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Primary polling at different places

Don't head to the convention center; voting is at schools and the senior center this year.

BY WES SCHWENGELS RUIDOSO NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday's primary will be a big one, as voters will nominate their party's choice for November in a U.S. Congressional race, as well as three

county commission spots.

But knowing who to vote for is only half the battle — knowing where to vote could be just as tricky this year.

Because the Ruidoso Convention Center is no longer available for voting in the Ruidoso area, constituents must figure out where to go by precinct numbers.

Precinct Six, ranging north from Warrior and Skyvue drives to Highway

532, will cast ballots at White Mountain Elementary School, 203 E. White Mountain Drive.

Precinct 7A, ranging west from Mechem Drive and Rio Arriba Road, will gather at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive.

Precinct 7B, a smaller grouping located between Mechem and Rio Arriba Road, should head to White

Mountain Elementary.

Precinct 8A, which is north of Sudderth Drive, but south of Warrior and Skyvue drives, will vote at Ruidoso High School, 125 Warrior Drive.

Precinct 8B, a small area located in the southeast part of the village near Highway 70, will also vote at the high school.

Precinct 9, located south Sudderth Drive, should go to the Ruidoso Senior

Citizens Center, 501-A Sudderth Drive.

County clerk Martha McKnight Proctor said this could be one of the most complex voting years in memory. She said someone will be stationed at the convention center, should some voters show up there by mistake.

Any questions about where to vote can be directed to the county clerk's office at (505) 648-2394.

Art funds fly, airline's don't

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso village council chambers were packed with artists ready to protest a proposed 80 percent reduction in the Arts Commission budget Tuesday, but, after lengthy discussion, the council voted unanimously to fund the commission at last year's level from lodgers' taxes.

A presentation by Tim Wooldridge, chief executive officer of Rio Grande Air was moved before discussion of the Arts Commission budget. Wooldridge proposed a \$100,000 village subsidy to expand air service to the area, but several village councilors said they couldn't support a subsidy that benefited so few people and voted it down.

Village councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars, who had originally recommended the reduction in the funds budgeted for the Ruidoso Arts Commission — with the consensus of the other councilors at the budget workshop, it was pointed out — said she couldn't continue to support the airlines and had "no problem funding the Arts Commission if we cancel the subsidy to the airline."

Last year, the airline received a \$125,000 subsidy from the village, said Tammy Maddox, village clerk. The council was considering a \$100,000 subsidy for the next fiscal year to continue an agreement with Taos and Taos Ski Valley. Rio Grande Air, which Wooldridge said had been averaging 40-65 passengers a month, proposed adding another 9-passenger airplane to create a flight from Midland and El Paso, Texas, to Ruidoso, and from Alamogordo to Ruidoso.

Lynn Price, owner of Cruise Vacations of Ruidoso, told the village council that Rio Grande left people stranded, canceled frequently and was "totally useless to me and my clients." Price said the only flight to Ruidoso departs from Albuquerque at 10:45 a.m., so people from other parts of the country can't connect to that flight into Ruidoso.

Councilor Bob Sterchi, the council liaison to the Ruidoso Arts Commission, said limited funding to the commission began about three years ago and that what it has accomplished and plans to do has "exceeded anyone's expectations."

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Sofia Sanchez, 4, readies her fishing pole for the annual children's Fishing Day for children June 8 at Grindstone Lake Reservoir in Ruidoso. Sofia is the daughter of Kevin and Rosana Sanchez.

Getting kids hooked

Youngsters can gather rods and reels June 8, head to Grindstone for free fun

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Young anglers up to the age of 12 will grab fishing poles and bait June 8, for the annual Fishing Day at Grindstone Reservoir in Ruidoso as part of National Fishing Week.

Organizer Larry Cordova, wildlife specialist with the U.S. Forest Service, said activities will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. Children will com-

pete in casting, will watch fly tying demonstrations, can take a canoe ride and try to catch the biggest rainbow trout stocked by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the Dexter Hatchery of the U.S. Department of Interior.

Other sponsors of the event are the Forest Service, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, the Ruidoso River Association, Fly's Etc., Western Auto and Wal-Mart stores in Ruidoso

and Alamogordo.

Lots of prizes were gathered for the event, along with refreshments.

Fishing is free, but children should be accompanied by an adult and should bring their own poles and bait. Parents may want to bring folding chairs and sun screen.

Also, Saturday, June 1, is a "Free Fishing Day." No license will be required to fish on public land statewide.

Ruidoso Downs changes from 'village' to 'city'

The new designation, aimed at distinguishing the Downs from Ruidoso, takes effect June 10.

BY MELANIE SATTLER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a move aimed at distinguishing its municipality from the Village of Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Downs board of trustees voted Tuesday to change the designation from "village" to "city," but promised residents

that the flavor of the community will not change.

The "city" moniker will alphabetically shift Ruidoso Downs away from Ruidoso on lists maintained by the state and other agencies. Ruidoso Downs officials think they might have missed out on funding and training opportunities in the past because of confusion between the names.

"That's what we're thinking, that we're getting passed by," said Trustee Judy Miller.

The city designation will make Ruidoso Downs sound like a progressive, business-friendly place, said John Waters, village administrator.

"We do think differently over here, and we're proud of that," Waters said.

In an open hearing, some residents voiced opposition.

"We're not big enough to be a city," resident Pauline Sanchez said. "Changing the name would mean a lot of changes for

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SHAKE IT TO THE LEFT...



MELANIE SATTLER/STAFF

Neal McCoy thrilled racing and music fans alike Saturday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Page Number. Includes Business, Classifieds, Crossword, Letters, Opinion, Real estate, Obituaries, Sports.

Another art gallery under construction

Business/GA



VAMONOS

Food, wine and Esteban at the Spencer Saturday

Is Ruidoso ready for a YMCA?

Street Talk/4A

MAY 31 2002

Gubernatorial candidate Bradley aims to unify GOP

BY STEVE RAMIREZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Walter Bradley says he simply wants to stop the political feuding.

Bradley, a Republican candidate for governor, also spoke of making New Mexico more economically viable and overhauling a state education system that he said has become archaic and doomed to failure.

In the same light, he wants to be able to keep reading children's books to his 7-year-old daughter Kristen.

"My strength is being able to unify people for common causes," Bradley said. "I believe people need to participate in government. Unifying issues is vitally important to New Mexico if we are to grow and prosper as a state. I believe I'm a leader who makes things happen."

Bradley, 55, is one of three Republican candidates who will face each other in the June 4 primary election.

Bradley is banking on his 7 1/2 years of experience as New Mexico's lieutenant governor.

Altogether, he has 12 years of legislative service to the state, serving as a state senator from Curry County from 1989 through 1992.

"I was a real estate broker in Clovis and I watched the government take away more and more of my freedoms and income," Bradley said. "I realized that I was part of a big group (of New Mexicans) who that was happening to. That's what got me interested in politics."

But it wasn't as easy as just deciding to run for elected

office. Bradley said at every turn he was told he couldn't, or wouldn't, get elected.

"Everybody kept telling me can't or won't," Bradley said. "But that really didn't bother me. I ran against a guy who everybody said was unbeatable. But not only was I able to beat him, I got the endorsement of the law enforcement union he was a member of."

New Mexico roots

Bradley was born on Oct. 30, 1946 in Clovis. He is the third generation of a pioneer family that settled in New Mexico in the late 1800s. His father, Ralph Bradley, was an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad and his mother, Jo Black Bradley, was a registered nurse.

Bradley was raised and educated in Clovis. Upon graduation from Clovis High School, he attended Eastern New Mexico University.

Bradley then left New Mexico to begin his professional career with Texas Instruments and later with National Chemsearch, both in Dallas.

The move was a profound one for Bradley. It has helped him define one of the benchmarks of his campaign.

"We have got to improve our state's education and economy so that young New Mexicans won't have to leave the state to go find work elsewhere," Bradley said. "How does it help us if most of our best and brightest young people are taking their talents and money to some other state?"

Without hesitation, Bradley said education is his top priority.



"Education hasn't let us down, the education system has," Bradley said. "We've got a system that is flawed from top to bottom. Not only do we need educational reform, we need a complete overhaul of the system."

Bradley only has to look at his 7- and 18-year-old daughters to re-enforce his convictions. "They're my motivation," he said. "It's for them that I'd like to bring a better quality education to New Mexico."

That is the one issue that Bradley said he would not compromise on if elected governor.

"We've already made way too many compromises as a state," he said. "It has to end somewhere, and we desperately need to improve test scores."

Influences

The people who have most influenced Bradley include his mother and former presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

"My mother has been the most influential person in my life," he said. "She taught me to judge by actions and not by appearances. That philosophy has stuck with me all of my life." See BRADLEY, page 9A

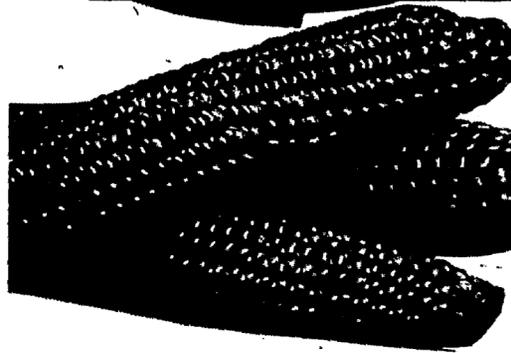
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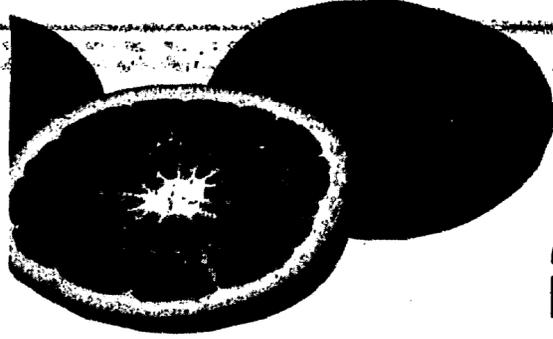
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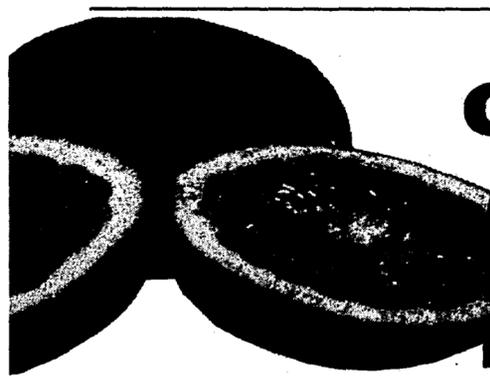
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OUR OPINION

We beg you, take part in the process

The polls are open Tuesday for party primary elections

Primary elections, in some people's eyes, are right up there with lawn mowing and bathroom cleaning — necessary, but not much fun.

But next Tuesday's party primary elections in New Mexico are more than necessary. Regardless of your personal political passions, if you are a legal resident of this state, it's essential that you take part.

Our election process may not be the most perfect way to choose leaders at the local, state and national level, but it's fairer than the rest.

If this year's primary election campaign seems longer and louder than most in recent years...well, it clearly is longer,

and louder — and nastier.

Lots of candidates have spent an extraordinary amount of money to get their message out, even right here in Lincoln County. Some of that campaigning for some nominations has been far from "gentlemanly," presumably because the stakes are so high.

Attack advertising has cropped up in the gubernatorial race, and right down to local legislative face-offs. All of which has added to the campaign decibel level, and the need for reasoned, thoughtful consideration of candidates and issues by you, the voter.

Republican or Democrat, if you didn't vote early, do vote on Tuesday. Please.

Kinder, gentler politics?

Probably the first inking we had of the American political process in those long-gone days in the Missouri Ozarks was a patriot flag flying and a candidate waving.

Some of them we recognized as neighbors who wanted to be a constable or alderman in our tiny community of "1,100 happy people and a few old grouches," as the billboard on the state highway outside town informed passers-by.

The other thing we remember is getting knocks on the door, and taking handouts from somebody who said something like, "be sure you tell your dad to vote." Dad actually had been a temporary village constable for a few months the summer before, and that was exciting — he even carried a gun, but never fired it.

Somehow, in those endless childhood summers, politics was pretty exciting. (And, yes, even today we think "politics" should be plural, but the dictionary doesn't agree.)

Now, thousands of days and hundreds of miles away, another election is upon us, and we have to concentrate on the fact that an election is a periodic reminder that only our political institutions separate us from the dog-eat-dog social jungle that encompasses so much of the world.

Or do they? In laid-back Ruidoso, where a political debate almost never gets down to mud-slinging and personal animus, we

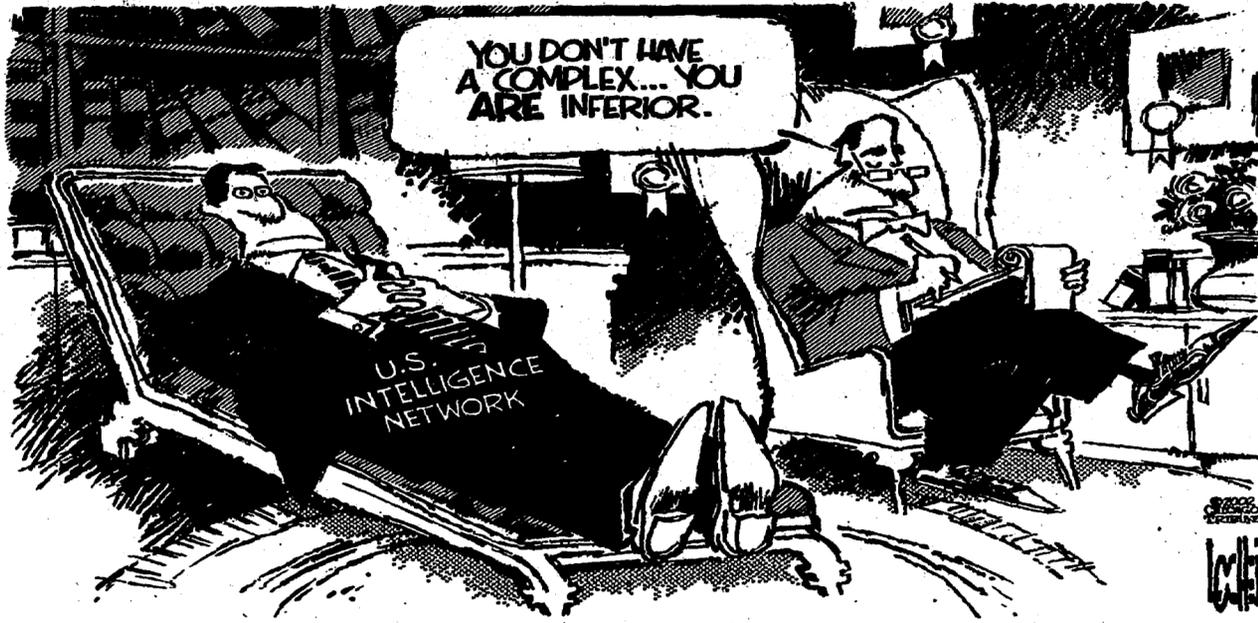
this spring have seen tons of campaign flyers crowding post office boxes, loaded with fancy full-color photographs and sometimes scary headlines. We've seen mail pieces, and TV ads, pointing out how many votes an incumbent legislator missed in Santa Fe, the implication being that he wasn't earning his pay. In rebuttal came fancy mail pieces saying what said legislator did accomplish — like the state Megan's Law. At least, the names behind the attack ads were obvious...the other guys'.

We've read page after page of news releases about that District 2 congressional primary, and have to say that, considering the stakes, the remarks were reasonably civil, more or less on the political high road.

But, on Wednesday, came a fancy flyer from Albuquerque that to us took a very low road. Its target was one of three GOP gubernatorial candidates, the legislator named John Sanchez who had defeated the House speaker in the last general election. The flyer cited "missed votes, missed opportunities, misplaced priorities... When it came time to stand up for traditional values, John Sanchez was nowhere to be found."

An attack ad from a GOP opponent? No indication. From the Democrats, who from reading the polls concluded that Sanchez would be the most likely opponent for Bill Richardson, the unopposed Demo candidate? Apparently not.

In tiny print on the return address on the back page was the only clue: AFSCME Council 18. That's the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees — the public employee union.



YOUR OPINION

No fires in Ruidoso, so why not insure homes?

To the editor:

I question the statement: "Fires threaten Ruidoso's insurability."

The village of Ruidoso should have an excellent rating for fire insurance. I can't remember when there was the total loss of any building or home in the village limits and the credit must be that every administration has the fire danger at the top of their "concern list" and they support a top notch fire department.

Perhaps a published interview with our fire chief and members of the fire department would help restore some of the depressed property values in the village of Ruidoso.

Roberta Booker
Ruidoso

That Presidential team

To the editor:

A Republican friend of mine (I do have some) recently suggested to me that it was OK if our accidental president wasn't the brightest bulb in the box because he knows how to put together a good team. I see several problems with that, however.

First, the most powerful man in the world would most certainly be manipulated by such a team. Second, there's the already competing agendas (Cheney & Co. vs. Powell). And finally, there's the very real possibility that he might miss something.

And now some Republicans don't want to "waste" time and money on a national commission to investigate.

I guess terrorists knocking down the twin towers just isn't as important as some obscure land deal in Arkansas.

Glenn Remington
Ruidoso

A youth's response

To the editor:

As one of many youth in this community, I would like to thank Greg Kopacka and John Haines for defending the youth of Ruidoso. It's a shame that people are labeled, adults included. I would like to defend the "pimple poppers" of this community.

You see, Mr. Jones, there are also adults who pop pimples, smoke marijuana, and have accidents caused from drunken driving or just plain stupidity.

Do you know anything about me or my friends? Have you ever tried to get to know me or my friends? We are the majority who DO NOT smoke marijuana, drink, etc. We are also of the majority who do attend local church youth groups on Sundays and Wednesdays. Maybe you would like to attend one of the youth-led worship services to really find out about the youth of OUR/YOUR community and make a judgment on that premise.

Rheanna Blankenship, age 14
Ruidoso

An overdue letter

To the editor:

This letter is several weeks overdue. If we had written it as many times as we thought of it and felt the sentiment, you would have to have your own post office.

(Ours was) one of the few houses on Deer Valley Drive that was spared from the Kokopelli fire, but not without the help of some dear neighbors and some untiring, dedicated firefighters.

We had enjoyed our place in Alto on weekends for the last seven years and were in the process of moving here full time, bringing our next-to-last load the day of the fire. As we approached our house, the closest we could get was a hill about a half-mile away, watching huge

orange flames around our house. We were asked to evacuate, and we stayed at a friend's house until we found out for sure we still had a house, two days later.

Our neighbor, Lana Robertson, with the help of her husband, Derrel, saw the huge tree in front of our house had caught fire and found our hose and sprinkler and turned it on full blast under it, and checked on it several times all day and night, while trying to protect their own home, too. Meanwhile, in between Lana's visits, some dear firefighters pulled out our burning railroad ties to also aid in saving our house.

We have always loved this community, and that is why we chose to build and reside here. Our huge tree is now a stump, and we like to think of it as a reminder of how blessed we are not only to still have a house, but how we are equally blessed to be living in a community of such wonderful people, to whom we will be eternally grateful.

Bill and Susan Kiser
Alto

The Hispanic vote

To the editor:

This country will never have secure borders as long as President Bush is running the show. Mr. Bush is worried more about the Hispanic vote than he is about securing our borders.

Legal immigrants help build this country, but when the government lets illegals take the southwestern United States without firing a shot, that's a high price to pay for a few votes.

The government has no clue about what's being smuggled across the Mexican border.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW The First Amendment

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Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355; faxed to 257-7053; or sent by e-mail to: ruidosonews@zianet.com.

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Do you believe Ruidoso needs a YMCA?



"It probably does. The young people don't really have anything to do here."
John New
Ruidoso



"I'm a member of the RAC and I'm quite happy with it."
Mario Madrid
Ruidoso



"Yeah, so people can like, hang out and be safe."
Lindsay Vanhook
Ruidoso

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Mike Maez

Funeral Mass for Miguel "Mike" Maez, 88, of San Patricio will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31, at St. Jude's Catholic Church and burial will follow at the Hondo Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Alfred Galvan.

Mr. Maez died Monday, May 27, 2002, in Albuquerque. He was born Aug. 17, 1913, in Arabela. He had lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He worked for the New Mexico Highway Department and the Hondo Public Schools.

Survivors include grandchildren Jacqueline Maez of Los Lunas, Gerald Maez Jr. and his wife, Melissa, of Albuquerque, Stacey Otero and her husband of Grants, Michael Maez of Los Angeles, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Alicia, of Los Lunas; sisters Alvina Ramirez, Epifania Fresquez Candelaria; his loving godchild, Molly Fresquez Gonzalez; nieces, nephews and friends from the Hondo Valley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Chavez, in 1970; brothers Adolfo Maez, Trinidad Maez and Domingo Maez; sisters Rosavra Maez Archuleta, Dominga Maez Sedillos and Reyes Maez Torres.

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

Jack S. Wharton

Memorial services for Jack S. Wharton, 63, of Alto, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso, with the Rev. John Marshall officiating.

Mr. Wharton died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in Ruidoso. He was born Dec. 27, 1938 in Mansfield, Ohio.

He was a life member of the N.R.A. and was an avid outdoorsman. He retired from the Navy after 22 years and then worked for Lockheed-Martin

in Las Cruces for 20 years, retiring Feb. 28, 2002, when he moved to Alto. He married Irene Roman on Dec. 31, 1975 in Las Vegas, Nev.



Wharton

Survivors include his wife, Irene of Alto; a son, Jay Moccio, of Visalia, Calif.; daughters Dawn Brown of Minot AFB, N.D., Donna Welborn of Alto, Sandra Smaltz of Stafford, Va., Victoria Greenhow of Tucson, Ariz., and Karin Boira of San Antonio, Texas; a brother, Bud Warden, of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Alga and Clyde Parker of Roswell; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Navy Relief Fund. The family invites friends to take part in a developing biography at www.mem.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 341 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, 257-7303.

Violet Nickell

Funeral services for Violet Nickell, 77, of Ruidoso Downs,

were Wednesday, May 29, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Sidney Butler of Hobbs officiating. Graveside services will be Monday, June 3, 2002, at the Stockton Rural Cemetery in Stockton, Calif.

Mrs. Nickell died Saturday, May 25, 2002, at her home.

She was born Aug. 2, 1924, in Okeemah, Okla. She moved to Lincoln County in 1998 from Railroad Flat, Calif., and was a homemaker.

She married Nolan Nickell Sr. on July 6, 1942, in Williams, Ariz., and he preceded her in death on May 29, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a son, Nolan Nickell Jr., on Dec. 14, 1994.

Survivors include daughters Deanna Ganaway of Ruidoso Downs, Shirley Flowers of Hobbs, and Irene Naron of Ruidoso; sisters Gladys McDaniel of Levelland, Texas, and Barbara Glenn of Fresno, Calif.; brothers Richard Morse of Mesa, Ariz., and David Morse of Hanford, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to P.M.S. Hospice of Lincoln County, 1204 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 341 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-7303.

William Gerhardt

Graveside services for William "Little Bill" Gerhardt, 2, of Alamogordo were Tuesday at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

William died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, in Albuquerque. He was born June 2, 1999 in Ft. Stewart, Ga.

He had lived in Alamogordo since August 2001, moving there from Ruidoso, where he had lived since August 2000.

Survivors include his mother, Heather Gerhardt, and her fiancée, Ben Kaer of Alamogordo; his father, Christopher Gerhardt, of Alamogordo; a sister, Alexandria Gerhardt of Alamogordo; grandparents Harry and Irene Pettersen of Ruidoso, and Don and Kim Gerhardt of Kansas City, Kan.; a great-grandmother, Fran Jones, of Ruidoso; and an aunt and uncle, Brendan and Amy Gochenour.

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

Mary Cooper

Funeral services for Mary Louise Cooper, 87, longtime Ruidoso resident, were Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

today at LaGrone Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cooper died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Lincoln County Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914, to Robert E. and Gertrude Marr in Clarksville, Texas.

She married J. Howard Cooper on Aug. 15, 1933, in Quitaque, Texas.

She lived in Ruidoso off and on for the last 68 years.

Survivors include her husband, J. Howard Cooper of Ruidoso; a daughter, Carol Schultheiss; grandsons Michael and his wife, Paula Schultheiss, and Jeremy Schultheiss and his daughter, Daisy, all of Austin, Texas; a brother, Tom and his wife, Jeanette Marr, of Plainview, Texas; sisters Frances and her husband Davis Willis, of Pudahac, Texas, and Dorothy and her husband, Doyle Turner, of Floydada, Texas; sisters-in-law Betty Marr of California and Dorothy Marr of Quinlan, Texas, and Lucille

Marr of Clarksville, Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law Ross and Kathryn Cooper, Glen and Violet Cooper, and Edith Cooper, all of Lockney, Texas, Opal Cooper of Pima, Ariz., Marjorie Cooper of Bronte, Texas, Lee and Jan Cooper of Georgetown, Texas, Vera and Jim Wood of Ruidoso, Pete and Patsy Cooper of Jal, and Wilma and Bob Van Meter of Hobbs; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests donations to her Sunday school class at First Baptist Church for the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home in Portales.

Sam Romero

Committal of Sam R. Romero, 70, of Santa Paula, Calif., was at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Mr. Romero died Thursday, May 16, 2002.

He was born in Capitan Aug. See FUNERALS, page 9A

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If you choose someone else to represent you I still have enjoyed meeting so many of you and hope my position on water will become the position of our new Commission....

Thanks again for your kindness and welcoming me into your homes, to discuss the issues..

I would appreciate your vote of confidence to represent District 4 to the best of my ability for the next 4 years.

--Bob Johnson

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

REDTT schedules Carrizozo meeting

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Council will meet June 10 at 10 a.m. at the Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

REDTT, a program of the USDA, administered through local county extension agents and extension home economists, in Lincoln County has sponsored the Natural Fiber Festival in Lincoln, Arts in the Orchard in the Hondo Valley, Voices from the Past at White Oaks Miner's Days and Starry Nights in Lincoln.

REDTT meetings are open to the public. More information is available from Betty McCreight at telephone 648-2811 or by e-mail at bmmccreigh@nmsu.edu.

Moisture lacking

So just how dry is it in Lincoln County?

Figures provided weekly by the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service indicate that Ruidoso's precipitation for the year to date through May 26 totaled 1.63 inches, about one-third the 5.11-inch normal amount for the period. Normal

precipitation for May in Ruidoso, the agency said, is .87 inches; this May, it was .19 inches.

But it could be worse. Of the 31 locations around the state tracked by the statistical service, all reported some measurable precipitation during the first five months of the year — except Alamogordo, which recorded nary a drop.

