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County officials review budgets

Commission hopes to bolster financial reserves and still meet obligations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the past four years, Lincoln County ate up most of a \$2 million reserve the county commission and county treasurer accumulated from 1991 to 1995.

But the county is starting to build a new reserve and that's welcome news, commissioners said Tuesday.

However, they still face some big dollar obligations, such as construction and operation of a new county jail.

When they had the \$2 million reserve, commissioners were criticized by some people for over-taxing property owners and not funding needed programs. Then as the reserve began to dwindle, others criticized them for spending unwisely or on unnecessary programs.

They hope this time the public

will stay in synch with the county and understand why a reserve in excess of the amount required to be put aside by the state is a good safeguard, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said.

During a presentation on the county's financial condition by County Treasurer Joan Park Tuesday, Nunley, who had just stepped down as chairman, joked that new Chairman Rex Wilson must give out some special vibrations, because, "We were broke when I was chairman and you're chairman just two hours and we've got money."

Thursday, Nunley said the majority of commissioners are convinced that building a cushion in the county's \$10.5 million budget is a good plan.

"As small a county as we are, it's difficult to save money, but we can do that, if we work real hard," Nunley said. "I intend to do that over the next four years. I'd like to leave the next commission reserves like we had, so they can face demands in the future."

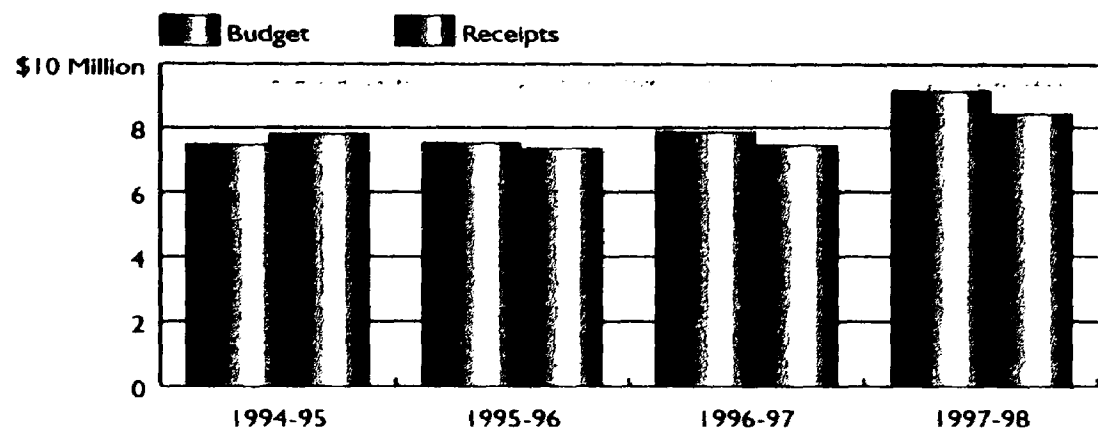
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Joan Park

Revenue Review

The chart shows the amount of revenue budgeted by Lincoln County from Fiscal Year 1994-95 to 1997-98 compared to the actual revenue received.



Source: Lincoln County Treasurer's Office

Ana Anglada/Ruidoso News

A 'bearable' job



Bob Adams on Thursday afternoon starts work on what will eventually be a wooden polar bear at a spot in front of the Alto Store. Adams, who has donated carved bears for community auctions, will be at the location for a few more weeks before leaving for an out-of-state job.

Toni K. Larson/Ruidoso News

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Sunny skies are on tap for Friday and Saturday.

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County hospital gears up for groundbreaking

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After more than a year of planning, ceremonial shovels will hit the ground at 10 a.m. Jan. 22, to mark the beginning of construction on improvements to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Julie Sterchi, acting hospital administrator, announced the ground-breaking Tuesday during a Lincoln County Commission meeting.

Brycom Corp. based in Rio Rancho was awarded the bid to construct the 10,500-square-foot first phase estimated to cost \$1,181,000, with a \$36,000 alternative of a canopy at

the front entrance.

Ten other companies bid on the project, which is a combination of adding square footage and remodeling existing space, Sterchi said.

Two other alternatives — a parking lot at the west end of the county-owned hospital on Sudderth Drive and a second smaller parking lot — were dropped as too costly.

The bid came in slightly lower than the \$1.2 million contributed by the county for the work. Two addi-

tional phases are planned in the future.

Commissioner William Schwetmann questioned if the amount would exceed the budget once the gross receipts tax is added, but Sterchi said the cost is covered by a \$300,000 donation from the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary. The donation

also will buy some equipment and furniture, she said.

The project will impact the front entry, the laboratory, the radiology

department, the emergency room and the admitting area, Sterchi said Wednesday.

"A new waiting area will be created for outpatients," she said. "It will affect the appearance of the hospital from the street. There will be a canopy over the main entrance and a circular drive to allow patients to be dropped in front of the hospital."

A new emergency entrance also will be created, allowing two ambulances to back up and unload patients simultaneously, she said, adding that one of the goals of the construction is to streamline the patient flow by clustering departments.

Hospital rehab

Some of the renovations of Lincoln County Memorial Center will include:

- A canopy over the entrance
- A new waiting room
- A new emergency entrance

Proposed Alto subdivision stumbles over error in regulations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new subdivision near Alto is stalled, because of an apparent typing error.

Brady Baxter, under the name of The Hondo Trust, is developing 50 acres across from the Alto Store on Gavilan Canyon.

He plans to divide the land into 10-acre tracts, said Surveyor Tim Collins, who represented Brady at a Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday. Brady owns an additional 85 acres he may develop later, Collins said.

The homesites, under the name of The Preserve subdivision, will use septic tanks and the road will be pri-

vate, maintained by a property owners association, he said.

The stumbling point centered around an apparent error in the county's subdivision regulations that limits the maximum water pumped from domestic well to a half acre foot of water — about 162,925 gallons a year or 400 gallons per day.

Based on that wording, the state Engineer returned a negative opinion on the development.

While the commission could ignore that letter, they were advised by County Attorney Alan Morel they can't ignore their own regulations.

A variance could be approved or the commission could advertise a hearing to change the language, he said.

The figure cited probably was meant to reflect the minimum amount of water per lot that a developer would have to prove was available for a subdivision, he said.

State law allows for three acre feet of water per year for a domestic well, or more than one million gallons.

While county regulations could be more restrictive, consumption would be difficult and costly to monitor, especially in a larger subdivision, he said.

"That wouldn't be enough water to have a garden," Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said, referring to the half acre foot maximum per well. "We probably need to revisit and change the language."

Before the commission rushes into a change, someone should research

the minutes and determine what the commission meant to do by using that figure or if it was a mistake, Chairman Rex Wilson said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell agreed, saying the ordinance shouldn't be changed to accommodate one subdivision.

However, he'd like to see the county be consistent with state regulations, he said.

Any change in the law is a 90-day process, Morel said.

If the commission ignores its own ordinance, the district attorney or attorney general could step in and enforce it, he said.

Collins asked if he could request a variance at the commission meeting, but Morel said the request must be in

writing and that the granting of variances is very restrictive.

It can't represent a wholesale change in some requirement.

Collins pointed out that commissioners approved another subdivision two months ago without a variance that also used domestic wells.

Even if the figure is just a typo error, it requires a hearing and vote, Morel said.

Commissioners tabled the petition until the next special or regular meeting, directed Morel to begin the hearing process to review the wording and told Brady he has the option in the meantime to apply for a variance.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY

High ... 52

Low ... 20



Partly cloudy

SATURDAY

High ... 69

Low ... 20



Sunny

MONDAY

High ... 60

Low ... 17



Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	58	22	.trace
Wednesday	58	19	.00"
Thursday	50	18	.00"

Regional-Wednesday

	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	61	23	Sunny
El Paso, TX	74	35	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	72	32	Sunny
Midland, TX	75	35	Sunny



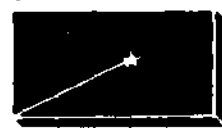
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Jan. phases of the moon



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Carrizozo Schools staff in the 1930s.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

White Oaks Eagle
Jan. 19, 1899

Ramon Ulibarri and Augustine Chavez were respectively elected Justice of the Peace and Constable of Precinct 10, on the 9th. Deus omnia regit, and the G. O. P. is still doing business under the same old formula in Rabenton. At 2:30 p.m. Friday after-

noon at the Methodist church will be conducted a missionary prayer service. "The Needs of Woman in Heathen Lands" will be considered. All ladies cordially invited to attend.

It is reported here that Mrs. E. W. Hulbert and daughter of Lincoln have smallpox. Mrs. Hulbert and children came out from Fort Scott, Kan. to join their husband and father at Lincoln a short time ago. If the news is authentic, they are experiencing a very unfortunate introduction to New Mexico.

Arabela fire district still in air

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Until an agreement is signed, sealed and delivered on land for an Arabela substation, Lincoln County Commissioners say they can't move forward on creating a new fire district for that community.

For his first official assignment since taking his oath of office earlier this month, new Commissioner Rick Simpson was asked Tuesday to work with Arabela residents to resolve issues.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he has problems with a proposed 25-year lease submitted by Arabela Fire Chief Fernando Montoya, who also owns the land on which the fire station was built. Arabela is about 23 miles east and then 18 miles north of Ruidoso.

Although commissioners declined to go through the agreement page by page, Morel said it would require the county to pay utilities.

"All the other (fire) districts are self-supporting," he said.

Arabela broke away from the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department last year in a disagreement about how the then-substation in Arabela should be equipped. Tuesday, assistant fire chief Don Kotowski presented a request to create the fire district. He backed up the need by showing the average response time on fire calls from Hondo, the number of people who have volunteered to be firefighters and by listing 200 residents in 58 homes in the area.

The fire station was built on Montoya's land, but a lease never was signed and Montoya never deeded over the land to the county.

"Years ago I prepared a deed to the property where the building is located," Morel said. "There was a survey. They were sent to Mr. Montoya and sat there. It was never signed. The building was built on property we never owned."

Morel rejected a statement by Kotowski that the building became Montoya's property when it was not removed within 45 days after Arabela was canceled as a substation.

"I've prepared three or four versions (of a lease or sale) and none were signed. There's no 45 day provision. We've tried to negotiate with everyone in the valley and always end up coming through you," he told

Kotowski "I've only had one conversation with Mr. Montoya."

In other action, commissioners:

- Rejected a proposal for property tax rebates to benefit low income property owners. By law, the commission must consider the proposal every two years. To shift the tax burden, an additional tax would have to be imposed, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley pointed out.

- Approved the low bid of \$19,299 from Ruidoso Ford for each of two, four-wheel drive Ford pickups with extended cabs for the county assessor's office.

- Approved a low bid by Nextlink Affinity based in Santa Fe for long distance telephone service at 8.5 cents a minute for regular long distance and 8.98 cents a minute for the county's 800-687-2705 number.

- Agreed at next month's meeting to set a hearing date to review proposed changes to the Extra Territorial Zoning ordinance, which governs development in a one mile area around the perimeter of Ruidoso. Commissioner Wilton Howell, chairman of the ETZ Authority said members of the ETZ Commission, which recommends action to the Authority, are concerned about the lack of enforcement, licensing procedures and overlapping of responsibility of the two boards. Howell said the proposed changes fail to address an industrial area or a reasonable variance procedure. He urged commissioners to consider adding a staff person to help county planner Patsy Sanchez.

- Approved names for previously unnamed private roads as part of the county's rural addressing system. A road at mile marker 14 off State Road 48 will be Canaan Trail and a side road will be Canaan Place. A road off Santiago Drive in Ranches of Sonterra subdivision will be Santiago Lane. A road off County Road 22 will be Falcon Peak.

- Directed Morel to negotiate with attorney David Stevens on a fee for representing four elected officials seeking raises last month. Howell voted against the motion, saying "I don't feel we should be paying attorney's fee of a group who sought an attorney to support raises."

CLARIFICATION

A Wednesday story concerning an affordable housing project in Ruidoso Downs should have said the entire Ruidoso Downs Village Council on Monday appeared supportive of a proposed affordable apartment complex as well as of the opinion that Alan Morel, an attorney representing the landowner, had not misrepresented the project to them at an earlier

council session.

A Wednesday story on bones found off Gavilan Canyon Road should have ended with ... "If it's on private land, they could be charged with trespass," Davis said. "If they take anything, the charge is theft, but just to disturb a marked or unmarked grave is a fourth-degree felony."

Paradise Canyon Road accident injures two people

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An accident at the intersection of Paradise Canyon and Country Club resulted in two individuals being injured with one of them treated at the University of New Mexico Hospital, according to police.

Franklin Sayner was driving north on Country Club and swerved to miss a red pickup truck coming out of the intersection at Paradise Canyon. He then tried to avoid the second vehicle, driven by David Glass of Capitan, but was unable to do so, said Ruidoso Police Sgt. Randy Spear. The left front of Sayner's vehicle hit the left side of Glass's, causing it to spin out of control and make a 360-degree turn, sliding backwards off the road. Sayner's vehicle spun 160 degrees and ran into a power pole.

Glass was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center and later taken by ambulance to the University of New Mexico Hospital for treatment and was released Tuesday, said Spear.

Sayner was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment and released the same day.

Glass's vehicle was heavily damaged on the left side and moderately damaged on the right side. Sayner's vehicle was heavily damaged at the front end. The power pole was not damaged.

Glass was cited for failing to yield the right of way, and contributing factors checked by Spear were driver inattention, speed too fast for conditions, and other improper driving.

FINANCES: Little things add up

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We don't want to raise taxes."

In reviewing county finances with commissioners, who were sitting as the county finance board, Park said, "For the first time in 1 1/2 years, we're comfortable - not fat - but we're gaining some reserves."

The county has between \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimated in reserves above state requirements, she said. For \$3.1 million of expenditures in the general fund, which is the general operating budget of the county, the state wants about \$775,000 set aside. In the \$1.1 million road fund, \$95,400 is held in reserve.

Being conservative on estimates about the amount of interest to be earned on county money deposited in interest-bearing accounts helped the county, she said. At the 50 percent point of the year, \$80,709 has been earned or 67 percent of what she budgeted, Park said.

"But I didn't change the amount anticipated on my mid-year budget because interest

rates are so volatile," she said.

A small thing like including an envelope for people to encourage them to pay their full annual property tax in November, instead of splitting payment, has resulted in a much greater return of full payments than in years past, Park said. That means money can be placed in the bank earlier to earn interest - another plus.

Her conservative approach to budgeting revenues has served the county well, Park pointed out with an illustration showing that since fiscal year 1994-95, she has collected as high as 107 percent of what she estimated in tax revenues.

The general fund fared the best overall with as high as 105 percent of what she budgeted in revenue from all sources. But when all funds are figured, collections dropped below 100 percent over the last four fiscal years. The lowest year was 1997-98, which ended June 30, 1998, when the county collected only 92 percent of what it had budgeted in revenues, \$8.4 million compared to \$9.1 million budgeted.

NEWS BRIEFS

SWA meets Tuesday

An update on illegal dumping of garage and debris is on the agenda of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meeting for Tuesday.

The meeting begins at 2

p.m. in the authority office on Second Street in Ruidoso Downs.

Other items include election of officers, further discussion of the use of proxy voting, budget revisions and an update on a package of funding requests to the state Legislature.

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ON PROJECT!

At this time, the project is on partial suspension for winter.

Minor concrete work from Terrace Rd. to Course View Dr. on the right side. Storm drain installation at Cree Meadows.

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FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL

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WALK-INS WELCOME



Governor proposes major income tax cut

SANTA FE — Gov. Gary Johnson will ask the Legislature to take action on a personal income tax cut for New Mexicans during the lawmaking session that starts Jan. 19.

The governor's tax cut proposal would cut personal income tax revenue by about \$100 million or 12 percent. It would be phased in over a period of three years. The tax cut will include collapse-

ing the current rate structure from seven tax brackets to two. Currently, the top income bracket is 8.2 percent and the lowest is 1.7 percent.

Under the new two-tiered rate schedule, the top bracket would be 6.8 percent and the lower bracket 3 percent.

Johnson proposed a "zero bracket," which will allow lower income taxpayers to

escape the income tax altogether. The zero bracket amount is \$5,000 for married taxpayers, \$2,500 for single filers and \$4,000 for taxpayers qualifying as unmarried head of household. Approximately 80,000 lower income filers with taxable incomes within the zero bracket level would no longer owe tax or have to file tax returns.

Other benefits of the per-

sonal income tax proposal include a reduction in the so-called "marriage tax penalty."

Because of a restructuring of the rate schedule, particularly the zero bracket proposal, couples filing joint returns would generally see a greater tax cut than a single person. The "marriage penalty" is the additional tax owed when a change of filing status from "single" to "married filing jointly" occurs.

TUNERAKS DEATHS

Ruth W. Evans

Ruth Winifred Evans, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 at the Lompoc Nursing Center in Lompoc, Calif.

Mrs. Evans lived for several years in Ruidoso with her daughter, Ruth Kelley, who died Dec. 20, 1998.

She was born April 18, 1912, in Paris, Texas, and was the daughter of Winifred and Cordelia (McKinney) Barrett. She was later raised by the Chamberlin family.

She married Cress B. Evans on Aug. 17, 1928. Their family spent their working years in Taos and Santa Fe, and her husband died Feb. 3, 1983.

Survivors include sons Bob Evans of San Antonio, Texas, and Frank Evans of Dodge City, Kan.; a daughter, Judy Fink of Lompoc, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her cremated remains were buried in the national cemetery in Santa Fe.

Arrangements were by Starbuck-Lind Mortuary, Lompoc, Calif.

Melvin Kanseah

The funeral Mass for Melvin Kanseah, 59, of Mescalero, will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Mission with the Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiating.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery. Prayer services were on Jan. 14.

Mr. Kanseah died Monday, Jan. 11, in Alamogordo.

He was born Jan. 18, 1939, in Mescalero and lived there all of his life.

He was a member of the "Red Hats" and worked for H.U.D. on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Survivors include his daughter, Melanie Kanseah of Mescalero; a stepdaughter, Kathleen Spitty of Mescalero; brothers Morris and Joseph Kanseah, both of Mescalero; a sister, Francine Burgess of Mescalero; nine nephews; and four nieces.

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

Just ducky



These ducks seem right at home at Alto Lake, despite the nearby road work on State Road 48, which is being realigned in the area.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

Five in running for school board seats; public forum Wednesday

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A meet-the-candidates forum for the Ruidoso School Board election will be Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Ruidoso High School Cafeteria, said Superintendent Mike Gladden at a school board meeting Wednesday.

The schools and the Ruidoso Education Association are sponsoring the forum. Candidates will be given a list of questions, and also will take questions from the audience.

The election is Feb. 2. The following candidates are running for six-year terms:

Ron Lewis and incumbent Susan Lutterman for position 1; Frank Sayner and Mike Lynch for position 2; Ronnie Hemphill, incumbent, unopposed for position 3.

The "Blue Ribbon Committee" that supports bond elections will meet at White Mountain Elementary at 5 p.m. Jan. 21 to tour the new facilities and have a meeting on the bond issue to be on the election ballot.

Frank Cannella, principal of White Mountain Elementary, informed the board that the school's ski program is being renewed and will start up Jan. 26. Tuesday mornings will be normal school days, he said, and parents will check their children out at lunch

time and take them to Ski Apache.

He said notes would be going out with students today and must be returned by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Lift tickets for students will be \$2, the same price as 30 years ago, and ski instruction will cost \$2. The total cost per child, including lessons, is \$9, he said.

Captain, Carrizozo, Tularosa and Hondo schools also are participating, Cannella said, so in all between 1,100 and 1,200 children will be skiing.

Angelica Figueroa proposed to the school board small groups for assemblies in the schools to discuss suicide prevention, provide resources and hotlines, and inform students of signs and symptoms.

Gladden said the topic needs to be approached with caution, while thinking of what's best for the kids, and added that there is \$7,000 available for the school-based health center and some of that money could be used for suicide prevention if this was decided.

Gladden also said classes have moved into the White Mountain building addition, and that it rained and the roof didn't leak. He said the middle school gym is expected to be completed by March 5 and the high school gym by April 9.

Third policeman hired for Capitan

CAPITAN — Albert Padilla Jr. officially was hired by the village of Capitan Monday, although he has been on the job as a police officer for about two weeks.

He brings the town's police force to three, including Chief Carrol Durbin.

Village trustees also approved a town master plan put together by Dennis Engineering with money from a Community Development Block Grant. It outlines water and waste water service status and needs, annexation procedures, subdivision regulations, fire protection, flood plain designation, current state, county

and local laws, and road issues, among other topics.

In other action, the trustees:

- Announced that a roll-off container for yard waste and large items will be stationed at village hall by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority starting at 8 a.m. Saturday and thereafter, every third Saturday of the month.

- Approved a change in the franchise of Rifkin Cable to reflect its change of name to Interlink Communication Partners.

- Picked Riley Industrial from Farmington to inspect five water storage tanks for any needed repairs.

- Decided to set a special meeting next week to discuss if the village should spend \$12,500 for John Underwood to act as its lobbyist in Santa Fe during the state Legislative session that starts Tuesday.

The Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest

is looking for applicants for the 1999 season. Positions to be filled are primarily at the GS-3 (\$8.32/hr) and GS-4 (\$9.33/hr) levels. Many of the positions are fire fighter positions. Applications can be obtained at the Forest Service Supervisors Office at 1101 New York Avenue in Alamogordo or at Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 901 Mechem in Ruidoso between January 4th and February 2nd only. Further information may be obtained by calling Matt Reidy at 257-4095 or 530-3030.



Alcohol Servers Certification

Wednesday, Jan. 20
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mescalero Inn
Complex

For reservations
257-5135 (home)
or
257-9508 (Candle Power)

Everyone at Eagle Land & Ariel
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Career Expo In Telecommunication Services

Attention Chaves, Eddy & Lincoln County Residents
Roswell will host a career exposition showcasing one of the fastest growing, high tech industries in North America—
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WHEN: Thursday, January 28 5:00p - 8:00p
Friday, January 29 9:00a - 8:00p
Saturday, January 30 9:00a - 4:00p
WHERE: Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Gym

Who Should Attend: Interested prospective full-time and part-time employees including: Retirees, Recent High School Graduates, High School Seniors, Welfare Recipients, Military Dependents, Unemployed and Underemployed Workers, Homemakers, Bilingual People, College Students & Graduates

Jobs Available in this industry include: Customer Service Representatives, Reservation Agents, Credit Processors and Collectors, First Line Supervisors, Managers, Telephone Representatives, Skilled Laborers

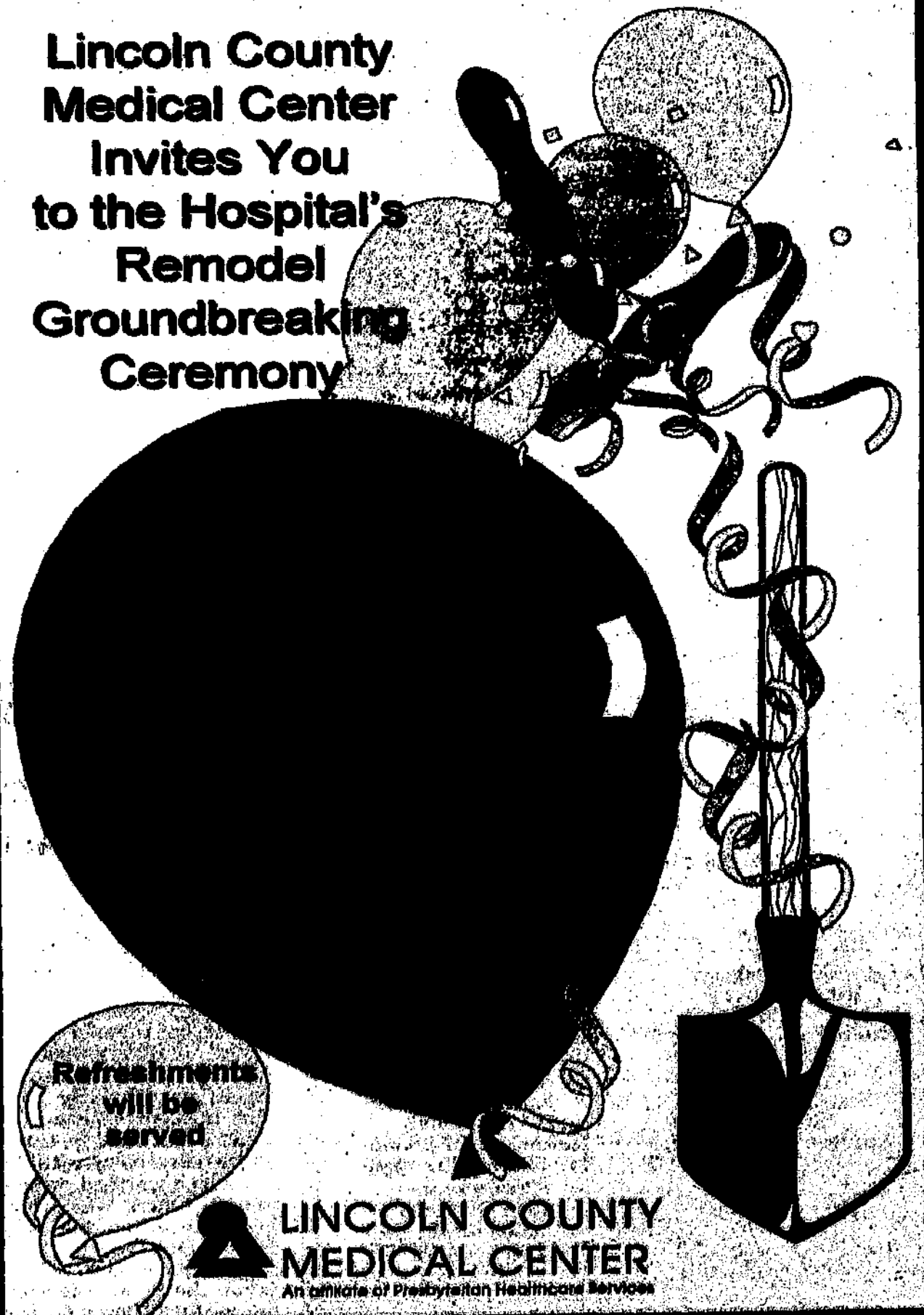
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- Discussion of industry-specific training and skills requirements

Career Expo hosts and sponsors include: ENMU-Roswell, Chaves County Career Center, Roswell Chamber of Commerce, N.M. Dept. of Labor, Chaves County Income Support Division, U.S. Department of Labor Tech Training Program, City of Roswell, Chaves County, Roswell Independent School District, N.M. Rural Payday (U.S. Senator Pete Domenici), U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Kaplan@Work
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OUR OPINION

What a splendid New Year's resolution

Whether it's implied by a lack of fireworks, or merely wishful thinking, the Lincoln County Commission appears to be a kinder, gentler board than has been the case in recent months — at least in its first meeting of the new year.

Rex Wilson, the new commission chairman, is encouraging cooperation as a replacement for the dubious 1998 operating mode, characterized more by ill temper and obscenity than cooperation. (Some may recall that during the year past, Wilson appeared to be the only commissioner who did his homework before a meeting.)

New commissioner Rick Simpson, who had served a term as this decade began, conceivably could provide a fresh perspective for some of the issues held over from last year, like a jail site, salaries and taxes.

Commissioner William Schwettmann insists that what's gone on in the past is past. That is encouraging, since more than once he provided the spark that lit the fires in '98.

Commissioner Wilton Howell, of course, made no promises. He takes the position that if some heat is required to shed light on an issue, so be it. That may be, but too much heat also generates smoke, and under those conditions it's hard to see very far ahead.

So in 1999, the rest of us would like to plead for a little something — if nothing else — that has been missing for almost a solid year when commissioners gather: Civility.

Ah, civilization

With renewed pomp, the House managers of the impeachment case against President William Jefferson Clinton on Thursday began presenting to all 100 members of the Senate sitting as jurors all the old-hat evidence everybody with access to a newspaper or television set has heard, *ad nauseam*, for months.

The president, if nothing else, should give credit to the prosperity of the nation and the civilizing influence of mass communication technology as his trial for high crimes and misdemeanors begins.

Assuming the managers can't convince at least 67 senators that the president should be removed from office, it won't be because of lack of evidence (well, maybe lack of live witnesses); it will be because our jaded, prosperous people care so little about the fundamentals of Constitutional democracy.

Had that happened in Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory, in the last century — well, Al Gore at this point already would have assumed the highest office in the land. But we weren't civilized then, were we?



A vision is necessary for a growing community

To the editor:

We would like to thank the Mayor and the Village Council for bringing forward...a well defined vision and direction for the community. All too often we have witnessed inconclusive debates on growth...obscuring the fact that the market place dictates growth... Our only real choice is between planned or unplanned (growth) and we all must live with the results.

