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Season's Greetings

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New Detention Center for Kayenta?



Inside Kayenta Police Department's current detention facility

Jail space on the Navajo Nation is extremely low. To date there are only 92 total beds to detain inmates on the Navajo Nation, 57 of these beds are located in Window Rock, this only leaves 35 beds through out Navajo land to accommodate inmates for the rest of the Navajo Nation.

Kayenta Detention Supervisor, Sherry Begay stated that community events and holidays are the busiest and the detention center fills quickly. Begay has been working at the Kayenta Detention Center since 1988 and noted that, most offenders are men, but indicated that more women are committing crimes and are being detained. The Kayenta Detention Centers current statistics average 10 females and 130 males per month. Many of these women are single mothers and are usually charged with DUI in most cases. "We basically run a drunk tank, once they sober up, we let them go. Its real frustrating." said Begay.

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Update: Reseeding Project



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One of Dine Bii Association for Disabled Citizens new group homes.

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The large portion of the area designated for restoration is within the Kayenta Chapter jurisdiction. The land users have to consent for any activity before going forward with any project. The public information meeting has been successful.



EDT. Inc. has been selected from a number of vendors to conduct an environmental assessment and archeological survey.

BIA, USDA, Peabody, NAPI, ADOT, NTUA, HIS, Kayenta Township, and others are all technical team members who have been busy discussing the land restoration method and other logistical issues.



The “Reclamation Plan” was developed by USDA representatives. Peabody Reclamation staff provided additional information to supplement the initial plan.



The recent moisture has helped the cause in holding down the remaining topsoil, and keeping it from further erosion and possibly reestablishment of the native grasses. Currently, the weather dictates the success of the land restoration or even the reestablishment of native grasses. - Phil Zhonnie

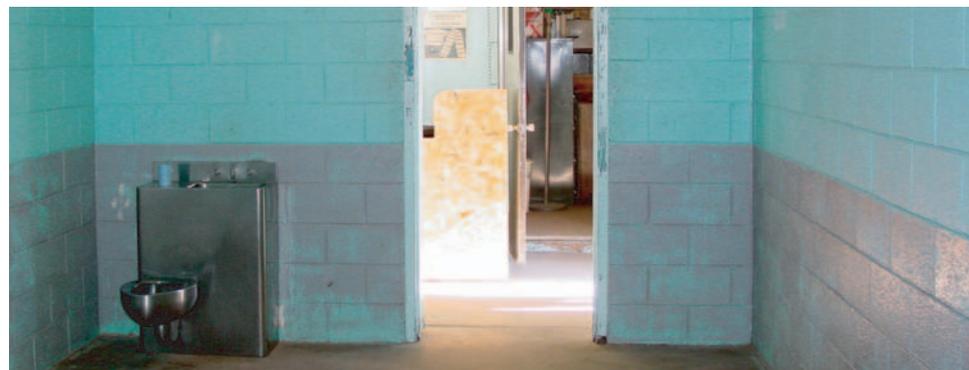
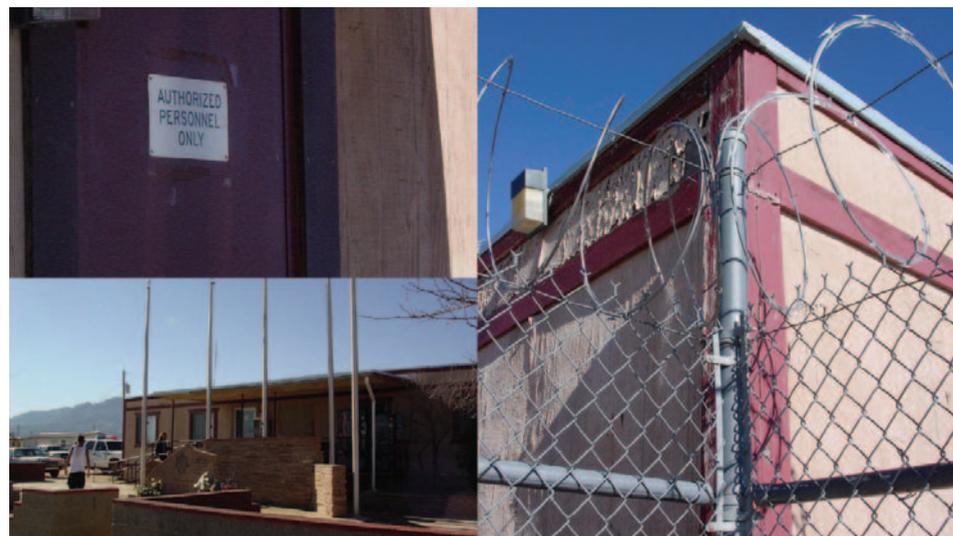
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Begay also stated that 90% of the people brought in to be detained involve alcohol and very few are ever brought in that are not intoxicated. Public Intoxication or Possession of Alcohol tops the list in charges, DUI, and Domestic Violence comes in second and third. "Even the inmates complain about the facilities. At times we may have a family detained and a fight will break out between them. We are unable to separate them because we do not have individual cells to detain them." said Begay.