Air service switched

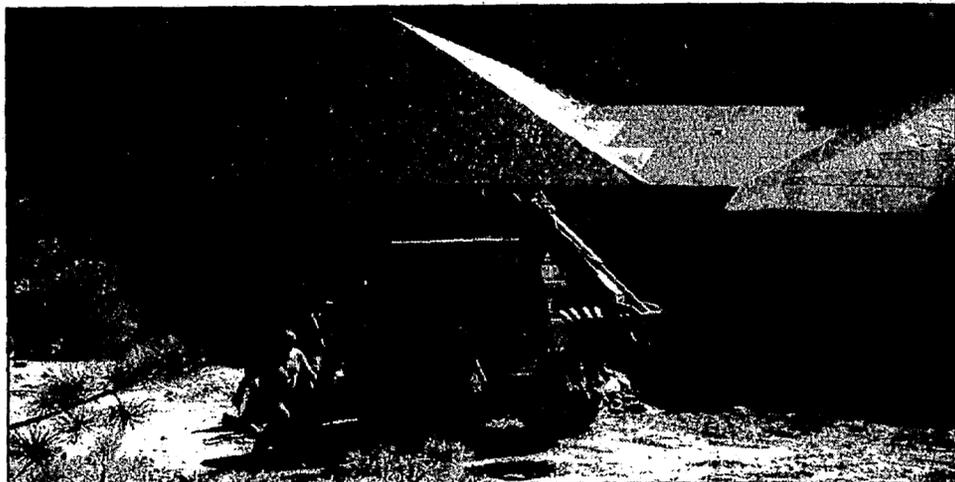
ALAMOGORDO — Rio Grande Air added its fifth city Monday when it began service here. Rio Grande Air flights replace those operated by Mesa Air Group's Air Midwest subsidiary.

The low-fare commuter airline has begun 58 weekly non-stop flights to and from Alamogordo, linking its New Mexico and Colorado markets.

Rio Grande Air's service authorization on the route by the U.S. Department of Transportation followed a unanimous recommendation by city leaders to switch subsidized air carriers.

The commuter line also serves Ruidoso, but without an Alamogordo connection.

Doug Lant works his 48th day of construction on a new art gallery, Studio W, at 1311 Mechem Drive, a few hundred yards downslope from the Swiss Chalet. The project building permit, issued in March, listed the construction cost at \$220,000.



MELANIE SATTLER/STAFF

'Studio W' The planned July opening of a large new art gallery in Ruidoso marks a major move for an El Pasoan

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction of a new art gallery on Mechem Drive at Sandia Drive began the first day of spring. A sign in front of the site proclaims Studio W, "the premier fine arts gallery of southern New Mexico."

To launch the project, owner Wayne Usrey is moving here from El Paso with his wife, Peg, both native New Mexicans. "I don't know of an art gallery that is larger or will have better quality in it south of Santa Fe," Usrey said.

He anticipates showing retirees and vacationers the art of the region.

"The quality of life is the most important ingredient that Ruidoso has to sell or market. Art is one of the pleasant quality-of-life things that can be offered to those people to make my job possible," Usrey said.

Usrey believes people buy art during their leisure time and expects Ruidoso visitors and residents to have more disposable time.

He looks forward to returning to New Mexico and contributing to Ruidoso's evolution as an arts community, he said.

Usrey was gratified to find a community supportive enough of the arts to have its own arts coordinator and is sponsoring

a bear statue in the Great Bear Hunt project organized by the village's arts commission.

"Sponsoring a bear is a wonderful statement of support for the arts community," said Mary Lea Lane, arts coordinator for the Village of Ruidoso.

"The gallery is absolutely amazing," she said. "It's such an exciting building."

Lane expects the both artists and other galleries in Ruidoso to benefit from Studio W's opening by an overall expansion in the arts community.

"We're making a statement here," said Doug Lant, owner of Sierra Delta Construction, the contractor erecting Studio W.

Lant designed the building with Usrey and moved here from El Paso to build the 4,500-square-foot gallery and an adjacent 1,600-square-foot residence.

The gallery includes three open rooms, an office, two storage closets, a private viewing area and an outside deck.

The size of the lot dictated the long, narrow design of the building. Lant broke the building into four sections, providing more wall space for hanging pictures.

Usrey will further break up the interior space with partitions, creating a

labyrinth within the gallery that will control the flow of customers.

Long-time friends Lant and Usrey have sought a location for this gallery for more than 10 years.

Lant sees a higher demand in Ruidoso for all sizes of new construction, though the rumored lack of labor concerned him.

"I heard horror stories about the labor up here, but it's better here than anywhere else," he said.

Lant brings with him 25 years of experience in construction.

Usrey has operated Studio W in El Paso for 13 years. That location will close when he moves to Ruidoso.

He represents the work of about 60 artists, which includes original oils and acrylics, original graphics like stone lithographs, wood block prints, etchings and serigraphs, and limited edition offset lithographic prints.

"The artists that I'm bringing are really near and dear to my heart," he said.

Usrey plans a continuous grand opening of Studio W beginning in July, at which time he will introduce up to 30 artists.

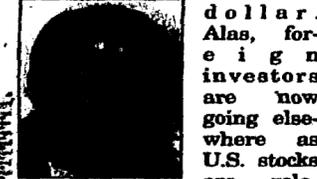
He also maintains two Web sites for his business: <http://www.Studio-W.com> and <http://www.BodegaDeArte.com>.

The Economy and the Markets

Dollar accident waiting?

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Until recently, foreign capital flowing to the U.S. has covered the current account deficits boosting the value of the dollar. Alas, foreign investors are now going elsewhere as U.S. stocks are relatively expensive, M&A activities are down, interest rates are headed up and corporate profits are temporarily lackluster.



At the same time, the U.S. appetite for foreign assets has risen; investors have been searching for higher returns overseas. Meanwhile, the supply of available credit for us, especially from Japan and Europe, has been dwindling. As a result, the U.S. has to depend more on unstable capital flows from non-Japan Asia.

A growing portion of the funds will come from volatile sources in Asia and the Middle East, pressuring the value of the dollar lower and increasing volatility.

However, the value of the dollar won't collapse. Foreigners invest in dollar assets for two reasons. The preservation of capital is the foremost reason. During political uncertainties, the demand for dollar assets as a safe haven rises. The higher price of oil also boosts the demand for dollars as oil bills are settled in U.S. dollars.

Defense spending is the best proxy for the U.S. as a safe haven. Then, healthy economic growth and corporate profits in the U.S. should continue to attract foreign capital. The U.S. will remain the locomotive pulling the rest of the world forward, offering higher risk-adjusted returns.

Bonds: Growth, earnings

Economic growth and the equity market will drive bond yields higher. Interest rates jump when economic numbers

are stronger than anticipated. Strong earnings also spike bond yields revealing the importance of the equity market to bond yields.

We expect healthy economic growth, a periodic inflation scare, the feeding frenzy ballooning budget deficits, and the weaker value of the dollar to increase interest rates. The 10-year Treasury bonds, which are overvalued, should yield about 5.5 to 5.75 percent instead of the 5.15 percent today.

While the structure of bond yields will trend up, the corporate spreads over Treasuries should narrow in response to economic growth and rising corporate profits. The rise in credit upgrades over downgrades as well as the corporate de-leveraging should help narrow credit spreads. Risky investments like junk bonds may turn out to be the best performer later this year.

Stocks: Winners, losers

A weaker dollar has pluses and minuses for equities. It increases exports and gives businesses more pricing power as imports become more expensive, fattening profit margins. For multi-national corporations, a weaker dollar means higher offshore sales, which translates into higher dollar earnings.

All told, about 26 percent of S&P 500 profits come from overseas. Information technology, energy, basic materials like metals, consumer goods and healthcare have the most foreign exposure and will benefit from a weaker dollar.

A weaker dollar is a negative for foreign investors. They don't want their dollar-denominated gains wiped out when they convert assets back into their own currencies.

Since overseas investors tend to buy well-known, big-name stocks, large caps will be hurt more than mid- or small-cap issues. For example, the largest 200 stocks in S&P 500 have fared worse than their smaller 300 cousins.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.

■ Ruidoso's telephone service provider has installed high-speed Internet access capability, with plans to expand.

BY TOM STEEVER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The Iron Curtain came down more than a decade ago. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, any disagreements we've had with the former U.S.S.R. have paled in comparison to the specter of nuclear conflict that prevailed during the Cold War. Our latest beef with Russia, however, has ruffled some feathers just the same.

In March, Russia banned poultry imports from the United States. They said it was for "quality" reasons, but the U.S. chicken industry was obviously skeptical. After a month the Russians lifted the ban except for poultry from a handful of states. But for weeks a couple of drumstick-laden ships were docked at St. Petersburg's port and had to generate enough power to keep the chicken frozen,

according to Russia's Interfax news agency.

Since Russia canceled previous import permits, Russian companies were required to reapply for new ones. There now is a Russian report that 20 companies have been granted those licenses. All this trade maneuvering has had the effect of making sure U.S. produced "drummies" do not reach Russian hands.

Make no mistake about it, the trade impediments have caused harm to the U.S. chicken industry, but they also are a big disservice to the underfed Russians who are walking the streets of Kiev. Even Russian President Putin acknowledges that his country doesn't have the production wherewithal to meet their own domestic demand for poultry. The issue also grabbed the attention of President Bush and was on the agenda for discussion dur-

ing his visit with Putin.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman says she has received assurances the matter will be resolved.

"The Russian import problem has certainly put a great deal of pressure on prices by making more dark meat available in the United States," says Richard Lobb, director of communications for the National Chicken Council.

Nothing to blink at, the Russian trade controversy put the brakes on U.S. access to a \$640 million poultry market. "Previously over a third of the leg meat, as we call it, was exported and Russia was the single market for that product," says Lobb.

At the peak of the ban the American Farm Bureau Federation told a House trade panel that the Russian chicken shenanigans would have to stop before the general farm organization would even con-

sider supporting permanent normal trade relations with Russia.

There are 35,000 American farm families who depend on healthy foreign poultry sales. "Exporting is very important to our business," says Harry Rymer, an Oldfort, Tenn. chicken grower. His livelihood is the contract he has with Gold Kist poultry cooperative to raise chickens in his four chicken houses.

Every eight weeks he takes 88,000 day-old chicks to seven pound market-ready birds and Rymer is concerned that there remains demand here and abroad, for all of them. "If the company's not able to sell chickens, we're not going to be getting chickens to raise."

Tom Steever is a producer in broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Focus on Agriculture

Russians playing chicken with the U.S.

Tom Steever is a producer in broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Fire violation

Ruidoso police issued the first citation for improper handling of fire this year to Samuel P. Hoops Jr., 23, of Ruidoso at 2:10 a.m. May 25, after observing him smoking a cigarette in the open bed of a pickup truck. The officer recognized Hoops as a person he had warned earlier in the day about the prohibition against outdoor smoking.

Grilling citation

On May 26, police cited Angel Leon, 33, of Artesia for improper handling of fire after he allegedly refused to extinguish the fire in a barbecue pit as directed by Sam Pirelli of the Ruidoso Fire Department. The officer asked whose barbecue pit it was and Leon said it was his, stating that he did not know it was illegal, the report states.

"I asked the suspect if he had seen the lighted signs coming into town. The suspect stated

he did see the signs. I issued the suspect a non-traffic citation for the improper handling of fire under Municipal Ordinance 58-46," the officer wrote.

DWI, firearm arrest

Police arrested Joseph D. Larue, 36, of Ruidoso at Country Club and Lookout drives May 28, charging him with second-offense aggravated DWI, negligent use of a firearm and driving on a suspended license with an arrest clause.

Police observed him driving 32 mph in a 15 mph zone and stopped the vehicle. Larue's alcohol concentration level tested at .08. A loaded handgun was found on the floorboard in front of the driver's seat, which is illegal when a person is intoxicated, the report states.

Drug possession

Police cited Billie Joe

McCoy, 23, of Ruidoso, for possession of marijuana in a baggy in plain view on May 26, when officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Willow Drive to check on a domestic altercation. The altercation was verbal only, the report states.

Repeated DWI

State Police officers arrested James D. Diz, 37, of Albuquerque, at a roadblock on Highway 70 May 25, charging him with aggravated driving under the influence, with two prior DWI arrests. He was transported to Ruidoso Downs Police Department and then to Ruidoso Police Department for booking.

Smoking citations

On May 29, Ruidoso police gave two citations for improper handling of fire in the Ruidoso area. Cited were Mary S. Garcia, 52, of Ruidoso, and

Clinton B. Rinke, 21, of Ruidoso Downs, for smoking in a front yard in the 400 block of South Street and in a parking lot in the 2900 block of Sudderth Drive, respectively. Maximum fines for this violation are \$500.

Embezzlement

Police are investigating a possible case of embezzlement of \$500 from Brewer Oil/Shell Gas Station, 418 Sudderth Drive, on May 26.

Drugs found

Police stopped a vehicle that didn't have a light on the license plate on May 29 and, in doing inventory of the vehicle because the driver did not have proof of insurance, discovered controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. Dustin Gene Reel, 22, of Ruidoso, was charged with distributing methamphetamines with intent to distribute, possession of psilocybin and civil forfeiture of the vehicle. Jeremy

Jon Hare, 25, of Ruidoso Downs, a passenger, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Property damage

A glass door valued at \$350 was broken at Prestige Cabinet Distributor, 101 Crown Drive, between 5 p.m. May 27 and 7:57 a.m. May 28. Police found a 5-inch-diameter rock in the vicinity of the broken glass.

Gun stolen

Police report that a Taurus revolver, 4-inch barrel with blue steel double action, was reported stolen from a person attending a gun show at the Ruidoso Convention Center between 9 a.m. May 25 and 7 p.m. May 26. The gun is valued at \$250.

Motorcycle chase

A 16-year-old male on a motorcycle led a police officer on a chase May 28, appearing first

driving 45 mph in a 35 mph zone on White Mountain Drive, and ending up on Highway 48 at Gavilan Canyon Drive driving almost 80 mph when the motorcycle finally pulled over. The youth was charged with speeding, reckless driving and refusal to sign the ticket. He was referred to Juvenile Probation Office and turned over to his parents.

Out-of-bounds drive

About six juveniles were involved in the theft of a golf cart at Innsbrook Village Country Club May 25 and 26, damaging the golf cart and the greens by doing "doughnuts" on the wet grass.

Three of the juveniles were charged with larceny, criminal trespass and criminal damage to property, referred to the Juvenile Probation Office and then turned over to their parents.

One of the juveniles said See RUIDOSO POLICE, page 10A

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Judge hopefuls debate DWIs and qualifications

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEW STAFF WRITER

Although two candidates for magistrate judge emphasized their related experience, another contended unless they actually served in the position, they have no more experience than the rest of the field.

Speaking at a forum sponsored by the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County May 21 were Division 1 candidates Michael L. Shivers, a business owner from Carrizozo; James Biggs, a detective with the Ruidoso Police Department; and Martha McKnight Proctor of Nogal, who is current Lincoln County clerk. Division 1 is based in Carrizozo.

Debating for the Division 2 spot in Ruidoso was Ruidoso Downs Municipal Judge Harold Ray Mansell. Incumbent Magistrate Judge William Butts was ill with pneumonia and was represented by his wife, Phillip Ray Smalley of Ruidoso didn't attend. No Democrats are running for the judicial offices, and the primary election Tuesday will decide the race.

Biggs, a 25-year resident and fourth generation New Mexican, said he has worked with the police department for 14 years, eight as a detective and crime analyst. He has more than 1,300 hours of advanced training and is a FBI-certified fingerprint expert. He has extensive experiencing testifying in criminal cases and served as past president of CrimeStoppers, is an adjunct instructor for the state law enforcement academy and a guest instructor for the People's Court series offered by Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

His wife, Jolene, completed her law degree with her husband over more than seven years as a magistrate court clerk for Butts and now as deputy district court clerk, Biggs said.

Acknowledging that his opponents are well-liked, Biggs said, "This is not a popularity contest. This is an extremely important position."

He's written hundreds of search warrants and knows the difference between probable cause and reasonable suspicion,

he said.

In response to a question from the audience about how candidates would balance public sentiment in favor of stiff sentences for DWI offenders versus the cost to the tax payer of incarceration, Biggs said he would favor a second DWI offense as a felony and not a misdemeanor. He might try some alternatives such as monitoring devices and rehabilitation, but for some people, the only option would be jail.

Proctor, a lifelong resident of the county with three grown children, said she told her opponents she's not running against them, "we just all applied for the same job. I strongly believe in character and won't speak negatively about them."

She has enjoyed her 14 years of public service, a run in office never previously matched in the county, she said. Cases in her jurisdiction would be approached impartially, with an open-mind, but with firmness, she said.

She declined to answer specifically the question from the audience, because she said judicial ethics prohibits a judge from talking about how they might rule on a case or how they feel about a particular section of the law.

Shivers, a native of Socorro, graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in science after spending nine years in Venezuela.

"I grew up speaking English and Spanish," he said. "I feel that would be an asset in our diverse culture. I grew up as a minority and understand the problems of being one."

He moved to Lincoln County 16 years ago and bought his auto parts and feed business 13 years ago.

"I feel this is a place where I would want to be, the people of Lincoln County and help those who

need a little help and punish those who don't want any," he said. "None of us have experience. Unless you sit in the judge's chair, you don't have a judge's experience."

If being in court qualified someone, "a habitual criminal could be a judge," he said.

He agreed that rehabilitation would be an option for first offenses, but not for repeat offenders who pose a danger on the road.

"If you save one life, it's worth the cost of the jail," he said.

Mansell, running for the

division based in Ruidoso, said he's served 15 years as a municipal judge and has lived 28 years in Ruidoso Downs, outlasting most others in political there.

"I've handled only criminal cases, but in magistrate court, there would be both criminal and civil cases," he said.

He served two years as president of the state Municipal Judges Association and helped bring a convention of clerk's and judges to the area this year.

"I'm tough on DWI's," he said, also advocating that a second offense be considered a

felony.

Every community has money set aside to send their prisoners to the county jail and so does the state, he said. He has no problem incarcerating someone.

Rocky Butts said her husband's strong leadership has helped make the community a safer place to raise a family.

She spoke about the personal side of the judge and his deep

reaction to his first domestic battery case.

"He sets the bond high to ensure accused batterers remain in jail to protect the victim," she said. "He rules his court according to the state constitution. He believes the punishment should fit the crime and there should be appropriate consequences."

"To Bill, being a judge is not a job, it's his calling," she said.

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BRADLEY: Candidate lists education one of top priorities

FROM PAGE 3A

life, and it's helped me become the person I am.

"Politically, I admire Abraham Lincoln because here was a man who once said he lost more political races than he won. But the fact is he never quit. He is the one president who saw our nation through the only real revolution we've ever been in as a nation.

"JFK came at a time when we needed real leadership. He unified the country with his personality and his charisma. He has had a profound long-term effect, not only on me but a lot of other Americans."

But Bradley's most important — and best — decision he has ever made had nothing to do with politics or government.

"The most important decision, and the hardest one to sell, was proposing to my wife," said Bradley of his wife, Deborah Lynn.

Bradley came just short of claiming he is well-read, but his reading tastes run the

gamut. Bradley said he has read everything from the Bible to "Daddies and their Daughters," a book he shares with his 7-year-old daughter.

"We have a rule in our house that we try to read one book a night," Bradley said, referring to daughter. "Daddies and their Daughters is one in a series of children's books. My daughter enjoys them, and actually, so have I."

Getting involved

Bradley wasn't just talking when he said New Mexicans need to be more participatory in government and in civic affairs.

Bradley is active in the Central Baptist Church, the United Way, and the Realtors Association of New Mexico. He has also been active as a Boy Scouts leader, with the Neighborhood Watch program, Lions Club International, Little League baseball, youth soccer, the

Company in Caracas, Venezuela and Quito, Ecuador. He also taught school and was an administrator for the Stockton Unified School District for 26 years. After retirement from the Stockton schools, he operated Dr. Sam's Learning and Development Center for adolescents. He also taught advanced chemistry on a part-time basis at Saint Mary's Catholic High School in Stockton.

Survivors include his wife,



COURTESY LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS
Walter Bradley hopes to unite Republicans as governor.

Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and the Curry County Economic Development Commission.

Bradley said his experiences have taught him that unifying New Mexico can't and won't happen overnight.

"When it comes to unifying people, you don't throw a

whole lot of touchdowns all at once," Bradley said. "You win 10 yards at a time. You take victories as they come."

Bradley also believes the governor has to be a role model.

"I firmly believe you have to lead by example," he said. "Leaders all set goals, listen to the people that need their help, set the example, and then work through the challenges ahead of them."

One original idea Bradley would bring to the governor's office would be to continue to streamline state government and to simplify it for everyone who has to use it.

"I would require customer-service training of all state government employees," Bradley said. "Wouldn't it be great if you only had to talk to only one person in state government rather than have to go through the hassles of having to make 20 different

phone calls?

"I've spent the last 7 1/2 years listening to New Mexicans and helping them with their problems, and this is one thing I want to bring as governor. The only thing in the way of making this happen is a direct order from the governor, and I'm ready to sign it."

Another initiative Bradley is committed to is developing a tax policy that lowers per-

sonal income tax rates for New Mexicans and reduces businesses taxes.

"We need to finish the job we've already started in trying to lower personal income tax," Bradley said. "I'm encouraged because it already looks like we've got good grassroots support for it. For our state's future, we need to look at revamping the whole system. We need to simply and lower tax rates?"

FUNERALS DEATHS

FROM PAGE 5A

22, 1931, and lived in Stockton, Calif. for 36 years.

He received a bachelor of science degree from New Mexico State University, and a master's and doctorate degrees from the University of the Pacific, in Stockton. He was a commissioned second lieutenant at NMSU and was a captain stationed in Berlin.

After his honorable discharge, he served as a representative for General Tire

Hannelore, of Stockton; a son, Sam Romero, and his wife, Peggy, of Stockton; a daughter, Heidi Goleman, and her husband, Brad, of Oxnard, Calif.; grandchildren Rachel and Jordan Goleman; a brother, Melvin Romero, of Las Cruces; a sister, Rita Wirta, of Alamogordo; nieces and nephews Sue Hooper of Ruidoso Downs, Catherine Ventura of Capitan, Frank Romero and John Romero, both of Ruidoso.



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- Understands the importance of our schools and youth -- served on Capitan School Board, has 4 children, all graduates of Capitan High School
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- Understands the importance of future growth and economic pressures-- Construction Company owner for 24 years - Curtis Payne Custom Rock
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June 4th

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Vote June 4th for Jules Videau

Lincoln County Treasurer

"Building A Better Future"

To the Republican Voters of Lincoln County

On June 4th, we will have the opportunity to elect or re-elect a number of individuals who are running for offices throughout Lincoln County and New Mexico. I am one of those candidates.

My name is Jules B. Videau. I am running for Lincoln County Treasurer and I am asking for your support on June 4th.

As we move into the future, there are and will be numerous opportunities and concerns going on throughout the state of New Mexico and especially in Lincoln County. We are a growing community and with that growth there are many issues that need to be addressed. I am asking for your vote so that I can utilize my strong background in Engineering, Business, Finance & Law to bring about improvements that are needed in the Treasurer's office.

There is a lot more work to be done to help bring parts of our County Government and our surrounding communities closer together. I can help accomplish that goal. We need to bring new ideas and better ways to do business within Lincoln County. I would appreciate your vote so that we can bring all of our Lincoln County communities & citizens into a closer, more productive, working relationship.

Thank you,

Jules B. Videau
Candidate for Lincoln County Treasurer

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SPORTS

SEMI-WEEKLY IN THE RUIDOSO NEWS

BY TODD FUQUA

ARTS: Proposed commission budget slash nixed; airline gets turned down

FROM PAGE 1A
 tions." He recommended reinstating funding back up to the level of last year's budget, \$21,604. To do this, he suggested five options:

(1) increase the estimated gross receipts tax from \$7 million to \$7,025,000; (2) use lodgers' tax; (3) "dump the airport subsidy and find a way to move the money around;" (4) postpone the master plan three months; and (5) sell the painting the Sterchis had donated to the village, which was worth more than the Arts Commission budget.

Village manager Alan Briley said an ordinance of 1993 stipulated that any monies left from the airport fund needs to go into the sewer fund and that the village would have to go through at least two more steps to repeal the ordinance — and the village has "a very large problem at the wastewater treatment plan" with the phosphorous limit, he said.

Councilor Ron Hardeman suggested discussing funding the commission out of the

lodgers' tax, "which would give us your funding this year and into the future. If you're in this situation next year, we're going to be having this same discussion."

Sterchi made the motion to fund the Arts Commission out of the lodgers' tax, Hardeman seconded the motion and village councilors voted in favor of it unanimously.

Bob Maroney, president of the Lincoln County Lodgers Association suggested an increase by one-quarter of 1 percent in the lodgers tax for the Arts Commission, which would guarantee funding. He said that would bring in about \$40,000 and that he thinks the lodgers would agree to it since the Arts Commission is dedicated to boosting tourism.

Sterchi then made a motion to set a hearing for an ordinance earmarking a one-quarter of 1 percent raise in lodgers' taxes for the Arts Commission, Hardeman seconded, and the council agreed to put it on the agenda for the July 9 village council meeting.

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 Elect Ed Tinsley to Congress**

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RUIDOSO POLICE

FROM PAGE 7A
 they'd taken a golf cart out and "four-wheeled" all night on May 26 and then returned on May 26 to take it out again but found it missing, so "squeezed through an opening

in the fence to the secured area of the country club and returned with a set of keys" and found a golf cart they worked with, the police report states.

That golf cart belonged to a

Ruidoso police officer, and a key that did not belong to the cart was plugged into the ignition switch.

At least one of the juveniles was from La Mesa and was staying at Innsbrook Village.

DOWN TOWN POLICE

DWI arrest
 Ruidoso Downs police arrested Ricardo Florez, 39, of Artesia on May 26 at 1:12 a.m. on U.S. Highway 70 for having no license plate light and charged him with DWI second offense, aggravated.

Mowing while intoxicated?

Ruidoso Downs police stopped Tony Morris, 53, of Ruidoso Downs on May 27 at 12:19 a.m. for driving a riding lawnmower on Sierra Lane. Morris was tested for alcohol and charged him with DWI.

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- Adjunct Instructor for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe
- Defensive Driving Instructor for Lincoln County Courts
- Third Year as Guest Instructor for "People's Law" Course at Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso
- Wife, Jolene, is Deputy District Court Clerk for Judge Karen Parsons and prior to that, 7 1/2 years as Magistrate Court Clerk to Judge William Butts

Paid for and printed by the Committee to Elect James Biggs Magistrate Judge Division 1. Jessie Parks Treasurer.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Wilderness camp

Wilderness Camp for ages 7-12 begins at noon on Monday, June 3, and runs until 5 p.m. daily, each session running from Monday through Friday. The camp will work out of the White Mountain Elementary School Gymnasium from June 3 through Aug. 8. Various outdoor activities and small field trips within Lincoln County are planned. The cost is \$50 per child per week, which covers all activities. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation office at 257-5030.

ENMU-Ruidoso sign-up

Registration for summer college and community education courses that begin June 3 is through 5 p.m. today. Late registration for four-week and eight-week courses will be through 5 p.m., June 5. Financial aid is available for summer session students. Several classes have

already closed. Phone and walk-in registration are available, and Web registration for continuing students at www.ruidoso.enmu.edu. For more information, contact Jim Miller at 257-2120 or (800) 934-3668.

Open house

The house built by Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso's Building Trades Program will have an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The 3-bedroom, 2-bath home will be sold through a sealed bid process, with the minimum bid at \$110,000.

To visit the open house, turn right onto Ft. Stanton Road from Airport Road (NM 220), at the stop sign, turn left onto Little Big Horn, then go to the second paved road to the right. The house is the only one under construction on Crazy Horse Circle.

