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Season for giving

Area food bank needs support during holidays

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Volunteers with the Lincoln County Food Bank man the shop year-round, but the demand during the holidays, coupled with people donating to other worthy seasonal causes, results in the pantry looking a bit lean at times.

New volunteer manager Max Roberson and wife, Marilyn, hope that picture will change and people won't forget the Food Bank is an on-going project that never lets up as holidays come and go.

"Invariably, (people) bring green beans and we end up with hundreds of cans of green beans and nothing else."

Max Roberson
Food bank volunteer

Money donations yield the most effective results, said volunteer Willis Cash. "We receive discounts (from suppliers) and we don't pay taxes, so it's better for us to do the buying," he said.

Selection also is another reason that it's better to leave the buying to the volunteers. "It's hard for us to tell people what commodities to bring," Roberson said. "And invariably, they bring green beans and we end up with hundreds of cans of green beans and nothing else."

The food bank, a nondenominational project housed at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso, opened more than 12 years ago. It was designed to provide food for the two-week interval before help arrives in the form of food stamps for families and individuals applying for governmental assistance.

"But we don't turn anyone away who needs food," said Marilyn Roberson. That doesn't mean people should show up at



Jean and Earl Gremillion volunteers with the Lincoln County Food Bank stock the shelves for the holiday crush

the food bank door. Food is provided only through referrals from government agencies and programs, churches and other specific entities, she said. The food also is targeted for residents of the county, not people passing through, she said.

What recipients receive are the staples, Roberson said.

Generally, they will walk away with a bag containing some canned vegetables and fruit,

some cereal, flour, peanut butter and jelly, plus anything appropriate that has been donated separately and is available, such as frozen meat.

Many of the volunteers never see each other as they fulfill their weekly shifts. But several, including Cash, Jean and Earl Gremillion and Jim Radcliffe showed up Wednesday to help unload a small shipment of goods that had just arrived.

Receipts income a record

September's \$780,100 check was the highest ever in one month, and those high numbers may continue.

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The news was short, but sweet. Ruidoso's gross receipt tax totals are running ahead of last year.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight said she received the check for September's tax on sales and services and it's the largest amount ever collected in that month.

"It came in at \$780,100 and that's great news," she said.

The checks are received two months after the tax is collected.

The year-to-date total of \$3,443 million compares to \$3,237 million last year, putting the village \$205,000 ahead, she said.

"And now we have some nice snow outside, so we may continue to see some good checks," she said.

Before the start of the 2002-2003 fiscal year on July 1,

McKnight - then finance director for the village - and former manager Alan Briley warned the council that gross receipt taxes were lagging behind previous years and they worried about the eventual budget impact.

But the latest check reflects a continuing trend in the last few months to match or exceed previous years.

Because Ruidoso is a tourist-based economy, its ability to serve residents, to pay its debts and to obtain goals rises and falls with the gross receipt tax.

The September tax probably benefited from the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, which registered the largest participation numbers in its history.

"...We may continue to see some good checks."

Lorri McKnight
village manager

Wastewater report bad omen for village

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Ruidoso village councilors weren't smiling Tuesday after thumbing through a copy of a presentation about their wastewater treatment plant by the state Environment Department that was postponed because of bad weather.

State officials and the village's consultant canceled their appearances because of possible poor road conditions after a snow storm hit the area late Monday and throughout the day Tuesday. But Steve Baumgart, of the ED's Surface Water Quality Bureau, faxed a copy of the information scheduled to be covered.

"It doesn't look like good news," said Councilor Bob Sterchi.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight said the session on new standards to be imposed on the regional wastewater treatment plant shared by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will be rescheduled as early as possible to give councilors from both municipalities a chance to ask questions.

Ruidoso officials were hoping to hear that recent testing on the Ruidoso River prompted state officials to rethink the stringent phosphorus and nitrogen removal standards being imposed on the plant. The cost to meet those standards and a required expansion has been estimated as \$21 million.

"Somewhere it says that despite the fact the standard they're imposing is the highest in the state, it may not be high enough," said Councilor Ron Hardeman.

Mayor Leon Eggleston clarified that the state ED sets the guidelines, not the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the federal agency won't move without changes first from the state.

Baumgart is working with the village to prompt a response from the EPA to a letter sent earlier this year asking for an extension in the January 2004 compliance deadline set by that agency, McKnight said.

Village officials haven't been able to arrange to appear before the Water Quality Control Board that sets some of the guidelines, Eggleston said, adding that he's having difficulty determining who serves on that board and when it will meet in December. He will find

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WINTER WONDER



The Ruidoso River runs through a fresh blanket of snow, thanks to recent storms.

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out on his next trip to Santa Fe, he said. "It looks like they're sticking with their phosphorus standards," Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said.

"It looks like they're sticking to more than that," Eggleston said of the ED report.

"It doesn't address the results of this summer's tests on the river at all," McKnight said.

Dick Wisner, executive director of the Ruidoso River Association, said state officials are aware that algae problems don't start downstream from the treatment plant. They exist in Upper Canyon as it leaves the Mescalero Apache Reservation, well above the plant, he said.

"Regardless of where it comes from, we'll still have to meet the discharge standards," Byars said.

The designation of the stream as a cold water fishery, a designation sought by the river association, may have prompted the higher standards, Wisner said. He will look over the state's presentation and offer suggestions.

"We'll take all the help we can get," Eggleston said.

In the material submitted to the council from the ED, Baumgartner noted that the bureau looked at complaints from citizens dating back to 1994 of nuisance algae below the discharge of the treatment plant into the river.

More complaints were received in 1999,

resulting in a meeting with downstream citizens in November of that year and with village officials in December of 1999.

"Algae clogs up the valves in the irrigation water line and also the sprinklers," he wrote. Nuisance algae is a violation of regulations that state, "Plant nutrients from other than natural causes shall not be present in concentrations which will produce undesirable aquatic life or result in a dominance of nuisance species in the surface waters of the state."

In 2000, the EPA proposed revisions to discharge permits to protect water quality. State officials met with councils of both municipalities in January 2002 to discuss the impacts. The state pledged to help with a program to reduce phosphorus sources in the communities and to reevaluate the appropriateness of its analysis approach, Baumgartner wrote.

From May 20-22, sampling stations were established at the Mescalero boundary and two other points on the stream, including one east of Ruidoso Downs. Additional surveys were conducted in July and in September, using more sampling stations.

The conclusions included that the plant is removing about 90 percent of the incoming phosphorus, but it is showing age deterioration, and handling of solids is a problem. The hydraulic load and collection system should be expanded.

The bottom line, he wrote, is that the phosphorus standard may not be stringent enough.

Two locals named to state posts

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Two Lincoln County commissioners were appointed to state boards by Republican outgoing Gov. Gary Johnson.

In a binge of last-minute action, Johnson also named Charles V. Trujillo, a professional engineer, as secretary of the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department. He replaces Pete Rahn, who resigned earlier this month.

Trujillo previously served as deputy secretary of the Transportation Planning and Design Division of the department.

He serves at the pleasure of the governor, who will be replaced Jan. 1 by Democrat Bill Richardson.

County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, a Republican and a pharmacist, was appointed by Johnson to the State Agency on Aging Advisory Council, replacing Cheryl Parish, who resigned. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2004.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, a Republican and vice president and general manager of McCormick

Construction Company, was reappointed to the New Mexico Housing Authority. His term expires on July 1, 2006.

Also reappointed to the New Mexico Museum of Space

History commission was David A. Vigil of Lincoln, as an at-large member.

His term expires Dec. 31, 2004. Vigil operates the Ellis Store Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln.

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Mickie Reynolds, Director of Nurses and Vickie Freeze, RN, schedule their day with PMS patients.



Neither rain, snow, sleet nor dark of night... the care goes on. Mickie heads back to the office after a hospice patient visit.

*By Julie Carter
For The Ruidoso News*

Mickie Reynolds found the road to Presbyterian Medical Services a winding path of directed steps that prepared her for a job such as this. Her nursing career was born out of need to have an income to raise three small daughters when her husband was debilitated with long-term illnesses that included two kidney transplants. The many years of dealing with that has given her a special empathy for those in her care.

PMS Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County has made a commitment to the county to be here to provide the services needed on a long-term basis. The company structure statewide is summed up by their motto "Building a Healthier State". Filling the needs of their clients a priority, PMS provides care from various areas such as social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, spiritual counseling, dietary counseling as well as providing the ongoing care from nurses and nurses aids.

Special needs are met when PMS caregivers arrange for Meals on Wheels for clients, set up those in need for the LifeLine Monitoring system, diabetic education, and arranging for respite care to help the ever burdened in-home caregivers.

New to Ruidoso, Vickie Freeze made only one stop to look for work. Relocating from Childress, Texas, with 12 years in nursing experience but the last 6 in home health care, she knew that was the only place for her. "I just love it," she says.

That love is evident as she carefully showed Cecilia Silva how to use her new glucose meter. Cecilia has dealt with the ravages of diabetes for 40+ years and her eyesight has been damaged such that reading the meter has become difficult. PMS arranged for her to have a one that is designed for those with failing eyesight. Cecilia was delighted with ease of use. In a room surrounded by hundreds of photos of her 6 children, 16 grandchildren and too many to count great grandchildren, Cecilia welcomed the help, the conversation and the encouragement.

Living her whole life in Ruidoso, Mickie brings with her visits not only the skill of 12 years of nursing, but the long time knowledge of the area and it's people. That is important to people like Jake Harris who twice served as mayor of Ruidoso Downs. Mickie's father was also mayor of the Downs and she went to high school with Jake and Flo's daughter Traci. She nurtures and encourages the hospice patient and his family with an understanding that goes beyond medicine.

In a deep strong voice Jake declared, "I've ridden the elephant and fought the tiger. I have had a very interesting life and enjoyed most of it." Turning 86 on the Nov. 29th, Jake's days are now highlighted with visits from George Rizzo, a hospice volunteer and Sandy Zamora, the PMS aid who helps with his needs. His wife Flo gets a four-hour break from her round the clock care of Jake as the PMS caregivers coordinate their visits to allow her shop and run errands. "It REALLY helps," she says. "I need the free time and Mickie always lifts our spirits. She is always kind and considerate and I look forward to seeing her."

The PMS clients watch the door for the nurses, the aids, and volunteers to arrive. Those smiles and warm touches are medicine not invented by man, only delivered by them.



Home health care patient Cecilia Silva with RN Vickie Freeze checking vitals



Jake Harris and Mickie share a laugh as Mickie checks Jake's blood oxygen level.



Flo and Jake Harris with Mickie with smiles that tell of the love between them.

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Court's grazing decision could hurt area ranchers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Eight holders of permits for grazing allotments within the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest potentially could be impacted by a recent federal court ruling.

Forty-six people hold permits on 43 allotments in the district, said Greg Gray in the Ruidoso office of the U.S. Forest Service. But only eight allotments contain portions covered under protection pacts for the Mexican Spotted Owl.

"I have a copy of the summary judgment, but it's not definitive and I'm waiting for an interpretation from the Department of Justice," he said Wednesday.

According to a ruling by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins, the Forest Service must stop grazing on 150 allotments in Arizona and New Mexico covering hundreds of thousands of acres. He issued an injunction banning cattle starting Jan. 22, in what is considered important habitat for the endangered owl. The ruling affects the

Lincoln and Gila national forests in southern New Mexico.

Collins, who is based in Tucson, wrote that the injunction will remain until the Forest Service completes a formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the agency is taking all necessary steps to protect the owl.

The ruling is a result of one of many lawsuits filed against the Forest Service by Forest Guardians as part of the group's stated campaign to eliminate livestock grazing on public land.

The group was one of 10 that filed this particular lawsuit.

They contend that grazing threatens the owl by reducing the amount of available prey, promoting destructive fires and degrading vegetation

along streams.

Collins ruled last month that the Forest Service violated the Endangered Species Act by allowing overgrazing and has not followed standards it adopted in 1996 to protect the owl. About 1,350 grazing allotments are permitted by the Forest Service in Arizona and New Mexico.

The possibly affected allotments in Lincoln County primarily fall into two groups lying north and west of Ruidoso, Gray said.

"I'm contacting them now," he said of the permit holders. "But I need more information to explain how and if they will be affected. We try to keep them informed."

Rex Wilson, rancher, forest permit holder and Lincoln County Commission chairman, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

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OUR OPINION

Warriors win one for the ages

And once again they'll play on the road Saturday

Sports fans hereabout will be talking about the Ruidoso High School Warriors' battle with the St. Michael's Horsemen in Santa Fe last Saturday for a long, long time to come.

It was a victory for our side that began in disarray and ended in near darkness, as overtime succeeded overtime, time and again, until finally — at the end of the fourth one — quarterback Josh Adams ran in from 10 yards out to complete the game and give the Warriors a 62-56 victory. (Yes, it was football, not basketball, what ever the score looked like.)

Adams, an all-kinds-of-everything player, scored on runs in the first and third quarters and the first, second and

fourth overtime periods. He also put a pass into the end zone at the end of regulation to keep the Warriors' hopes alive. They had trailed at half time, 31-25.

And now those never-say-quit Warriors are on the road again, in the semi-finals of the Class 3A playoffs Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hot Springs High School in Truth or Consequences.

That Santa Fe trip was because the Warriors missed the district championship by only three points. In all, that's reason enough for a huge crowd of Ruidosoans to be on hand Saturday afternoon — to watch Hot Springs suffer the...uh, consequences.

Go get 'em, Warriors!

Exciting legislative moments in the offing

Can't say those Democrats in the state Legislature aren't fired up. The freshly elected House members took time last Sunday —



MOUNTAIN SIDES
KEITH GREEN

at the start of a holiday week, yet — to get together, pick their own leaders, introduce new faces, and plan priorities for all the great things they hope happens when they convene for 60 legislative days in early January.

The Dems should be fired up. Even if they have run the show on the lower floors of the merry Round House in Santa Fe for the past eight years, they had that pesky Republican named Gary Johnson sitting up there on the fourth floor in the governor's chair, his trusty veto pen at the ready.

That won't happen this time around, the Dems think (and the Republicans assume). With Bill Richardson brandishing a mandate, which presumably has at least as much clout as a veto pen, those House Democrats have put together a wish list that ranges from education reform to in-plant training for industry, and a whole lot of things in between.

A sampling:
Rick Miera of Albuquerque, who chairs the House Education Committee (and on which Glencoe's Dub Williams most likely will serve) wants to see continued funding for full-day kindergarten, strengthen before-and-after-school programs, improve summer school

tutoring, revitalize arts and music programs, support the Legislative Lottery Scholarship, improve high school graduation rates, mentoring for beginning teachers, see "adequate" teacher salaries with advanced training and certification, criterion referenced testing, smaller class sizes.

Whoeeee...

Rep. Joe Stell, of Carlsbad, who'll run the House Water and Natural Resources Committee, says House Democrats will determine how much water is available and who owns it, develop water banking and conservation and negotiate to ensure our fair share of water.

But then there's the House Appropriations Committee, on which the wily Max Coll of Santa Fe has served almost forever. He and Reps. Lucky Varela and Kiki Saavedra might find themselves a bit at odds with some of the other committee chairmen if they are successful in implementing their wish list.

They want to promote state government efficiency through "performance-based budgeting," something that sounds peculiarly Republican.

Add to that their stated expectation of "very modest budget growth," while using caution in appropriations and maybe tax cuts, and you'd think maybe the Republicans are in control.

Then again, they might just be picking up on to-be Governor Bill Richardson's own campaign rhetoric, which sounded a whole lot more like George Bush than Bill Clinton...

By golly, I can hardly wait for the Legislature to convene.

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YOUR OPINION

A slip of the tongue doesn't please locals

To the editor:
Caramba!

Here we go again. The recent article about Ski Apache's season opening was timely, interesting and enjoyable, until we read the part that indicated an early closing was anticipated, quoting Mr. Riker Davis, marketing manager for Ski Apache, "I don't see us losing money for two weeks for the Mexican Nationals to come at Easter." Unfortunately Mr. Davis, if quoted accurately, put his foot in his mouth, reminiscent of the recent school board flap.

Surely, Ski Apache could have indicated an early closing is anticipated without insulting our neighbors south of the border. While I have no idea how much the "Mexican Nationals" add to the local economy, I am sure it is substantial and that our local businesses appreciate their business.

Our neighbors to the south deserve better. An apology would appear to be in order.

Mac Prelo
Ruidoso

All ski patrons are assets, and should be appreciated

To the editor:

The information in your recent article about the Ski Apache season plans was an excellent way to invigorate the "ski spirit" of both local residents and out-of-town readers of your newspaper.

All residents of Ruidoso and the surrounding areas are very aware of the importance Ski Apache plays in the local economy.

All businesses in the area surely must be grateful for the patronage of all local and out-of-town persons who choose the area as a vacation destination, when other areas welcome them with open arms.

I am not a skier myself, primarily because of an extreme case of cowardice; however, the comment made by a spokesperson regarding the planned closing of Ski Apache prior to the Easter holiday was disturbing to me. It also was disturbing to have one group of patrons singled out in the statement.

Perhaps one of the following (or any of many alternatives) might have been considered:

"We will be closing prior to the Easter holiday because the number of patrons during that weekend does not justify the expense involved in extending the season"; or,

"We cannot financially sustain lengthening the season to accommodate the unusually late Easter holiday"; or,

"Because of the unusually late date on which Easter falls this calendar year, the ski area will be closed; however, we hope all visitors will plan to make use of other recreational facilities in the area."

Ski Apache provides many jobs for Mescalero Apache tribal members as well as for other area residents. I'm sure we all want each and every patron of the ski area to appreciate the facility and the employees, and to feel their continued patronage is recognized as an asset.

Karen S. Tillman

AMERICAN ISSUES

Open-container law enforcement saves lives

Holidays are open season for open container laws.

With the December holiday season quickly approaching, law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are gearing up for the longest ever *You Drink. You Drive. You Lose.* campaign, national crackdown on drunk driving. From Dec. 20, 2002, to Jan. 5, 2003, law enforcement will increase the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols to enforce laws

like open-container laws, which according to a new study in the December 2002 *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, are effective at preventing alcohol-related crashes. (Open Container Laws and Alcohol-Involved Crashes, p. 648)

The analysis conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that states without open-container laws experience significantly more alcohol-involved fatal crashes than states with

laws that either partially or fully conform to federal guidelines.

In addition, NHTSA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the law in four states — Iowa, Maine, Rhode Island, and South Dakota — that phased legislation in 1999 following enactment of the federal law, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), found a decline in alcohol-involved crashes in three out of four states during the first six months after its enforcement. NHTSA's 1999 national survey on drinking and driving revealed that a substantial majority of the general public supports open-container laws, even in states without such laws, noted Phillip Brewer, MD, of Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn., who wrote the related commentary on NHTSA's analysis of this law.

Since four of every 10 people killed on the highways are killed in crashes where alcohol was involved, and since vehicle trauma remains the number one cause of death for people ages 1 to 34, Dr. Brewer called on emergency physicians who treat the victims of drunk driving to advocate for better laws in their states. Especially during the holiday season when these deaths peak, Dr. Brewer stressed the value of educating state representatives and senators about the life-saving benefits of stronger laws.

"It just doesn't make sense that there are 14 hold-out states without open-container laws," said Dr. Brewer. "There is no debating the science. Enacting open-container and primary seat belt laws are both prime examples of common-sense legislation that most people support and are proven to prevent the tragic loss of life."

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Do you think Ruidoso High School should offer sex education classes?



"Yes, so if the kids don't learn at home, then they'll have knowledge."

Heidi Murphy
Ruidoso Downs



"Yes, because they're going to find it out anyway. They might as well find out what's right and wrong and be safe."

Tommy Bryant
Ruidoso



"Yes. They should teach you what can happen if you don't practice safe sex."

Sarah Johnston
Ruidoso

SANDY AUGUSTIN/STAFF

Accidental networking could help Fort Stanton

A county commissioner and assessor make some key contacts while attending an institute for Latino officials.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A casual dinner with key federal Department of Interior officials may translate to a big push for the preservation and utilization of historic Fort Stanton in Lincoln County.

County Commissioner Leo Martinez and County Assessor Rick Silva were in Washington, D.C., last week to attend a national institute for newly elected Latino officials. Martinez stopped by to visit an old friend, Lynn Scarlett, assistant secretary for policy, management and budget in the Interior Department. He was handed the bonus of talking with Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton.

"I handed her the Fort Stanton study (on future uses)," Martinez said Monday. "She said, 'What is this?' Lynn told her she would handle it, but Gale asked to look it over."

She said they are looking for private, state and federal partnerships of various kinds, he said.

His chance at networking took another step forward the following night when he was invited to a casual dinner at Scarlett's home with Fran P. Mainella, director of the National Park Service, and Rebecca Watson, assistant to Norton for lands and minerals, which includes the national monuments.

"We had a two-hour dinner with them and although they are new, they had never heard of Fort Stanton," Martinez said. "It gave me the feeling that nothing really had been done at the federal level. I hope Steve Pearce (newly elected Republican 2nd Congressional District representative for New Mexico) will take a more active role."

"But listening to some of the problems the Interior Department faces made me realize we're a speck compared to situations in California and Colorado. Luckily I have a friend in the department."

None of the top officials have time to spare, but Scarlett "had the courtesy to

invite me to the dinner with the others, so I would have a chance to talk to them," Martinez said.

Watson and Mainella said they would tour the fort personally. Watson said she'd take the side trip when she comes to New Mexico to view Otero Mesa, where oil and gas companies want to drill. Mainella said since the fort probably would fall under her jurisdiction, she also needs to see it first-hand, Martinez said.

"It was a good meeting and we were able to do it without spending a dime of the taxpayers' money," he said. "Maybe this will get the Fort Stanton project going again."

When he returned to Ruidoso, Martinez talked with County Manager Tom Stewart, who plans to follow up with a letter to the governor-elect Bill Richardson and mention the federal officials who showed interest.

Martinez also stopped in to see Robert Georgine, who was Martinez' mentor 30 years ago and at one time served as president of the AFL-CIO. He now heads Union Labor Life, a pension and health insurer

for the union. "They had lots of guards there," Martinez said of the skyscraper building with Georgine's penthouse office on top. But he managed to get through an administrative secretary who said she couldn't interrupt Georgine because he was in a meeting. While he was talking to an assistant in the penthouse, Georgine came in to greet the commissioner.

"He gave me a hug and said I'd put on weight in the last 30 years," Martinez said. "He told Rick stories about me from those days."

The union supported Richardson in his campaign and Martinez hopes that association also may benefit the county down the road.

Silva said he found the National Association of Latino

Elected Officials Educational Fund's 2002 institute a worthwhile session, especially for newly elected officials among the 49 selected to attend. It was a chance to meet people from across the nation.

The association paid their expenses.

Arturo Vargas, executive director, said the association received "an unprecedented number of applications" this

year. "The Institute provides you with a chance to learn, share and develop skills that we hope you will find valuable as you begin your new life as a public servant," he wrote in letters to the two local officials. "In addition, there will be opportunities to network with your colleagues during various luncheons, receptions and dinners."

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Local bank putting up Angel Tree today

The Angel Tree sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force goes up today in the lobby of First Federal Bank, 398 Sudderth Drive.

The names of children and youth are noted on angels with information on special requests for fun gifts as well as needs, such as clothing. The families of these young people are unable to stretch their limited resources to cover Christmas gifts.

Choose an angel from the tree and shop for the child whose name is on the angel. Then, wrap the gift and return it to First Federal by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17. The task force members will deliver gifts to the families.

Two angels will be on the tree for each child, one with a toy or fun gift the child wishes for and

one with a practical gift, such as clothing items the child needs.

"These families are known to task force members, and their needs are real," said Merriken Bryant, director of Raindancer Youth Services and a member of the task force. "The holidays are a stressful time for struggling families, and we can relieve some of that pressure, and even protect the children, by fulfilling

these wishes."

If you want to help, but are unable to shop for a child, donations of money can be sent to the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, c/o Raindancer Youth Services, 1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 13, Ruidoso NM 88345.

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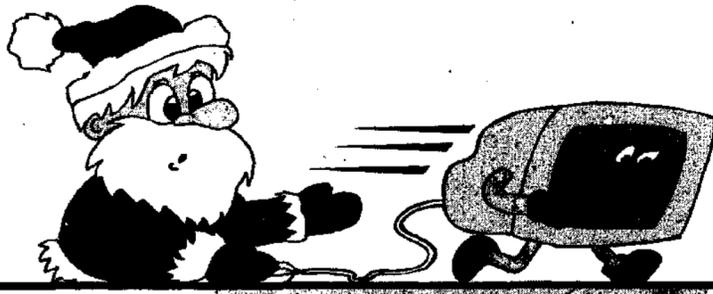
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Up-to-date blasting closure and travel information is available at the US 70 Information Center, via the hotline, website, and roadside electronic message signs.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Mountain summit' meeting here Dec. 4

A "mountain summit" meeting concerning affordable housing in the area is scheduled for the afternoon of Dec. 4 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the summit will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A short panel presentation about affordable housing will be followed by breakout sessions to discuss answers and alternatives.

Patric A. Pearson, the chamber's executive director, said the session will be open to the public.

enough time for those wishing to use the number in their own brochures and advertising materials to make the change without adding to costs.

Pearson said he believes in the long run the number change will be beneficial for awareness and ease of exposure. The current toll-free number, (800) 253-2255, also will be monitored, he said.

He added that Grindstone Graphics and the chamber has received grant money for three billboards on major traffic routes, and the new number will be used on them.

Spending positive

NEW YORK (PRNewswire) — American families intend to spend an average of \$483 on gifts this Christmas, up from last year's \$462. The Conference Board reported this week.

Christmas spending intentions covers a nationally representative sample of 5,000 households. The survey was conducted in November.

Dial 877-RUIDOSO

Come next summer, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will have a new, simple toll-free long distance telephone number: (877) RUIDOSO (784-3676).

Patric A. Pearson, the executive director, said the new number will not go into service until July 1, 2003, to allow

The Economy and the Markets

Little business investment

BY MICHAEL SHANNON
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

Unless a new setback occurs, Americans appear willing and able to continue spending at a healthy rate. So what is holding back business investment?

Over-capacity and a lack of pricing power are widely cited as the reasons for the lack of investment. But a major problem seems to be that many corporations lack the confidence, rather than the ability, to invest in capacity.

Even so, it is instructive to understand the differences among sectors.

There is an enormous divergence in current utilization rates across industries. Some sectors, such as raw steel, petroleum products and electrical generation, have capacity utilization rates ranging from 94 to 88 percent.

With tight capacity, why aren't these sectors investing heavily? Typically, the sectors with high utilization rates are mature industries with low rates of technological change. They have already gone through major consolidations and elimination of redundant capacity.

They also know that they face slower growth for their outputs. All of this makes their poor candidates to accelerate their fixed investment to grow the economy.

Technology still alive

The difference between the capacity growth of technology and that of mature industries becomes very clear using Federal Reserve data. Since 1992, non-durables and consumer goods manufacturing capacity grew by 11 and 21 percent respectively.

During the same period, durable goods manufacturing capacity changed ahead by 78 percent. Within durable goods manufacturing, the differences are even more astounding with semiconductor capacity growing by more than 3,000 percent since the end of the last recession.

Obviously, technology continues to change and demand increases, but the key question is whether capacity in semiconductor manufacturing will continue to expand at this rapid rate.

It is impossible to give a definitive answer to that crucial

question. However, unless the next version of Windows needs less memory or the new cell phones have better features, it is a decent bet that capital investment will still witness strong demand growth.