A...defined vision of what we hope to be and how we can get there enhances...our economic...personal and aesthetic goals... Mayor (Robert) Donaldson articulated this very well as he addressed the need for a sense of community... By...self-regulating decisions such as impact fees, extraterritorial zoning, affordable housing...we set the stage for positive long-term growth...

What type of growth are we soliciting? Concerned (people) who are willing to pay for a "sustainable" quality of life, or those who seek to...exploit the area? ...The

YOUR OPINION

latter has and is happening in too many communities today.... This happened to our former community. We speak from experience.

A varied and balanced demographic makeup is essential for a healthy community. Only look to Mexico or Santa Fe and other such communities to see where only "haves and have-nots" will take us. Beware of what you ask for, you might just get it! Don't be afraid to set high standards and ask tough questions. We have the opportunity to be proactive as opposed to reactive, which has characterized the development of Ruidoso and Lincoln County to date. Will we ignore the very advice and standards we espouse to raise our children with?

Dan & Sandy Riordan
Ruidoso

Education needs support by everybody, always

To the editor:

Education is a needed tool for any society to maintain and sustain a high standard of living. School bonds for construction of infrastructure are necessary if we

are to have educational opportunities for our citizens.

Students in today's highly technical world have needs that were unheard of 20 years ago; those demands will continue into the 21st Century. All of us need to support the needs for education in our community and state, so that the future of our children and grandchildren is assured.

Please support and vote for school bond issues in your community!

W. C. "Dub" Williams
Glencoe

Emergency services work

To the editor:

We would like to thank the paramedics and fire department for the wonderful care Hubert had early Jan. 1. Our hospital personnel and everyone involved were just wonderful.

We really appreciate Ruidoso and our emergency care, hospital and our Ruidoso Baptist Church and Pastor Wayne Joyce.

Ruidoso is a great place to live....

Violet & Hubert
Vernon Lee & family
Ruidoso

Vanity says so much

We've seen many wonderful "vanity plates" gracing the bumpers of automobiles all over the state, often as not making the driver's personal statement about the passing scene or complimenting a girlfriend or spouse, maybe even touting a favorite beer.

Sometimes they brag. Once in Santa Fe (naturally) we saw a plate proclaiming **PORSCHER1**. In the same driveway on another vehicle was **PORSCHER2**.

Sometimes an owner merely advertises his own name, or the name of his business — probably thereby removing the likelihood that he'll do a bank heist and use that car for the getaway.

Others that stick in our memory made such statements as: **BUGOFF, ILUVU2, NUTS2U, GONFSHN...**

Many such crop up in New Mexico, probably because the state has a low charge for manufacturing special plates. Linda Thompson, at the Ruidoso Motor Vehicle Division office, says the fee is just \$15 on top of the regular registration cost.

Is that something the new Legislature should look into? After all, New Mexico has contracted with a company in Canada to manufacture plates. Might putting a \$50 surcharge on vanity plates have kept our prison inmates busy a few years longer?

Considering the fact that a couple of times we've seen obscenities on such plates, the state might try a sliding scale—maybe \$1000 for the "F" word—without infringing on anybody's First Amendment rights.

Our favorite recent vanity plate sighting in Ruidoso was on a big SUV parked at the post office. That plate merely proclaimed **RIADOSA**, which says a whole lot about many things, and might take another column to analyze.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

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From 1888, when he made his first great discovery, to 1910, when he died violently, Richard Wetherill avidly collected pieces of a huge jigsaw puzzle that scientists are still working to put together. He had discovered the abandoned cities

FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS



BY MORROW
HALL
SYNCHRONIZED COLUMNIST

how he started. But he grew up along with the sciences of archaeology and anthropology, and as he learned of new methods, he put them to use.

Wetherill is probably so frequently dismissed because he wrote no scholarly treatises. But he kept copious, detailed notes about what he found, and those notes, along with the artifacts he unearthed, were essential to others who worked to piece together the way the Anasazi lived.

The Anasazi were long gone when the Spaniards came, but no one knew how long. It wasn't

until after Wetherill's death that a simple method was developed to make that determination. It relied on the obvious fact that the weather in this part of the world is inconsistent.

In some years it rains a lot. In others, drought rules. Each season is recorded by living trees in the natural rings that can be viewed and catalogued when a cross-section is taken.

Luckily, trees live a long time — some for hundreds of years. It was discovered that when a tree was cut down its stump was a record of the seasons it had lived through. Other stumps from the same area had the same pattern. Good years made fat rings and dry years made thin ones. The resulting configuration was like a written history of local precipitation.

In this way, the beams and other wood artifacts from the Anasazi ruins could be accurately dated, and the duration of the Anasazi presence could be established.

We now know that the civilization Wetherill discovered lasted only about 250 years. It started about 900 AD and had moved on by about 1150.

The skeletons and artifacts of the Cliff Dwellers that Wetherill found had certain similarities. They apparently placed their infants in cradle boards, which resulted in flattening their skulls at the rear. Their pottery and clothing exhibited common features; their

sandals, for example, had a distinctive hook for the little toe.

In 1893, Wetherill discovered an earlier culture. The remains and artifacts were significantly different from those of the Cliff Dwellers, and they were found in layers beneath the Anasazi ruins.

By recognizing this layering, Wetherill was utilizing a method that archaeologists now call "stratigraphy." It was the first time in the Southwest that it was recognized that one group of people built upon the ruins of an older group. Now we realize that this was extremely common, all over the world. Sometimes one ruin will be found under which many others are discovered, and now the depth at which an artifact is taken is considered as important as any other aspect of its placement.

The remains Wetherill found below the Cliff Dweller ruins — and later in undisturbed sites of their own — were different from the Anasazi. They were taller, and their skulls were not deformed. Their sandals were square-cut. They had no pottery, but made a variety of baskets.

Wetherill's expeditions for several years were financed by Talbot and Fred Hyde of New York, wealthy heirs of the Babbitt soap company founder. When Wetherill discovered this older culture, he wrote to Talbot Hyde:

"I named the cliff dwellers, and you should have the honor

at least of naming these, since it is your expedition."

Wetherill suggested "basket people," but Hyde chose "basket makers," and that name stuck.

Richard Wetherill found his Cliff Dwellers' ruins in Mesa Verde, in southwestern Colorado, and later discovered Anasazi sites in southeastern Utah and northeastern Arizona. Next he was to prove that a very different kind of structure had been built by the same people.

Next week: Chaco Canyon.

Elsewhere: In 1893, the year Wetherill found his "basket people," the longest recorded boxing match was held in New Orleans. Andy Bowen and Jack Bark went 110 rounds in seven hours and four minutes.

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Capitan schools forum set

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Residents of Capitan are invited to meet the Capitan School Board candidates and to learn about the Capitan school bond issue next week.

With school board elections coming up Feb. 2, the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers will host Meet the Candidates Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in Traylor Gym.

"They'll have the six individuals up on stage and they have a prepared list of questions they'll be asking them," said Diana Billingsley, superintendent of schools.

"If time, they will allow questions from the audience, but we don't want it to go too long, we want it to be 2 to 2 1/2 hours," she said.

The candidates for Position 3 are John McGrath and Grant Dean; for Position 4, Ervin Aldaz, Joel Crossano and Gary Tregembo; and for Position 5, incumbent James Hobbs.

Billingsley said between 50

and 60 people from the community usually attend Meet the Candidates Night.

The school bond issue will be the focus of a walking tour of the present and proposed facilities. The tour will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. The person handling the proposed bond issue, will meet with community members to answer tax questions, said Billingsley.

The Capitan School Board voted Nov. 5 to put a \$5,750,000 bond question for new facilities and site development for voter approval on Feb. 2.

For the next two weeks elementary classrooms will hold open house at 5:30 p.m. for parents to discuss curriculum and the bond issue with teachers of elementary classes, Billingsley said. The schedule is Jan. 18 - fifth grade; Jan. 19 - fourth grade; Jan. 21 - third grade; Jan. 25 - second grade; Jan. 26 - first grade; Jan. 28 - kindergarten; Jan. 29 - open house all day; Jan. 30 - all classrooms open house for the community.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Criminal complaint filed against local man

The Ruidoso Police Department reports that a criminal complaint was filed against Summer Swenson, 21, of Cariera Lane in Ruidoso for aggravated battery against a Capitan resident in the Win Place and Show Bar at 1:45 a.m. on Jan. 9.

Burglar gets electronics at Sleepy Hollow home. Unknown suspects broke into a house on Sleepy Hollow Drive, between noon on Jan. 8 and 6:15 a.m. on Jan. 9 and took televisions, VCRs and a microwave, police report.

Besides taking a Sharp microwave oven from the kitchen, a Trinitron 27-inch television from the master bedroom, a Sanyo VCR, a 27-inch General Electric television from the living room entertainment center and a Magnavox VCR, beer was also taken from a kitchen cabinet, according to the report.

The suspects pried open the rear door, using what looked like a large, flat-blade screwdriver, damaging the door and dead-bolt lever and the door frame, police said.

They found three separate sets of tracks on the east side of the house leading to the front of the house and are investigating the burglary.

Liquor lifted from Walgreens

A bottle of Smirnoff vodka was shoplifted from Walgreen's at 138 Sudderth Drive at 7:20 p.m. on Jan. 9, police report.

The clerk told police he saw a man with baggy clothes, a long goatee, a ponytail and a ball cap go into the liquor department, take a bottle of Smirnoff vodka and put it into his pants. The suspect walked out of the department, saw the clerk and almost dropped the bottle.

He then left the building and got into a green Chevrolet Cavalier with a black bra and

drove toward Ruidoso Downs, according to the police report. A witness told police the man appeared to be very intoxicated. Police are still investigating this case.

Racquet Court house burglarized

A black 36-inch television and a black Emerson VCR were taken from a home on Racquet Court between 1 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sept. 8, police report.

The screen covering the kitchen window in the back had been cut in one corner and removed.

Air compressor stolen

A 20-gallon tank Hausfeld air compressor was taken from a storage building on the 800 block of Wingfield Street between 8 a.m. on Jan. 9 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 13, according to police reports.

Police report that a bear rug valued at \$750 was stolen

by unknown renters from a Condotel-managed property on Valley View sometime between September and Dec. 11.

Mail boxes damaged

Four residents on L.L. Davis Drive and residents on Jack Little Drive and Willie Horton Drive reported to police that their mailboxes were damaged sometime between early Jan. 9 and 8:45 a.m. Jan. 10.

Refrigerator stolen

A refrigerator was stolen from a porch on Mesalero Trail, according to Ruidoso police reports.

A white, full-size refrigerator with a top ice box, value unknown was reported stolen between 8 a.m. Jan. 6 and 9 a.m. Jan. 7. There are no known suspects and the owner was out of town when the refrigerator was taken.

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New council looks at welfare reform for Lincoln and Otero

ALAMOGORDO — The New Mexico Human Services Department, in partnership with the Department of Labor, has announced the creation of a Welfare Reform Community Council for Otero and Lincoln counties to guide efforts in welfare reform in those counties.

According to a press release, the Otero/Lincoln Council is one of 19 such organizations being created throughout the state.

The purposes of the organizations is to provide private sector input to the state Human Services Department and the state's Department of Labor to assist with the implementation of welfare reform. The first meeting of the council occurred on Jan. 12 in Alamogordo. Members reviewed the demographics of welfare recipients in the council area and outlined a plan of work to be accomplished during the next four months.

The local councils, with the assistance of the state departments, will analyze the demographics and needs of

current welfare recipients, assess existing educational, economic and labor market resources, and formulate a plan that makes recommendations for initiatives that can help implement a successful welfare to work program for all recipients.

The Otero/Lincoln Council was organized by Richard Barbaras under a special contract with the state. Members include Joan Zagone from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Tracy Walton of KBUY/KWES Radio in Ruidoso, Jim Smith of the First Christian Church, John Shendo of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Ann Phillips of Ruidoso State Bank, Ed Gonzales of Wal Mart in Ruidoso Downs, Linda Collins of Otero County, Susan Moss of the Otero County Economic Development Center, and Wayne Martin of Vision Ford in Alamogordo.

For more information about the council, call Barbaras at (505) 434-1628 or contact any of the other council members.

Agent recognized as 'Realtor of the Year'

Rose Peebles, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, has been named the 1998 Realtor of the Year by the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, according to a release from the board.

A real estate agent since 1981, Peebles has a broker's license as well as special education designations granted by the National Association of Realtors.

The annual award is given to a member of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors who best exemplifies the real estate agent's spirit and professionalism within local, state and national real estate organizations. Other criteria include notable business accomplishments and active involvement in civic and community events and organizations.

The award was given to Peebles at the Ruidoso Board of Realtors Christmas party Dec. 19 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Peebles has been active in both local and state real estate organizations and has held a number of leadership positions. She served as a director of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors from 1986 to 1989, as president from 1989 to 1990 and as vice president from 1995 to 1996. She has served on many committees,

including the Ruidoso Board's Legislative Committee since 1995 and is serving on the Professional Standards Committee.

Along with several other real estate agents in New Mexico, Peebles is a member of "On Common Ground," a group that acts as a liaison with other organizations and businesses interested in real estate.

She was appointed by the Ruidoso Board to serve on the Realtors Association of New Mexico Board of Directors for the 1997-1998 term and again for the 1998-99 term.

From 1985 to 1991, Peebles co-chaired the golf scramble benefiting "Casa Esperanza," and has served as a board member and concert chairman for the Ruidoso Community Concert Association since 1997.

She was instrumental in the establishment of ambulance services in Lincoln County and served as an elder for several years at the First Christian Church.

A sub-division regulation and land-use development watchdog, Peebles has attended countless village, county and state governmental meetings to protect and advocate the rights of local property owners, she release said. Recently, she



Rose Peebles, 1998 Realtor of the Year, with her husband, Jim Peebles.

served on an advisory committee to the village of Ruidoso regarding development impact fees.

She was born in Plainview, Texas, and grew up in Petersburg, Texas. She attended South Plains College on a basketball

scholarship and continued her college education at San Marcos and Texas Tech, where she received a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is married to Jim Peebles, a construction contractor. They have two children — J.B., 15, and Paige, 7.

Commission makes appointments to a variety of county boards

Lincoln County's newest commissioner, Rick Simpson, will represent the county on the Solid Waste Authority, a coalition of the county and four of its communities that collects and disposes of garbage.

The authority board was downsized and the number of county representatives was cut from two to one when the village of Ruidoso started collecting its own garbage.

Commissioners Tuesday appointed or reappointed a long list of people to county boards or as representatives of the county on other boards. They are:

• John McGrath, Frances

Gallegos and Reg Richey to the Historical Preservation Board.

• Julie Sterchi from alternate to full member on the Health and Wellness Advisory Board.

• Tom Trost and Johnnie Romero to the Enhanced 911 Committee.

• Connie Hopper as emergency program manager.

• Don Hawley to replace E.J. Fouratt on the Road Review Committee.

• Frank Sayner to the Labor Relations Board.

• John Ashcroft, Van Paten and J. A. Junge to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

• Commissioner Rex Wilton to serve with Commissioner Wilton Howell on the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.

• Doyle C. Howell to the Property Tax Protest Board.

• Matt Ferguson, Tony Seno, John Hemphill, Hollis Fuchs and Duane Frost to the Public Land Use Advisory Council.

• Commissioner William Schwetzmahn to the Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board.

• Commissioner L. Ray Nunley with County Manager Tom Stewart as an alternate on the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development

Council.

• Christine Volquardsen, Mike Long and John Van Winkle to the county Lodgers Tax Committee.

• Mary and Bart Young, Dorothy Payne and Henry Ernest to the Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

• Sharon Wells and Patty Reynolds Glencoe Rural Events Advisory Board.

• Duane Frost and Pamela Lewis to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

• Larry Wimbrow as Census 200 county coordinator.



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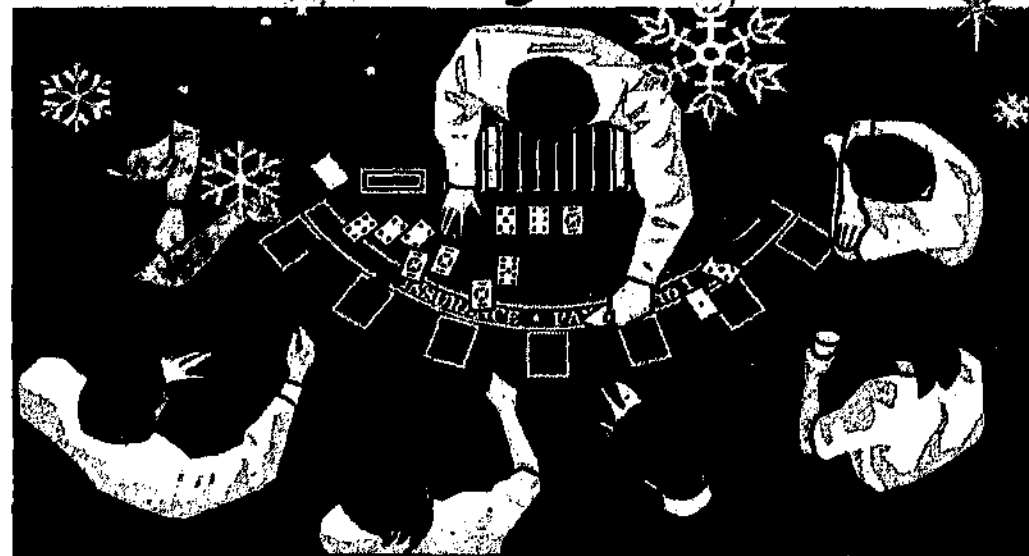


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Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:
• Heavy snow this week: 5 inches
• Trails open: 50 of 55
• Lifts open: All lifts (19 of 21) except Chair 6, which serves the Apache Bowl
• Snow depth on open trails: 22 inches
• Surface conditions: Packed powder
• Skiing conditions: Fair to good on upper mountain and excellent on lower mountain
• Snowmaking: Yes

This week

Saturday
Girls basketball
Capitan vs. Tatum, 6 p.m.
Hondo at Ruidoso JV, 1:30 p.m.
Boys basketball
Capitan vs. Tatum, 7:30 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Goddard, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Monday
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at NMJ, 7:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Saturday, Jan. 9
Wrestling
Carlsbad Invitational
Top 10 Team scores (out of 18)
1. Los Lunas 266, 2. Santa Fe 184.5, 3. Carlsbad "Blue" 148.5, 4. Belen 135, 5. Albuquerque 97, 6. Deming 90.5, 7. Rio Rancho 87.5, 8. Manzano 64, 9. Hobbs 43, 10. Ruidoso 42.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Boys basketball
Tularosa 82, Ruidoso 55
Ruidoso 14 8 15 18 55
Tularosa 18 13 20 31 82
Halftime score: Tularosa 31, Ruidoso 22
Leading scorers: T - David Pirelo 24, Cody May 10, Sam Blazer 10; R - Aaron Gillespie 12, Faron Palmer 10, Records: Ruidoso 6-6, Tularosa 12-0, JV - T 52, R 47
Hagerman 55, Capitan 52

Girls basketball
Santa Teresa 71, Mesalero 43

Ruidoso 50, Tularosa 47
Tularosa 8 16 15 8 47
Ruidoso 10 12 19 9 50
Halftime score: Tularosa 24, Ruidoso 22
Leading scorers: Mandin Spence 21, Patty Ramos 9, Sarah Fromknecht 8, T - J. Voorbach 15, L. Cavazos 9.

Capitan 77, NMJ 27
NMJ 12 6 0 9 27
Capitan 16 24 18 19 77
Halftime score: Capitan 40, NMJ 18
Leading scorers: C - Krystal Roybal 18, Eryn Aubrey 16, Lindsey Bush 11, Alicia Garcia 10.

Pecking Order

AP Boys Basketball Top 10	Record	Pts.	Pct.
Class AAA			
1. Los Alamos(5)	8-3	91	5
2. Taos (1)	6-2	79	1
3. Thoreau (4)	9-1	75	3
4. Robertson(1)	6-3	69	4
5. St. Pius	6-3	65	6
6. Socorro	7-4	64	2
7. Silver	5-5	36	8
8. Lovington	5-6	26	7
9. Shiprock	6-4	18	9
10. Ruidoso	6-6	16	-
(tie) St. Michael's	4-5	16	-
Other receiving votes: Alb. Academy 15, Pojoaque 12, Kirt. Central 10, Wingate 10, Artesia 2, Portales 1.			

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Knights of Columbus FT Contest
Free-throw contest for girls and boys, ages 10-14, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Entry blanks are available at the schools or at Richard Mound's office, located at the ReMax Center. For more information call Dick Mound at 258-5526.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Boritto, Hondo, Penasco
Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - elk hair caddis, some beats and some midges.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's, gold ribbed hairs and green rock worms. Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mesalero, Grindstone Reservoir.
Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis and some action on beats.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.
Stream flows have decreased dramatically. Ice build-up in streams has affected fishing. Fishing has been best in the middle of the day. The streams have had huge nymph populations. Fish are well fed and hard to catch. Most of the fishable lakes have been primarily ice free. Fish have been scattered and cruising the banks mid-day.
Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

Reclassification alters RHS from David to Goliath

Ruidoso will stay in Class AAA and bids farewell to Artesia, Lovington and Silver - all of whom will move up to Class AAAA when school year 2000 rolls around.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Beginning the 2000-2001 school year, New Mexico high school athletic teams will compete on a more level playing field.

At least so say the proponents for the New Mexico Activities Association's reclassification plan which was unanimously approved by NMAA executive board at its Tuesday meeting.

"I feel it's a step in the right direction," NMAA executive director Dan Salzwedel said Thursday. "I think it can and should serve as a blueprint for the future."

Salzwedel said the executive board has looked at reclassifying the state's high schools for four to five years, but in the last year, that consideration intensified.

Since November, the NMAA board has investigated different proposals that would create more classifications.

The plan adopted after Tuesday's vote adds another class - AAAAA - to serve the largest of the state's schools. The number of classes has increased from three to five.

In addition, regional basketball tournaments have been added for the Tier 2 schools (Classes AAA to AAAAA). The winners of those four regional tournament will advance to a four-team state tournament. Tier 1 schools - Class A and AA - will continue to have an eight-team state basketball tourna-

ment. The plan is intended to accommodate for the projected growth of the state, which could double the number of high schools in 20 years to 180 schools.

Ruidoso football coach Les Carter had mixed feelings about the change, which should put his Warriors in a position to challenge for the state's top laurels year in and year out.

"We are going to be competing against the teams who are getting the same number of kids out for football that we are," Carter said Wednesday. "It may not be perfect ... but I think overall it's a plan toward the right direction."

On the other hand, when his teams faced the giants of Class AAA, Carter relied on the "David and Goliath" analogy to motivate his players.

Such was the case when Ruidoso (enrollment 720) played Artesia (enrollment 1,227) in the Class AAA State Championship game Dec. 5, 1998.

"You always feel like you have the opportunity to beat the giants. To be honest with you, we've already talked to our kids that we've got one more year to prove that we can (beat the giants)," Carter said.

Now that the framework for the reclassification has been approved, Salzwedel said the next step for the NMAA is to reverify the school enrollments and then place schools in preliminary districts. Each class will have four districts, so the days of three-team districts are over.

Carter speculated that Ruidoso could be placed in the east with New Mexico Military Institute, Portales and Tucumcari, or placed westerly with Hot

Springs, Socorro and Cobre.

Regardless of which teams are in Ruidoso's district, Carter said the Warriors will continue to play the best teams he can find for the schedule.

"I think it's important for us to keep playing the Lovingtons and Artesias. You do that to keep up the level of play," Carter said.

Longtime football coach Ed Davis of Capitan said the new realignment doesn't really impact his Class A football program, but he did have his concerns. (Capitan competes in Class AA for all other sports.)

Davis said too many schools have opted to play six-man football, which affects how many teams are in Class A. Schools with enrollments of 150 or below can play either six-man football or 11-man. Davis said that enrollment ceiling is too high for six-man football.

Davis contends that schools with more than 100 students should have to play 11-man football, not be given the choice between six-man or 11-man.

"Carrizozo has two boys in the seventh grade. Those are the schools that really need to play six-man," Davis said.

"Looking down the road, it's going to help us, but the one who really needs help right now is Class A football. There's not going to be anyone playing Class A football."

Salzwedel admitted the plan isn't perfect, but he said it's an objective approach.

"From a purely educational standpoint, it has an awful lot of merit," Salzwedel said.

TIER 2 SCHOOLS

Rio Rancho, Farmington, Gadsden, Clovis, West Mesa, Valley, Los Lunas, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Gallup, Hobbs, Manzano, Mayfield, Rio Grande, Carlsbad, Highland, La Cueva, Albuquerque, Eldorado, Sandia, Santa Fe. (Total: 21 schools)

Cibola, Ojete, Del Norte, Deming, Roswell, Goddard, Moriarty, Capital, Belen, Artesia, Los Alamos, Española Valley, Aztec, Silver, Taos, Kirtland Central, St. Pius, Grants, Bloomfield, Santa Teresa, Lovington. (Total: 21 schools)

Bernalillo, Shiprock, Robertson, Ruidoso, Portales, Socorro, West Las Vegas, Cobre, Pojoaque, Albuquerque Academy, Wingate, Piedra Vista, New Mexico Military Institute, Thoreau, Tohatchi, Crownpoint, Hot Springs, Raton, Cuba, St. Michael's, Tucumcari.

TIER 1 SCHOOLS

Hatch Valley, Zuni, Newcomb, Dexter, Santa Fe Indian, Tularosa, Sandia Prep, Laguna-Acoma, Hope Christian, Santa Rosa, Estanda, Eunice, Manual, Mora, Navajo Pine, Clayton, Lordsburg, Capitan, Cimarron, Pecos, Penasco, Cloudcroft, Animas, Jemez Valley, Escalante, McCurdy, Santa Fe Prep, Navajo Prep, Mesa Vista, Questa, Shiprock, Dulce, Jal, Texico, Loving, Fort Sumner, Pine Hill, Rehoboth, Magdalena. (39 schools)

Hagerman, Coronado, Mesalero, Cliff, Ramah, Tatum, Mountainair, Melrose, House, Reserve, Logan, Mesilla Valley, Springer, Dora, Desert Academy, Tohajiilee, Lake Arthur, Alamo-Navajo, Carrizozo, Gallup Catholic, Native American Prep, Twin Buttes, Floyd, Quernado, Des Moines, San Jon, Community Christian, Maxwell, Grady, Mondo, Wagon Mound, Temple Baptist, Roy, N.M. School for the Deaf, Vaughn, Elda, Corona, N.M. School for the Visually Handicapped, Mosquero. (39 schools)

► GIRLS BASKETBALL

Defense the difference in Ruidoso girls' win

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A 7-0 spurt to start the third quarter propelled the Ruidoso girls basketball team past Tularosa Tuesday, 50-47.

The Warriors notched their third win of the season against 10 losses with the victory.

The difference Tuesday in the see-saw battle was the Ruidoso pressure defense in the second half, first-year coach Jeannie Jackson said.

"We came out that second half and we started pressing. The girls were hustling," Jackson added.

The Warriors converted several of those steals into points, turning a 24-22 half-time deficit into a 29-24 lead midway through the third period.

Ruidoso's Mandin Spence led all scorers with 21 points, a season-high for the senior post player. Patty Ramos added nine and Sarah Fromknecht pitched in eight points for the

Warriors. Jackson said Monday's practice paid off for the Warriors.