A bid packet can be obtained by contacting ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive (in Sierra Mall), 2572120 or (800) 934-3668.

Masonic homecoming

Ruidoso Chapter No. 65 of the Order of the Eastern Star will welcome Worthy Grand Patron Walter Argall and Worthy Grand Matron Lucy Spencer at its Homecoming and Official Visit Saturday at the Lodge Hall at 2 p.m. All members are invited.

Argall is a member of the Ruidoso Chapter and comes from a Masonic background on both sides of his family. He joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1987.

Spencer is a member of Turquoise Chapter No. 71. Her father was Grand Commander of Wisconsin in Knights Templar.

DOWNNS: Village to become a city, administrator says area will retain 'same flavor, way of thinking'

FROM PAGE 1A

people who have lived here their whole lives."

Trustee Sue Garrett responded, "It really isn't going to change us at all."

Trustee Miller added, "I think it will help us be recognized."

Mayor Miller voted yes for the change, breaking a tie between trustees Miller and

Garrett, who voted yes, and trustees Margie Morales and Rene Olivo, who voted no.

Morales believes the residents should decide the matter.

"People are still going to confuse us," she said.

Residents brought up the possibility of completely changing the name, perhaps to Palo Verde or Green Tree, as the community was formerly

known. That change would require a vote by the residents, either in the next election or in a special election, Mayor Miller said.

The new designation will be effective June 10, five days after an official notice is published.

The City of Ruidoso Downs will hold its next regular meeting June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast New Mexico

Long Range Transportation Plan Meetings

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD), Regional Planning Section, NMSHTD District 2 in cooperation with the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) will hold Regional Transportation Planning Meetings to discuss and receive input on the Long Range Transportation Plan. Items to be presented and discussed include, but are not limited to Transportation Corridors, Alternative Modes of Transportation, Improvements, and Other Related Issues. Representatives of the NMSHTD and Local, County and Tribal Governmental entities will be present to answer questions and provide information. Your participation at these meetings is important so that the plan will reflect the regional needs and goals of Southeastern New Mexico. The dates, times, and locations for the 2 regional plan meetings are as follows:

• June 4, 2002 Roswell Convention & Civic Center 912 North Main Street, Roswell, NM 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Phone: 624-6860 or 827-3244 for information

• June 5, 2002 Clovis Carver Library, Clovis, NM North Annex Building, 700 North Main (7th and Main next to US 84) 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Phone: 763-9651 for information

Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the Regional Planning Organizations in conjunction with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department will be held in accessible buildings. Given reasonable notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 505-827-1775 two days prior to the meeting for specific accommodations.

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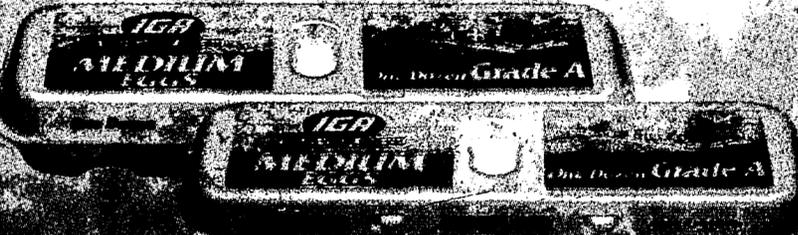
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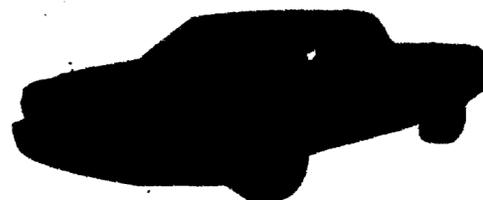
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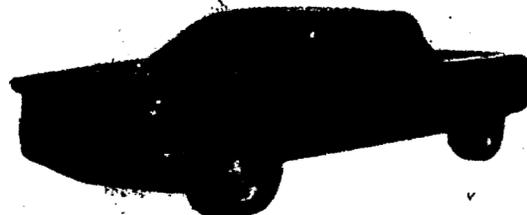
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SPORTS

Bayer Legend Derby trials run today

Derby part of nation-wide \$825,000 MBNA Challenge

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's a unique combination of high stakes horse racing and the college basketball final four.

No, really. The 2002 MBNA Challenge — which starts at Ruidoso Downs today with trials of the Bayer Legend Challenge — is a nation-wide series of quarter horse races which culminate in a national final.

According to Neal Mullarky, Director of Marketing at the Downs, the challenge series started in 1993 as the brainchild of a committee at the American Quarter Horse Association.

Mullarky, who served as the director of the program for the first six years while employed at the AQHA, said it has grown by leaps and bounds.

"There's two reasons it's grown: Participation and sponsorship levels," Mullarky said. "These horses have to be entered as babies and continue through the program as they grow up, and the sponsors have gone a long way to help increase the purses of these races."

There are six races for six different age groups and skill levels of the horses — including the American Airlines Challenge, which is for two-year-olds.

The nation is split into 10 regions — with New Mexico being listed as a separate region all its own. Winners in each region move on to the national finals, which will be held in November at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Because of all the sponsorships and participation, the stakes for these races have grown accordingly. In the first year, the total monies generated for four races was just over \$250,000.



Royal Streakin', with jockey Jacky Martin aboard, flies to a win in the fifth race May 24 during trials for the Ruidoso Futurity. Racing continues today at Ruidoso Downs with the running of trials for the Bayer Legend Derby.

In this year's MBNA America Challenge race alone, the winner will receive an estimated \$300,000 and total purse money for the six races is now at \$825,000.

Besides the amount of money, the races also bring in a number of owners and trainers from around the country who might not otherwise make those trips.

Also, many horse racing fans will travel to the national finals simply to cheer on their state's horse.

The American Airlines Challenge will be run Aug. 4 at the Downs, and Mullarky said getting that race run was somewhat of a struggle, due to the large amount of futurities and other two-year-old races already run there.

"We butted heads quite a bit trying to get that one here," Mullarky said. "But it's good to have it because it allows horses who didn't qualify for the Rainbow to come back and try for another high-stakes race."

The Bayer Legend Derby, which will be run June 16, is a 400-yard race for three-year-olds. The Centaur Challenge is a 400-yard race for fillies and mares at three-years-old and up, the MCI Challenge is a distance race for three-year-olds and up at 870 yards, while the big race is the MBNA America Championship, a 440-yard race for three-year-olds and up.

Mullarky said the key race in the series is the Professional's Choice Challenge, a race for claiming horses three-year-olds and up.

"These are horses who don't usually run for high stakes," Mullarky said. "These horses are now running for \$20,000 or \$30,000 races, that's big for claiming horses."

Excepting the American Airlines Challenge, all these races are for three-year-old horses or older — making this series an excellent chance for horses to continue making money for trainers and owners after their "prime years" of running in futurities and derbies.

Post time for the first of four Bayer Legend Derby trials is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m., with 29 horses vying for a shot at approximately \$175,000 at the national finals.

Local seven headed to state Special Olympics

The two-day state competition starts today in Albuquerque and continues through Saturday night.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The goal of Ruidoso Special Olympics isn't so much in the winning as the participation. Seven members from the Ruidoso team get their chance to represent the area starting today when they head to Albuquerque to compete in the state Special Olympics finals.

Rudy Enjady, Simon Gomez, Ernest Trujillo, Melinda Morytko, Belisa Amesquita, Roy David Sandoval and Lura Voss will be showing off track skills they made use of at the area meet at Carlsbad in April.

The group will be at this weekend's two-day event along with more than 600 other athletes from around the state. Events include track and field, bocce ball, gymnastics, cycling and unified volleyball.

Every four years, a select group nationally is picked to represent the United States at the International Special Olympic Games.

Ruidoso Special Olympic participants, with their particular events, are:

- Rudy Enjady — 100-meter run, 200-meter run, 4x100 relay.
- Simon Gomez — 100-meter run, 200-meter run, 4x100 relay.
- Ernest Trujillo — 50-meter run, 100-meter run, 4x100 relay.
- Melinda Morytko — 50-meter run, 100-meter run, 4x100 relay.
- Belisa Amesquita — 25-meter walk, 50-meter walk.
- Roy David Sandoval — 50-meter walk, 100-meter walk.
- Lura Voss — 50-meter run, 100-meter run.

Performance Golf School coming soon to The Links

Performance Golf Schools is heading into its fourth full year of providing expert affordable golf instruction, and will be at the Links at Sierra Blanca June 29-30.

Performance Golf Schools was a concept created in 1998 by sport psychologist Dr. Charlie Blanchard and PGA professional Herb Wimberly. The two founded the organization with the idea they would be able to reach and teach more golfers of all skill levels by offering extremely affordable weekend clinics, where the focus is on solid fundamentals, short game techniques and the mental game.

"Our goal is to provide folks with personal attention and information they can actually use while they have tons of fun," Wimberly said. "We're all about giving our golfers a first-class affordable learning experience that will have a lasting impact on their enjoyment of the game."

Beginners and more advanced golfers are welcome at all Performance Golf Schools. All golfers who attend —

young and old, experienced and beginners — have found the instructional format to be extremely player friendly, with lots of personal attention, according to Wimberly.

Lessons cover swing basics, full shots with woods and irons, chipping and putting, bunker play and the mental game. There is also advice on equipment, rules, etiquette and playing in tournaments.

"We want our golfing students to really learn the game and be able to use what they learn when they're out on the golf course," Wimberly explained.

Cost for a full two days of golf instruction with on-course play is a modest \$250, while junior golfers pay only \$185. Included in the fee is personal instruction, unlimited range balls, at least six mini-clinics, a copy of the PGS instructional manual *Secrets of the Game*, 18 holes of golf with cart, prizes for on-course competition, a certificate of completion and an embossed cordura shoe bag for a tee prize.

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Sports on Tap

- Friday, May 31**
Horse Racing
Bayer Legend Derby Trials at Ruidoso Downs, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1**
Horse Racing
Quarter horse and thoroughbred maiden and claiming races, 1 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2**
Horse Racing
Quarter horse and thoroughbred maiden and claiming races, 1 p.m.

On Deck

Memorial Walk/Run at Mesalero
A 5K run and walk will be held Saturday honoring Haltee A. Bob and in memory of grandparents Leda R. Bob and Joe C. Begay at the Mesalero reservation. To register, contact Geda Bob or Oweil Little at 464-0041 or register on the day of the race at Truman Bob's residence from 7 to 8 a.m. The race will start at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$10, and will cost \$12 on the day of the race. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 entries and awards will be given to the first, second and third-place finishers in each category.

Cancer Awareness Benefit Run
The 2002 Run the Mesa will be held June 15, and this year's event will be presented by the Southern New Mexico Medical Association to benefit colon cancer awareness. The race will feature a 10K run, a 5K run and 5K walk and will begin at 8 a.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto. Early registration fee will be due by June 1 and will cost \$15. Registration will be \$20 thereafter until race day. Awards will be given for the overall male and female in each event, as well as nine different age-groups. For more information, contact Rafael Salas at 258-5030.

Volleyball camp at Ruidoso
This year's volleyball camp at Ruidoso High School will be held July 10-12 in the RHC gym from 9 a.m. to noon daily. The camp will feature instruction in basic volleyball skills by Charity Saveria, head junior college volleyball coach at New Mexico State University. Cost for the camp is \$40 per student if paid by June 15, with camps costs \$50 thereafter. The camp is open for students grades 7-12. For more information, contact Bridget Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433.

Team Roping Set
The Cornelia CowBoles will sponsor the Janice Herd Memorial Team Roping on June 15 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Ropers will enter and begin roping at 9:30 p.m. Randy Matherly will furnish the cattle. The high money winner of the day will receive \$1,000 with jackets going to the top header and header of each roping. There will be No. 6, No. 8 and No. 10 roping, with USTRC numbers being used. Ropers may enter six times per roping. The CowBoles is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the livestock industry through education and support of agricultural related activities. For further information, contact Pat Schear at 354-2476.

USSSA Baseball in Hobbs
There will be a USSSA youth baseball tournament in Hobbs June 14-16 for age groups 6U-16U. The top two teams in each division will qualify for the 2002 USSSA state tournament. Entry fee is \$300 per team, with \$50 of that going to the top two teams from the state tournament to travel to the world finals. There will also be a tournament July 3-6 in Las Cruces. Entry fee is \$350 with \$100 given to the state's world tournament teams. For more information, contact Philip Latram at (915) 689-8718 or Rodney Latram at (505) 392-3644.

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You may not be familiar with "track talk" — we are here to help you. Parking and General Admission is free. Valet parking \$9 and reserved open-air seating is \$8. You will find that all of the eating facilities are excellent. When you drive in the gate start looking for the people that will give you parking information. After you know the parking areas you can decide where to park. On the ground level you will see a booth selling programs, racing forms and tip sheets. If you don't know how to read the racing form buy the program and a tip sheet — The Ole Radio Man's Wagering Guide — "For My Amusement and Your Amusement" and "Shew's Picks". Your first chance to see the horses when they come from the

barn area, through the tunnel and to the paddock. The Paddock, as you face the track, is to your far left. Next is the jockey quarters and to the right of that building is the winners circle where the winning horse and its connections come after winning the race for trophy presentations and photos.

To the right of that is the infield tote board, which shows the amount a \$2 winning ticket will return if that horse wins. The tote board on ground level under the grandstand reflects the percentage of money bet on a horse in relation to the total money wagered to win.

The paddock is where the horses are saddled and brought to the walking ring. The jockeys enter the paddock, mount their horses and are led to the track where pony riders will lead them to the gate. Two out riders are responsible for preventing the horses from acting up during the post parade.

A horse may be scratched — taken from the race. If you have bet on a scratched horse you can exchange your ticket for another horse or get your money back.

Odds: The tote board will show the morning line odds — the approximate odds quoted before wagering begins. The odds will keep changing as the public places its bets. Final odds will be shown at post time.

Post Parades: Where the riders walk in before the races.

They rest and change colors — either standard track or owners silks — and get ready for their next race.

You have parked and entered the grandstand, bought a program and tip sheet, selected your seating preference and are ready for the races. Watch a race and mentally walk through something like this. You can make a bet or cash a ticket at the same window. Go to the window five minutes before post time.

From the tip sheet you selected No. 7 race No. 3 horse and you are going to bet to win. Go to the window and tell the teller, "at Ruidoso Downs 3rd race give me \$2 to win on number 7." Number 7 has to win for you to cash your winning ticket.

Before leaving the window check to make sure your ticket and money are correct. The odds on number 7 were 2-to-1. You get back \$6 — your \$2 plus \$2 for each \$1 bet. Never throw a ticket away until the race is official. It won't be long and you will start telling your friends how to wager and win at Ruidoso Downs.

Join us at our seminar race days one hour before post time at the east end of the grandstand on the ground level. We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Hear our prediction show at 9:18 a.m. race days and results at 6:18 and 8 p.m. on KWES FM 93.5. The predictions at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and results at 8 p.m. on KRUI 1490 AM 4, W105 FM, your racing information stations.

Rio Hondo Bridge moving

The oldest steel highway bridge in the state will relocate from Lincoln County to a Las Cruces museum.

BY CHRISTOPHER SCHURTZ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

An effort to bring a 100-year-old steel bridge to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum was given the necessary go-ahead earlier this month from the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The MPO included the bridge transfer project in its transportation improvement plan for the next six years. The plan outlines funding proposals for recommended transportation-related projects dependent on state or federal funding.

By being placed on the MPO's transportation plan, the museum can now pursue funding through federal highway enhancement funds.

The museum has been working for the last two years on a plan to move the historic Rio Hondo Bridge from its current location near Picacho in Lincoln County to an arroyo dividing the main museum building and the dairy farm and demonstration fields.

The arroyo is normally dry, but becomes a mini-river during heavy rains.

Museum representatives say the bridge would serve a functional purpose as well as preserve one of the oldest bridges in New Mexico.

Museum Curator of Agriculture Cameron Saffell said no funding has yet been set aside by the highway department for the project. He said the bridge project will now join the multitude of other proposed highway projects.

Saffell said the museum will also pursue funding through private donors, foundations, grants and through the Legislature.

"We're not closing the door on anything," Saffell said.

The bridge, the middle section of a three-part bridge built in 1902, originally spanned the Pecos River in

Chaves County.

It is the second-oldest highway bridge and the oldest steel highway bridge in New Mexico.

As part of what was essentially a recycling project, the middle part of the bridge was moved to its current location in 1944, and was renamed the Rio Hondo Bridge.

It remained in use until 1989, when it was bypassed by a larger bridge.

It is now fenced off and

has slowly fallen into disrepair, as other highway projects gained priority.

The estimated cost of moving the bridge is at least \$200,000, but Saffell said a new bridge would likely cost in the range of \$300,000.

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Christopher Schurtz is a reporter for the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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Recently, the *Ruidoso News* asked the county commission candidates a series of questions. Here are their answers.*

What particular qualities or qualifications would make you a good county commissioner?

Aside from water concerns and forest thinning, what is the biggest particular issue in your district?

With the drought and possible water problems with the growing population, what changes are needed in the county subdivision ordinance to control growth? Would you consider a moratorium?

Should revenues from the special hospital mill levy be allowed to accumulate for future construction projects or should the levy be used for annual needs?

Should the county toughen its specifications for road construction in subdivisions? What requirements should be set, even if a development is to have private streets?

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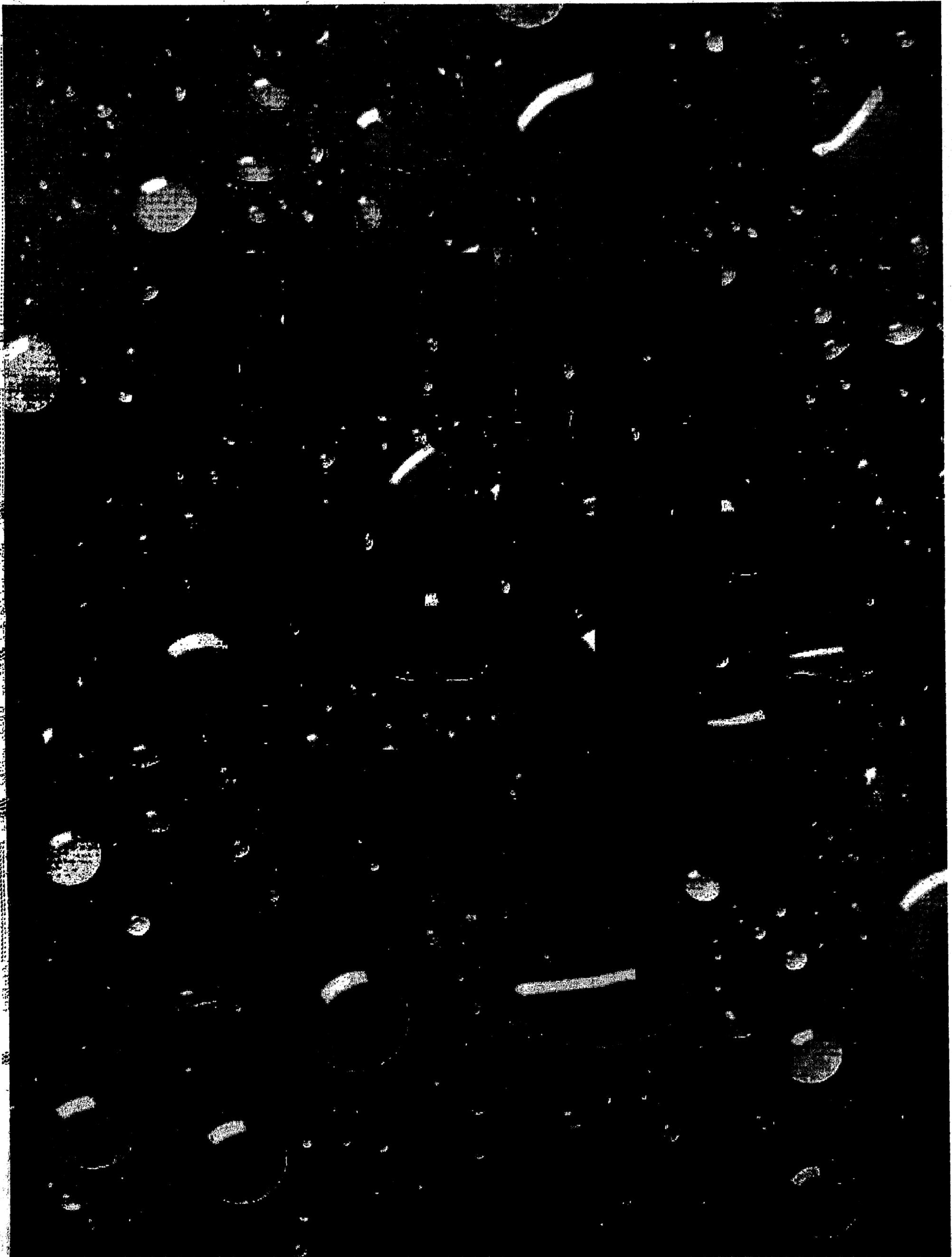
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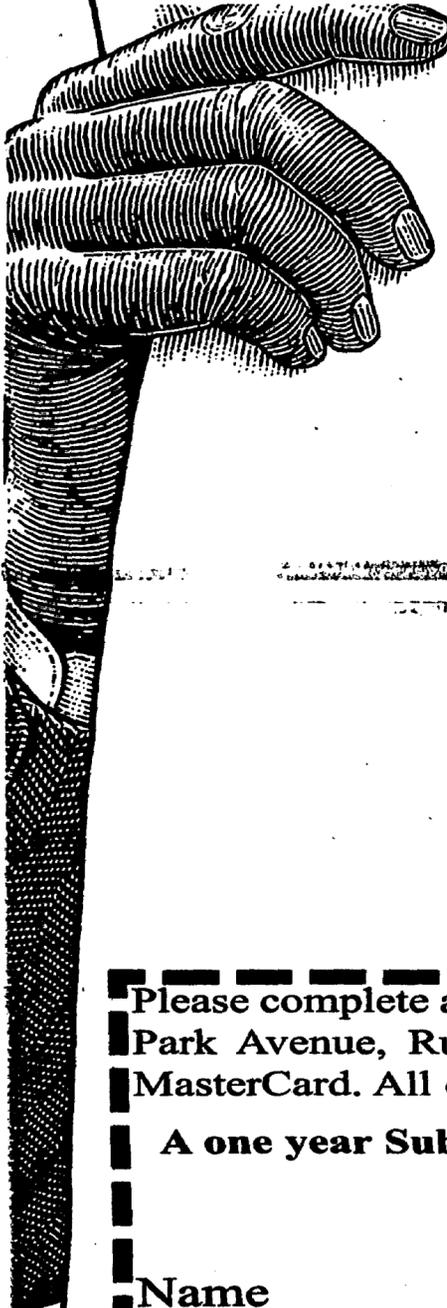
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Send letter of interest with request for application to: Cindy Gomez Administrative Asst. Hondo Valley Public Schools Hondo, NM 88336

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The Village of Capitan invites all interested citizens to a Public Hearing on June 11, 2002, at 6:30 P.M., Capitan, NM at 6:30 P.M. on June 11, 2002. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 2002 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. To advise citizens of the

program objectives and receive public input on community needs and suggestions for CDBG projects. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities, which will address one to three state and national objectives.

1.) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
2.) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
3.) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of the community.

All incorporated municipalities under 50,000 are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance for Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service, Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency Planning and Colonias.

For information contact: Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 505-354-2247

NOTICIA DE ALERTA AL PUBLICO

JUNIO 11, 2002 6:30 P.M. LA CIUDAD DE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

La Ciudad de Village of Capitan, Nuevo Mexico tendra dos juntas el 11 de Junio, 2002, a las 6:30 de la tarde, las dos en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de las juntas publicas sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de ciudadanos sobre desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gent con ingresos bajos y moderados. Los objetivos estatales y nacionales de programa CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos. Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados, y ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados y insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y

bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades. Las categorias de fondos elegibles incluyen: Feabilidad de Casa; Desembolso de Capitan para Servicio Publico; Planificasion, Emergencia y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar ideas para proyectos y datos del apoyo a su testimonio. Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta pueden enviar sus comentarios a:

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HUGE YARD Sale, 112 Lower Terrace at Idle Hour Lodge, Sat June 1st 7a.m.-?

MOVING SALE, Saturday 8 AM, Rocky Mtn Mobile Home Park, Lot G-1, furniture, play station and more.

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YARD SALE, Saturday June 1, 106 Kirkman Circle, 8-? Furniture, household good and misc.

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 15 Cheese nibblers
 18 "My Fair Lady" lady
 17 Courtroom
 20 Winding road alope
 21 Loch monster
 22 Leases
 23 Proofreader's mark
 24 Tiling tools
 26 Like fisher's hooks
 28 Top 40 songs
 29 Poem of praise

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 25 Successful, in Variety
 28 The Little Mermaid's name
 27 Ran without moving
 29 Sheikh's bevy
 32 Command
 33 Indian dress
 34 Hertz rival
 35 Ida Lupino, e.g.
 38 Lawyers' charges
 39 Topic of gossip
 40 Because
 41 Like octogenarians
 42 Oswald neighborhood
 43 Time of the year
 44 Ooze
 45 Candles that burn the mouth
 46 "Is that your final?"
 48 D.C. bigwigs
 49 Low dig?
 53 Last governor of New Netherland
 56 Wear away

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The riveting guitar of top Billboard artist Esteban is the ideal match for the festive night of food and wine. Deeply passionate, fiery and energetic, Esteban's fare is entirely instrumental; a blend of classic rock and love songs, original jazz tunes and bossa nova music—all with a Spanish mandolin-style tremolo.

"I have a unique way of playing songs," he says. "When I play, I go into a depth of my soul and play every note like it is the last note."

A student of Spanish classical guitar legend Andres Segovia for five years (1973-1978), Esteban's career was just taking off when he was hand-

icapped by a drunk driver in 1980. The wreck left him with significant nerve damage to the hands. Unable to play, his love for the guitar and desire to perform grew exponentially.

Esteban had set his sights on studying with Segovia—an incredibly lofty dream—upon graduating with a music degree from Carnegie-Mellon. He proceeded by leaving the exact same message for Segovia—"My life is meaningless unless I can study with you!"—at hotels where the master stayed during his world tours.

Countless notes later, Esteban posed as a messenger at a Los Angeles hotel and bluffed his way into Segovia's hotel room. When Segovia asked

for his package, Esteban confessed "This is a sham," adding, "My life is meaningless unless I can study with you."

Segovia then understood who the fake messenger was. "You! It's you!" he said, poking his finger at the youth. "You're the one leaving those messages!"

"The Spencer Theater is one of the most beautiful places to play. ... It's a very special place."

Esteban
Classical guitarist



Esteban is just one attraction at the Spencer's Food and Wine Tasting Festival, set for Saturday at 7 p.m. Dozens of wines will be available to try and buy, along with free food to cleanse the palette.

Nonetheless, he was impressed by the student's relentless pursuit of him. He granted Esteban an impromptu audition right there, and a year later invited him to study at his home in Spain.

Following his accident, Esteban applied similar drive to his physical rehabilitation. By 1990, after 10 years of intensive therapy, he was finally able to return to the concert stage. His star has been rising ever since.

