



Racetrack supporters are making another run at the Roundhouse for video gambling at the state's racetracks. Last year, 500 supporters rallied at the state capitol for expanded gambling at racetracks. One of the staged events was the running of the "Roundhouse Futurity," pictured above.

Decline

Continued from page 1A

would generate an additional \$50-\$100 million in handles. Those additional monies would improve purses, which make it more attractive to race and own horses.

Will any of these changes really save a sport that once was arguably the second-most popular sport in America? Or will racing become the dog-and-pony sideshow to the racetrack's slot machines and casinos?

Some in the industry see racing as a sideshow to the slots.

"Racing is a loss leader for us," admits Bucci, general manager of

Lincoln Greyhound Park (retailers sell loss leaders below cost to bring patrons to the store).

But others disagree.

"You're bringing patrons that normally would not have come to a track and they are seeing your show and they are developing an interest," Sherry contends, citing the increased live-racing handles at Prairie Meadows.

Wells agrees.

"Slots are sort of a mindless game to play, and as people are attracted to that, they learn that some gaming venues are better than others," Wells says. "More

sophisticated gamblers prefer to bet on horses because it's just not a game of chance, it's a game of skill, it's a cerebral game."

As slot machines draw people to the racetrack, eventually they will be drawn to the color and pageantry of horse racing, Wells adds; playing the horses is a better gambling proposition because it is a game of skill rather than a game of chance.

"But if they never get to the track because of the casinos, then they are never going to become players," Wells says.

Video gambling saved some tracks, officials conclude

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Crank the lever. Watch the wheels spin. Seven, seven, seven, jackpot! The addition of slot machines have meant that kind of payoff to some racetracks which have them.

Just 10 years ago, you could legally try your luck only at Nevada and New Jersey casinos, and at parimutuel racetracks across America.

But since then, the racing industry has seen the dramatic proliferation of Indian-run casinos, television gambling, riverboat gambling, state lotteries and other forms of legalized gambling loosen the racing industry's once-monopolistic grip on gambling dollars. Twelve racetracks have closed their gates since 1990, including San Juan Downs in Farmington, Will Rogers Downs in Claremore, Okla., Broken Bow in Nebraska, and Sweetwater Downs in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Now track owners, including Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard, are scrambling to get a larger piece of the gambling pie in order to save the industry. Without profits from slot machines to supplement purses, without a "level playing field," the racing industry will die, they argue.

Slot machines have helped bolster horsemen's and dogmen's purses at racetracks in Rhode Island and Iowa.

"Stand-alone racetracks in the United States, quite simply, are not going to exist in a short number of

years — absent those epicenters like Gulfstream, Saratoga or Del Mar or Hollywood," says Dan Bucci, general manager of Lincoln Greyhound Park in Rhode Island. "The rest are endangered species unless they can augment their capabilities."

Without its 1,200 video slot machines introduced 3.5 years ago, Lincoln Park would have become "Jurassic Park," Bucci says.

The opening of Foxwood Resort Casino on the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Reservation, a 50-minute drive from Lincoln Park, drained millions from the racetracks in the New England region. The total parimutuel handle at the five major racetracks in the area was cut in half over the last three years, Bucci says.

"They (Foxwood Casino) rendered the track just about bankrupt three years ago," he adds.

In Bucci's mind, slot machines were the only solution to the racetrack's woes.

Did Lincoln Park's management consider any other solutions?

"Yeah," Bucci answers. "Closing the doors and going Chapter 11."

In 1995, people wagered \$204 million at Lincoln Park's slot machines. The net take was \$59 million. Of that net, 46% (\$27.14 million) went to the state, 31% (\$18.29 million) went to the track, and 16% (\$9.44 million) went to vendors. The dogmen got 6% (\$3.5 million) and local government received 1% (\$590,000).

Prairie Meadows Racetrack in

Altoona, Iowa faced the same potential fate as Lincoln Park. Riverboat casinos on the Mississippi threatened the racetrack located just outside of Des Moines. Prairie Meadows, which opened in 1989, scaled back to an abbreviated harness racing season in 1990 before filing for bankruptcy in November 1991. After a light racing schedule in 1993, the state Legislature approved video slots for the racetrack.