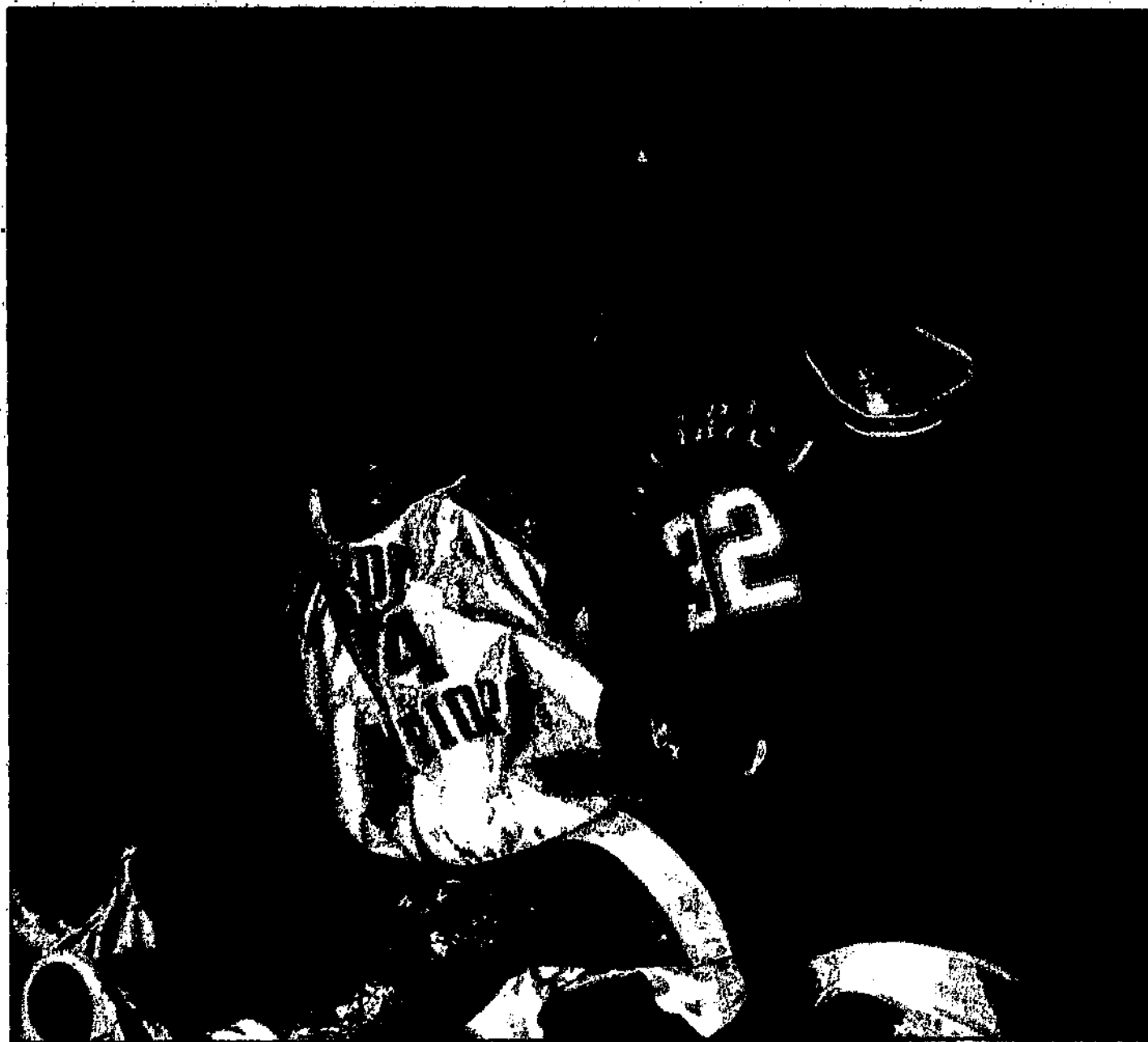
"All we did on Monday was work on shooting - taking our time and using our fakes," she said.

The Warriors were back in action Thursday against Artesia. Then, it's another meeting with Tularosa Monday, this time in the Wildcats' gym.

The two teams were scheduled originally to play later this month, but a conflict with a district game forced the reschedule, Jackson said.

For Ruidoso to sweep the Wildcats, Jackson said her team will have to rebound better than the first time the two teams met when Tularosa out-rebounded the Warriors.

"In order for us to be a factor in any game, we have got to rebound. Rebound, take our time on shots, and our help side defense," said Jackson, listing the key elements to Monday's game.



Ruidoso senior Mandin Spence battles Tularosa's Linda Cavazos for a rebound. Spence scored 21 points for the Warriors.

► PREP ROUNDUP

Cage teams return to action Saturday

Tiger teams get another shot at Tatum's Coyotes

Capitan's boys and girls basketball teams will have a shot at revenge when the Tatum Coyotes pay the Tigers a visit Saturday.

Tatum knocked off Capitan in the semifinals of the Smokey Bear Invitational last weekend. The Coyotes boys sent Capitan to the third-place game with a victory, while the Tatum girls posted a 56-48 win over the Capitan girls to advance to the championship game.

The Coyotes are back in town Saturday for a doubleheader beginning with junior varsity girls at 4 p.m.

Capitan coach Bryan Masse's girls are coming off a 77-27 trouncing of New Mexico Military Insti-

tute Tuesday. The Tigers, now 6-6 overall, are hurting nonetheless.

"We've got a lot of kids sick right now," said Masse, noting that four of his starters are fighting sicknesses.

"We're not healthy although they (the Coyotes) play a slower type game, so that will help us some. I think it's the flu-type thing going around," Masse said. "Better now than at districts."

After Saturday's game, the Tigers have some time to recuperate. Capitan's next action will be Jan. 22 when it travels to NMJ for a rematch with the colts.

"That week should allow us to get some good work in, get everybody healthy and get in shape," Masse said.

The Capitan boys will try to rebound from a 55-52 setback at the hands of Hagerman Tuesday. Royce Brown's Tigers are playing .500 ball.

Wildcats whip Warriors

Nothing went right for Ruidoso's Warriors in Tularosa Tuesday when the Wildcats exploded for 31 fourth-quarter points in an 82-55 rout of Ruidoso.

In addition to losing the game, interim coach Billy Page's Warriors lost two players who suffered broken wrists. Ruidoso also missed senior point guard Corey Saena, who was benched for disciplinary reasons.

Saturday, RHS hosts Goddard.



Senior Tiger Raymond Harris and the Tigers take on Tatum.

BUSINESS BRIEFS**Local furniture store set to move**

Work already has begun on a new store location for M. Wal-drop Furniture, currently in the Plaza Shopping Center off of Sudderth Drive.

Mary Wal-drop, an investor in the business, said the new store will be at 2167 W. U.S. Highway 70, between Frank's Fruit Market and the Hollywood Bar in Ruidoso Downs. The new building will have 14,400-square-foot and should be completed by May 1, Wal-drop said.

Melissa and Rick Tafoya are the store's owners.

Hayhurst president of regional economic group

Joe Hayhurst, mayor of Ruidoso Downs, has again been elected president of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, according to a recent release.

Hayhurst was re-elected at the organization's Jan. 8 board meeting.

He has been on the board since 1992, was appointed to the executive committee in 1994 and served as vice president in 1995. He currently is serving his second term as Ruidoso Downs mayor.

Darold Stephenson, a member of the Jalisco County Council, was re-elected as the district's vice president. Jerry Wood, a member of the Chaves County Commission, was re-elected treasurer.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District is the largest planning district in the state, covering more than 26,000 square miles in the five southeastern counties of Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero.

The district is the second largest in population, serving

more than 250,000 people.

State opens trade office in Chihuahua

The New Mexico Economic Development Department opens a new trade office in Chihuahua City, Mexico, today.

The primary focus of the trade office will be to find markets for New Mexico products across the border in Chihuahua. The trade representative will also work with the U.S. Border Authority to promote tourism and Mexican investment in New Mexico.

"This change will refocus our trade efforts closer to home," said Department Secretary John Garcia.

Rene Cervantes, a businessman with an accounting background, will be the trade director for the office. Victor Ramirez, formerly the chief of foreign trade in Chihuahua, will be the trade representative in the Chihuahua office.

For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at (505) 827-0300.

NARFE Day in Santa Fe

The Ruidoso chapter of an association of retired federal employees will participate in a Santa Fe one-day statewide forum Jan. 27 for retired federal employees, according to a recent release.

The New Mexico Federation of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will sponsor NARFE Day, a program in the capitol rotunda of exhibits, speakers and discussions.

Twenty-five state chapters are to participate.

For more information, contact Lemuel Clarke, local chapter president, at (505) 258-3493.

Getting a foot up at Marvelous Manicures

• Debbie Rehfeld recently relocated her manicure/pedicure business from the California wine country to the Alto woods.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Pedicures should not be rushed, according to Debbie Rehfeld.

"I believe in a thorough cleansing of the foot. I take my time and I allow for at least two hours," said the owner of Marvelous Manicures, a manicure and pedicure salon that Rehfeld runs out of her home in Alto. "And it takes a good, solid two hours."

For particularly challenging feet, the procedure can last as long as three hours, she said. But Rehfeld, a manicurist for 18 years, likes the idea of providing thorough pedicures, manicures and sculptured nails.

There's something about a good pedicure especially that gives her clients both a physical and emotional boost, not to mention some very clean and well-maintained feet.

"People have actually been known to walk better," she said.

Rehfeld recently relocated her home/salon from Sonoma County, Calif., where they make all that wine, to Alto. The challenge is to get the word out about her business, because Rehfeld's home/salon is on a back road in Alto about a mile west of the Johnson Store, where there's not too much drive-by business. She has advertised some, but is relying largely on word-of-mouth publicity.

"I'm trying to cater to all types of clients — those with



Debbie Rehfeld, owner of Marvelous Manicures, said her male clients are more comfortable coming to her Alto salon for pedicures than to some of the more public places in town.

problem feet and diabetics and seniors ... really any age," Rehfeld said. Seniors and diabetics often need regular pedicures just as part of a good hygiene regimen, she said. For example, diabetics can lose feeling in their feet and be unaware of ingrown nails or other problems, she said. One aspect of Rehfeld's pedicures and manicures is that she puts hygiene as a top priority.

"I strive for extreme cleanliness," she said, adding that she wears gloves for pedicures and carefully sterilizes her tools as well as her clients' feet. Rehfeld also offers hand-painted nails with her manicures and nail sculpturing.

► New Business

- What: Marvelous Manicures
- Who: Debbie Rehfeld
- Where: No. 2 Mesita Drive in Alto
- When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Phone: 336-1555

In California, she was known for her nail painting. Rehfeld said. She specializes in flowers, butterflies and rainbows.

For brides, she has decorated the tips of naturally painted

nails with dainty white flowers. Rehfeld charges \$40 for a new set of sculptured nails, \$22 for fill-ins on those nails, \$10 for a change of fingernail polish, \$15 for a manicure with hand painting, \$10 for a manicure without hand painting, \$1 per nail for hand-painted artwork, \$30 for a pedicure and \$35 for a pedicure with polish and hand painting.

Rehfeld says she even has male clients coming in for the pedicures. She is amazed, she said, that, given the benefits derived from a good pedicure, that they aren't more popular.

"And even the ugliest foot can look pretty good," Rehfeld said.

MARKET GLANCE**Economic slowdown postponed in U. S.**

• The story about the free-spending American consumer is familiar and getting quite boring; but it refuses to die. None of the factors propelling such frenzied buying has gone away. Inflation remains low, interest rates have stabilized at favorable levels and jobs are easy to find. Expanding stock market wealth enables spending to grow faster than income. Until one or more of these change, the long-awaited economic slowdown will arrive further and further behind schedule.

• Consumers can buy goods made anywhere, but services, by their very nature, are purchased close to home. This has kept economic growth persisting longer in the face of a severe drag from trade. Manufacturing and mining jobs have been shed in nearly every major category. Those industries that export and those that compete with imported goods have both needed to reduce their workforces. But the jobs lost have been more than made up by gains in every other industry. During the second half

of 1998, construction, consulting, software, education and many other services have grown by leaps and bounds.

• Few think this pace of expansion can continue. Economists display a remarkably unanimity in their prognosis for how the major indicators will fare in 1999. Two-thirds or more believe that economic growth will slow to about half that of 1998, that unemployment will rise a tad, and that inflation also will tick up slightly. The consensus breaks down, however, in when growth will slow this year and what will become of interest rates.

• Just over half of all economists think that the long-awaited slowdown will come during the first half of this year and that growth will speed up during the second half.

But sizeable minorities think that either slower growth will persist equally throughout the year, or that it will get weaker as the year progresses.

Why the difference? If last fall's Fed easing has an impact on purchasing decisions within a short time, then the first half will be stronger and the effects will wear off later in the year. If

this past easing takes longer to boost consumption and business investment, then a rebound later in the year is more likely. Timing of growth also will be complicated by exactly when millennium-induced buying takes hold (whether for computers or for hoarding). Also, renewed loss of exports to newly-faltering nations and floods of imports from recovering ones could be more pronounced in either the first or second half of the year.

Bonds: No clear direction

• Economists also are unsure about the likely course of interest rates. The 30-year U.S. Treasury has recently been trading in a range between 5 percent and 5.25 percent but only a few expect it to stay there.

Most think that rates will break out of this range but are equally divided between those who believe rates will rise and those who think they will fall. With a fairly uniform view about growth and inflation, the normal drivers of interest rates, other factors must be swaying economists more strongly.

• Topping the list is the

degree to which foreign investors may or may not abandon U.S. bonds because of better investment options elsewhere. Rates on Japanese instruments have recently become more desirable as spreads have narrowed.

A dwindling supply combined with huge financing needs to boost the Japanese economy will prop rates up further. And these spreads are actually narrower than they look when accounting for deflation in Japan raising real yields closer to U.S. levels.

Uncertainty about whether the dollar will ever strengthen again, as long predicted, is also causing investors to become more wary of U.S. Treasuries. With the Fed sitting on the sidelines until growth actually does slow, longer-term yields have crept up. Getting 30-year rates below the benchmark 5 percent level again may take a flight to quality crisis — either a crashing stock market or an overseas debacle.

This column was provided by Don Hilber, an economist for Wells Fargo.



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D. OLD BUSINESS
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Lot 78, Block B, Sleepy Hollow Rd., Ruidoso, NM

The above described Lot is now split zoned R-1, Single Family Residential and C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District and will be considered for rezoning to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District.

By order of the Planning and Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.
/s/ Cleatus R. Richards
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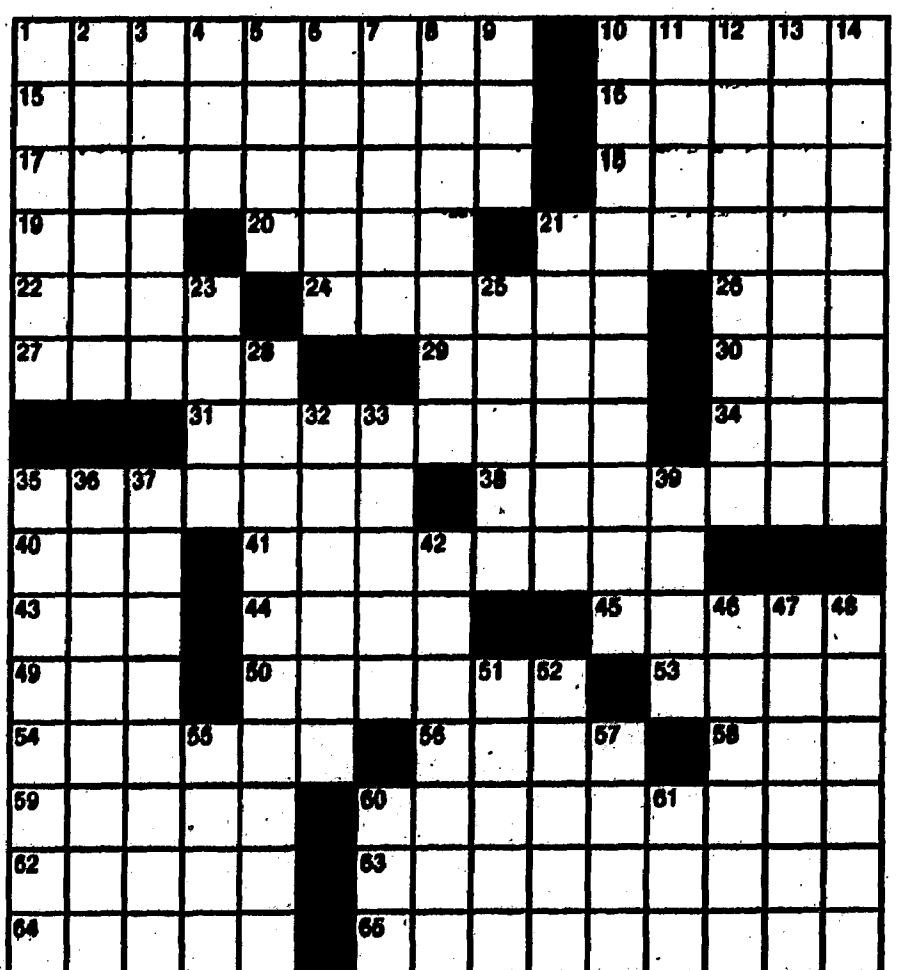
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Original art and watercolor painting, Southwestern prints, custom design furniture by Larry.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Suddarth, Bldoso, 257-3790

Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The Montañío Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.

Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montañío family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Suddarth Dr., Bldoso, 257-9748

The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Adkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Tarbush, Robert Carter and Suzanne Wamsley. Artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal

Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazier, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Annie Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.

The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Bldoso, 257-4627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Suddarth Drive, Bldoso, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burlwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Bldoso, 258-4892

Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Altic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by app.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 970, Nogal, 354-4206.

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán 354-4308.

Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Suddarth Dr., Bldoso, 257-3644.

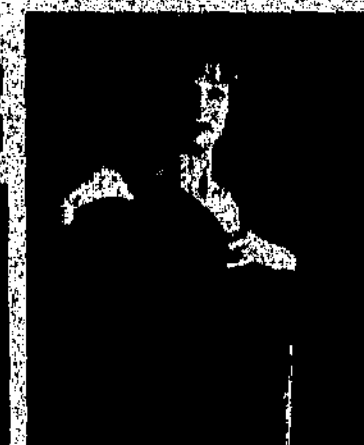
Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2965.

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Pecos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Bldoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Arts

The Life of Leasure

story by Sandy Suggill
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

photos by Ben Chrisman
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Painter Jim Leasure, whose work is on display at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce this month, is putting down roots in Ruidoso – and finding others he and his grandmother planted more than 30 years ago.

Childhood memories mingle with plans for turning the cabin his carpenter-grandfather built and the land it sits on into a spiritual retreat and a center for a Feng Shui designing firm. Feng Shui is a Chinese-influenced scheme of design which incorporates balance and simplicity.

Leasure, a painter of sacred art and a spiritual counselor, moved to Ruidoso in May to make his home where he'd spent many childhood summers. Those summers seem as much a part of him as his life's work.

"Within a month of moving in," he said, "some people came with their grandchildren, and I found the coloring books my grandmother had for her grandchildren. There have always been happy children and laughter here ..."

Leasure brought a little bit of New

Orleans with him – his partiality to espresso and his Mardi Gras beads. But what helped him most in his transition to life in Ruidoso was his work of painting iridescent angels and goddesses, and designing his environment to suit his needs.

He talks of back-breaking work on yard, and in the same breath, describes painting beings of light that reflect the light to the viewer.

"Watch how it changes when you move, different images appear and disappear, so there's magic."

"I spent the first six months terracing the hills," said Leasure, gesturing at the three lots that comprise his domain. "I'm going to put in a fountain and have a stream going down and a statue of a madonna or an earth mother."

Three painting tables are lined up in the



ARTIST JIM LEASURE

front yard so he can work on up to six paintings simultaneously, he said. Further along the curving pathway is a gazebo that he plans to enclose and turn into a greenhouse so he can work there during the winter. A St. Francis statue meditates beneath a nearby tree – mirroring what Leasure does while he's painting.

"I named the place 'Angel Point.' I consecrated it. I blessed the energy. I blessed the property so that only goodness and beauty could be created here, only positive energy," he said.

Although he misses the night life and

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LEASURE

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his friends from New Orleans, Leasure appreciates the proximity of nature and the peacefulness of life in a small town.

"I saw a huge bear on a mission down the street to feed at one of the dumpsters," Leasure recalled. "I thought at first it was a dog. I called the police and they said, 'Well, honey, we don't come out unless they're in your house.'"

The next night two baby raccoons "the size of small dogs" terrorized his "children," the three chubby cats he inherited from his mother along with the cabin. The following day, hundreds of hummingbirds zoomed into in his yard.

"I walked to the post office every single day of my summer," said Leasure, pointing beyond his yard in the general direction of Sudderth Drive. "I still have the key to the original mailbox. There's magic connected with the continuity of life and that's really very precious."

His grandmother was the great love of his life — reaching the age

of 105 and outliving three husbands, thanks to Geritol and vitamin E, she told her grandson.

But along with happy childhood memories are memories of his conservative upbringing on Boy Scout Lane in the upper valley of El Paso.

His mother worked for Merrill Lynch and his script was: "Get good grades so you can get a good job so you can become a contributing member of society and work for a big corporation and be absolutely miserable working in



"AMETHYST ANGEL"



ABOVE LEFT, Leasure's future winter work space. Above, Leasure's studio.



an office."

Leasure began painting as a child and painted all his life, but he wouldn't have believed it if someone had told him he would be making his living as an artist, doing what he loved best.

In the early 1970s he began to explore and to experience life widely — and wildly.

"When I turned 19, I gave

myself permission to experience life and to explore all avenues," he said. "That began my life's work."

And he's still experimenting. A playful piece he's working on consists of mirror fragments on a board painted red. He laughs as he names it: "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Tell Me What I Want to Hear."

"Every once in awhile I give myself permission to just play."

Leasure's work is on display at Gail's Frame of Mind, 1204 Mechem Drive and at the Chamber of Commerce for the month of January.

Gun collection donated to Hubbard museum in the Downs

C.L. "Bones" Wright, longtime owner of C & L Lumber in Ruidoso Downs, has donated his fine collection of firearms to the Hubbard Museum of the American West. The guns have been on display at the museum since November 1997 when Wright loaned the collection for a featured exhibit. The collection includes approximately 200 rare antique and commemorative guns.

"Mr. Wright had said that he was definitely going to donate the firearms either to us or to the National Rifle Association," said Scott Wells, the museum's director of development. "I urged him to consider the fact that because of his family's long and distinguished history in Lincoln County, the collection is really important to the history of this region. As we're expanding our focus to the overall history of

the American West, many of these firearms immediately become very important artifacts in our collection.

"Since I first saw the collection in his office at the lumber yard, I was amazed," Wells said. "I can't tell you how many of our visitors go through the cases one by one, musing over the quality and the diversity of the collection. I think it's wonderful that the collection will now be preserved, interpreted and appreciated right here in Lincoln County where it was compiled."

Currently, about two-thirds of the collection is on display. The museum plans to utilize additional items from the collection as it reevaluates its long-term exhibition schedule.



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Come enjoy our newest restaurant the Casino Deck Buffet. With excellent food made by our experience chefs, and a view that never ends, you will never have to gamble again on a great place to eat.

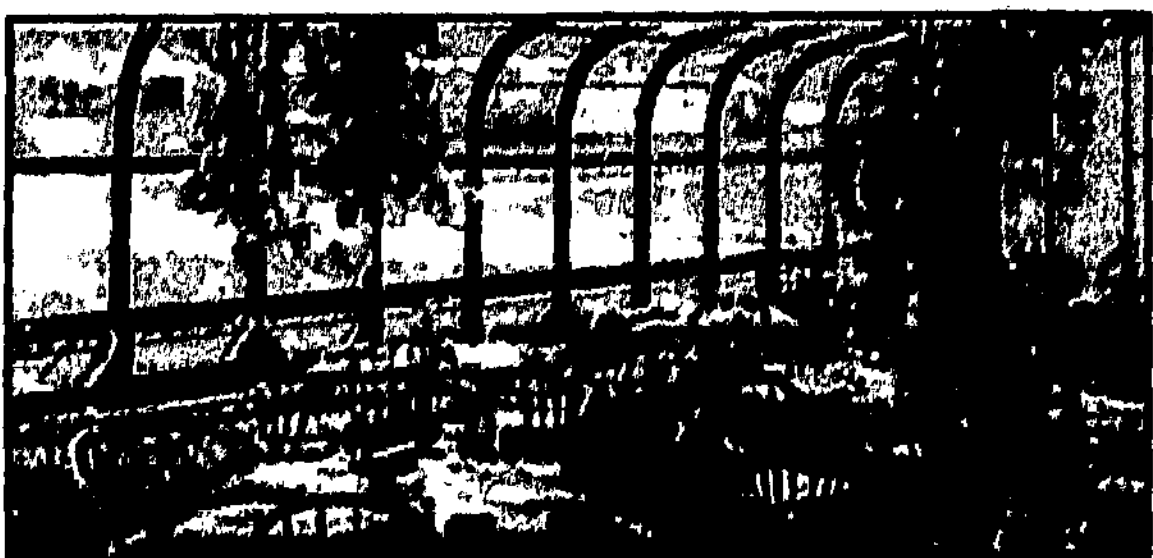
Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-5141, ext. 7858
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero
Hours: Breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lunch 12 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.



Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials created by chef Brendon Gochenhour and drinks from the full-service bar, the Apache Tee has the best view and the friendliest staff around.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
(Closed Monday and Tuesday)



The InnCredible

For 30 years, The InnCredible has been treating diners to specials like Crabby Monday and Wednesday lobster, not to mention fresh fish, steaks, chicken, pasta, barbecue and more. In this business you're either great or you're history - InnCredible is both.

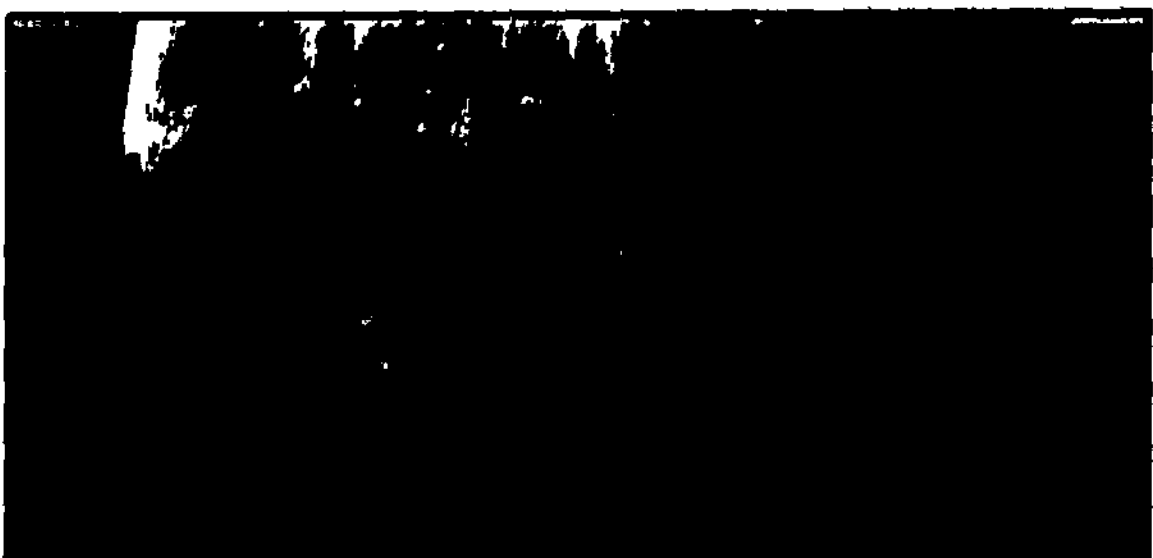
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 336-4312
Address: Highway 48 North
in Alto Village
Hours: Bar opens daily at 3:30 p.m.
Fine dining starts at 5:30 p.m.



K Bob's Steak House

Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

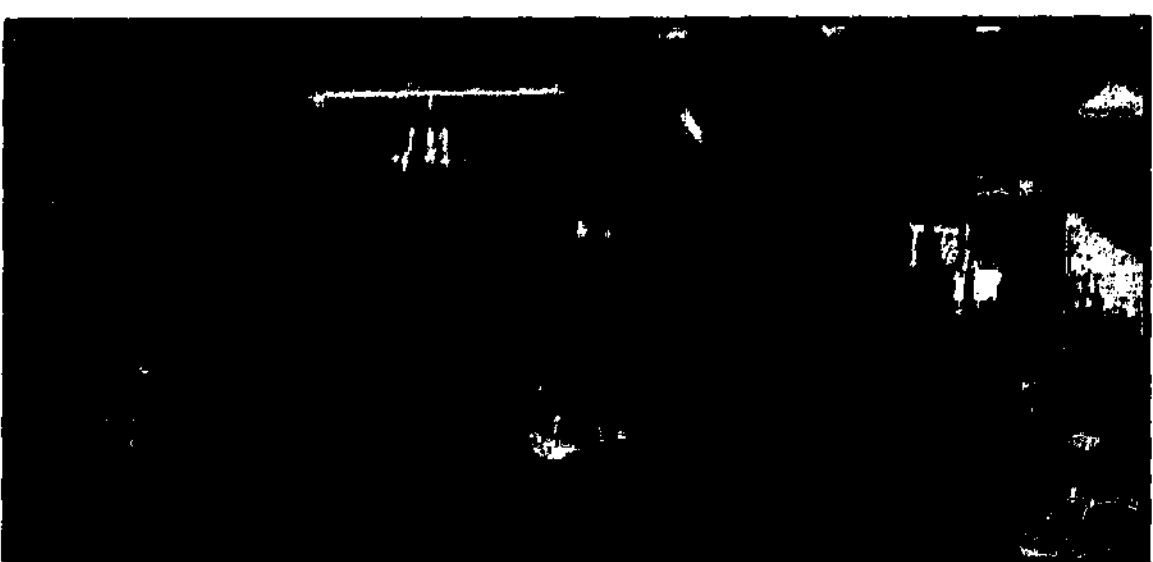
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 378-4747
Address: West Highway 70
Ruidoso Downs
Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.