Presently, he is composing a sound track for a major motion picture, "The Matador," to be released in 2003. He will also be performing with full orchestra accompaniment in a PBS special entitled "Sedona" to be aired in October.

Meanwhile, he performs at more than 300 engagements a year, grateful for each and every opportunity to play. "Truly, out of those dark times, a wonderful success came to me," he said. "It's a very blessed event for me each time I play. Up until the accident, I only played classical with the technique I learned from Segovia. Now I adapt that style to all kinds of music—I play everything from every mosaic of life. It's an eclectic mosaic from the world, and maybe out of this world."

Esteban recalls Segovia telling him to go deep within when playing, but

not until his accident did he succeed in doing so. "Prior to the accident, I was touching that level in certain areas, but not until I experienced that darkness—the sadness, depravity, unfairness—could I reach that level in my playing," he said. "When I play a note, it's not really a note of music; it is a note of my heart, a note of consciousness. I go past the physical place and go into one more of humanity."

Joined on stage by Carl Fisher on percussion, Gary Gillespie on bass, and Jim Ahrend on piano, keyboards and percussion, this is an encore performance for Esteban at the Spencer. The show was followed by a record \$6,000 in CD sales on site for the artist, with Esteban autographing each one for the new fans queuing through the crystal lobby.

Esteban says he remembers the Alto theater well: "The Spencer Theater is one of the most beautiful places to play. I remember it well—it's not Carnegie Hall, but beautiful on a different level—in the hills and forest. It's a very special place."

The resonance of the all-instrumental concert provides the perfect flavor to the Spencer's third annual backyard party, a blast of local color and international cultural flare.

Excellent bouquets will be presented beneath big top tents: award-winning reds, whites and sparkling wines: Cabernet Sauvignon, barrel-

fermented Chardonnay, Red Zinfandel, Johannesburg Riesling, White Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio, Shiraz, Blanc du Noir and Brut champagne.

Each patron can enjoy four complimentary tastings from the dozen or so wines presented, and each will receive a souvenir Spencer wineglass for home collections. After tasting, patrons are welcome to purchase wines by the glass during the concert. Bottles or cases may be purchased at a discount. New Mexico law forbids patrons to open bottles on festival grounds, so plan to take purchases home.

The evening's wine tasting is paired with food tasting. Omar Gonzalez, the Spencer Theater's executive chef, will prepare a variety of delicate foods to both please and cleanse the palette.

The night's menu includes a whopping 175 pounds of salmon, peanut pork kabobs, chicken tortilla wraps, beef and asparagus rolls with garlic chives and juniper berries, sweet-sour Italian sausage with figs, escargot in pastry, marinated calamata olives, crab-caviar-cheese stuffed mushroom caps, rumaki, twice baked potatoes with sour cream, fresh back breads and tasty deserts.

Woven together in one night, the Spencer Wine and Food Tasting Festival with Esteban is the catalyst for a great summer of fun. The event is sponsored by KRUI 1490 AM & KIDX 101.5 FM Ruidoso.



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The 200 festival was a success, and this year promises to be more of the same with food, wine and music provided for ticket-holders.

Have a whale of a time on the family vacation

There is no fun like family fun, and there is no family fun like a family summer vacation—a chance to spend a big wad of time with your loved ones, as opposed to people you actually like.

But where should you go this year? How about a foreign country? Sounds exciting, but before you travel abroad, you should check with the U.S. State Department, which is currently advising Americans to avoid the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Canada, Mexico and Antarctica, because, in the words of the State Department advisory, "everybody in these places wants to kill you." Colin Powell will personally be vacationing in his basement.

But this doesn't mean you can't have a fun family vacation! There are plenty of overlooked destinations right here in the United States. North Dakota, for example, is one of the most overlooked destinations on the planet. Why not go there? They LOVE visitors. I

last January, and they were so excited that they named a sewage pumping station after me. Maybe they'll do the same for you! Even if they don't, you could take your family to see my station. (Tip: Do not breathe.) After that, you could visit the many other attractions in the North Dakota region, such as ... OK, such as South Dakota. Then the next day you could ... well, you could check out my sewage pumping station again. This would be WAY cheaper than Disney World.

Wherever you go on your vacation, you'll need to decide whether to fly or drive. Perhaps you, like many Americans, are nervous about air travel. But statistics show that, if you buy a ticket on a commercial flight, the odds are less than one in 17 million that you will be allowed to actually board the airplane. This is because airport security is VERY strict. Recently, I was in the Cincinnati airport, and I watched as the security check-

going-over to—I am not making this up—a pilot. He was in his pilot uniform, minus his belt and shoes, holding his arms out, getting thoroughly wanded while having an animated discussion with the security people. I wasn't close enough to hear what they were saying, but I imagine it went something like this:

PILOT: But I'm a pilot. I'm the person who will be flying the airplanes.

SECURITY PERSON: Yes, but suppose you're carrying concealed manicure scissors? You could use them to overcome yourself!

PILOT: Yikes! Better give me a full cavity search! If you do manage to get on an airplane, you have absolutely nothing to worry about during your flight, except of course the possibility of ramming a whale. This almost happened to a plane last summer in Alaska, according to a story in the Juneau Empire written by Kathy Dye and sent in by several alert

a floatplane was zipping across the water, about to take off, when a major humpback whale shot into the air directly ahead.

Fortunately, the pilot was able to avoid the whale, but the next pilot might not be so lucky. Marine biologists do not know (or, if they DO know, they have not told me) exactly how high a whale can jump. But if we assume a worst-case scenario—a horny teen-age male whale, trying to impress an attractive female—a vertical leap of 35,000 feet does not seem to be out of the question. For all we know, the so-called "turbulence" that planes often encounter during flights is actually the pilots dodging airborne whales—many of which, by the way, have NOT gone through metal detectors, which means they could be carrying scissors.

So maybe you should take your family vacation by car. The beauty of auto travel is that it gives your family a chance to spend "quality time"

hour after quality hour, until you want to yank out all your DNA strands individually by the roots and hurl them out the window. Car travel also gives you a chance to get an "up close" look at this great country, and find out what folks in other regions are thinking.

One thing they're thinking is that they can charge you nearly two bucks a gallon for gas. This will give Dad something to seethe and mutter about for hundreds of miles at a stretch, until he becomes so rigid with indignation that he cannot unclench his hands from the steering wheel, and has to sleep in the car. Make sure he parks it under a protective structure, because some of these whales come down pretty far inland.

But the main thing is, have fun.

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DAVE'S WORLD
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A revised history of the Pearl of the West

Some years ago, I wrote a column about Pearl Hart, inept road agent, pickpocket, prostitute and ultimately a (possibly) respectable woman. History is never written in stone, and as the years have passed, we historian-types find out things that change our perspective, sometimes quite dramatically, and in some cases, embarrassingly.

Much of what I write for the Ruidoso News is later reprinted in such periodicals as The Tombstone Epitaph, a monthly historical publication. I have learned that I need to re-read anything that is to be reprinted, as what was once correct data - or at least assumed to be as much by me - is now outdated and there is new information available.

Specifically, I am thinking of the story of Pearl Hart. In it, I stated that she was incarcerated in the prison at Yuma, the "only woman" ever to be held in that place. I didn't just come up with this information out of thin air. I got it from a book by a VERY well-respected historian who I am not going to name because it is not his fault that I

failed to find a secondary source for the information and simply parroted what he had said in his book. I was aware of this error for some time after I wrote the story, but neglected to delete it when I sent it to the Epitaph and sure enough, someone noticed the error. Mea culpa.

And so, for that reason, I am going to re-tell the story of Pearl Hart which, God knows, is a tale worth telling. The problem is, most of it is legend and there are several very different stories of her life. Therefore, I am going with the one that seems to be told most often, but even this must be taken with a grain of salt.

Beginnings

Not much is known of Pearl's beginnings. She was born in Canada in 1871. She left home in her middle to late teens, heading south for the United States, and ultimately, Arizona, where she would become known as what one historian calls "a woman of doubtful, if interesting, virtue."

On the American frontier, a woman's lot was grim, indeed.

There were several notable exceptions, such as the legendary "Angel of Tombstone," Nellie Cashman, who was a successful restaurateur not only in Tombstone, but later, in the Yukon during the gold rush. But for most women, there were very few job opportunities. If you did not wish to toil at the meager positions that were available to women, it was pretty much either find a husband or become a prostitute (sometimes in the reverse order).

Wellllll..... Pearl wasn't interested in either work or marriage, especially after she met a young man named Joe Boot, who shared her relentless mission to avoid honest labor. Between the two, they came up with the none-too-original idea of Pearl, with her elfin good looks, luring unsuspecting men up to her room where Joe would give them something other than what they had come up there for - namely, a knock on the head and the removal of any funds that they might possess.

(Note: A similar scam was practiced on a young man

named, appropriately enough, "John," in Texas. After luring the handsome, teen-aged fellow up to her room, the young lady's accomplice rushed in, claimed to be her husband, and demanded money from young Johnny, assumed to be the Sucker.

The young man, clearly terrified, held a bag of gold coins toward the "husband." However, his hands were shaking so much that some of the coins slipped out onto the floor. The Greedy One, secure in the knowledge that his victim was too terrified to move, looked away for just a moment to retrieve the coins. When he looked back up, he found him-

self staring into the muzzle of a large caliber pistol, behind which were the no-longer terrified eyes of the young man who turned out to be John Wesley Hardin, the deadliest gunman of all time. The pistol promptly went off, ending the discussion, as well as the con-artist's life.)

Luckily for Pearl and Joe, Hardin's string had long since run out, which is not to say there still weren't men like him abroad on what remained of the frontier.

The obvious problem with Pearl and Joe's business enterprise was that most westerners of the time were notoriously short of cash. (Come to think of it, things haven't changed

much.) The result was that the two young lovers were barely squeaking by.

It seems that neither Pearl nor Joe were particularly gifted in the art (?) of criminality.

See GOMBER, page 4C



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THE HUSBAND MURKIN
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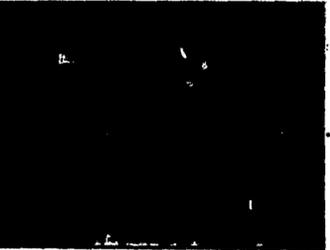


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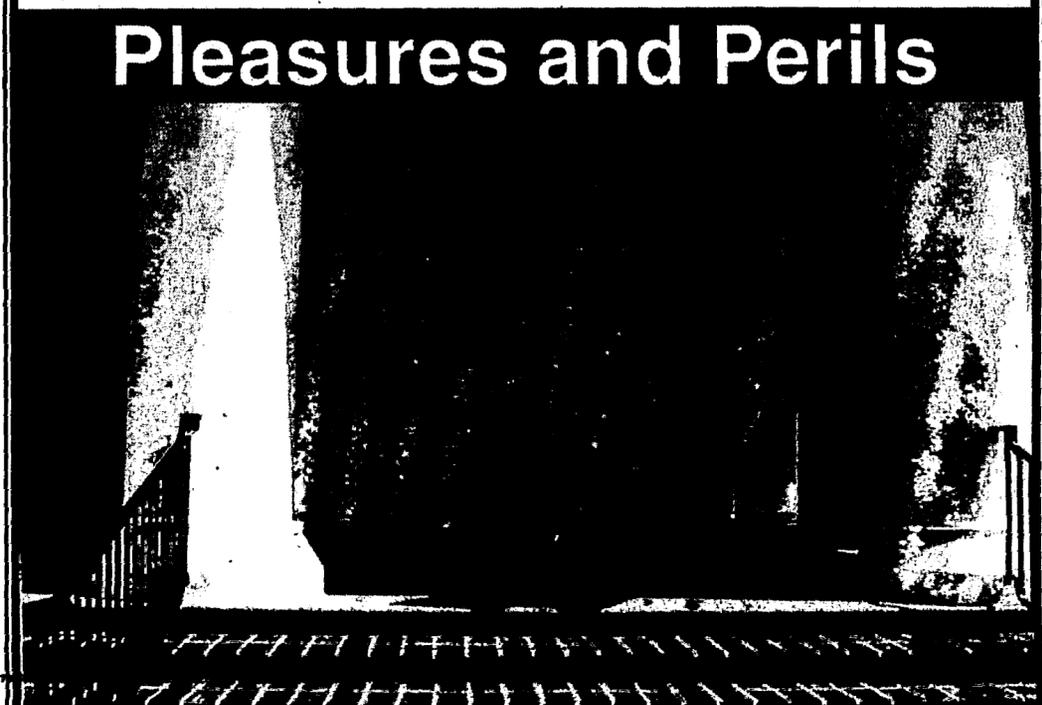
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Bahai Faith
Meeting in members' homes. 257-2967 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

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

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero. Father Paul Botenbogen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent. Father Paul Botenbogen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
Crosspoint Christian Fellowship
A Christ Centered Church
1007 Mechem, Suite 5. Phone: 258-1740. Steve Kreine, Pastor. Pre-service prayer: 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m.; Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Gateway Church of Christ
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jay Willmon, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitlan, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.
Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. E.W. Gunkel, President, 354-3388. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

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

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

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Cienocoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l.
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Ron Rice, 354-0255.
e-mail: rfrice@ruidoso.com
Mission Fountain of Living Water
San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3689, 257-3871.
Sunday: Public Talk 10:00 a.m.; Watchtower 10:50 a.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.
Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3689, 356-7076. Dom. Reunion Public 1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Alalaya 1:50 p.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Tricentrico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for 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., 10:55 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
The Apostolics of Lincoln County, UPC
Remax Center, 1009 Mechem Dr., Unit #1.
Pastor, Art Dahn. Sunday afternoon, 4:30 PM, Adult, children & youth classes. Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220.
Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.
Mountain Hilarity
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Gebring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon. junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. high school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs. Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161.
Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0700. Assoc. Pastor William Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes.
Call 258-1881. www.mtsun.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Captain Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org

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

Carrizo Christian Fellowship
Leonard Kanewseh III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr. 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-1224. Pastor Carlos Carron. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (niños).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun a.m., 10:45 a.m. Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church.

Thursday: 7 p.m.
Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265.
John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45, Church, 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve. Handicap Services 11 a.m. Wed. Leadership Class 6 p.m. & Prayer 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and youth, Thurs. 7 p.m. Cowboy Church
Noun Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

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

Miracle Life Ministry Center
Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers
Available 24 hours for healing prayer: 354-0255
e-mail: miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

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

NON-SECTARIAN
Spiritual Awareness Study Group
Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C.
Sundays 1 p.m. - 301 Mader Lane, Alto across from Kokopelli's Golf Course - 257-1569

CAPITAN CHURCHES

BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitlan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitlan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitlan. 505-648-2846.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave. Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/ 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 Berge, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zimwalt, 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

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

Study 7:00 p.m.

EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846. Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Times, 6:30 pm) United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.

St. Joseph bazaar

The annual bazaar at St. Joseph Apache Mission in Mescalero will be from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

Mariachi music will be performed by Nelson Martinez of KOAT Channel 7 News, and there will be games, arts and crafts for sale and a barbecue dinner with hamburgers, fry bread and more. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

For information about the restoration and history of the mission, visit www.geocities.com/missionrestoration.

Chamber Artists

Samples of the work of the 19 artists on the Art Loop will be on display at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the month of June. The Art Loop is July 13 and 14, and loops around Lincoln County

from Ruidoso Downs to San Patricio, Hondo, Lincoln, Capitan, Carrizozo and Nogal.

Culinary lecture

A Japanese medicinal food, natto, touted as a folk medicinal cure for heart disease, dysentery and other ailments, is the topic of a lecture from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, by Dr. Ralph Holsworth at Sierra Dove Center for Healing in Alto. Holsworth will demonstrate a hands-on recipe. For information, call 396-1037.

Art After Hours

Art After Hours First Friday Gallery Walk sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 7 and includes Phoenix Gallery, Pinon Pottery and Benson Fine Art.

Capitan lecture

Capitan Public Library's First Friday Lecture Series is scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. June 7 with Barbara Culler sharing the history of quilling, showing examples, demonstrating how to quill and allowing participants to experiment with paper quilling themselves.

Fine Arts in Lincoln

The Hubbard Museum of the American West branch in historic Lincoln offers its popular children's summer art program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 10-13, June 17-20 and June 24-27. The program is outdoors at the Anderson-Freeman Museum and Visitor's Center in Lincoln. These classes offer participants a taste of diverse art forms for children ages 9-12. Week one classes include

basic drawing, calligraphy, punch tin and watercolor. Week two classes explore storytelling and picture writing, printmaking, yarn basketry and beading. The final week of classes engage students in costuming and melodrama, weaving basics, and just plain old messy fun.

Lunch and transportation is the responsibility of parents or guardians. Cost is \$5 per class per student or \$50 for all 12 classes. Reduced fees are available for families with more than three children attending. Beverages and snacks will be available, thanks to the support of local sponsors, Franks Fruit Market, Walgreen's, The Village Buttery and The Wild Herb. This program is also made possible by a grant from New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Space is limited, so call soon for a registration form. For more information or to register for classes, call the museum in Lincoln at (505) 653-4025 or Elizabeth Becker in Ruidoso Downs at (505) 378-4142.

Roswell theatre

Two one-act plays, "Roommates" and "The Private Property of Roscoe Pointer," directed by Eugene Irby, are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. June 7, 8, 14 and 15, and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. June 9 and 16. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students. Groups of 10 or more may attend a single performance for a rate of \$5 per person. The theater is at 12th and Virginia streets.

Lecture rescheduled

The Hubbard Museum of

the American West in Ruidoso Downs has rescheduled Sherry Robinson's lecture on the Apaches of New Mexico for 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 28.

Hear the stories of Warm Springs, Chiricahua and Mescalero Apaches. Learn about women warriors, survival on the land and the Mescalero escape from Bosque Redondo and Masai.

Robinson is an award-winning journalist and author of several books on New Mexico. Apache Voices, her second book, explores the accounts of Eve Ball, a Ruidoso resident who is said to have documented the oral histories of more than 60 Mescalero residents. Robinson's lecture will be at the Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs. Admission is free. Refreshment will be served. This event is made pos-

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GOMBER: The 'Pearl of the West' led a notorious life in the Arizona Territory

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Aside from the fact that their plans were deeply flawed and, in fact, didn't work at all, they neglected to consider such innovative concepts as "escape."

Bandidos Loco

As they cast about for other, more lucrative, dishonest ways to make a living, Pearl and Joe came up with the idea of stagecoach robbery, which, in 1899, was not exactly original. Not only had the concept been perfected years before by such men as Jesse James and, most especially, Black Bart, the opposition - the Authorities - had not been caught napping as far as technology and the pursuit of lawbreakers went. There had been a few developments in the 20 and more years since the time of the James Boys and Black Bart that assisted lawmen immeasurably in the pursuit of the lawless, particularly the less-than-bright lawless.

Which is to say, Pearl and Joe. You know what I mean. Technological advances that neither Pearl or Joe had considered (such as the telephone) tended to assist in the pursuit of miscreants.

In an attempt at disguising herself that was stunning in its lack of originality (and fooled no one), Pearl cut her hair short and dressed as a man.

On July 14, 1899, the duo stopped the Globe-Casa Grande stagecoach, their hopes as high as their IQs were low. They relieved the passengers of a paltry \$431.20 and two pistols. In what was a fairly typical display of outlaw "generosity," they returned \$1 to each passenger, so "they wouldn't be busted." Not realizing that, if they had released and run off the stage's horses, it would take the driver and passengers quite a while to reach Casa Grande or Globe, the stage was allowed

to leave. Pearl and Joe saw no reason not to let them continue, unimpeded, on their journey, which had now become a quest to find lawmen.

Rushing off in high spirits with their ill-gotten gains, the pair immediately became lost. After wandering around the Arizona desert for several hours, they elected to lie down under a tree and rest. After all, with the head-start they had given themselves, how close could the posse be?

Pretty darn close, as it turned out. Pearl and Joe had wandered in a great big circle and the tree they rested under was about a mile from the hold-up site, which is exactly where the rather surprised posse found them.

Legislates and celebrity

At Joe Boot's trial, neither the jury nor judge were overly sympathetic to his situation and thought it would be best if he spent the next 30 years or so under the watchful eye of the Territory of Arizona. However, a year later, Joe escaped and vanished from the pages of history.

Pearl, however, was quite a different story. It seems that Pearl had one genuine talent

after all. In another time, she may well have been an Academy Award-winning actress. At her trial, she told a moving tale of unimaginable woe. It was all for her elderly, ailing mother, she explained, otherwise Pearl would have been a nurse, or perhaps, a saint.

The all-male jury set her free, but the judge, who was not quite so gullible and noticeably furious over such a miscarriage of justice, had her arrested almost immediately for carrying a gun. Even though Pearl attempted to explain her feelings of deep, personal embarrassment over having been caught with this weapon on her person, her previous behavior was taken into consideration and she was sentenced to five years. Pearl, however, had other plans.

Pearl had achieved a certain notoriety as a female bandit, and Cosmopolitan Magazine came and did a before-and-after photo shoot of Pearl dressed alternately in men's and women's clothing. Pearl basked in her 15 minutes of fame.

After being escorted to Yuma Territorial Prison, Pearl made a point of having very

few visitors. In fact, the only two men she had allowed to be alone with her in her cell were the Territorial Governor and a leading clergyman. And one fine day in 1902, Pearl announced to everyone who would listen that she was pregnant. "Good gracious!" and "Heavens to Betsy!" cried the prison officials - in infinitely stronger terms.

A solution

As Pearl honed her performance as the "wronged woman," Territorial officials cast desperately about for a solution. No one wanted her wondering about - especially to the newspapers - about the identity of the child's father. Finally, they gave her a quiet pardon and pointed her in the direction of the Arizona/California border. Whether or not she was really pregnant is anyone's guess.

But Pearl didn't want to leave Arizona. She liked it there. She seemed to like getting arrested there, which is what she did on a fairly regular basis (for things like picking pockets and prostitution) for a number of years. According to one historian, Pearl was even an attraction with Buffalo Bill's legendary Wild West Show for a time.

Finale

No one really knows what eventually became of Pearl Hart. The most prevalent story is as follows: When middle age began to rear its ugly head, Pearl elected to turn over a new leaf. She changed her name and married a successful rancher. Those who remembered her, from the old days, kept her true identity a secret, out of respect for her husband and her determination to "go straight." The little evidence

available indicates that Pearl lived into her 90s and was last seen on the street in Globe, Ariz., in the 1960s.

Many Westerners left their recollections on paper and those recollections have been invaluable to historians. It is a shame that Pearl apparently failed to do so. On the other hand, could we have believed anything she said? Truth was never Pearl's strong point. She would probably have tried to convince us that she was really Florence Nightingale, and if she had lived today, she probably would have claimed to be Elvis.

This was for another Pearl - Tippin - who shares a love of history.

Sources: *The Shooters* by Leon Metz; *Files of the Tombstone Epitaph*; and *Portraits of the Old West* by Frederick Nolan.

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My Political Philosophy
 by Earl Hobbs

The Real Republican Candidate for Lincoln County Commission, District Four

The Founding Fathers of the United States knew from their personal experience as subjects of the King of England that all governments must be severely restricted, and must be directly controlled by the People who are governed. Our Founders clearly stated that the legitimate powers of government are limited to those things which individual citizens cannot otherwise, separately, do for themselves. Those limited powers are specifically enumerated in the Constitution. The Constitution then reserves all other powers to the People and to the several States.

My thesis is that the Republican Party still holds to the basic Principles of the Founders. Our great country thrives today because of those Principles. And, it has encountered its greatest internal struggles when those same Principles have been neglected, usurped, or denied.

Local and State Republican Parties are typically more traditional and conservative than the national organization. Local parties greatly depend on individuals who have accomplished much with their lives, and who sacrifice much for others. Local parties abstain from social experimentation, advocate control of government spending, and work to restrict the almost inevitable growth of taxes. Every tax must be recognized as government confiscation of private resources.

Republicans believe in the Free Marketplace, uncorrupted by government interference. Men and Women who work, love their families, and care for their neighbors, are honored by Republicans.

Too often, government sponsored social programs, and government infringements upon our schools and institutions usurp the rightful responsibilities and prerogatives of the American Family. Principled Republicans work to provide the best education for our children, and know that the foundation of a properly governed Society is the Home and Family. Social responsibility begins in the home, and Charity is an honored Principle.

Our cherished Bill of Rights still rings true to Republicans, and we defend each of those absolute Rights with every breath.

Republicans are not victims. Dependence upon individual accountability is a basic Principle of our Nation and our party. We accept our failures, and we work to overcome them. We take pride in our successes. We know that we are responsible for ourselves and our families. We do not rely on government to pick us up and smother us in false compassion. We help our neighbors and work with each other to see that every citizen is equal before the law. The Republican Party is a group of individuals dedicated to individual rights and obligations. We are not a collective of molded minds dependent on the government for our guidance, our sustenance, and our ultimate source of self.

So, I stand proudly for Republicanism. I stand for the traditional values upon which it was founded.

Will You Join With Me?
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EARL B. HOBBS
 Republican Candidate for Lincoln County Commission, District Four

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Carrizozo youngsters learn, teach about Carlsbad Caverns

"Don't touch it! It will make you short!"

This is just one of several amusing statements one hears on a school field trip with elementary students. This particular quote is from a kindergarten student who was warning a fellow student of the consequences of touching cave formations at Carlsbad Caverns.

Apparently the student was warned by parents that natural skin oils on the hand damage the formations and will stunt your growth. (This child may have plans on becoming a basketball player in high school.)

"Hey, this is cool!" exclaimed a first-grader, referring to the awesome sights that we saw. But on the other hand, the cool, damp 870-foot underground caves offered prime conditions 200 million years ago for the development of the caverns.

During the summer months, the height of tourism, thousands of people per day visit the caverns.

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BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

Carrizozo teachers, aides, bus driver, chaperones and grades K through second graders went on the class-on-wheels trip the last week of school.

Some of the titles describing the wonders underground appear to belong in an art museum "Temple of the Sun," "Queen's Chamber Draperies," "Lion's Tail," "Bashful Elephant," and "Veiled Statue." Mother Nature created the magnificent chambers. Carved and etched, the caverns are nature's masterpieces.

"There is an interesting whacha-ma-call-it," I told a group of

second-graders pointing upwards.

"That is a stalactite," one of them said. (Thanks!)

"Down there is an odd thing-a-ma-jig," I told the class.

"That is a stalagmite," piped up the same kid.

Carlsbad Caverns in southeastern New Mexico features one of the largest cave systems in the world. Water circulating underground deposited salt, gypsum and limestone to form the intricate subterranean caves and fantastical formations that enthralled the Carrizozo travelers.

Bats are another attraction. Each fall and summer night, bats fly from the cave entrance. And would you believe that the second-grade student mentioned above went on to dispel many of the myths and fears that surround the insect-eating mammal?

Last but not least was a stop at the gift shop.

On the bus trip home a first-grader nipped my neck with her bat puppet and yelled, "I van to dwink your blood!"

IN THE GROOVE



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The fifth Mountain of Blues Festival will be from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Admission is \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the gate, and children 12 and under are free. The festival is across from Sierra Blanca Airport on Highway 220. For advance tickets, call 257-9982 or 257-9535. Visit www.ruidoso.net/bluesfestival.