Opening weekend drew more than 33,400 people, in part because 1,100 slot machines lined the trackside and grandstand areas. Bettors at Prairie Meadows that April 1st weekend wagered a total of \$10.9 million — \$6.3 million more than the previous year's entire 60-day live meet.

The slot machines draw people to the track, creating an opportunity to show the live racing program to those who wouldn't normally come, Prairie Meadows general manager Bob Farinella says.

Even better, with slot machines the track's handle for live racing increased 4%. Racetrack management had been seeing a 20% annual drop in handle.

The numbers are just as good at Bluffs Run greyhound track in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The addition of slot machines increased attendance at the track. Parimutuel betting handles for its live racing and horse racing simulcasts also increased.

Santa Anita tries mall attraction

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

"Shop 'til you drop, then try your luck on the ponies" — that seems to be the message at Santa Anita Park.

While some racetracks argue new forms of gambling at their tracks is all that will save them, management of this 62-year-old racetrack in Arcadia, Calif. has chosen a different way to draw fans to horse racing.

"We're going the entertainment route instead. And we hope we lead them right to the racetrack," explains Craig Dado, Santa Anita's marketing manager.

The Santa Anita Fashion Park shopping mall, anchored by Nordstroms and Broadway department stores, sits on racetrack property.

Track management hopes to add a 25-screen movie theater, the AMC movie theater company's largest complex in the country. The complex would include an IMAX screen, which is a huge wrap-around screen that makes images

appear more real.

The plans have been submitted to the city council and track management is waiting for approval.

Restaurants, bookstores, and a skating rink are also in the master plan. Those stores would be built adjacent to the track in an effort to bridge the mall and the racetrack, creating "a synergy of entertainment and racing," Dado says.

"We're just trying to get new people on the property, hoping they'll discover racing while they are here," Dado explains.

Santa Anita, considered to have one of the best daily racing cards in the West, saw its on-track attendance fall because of off-track betting sites, Dado says. Eighteen satellites in Southern California broadcast Santa Anita's signal. Off-

track betting can take place only at fairgrounds, other racetracks or Indian-run casinos. The closest Indian-run casino is an hour away from Santa Anita.

Santa Anita enjoys a rich tradition and for that reason, its signal is also sent to 40 other states, in addition to in-state simulcasting.

Despite a drop off in on-track numbers, the track's overall handle has stayed steady. In the end, simulcasting has been successful for Santa Anita, Dado says.

That's not to say track management didn't consider asking for video gambling, Dado still admits.

"We've thought about it, but frankly, we don't think the City of Arcadia would allow it," says Dado, describing the community as "conservative."



The
HIGH
Stakes of
GAMBLING

Last in a series of 4

Ruidoso Downs, others seek video gaming to bolster use

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Racetracks, it seems, can't live without more forms of gambling. But even with video gambling machines, will Ruidoso Downs Race Track survive in the ever-expanding gambling industry?

Hubbard Enterprises Vice President Jon Sherry bets it will.

"We're a destination. We're a resort. People are coming here to be entertained," Sherry says.

Scott Wells, former general manager of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, is also optimistic about the track's chances, namely because of its tradition as host of the all three legs of quarter horse racing's Triple Crown.

But Wells acknowledges not all tracks will survive. He predicts the major ones will continue, with some of the smaller ovals falling by the wayside.

"There will be a lot of small tracks that will wither and die," he warns.

New Mexico State Racing Commission chairman Eddie Fowler says all the racing industry wants is the opportunity to compete for

the public's gambling dollars.

"We want to be able to provide the best thing for the patron," Fowler says, and offer additional gambling opportunities.

For the second year in a row, the New Mexico horse racing industry is asking the state Legislature to allow them to have video gambling machines at the racetracks. The Horse Racing Industry Enhancement Act (SB 381) allows electronic gambling at racetracks, provides for off-track betting parlors and outlines where electronic gambling-generated monies would go.

The bill offers 25% off the top of the take to New Mexico horsemen and breeders associations for improved race purses.

New Mexico currently ranks 16 of 33 states for average daily purses. Additional gambling at the tracks could push New Mexico to the No. 8 spot for average daily purses, according to a study published by the New Mexico Horse Racing Industry.

Larger purses would mean better quality races and improved attendance at the tracks.

Track officials in other states are

saying the same thing. Of the five major New England racetracks, Lincoln Park in Rhode Island is the only one to have slot machines. The other four New England tracks want state-approved gambling.