Cafe Mescalero

Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food Southwest favorites for lunch and dinner.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-6693
Address: One mile south of the
Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: Dinner 5-9 p.m.
(Closed Mondays)



Dan Li Ka Dining Room

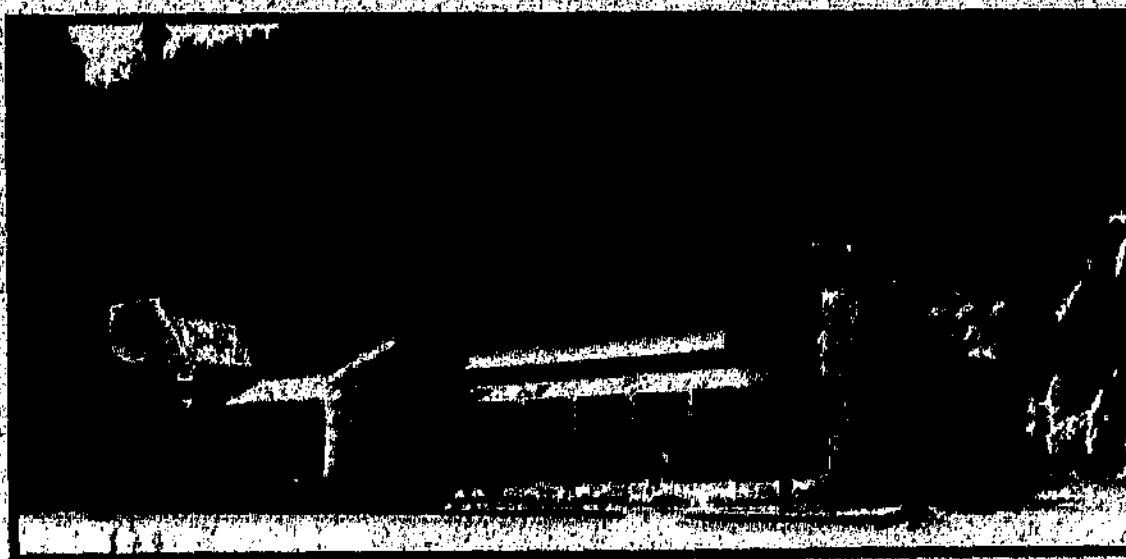
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: ... Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11 a.m.
Sunday Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.
Sunday Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dinner 6-9 p.m.

Cattle Baron

Sensational steaks, seafood and a \$46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

Price Range: \$5-\$55
Phone: 257-9355
Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Fri. and Sat.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

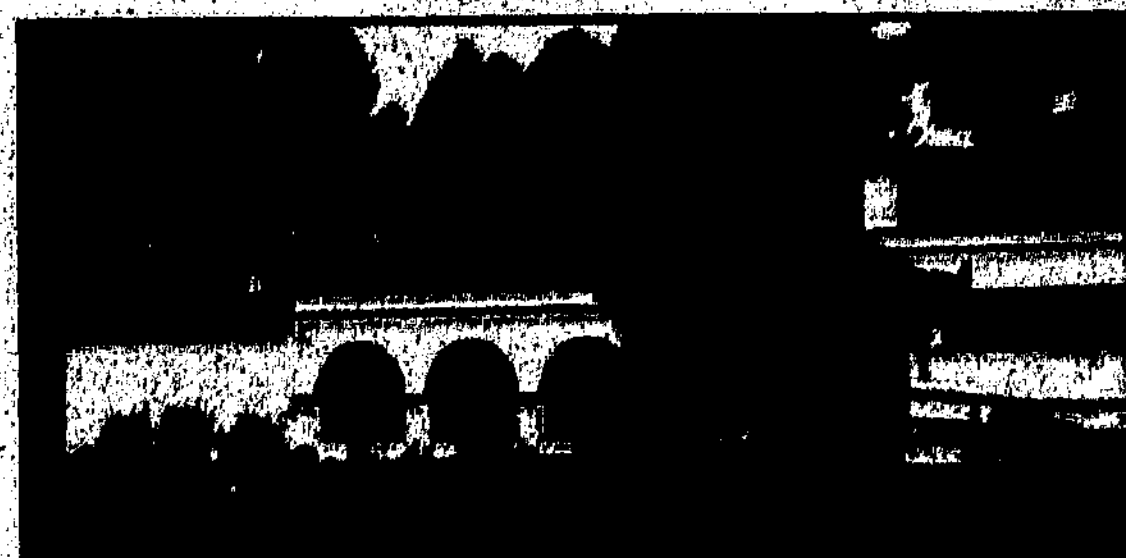
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 258-5676
Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: The restaurant opens at
11:30 a.m. 7 days a week



Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

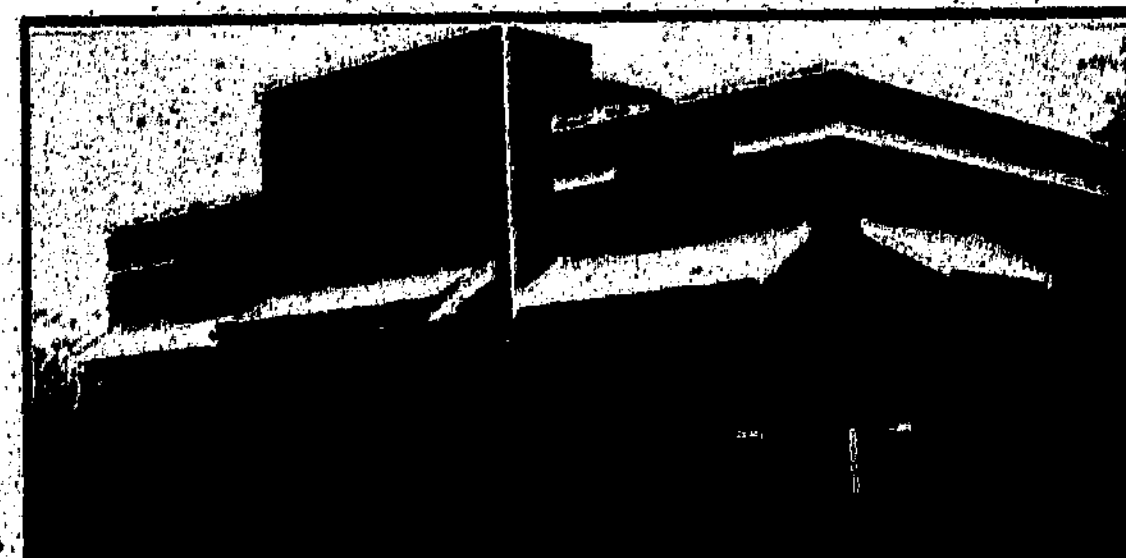
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 258-3325
Address: 212 Metz Dr.
in Innbrook Village, Ruidoso
Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Dinner 5-10 p.m.;
(Closed Mondays)



Red Lobster

We are the one and only seafood specialist. No reservations needed. Come as you are. Not only the best seafood but a great steak too! Come and see what the excitement is all about. All major credit cards accepted

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 622-4818
Address: 2625 N. Main Street
Roswell
Hours: ... Sunday-Thursday 11a.m.-9p.m.
Friday-Saturday 11a.m.-10p.m.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 257-5753
Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
Midtown in Ruidoso
Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Known for their pepper steak and creme brulee, they're bound to make your mouth water. Also featuring veal, lamb and seafood. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-2954
Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

dining guide

GOING OUT



A Musical History Tour

story by *Meredith Keaton*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Musician and history buff Lauren Pelon illuminates a past often left unexplored by music enthusiasts. She plays the ancient and the modern side by side, striking chords of interest in her audiences.

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Pelon, who will perform her program, "The Living Roots of Music" Friday (tonight) at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln, says music can be much more

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music

Win, Place & Show

The Range Creek Riders play nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

Blue Midnight plays through Sunday. Karoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Galloping Tortoise

Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn.

performances

Blues and BBQ

Sistah Blue, an all-woman band from Phoenix, is the feature band at the Jan. 23 Blues and BBQ concert. From 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

'Exit the Body'

A rollicking comedy, titled "Exit the Body," is the next play of Roswell Community Little Theatre, located at 12th and Virginia in Roswell. When a writer rents a New England home for her vacation, she finds that many "problems" seem to come with the property. They include some unsavory characters, stolen jewels and an overactive closet, where bodies seem to come and go. Evening performances are scheduled at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 22, 23, 29 and 30. Reservations should be made by phoning 622-1982. Sunday matinees are set for 2 p.m. Jan. 24 and 31 and no reservations are required.

Maynard Ferguson

Jazz legend Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band take the Flickinger stage for one performance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in Alamogordo. Call (505) 437-2202 for ticket information. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

what's brewing

The Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, 257-3676

Open Monday through Thursday 7 to 5, Friday 7 to 9 and Saturday 8 to 9. Fresh roasted coffees and all the basic espresso drinks plus bagels and pastries.

The Galloping Tortoise, 662 Sudderth, 257-2511

Basic espresso drinks, desserts, sandwiches and live music jams.

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than simple entertainment.

"My hope is that I can touch and move audiences with music. That they would go away with a different view of music and think of things they hadn't thought of before," Pelon said.

Pelon began her study of music more than 20 years ago with the recorder. In addition to mastering the instrument, she became curious about the history behind it.

"I got more serious about studying the history and got very interested in early music through the recorder," Pelon said. "Early on I played concerts and occasionally lectured about music history. I decided it would be more fun to combine the two into one presentation."

Pelon now plays more than 20 ancient instruments including the lute, guitar, lyre and krumphorn to name a few. Her collection of ancient instruments alone tell a story.

"I order some from professional makers, some are antiques such as my concertina. I wanted one and found someone who specialized in antique concertinas to find one for me. I also look for them in my travels and have some specifically made for me," Pelon said.

Pelon's interest in music is dispersed throughout her instruments. "I don't have a favorite instrument. It completely depends on the effect that I want. There are so many different sounds and that's the great thing about playing different ones," Pelon said.

Though the presentation is historical in nature, it also is meant to be enjoyed by the audience. "I look for certain sounds. I love a lot of different kinds of music, but usually pieces I perform have touched me or moved me. I look for that," Pelon said. "It's important to know what these old pieces sounded like, but I do my own arrangements. I often try to do a contemporary performance of it. I get to cross the boundaries of time and culture."

Performing has led Pelon around the world. She does an annual U.S. tour and usually does a world tour every other year. As of yet, the only continent she hasn't toured is Africa. "I have not been to Africa and that would be very special to me. I appreciate the local music and would love to hear it live," Pelon said.

Traveling gives Pelon to opportunity to add to her repertoire, find instruments and gain experiences which are reflected in her program. Pieces in her program come from all areas of the world and the first through 20th centuries. "I really enjoy being able to go to a lot of places. Each country has its own benefits in some way," Pelon said.

As well as background on each instrument she plays, Pelon prefaces her pieces with quotes from early Greek philosophers, medieval theologians and contemporary scholars and performers. Audiences are also given a study guide and program notes with additional information.

In addition to The Living Roots of Music, Pelon has performed as a soloist with symphony orchestras, on television specials and with Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." She is also a vocalist, performing renditions of ballads collected by Francis Child in the late 19th century.

Pelon's interest in music is diverse and encompassing. With more than 200 performances under her belt and plans to continue touring in the future, Pelon still finds that she has a lot to learn. "It's really my whole life. I spend most of my time on it," she said. "I get an idea of other cultures through a musical eye that I wouldn't otherwise. It's my view into the past."

The Living Roots of Music, sponsored by The Territorial Theater, will be tonight at 8 p.m. at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. Tickets are \$15 per person and reservations are not necessary. Call The Territorial Theater at 354-2316 for additional information.

THE SKINNY

Private screening of homegrown Nogal movie scheduled this weekend in Lincoln

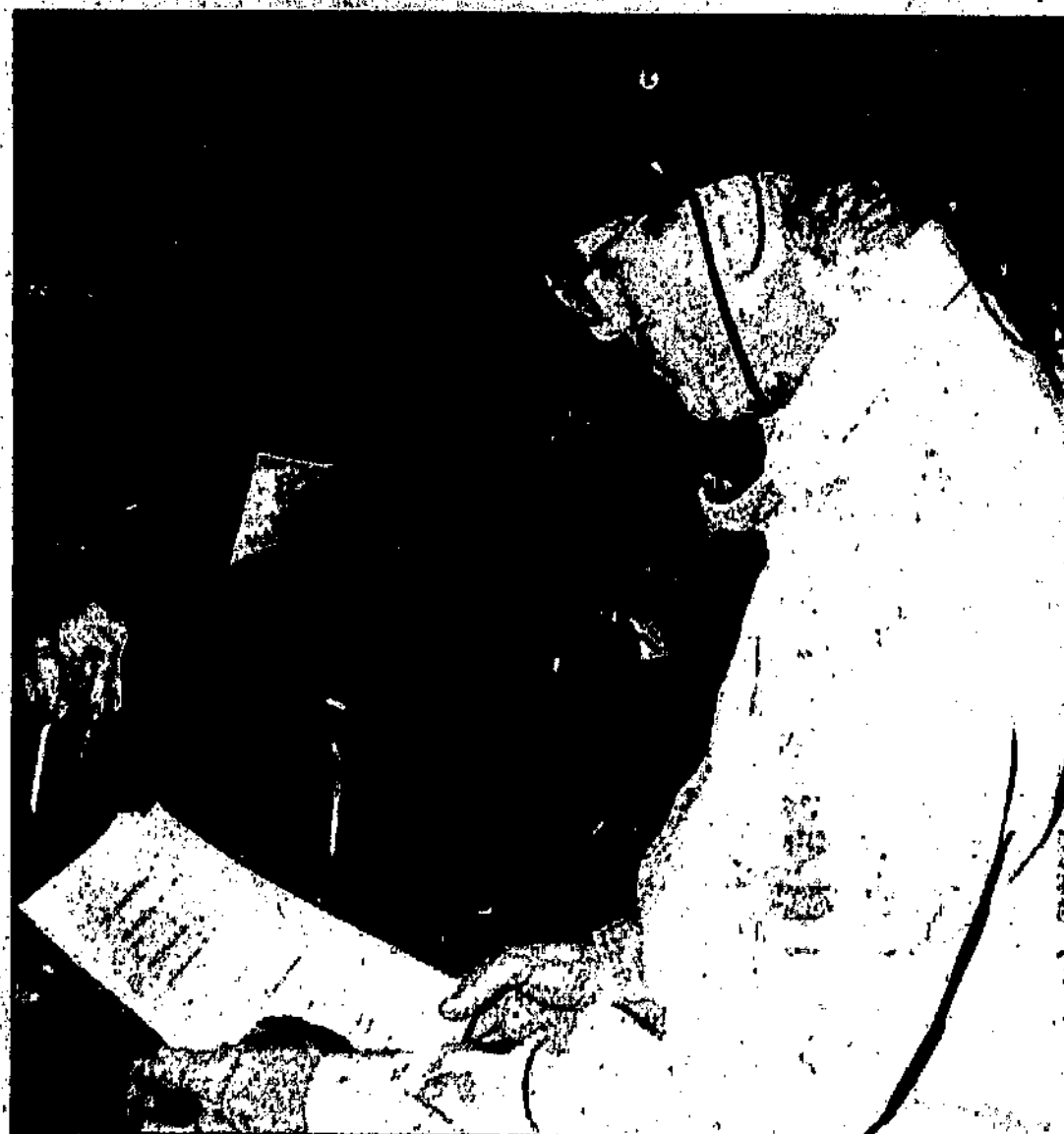
"The Rockets," a grassroots movie-making effort, will be shown this Saturday in two private screenings at the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln.

The movie, about a young girl's struggle to find musical success as well as her parents' killer, was written and directed by David Briggs, a Nogal resident. His wife, Beth Briggs, produced the film. All the actors and film crew members were volunteers.

The screenings, which are by invitation only, mark almost a year from the first script read-through for the project, which was shot mostly on weekends and in locations around Nogal and Capitan.

This is the first movie-making attempt by David Briggs, who with his wife will miss the screening because they are in Florida. They intend to sell the picture, and are trying to market it themselves. They have contacted about 15 potential buyers, Beth Briggs said this week from Florida. If they don't find a buyer for the movie by the end of this month, they will hand it over to an agent to sell, she said.

The couple is to return to Nogal in April, when they plan to immediately begin work on another movie, also written by David Briggs. Experiences from the first film will be used to the benefit of the second, Beth Briggs said.



Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

DAVID BRIGGS, writer/director of 'The Rockets,' at a script reading.

"The film (The Rockets) has a lot of strengths and it has a lot of weaknesses," she said. "We learned a lot on it."

The film is named after the main character's band, which is, in turn, named after the rockets tested at the White Sands Missile Base.

SILVERSCREEN

Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema For more information call 257-9444. *Indicates Friday and Saturday only

At First Sight

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Mira Sorvino plays a tough New York architect who falls in love with her blind masseur, Val Kilmer. Sorvino convinces Kilmer to undergo experimental surgery to repair his vision. A new world of color and a multitude of senses open up for both Kilmer and Sorvino, but at a price. "At First Sight" is based upon a true

story documented by physician and author Oliver Sacks.

Patch Adams

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Robin Williams stars as a medical student who believes that laughter is the best medicine. While dangerous to his career prospects, his funny antics also challenge the industry to consider the healing powers of humor. Based on a true story, the film co-stars Michael Jeter, Monica Potter, Bob Gunton and Harold Gould.

A Civil Action

Rated: PG-13

Show Times: 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.*

Plot: Attorney John Travolta gets in too deep when he and his small law firm are hired to sue industrial giants accused of contaminating two water wells in a small Massachusetts town. Kathleen Quinlan stars as a mother who son died of leukemia and spearheads the efforts of eight families. Robert Duvall defends the interests of the industrial conglomerates, at any cost.

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new January video releases

January 12

The Truman Show
Studio 54
Dance with Me
Pi
High Life

January 19

Smoke Signals
Mafia
Buffalo 66

Return to Paradise
Good Cop, Bad Cop

January 26

Rush Hour
Cube

Top Rentals for Jan. 8 - Jan. 15

The Truman Show
Pi
Out of Sight
How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Disturbing Behavior

The Avengers

Blade

Lethal Weapon 4

Six Days, Seven Nights

Mask of Zorro

Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715

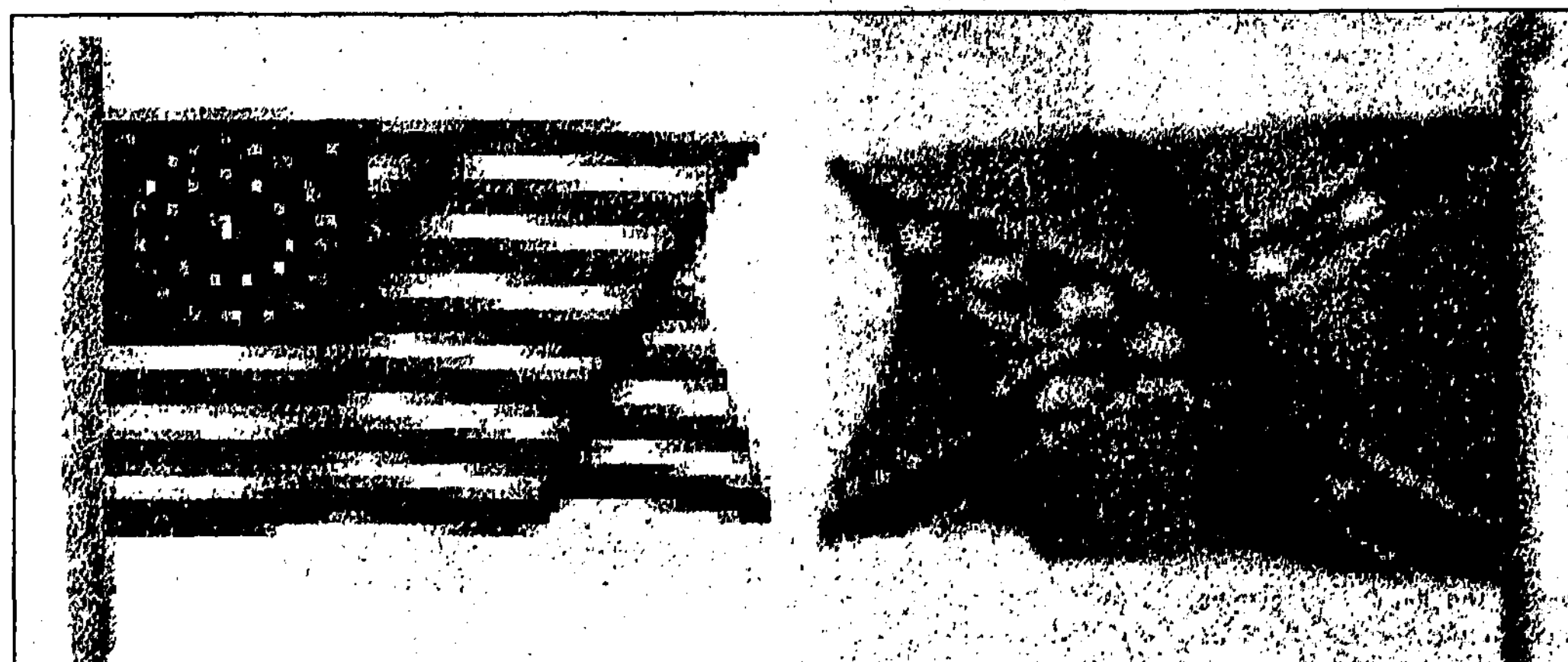
Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.



The Battle of Valverde



Drew Goinher
LINCOLN HISTORIAN



*The rest of the
Federals felt that the
battle could still be
won, and twice that
day they deliberately
disobeyed direct
orders from Canby
to retreat back
across the river.*

When one thinks of the Civil War, one's thoughts immediately go to the eastern states of America, where most of it was fought. But not all. Both the North and South knew that ultimately, control of the West, along with its vast resources, was vital. And in 1862, both sides met to determine exactly who would wield that control. Their first confrontation was in modern-day Socorro County on February 21 and 22, 1862.

Colonel Baylor

With a battalion of six companies, Col. John R. Baylor led the Fourth Regiment of Texas Cavalry from San Antonio to El Paso, capturing all of the forts that had been abandoned by the Union in his line of march: Fort Davis, Fort Bliss, Fort Clark, Fort Stockton and Camp Hutchinson. From there, the battalion moved up into the New Mexico Territory and captured Fort Fillmore.

At Fort Fillmore, Baylor and his men halted and waited for Col. Sibley's brigade. At the same time that they were joined by Sibley and his men, they were also joined by Captain Capewood, who was leading a company of Texas irregulars. The Confederates were at full strength.

The Feds

In the year 1862, the Federal troops that were stationed in New Mexico had been stationed at Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Fort Union and Fort Craig (or Valverde). When word of open hostilities reached them, the Federal troops evacuated all of the other forts and concentrated themselves at Valverde. They were under the command of Col. E.R.S. Canby, who, by one of those coincidences that were common to the War Between the States, had been a friend and comrade-in-arms with none other than the Confederate Col. Sibley, who was about to become his opponent.

After allowing their men to rest for a time at Fort Fillmore, the Confederate leaders, Sibley and Baylor (and to a lesser extent, Captain Capewood), marched their men to Fort Craig, hereafter referred to as Valverde.

The horrendous conflict raging in the East was about to burst across the New Mexican landscape with all of the same horrors to accompany it.

Most armchair historians will tell you that medical treatment in the Civil War was primitive at best, with an enormous number of men falling victim to amputation of various limbs. And yes, it is true that modern medicine was in its infancy at the time, but all of the amputations were not because the doctors were in a hurry, as is often stated.

The fact is, if you were hit in the arm or leg by the standard bullet used during the Civil War — a mini-ball — you almost had to lose that limb. The mini-ball is a huge (approximately .50 caliber) slug that was extremely slow-moving. If one of these vicious rounds were to hit you in, say, your arm, it would pulverize about an inch and a half of bone. Even if the doctors were able to save your arm you would never use it again.

The Rio Grande

When the Confederates reached the Rio Grande, the officers discovered that it would be impossible to ford the river anywhere near the fort, as the Union troops inside the fort would be able to defend themselves and inflict heavy losses on the

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Confederates without ever putting themselves in any real danger.

At first, the Rebels attempted to draw the Yankees out by skirmishing in the vicinity of the fort, but when that didn't work, Sibley and Baylor ordered a flanking movement to be executed. After dark, the Confederates forded the river at a point below the fort. They then marched up on one of the surrounding hills, where they camped. The next morning, when the Federals discovered this maneuver, they elected to wait for the next Confederate move, which was not long in coming. At the same time, Col. Sibley decided that his men were just a tad too close to the Federal batteries. That night, he again moved his men, this time, just a wee bit further back.

According to one survivor, the morning after that, Sibley and Baylor found that the Federals had also been busy: during the night they had entrenched themselves closer to the Rebels and had built earthworks in front of their position. In addition, Union troops had marched north during the night on the same side of the river as the Confederates, with orders to prevent the Rebs from getting down to the Rio Grande from their position in the hills.

When the Federals arrived, they were greeted by a cannon barrage from the Confederates. For a while, it was an artillery duel until the Union men realized that the Confederates had been driven back. The Federals then crossed the river and waited for reinforcements on the eastern side.

Kit Carson

At about 8 a.m. the next morning, the Federals were reinforced by the New Mexico Volunteers — a regiment under the command of legendary frontiersman Kit Carson. The combined force arrived at the scene of battle about 10 a.m. With their troops and batteries in position, the Federals all thought that it was only a matter of time until the Confederates were compelled to surrender. No such luck.

At about 3 p.m., Colonel

Canby arrived on the scene and took overall command. Canby ordered Carson and his men to cross the river and take position on the right wing of the battle line. Almost as soon as this was done, the Confederates charged. Three times they charged the Union position and three times they were bloodily repulsed.

Two hours later, at 5 p.m., the Confederates, under cover of trees, attacked the Union battery — which was under the command of an officer named McRae. This battery was on the left wing of the battle line, and in the attack, both McRae and his second-in-command were killed, after which the Rebs seized the position. At this point, the remaining Federals manning the battery went into a panic and attempted to flee back across the river. Confederate sharpshooters went to work, and it became a slaughter.

The rest of the Federals felt that the battle could still be won, and twice that day they deliberately disobeyed direct orders from Canby to retreat back across the river.

The Retreat

Finally, a third, "preemptory order" was given by Canby to retreat, and his men finally acquiesced, abandoning their position and retreating back across the river — under fire from the very guns that had been in McRae's battery.

The battle was over — it was a Confederate victory. But anyone who has ever served in the military will tell you it just isn't that easy. The all-important blame must be assigned to someone on the losing side.

Initially, (and typically) the officers in charge attempted to place the blame on the New Mexico volunteers. According to the reminiscences of one Federal soldier, "castigated for their role in the Battle of Valverde were the two companies of New Mexicans which formed part of the support for McRae's battery those of Captains Santiago Hubbell and William Mortimore. Captain P.W.L. Plympton, a regular army officer, sent in a report to explain that his battalion had failed to save the guns from the Confederate charge because "a

body of volunteers (Mexican)... broke from their position... This accusation was subsequently repeated by Colonel Canby in his official report to Washington. For many, Canby's report supplied an easy, pat explanation... no one asked obvious questions such as why volunteer troops... would have been placed in the front line by Captain Plympton... (and) what sort of casualty rate the two companies suffered during the action."

Again, according to the reminiscences of the same soldier, "We lost the battle, but it is a mooted question, who was (the) responsible party for its loss; the regular officers, who disliked one of the commanders, Colonel Roberts, very much, always stated that he had committed a very grave military mistake in having crossed the river, thereby having a river at his back; but they fail to remember that the Confederates had been whipped all the livelong day with less troops than when Colonel Canby unfortunately came into the field and took supreme command with the additional reinforcement of Colonel Miguel Pino's Second Regiment of New Mexico volunteers. Our regiment, Kit Carson's never believed that they were whipped except because of, and on account of the orders to abandon the field at once... The volunteers are firmly in the belief that if Col. Canby had never come on the field, then the Confederate troops would have been defeated..."

When it was over, the Confederates had no dead and 150 wounded. The Federals had 140 wounded and 82 dead — a resounding defeat. But as the unnamed veteran stated, "it is a mooted question."

That is because a month later, Confederate dreams of controlling the West were forever shattered at a place called Glorieta.