Sunday's Concert in the Park features well-traveled orchestra

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet will perform a wide variety of music from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at School House Park, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

The music will include pieces by Bach, Debussy and Copland to music from Bizet's "Carmen," Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and toe-tapping Dixieland tunes.

David Hunsicker is associate principal trumpet of the New Mexico Symphony. Before joining

the orchestra, he lived in metropolitan Detroit area performing often with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theater and the Detroit Chamber Winds, as well as holding positions with other area symphonies. As a founding member of the Great Lakes Brass Quintet and as a member of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet, he has performed dozens of solo and chamber recitals throughout Michigan and New Mexico.

Barbara Hull was the principal trumpet of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and has recorded six CDs with the Albany Symphony on the Decca and Albany Records labels. In 2000, she moved to Albuquerque.

Kurt Civilette is acting principal horn of the New Mexico Symphony and has been in the orchestra as third horn/associate principal for six years. He has performed with Santa Fe Opera several summers and held positions with the symphonies of Charleston, Savannah

and Honolulu.

Debra Taylor, principal trombonist and trombone instructor at the University of New Mexico, has appeared at Carnegie Hall with the New York Trumpet Ensemble, given solo performances at the International Trombone Workshop, International Brassfest and International Women's Brass Conference. She has held positions with Chicago's Grant Park Symphony, the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony

and the Florida Symphony in Orlando.

Steve Campbell, tuba, was a regular substitute player with the Boston Symphony and Pops Orchestras, as well as the Empire Brass Quintet. He held the position as principal tuba with the Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia in La Coruna, Spain, and with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Fla. The 2002-2003 season will be his third as principal tuba with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra.

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BY MARY LEA LANE
VILLAGE ARTS COORDINATOR

A dear friend reminded me the other day of "The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg."

The story she told me is of the City Council in San Antonio, Texas, which voted several years ago to put concrete over the river in order to cover it up, and thereby causing the river to run virtually underground.

A group of irate citizens went to City Council with a puppet show. The narrative between these puppets (council members) covered the arguments each had used to close the river. But the goose that laid the golden egg was the river itself.

We all know the ending, although we may not know the history of the controversy that involved the San Antonio City Council prior to its devel-

opment. Yes, the citizens won that battle, and the goose has laid not only one golden egg but dozens, even hundreds of dozens, with the development of San Antonio's River Walk.

How can we learn from this story?

Well, as my friend continued to tell the story, the goose, having done its work well, decided to move west. And as she flew, she discovered a lovely, quaint mountain village where the sky was blue, the air cool in the summer, and giant snowflakes drifted gently down in the winter.

The goose circled the village and saw artists painting the lovely landscape, many galleries, old and new, performers on the street in the middle of town, sculpture along the main thoroughfare, and galleries and public buildings full of art and open on special evenings to encourage

residents and visitors to see the creative work being done in the area. She even landed in a park and waddled into the crowd of happy families that were enjoying a picnic while a concert was being performed.

Oh, yes, this was a place the little goose would like to stay! This was a place that valued its creative culture and which supported its artistic community. This was a place where the artists gave so much of their time and talent to make the community better and were appreciated for their efforts.

So the little goose built herself a new nest along a bubbling little stream — a stream she learned was named the Rio Ruidoso for its noisy little tune. Oh, but she was happy to be in the cool mountain air, nestled upon the banks of this lovely little river.

And then — oh-oh — the village council of this charming little place was at work finding a creative solution to keep the very golden eggs that this little goose was beginning to lay for the benefit of everyone in the county and all the people who come to visit. Why, the village council is funding the arts so that the golden eggs of cultural tourism can hatch and grow.

This is a place that wants the golden eggs the little goose can lay. This village really wants to develop cultural tourism. The little goose snuggled happily into her nest. At last, she has found a home.

This story found a happy ending Tuesday night when the Ruidoso Village Council met and decided the fate of its own golden goose — the Ruidoso Arts Commission. They will keep it and support it. Those of us who love the arts and understand their value to quality-of-life issues of the local residents, to the large number of artists who reside here and try to make a living creating their work, and to the future of cultural tourism, thank the council for its vote to nourish the goose that can lay golden eggs.

Our thanks to all who contacted their council members and attended the council meeting on Tuesday. Your concern is deeply appreciated.

June events

Free concerts-in-the-park :
June 2, New Mexico Symphony Brass Quintet, Sunday, 2-4 pm, School House Park.

June 16, Dos Amigos, mariachi music, Sunday, 2-4 pm, Two Rivers Park behind the Chamber of Commerce

If it rains, we will move into the Senior Center. Snacks and soft drinks available courtesy of RHS Friends of Musical Arts. Bring your picnic and lawn chairs.

June 7, First Friday, Art After Hours Gallery Walks, free event:

Phoenix Gallery, Pinon Pottery, Benson Fine Art, and Hurd-La Rinconada Galleries, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 14, Second Friday, An Evening of the Arts, Exhibits in Public Buildings, free event. Receptions, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Village Hall: Beth Braid & Roy Brown, potters; Public Library: Oliver Enjady, painter and Tottie Eberline,

Victorian button collage; Convention Center: Larry Goodman, painter; Senior Center: "Drawn to Art" exhibit, Linda Ferguson, Diane Gremillion, Aardis Hood, and Patricia Ogilvie Huckins. Exhibits are open weekdays all month.

Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, free ongoing event:

Three pieces of public sculpture installed between the hospital and west to the stoplight on Sudderth Drive. Works by New Mexico artists Lay Powell, Ruidoso; Stephanie Huff, Alto; and D'Jean Jawrunner, Tucumcari.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones

Science Fiction/Fantasy, 2 hrs. 12 min.
Rated PG for sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.
Ten years after the events of *The Phantom Menace*, not only has the galaxy undergone significant change, but so have our familiar heroes Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), Padmé Amidala (Natalie Portman) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) as they are thrown together again for the first time since the Trade Federation invasion of Naboo. Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. The two Jedi are assigned to protect Padmé whose life is threatened by a faction of political separatists. As relationships form and powerful forces collide, these heroes face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic.
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Christopher Lee, Frank Oz
Directed by: George Lucas
Produced by: Rick McCallum
Written by: George Lucas, Jonathan Hales
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Spider-Man

Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 01 min.
Rated PG-13 for stylized violence and action.
Based on the legendary flagship character of Marvel comics, this is the story of Peter Parker, a student living with his Aunt May and Uncle Ben after the death of his parents when he was very young. He's an avid student with a much-less-than-stellar social life and a knack for bad luck. When a freak accident miraculously grants him incredible spider-like abilities, in effect, it makes him into the amazing Spider-Man. Peter will find that there's a thin line between an ordinary man and an extraordinary hero, and he'll have to be the one to cross it.
Starring: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Willem Dafoe, James Franco, J.K. Simmons
Directed by: Sam Raimi

Produced by: Grant Curtis, Ian Bryce, Laura Ziskin
Written by: Alvin Sargent, David Koepp, Sam Raimi, Scott Rosenberg, Neil Rutterberg
Showtimes: 9 p.m.

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron

Kids/Family, Western and Drama, 1 hr. 22 min.
Rated G
The animated adventure of a wild and rambunctious mustang stallion journeying through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a remarkable friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful paint mare named Rain on his way to becoming one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Old West.
Starring: James Cromwell, Matt Damon, Daniel Studi
Directed by: Kelly Asbury, Lorna Cook
Produced by: Jeffrey Katzenberg, Mireille Soria
Written by: John Fusco
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

The Sum of All Fears

Action/Adventure and Thriller
Rated PG-13 for violence, disaster images and brief strong language.
The fourth film starring Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan character, this time Ben Affleck stars in the role made famous by Harrison Ford. In this installment, European neo-Nazi terrorists acquire a nuclear device and plan to use it at the Super Bowl, blaming the attack on Russia in the hopes of rekindling the Cold War. Luckily, CIA analyst Jack Ryan is on the case.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman, Bridget Moynahan, Liev Schreiber, Alan Bates
Directed by: Phil Alden Robinson
Produced by: Mace Neufeld
Written by: Akiva Goldsman, Paul Attanasio, Daniel Pym
Showtimes: Noon, 3:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

New Mexico

State Flower - Yucca, adopted March 14, 1927.
State Tree - Piñon, adopted March 16, 1949.
State Grass - Blue Grama Grass.
State Bird - Chipparral Bird, adopted March 16, 1949.
State Fish - Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.
State Animal - Black Bear because of Smokey Bear fame, adopted February 8, 1963.
State Vegetable - Chile and Pinto Beans.
State Gem - Turquoise, adopted March, 23, 1967.
State Insect - Tarantula Hawk Wasp.

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HOME & FAMILY

Can't water it enough?

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Living in an arid climate in the midst of a drought doesn't mean a homeowner can't find plants and accessories to bring color and excitement to the landscape.

Robin Long of Little Valley Landscape and Nursery said he's seeing people from Alto, Ruidoso and other communities who realize that water for plants and grass is limited even when the area receives average rain.

"They still want lawns, trees and flowers, but things that use as little water as possible and that they can keep alive even with the restrictions we have now," he said.

The village of Ruidoso limits watering to before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m. on Tuesday of each week and the council may place a total watering ban if village wells continue to have problems producing as the summer tourist season begins.

But even in a ban, hand watering is allowed any day during the same hours.

Long said in most cases, a good weekly soaking is better for a plant and encourages roots to go deeper into the soil than several shorter watering sessions each week.

He advocates using as many native plants as possible.

"That doesn't mean you can plant them and then ignore them," he said, to the agreeing nods of retail manager Nateal Hart. "You have to water regularly and take care of the plant the first year, but once it's established, it's adapted to arid conditions and can pretty much survive on its own."

The term "xeriscape" means dry landscaping, but not "zero" plants, he said.

"Unfortunately, many people think they're limited to cacti and rock, but we have brochures we give out and we can advise them on native plants that are drought resistant and deer proof.

"When they see the options, they tend to get excited, because they can have better landscaping with color and less water."

Desmaris Howell, owner of Seasons Nursery on Sudderth Drive and Mescalero Trail, said another option is to divide your property into "hydro" zones.

"The zone closest to the house can take plants with a lot of color that may need more water, but as you move out, the plants would use less and less water," she said. "That way you can have whatever plants you want, it's just where you plant them."

For those who prefer to go with all low-water plants, her shop has a special xeriscape section designated to help with choices, Howell said.

Some homeowners opt for a dry riverbed look with native plants as accents, Long said. Whatever he designs, the irrigation system of choice is drip, not sprinkling, which loses water to evaporation and the wind and is estimated to be only about 65 percent

effective.

"With drip watering, a tube leads to each plant and one drop at a time goes right into the ground," he said. "That's about 95 percent effective." Soaker or weeping hoses also are efficient, he said.

A good way to evaluate any watering system is to look for puddles. That tells a homeowner that sprinklers should be adjusted.

"Some areas had shade, others are sunny, some have more wind," Long said. "Each station should be adjusted for its conditions, not automatically run the same amount of time."

Some people aren't inclined to spend money on an underground irrigation system, but Long can offer a less expensive option - a \$35 timer that can be set on a hose. It runs on batteries that will last six months to one year, he said.

One of his most interesting handouts is a six-inch measuring device that breaks down the amount of water lost from holes in hoses or piping as small as 1/16th of an inch, up to 1/4th of an inch. Over a three-month period, the smaller leak would waste 74,000 gallons and the larger nearly 1.2 million gallons.

"It may look like just a small leak, but just like interest at a bank, it compounds over a period of time," Long said. "Many of the homes here are 20 to 30 years old. If you have a leaking faucet, there's no telling what's going on under the house."

A myth that people from other areas often bring with them to Lincoln County is that night watering - which takes advantage of evening humidity - may cause fungus or mildew. That may be true in Fort Worth or San Antonio, Texas, but not in Alto, where humidity may drop as low as 3 percent, he said.

"It's an ideal time to set the sprinklers," he said. "It gives more time for the water to soak in before the wind and sun start up the next morning."

He also advocates using weed-blocking fabric, which holds in moisture, and three to four inches of mulch that also will provide insulation in the winter and either chokes out weeds or makes them easier to pull, Long said.

"Stay away from pine needles," he said. "Try cypress or cedar, which is a natural insect repellent."

The use of river rock, gravel and even some boulders as ground cover also is increasing, he said. He recommends rock cover for erosion control to people who have severe slopes on their lots.

"They could plant there, but most of the water would run off," he said.

Windbreak plants used in the valley east of Ruidoso Downs often are poplars, a member of the same family as cottonwood and quaking aspen, but for higher elevations, Long said. Spartan juniper, blue spruce and piñon use less water.

Water-hungry willows are being bypassed for Russian olive, Long said. Whatever trees are chosen, they should be planted in a depression to maximize water retention.

A spokesman for Conley's Nursery & Landscaping said customers looking for low-water plants are being directed to chamisa or rabbit brush, Russian sage, lavender, penstemon, yarrow, catnip, blue mist spirea, Apache plume, salvia and deer-resis-



Nateal Hart, retail manager for Little Valley Landscaping and Nursery, tends to some of the low-water, native plants she recommends to customers. From left is a native grass, a yarrow and a red poker.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MAY 30, 1952

'Queen for a Day' coming

Jack Bailey's very popular Mutual Broadcasting System radio program, "Queen for a Day," heard on more stations than any similar entertainment, will pick a queen on its June 17 program, who will journey to Ruidoso to be feted and honored for three days late next month.

This news was received this week by S. K. Kuykendall, operator of Vanghland's tourist cabins, in reply to a letter he wrote several days ago, extending facilities of his court for a queen.

JUNE 1, 1962

State Lions convene here

Ruidoso joins with Ruidoso Lions Club in rolling out a red carpet this weekend for an expected 1,000 persons due to attend the 1962 State Lions Convention...

Serving with Ruidoso Lions Boss (Elmer) Pirelli is Dr. James A. Beall, named as Ruidoso club convention chairman.

JUNE 2, 1972

DFC for Ruidosoan

U. S. Air Force Capt. Joe C. Moore, son of Mrs. Ruth M. Moore, Ruidoso, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Vietnam.

Moore distinguished himself as a C-130 pilot when he flew an extremely hazardous mission through adverse weather and under the constant threat of enemy attack to provide critically needed ammunition in support of U. S. operations.

JUNE 3, 1982

Can't grow after 1984

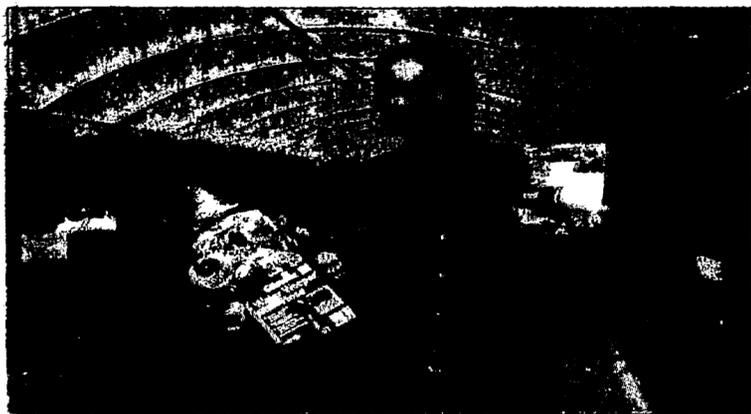
Newt Page, a member of both the reservoir study committee and the village water board, advised the (village) council it has to "face the facts" about the water situation... (and) asked for a moratorium on annexation until the Grindstone project is finished and supplying water to the village.

JUNE 4, 1992

Heavy vote logged here

Nearly 56 percent of Lincoln County's 6,572 registered voters showed up at the polls Tuesday and sided heavily with the incumbents.

The exception was in County Commission District 3, where Republicans selected ... Wilton Howell as their standard bearer in the general election. Incumbent Bill Elliott was ousted by 35 votes.



Robin Long, owner of Little Valley Nursery, shows an example of an inexpensive hose and timer combination that could save water and keep plants alive if an owner is away.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

What's with the War Wagon in Jay Walley's world?



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Jay Walley is on the go. His "War Wagon" is now completely equipped with the latest communication technology so he can send and receive information almost anywhere he wants.

He will be the field producer for the BBC television show "Changemakers." The crew was scheduled to start shooting in Arizona this week.

The subject will be about the illegals crossing the U.S.-Mexican border and the drug runners doing the same.

Then Walley will be working with the ZDF German Television June 16 and 17.

He also has agreed to be the field producer for a "60 Minutes" border special. He is working with Dana Miller of CBS

on this story. This will probably be shot in August.

Our community is certainly getting international attention through Jay Walley, who lives here.

Lincoln was busy again last weekend, with the Memorial activities in the area and the tourists enjoying the pleasant weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Locke were recent houseguests of Rosina Locke.

There were so many events going on this past weekend, it was hard to make choices.

We attended the photography display at the Cornerstone Bakery in Ruidoso. It is sponsored by the Lincoln County Photographers Club.

Lincoln has some new residents - The Ted Allens at the Zamora house and the Riley Armstrongs, next to the fire station. Welcome to Lincoln.

We will also have new neighbors next door, David Elman.

I will have more on David and his artistic work.

For those who have asked about Stanley Thomas, he is fine and is working in Seattle. His sister Kathy...

of Las Cruces is staying with their father, John Thomas, during his absence.

I had a short visit with Chip Word of Capitan. It is a small world. He was in Vietnam with the 7th Fleet on the ship Ranger. Our ex-neighbor, retired Vice Admiral Dick Ashworth, was the admiral of the fleet at that time.

Chip had a chance to meet Dick and his wife Ernie.

Chip's grandmother Baird is believed to be buried at White Oaks but he has never been able to find her grave; it may be one of the unmarked ones. She died during the great flu epidemic early in the last century.



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A horse mugs for the camera along one of Lincoln County's scenic routes.

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A Summer of Fun

MELANIE SATTLER ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

A summer filled with historic happenings and new events will enliven the Ruidoso area.

From music to the roar of motorcycles. Quiet meanderings down Upper Canyon's Main Road to the hubbub of wagering at the track and casinos. Hummingbird watching, window shopping, a bear sighting or two. Eighteen holes of links to miniature golfing. Modern art to antler art. Bustling night life and eateries or angling for tonight's trout dinner.

Many visitors own a second home here, and abundant lodging awaits those who don't. Ruidoso hotels, inns, cabins and motels offer amenities ranging from the rustic to the extravagant.

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

By mid-morning, golf courses become active. Pros and amateurs alike tote their clubs to the Links at Sierra Blanca, named sixth-best course in New Mexico last year, the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course (No. 8), Cree Meadows Golf Course and the private Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club and adjacent Kokopelli.

Other outdoor activities can include a walk through the quaint Midtown retail district to a hike in the woods. The village's Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course includes a 2.5-mile paved walking path.

Locals and visitors fish, mountain bike, camp, canoe and picnic. Information is available at the Smokey Bear Ranger District office on Mechem Drive and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center on Sudderth Drive.

In Alto, Spencer Theater's outdoor stage comes alive with

the new-age folk music of Esteban and complimentary food and wine tasting at the Spencer Wine & Food Festival June 1. Outdoor concerts throughout the summer include The Lettermen, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, country singer Hal Ketchum and conga player Poncho Sanchez. Bring the kids to "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up)," by Lincoln County Children's Theater, starring 30 children from the area, or see a production of Red Riding Hood by the Missoula Children's Theatre. Don't forget Spencer's legendary Fourth of July Party with fireworks displays. In August, snap your fingers to the Broadway musical Forever Plaid.

Head out on Airport Highway June 15 for the Mountain of Blues Festival. Andrew "Jr. Boy" Jones headlines the event and regional favorite The Kat Crosby Band rocks the crowd on Saturday.

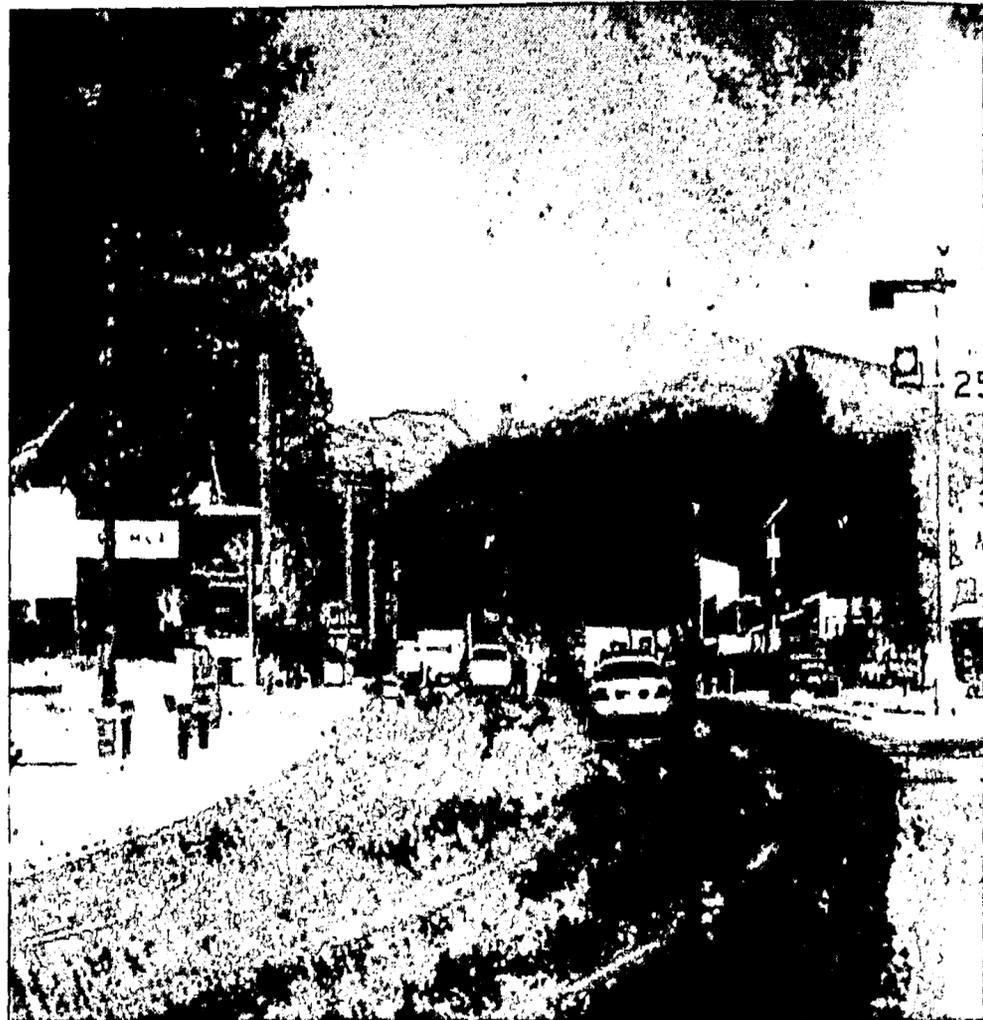
Bands perform nights and weekends at two Midtown Ruidoso nightclubs, Win Place and Show and The Quarters. Farley's Food Fun and Pub on Mechem also has musical acts.

Need more music? Neal McCoy, Toby Keith, Randy Travis and Grand Funk Railroad comprise the concert series line-up at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

And casino play? You bet: Plentiful table games await the gambler at Casino Apache on Carrizo Canyon Road, where the slots are always open.

Just minutes away, Billy the Kid Casino touts the latest gaming machines and off-track sports betting, while next door, Thoroughbred and quarter horses move into the stretch.

Or go for a ride of your own. Elite Outfitters and Buddie's, Grindstone and Cowboys Riding



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Sierra Blanca is one of the county's most notable landmarks and can be seen from almost anywhere in the area.

Stables offer horseback riding. Times vary, so call ahead.

When it's time to sit down, stop by local cafes or bookstores for poetry readings and speakers.

For the whole family, the Flying J Ranch serves up chuck wagon suppers and western stage shows just outside of town on U.S. Highway 48.

Children's activities are plenty. The community built a playground last year off of White Mountain Drive. Two Rivers Park, behind the chamber of commerce has playground equipment, picnic areas and grills, shelters and a flowing stream.

The village operates a swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park along Sudderth Drive. The pool is open seven days a week, from 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Daily admission for swimming is \$2.25 or \$6 for the pool's massive slide. Swimming lessons are also offered but fill up quickly.

Call the parks and recreation department for a complete list of village-sponsored youth activi-

ties, 257-5030.

Funtrackers, at Sudderth Drive and Carrizo Canyon Road, offers go-carts, mini-golf, bumper boats and a video arcade. Just across the highway are pony rides for kids.

The Ruidoso Bowling Center on Mechem Drive is just that, plus an arcade and pool tables. Shoot hoops at the outdoor basketball court at the White Mountain Elementary School on White Mountain Drive or at Ruidoso Middle School along Service Road. Skateboarders can take a spin at the municipal skateboard park just off White Mountain Drive.

The Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center hops with juke box dances, barbecues, bridge tournaments and ice cream socials. Find it in the Schoolhouse Park area at 501 Junction Road. Another nearby senior center is located in Ruidoso Downs.

Residents and visitors of all ages can look forward to a fun-filled summer.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Racing With History

TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

New Mexico has recognized horse racing at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track since 1946.

The track will continue that tradition with an 11-race, one-day festival dedicated to the state this year.

The New Mexico Zia Festival will take place the week of Sunday, July 14, in celebration of the Land of Enchantment. In addition to the races, all run by New Mexico-bred horses for a combined stakes of an estimated \$720,000, the racetrack will feature many New Mexican products from wines to pecans to dairy items and more. Race track marketing director Neal Mullarky said the track is hoping to double the vendors from last year.

The track will also be holding its third summer concert series. Country and rock superstars Neal McCoy, Toby Keith, Randy Travis and Grand Funk Railroad will grace the Downs with their musical stylings this season. Concert dates are Saturday, July 6, Aug. 9 and Sept. 21, all beginning at 8 p.m.

Of course, the main attraction is the racing, and there will be plenty of that between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The season kicked off May 24 and concludes Sept. 2 with the world's richest quarter horse race, the \$2.5 million All American Futurity.

The grand daddy of quarter horse racetracks is entering its 56th year of state-sanctioned parimutuel racing and has scheduled 61 race days this season.

Racing is scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with two Mondays during holiday weekends and a Fourth of July race day. First race is 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

The track will also simulcast nationally important races from across the country every day.

