because it was me," she said. "By the time I finished the book, I knew it. I took it to my physician at the time and he just shrugged his shoulders. I said I wanted a definite diagnosis and he said there is none."

But she found a rheumatologist who came up with the diagnosis after a half-hour examination, and without any prompting from Greer. She was officially diagnosed in 1997, but while trying to secure disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, her son, Zeke, quit college to come back to Capitan and support her. The process took two years and she had to appeal two rejections of her claim.

"It was a horrible, obscene process," she said of the disability review. "My tenacity is a lot of what has kept me going and that part of my job was to help people get

disability. But make no mistake, they (social security officials) are there to dissuade you from getting benefits."

Fibromyalgia is characterized by "flare-ups" and may go into remission, but the condition cannot be "cured," she said. "It's an immune system disease. Your immune system attacks you and leaves you open to other opportunistic diseases."

A recent flare-up resulted in Greer's eardrum swelling until it burst. The flare began while shopping with her son in Alamogordo.

"I went into a melt-down," she said. "I couldn't remember where I was, what I was doing. I couldn't focus. I held onto the cart because I was afraid I would faint. Yesterday was the first day I have been out in 1 1/2 weeks."

Treatment takes many forms because the disease does, she said. Physicians usually start with medication to improve sleep patterns and muscle relaxers.

A healing level of sleep isn't obtained by most sufferers. They experience insomnia and don't feel refreshed in the morning.

"We feel pain more than normal and little things will put you in bed," Greer said. "The thyroid, thalamus and hypothalamus, the whole adrenal system, is affected."

Neural transmitters are not firing properly and a muscle never relaxes, she said. Produced toxins accumulate.

Whirlpools, massage and chiropractic treatment may help, Greer said. Because of the potentially destructive side effects, she tries to stay away from steroids, except in the most extreme flare-ups. Some use herbal and holistic healing, as well as physical therapy.

"We tend to have asymmetrical bodies with one leg shorter, shoulders out of line or a twisted pelvis," she said. Associated conditions can include irritable bowel, esophageal dysmotility, migraines, depression, skin problems, ocular complaints, chest pain and cognitive dysfunction.

As important as physical treatment is emotional and mental treatment, she said.

"Self-nurturing is important. A person's self-esteem can be terribly damaged. I had lots of good plans for the rest of my life. I was a stone potter and loved to garden, but that's not going to happen. I am redefining what I am."

The support group meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at K-Rob's restaurant.

"We suffer, but we are not victims," she said. "You have a choice to be a victim or a warrior. We are warriors."

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Feb. 22, 1992

### Democrat delegates set

Twelve delegates to the state Democratic convention to be held in Santa Fe March 3 and 4 were selected at a county Democratic meeting in the courthouse at Carrizozo.

Delegates are Edward Penfield, Lincoln; Dan Swearingin, Ruidoso; Arvil Runnels, Benito Dam; Lloyd Bloodworth, Ruidoso; Dan Storm, Glencoe; Bill Hart, Ruidoso; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nunez, Picacho; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Zimmerman, Carrizozo; and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Spencer, Carrizozo.

Feb. 23, 1962

### '100 percent profit'

Executive vice president T. B. Hood of Ruidoso State Bank ... presents Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brunell with a framed \$1 bill, which Hood said was the first dollar of 100 percent profit of the new Brunell's Store, which opened here Tuesday in downtown Ruidoso. (From a photograph caption.)

Feb. 25, 1972

### Lions ladies night due

A special steak dinner, catered by Hank Graff, will be served Tuesday evening, Feb. 29, during the regular Ruidoso Evening Lions Club's Ladies Night activities, according to club officers.

Feb. 25, 1962

### Warriors prepare for state

Uncertainty clouds Ruidoso High School's wrestling team's prospects for the state AAA-AA tournament Friday and Saturday in Los Lunas.

Senior Doug Schmidt, a 128 pounder who won the AAA district championship last week, will have to wait until tomorrow to find out if he can compete.

Schmidt was hit in the face in an apparently unprovoked attack by a Tularosa fan Tuesday night after the Ruidoso-Wildcat girls' basketball game in Tularosa.

Feb. 27, 1992

### Council hikes own pay

Disregarding the sentiments of citizens who spoke to them, four of Ruidoso's six village councilors voted to double their pay and that of the mayor Tuesday evening.

The elected officials' pay will go from \$250 to \$500 per month. Councilors J. D. James, Jess Stinson and Judy Espinosa, who voted for the raise, are up for re-election.

## Lincoln County FCE Council slates a busy spring

The Lincoln County FCE Council held their meeting at the Fellowship Hall, Tinnie. There were 26 members present. Reports were given on several members who are on the sick list.

Several dates were given to the members to remember.

Diabetics Cooking School, Ruidoso Middle School, March 2 and 9. These are on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ms. Mary Ward was present.

at Fort Lane Tree for their quarterly retreat Feb. 9-10.

The creative consultant, Carol Wilson, has won a trip for two to the Caribbean in April. Congratulations, Carol. You worked hard for this honor and we are all very proud of you.

The Corrientes Cowhella met at the Ellis Store last week. There were 33 members present. Mary Ward was present.

Announced that the members of the Lincoln County FCE Council are planning a busy spring.

Capitan.

May is going to be a busy month for the council.

May 1st and 2nd, High Days at Capitan. "Bubba the bull" will be present on the 11th. May 18-19, all natural fiber show at Lincoln Pageant grounds. Shown will be goats, rabbits, camel, sheep, etc. There will be hosts of all kinds, with information and demonstrations.

This is being sponsored by the Lincoln County RENO group. This should be a fun day for everyone. May 22, Janice Ward, living at the Lincoln County Airpark.

The Lincoln County Photography Club met last week at the Texas-New Mexico Power building in Ruidoso. The theme for this month was "heavy equipment" — an easy subject with all the road work that is going on.

The club welcomed several new members. All who are interested in photography are invited to join. You can contact Leland DeFord at the Ruidoso Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

And last, always, we are not just a club, we are a family. We are all here to help each other and to have fun. We are a good family.




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experience a plus but not  
necessary. HS diploma or  
equivalent, good trans-  
portation, auto insurance,  
valid driver's license. Ben-  
efits include hourly wages  
starting at \$7.00 to \$12.00  
an hour depending on  
experience+bonuses,  
health insurance, life insur-  
ance, paid vacations and  
paid holidays. Apply in per-  
son, 238 Suddern, Ruidoso.

**NATIONAL Restaurant**  
Publishing company look-  
ing for Sales Representa-  
tives in New Mexico. Will-  
ing to travel Monday-Fri-  
day. Commission Position.  
Company average pays  
\$720/week. Call 800-225-  
9388 ext 333

**NOW HIRING FOR PART**  
time front desk position.  
Apply at the Holiday Inn  
Express 400 West Hwy.  
70.

**OUTSIDE SALES REP**  
Strong outside sales rep  
needed. Outside Sales  
experience a must. Sell  
cellular phone services. Earn  
high commissions. 200  
Mechem Dr. #9. 257-0456.

**PARALEGAL OR REAL**  
estate closer. Send resume  
to: p.o. box 128 Ruidoso,  
NM 88365.

**PART TIME FRONT**  
desk help needed. Apply  
in person at Ramada Lim-  
ited Ruidoso Downs.

**PART-TIME housekeep-**  
ers. Must have experience.  
Apply at The Holiday Inn  
Express, 400 West Hwy.  
70.

**PLUMBER NEEDED**  
Experienced. Come by  
2581 Suddern Drive or call  
630-1716.

390 WORK WANTED

**Brillante Construction**  
Thomas Brillante  
Redwood Deck - Residing  
Painting - New Construction  
Lic. #238-5196 Ruidoso, NM

400 SERVICES

**GARDEN GREEN & Super**  
Clean, yard work, hauling,  
tree thinning, FIRE breaks,  
pine needles, roof/gutters,  
estimates. 257-2172 or  
420-2205  
dangerus@zianet.com

410 CONSTRUCTION

**IF CONSTRUCTION**  
INC.

420 SERVICES

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER**  
needed. Training avail-  
able. \$9.50 per hour. No  
experience necessary.  
position available now 378-  
5410.

430 HELP WANTED

**DON'T WORRY... WE HAVE**  
RENTALS!

**HOUSES:**  
105 SUTTON -  
Unfurnished 2 BDR, 1  
Bath, 2 1/2 car garage, utilities  
included.

100 SARAH LANE - Un-  
furnished 3 BDR, 2 Bath,  
\$800+ utilities, 2 car  
garage. On Market,  
move to month.

205 UNIVERSITY -  
Unfurnished 3 BDR/3  
Bath home with hot tub.  
Reduced to \$1000 + uti-  
lities.

200 LALUZ - Un-  
furnished 3 BDR/2 Bath,  
\$900+ utilities. Stove, re-  
frigerator, dishwasher,  
w/d hookups. Sun room,  
2 car garage. Available  
April 1.

105 KRYE #2 - Un-  
furnished 2 BDR/2 Bath,  
Stove, Refrigerator,  
Washer & Dryer  
Hookups \$750 + utilities.  
Available March 1.

122 GAVILAN CANYON  
RD - Unfurnished 2 BDR,  
1 1/2 Bath home, \$800 +  
utilities. On Market,  
move to month.

Maryanne Dillon,  
Lic. #35441

**GARY LYNCH**  
REALTY  
257-4011  
www.ruidosorealty.com

380 HELP WANTED

**Sonic Drive-In**  
is now accepting  
applications for  
dependable, mature,  
enthusiastic, friendly  
crew members - all  
shifts. Apply in per-  
son 7-10:30 a.m. at  
102 Horton Circle,  
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Metal Roofs, Additions,  
Decks, Remodeling,  
20 years experience  
Jeff Morgan  
257-4272 or 639-2715

400 SERVICES

**METAL ROOFS**  
Decks, Additions,  
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ports, Home Repairs, Free  
Estimates. Balcon Builders  
257-6357 NM Lic. #015280

**400 SERVICES**  
CITY NEEDS TEAMS AND  
C/O loads with trailers avail-  
able, immediately. Com-  
pany owner Operator single  
and teams. Ask about our 2  
week spouse training pro-  
gram in automatic trans-  
mission truck. Call 1-800-  
C-F-I-D-R-I-V-E  
www.cfidrive.com

**COMPLETE YARD CARE**  
Tree removal, pruning,  
hauling, raking, mowing,  
gutters. Free estimates  
everyday. Materials avail-  
able. 257-5808

410 CONSTRUCTION

**"DANCY"**  
Complete Home Repair  
Roofing, Siding, Gutter,  
Painting, Drywall, etc.  
Call 257-7373

420 SERVICES

**HOME CARE OR house-**  
keeping. References avail-  
able. 20 years experience.  
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Georgia Underwood, 257-  
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460 SERVICES

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0301.

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PRODUCERS OF  
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BAGS SOLD AT CONLEY'S  
OR SEASONS NURSERY  
TRUCK LOAD, WE DELIVER  
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**Amount of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc.**  
**Claim of lien**...\$350.01  
**Costs**...\$313.83  
**Attorney's Fees**...\$1607.91

In addition there to there shall be accruing interest, and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$200.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him, except that ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC. may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest, without paying cash.

Witness my hand this 11th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Jeanie Clancy  
 Special Master

#3949 4T (2) 15, 22 (3) 1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE

**AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA SER DESIGNADOS PARA VOTAR EN LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE REGINTO Y AVISO SOBRE LA ESCUELA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL REGINTO**

Aldea de Capitan

Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 2002 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puesto publicos de la Aldea de Capitan.

Los nombres de los candidatos aparecen en la orden que figuraran en la balota segun determinado por sorteo.

1. Para el puesto de Alcalde por un termino de cuatro años:  
 Norman C. Renfro  
 Steven M. Soderwall  
 Barbara Ann Sanchez (Candidato Declarado Write-In)
2. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años:  
 (Hay dos puestos por un termino de cuatro años)  
 George W. Tippin  
 Donald L. Ingle  
 Donald L. Brothens  
 Richard Hall  
 Bobbi S. Shearer  
 Henry Gallegos Cobos  
 Ronnie L. Montes  
 Alex D. Trujillo  
 Benny Coker  
 Julia Cano  
 Joel Crossino
3. Para el puesto de Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro años:  
 Jack E. Johnson  
 Carroll A. Durbin  
 Cynthia A. Brazel  
 Lilly M. Wood  
 Michael R. Chowning  
 Tannie M. Swanner

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 2002.

- a. Volantes en el Recinto #3 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en 101 West Fifth Street, Lincoln County Fairgrounds.
- b. Volantes en el recinto de volantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.
- c. Volantes en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.
- d. Las siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto han sido nombrados:

a. Juez en el Recinto #3, volante absentista y para votar antes de la eleccion:

600 LEGALS

**Edith Dobbin**  
 b. Escribana en el Recinto #3, volante absentista y para votar antes de la eleccion: Kathleen Phillips, Alice Phelps, Joyce Cox, Lori Roberts.  
 c. Suplentes en el Recinto #3, volante absentista y para votar antes de la eleccion: Van Shamblin, Angelina Provine, Doris Pounds.  
 d. Tronductor en el Recinto #3, volante absentista y para votar antes de la eleccion: Amanda Vega.

Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se ofrecera una "Escuela" sobre la eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto el dia 28 de Febrero de 2002 en el Centro de Villages Hall at 100 4th Street, Carlsbad, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara alas 9:00 a.m. La "Escuela" esta Abierta a: [ibjocp/

Fecha: February 12, 2002

Kathryn Griffin  
 Escribana de Municipalida  
 Village of Capitan

#3946 3T (2) 20, 22, 27

**NOTICE OF NAMES AND CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE: DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES; PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS; AND NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS**

Village of Capitan

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 5, 2002 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office in the Village of Capitan:

1. For the office of Mayor for a four-year term:  
 Norman C. Renfro  
 Steven M. Soderwall  
 Barbara Ann Sanchez (Write-In Candidate)
2. For the office of Municipal Judge for a four-year term:  
 Jack E. Johnson  
 Carroll A. Durbin  
 Cynthia A. Brazel  
 Lilly M. Wood  
 Michael R. Chowning  
 Tannie M. Swanner
3. For the office of Trustees - TWO Positions:  
 One four-year term  
 One four-year term  
 George W. Tippin  
 Donald L. Brothens  
 Richard Hall  
 Bobbi S. Shearer  
 Henry Gallegos Cobos  
 Ronnie L. Montes  
 Alex D. Trujillo  
 Benny Coker  
 Julia Cano  
 Joel Crossino

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 5, 2002.

1. Voters in Precinct #3, within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Capitan shall vote at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 101 West Fifth Street.
2. Voters in the absent voter precinct shall vote at the Village of Capitan Municipal Clerk at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.
3. Voters in the early voting precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.
4. The following Precinct Board Members have been appointed:

1. Judge in Precinct #3, Absent Voter Precinct, Early Voting Precinct: Edith Dobbin.

2. Clerks in Precinct #3, Absent Voter Precinct, Early Voting Precinct: Kathleen Phillips, Alice

600 LEGALS

**Planes, Joyce Cox, Lori Roberts**  
 3. Clerk / Translator in Precinct #3, Absent Voter Precinct, Early Voting Precinct: Amanda Vega.  
 4. Alternates in Precinct #3, Absent Voter Precinct, Early Voting Precinct: Van Shamblin, Angelina Provine, Doris Pounds.

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 28th day of February 2002 at the Carlsbad Village Hall at 100 4th Street, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The school will begin at 9:00 a.m. This school is open to the public.

Dated this 12th day of February 2002.

Kathryn Griffin  
 Village Clerk  
 Village of Capitan

#3947 3T (2) 20, 22, 27

LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE: A request for proposal has been issued to qualified Historic Preservation Architects for the restoration of four historical structures and one historic site in Lincoln, New Mexico by The Hubbard Museum of the American West. Qualified individuals who are interested are invited to call Ron Smith at 505-378-4142 ext. 28 for a copy of the R.F.P.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West  
 200 E. Box 40  
 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346  
 505-378-4141

#3951 1T (2) 22

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

BLANCA N. ORTIZ  
 Petitioner

v.

CESAR D. ORTIZ  
 Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent, GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court, and cause, the general object thereof being to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between the parties, to determine what debts or property exist and to allocate said debts or property to the parties, and for custody and support of the parties two minor children.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 18th day of April, 2002, judgement by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Petitioner's attorney is:  
 Marc Prelo,  
 1009 Mechem Drive, Suite #311  
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
 Tel. (505) 257-3000  
 Fax. (505) 258-1707

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this date: 2-15-02

(Seal)

JAN PERRY  
 DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By:  
 /s/ Joana Eliza  
 Deputy

#3953 4T (2) 22, (3) 1, 8, 16

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 M-F 9-5; SAT 10-2

600 LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**EASTERN BANK, FSB**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JESSICA ARREOLA, LIONN DOE AND JANE DOE** (true names unknown),  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, Carlsbad, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest to the above named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 120-Willie Horton Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 25, BLOCK OF WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 5, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 20, 1981, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 13 AND 14.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 15, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A. 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190-3509.

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, DIV. III District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 22nd day of January 2002.