It is hard to overstate the importance of technological change on current business investment. In the early 1990s, technological investment accounted for less than 15 percent of total fixed investment. Currently, investment in information processing and software provides more than 37 percent of the total. And, it is very likely that this sector will continue to grow in importance rather than stabilize or contract.

All of this leads up to the important forecast of growth for total fixed investment. The recovery in fixed investment to date has been a carbon copy of the recovery following the 1990-91 recession.

However, the consensus forecast for fixed investment calls for significantly weaker growth in the current recovery going forward. Within two years of the end of the 1990-91 recession, fixed investment had risen by 11 percent. In contrast, current projections call for only a 4 percent increase over a similar time period.

A bar too low?

This forecast has not set the bar very high in terms of possible growth. Given the increasing rate of technological innovation, it seems very pessimistic to project such slow investment growth.

Moreover, if corporate profits improve through cost savings and greater demand, then renewed confidence could help boost fixed investment. And, increased fixed investment will, of course, offer an additional cushion if consumer demand fails to meet its growth expectations.

All in all, fixed investment has been performing on par with the most recent recovery, and it could easily move ahead of current anemic expectations. Given the recent historical trends, technology spending will still be the driver for the next economic cycle, which indicates stronger than forecast growth.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Heavy equipment last weekend kept the dirt moving at the tribal travel center under construction about 1.5 miles south of Ruidoso's village limits.

Tribe's new travel center going up rapidly

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Mescalero Apache roadside travel center, scheduled to open in May 2003, is under construction by Centex Construction and the Worth Group, the tribe's design/build partner, 1 1/2 miles from Ruidoso on tribal land adjacent to U.S. 70. Upon completion, the center will have gaming (450 slot machines, 14 table

games), casual dining, a convenience store, a discount smoke shop, a gasoline and diesel service, as well as parking for cars and trucks. It will be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The tribe also is embarking on a plan to replace its existing resort, hotel and casino — the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache on the shores of Lake Mescalero — with a new facility set to open in mid-November 2004, 29 years after the original

gaming's opening.

The new resort will be built on 100 acres. The new resort will have a centralized circular entrance with easy access to the casino, hotel, convention center and parking, a spokesman for the contractor said when the project was announced in early October.

Centex also was the contractor for the recently completed \$37-million tribal school complex.

Existing-home sales continue to climb

WASHINGTON — Demonstrating the underlying strength of the housing market, sales of existing single-family homes rose to unusually high levels last month, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales increased 6.1 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.77 million units from an upwardly revised level of 5.44 million units in September. Last month's sales activity was 9.5 percent above the 5.27-million unit pace in October 2001 and was tied for the third-highest pace on record.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said a couple of factors are at play. "Obviously, historical lows in mortgage interest rates in recent months are a big stimulus," he said. "At the same time, the inventory of homes on the market, which was historically lean during the first half of the year and limited housing choices, improved in August and September. This means there were greater opportunities for buyers to find homes that meet their needs."

"Since it takes some time between

purchase offers and transaction closings, what we're seeing now is the result of a better combination of conditions that began in August and improved through September," Lereah said.

Housing inventory levels at the end of October slipped 2.6 percent from September to a total of 2.23 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 4.6-month supply at the current sales pace, down from a 5.1-month supply in both August and September.

During the first half of 2002, inventories averaged a 4.6-month supply; a 6.0-month supply is considered to be a generally balanced market between buyers and sellers.

NAR President Cathy Whatley said the interest-rate picture remains bright. "In recent weeks, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has moved lower, briefly dipping below 6.0 percent. Right now there's very little pressure on interest rates to move much higher, so we'll have favorable affordability conditions for some time to come," she said.

According to Freddie Mac, the loan

guarantor, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 6.11 percent in October, up marginally from a record monthly low of 6.09 percent in September; it was 6.62 percent in October 2001. Freddie Mac started tracking mortgage interest rates in 1971.

The national median existing-home price was \$159,600 in October, up 9.8 percent from October 2001 when the median price was \$145,400. This is the largest price gain since July 1987, when the median price rose 10.5 percent above a year earlier. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

Regionally, home resale activity in the West rose 7.1 percent from September to an annual rate of 1.50 million units in October, and was 11.1 percent above the same month a year earlier.

The median existing-home price in the West was \$214,000, up 8.5 percent from October 2001.

Focus on Agriculture

A bountiful, less-expensive Thanksgiving

PARK RIDGE, ILL. — This Thanksgiving Americans had even more to be thankful for since the cost of the traditional holiday meal decreased from last year, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

In AFBF's annual informal survey of the price of basic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table, the average cost of this year's feast for 10 is \$34.56, a 48-cent drop from last year's survey average of \$35.04. It marks only the second drop in average price since 1991.

The traditional dinner includes turkey, stuffing, cranberries, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings.

"America's farm and ranch families take great pride in providing the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply in the world," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "As we sit down this Thanksgiving to savor the bounty produced, it is

appropriate to remember that it all starts on America's farmland. It is truly one of our greatest blessings."

The AFBF survey shopping list included turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a relish tray including carrots and celery, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and beverages of coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10.

The cost of a 16-pound turkey, at \$14.84 or roughly 93 cents per pound, reflects a decrease of 2 cents per pound, or a 32-cent drop in the total average, from the 2001 average. This is the largest contributor to the overall drop in the cost of the Thanksgiving dinner.

"The drop in the price of turkey is probably due to grocery stores stocking up early on a plentiful supply of frozen turkeys," said AFBF Economist Mark Jenner. "Our volunteer shoppers are

asked not to use prices that require promotional coupons or purchase deals, such as spend \$50 and get a free turkey. The fact that our volunteer shoppers still find the average price of turkey below a dollar per pound is an amazing value by any standard."

According to Jenner, new data available from the Agriculture Department on last year's whole, frozen turkey indicate that two out of three turkeys were sold on a holiday special. Based on those advertised specials, USDA found that the prices paid for whole, frozen turkeys in November 2001 were half of what consumers paid for the same turkey during the other 11 months of the year. That means most consumers probably purchase a Thanksgiving turkey for considerably less than the AFBF survey's average.

"USDA data also reveals that American consumers last

year bought 10 times the number of whole, frozen turkeys during November than any other month of the year," Jenner said.

A majority of other items on the AFBF survey also dropped in price. Items showing a decrease included sweet potatoes, \$2.37 for three pounds; a 16-ounce package of frozen green peas, \$1.29; a gallon of whole milk, \$2.76; a half-pint carton of whipping cream, \$1.23; a package of two nine-inch pie shells, \$1.68; and a 12-ounce package of fresh cranberries, \$1.68.

Items that increased in price this year were a 14-ounce package of cubed stuffing, \$2.41; a 30-ounce can of pumpkin pie mix, \$1.79; and a 12-ounce package of brown-and-serve rolls, \$1.45.

In addition, a combined group of miscellaneous items, including coffee and ingredients necessary to prepare the meal, increased to \$2.57.

Forest task force selects logo

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although the artist's name won't be revealed until the Ruidoso Village Council's December meeting, the board has selected a logo for its Community Forest Management Plan Tuesday.

The artist, one of five high school students submitting a design, is being asked to make some small changes, such as reducing the number of trees around the houses to illustrate defensible space, to enlarge the village's symbol and to try three different placements for the slogan.

Angel Shaw, a member of the public awareness and promotions group of the village's Forest Health Task Force, will convey the requests.

Rick DeIaco, village urban forester, said the logo eventually could become a source of

revenue for the village by putting it on T-shirts, stickers and license plates.

The winning artist will receive a \$500 scholarship from Zia Natural Gas and a certificate from the village.

In related forest health news, Delaco reported that the village is nominated for two of six awards to be presented under the National Fire Plan. Ruidoso is in the running for excellence in the implementation of the National Fire Plan and for excellence in community assistance.

The other awards will be given for excellence in fire fighting preparedness, safety and training; in rehabilitation and restoration; in hazardous fuel treatment; and in improving accountability.

The awards will be presented in January in New Orleans. Since his appearances at

the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and the Southwest Interagency Fire Council in Flagstaff, Ariz., Delaco has received several requests from counties and cities for copies of the four ordinances passed by the council laying out landscaping, construction and forest health/fire prevention standards.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said he was told that more requests are being received by the state Municipal League, which is giving out copies.

Delaco said for next year's Fire Council meeting, the membership selected Ruidoso as a site.

"It would be good for our economy and showcase our activities," he said.

The "added value" concept seemed to intrigue people the most, he said. They liked the idea that property owners

were given options on how to accomplish the reduction of a fire risk, he said.

Councilor Ron Anderson said he's pleased to see that Lincoln County officials appear to be joining the effort, but he emphasized that with the most recent cost-sharing grant awarded, "we are the biggest part of the county, so when the money comes in, it can't all be spent outside. It seems (County Manager) Tom Stewart realizes this."

DeIaco also submitted copies of the Public Awareness and Promotions Group's plan for the next six to eight years. The group will submit a formal funding request at the Dec. 10 meeting, he said.

The approach will include a cable television series, videos on how to accomplish projects, as well as spot announcements and programs given to civic groups.

Santa's Helpers ask community for help

The group wants to bring a better holiday to more folks than last year.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last year, volunteers with Santa's Helpers and contributors to the program ensured that 223 families with a total of 500 children experienced a more joyful Christmas.

This year, everyone wants to break that record and the group has come up with several ways people can help, said spokesperson Carole Benham.

They can donate money or wrapped candy, they can select a bell from a Santa Helper's tree with a wish list for a child, they can bring presents to be wrapped and stay to help wrap them.

"They also can donate \$30 to buy a Christmas dinner for a family of four or \$10 to buy a turkey," Benham said.

Everything collected by the group will be distributed Dec. 19, and people can volunteer to help with that rewarding chore too.

Some big news for the group was delivered this week as they learned that a percentage of all sales at Wal-Mart from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 7, will be donated to their cause.

"So folks, do your shopping

then," Benham urged. "A bell tree also will be set up."

Starting Dec. 2, the Santa's Helpers workshop will be open at 1086 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso at the KIDX radio station, across from the main post office and road to the convention center.

"You can help wrap and we also have applications for families who would like to be included on the list of recipients," Benham said.

"This is a countywide project," she said. Applications are available at the Ruidoso Police Department, the U.S. Post Office, at KIDX, at Century 21 Aspen Real Estate, at the Capitan Library, and in Carrizozo and Hondo.

An added excitement this year involves the participation of 7th and 8th graders from Ruidoso Middle School, who on Dec. 2 will be decorating the "bell trees" at State National Bank on Sudderth Drive in different themes.

Under the direction of art teacher Meg Rabourn, the students will create trees with themes of Asia, New Mexico, angels and stars.

Little Valley Nursery and Seasons Nursery each donated two trees.

For more information, Santa's Helpers can be reached at (505) 258-2446.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dems to meet

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will hold its December holiday meeting Thursday, Dec. 5, at Bonney's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive. Members can order dinner from the menu at 5:30 p.m.,

and the meeting will start at 6:15 p.m.

Members and their guests are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy or clothing item for children or elderly for Santa's Helpers, as well as one item of non-perishable food for the food bank.

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REGIONAL BRIEFS

Housing meeting

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act requires Region VI Housing to prepare a five-year plan and an annual plan covering operations of the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs.

The board of commissioners for the Region VI Housing Authority will hold a public meeting Jan. 6, 2003, at noon to receive comment on the plans. The meeting will take place at the authority office, located at 226 N. Main St. in Roswell.

The draft plans and supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office, located at the address above.

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Capitan honors the memory of Wyatt William Guthrie

BY LIONEL W. LIPPMANN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CAPITAN - On Nov. 21, longtime Capitan resident Wyatt William Guthrie died of a massive heart attack while in the Capitan Mountains helping work on a controlled burn. He was 47 years old.

He was born in Arizona and, by the time he was in his teens, was an accomplished cowboy and had worked on some of the largest ranches in the state.

After his arrival in Capitan, Mr. Guthrie continued to practice his ranching skills.

A dedicated and sought-after horseman, at the age of 16 he attained his jockey's license. It was during this time that he set a record for the most winning horse rides in a single day in the state of Idaho. This record still stands.

Concurrent with his interest in all phases of horseman-

ship, he became a talented and much-in-demand horse trainer and farrier.

Mr. Guthrie had a varied career prior to taking up residence in Capitan with his wife, Kimberly, and two sons, Colton and Sheldon, but in Capitan, he found a career in wildfire fighting that became his passion.

He worked for the New Mexico Forestry Department until he and a friend were able to outfit their own fire truck, which traveled all over the country during the last fire season. He contracted with the federal government and various state fire departments to aid in fighting the wildfires that plagued the West during this past summer.

Mr. Guthrie's wife, Kimberly, owns and operates a beauty salon in Capitan. One of his sons is a freshman at New Mexico State University and the younger is

a senior at Capitan High School.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, mourners, and friends of Mr. Guthrie - most of the popula-

tion of Capitan, and representatives of local and state fire departments - gathered at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. A procession of fire trucks,

police vehicles, pick-up trucks and automobiles, drove in procession around the perimeter of the Village of Capitan and after the procession returned

to the fair grounds, a memorial service was held. This was followed by a reception for everyone at the Capitan Zia Senior Center.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Elsie Card

The funeral for Elsie Carl, 87, of Ruidoso will be held at a later date in Carrizozo.

She died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, in Ruidoso.

She was born Aug. 31, 1915, in Pichacho.

She grew up in Lincoln County and graduated from Capitan High School in 1932.

She moved back to Lincoln County from California two

years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Carl in 1989.

Survivors include a son, Mel Carl, of Ruidoso Downs; a sister, Annelde Burroughs of Fresno, Calif.; and a grandson, Charles Carl, of Harrisburg, Penn.

The family suggests memorials to the Auxillary at Lincoln County Medical Center.



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Locals honored for conservation work

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CORONA - Forty ranchers, Carrizozo district officers, members, and families met at La Cocina de Corona Restaurant here Nov. 12 for their annual awards banquet.

In the course of the business portion of the evening, Jim Grider was re-elected chairman to serve a three-year term. He was unopposed. Greg Haussler of the Chaparral NRCS gave a presentation on the district programs and accomplishments of the past year.

In the awards presentation, the Outstanding Land Stewardship award was presented to Ranney Ranch, managed by Melvin Johnson. The Ranney Ranch is located 15 miles east of Corona and owned by George Ranney. The ranch has been an active coopera-

tor with the Carrizozo SWCD for 34 years. During that time, the ranch has completed two Great Plains Contracts and has recently completed an Environmental Quality Incentive Program contract for juniper control.

The Ranney Ranch was nominated for this award because of the new technology associated with juniper control and the interest created by the use of a special excavator with a bucket adapted by the contractor, Sam Chaney, to remove and stack juniper with limited soil surface disturbance.

The long-term effects of this brush control will include saving land for proper grazing and return of much needed water to the underground aquifer.

The Outstanding Conservationist award went to Patsy Sanchez of Carrizozo. Sanchez serves as Lincoln County Planning Director. She works

with the county manager, county commission, subdividers, realtors, lawyers, state and local agencies. She is responsible for drafting subdivision regulations and lends a great amount of input to the changing rules in these regulations.

Sanchez is continually urging commissioners to seek legislative allocations for water and for changing rules regarding water and land issues. Her present mission is to get a water model for Lincoln County. She was guest speaker at the New Mexico Water Dialogue meeting in Albuquerque in November and the response was overwhelmingly positive. She communicates with the USFS, the ISC, BLM, New Mexico Tech, the Rural Development Clearing House, the State Engineer's office and Corps of Engineers, requesting help both technically and financially for the betterment of the county.

Case against priest dismissed

BY GABRIELA C. GUZMAN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

LAS CRUCES - Allegations of child abuse that date back 29 years against a former priest at St. Genevieve's Church here were dropped earlier this month, according to Doña Ana County and El Paso law enforcement officials.

In July, a 40-year-old Texas man accused Denis J. Tejada, the pastor at St. Genevieve's Church for 12 years, of inappropriate touching on two occasions in the late 1970s. One incident allegedly occurred at the St. Patrick Cathedral in El Paso, where Tejada was an associate priest from 1972 to 1975, while the second allegedly took place in La Mesa.

Investigators from both Las Cruces and El Paso cited the statute of limitations and lack of evidence and probable

cause as the reasons no charges were filed against Tejada. The case cannot be prosecuted because it has exceeded the statute of limitations, according to Sgt. Ed Miranda, with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

According to county officials, the statute of limitations on criminal sexual contact of a minor expires after five years, and the time limitation begins after the incident occurs.

In 1987 the Legislature enacted a law under which the statute of limitations begins after the alleged victim's 18th birthday, but it is not retroactive.

Tejada was relieved of his pastoral duties at St. Genevieve on July 22 of this year.

Gabriela Guzman reports for the Las Cruces Sun-News.

Low flow at spring worries Downs councilors

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Concerns about water flow in Griffith Spring were on City Administrator John Waters' mind at Tuesday's Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting.

Waters pointed out a graph showing dwindling monthly flow averages for Griffith Spring.

"We're in a drought here in New Mexico, so everyone needs to use their water wisely," said Waters. "The bottom line is that this may be a drop in the spring, and we are lobbying very heavily for funds to improve our water system and come up with an alternate source."

The meter will be checked for accuracy by Kenneth Mosley, public works director.

Items on the consent agenda were approved at the Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting Tuesday, with the exception of an agreement for debris disposal and wood waste material that was tabled. Debra Ingles from Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has

asked to address the Council at a later date.

Accepted items on the consent agenda included the disposition of unsafe and incomplete Christmas decorations; RFP 03-02, awarding CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds for planning and engineering services; and Resolution 74-9 including stylistic changes and establishing alternates for members of the Joint Use Board for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

"It is critical to have a forum (of five members) because of the often tight time schedule of the Joint Use Board," said City Attorney Dan Bryant. "The lack of alternate members could have a detrimental impact on the operation of the facility, the Joint Use Board, and the two municipalities."

A public hearing was held with no proponents or opposition. Amendments on ordinances 98-04, 97-01, and 99-05 authorized the city to increase a loan agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department

from \$1,200,000 to \$1,450,000 at 2 percent interest.

According to Waters, the new ordinance only formalizes what the city and village councilors had already agreed to do. The funds do not go toward wastewater plant expansion or phosphorous upgrades. "This is for the solid handling facility that is currently being modified at the Wastewater Treatment Facility."

Carole Benham of Santa's Helpers 2002 encouraged donations by Christmas shopping at Wal-Mart Dec. 7, from 7 a.m. until noon. A percentage of gross receipts will go toward her organization.

Judge Harrold Mansell

addressed the council concerning alternate judge compensation. The raise from \$25 to \$50, while approved and in practice for 13 years, has not been in the official file. A public hearing was set for the first council meeting in January 2003.

The council commended LCSWA for allowing residents of Ruidoso Downs with water bills to dispose of appliances and debris. She also mentioned that they are open on the second Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. until noon.

Waters pointed out the City Progress Report, a quarterly newsletter to Ruidoso Downs citizens.

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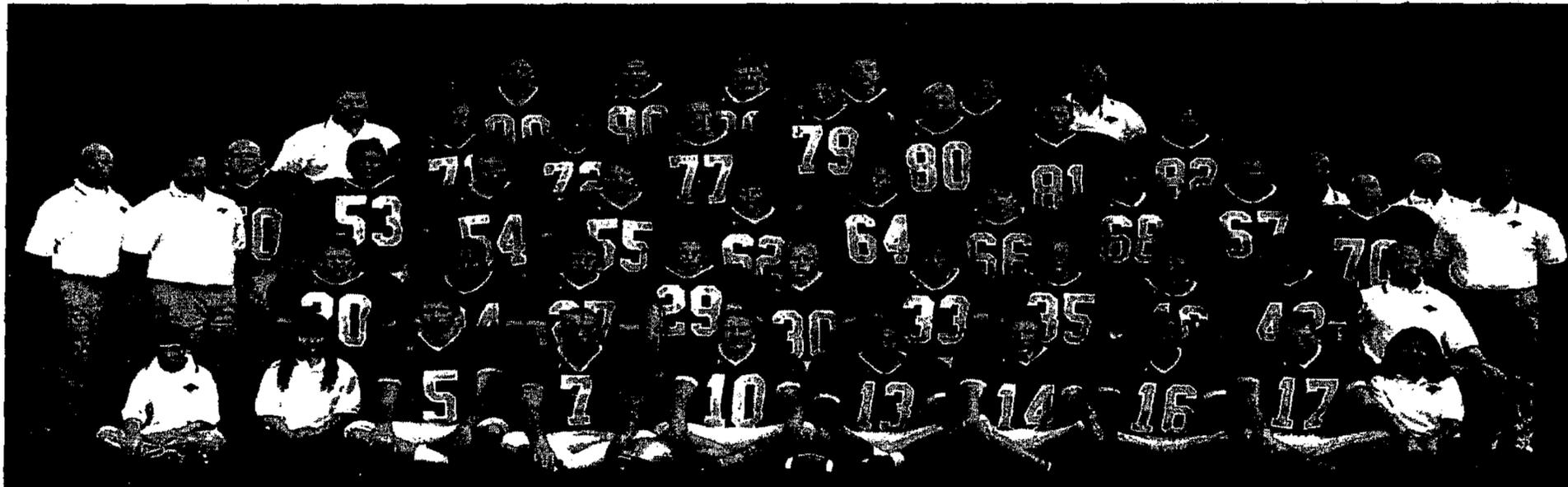
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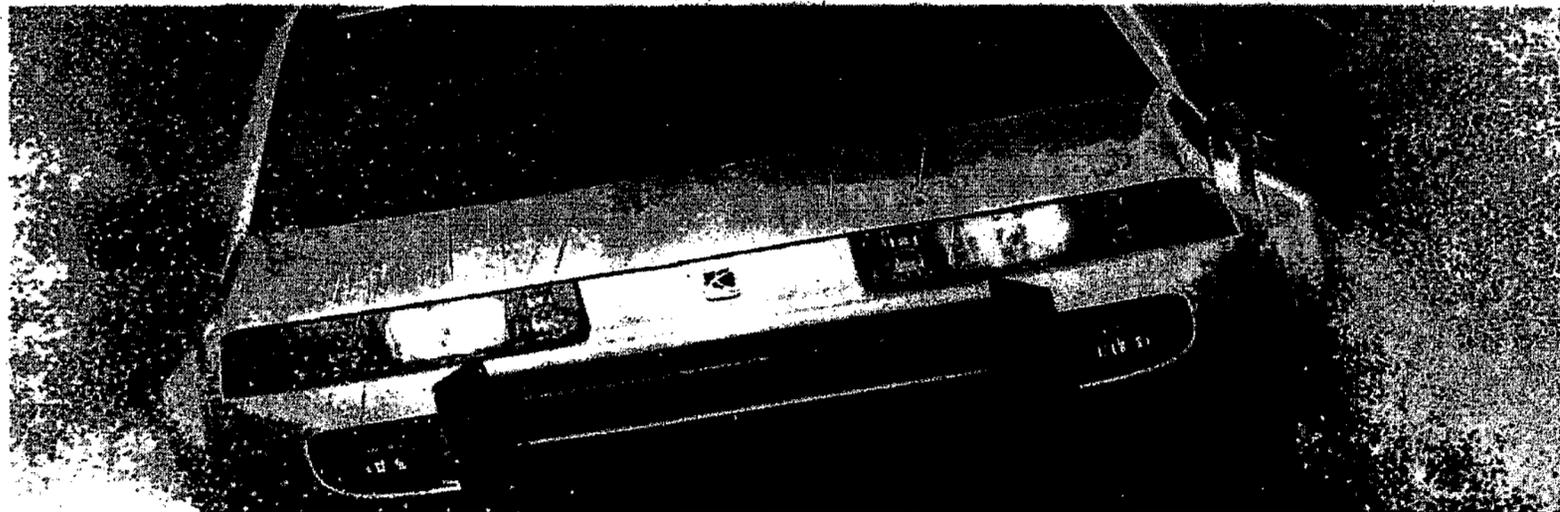
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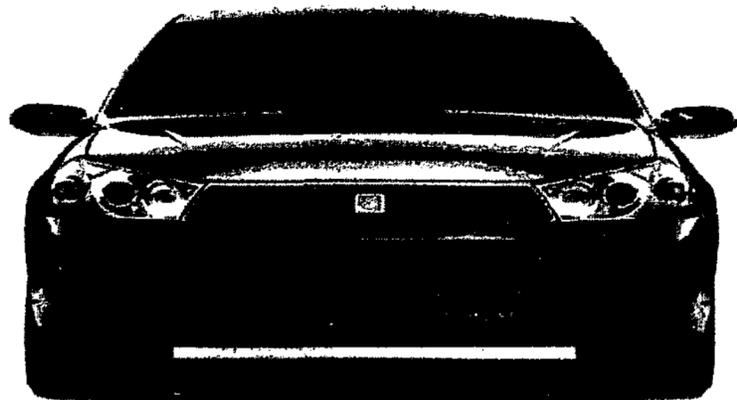


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Traction Control	Optional	Standard	Standard
Interior Volume	97 cu.ft.	Not listed	95 cu.ft.
Trunk Volume	17.5 cu.ft.	14.0 cu.ft.	15.0 cu.ft.
MPG City	21	21	20
MPG Highway	29	30	28
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'Camino Real' project progresses, more than 400 years after it began

BY ADRIAN GOMEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

LAS CRUCES — Four hundred and four years have passed, and it still exists. The scenery has undergone changes, but the land remains the same. Dust has risen and settled,

while numerous travelers have pounded the trail, most reaching their destinations. With each arrival, a piece of New Mexico history was written.

Being able to travel the same path as Native American and Mexican ancestors or the Spanish explorer Don Juan de

Oñate can seem unfathomable, but preservation of El Camino Real (the Royal Trail) de Tierra Adentro is becoming a reality.

It is recognized throughout the United States and Mexico as a timeless route of trade and cultural exchange and interaction among Spaniards, Native

Americans, Mexicans and Americans. It shaped individual lives and communities and affected settlement and development in the greater Southwest.

One day soon, travelers may be able to follow El Camino Real and visit historic sites along its route through New Mexico.

The New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service (NPS) have teamed up to draft a plan to preserve the historic trail and raise awareness about it and its history.

The plan is designed to provide a visual experience by pinpointing more than 50 historical sites along the trail's New Mexico route. BLM and Park Service officials hosted a public input meeting last week at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum to discuss and answer questions about the draft.

The trail covers more than 404 miles in New Mexico and

Texas and 1,200 miles in Mexico. It was named a historic trail by the United States Congress in October 2000.

The Camino Real, or "royal road," linked colonial capitals in what is now Mexico and New Mexico between 1598 and 1821. It runs from Mexico City to San Juan Pueblo, north of Santa Fe.

Harry C. Myers, Park Service project coordinator, said the draft was a team effort. He said it marks the first time the BLM and the Park Service have teamed together for a historic trail.

Myers said an auto-tour route would be established for drivers to travel as close to the Camino Real as possible. He said the Camino Real closely mirrors Interstate 25 from Las Cruces up to San Juan Pueblo. Some of the roads run parallel.

"It's developed to be as close as possible to the interstate," he said. The goal for the historic trail is a high-quality visitor

experience, coordinated interpretation and education, effective administration and active resource protection.

Sites to be developed in New Mexico could include Bracito, Fort Fillmore, Keystone Park, Doña Ana, Mesilla, La Rancheria, Fort Selden, Paraje Perillo, Las Peñuelas, Laguna del Muerto, Fray Cristóbal, Valverde, Lemitar, Sabino, Tome Hill, Los Lunas, Los Padillas, Atrisco, Los Rancho de Albuquerque, Santa Ana Pueblo, Cochiti Pueblo, La Bajada, Cieneguilla, Agua Fria and San Juan Pueblo, among others. San Gabriel will be the farthest north.