The Department of Environmental Health has been inspecting jail facilities across the Navajo Nation. Inspection on Kayenta's detention center determined that the detention center fails fire safety requirements, building structure codes, and hygiene requirements.

A recent inspection of the Tuba City facilities threatens the closure of the detention center, unless repairs are made. Detention centers all across the Navajo Nation are in dire need of new facilities. Most are too small to accommodate the growing number of inmates, and are simply unsafe. "There is only one maintenance worker from Chinle that is responsible for detention center maintenance for the entire Western Agency, and he is extremely backed up with work orders. So we usually wind up doing all maintenance work ourselves." said Begay.



"When a person is brought in to be detained, we get their information, do a visual check on them, and then send them to the clinic for a medical screening. If they are being booked for a DUI, we also have them perform a breath analyzer test. If an individual is extremely intoxicated, we send them to the clinic for a medical evaluation. This protects us as well as the safety of the individual." said Sherry Begay.

The Kayenta Detention Center which was built back in the early 70's has two cells, one for males and one for females. Each cell can hold up to 10 people maximum. Once the cells have reached capacity, inmates are then transferred to either the Shiprock or Window Rock facilities. If there is no room to accommodate additional inmates, then room is made by releasing inmates that have committed a lesser crime. Unfortunately many people that get arrested, know this process, and continue to commit crimes. "It's a never ending cycle, the victims of crimes, the community, and police officers get very angry about this process. We really need new facilities to accommodate our needs, not only here in Kayenta, but all across the Navajo Nation." said Sherry Begay.



Due to the dire need, and constant pressure from the Kayenta residents, the Kayenta Township and Kayenta Chapter have set out to construct a new detention center and office for the Kayenta Police Department. The Township Commission authorized expenditure of \$600,000.00 in Bond Financing (to be matched by other sources of funds) that will be leveraged by Kayenta sales tax revenue. The Public Safety Committee is aware of the great need for improved facilities in Kayenta, and at their recent meeting in Kayenta praised the community for their "can do" attitude. For that matter, they stated that they would see what they can do to get equal matching funds for the \$600,000.000 already pledged by the Kayenta community.

In the month of December, the Township Office will begin the architectural and engineering design for the new Kayenta Detention Center and Police Department Offices.

Kayenta's Boys and Girls Club reopens it's doors

After the long wait of the release of funding from the Navajo Tribe, the Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo reopened its doors November 3rd. "We want to put everything that has happened with the funding in the past and concentrate on getting the youth back into the Club." stated Tamera Delamar, the Unit Director for the Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo. One child said, "Kayenta just wasn't the same after the Club closed, but I'm really happy that it's open again."