Sources: "The Civil War in New Mexico" by F. Stanley; and "The Confederate Invasion of New Mexico and Arizona 1861-1862" by Robert Lee Kerby.

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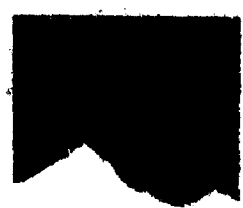
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County officials review budgets

Commission hopes to bolster financial reserves and still meet obligations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the past four years, Lincoln County ate up most of a \$2 million reserve the county commission and county treasurer accumulated from 1991 to 1995.

But the county is starting to build a new reserve and that's welcome news, commissioners said Tuesday.

However, they still face some big dollar obligations, such as construction and operation of a new county jail.

When they had the \$2 million reserve, commissioners were criticized by some people for over-taxing property owners and not funding needed programs. Then as the reserve began to dwindle, others criticized them for spending unwisely or on unnecessary programs.

They hope this time the public

will stay in synch with the county and understand why a reserve in excess of the amount required to be put aside by the state is a good safeguard, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said.

During a presentation on the county's financial condition by County Treasurer Joan Park Tuesday, Nunley, who had just stepped down as chairman, joked that new Chairman Rex Wilson must give out some special vibrations, because, "We were broke when I was chairman and you're chairman just two hours and we've got money."

Thursday, Nunley said the majority of commissioners are convinced that building a cushion in the county's \$10.5 million budget is a good plan.

"As small a county as we are, it's difficult to save money, but we can do that, if we work real hard," Nunley said. "I intend to do that over the next four years. I'd like to leave the next commission reserves like we had, so they can face demands in the future."

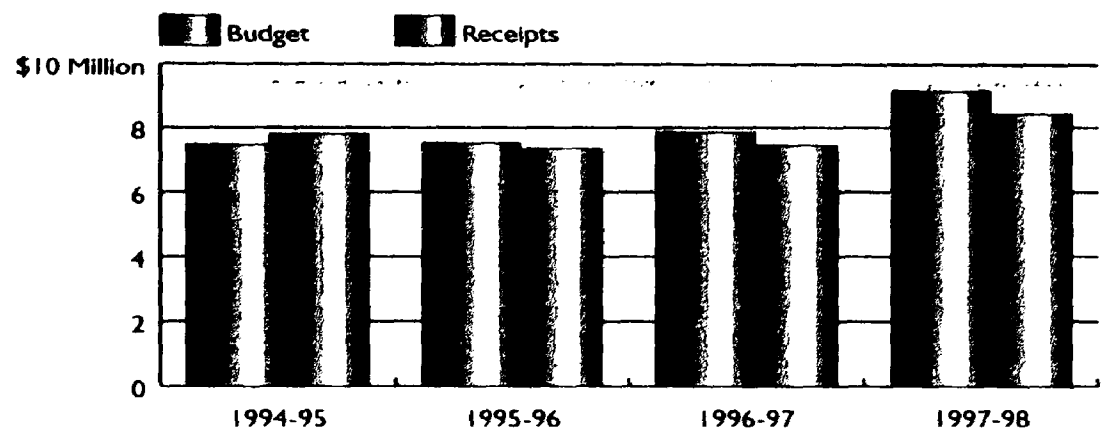
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Joan Park

Revenue Review

The chart shows the amount of revenue budgeted by Lincoln County from Fiscal Year 1994-95 to 1997-98 compared to the actual revenue received.



Source: Lincoln County Treasurer's Office

Ana Anglada/Ruidoso News

A 'bearable' job



Bob Adams on Thursday afternoon starts work on what will eventually be a wooden polar bear at a spot in front of the Alto Store. Adams, who has donated carved bears for community auctions, will be at the location for a few more weeks before leaving for an out-of-state job.

Toni K. Larson/Ruidoso News

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NMAA changes; Ruidoso doesn't

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County hospital gears up for groundbreaking

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After more than a year of planning, ceremonial shovels will hit the ground at 10 a.m. Jan. 22, to mark the beginning of construction on improvements to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Julie Sterchi, acting hospital administrator, announced the ground-breaking Tuesday during a Lincoln County Commission meeting.

Brycom Corp. based in Rio Rancho was awarded the bid to construct the 10,500-square-foot first phase estimated to cost \$1,181,000, with a \$36,000 alternative of a canopy at

the front entrance.

Ten other companies bid on the project, which is a combination of adding square footage and remodeling existing space, Sterchi said.

Two other alternatives — a parking lot at the west end of the county-owned hospital on Sudderth Drive and a second smaller parking lot — were dropped as too costly.

The bid came in slightly lower than the \$1.2 million contributed by the county for the work. Two addi-

tional phases are planned in the future.

Commissioner William Schwetmann questioned if the amount would exceed the budget once the gross receipts tax is added, but Sterchi said the cost is covered by a \$300,000 donation from the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary. The donation

also will buy some equipment and furniture, she said.

The project will impact the front entry, the laboratory, the radiology

department, the emergency room and the admitting area, Sterchi said Wednesday.

"A new waiting area will be created for outpatients," she said. "It will affect the appearance of the hospital from the street. There will be a canopy over the main entrance and a circular drive to allow patients to be dropped in front of the hospital."

A new emergency entrance also will be created, allowing two ambulances to back up and unload patients simultaneously, she said, adding that one of the goals of the construction is to streamline the patient flow by clustering departments.

Hospital rehab

Some of the renovations of Lincoln County Memorial Center will include:

- A canopy over the entrance
- A new waiting room
- A new emergency entrance

Proposed Alto subdivision stumbles over error in regulations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new subdivision near Alto is stalled, because of an apparent typing error.

Brady Baxter, under the name of The Hondo Trust, is developing 50 acres across from the Alto Store on Gavilan Canyon.

He plans to divide the land into 10-acre tracts, said Surveyor Tim Collins, who represented Brady at a Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday. Brady owns an additional 85 acres he may develop later, Collins said.

The homesites, under the name of The Preserve subdivision, will use septic tanks and the road will be pri-

vate, maintained by a property owners association, he said.

The stumbling point centered around an apparent error in the county's subdivision regulations that limits the maximum water pumped from domestic well to a half acre foot of water — about 162,925 gallons a year or 400 gallons per day.

Based on that wording, the state Engineer returned a negative opinion on the development.

While the commission could ignore that letter, they were advised by County Attorney Alan Morel they can't ignore their own regulations.

A variance could be approved or the commission could advertise a hearing to change the language, he said.

The figure cited probably was meant to reflect the minimum amount of water per lot that a developer would have to prove was available for a subdivision, he said.

State law allows for three acre feet of water per year for a domestic well, or more than one million gallons.

While county regulations could be more restrictive, consumption would be difficult and costly to monitor, especially in a larger subdivision, he said.

"That wouldn't be enough water to have a garden," Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said, referring to the half acre foot maximum per well. "We probably need to revisit and change the language."

Before the commission rushes into a change, someone should research

the minutes and determine what the commission meant to do by using that figure or if it was a mistake, Chairman Rex Wilson said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell agreed, saying the ordinance shouldn't be changed to accommodate one subdivision.

However, he'd like to see the county be consistent with state regulations, he said.

Any change in the law is a 90-day process, Morel said.

If the commission ignores its own ordinance, the district attorney or attorney general could step in and enforce it, he said.

Collins asked if he could request a variance at the commission meeting, but Morel said the request must be in

writing and that the granting of variances is very restrictive.




It can't represent a wholesale change in some requirement.

Collins pointed out that commissioners approved another subdivision two months ago without a variance that also used domestic wells.

Even if the figure is just a typo error, it requires a hearing and vote, Morel said.

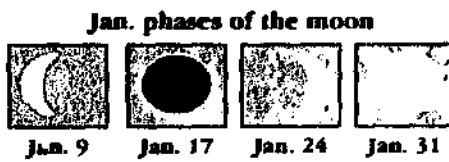
Commissioners tabled the petition until the next special or regular meeting, directed Morel to begin the hearing process to review the wording and told Brady he has the option in the meantime to apply for a variance.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

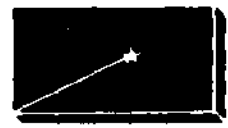
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	58	22	.trace
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Thursday	50	18	.00"
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
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Carrizozo Schools staff in the 1930s.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

White Oaks Eagle
Jan. 19, 1899

Ramon Ulibarri and Augustine Chavez were respectively elected Justice of the Peace and Constable of Precinct 10, on the 9th. Deus omnia regit, and the G. O. P. is still doing business under the same old formula in Rabenton. At 2:30 p.m. Friday after-

noon at the Methodist church will be conducted a missionary prayer service. "The Needs of Woman in Heathen Lands" will be considered. All ladies cordially invited to attend. It is reported here that Mrs. E. W. Hulbert and daughter of Lincoln have smallpox. Mrs. Hulbert and children came out from Fort Scott, Kan. to join their husband and father at Lincoln a short time ago. If the news is authentic, they are experiencing a very unfortunate introduction to New Mexico.

Arabela fire district still in air

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Until an agreement is signed, sealed and delivered on land for an Arabela substation, Lincoln County Commissioners say they can't move forward on creating a new fire district for that community.

For his first official assignment since taking his oath of office earlier this month, new Commissioner Rick Simpson was asked Tuesday to work with Arabela residents to resolve issues.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he has problems with a proposed 25-year lease submitted by Arabela Fire Chief Fernando Montoya, who also owns the land on which the fire station was built. Arabela is about 23 miles east and then 18 miles north of Ruidoso.

Although commissioners declined to go through the agreement page by page, Morel said it would require the county to pay utilities.

"All the other (fire) districts are self-supporting," he said.

Arabela broke away from the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department last year in a disagreement about how the then-substation in Arabela should be equipped. Tuesday, assistant fire chief Don Kotowski presented a request to create the fire district. He backed up the need by showing the average response time on fire calls from Hondo, the number of people who have volunteered to be firefighters and by listing 200 residents in 58 homes in the area.

The fire station was built on Montoya's land, but a lease never was signed and Montoya never deeded over the land to the county.

"Years ago I prepared a deed to the property where the building is located," Morel said. "There was a survey. They were sent to Mr. Montoya and sat there. It was never signed. The building was built on property we never owned."

Morel rejected a statement by Kotowski that the building became Montoya's property when it was not removed within 45 days after Arabela was canceled as a substation.

"I've prepared three or four versions (of a lease or sale) and none were signed. There's no 45 day provision. We've tried to negotiate with everyone in the valley and always end up coming through you," he told

Kotowski "I've only had one conversation with Mr. Montoya."

In other action, commissioners:

- Rejected a proposal for property tax rebates to benefit low income property owners. By law, the commission must consider the proposal every two years. To shift the tax burden, an additional tax would have to be imposed, Commissioner L. Ray Nunley pointed out.

- Approved the low bid of \$19,299 from Ruidoso Ford for each of two, four-wheel drive Ford pickups with extended cabs for the county assessor's office.

- Approved a low bid by Nextlink Affinity based in Santa Fe for long distance telephone service at 8.5 cents a minute for regular long distance and 8.98 cents a minute for the county's 800-687-2705 number.

- Agreed at next month's meeting to set a hearing date to review proposed changes to the Extra Territorial Zoning ordinance, which governs development in a one mile area around the perimeter of Ruidoso. Commissioner Wilton Howell, chairman of the ETZ Authority said members of the ETZ Commission, which recommends action to the Authority, are concerned about the lack of enforcement, licensing procedures and overlapping of responsibility of the two boards. Howell said the proposed changes fail to address an industrial area or a reasonable variance procedure. He urged commissioners to consider adding a staff person to help county planner Patsy Sanchez.

- Approved names for previously unnamed private roads as part of the county's rural addressing system. A road at mile marker 14 off State Road 48 will be Canaan Trail and a side road will be Canaan Place. A road off Santiago Drive in Ranches of Sonterra subdivision will be Santiago Lane. A road off County Road 22 will be Falcon Peak.

- Directed Morel to negotiate with attorney David Stevens on a fee for representing four elected officials seeking raises last month. Howell voted against the motion, saying "I don't feel we should be paying attorney's fee of a group who sought an attorney to support raises."

CLARIFICATION

A Wednesday story concerning an affordable housing project in Ruidoso Downs should have said the entire Ruidoso Downs Village Council on Monday appeared supportive of a proposed affordable apartment complex as well as of the opinion that Alan Morel, an attorney representing the landowner, had not misrepresented the project to them at an earlier

council session.

A Wednesday story on bones found off Gavilan Canyon Road should have ended with ... "If it's on private land, they could be charged with trespass," Davis said. "If they take anything, the charge is theft, but just to disturb a marked or unmarked grave is a fourth-degree felony."

Paradise Canyon Road accident injures two people

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An accident at the intersection of Paradise Canyon and Country Club resulted in two individuals being injured with one of them treated at the University of New Mexico Hospital, according to police.

Franklin Sayner was driving north on Country Club and swerved to miss a red pickup truck coming out of the intersection at Paradise Canyon. He then tried to avoid the second vehicle, driven by David Glass of Capitan, but was unable to do so, said Ruidoso Police Sgt. Randy Spear. The left front of Sayner's vehicle hit the left side of Glass's, causing it to spin out of control and make a 360-degree turn, sliding backwards off the road. Sayner's vehicle spun 160 degrees and ran into a power pole.

Glass was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center and later taken by ambulance to the University of New Mexico Hospital for treatment and was released Tuesday, said Spear.

Sayner was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment and released the same day.

Glass's vehicle was heavily damaged on the left side and moderately damaged on the right side. Sayner's vehicle was heavily damaged at the front end. The power pole was not damaged.

Glass was cited for failing to yield the right of way, and contributing factors checked by Spear were driver inattention, speed too fast for conditions, and other improper driving.

FINANCES: Little things add up

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We don't want to raise taxes."

In reviewing county finances with commissioners, who were sitting as the county finance board, Park said, "For the first time in 1 1/2 years, we're comfortable - not fat - but we're gaining some reserves."

The county has between \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimated in reserves above state requirements, she said. For \$3.1 million of expenditures in the general fund, which is the general operating budget of the county, the state wants about \$775,000 set aside. In the \$1.1 million road fund, \$95,400 is held in reserve.

Being conservative on estimates about the amount of interest to be earned on county money deposited in interest-bearing accounts helped the county, she said. At the 50 percent point of the year, \$80,709 has been earned or 67 percent of what she budgeted, Park said.

"But I didn't change the amount anticipated on my mid-year budget because interest

rates are so volatile," she said.

A small thing like including an envelope for people to encourage them to pay their full annual property tax in November, instead of splitting payment, has resulted in a much greater return of full payments than in years past, Park said. That means money can be placed in the bank earlier to earn interest - another plus.

Her conservative approach to budgeting revenues has served the county well, Park pointed out with an illustration showing that since fiscal year 1994-95, she has collected as high as 107 percent of what she estimated in tax revenues.

The general fund fared the best overall with as high as 105 percent of what she budgeted in revenue from all sources. But when all funds are figured, collections dropped below 100 percent over the last four fiscal years. The lowest year was 1997-98, which ended June 30, 1998, when the county collected only 92 percent of what it had budgeted in revenues, \$8.4 million compared to \$9.1 million budgeted.

NEWS BRIEFS

SWA meets Tuesday

An update on illegal dumping of garage and debris is on the agenda of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meeting for Tuesday.

The meeting begins at 2

p.m. in the authority office on Second Street in Ruidoso Downs.

Other items include election of officers, further discussion of the use of proxy voting, budget revisions and an update on a package of funding requests to the state Legislature.

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Governor proposes major income tax cut

SANTA FE — Gov. Gary Johnson will ask the Legislature to take action on a personal income tax cut for New Mexicans during the lawmaking session that starts Jan. 19.

The governor's tax cut proposal would cut personal income tax revenue by about \$100 million or 12 percent. It would be phased in over a period of three years. The tax cut will include collapse-

ing the current rate structure from seven tax brackets to two. Currently, the top income bracket is 8.2 percent and the lowest is 1.7 percent.

Under the new two-tiered rate schedule, the top bracket would be 6.8 percent and the lower bracket 3 percent.

Johnson proposed a "zero bracket," which will allow lower income taxpayers to

escape the income tax altogether. The zero bracket amount is \$5,000 for married taxpayers, \$2,500 for single filers and \$4,000 for taxpayers qualifying as unmarried head of household. Approximately 80,000 lower income filers with taxable incomes within the zero bracket level would no longer owe tax or have to file tax returns.

Other benefits of the per-

sonal income tax proposal include a reduction in the so-called "marriage tax penalty." Because of a restructuring of the rate schedule, particularly the zero bracket proposal, couples filing joint returns would generally see a greater tax cut than a single person. The "marriage penalty" is the additional tax owed when a change of filing status from "single" to "married filing jointly" occurs.

TUNERAKS DEATHS

Ruth W. Evans

Ruth Winifred Evans, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 at the Lompoc Nursing Center in Lompoc, Calif.

Mrs. Evans lived for several years in Ruidoso with her daughter, Ruth Kelley, who died Dec. 20, 1998.

She was born April 18, 1912, in Paris, Texas, and was the daughter of Winifred and Cordelia (McKinney) Barrett. She was later raised by the Chamberlin family.

She married Cress B. Evans on Aug. 17, 1928. Their family spent their working years in Taos and Santa Fe, and her husband died Feb. 3, 1983.

Survivors include sons Bob Evans of San Antonio, Texas, and Frank Evans of Dodge City, Kan.; a daughter, Judy Fink of Lompoc, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her cremated remains were buried in the national cemetery in Santa Fe.

Arrangements were by Starbuck-Lind Mortuary, Lompoc, Calif.

Melvin Kanseah

The funeral Mass for Melvin Kanseah, 59, of Mescalero, will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Mission with the Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiating.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery. Prayer services were on Jan. 14.

Mr. Kanseah died Monday, Jan. 11, in Alamogordo.

He was born Jan. 18, 1939, in Mescalero and lived there all of his life.

He was a member of the "Red Hats" and worked for H.U.D. on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Survivors include his daughter, Melanie Kanseah of Mescalero; a stepdaughter, Kathleen Spitty of Mescalero; brothers Morris and Joseph Kanseah, both of Mescalero; a sister, Francine Burgess of Mescalero; nine nephews; and four nieces.

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

Just ducky



These ducks seem right at home at Alto Lake, despite the nearby road work on State Road 48, which is being realigned in the area.

Five in running for school board seats; public forum Wednesday

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A meet-the-candidates forum for the Ruidoso School Board election will be Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Ruidoso High School Cafeteria, said Superintendent Mike Gladden at a school board meeting Wednesday.

The schools and the Ruidoso Education Association are sponsoring the forum. Candidates will be given a list of questions, and also will take questions from the audience.

The election is Feb. 2. The following candidates are running for six-year terms:

Ron Lewis and incumbent Susan Lutterman for position 1; Frank Sayner and Mike Lynch for position 2; Ronnie Hemphill, incumbent, unopposed for position 3.

The "Blue Ribbon Committee" that supports bond elections will meet at White Mountain Elementary at 5 p.m. Jan. 21 to tour the new facilities and have a meeting on the bond issue to be on the election ballot.

Frank Cannella, principal of White Mountain Elementary, informed the board that the school's ski program is being renewed and will start up Jan. 26. Tuesday mornings will be normal school days, he said, and parents will check their children out at lunch

time and take them to Ski Apache.

He said notes would be going out with students today and must be returned by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Lift tickets for students will be \$2, the same price as 30 years ago, and ski instruction will cost \$2. The total cost per child, including lessons, is \$9, he said.

Captain, Carrizozo, Tularosa and Hondo schools also are participating, Cannella said, so in all between 1,100 and 1,200 children will be skiing.

Angelica Figueroa proposed to the school board small groups for assemblies in the schools to discuss suicide prevention, provide resources and hotlines, and inform students of signs and symptoms.

Gladden said the topic needs to be approached with caution, while thinking of what's best for the kids, and added that there is \$7,000 available for the school-based health center and some of that money could be used for suicide prevention if this was decided.

Gladden also said classes have moved into the White Mountain building addition, and that it rained and the roof didn't leak. He said the middle school gym is expected to be completed by March 5 and the high school gym by April 9.

Third policeman hired for Capitan

CAPITAN — Albert Padilla Jr. officially was hired by the village of Capitan Monday, although he has been on the job as a police officer for about two weeks.

He brings the town's police force to three, including Chief Carrol Durbin.

Village trustees also approved a town master plan put together by Dennis Engineering with money from a Community Development Block Grant. It outlines water and waste water service status and needs, annexation procedures, subdivision regulations, fire protection, flood plain designation, current state, county

and local laws, and road issues, among other topics.

In other action, the trustees:

- Announced that a roll-off container for yard waste and large items will be stationed at village hall by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority starting at 8 a.m. Saturday and thereafter, every third Saturday of the month.

- Approved a change in the franchise of Rifkin Cable to reflect its change of name to Interlink Communication Partners.

- Picked Riley Industrial from Farmington to inspect five water storage tanks for any needed repairs.

- Decided to set a special meeting next week to discuss if the village should spend \$12,500 for John Underwood to act as its lobbyist in Santa Fe during the state Legislative session that starts Tuesday.

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Saturday, January 30 9:00a - 4:00p
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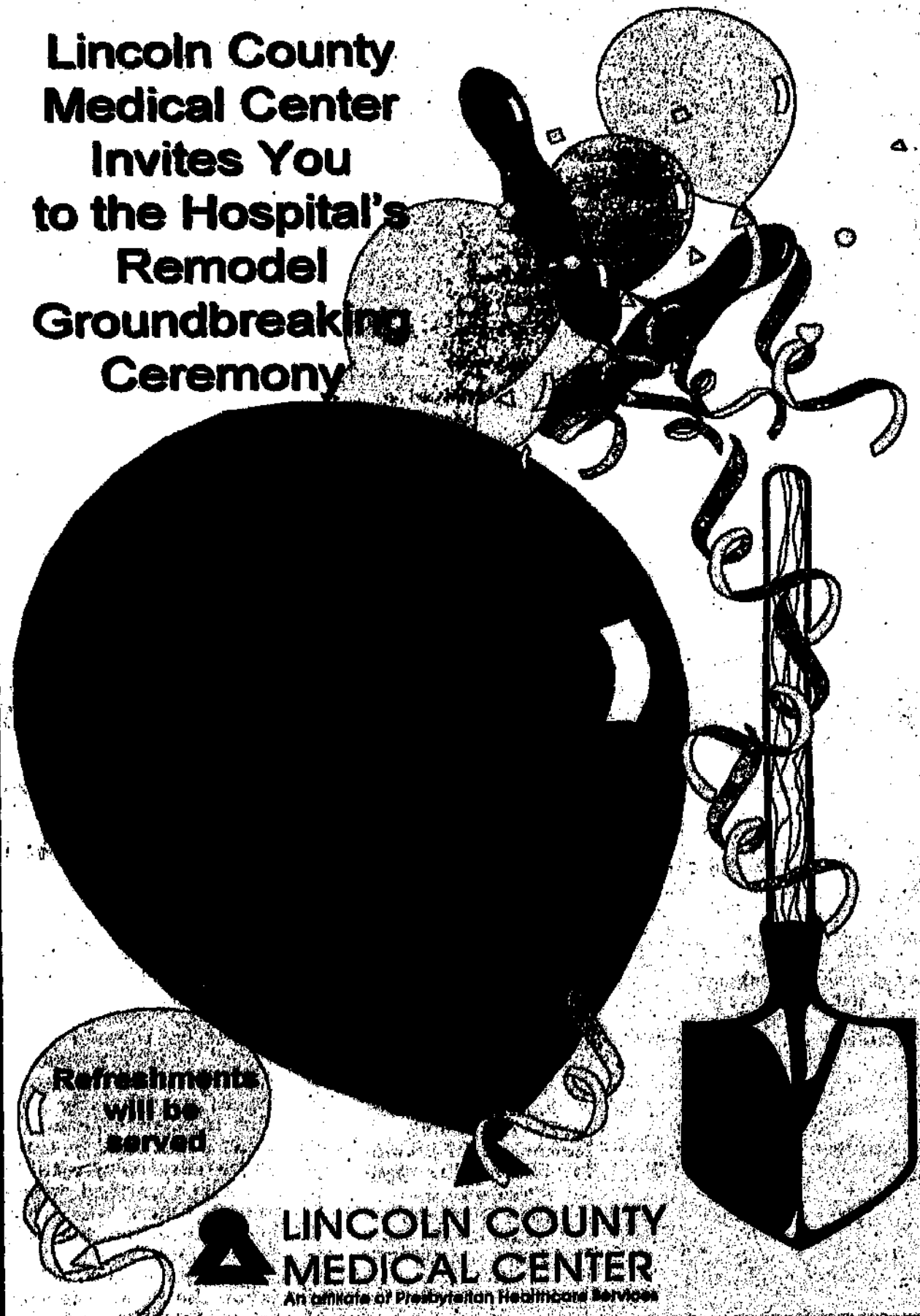
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Career Expo hosts and sponsors include: ENMU-Roswell, Chaves County Career Center, Roswell Chamber of Commerce, N.M. Dept. of Labor, Chaves County Income Support Division, U.S. Department of Labor Tech Training Program, City of Roswell, Chaves County, Roswell Independent School District, N.M. Rural Payday (U.S. Senator Pete Domenici), U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Kaplan@Work
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OUR OPINION

What a splendid New Year's resolution

Whether it's implied by a lack of fireworks, or merely wishful thinking, the Lincoln County Commission appears to be a kinder, gentler board than has been the case in recent months — at least in its first meeting of the new year.

Rex Wilson, the new commission chairman, is encouraging cooperation as a replacement for the dubious 1998 operating mode, characterized more by ill temper and obscenity than cooperation. (Some may recall that during the year past, Wilson appeared to be the only commissioner who did his homework before a meeting.)

New commissioner Rick Simpson, who had served a term as this decade began, conceivably could provide a fresh perspective for some of the issues held over from last year, like a jail site, salaries and taxes.

Commissioner William Schwettmann insists that what's gone on in the past is past. That is encouraging, since more than once he provided the spark that lit the fires in '98.

Commissioner Wilton Howell, of course, made no promises. He takes the position that if some heat is required to shed light on an issue, so be it. That may be, but too much heat also generates smoke, and under those conditions it's hard to see very far ahead.

So in 1999, the rest of us would like to plead for a little something — if nothing else — that has been missing for almost a solid year when commissioners gather: Civility.

Ah, civilization

With renewed pomp, the House managers of the impeachment case against President William Jefferson Clinton on Thursday began presenting to all 100 members of the Senate sitting as jurors all the old-hat evidence everybody with access to a newspaper or television set has heard, *ad nauseam*, for months.

The president, if nothing else, should give credit to the prosperity of the nation and the civilizing influence of mass communication technology as his trial for high crimes and misdemeanors begins.

Assuming the managers can't convince at least 67 senators that the president should be removed from office, it won't be because of lack of evidence (well, maybe lack of live witnesses); it will be because our jaded, prosperous people care so little about the fundamentals of Constitutional democracy.

Had that happened in Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory, in the last century — well, Al Gore at this point already would have assumed the highest office in the land. But we weren't civilized then, were we?



A vision is necessary for a growing community

To the editor:

We would like to thank the Mayor and the Village Council for bringing forward...a well defined vision and direction for the community. All too often we have witnessed inconclusive debates on growth...obscuring the fact that the market place dictates growth... Our only real choice is between planned or unplanned (growth) and we all must live with the results.

A...defined vision of what we hope to be and how we can get there enhances...our economic...personal and aesthetic goals... Mayor (Robert) Donaldson articulated this very well as he addressed the need for a sense of community... By...self-regulating decisions such as impact fees, extraterritorial zoning, affordable housing...we set the stage for positive long-term growth...

What type of growth are we soliciting? Concerned (people) who are willing to pay for a "sustainable" quality of life, or those who seek to...exploit the area? ...The

YOUR OPINION

latter has and is happening in too many communities today.... This happened to our former community. We speak from experience.

A varied and balanced demographic makeup is essential for a healthy community. Only look to Mexico or Santa Fe and other such communities to see where only "haves and have-nots" will take us. Beware of what you ask for, you might just get it! Don't be afraid to set high standards and ask tough questions. We have the opportunity to be proactive as opposed to reactive, which has characterized the development of Ruidoso and Lincoln County to date. Will we ignore the very advice and standards we espouse to raise our children with?

Dan & Sandy Riordan
Ruidoso

Education needs support by everybody, always

To the editor:

Education is a needed tool for any society to maintain and sustain a high standard of living. School bonds for construction of infrastructure are necessary if we

are to have educational opportunities for our citizens.