Jan Perry  
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Elizabeth Yeast  
 Deputy

#3919 4T (2) 1, 8, 15, 22

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY**

plaintiff,

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. ANDERSON, Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF CHARLES E. ANDERSON, Deceased, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF RICARDO BARRIOS, Deceased,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 101 Royal Drive, in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Second Amended Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 15, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**INVITATION TO BID**

**PROJECT NO. 020027**

**PROJECT NAME: Village of Ruidoso Downs, U.S. 70 Water Main Replacement**

The Village of Ruidoso Downs, Village Hall Office will open sealed bids at 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of March, 2002 at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, for the U.S. 70 Water Main Replacement to be constructed in Village of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Provisions and award will be made at the

Prospective bidders should visit the project site which is located along US 70 Mile Post 262 to 264 within the Village of Ruidoso Downs, at their convenience prior to the submission of any bid. A pre-bid meeting for this project will not be held.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bid bond, payable to the Village of Ruidoso Downs, in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds as may be required.

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer in accordance with the instructions to Bidders upon depositing the sum of \$50.00 for each set of documents, which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction, handling and applicable taxes. Any bona fide bidder UPON RETURNING THE DOCUMENTS IN GOOD CONDITION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS following the Bid Opening, will be returned the full amount. Non-responsive bidders will receive no refund.

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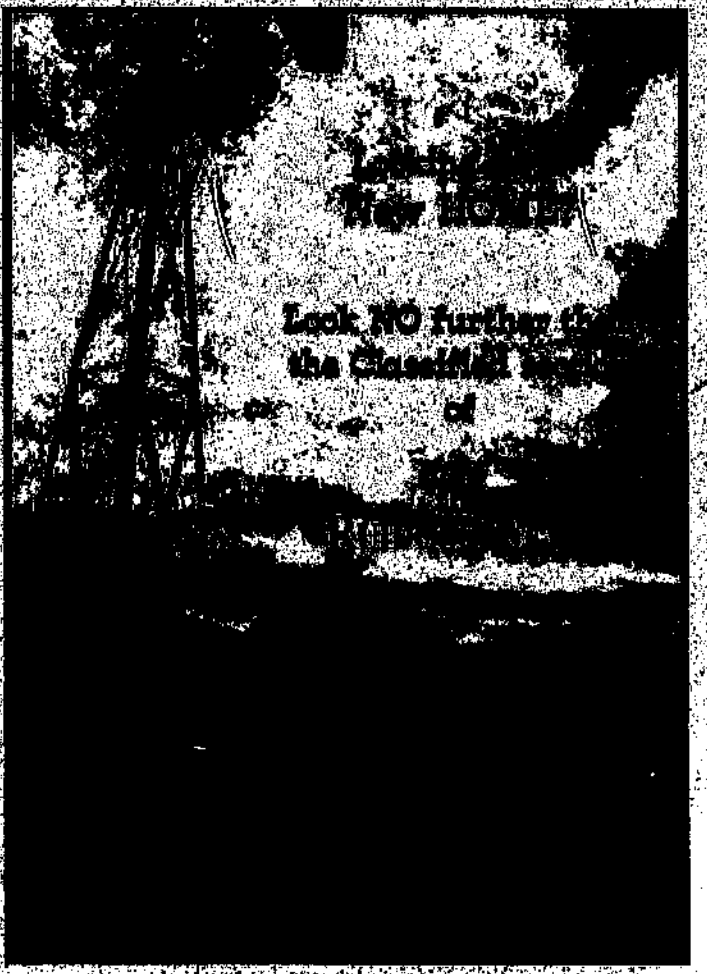
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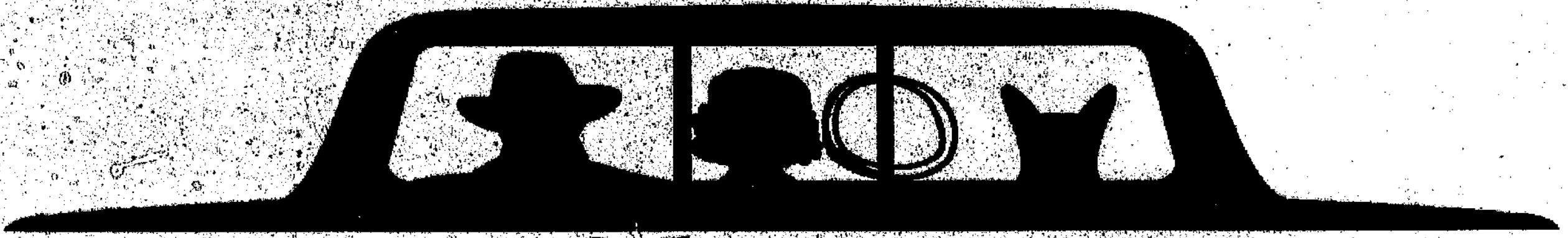
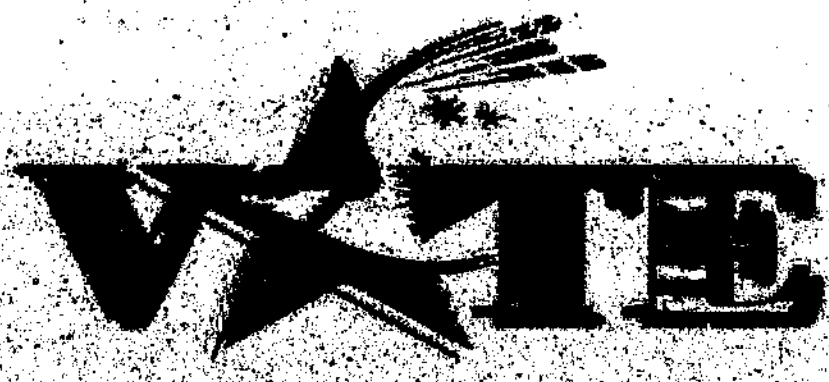
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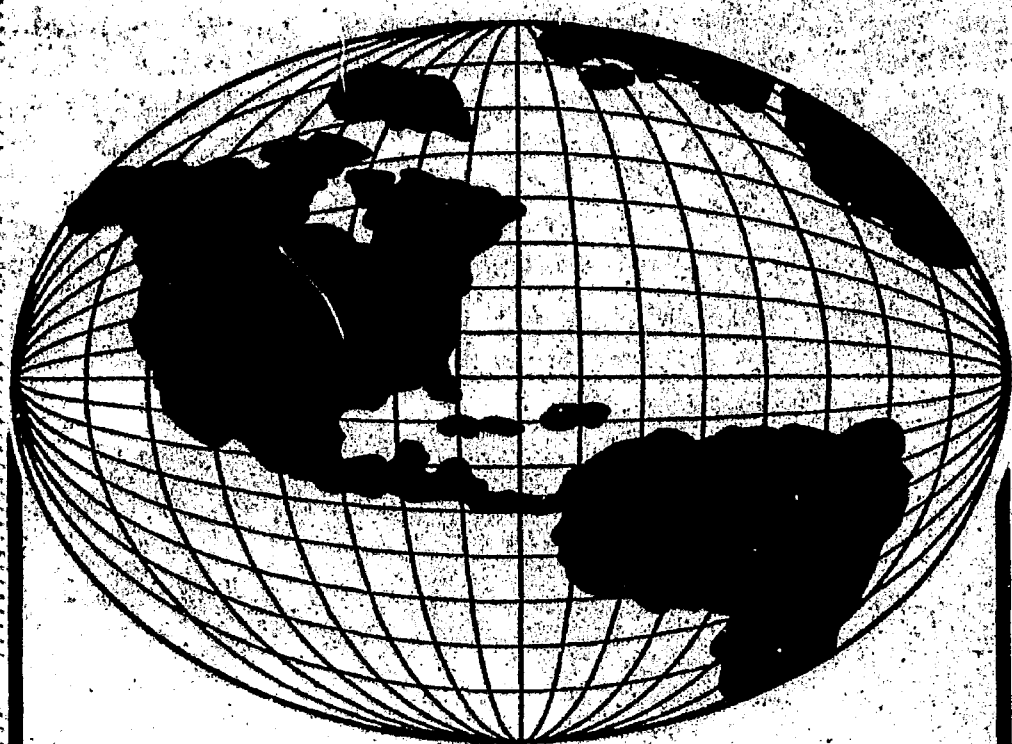
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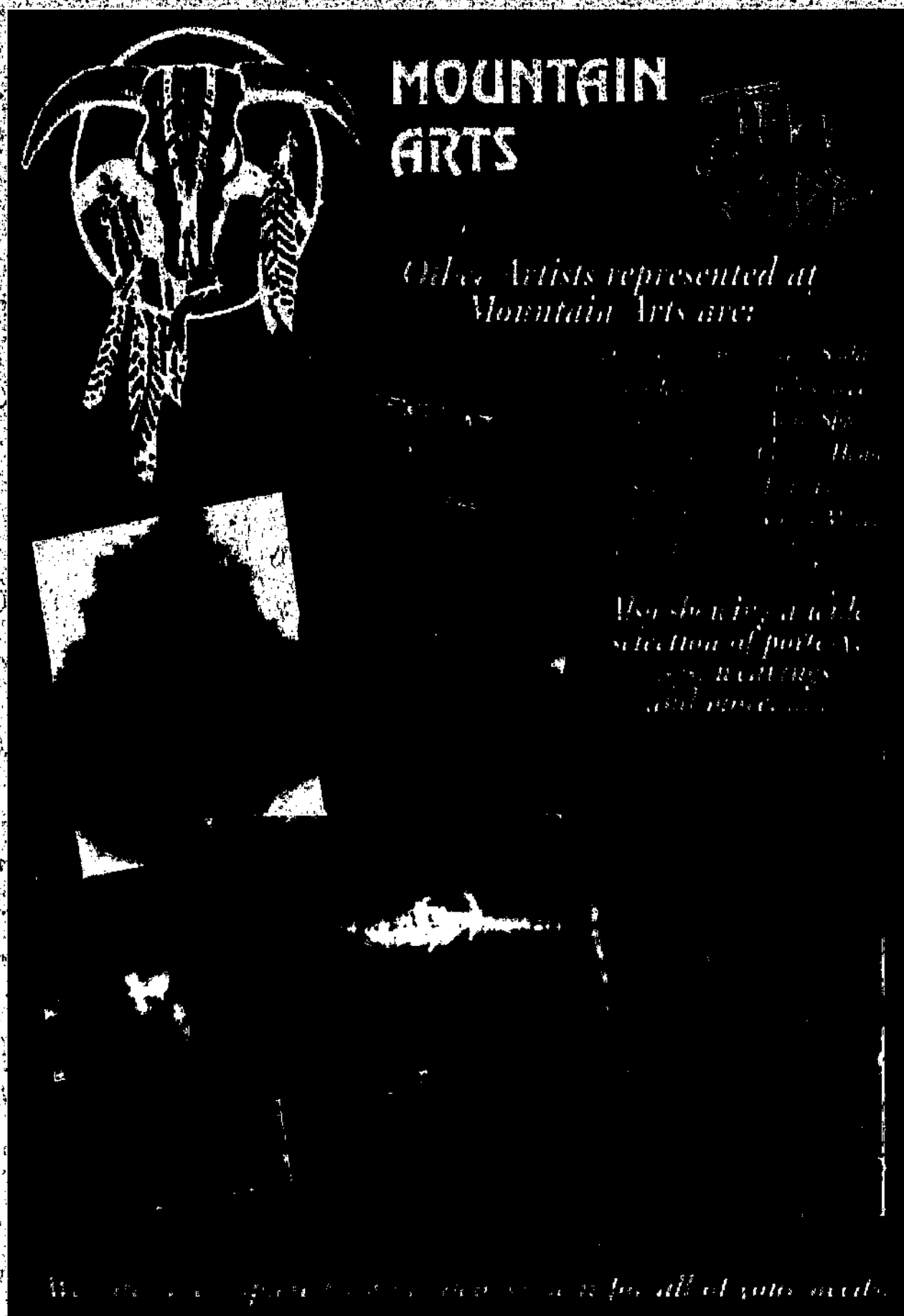
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# Ruidoso

## Let the snow fall

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**When flakes start to fall around Ruidoso, visitors and locals swarm the slopes and sledding hills, strike out on trails with snowshoes or cross-country skis, and climb aboard a snowmobile for a fast ride.**

Between Ruidoso at 7,200 feet elevation in Lincoln County and Cloudcroft at 9,000 feet in neighboring Otero County, they have two ski resorts and two snow play areas at their disposal, miles of winter trails in the Lincoln National Forest and plenty of steep hills to try out their skills.

Lodging ranges from national-name motels to quaint cabins and a historic lodge.

The only designated sledding area in Ruidoso is found at School House Park next to the senior citizens center at Junction Road and Sudderth Drive, but plenty of back roads are transformed into sled runs at a moment's notice and stay that way until the village's clearing equipment wipes away the fun.

A berm at the School House run was added three years ago to keep sledders out of a fenced playground. The end of the run is buffered by small trees and a parking area to ensure no one sails into the street.

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

A commercial Snow Play area, Ruidoso Winter Park, in its fifth year of operation, offers premium tubing and tow lines for those who want to save their energy for the downhill ride.

The park, owned by Tom

Dorgan at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex on Ski Run Road a quarter-mile west off N.M. Highway 48 north of Ruidoso, opens on Thanksgiving, if the weather cooperates.

"We have two tow lines serving three chutes," Dorgan said. "Plus, we created an intermediate walk-up hill with three additional chutes and a Kidz Korral walk-up hill - limited to riders 42 inches tall or shorter - with three more chutes. So we have something for everyone."

Tubes range from individual and tandem types to groups rings for four to six people. Rates for three hours in the snow are \$8 through seven years of age, \$13.50 for ages eight to 15, and \$15 for those 16 and older.

Snow clothing also can be rented. If the weather is right, the park will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday through Sunday Nov. 22 through March 24. Daily operations hours are set for the Christmas holidays, Dec. 12 through Jan. 7, the days of Jan. 21, Feb. 15 and Feb. 18, and spring break, March 9 through March 24.

Call (505) 336-7079 for additional information.

Forty miles southwest and 2,000 feet higher, more tubing possibilities unfold in the forest around Cloudcroft.

Brad Orr, recreation staff with the Sacramento District of the Lincoln National Forest, said sledders frequently choose an undesignated hillside to try for some thrills. Drivers should be careful on the roads through the forest because cars may be pulled off at odd angles and drivers may not be able to see sleds or people preparing their gear.

"We allow, but don't encourage, sledding," Orr said. "There are a few areas where it specifically is banned, and posted as

unsafe.

"We encourage people to head to two privately owned sledding areas, Ski Cloudcroft, owned by the village of Cloudcroft two miles east of town two miles on U.S. 82 and Triple M Snowplay."

Ski Cloudcroft is managed by Jeremy Adams and offers tubing with lift access, skiing and snowboarding. For more information, call (505) 682-2333.

At Triple M, owner Craig Sparling said, "We have three slopes and one is the steepest in New Mexico. We also have an intermediate and beginners hill. All are supervised."

Visitors don't have to walk back up the slope after flying over the packed flakes to the bottom.

A lift will move them gently to the top again for another trip down. The lift is open daily during the Christmas and New Year holidays, then closes on weekdays, except by reservation for groups of 50 or more.

The snowplay area is set to open in mid-December, but everything hinges on snowfall. To remove some of that dependency, however, Sparling now has a snow-making machine. If

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## SNOW

nature doesn't cooperate, he can turn his hills white on his own.

Guided snowmobile rides also can be arranged on new Polaris models.

Snowmobile tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Friday through Monday, daily during the holidays. Night and early morning tours can be arranged. Rates are \$40 per hour for a single and \$50 for a double.

Tubers can slide from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and daily during holidays. Rates are \$17 for all day and \$12 for half-day with the lift, \$10 all day without the lift.

Triple M is 4.7 miles south of Cloudcroft. Take Highway 130 to the intersection of Sunspot Highway, continue on Sunspot and watch for the Triple M sign to the left. To reach Cloudcroft from Ruidoso, take U.S. 70 west toward Mescalero and turn south on Highway 244.

For more information about

Triple M, call (800) 766-7529.

Check out the Christmas activities in Cloudcroft on the calendar of events. The community celebrates with a week of fun including a parade, a tree lighting ceremony, theatrical productions, singing and Santa. The chamber of commerce's number is (505) 682-2733.

The Lodge, a historic inn and restaurant in Cloudcroft, also offers cross country skiing, tubing and snowmobiling. More sedentary visitors can try dining at Rebecca's Restaurant or shopping at Seasons or The Lodge Mercantile. Special winter lodging and activity packages are available.

Call (800) 395-6343 for more information.

The only skating rink in the area is operated by Tony Owens and Matt Willett on U.S. Highway 82, the main road through town.

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ment, the rink will open Dec. 15 through March 30, weather permitting, said Willett.

Skates rent for \$3.25 for a two-hour period at the rink at the west end of Zenith Park. Visitors also can bring their own blades and skate free.

They can take to the ice from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. During the holidays, Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, the hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

A large fireplace and cover helps skaters stay warm. A monthly free skating night will

be scheduled, Willett said. Check by calling (505) 257-0120, the High Altitude Mountain Bike Shop in Ruidoso. Snowmobile booking also will be handled at the rink.

The James Sewell Skating Rink was the dream of a man who served as mayor of Cloudcroft on and off for 20 years.