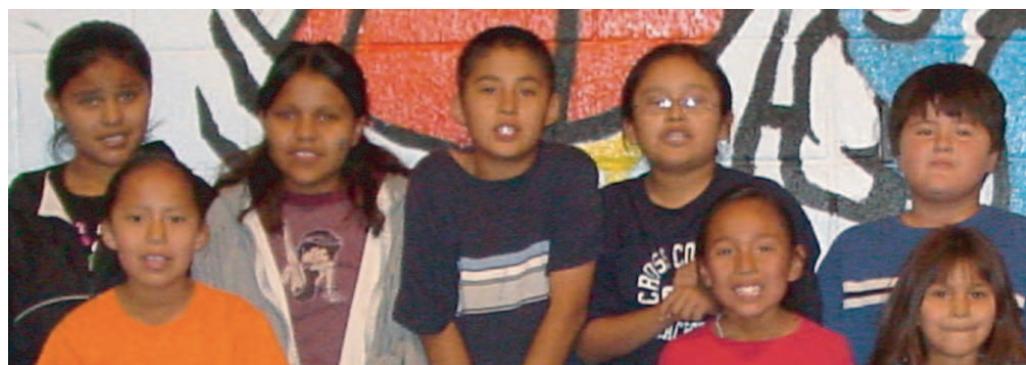
The Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo first opened its doors July 5th 2001. The Club serves youth ages 6 to 18 years of age living in and around the communities of Kayenta, Black Mesa, Shonto, Chilchinbeto, and Den-nehotso, Arizona.



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-Club Member

The Club focuses on five main core programs, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts, and Sports and Fitness. The youth development strategy of the club instills a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging to the youth of the club.



"It's great to see the club open once again, it was sad to see it closed for such a long time. I remember the club being jam packed with kids after school. I believe the club plays a vital role in our community, there's not all that much for our youth to do here in the community, the Boys and Girls Club give these kids something to do after school and gives them a positive influence." said a member of the Kayenta community.



Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Boys and Girls Club must meet the age requirement of 6 – 18 years of age, complete a membership application, and pay a nominal program fee. Everyone is encouraged to come take a tour the club and support our youth.

The Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo is currently looking for people interested in serving on the Advisory Counsel in Kayenta. Anyone that is interested please contact Tamera Delmar at (928) 697-3698. The Boys and Girls Club of Navajo is also looking for people interested in serving on the Board of Directors, anyone interested is encouraged to contact Fran Rowden at (505) 369-3755.

Navajo film maker selected to screen at Sundance

Navajo film maker Larry Blackhorse Lowe from New Mexico announced the acceptance of his new and very first feature film "The Fifth World" to the Sundance Film Festival. Larry is no stranger to Sundance, last year he screened his short film "Shush" at the Sundance Film Festival and received rave reviews. "We submitted "The Fifth World" on DVD to Sundance and they watched it, liked it and now were in. A good amount of support came from a lot of people at the festival especially Bird Runningwater." said Larry.



"The Fifth World is a contemporary love story set on the Navajo Reservation and deals with relationships in terms of traditional beliefs. Since the story was conceived, writing the script, and getting financing, we began production last May and shooting film on the Navajo Nation for about two weeks. After that we began shooting various pick up shots." said Larry.



Sheldon Silentwalker and Livandrea Knoki star in The 5th World, they also starred in Larry's short film "Shush", which also screened at Sundance last year.



On location of the 5th World outside of Tuba City, Director Larry Blackhorse Lowe and Director of Photography Miguel Cordova.

The Fifth World stars an all Navajo cast, Livandrea Knoki, a former model and also starred in "Shush", Sheldon Silentwalker an actor from Phoenix who also starred in "Shush", Navajo comedians Ernest Tsoie III, James Junes, Larry's mother and father Carmelita B. Lowe and Larry A. Lowe, film maker and musician Corey Allison, model Sahar Khadjenoury, and Melaw Antonie. Larry stated, "I've worked with Liv, Sheldon and Ernest on "Shush". My parents especially my mom, I've had her play many a parts in my short films "Happy Boy" and "Cold Feet". As for James, Corey, Sahar, and Melaw this was my first time working with them, and they were great."



Larry went to film school at Scottsdale Community College and has been making films since 1998. "I love movies and the language of cinema and I want to be able to leave my mark. Plus I want to tell stories about my people and culture in a very respectful and correct way."