Students in today's highly technical world have needs that were unheard of 20 years ago; those demands will continue into the 21st Century. All of us need to support the needs for education in our community and state, so that the future of our children and grandchildren is assured.

Please support and vote for school bond issues in your community!

W. C. "Dub" Williams
Glencoe

Emergency services work

To the editor:

We would like to thank the paramedics and fire department for the wonderful care Hubert had early Jan. 1. Our hospital personnel and everyone involved were just wonderful.

We really appreciate Ruidoso and our emergency care, hospital and our Ruidoso Baptist Church and Pastor Wayne Joyce.

Ruidoso is a great place to live....

Violet & Hubert
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Ruidoso

Vanity says so much

We've seen many wonderful "vanity plates" gracing the bumpers of automobiles all over the state, often as not making the driver's personal statement about the passing scene or complimenting a girlfriend or spouse, maybe even touting a favorite beer.

Sometimes they brag. Once in Santa Fe (naturally) we saw a plate proclaiming **PORSCHIE1**. In the same driveway on another vehicle was **PORSCHIE2**.

Sometimes an owner merely advertises his own name, or the name of his business — probably thereby removing the likelihood that he'll do a bank heist and use that car for the getaway.

Others that stick in our memory made such statements as: **BUGOFF**, **ILUVU2**, **NUTS2U**, **GONFSHN**...

Many such crop up in New Mexico, probably because the state has a low charge for manufacturing special plates. Linda Thompson, at the Ruidoso Motor Vehicle Division office, says the fee is just \$15 on top of the regular registration cost.

Is that something the new Legislature should look into? After all, New Mexico has contracted with a company in Canada to manufacture plates. Might putting a \$50 surcharge on vanity plates have kept our prison inmates busy a few years longer?

Considering the fact that a couple of times we've seen obscenities on such plates, the state might try a sliding scale—maybe \$1000 for the "F" word—without infringing on anybody's First Amendment rights.

Our favorite recent vanity plate sighting in Ruidoso was on a big SUV parked at the post office. That plate merely proclaimed **RIADOSA**, which says a whole lot about many things, and might take another column to analyze.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

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From 1888, when he made his first great discovery, to 1910, when he died violently, Richard Wetherill avidly collected pieces of a huge jigsaw puzzle that scientists are still working to put together. He had discovered the abandoned cities

FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS



BY MORROW
HALL
SYNCHRONIZED COLUMNIST

how he started. But he grew up along with the sciences of archaeology and anthropology, and as he learned of new methods, he put them to use.

Wetherill is probably so frequently dismissed because he wrote no scholarly treatises. But he kept copious, detailed notes about what he found, and those notes, along with the artifacts he unearthed, were essential to others who worked to piece together the way the Anasazi lived.

The Anasazi were long gone when the Spaniards came, but no one knew how long. It wasn't

until after Wetherill's death that a simple method was developed to make that determination. It relied on the obvious fact that the weather in this part of the world is inconsistent.

In some years it rains a lot. In others, drought rules. Each season is recorded by living trees in the natural rings that can be viewed and catalogued when a cross-section is taken.

Luckily, trees live a long time — some for hundreds of years. It was discovered that when a tree was cut down its stump was a record of the seasons it had lived through. Other stumps from the same area had the same pattern. Good years made fat rings and dry years made thin ones. The resulting configuration was like a written history of local precipitation.

In this way, the beams and other wood artifacts from the Anasazi ruins could be accurately dated, and the duration of the Anasazi presence could be established.

We now know that the civilization Wetherill discovered lasted only about 250 years. It started about 900 AD and had moved on by about 1150.

The skeletons and artifacts of the Cliff Dwellers that Wetherill found had certain similarities. They apparently placed their infants in cradle boards, which resulted in flattening their skulls at the rear. Their pottery and clothing exhibited common features; their

sandals, for example, had a distinctive hook for the little toe.

In 1893, Wetherill discovered an earlier culture. The remains and artifacts were significantly different from those of the Cliff Dwellers, and they were found in layers beneath the Anasazi ruins.

By recognizing this layering, Wetherill was utilizing a method that archaeologists now call "stratigraphy." It was the first time in the Southwest that it was recognized that one group of people built upon the ruins of an older group. Now we realize that this was extremely common, all over the world. Sometimes one ruin will be found under which many others are discovered, and now the depth at which an artifact is taken is considered as important as any other aspect of its placement.

The remains Wetherill found below the Cliff Dweller ruins — and later in undisturbed sites of their own — were different from the Anasazi. They were taller, and their skulls were not deformed. Their sandals were square-cut. They had no pottery, but made a variety of baskets.

Wetherill's expeditions for several years were financed by Talbot and Fred Hyde of New York, wealthy heirs of the Babbitt soap company founder. When Wetherill discovered this older culture, he wrote to Talbot Hyde:

"I named the cliff dwellers, and you should have the honor

at least of naming these, since it is your expedition."

Wetherill suggested "basket people," but Hyde chose "basket makers," and that name stuck.

Richard Wetherill found his Cliff Dwellers' ruins in Mesa Verde, in southwestern Colorado, and later discovered Anasazi sites in southeastern Utah and northeastern Arizona. Next he was to prove that a very different kind of structure had been built by the same people.

Next week: Chaco Canyon.

Elsewhere: In 1893, the year Wetherill found his "basket people," the longest recorded boxing match was held in New Orleans. Andy Bowen and Jack Bark went 110 rounds in seven hours and four minutes.

Write columnist Hall at P.O. Box 631, Estancia, NM 87016-0631, or e-mail:

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Capitan schools forum set

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Residents of Capitan are invited to meet the Capitan School Board candidates and to learn about the Capitan school bond issue next week.

With school board elections coming up Feb. 2, the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers will host Meet the Candidates Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in Traylor Gym.

"They'll have the six individuals up on stage and they have a prepared list of questions they'll be asking them," said Diana Billingsley, superintendent of schools.

"If time, they will allow questions from the audience, but we don't want it to go too long, we want it to be 2 to 2 1/2 hours," she said.

The candidates for Position 3 are John McGrath and Grant Dean; for Position 4, Ervin Aldaz, Joel Crossano and Gary Tregembo; and for Position 5, incumbent James Hobbs.

Billingsley said between 50

and 60 people from the community usually attend Meet the Candidates Night.

The school bond issue will be the focus of a walking tour of the present and proposed facilities. The tour will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. The person handling the proposed bond issue, will meet with community members to answer tax questions, said Billingsley.

The Capitan School Board voted Nov. 5 to put a \$5,750,000 bond question for new facilities and site development for voter approval on Feb. 2.

For the next two weeks elementary classrooms will hold open house at 5:30 p.m. for parents to discuss curriculum and the bond issue with teachers of elementary classes, Billingsley said. The schedule is Jan. 18 - fifth grade; Jan. 19 - fourth grade; Jan. 21 - third grade; Jan. 25 - second grade; Jan. 26 - first grade; Jan. 28 - kindergarten; Jan. 29 - open house all day; Jan. 30 - all classrooms open house for the community.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Criminal complaint filed against local man

The Ruidoso Police Department reports that a criminal complaint was filed against Summer Swenson, 21, of Cariera Lane in Ruidoso for aggravated battery against a Capitan resident in the Win Place and Show Bar at 1:45 a.m. on Jan. 9.

Burglar gets electronics at Sleepy Hollow home. Unknown suspects broke into a house on Sleepy Hollow Drive, between noon on Jan. 8 and 6:15 a.m. on Jan. 9 and took televisions, VCRs and a microwave, police report.

Besides taking a Sharp microwave oven from the kitchen, a Trinitron 27-inch television from the master bedroom, a Sanyo VCR, a 27-inch General Electric television from the living room entertainment center and a Magnavox VCR, beer was also taken from a kitchen cabinet, according to the report.

The suspects pried open the rear door, using what looked like a large, flat-blade screwdriver, damaging the door and dead-bolt lever and the door frame, police said.

They found three separate sets of tracks on the east side of the house leading to the front of the house and are investigating the burglary.

Liquor lifted from Walgreens

A bottle of Smirnoff vodka was shoplifted from Walgreen's at 138 Sudderth Drive at 7:20 p.m. on Jan. 9, police report.

The clerk told police he saw a man with baggy clothes, a long goatee, a ponytail and a ball cap go into the liquor department, take a bottle of Smirnoff vodka and put it into his pants. The suspect walked out of the department, saw the clerk and almost dropped the bottle.

He then left the building and got into a green Chevrolet Cavalier with a black bra and

drove toward Ruidoso Downs, according to the police report. A witness told police the man appeared to be very intoxicated. Police are still investigating this case.

Racquet Court house burglarized

A black 36-inch television and a black Emerson VCR were taken from a home on Racquet Court between 1 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sept. 8, police report.

The screen covering the kitchen window in the back had been cut in one corner and removed.

Air compressor stolen

A 20-gallon tank Hausfeld air compressor was taken from a storage building on the 800 block of Wingfield Street between 8 a.m. on Jan. 9 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 13, according to police reports.

Police report that a bear rug valued at \$750 was stolen

by unknown renters from a Condotel-managed property on Valley View sometime between September and Dec. 11.

Mail boxes damaged

Four residents on L.L. Davis Drive and residents on Jack Little Drive and Willie Horton Drive reported to police that their mailboxes were damaged sometime between early Jan. 9 and 8:45 a.m. Jan. 10.

Refrigerator stolen

A refrigerator was stolen from a porch on Mesalero Trail, according to Ruidoso police reports.

A white, full-size refrigerator with a top ice box, value unknown was reported stolen between 8 a.m. Jan. 6 and 9 a.m. Jan. 7. There are no known suspects and the owner was out of town when the refrigerator was taken.

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New council looks at welfare reform for Lincoln and Otero

ALAMOGORDO — The New Mexico Human Services Department, in partnership with the Department of Labor, has announced the creation of a Welfare Reform Community Council for Otero and Lincoln counties to guide efforts in welfare reform in those counties.

According to a press release, the Otero/Lincoln Council is one of 19 such organizations being created throughout the state.

The purposes of the organizations is to provide private sector input to the state Human Services Department and the state's Department of Labor to assist with the implementation of welfare reform. The first meeting of the council occurred on Jan. 12 in Alamogordo. Members reviewed the demographics of welfare recipients in the council area and outlined a plan of work to be accomplished during the next four months.

The local councils, with the assistance of the state departments, will analyze the demographics and needs of

current welfare recipients, assess existing educational, economic and labor market resources, and formulate a plan that makes recommendations for initiatives that can help implement a successful welfare to work program for all recipients.

The Otero/Lincoln Council was organized by Richard Barbaras under a special contract with the state. Members include Joan Zagone from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Tracy Walton of KBUY/KWES Radio in Ruidoso, Jim Smith of the First Christian Church, John Shendo of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Ann Phillips of Ruidoso State Bank, Ed Gonzales of Wal Mart in Ruidoso Downs, Linda Collins of Otero County, Susan Moss of the Otero County Economic Development Center, and Wayne Martin of Vision Ford in Alamogordo.

For more information about the council, call Barbaras at (505) 434-1628 or contact any of the other council members.

Agent recognized as 'Realtor of the Year'

Rose Peebles, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, has been named the 1998 Realtor of the Year by the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, according to a release from the board.

A real estate agent since 1981, Peebles has a broker's license as well as special education designations granted by the National Association of Realtors.

The annual award is given to a member of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors who best exemplifies the real estate agent's spirit and professionalism within local, state and national real estate organizations. Other criteria include notable business accomplishments and active involvement in civic and community events and organizations.

The award was given to Peebles at the Ruidoso Board of Realtors Christmas party Dec. 19 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Peebles has been active in both local and state real estate organizations and has held a number of leadership positions. She served as a director of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors from 1986 to 1989, as president from 1989 to 1990 and as vice president from 1995 to 1996. She has served on many committees,

including the Ruidoso Board's Legislative Committee since 1995 and is serving on the Professional Standards Committee.

Along with several other real estate agents in New Mexico, Peebles is a member of "On Common Ground," a group that acts as a liaison with other organizations and businesses interested in real estate.

She was appointed by the Ruidoso Board to serve on the Realtors Association of New Mexico Board of Directors for the 1997-1998 term and again for the 1998-99 term.

From 1985 to 1991, Peebles co-chaired the golf scramble benefiting "Casa Esperanza," and has served as a board member and concert chairman for the Ruidoso Community Concert Association since 1997.

She was instrumental in the establishment of ambulance services in Lincoln County and served as an elder for several years at the First Christian Church.

A sub-division regulation and land-use development watchdog, Peebles has attended countless village, county and state governmental meetings to protect and advocate the rights of local property owners, she release said. Recently, she



Rose Peebles, 1998 Realtor of the Year, with her husband, Jim Peebles.

served on an advisory committee to the village of Ruidoso regarding development impact fees.

She was born in Plainview, Texas, and grew up in Petersburg, Texas. She attended South Plains College on a basketball

scholarship and continued her college education at San Marcos and Texas Tech, where she received a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is married to Jim Peebles, a construction contractor. They have two children — J.B., 15, and Paige, 7.

Commission makes appointments to a variety of county boards

Lincoln County's newest commissioner, Rick Simpson, will represent the county on the Solid Waste Authority, a coalition of the county and four of its communities that collects and disposes of garbage.

The authority board was downsized and the number of county representatives was cut from two to one when the village of Ruidoso started collecting its own garbage.

Commissioners Tuesday appointed or reappointed a long list of people to county boards or as representatives of the county on other boards. They are:

• John McGrath, Frances

Gallegos and Reg Richey to the Historical Preservation Board.

• Julie Sterchi from alternate to full member on the Health and Wellness Advisory Board.

• Tom Trost and Johnnie Romero to the Enhanced 911 Committee.

• Connie Hopper as emergency program manager.

• Don Hawley to replace E.J. Fouratt on the Road Review Committee.

• Frank Sayner to the Labor Relations Board.

• John Ashcroft, Van Paten and J. A. Junge to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

• Commissioner Rex Wilton to serve with Commissioner Wilton Howell on the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.

• Doyle C. Howell to the Property Tax Protest Board.

• Matt Ferguson, Tony Seno, John Hemphill, Hollis Fuchs and Duane Frost to the Public Land Use Advisory Council.

• Commissioner William Schwetzmahn to the Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board.

• Commissioner L. Ray Nunley with County Manager Tom Stewart as an alternate on the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development

Council.

• Christine Volquardsen, Mike Long and John Van Winkle to the county Lodgers Tax Committee.

• Mary and Bart Young, Dorothy Payne and Henry Ernest to the Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

• Sharon Wells and Patty Reynolds Glencoe Rural Events Advisory Board.

• Duane Frost and Pamela Lewis to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

• Larry Wimbrow as Census 200 county coordinator.



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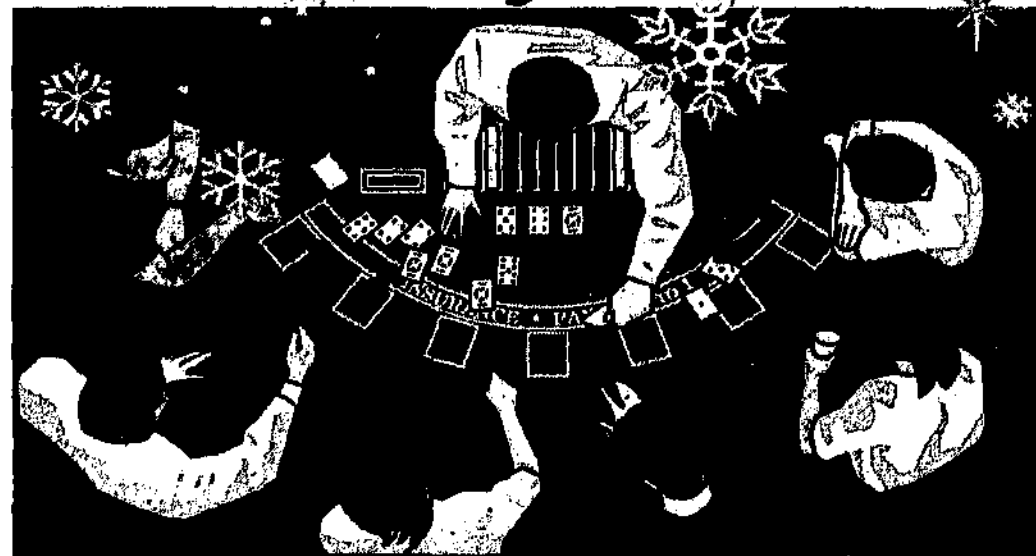


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Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:
• Heavy snow this week: 5 inches
• Trails open: 50 of 55
• Lifts open: All lifts (19 of 21) except Chair 6, which serves the Apache Bowl
• Snow depth on open trails: 22 inches
• Surface conditions: Packed powder
• Skiing conditions: Fair to good on upper mountain and excellent on lower mountain
• Snowmaking: Yes

This week

Saturday
Girls basketball
Capitan vs. Tatum, 6 p.m.
Hondo at Ruidoso JV, 1:30 p.m.
Boys basketball
Capitan vs. Tatum, 7:30 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Goddard, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Monday
Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at NMJ, 7:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Saturday, Jan. 9
Wrestling
Carlsbad Invitational
Top 10 Team scores (out of 18)
1. Los Lunas 266, 2. Santa Fe 184.5, 3. Carlsbad "Blue" 148.5, 4. Belen 135, 5. Albuquerque 97, 6. Deming 90.5, 7. Rio Rancho 87.5, 8. Manzano 64, 9. Hobbs 43, 10. Ruidoso 42.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Boys basketball
Tularosa 82, Ruidoso 55
Ruidoso 14 8 15 18 55
Tularosa 18 13 20 31 82
Halftime score: Tularosa 31, Ruidoso 22
Leading scorers: T - David Pirelo 24, Cody May 10, Sam Blazer 10; R - Aaron Gillespie 12, Faron Palmer 10, Records: Ruidoso 6-6, Tularosa 12-0, JV - T 52, R 47
Hagerman 55, Capitan 52

Girls basketball
Santa Teresa 71, Mesalero 43

Ruidoso 50, Tularosa 47
Tularosa 8 16 15 8 47
Ruidoso 10 12 19 9 50
Halftime score: Tularosa 24, Ruidoso 22
Leading scorers: Mandin Spence 21, Patty Ramos 9, Sarah Fromknecht 8, T - J. Voorbach 15, L. Cavazos 9.

Capitan 77, NMJ 27
NMJ 12 6 0 9 27
Capitan 16 24 18 19 77
Halftime score: Capitan 40, NMJ 18
Leading scorers: C - Krystal Roybal 18, Eryn Aubrey 16, Lindsey Bush 11, Alicia Garcia 10.

Pecking Order

AP Boys Basketball Top 10	Record	Pts.	Pct.
Class AAA			
1. Los Alamos(5)	8-3	91	5
2. Taos (1)	6-2	79	1
3. Thoreau (4)	9-1	75	3
4. Robertson(1)	6-3	69	4
5. St. Pius	6-3	65	6
6. Socorro	7-4	64	2
7. Silver	5-5	36	8
8. Lovington	5-6	26	7
9. Shiprock	6-4	18	9
10. Ruidoso	6-6	16	-
(tie) St. Michael's	4-5	16	-
Other receiving votes: Alb. Academy 15, Pojoaque 12, Kirt. Central 10, Wingate 10, Artesia 2, Portales 1.			

On deck

Knights of Columbus FT Contest
Free-throw contest for girls and boys, ages 10-14, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Entry blanks are available at the schools or at Richard Mound's office, located at the ReMax Center. For more information call Dick Mound at 258-5526.

Fishing report

Fishable waters
Streams: Ruidoso, Boritto, Hondo, Penasco
Fly selection for streams:
• Sizes 14 to 18
• Dries - elk hair caddis, some beats and some midges.
• Nymphs - pheasant tails, prince's, gold ribbed hairs and green rock worms. Streamers are muddlers, woolly worms and zonkers.
Lakes: Alto, Lake Mesalero, Grindstone Reservoir.
Fly selections for lakes:
• Sizes 12 to 22
• Dries - midges in the 20s, elk hair caddis and some action on beats.
• Nymphs - big pheasant tails, some large prince's and egg patterns. Streamers or prop flies, muddlers and woolly buggers.
Stream flows have decreased dramatically. Ice build-up in streams has affected fishing. Fishing has been best in the middle of the day. The streams have had huge nymph populations. Fish are well fed and hard to catch. Most of the fishable lakes have been primarily ice free. Fish have been scattered and cruising the banks mid-day.
Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

Reclassification alters RHS from David to Goliath

Ruidoso will stay in Class AAA and bids farewell to Artesia, Lovington and Silver - all of whom will move up to Class AAAA when school year 2000 rolls around.

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Beginning the 2000-2001 school year, New Mexico high school athletic teams will compete on a more level playing field.

At least so say the proponents for the New Mexico Activities Association's reclassification plan which was unanimously approved by NMAA executive board at its Tuesday meeting.

"I feel it's a step in the right direction," NMAA executive director Dan Salzwedel said Thursday. "I think it can and should serve as a blueprint for the future."

Salzwedel said the executive board has looked at reclassifying the state's high schools for four to five years, but in the last year, that consideration intensified.

Since November, the NMAA board has investigated different proposals that would create more classifications.

The plan adopted after Tuesday's vote adds another class - AAAA - to serve the largest of the state's schools. The number of classes has increased from three to five.

In addition, regional basketball tournaments have been added for the Tier 2 schools (Classes AAA to AAAA). The winners of those four regional tournament will advance to a four-team state tournament. Tier 1 schools - Class A and AA - will continue to have an eight-team state basketball tourna-

ment. The plan is intended to accommodate for the projected growth of the state, which could double the number of high schools in 20 years to 180 schools.

Ruidoso football coach Les Carter had mixed feelings about the change, which should put his Warriors in a position to challenge for the state's top laurels year in and year out.

"We are going to be competing against the teams who are getting the same number of kids out for football that we are," Carter said Wednesday. "It may not be perfect ... but I think overall it's a plan toward the right direction."

On the other hand, when his teams faced the giants of Class AAA, Carter relied on the "David and Goliath" analogy to motivate his players.

Such was the case when Ruidoso (enrollment 720) played Artesia (enrollment 1,227) in the Class AAA State Championship game Dec. 5, 1998.

"You always feel like you have the opportunity to beat the giants. To be honest with you, we've already talked to our kids that we've got one more year to prove that we can (beat the giants)," Carter said.

Now that the framework for the reclassification has been approved, Salzwedel said the next step for the NMAA is to reverify the school enrollments and then place schools in preliminary districts. Each class will have four districts, so the days of three-team districts are over.

Carter speculated that Ruidoso could be placed in the east with New Mexico Military Institute, Portales and Tucumcari, or placed westerly with Hot

Springs, Socorro and Cobre.

Regardless of which teams are in Ruidoso's district, Carter said the Warriors will continue to play the best teams he can find for the schedule.

"I think it's important for us to keep playing the Lovingtons and Artesias. You do that to keep up the level of play," Carter said.

Longtime football coach Ed Davis of Capitan said the new realignment doesn't really impact his Class A football program, but he did have his concerns. (Capitan competes in Class AA for all other sports.)

Davis said too many schools have opted to play six-man football, which affects how many teams are in Class A. Schools with enrollments of 150 or below can play either six-man football or 11-man. Davis said that enrollment ceiling is too high for six-man football.

Davis contends that schools with more than 100 students should have to play 11-man football, not be given the choice between six-man or 11-man.

"Carrizozo has two boys in the seventh grade. Those are the schools that really need to play six-man," Davis said.

"Looking down the road, it's going to help us, but the one who really needs help right now is Class A football. There's not going to be anyone playing Class A football."

Salzwedel admitted the plan isn't perfect, but he said it's an objective approach.

"From a purely educational standpoint, it has an awful lot of merit," Salzwedel said.

TIER 2 SCHOOLS

Rio Rancho, Farmington, Gadsden, Clovis, West Mesa, Valley, Los Lunas, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Gallup, Hobbs, Manzano, Mayfield, Rio Grande, Carlsbad, Highland, La Cueva, Albuquerque, Eldorado, Sandia, Santa Fe. (Total: 21 schools)

Cibola, Ojete, Del Norte, Deming, Roswell, Goddard, Moriarty, Capital, Belen, Artesia, Los Alamos, Española Valley, Aztec, Silver, Taos, Kirtland Central, St. Pius, Grants, Bloomfield, Santa Teresa, Lovington. (Total: 21 schools)

Bernalillo, Shiprock, Robertson, Ruidoso, Portales, Socorro, West Las Vegas, Cobre, Pojoaque, Albuquerque Academy, Wingate, Piedra Vista, New Mexico Military Institute, Thoreau, Tohatchi, Crownpoint, Hot Springs, Raton, Cuba, St. Michael's, Tucumcari.

TIER 1 SCHOOLS

Hatch Valley, Zuni, Newcomb, Dexter, Santa Fe Indian, Tularosa, Sandia Prep, Laguna-Acoma, Hope Christian, Santa Rosa, Estanda, Eunice, Manual, Mora, Navajo Pine, Clayton, Lordsburg, Capitan, Cimarron, Pecos, Penasco, Cloudcroft, Animas, Jemez Valley, Escalante, McCurdy, Santa Fe Prep, Navajo Prep, Mesa Vista, Questa, Shiprock, Dulce, Jal, Texico, Loving, Fort Sumner, Pine Hill, Rehoboth, Magdalena. (39 schools)

Hagerman, Coronado, Mesalero, Cliff, Ramah, Tatum, Mountainair, Melrose, House, Reserve, Logan, Mesilla Valley, Springer, Dora, Desert Academy, Tohajiilee, Lake Arthur, Alamo-Navajo, Carrizozo, Gallup Catholic, Native American Prep, Twin Buttes, Floyd, Quernado, Des Moines, San Jon, Community Christian, Maxwell, Grady, Mondo, Wagon Mound, Temple Baptist, Roy, N.M. School for the Deaf, Vaughn, Elda, Corona, N.M. School for the Visually Handicapped, Mosquero. (39 schools)

► GIRLS BASKETBALL

Defense the difference in Ruidoso girls' win

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A 7-0 spurt to start the third quarter propelled the Ruidoso girls basketball team past Tularosa Tuesday, 50-47.

The Warriors notched their third win of the season against 10 losses with the victory.

The difference Tuesday in the see-saw battle was the Ruidoso pressure defense in the second half, first-year coach Jeannie Jackson said.

"We came out that second half and we started pressing. The girls were hustling," Jackson added.

The Warriors converted several of those steals into points, turning a 24-22 half-time deficit into a 29-24 lead midway through the third period.

Ruidoso's Mandin Spence led all scorers with 21 points, a season-high for the senior post player. Patty Ramos added nine and Sarah Fromknecht pitched in eight points for the

Warriors. Jackson said Monday's practice paid off for the Warriors.

"All we did on Monday was work on shooting - taking our time and using our fakes," she said.

The Warriors were back in action Thursday against Artesia. Then, it's another meeting with Tularosa Monday, this time in the Wildcats' gym.

The two teams were scheduled originally to play later this month, but a conflict with a district game forced the reschedule, Jackson said.

For Ruidoso to sweep the Wildcats, Jackson said her team will have to rebound better than the first time the two teams met when Tularosa out-rebounded the Warriors.

"In order for us to be a factor in any game, we have got to rebound. Rebound, take our time on shots, and our help side defense," said Jackson, listing the key elements to Monday's game.



Ruidoso senior Mandin Spence battles Tularosa's Linda Cavazos for a rebound. Spence scored 21 points for the Warriors.

► PREP ROUNDUP

Cage teams return to action Saturday

Tiger teams get another shot at Tatum's Coyotes

Capitan's boys and girls basketball teams will have a shot at revenge when the Tatum Coyotes pay the Tigers a visit Saturday.

Tatum knocked off Capitan in the semifinals of the Smokey Bear Invitational last weekend. The Coyotes boys sent Capitan to the third-place game with a victory, while the Tatum girls posted a 56-48 win over the Capitan girls to advance to the championship game.

The Coyotes are back in town Saturday for a doubleheader beginning with junior varsity girls at 4 p.m.

Capitan coach Bryan Masse's girls are coming off a 77-27 trouncing of New Mexico Military Insti-

tute Tuesday. The Tigers, now 6-6 overall, are hurting nonetheless.

"We've got a lot of kids sick right now," said Masse, noting that four of his starters are fighting sicknesses.

"We're not healthy although they (the Coyotes) play a slower type game, so that will help us some. I think it's the flu-type thing going around," Masse said. "Better now than at districts."

After Saturday's game, the Tigers have some time to recuperate. Capitan's next action will be Jan. 22 when it travels to NMJ for a rematch with the colts.

"That week should allow us to get some good work in, get everybody healthy and get in shape," Masse said.