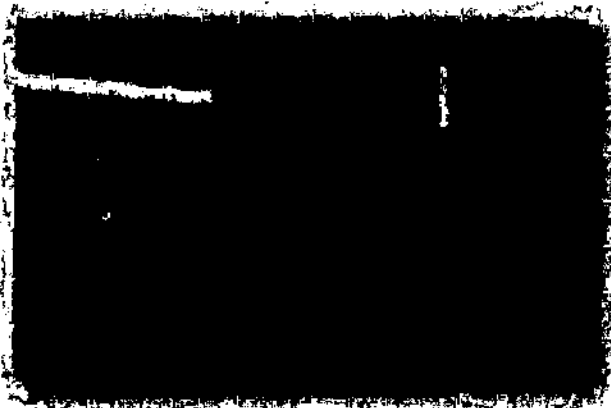
The story goes that he was so devoted to the rink he helped created that after work each evening, Sewell would clean the ice and run water over the rink to freeze and create a smooth surface for the children the next day.



# Lincoln County Medical Center: 50 Years of Health Care Excellence

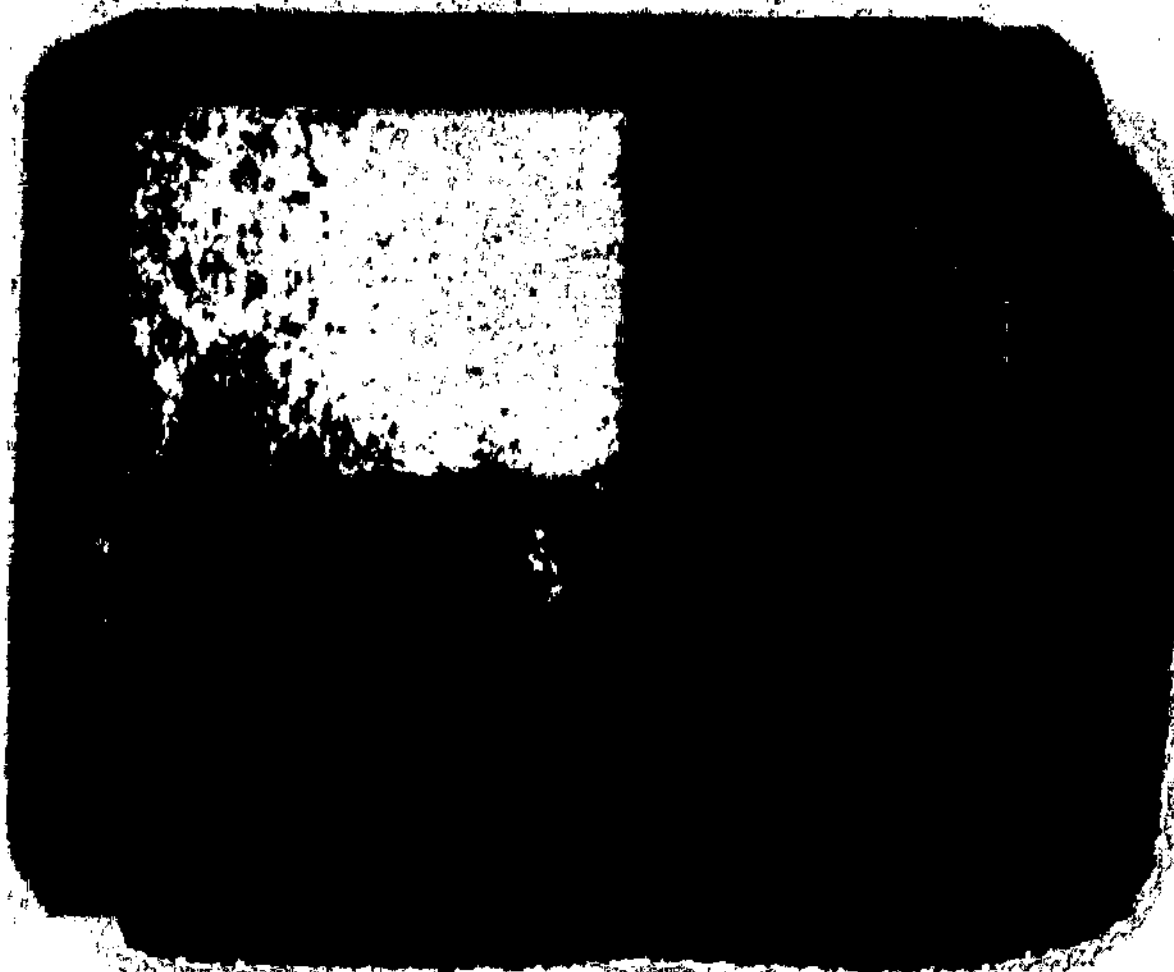
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# On the mountain and below

BY AMANDA WITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**V**isitors come to Ruidoso in the summer for its cool pines but more people are realizing its year-round lure in the shadow of Sierra Blanca is its winter beauty.

The mountain is at the top of snow activity, with Ski Apache beckoning downhill skiers and snowboarders. For those inclined for a more horizontal ski venture, cross-country skiing is close by too. For the young and young at heart sledding is always an option.

But there's a lot more to the area than the slopes and the trails. The year-round gift shops and art galleries continue to beckon visitors. Billy the Kid Casino and the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Casino Apache give visitors a chance to try their luck. Nightclubs and a variety of restaurants cover the main roads in the village. Don't forget to check the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. You may find the timing right for a cool performance or some hot music. "The number one reason people continue to come here in the winter is skiing, even if they don't ski," said Joan Zagone, outgoing executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of

Commerce. "We don't make need nearly as much snow here as other places. Ski Apache can make a lot of snow, and artificial snow is just as good, it's made from the same stuff as snow that falls from the skies."

Indeed, winter weather is mild by most standards. Daytime highs normally reach into the 40s during January and February. Overnight lows typically dip to 20 degrees. Don't be alarmed if one morning the mercury falls close to zero. Or, an afternoon hits 60 degrees. Atop Ski Apache, at 11,000-plus feet above sea level, the usually cooler temperatures are perfect for snowmaking.

Although the altitude of Ruidoso is 7,000 feet, the normally sunny days are ideal for snow-free links. So grab your clubs and golf balls and get ready for the opportunity to play on one of the four golf courses in or near Ruidoso.

Some days a group that was on the slopes in the morning can

be found on the fairways in the afternoon.

"One of the things that we continue to talk about is the reality that we continue to have new attractions and businesses," Zagone said of Ruidoso. "And that goes a long way to making the Ruidoso area a winter destination too."

While some visitors to Ruidoso own seasonal homes or cabins, the lodging industry takes up the slack of those who come to experience winter in the southern Rocky Mountains.

From luxurious hotel accommodations to quaint cabins, moderately priced motels, to bed and breakfasts, more than 70 lodging establishments are in the area.

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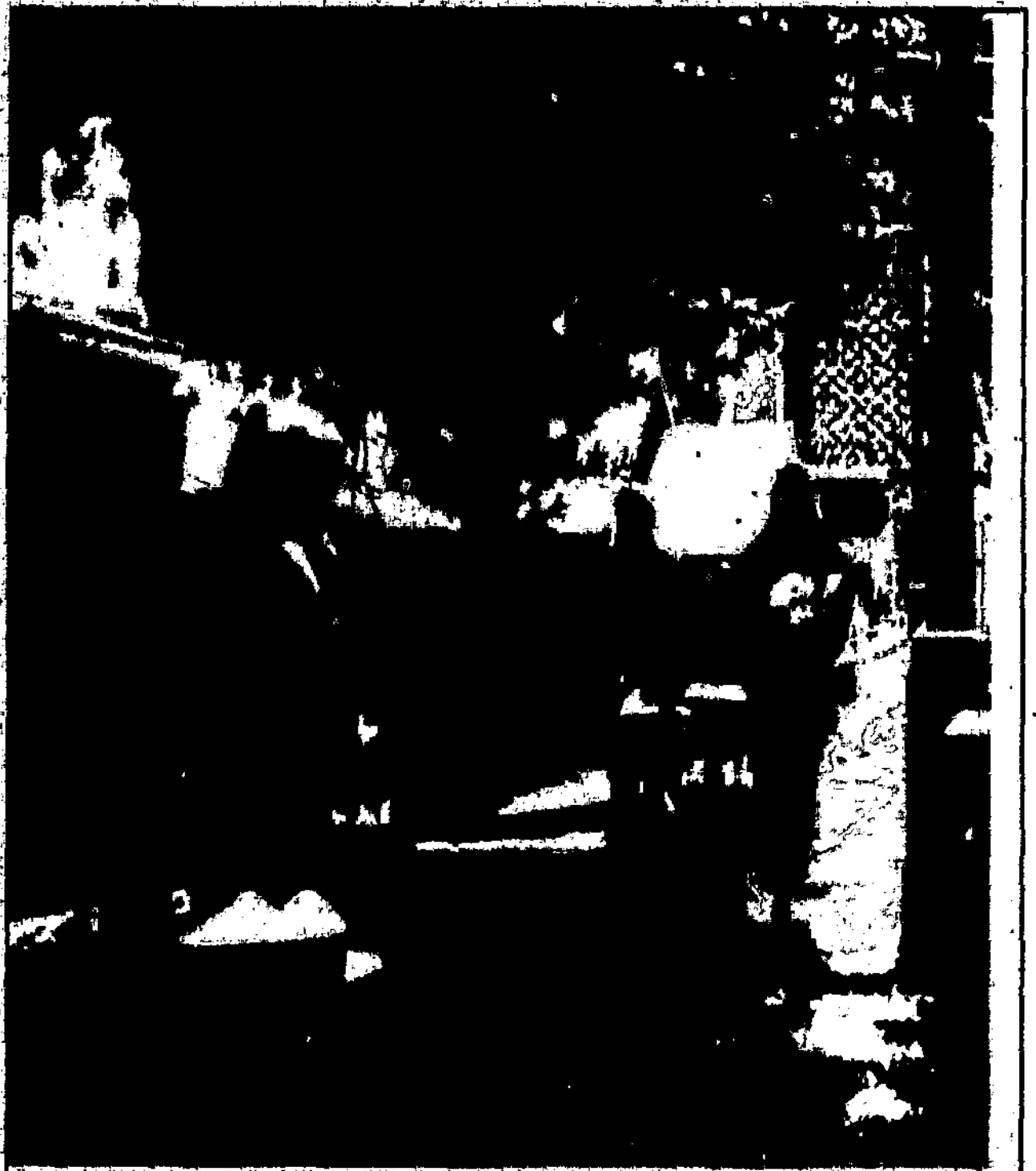
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# *Inn of the Mountain Gods* **Something for everyone**

BY AMANDA WITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**T**he Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache are two of the major draws for visitors to the Ruidoso area, offering elegant atmosphere with a variety of dining options and gaming.

But not everyone who stays there feasts on eggs benedict and smoked salmon for breakfast. Many visitors choose a hardier breakfast to sustain them for a day on the slopes of Ski Apache or for a big game hunt arranged through the Mescalero Apache's Hunting Lodge.

Jonathan Adams, who puts together the hunts, said while bull elk draw more customers, bear and wild turkeys also bring people back.

The Mescalero established a Rocky Mountain elk herd on the 460,000-acre reservation after a native species died out in the early 1900s. Tribal officials introduced 162 Rocky Mountain elk in 1967. Despite pessimistic predictions that the area lacked the necessary water to support a herd, the animals thrived.

A limited number of bull permits are available on a first-come basis for the fall bugle season. Cow elk, bear and turkey hunts also are scheduled. However, all but the turkey hunts occur August through October. For more information, contact the

Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The hunting success rate on the reservation is 97 percent, Adams said. Hunts on the reservation stand out because of the quality of the animals taken, of the guides and of the food and lodging, Adams said.

Adams cautioned that the hunts can be physically taxing and participants should be in good physical condition. Participants may bring their own horses or rent horses locally. A vehicle along with a tribal member is provided for each hunt as a guide.

Back at the Inn, a less taxing outdoor sport can be found on the golf course. Unless snow is falling, a round of golf is possible almost all winter long. For those who prefer to stay warm in a

cozy environment in front of the fireplace or at the gaming tables, winter packages are offered.

The Inn offers the Great Escape package which covers two breakfasts daily and a double occupancy luxury room for \$98 per night from Oct. 1 through Dec. 19 and Jan. 2 through April 30. Ski packages also are available. Call the Inn for more information at 1 (800) 545-9011 or (505) 464-5141.

Dining opportunities at the Inn complex include the Apache Tee Restaurant which overlooks the 18-hole golf course and Mescalero Lake and offers steak and seafood specials. Other options are the Casino Deck Buffet and the Dan Li Ka Dining Room, with fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner.

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# Hubbard Museum of the American West

## History is all about change

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

A change of name and an expanded mission in 1999 transformed the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs into the Hubbard Museum of the American West, and took the historical center in the settlement of Lincoln under its wing.

The year 2000 also brought historical change and opportunity to the museum with its new affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution. The arrangement allowed the museum to bring in exhibits from the national museum in Washington, D.C.

The first hint of what lies inside the museum is what greets visitors on the outside - a bigger-than-life bronze sculpture of seven horse breeds galloping over hilly terrain. Local artist Dave McGary, internationally known for his exquisite and intricately realistic Indian bronze sculptures with color accents, created "Free Spirits at Noisy Water."

Although horses play a dominant role in the museum's exhibitions, its scope is much broader, said Bruce Eldredge, until recently, director of the 50,000-square-foot museum on U.S. Highway 70 next to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and the Billy the Kid Casino. Exhibits give visitors a glimpse of many more aspects of the American West with examples of wagons from Europe and North America, carriages, coaches, guns, saddles, cowboy boots, Indian pottery, crafts, weaving and assorted clothing.

More than 60,000 people tour the museum every year, Eldredge said.

Ten thousand more participate annually in programs and activities put on by the museum,



Eldredge said.

"People want something to do that is arts, culturally or historically oriented during their visit to the area," Eldredge said. "People want a well balanced, well-rounded vacation and we are part of that, just as the Spencer Theater now is a part of that."

The museum is the second largest private museum in New Mexico in terms of budget, visits and staff size, he said.

Anne C. Stradling, a New Jersey heiress and noted horse-woman who collected western memorabilia until her death in 1992, donated most of the museum's collection.

Her collection was displayed from 1960 to 1989 at the Patagonia Museum of the Horse in Arizona. When her health began to fail, Stradling decided to move her collection to the Hubbard museum. The building was created out of the former

Chaparral Convention Center.

"When Anne gave her collection to the museum back in 1990, she gave about 10,000 objects," Eldredge said. In the last five years, objects not considered museum appropriate were weeded out, he said.

About 9,500 of Stradling's pieces are displayed with 600 new items added to the museum, he said. People who decide the museum is the best place to display a historic saddle or antique stable cloth from a major American cloth manufacturer often donate the new items, he said.

One of the newer features of the museum - a virtual reality animated horse race - is a sure-fire stop for visitors. Actor and film director Kevin Costner climbed aboard one of the "horses" to race R.D. Hubbard, the museum's co-founder, during a recent visit. "It's the first game of its type

to put a racer into an animated horse race," Eldredge said. "Your image is projected into the race. We prototyped it with the Vivid Group out of Toronto, Canada, and with the Hollywood Park Racing Corporation of Englewood, Calif."

A favorite exhibit, the Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame, highlights the winners of past All American futurities. The All American is the richest quarter horse race in the world that runs Labor Day weekend.

To learn more about the real Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War that spawned him, visitors also can travel 20 miles east on U.S. Highway 70 and then 10 miles north to Lincoln. The Hubbard museum operates a visitor's center and other stops in the historic stomping grounds of the outlaw there.

The museum's success comes from community support and the efforts of its board of directors and founders R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, owners of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Eldredge said. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for more information call 378-4142.

The Billy the Kid Casino, also a Hubbard enterprise and situated behind the museum at the racetrack, opened in mid-1999.

Three hundred slot machines offer a different type of winter entertainment. The casino is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday through Thursday and 12 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday.

Hamburgers and other easy food is fixed up in the Fort Stanton Grill for gamblers taking a break to rest their arms.

Simulcasting also is shown from nine tracks across the country including Belmont, Lone Star, Sun Ray and Remington Downs.

For more information, call the Hubbard museum at (505) 378-4142.



# Take a trip back in time

BY DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Regardless of what the movies may tell us, Billy the Kid was extremely popular in Lincoln. This was primarily because the youthful gunman had personality coming out of his ears!

During the bloody conflict known as The Lincoln County War, the Kid and five other "Regulators," as they called themselves, assassinated Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady as he walked down the street one sunny April morning in 1878. And it was for that crime that the Kid and the Kid alone was charged, prosecuted, found guilty and sentenced to death. Interestingly, Billy was the only person ever prosecuted for ANY crime committed during the War. Regardless of how one feels about the Kid personally, it is difficult not to feel at least a twinge of sympathy for him.

Billy's execution was scheduled for May 13, 1881, but it was not to be. On April 28, the Kid somehow got hold of a pistol (exactly how he did this is still being debated by historians) and shot his way - spectacularly - out of the Lincoln County Courthouse where he was being held.

Pat Garrett was out of town that day and the two guards on duty were J.W. Bell and Bob Olinger. Olinger and the Kid shared a mutual hatred, which had been smoldering ever since 1878.

It happened around dinner-time. Bob Olinger had brought the other five prisoners in the courthouse across the street to the Wortley Hotel for dinner. Billy, however, was considered to be too dangerous to be allowed to move around town and his meals were brought to him in the courthouse. And with Olinger across the street with the others, only J.W. Bell was left to watch the Kid, who asked to be taken out back to the privy.