MONUMENT VALLEY Mustangs

2004-2005 Girls & Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponents	BFR/GFR	GJV/BJV	GV/B
Sat	Nov. 20, 2004	@ Round Valley (Scrimmage)	3pm/1pm		
Tue	Nov. 30, 2004	Page	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Th-Sat	Dec. 2-4, 2004	@ Page-NGS Tournament-Girls	TBA/		
Th-Sat	Dec. 2-4, 2004	@ Winslow Tournament-Boys	TBA		
Thu	Dec. 2, 2004	@ MV-Utah	4:30/3:00	6:00/7:30	---/---
Tue	Dec. 7, 2004	@ Shiprock	5:30/4:00	7:00/4:00	5:30/7:00
Sat	Dec. 11, 2004	@ Blue Ridge	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Dec. 14, 2004	Round Valley (girls)	---/---	3:00/---	4:30/---
Fri	Dec. 17, 2004	@ Window Rock (boys)	4:00/---	---/5:30	---/7:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 16-18, 2004	@ Winslow Tournament-Girls	TBA/---		
Sat	Dec. 18, 2004	Round Valley-Boys	1:00/---	---/2:30	---/4:00
Tue	Dec. 21, 2004	@ Holbrook	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Su-Th	Dec. 26-30, 2004	@ Greenway Tournament-Boys	/TBA		
Tue	Jan. 4, 2005	@ Tuba City	6:00/4:30	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Fri	Jan. 7, 2005	Winslow (homecoming)	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 8, 2005	@ Window Rock-Girls	---/3:00	4:30/---	6:00/---
Tue	Jan. 11, 2005	Pinon	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Jan. 13, 2005	@ Ganado	4:30/3:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 15, 2005	Hopi	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Jan. 18, 2005	@ Greyhills	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Fri	Jan. 21, 2005	@ Winslow	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 22, 2005	Window Rock	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Jan. 25, 2005	@ Pinon	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Jan. 27, 2005	Ganado	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 29, 2005	Tuba City	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Feb. 1, 2005	Greyhills	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Feb. 3, 2005	@ Hopi	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tu-Wed	Feb. 8-9, 2005	3A North-1st Round Playoffs	TBA/TBA		
Fri-Sat	Feb. 11-12, 2005	3A North-Semi/Finals @ Winslow	TBA/TBA		
	February, 2005	3A State Tournament to be announced	TBA/TBA		

MVHS Home Games – Old Gym-Frosh Boys @ 3:45pm, Frosh Girls @ 5:00pm, JV Girls @ 3pm, JV Boy @ 4:30pm, Varsity Girls @ 6:00pm, Varsity Boys @ 7:30pm

2004-2005 Wrestling

DAY	DATE	MEET	WEIGHT INS
Tues.	Nov. 16	@ Ganado – Weight Certification	11:00am
Tues.	Nov. 23	@ Camp Verde Multiples	1:30pm
Wed	Dec. 1	@ Tuba City Multiples	12:00pm
F/S	Dec. 3 & 4	@ Camp Verde Tournament	TBA am
F/S	Dec. 10 & 11	@ Santa Cruz Invitational, Eloy, AZ	TBA
Wed	Dec. 15	@ Camp Verde Multiples	2:00pm
Fri	Dec. 17	@ Holbrook Multiples	11:00am
Weds	Jan. 5	@ Window Rock	TBA
F/S	Jan. 7 & 8	@ Round Valley Tournament	TBA
Wed	Jan. 12	@ Joseph City Multiples	TBA
F/S	Jan. 22 & 23	@ Page Tournament	TBA
Tues	Jan. 25	MVHS Multiples	1:00pm
Sat	Jan. 29	@ Snowflake Multiples	TBA
Fri	Feb. 4	3A North Regional Wrestling Meet @ Tuba City High School	TBA
F/S	Feb. 11 & 12	3A State Wrestling Meet @ Phoenix, AZ	TBA



Tips for Preventing Injuries during the Holidays

The holidays are an exciting and busy time, filled with feasting, celebrating, exchanging gifts, and visiting family and friends. But with all the joys of the holiday season come potential safety hazards that can cause injury and even death. Help prevent injuries by following these tips.

Deck the halls...safely.