As is the case in New Mexico, they cite the increased competition from Indian gaming. Their tracks lie near the country's largest casino, the Foxwood Resort Casino on the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Reservation.

Massachusetts governor Bill Weld supports gambling for Indians and at the tracks, and if Massachusetts OKs slot machines, New Hampshire will probably follow suit, Lincoln Park general manager Dan Bucci thinks.

If legalized gambling is approved at these other facilities, can Lincoln Park survive the competition?

"I would hope the worse-case scenario is that Lincoln Park survives at a modest profitability," Bucci says. "We have some level of confidence that we will survive the introduction of additional gaming. We certainly would already be closed without the slots."

Looking forward
to Monday?
Make your weekend
really count!
Spend the night,
have breakfast
on us & Relax

\$49.00 Plus Tax
Ask for
Ruidoso
Rates

Radisson.
SUITE INN EL PASO AIRPORT

●WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS 800-333-3333●
1770 Airway Blvd. • El Paso, Texas • 79925
915-772-3333

Rate applicable Friday, Saturday and Sunday only, not
applicable to previously negotiated contract rates.
1-4 persons per room & subject to availability.

Thanks to YOU
We have been
in business
for 1 year
on Friday, Feb. 2

Our Appreciation Special -
"All You Can Eat" Fish & Shrimp
with french fries, cole slaw & hush puppies
Only \$5.95

• Free Coffee or Tea All Day • Fruit Cobbler w/ice Cream \$1.75
Breakfast served anytime

The VILLAGE CAFE
2087 Hwy. 70 East
at the Economy Inn
Ruidoso Downs
378-8558

Big Summer! Big Fun!
On the U Pecos River deep in the Santa Fe National Forest

Traditional Camp - Individualized program. Great activity choices!
Adventure Camp - Horesback and backpack trips into the Pecos Wilderness,
mountain biking, and river rafting.
Mountaineers - Great fun for 9-10 year olds.
Trailblazers - The perfect first-time camping experience for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds.
Family Camp - Grandparents to babies.

Brush Ranch Camps

Call to book your camp
800-451-1111
or 505-255-1111

Call Thomas today and ask about our special
Valentine's Day classified section 257-4001

Judge dismisses suit over Mescalero student's haircut

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed against the Ruidoso School Board by a Mescalero Apache student who said he was forced to cut his hair in 1993 to play football.

United States District Court Judge Leroy Hansen ruled that because Matthew Poncho failed to disclose his religious beliefs concerning long hair to school officials, he did not give them a chance to accommodate those beliefs.

The judge cited evidence that the coaches, Mike Gaston and Kevin Clawson, only learned of Poncho's religious objections after his hair had been cut, said attorney Robert D. Castille with the Santa Fe law firm of Simons, Cuddy & Friedman.

"The judge noted that the two coaches had accommodated the religious objections of another student by not requiring the boy to cut his hair when he told them he participated in religious dances," Castille said Wednesday. His firm represents 75 of the state's 89 school districts, including Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Mike Gladden said the case hasn't affected his effort to respect and work closely with the district's Mescalero students.

"Initially, I was upset because I thought the coaches made the student cut his hair in spite of his religious objections," Gladden said after hearing about the ruling. "Then I found out the student never disclosed his religious objections. I'm confident the coaches would have accommodated his religious beliefs, if

he had disclosed them."

Castille elaborated on Gladden's statements.

"The decision is a 10-page memorandum from the judge and basically says if you want your religious beliefs accommodated, you've got to tell people," Castille said. "And that's the bottom line, because the kid never told the coaches."

At one point, Poncho and his representatives wanted \$4 million to settle, Castille said.

The judge rejected the argument of Poncho's attorney Charles C. Burton of Alamogordo that school officials had a duty to ask if the boy had a religious objection to cutting his hair, Castille said.

"Plaintiff cites no authority in support of such a constitutional duty and I have found none," Hansen wrote.

"They were saying school people should go and probe the kids' religious beliefs," Castille said. "The judge said that's not a good idea, and what they're proposing is very troubling. It doesn't make sense."

The suit was filed in First District Court in Santa Fe on Poncho's behalf in January 1995 by his uncle, Joseph Geronimo. Poncho was 16 at the time. The family asked the court to award punitive damages and other compensation for the "humiliation" Poncho suffered.