Whether the pistol was left for him in the privy by a friend,

or if he simply wrestled Bell's gun away from him when they got back inside has become a moot point. WHATEVER the case, Billy got hold of a pistol and on the inside stairwell, he shot Deputy Bell with it. The bullet went through Bell and slammed into the wall at the foot of the stairs.

Olinger heard the gunfire from across the street and immediately and inadvisedly raced back to the courthouse. As he drew underneath the upstairs northeast window, he heard a voice call out above him, "Hello Bob." Olinger knew that voice and when he looked up he was looking into the twin muzzles of his own shotgun, the very one with which he had tormented the Kid. Behind those muzzles were the merciless eyes of Billy the Kid, who promptly gave "Pecos" Bob both barrels in the face and chest, effectively ending their relationship.

And this is the part where the Kid's popularity comes into focus. Instead of having to make a desperate escape from town, he came out onto the porch of the Courthouse and made a short, impromptu speech to the locals who had gathered around, most of whom were his friends. THEN, he came downstairs and went about shaking hands with everyone! After that he spent about an hour trying to get his shackles off in order that he might mount a horse. In all this time, no one lifted so much as a finger to try and stop him. Finally, he "borrowed" a horse (two days later it came back) and rode slowly out of town. Eyewitnesses said he was singing at the time.

At most historic sites in America, the visitors must use their imaginations to visualize the exciting events of yesterday, but this is not so in Lincoln. If Billy the Kid were to ride back into Lincoln today, he would recognize it instantly. The store operated by his boss, John Tunstall, is open to visitors, as

well as the Courthouse itself, where the bullet hole in the wall remains to this day - mute testimony to the legend of Billy the Kid.

When you go to Lincoln, start at the Historic Center, located at the east end of town, where you can view a short video that gives some basic facts about the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid. Then stroll up the street and into the past. In 1878, this was the most dangerous street in America.

The famed Buffalo Soldiers, black troops who fought so nobly during the Indian Wars, occupy a portion of the Visitor's Center Museum, as do the Apache and Hispanic settlers. There are many artifacts in the Historic Center to illustrate the

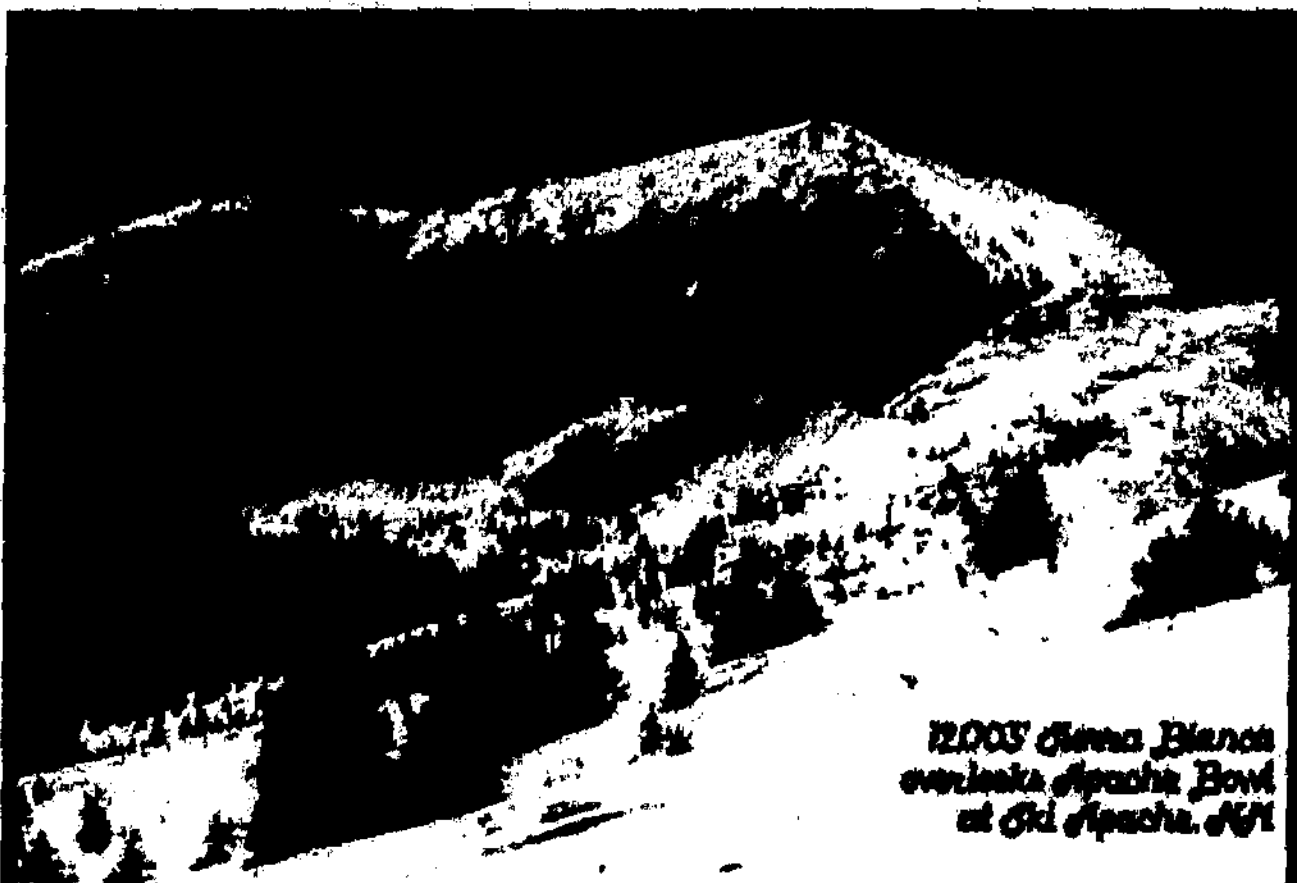
lives of the three peoples who settled this land: The Apaches, Hispanics and Anglos.

While strolling through Lincoln, the visitor can see such things as the San Juan Mission, built in the 1880s, and the Torreón, a "fort" erected by the original settlers to escape into when the Apaches attacked.

Many of the buildings from Billy's time stand as a reminder of the town's history. The "Convento" - the original courthouse - was the site of a gun battle that made the so called "Gunfight at the OK Corral" look like child's play.

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*Southern New Mexico*

# Where golf is a winter sport

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

While many golf courses throughout the state close for the winter, most of the southern New Mexico courses take advantage of the mild winters to stay open year round.

Some feature shortened hours, and, of course, the golfing is limited on snow days, but pro shops are open year round. So for a break from the slopes, or a chance to get some exercise in warmer climes, take your clubs to one of southern New Mexico's year-round golf courses.

## Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Drive, Alto  
call 336-4231 for tee times  
Scott Forester is director of golf  
Kirk Taylor is the head pro  
Features:  
• 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.  
• Carrizozo is a public course. It is the least expensive golf course in New Mexico for 9 holes. \$7 for 18 holes of

\$25 monthly.

## Cree Meadows Public Golf Course

301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso  
call 257-5815 for tee times  
Winter hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Eric Eggleston is the course pro

Features:  
• 18 holes, 5,831 yards from the blue tees, course rating 66.1, par 71.  
• Signature hole - No. 2, it's the pretty one with an elevated tee down to a valley then to an elevated green.  
• No driving range.  
• Cree Meadows is a public course.

## Desert Lakes Golf Course

2351 Hamilton Road, Alamogordo call 505-437-0290 for tee times  
Winter hours: 7 a.m.-dusk  
Grant M. Dalpes is the golf pro  
Features:  
• 18 holes, 6,121 yards from the blue tees, course rating 68.2, slope 118, par 72.  
• Lighted driving range and putting green.  
• Desert Lakes is a public golf course that has a restaurant, bar and fully stocked pro shop.  
• The course was fully renovated in 1996. It is in great shape, and very scenic.

## The Links at Sierra Blanca

105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso  
call 258-5330 for tee times  
Winter hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Snow days: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Mike Jones is the general manager



Features:  
• 18 holes, 6,793 from the gold tees, 6,422 from the blue tees, 5,940 from white tees, 5,071 from the green tees. Course rating on the gold tees is 71.0, par 72.  
• Signature hole - No. 15 is a dogleg left nestled in the trees. It's always a challenge.  
• Driving range and practice greens.  
• The berm-studded Links is a challenging public course designed by Jim Colbert.

## New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

201 W. 19th Street, Roswell  
505-622-6033  
Tom Velarde is the golf pro  
Mike Jones is the general manager  
Features:  
• 18 holes, 6,689 yards, par 72  
• Signature hole - No. 16 is

469-yard, par 4  
• Driving range and putting greens  
• Owned by the Institute, this is a public course.  
• Golf cart rental available and snack bar.  
• \$10.50 for nine holes, \$15.75 for 18 holes walking.  
• Alcohol is strictly prohibited on the course.

## Spring River Golf Course

1612 W. 8th Street, Roswell  
John Fowler is the golf pro  
505-622-9506  
Features:  
• 18 holes, 6,497 yards, course rating 68.7, par 71  
• Signature hole - No. 13 is a short par 3 that is three-tiered and well-bunkered  
• Driving range, putting greens  
• The Spring River greens are well undulated and well bunkered, quite demanding on the iron shots. Plus, more new trees were planted throughout last winter and spring.  
• \$10 for 9 holes, \$15 for 18 holes, cart rental is available

## Roswell Country Club

2601 Urton Road, NE Roswell  
call 505-622-2050 for information  
Winter hours: 8 a.m.-dark  
Features:  
• Luke Thompson is the head pro.  
• 9-hole course, with yardage of 3,053 on the front 9 and 3,094 the second time through, par 72  
• Guests must play with the members  
• Driving range, putting and chipping greens  
• \$20 for 18 holes, \$15 for nine with a member  
• Cart rental available

*Ruidoso Downs*

# On the grow

BY AMANDA WITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The West and the lure of horses are still evident in Ruidoso Downs despite its emptiness in the winter.



The race track complex doesn't sit idle from now to Memorial Day, which will kick off the racing season. There's the Billy the Kid Casino, a recent addition to Ruidoso Downs that is just over 2 years old.

The village of Ruidoso Downs, considered to be New Mexico's "fastest growing little community," is expanding, especially in the business front. The main drag - a five-lane U.S. Highway 70 - is bringing the economic growth.

Mayor Bob Miller anticipates more business growth in the village he's dubbed "the Gateway to the Mountains." It may seem like a gateway, as banners arch their way along the edge of the highway welcoming people. Miller said the banners will convey a seasonal theme to those entering the village.

No matter what the season, Free Spirits at Noisy Water, the larger-than-life horse statues displayed at the entrance of the Hubbard Museum of the American West along U.S. Highway 70 just east of the track, provide the flavor of Ruidoso Downs. The museum, with everything racing and everything American West, is a top attraction. There's horse memorabilia, Native American artifacts, art and more. Some displays change with the season, so be sure to check in and see what's new.

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway and Visitor's Center is next door to the museum. It depicts the legend of the

Kid who once roamed the region. The center also details the scenic byway loop along highways 70, 48 and 380 as well as the communities along the byway. The generally mild weather makes the trip traveler friendly during the winter. But winter storms do roll through the mountains. Current weather information is available on four area radio stations, KBUY-AM 1360, KIDX-FM 101.5, KRUI-AM 1490 and KWES-FM 93.5.

Seniors in Ruidoso Downs find daily activities, thanks to the village's senior center. For details of what's happening on the senior front, call the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at 378-4659.

The mayor believes his community is in store for explosive growth especially with the recent addition of U.S. 70. Commercial interests have been set up along the roadway.

"This is the place for business growth," Miller said. "And the trend is here."

For more information about events and facilities in Ruidoso Downs, phone the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395 or the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at 378-4422.

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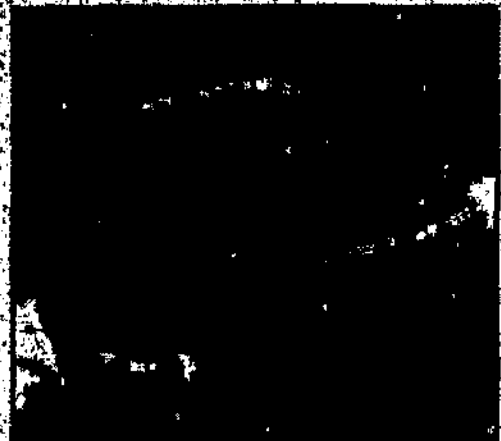
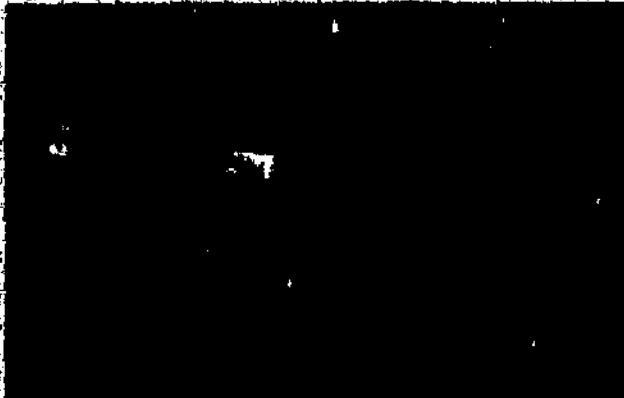


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*Ski Apache*

## Think snow

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**A** lack of precipitation during the fall did not up the hopes of the operators of Ski Apache.

The resort is hoping for at least an average snowfall, according to Ski Apache's Riker Davis.

"I've stopped listening to those knuckleheads (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)," Davis said. "We're expecting a good year, even though it's been drier than usual this fall."

But if winter does come late, don't expect a Thanksgiving Day opening, the resort's tradi-

tional opening day, he said.

"We're subject to the variations of the weather," Davis said, adding that Nov. 22 is still the target date if the resort has enough snow.

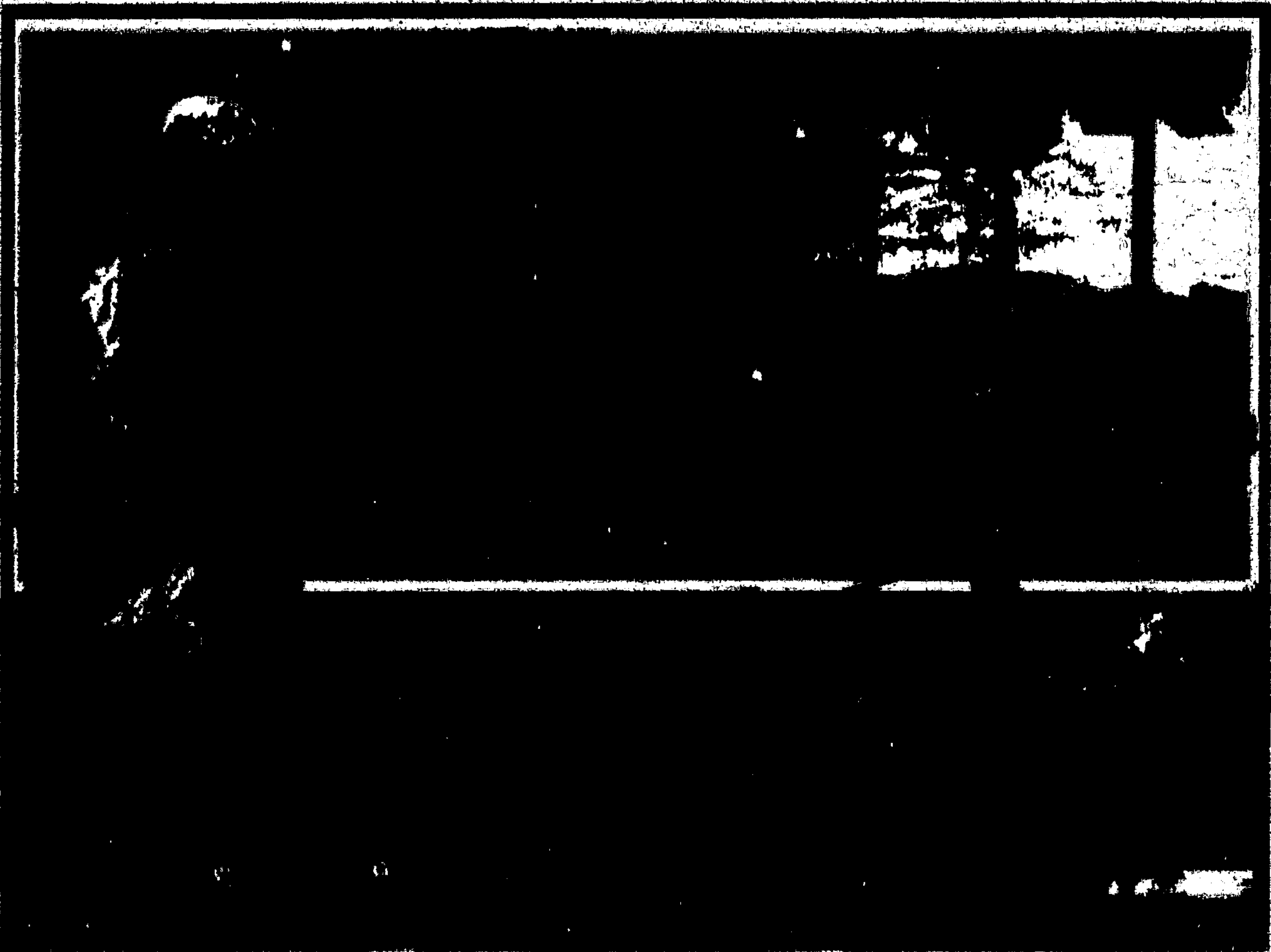
Ski Apache also has the ability to make a lot of snow, if the temperatures are cold enough.