- Place Christmas trees and other greenery away from fireplaces and radiators. Keep tree stands filled with water—dried out Christmas trees are a fire hazard.
- Check each set of tree lights for frayed wires, broken bulbs, and loose connections. Throw away damaged sets. Never string more than three sets of lights on an extension cord, and never run cords or strings of lights behind drapes or under carpets. Turn lights off when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Place lit menorahs and other candles away from decorations and drapes. Place candles out of children's reach and where pets can't knock them over. Blow out all candles before going to bed or leaving the house.
- If you have small children, avoid sharp or breakable decorations. Keep tinsel and other small trimmings out of children's reach. Avoid using decorations that look like candy or food—they may tempt a child to eat them.
- Use caution when decorating with spun-glass "angel hair" or "bubble lights." They can cause injury if they are swallowed. Only use spray snow that's labeled nontoxic.
- Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed. Poinsettias can cause stomach irritation in humans, and they can make pets very sick.

Shop 'til you drop.

- Help keep your children safe while shopping.
- Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- Keep children under age 4 in a stroller or supervise them closely.
- If you place your child in a shopping cart, always use the safety belt. Stay close to the cart. Never let your child stand in or push a shopping cart.
- Don't be an easy victim for violent crime.
- Stay alert at all times and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lit space away from decorative bushes. Lock your car, roll up the windows, and hide packages in the trunk or under a blanket. Be especially alert in parking decks and underground garages.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Have your car keys in hand before heading to the parking lot.
- Be careful when riding on escalators.
- Make sure no one in your group has loose shoe laces, drawstrings, scarves, or mittens that could get trapped in the escalator.
- Hold your child's hand, face forward, and keep feet away from the edge of the steps.
- Never bring strollers, carts, or walkers on an escalator.
- Where possible, cross the street at designated crosswalks. Before you step off the curb, make sure approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

The joy of giving.

- Make sure the toys you give children are safe for them. Read package labels and follow age recommendations.
- Do not give children under age 3 toys that contain small or metal parts or toys that break easily.
- Do not give children under age 8 toys that have sharp edges, points, or heating elements.
- Avoid toys that shoot small objects into the air.
- Avoid toys that make loud or shrill noises.
- Include helmets and other protective gear (such as elbow, knee, and wrist pads) when giving bicycles, skates, or skateboards.
- If you're considering buying your child a BB or pellet gun, make sure your child knows the proper way to use it. Supervise your children when they use these guns.

- Do not throw gift wrappings in the fireplace. They can cause a flash fire. Throw away all toy packaging right away so it doesn't become a choking or suffocation hazard.
- Keep batteries away from children. They are toxic if swallowed.

Over the river and through the woods...

- When you leave the house, turn off all tree lights and blow out all candles.
- Buckle your seatbelt every time you drive or ride in a car. Whether you're traveling by car or plane, make sure your child is buckled in a safety seat, booster seat, or seatbelt.
- Avoid driving in snowy or icy weather. If that's not possible, drive slowly. It takes longer to stop on wet or icy roads.
- Remember that homes you visit may not be child-proofed. Ask to move breakable or dangerous items out of children's reach. If the host's home has stairs, bring a safety gate.
- When staying overnight, bring outlet covers and check that cabinets are free of toxic items or have safety latches.
- When visiting friends or relatives who have a dog, let the dog sniff you before you try to pet it. Do not leave your child alone with the dog.
- Never drive after you drink or use drugs.

Eat, drink, and be safe.

- When hosting a holiday party or feast, follow some basic safety tips to prevent injuries.
- Turn handles of pots and pans on the stove inward so children can't reach them. Use the back burners, if possible.
- Keep knives and other sharp utensils away from children.
- Keep hot foods and drinks away from table and counter edges.
- Never hold a child while you're carrying hot foods or drinks or while you're cooking.
- Offer plenty of nonalcoholic drink alternatives. Keep all drinks—alcoholic or not—away from children.
- Do not place candy, chocolates, or other treats within children's reach.
- Clean up right after a meal or party. Children can choke on leftover food or be exposed to alcohol or tobacco.
- Don't let any of your guests drive home if they've been drinking.