Neither Poncho nor Geronimo could be reached for comment Wednesday.

Poncho was a freshman in October 1993 when he was told to cut his hair or he could not play in the second-to-last game of the football season. Up to that point,

he had played with long hair. He allowed it to grow because he participated in religious dances of the tribe, Poncho said in a November 1993 interview in *The Ruidoso News*. He acknowledged in that interview that he did not tell the coaches about the religious significance of his hair length.

Poncho was living with his uncle at the time of the incident. His mother Frances Poncho said she didn't know about the haircut until after the game, when her son hesitated to take off his helmet in front of her.

Judge Hansen wrote that, although school officials knew some Mescalero Apaches placed religious significance on the length of their hair, not all espoused those beliefs.

"Poncho himself estimated that such beliefs were held by only about 20% of the Mescalero Apaches," Castille said.

Even if school officials "should have inquired" about Poncho's religious beliefs, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution only prohibits intentional acts and does not hold government officials liable for unintentional interference with religious beliefs, the judge wrote.

At the time of the incident, Gladden apologized to the family and the tribe. He said the district's athletic code does not require players to cut their hair as long as it can be drawn back and safely contained under the helmet.

Gaston now works in San Antonio, Texas. Clawson still is employed by the school district.

Poncho has 30 days to file an appeal in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Solid waste authority manager resigns after only three months

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Just three months after taking over as manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Corlis Dobson has resigned to take a job in Houston, Texas.

"I received his resignation yesterday," Authority Chairman Frank Cummins said Tuesday. "He said he had better opportunities in other areas."

The authority has called a special meeting for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5 for a budget review and an executive closed session on personnel. Dobson's resignation is effective Feb. 16.

Although he didn't know Dobson was considering resigning, Cummins thought there might be a problem when the manager's wife

didn't move to the area as planned.

"When his wife didn't come and I was told she got a better job and a raise, I was a little concerned," Cummins said. "We tried to let him take over and do the job, but I just don't think he adjusted without his wife being here. I'm disappointed, of course."

Dobson said Tuesday he's leaving to become a representative for Volvo's heavy truck division in east Texas, and he move to Houston.

"They recognized my capabilities and value," he said. The company sells equipment to the solid waste industry.

"In my resignation letter, I told the board that the opportunity here was fulfilling and rewarding to this point," Dobson said. "With a lot of hard work and commitment from

the staff and board, I see nothing but a bright future for the operation."

Dobson was selected last October in a second attempt to find a manager after Joe Lewandowski resigned to run his own garbage collection business in Otero County and to act as a consultant.

Authority members rejected all of the applications in the first round of advertising for a replacement. In the second go-around, they offered a higher salary to attract someone with more background.

Dobson was hired for \$45,000 a year plus a \$300-a-month car allowance. Before coming to Lincoln County, he was superintendent of solid waste for the city of Lufkin, Texas.

Ruidoso Downs man pleads guilty to sex assault on granddaughter

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A Ruidoso Downs grandfather who pled guilty to charges of sexually assaulting his granddaughter must stay away from the 13-year-old girl, Lincoln County District Court Judge Richard Parsons has ruled.

Anthony Craig, 53, pleaded guilty to two felony counts of criminal sexual contact with a minor at his Jan. 12 court hearing.

The charges were reduced from 12 counts in a plea agreement.

Craig, the husband of Ruidoso Downs mayoral candidate Charlotte Craig, received a deferred jail sentence and five years probation from Parsons. Six years in jail was the possible maximum basic sentence, Parsons said.

Craig was also told not to have contact with his granddaughter during his probation unless in the

presence of another adult, and to not possess or consume alcohol during the probation period. Craig must submit to random urine analysis testing and enter counseling treatment, Parsons ruled.

The state statute on criminal sexual contact with a minor is applied when a defendant touches an "intimate" part of a child's body, whether it be clothed or unclothed, assistant district attorney Viola Rhodes said.

"That's what he pleaded to," she said of Craig.

Rhodes, who prosecuted the case, said there was no evidence or testimony presented to the court describing what Craig was accused of doing.

The two charges against him were pursued by Rhodes even after she received affidavits asking for no prosecution from both the victim and her mother about six weeks be-

fore the hearing, Rhodes said.