"We will make our best effort to open if we have the snowfall," Davis said.

Once the white stuff is on the ground, it will be cheaper to make use of it for many people.

Ski Apache is offering a lower price on its "any day" season passes, dropping the price from \$750 to \$450. The pass gives anyone from age 19 to 61 a

*Please see page 15*





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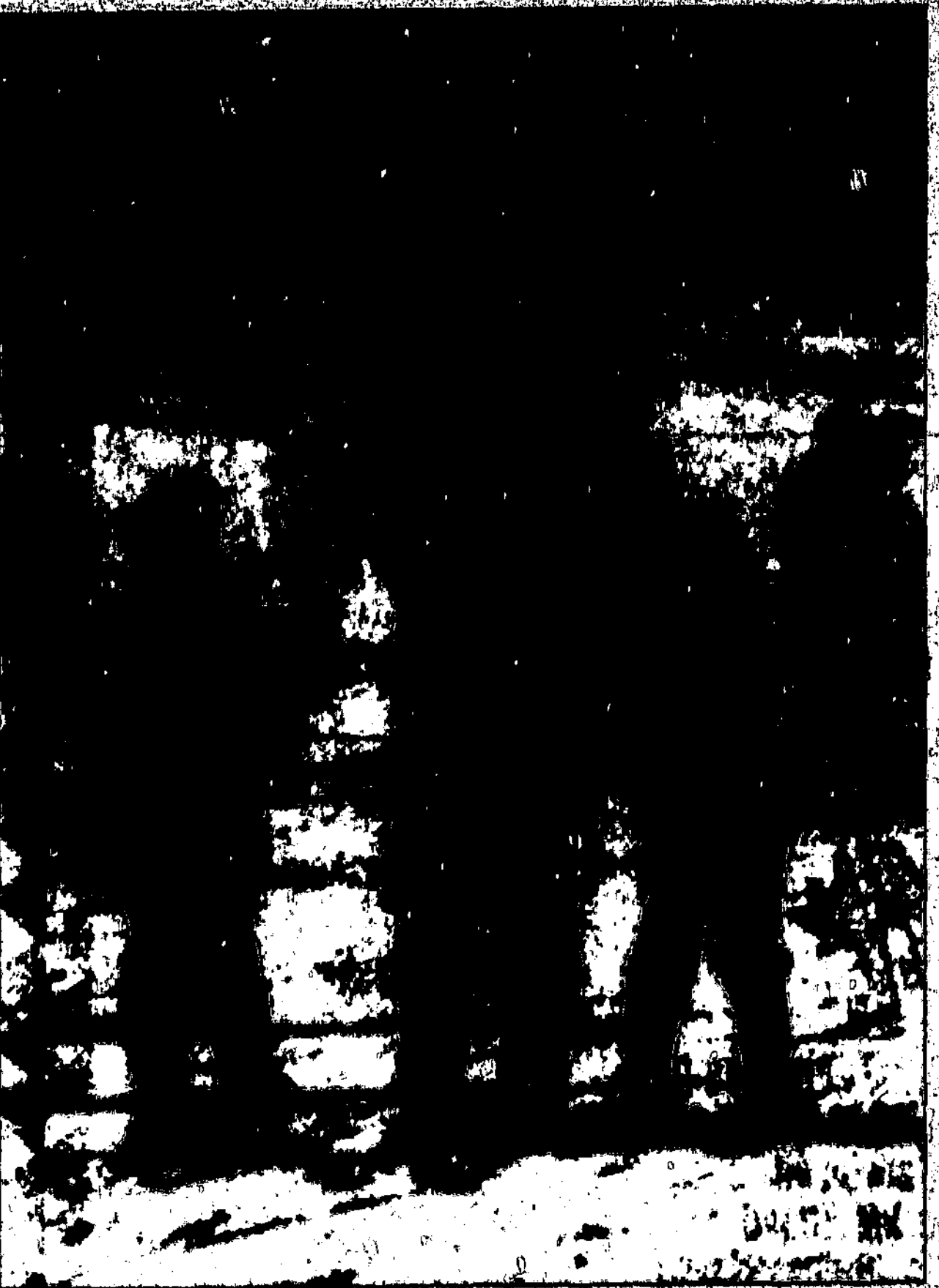
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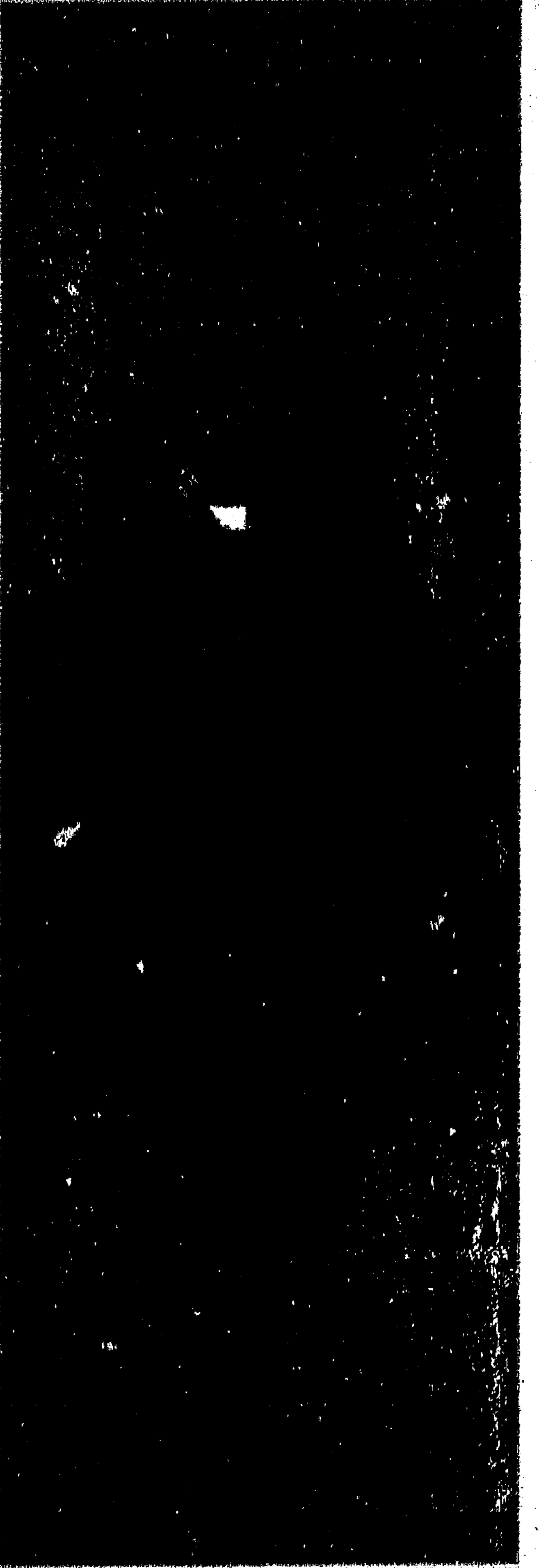
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## SKI APACHE

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Davis said the reason for the price slash is in the numbers. Last year, most season pass holders skied about 11 times, seven days short of the number required to be worth the \$750 price.

"If you ski 11 times, it's going to be worth it. ... This way, a season pass holder doesn't feel like he's got to be up here squeezing every penny out of a lift ticket at 4 p.m.," Davis said.

The season pass is aimed mostly at local skiers, although it is open to everyone. Davis said the price drop is similar to what other resorts are doing.

"There's a trend nationwide to reduce prices to increase attendance and allegiance."

Davis said he believes another factor that could raise attendance is the population's general reluctance to fly. He called Ski Apache a driver's market.

"We could see an increase in

folks driving from our market in Texas," he said.

The resort is capable of pleasing everyone looking to ski, too, from beginners to veterans. The ski shop has expanded yet again, and now offers more than 1,600 pairs of skis for rent, including gear from K-2, Nordica and Blizzard.

Davis said the trend in skis is making the sport easier for more people.

"The skis are getting shorter in length without sacrificing stability and speed," he said. "Anything that makes the sport easier is better."

Snowboarders are also welcome at Ski Apache, and a separate board rental shop is located near the Kiddie Korral with top quality equipment.

Don't know how to ski or snowboard? The resort's got you covered there as well. Multi-day packages that include lift tickets, lessons and rentals. Lessons are available for all ages and abilities, including the youngsters.

The Kiddie Korral offers an

instruction program for kids age 4-6, and is more than doubling in size this year. It will be able to accommodate more than 100 children daily. It also has its own surface lift, terrain garden and indoor facilities.

Ski Apache believes that everyone should be able to ski, and offers the state's largest and oldest adaptive skier programs. The Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association is designed to give anyone - no matter their physical or mental abilities - an opportunity to enjoy the slopes.

Davis pointed out that Ruidoso and Ski Apache provide an ideal skiing environment.

"This area offers the best of both worlds," he said. "We have a mild winter climate, but plenty of snow."

Although there are no new lifts this season, Ski Apache still has the ability to carry more

than 16,500 skiers per hour, the highest number in New Mexico.

The resort features 55 trails on 750 acres, including the wide-open Apache Bowl. Lifts include two tows, one double chair, five triples, two quads and the state's only gondola. Elevations rise from 9,600 feet at the base to 11,500 feet at the top, with a vertical drop of 1,900 feet.

The mountain will be easier to access this year as well. Repairs on Highway 48 from Ruidoso to the ski area are complete.

And whether or not Mother Nature decides to smile on New Mexico's mountains this winter, Ski Apache can still offer man-made skiing with the use of eight of its 11 lifts.

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## Mescalero

# Tribe blends the old and new

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**M**ixing modern business enterprises with Apache traditions, the Mescalero Apache reservation boasts a luxury resort and a casino along with brush arbors and tepees amid some of the most spectacular scenery in New Mexico.

From the western edge of the reservation, which abuts

Ruidoso and sprawls for 1,278-square miles on either side of U.S. Highway 70, enchanting White Sands National Monument stretches for more than 100 miles. From a pass lying below Apache Summit, impressive Sierra Blanca Peak looms in the distance.

With the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache, Ski Apache resort and an assortment of other businesses including a cattle operation and metal fabrication plant, the Mescalero may look as if they've left their heritage far behind.

But in this case, appearances

are deceiving.

A resurgence of interest in the preservation of their culture, language and history is evident in a series of initiatives. Some are not so obvious to casual visitors to the 460,000-acre reservation, but others — such as the painting of the mescal plant, the source of the tribe's name — are visible reminders of the tribe's history.

A rare nugget of historical perspective can be found at the Mescalero Cultural Center, across from the tribal store off the highway in the main settlement.

Managed by curator Ellyn Bigrope, the center displays traditional and ceremonial clothing, baskets, plants eaten and used in ceremonies, and other artifacts.

Photographs of tribal members from different moments in history line the walls.

Admission is by donation. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special tours during regular hours or off-hours and weekends may be arranged in advance by calling (505) 464-9254.

Outside the center, a monument by artist Oliver Enjady to the Red Hats, Mescalero wild-firefighters, depicts a crew climbing and clearing their way up a mountain.

The crumbling adobe walls of Blazer's Mill, where one of the gun battles of the Lincoln County War occurred in the late 1870s, reminds visitors of the mix of cultures in the area more than a century ago.

The massive stones of St. Joseph's Apache Mission, by far the most majestic landmark along the highway, catch the rays of an afternoon sun and stand as monuments to the drive and dedication of Father Albert

Braun.

St. Joseph's took 20 years to build after Braun first arrived in 1916 as a young friar. His work was disrupted in 1918 when he served during World War I and returned inspired by the Gothic cathedrals he saw in Europe.

Stone for the mission was quarried four miles west in a canyon near Bent. Lime was burned in pits near the church. Timber for the massive roof and ceiling came from a local sawmill and floor tiles from a pottery plant in La Luz Canyon.

The 131-foot-long, 65-foot-wide church was dedicated in 1939. The four-foot thick stone walls are 50 feet high — 80 feet to the peak of the roof.

Braun, who died at 95, is buried in the sanctuary of the church.

A 20-year campaign is underway to repair the walls, carefully replacing the aging lime mortar with a new mixture especially designed for restoration projects.

Apache dedication to their churches doesn't mean they abandoned beliefs established long before the first encounter with Spanish explorers. The symbol of the mountain gods can be found throughout the community, a reminder of the spirits who drive away sickness and evil.

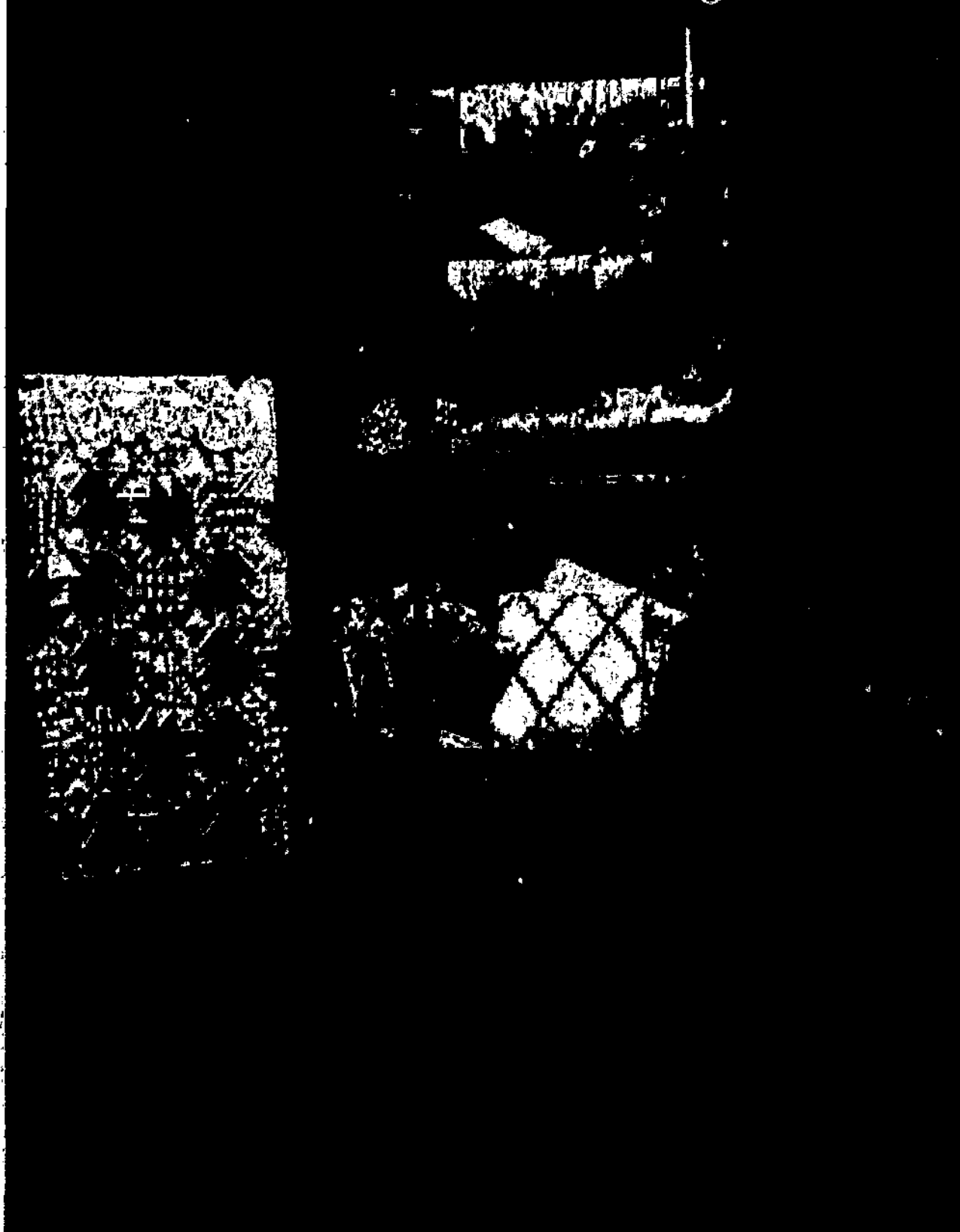
Visitors may have the good fortune to see one of the Mountain Gods dances if a community or family celebration is scheduled. However, most of the tribal events occur in the spring and summer, including the cherished puberty rite marking the time a young girl becomes a woman.

More than 3,000 tribal members live on the reservation. Founded on May 27, 1873, it

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## MESCALERO

encompasses some of the most spectacular real estate in New Mexico, marked by fertile valleys framed by mountains, with a few small waterfalls and running streams.

Thousands of rainbow trout are raised each year at the reservation's fish hatchery, which is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For some authentic Mexican cooking, try The Old Road restaurant. Ask for directions, because there are no signs and

it's off the highway down a dusty road.

The tribal store sells groceries, T-shirts and other tourist items, as well as some hand-made goods and tasty piñon seeds.

Another good shopping stop is the Kaa Dasita farther east on U.S. 70, which carries the work of many tribal members and craftsmen from other tribes, including cradleboards, jewelry, medicine bags and beaded leather key chains.