He said more than 50 sites, stretching along the entire trail, have potential to be certified as historical sites.

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

First director of Living Desert park dies at 92

BY VICTORIA PARKER-STEVENS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CARLSBAD — A figure in area park history, L.B. "Tex" Worley died Friday at the age of 92. Worley was the first director at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park and also had stints as chief ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park and at IMC Potash.

He was easygoing and well-liked, said Ed Crenshaw, who worked with Worley at Living Desert in the early 1970s and became the second park director.

"He was an intelligent, well-educated, hardworking gentleman," said Joe Brown, who worked with Worley at IMC twice, most recently at the credit union.

"Even though he was 25 years older than me, he was my friend for more than 40 years," Brown said. "I'll miss him."

He was also a good storyteller, said City Councilman Larry Henderson, who served as an honorary pallbearer at Tuesday's funeral at First United Methodist Church.

Both Worley and Henderson worked — at different times — at Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon

and Carlsbad Caverns and enjoyed reminiscing.

Worley had been one of the early motorcycle rangers at Yellowstone, before the crowds of today, and had tales of encounters with bears and bison, Henderson said.

After retiring from the Park Service and later from IMC, Worley was approached to be the head of Living Desert in 1971.

Worley and Crenshaw pooled their knowledge, Crenshaw said, noting he was the animal man.

At that time, the park had predominately small mammals, either donated by individuals or the state Game and Fish Department. A few larger animals, such as mule deer and antelope, were soon added to the collection.

The park opened in June 1971, but by August, the state had cut its budget in half.

That winter was tough, Crenshaw recalled. Business was very slow and pay cuts loomed. Worley, with two retirements already under his belt, left the park, and in 1972, Crenshaw took the helm.

That June, the city of Carlsbad took over park opera-

tions.

"It was challenging," Crenshaw said of those early days. It was a lot of hard work because we were shorthanded, but we managed."

Worley's wife, Tannye Maye Jeffress, died in 1999. He is survived by two sons, a sister, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The writer is a reporter for the Carlsbad Current-Argus, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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No metal carports —period

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tired of debating each case of metal carports put up after a ban on the structures was established in 1999, members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission said future cases may be handled administratively, without hearings.

At a commission meeting Nov. 19, members asked Charles Rennick, the attorney who advises the board, to check the ordinance and determine if any grounds are included for a variance to the prohibition.

If no grounds are outlined, future owners cited by code enforcement should be ordered to remove the structures.

The cases shouldn't be referred to the

board, they said.

"We have the ordinance, and — as I said at the last meeting — we need to enforce it or not have it," said member Phillis Barnett. "It was approved in 1999 and we need to go ahead with its requirements."

"We were talking about having cases come before us, and we really don't need to. The ordinance says you are not to have them. Like metal buildings, they are not allowed within the city limits, so why have the cases before us?"

In the most recent request early in the month, the board compromised, allowing a carport to stay, but requiring the owner to box in metal support poles with wood, to add a wooden fascia and to submit to inspections of the foundation.

Death March memorial participants cut back

LAS CRUCES — The 2003 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range will be conducted on March 30.

The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices made by thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers who were overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands early in World War II.

For the first time, the number of participants will be limited to 4,000. Because the event has grown dramatically in recent years, it will be capped at 4,000 to preserve the quality and to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Cost is \$35 for individuals and \$140 for a five-person team.

Information and registration forms for the 2003 Bataan Memorial Death March can be found on the Internet at www.bataanmarch.com. Application booklets can also be obtained by calling the White Sands Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-3374.

Entry deadlines are: Feb. 28 for entry forms received by mail, March 7 for entry forms received by fax and March 21 for on-line registration. All

forms of registration will end when the 4,000 limit is reached.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a commemorative timing chip, a certificate, pre-event continental breakfast and post-event meal. Those who finish the march will receive a commemorative dog tag.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the missile range main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation varies from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet.

While the course is marathonic length, the memorial march is not a sanctioned marathon.

The event is open to active duty or reserve military, members of the National Guard, ROTC, JROTC, and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Military personnel marching in any of the military categories must wear full field gear.

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desert terrain. All marchers entered in heavy division categories must also carry a 35-pound rucksack.

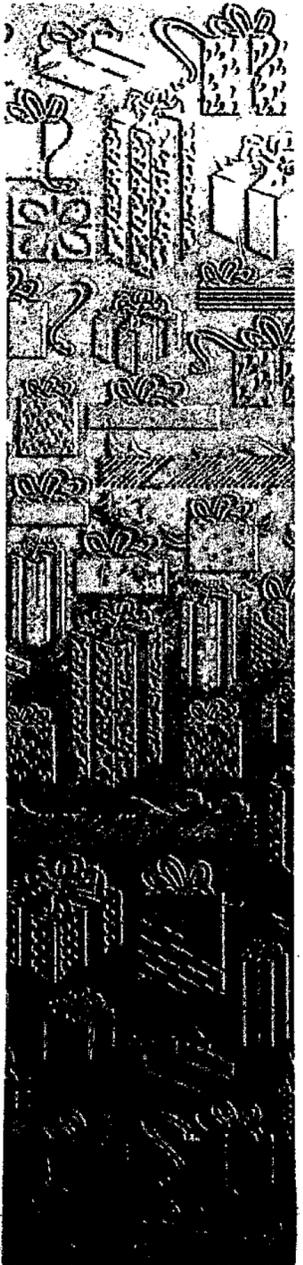
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Nonmilitary team categories include: men's light, men's heavy, women's light, and co-ed heavy.

Individual military categories are: men's light, men's over-40 light, men's heavy, women's light, women's over-40 light, and women's heavy.

For more information about the march, call Monte Marlin at 678-1134. Questions and comments can also be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

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Working as a

How the 2002 Capitan volleyball team overcame early-season adversity and pulled together to bring home a state title.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — Anyone who was at this year's Class 2A state volleyball tournament in Albuquerque will remember the Lady Tigers after their state title-clinching match. The moment the final ball hit the floor — crushed there by senior Jessica Tully-Mitchell — the entire team was on the court, celebrating the fitting end to a season that had its share of ups and downs.

But through it all, they did it as a team.

"Come the state tournament, every one of those kids made a huge push and peaked at the right time," said Capitan coach Sherry Gowen, who also won a state title as a player for the Lady Tigers in 1988. "That's when the confidence kicked in."

"I figured we had a pretty good team and a lot of good players, so I thought we had a pretty good chance," Tully-Mitchell said. "Each game we played, we got a little bit better with the pressure and staying together as a team."

This was a Lady Tiger team that began the season with 5 a.m. practice in August, and struggled their way through the Roadrunner Tournament, falling to Carrizozo in the seventh-place game.

It was a team that later took third in its own Tiger Classic, then put on a real show — winning seven straight matches to

take a commanding lead in District 5-2A.

It was a team whose last three losses of the year all belonged to arch-rival Hatch. They were losses that did nothing more than strengthen their resolve to take home a state title.

"I knew we could physically handle this, but remembered being uneasy with our mental state last year," said senior Lorena Brockman. "But this year, I was not worried whatsoever. I had a lot of confidence and knew we could do well, no matter what team we faced."

Brockman, Tully-Mitchell and several other members of this team were on the court last year, when the Lady Tigers were bounced out of the district tournament by Tularosa, and had nary a win in district play.

They all remembered that disappointment. With a cadre of five seniors on this team, they did not want to repeat it. Although for a while it got dicey.

"After the Roadrunner Tournament, we all felt that coming back, and you just didn't want to feel that disappointment anymore because it was so exhausting," said senior Stephanie Kelsey. "All the time, you're trying to get everyone up and push forward. That was a driving force for those that were around last year."

This team was also made up of players that had been around for Capitan's last tournament appearance in 2000, when Lindsey Bush and T.J. Maroon ruled the court.

KayCee Gilson — a sophomore starter on that team — said the pressure was even greater then.

"When you only have two girls or one girl, you are dependent on them being perfect every single time," Gilson said. "If our front line wasn't hitting good, our back row could step up. If our back line wasn't doing good, we'd block on the front line."

"It's so much easier to win games when you're not relying on one or two people. You have the whole group together."

Capitan went 7-1 in district



PHOTO BY DORIS CHERRY

The 2002 Class 2A state champion Capitan Lady Tigers. Front row, from left, team manager Angie Nowell, Candle Turner, Stephanie Kelsey, Melissa Becker, team manager Chelsea Colwell. Second row, from left, Emily Hobbs, KayCee Gilson, Alyx Sheehy, Catherine Wood. Back row, from left, head coach Sherry Gowen, Falon Sparks, Jennifer Bartley, Jessica Becker, Jessica Tully-Mitchell, Lorena Brockman, assistant coach Susie Gibbs.

this season, their only loss being a five-game heart-breaker to Hatch. While it was a let-down to lose the district championship, having a 7-1 district season after their season's start was certainly something to ride into the regional.

"We came together at the right time," said senior Emily Hobbs. "Coach was always saying we peaked then, and I agree with her. The struggles like we had in the Roadrunner and the Classic made us work a lot harder. She (coach) worked us really hard, and it got us really far."

Another player on last season's team and the state tournament squad from 2000 was junior Candle Turner, who again reflected how close the team was this year.

"This time, we were more united. As a team, everyone was looking for a common goal," Turner said. "Even our bench this year was really excited. Every single person was a part of it."

That included junior Alyx Sheehy, who had been a member of the junior varsity team that won district and was called up to varsity just before their regional playoff games against Hagerman and Hatch.

"My role was to be part of the team and keep them motivated," Sheehy said. "If I wasn't good, I wouldn't be on the varsity team, so that gave me a lot of confidence in myself."

Sheehy and Turner are just two of several juniors that will likely be back on the team for next season — and will be taking much of what they learned into battle next year.

Twin sisters, Melissa and Jessica Becker, were two stalwart members of that group.

"From the first day of practice, we told ourselves we would be at state and that we were going to take it," Melissa said. "We signed a pact and everything for it."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Defense was just as important for the Lady Tigers, as evidenced by Falon Sparks, left, who receives a serve in the championship match as Lorena Brockman looks on.

As for Jessica — the one everyone calls "Bruiser" — she found the state tourney experience to be a bit less stressful than expected.

"With all the pressure from regionals — playing in Hatch's gym — nothing could compare to that," Jessica said. "It was exciting being at state, though; it wasn't a letdown at all."

Catherine Wood got a late start in practice at the beginning of the season, but said it didn't take long for her to be accepted as part of the team.

"I don't think anybody felt like an outsider," Wood said. "I never felt outcast at all."

Jennifer Bartley was the youngest member of the team as a sophomore, and had quite a starring role at state — particularly in the first-round game against Cimarron, as she found herself challenged at the net numerous times.

"After the first five minutes of that game, we realized where we were," Bartley said. "You had to get all your nervousness and mess-ups out."

With the nervousness aside, Capitan rode the

adrenaline they felt all the way to the championship, led as always by some very capable coaches at the helm.

Helping Gowen on the sidelines was assistant coach Susie Gibbs, who led the junior varsity team to a district championship, and said Gowen taught her a great deal about the sport.

"I wouldn't say I did anything," Gibbs said. "Coach Gowen pretty much had a game plan figured out, and I just did whatever she told me to do."

"I'd played before, but I'd never coached. I've learned so much from Sherry."

Through it all, there was the fans.

"More people are hooked on volleyball now," Gowen said. "When we played at Goddard (in 1988) the kids didn't know what they were cheering about. These fans now, they know the game and it makes a big difference."

Opponent	Result	Record
Mescalero	W (3-0)	1-0
Estancia	W (3-2)	2-0
Mescalero	W (fort)	3-0
Tatum	L (3-0)	3-1
Jal	W (3-1)	4-1
Carrizozo	L (3-0)	4-2
Hagerman	W (3-2)	5-2
Magdalena	W (3-2)	6-2
Elida	L (3-1)	6-3
Aztec	W (3-2)	7-3
Dexter	W (3-1)	8-3
Tularosa	W (3-0)	9-3, 1-0
Hatch	W (3-2)	10-3, 2-0
Cloudercroft	W (3-0)	11-3, 3-0
Lordsburg	W (3-0)	12-3, 4-0
Tularosa	W (3-2)	13-3, 4-0
Hatch	L (3-0)	13-4, 5-1
Cloudercroft	W (3-0)	14-3, 5-1
Lordsburg	W (3-0)	15-4, 7-1
Lordsburg	W (3-0)	16-4
Tularosa	W (3-0)	17-4
Hatch	L (3-2)	17-5
Hagerman	W (3-1)	18-5
Hatch	L (3-1)	18-6
Cimarron	W (3-0)	19-6
Hope Christian	W (3-2)	20-6
Laguna-Acoma	W (3-2)	21-6

* District 5-2A match
** District 5-2A tournament match
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Stephanie Kelsey makes a set during the Class 2A championship match against Laguna-Acoma Nov. 16 at West Mesa High School in Albuquerque.



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Sophomore Jennifer Bartley dives for a ball during Capitan's match against Cimarron Nov. 14 at the Class 2A state tournament in Albuquerque.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Past 24 Hours: 1 in.
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 13-26 in., on open trails
Surface Conditions: Machine groomed
Skiing Conditions: Excellent
Lifts Open: 3, 4, 5, 7 and Chair 2 to midway
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: Yes
Additional Information: Ski Apache has a reduced lift ticket price. Adult lift tickets are \$39 and child lift tickets are \$24. The resort will remain open daily through the end of March.

Prep Scores

Saturday, Nov. 23
Boys Basketball
Magdalena 71, Carrizozo 39
Girls Basketball
Magdalena 47, Carrizozo 41

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo 70, Hondo 55
Girls Basketball
Ruidoso at Cloudercroft, cancelled

Preps on Tap

Friday, Nov. 29
Boys Basketball
Socorro at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30
Football
Class 3A state semifinal
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs at Truth or Consequences, 1 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 2
Boys Basketball
Hondo at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Hagerman, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo at Capitan, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo at Capitan, 4 p.m.
Ruidoso at Carlsbad, 7 p.m.

On Deck

Games Rescheduled
Basketball games scheduled for Dec. 5 by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department have been moved to Dec. 4 to accommodate the village's annual tree lighting event.
The department has also announced that open gym for volleyball will be held for one more date, Nov. 27. For more information about these or any other scheduling situations, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Reindeer Run in Roswell
The 18th annual Reindeer Run, sponsored by Rio Pecos Medical Associates, will be held Dec. 7 in Roswell. The run will consist of a 10K run, 10K walk, two mile run and two mile walk.
Entry fee is \$25 plus a can of food for the Land-A-Hand program. A \$1 discount will be given to Roswell Runners Club members or groups of 10 or more. Awards will be given to runners in age groups from 5 and under to 70 and older.
The event will begin and end at the Roswell Racquet Club and Spa at 200 E. Mescalero in Roswell. For more information, contact Bob Edwards at 627-5507, Rio Pecos Medical Associates at 622-6322 or the Roswell Recreation Department at 624-6720.

Ski Apache Now Open
With Ski Apache having opened on Thursday, the resort has announced that their "locals special," the individual weekday season pass, has been reduced in price from \$325 to just \$200. This pass allows skiing on all weekdays of the season except six peak weekdays. The value is that much greater because the daily lift ticket is going up to \$45. Pass categories are priced as follows for the 2002-2003 season:
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Child — 12 yrs. and under (good everyday of the season) \$250
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Peak weekdays this season will be Dec. 23, 27, 30, 31, 2002 and March 11-12, 2003. Season passes to Ski Apache for the 2002-2003 season may be purchased at any time. Book on-line at www.skiapache.com or call 505-336-4358.

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Ruidoso hopes to avoid letdown against Hot Springs

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

One week after felling Lovington in convincing fashion, the Ruidoso Warrior football team found themselves with a chance at the District 4-3A title if they could defeat Portales.

Not only did the Warriors lose that game, they lost by a margin that kept them from taking the district crown — but at least they were still in the playoffs.

Now Ruidoso finds itself in much the same situation — one week after an emotional and crucial win over St. Michael's in the Class 3A quarterfinal in the playoffs.

Will the letdown happen again Saturday at 1 p.m. against Hot Springs?

"Reminding them of the Lovington and Portales games was enough to tell them we had to get back to work," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "Hopefully, we can carry over the execution from the second half."

After a slow start, the Warriors (6-5) scored 21 points in the second half against the Horsemen to tie the game and force overtime — four of them to be exact — before finally winning the game on a rush by quarterback Josh Adams.

Bowden hopes it doesn't

take that long for his team to execute Saturday in Truth or Consequences.

"You have to play good for four quarters, even if it is in overtime," Bowden said. "I think the second half showed us if we focus, nobody is going to be able to slow us down."

Hot Springs (8-3) is coming off a 14-7 win over Bloomfield in its quarterfinal game from last week, using three interceptions to seal the victory.

The interceptions were crucial, as the Tigers amassed only 157 yards rushing, led by Roman Sanchez's 52 yards on seven carries. Hot Springs' leading rusher overall is quarterback Zack Gerleve, who had 680 yards total heading into the Bloomfield game, but wasn't able to have more than 40 yards against the Bobcats.

Rounding out Hot Springs running attack is senior fullback Greer Goetz, who has run for 525 yards, counting the Bloomfield game.

"They run a wing-T offense, lots of traps and sweeps, lots of motion," Bowden said of the

Tiger attack. "They try to give you multiple formations, but run the same plays."

Seems pretty easy to defend, but St. Michael's was supposed to be easy to defend, as well, and burned the Warriors with a few well-placed passes to ease the pressure off of their running game.

Whether Hot Springs does the same thing remains to be seen, but Ruidoso will likely do that when its offense is on the field.

Sure, running is still their focus — what with Adams gaining a lions' share of the yards and touchdowns and supported by backs Tyler Line, Casey

Mirau, Tim Lucero and Steven Stroup — but Adams has proven deadly in the air, connecting with Chance Hooper for a total of 964 yards thus far this year. That includes a touchdown off a fake field goal in the third overtime last week which kept the Warriors in the game.

Class 3A State Football Playoffs

Hot Springs (14)	Hot Springs (8-3)
Nov. 30	Nov. 30
11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
at Portales	at Portales
Ruidoso (6-5)	Ruidoso (6-5)
Nov. 30	Nov. 30
2 p.m.	2 p.m.
at Cobre	at Cobre
Portales (7-0)	Portales (7-0)
Nov. 29	Nov. 29
at Cobre	at Cobre
Championship	Championship
Nov. 29	Nov. 29
at Cobre	at Cobre



How will the Hot Springs defense match up? Bowden is optimistic.

"Neither team has really big kids, but I'm really excited about us getting after them this week," Bowden said. "They're smaller than St. Michael's, but

it's a well-coached team and they get after it real well."

Notes: Ruidoso's boys basketball team, which has scheduled its season opener against Socorro for Saturday, have moved the game to today at 6 p.m., so the team will be avail-

able to go to T or C Saturday for the playoff. Several football players, including Josh Adams, Hooper and Stroup, will play basketball at the end of the football season — hopefully not until after the state 3A title game.



Ruidoso quarterback Josh Adams (24) runs interference as Tyler Line (7) makes a gain against St. Michael's during a Class 3A quarterfinal game Nov. 23 at Brother Abdon Field in Santa Fe.

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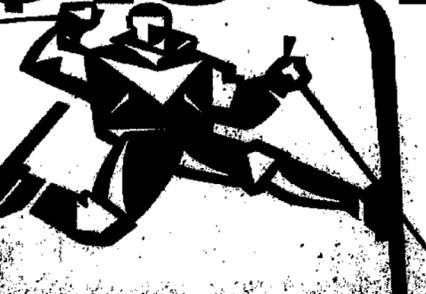
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Nowhere to go but up for the Ruidoso boys basketball team

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

You can't do too much worse than a 2-21 season, which is why Ruidoso basketball coach Billy Page has so much optimism for his team this season.

"We're going to surprise some people," Page said. "We expect more out of us; we expect to make the playoffs, obviously."

Page took his team through two different camps during the summer, including the Ruidoso camp in June, where his varsity went 1-5 against the likes of Alamogordo, Mayfield and Roswell High. They also ran, lots and lots.

"We have seven guys out of cross-country, and our off-season was the most rigorous we've ever had," Page said. "We ran anywhere from eight to nine miles a week, and we'll run a lot on the court."

"There are some kids that worked very hard, and have put on some muscle and quickness," he continued. "We've got to have that expressiveness and not get on the basketball court and get pushed around like we did last year."

A 2-21 season was disappointing to Page and the Warriors for the obvious reason, but it also meant that Ruidoso didn't get to the state tournament for the first time since Page had taken over the program back in 1998.

Page admitted he looked ahead last year and probably neglected the task at hand. He's vowed to himself and his coaching staff that he's refocused, and is ready to take this year's team out of the District 4-3A playoffs.

"Getting out of district is really important to me," Page said. "The kids are working really hard to do that and erase last season. It's all about home-court advantage and winning your games at home."

But to do that, they'll have to get through a very tough district indeed. Page points to Lovington as the team to beat, with Portales and New Mexico Military Institute as dangerous wild cards.

Gone from the district is Santa Teresa, which moved up to Class 4A. That makes fighting for a playoff spot even more difficult, as every district game will be that much more important.

And even if a team struggles in the regular season, they can surprise people once the district tournament starts. The Warriors proved that with a 52-43 victory over Santa Teresa in the playoffs after going 0-8 in district.

Ruidoso starts its season today at 6 p.m. against Socorro, a game that was scheduled for Saturday, but was moved to accommodate the Warrior football team's game at Hot Springs in the Class 3A semifinals.

Page is hoping the football team can win a state championship, as three varsity players — Steven Stroup, Josh

Adams and Chance Hooper — will join the hoops team following their time on the gridiron. Page wants them to bring a winning attitude with them.

"If we get them early, if they don't beat Hot Springs, then it could be a problem because they're wishing they could be somewhere else," Page said. "Our guys want to go watch the football team, and I hope the football team does the same thing for us."

In addition to the football three-

some, Page also has a fairly large compliment of seniors such as Tony Dominguez, A.J. Richardson, John Rodriguez and Nick Fajardo.

"A.J. and Nick have been with me for four years, and Tony was on the state championship team (the team that finished second to Portales in 2000). They know what it takes to get there, so I'm putting it on their shoulders," Page said.

"This is their time, but I want them to reach back to that experience and pass it on to the others."

"I want everybody to understand that we're still a force to be reckoned with," he added. "This wasn't just a three-year fluke, our program is solid."



Nick Page, right, dribbles against Denny Ward during a practice Tuesday at Ruidoso High.

Date	Location	Time
Nov. 29	Socorro	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Alamogordo	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Mayfield	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Roswell	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Portales	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 23	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 25	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
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Dec. 29	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 29	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.

Carrizozo gets off to slow start

BY LESTER HAYES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Grizzlies of Carrizozo boys and girls varsity basketball teams played Magdalena in their season opener Nov. 23, and the Magdalena teams proved to be a little faster out of the gate, winning both times.

The Carrizozo boys lost by a score of 71-39, the girls lost a close game with a score of 47-44.

"We didn't practice very much. We only had about three days of practice before the game," said Mel Holland, head basketball coach for both the Carrizozo boys and girls teams. The Grizzlies were not really prepared for the game and that was a big factor in the outcome, especially for the boys — who are a fairly young team, but do have three returning players that Holland feels are strong leaders: Josh Calvert and Jesse and Joe Samora.

The girls who will likely be leaders for the Lady Grizzlies are Stephanie Brewer, Lacey Burd — both returning from last season — and Christa Franck.

"She can play at just about any position," Holland said of Franck, who is also a high point scorer for the Lady Grizzlies. "She got hurt the other night or I think we would have won the ball game."

"We had a 10-point lead when she got hurt; she didn't play the second half at all. She sat out with seventeen points in the first half of the game."

Holland has coached the Grizzlies for the last four years, and in that time the girls have had four winning seasons.

Holland feels that his girls have a good team and that they can be real contenders this season. The boys need a little work but Holland commented, "I think that by the end of the season the boys can be tough. I start two 8th-graders, which is some thing I have never done. The two I have seem to be doing pretty good."

With the season still young, it is hard to predict the outcome of any team. Only time will tell what will be dealt to Carrizozo, but they plan to make the best of it, play to win and hope that their hard work will put them at the top at playoff time.

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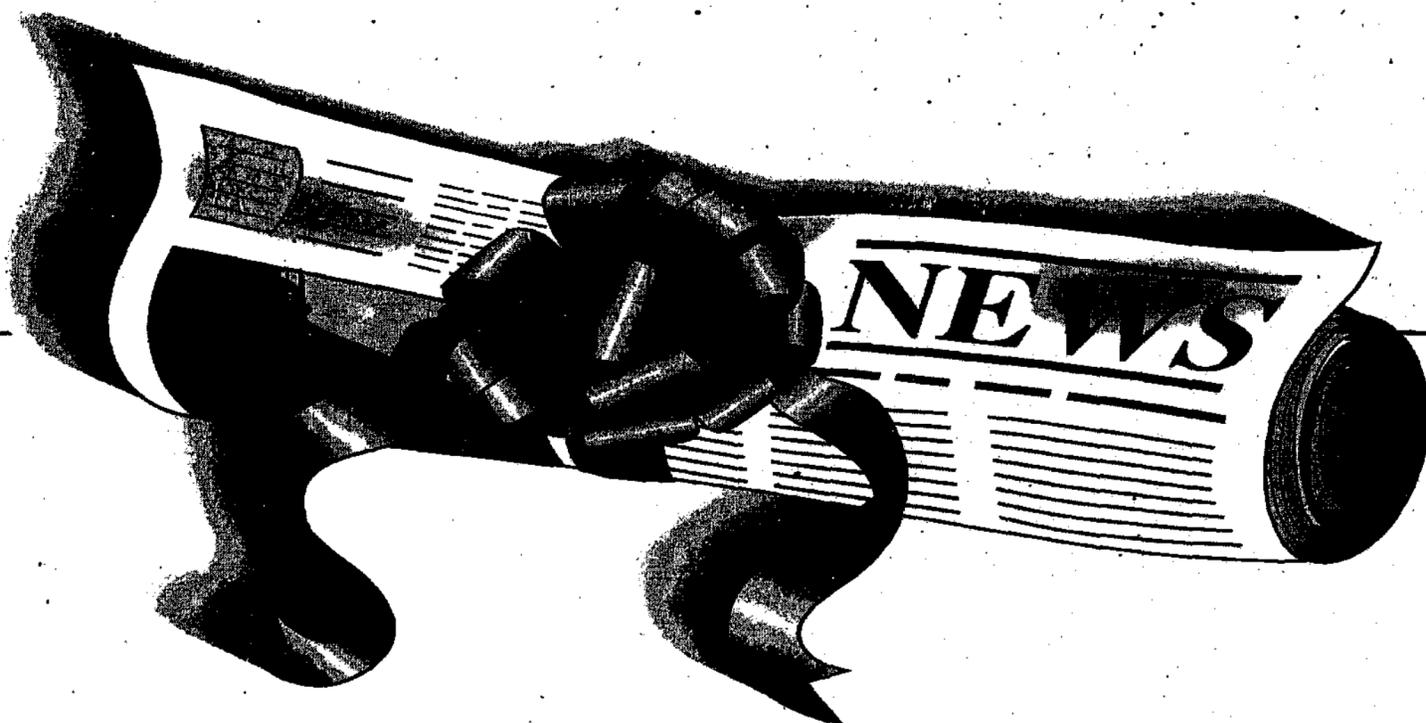
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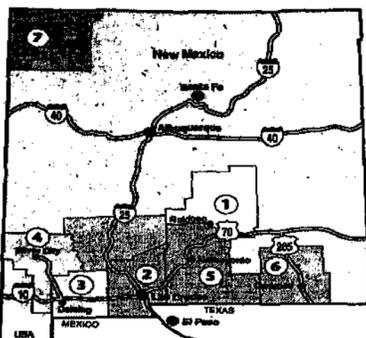
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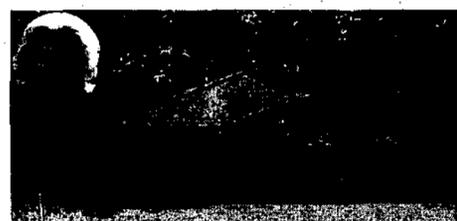
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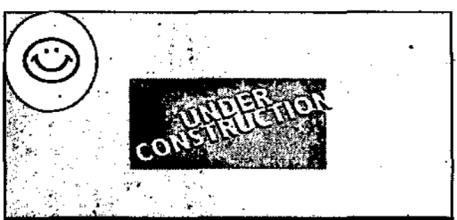
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680 LEGAL NOTICES

#5340 2T (11)29, (12)4
Regional IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council - meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 9:30 a.m. REEC IX Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include grant applications for the year 2003. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Sandy Gladden, 257-2388, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/Sandy Gladden, Executive Director

#5321 4T (11)15,22,29 (12)6
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV00-168

BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,
vs.
TRUDIE JORDAN aka TRUDIE CREWS and CHARLES EDWARD CREWS aka CHARLES JORDAN Defendants,
and
MONTGOMERY & ANDREWS, P.A., Intervenor,
vs.
TRUDIE JORDAN aka TRUDIE CREWS, Defendant-in-Intervention.