Twenty percent of the revenues taken in by the 300 slot

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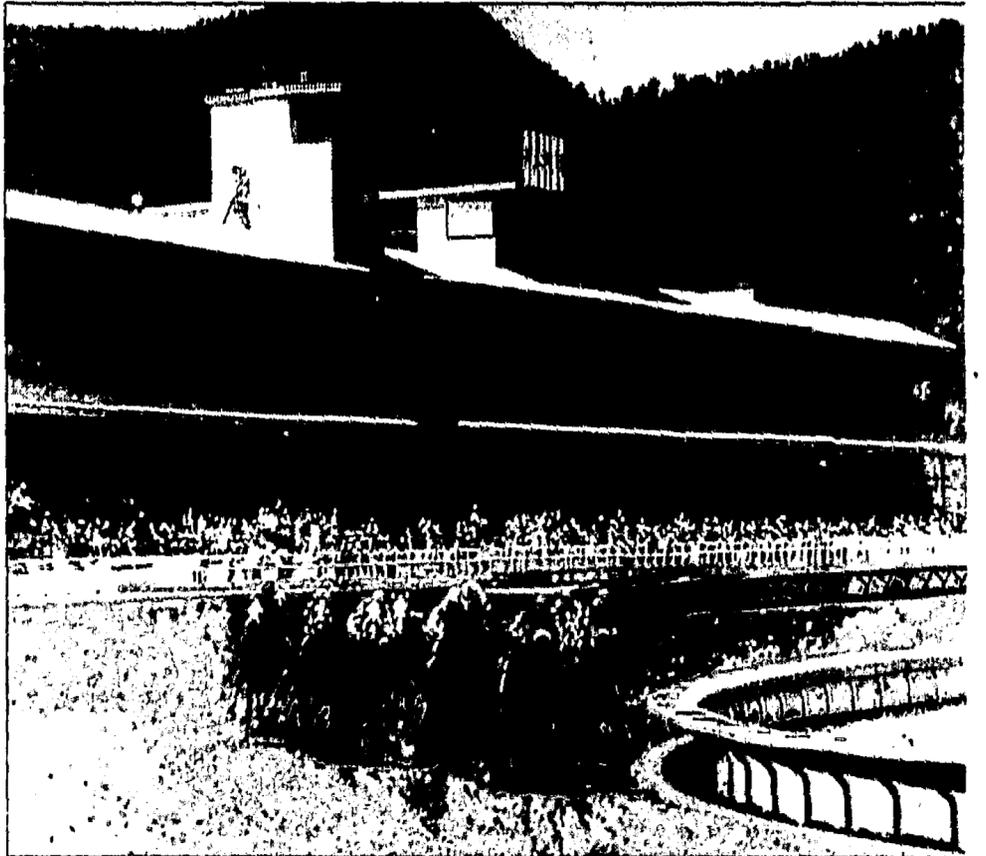
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From Apples to Artists

SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The Hondo Valley has a long history of apple orchards and artists, and although the apples are on their way out, the valley is still home to Hispanic descendants of the ranchers and farmers who settled the area.

U.S. 70 follows rolling hills and valleys from Ruidoso Downs to Hondo.

A few of the apple stands along the way sell local apples, though not as many as in the days when apple blossom festivals put the valley on the map.

Small, picturesque churches lead the way from Glencoe to Hondo. St. Anne's Episcopal Church is west of the Glencoe Post Office, and the Iglesia de San Patricio, further down the road, is the oldest standing church in southeastern New Mexico, built in 1880.

The town and the church took their name from an Irish priest, and until 1875 the settlement was called "Ruidoso County."

The arts have largely replaced apple orchards in the Hondo Valley, and artists and celebrities have long made their homes here, beginning with the Hurd-Wyeths, "the first family of American painting," who lived and painted at the Sentinel Ranch in San Patricio.

Peter Hurd married Henriette Wyeth and brought his bride to San Patricio, where he built them each a studio and proceeded to raise a family of artists in the val-

ley near the river.

Painter and writer John Meigs met Hurd in Hawaii, worked with him on a mural in Lubbock, Texas, "and next thing you know, I had acquired property here until I had a 190-foot-long house of adobe."

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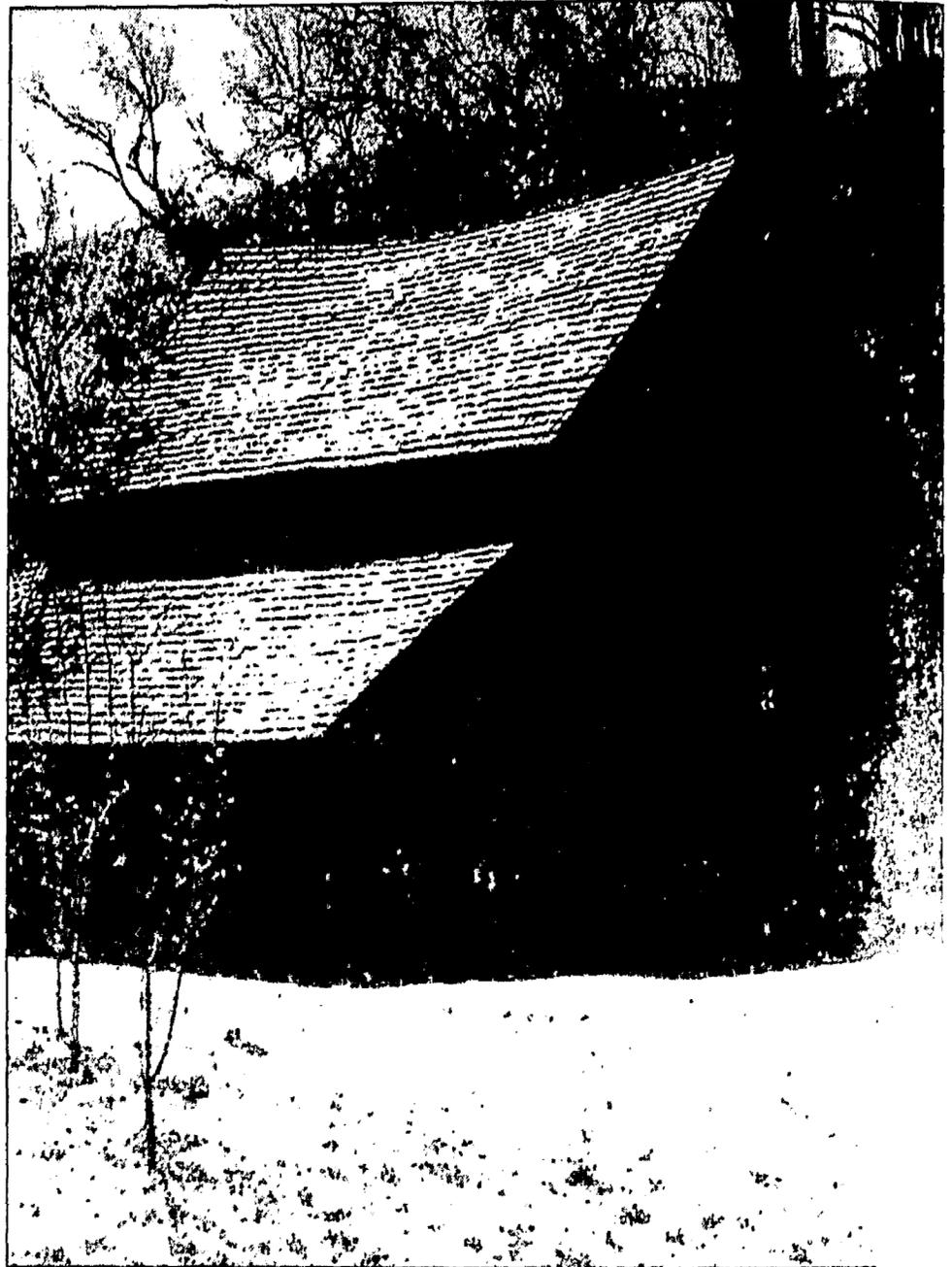
John Meigs
Hondo Valley artist

Visitors can stop at the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery to see the works of Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth, and N.C. Wyeth, Henriette's father, and the works of their son, Michael Hurd, who designed and built the gallery in 1986.

The ranch was converted into the Hurd Ranch Guest Homes and visitors may stay in one-room adobe casitas or a two-bedroom house named after Helen Hayes, a frequent visitor at the ranch.

Also in San Patricio are Benson Fine Art Gallery and Linda Miller's studio and gallery. The Red Rose Art Studio of Paul White is in Hondo.

Another attraction for visitors is the Tinnie Silver Dollar, an historic restaurant in which paintings of Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth and Michael Hurd hang, including a life-size portrait of Lily Langtree, as well as many other turn-of-the-century oil paintings.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

The historic Coe Ranch is just one attraction in Lincoln County's scenic Hondo Valley.

The restaurant exhibits the works of other local painters: Connie Younger of Glencoe, Linda Culp of San Patricio, and Meigs, who traveled all over the country collecting the antiques, stained glass windows, skylights and art work for the Tinnie Silver Dollar.

The self-guided Art Loop, July 13 and 14, winds around Lincoln County to the galleries and studios of 19 artists.

The Hondo Valley is represented by the studios of painters Ann Templeton, Dee Wescott and Paula White and the jewelry of Judy Benson at Benson Fine Arts in San Patricio.

Despite considerable resistance, a 38-mile segment of Highway 70 from Ruidoso Downs to Riverside, about 50 miles east of Ruidoso Downs, will be expanded to four lanes.

Construction is expected to start this summer, according to Ralph Meeks, resident engineer of the project.

Construction will start at Riverside (milemarker 300) and go to the junction of Highway 380 (which goes to Lincoln, Capitan and Carrizozo).

From there, in about a year, construction will continue to Ruidoso Downs. The project is expected to be finished in September of 2004.

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A Trip to the Past

DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The little valley in which the settlement of Lincoln is nestled is one of the most lovely and picturesque in New Mexico.

In fact, the original name of Lincoln and its six sister settlements that dotted the valley between what is now Capitan and Hondo was "Las Placitas del Rio Bonito," which is Spanish for "The Little Plazas on the Pretty River."

Of course, its famous - or infamous - history is not quite so pastoral and peaceful. Above all else, Lincoln is known as the place where a young man, unknown to almost everyone of his time upon his arrival, he of sunny disposition and deadly trigger finger, rose to prominence and ultimately, legendary status, as the one and only Billy the Kid.

His real name, to the best of anyone's knowledge, was Henry McCarty. When his mother remarried in the early 1870s, he adopted his stepfather's name: Antrim. In fact, throughout the course of that deadly confrontation known as the Lincoln County War, he was never known as Billy the Kid. That came later. Before and during the Lincoln County War everyone called him "Kid Antrim," or simply "Kid."

The Lincoln County War was not a "range war," as is frequently claimed. Unromantic as it sounds, it was a war between merchants. Many uninformed writers have tried to claim that this was a continuation of the Irish-English troubles that had been - and still are - raging in Europe. The fact is, there were English and Irish on both sides. This was a war about money, and nothing else.

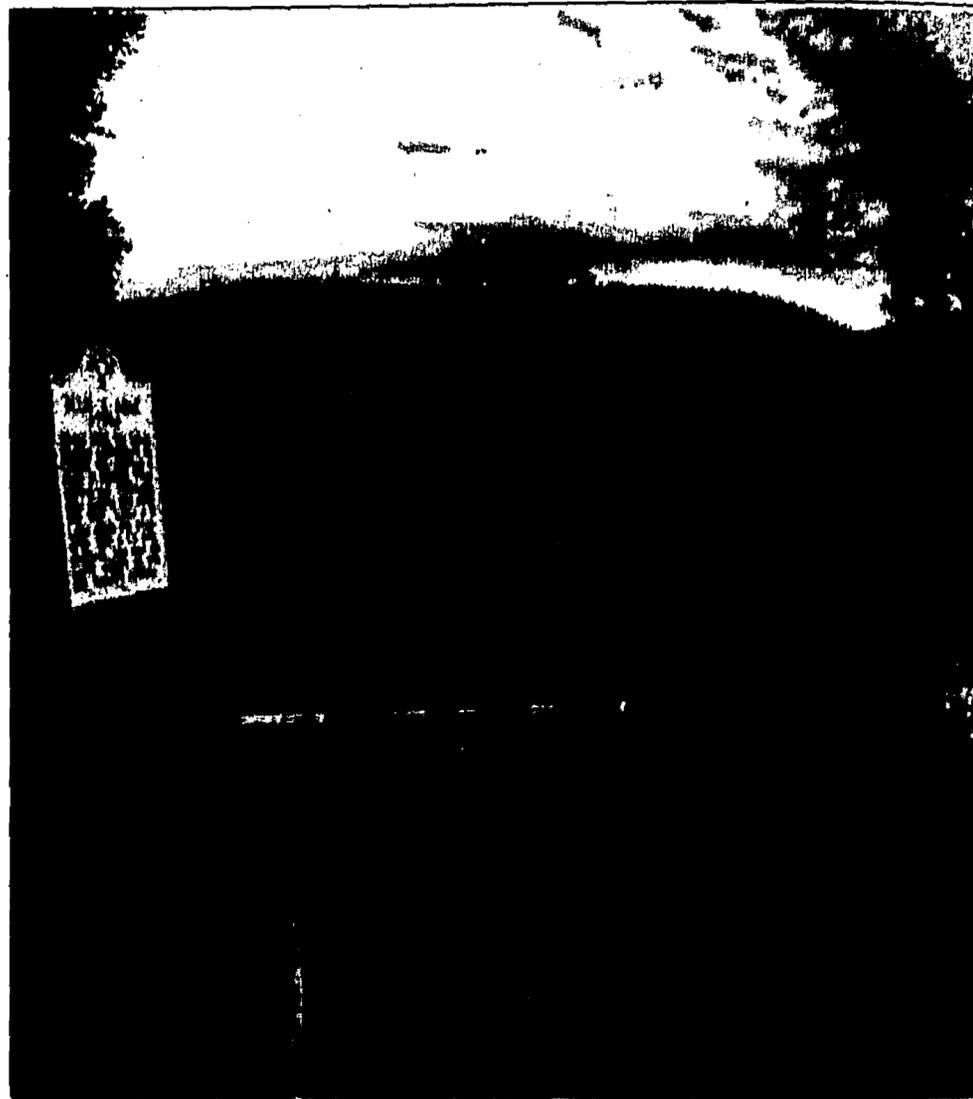
Young Kid Antrim arrived here, on the run from the law in Arizona, sometime in the fall of 1877. After a probable stint with a group of local outlaws known as "The Boys," the kid hired on

with English rancher and merchant John Tunstall. A few months later, Tunstall was murdered and the Lincoln County War erupted across the countryside.

In the end, nothing was settled and no one won. The leaders on the Tunstall/McSweeney side - Billy's side - were both killed in the course of the hostilities. James J. Dolan, the leading light for the opposition, was bankrupt. And history will never know how many human lives were sacrificed during that legendary and violent conflict.

Today, what was the most dangerous street in America in the days of Billy the Kid is as quiet and safe as a church. It has often been said, and it is true, that if Billy were to ride back into Lincoln today, he would recognize it instantly. The New Mexico State Monuments Division, in cooperation with the Hubbard Museum of the American West and, of course, the citizens of Lincoln have worked hard to maintain the historical integrity of this, possibly the most unique and accurate historical remnant of the American West, still in existence.

For the price of a \$6 ticket, the Visitor to Lincoln gains access to six fine Museums: The Visitor's Center and Gift Shop (where it is recommended that the Visitors start their tour); The Tunstall Store (opened by John Tunstall in 1877 and stocked with goods of the period); the Montano Store; Dr. Woods' House (the home of a country doctor constructed in the 1880s); and the Old Courthouse, the scene of Billy the Kid's dramatic 1881 escape that left two guards dead and virtually catapulted the youthful, charming gunman into national headlines and, ultimate-



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

The Ellis Store is just one of many well-preserved buildings in history-rich Lincoln.

ly, legendary status.

Less than three months later, the youthful outlaw, whose good and bad points are still debated among historians, was killed by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett. It happened in a darkened bedroom in Fort Sumner, just before midnight on the night of July 14, 1881. And the story fascinates to this day.

Many of the structures from Billy's time remain intact in Lincoln today. There are two establishments where food is available: The Wortley Hotel, once briefly owned by Pat Garrett, and the La Cocina Restaurant, which was once known as the Curry Saloon.

If the visitor is pressed for time, individual site tickets can be purchased for \$2.50, but it is recommended that the time be taken to savor Lincoln's colorful and dramatic history. Additionally, and also included in the price of a \$6 ticket, histo-

rian and author Drew Gomber guides the Visitor on a tour of Lincoln that is *not* marked in the guidebooks. These tours are available hourly, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. inclusive, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.

The first weekend in August is when Lincoln presents its annual pageant, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid." During this weekend, there are re-enactments of Billy's escape performed regularly and all manner of vendors, mountain men, cavalry re-enactors and story-tellers in attendance.

Coming to Lincoln is like time travelling. The visitor is whisked back to the 1870s and '80s when men destined to become legends strode its dusty streets. Black Jack Pershing, Pat Garrett and, of course "El Chivato," - the Kid - are all waiting to make your acquaintance. Take a giant step back into history. Come to Lincoln.

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'Gateway to the Mountains'

MELANIE SATTLER ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

*D*ubbed the "gateway to the mountains" by Mayor Bob Miller, Ruidoso Downs is vamping into a destination in its own right.

One of the fastest-growing municipalities in the state, Ruidoso Downs expects the influx of new business to continue with more hotels and restaurants.

As it flourishes, the village is fostering community pride and polishing its image.

Projects have included building a new Web site, expanding All-American Park, rejuvenating neighborhoods with street paving and drainage solutions, preparing for summer with a village-wide clean up.

"It's an exciting time to be

here," said John Waters, village administrator.

In the heart of the village, renovations are underway at All-American Park. The parks and recreation committee plans to shape this 12-acre area into a haven for adults and children in the community. Already home to a baseball field and volleyball court, the park will feature basketball and tennis courts, a skate park, walking trails and a playground.

The village's senior center resides in the park just off U.S. Highway 70.

For entertainment, a friendly wager and buffet dining, try Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

The racetrack hosts the richest quarter horse test in the nation, the All American Futurity on Sept. 2. The stellar event boasts an estimated \$2.5 million purse this year.

Place your bets on Billy the Kid Casino's entertainment series. World-class artists fill the calendar: Neal McCoy performs May 25, during the track's opening weekend, Toby Keith on July 6, Randy Travis on Aug. 9, and Grand Funk Railroad on Sept. 21.

More than 30,000 cyclists and spectators will come together at the racetrack Sept. 18-22 this year for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. Enthusiasts from across the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Germany and Australia will enjoy 45,000 square feet of

vendors dealing in motorcycles, after-market accessories, leather goods, apparel and jewelry.

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Interpretive Center provides a history lesson and a preview of the communities along the byway, which runs along highways 70, 48 and 380.

Next door to the center is the Hubbard Museum of the American West, which delves into the history of racing at the Downs and the settling of the West.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary tops off the summer season with its annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Senior Citizens Center where more than one hundred vendors display their wares.

For additional information about events and facilities in Ruidoso Downs, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395 or Ruidoso Downs village hall at 378-4422.

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Building for the Future

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Although the Mescalero Apache Tribe plans to build a massive \$85 million luxury resort and casino on the site of the existing Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache, guests will be able to enjoy the summer undisturbed.

Sitting on banks of the Mescalero Lake with 10,280-foot high Sierra Blanca Peak as a backdrop, the Inn provides a staging area for a summer vacation or weekend stay that can be active or laid-back.

Outdoor pursuits range from 18 holes of golf on a championship course after stopping at the fully-equipped pro shop, to horseback riding from the on-site stables, clay target shooting and hiking opportunities until leg muscles give out.

Boating and fishing on the

lake will depend on the weather and if summer rains boost the water level.

Hunting is another option with the tribe's nearby hunting lodge coordinating outings for big game hunters. Bear, elk and turkey thrive on the reservation, but hunters should apply in advance for available slots.

The Inn with 250 rooms offers plenty of dining choices, from the acclaimed Dan Li Ka Dining Room and its award-winning Sunday brunch to the Apache Tee overlooking the golf course and the scrumptious buffet at Casino Apache.

Various entertainers are scheduled to perform throughout the summer for evening relaxation.

For those who prefer indoor excitement, two floors of video gaming, live keno, blackjack, craps and poker are waiting at Casino Apache next to the Inn, just minutes south of Ruidoso by Carrizo Canyon Road.

The gambling mecca is open daily and provides periodic tournaments. Call (505) 464-4100 for more information from the casino or contact the Inn at (505) 257-5141 for prices on golf packages or reservations.



The Inn of the Mountain Gods' main entrance invites visitors.

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Fishing

It's Catching On

JIM SHOOP ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso River basin and area watersheds offer novice and experienced fishermen a complete spectrum of coldwater trout fishing opportunities.

During the summer months one can pursue Trout fishing in the region on numerous Lakes and Streams.

Because of the recent dry season, the fire danger in the area is extremely high. The Lincoln National Forest was closed in May, but may be reopened this summer. No smoking or open flames are allowed away from an enclosed place.

Streams:

Rio Ruidoso - One can begin fishing the headwaters of the Rio Ruidoso River on the Mescalero Indian Reservation located in the upper canyon region of Ruidoso. One does not need a New Mexico fishing license to fish these waters. A day pass must be purchased at the gated entrance to the reservation in Upper Canyon.

You can drive to the confluence of the north and south forks of the River. Once here, don your hiking gear and grab your lightweight fishing gear and set off up stream on either fork. The area is beautiful and offers some great nature shows. The fishing is fun.

As you hike further up you will note you will stop catching rainbow trout and begin to catch brook trout. When this happens, you know you are catching wild fish. Please treat all fish caught on these high streams with care. We recommend you squeeze down all hook barbs to do minimal damage to each fish caught.

The area of the Rio Ruidoso below the Mescalero Reservation line and the bridge at Mecham Drive is called Upper Canyon. This area holds some very beautiful waters and has the highest amount of private homes nestled right up to the waters edge. The New Mexico Game and Fish Department does a good job of stocking rainbow trout through-

out upper canyon. You will find lots of pocket water fishing here. A long cast here is 15 feet. Please remember to honor all private land postings.

The area of the Rio Ruidoso from Mechem Drive to the bridge located on Friedenbloom Drive holds numerous runs and fishing holes.

Access is by the many bridges that cross the river. It is best fished up stream. Remember to wear dark colored clothes in the normally clear flowing waters.

The area downstream of Friedenbloom Drive enters private property and is posted. Fishing downstream finds many private stretches of water. Your best bet is to contact landowners and ask permission to enter their lands.

New this year, the NMGF has introduced a new bag limit along the river from the Apache Reservation Line downstream to Friedenbloom Drive. The daily bag limit is now three fish.

Rio Bonito - This small stream can be broken in two segments - the first is located above Lake Bonito. The spring and early summer usually finds this area to have adequate water flow to hold fish.

One needs to hike about a mile upstream to find waters that hold fish with any regularity. The stream is small, cold and clear. The fish found here are usually all wild Brook trout. These fish are not fussy, so most fly patterns tossed onto the water usually get action.

These fish seem to know when you approach, so move slowly, wear dark clothes and wear polarized glasses to help spot these small bundles of energy.

The second segment of the Rio Bonito is located from the spillway of Bonito Lake downstream. The NMGF Department regularly stocks Rainbow trout in this area during times of ample water flow.



Ruidoso News photo

There are several fishing opportunities in Lincoln County.

Both segments of the Rio Bonito are, as of this writing, barely at a trickle. Currently, there is no fishing in these streams.

Lakes:

Grindstone Lake - The lake is an impoundment that serves as a source of drinking water for the village of Ruidoso and a source of great trout fishing fun.

The lake is open year-round for bank fishing and from April 1 to Oct. 1 for non-motorized fishing (village permit is required to fish from non-motorized fishing). The NMGF Department stocks the lake several times throughout the year.

Most fish caught average between 10 and 15 inches in length, however, there are several fish are caught each year that exceed 5 pounds in weight. Bait and spin cast fishing are very popular on Grindstone Lake.

Bonito Lake - Bonito Lake is located just off of Highway 48 about 8 miles out of Ruidoso. The lake serves as a water supply for Capitan and Alamogordo.

The lake is owned by the city of Alamogordo. A campground is

located on the north end of the lake and offers both primitive and convenience camping. Wading and nonmotorized craft are not allowed on this lake. Fish from the shore line only. The lake offers Rainbow and Brook trout.

Late afternoon or early morning fishing is best for the fly fishermen. Spin cast and bait fishing is fun all day. The lake closes on Dec. 1 of each year and opens on April 1 of each year. This year, the lake is extremely low.

Eagle Lakes - Eagle Lakes are about 3 miles up the ski mountain road with a left turn onto the Mescalero Indian reservation.

New Mexico fishing licenses are not required to fish these two small but very scenic lakes. A day fishing pass must be purchased at the Eagle Lakes office building located on the drive in. Camping at Eagle Lakes is awesome.

Some of the county's best nature shows develop each day here. Elk, deer, bears, coyotes, and many other animals inhabit the area. Eagle Lakes should open near Memorial day and close near Labor Day.

Mescalero Lake - The lake is located at the Inn of the Mountain Gods resort just outside Ruidoso. A New Mexico fishing license is not required, however, a day fishing permit is required. It may be purchased at the front desk of the Inn. Fly fishing is usually good evenings with a wide variety of dry flies being used along with casting the reliable old wooly bugger fly patterns. Bait and spin-cast fishermen can find plenty of shoreline to stake out fishing spots. Mescalero Lake is open for year-round fishing fun.

Water levels vary a great deal in the mountains as do water temperatures. With changes of water and temperature, food sources for the trout vary, thus, fishing conditions change often and quickly.

It is always good to check on conditions before planning an outing. A fishing report is published weekly by the Ruidoso News which outlines, conditions, and feeding activities of the Trout in our local rivers and streams.

A Colorful Tradition

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The major celebration of the Mescalero Apache Tribe will blast visitors with bursts of color, dancing, music and rodeo July 4 through 7 on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso.

"Salute to Our Hero Fire Fighters, Police, Military Men and Women," provides the theme for the 23rd Annual Mescalero Celebration Parade, which will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6, from a point below the rodeo ground off U.S. 70, and will end at the tribal administration center. Next to scaling Sierra Blanca Peak, this probably is the most spectacular experience in the Sacramento Mountains.

Come early to find a good parking space, bring chairs and settle back to watch between 75 and 100 entries including floats, dancers, bands, horse mounted groups and Indian royalty.

Homemade refreshments will be sold by vendors walking the route, along with jewelry.

The parade is only a portion of the holiday package. Rodeo events will be staged in the arena next to the ceremonial grounds where Mescalero maidens will pass through their coming-of-age ceremony. Dances and family-prepared feasts under brush-covered arbors are part of the puberty ceremonial.

At designated times, the maidens - who during this period are considered the living embodiment of a figure of perfection and all good traits - will bestow blessings with sacred pollen on those who line up for the honor.

Cameras are welcome at the parade and rodeo, but check with officials at the gate to the ceremonial grounds, because this is one event where cameras often are not allowed.

The 469,741-acre reservation is inhabited by members of three tribes - the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua, who early in the century struck an alliance for survival on one of the most produc-

tive and attractive pieces of real estate in New Mexico.

The tribal name Mescalero comes from the Spanish word for "people who eat mescal."

The mescal plant not only was a source of food and fiber for the tribe, today it is used for ceremonial purposes such as the maidens ceremony. The harvesting and roasting of the plant is a special event every year, with tribal groups traveling more than 100 miles in some cases to find the plant, which grows in the Apache's traditional homeland.

That homeland includes four sacred mountains: the Guadalupe, Three Sisters Mountain, Oscura Mountain Peak and Sierra Blanca, which looms over the town of Ruidoso and dominates the western side of Lincoln County. The four mountains represent the four directions of the universe.

Much more can be learned about the Apache, including their famous leaders such as Geronimo and Victorio, at the Cultural Center in the Chiricahua Plaza off U.S. 70 near the tribal store in Mescalero. The center offers a glimpse of early Apache life with exhibits on clothing, basketry, food preparation, the use of local herbs by medicine men to cure physical and spiritual ailments, artifacts, past treaties and proclamations between the tribes and the United States government.