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# Spencer Theater

## Spencer Theater on stage

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

**T**he Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts has been wowing visitors and residents of Lincoln County since opening its doors in 1997.

That was with jazz musician Dave Brubeck conducting the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and concert violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg.

Since then, the \$20 million state-of-the-art theater has hosted Glen Campbell, the Russian

National Ballet, the Broadway musical comedy "big," David Brenner and Rita Coolidge - to name a very few.

Last year, the Spencer transformed its maple wood stage into a 40-by-50-foot ice rink made with 10,000 pounds of ice cubes for the St. Petersburg Ice Ballet's performance of "Cinderella." Finding that it worked - executive director Charles Centilli booked Holiday Spectacular on Ice to perform at the Spencer Dec. 15, a variety show with 26 world champion skaters in a luscious Victorian

setting.

The big event for the winter season, said Spencer publicist Kathleen McDonald, is "Raymonda," to be performed by the Grigorovich Ballet Feb. 9. The Russian company of 85 dancers will be the largest company to perform at the Spencer Theater, McDonald said. Artistic director Uri Grigorovich is considered the foremost choreography in the world of ballet and was the artistic director of the Bolshoi Ballet for 30 years - tenure rivaled only by George Balanchine, she said.

The story of "Ramonda" is a medieval legend of chivalry and nobility and a drama about the conflict of good and evil in the tradition of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. The sets, costumes and backdrops are all hand made in Russia and are a marvel to see.

To make the event into a Valentine romantic evening at

the Spencer, at 10 p.m. there will be champagne and chocolate and piano music after the performance.

To ring in the Christmas season, the All American Acys Chorus will perform a Christmas show with traditional French, English and American Christmas music from "Jingle Bells" to "Ave Maria." The 40 singing boys are altos and sopranos from California.

The first show of the new year will be "The Sunshine Boys" on Feb. 2 and 3. Stars Frank Gorshin and Dick Van Patten of stage and screen fame star in this Neil Simon hit comedy about growing old for two former vaudevillians who'd been together for 43 years as a nationally famous duo, "The Sunshine Boys."

Then Feb. 17, Barbara Eden of "I Dream of Jeannie" and Rita

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McKenzie of the television show "Harper Valley PTA" and "Ethel Merman's Broadway" come to the Spencer Theater to perform a female version of "The Odd Couple," also a Neil Simon play.

Celtic Fusion follows with Liam Harney and the Irish Step Dancers, an "awesome dance company," McDonald said. Harney was the star of the London production of Riverdance and this production is supposed "to rival Riverdance and come out ahead," she said. "He's phenomenal, with a very generous spirit and does his own choreography." The performance is contemporary and traditional Celtic dance with 20 electrifying dancers and the company's own band, Wolfstone.

Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie, members of a vocal group called The Plaids, died in a car accident. In "Forever Plaid," the guys return 40 years later to perform in the style of their idols, The Crew Cuts, The Four Aces and The Hi-Lows. They sing silky smooth music of the '50s: Day-O, Catch A Falling Star, Papa Loves Mambo. Stuart Ross wrote, directed and choreographed the musical which opened in New York in 1990 to rave reviews.

April Fool's Day brings "Titanic" the musical, to the Spencer. The movie stole the audiences away from the Broadway show temporarily, but in 1997 the musical was the winner of five Tony awards: Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score, Best Orchestras and Best Sets.

Returning for the second time is the chamber music of the Eroica Trio, who've been performing together since childhood.

"Not only are they beautiful to look at but their music is just superb," McDonald said. "They're so physical in their playing that it's captivating to watch and their music is so crisp and full of texture."

Besides these performances, "Class Acts," part of the educational outreach of the theater for children, will offer "The Wind in the Willows" by the Lincoln County Children's Theatre Company April 18 for the schools and April 19 for the general public and "Stuart Little" by the Seem-To-Be Players April 30.

"I am thrilled with the response that we've had from the school districts far outside of Ruidoso coming to our performances for school children," Centilli said. "Children from as far away as Vaughn, a five-hour round trip bus ride, came down for the school performance of 'The Firebird' ballet in October."

In fact, he said, the schools shut down for the day so all the students could attend the performance.

Don't despair if tickets are sold out for a performance. It's always worthwhile getting the wait-list. Performers often give their tickets back at the last minute and about 5 percent of reserved seats are no-shows. Tickets range in price from \$30 to \$50 and can be purchased at the Spencer Box Office. Call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for a brochure or visit [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com). To charge by phone, call ProTix at (800) 905-3315.

Designed by Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock, the Spencer Theater is well worth visiting for a tour of the largest private collection of museum-quality Dale Chihuly glass sculptures, as well as the crystalline lobby, the 514-seat theater, four star dressing room, three chorus dressing rooms, and other dressing rooms that accommodate up to 42 people. Free tours are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For reservations, call 336-4800. The theater is about 20 minutes northeast of Ruidoso on Airport Road off Highway 48 and can be seen from 10 miles away.

## SPENCER THEATER

### Winter season

- Dec. 1, 8 p.m., An All American Boys Chorus Christmas Show
- Dec. 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Holiday Spectacular on Ice
- Feb. 2, 8 p.m. and Feb. 3, 2 p.m., "The Sunshine Boys"
- Feb. 9, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., "Raymonda"
- Feb. 17, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., "The Odd Couple"
- March 2, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Celtic Fusion
- March 23, 8 p.m., "Forever Plaid"
- April 1 and 2, 8 p.m., "Titanic"
- April 13, 8 p.m., Eroica Trio
- April 18, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and April 19, 7 p.m., "The Wind in the Willows"
- April 30, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., "Stuart Little"

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### Nov. 23

Santa Town in Zenith Park, Cloudcroft, 5-7 p.m.

Late Night shopping Downtown Cloudcroft, 682-2733

Cowboys & Indians: Images of the West, Hubbard Museum of the American West, 378-4142

### Nov. 24

Late Night Shopping In Cloudcroft, 5-7 p.m.

### Nov. 26

Lecture on organic gardening and

composting at the Capitan Public Library, 3 p.m., Malcolm Beck, 354-3035

ENMU-Ruidoso Community Choir & Chamber Chorale Fall Concert, Spencer Theater, 7:30 p.m.

### Nov. 27

After-School Program at Capitan Public Library, 3:30-5 p.m. for children fourth grade through high school

### Nov. 29

Christmas In the Park, tree lighting at School House Park: 6:15 p.m.

Welcome by Santa at 6:15 p.m.; lighting of the trees 6:17 p.m.; visits with Santa, photos for \$2; 6:30 p.m.; sleigh rides at 6:30; entertainment by Randy Jones and friends and the Community Children's Choir; door prizes given out throughout evening; concludes with "Silent Night" at 7:45 p.m.

### Nov. 30

Holiday Carrousel at the Museum Mercantile, Hubbard Museum of the American West, 6-9 p.m.

### Dec. 1

An All American Boys Chorus

Christmas Show, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

Carrizozo Women's Club Hoedown

### Dec. 3

The Shine Band at Win Place & Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive, 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., 257-257-9982

### Dec. 6

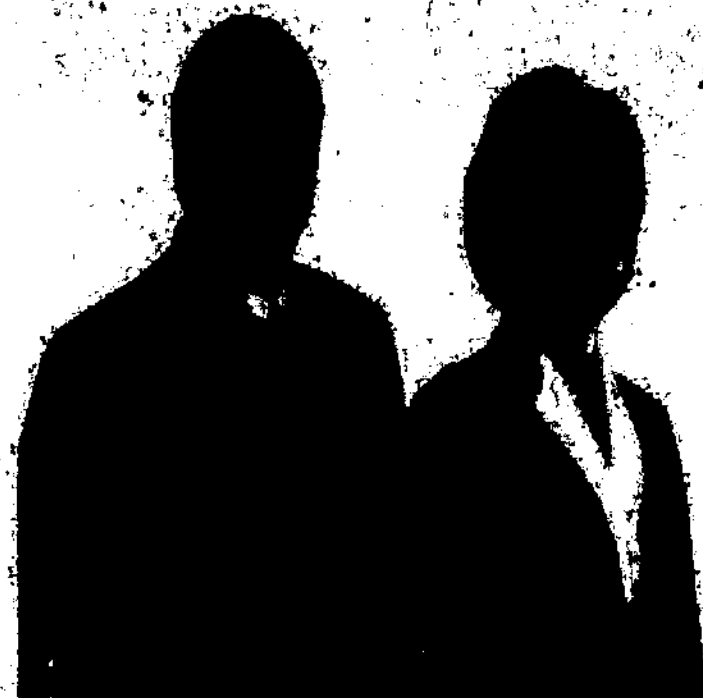
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## Dec. 7

First-Friday Lecture at Capitan Library, 7 p.m., Kathleen Havill on Precolumbian designs of the Southwest, 354-3035

## Dec. 8

Electric Light Parade, New Mexico State Championship, 6 p.m., Sudderth Drive

Pet Parade, Burro Avenue in Cloudcroft, 2 p.m.

## Dec. 11

Ruidoso Schools Winter Band Concert, Spencer Theater, 6 p.m. for White Mountain Intermediate and Ruidoso Middle school and 7:30 p.m. for Ruidoso High School

## Dec. 15

Village Holiday Celebration - 5-8 p.m. performances on the street in Midtown, fires to warm by, refreshments in the stores, caroling, marshmallow and chestnuts roasting, presentation of lighting winners (to enter, contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce); sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission. Suggested that merchants, performers and audience wear turn-of-century costumes and clothing.

Capitan Merchants Open House, various hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Christmas at the Park with Santa and Smokey Bear, Smokey Bear Historical Park, 118 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan

Holiday Spectacular on Ice, Spencer Theater, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., 336-4800

Santa Town in Zenith Park, Cloudcroft, 5-7 p.m.

## Dec. 16

Holiday reception in San Patricio at

the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery and Benson Fire Arts, 4-7 p.m., music at both galleries

Cantata, Methodist Church, Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.

## Dec. 19

La Posada, Catholic Church in Cloudcroft, 6 p.m.

## Dec. 21

Nod to the Nutcracker, Ballet Academy, Cloudcroft, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., The Lodge Pavilion

## Dec. 22

Horse-drawn Santa Parade, Capitan, starts about 12:30 p.m. at Mule Creek Traders, continues down Smokey Bear Boulevard and ends at the library with gifts for children (to enter the parade, contact Kern Mattel at Mule Creek Trading, 354-4203)

Caroling in the clouds, Cloudcroft, 5 p.m., meet on the west end of Burro Avenue for a caroling parade to Santa Town

Santa Town in Zenith Park, Cloudcroft, 5-7 p.m.

## Dec. 24

Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Cloudcroft, The Lodge, 8-9 p.m.

## Jan. 4

First-Friday Lecture at Capitan Library, 7 p.m., Rosemary Cascio will talk about herbs, 354-3035

## Feb. 2

The Sunshine Boys, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

## Feb. 3

The Sunshine Boys, Spencer Theater, 2 p.m., 336-4800

## Feb. 8

The Lodge Murder Mystery Weekend, The Lodge, Cloudcroft,

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## Feb. 9

"Raymonda," Spencer Theater, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., 336-4800. The Lodge Murder Mystery Weekend, The Lodge, Cloudcroft, (800) 395-6343

## Feb. 10

The Lodge Murder Mystery Weekend, The Lodge, Cloudcroft, (800) 395-6343

## Feb. 12

Lunasa, Celtic Music Ensemble, Ruidoso Community Concerts, 1st Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

The Odd Couple, Spencer Theater, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., 336-4800.

## March 1

First-Friday Lecture at Capitan Library, 7 p.m., 354-3035

## March 2

Celtic Fusion, Spencer Theater, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., 336-4800

Cloudcroft Dance Theatre Epicurean Dinner and Ball, The Lodge Pavilion, Cloudcroft, 6 p.m. 682-2566

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### March 23

Forever Plaid, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

Mountain Living Home and Garden Show, Ruidoso Convention Center, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

### March 24

Mountain Living Home and Garden Show, Ruidoso Convention Center, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### March 31

Easter Egg Hunt at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft

Easter Bonnet Parade, Burrow Avenue in Cloudcroft

Easter Buffet Brunch with Ester Egg Hunt, The Lodge, Cloudcroft (800) 395-6343

### April 1

Titanic, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

### April 2

Titanic, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

### April 5

Allison England, Opera, Broadway and Beyond, Ruidoso Community Concerts, 1st Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

First-Friday lecture at Capitan Library, 7 p.m., 354-3035

### April 13

Erolca Trio, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., 336-4800

### April 14

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cedar Creek, Parks and Recreation Department, 10:30 a.m., four separated areas for age groups; more than 5,000 eggs

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### April 18

The Wind in the Willows, Lincoln County Children's Theatre Company, Spencer Theater Class Acts, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for students, 336-4800

### April 19

The Wind in the Willows, Lincoln County Children's Theatre Company, Spencer Theater Class Acts, 7 p.m., 336-4800

### April 21

4-H Washington Focus, The Lodge, Cloudcroft, (800) 395-6343

### April 26

Cloudcroft Dance Theatre, "The Bride," First Baptist Church in Artesia, 687-3192

### April 27

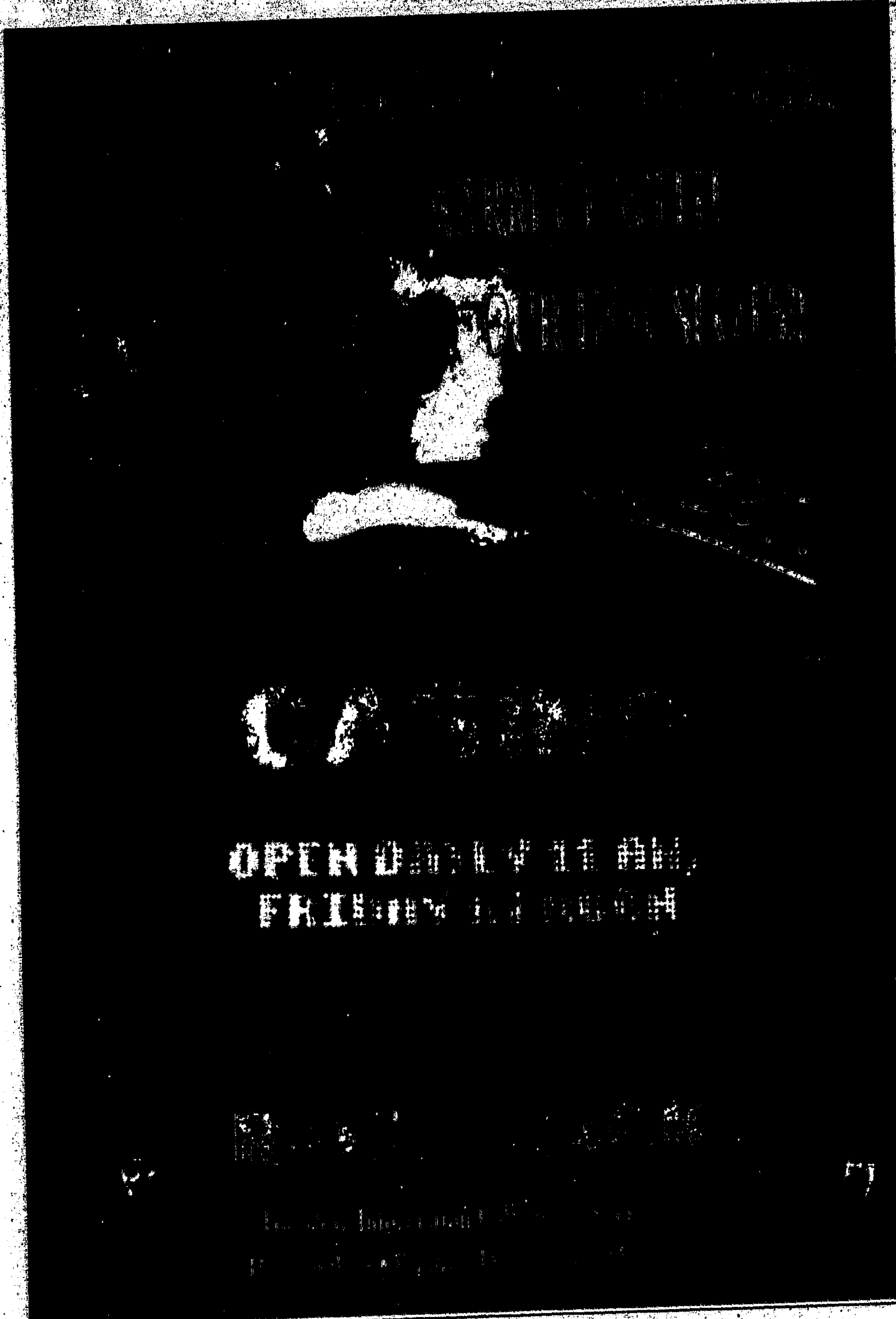
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**102 Cedar Creek Rd. • Across from Cree Meadows Country Club • \$249,900**

Nicely situated in a cul-de-sac on the creek. This home has charm deluxe, 5 bdrm/2 full bath and 2 fireplaces. Upstairs has an open concept into big dining area and living room w/fireplace. Downstairs has living room w/fireplace, guest bedrooms and baths. Lots of decks, windows, and a hot tub on open deck. Completely furnished, what a deal! #95417