Rhodes proceeded with prosecution because "I believed a crime had occurred," she explained. "This was the way it was resolved."

When first arrested June 23, Craig was charged with 12 counts of criminal sexual contact with a minor. His granddaughter was about 12 years old during the times of the assaults, which took place between June and December of 1994, court records indicate.

Craig was kept behind bars for seven days on a \$60,000 bond. It was later reduced to a \$10,000 unsecured bond after the victim's mother said at a Ruidoso Magistrate Court hearing that she didn't want her father in jail.

While awaiting his district court hearing, Craig was under the same conditions to avoid seeing his granddaughter privately.

Local musicians highlighted on radio show; concert planned later

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Disc jockey Jay Silver and musician Ron Turner will give local musicians on-air exposure beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow.

For the next eight weeks, the "K-BUY Local Musician Showcase" will feature in-depth interviews and music from local musical artists.

"We just hope to let people know that we have a wealth of musical talent in the Ruidoso area," said Silver, who is also a local musician.

The hour-long shows will feature live interviews, music and listener call-ins, he said.

"Tomorrow's show will be a preview of the upcoming guests with some of the music from the various artists," Silver said. "All the music performed on the shows will be original."

The series will culminate with a free "Showcase Concert" at Marie La Veaux Restaurant in Ruidoso on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17.

"The musicians that we've interviewed during the series will be performing at the concert," Silver said.

Turner and Silver (who performs under the name Silverman) have been playing together for about 15

years. Silver moved to Ruidoso from Savannah, Ga. after Turner persuaded him that he belonged in the Sacramento Mountains.

The duo performs every Friday and Saturday night at the Texas House Cafe Silver said.

The duo plays a mixture of country, folk and rock. The interview show will feature one segment dedicated to their musical style.

Although Turner and Silver don't have the dates confirmed for the interviews, the tentative line-up follows:

— Adrienne Henry - local

sculptor and singer-songwriter. Henry performs an eclectic mix of all original country and folk music.

— Carl Mori - guitar player and owner of The Music Shoppe;

— Paul Adamian - songwriter and guitar player;

— Turner and Silverman - play mixture of country, rock and folk;

— James Boren Band - plays rock 'n' roll, blues, rhythm and blues and country;

— Nancy Barker - keyboards;

— and The JJR Band - house band for The Winner's Circle. Plays country and rock 'n' roll.



Musicians Jay Silverman (left) and Ron Turner have performed together for about 15 years; this photo of them was taken 10 years ago. The duo is hosting a radio show featuring local musicians.

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When heavy crosswinds blow around Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, pilots are sometimes forced to land in Roswell, Ruidoso's airport manager said.

But once a new north-west/southwest runway is built, the problem will be resolved, manager Tim Morris said.

"This will enhance the airport," he said. "It will let us keep it open during high winds."

Presently, a number of planes are diverted each year from landing at the airport's single east-west runway, Morris said.

Before the federal government will release funds covering 90% share of the work, the village must conduct an environmental assessment of the land pegged for paving.

Ruidoso councilors accepted a state grant of \$22,500 Tuesday night to help pay for the assessment. The village must equally match that grant, and the village can put its share in its 1996-97 budget, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley said.

Village money expended for the environmental assessment also is considered part of the 5% match Ruidoso must provide for the runway construction, Briley said.

Work on the assessment should begin in late spring, Morris said.

Construction of the crosswinds runway is part of the village's master plan for the airport, Morris said.

Prior to the airport's construc-

tion in 1987-88, a number of Kuenzler's Hedgehog Cactus, an endangered species, were found on the mesa, Morris said.

An environmental assessment of the airport's impact on the cactus was required before its construction, and any further development also requires an assessment, Morris said.

If any of the cactus are found in the proposed new runway area during the assessment, an area for replanting must be identified, Morris said.

If none of the endangered plants are found, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued, and construction can proceed, he said.

Other Ruidoso council action

The following actions were taken at the Jan. 30 special Ruidoso Village Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:
— Approval of a preliminary plat and final plat for a 25.8 acre subdivision — White Mountain Estates #6 — at the north end of Hull Road. Two of the acres are zoned commercial and will be developed into two lots. The remainder will be developed into 23 single-family residential lots, and a five-acre parcel will be designated for church use.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS
— Chamber of commerce quarterly update.