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 11, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 26 St. Moritz Street, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 26. INNSBROOK VILLAGE, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND PUBLIC RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JUNE 30, 1975, IN TUBE NO. 557.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 17, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$121,098.86 and the same bears interest at 11.50% per annum from October 1, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$16,871.55. The Intervenor Montgomery & Andrews, P.A.'s judgment is \$120,129.42, and the same bears interest at one and one-quarter percent (1 1/4%) per annum from April 14, 1994. The Plaintiff and the Intervenor Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. have the right to bid at such sale and submit its

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SUN VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids, for installation of approximately 900 feet of new water line, SDR 21, 4 inch PVC pipe.

This project is to be costed two ways. First cost should include all labor and pipe with connections from Sun Valley Sanitation District Well #2 along secured easement to Deer Park Road. As this is a new line, there are no service connections to consider. The second cost should include labor costs only.

Please remit sealed bids showing beginning and completion dates for construction and proof of bond, to Sun Valley Sanitation District, P.O. Box 151, Alto, NM 88312. For a copy of specification, additional information or to arrange for a project site visit, please call Joe Buchanan at 505-258-6628 or Jerry Ligon at 505-336-8210.

Sealed bids must be received by Sun Valley Sanitation District no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 13, 2002 at which time bids will be opened at the Alto Bonita Fire Station. Bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. A successful bidder will be notified within five working days after bids close.

Sun Valley Sanitation District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the state of New Mexico procurement code.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2002

10:09 A.M. SHARP

Viewing: 8:00 A.M. to Sale Time or by Appointment Prior to Auction Date

DIRECTIONS: Intersection Hwy 380 & 54 go E 380 7/10 mi. and turn 5 on dirt road at W end of Carrizozo Municipal Golf Course - Go 2/10 mi. to dead end.

WATCH FOR AUCTION SIGNS

AUCTIONEER'S STATEMENT: Most of the Equipment in this Auction is either in good running order or needs very minor repair.

EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES: 1982 JCB Backhoe w 1 1/2 Yd Bucket - 4 Cyl Diesel Engine • 1995 Chrysler Concord - V6 • 1988 Dodge Pickup - 318 • 1987 Ford Ranger Pickup - 5 Speed - 4 Cyl. Engine • 1988 Dodge Ram 150 Pickup - V8 • 1988 Dodge Pickup - 318 • 1978 Chevrolet 3 Ton Dump Truck - 409 Engine • Camper Shell for Ford Ranger **OFFICE EQUIPMENT:** Sharp Copy Machine • Motorola Cell Phone • Computer and Monitor • Smart Design 104 Keyboard • Kodak S100 E6 Camera • Panasonic Fax Machine • Epson Stylus color 740 Printer **MISC:** 500,000 C.F. Spotlights • Dart Rifle • Dart Gun • GE Hand Radio w/ Charger • Wheelbarrow • Finger Rite Kit • CP 200 Lab Pump Tank • Hawk Radar Unit • Fiberglass Case • Flashlights • 3 Overhead Light Units • Code 3 Sauer Lights

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 /Loretta R. Lamphere
 secretary
 on Valley Sanitation Dis-
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OTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
 N that the Flying J Ranch
 #5332 1A public water
 supply system failed to
 meet its required number
 of valid bacteriological
 sample(s) for the reporting
 period of September 2002.
 our public water supply
 system is required to sub-
 mit these samples under
 the requirements of the
 New Mexico Water Supply
 Regulations.

As a result, the bacterio-
 logical quality of the water
 is undetermined for the
 report shown above.

oe Buchanan, (505)258-
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 perator/Manager & tele-
 phone number

ick Ueray, (505)258-3272
 MED Representative &
 telephone number

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**CITY OF RUIDOSO
 DOWN
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given that
 the Governing Body of the
 City of Ruidoso Downs
 conducted a Public Hear-
 ing during their sched-
 uled meeting held on
 Tuesday, November 26,
 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the
 City Hall Hubbard Room,
 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso
 Downs and adopted the
 following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2002-13

AN ORDINANCE AMEND-
ING ORDINANCES 95-04,
97-01 AND 99-05 WHICH
AUTHORIZED THE CITY
OF RUIDOSO DOWN
TO ENTER INTO A LOAN
AGREEMENT WITH THE
NEW MEXICO ENVIRON-
MENT DEPARTMENT, BY
INCREASING THE ELIG-
IBLE PROJECT AND
LOAN AGREEMENT
AMOUNT FROM
\$1,200,000 TO \$1,450,000
BEARING AN INTEREST
RATE OF TWO PERCENT
AND AUTHORIZING EXE-
CUTION OF REVISED
LOAN DOCUMENTS.

Copies of Ordinance 2002-
 13 are on file in the office
 of the City Clerk and are
 available for public review
 Monday through Friday
 between the hours of 8:00
 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE
 Witness my hand and the
 seal of the City of Ruidoso
 Downs this 27th day of
 November 2002.

/s/ Carol Virden,
 City Clerk

#5341 2T (11)29, (12)4

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 IN THE PROBATE
 COURT LINCOLN COUN-
 TY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE
 ESTATE OF MARY E
 STEWART, DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
 EN that the undersigned
 has appointed personal
 representative of this es-
 tate. All persons having
 claims against this estate
 are required to present
 their claims within two (2)
 months after the date of
 the first publication of this
 notice, or the claims will
 be forever barred. Claims
 must be presented with-
 in the undersigned person-
 al representative at the ad-
 dress listed below, or filed
 with the Probate Court of
 Lincoln County, New Mex-
 ico, located at the follow-
 ing address: POB 338,
 Carrizozo, NM 88301.
 Dated: 24 October, 2002

/s/Marshall J. Conover
 410 Redbird Lane
 Fredericksburg, Tx 78624
 830-990-0661

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
 TRICT COURT
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

STATE NATIONAL BANK,
 a Texas banking corpora-
 tion, successor in interest
 to Sierra Bank,
 Plaintiff,

-v-

**JORGE REYES and EM-
 MA REYES,**
 Defendants

No. #CV-02-194

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-
 SURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that on December 11,
2002, at 10:00 A.M., at the
front entrance to the Vil-
lage of Ruidoso Municipal
Building located at 313
Cree Meadows Drive in
Ruidoso, New Mexico, the
undersigned Special Mas-
ter will offer at public sale
and sell the following de-
scribed real properties to

the highest bidder for
 cash.

Tract 1:
 The North 60 feet of Lots 5
 and 6, Block 6, Grand
 Heights Subdivision, Lin-
 coln County, New Mexico,
 as shown by the plat
 thereof filed in the office of
 the County Clerk and Ex-
 officio Recorder of Lincoln
 County, New Mexico, on
 July 30, 1956. The prop-
 erty is commonly known as
 123 Birch Street, Ruidoso,
 New Mexico.

Plaintiff's Judgment direct-
 ed foreclosure of the real
 property to satisfy the fol-
 lowing Judgment liens:

Principal and Interest
 through 12/11/02 \$79,142.53
 Costs of suit \$233.34
 Attorney fees \$1,248.13
 Special Master's fee \$125.00
 \$80,749.00

Tract 2
 A tract of land located in
 the S/2 SW/4, Section 27,
 Township 10 South,
 Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.,
 Lincoln County, New Mex-
 ico, being more particularly
 described as follows:

Beginning at the quarter
 section corner common to
 Sections 27 and 34 and
 going North 0° 29' East,
 a distance of 96.0 feet;
 thence South 84° 19'
 West, a distance of 186.0
 feet; thence South 0° 29'
 West, a distance of 77.85
 feet; thence North 89° 52'
 East, a distance of 186.96
 feet to the place of begin-
 ning, said tract being a
 part of Tract A, as shown
 by that certain plat filed in
 the office of the County
 Clerk and Ex-officio Re-
 corder of Lincoln County,
 New Mexico, November
 16, 1981, in plat Book 2,
 page 50-K, the property is
 commonly known as Old
 Fort Stanton Road, Alto,
 New Mexico.

Plaintiff's Judgment direct-
 ed foreclosure of the real
 property to satisfy the fol-
 lowing Judgment liens:

Principal and Interest
 through 12/11/02 \$17,276.57
 Costs of suit \$233.34
 Attorney fees \$1,248.00
 Special Master's fee \$125.00
 \$18,879.91

The Special Master's sale

will be conducted pursuant
 to a Default Judgment, De-
 cree of Foreclosure, Order
 of Sale and Appointment
 of Special Master entered
 by this Court on November
 7, 2002. In an action
 against the Defendants for
 collection of Promissory
 Notes and foreclosure of
 Mortgages.

In addition to the Judg-
 ment liens referred to
 above there will be accru-
 ing costs, including costs
 of publication of this no-
 tice.

The Special Master may
 continue the sale of the real
 properties by appearing
 on the date and time desig-
 nated in this notice and
 announcing the postponement
 to another specific
 date.

/s/ Sarah Prothro
 Special Master

/s/ Lee Griffin
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 14 Take note of
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 18 Manual reader,
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 20 Ale on the top
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 24 Clay, now
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 you a hand
 49 Lunch hour
 51 W. C. Fields
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 52 "Shoot!"
 55 Bad thing to
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 60 Smart goat?
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 67 X and Y, maybe
 68 Take to the
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69 Pizzazz
 70 Show respect to
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 71 Lord of poetry
 72 Eye sore
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 2 Lofty home
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 4 Coeur d'Alene's
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 9 Yom Kippur
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 10 Up to the job
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 39 Building block
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 43 Like the
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 48 Squelcher
 50 Before, to bards
 53 Analyzes, with
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 54 Prepared to be
 dubbed

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 57 The Old South
 58 Partygoer
 59 Twisty turns
 61 Golden rule
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 62 Suffix with nine,
 but not ten
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 with "the"
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 65 Weep

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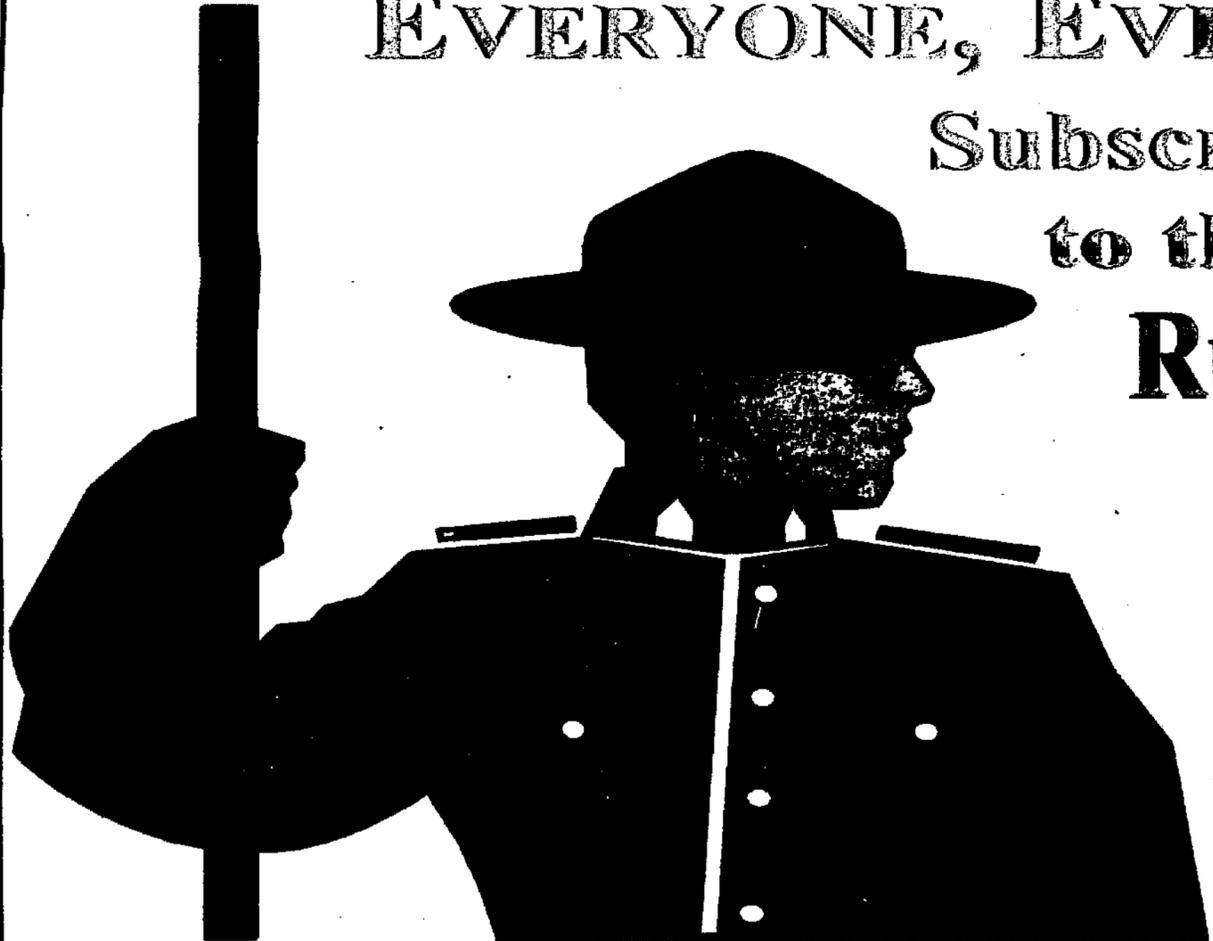
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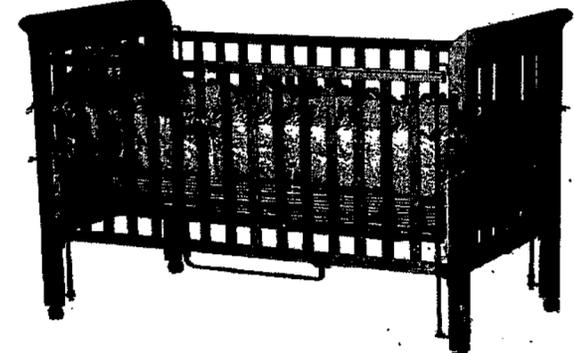
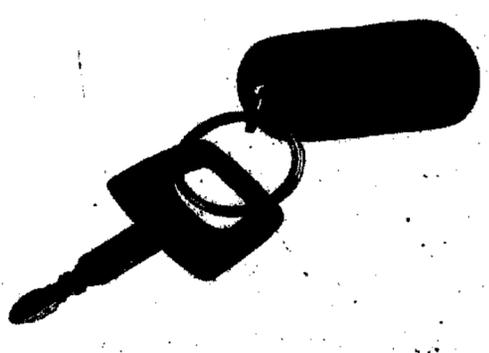
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Festival of LIGHT

Celebration marks second year by becoming bigger and better

SANDY SUGGITT
STAFF WRITER

With Midtown poles decorated and the juried lighting competition in full swing, the tree-lighting festival of Light's second year is next week: the Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

A special addition to the Parks & Recreation event this year will be guest entertainers from the "Scrooge" performing skit — in their Victorian costumes. Afterward, they'll head back to the Spencer Theater to rehearse for their Friday performance.

The tree-lighting in School House Park is a traditional Ruidoso festivity that marks the holiday season and the beginning of the new Festival of Light, and volunteers from all the village offices get involved in a variety of ways.

After Santa, the mayor and others welcome the crowd, the mayor will flip the switch and the lights will come on, said Ellen Bizzell, Parks & Recreation Department supervisor.

"We'll be lighting about 12 trees," Bizzell said. "Every year we try to add a few more trees so it's a tour through the park when we do the sleigh rides." The "Scrooge" performance comes next, followed by visits with Santa Claus. Polaroid pictures will be taken by volunteers for \$2 a shot, and rides through the park by Dizzy 2, Jimmy Jeter's horse-drawn sleigh, and entertainment by Randy Jones & Friends.

"There'll be 77 hours of entertainment in 11 different locations in Mid-town, more than we've ever had."

Sami Swearingin
FOI planner

While all this is going on, Yuletide logs will warm hands up, senior center Sandy Jourdan's famous hot chocolate will warm up the innards, and Santa's helpers will go around giving out tickets for two rounds of (outdoor prizes. The first will be announced at 7 p.m. and the second at 7:45 p.m., at the conclusion of the event. As of press time, 14 merchants had donated prizes, everything from a fleece jacket to a ceiling fan and candles. Entrants must be present to

"I heard that as the night goes on, Randy Jones anticipates going from three people playing to six or seven, every five minutes adding a piece to his ensemble," Bizzell said.

The next Festival of Light event is the first ever New Mexico State Championship Light Parade, commencing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Sudderth and Mechem drives and ending at State National Bank on Sudderth Drive. Santa Claus will be in the parade passing out candy with the help of some of his elves.



The cast of "Scrooge, the Musical" will perform a few numbers at School House Park Thursday, prior to their weekend shows at the Spencer Theater.

Tim Keithley, from KRUI radio, will broadcast the parade live and announce the winning floats. The count at the festival committee's last meeting, on Wednesday, was 14 floats, all locals, but more may sign up at the last minute. If interested in entering a

float, contact Susie Fuqua at 258-5200 or e-mail Bill Brogan at wbrogan@zianet.com.

The Festival of Music will be a two-day event, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14 in Midtown — the biggest ever street festival organized by the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

A dozen choirs, musicians, drama presentations, giant puppets, a "living nativity" and much more have been scheduled, said Sam Swearingin, one of the planners.

"There'll be 77 hours of entertainment in 11 different locations in Midtown," Swearingin said, "more than we've ever had."

One reason more entertainers will participate, he said, is because they're being paid out of lodgers' taxes.

On Saturday in Midtown, Laser Laser Productions of Albuquerque will present two "Spectacular Laser

Light Shows" at 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the corner of Eagle and Sudderth drives, near Village Plaza, 2300 Sudderth Drive.

Meanwhile, more behind the scenes, merchants and residents will be decorating their buildings with white lights for the Juried Lighting Contest, to be judged between Dec. 9 and 12, with winners to be announced and plaques awarded Dec. 19.

In case your display is not on one of the main streets in the Ruidoso Valley (Ruidoso Downs is included in the contest), call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce to let the judges know the address.

Also behind the scenes but important are the four Angel Trees of Santa's Helpers. The trees, donated by Little Valley Nursery and Seasons Nursery, will be at 1st National Bank, State National Bank,

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People of all ages enjoyed last year's Festival of Light celebration. Tree lightings, musical selections and high-lights from a group performing at the Spencer Theater are on the schedule this year.

Mick, Keith and the Stones are still rocking and rolling



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Recently, I attended a Rolling Stones concert. This is something I do every two decades. I saw the Stones in the 1960s, and again in the 1980s. I plan to see them next in the 2020s, then the 2040s, then the 2060s, at their 100th anniversary concert.

By then, of course, I will be a very old man with no working organs. But I'm sure medical science will figure out a way to get me to a Stones concert. Maybe I'll be just a head, with no body, kept alive in a Plexiglas container carried around by an attendant. When the Stones play, I'll express my excitement by instructing my attendant to dance with the attendant holding the head of the baby boomer next to me.

I have no doubt that the Stones will still be playing decades from now. They're amazing physical specimens. I mean, they're basically 60-year-old men, but when you see them up close, they look, incredibly, more like 90-year-old men, except for Keith

Richards, who looks like a giant iguana that has learned to walk erect and play guitar.

Keith is not a health nut. His idea of taking care of his body is to occasionally play an entire song without smoking a cigarette. He has very deep facial creases: You expect at any moment to see a prairie dog poke its head out of his face, blink at the lights, then duck down again. Keith would not notice this. I'm pretty sure the Stones have a guy on a walkie-talkie somewhere, transmitting to Keith's earpiece, reminding him to blink.

The other Stones look healthier than Keith, but then so does the late Chairman Mao. This is not a pretty-boy band. If they've had any plastic surgery, it was apparently done at Home Depot.

But their looks don't matter, nor does the fact that they have ear hairs older than Britney Spears. What matters is that, in clear violation of the laws of biology, the Stones are still performing, and they're really

GOOD. They do a butt-kicking two-hour show that does not rely on special effects, aside from Mick Jagger's pants, which are the smallest pants I have ever seen on a grown man. They look like he got them in the Toys 'R' Us Barbie section, from a box labeled "Rock Star Ken."

The Stones also do not engage in elaborate choreography, nor do they lip-sync, unless you count when Keith Richards and Ron Wood puff on their cigarettes simultaneously. What the Stones do, really well, is play instruments, unlike these so-called (WARNING OLD-FOSSIL RANT COMING) "bands" you see today where some guy is fussing with a turntable and carrying on as though this is a display of virtuoso musical skill, instead of what it actually is, which is a guy operating a record player. What's next? "Musicians" changing stations on a radio? "Musicians" operating toaster-ovens? This is NOT MUSICIANSHIP! This is

CRAUGH COUGH COUGH CARRGLE (sound of dentures being ejected).

Sorry. My point is that the Stones may be old, but, consarn it, they can still play. They sound as good to me today as they did in 1965, when I used to cruise slowly past Pleasantville High School — I had to cruise slowly, because I was driving my mom's Plymouth Valiant station wagon, which boasted roughly the same top speed as a parking meter — with the radio blasting "Satisfaction," which in 1965 seemed to be coming out of every radio all the time, even if the radio was turned off.

If you can remember 1965, you would have fit right in at the Stones concert. It was an older crowd, a crowd that would not enter a moah pit unless there was reserved seating. The guy in front of me — long white hair, pony tail — held his cell phone in his right hand for the entire concert. While his left hand was thrusting into the air in time to the

music, his right thumb was pressing phone buttons. Rock and roll!

Also on hand were the guys who go to every concert I go to and always manage to sit near me, including the guy who whistles really loud pretty much nonstop, and the guy who has 11 beers and feels the need to give everybody around him a violent high-five at least twice per song, which means you have to high-five him back, or there will be nothing to stop his hand from slamming into your face.

But I'm not complaining. It was a great concert, and the Stones are an inspiration to all of us older people who still want to "get down," insofar as this is possible with artificial hips. So to the Stones I say: Thank you.

And to Keith, I say: Blink.

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Dickens gets a musical makeover

Charles Dickens' haunting holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol" - about one man's ghostly nighttime journey and spiritual transformation - takes on a snappy, jazzy twist in the original musical "Scrooge" by Phillip Sterns.

With a cast of 30 singers, dancers and musicians, lush Victorian costumes and sets, "Scrooge, the Musical" revives the most beloved of all Christmas stories to a joyous beat.

Lead curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge, the fateful Jacob Marley, tender Tiny Tim and the rest of the tale's vibrant characters take center stage at the Spencer Theater in two performances, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are still available for both shows. Call the Spencer Theater at 336-4800 for information.

The large-scale musical has a film-like flow, with big, Duke Ellington-style song and dance numbers. Smart lyrics, tongue-

in-cheek humor and modern choreography (everything from break to step dancing) colorize the timeless story, but be assured the moral of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is as pronounced as ever: Respond to truth and the call to change.

"The original story is just amazing," says Philip Stern, "Scrooge" creator, composer, director and choreographer. "The story is so flowing and colorful; Dickens' writing is so musical. That's why it worked so well with a seamless flow of songs in the vein of 'Les Miserables.' Every scenic change is fluid with dream-like continuity."

Called "A gift to the season" and "Joyous and high-spirited" by New York critics, "Scrooge" first debuted in 1998 at the prestigious off-Broadway Lamb Theatre. Stern began crafting the show - first as a one-act, and then reorchestrating it into two acts - after being commissioned by grant.

"I was really drawn by this

opportunity, have always been attracted to the story," he explains. "I love time travel - the whole idea of looking at the past, looking at the self in the present and glimpsing at how you may become. It's an approach that you can always keep fresh."

His musical has such crowd-pleasing elements as the return of Marley. Wearing shackles, it's a big song and dance number called "Dead Bolt Marley." The jazzy, swinging Ghost of the Present is also a character, as is Tiny Tim and his focus on the amazing beauty of a snowflake. "It's a simple motif. The boy isn't interested in anything materialistic - he just wants his family to be happy."

Produced by Broadway Originals, this is the first western tour of "Scrooge."

The debut at the Spencer is in the very first leg of the tour.

Prior to their Spencer production, "Scrooge" cast members will perform the song,

"Light Up the Christmas Tree" at Ruidoso's annual Christmas Tree Lighting in School House Park Thursday, Dec. 5. The free event starts at 6 p.m.

Later in the season, on Dec. 22, after the players return to New York, "Scrooge" appears at Lincoln Center as part of a show called "Real to Reel."

The multi-media production features various renditions of "A Christmas Carol" - everything from old movie clips to modern musical stage shows like "Scrooge."

Come out to the Spencer, where lavish Christmas décor dazzles the lobby, and see one of the finest tales in all of literature set to some of the snappiest music in the story's history. Excellent seats are available for Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. for \$42 and \$45 and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. for \$35 and \$38.



COURTESY SPENCER THEATER

"Scrooge, the Musical," a song-filled take on Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," will be at the Spencer Dec. 6 and 7.

LIGHTS: Festival getting under way

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Lawrence Brothers IGA and Wal-Mart, said festival committee member Ann Reveley. People who want to help hundreds of area children have a joyful Christmas can pick up a bell with a child's wish and return the bell with a gift. Volunteers will wrap the gifts and deliver them Dec. 19. Ruidoso Middle School art stu-

dents will decorate the trees Dec. 2, and Pizza Hut will donate a pizza party for them afterward.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with gift wrapping or distributing can contact Stacy Miller at Century 21, 257-9057.