A few traditional beliefs that might be handy to remember:

- An owl, especially one close by or hooting, is considered a bad omen by the Apache.

- A bear is never to be touched or eaten. It is not called by name or even talked about directly while in the mountains.

- An eagle feather is sacred, to be used only in religious ceremonies, but an owl feather is forbidden to be used in any manner.

- Do not stare or look at people too much or too long, because it is considered impolite and, with the elderly, disrespectful.

Just outside the center is a metal sculpture by artist Oliver Enjady, honoring the Red Hats, predecessors to the Mescalero Hot Shot fire fighting crews, which are well-respected in wild fire-fighting circles.

The center usually is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but tours at other times may be prearranged by calling curator Ellyn Bigrope at (505) 464-9254 or the tribal offices at 464-4494.

No Indian artwork or hand work is for sale at the center, but you can find them up the highway toward Ruidoso in two pri-

vately-operated shops.

A stop at St. Joseph's Mission also is worth the time. The 131-foot-long by 64-foot-wide Catholic church was constructed with backbreaking effort by tribal members and Franciscan Friar Albert Braun. Situated on the south side of U.S. 70, the mission was built with rock quarried nearby and timber from the spectacular mountains that surround the valley where the main tribal administration offices are.

Father Braun, who died at 95, is buried in the sanctuary of the church. Outside the front doors is the grave of another priest who was crushed while unloading some of the quarried stone.

Currently, an effort is underway to raise \$1 million to restore and improve the church, which needs a better heating system and repair to its 50-foot high, 4-foot thick stone walls.

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Valley of Fires

Going with the flow

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Fifteen hundred years ago, a lava flow oozed from cinder cones in the Tularosa Basin, burning a 44-mile-long path from 2 to 5 miles wide.

As the flow cooled, it left behind a landscape of gracefully twisted shapes later called the malpais - the badlands - by early Spanish explorers.

Today, visitors to Valley of Fires Recreational Area can see Little Black Peak, the last of the vents to open. They can picnic on a island of rock surrounded by a river of frozen lava or set up a tent camp at the edge of the flow.

Living among the lava caves, tubes and folds, lizards, snakes and even ground squirrel have adapted to their dark surroundings to survive.

"They're called melanistic animals," said Jerry Ballard, wildlife biologist with the federal Bureau of Land Management office in Roswell, which supervises the unique recreation area on U.S. 380. "They've changed colors due to the blackness of the lava.

Lava breaks down into rich soil and a great source of nutrients for a variety of plants, he said.

Besides reptiles, inhabitants include cottontail rabbits, road-runners, quail, cactus wrens, hawks, eagles and ravens.

The area features mostly Great Basin plants such as creosote and mesquite. Prickly pear cactus, walking stick cholla, hedgehog cactus and banana yucca light up the dark flow with their richly-colored flowers, while ferns flourish in the canyons.

More than 142,000 people visited the recreation area in 1999, Ballard said.

"We're on the regular route for bus tours now and we surfaced the gravel roads last year so they are dust free," he said.

Both types of lava are found at Valley of Fires; the rope-like

pahoehoe and "aa" (pronounced ah ah), which was ejected from the cones in jagged lumps.

Under the surface, tubes were created as the outer core of the lava cooled while the boiling interior continued to flow.

A wheelchair accessible nature trail cuts through the flow for about two-thirds of a mile. Interpretive panels in relief that allow tactile and interactive experiences were placed last year. Viewing binoculars are available at the head of the trail and at the shorter Vista Trail Overlook.

More adventurous visitors sometimes strike out across the lava, but they should take extra care, Ballard said. The sharp edges of the lava will shred most shoes and a simple fall can turn into a serious injury. Lava "bubbles" just under the crust, left by billowing gas during the flow's formation, can break underfoot and drop a hiker 40 feet down.

Park managers recommend hikers check in before going out on their own. They should carry sufficient water, because the lava absorbs heat and radiates enough to drive temperatures even higher than normal. Wear sturdy hiking boots, a long-sleeve shirt, bring a compass and a first aid kit, Ballard said.

In addition to individual recreational vehicle sites with water and electric hook-ups, six tent sites were created two years ago at the edge of the flow with covered shelters and picnic tables. Safe water and a restroom are a short walk away.

One group shelter, which can be reserved for \$15 per day, was built two years ago at the tent camping area and another



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The vast expanse of the Valley of Fires Recreation Area teems with flora and fauna.

is situated above in the regular pull-in sites.

Nineteen sites are on higher ground by the visitors center, where the manager's office, camp host and a restroom is situated. The center sells books on the malpais and other southwestern interests.

Plans this summer call for repaving the entire park and creating a new restroom with showers sometime during the months of June and July. The park may be closed during that construction. Call ahead to check at (505) 648-2241.

Valley of Fires is five miles west of Carrizozo on U.S. 380. From Alamogordo, go 27 miles north on U.S. 54, then turn left onto U.S. 380.

The visitors center is open

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

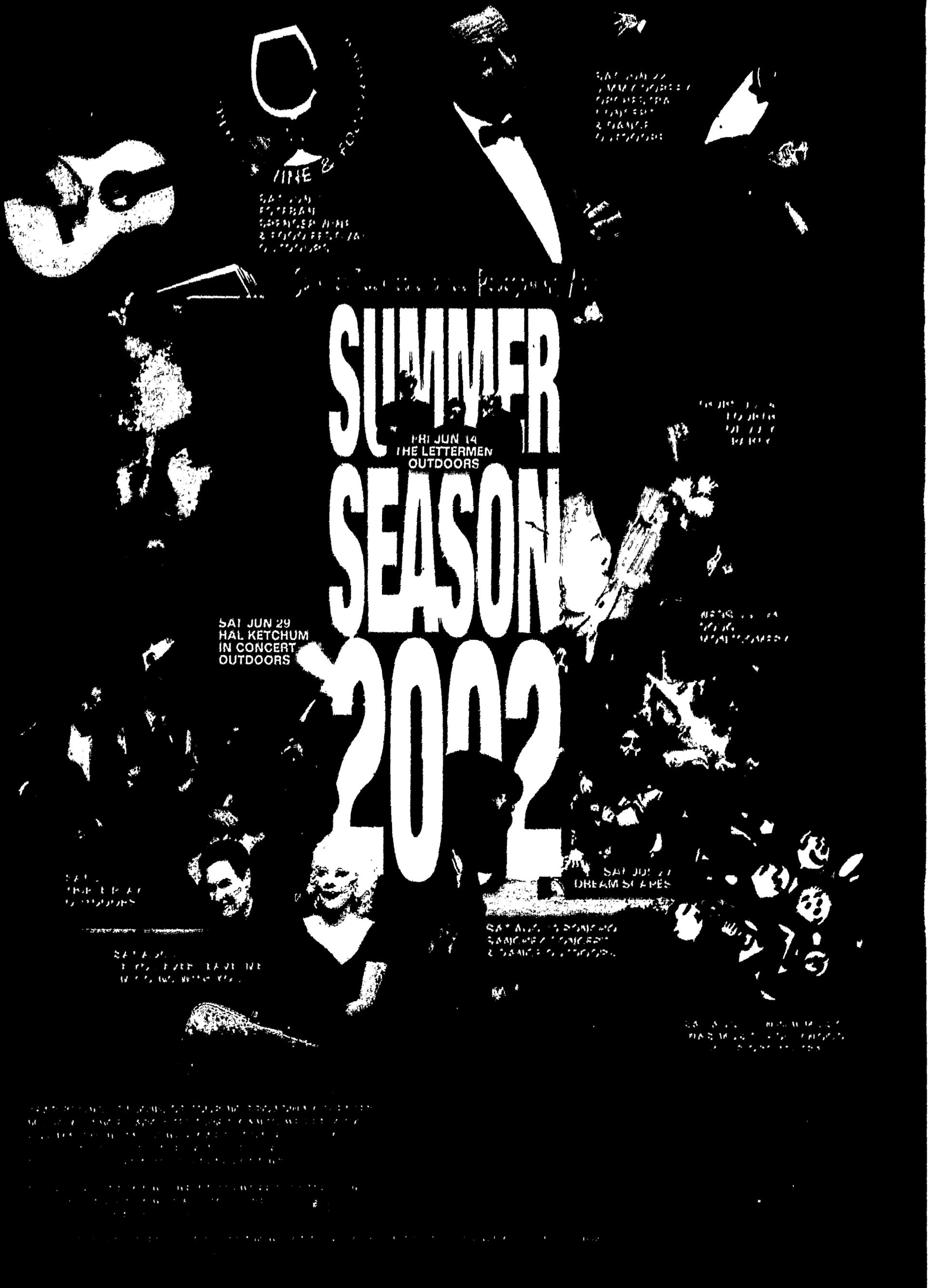
Recreational vehicles and tent campers can check in at any time. A camp host will be on site. Hosts are volunteers who receive a private site and free utilities in exchange for providing round-the-clock assistance for visitors.

Rates are:

- \$3 for one person in a vehicle and \$5 for two or more, day time use only
- \$15 for buses with 15 or more people, day time use
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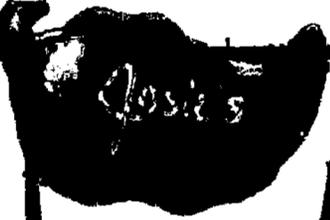
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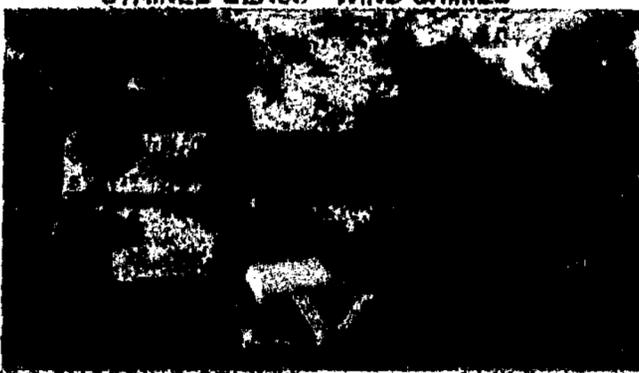
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Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway

Traveling Through History

DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Anyone who is interested in the natural beauty of New Mexico, Western history, or just a nice drive, should head straight for the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway.

Surrounded by historic towns with rich Spanish names like San Patricio and Hondo, the Byway winds its way through some of the most magnificent scenery in New Mexico — or the West, for that matter.

In the spring, the air is heavy with the perfume of apple blossoms and in the summer, the green pastures, along with the scent of new-mown hay and nearby pines, create an alluring aroma to accompany the stunning views.

In autumn, the bright golden aspens flicker in the wind and in winter the crisp mountain air invigorates the traveler as he gazes up at the snow capped peaks that comprise the Sacramento and Capitan mountains.

Lincoln County, along with the original county seat, the settlement of Lincoln itself, is, of course, famous for being the historical stomping ground of one of the mightiest legends ever to stride across the land: Billy the Kid.

With the death of his employer and friend, English merchant and entrepreneur John Tunstall, the Kid dealt himself into the now legendary Lincoln County War.

With gunmen and vigilantes lined up on both sides it became the most famous and possibly the most violent and bloody of all the "wars" that took place in that uniquely American slice of history known as the Old West.

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway passes through many historically significant

areas - Lincoln itself being one of them - and many other areas that are also designed to entertain the Visitor with more modern aims in mind.

Ruidoso, nestled in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains, is named for the river that runs through town. Spanish for "Noisy Water," Ruidoso plays host to many tourists, as there are attractions in Lincoln County that transcend all four seasons. Ruidoso itself is filled with warm, friendly people and outstanding shops, galleries, dining establishments and lodging.

In winter, nearby Ski Apache offers some of the finest skiing in the American West. One Visitor observed that in Colorado, when they got to the top of the ski runs, all they could ever see was other mountains, but here, the eyes are treated to views that on clear days, extend as far as 100 miles.

Ruidoso Downs, immediately east of Ruidoso, is best known for its world class horse racing at the legendary Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, next door to which is the Billy the Kid Casino, as well as the nearby Hubbard Museum of the American West.

The farming and ranching community of San Patricio was founded about 1875. During the Lincoln County War, it was known as one of the favorite resorts for Billy the Kid, and the men with whom he rode: The now-legendary Regulators. Today it is home to many artists, as well as the Hurd La Rinconada

Gallery, showcasing the works of Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth Hurd, two of the most famous American artists.

Passing through Lincoln is akin to time travelling. Preserved much as it was in the time of Billy the Kid, the little settlement is home to a number of fine museums and gift shops that include the Historic Lincoln Visitor's Center and the Old Courthouse from which Billy the Kid made his spectacular 1881 escape.

The famous Buffalo Soldiers, organized in 1866 as the 9th and 10th Cavalries, were stationed just outside of Lincoln at Fort Stanton. The diverse history of what was once a military installation includes being an internee site for Germans who escaped the sinking of the luxury liner "Columbus," just prior to America's entry into the Second World War, and, for many years, a tuberculosis hospital that catered to Merchant Mariners.

Finally, there is Capitan, founded in the 1890s and incorporated in 1941. In 1950, the little village acquired the title "Birthplace of Smokey Bear" when a forest fire destroyed 17,000 acres of forest land, wreaking havoc with the animals living there.

A tiny, badly singed bear cub was rescued by firefighters and became the living symbol of fire prevention. Today the Smokey Bear State



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
Sights along the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in San Patricio.

Park and an adjoining museum pay tribute to the little bear who grew up to live a long life, in the course of which he delighted thousands of children, and at the same time reminded their parents to camp responsibly.

Stop by the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitor's Center located right next door to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Just look for the incredible, larger-than-life display of bronze horses out front.

The friendly staff at the Byway Visitors Center will help the visitor explore the many attractions found along the Byway. Have fun!

Smokey was Here

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

A gateway to camping, hiking and horseback riding in the mountains that bear its name, Capitan is peppered with unique shops and restaurants.

But its major claim to national fame is tied to Smokey Bear, the bruin who became a national symbol for fire prevention and was rescued from a blaze in the forest there while still a cub in the 1950s.

Although most of the time hoppers can wander the streets at their leisure, once a year, Capitan explodes with visitors drawn to the rural community for the annual 4th of July bash. This year, the celebration will start Wednesday, July 3, and run through Saturday, July 6.

Musical entertainment, the 1st Annual 10K & 2 Mile Smokey Bear Fun Run, the 47th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo and crowning of the county queen, a ranch rodeo, dances, art shows, music, crafts and down home baked goods and barbecue will keep visitors busy.

But the biggest attraction is the Annual Smokey Bear Parade sponsored by the Friends of Smokey at 10 a.m. July 4 down U.S. 380, and featuring the Lincoln County Mounted Posse and lots of old-fashion fun.

Two years ago marked the town's centennial and Smokey's 40th birthday as the living version of a cartoon bear that became the U.S. Forest Service's symbol of forest fire prevention. When he died of old age, his body was brought back to be buried at the state historical park in Capitan.

A colony of artists and musicians settled in and around the town of about 1,500, which originally was called Gray and was founded on the development of coal fields northwest of the current town boundaries.

Virginia Watson-Jones said the musical festival and celebration of the arts will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 4 at the Capitan Municipal schools.

Admission is free. People can spread a blanket and enjoy a picnic or buy their food from concessions under a big tent donated by the National Guard.

Music by many local groups will include Emily Hobbs, Exit 101 and Depths of Perception.

"This is a celebration of the arts," Watson-Jones said. "Original artwork will be displayed, everything from metal sculpture to oil paintings and jewelry. It's a relaxed atmosphere. People are welcomed to dance if they feel like it."

Musicians are donating their time and talents as a way of thanking the community, she said. New participants are welcome and spontaneous performances can be accommodated, she said.

Sierra Blanca Motors donated a \$3,000 retail value vehicle. Tickets will be sold for \$2 each or three for \$5 for a chance to win the car.

Also as part of the celebration, Jackie Powell will be staging the multi-day Smokey Bear Trade Fair in the school auditorium with 75 dealers showing everything from Christmas trees to wild west accessories.

A big crowd is expected for the annual stampede rodeo and the ranch rodeo, which highlights actual ranching skills such as branding and penning. Both are at the county fairground arena, said Jerry Burchett of the county fair association.

"People come because it's good clean entertainment," he said. Traditional rodeo events include bull riding and calf roping. The Stampede event draws competitors from across the Southwest to the fairground in Capitan.

If you can't attend the big holiday weekend, stop at the histori-

cal park year-around to see how Smokey was created in 1944 on paper and to read about the living Smokey who spent most of his life at the national zoo in Washington, D.C. All new displays were created last year and a 10-minute film helps brief visitors on the history of Smokey and the fire prevention program.

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, the park fee is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for kids 7 to 12. Children under 7 are free.

A museum adjacent to the east side of the park and owned by the village features memorabilia about the bruin and a gift shop. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Across the street is the Wildland Fire Fighters Museum.

For other things to do in the area, miles of hiking trails, rocky and steep in places are laid out in the Capitan Mountains. Stop by

Forest Service or state Forestry Division offices for maps and tips. Horse trails are easily accessible through a parking lot on Bureau of Land Management property off State Highway 214 between U.S. 380 and Fort Stanton.

The historic fort founded in 1855 was the training ground in 1887 for Gen. John J. Pershing, later known as Blackjack Pershing.

Visitors can grab a great glimpse of Capitan Gap, a slice on the east-west Capitan Mountain range, from a viewing station a four miles east of town on U.S. 380 where a display tells Smokey's story and reviews the geology of the mountain range.

A different perspective of the Capitan and Sacramento mountain ranges can be seen on State Road 48 about four miles south of town at another Smokey Bear pull-off.

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Three Rivers Petroglyphs Site

Picturing the Past

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Sitting in the shadow in Sierra Blanca Peak with the plains of the Tularosa Basin spread out before them, Jornada Mogollon artists created something magnificent 1,000 years ago.

Today, visitors can walk the same ridge while trying to imagine the forces that shaped the lives of those prehistoric people, who pecked designs in the rocks depicting the animals they hunted and symbols of nature.

Three Rivers Petroglyphs Site contains more than 21,000 depictions including masks, sunbursts, wildlife, handprints and geometric designs, making it one of the largest and most interesting rock art sites in the Southwest.

A rugged trail begins at the visitor's shelter and runs for about a half mile. The rock carvings were produced with stone tools by removing the dark patina on the exterior of the rock. The patina is formed through oxidation, when oxygen in the air comes into contact with the minerals in the rock's surface.

While some were created by simply scratching through the patina, others were painstakingly pecked, usually with two rocks used like a hammer and chisel. Over time, the exposed surfaces repatinate, helping experts determine which are older.

Oz Gomez with the Las Cruces office of the Bureau of Land Management, which runs the site, reminded visitors to respect the history and fragility of the petroglyphs and refrain from climbing on the boulders and stepping on the designs. Vandals already damaged structures in a partially excavated Mogollon village along the river. Although visitors still can stroll down the trail to that village, they can no longer enter the huts to experience what everyday life was like for the builders.

The agricultural village was occupied for about 400 years, but

the prehistoric occupation of the Tularosa Basin, the expanse between the San Andres Mountains to the west and the Sacramento Mountains on the east, began at least 10,000 years ago when nomadic hunters populated most of North America. As larger game such as mammoth and bison died off, the bands turned to smaller game and plant resources.

The mountain branch of the Mogollons are called Mimbres and the desert people, Jornada Mogollon.

Dogs on leashes are allowed in the park, but not on the trail. Water and restrooms are available. Within the last few years, camp and picnic sites were improved and a campsite host now is on duty year-round manning a visitor's center. A \$2 fee per vehicle is charged. Recreational vehicle hookups run \$10 per day.

The U.S. Forest Service manages a campground nearby for a fee of \$6 per day.

Three Rivers Petroglyph Site is 17 miles north of Tularosa and 28 miles south of Carrizozo on US 54. Turn east onto CR830 and travel five miles on a paved road, following the signs.

Other points to remember:

- The site has eight shelters with tables, barbecue grills and trash cans. Two accommodate full RV hookups, one is handicapped accessible and one is a group shelter.

- A shade shelter is situated on the petroglyphs trail because the sun can be intense. Bring water, a hat and sunscreen.

- Wear sturdy boots.

- Call (505) 525-4300 for more information.



More than 21,000 depictions can be seen at Three Rivers Petroglyphs site.

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The Great Outdoors

Setting Up Camp

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

When temperatures sizzle at lower elevations, visitors to Ruidoso can cool their feet in a rushing mountain stream or hike trails shaded by towering pines.

Although the Lincoln National Forest was closed in May, it is possible it will reopen sometime this summer.

Just minutes from the heart of Ruidoso, visitors can find easy to moderate hiking on a fitness track near the entrance to Cedar Creek Drive or on trails radiating out from Spring Canyon and Cedar Creek camping and picnic grounds.

For a memorable hike in some of the most magnificent scenery in the Southwest, try Crest Trail, the mother of all of paths in the White Mountain Wilderness portion of the Lincoln National Forest.

The 25-mile-long winding path ties together every major hiking route in the wilderness and offers views almost certain to stop visitors at each twist and turn. It rides the rim of the Sacramento Mountains from Ski Run Road to Nogal Peak.

From a vantage point off Aspen Trail, hikers can view dazzling white gypsum sand dunes to the south or a river of black lava frozen in time to the north.

More than 300 miles of trails in the national forest, which includes the 83,000 acres of White Mountain Wilderness and the newer Capitan Mountain Wilderness, give ample variety for hiking, horseback riding, bikes and all terrain vehicles. Motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are not allowed in the wilderness areas.

Nine major trails tread the ridges and valleys in the White Mountain range, varying in length from 1 mile to more than 21 miles. Some climb only

a few hundred feet in elevation, while others ascend more than 3,000 feet. The top elevation, at Ice Springs, lies about 11,000 feet above sea level.

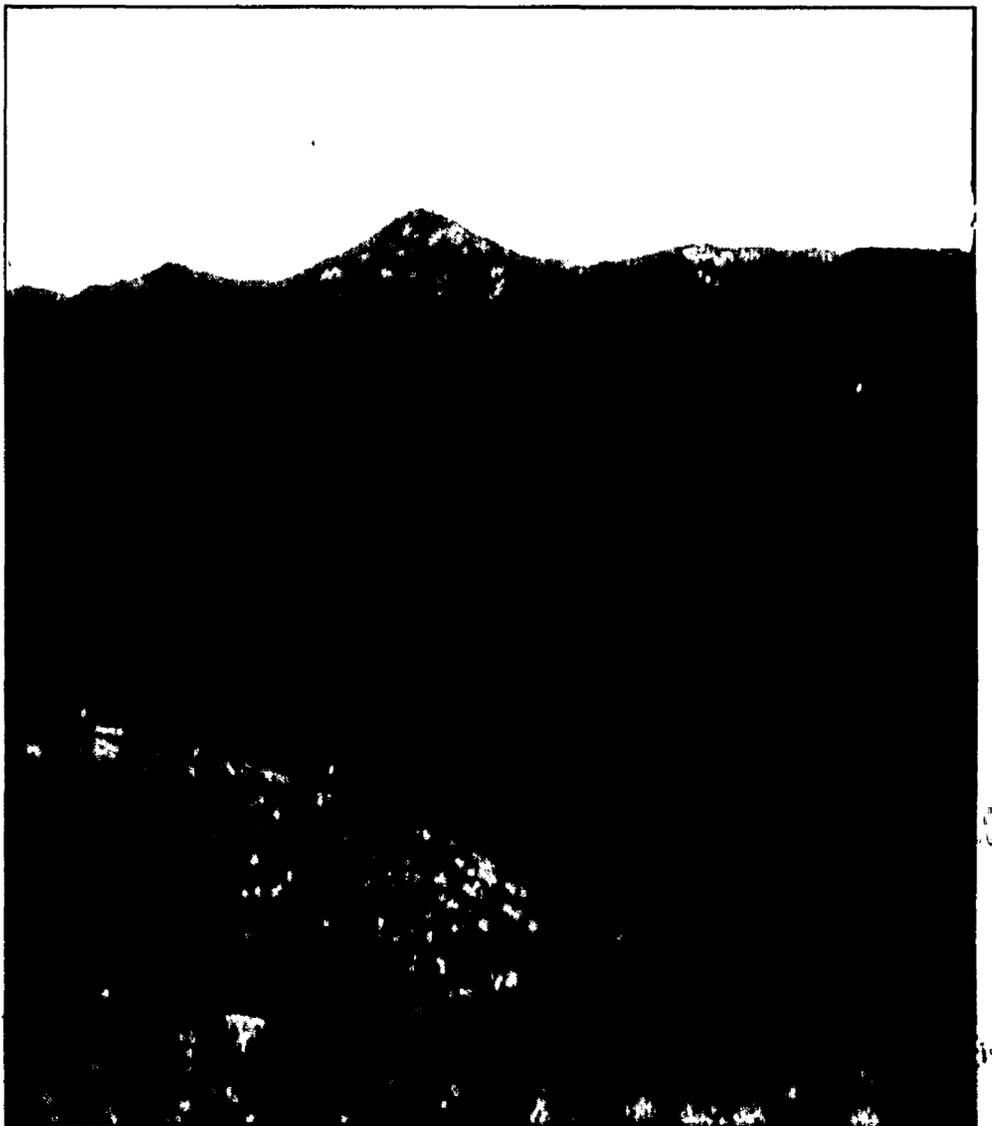
Most of the trailheads are accessible from the Bonito Lake Road, about 15 miles northwest of Ruidoso, off State Highway 37. Several may be reached from Ski Run Road, starting at a turn-off about three miles north of Ruidoso.

Three Rivers Trail is farther from Ruidoso, but worth the trip. The trailhead is situated in the Tularosa Basin at the western foot of the Sacramento Mountains, about 15 miles south of Carrizozo off U.S. 54 on Forest Road 579. It ascends 3,440 feet in 5.6 miles. A \$6 per day, per vehicle campground near the trailhead offers a corral for horses and is situated close to Three Rivers Petroglyphs Site with more than 21,000 ancient designs pecked into hard rock surface.

Waterproof maps are available for \$7 at the Smokey Bear Ranger District office on Mechem Drive at the entrance to the Cedar Creek recreation area.

If wide open spaces are more your style, trails for hikers, mountain bikers and horses also are mapped by the Bureau of Land Management on its Fort Stanton Reserve about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

The Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest maintains three developed camping areas within a half hour of Ruidoso, three group camp sites and six dispersed camping areas.



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Visitors can once again take advantage of the Ruidoso wilderness when Lincoln National Forest reopens.

One of the most popular developed campgrounds is South Fork, which charges \$10 per vehicle. It's situated near Bonito Lake reservoir, owned by the city of Alamogordo. The city also operates West Lake Campground there, a fee area. Only fishing and soaking up sun is allowed, no boating or swimming.

Cedar Creek has three group camping areas, available by reservation only with per day charges of \$100, \$80 or \$60, depending on the size of the group. A picnic pavilion, available for day-use only rents for \$25 per day, also at Cedar Creek.

The Smokey Bear District offers three dispersed camping areas on Bonito Lake Road, where no fee is charged and no sites are designated. West of Bonito Lake, Argentina Campground provides corrals

and a trail with a variety of vegetation.