The Capitan boys will try to rebound from a 55-52 setback at the hands of Hagerman Tuesday. Royce Brown's Tigers are playing .500 ball.

Wildcats whip Warriors

Nothing went right for Ruidoso's Warriors in Tularosa Tuesday when the Wildcats exploded for 31 fourth-quarter points in an 82-55 rout of Ruidoso.

In addition to losing the game, interim coach Billy Page's Warriors lost two players who suffered broken wrists. Ruidoso also missed senior point guard Corey Saena, who was benched for disciplinary reasons.

Saturday, RHS hosts Goddard.



Senior Tiger Raymond Harris and the Tigers take on Tatum.

RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local furniture store set to move

Work already has begun on a new store location for M. Wal-drop Furniture, currently in the Plaza Shopping Center off of Sudderth Drive.

Mary Wal-drop, an investor in the business, said the new store will be at 2167 W. U.S. Highway 70, between Frank's Fruit Market and the Hollywood Bar in Ruidoso Downs. The new building will have 14,400-square-foot and should be completed by May 1, Wal-drop said.

Melissa and Rick Tafoya are the store's owners.

Hayhurst president of regional economic group

Joe Hayhurst, mayor of Ruidoso Downs, has again been elected president of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, according to a recent release.

Hayhurst was re-elected at the organization's Jan. 8 board meeting.

He has been on the board since 1992, was appointed to the executive committee in 1994 and served as vice president in 1995. He currently is serving his second term as Ruidoso Downs mayor.

Darold Stephenson, a member of the Jal City Council, was re-elected as the district's vice president. Jerry Wood, a member of the Chaves County Commission, was re-elected treasurer.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District is the largest planning district in the state, covering more than 26,000 square miles in the five southeastern counties of Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero.

The district is the second largest in population, serving

more than 250,000 people.

State opens trade office in Chihuahua

The New Mexico Economic Development Department opens a new trade office in Chihuahua City, Mexico, today.

The primary focus of the trade office will be to find markets for New Mexico products across the border in Chihuahua. The trade representative will also work with the U.S. Border Authority to promote tourism and Mexican investment in New Mexico.

"This change will refocus our trade efforts closer to home," said Department Secretary John Garcia.

Rene Cervantes, a businessman with an accounting background, will be the trade director for the office. Victor Ramirez, formerly the chief of foreign trade in Chihuahua, will be the trade representative in the Chihuahua office.

For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at (505) 827-0300.

NARFE Day in Santa Fe

The Ruidoso chapter of an association of retired federal employees will participate in a Santa Fe one-day statewide forum Jan. 27 for retired federal employees, according to a recent release.

The New Mexico Federation of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will sponsor NARFE Day, a program in the capitol rotunda of exhibits, speakers and discussions.

Twenty-five state chapters are to participate.

For more information, contact Lemuel Clarke, local chapter president, at (505) 258-3493.

Getting a foot up at Marvelous Manicures

• Debbie Rehfeld recently relocated her manicure/pedicure business from the California wine country to the Alto woods.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Pedicures should not be rushed, according to Debbie Rehfeld.

"I believe in a thorough cleansing of the foot. I take my time and I allow for at least two hours," said the owner of Marvelous Manicures, a manicure and pedicure salon that Rehfeld runs out of her home in Alto. "And it takes a good, solid two hours."

For particularly challenging feet, the procedure can last as long as three hours, she said. But Rehfeld, a manicurist for 18 years, likes the idea of providing thorough pedicures, manicures and sculptured nails.

There's something about a good pedicure especially that gives her clients both a physical and emotional boost, not to mention some very clean and well-maintained feet.

"People have actually been known to walk better," she said.

Rehfeld recently relocated her home/salon from Sonoma County, Calif., where they make all that wine, to Alto. The challenge is to get the word out about her business, because Rehfeld's home/salon is on a back road in Alto about a mile west of the Johnson Store, where there's not too much drive-by business. She has advertised some, but is relying largely on word-of-mouth publicity.

"I'm trying to cater to all types of clients — those with



Debbie Rehfeld, owner of Marvelous Manicures, said her male clients are more comfortable coming to her Alto salon for pedicures than to some of the more public places in town.

problem feet and diabetics and seniors ... really any age," Rehfeld said. Seniors and diabetics often need regular pedicures just as part of a good hygiene regimen, she said. For example, diabetics can lose feeling in their feet and be unaware of ingrown nails or other problems, she said. One aspect of Rehfeld's pedicures and manicures is that she puts hygiene as a top priority.

"I strive for extreme cleanliness," she said, adding that she wears gloves for pedicures and carefully sterilizes her tools as well as her clients' feet. Rehfeld also offers hand-painted nails with her manicures and nail sculpturing.

► New Business

- What: Marvelous Manicures
- Who: Debbie Rehfeld
- Where: No. 2 Mesita Drive in Alto
- When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Phone: 336-1555

In California, she was known for her nail painting. Rehfeld said. She specializes in flowers, butterflies and rainbows.

For brides, she has decorated the tips of naturally painted

nails with dainty white flowers. Rehfeld charges \$40 for a new set of sculptured nails, \$22 for fill-ins on those nails, \$10 for a change of fingernail polish, \$15 for a manicure with hand painting, \$10 for a manicure without hand painting, \$1 per nail for hand-painted artwork, \$30 for a pedicure and \$35 for a pedicure with polish and hand painting.

Rehfeld says she even has male clients coming in for the pedicures. She is amazed, she said, that, given the benefits derived from a good pedicure, that they aren't more popular.

"And even the ugliest foot can look pretty good," Rehfeld said.

MARKET GLANCE

Economic slowdown postponed in U. S.

• The story about the free-spending American consumer is familiar and getting quite boring; but it refuses to die. None of the factors propelling such frenzied buying has gone away. Inflation remains low, interest rates have stabilized at favorable levels and jobs are easy to find. Expanding stock market wealth enables spending to grow faster than income. Until one or more of these change, the long-awaited economic slowdown will arrive further and further behind schedule.

• Consumers can buy goods made anywhere, but services, by their very nature, are purchased close to home. This has kept economic growth persisting longer in the face of a severe drag from trade. Manufacturing and mining jobs have been shed in nearly every major category. Those industries that export and those that compete with imported goods have both needed to reduce their workforces. But the jobs lost have been more than made up by gains in every other industry. During the second half

of 1998, construction, consulting, software, education and many other services have grown by leaps and bounds.

• Few think this pace of expansion can continue. Economists display a remarkably unanimity in their prognosis for how the major indicators will fare in 1999. Two-thirds or more believe that economic growth will slow to about half that of 1998, that unemployment will rise a tad, and that inflation also will tick up slightly. The consensus breaks down, however, in when growth will slow this year and what will become of interest rates.

• Just over half of all economists think that the long-awaited slowdown will come during the first half of this year and that growth will speed up during the second half.

But sizeable minorities think that either slower growth will persist equally throughout the year, or that it will get weaker as the year progresses.

Why the difference? If last fall's Fed easing has an impact on purchasing decisions within a short time, then the first half will be stronger and the effects will wear off later in the year. If

this past easing takes longer to boost consumption and business investment, then a rebound later in the year is more likely. Timing of growth also will be complicated by exactly when millennium-induced buying takes hold (whether for computers or for hoarding). Also, renewed loss of exports to newly-faltering nations and floods of imports from recovering ones could be more pronounced in either the first or second half of the year.

Bonds: No clear direction

• Economists also are unsure about the likely course of interest rates. The 30-year U.S. Treasury has recently been trading in a range between 5 percent and 5.25 percent but only a few expect it to stay there.

Most think that rates will break out of this range but are equally divided between those who believe rates will rise and those who think they will fall. With a fairly uniform view about growth and inflation, the normal drivers of interest rates, other factors must be swaying economists more strongly.

• Topping the list is the

degree to which foreign investors may or may not abandon U.S. bonds because of better investment options elsewhere. Rates on Japanese instruments have recently become more desirable as spreads have narrowed.

A dwindling supply combined with huge financing needs to boost the Japanese economy will prop rates up further. And these spreads are actually narrower than they look when accounting for deflation in Japan raising real yields closer to U.S. levels.

Uncertainty about whether the dollar will ever strengthen again, as long predicted, is also causing investors to become more wary of U.S. Treasuries. With the Fed sitting on the sidelines until growth actually does slow, longer-term yields have crept up. Getting 30-year rates below the benchmark 5 percent level again may take a flight to quality crisis — either a crashing stock market or an overseas debacle.

This column was provided by Don Hilber, an economist for Wells Fargo.



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Sierra Blanca, nice home in
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mobile home w/add-on, 13
kitchen, w/c, w/c, w/c, w/c, w/c,
1000 sq. ft. w/c, w/c, w/c, w/c,
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428-4337.

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with high visibility on Hwy 48.
Unites already on property.
Very nice, buildable lot in high
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SALE! 84 acres \$34,900.
Bring your horses & ride out
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AREA
4 bedroom, 2 bath,
2x6 constr., fireplace,
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level a/c, 1750 sq. ft.
\$108,000 257-7415

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**ONE BLOCK FROM CAPTAIN
SCHOOL:** A well cared for home
with 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, and a
living room plus a den that could be
a 4th bedroom. Two carports, fruit
trees, garden, covered patio, water
fountain, greenhouse and work-
shop. \$59,500.

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TALL PINES:** 2 bedroom, 1
bath, fireplace, new carpet &
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Zagone - CENTURY 21
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DEER PARK WOODS 1 acre
with tall pines, great views &
social membership. \$39,900
#98-81475. CALL CHARISS
IMKE at 334-4249. CENT-
URY 21 Aspen Real Estate.

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-108 Bluebird
View of Sierra Blanca, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl garage,
front and rear decks, fireplace, work shop/stor-
age area, quiet and secluded neighborhood.
\$148,500.
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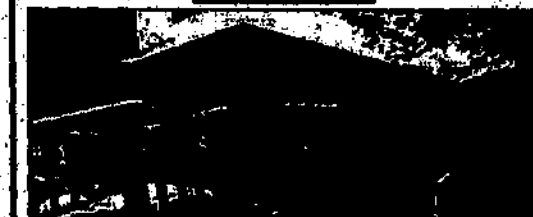
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more. Sit on the decks and take in the view of
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\$495,000. #98-81237
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Three bedrooms, two baths. Great for all seasons with easy
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Each unit is three bedrooms and two baths. Nice location with
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308 Lucille Drive. Four bedrooms, three baths, big decks, two-car
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Private yet close to everything! Definitely for your must see list!
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seclusion. \$210,000. #98-81822
CALL COLLEEN WILSON OR SUSAN P. MILLER at 338-4248

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Very well kept, three bedroom, three bath home on lovely lot in
Indian Hills. Great views! Carpet and storage. New roof in 1997.
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Berber carpet, gorgeous tile, aspen wood accents, new
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more. \$225,000. #98-81504
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Ruidoso. \$82,000.00

4 Houses for Sale

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5 Condos for Sale

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TIME MASTERS! Lots of room in this furnished condo with a deck off the downstairs master. Views of Sierra Blanca from the deck. Entry level living area, 3.5 baths. Bring the whole family. Call Elita 430-8042

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HOME RECENTLY REMODELED AND DARING! Windows, door, and carpet replaced throughout, natural rock fireplace located in the beautiful knotty pine living room. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry room. Please ask for Mary Kay. Owner is a licensed NM Real Estate Agent. \$56,000. 898-80998.

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7 Houses for Rent

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH
cabin; washer & dryer hookups. Call Fort Station Rd. 258-2212

HOUSES FOR RENT: For more information call 257-4687.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 118 Meander Dr. \$850.00 plus utilities. References required. Contact Myra, 257-4685.

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Large LR w/Fireplace, 3rd BR or TV room
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10 Condos for Rent

2BDRM/2BA FOR RENT AT
Gateway Condos on Suddeth Dr. New Construction, \$650/mo plus utilities. Call Doug 258-6833, 258-6874.

2 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH
fireplace, fully furnished, good location. \$550 plus utilities. Call Wayland at 258-5833.

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car garage, \$850 per month. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, \$700 per month. Riter & Associates. 378-7108

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14 Want to Rent
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15 Storage for Rent

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17 Business Rentals

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OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE
for rent in the Historic Adobe Plaza. 54 cents-PST water paid. 2000 Mechem. Call 257-3486.

FOR LEASE 4000 SQUARE
feet, bath room, 12x14, garage door, all or villa divide. 2500 square feet, bath room, carpeted, phone Don 257-7622, 330-9141.

GREAT LOCATION Plaza
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18 Bus. Opp.

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D. OLD BUSINESS
Request for Special Use Permit for a commercial use, to wit, an RV Park, in an R-MH zone. The location of the property is Tract A of Gavilan Acres Subdivision, PUB Enterprises.

E. ADJOURNMENT
1987 1T (1)15

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 at sec NMSA 1978 Comp. NOTICE

is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing of February 2, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadow Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property:

Lot 78, Block B, Sleepy Hollow Rd.
Ruidoso, NM

The above described Lot is now split zoned R-1, Single Family Residential and C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District and will be considered for rezoning to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.
/s/ Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator
Case #Z99-002

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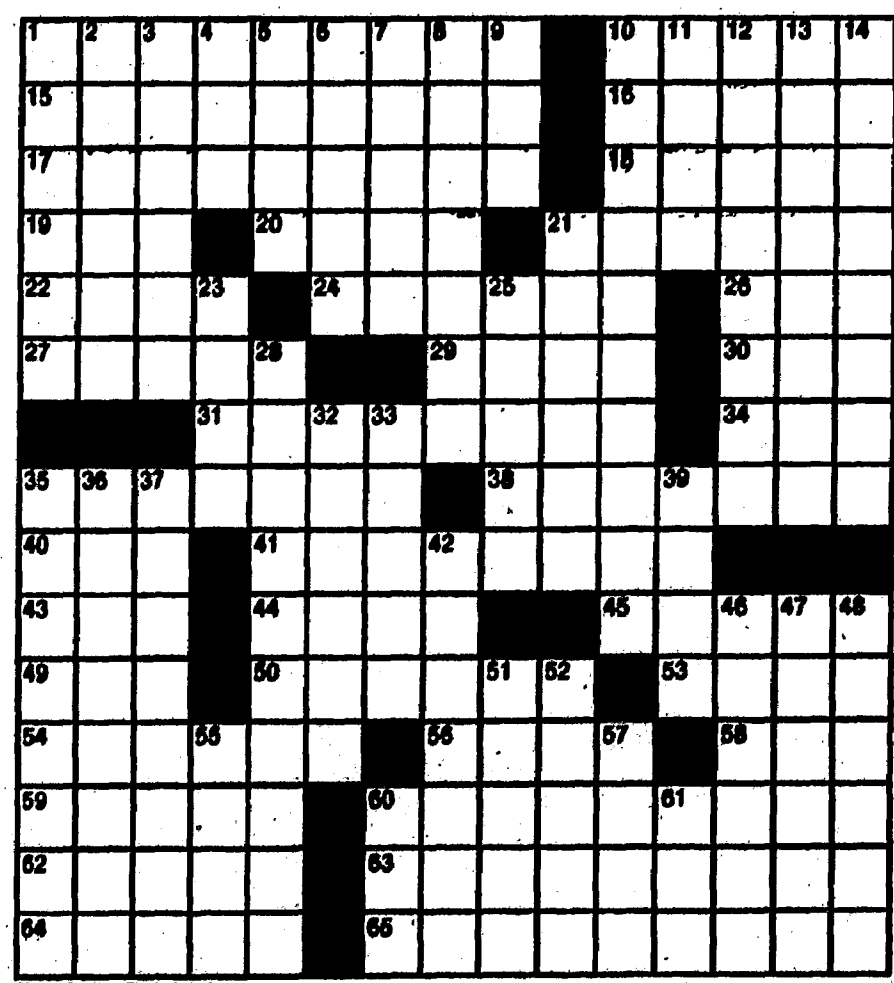
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courtesy

LAUREN PELON traces the story of music and instruments throughout history. She will perform her program, "The Living Roots of Music," tonight (Friday, Jan. 15) at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. For more historical notes, please see page 8C.

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201 Country Club Rd., Budozo, 257-9518

Barbara Dahl Westbrock is the artist in residence of this 5,600 square-foot gallery of art. Call for more information.

Cabin Fever at Escudilla

Log Works

320 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán, 354-4801

Handcrafted cabin furniture made from native woods as well as lamps, ironwork, stained glass, pottery and unique antique accessories. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sundays.

Chamber of Commerce

720 Suddarth Dr., Budozo, 257-7795

Artist for January: Jim Leasure's angels deck the halls of the chamber this month. Hours are: Monday, 9-5; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30-5; and Friday, 8:30-4:30.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

728 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.

Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Budozo, 258-9071.

An alternative gallery featuring original by Gaylon Gillem, Denise Dorn, Izzy Mike & Georgia Lagg, Billa Long, Marcia Bizeau & Bears Trews, Pam Topper, Jim Leasure, Rick Hall, Laurel Appel, Rand Harrison, Barbara Culler, Buddy Godínez, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum, Falling Rock Pottery and Langley Tiffany Lamps. Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gary D. Garrett

2306 Suddarth Drive, Budozo, 257-4977

The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 354-2008

Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitán. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Using natural fibers, dyes, and hand-spun yarns, the garments are finished with knitted trim and eclectic buttons. Call first.

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Budozo Downs, 378-4442.

Now through Jan. 31, the scratchboard art of Las Cruces artist Kathy Morrow. Winter hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

On Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.

Solo show of Michael Hurd's latest works opened Aug. 16. The gallery also includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Suddarth, Budozo by the traffic

lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-1056.

Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lincoln County Artists Co-op

Fair Seasons Mall at 2500 Suddarth,

Budozo, 257-4906.

Twenty local artists featuring oil, pastel, acrylic, wood working, sculpture, metal art, Victorian lamps, ceramics and tile. New artists welcome. Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Lorene & Larry's

268 Main Rd., Capitán, 354-2405

Original art and watercolor painting, Southwestern prints, custom design furniture by Larry.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Suddarth, Budozo, 257-3790

Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The Montañío Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.

Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montañío family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Suddarth Dr., Budozo, 257-9748

The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Adkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Tarbush, Robert Carter and Suzanne Wamsley. Artifacts, pottery, tachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal

Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazier, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Annie Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.

The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Budozo, 257-6627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Suddarth Drive, Budozo, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burlwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Budozo, 258-4892

Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Altic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by app.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between

mile markers 970, Nogal, 354-4206.

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán

354-4308.

Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Suddarth Dr., Budozo, 257-3644.

Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2965.

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Pecos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Budozo. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Life of Leasure

story by Sandy Suggill
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

photos by Ben Chrisman
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Painter Jim Leasure, whose work is on display at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce this month, is putting down roots in Ruidoso – and finding others he and his grandmother planted more than 30 years ago.

Childhood memories mingle with plans for turning the cabin his carpenter-grandfather built and the land it sits on into a spiritual retreat and a center for a Feng Shui designing firm. Feng Shui is a Chinese-influenced scheme of design which incorporates balance and simplicity.

Leasure, a painter of sacred art and a spiritual counselor, moved to Ruidoso in May to make his home where he'd spent many childhood summers. Those summers seem as much a part of him as his life's work.

"Within a month of moving in," he said, "some people came with their grandchildren, and I found the coloring books my grandmother had for her grandchildren. There have always been happy children and laughter here ..."

Leasure brought a little bit of New

Orleans with him – his partiality to espresso and his Mardi Gras beads. But what helped him most in his transition to life in Ruidoso was his work of painting iridescent angels and goddesses, and designing his environment to suit his needs.

He talks of back-breaking work on yard, and in the same breath, describes painting beings of light that reflect the light to the viewer.

"Watch how it changes when you move, different images appear and disappear, so there's magic."

"I spent the first six months terracing the hills," said Leasure, gesturing at the three lots that comprise his domain. "I'm going to put in a fountain and have a stream going down and a statue of a madonna or an earth mother."

Three painting tables are lined up in the



ARTIST JIM LEASURE

front yard so he can work on up to six paintings simultaneously, he said. Further along the curving pathway is a gazebo that he plans to enclose and turn into a greenhouse so he can work there during the winter. A St. Francis statue meditates beneath a nearby tree – mirroring what Leasure does while he's painting.

"I named the place 'Angel Point.' I consecrated it. I blessed the energy. I blessed the property so that only goodness and beauty could be created here, only positive energy," he said.

Although he misses the night life and

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LEASURE

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his friends from New Orleans, Leasure appreciates the proximity of nature and the peacefulness of life in a small town.

"I saw a huge bear on a mission down the street to feed at one of the dumpsters," Leasure recalled. "I thought at first it was a dog. I called the police and they said, 'Well, honey, we don't come out unless they're in your house.'"

The next night two baby raccoons "the size of small dogs" terrorized his "children," the three chubby cats he inherited from his mother along with the cabin. The following day, hundreds of hummingbirds zoomed into in his yard.

"I walked to the post office every single day of my summer," said Leasure, pointing beyond his yard in the general direction of Sudderth Drive. "I still have the key to the original mailbox. There's magic connected with the continuity of life and that's really very precious."

His grandmother was the great love of his life — reaching the age

of 105 and outliving three husbands, thanks to Geritol and vitamin E, she told her grandson.

But along with happy childhood memories are memories of his conservative upbringing on Boy Scout Lane in the upper valley of El Paso.

His mother worked for Merrill Lynch and his script was: "Get good grades so you can get a good job so you can become a contributing member of society and work for a big corporation and be absolutely miserable working in



"AMETHYST ANGEL"



ABOVE LEFT, Leasure's future winter work space. Above, Leasure's studio.

an office."

Leasure began painting as a child and painted all his life, but he wouldn't have believed it if someone had told him he would be making his living as an artist, doing what he loved best.

In the early 1970s he began to explore and to experience life widely — and wildly.

"When I turned 19, I gave

myself permission to experience life and to explore all avenues," he said. "That began my life's work."

And he's still experimenting. A playful piece he's working on consists of mirror fragments on a board painted red. He laughs as he names it: "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Tell Me What I Want to Hear."

"Every once in awhile I give myself permission to just play."

Leasure's work is on display at Gail's Frame of Mind, 1204 Mechem Drive and at the Chamber of Commerce for the month of January.

Gun collection donated to Hubbard museum in the Downs

C.L. "Bones" Wright, longtime owner of C & L Lumber in Ruidoso Downs, has donated his fine collection of firearms to the Hubbard Museum of the American West. The guns have been on display at the museum since November 1997 when Wright loaned the collection for a featured exhibit. The collection includes approximately 200 rare antique and commemorative guns.

"Mr. Wright had said that he was definitely going to donate the firearms either to us or to the National Rifle Association," said Scott Wells, the museum's director of development. "I urged him to consider the fact that because of his family's long and distinguished history in Lincoln County, the collection is really important to the history of this region. As we're expanding our focus to the overall history of

the American West, many of these firearms immediately become very important artifacts in our collection.

"Since I first saw the collection in his office at the lumber yard, I was amazed," Wells said. "I can't tell you how many of our visitors go through the cases one by one, musing over the quality and the diversity of the collection. I think it's wonderful that the collection will now be preserved, interpreted and appreciated right here in Lincoln County where it was compiled."

Currently, about two-thirds of the collection is on display. The museum plans to utilize additional items from the collection as it reevaluates its long-term exhibition schedule.



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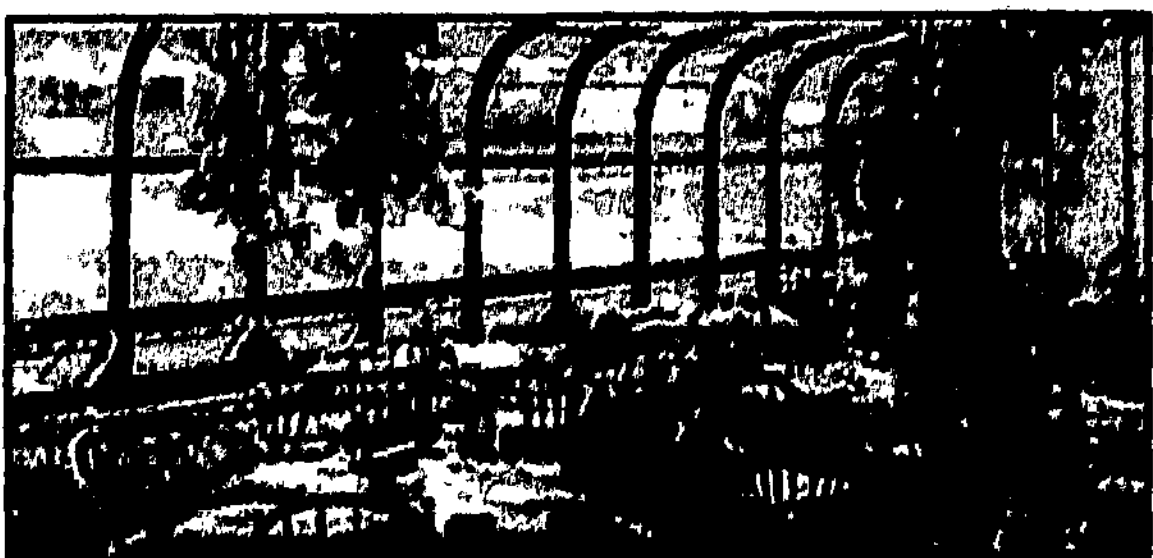
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Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero
Hours: Breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lunch 12 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.



Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials created by chef Brendon Gochenhour and drinks from the full-service bar, the Apache Tee has the best view and the friendliest staff around.

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Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
(Closed Monday and Tuesday)



The InnCredible

For 30 years, The InnCredible has been treating diners to specials like Crabby Monday and Wednesday lobster, not to mention fresh fish, steaks, chicken, pasta, barbecue and more. In this business you're either great or you're history - InnCredible is both.

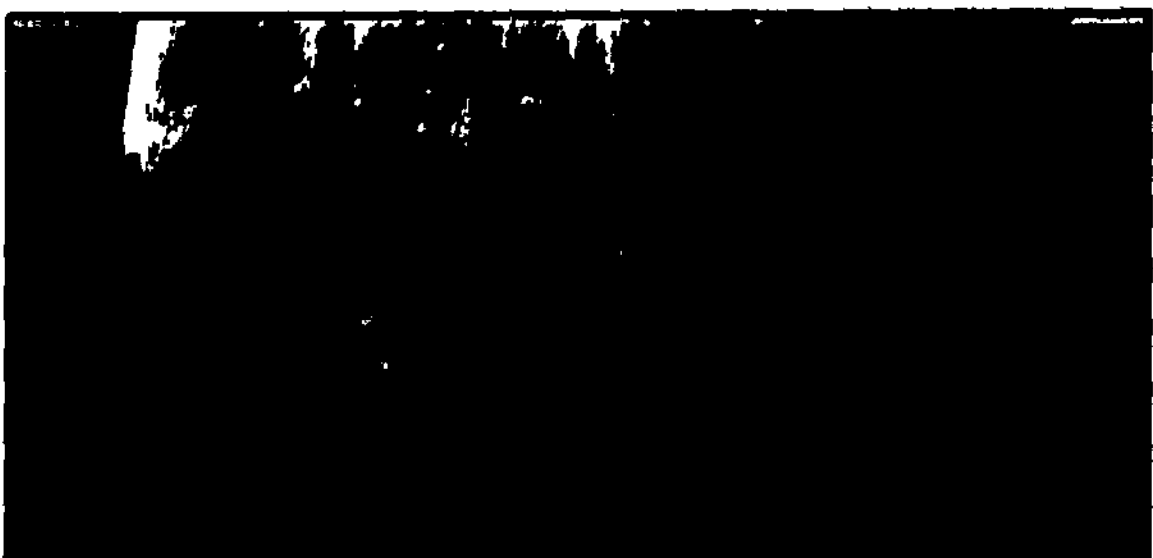
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 336-4312
Address: Highway 48 North
in Alto Village
Hours: Bar opens daily at 3:30 p.m.
Fine dining starts at 5:30 p.m.