The Festival of Light committee is still accepting sponsors, and needs about \$1,000 more to make ends meet, said

treasurer Bob Moroney. Sponsorships start at \$50 and entitle sponsors and up to three guests to attend the private appreciation party Dec. 21 at Mountain Annie's Restaurant. For more information, call Moroney at 257-4031 or send payment to FOL, Box 275, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

So far, \$7,720 has been received, with \$5,000 more to come from lodgers' tax.

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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.</p> <p>56. Theresse Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass 6 p.m.</p> <p>St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Bohengagen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe Rest. Father Paul Bohengagen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Cavillon Canyon 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST L.D.S. Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m., Sunday School; Freshhood and Relief Society.</p> <p>Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4620 E.W. Gunzel, President, 354-3388. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Primary 11:20 a.m.; Freshhood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.</p> <p>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 society, Eucharist & healing, 5:30 p.m., Choir practice: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel Glenrose. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witnesses 126 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 258-7076. Dem. Reunion: 257-3871 Sunday Public Talk 10:00 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:30 a.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Ministry Hour 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.</p> <p>CONGREGACION HISPANICA DE LOS TESTIGOS DE JEHOVA 108 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 258-7076. Dem. Reunion: 257-3871 Sunday: Public Talk 10:00 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m., Thurs. Eve. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m., call for location</p> <p>LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin I. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m., Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Eternal Life Ministries, Minister: Harry A. Peyton, call for your personal Home Bible study: 430-9640, (Web page) http://www.17doctrines.org/</p> <p>The Apostolic of Lincoln County UPC Remax Center, 108 Alpine Village, Unit #1. Pastor, Art Damm, Sunday afternoon, 6:30 PM, Adult, children & youth classes, Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study</p> <p>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, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Old Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Rev. Kenneth Davis, interim pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Post-luck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month. Montalvo Winery Parish Community United Presbyterian Church Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p> <p>Corona Presbyterian Church Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Ngal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Gibson. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.</p> <p>Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanewshill, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Jan of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30-7:00-12:00</p> <p>Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion 139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carrizo. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m., Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (Ruidoso)</p> <p>Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Merry 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.</p> <p>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 pm. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 pm. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glenn Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Bister Reed of Amarillo. Call 578-4840 for more info.</p> <p>Grace Harvest Church Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4213. Sun. morning prayer 8:30 a.m., Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.</p> <p>Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail intracellife@ruidoso-online.com</p> <p>Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 356-7075. Jeanette Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.</p> <p>NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Bolton, Ph.D. U.L.C. Sundays 1 p.m. - 101 Mader Lane, Alto across from K.C. opell's Golf Course - 257-1569</p>

CAPITAN CHURCHES	
<p>BAPTIST First Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2244. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.</p> <p>Mountain Baptist Church Independent-Fundamental. Pastor - WG. Carter. Sunday School: 10 AM, Sunday Worship, 11 AM & 6 PM. Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:15 PM (Next to B&Q Place on Hwy 280) Capitan, NM (505) 378-6134</p> <p>CATHOLIC Sacred Heart Catholic Church Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>FOUR SQUARE Capitan Four Square Church Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>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 Capitan. 505-648-2846.</p> <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 280 West, 354-2458. Ed Vison, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.</p>

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES	
<p>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 pm.</p> <p>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</p> <p>CATHOLIC Santa Rita Catholic Church 648-2823. Father Dave Reno, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m., Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Perry Zimmerman, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible</p>	<p>Study 7:00 pm.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>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 (New) 6:30 pm. United Methodist Women's Every 3rd Wed. 1:30 pm. Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.</p> <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL Carrizozo Community Church (AG) 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.</p>

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The Prince of Pistoleers and the Dark Angel, pt. 2

It was rare in the Old West for two renowned "shooters" to come face to face. But in 1871, that was exactly what happened in Abilene, Kan. Wild Bill Hickok was the marshal at that place when the West's deadliest gunman, John Wesley Hardin, rode into town.

Neither man was anyone with whom you would want to get into an argument. Hickok was already a legendary figure, and Hardin a notorious one. And, while Hickok was always associated with law and order, most of his seven victims were killed for personal reasons. He was a thoroughly dangerous man.

And John Wesley Hardin? As far as I can tell, between 1868 and 1874, he killed virtually everyone who got into a disagreement with him.

Abilene

In 1871, when Hardin rode into Abilene, it was a classic Western cowtown. The saloons and gambling emporiums ran day and night, and of course, the "soiled doves," as they were known at the time, were always available for the right price. The respectable element, which is to say, the non-transient residents who were not involved in the, ahem, "entertainment" industry, found much with which to take issue. There was already much bad blood between the citizens and the boisterous Texas cowboys who were forever making a ruckus. While the locals objected to the presence of the Texans, they also realized that it was the cowboys who were paying most of their bills, so all they could do, most of the time, was rage ineffectually against the situation.

The Bull's Head Saloon, however, gave them something to complain about that could not be ignored. The proprietors of that establishment, Ben Thompson and Phil Coe, had a huge sign that depicted a bull that was anatomically correct adorning the place. That, of course, nearly made all those Victorian citizens faint dead away.

After the bemused Marshal Hickok had the sign painted over — much to the annoyance of the proprietors — a large amount of bad blood began to come to the fore. Especially with Phil Coe, who Hickok would later find it necessary to kill.

But Coe was still alive when Hardin came to town and Coe's partner, Ben Thompson, immediately

approached the youthful gunman in an attempt to get him to kill the Marshal. Hardin turned them down, instructing Thompson and Coe to fight their own battles.

Juan Bideno

Last week, I mentioned Hardin being approached by a group of cattlemen who prevailed upon him to hunt down the killer of one of their own, Bill Cohron, who had been gunned down by a desperado named Juan Bideno. They even managed to procure a deputy sheriff's commission for him. Not that he needed it. Cohron had been a personal friend of Hardin's and he would have hunted Bideno down regardless.

When Hardin and the three men riding with him, one of whom was the murdered man's brother, reached Bluff City, near the Indian Nations, they found that Bideno was, at that moment, dining in a local restaurant.

With two of his men waiting outside, Wes and the other man walked right in the front door. According to Hardin, there then followed an exchange that seems a tad unlikely. "Bideno, I am after you; surrender; I do not wish to hurt you, and you shall not be hurt while you are in my hands," said Hardin. Again, by Hardin's account, Bideno went for his gun. And the same thing happened to Bideno that seemed to happen to nearly everyone who faced John Wesley Hardin in a violent encounter. Bideno's body crashed down onto the table in front of him, a bullet squarely between his eyes.

His mission accomplished, Hardin headed back for Abilene, and his most notorious encounter.

The snoring man

In advertising their series of books on the Old West, Time/Life described John Wesley Hardin as "So mean he shot a man just for snoring." Well, as you can imagine, there was a lot more to it than that.

The folks at Time/Life claimed that the man in the room next to him had been snoring so loudly, preventing him from sleeping, that Hardin "began firing bullets through a bedroom wall simply to stop the snoring of a stranger in the next room. The first bullet merely woke the man; the second killed him."

Hardin's version of the same incident was radically different. According to Wes, he had awak-

ened to find a thief sneaking out of his room, carrying his pants (in which was his bankroll). Firing at the man through the wall, Hardin dropped him in the hallway, the fellow going down on top of the pants. Because he feared that Hickok would kill him just "for reputation," the young killer then made good his escape — without his drawers.

What really happened does not reflect that well on Hardin, but makes infinitely more sense than either of the above mentioned stories. Wes and another of his many cousins, Gip Clements, had come back to their room, more than a little tipsy, and couldn't help but notice the loud snoring coming from the room next door. It was not a "stranger," or a "thief." It was another Texas cattleman by the name of Charles Couger, with whom Hardin was acquainted. In fact, there is a strong possibility that Hardin and Clements had spent a good part of the evening in his company.

Couger's raucous snoring easily penetrated the paper-thin walls and the two cowboys began shouting for him to shut up — at first. Like I said, they were drunk, so the next thing it occurred to them to do was fire a few bullets through the wall to drive their point home. It's easy to picture the two youths giggling as they blasted away through the thin partition. It seems that the pair were deliberately firing high — just not high enough. Couger had fallen asleep in a sitting position and one of their bullets ripped onto his heart, killing him instantly.

Engulfed in a thunderous silence, the pair, realizing what they had done, suddenly sobered up.

At that point, at least, Hardin's assessment that Hickok would kill him was probably correct. Wild Bill had been doing everything he could to keep Hardin under control and had found the task to be nearly impossible. Since his arrival in Abilene, John Wesley had killed two men, one of them in town. Allowing Hardin to keep his guns, presumably to keep his friends under control and also to show him some respect, had been a mistake. Wild Bill was, in all probability, prepared for a fatal confronta-



John Wesley Hardin was deadly, but knew Wild Bill Hickok was, too.

tion.

Escape

Peering out the window of their room to see Hickok and his deputies rushing to the scene, Wes and Gip figured that this was probably a good time to head back to Texas. With Hickok and his men coming up the stairs, the only exit open to them was the window. The pair escaped, and Hardin spent the night hiding in a haystack.

While Hardin's remarks concerning Hickok were never consistent — at one time saying that a "braver man never drew breath," and at another calling Wild Bill a coward — the fact is that the deadliest gunman who ever lived felt the necessity to conceal himself, rather ignominiously, in a haystack. This tells us that whatever he may have said later, Hardin had an enormous amount of respect for Hickok's abilities as a shooter. In fact, before all this, Hardin had, unbeknownst to him, been in the #10 Saloon (it was a tent), when cockeyed, squirrely little Jack McCall snuck up behind him. It has long been thought that Hickok, just this once, sat with his back to the door, and it had been a fatal mistake. Actually, that is only partially true. Hickok did sit with his back to the rear of the saloon, facing the entrance. But it was that other door, in the rear, that proved to be his undoing. Wild Bill died instantly when McCall shot him in the back of the head, and the poker hand he was holding — two pair, aces and eights, has been forever after known as the "Dead Man's Hand."

Disappointment

Ever since that time, historians have been acutely disappointed that the two legendary gunmen never got into a gunfight with each other. As I mentioned last week, these guys weren't dumb. While each man

had great confidence in his own abilities, neither was unrealistic enough to think that he was invincible.

And, while I'm on the subject, nobody ever stood in the middle of the street, ala "Gunsmoke," their fingers twitching nervously near their holstered weapons. You could get killed doing something like that!

As stated, Wild Bill was known, then and now, as the "Prince of Pistoleers." Hardin has come to be known as "The deadliest gunman of all time," which is certainly an accurate description, considering the staggering number of victims who fell before his blazing six-guns. And that means that, arguably of course, these two were the best of the best.

It is interesting to note that both men were considered to be so dangerous that both, in the end, were shot from behind, murdered by men who were nowhere near to being their equal. Both Hickok and Hardin, whatever their faults, were not known as cowards and nearly all of their respective victims "went down looking at them."

In August of 1876, Wild Bill had relocated to Deadwood, S.D. Unbeknownst to the world at large, Hickok was going blind, the result of venereal disease. Not that it made any difference, because on Aug. 2, 1876, Wild Bill was engaged in a game of cards in Deadwood's #10 Saloon (it was a tent), when cockeyed, squirrely little Jack McCall snuck up behind him.

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John Wesley Hardin was

captured in Pensacola, Fla., in 1877. He was tried for the murder of a Brown County, Texas, sheriff's deputy named Charlie Webb and sentenced to 25 years in prison at Huntsville. It was the only killing he was tried for, and it was, ironically, a clear cut case of self-defense. However, Webb had been a lawman, and that pretty much did it.

Released after serving 16 years, Hardin returned to a radically different world than the one he had left. Telephones were commonplace, and automobiles and airplanes were not far behind.

Wes had become a lawyer in prison and, to his great credit, had tried hard to earn an honest living in the El Paso of the 1890s. But it was not to be. You see, everyone remembered.

It wasn't long before Hardin was hanging around saloons and getting into minor trouble, although nothing as serious as in the old days.

On Aug. 19, 1895, about 11 p.m., Hardin was standing at the bar of the Acme Saloon, his back to the door, rolling dice with a grocer for pocket change. Constable John Selman, an extremely nasty character who, through a twist of fate, had landed on the right side of the law, and with whom Hardin had previously had trouble, came in and opened fire without warning. His first bullet slammed into the back of Hardin's head, killing him instantly, but Selman, in his panic, shot the legendary gunman twice more. He later tried to claim that the exit wound in Hardin's head, where the bullet had come out his eye, was actually the entrance wound.

The coroner's jury said it all. "Well," commented one of them, "if he shot him in the eye, it was excellent marksmanship. And if he shot him in the back of the head, it was excellent judgment."

Sources: *The Life of John Wesley Hardin* as written by himself; *John Wesley Hardin, Dark Angel of Texas* by Leon Metz and *The Last Gunfighter* by Richard Marohn.



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Enjoyable Saharan experience was no mirage

There are stories of crazed souls wandering lost in the desert who see water. A mirage they call it. But I was neither dehydrated nor crazed when I saw it — not water but instead a plastic water bottle. It was empty, upside down and nailed to a wooden post.

using it as a landmark? Was it there to guide their way? Curious, I pulled binoculars out of my daypack to get a better look. The woman and child stopped and sat down to rest within the cool shadow of the high dune.

At camp that evening before dinner, we gathered for our daily jolt of Morocco's true passion — thé a la menthe — highly sugared mint tea. Seated on tiny canvas stools surrounding a round, low table, it had become our evening ritual to gather outside enjoying conversation under the warmth of the sun's last rays.

wind, heat and sand that really gave us all the look of total insanity. I must admit, I'm prone to choosing vacations in five-star hotels involving long, self-indulgent soaks in lavender-scented tubs and exotic spa treatments. So what was I doing roughing it (OK, maybe Land Rover support and afternoon tea breaks don't exactly qualify as roughing it) in the Moroccan Sahara?

dropped a few pounds. The Sahara had seeped into my soul in a positive way and I didn't want to leave. On our final day in the desert, I awoke with the dawn and was astounded by the beauty outside my tent; the variety in the dunes. Winds had furrowed some dunes like a freshly raked garden and whipped others into giant pyramids. Spotting me, Mohammed gestured to me to join him for a cup of tea. Totally at ease, we sat in silence awed by the grandeur before us.

and I remember Morocco's lessons. **Getting There:** Royal Air Maroc (RAM) (800-344-8726; www.royalairmaroc.com) **Camel Trek:** Mountain Travel (888-687-6235; http://www.mtsobek.com) **Where to Stay:** For a pre-trip visit to Marrakech, consider a stay at the city's legendary hotel, La Mamounia (800-223-6800; http://www.mamounia.com)

high on the top of a sand dune near our camp. We were seemingly in the middle of no man's land when I spotted it. Something about the way the sun gleamed off the plastic bottle caught my eye. I was about to move on, when again, a flash captured my attention. In the distance, a colorfully clad nomad family crossed the desert headed for the post. Were they

climbed on toward the post. Wait. Had I lost it? Could that be a cell phone he produced from the empty, heat-scoured water bottle? I lowered the binoculars, rubbed my eyes, and looked again. Indeed, it was a cell phone. He checked something, perhaps its battery charge or even worse, his voice mail, and then returned it to its desert phone booth and rejoined

his family. Truth be told, we were all beginning to look a bit crazed, coated as we were with a veneer of fine, orange-colored sand. By now, the sand had worked its way into our eyes, ears, toes, fingernails and hair. However, it was the wild hair, stiff from

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On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Treasure Planet
Action/Adventure, Kids/Family and Fantasy, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated PG for adventure action and peril.
The legendary "loot of a thousand worlds" inspires an intergalactic treasure hunt when fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a map to the greatest pirate trove in the universe in Walt Disney Pictures' animated space adventure, "Treasure Planet." Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, this film follows Jim's journey across a parallel universe as cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship's charismatic cyborg (part man, part machine) cook John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance, and shows the makings of a fine spacer, as he and the alien crew battle supernovas, black holes and ferocious space storms.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Brian Murray, Emma Thompson, David Hyde Pierce, Marlin Short
Directed by: John Musker, Ron Clements
Produced by: Roy Conli, John Musker, Ron Clements
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:20 p.m.
* Friday and Saturday only

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh, John Cleese, Rupert Grint, David Bradley
Directed by: Chris Columbus
Produced by: David Heyman, Chris Columbus
Showtimes: 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
* Friday and Saturday only

My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Romance and Comedy, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated PG for sensuality and language.
Everyone in the Portokalos family worries about Toula (Nia Vardalos). Still unmarried at 30, she works at Dancing Zorba's, the Greek restaurant owned by her parents, Gus (Michael Constantine) and Maria (Lainie Kazan) and smells like garlic bread. Vowing that she'd rather stab herself in the eye with a red-hot poker than work in the restaurant for the rest of her life, Toula is ready for a change. Unfortunately, the rest of her family is not. After taking a job at her aunt's travel agency, she falls in love with Ian Miller (John Corbett), a high school teacher who is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek. Toula isn't sure which will be more upsetting to her old-fashioned father, that Ian is a Xeno (foreigner) or that he's a vegetarian.
Starring: Nia Vardalos, Gia Carides, John Corbett, Joey Fatone, Ian Gomez
Directed by: Joel Zwick
Produced by: Tom Hanks, Gary Goetzman, Rita Wilson
Showtimes: Noon
* Friday and Saturday only

Die Another Day
Action/Adventure
Rated PG-13 for action violence and sexuality.
James Bond returns with the twentieth installment in the super-spy series of adventures. From Hong Kong to Cuba to London, Bond circles the world in his quest to unmask a traitor and prevent a catastrophic war. On his way, he crosses paths with Jinx (Berry) and Miranda Frost (Pike), who will play vital roles in the adventure.
Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench, John Cleese, Rosamund Pike
Directed by: Lee Tamahori
Produced by: Michael G. Wilson, Barbara Broccoli
Showtimes: 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
* Friday and Saturday only

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Kids/Family and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 41 min.
Rated PG for scary moments, some creature violence and mild language.
The follow-up to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone finds young wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school.



A scene from Disney's Treasure Planet.

Tree lighting

A tree-lighting ceremony for the PMS Hospice of Lincoln County "Tree of Life" in Sierra Mall, decorated with angel ornaments, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. There will be caroling, a performance by Lanny Maddox and refreshments by hospice volunteers.

Angels to decorate the tree range in price from \$5-\$25, with business sponsorships \$50-\$100. All proceeds go to support the hospice program and are used in Lincoln County. For more information, call Barbara at 336-7822 or the hospice at 257-5189.

Book review

Dorothy Baily will review *Flapdoodle, Trust & Obedy* by Virginia Cary Hudson, with pictures and artifacts, at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road.

First Friday lecture

Capitan Public Library's

First Friday Adult Lecture Series continues at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 with a lecture-performance by Tim and Leona Rice, an acoustic duo that performs classic country music. The First Friday lectures are free of charge.

Healing workshop

High Mesa Healing Center will sponsor a workshop, "Healing Touch Level I" with Lynne Jeffery, RN, BSN, CHTP/I, of Healing Touch International. All interested parties are welcome to attend the class from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. The class will provide 20 continuing education credits.

This is an energy-based program developed within the nursing profession in 1989, designed to clear, align and balance the human energy system through touch. The body, emotion, mind and spirit are influenced through a therapeutic process by altering the body's energy system to influence self-healing.

Regular tuition is \$225, \$125 for students and repeats.

Art at the library

The Ruidoso Public Library Art in Public Places exhibit for December will be the colorful, wearable weavings of Mary Basmann, a long-time Alto resident. She will be available to answer questions and share her experience from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Redinger's High Desert Minstrels will entertain during that time.

Dara McMaster will exhibit a selection of her Santa paintings, also in December.

Because of the Ruidoso Art Commission's Festival of Music in Midtown Dec. 13 and 14, no other facility has scheduled shows for December, so there will be no reception that Friday.

Art fest honored

The Ruidoso Art Festival was selected as one of the 200 best shows in the United States by Sunshine Artist magazine readers. The exhibitors, who rely on the show's promotional efforts for their livelihood, nominated the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce art show.

Finding a job is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

The screenshot shows the Ruidoso News website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "Find a Job", "Classifieds", "Feedback", "Contact Us", and "Print Ads". Below this, there are several news snippets and advertisements. One news item is titled "Huge crowd, surprise key 44th All American" with a sub-headline "There was a lot more in store for racing fans at Ruidoso Downs over the Labor Day weekend besides a little old horse race. Story". Another snippet is titled "Local News" with a sub-headline "Todd Pappas/Staff" and "Baby Kaiti, horse owner, adds...". There are also several classified advertisements, including one for "real estate" and another for "help wanted". At the bottom of the page, there is a call to action: "Call: Lisa or Leigh TODAY! RUIDOSO NEWS (505) 257-4001".

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Mary Nell Washburn and Dave Vermilion are co-owners of Helping Hands of Lincoln County Inc., founded after both worked for many years at the Ruidoso Care Center

Porfirio Peralto's daughter, Mary Dankert, is his caregiver, through Helping Hands of Lincoln County Inc., an agency based in Carrizozo that provides personal care options for Medicaid-eligible patients who need care equivalent to that of a nursing home.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Nov. 30, 1962

Food chain signs lease

Construction will begin here in February on an 8,000-square-foot building to house an H. & J. Food Basket food store in the W. R. and Ruth Long property opposite the Ruidoso News building on Sudderth Drive.

The new grocery will be ... one of five or six units in a shopping center on the square block known as Carter's Park.

The information was announced at the office of Dan D. Swearingin Inc. by Tommy Pereteet of the real estate department.

DEC. 1, 1972

Myers gives Rotary talk

Jerry Myers, administrator of Fort Stanton Hospital, and John Genta, staff psychologist for the facility, were guest speakers at the regular weekly meeting of the Ruidoso Rotary Club Monday at Mack's Cafe.

Myers explained the remodeling program and told of expansion of the staff at the facility. He noted that additional training programs had been begun at the hospital and that the success of Fort Stanton could be gauged by the number of students returned to their home.

DEC. 2, 1982

Ads draw good response

The initial wave of the Chamber of Commerce \$27,000 winter advertising campaign appeared in magazines and newspapers Nov. 14 and was followed by a sharp increase in phone and mail inquiries at the Chamber.

"I am very pleased with the response," said chamber executive Director Ed Jungbluth.

Jungbluth noted a significant response from Tucson, Ariz., a first-time experimental market, as well as some inquiries coming in from Mexico.

DEC. 3, 1992

An old swimming pool

Splashing around in a municipal pool during the summer is nothing new in Ruidoso. Residents and guests were enjoying the sun and fun back in the 1930s.

The municipal pool on Sudderth Drive was preceded by a steam-heated swimming area that only a few in town can remember.

Dan Swearingin recalls that the pool was situated just east of South Street, below the first bridge in Upper Canyon near what is now the headquarters for Lincoln Cable. Bill Hart of the Ruidoso News placed the construction time in the 1920s.

Helpful hands ready to reach into homes

November is National Home Care Month and National Hospice Month. Five area home health and hospice agencies serve residents in their homes, helping out in a variety of ways, from giving nursing care to lending dignity at the end of life. On Nov. 1, Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice was featured as an introduction to such services. Two others are featured here.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Helping Hands of Lincoln County

Porfirio Peralto is 95 years old but needed minimal assistance until a year ago. His daughter, Mary Dankert, worked, but could check in with him from work. Now, he needs constant monitoring because he does such things as leaving burners on and needs help with bathing and dressing.

Dankert's sister told her about Helping Hands of Lincoln County Inc., and because her father qualified for Medicaid by earning less than \$570 a month, she was hired on as a caregiver a year ago.

"I worked at Wal-Mart and had to quit because he needed more care," Dankert said. "Otherwise I wouldn't have been able to take off work. I couldn't afford it."

Founded two years ago by two former employees of the Ruidoso Care Center, Mary Nell Washburn and Dave Vermilion, Helping Hands has 28 clients all over the region — Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo, Truth or Consequences, Socorro, Magdalena, La Joya, Lèmitar. "Other agencies don't want to go out that far," Washburn said. "We get staff who live close to the client."

About 18 part-time staffers fulfill Medicaid's Personal Care Options, performing such functions as bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, helping clients use the bathroom, meal preparation, feeding, shop-

ping, errands, laundry, light housekeeping, transporting clients to doctors' appointments or to social events.

Although Helping Hands has had private-pay clients, most are on the Medicaid Personal Care Options program. Washburn and Vermilion said their caregivers had to drop from 30 paid hours per week to 23 hours per week because of reductions in Medicaid coverage.

Dankert had been paid to care for her father for 30 hours a week, and will somehow have to make ends meet on 23 hours, she said.

"We had one client cut from 38 to 23 hours a week," Washburn said. "The staff person still puts in 38 hours, but she doesn't get paid. (Medicaid) changed the rules and made it 100 hours per month."

Vermilion plans monthly in-services for caregivers, and, as a certified CPR instructor, trains new staff in CPR and other areas crucial to dealing with patients at home, such as lifting and blood-borne pathogens.

"Personal Care Options is an alternative to nursing homes," Vermilion said. "You don't have to have a medical problem. You've got people in nursing homes that if they had help, they could still be at home."

Presbyterian Medical Services Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County

Dixie Sigler stubbed her toe, landed on a hip and fractured it Sept. 20. She returned to Ruidoso after three pins were placed in the hip and needed to be monitored closely. She contacted Presbyterian Medical Services Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County, and Karen McIntire, R.N., began working with her, doing lab draws to avoid blood clots and monitoring her closely. A physical therapist on contract with the agency worked with her, as did a home-health aide, helping her with bathing and shampooing, cleaning the living area and changing the bed.

"Karen came two to three times a week, then once a week as I was able to be up more and more," Sigler said. "She drew blood, taught me about signs of infection to watch for on the incision. I couldn't have gotten by without them. It would've been almost impossible for (my husband) to do it."

This agency grew out of Verna Adams' 30-year-old Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County. The organization originally was made up of Presbyterian missionaries who delivered health care to impoverished regions, said Trudy Broome, administrator in Ruidoso.

The agency has three field nurses, four home-health aides, and an on-call nurse for 38 home health clients, and six volunteers for 10 hospice patients. PMS also contracts with occupational therapists and social services, where needed, as well as physical and speech therapists, Broome said.

Broome said that the "techs" — nursing assistants and home health aides — help with the activities of daily living, including housekeeping, light meals and running errands, while the hospice volunteers are there to be a comfort to the patient and to relieve a family member that needs to get out.

About 60 percent of the patients are on Medicare, 20 percent on Medicaid, 19 percent on private insurance and 1 percent private pay.

A 'Tree of Life' for home health and hospice care

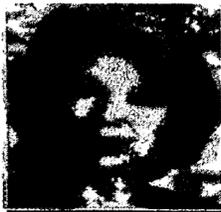
A volunteer board plans the fundraisers for PMS Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County, which covers the care of indigent patients or those with inadequate insurance.

One of the three local fundraisers is going on right now at Sierra Mall: the Tree of Life, for which ornaments can be purchased to honor a loved one or friend. Angels range in size and price, from \$5 to \$25, and business sponsorships are \$50-100. Angels may be purchased at Byrd's Nest in Sierra Mall, at the home health office at 200 Sudderth Drive, Suite A, in Midtown in the Gazebo Shopping Center Dec. 6 and 7 and 13 and 14, and those weekends also at Wal-Mart and Thriftway. For more information, contact Barbara at 336-7822 or PMS Home Health and Hospice of Lincoln County at 257-5189. All the proceeds are used in Lincoln County.

The tree lighting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, with Jim Smith, pastor of First Christian Church, Dec. 1 with singing, as will Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

In the spring, PMS raises money through Maffodis for Hope, and the summer fundraiser is a dinner and performance at the Flying J.