Using Ski Run Road, visitors can access Oak Grove Campground, where a \$6 per campsite fee is charged for a chance to experience mountain camping. An earlier right-hand turn ends at Monjeau Peak, a fire lookout with tables, but no drinking water. The panoramic views of Sierra Blanca and the White Mountain Wilderness are great, but the site can be windy, with dramatic temperature changes. On the way up, try the Skyline camping area.

For more information about camping, and current fire restrictions, call the Smokey Bear Ranger District at 257-4095, the Sacramento Ranger District in Cloudcroft at (505) 682-2551, or the office of the supervisor of the Lincoln National Forest in Alamogordo at (505) 434-7200.

Youth activities

Forever Young

SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County area has an abundance of resources for youth and family enjoyment.

From fishing, hiking, swimming and touring to supervised activities through the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and the Ruidoso Public Library, there is plenty to keep youngsters busy.

Summer Reading Program

At the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, near Village Hall.

This year's theme is READiculous/*Leer el ridiculo*, and Lynda Bowman has whipped up an exciting summer program geared for the whole family, with storytellers, entertainers and creative workshops.

When parents bring in their children to register, the children receive reading logs to track their reading throughout the summer. Children receive Funny Money to buy some of the terrific toys in the Giggles and Grins Shoppe for every book they read.

"We'll start with smiles, add a few grins, stir in some chuckles and work our way up through snickers, giggles, chortles, guffaws and belly laughs," Bowman said.

The opening sign-up extravaganza will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, and there will be munchies and comical movies. Bring your best jokes to post on the Knock-Knock Board. Those who can't make it to the opening sign-up can come in at any time to get on board. Children age 3 and up can sign up for their own reading cards and visiting children are welcome to participate and can get temporary cards as long as they're with an adult who has a picture ID. Even children only in town for a day can participate in a workshop or

see the guest entertainers.

Activities are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week in June and July and two entertainers have been scheduled. At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, "story-dancer" Terry Alvarez will be at the library in colorful attire, using stories and rhythm games focused on humor and the alphabet.

On Friday, June 14, Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Productions will give a READiculous puppet show.

On Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in June, Bob Yehling will lead a Young Authors workshop for fourth-graders and up. Yehling is an accomplished author who teaches creative writing and hosts an "open-mike" night at Books and Beans in Midtown on Thursday evenings.

On Tuesdays in July, Keepers of the Earth will share Native American stories about the earth and join in earth-care activities.

On Wednesdays in June and July from 2:30-3:30 p.m., two programs will alternate: Wacky Wednesday Movies will be June 5 and 19 and July 3 and 17, and My Favorite Book Club will be June 12 and 26 and July 10 and 24. Some hilarious flicks may last until 4 p.m. Bring \$1 for snacks, but the popcorn will be free. Share one of your favorite books from home or the library during My Favorite Books Club, read some fun stories and share a snack.

Awesome Arts and Crafts will happen from 2:30-3:30 on Thursdays in June and July — papier-mache, paper flowers, balloon animals, weaving and other fun activities are planned. Parents are encouraged to stay with children age 5 and younger.

To seal the summer, the Fantastic Finale will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. This is a chance to turn in final reading logs and spend the Funny Money earned during eight fun weeks of reading. Sweet treats will be provided, as well as certificates and prizes.

Preschool Storytime is from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays all summer.

For more information, call the Ruidoso Public Library at 258-3704, or stop by 107 Kansas City Road to pick up a brochure.

Kids Konnection Playground

The design for this new playground in the White Mountain Recreation Complex behind Sierra Vista Primary

School came from students of all the elementary schools in the Ruidoso area. The playground is open from sunrise to dusk.

The following are not allowed in the playground: pets, bikes or skateboards, smoking, alcohol, glass containers, food and littering.

Wilderness Camp

The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department plans exciting outdoor activities in the area this summer, including fishing, hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, nature studies, field trips and sports.

Wilderness Camp will run from noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting June 3

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and running for 10 weeks (skipping July 1-5), ending Aug. 9. Children will be divided into two age groups: 7- to 9-year-olds and 10- to 12-year-olds, with a limit of 15 children per group and a cost of \$50 per child per week or \$15 per day. Parents must sign a permission slip and waiver-of-liability form and prepay when registering their children in the program.

Because the department outgrew its old facility and moved into offices on Wingfield, the location for Wilderness Camp had not been decided at the time of publication.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 257-5030.

Youth Fishing Daze

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, the U.S. Forest Service Wildlife and Fisheries Department and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department have scheduled 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 8 as Youth Fishing Daze at Grindstone Lake in Ruidoso for children 7 to 11 years of age. Canoe rides, lectures and refreshments will be provided. No admission will be charged, but participants need to bring fishing poles and sunscreen.

Ruidoso Municipal Pool schedule

The pool was tentatively scheduled to open May 25, and offers lifeguard training and swimming lessons through the Parks and Recreation Department, which warns that the classes fill quickly.

The pool is open 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. seven days a week. (Adult lap swims are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning June 4.)

Admission for swimming is \$2.25, or \$50 for a season pass. Admission for the water slide is \$6 per day, or \$80 for a season pass. A family pass without the slide is \$75, and \$150 with the slide.

An additional \$20 will be charged for more than five per-

sons on a family pass, and only immediate family members are allowed. No refunds will be made due to inclement weather, but rain checks may be issued at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation supervisor.

Night-time pool parties (7 to 10 p.m.) are available for a pool-usage fee of \$200 for up to 40 people, and \$2 for each additional person. This includes lifeguards and use of the water slide. Call 275-2795 a week in advance to reserve the pool.

Special group swims are also available to interested groups. For prices call 257-2795 and ask for the pool manager.

Swim lesson schedule

Beginners (5- and 6-year-olds) — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:15 a.m.: June 4-15, and June 18-29. \$30.

Beginners (7 years of age and older) — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.: June 3-14 and June 17-28. \$30

Beginners (7 years and older) — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., June 3-15, June 17-28, and July 1-12. \$30

Advanced beginners (for those who have completed the beginners course) — Two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (first session July 1-12); 9:30-10:15 a.m. (second session July 15-26). \$30.

Intermediate (all ages that have completed advanced beginners) — Two-week session, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., July 15-19. \$30.

Parent & Tot (1 to 4 years old, and parents must accompany children) — One-week session, Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., July 15-19. \$15.

Adult beginner — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., June 11-27. \$15. (Must have six people registered to have the class.)

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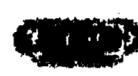
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SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

*F*or an old-fashioned cowboy evening with campfire, supper and music, the Flying J Ranch is just the ticket.

Located on Highway 48 just before the airport highway, the ranch is a family operation of the entire Hobbs family, which also performs there as part of the Flying J Wranglers, famous in the area for their three- and four-part harmonies and "Ghost Riders in the Sky"-type western songs.

The musicians include James Hobbs, Cindy Hobbs, Randy Jones, Lynn Campbell, Roy Black and three-time New Mexico State Fiddle Champion Marilyn Bremer.

The show includes "Song for New Mexico," written by James

Hobbs. It is the group's most requested number by far, and has been mentioned as a possible state Western song.

The Flying J Ranch is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, six nights a week (closed Sunday), and then Saturdays after Labor Day through mid-October.

The ticket booth opens at 6 p.m. and activities abound for children and adults. Children can try their hands at pistol shooting (with real guns but wax bullets, said Cindy Hobbs) and pony rides. At 7:15 p.m., there's an old-

fashioned Western gunfight, and chuck-wagon chow is served at 7:30 p.m. The show is afterward, and ends about 9:15 p.m.

Tickets, which include meal, the pistol shoot and tax, are \$9 for children. Kids 3 years old and younger are free. Adult tickets are \$17. Pony rides are \$1 each.

"It's geared around the Old West, to get a taste of the real cowboy experience," Hobbs said. "There's cowboy music, yodeling, banjo, mandolin. We have a little Western village with

pony rides for kids, horse shoes; a gunfight in the street, shops to browse through with kids' stuff, then a meal and a show, with music geared for the whole family, and comedy acts."



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Billy the Kid Casino

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TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs

Race Track turns three years old this year, and has become one of the hot spots for local entertainment.

Visitors can go from the excitement of quarter horse racing at the racetrack to a trip back in time to historic Lincoln, as the casino is designed and decorated as a replica of Billy's old hometown.

The casino offers gambling on 300 slot machines, including nickel, quarter, \$1 and \$5 slots, as well as progressive jackpots, multivideo poker, video keno and video blackjack. If the machines aren't enticing enough, Billy the Kid Casino

also has off-track betting facilities, offering racing fans wagering seven days a week.

From time to time, Billy himself may be seen wandering around, telling stories of his past. Visitors can also catch a glimpse of where Billy hid after he and five of the Regulators ambushed Sheriff Brady.

The casino itself is decorated with Western artifacts from the Hubbard Museum of the American West and historic Lincoln. It is located at the east end of the grandstand at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

If guests get tired of gambling, they can always get a bite to eat at the San Patricio buffet or grab a cold one at the Regulators bar and lounge. The Tunstall Store offers a variety of souvenirs, as does the

Murphy-Dolan Store, where visitors can take a load off at the shop's front porch.

The casino is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday through Thursday and noon to midnight Friday.



Courtesy Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino

Billy the Kid Casino is usually hopping during the summer.

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The Hubbard Museum of the American West

The Cowboy Way of Life

DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Marked by a large outdoor sculpture of frolicking horses, the Hubbard Museum of the American West is located in Ruidoso Downs.

The museum is known for its extensive collection of horse racing history, along with the artifacts of Native Americans and the pioneers who settled New Mexico, and boasts a gallery of changing art exhibitions worth a stop for any visitor to Lincoln County.

On the outside, a massive sculpture, "Free Spirits at Noisy Waters" by bronze sculptor Dave McGary, sets the tone. Seven different breeds, painted to mimic every detail, gallop toward an unseen stream.

For fans of contemporary Western art, some of the best will be on display through Oct. 20 by Gordon Snidow, the foremost chronicler of the cowboy for more than 40 years.

Charter and emeritus member of the Cowboy Artists of America, Snidow's work reflects his life experiences.

The retrospective exhibition honors the body of his work, from his first piece, his early juvenile painting, to his current art, including the "Coors Cowboy Collector Series" and "American Woman."

Pencil sketches and paintings in gouache, a unique medium Snidow popularized, will be featured in the vibrant collection.

In the tradition of George Caitlin, Charles Russell and Frederic Remington, "Snidow is a historian who records his time in pictures rather than words, and as Russell and other in-their-time contemporary chroniclers of the West are seen today as painters of the 'Historic West,' so Snidow will be seen in the future," a writer in Prix de West's 2000 catalog observed.

Michael Duty wrote that Snidow paints not as he wants life to be, but the way it is.

Commenting on his work, Snidow said, "I personally listened to the cowboys talk; then I used their colloquialism as titles for my paintings. I chose realism to best depict the people and events about which I want to speak.

"The West as I painted it has changed and will never be the same. Through my art, however, it will never die."

Some of the pieces hanging in the gallery are "Ain't No City Beer," "Big Sky Country," "Chuckwagon," "Cowboy's Christmas Prayer," and "The Smell of Dust," comprising an exhibition that's a must-see for those who value the cowboy way of life.

In the corridor on the bottom floor of the museum, "Cowboys and Indians: Images of the West," is laid out behind glass. The theme compares Hollywood movies and tourist images with the real West through photographs and artifacts.

At one end of the main downstairs gallery, part of a collection by Anne Stradling depicts a room in her home and items of everyday use. In the main display area, more of her authentic saddles, spurs and carriages are set up to view.

One of the most extensive horse racing exhibits in the country, with more than 1,000 photographs, trophies and artifacts associated with famous Ruidoso Downs race horses, riders and owners, is located in the Race Horse Hall of Fame.

Armchair jockeys can climb into the saddle to experience a virtual reality race to the finish



Ruidoso News photo

The sculpture "Free Spirits at Noisy Waters" graces the entrance to the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

line against their friends.

Also featured is the most winning team in the All American Futurity, horse trainer Jack Brooks and jockey Jackie Martin in a comparison of the futurity as the world's richest quarter horse race to the Kentucky Derby.

Younger visitors can stop at the children's corner to draw and color horses, create their own brands, work puzzles, don western clothing and climb onto a full-size horse mannequin with saddle and bridle.

Located east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino in Ruidoso Downs, the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and military with identification and \$2 for children from 6 to 16. Younger children are free.

For more information, call (505) 378-4142.



Courtesy

The art of Gordon Snidow will also be on display at the museum.

The Spencer Theater

Enjoy the show

More outdoor concerts than ever before are set for the Spencer Theater this summer, with seven of 15 events scheduled to take place in the sculptured outdoor amphitheater.

When it's outdoors, there's no limit to seating, though tickets cost less when you buy early. The outdoor shows feature big band orchestral music, pop harmony, country, acoustic new age, classic/contemporary jazz, Latin jazz and salsa. Indoors, four performances electrify the auditorium with futuristic modern dance, classical pop piano, and Broadway hilarity.

Series tickets (a purchase of tickets to four or more shows) and single tickets are already on sale. Special arrangements will be made in case of bad weather on outdoor performance days.

The season kicks off 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1 with an outdoor concert featuring the flamenco guitarist Esteban and his multi-instrumental band of trumpet, piano, keyboards, bass and drums.

Highlights among the six other outdoor events include acclaimed country singer/songwriter Hal Ketchum, performing with his band on June 29.

Electrifying the indoor stage on July 27 is "Dreamscapes," a multi-sensory show featuring aerial ballet, modern dancers, magical illusions and a Grammy nominated all-star band.

Season brochures are available at the Spencer Theater. Call (505) 336-4800 or go online at www.spencertheater.com for ticket information. A complete list of events follows.

June 1: Third annual outdoor wine and food fest featuring Flamenco guitarist Esteban at 7 p.m.

June 14: The Lettermen, pop harmony at 8 p.m.

June 22: The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Outdoor concert and dance at 8 p.m.

June 29: Country artist Hal Ketchum. Outdoor concert at 8 p.m.

July 4: Fourth of July party. Gates open at 6 p.m. Professional fireworks at dark. Music by Michael Metz Jazz Ensemble and, exclusively in the Founders Club, the Windsor Creek Trio.

July 13: Triple Play - blues/jazz/folk musicians. Outdoor concert at 8 p.m.

July 20: Lincoln County Children's Theater presents "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-Up)" at 3 p.m.

July 20: Lincoln County Children's Theater presents "Really Rosie" at 7 p.m.

July 24: Doug Montgomery - classical, pop, contemporary piano at 8 p.m.

July 27: Steve Reid's "Dreamscapes" - futuristic ballet and dance at 8 p.m.

Aug. 3: "If You Ever Leave Me...I'm Going With You!" Starring Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Aug. 10: Poncho Sanchez, Latin jazz. Outdoor concert at 8 p.m.

Aug. 16: Missoula Children's Theatre presents "Red Riding Hood" at 7 p.m.

Aug. 17: "When Music Was Music." Mac Frampton and the 17-piece Hollywood Hills Orchestra play at 8 p.m.

Aug. 24: The '50s and '60s-style Broadway musical "Forever Plaid" at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Originally scheduled for March 23, the show was cancelled due to an area wildfire. Existing tickets will be honored at this performance.



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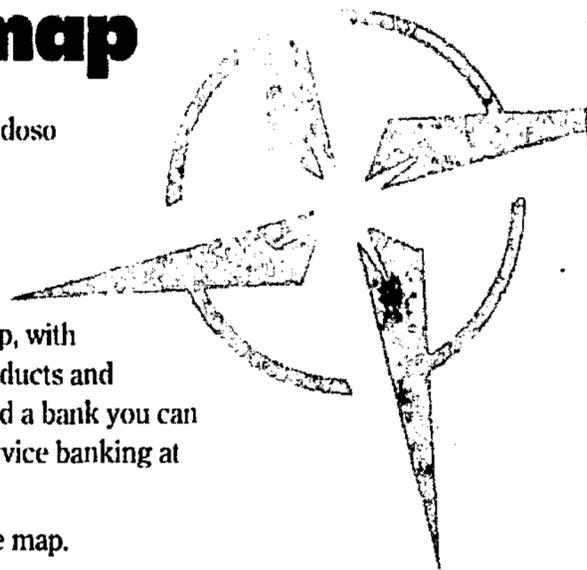
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Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club
100 Country Club Drive, Alto

Call 336-4231 for tee times. Scott Forestor 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. \$5 for 9 holes; \$7 for 18 holes or \$25 monthly.

Cree Meadows Public Golf Course

301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso

Call 257-5815 for tee times
Eric Eggleston is the course pro

Features:
• 18 holes, 5,831 yards from

the blue tees, course rating 66.1, par 71.

• Signature hole: No. 2 is 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.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods

Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero

Call 257-5141 for tee times
Daniel Nuñez is the golf pro

Features:
• 18 holes, 6,834 yards from the blue tees, course rating 72.1, par 72.

• Signature hole: No. 14 is 506 yards, par 5, that has a double dogleg.

• Small practice range.

• The Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course is located adjacent to the hotel and casino on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. It's open to the public.

Kokopelli Golf & Tennis Club

201 High Mesa Road, Alto

Call 336-1818 for tee times
Jeff Chapman is the head pro

Features:
• 18 holes, 3,854 yards, course rating 57.2, par 63.

• Kokopelli is an executive course with nine par threes and nine par fours.

• Signature hole is No. 13
• Kokopelli is a private course for members and their guests. It is the newest golf course in the Ruidoso area.

The Links at Sierra Blanca
105 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso

Call 258-5330 for tee-times



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso News

Like many of the area courses, Cree Meadows Golf Course offers a spectacular view. Above is the vista from the 10th Hole at Cree Meadows.

Morgan Clough is the general manager a challenging public course designed by Jim Colbert.

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



Ruidoso News photo

Duffers play a round at Cree Meadows Golf Course.

Motorcycling

The Hogs Are Back

TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

The hills will come alive with the sound of engines this summer, as "riding season" in Ruidoso is bookended by a pair of motorcycle rallies.

The Golden Aspen Rally has been held every summer for the last 31 years, and rolls again this year from Sept. 18-22. Held at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, the rally is the premiere motorcycling event in Ruidoso. The rally is put on by the Golden Aspen Rally Association, which is currently chartered with the American Motorcyclist Association and the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association, and is held the third Wednesday of September every year.

But there is plenty of riding to do before that.

"Riding season," as it is known (although the weather around town is usually pleasant enough for year-round biking), is kicked off by the Aspencash Rally, also put on by the Golden Aspen Rally Association. That event is held the third weekend in May, which was May 16-19 this year.

Of course, a motorcyclist doesn't need a rally to ride, and there are plenty of roads to roam in and around Ruidoso. Whether it's hairpin turns among the pines, flat stretches through farmlands, or a stop-and-go historical ride you're looking for, Lincoln, Otero and Chavez counties cater to every biker's desires.

When in town, you can ride the back roads of Ruidoso, many of which are just as majestic and exciting as those you'll find off the beaten path.

If you're looking for a great view, hit the Ski Run Road. Highway 70 though the Hondo Valley may be a little busy at times, but this is the path that leads to the lifeblood of the area, with many artistic masterpieces along the way.

For long, broad sweeps and

more than a little history, you can take U.S. Highway 380 and check out Capitan, birthplace of Smokey Bear, and historic Lincoln, hometown of Billy the Kid. Also, if you're out at lunch or dinner time, you can always find a tasty bite to eat throughout the area.

And there's no need to worry if you forgot you're iron mount back home. Just rent one.

Ruidoso Motorsports at 427 Mechem rents Yamaha V-Star 650s and Road Star 1600s. Owner Ronny Smith keeps four V-Stars and one Road Star in stock and very rarely rents them all out at once.

All rental rates include insurance and a Department-of-Transportation-approved helmet (not required in New Mexico). You must have a current motorcycle license and a \$1,000 collision damage deposit via cash or credit card.

But the main event and finale is still the Golden Aspen Rally. Featured events at this year's rally include parades, bike judging, a large trade show, poker runs, test rides, seminars, and:

- The Ninth Annual Biker Buddy Contest, which recognizes the best non-human motorcycling companion.

- An observed-trials exhibition at which you can watch riders climb over obstacles and perform tricks without putting a foot down.

- A concert by Grand Funk Railroad, part of Ruidoso Downs Race Track's Summer Concert Series, will be held Sept. 21 at the racetrack.

For more information on the rally, contact the Golden Aspen Rally Association, P.O. Box 1458, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1458 or call 1-800-8045.



Courtesy photo

The Golden Aspen Rally will be held Sept. 18-22.

Roads to ride

Y Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway (includes U.S. 70 from Ruidoso Down to Hondo (22 miles), N.M. 48 from Ruidoso to Capitan (25 miles) and U.S. 380 from Capitan to Hondo (12 miles). This ride includes historical sites, farm and ranching valleys and high mountain communities.

Y State Road 220 From Alto through Fort Stanton to U.S. 380 (20 miles). This ride takes you past the awe-inspiring Spencer Theater, the Ruidoso airport, the only Merchant Marine cemetery in the United States and through Fort Stanton, the former home of Buffalo Soldiers, Kit Carson, German prisoners of war and tuberculosis patients.

Y N.M. 532 (Ski Run Road - 12 miles). Ski Run Road takes you through the Lincoln National Forest and Mescalero Apache Reservation on 12 miles of twists and turns. The

road climbs to almost 12,000 feet, then drops slightly before ending at Ski Apache. There are several pull-outs and scenic views of the valley below.

Y N.M. 244 from U.S. Highway 70 to Cloudcroft (29 miles). One of the most impressive rides in the area, N.M. 244 winds through the Mescalero Apache Reservation in a series of sweeps and twisters, culminating just east of Cloudcroft. Watch the sharp curve at Elk Silver, and keep an eye out for animals, both wild and domestic.

Y N.M. 246 (Pine Lodge Road) from Capitan to Roswell (82 miles). This back way from the home of Smokey Bear to the home of alien visitors is a narrow two-lane that crosses the Capitan Mountains then travels west in swoops and sweeps along the north side of the Capitan Wilderness, ending in the plains west of Roswell.

What to do, where to go

Summer and Fall Events

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May

May 25 to Oct. 20 — A Gordon Snidow Retrospective Exhibition, "My Story" at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

June

June 1 — "The Spencer Wine & Food Festival" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 the day of the show. Those attending need to bring chairs or blankets for the best seating during this outdoor event. For more information call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

June 13 — Open-mike night 6-8 p.m. at Books & Beans, 2501 Sudderth, Midtown. Participants can read their poetry and writing or play their music. For more information call 336-2249 or 630-2326.

June 14 — "The Lettermen" at 8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$38 in advance and \$45 the day of the show. Spectators need to bring chair and blanket for the best seating for this outdoor event. The gates open at 7 p.m. For more information call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

June 15 — Mountain of Blues Festival, Sierra Blanca, noon to 8 p.m. (gates open at 11 a.m.). Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the gate, children 12 and younger are free. For information, visit www.ruidoso.net/blues-festival.

June 15 — Run to the Mesa, a benefit for colon cancer awareness. The race begins at 8 a.m. at the Spencer Theater. There is a \$15 early entrance fee and a \$20 entrance fee the day of the race. Awards and drawings will be held after the race. Early registration must be postmarked by June 1, and packet pick-up is 6-7:30 a.m. Late registration packet pick-up closes at 7:30 a.m. Long-sleeved shirts are recommended.

June 22 — The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra Concert and Dance, 8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 the day of the show. Bring a chair or a blanket for the best seating. Gates open at 7 p.m. For more information call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

June 29 — The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts will host Hal Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$38 dollars in advance and \$45 the day of the show. Bring a chair or a blanket for the best seating. The gates open at 7 p.m. For more information call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

June 29 — "Blooming in June", an arts and crafts fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 South Sutton. For more information call 257-2220.

July

July 1-4 — Mescalero Apache Ceremonial Dances. Planned events include Pow-wow, rodeo, parade, Native American food and traditional Apache dances beginning at sundown. For more information call 464-4494.

July 3-6 — The Smokey Bear Stampede will be held in Capitan. Planned events include a parade, rodeo and barbecue. A dance will be held each night beginning at 9 p.m. For more information call 354-2273.

July 4 — Fourth of July Party at the Spencer Theater of Performing Arts, 6:30 p.m., \$25 per person. For more information call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

July 6 — Toby Keith, 2002 Summer Concert Series - Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino. Ticket prices that range from \$65 for VIP seats to \$20. Call 378-4431 for tickets and information.

July 12-13 — Relay for Life, 6 p.m. Friday to noon Saturday, Ruidoso High School Warrior track. Call Cynde at 336-7010 for more information.

July 13 — Open-mike night, Books & Beans, 2501 Sudderth Drive, 6-8 p.m. 336-2249 or 630-2326.

July 13 — Triple Play,

blues/jazz/folk, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$32 in advance, \$35 day of show, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

July 13-14 — Art Loop self-guided tour. 354-2010 or 653-4707.

July 20 — "How to eat Like Child ..." 3 p.m., Children's Theatre, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts; "Really Rosie," 7 p.m., \$5 children 12 and under, \$10 adults. 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

July 21 — Christmas in July, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Episcopal Church, 121 Mescalero Trail, bake sale, candy, luncheon and gigantic garage sale.

July 24 — Doug Montgomery, classical pop, contemporary piano, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$18 and \$20, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

July 26-28 — 31st Ruidoso Art Festival — 120 juried artists form a dozen states display paintings, drawings, photography, glass, porcelain, woodwork, fabric and sculpture. For more information, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce 257-7395 or (800) 253-2255.

July 27 — Dreamscapes, 8 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$35 and \$38, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

August

Aug. 2-4 — Old Lincoln Days, Lincoln, street vendors, food, parade, mountain man camp, "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant. (505) 653-4025.

Aug. 2-4 — Pony Express Trial Ride, carrying U.S. Mail over old West trials of Billy the Kid, including Old Lincoln Days parade. 354-4308 or (800) 253-2255.

Aug. 3 — "If You Ever Leave Me ... I'm Going With You!" 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$30 and \$38, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

Aug. 9 — Randy Travis, 2002 Summer Concert Series. Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, tickets 378-4431.

Aug. 10 — Poncho Sanchez

Concert and Dance, gates open at 7 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$32 in advance and \$35 day of show, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

Aug. 12 to Labor Day — All American Festival, events leading up to the All American Futurity, 378-4431.

Aug. 12-18 — Aspengold Regional Bridge Tournament, Convention Center, call Billie Mitchell 258-4182 or Gene Templeton 257-5422.

Aug. 16 — "Red Riding Hood," Missoula Children's Theatre, 7 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$5 children 12 and under, \$10 adults, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

Aug. 17 — "When Music Was Music," 8 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$42 and \$45, 336-4800 (888) 818-7872.

Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 — All American Gun and Western Collectibles Show.

September

Sept. 2 — All American Futurity, Ruidoso Downs Race Track. 378-4431.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — The Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary will hold its annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Senior Citizens Center, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Monday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission \$1 per person.

Sept. 18-22 — The Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, registration 8 a.m., trade show 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday

Sept. 21 — Grand Funk Railroad, 8 p.m., 2002 Summer Concert Series. Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, \$30 and \$15 with no VIP section. Call 378-4431 for tickets and information.

October

Oct. 4-6 — Aspenfest Weekend, chili cookoff, arts and crafts fair, Aspenfest Parade and "Run to Ruidoso" rod run show.