K Bob's Steak House

Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

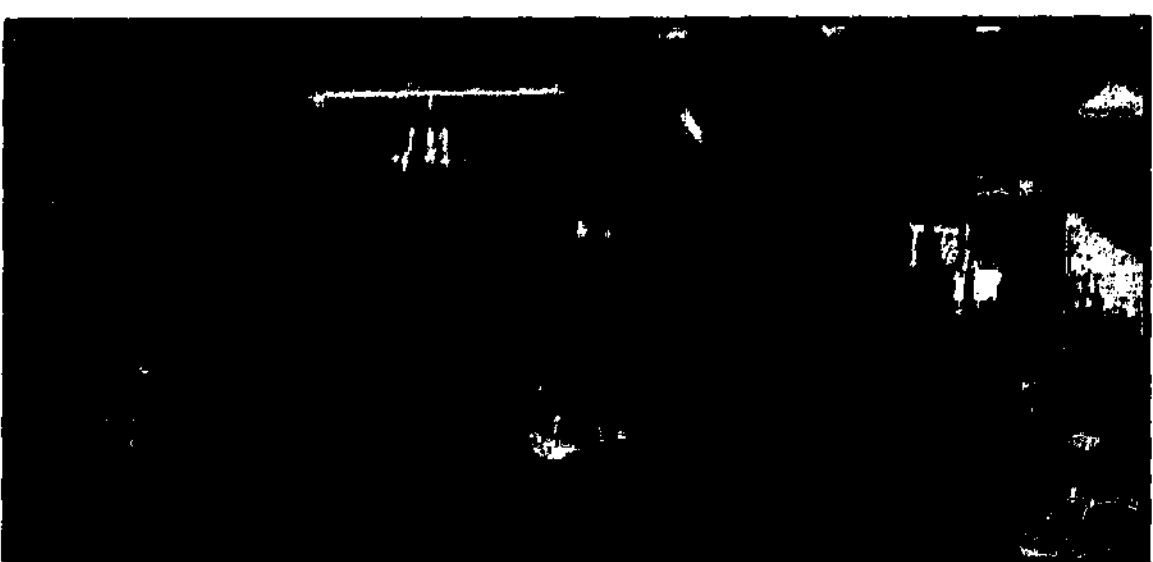
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 378-4747
Address: West Highway 70
Ruidoso Downs
Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.



Cafe Mescalero

Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food Southwest favorites for lunch and dinner.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-6693
Address: One mile south of the
Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: Dinner 5-9 p.m.
(Closed Mondays)



Dan Li Ka Dining Room

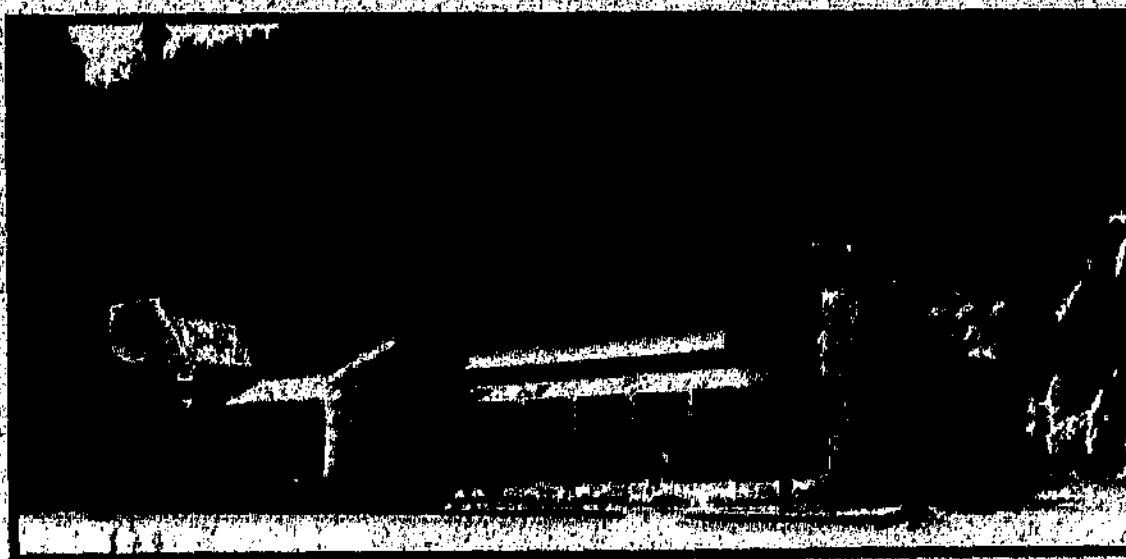
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: ... Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11 a.m.
Sunday Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.
Sunday Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dinner 6-9 p.m.

Cattle Baron

Sensational steaks, seafood and a \$46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

Price Range: \$5-\$55
Phone: 257-9355
Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Fri. and Sat.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

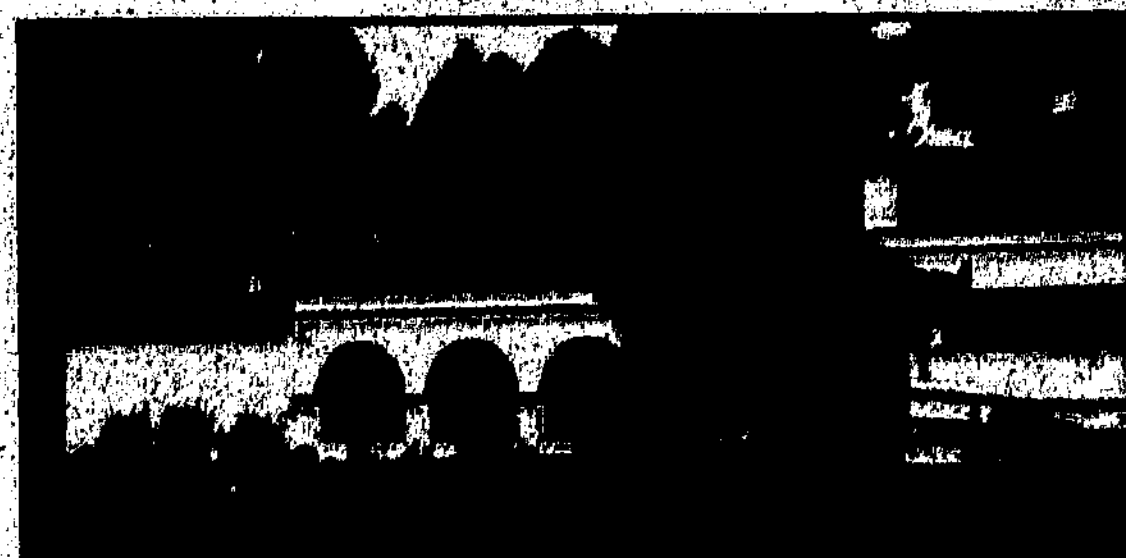
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 258-5676
Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: The restaurant opens at
11:30 a.m. 7 days a week



Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

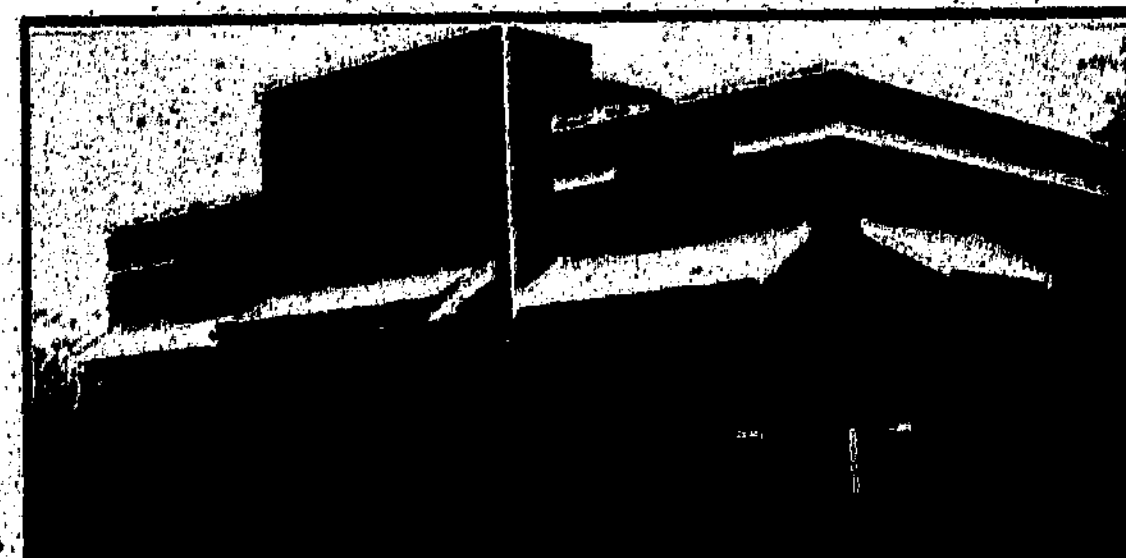
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 258-3325
Address: 212 Metz Dr.
in Innbrook Village, Ruidoso
Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Dinner 5-10 p.m.;
(Closed Mondays)



Red Lobster

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Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 622-4818
Address: 2625 N. Main Street
Roswell
Hours: ... Sunday-Thursday 11a.m.-9p.m.
Friday-Saturday 11a.m.-10p.m.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 257-5753
Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
Midtown in Ruidoso
Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Known for their pepper steak and creme brulee, they're bound to make your mouth water. Also featuring veal, lamb and seafood. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-2954
Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

dining guide

GOING OUT



A Musical History Tour

story by *Meredith Keaton*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Musician and history buff Lauren Pelon illuminates a past often left unexplored by music enthusiasts. She plays the ancient and the modern side by side, striking chords of interest in her audiences.

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Pelon, who will perform her program, "The Living Roots of Music" Friday (tonight) at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln, says music can be much more

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music

Win, Place & Show

The Range Creek Riders play nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

Blue Midnight plays through Sunday. Karoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Galloping Tortoise

Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn.

performances

Blues and BBQ

Sistah Blue, an all-woman band from Phoenix, is the feature band at the Jan. 23 Blues and BBQ concert. From 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

'Exit the Body'

A rollicking comedy, titled "Exit the Body," is the next play of Roswell Community Little Theatre, located at 12th and Virginia in Roswell. When a writer rents a New England home for her vacation, she finds that many "problems" seem to come with the property. They include some unsavory characters, stolen jewels and an overactive closet, where bodies seem to come and go. Evening performances are scheduled at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 22, 23, 29 and 30. Reservations should be made by phoning 622-1982. Sunday matinees are set for 2 p.m. Jan. 24 and 31 and no reservations are required.

Maynard Ferguson

Jazz legend Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band take the Flickinger stage for one performance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in Alamogordo. Call (505) 437-2202 for ticket information. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

what's brewing

The Ruidoso Roastery, 413 Rio Street, 257-3676

Open Monday through Thursday 7 to 5, Friday 7 to 9 and Saturday 8 to 9. Fresh roasted coffees and all the basic espresso drinks plus bagels and pastries.

The Galloping Tortoise, 662 Sudderth, 257-2511

Basic espresso drinks, desserts, sandwiches and live music jams.

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than simple entertainment.

"My hope is that I can touch and move audiences with music. That they would go away with a different view of music and think of things they hadn't thought of before," Pelon said.

Pelon began her study of music more than 20 years ago with the recorder. In addition to mastering the instrument, she became curious about the history behind it.

"I got more serious about studying the history and got very interested in early music through the recorder," Pelon said. "Early on I played concerts and occasionally lectured about music history. I decided it would be more fun to combine the two into one presentation."

Pelon now plays more than 20 ancient instruments including the lute, guitar, lyre and krumphorn to name a few. Her collection of ancient instruments alone tell a story.

"I order some from professional makers, some are antiques such as my concertina. I wanted one and found someone who specialized in antique concertinas to find one for me. I also look for them in my travels and have some specifically made for me," Pelon said.

Pelon's interest in music is dispersed throughout her instruments. "I don't have a favorite instrument. It completely depends on the effect that I want. There are so many different sounds and that's the great thing about playing different ones," Pelon said.

Though the presentation is historical in nature, it also is meant to be enjoyed by the audience. "I look for certain sounds. I love a lot of different kinds of music, but usually pieces I perform have touched me or moved me. I look for that," Pelon said. "It's important to know what these old pieces sounded like, but I do my own arrangements. I often try to do a contemporary performance of it. I get to cross the boundaries of time and culture."

Performing has led Pelon around the world. She does an annual U.S. tour and usually does a world tour every other year. As of yet, the only continent she hasn't toured is Africa. "I have not been to Africa and that would be very special to me. I appreciate the local music and would love to hear it live," Pelon said.

Traveling gives Pelon to opportunity to add to her repertoire, find instruments and gain experiences which are reflected in her program. Pieces in her program come from all areas of the world and the first through 20th centuries. "I really enjoy being able to go to a lot of places. Each country has its own benefits in some way," Pelon said.

As well as background on each instrument she plays, Pelon prefaces her pieces with quotes from early Greek philosophers, medieval theologians and contemporary scholars and performers. Audiences are also given a study guide and program notes with additional information.

In addition to The Living Roots of Music, Pelon has performed as a soloist with symphony orchestras, on television specials and with Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." She is also a vocalist, performing renditions of ballads collected by Francis Child in the late 19th century.

Pelon's interest in music is diverse and encompassing. With more than 200 performances under her belt and plans to continue touring in the future, Pelon still finds that she has a lot to learn. "It's really my whole life. I spend most of my time on it," she said. "I get an idea of other cultures through a musical eye that I wouldn't otherwise. It's my view into the past."

The Living Roots of Music, sponsored by The Territorial Theater, will be tonight at 8 p.m. at the San Juan Mission Church in Lincoln. Tickets are \$15 per person and reservations are not necessary. Call The Territorial Theater at 354-2316 for additional information.

THE SKINNY

Private screening of homegrown Nogal movie scheduled this weekend in Lincoln

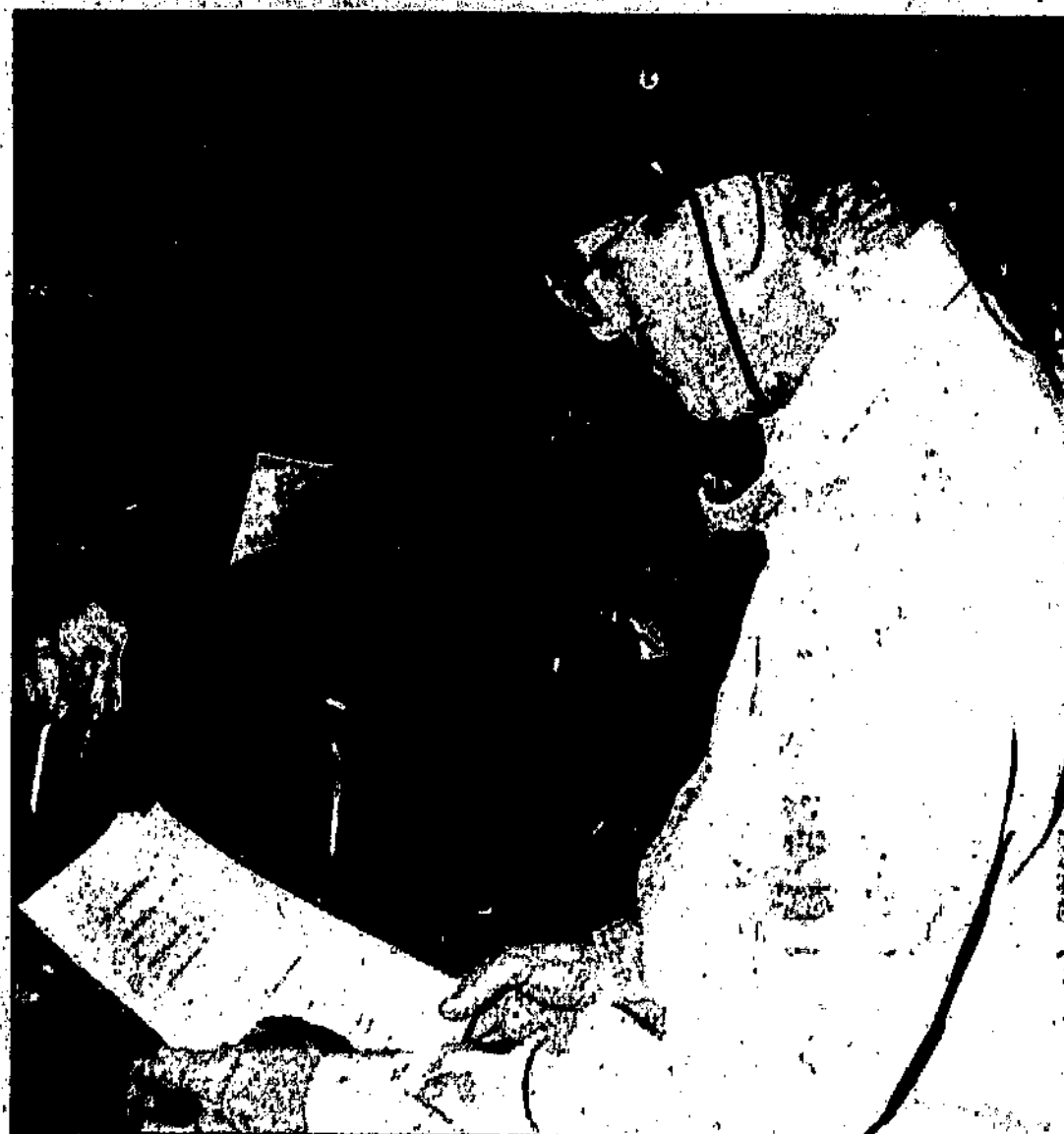
"The Rockets," a grassroots movie-making effort, will be shown this Saturday in two private screenings at the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln.

The movie, about a young girl's struggle to find musical success as well as her parents' killer, was written and directed by David Briggs, a Nogal resident. His wife, Beth Briggs, produced the film. All the actors and film crew members were volunteers.

The screenings, which are by invitation only, mark almost a year from the first script read-through for the project, which was shot mostly on weekends and in locations around Nogal and Capitan.

This is the first movie-making attempt by David Briggs, who with his wife will miss the screening because they are in Florida. They intend to sell the picture, and are trying to market it themselves. They have contacted about 15 potential buyers, Beth Briggs said this week from Florida. If they don't find a buyer for the movie by the end of this month, they will hand it over to an agent to sell, she said.

The couple is to return to Nogal in April, when they plan to immediately begin work on another movie, also written by David Briggs. Experiences from the first film will be used to the benefit of the second, Beth Briggs said.



Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

DAVID BRIGGS, writer/director of 'The Rockets,' at a script reading.

"The film (The Rockets) has a lot of strengths and it has a lot of weaknesses," she said. "We learned a lot on it."

The film is named after the main character's band, which is, in turn, named after the rockets tested at the White Sands Missile Base.

SILVERSCREEN

Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema For more information call 257-9444. *Indicates Friday and Saturday only

At First Sight

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Mira Sorvino plays a tough New York architect who falls in love with her blind masseur, Val Kilmer. Sorvino convinces Kilmer to undergo experimental surgery to repair his vision. A new world of color and a multitude of senses open up for both Kilmer and Sorvino, but at a price. "At First Sight" is based upon a true

story documented by physician and author Oliver Sacks.

Patch Adams

Rated: PG-13

Show times: 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Robin Williams stars as a medical student who believes that laughter is the best medicine. While dangerous to his career prospects, his funny antics also challenge the industry to consider the healing powers of humor. Based on a true story, the film co-stars Michael Jeter, Monica Potter, Bob Gunton and Harold Gould.

A Civil Action

Rated: PG-13

Show Times: 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.*

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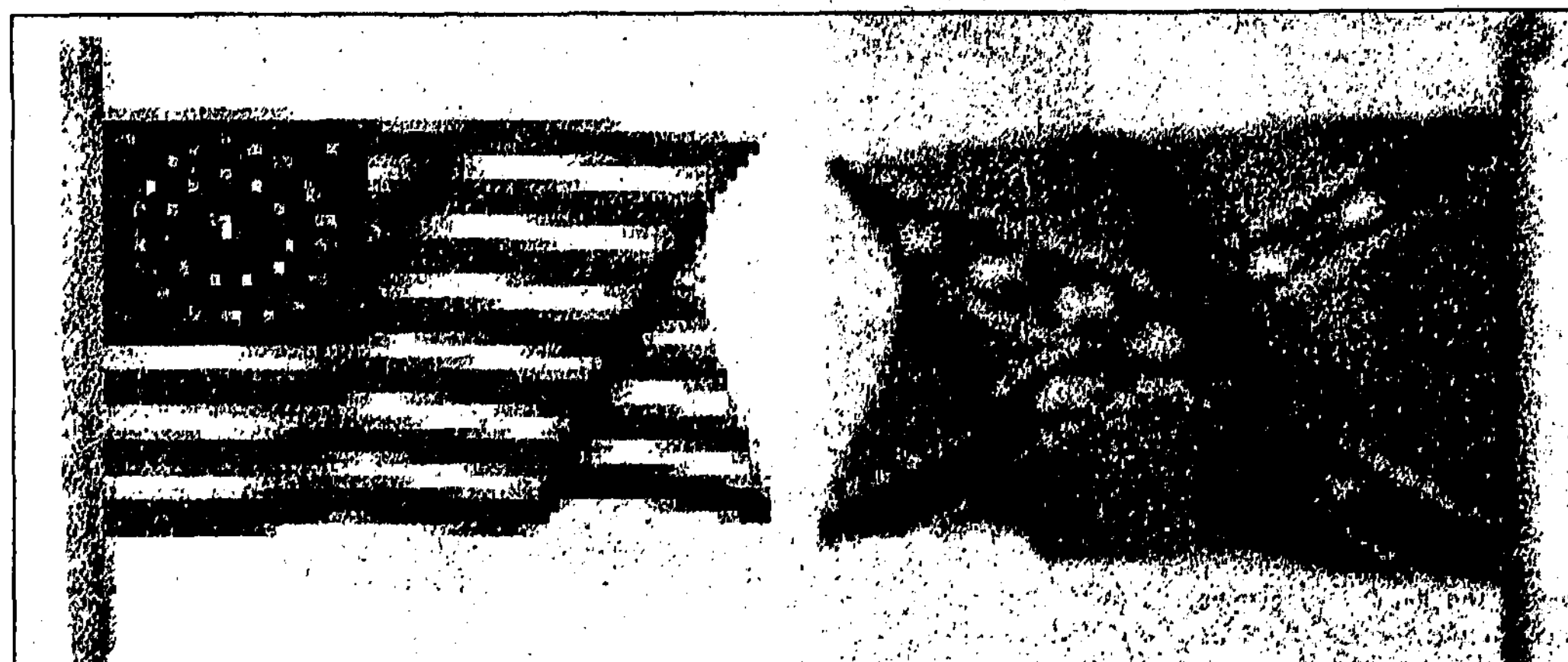
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The Battle of Valverde



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When one thinks of the Civil War, one's thoughts immediately go to the eastern states of America, where most of it was fought. But not all. Both the North and South knew that ultimately, control of the West, along with its vast resources, was vital. And in 1862, both sides met to determine exactly who would wield that control. Their first confrontation was in modern-day Socorro County on February 21 and 22, 1862.

Colonel Baylor

With a battalion of six companies, Col. John R. Baylor led the Fourth Regiment of Texas Cavalry from San Antonio to El Paso, capturing all of the forts that had been abandoned by the Union in his line of march: Fort Davis, Fort Bliss, Fort Clark, Fort Stockton and Camp Hutchinson. From there, the battalion moved up into the New Mexico Territory and captured Fort Fillmore.

At Fort Fillmore, Baylor and his men halted and waited for Col. Sibley's brigade. At the same time that they were joined by Sibley and his men, they were also joined by Captain Capewood, who was leading a company of Texas irregulars. The Confederates were at full strength.

The Feds

In the year 1862, the Federal troops that were stationed in New Mexico had been stationed at Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Fort Union and Fort Craig (or Valverde). When word of open hostilities reached them, the Federal troops evacuated all of the other forts and concentrated themselves at Valverde. They were under the command of Col. E.R.S. Canby, who, by one of those coincidences that were common to the War Between the States, had been a friend and comrade-in-arms with none other than the Confederate Col. Sibley, who was about to become his opponent.

After allowing their men to rest for a time at Fort Fillmore, the Confederate leaders, Sibley and Baylor (and to a lesser extent, Captain Capewood), marched their men to Fort Craig, hereafter referred to as Valverde.

The horrendous conflict raging in the East was about to burst across the New Mexican landscape with all of the same horrors to accompany it.

Most armchair historians will tell you that medical treatment in the Civil War was primitive at best, with an enormous number of men falling victim to amputation of various limbs. And yes, it is true that modern medicine was in its infancy at the time, but all of the amputations were not because the doctors were in a hurry, as is often stated.

The fact is, if you were hit in the arm or leg by the standard bullet used during the Civil War — a mini-ball — you almost had to lose that limb. The mini-ball is a huge (approximately .50 caliber) slug that was extremely slow-moving. If one of these vicious rounds were to hit you in, say, your arm, it would pulverize about an inch and a half of bone. Even if the doctors were able to save your arm you would never use it again.

The Rio Grande

When the Confederates reached the Rio Grande, the officers discovered that it would be impossible to ford the river anywhere near the fort, as the Union troops inside the fort would be able to defend themselves and inflict heavy losses on the

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Confederates without ever putting themselves in any real danger.

At first, the Rebels attempted to draw the Yankees out by skirmishing in the vicinity of the fort, but when that didn't work, Sibley and Baylor ordered a flanking movement to be executed. After dark, the Confederates forded the river at a point below the fort. They then marched up on one of the surrounding hills, where they camped. The next morning, when the Federals discovered this maneuver, they elected to wait for the next Confederate move, which was not long in coming. At the same time, Col. Sibley decided that his men were just a tad too close to the Federal batteries. That night, he again moved his men, this time, just a wee bit further back.

According to one survivor, the morning after that, Sibley and Baylor found that the Federals had also been busy: during the night they had entrenched themselves closer to the Rebels and had built earthworks in front of their position. In addition, Union troops had marched north during the night on the same side of the river as the Confederates, with orders to prevent the Rebs from getting down to the Rio Grande from their position in the hills.

When the Federals arrived, they were greeted by a cannon barrage from the Confederates. For a while, it was an artillery duel until the Union men realized that the Confederates had been driven back. The Federals then crossed the river and waited for reinforcements on the eastern side.

Kit Carson

At about 8 a.m. the next morning, the Federals were reinforced by the New Mexico Volunteers — a regiment under the command of legendary frontiersman Kit Carson. The combined force arrived at the scene of battle about 10 a.m. With their troops and batteries in position, the Federals all thought that it was only a matter of time until the Confederates were compelled to surrender. No such luck.

At about 3 p.m., Colonel

Canby arrived on the scene and took overall command. Canby ordered Carson and his men to cross the river and take position on the right wing of the battle line. Almost as soon as this was done, the Confederates charged. Three times they charged the Union position and three times they were bloodily repulsed.

Two hours later, at 5 p.m., the Confederates, under cover of trees, attacked the Union battery — which was under the command of an officer named McRae. This battery was on the left wing of the battle line, and in the attack, both McRae and his second-in-command were killed, after which the Rebs seized the position. At this point, the remaining Federals manning the battery went into a panic and attempted to flee back across the river. Confederate sharpshooters went to work, and it became a slaughter.

The rest of the Federals felt that the battle could still be won, and twice that day they deliberately disobeyed direct orders from Canby to retreat back across the river.

The Retreat

Finally, a third, "preemptory order" was given by Canby to retreat, and his men finally acquiesced, abandoning their position and retreating back across the river — under fire from the very guns that had been in McRae's battery.

The battle was over — it was a Confederate victory. But anyone who has ever served in the military will tell you it just isn't that easy. The all-important *blame* must be assigned to someone on the losing side.

Initially, (and typically) the officers in charge attempted to place the blame on the New Mexico volunteers. According to the reminiscences of one Federal soldier, "castigated for their role in the Battle of Valverde were the two companies of New Mexicans which formed part of the support for McRae's battery those of Captains Santiago Hubbell and William Mortimore. Captain P.W.L. Plympton, a regular army officer, sent in a report to explain that his battalion had failed to save the guns from the Confederate charge because "a

body of volunteers (Mexican)... broke from their position... This accusation was subsequently repeated by Colonel Canby in his official report to Washington. For many, Canby's report supplied an easy, pat explanation... no one asked obvious questions such as why volunteer troops... would have been placed in the front line by Captain Plympton... (and) what sort of casualty rate the two companies suffered during the action."

Again, according to the reminiscences of the same soldier, "We lost the battle, but it is a mooted question, who was (the) responsible party for its loss; the regular officers, who disliked one of the commanders, Colonel Roberts, very much, always stated that he had committed a very grave military mistake in having crossed the river, thereby having a river at his back; but they fail to remember that the Confederates had been whipped all the livelong day with less troops than when Colonel Canby unfortunately came into the field and took supreme command with the additional reinforcement of Colonel Miguel Pino's Second Regiment of New Mexico volunteers. Our regiment, Kit Carson's never believed that they were whipped except because of, and on account of the orders to abandon the field at once... The volunteers are firmly in the belief that if Col. Canby had never come on the field, then the Confederate troops would have been defeated..."

When it was over, the Confederates had no dead and 150 wounded. The Federals had 140 wounded and 82 dead — a resounding defeat. But as the unnamed veteran stated, "it is a mooted question."

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