A 'solutions fanatic' gives a list of down-home solutions



Art, Craft and Such

Practical, creative ways to include fun in everyday living
BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

This week's column includes a bit of everything to please diverse readers.

The assorted "how-to" tips are from my years of experience as a housewife, mother, grandmother and school art teacher.

When I go to civic meeting, school events, church and social gatherings around the county, column readers who know that I am a solutions fanatic, share ideas with me.

Here are some all-around tips that may come in handy this time of the year.

- Decorative candles can be

cleaned quite easily with a cotton ball moistened with rubbing alcohol.

- Saved those empty baby wipe boxes. They come in handy for storing gift tags and those decors of ribbon that are so handy for decorating small packages.

- Simmering orange or lemon peels can give your home a fresh, natural scent.

- Spray your garden tools with nonstick cooking spray each time you use them. The dirt will be easy to remove when you are done.

- Spray the front of the car with nonstick cooking spray before you hit

the road. Bugs and grime will wash right off.

- Pinecones make great kindling. They heat up fast and burn for a long time.

- The waxed paper lining of a cereal box will make a good sandwich wrap.

- To encourage picky eaters to eat, use cookie cutters to make shapes out of cold cuts and sliced cheese. Bologna and cheese shapes are fun to eat.

- For a disposable platter or plate, wrap an old phonograph record in foil. When you take a cake to a potluck meal you won't spend time chasing

your empty container.

- Simple household objects can make stimulating playthings for toddlers: plastic bowls, bottles, measuring cups and lids.

- Hang a large cup hook near the sink to hold rings, watches and bracelets while you do the dishes or prepare food.

- Don't throw out over-ripe bananas. Place in the freezer and use later in cake or bread batter.

- Keep a pen near your telephone directory. Whenever you look up a phone number, underline it. It will be easier to find the next time.

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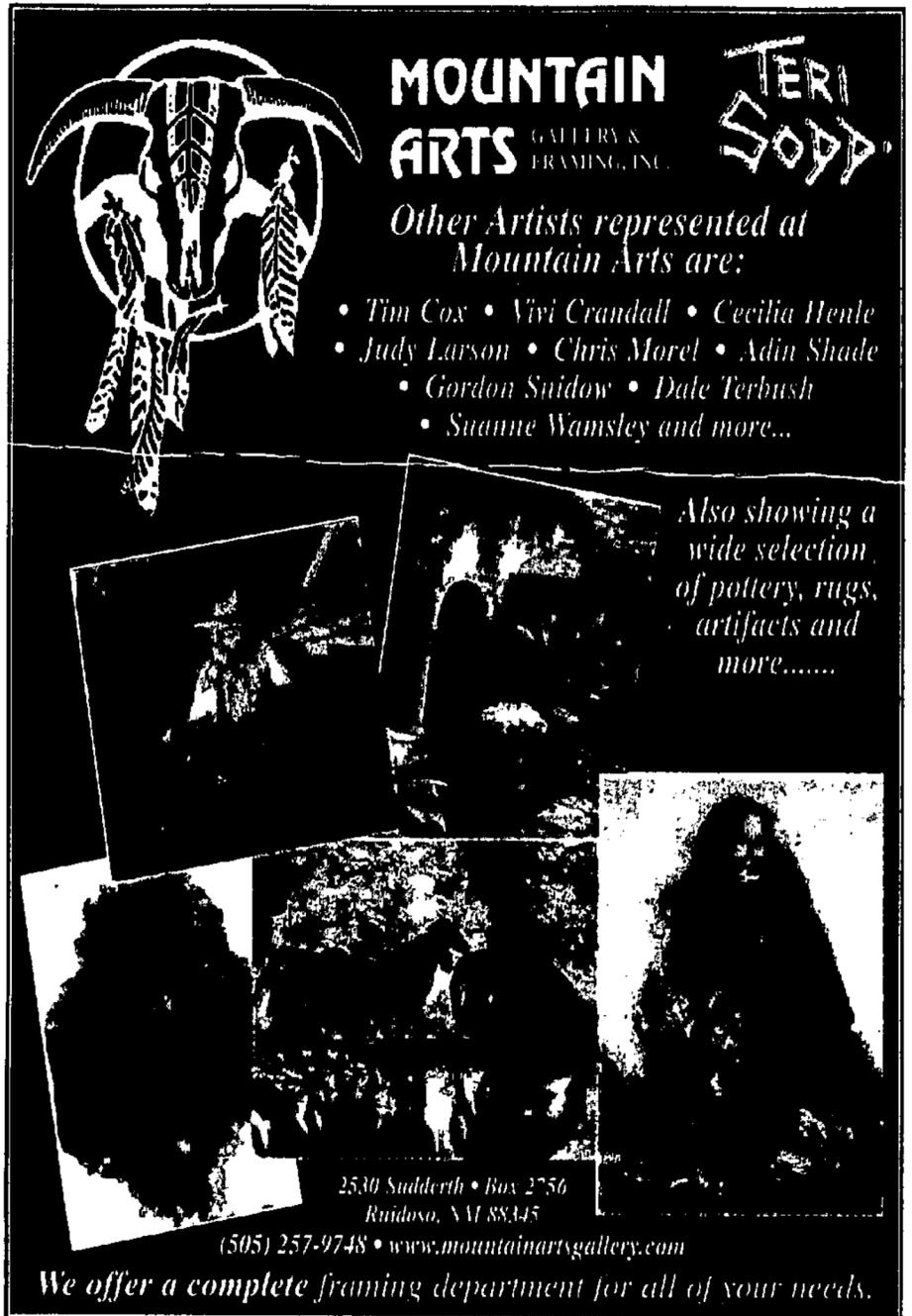
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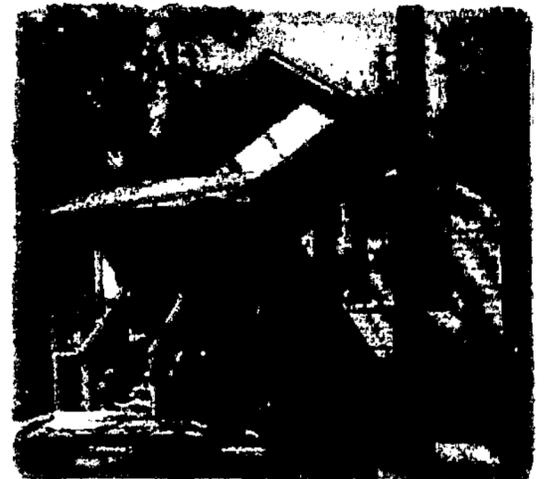
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Winter's Charm Calls

BY MELANIE SATTLER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The smell of wood-burning fireplaces, the crisp winter air and snow blanketing the pines contribute to the charm of this mountain village in the shadow of Sierra Blanca. Ruidoso welcomes winter visitors with this unforgettable sensory experience, along with its outdoor activities, community events, art galleries and gift shops.

"The combination of the mountain setting with the snow and the special people who live and work here make this a special place to visit with family over the holiday season," said Dr. James Miller, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board president.

Enjoy the ambience of Ruidoso with the Festival of Light, which opens just after Thanksgiving. The Festival committee strews lights through Midtown Ruidoso, and area merchants and homeowners compete with their own light displays. Marching bands and choral groups will perform at the New Mexico State Championship Light Parade Dec. 7, and the Festival of Music brightens the weekend of Dec. 13.

Ski Apache beckons downhill skiers and snowboarders. For those inclined to a more horizontal ski adventure, cross-country skiing is close by too.

"We're looking forward to a great snow season," Miller said.

At 11,000-foot elevation atop Ski Apache, temperatures stay cool and perfect for snow-



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Sierra Blanca gleams over Ruidoso in the early morning.

making. Down in the village, at 7,000 feet above sea level, winter weather should remain mild even with above-average snowfall. Daytime highs normally reach into the 40s during January and February. Overnight lows typically dip to 20 degrees. But no one is surprised when the morning mercury drops close to zero or an afternoon reading swoops to 60.

The normally sunny days are ideal for snow-free links. So grab your clubs and golf balls and head out to one of the four world-class courses in and near Ruidoso.

Or step inside to celebrate the season with music and arts. Area churches offer special services, along with programs for children. The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts presents wonderful dramatic productions, including *Scrooge (The Musical)*, *A Flying J Christmas*, the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra.

Nightclubs and a variety of restaurants pepper the main roads of the village, and some of the back roads, too. Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino Apache and Billy the Kid Casino give visitors a chance to try their luck.

Luxurious hotel accommodations, quaint rental cabins, moderately-priced motels and bed and breakfasts comprise the more than 70 lodging

establishments in Ruidoso, with more on the way.

Whether shopping for the holidays, sharing family time by the fire, stepping out on the town or hitting the slopes with friends, you'll find boundless opportunities to create cherished memories in Ruidoso.

For more information about accommodations and activities in Ruidoso, consult the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at (505) 257-7395 or <http://www.ruidoso.net>.

For updates on traffic, weather and events, check local cable access TV channel 11 and area radio stations KBUY 1360 AM, KIDX 101.5 FM, KRUI 1490 AM and KWES 93.5 FM.



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Indoor Entertainment

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

In its sixth season now, the spectacular world-class performance hall glittering in the backdrop of Sierra Blanca offers audiences an incredibly strong season.

This season is "very rich in international artistry," said Kathleen McDonald, publicist for the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto. "We have performers coming from countries we've never had on our stage before: Australia, Hungary, Iran."

The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra, one of the leading orchestras in Eastern Europe, will take the stage in January and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra in February. From Ireland, traditional Irish group Altan is back by popular demand, and in March, Persian violinist Farzad and acoustic guitarist Louie Shelton will offer an eclectic program blending Western classical, Persian and American musical styles.

The season is marked by a lot of Broadway productions, from "George M!," the musical biography of George M. Cohan, to Barry Manilow's "Copacabana," an evening at the famous Copacabana nightclub in New York City in the swinging 1940s.

"Holiday magic is strong this season at the Spencer," McDonald said. "We annually decorate the theater as a showcase for the whole county."

Artist Wendy Richardson of Bloomin' Boots in Ruidoso has been working her magic and visitors can tour the theater Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. or call 336-4800 for tour reservations.

"Scrooge the Musical" is a different take on "A Christmas Carol," McDonald said, "bringing the characters in Scrooge's

night-time journey fully to life. It has a big Broadway and vaudevillian feel as well: A ghost dancing in chains, a lot of flair, performers ages 6-60 and an orchestra."

Lincoln County's own Flying J Wranglers will appear at the Spencer for the first time for a concert Dec. 11. The ensemble is composed of five outstanding musicians: composer and musician James Hobbs, who wrote "New Mexico Song," Western champion yodeler Cindy Hobbs, world champion fiddler Marilyn Trotter, multi-instrumentalist Randy Jones and Roy Black on acoustic bass guitar.

"They put together a Christmas show last year, and found that the more they were invited to do private parties, the more cowboy Christmas songs fit into their repertoire," McDonald said.

John McDaniel, former band director for the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" is on a national solo tour and will perform "Hometown Christmas" at the Spencer Dec. 14, bringing his own arrangements of contemporary and traditional holiday music.

The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra will perform in January, the first symphony to perform at the Spencer since 2001, McDonald said.

"We're very excited to have it because it's such an important staple of fine art and nothing showcases it better than the Spencer because of the acoustics. Various notes float, hover and weave with other notes. This particular symphony is almost 200 years old, one of the most respected from Eastern Europe, with 50 performers from Budapest providing music that is romantic, classical and modern."

For information about tickets, call the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872, or order tickets online at www.spencertheater.com.



COURTESY JOE MUEHLKE

A herd of elk rests in a snow-covered field abutting the Spencer Theater. Everything from world-traveling orchestras to local children's theaters will take the stage this winter.

Winter season

- Dec. 6, 8 p.m., and Dec. 7, 2 p.m., "Scrooge the Musical"
- Dec. 11, 8 p.m., A Flying J Christmas
- Dec. 14, 8 p.m., John McDaniel's "Hometown Christmas"
- Jan 21 and 22, 8 p.m., "George M!"
- Jan. 31, 8 p.m., Hungarian Symphony Orchestra
- Feb. 15, 8 p.m., Moscow Chamber Orchestra
- Feb. 22, 8 p.m., Altan
- March 8, 8 p.m., Farzad and Louie Shelton
- March 23, 8 p.m., The Ten Tenors
- April 5, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Barry Manilow's "Copacabana"
- April 27, 3:30 p.m., ENMU Choir Spring Concert

Ski Apache

Hit the Slopes in Style

BY TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Drought and low snowfall have contributed to some rather slow seasons at Ski Apache the past few years, but according to marketing director Riker Davis, the numbers haven't been as dire as they could have.

According to Davis, the ski area was 26 percent below normal in snowfall, but had only a 4 percent dropoff in skiers.

"We were open 115 days with 137 inches of snow," Davis said. "I'm pretty proud, given we were way below average in snowfall and kept our skier days up

admirably."

Better news is on the horizon. According to sources ranging from the National Weather Service to various almanacs, the area should see a return to higher snowfall due to a resurgence of El Niño.

El Niño is a cyclical weather pattern in which the temperatures of the world's oceans rise, bringing higher precipitation to much of the northern hemisphere.

El Niño brought a record snowfall to the area in 1997, and many skiers are salivating at the prospect of a big snowfall this year.

But Davis won't believe it until he sees it.

"Everyone's saying we'll have more snow this winter," Davis

said. "But you can't count on it until it's on the ground."

Davis said snowmaking will continue at the ski resort as usual, beginning at the end of October and continuing through the ski season.

Resort operators are planning to open Nov. 28 during the Thanksgiving weekend, and are preparing for a big season if the weather forecasts come through.

Davis said the biggest change this year will be the snowmaking capacity, something Ski Apache always improves each year.

"We're not expanding the terrain people can ski on, just how many ski levels we can cover at once," Davis explained. "More snow guns means more coverage on our trails."

Other changes to the ski area

this year include:

- Expansion of the Kiddie Korral for children ages 4-6, offering instruction with indoor amenities to allow parents to leave their younger children in professional hands.

- Expanded food service at the Main Day Lodge.

- Ski rental inventory expansion, including a bigger fleet of Solomon Snowblades.

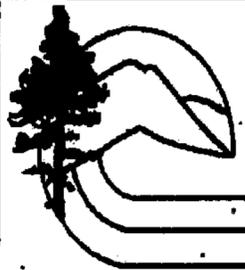
- Reduced rates for a week-day season pass. The individual pass has been lowered to \$200, allowing skiing on any weekday except just six peak season weekdays.

For more information on the ski area's plans and changes, visit Ski Apache's Web site at www.skiapache.com or call Davis at (505) 336-4356.

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Past, Present, Future

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

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

The 469,741-acre reservation is inhabited by members of three tribes – the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua, who early in the century struck an alliance for survival on one of the most productive and attractive pieces of real estate in the state.

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 maiden coming-of-age 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.

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



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Traditional dancing is much more rare during the winter, but picks up again in the spring.

But in this case, appearances are deceiving.

A resurgence of interest in the preservation of their culture, language and history is evident in a series of initiatives. Some are not so obvious to casual visitors, but others, such as the paintings on walls along U.S. 70, are visible reminders of the tribe’s history.

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

Managed by curator Ellyn Bigrope, the center 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.

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

Admission is by donation.

Hours usually are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special tours during regular hours or off-hours and weekends may be arranged in advance. Before making the trip, check ahead at (505) 464-9254.

Just outside the center is a metal sculpture by artist Oliver Enjady, depicting a Red Hats fire fighting crew climbing and clearing their way up a mountain.

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

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

St. Joseph’s took 20 years to build after Braun first arrived in 1916 as a young friar. His work was disrupted in 1918 when he served during World War I and

returned inspired by the Gothic cathedrals he saw in Europe.

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

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

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

A campaign is underway to repair the walls, carefully replacing the aging lime mortar with a new mixture especially designed for restoration projects. The \$1 million project also would provide a better heating system. During the winter, interior restoration is aimed at replacing the aging mortar between the massive stones.

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

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

The tribal store sells groceries, T-shirts and other tourist items, as well as some handmade goods and tasty piñon seeds. For some authentic Mexico cooking, try The Old Road restaurant. Ask for directions, because there are no signs and its off the highway down a dusty road.

Winter in Ruidoso

Keeping Busy All Over Town

BY WES SCHWENGELS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Horse racing and cool pines draw the crowds in the summer, but more and more visitors are finding the winter is an equally choice time to visit this mountain town.

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

But there's a lot more to the area than the slopes and the

trails. The year-round gift shops and art galleries continue to beckon visitors. Billy the Kid Casino and the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Casino Apache give visitors a chance to try their luck. Nightclubs and a variety of restaurants cover the main roads in the village.

Don't forget to check the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. You may find the timing right for a cool performance or some hot music. "The No. 1 reason people continue to come here in the winter is skiing, even if they don't ski," said Joan Zagone, former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We don't need nearly as much snow here as other places. Ski Apache can make a lot of snow, and arti-

ficial snow is just as good, it's made from the same stuff as snow that falls from the skies."

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

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

"One of the things that we

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

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

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

More information is available at the chamber and visitor's center at 720 Sudderth Drive, or by calling the chamber at (505) 257-7395.



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Sledding and skiing are only two of the ways to enjoy a Ruidoso winter. From theater to parades, the season is full of action.

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Lincoln

A Tour of the Past

BY DREW GOMBER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

During the bloody conflict known as The Lincoln County War, Billy the Kid and five other "Regulators," as they called themselves, assassinated Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady as he walked down the street on the morning of April 1, 1878.

And it was for that crime that the Kid, and the Kid alone, was charged, prosecuted, found guilty and sentenced to death. Interestingly, with one exception, Billy was the only person ever prosecuted for any crime committed during the War. And that is an amazing statistic, considering the countless acts of

mayhem and murder perpetrated during that deadly confrontation. Billy's execution was scheduled for May 13, 1881. But it was not to be.

On April 28, the Kid somehow got hold of a pistol (exactly how he did this is still being debated by historians) and shot his way - spectacularly - out of the Lincoln County Courthouse where he was being held. Pat Garrett was out of town that day and the two guards on duty were J.W. Bell and Bob Olinger. Aside from the taunts he reportedly had to endure from the hulking Olinger, the Kid could never forget that it was "Pecos Bob" who had killed Billy's friend John Jones in circumstances that were dubious at best.

According to Jones family lore, the Kid wrote John's mother a letter telling her to keep her other sons out of it and that he, Billy, would "take care of the

S.O.B." In the early evening of April 28, Billy made good on that promise. Bob Olinger had brought the other five prisoners in the courthouse across the street to the Wortley Hotel for dinner. Billy, however, was considered to be too dangerous to be allowed to move around town and his meals were brought to him in the courthouse. With Olinger across the street with the others, only J.W. Bell was left to watch the Kid, who promptly asked to be taken out back to the privy.

Whether the pistol was left for him in the privy by a friend, or if he simply wrestled Bell's gun away from him when they got back inside, is, in the final analysis, a moot point. *whatever* the case, Billy got hold of a pis-

tol and, on the inside stairwell, fatally shot Deputy Bell. The bullet went through Bell and slammed into the wall at the foot of the stairs. Olinger, hearing the gunfire from across the street, immediately - and inadvisedly - raced back to the courthouse. As he drew underneath the upstairs northeast window, he heard a voice call out above him, "Hello Bob." Olinger knew that voice and when he looked up he was looking into the twin muzzles of his own shotgun, the very one with which he had tormented the Kid. Behind those muzzles were a pair of eyes that Olinger himself had made merciless. The Kid gave "Pecos Bob" both bar-

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Learning More of the Legend

Catty-cornered across the street from the courthouse, the Hubbard Museum of the American West is conducting an architectural interpretation. This is the beginning of what will be an ongoing project scheduled for completion by December 2003 and encompassing both this site and the four other historic locations owned and operated by the Hubbard Museum: the Dr. Woods house, the Dr. Woods annex, the Gallegos house and the Luna house. It has been made possible by a \$1 million grant from The National Park Service, "Save America's Treasures" with matching funds from the Hubbard Museum of the American West and other

donors.

Deeds and records from both before and after the time of Billy the Kid are sparse at best until one reaches the modern era. Therefore, although there are photographs extant of some buildings that stood on the site in the 20th century, there are many questions as to the various structures that stood there over the years since Billy's time and before the photos were taken. The firm of Zook and Zinn Architects of Santa Fe are under contract to investigate this fascinating mystery. So far, more foundations than expected have made their appearance and hopes are high that this site will yield historical information that was previously unknown.

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Lincoln

rels in the face and chest, effectively ending their relationship.

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

Eyewitnesses said he was singing at the time.

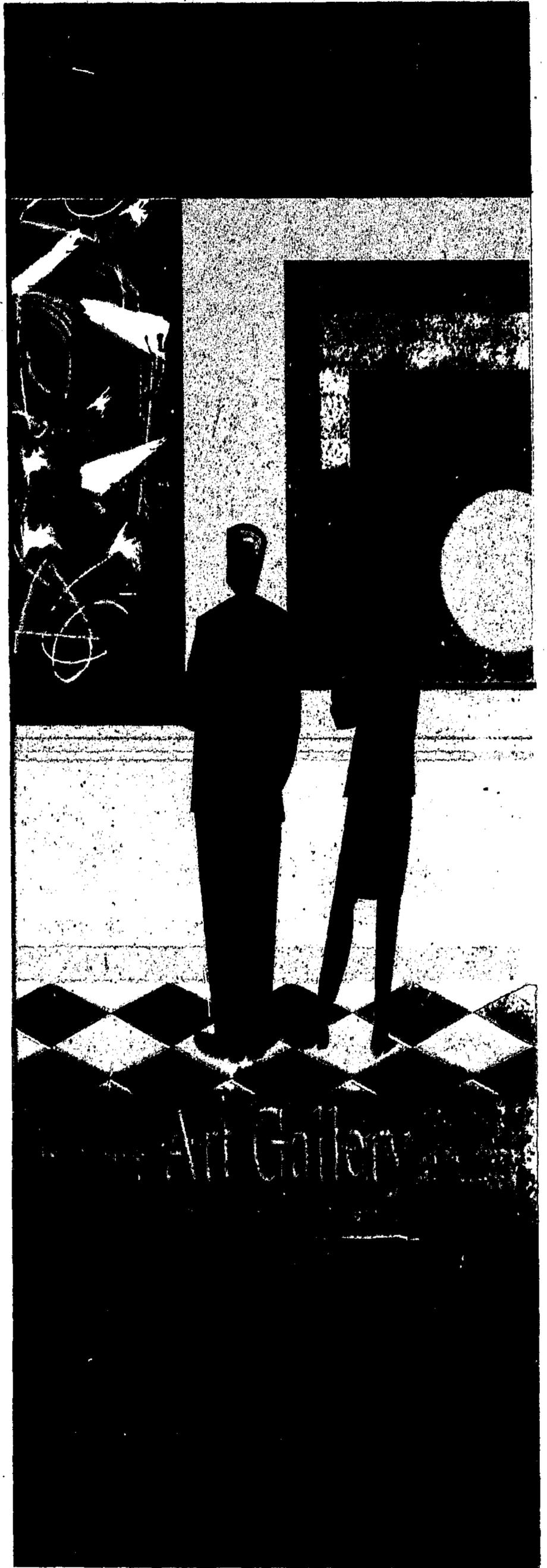
At most historic sites in America, the visitors must use their imaginations to visualize the exciting events of yesteryear. In Lincoln, however,

very little imagination is required. If Billy the Kid were to ride down Lincoln's street today, he would recognize it instantly. The store operated by his boss, John Tunstall, is open to visitors, as well as the courthouse itself, where the bullet hole in the wall remains to this day.

It stands as mute testimony to the legend of Billy the Kid.

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

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Ruidoso Downs

Winter Spirit Abounds

BY MELANIE SATTLER ♦ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Winter in Ruidoso Downs knits its neighborhoods into an afghan of comfort. The spirit of this mountain community shines through its visitors and residents, while the town positively bustles with events and commerce.

"It's very beautiful up here. There's nothing like sitting out on your porch and watching the snow fall," said John Waters, city administrator.

The city is hoping for lots of snow this year, and because it

sits at a lower elevation and is less forested than Ruidoso, the snow melts faster, Waters said, allowing easy travel to the sights in town.

Check out Billy the Kid Casino, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, and Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway and Visitors Center.

For all the lights and hubbub of a night on the town, Billy the Kid Casino stays open through the season, with restaurants and horserace simulcasts until live racing begins Memorial Day weekend. For more information on Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, call (505) 378-4431.

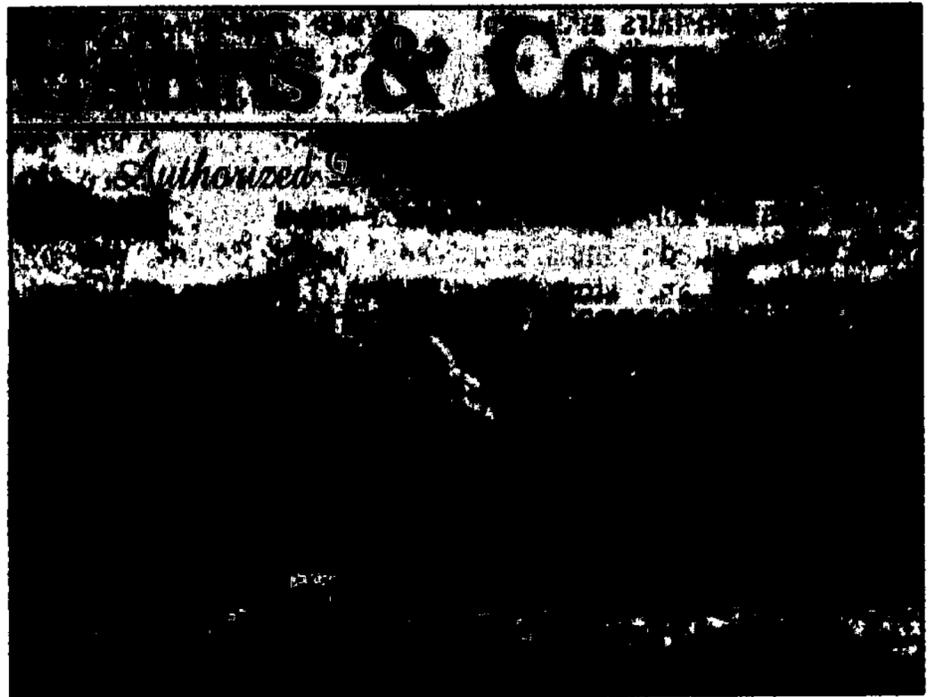
The larger-than-life horse statues, "Free Spirits at Noisy Water," capture the Western spir-

it of Ruidoso Downs, gambling at the entrance to the Hubbard Museum of the American West along U.S. 70, just east of the

racetrack.