**Remember I also have many fine lots and acreage if you want to start your dream home from the bottom up. Check my list on page 3 for areas and if I don't have it, I'll find what you want.**

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## RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY



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WHAT A DEAL, THIS ONE IS BELOW APPRAISAL! Generous 3 bedroom/2 bath 1999 Manufactured Home on comfortably wooded lot. Contemporary style, brand new carpet, tons of windows to enjoy the valley views and has flat parking area. PRICED COMPETITIVELY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION. Summer retreat, great year 'round get-away or move in permanently, don't let this one slip by! #95713

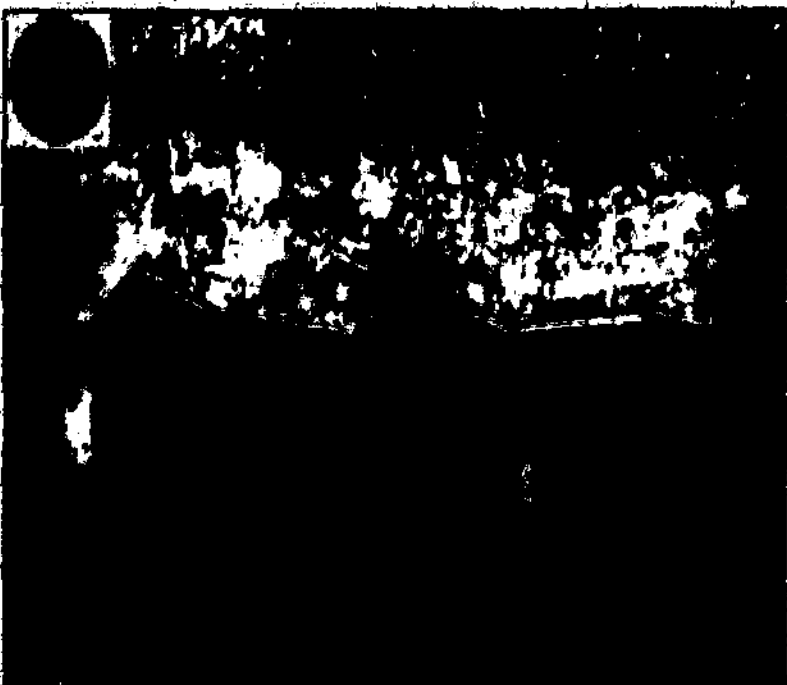
## GAVILAN HILLS



### JEWELL • \$295,000 214 Gavilan Hills Rd.

You'll be on top of the world! Spectacular panoramic views with a view of Sierra Blanca! This home comes with all the extras and is a real beauty. 3 bdrm/2 bath 1512 sq. ft. +/- on 3.93 acres +/- Spacious patio with custom wood railing, neat & clean and fully furnished. #95819

## CAPITAN



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## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

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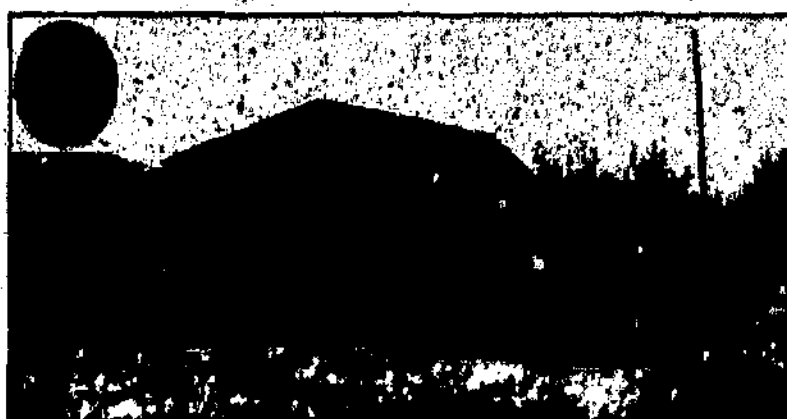


**CARZOLI • \$375,000**  
547 Gavilan Canyon Rd.

Beautiful and totally cared for modular home. This 3 bdrm/2 bath has lots of detail inside including nice tile accents throughout. Separate retail showroom/warehouse is 2500 sq.ft. with overhead door and concrete slab, 2 offices and 2 bathrooms. Exciting possibilities for this multi-purpose setup. #94767



### AGUA FRIA ESTATES



**DAVIS TRUST • \$175,000**  
Griffith Dr. & Hwy. 70

HIGH VISIBILITY LOCATION! Come see this nice commercial building on corner of Hwy. 70 and Griffith Dr. in Ruidoso Downs. Would suit multi-purpose business or could be used as part office/part workshop. Fenced open area behind the building. Use your imagination! #96068

### SKYLAND ADDITION



**WHITTEN • \$139,500**  
910 Sudderth Dr.

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## CAPITAN

### WILLINGHAM • \$189,900 M.M. 83.9, U.S. Hwy. 380

VERY CLASSY 1997 manufactured home. Roomy 2103 sq.ft. 4 bdrm/3 full baths, sits on gorgeous 6.5 acres in the Capitan area. Big views from all angles. Large master bdrm w/separate shower and big whirlpool tub. Nice fireplace in roomy den. Refrigerated air, satellite, domestic well, propane gas, partially fenced and lots of covered and uncovered decks. Country living at its best! #96317

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### ROGERS • \$174,000 East Chapparal Dr.

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## SIERRA BLANCA SUBDIVISION

### LOZEAU • \$209,900 104 Ft. Stanton Rd.

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## MIDDLE CEDAR CREEK

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## SHANGRI LA

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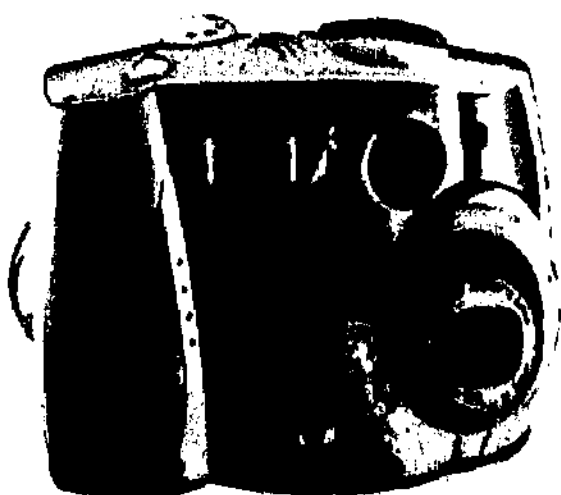
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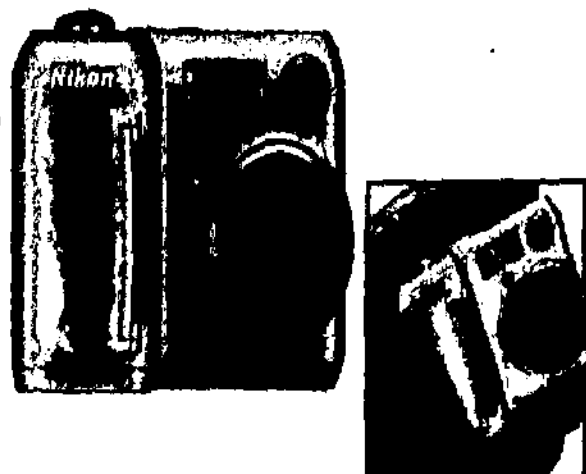


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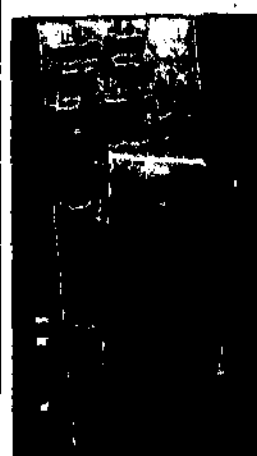
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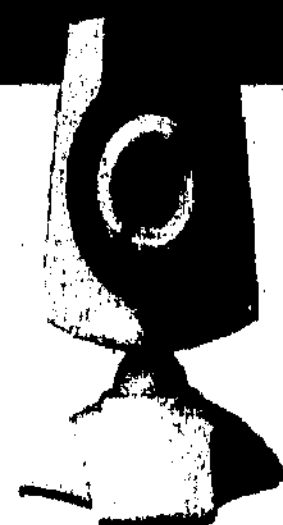
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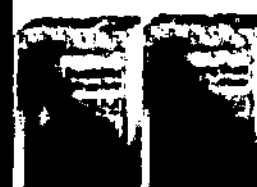
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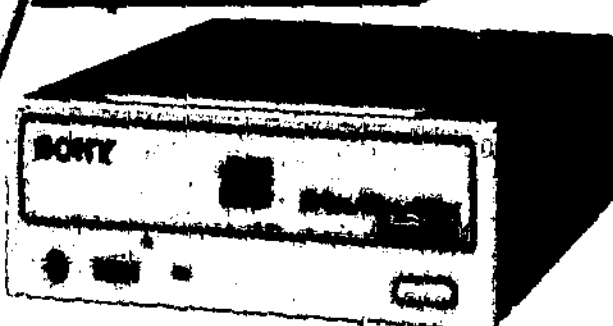
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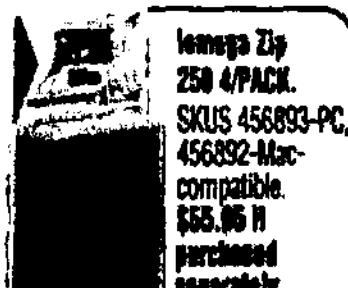
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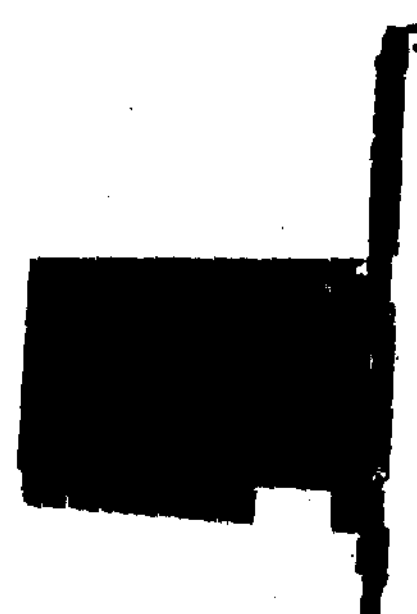
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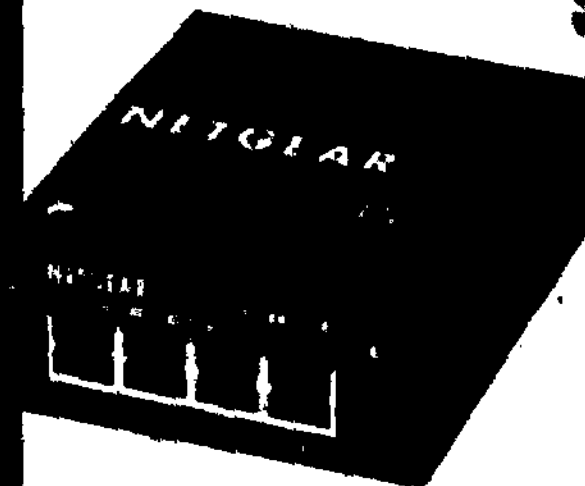
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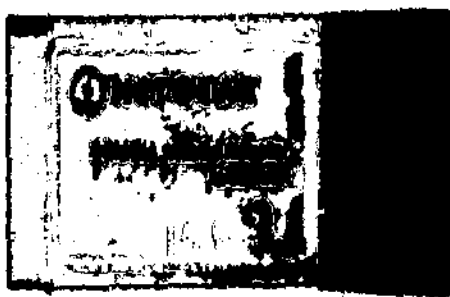
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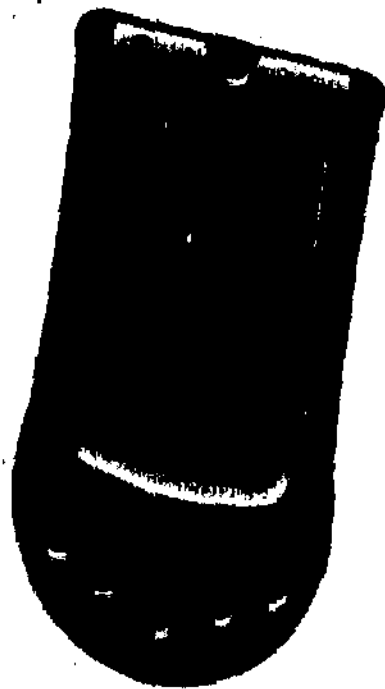
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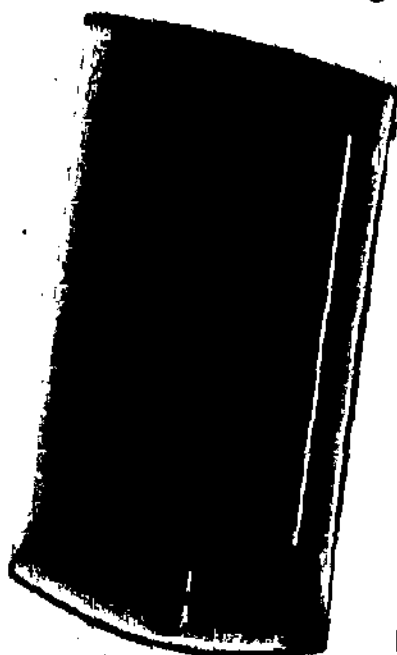
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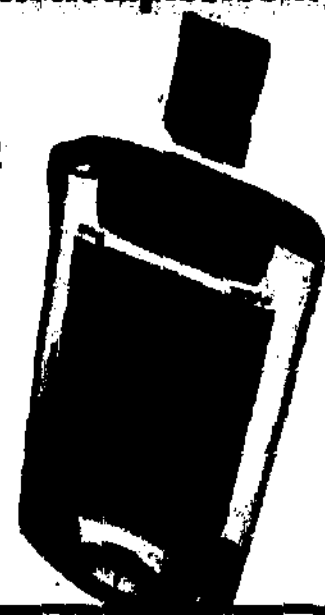
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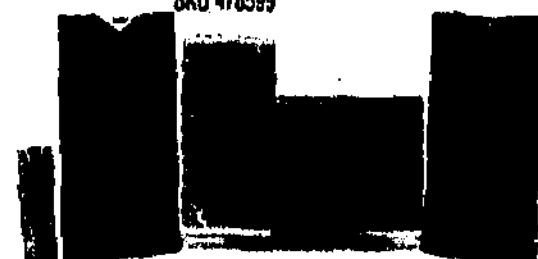
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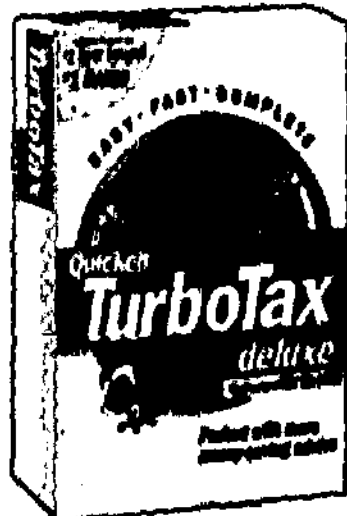
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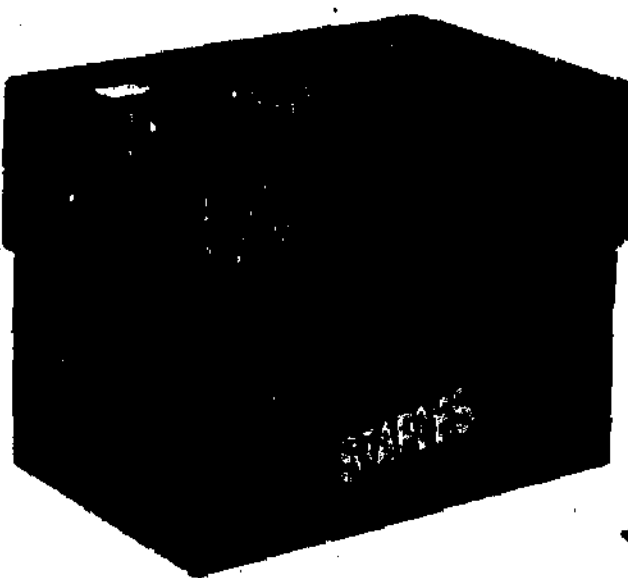
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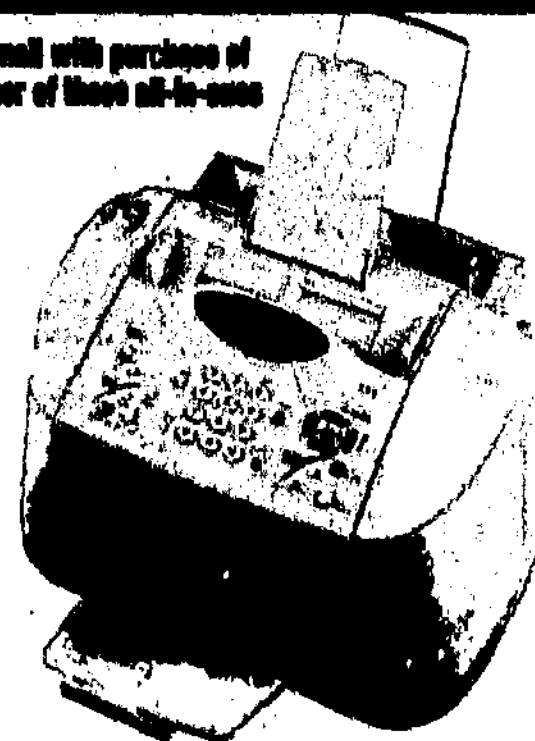
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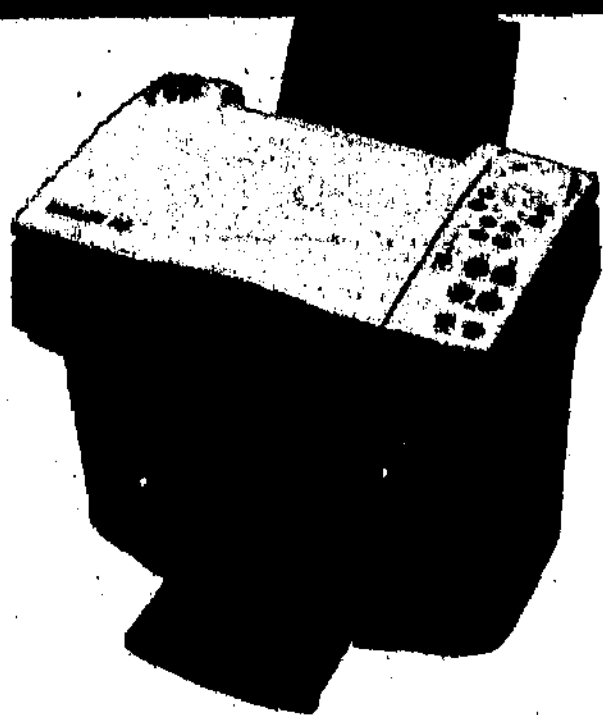
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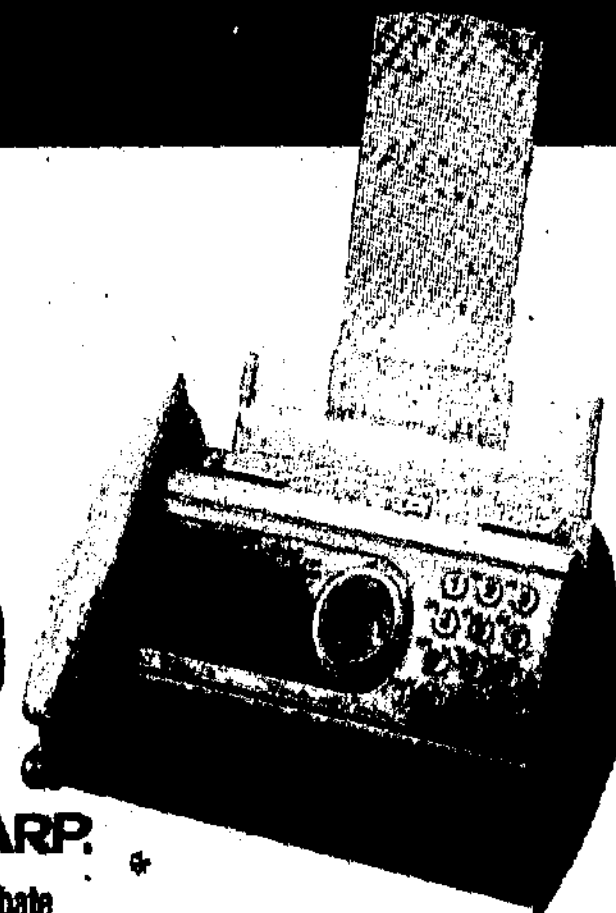
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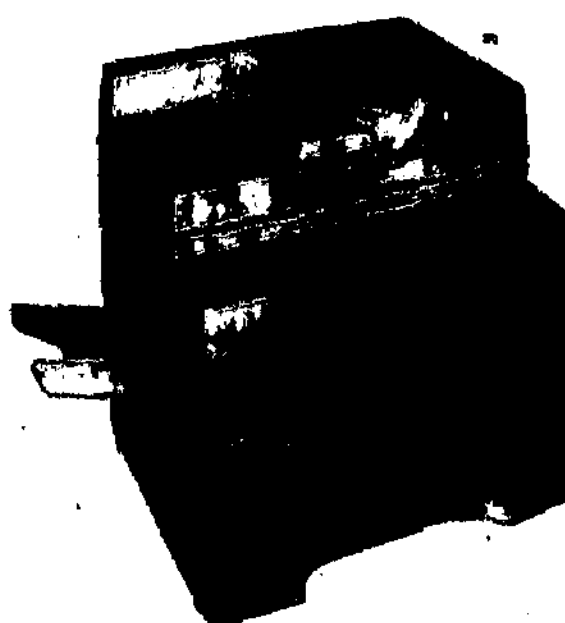
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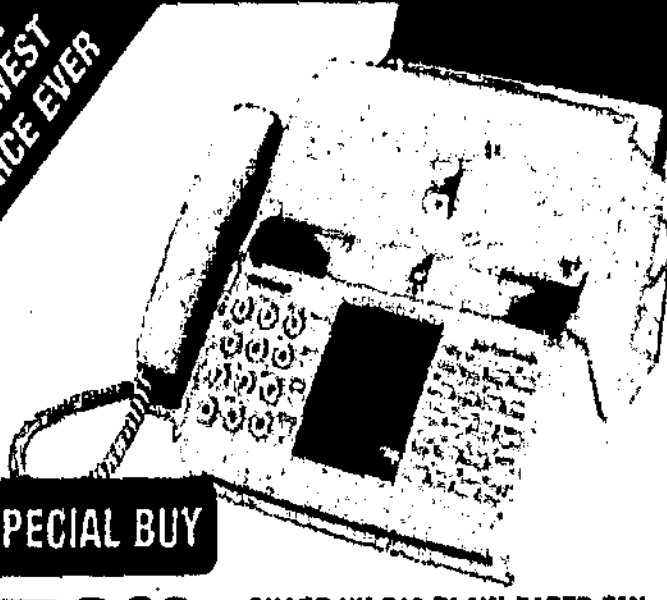
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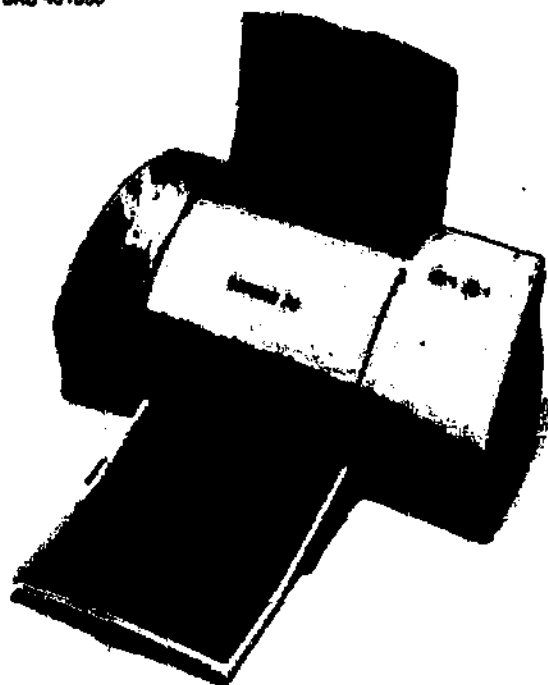
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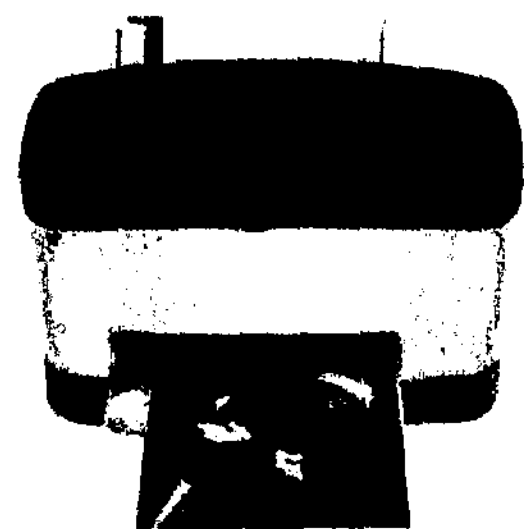
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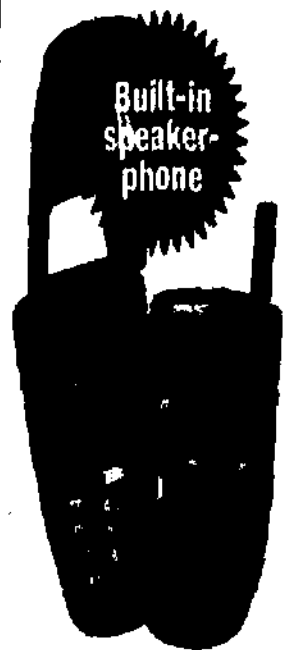
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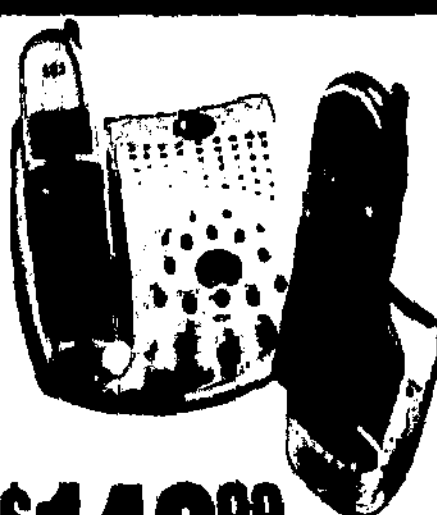