Many of the deaths and injuries that occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are directly related to holiday festivities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 598 people died in traffic crashes during Thanksgiving weekend in 1998. On the days surrounding Christmas that year, 364 died; 545 died on or around New Year's Day. About 50 percent of these deaths were related to alcohol. The number of crash-related injuries is much higher. In 1997, in just one state, 920 people were injured in traffic crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday, and 778 were injured at Christmas.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season,
- The Kayenta Township



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Dine bii Association Open House



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The primary funding for the group homes came from NAHASD, the Native American Housing Assistance Self Determination Act. Other funding came from NHA, Navajo Housing Authority and the State of Arizona. Currently the group home is waiting for inspections from the Office of Environmental Health and the State of Arizona so they may acquire a Certificate of Occupancy.

"The Kayenta Township, Kayenta Chapter, NTUA, and the Navajo Housing Authority helped us out tremendously, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for all that they have done to make this project possible." said Ron Manson.



The group homes will provide housing for disabled citizens, primarily children, and provide them with a home environment and care takers. Each home can house up to five people, one of the homes is specifically designed for citizens confined to wheelchairs. "Each home cost approximately \$500,000.00 to build, a lot of planning went into these homes." said Ron Manson. Ron went on to say, "We currently have funding to build a third group home, we're waiting on bids to come in before construction begins. We also have plans to build a multipurpose building in the near future that will serve the administrative offices and our day clients."



The Dine Bii Association for Disabled Citizens plans to open additional group homes in Pinion and Indian Wells or Dilkon, as well as Independent Living for the Elderly which will be apartment style living with care takers on the premises.

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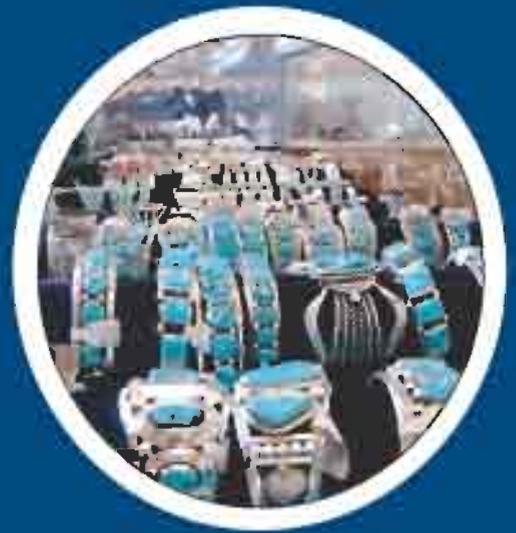
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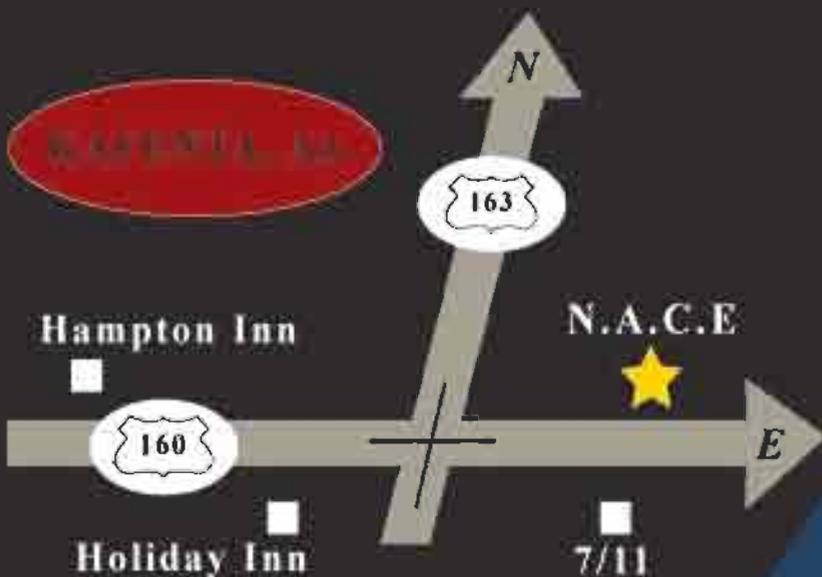
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