In addition to its regular collection of Western art, horse and

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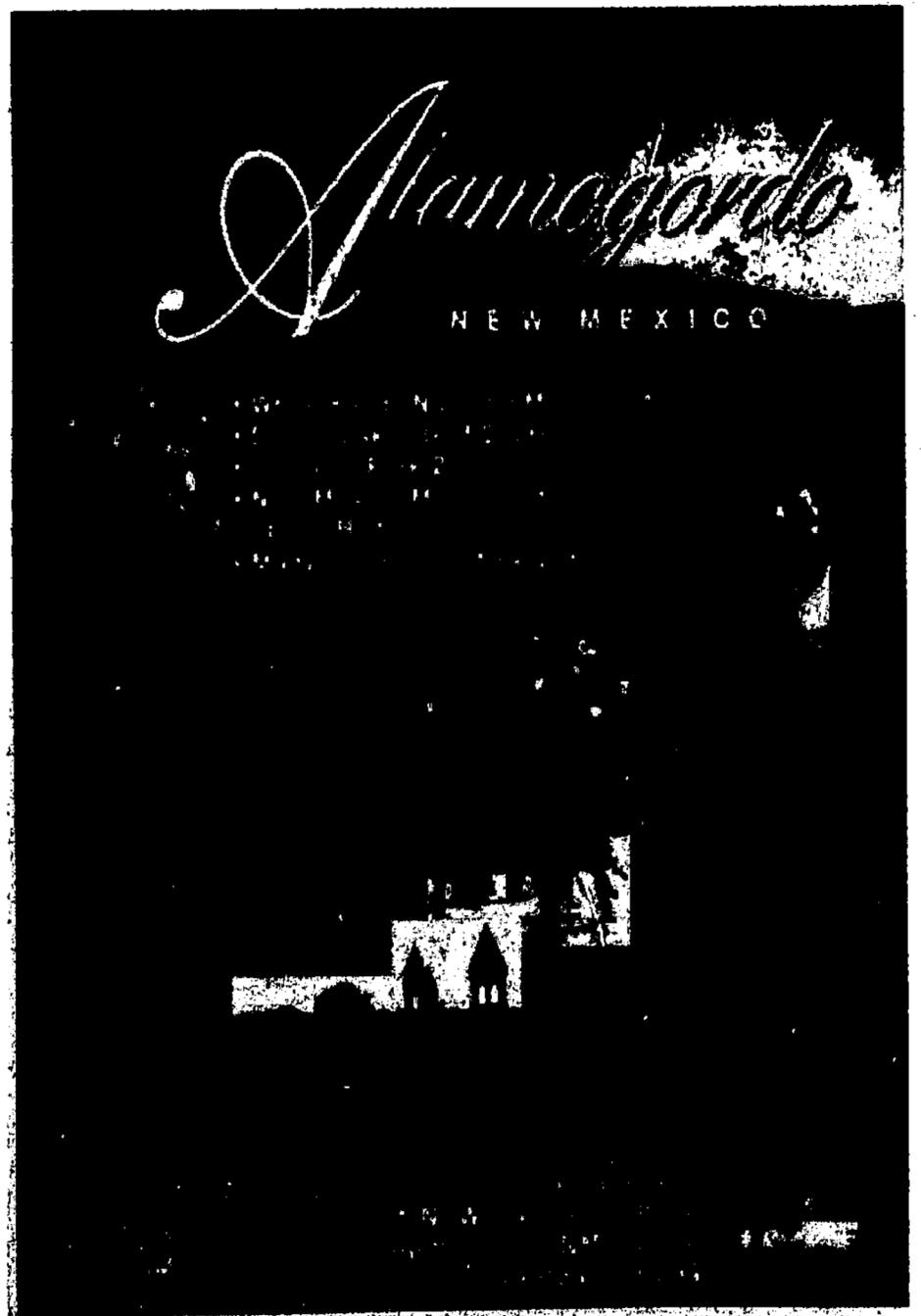
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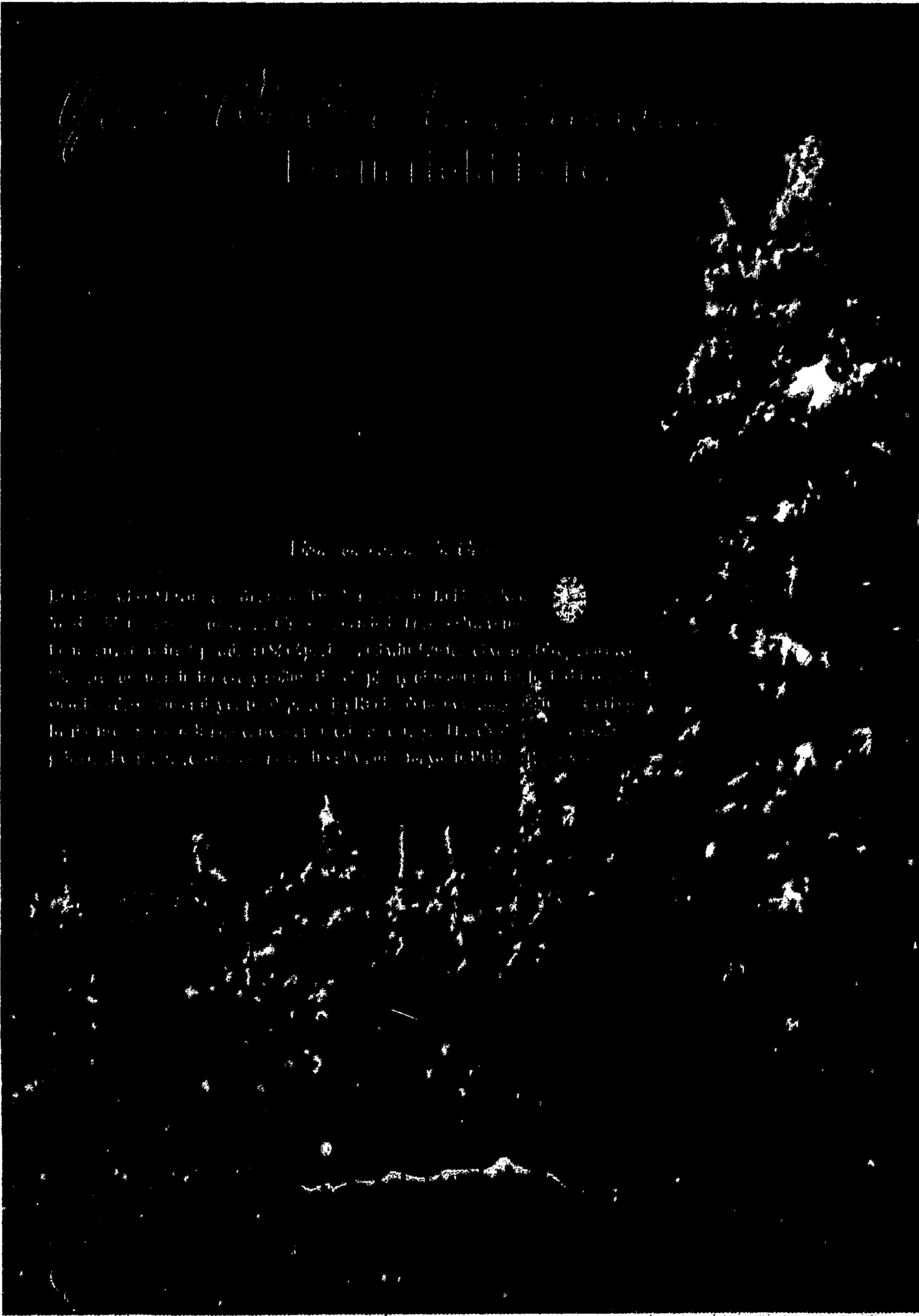
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The winter months in the mountains are a time of quiet beauty and solitude. The snow-covered peaks and evergreen forests create a magical atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy the crisp air and the soft crunch of snow underfoot. The winter season is also a great time to see the local wildlife in their natural habitat. The mountains offer a unique and unforgettable experience for all who visit.

Festival of Lights

Ruidoso Aglow

BY SANDY SUGGITT ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

A month-long Festival of Light began

Thanksgiving weekend with the start of a juried lighting competition among businesses and homeowners.

Festival events continue on Dec. 5 with the traditional Christmas in the Park Tree Lighting by the Parks and Recreation Department, an Electric Light Parade on Dec. 7 and The Festival of Music from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 in Midtown. Also on Dec. 14, there will be two Laser Light Shows, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. at Sudderth and Eagle drives.

Judging of the lighting competition will be between Dec. 9 and 12, with anonymous judges shuttling around the area, said Jules Videau, chairman of the Festival of Light 2002.

"We're hoping to have the restaurants and other businesses competing against each other," he said.

On Dec. 19, the festival concludes with an invitation-only party for sponsors, workers and lighting contest winners at Mountain Annie's (time to be announced).

Videau said sponsorships start at \$50 and entitle sponsors to a Festival of Light decal and two tickets to the appreciation party. Sponsorships of \$100 entitle sponsors to a decal and four tickets.

Another sponsorship is of the wrapping in white light and silver foil of 35 poles in Midtown, which will be lit from Nov. 27 through the Christmas season. Sponsorships for the poles are \$150.

"This is a three-year project for us, we're going to grow into this thing," Videau said. "What we're trying to do is start out with a reasonably manageable num-

ber of events, and next year hopefully we'll add a couple, revise some. One of the biggest things is to get the businesses and residents to light up their homes."

The Electric Light Parade was the idea of Lisa Morales, who saw a similar parade in Carlsbad. The festival committee hopes to have a New Mexico state championship, with floats coming to Ruidoso from the region, as well as locally. As of Nov. 15, there were 14 float commitments, Videau said.

Videau said that although this year's parade might be small, it would give people an idea of what it's like and it'll grow year after year.

There is no theme this year and no entry fee.

The Laser Light Show will be done by Laser Laser Productions from Albuquerque, two 30 minute shows around 6 and 7 p.m. on the corner of Sudderth and Eagle drives where a large screen will be set up so people can see the show on both sides.

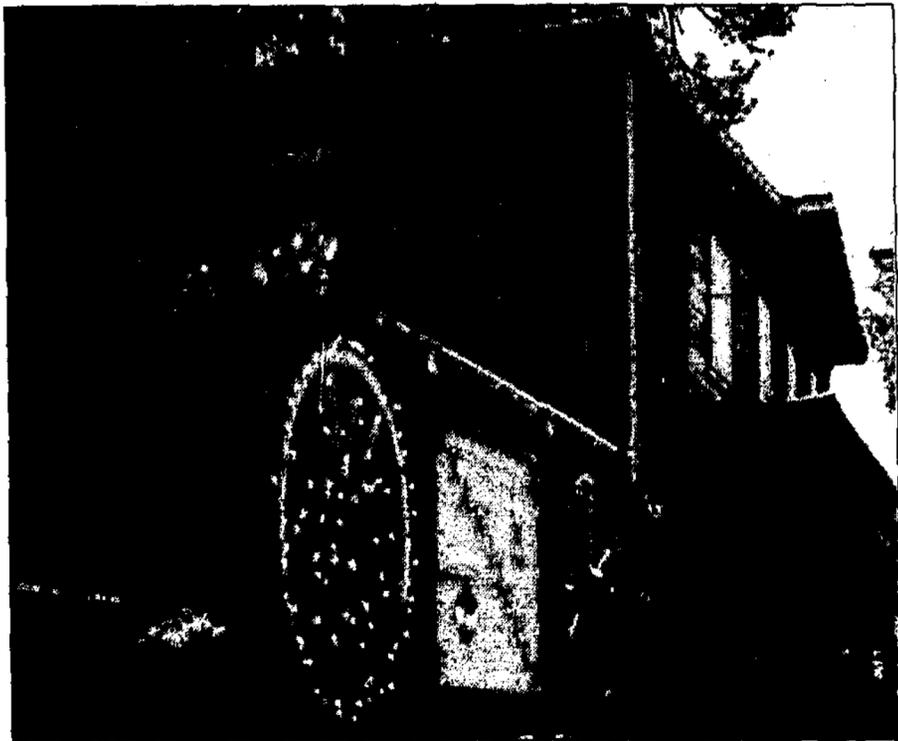
The festival is also working with the tree lighting in Sierra Mall Dec. 1, where ornaments for the Angel Tree may be purchased to honor a loved one or friend, with proceeds going to PMS Hospice of Lincoln County. Angels may be purchased with Dorothy Byrd at Fashion Crossroads in Sierra Mall or by calling Barbara Dickinson at 336-7822 or the hospice at 257-5189.

For information about the Festival of Music, contact Sam Swearingin at 258-3552 or Mary Lea Lane at 378-4302.

For information about the lighting contest, contact Kathleen McDonald at 336-0016.

Susie Fuqua is in charge of the light parade for locals and can be reached at 258-5200, and Lisa Morales is in charge of out-of-town floats and can be reached at 257-4001.

For information on becoming a sponsor, contact Bob Moroney at 257-4031.



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Businesses and homeowners will compete in this year's festival.

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Hubbard Museum

A Study of the Old West

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

An exhibit this winter and spring at the Hubbard Museum of the American West will focus on visions of past and present traditions and relationships of Apache tribes that roamed the mountains of New Mexico.

Called "We're Still Here With the Mountains," the exhibition is set to hang in the museum from Jan. 26 through May 11, featuring artists from the Mescalero, Warm Springs, White Mountain, San Carlos and Jicarilla Apache tribes, said John Jeffers, director of marketing and development for the Hubbard.

Works chosen for the show at the museum in Ruidoso Downs will come from Bob Haozous, Allan Houser, Doug Miles, Oliver Enjady, Craig Goseyun, Vincent Kaydahzinne and other noted Apache artists and artisans, he said.

Paintings and sculptures from traditional to contemporary styles and subject matter will touch on the Apache people, dancers, symbolism and the animals with whom they share the land.

Another of the major events planned over the next six months is the 6th Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival, which will open at 10 a.m., March 9.

This is a chance to view some of the most imaginative art work and spectacular color combinations ever created, directly from a child's mind to paper, Jeffers said.

The show's inspiration, the late Henriette Wyeth, who married artist Peter Hurd and lived in San Patricio, is considered by many scholars one of the great-

est female painters of the 20th Century.

She started painting at the age of 11 with her father, N.C. Wyeth. She progressed to her own distinctive style, as evidenced in her famous portraits of First Lady Pat Nixon, actress Helen Hayes and author Paul Horgan, Jeffers said.

Wyeth moved to the Southwest after marrying Hurd, and lived out her days in a rambling hacienda east of Ruidoso Downs. The purpose of the Wyeth School Art Festival is to encourage student involvement in art by providing an opportunity to show their art in a museum-quality environment, Jeffers said.

The festival kicks off with the high school show and competition, running from March 9 through March 23. Art work at this level is judged and an awards ceremony and reception will be staged at the museum from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., March 9.

The kindergarten through 8th grade art exhibition opens April 6 and closes April 20. The reception is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 at the museum.

"People shouldn't miss this chance to view creative works by some of the community's future artists," Jeffers said. "Come and show your support for the artistic endeavors of our local teachers and students. The art festival is made possible in part by a grant from New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts."

Another treat for the eyes will be the 11th Annual Fall American Photographic Competition, Exhibition and Sale at the museum, which will be on display through Jan. 19.

Steve Larese, associate editor/photo editor of New Mexico Magazine, juried the submitted entries. Sponsored by 1st National Bank of Ruidoso, the competition was established to encourage and promote excel-



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Area students display their not inconsiderable talent at the Hubbard Museum.

lence in photography, to reward the production of museum quality work and to provide an atmosphere of enthusiasm for education in the art of photography, Jeffers said. The event offers more than \$2,750 in cash awards to winners in the five categories.

Known for its extensive collection of horse racing history, along with the artifacts of Native Americans and the pioneers who settled New Mexico, the Hubbard Museum of the American West boosts 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.

At one end of the main downstairs gallery, part of a collection by the late 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 interesting 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 line against their friends.

Also featured is the most winning team in the All American Futurity, horse trainer Jack Brooks and jockey Jackie Martin, and 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.

Other events scheduled during the winter and spring include:

- "Fall Into Art," family art classes in Lincoln with the November date to be announced,

- Booking signing with mystery writer Steve Havil in Lincoln, the November date to be announced.

- Christmas Sale and Party in Lincoln on Nov. 30.

- A Family Christmas Party on Dec. 7

- An ornament painting session by artist Paula White, with the date in December to be announced.

Located east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, 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 six to 16. Younger children are free.

For more information, call (505) 378-4142.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Keeping Up with the Times

BY DIANNE STALLINGS ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Although the Mescalero Apache Tribe is embarking on a major construction project to replace its existing hotel and casino, people hoping to stay at the Inn of the Mountain Gods don't need to change their plans, if they're coming late this year.

The Inn's lodging portion probably will close some time in January, but most of the other associated facilities such as the casino, the Apache Tee restaurant and recreational pursuits will be available.

"The ability to keep the casino, the golf course and other resort amenities open and available for our guests during construction was an important part of our decision-making process," said project manager Tom J. Gallagher. "During our two-year construction period, we want our guests to be able to come, stay and play at our beautiful mountain retreat as they have for the past 27 years."

Big game hunts will continue to be scheduled and Ski Apache, also operated by the tribe, will open as usual for the winter skiing season.

Gallagher said the new hotel and casino is scheduled to open in mid-November 2004, designed to become the "Southwest's Best All-Season Resort" under the name of the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino.

Building should get under way in March 2003, with a planned opening in November 2004, 29 years after the original Inn's premiere.

"The important thing is that

we are keeping the same setting - majestic Sierra Blanca Mountain in the background, clear, peaceful Lake Mescalero offering tranquility to our guests, with our resort hotel and casino nestled in the cool, tall pines," said Mescalero Apache Tribe President Sara Misquez.

In the interim, the tribe is building The Travel Center, set to open in May 2003 about 1 1/2 miles south of Ruidoso on U.S. 70. The center will cater to the local market and travelers on the busy highway, Gallagher said.

Initially, the travel center will offer 450 slot machines, 14 table games, casual dining, a convenience store, a discount smoke shop, gasoline and diesel service, 550 parking spaces for cars and 25 spaces for trucks.

The center will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Free shuttle service between the Inn resort and casino and the travel center will be offered around the clock, as well as shuttle service to and from Ruidoso.

Tribal officials also anticipate building an 85-unit motel and expanding truck parking with showers, restrooms and washer/dryers.

The design for the new resort and casino will create 250 oversized guest rooms, 25 suites, 37,000 square feet of gaming space, 36,000 square feet of convention space, 20,000 square feet of spa facilities, four restaurants and 1,500 structured parking spaces.

The structure will incorporate a theme reflective of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, its



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An artist's conception of the new Inn of the Mountain Gods.

culture and the physical mountain setting, Gallagher said. The construction site consists of about 100 acres. The new

resort, on the shore of Lake Mescalero, will center on a circular entrance to route guests to their destinations.

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Billy the Kid Casino

Hot Slots for When it's Cold

BY TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

Although the Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track is just three years old this year, it has become one of the hot spots for Ruidoso entertainment, especially during the summer.

Visitors can go from the excitement of quarter horse racing at the racetrack to a trip back in time to historic Lincoln, as the casino is designed and decorated as a replica of Billy's old hometown.

The casino offers gambling on 300 slot machines, including nickel, quarter, \$1 and \$5 slots, as well as progressive jackpots, multivideo poker, video keno and video blackjack. If the machines aren't enticing enough, Billy the Kid Casino also has off-track betting facilities, offering racing fans

wagering seven days a week.

From time to time, Billy himself may be seen wandering around, telling stories of his past. Visitors can also catch a glimpse of where Billy hid after he and five of the Regulators 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.



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Billy the Kid Casino offers a buffet for when you're done playing the slots.



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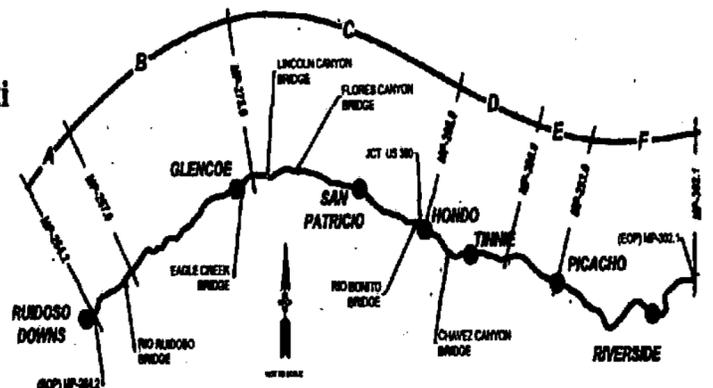
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Please consult these information sources when planning your trips. You are also welcome to stop by our US 70 Project Information Office in Hondo, NM (Milepost 286.7) and meet with our Community Relations Liaison, Mary Ann Wootton, or call her at the toll free number.

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If There's No Snow, it's a Go

BY TODD FUQUA ♦ RUIDOSO NEWS

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

Some feature shortened hours, and, of course, the golfing is limited on snow days, but pro shops are open year round.

So for a break from the slopes, or a chance to get some exercise in warmer climes, take your clubs to one of southern New Mexico's year-round golf courses.

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club

100 Country Club Drive, Alto
call 336-4232 for tee times
Don Bryant is director of golf
Martin Espinosa 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



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If the greens are clear, visitors can take in a round or two of golf.

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 its 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 Dr.,
Ruidoso

call 258-5330 for tee times

Morgan Clough is the general manager

Features:

- 18 holes, 6,793 from the gold tees, 6,422 from the blue tees, 5,940 from white tees, 5,071 from the green tees. Course rating on the gold tees is 71.0, par 72.

- Signature hole - No. 15 is a dogleg left nestled in the trees. It's always a challenge

- Driving range and practice greens.

- The berm-studded Links is a challenging public course designed by Jim Colbert.

Winter Visitors Guide

Calendar of Events

Thanksgiving weekend

The Festival of Light begins with the juried lighting competition.

Dec. 5

Park Tree Lighting and entertainment, 6 p.m. School House Park, Sudderth Drive

Dec. 6

"Scrooge the Musical," Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$45 and \$42

First Friday Lecture at Capitan Public Library, free admission, refreshments; 7-8 p.m. traditional Christmas with a Christmas quartet

Dec. 7

Parade of Lights-Electric Light Parade, 6 p.m. starts at Sudderth and Mechem drives and ends at Ruidoso State Bank on Sudderth Drive. Parade participants invited to warming hut at Print Write Now, 4:45-5:45 p.m. prior to parade; light snacks provided by Cornerstone Bakery

"Scrooge the Musical," Spencer Theater, 2 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

Santa Town Christmas in Cloudcroft

Dec. 11

A Flying J Christmas, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$18

Dec. 13

Festival of Music, Midtown area, 4-7 p.m.

Dec. 14

Festival of Music, Midtown area, 3-7 p.m.

Laser Shows about 5:30 and 7 p.m. at Sudderth and Eagle

drives

John McDaniel's "Hometown Christmas," Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

Capitan Merchants' Open House, carriage rides, drawings for prizes, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 354-2273.

Cowboy Horse-drawn Christmas Parade, Santa and Smokey, Capitan Public Library (time to be announced)

Christmas at the Park, Smokey Bear Historical Park, Capitan, refreshments, 5:30-7 p.m.

Santa Town Christmas in Cloudcroft

Dec. 21

Santa Town Christmas in Cloudcroft

Jan. 3

First Friday Lecture, Capitan Public Library, free admission, refreshments, 7-8 p.m.

Jan. 21

"George M!" Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

Jan. 22

"George M!" Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

Jan. 23

Glen Rose, Pianist, "Tin Pan Alley," Ruidoso Community Concert Association, Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

Jan. 31

Hungarian Symphony Orchestra, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$48 and \$45

Feb. 15

Moscow Chamber

Orchestra, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

Feb. 22

Altan, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

March 8

Farzad & Louie Shelton, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

March 3

The Ten Tenors, Spencer Theater, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 and \$35

March 5

The Peabody Trio, an all-Beethoven program, Ruidoso Community Concert Association, 7:30 p.m., Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

March 21-22

Mountain Living Home & Garden Show, Ruidoso Convention Center (tentative date, details to be announced; for information, call 258-2591)

April 5

Barry Manilow's "Copacabana," Spencer Theater, 2 p.m. (tickets \$38 and \$35) and 8 p.m. (tickets \$45 and \$42)

April 21

Great American Bank Challenge Roadside Clean-up (date tentative; details to be announced)

April 24

Band du Soleil, pianist, trumpeter and horn player, Ruidoso Community Concert Association, 7:30 p.m., Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center



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Have fun and stay safe while enjoying your winter in Lincoln County.

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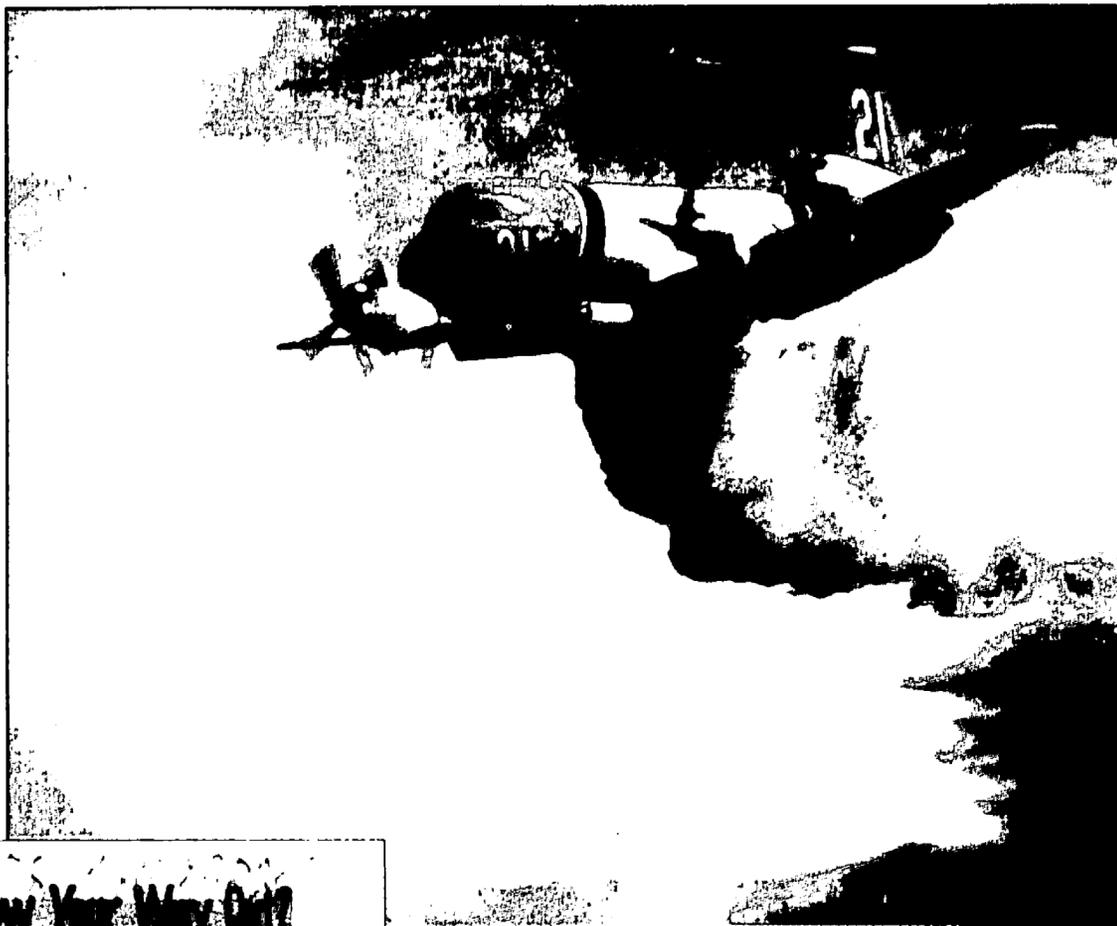
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Ruidoso, NM 88345 2002

*Preparing for Tomorrow
Responding Today*



- Know Your Evacuation Routes
- Know Your Village Ordinances

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Local emergency numbers

9-1-1

To Request Ambulance, Police, Fire Departments - always call 911!