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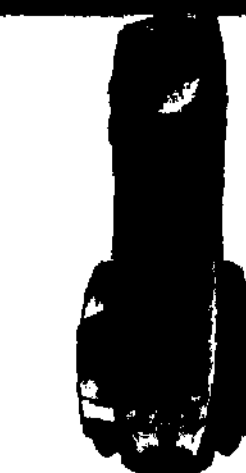
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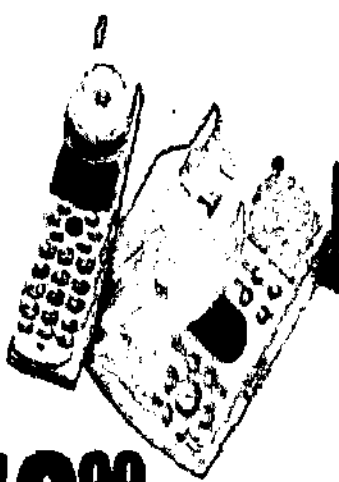
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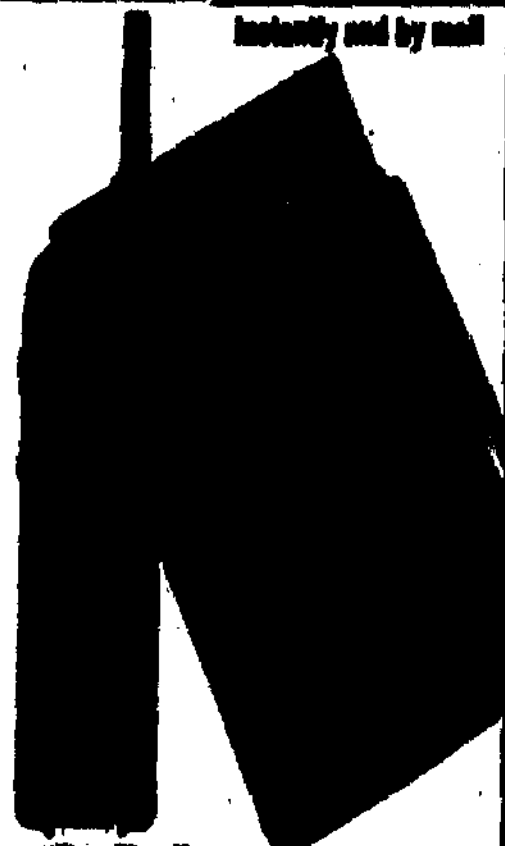


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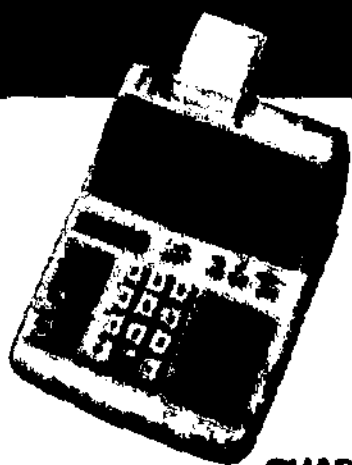
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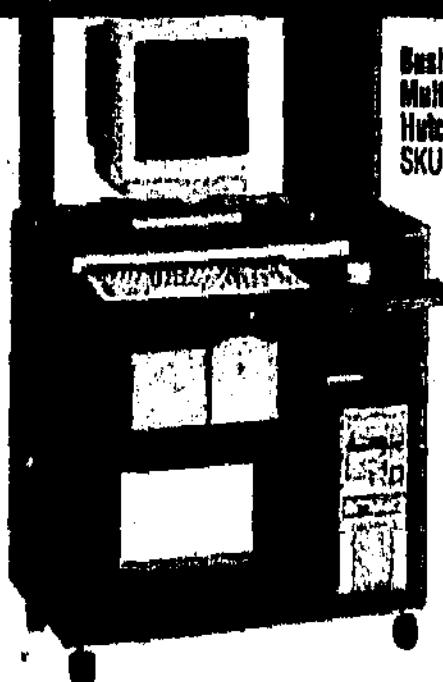
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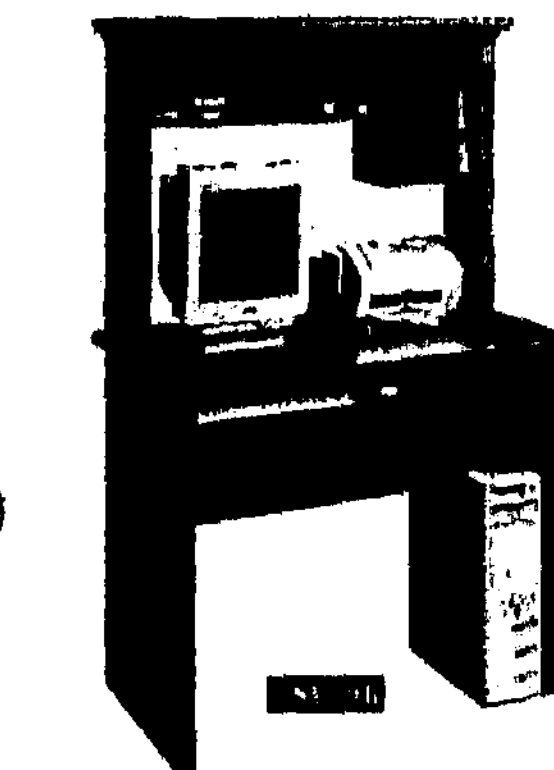
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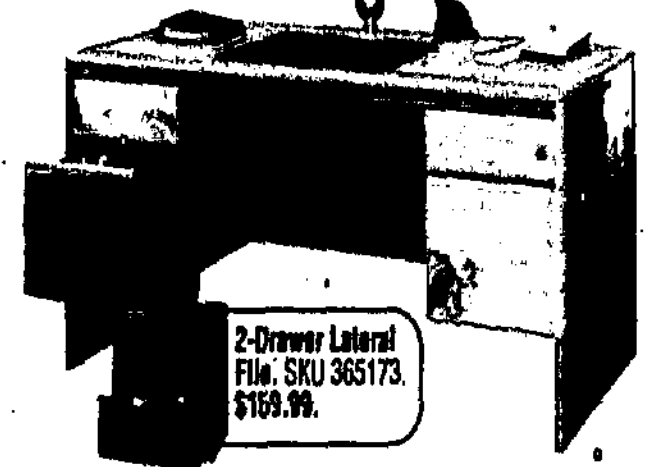
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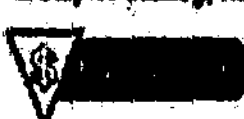
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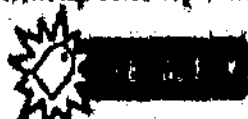
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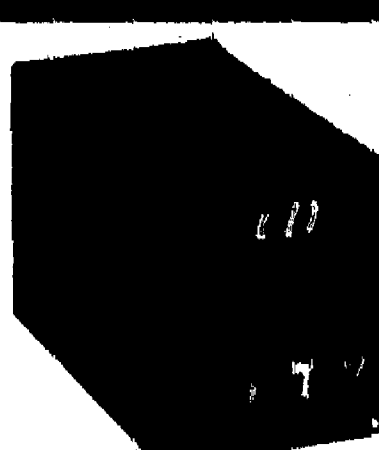
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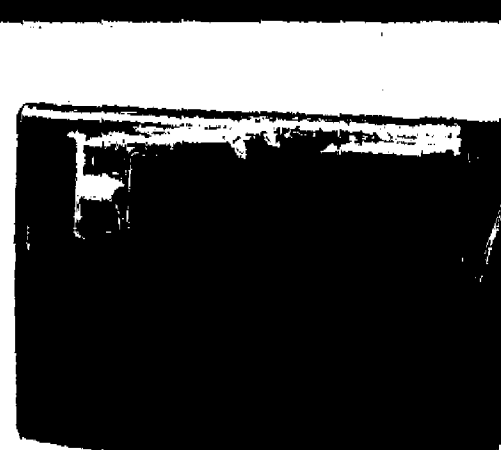
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