For other emergencies or information

Carrizozo
Fire 648-2261
Police 648-2351

Capitan
Police 354-2154

White Oaks
Fire 648-2053

Mescalero
Fire 671-4511 or 671-4419
Ambulance 671-4441 or 671-4479
Police 671-4479 or 671-4511

New Mexico State Police
257-9111

Lincoln County Sheriff
648-2341, 258-5607 or 354-2909

Preparing for a disaster

Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes, and other emergencies. Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.

- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.

- Learn how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at main switches.

- Post emergency phone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police, and fire.

- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.

- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).

- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.

- Pick two meeting places. One should be a place near your home in case of a fire. The other should be a place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.

- Take a Basic First Aid and CPR Class

- Keep family records in a water-and fire-proof container.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container, such as a backpack or duffle bag.

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.

- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.

- A change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes.

- Blankets or sleeping bags.

- A first aid kit and prescription medications.

- An extra pair of glasses.

- A battery-powered radio, flashlight, and plenty of extra batteries.

- Credit cards and cash.

- An extra set of car keys.

- A list of family physicians.

- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices, such as pacemakers.

- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members.

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LEPAC members hope for best, prepare for worst

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Emergency services in Lincoln County benefit from a small pool of dedicated volunteers and skilled professionals, but are hampered by limited resources.

Drawing all the resources together in an effort to coordinate volunteer fire departments, search and rescuers, emergency medical personnel and to plan for effective responses to future disasters are members of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

One of the most recent additions to that group is Bill Martin, county emergency services coordinator. Another member is Thomas Chavez, who heads emergency services for Ruidoso. He's been working on improving the village's situation for years. He often coordinates the nitty-gritty ground operations when seasonal wild fires sweep through the area.

For the village, which leads the county in organization, money and equipment, Chavez worked out evacuation routes for the heavily-forested Upper Canyon area and set up an automatic dialing system to alert resident by telephone of impending threats.

Several villages installed siren systems for disasters which could be as broad as wild fires, flash floods, severe weather and earthquakes, or as specific as a gas pipeline rupture, a spill of hazardous waste or a multi-vehicle accident on the highway.

For the past seven years, intensifying the last two after consecutive fire seasons of catastrophic blazes, projects were initiated aimed at clearing out underbrush and reducing the number of trees on land.

The village, the county and the state Forestry Division joined together on multiple grant projects to split the cost of clearing on private land that poses a threat. The by-product of thinning efforts also could be restoration of a strained watershed and fewer demands on the underground water supply, experts say. New industries of tree cutters and products from small diameter trees are emerging. All of the interagency cooperation shines as a major plus for the county, Martin said.

Ruidoso officials formerly incorporated long-term goals by adopting ordinances spelling out new requirements in building materials and landscaping.

But the national recognition received for the proactive stance of the county seldom trickles down to the volunteers who provide hours of their time when an emergency occurs.

That's where Joe Kenmore, chairman of LEPAC,

his officers Victoria Allen and Steve Olson, Ruidoso's Fire Prevention Officer James Mason, Martin and a handful of other "on-the-ground" people are called on for response and support. They deal each month with the problems the responders face.

Communication ranks high as a dilemma to solve. The county's mountains and valleys create a communication nightmare with hand-held radios, cellular phones and vehicle mobiles, Kenmore said. But with training on how to use the equipment they have more effectively, some of those problems could be alleviated, he said. "Nothing's going to be perfect," Kenmore said.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he thinks he's close to at least solving part of the communication gap, most painful in the Hondo Valley area, with a new layout of receivers and relay systems.

Martin said he's impressed with community planning groups that have formed to cover specific needs of their areas, such as the Hondo group.

"Individual municipalities and communities are trying to identify the hazards in their areas and mitigate them," he said. "They are spending more time and effort on emergency planning and we're building our response capabilities as funding is found.

"But we are a small county (in population) without a lot of resources. We don't have the personnel or the money to replace equipment as fast as we want. There are areas that are relatively isolated and it's difficult to assemble a vast amount of mutual aid quickly."

Ruidoso experiences a double whammy by being a mountain community surrounded by forest, whose officials must plan for disaster at the peak summer tourist season population, using the year-round residential base, he said.

"The seasonal influx tends to stretch the system in many different ways," Martin said. "We're a transit point. People come in and out of the county to get from one point to another, which also increases risks."

Kenmore said he hopes for the day that the majority of families in the area are ready to respond to an emergency warning immediately, with prepared first-aid, emergency rations and other precautions taken care of in advance.

At the same time, he'd like more training programs for the volunteers — they average 10 people at each of the eight county fire departments and others who provide some emergency medical care.

Five municipal fire departments also operate, along with a county-wide ambulance service — a mix of paid employees centered in Ruidoso and mostly volunteers outside that area.

"In some cases, they're not receiving the community support they need," Martin said.

The county also is reconsidering evacuation routes. In some cases, they may sound good on paper, but depending on the direction and location of a

fire or flood, people could be routed into harm's way, if only one route is identified, he said.

"They should remain fluid with decisions in each situation on the best ways to get them out," Martin said.

Olson, who heads the local Red Cross office of the Rio Grande Chapter, said his group always is looking for volunteers and for financial support, which has dropped locally.

Red Cross volunteers not only work with victims of disasters as a first priority, when possible they will provide food and other comfort for those fighting a fire or working an accident. The chapter sets up shelters, works with area restaurants to provide meals and acts as a central clearinghouse for telephone calls and other forms of communication from relatives trying to confirm that family members are safe, he said.

Consecutive major fires and home losses drained the chapter's financial resources at the same time many people focused their donations on the national scene after the terrorist attacks in New York City, Olson said.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

The threesome that keep the activities of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee running smoothly are from left, Chairman Joe Kenmore, Steve Olson and Victoria Allen.



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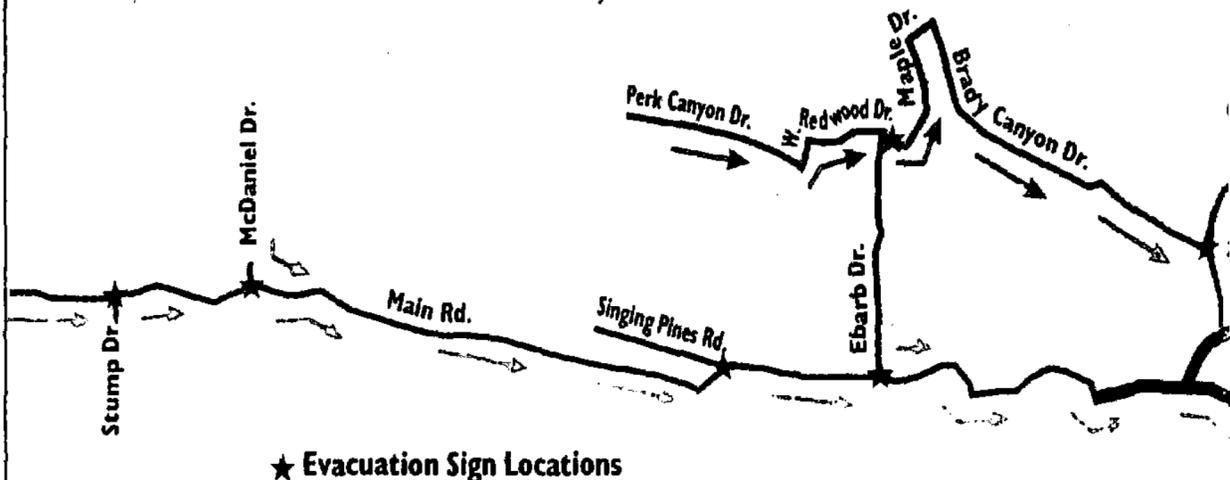
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Evacuation Routes



EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF A THREATENED AREA IS PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

EVACUATION WARNING AND ALERT

Warnings and alerts will take place by several methods, depending on time availability: Local Radio and Television - by government officials, internet updates on the Ruidoso News website (www.ruidosonews.com), emergency services directly, or through the "Emergency Alert System", EAS.

National Weather Service announces weather warnings and all-hazard alerts via NOAA Weather Radio. This unique radio service provides continuous weather information and features a tone alarm that automatically activates to alert you of hazardous conditions.

The Village of Ruidoso is equipped with an interactive notification system called "The communicator" this system is activated at the Ruidoso Police Department notifying you via telephone advising of an emergency in the area. If an evacuation is necessary in any part of the village "The communicator" will notify you of such event. If you do not receive a phone call from "The communicator" please listen to the local radio stations listed below. If you receive a phone call advising you to evacuate, if time permits calmly advise the neighbors on each side of you, as they might not be equipped with a radio, phone, or may be hearing impaired.

If you have an immediate life threatening situation or emergency, Dial 911

Law Enforcement or other emergency personnel will announce evacuation by sounding sirens and will give information over public address loud speakers, as well as door-to-door contact. The Village of Ruidoso will activate seven emergency alert sirens to notify you in the case of evacuation in necessary in the area, tune in to your local radio stations at FM 93.5 KWES / AM 1360 KBUY OR AT FM KIDX 101.5 / FM KWMW 101.5 OR AM AT KRUI 1490

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- ★ Most importantly: REMAIN CALM
- ★ Follow closely the evacuation instructions given in the evacuation alert and by emergency personnel.
- ★ Close heavy drapes and blinds.
- ★ Lock doors and windows.
- ★ You MAY be instructed to tie a white towel or large white cloth to the front door knob to advise rescuers that your residence has been evacuated.
- ★ Turn off gas/propane service, if you know how.
- ★ DO NOT turn off electrical service. Electricity may aid emergency crews providing lighting and power for fire fighting efforts.
- ★ Be sure to check your homeowners/renters insurance policy for fire loss information and any special clauses related to disasters.

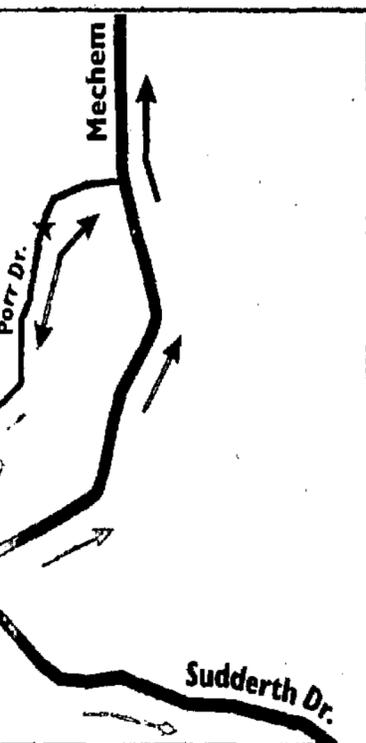
NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER THE EVACUATION AREA UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

WHAT TO TAKE

Important papers and valuables
Driver's license/ID cards
Medications
Prescription glasses and dentures

Village of Ruidoso Emergency Management
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Your Way Out?



Personal toilet articles and sanitary needs
Sleeping bag or blankets
Coats
Special dietary needs
Baby food, diapers, etc.
Checkbook, credit cards, cash

FOOD AND SHELTER

In the event of a disaster, evacuees will decide where they will go. You may stay with family or friends, in a hotel/motel, or in a Red Cross Shelter. Meals for those in shelters will be provided.

The safest evacuation routes will be identified by the appropriate agencies and will be made public during the evacuation warnings and alerts.

Evacuation routes cannot be pre-established. The location of the hazard, the behavior of the problem, and conditions such as wind direction will determine safe travel routes. Pay close attention to the evacuation signs and/or personnel assigned to direct traffic. Stay on designated evacuation routes.

TRANSPORTATION

Residents will be expected to use personal vehicles. Pre-planning should be made with family and neighbors to transport individuals with special needs, children, pets, livestock, or those without a means of transportation. Persons with special needs, such as a medical condition that prevent normal transportation should make prior arrangements with family, friends or with your local emergency services. When school is in session, transportation of school children will be conducted by local school districts.

PLAN FOR SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS

Every family should establish plans for times when families may be separated. Include the following:

- ★ Establish a relative or friend as an emergency contact where all family members can call or exchange information.
- ★ Determine who will transport family members unable to drive, or if no vehicle is available.
- ★ Meet school children at designated registration/ reception center.
- ★ Call Tomas Chavez, Village Of Ruidoso Emergency Manager at (505) 257-4694 or (505) 420-0412 Or The Ruidoso Fire Department Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds at (505) 257-4116.

WHAT ABOUT THE SECURITY OF MY HOME?

Law enforcement personnel will provide security for evacuated areas. The nature of the emergency and the safety of personnel will determine where perimeters will be established.

WHAT ABOUT PETS AND LIVESTOCK

Planning for care of pets and livestock should be included with the family evacuation plans. An animal's best protection is to be with the owner, however, this will not always be possible.

- ★ Locate a safe place for your pets before disaster strikes.
 - ★ Ask friends or family to provide pet care.
 - ★ Check availability of boarding kennels to shelter pets during emergencies.
- Pets are not allowed inside shelter buildings except for service animals.

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Wildfire safety tips

The threat of wildland fires for people living near wildland areas or using recreational facilities in wilderness areas is real. Advance planning and knowing how to protect buildings in these areas can lessen the devastation of a wildland fire.

- Learn and teach safe fire practices.
- Build fires away from nearby trees or bushes.
- Always have a way to extinguish the fire quickly and completely.
- Never leave a fire – even a cigarette – burning unattended.
- Obtain local building codes and weed abatement

ordinances for structures built near wooded areas.

- Use fire-resistant materials when building, renovating, or retrofitting structures.
 - Create a safety zone to separate the home from combustible plants and vegetation.
 - Stone walls can act as heat shields and deflect flames.
 - Swimming pools and patios can be a safety zone.
 - Check for fire hazards around home.
 - Install electrical lines underground, if possible.
- Keep all tree and shrub limbs trimmed so they don't come in contact with the wires.

• Prune all branches around the residence to a height of 8 to 10 feet. Keep trees adjacent to buildings free of dead or dying wood and moss. Remove all dead limbs, needles, and debris from rain gutters.

- Store combustible or flammable materials in approved safety containers and keep them away from the house.
- Keep chimney clean.
- Avoid open burning completely, and especially during dry season.

Contact your local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter for more information on wildland fires.

Frostbite and hypothermia

Frostbite is a severe reaction to cold exposure that can permanently damage its victims. A loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, or nose and ear lobes are symptoms of frostbite.

Hypothermia is a condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms of hypothermia include uncontrollable shivering, slow speech, memory lapses, frequent stumbling, drowsiness, and exhaustion.

If frostbite or hypothermia is suspected, begin warming the person slowly and seek immediate medical assistance. Warm the person's trunk first.

Use your own body heat to help. Arms and legs should be warmed last because stimulation of the limbs can drive cold blood toward the heart and lead to heart failure.

Put person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket.

Never give a frostbite or hypothermia victim something with caffeine in it (like coffee or tea) or alcohol. Caffeine, a stimulant, can cause the heart to beat faster and hasten the effects the cold has on the body. Alcohol, a depressant, can slow the heart and also hasten the ill effect of cold body temperatures.

Purifying water

There are three recommended ways of purifying water should it ever become contaminated.

1. Boiling

Boiling is the safest method of purifying water. Bring water to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes, keeping in mind that some water will evaporate. Let the water cool before drinking. Boiled water will taste better if you put oxygen back into it by pouring the water back and forth between two clean containers. This will also improve the taste of stored water.

2. Disinfection

You can use household liquid bleach to kill microorganisms. Use only regular household liquid bleach that contains 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite. Do not use scented bleaches, color-safe bleaches or bleaches with added cleaners. Add 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water, stir and let stand for 30 minutes.

If the water does not have a slight bleach odor, repeat the dosage and let stand another 15 minutes. The only agent used to purify water should be household liquid bleach. Other chemicals, such as iodine or water treatment products sold in camping or surplus stores that do not contain 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite as the only active ingredient, are not recommended and should not be used.

3. Distillation

Distillation involves boiling water and then collecting the vapor that condenses back to water. The condensed vapor will not include salt and other impurities. To distill, fill a pot halfway with water. Tie a cup to the handle on the pot's lid so that the cup will hang right-side-up when the lid is upside-down (make sure the cup is not dangling into the water) and boil the water for 20 minutes.

The water that drips from the lid into the cup is distilled.

In case of evacuation...

Some emergencies may require the evacuation of certain areas. Most likely, little time will be provided to leave, so it helps to have some items ready to go ahead of time. If this happens:

- Listen to a battery-powered radio for the location of emergency shelters.
- Follow instructions of local officials.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Use travel routes specified by local officials.

If you are sure you have time:

- Shut off water, gas, and electricity, if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets. Animals are not usually allowed in public shelters.

Prepare an Emergency Car Kit. Include:

- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type)
- First aid kit and manual
- Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter.
- Maps, a shovel, a tire repair kit and flares.

Poison prevention

If you have a poisoning emergency, call 1-800-222-1222. If the victim has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911.

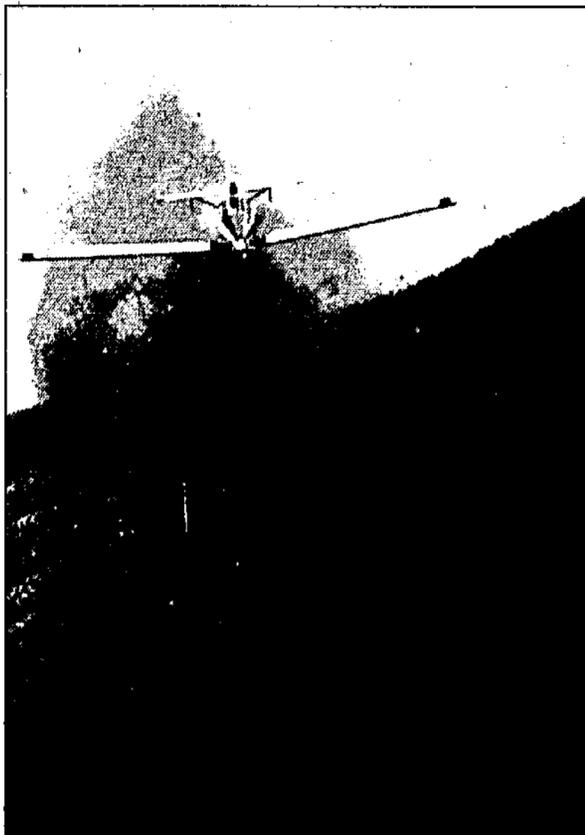
Safety Rules:

- Keep harmful products out of your child's sight and reach.
 - Take extra care during stressful times.
 - Never call medicine "candy."
 - Buy medicine and household products in childproof packages.
 - Always replace the safety caps immediately after use.
 - Never leave alcohol within a child's reach.
 - Seek help if your child swallows a substance that is not food.
- Call the Poison Center or your doctor.
- Keep a 1-ounce bottle of syrup of ipecac in your home. Use it

only when told to do so by the Poison Center.

- Keep products in their containers. Never put inedible products in food or drink containers.
- Read labels with care before using any product.
- Teach children not to drink or eat anything unless it is given by an adult.
- Do not take medicine in front of small children. Children tend to copy adult behavior.
- Check your home often for old medications or substances and discard them.
- Discard substances used for old-fashioned treatments such as oil of wintergreen, boric acid, ammoniated mercury, oil of turpentine, and camphorated oil.
- Be alert for repeated poisonings. Children who swallow a poison are likely to try again within a year.

Fire escape planning



COURTESY

Firefighting crews will do all they can to stop the spread of a wildfire, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared.

Landslide and mudflow preparation

Landslide and mudflows usually strike without warning. The force of rocks, soil, or other debris moving down a slope can devastate anything in its path. Take the following steps to be ready.

- Get a ground assessment of your property.
 - Your county geologist or county planning department may have specific information on areas vulnerable to landsliding. Consult a professional geotechnical expert for opinions and advice on landslide problems and on corrective measures you can take.
 - Plant ground cover on slopes and build retaining walls. In mudflow areas, build channels or deflection walls to direct the flow around buildings.
- Remember: If you build walls to divert debris flow and the flow lands on a neighbor's property, you may be liable for damages.
- Learn to recognize the landslide warning signs.
- Doors or windows stick or jam for the first time.
 - New cracks appear in plaster, tile, brick, or foundations.
 - Outside walls, walks, or stairs begin pulling away from the building. Slowly developing, widening cracks appear on the ground or on paved areas such as streets or driveways.
 - Underground utility lines break.
 - Bulging ground appears at the base of a slope.
 - Water breaks through the ground surface in new locations.
 - Fences, retaining walls, utility poles, or trees tilt or move.
 - You hear a faint rumbling sound that increases in volume as the landslide nears. The ground slopes downward in one specific direction and may begin shifting in that direction under your feet.

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires, and more than 25,000 are injured. Deaths resulting from failed emergency escapes are particularly avoidable.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), believes that having a sound escape plan will greatly reduce fire deaths and protect you and your family's safety if a fire occurs.

In the event of a fire, remember, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

Special considerations

Practice escaping from every room in the home and practice escape plans every month. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. If the primary way is blocked by fire or smoke, you will need a second way out. A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or using an Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved collapsible ladder for escape from upper story windows. Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and that security bars can be properly opened. Also, practice feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed.

Security bars

Security bars may help to keep your family safe from intruders, but they can also trap you in a deadly fire! Windows and doors with security bars must have quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to properly operate and open locked or barred doors and windows.

Leave immediately

When a fire occurs, do not waste any time saving

property. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

Hot doors

When you come to a closed door, use the back of your hand to feel the top of the door, the doorknob, and the crack between the door and door frame to make sure that fire is not on the other side. If it feels hot, use your secondary escape route. Even if the door feels cool, open it carefully. Brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. If heat and smoke come in, slam the door and make sure it is securely closed, then use your alternate escape route.

Meeting Place

Designate a meeting location away from the home, but not necessarily across the street. For example, meet under a specific tree or at the end of the driveway or front sidewalk to make sure everyone has gotten out safely and no one will be hurt looking for someone who is already safe. Designate one person to go to a neighbor's home to phone the fire department.

Once out, stay out

Remember to escape first, then notify the fire department using the 911 system or proper local emergency number in your area. Never go back into a burning building for any reason. Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They are equipped to perform rescues safely.

Finally, having working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home dramatically increases your chances of survival. Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month, and changed with new ones at least once a year. Also, consider replacing the entire smoke alarm every 10 years, or as the manufacturer guidelines recommend.

Pets and emergencies

If you evacuate your home, do not leave your pets behind. Pets most likely cannot survive on their own; and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.

For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which motels and hotels in your area allow pets — well in advance of needing them.

Include your local animal shelter's number in your list of emergency numbers — they might be able to provide information concerning pets during a disaster.

Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site.

If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home. Make

sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.

Take pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. While the sun is still shining, consider packing a "pet survival" kit which could be easily deployed if disaster hits.

If it is impossible to take your pet with you to temporary shelter, contact friends, family, veterinarians, or boarding kennels to arrange for care. Make sure medical and feeding information, food, medicine and other supplies accompany your pet to his foster home. Some animal shelters will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of disaster, but this should be considered only as a last resort.

Forestry Task Force Fuels Management Standards

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

REQUIREMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Zone 1: Structure Protection

0-10 feet from structure

- Remove all Pine needles & flammable ground materials.
- Remove all ladder fuels.
- Min. 10 feet between crowns of native trees or "clumps" (max. 4 trees/clump)
- Prune native trees extending over eave of roof or 25% whichever is less.
- Remove branches within 15' of chimney.

- Minimize flammable native trees in this zone.
- Maintain non-combustible ground material 2-3 feet around structure (Planting beds, rock gardens, gravel or bare soil).
- Prune native tree limbs overhanging roof.
- Bedding plants (<18" high).
- Consider non-flammable landscape material (ex. do not use railroad ties, wood fencing etc).

Comments

Consultation with the property owner will explain the "blended eye" assessment of the property. Using this "added value" approach landscape elements and forest health issues, as well as fire hazard reduction, will be considered. The property owner can better achieve his land objectives.

Zone 2: Defensible Space

10-30 feet from structure

- Remove all Pine needles & flammable ground materials.
- Remove all ladder fuels.
- Min. 10' between stems of native trees or "clumps" (max. 5 trees/clump).
- Crowns of stems or between "clumps" do not touch.
- Prune flammable native tree limbs min. 10' from ground or 25% of tree height whichever is less.
- 10 - 15' between planting islands & groups of shrubs.

- Maintain low combustible ground covers.
- Keep lawns watered (as conditions allow).
- Consider planting beds, rock gardens, xeriscaping and fire resistant plants.
- Bedding plants (<18" high).
- Consider non-flammable landscape material.

Comments

In both Zone 1 and 2 attention will be paid to the potential threat posed by creeping and spot fire behavior. It's highly likely, given the number of lots 1/4 acre and less, that this zone will often overlap with neighboring property defensible space. It's also likely that assessments in areas with higher densities will be looked at as "neighborhoods" rather than individual properties. Individual consultations will occur in every case. Lots <1/4 acre are dealing with zone 1 & 2 for the most part.

Zone 3: Forest Woodland

30-60 feet from structure

- Max densities for target vegetation:
- Ponderosa pine - 60 sq.ft.BA
- Mixed Conifer - 60 sq.ft.BA
- Pinon/Juniper - 20 sq.ft.BA
- Remove all ladder fuels
- 10 - 15' between stems of native trees or "clumps" (max.5 trees/clump)
- 10 - 15' between planting islands.
- Prune native tree limbs min. 8' from ground or 25% of tree height whichever is less.

- Remove all pine needles and flammable ground materials.
- Additional fuels reduction:
- Ponderosa pine - 40 sq.ft.BA
- Mixed Conifer - 40 sq.ft.BA
- Pinon/Juniper - 20 sq.ft.BA
- 15 - 20' between stems of native trees or "clumps" (max.5 trees/clump).
- Prune native tree limbs min. 8 - 15' from ground or 25% of tree height whichever is less.

Comments

In terms of thinning stems, the property owner will be advised of the different marking prescriptions that will achieve the requirements but could result in different aesthetics (multi-story, even aged, park-like, etc.). The property owner will decide. Zones 1, 2 & 3 constitute the minimum requirements around structures regardless of lot size. These zones have much to do with the ignitability of a structure and individual protection.

Zone 4: Property Perimeter Buffer

60 feet - property line for lots 2.5 acres or less.
120 foot wide buffer around perimeter for lots > 2.5 acres.

- Max densities for target vegetation:
- Ponderosa pine - 80 sq.ft.BA
- Mixed Conifer - 90 sq.ft.BA
- Pinon/Juniper - 50 sq.ft.BA
- Remove all ladder fuels
- 10 - 15' between crowns of native trees or "clumps" (max.7 trees/clump).
- 10 - 15' between planting islands.
- Prune native tree limbs min. 8' from ground or 25% of tree height whichever is less.

- Additional fuels reduction:
- Ponderosa pine - 40 sq.ft.BA
- Mixed Conifer - 60 sq.ft.BA
- Pinon/Juniper - 20 sq.ft.BA
- Prune native tree limbs min. 8 - 15' from ground or 25% of tree height which ever is less.
- Consider coordination with neighboring properties.
- Recommend treatment of entire property.

Comments

Treatment in this zone addresses wildfire rate of spread and intensity. Consistent application of these treatments will create conditions where crown fire could be transformed into a ground fire, slowing its rate of spread and creating opportunity for fire resources to safely respond. A property owner with < 2.5 acres is required to treat all of the property. A property owner with > 2.5 acres is required to implement Zones 1, 2, & 3 around any structures > 50 sq.ft. out to 60 feet. In addition, property owner shall create a buffer zone as described in zone 4. This zone now starts at the property line and comes in 120 feet minimum