— Approval of a concessionaire agreement with Ruidoso Taxicab, Inc., to conduct a taxi service at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The one-year agreement allows for only one cab to be parked at a designated airport space, and requires the taxi service to pay the village a monthly fee of \$20, plus one dollar per passenger from or to the airport.

— Denied the Arts & Film Board's recommendation to pursue grant funding for a film coordinator, but suggested Stan Monks meet with the chamber's economic development committee to pursue grant funds. Councilors also directed village staff to include funding of

the position as a low priority during upcoming budget proposals. Creating the voluntary or part-time position is part of a board plan to attract film, TV and advertising units to the Ruidoso area.

— Approved construction of the marquee sign for the Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center, Links Golf Course and future hotel. Estimated cost from the village's common area improvement fund is approximately \$55,000. Sign will be located at intersection of Sierra Blanca Drive and Mechem Drive.

— Authorized request for proposals for the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Loop interpretive center, and approved a \$3,000 agreement with Seelye and Assoc. for pre-project planning activities for the Scenic Byways grant.

— Approved budget resolution and mid-year quarterly review.

— Approved bid award for interior cleaning and recoating of a five-million-gallon reservoir tank.

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS
— Approval of governing body minutes.

— Resolution 96-03, designating community events at the Convention Center for 1996. The events listed are the same as those in 1995: Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce Art Festival; the Golden Aspen Rally; Oktoberfest; and the Christmas Jubilee.

— Appointment and compensation approval for precinct officials for the regular municipal election on March 5, 1996.

— A \$17,980 bid award to Sierra Blanca Motors for a 1995 or 1996 program vehicle all-wheel drive van.

— Bid award for the sale of surplus property. Staff recommends Drew Engineering be awarded a used above-ground storage tank for \$501, and Hall & Sons, Inc., get a 1966 Chevrolet stake bed truck for \$2,000.

— A \$9,885 bid award to Artesia Fire for a slip-in skid unit pump apparatus for a small fire engine.

— Approval of the \$22,500 grant agreement with the state of New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department Aviation Division for the environmental assessment for construction of a crosswind runway.

— Approval of a state grant agreement for \$5,950 in additional funds for the upgrade of the automatic weather observation system and the upgrade and maintenance of the non-directional beacon at the airport.

— Authorization to enter into contract negotiations with top design firms for the various bond projects.

— Approval of \$1,700 in out-of-state travel funds for Mayor Jerry Shaw. Shaw is on a committee for the National League of Cities, which is holding an annual congressional city conference in Washington, D.C. March 9-12.

Gambling

Continued from page 1A

at a given track in the prior year. The method of distribution of that 20% would be left up to the breeders. This bill would also allow an unlimited number of machines with an unlimited payoff.

SB 381 would send 10% to the state. It asks for strict regulation of gaming by a "gaming board," a special investigations division (which would do background checks), and a 10-member gaming oversight committee, which would oversee regulation of electronic games.

SB 418 taxes 10% of the proceeds from machines.

In both the Smith-Kidd bill and the Horsemen's bill, 5% of revenue would go to local municipalities and the county in which the gaming is conducted.

However, there is a big difference between SB 381 and SB 380 in the cost of licensing. The Horsemen's bill would license each machine at \$25 with no licensing fee for operators. The Smith-Kidd bill would require a \$500 license fee for each machine and a \$7,500 license fee for operators. The governor's bill is not specific in fees.

Both the Horsemen's bill and the Smith-Kidd bill call for an electronic link between each machine and a central computer to monitor the play and operation of the machine.

All pending bills raise the age of players to 21. The Indian gaming compact, recently ruled invalid by the New Mexico Supreme Court, allowed 18-year-olds to play the machines.

One major difference between SB 381 and the other two bills is, SB 381 includes off-track betting and sets up procedures to accomplish it.

The Horsemen's bill permits off-track betting (OTB) at facilities that are extensions of New Mexico racetracks. The bill does not spell out exactly where these OTB facilities would be located, but they would have to be licensed. The OTBs could show live races from other states.

Yesterday, it was unknown whether the full Senate would consider the bills one at a time or together, but several senators have said they expect amendments will be made to any bill.

S A L U T E T O

WORKING WOMEN '96

Lunch & Style Show:
Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center
Wednesday, February 14

Tickets are on sale for \$15 at *The Ruidoso News* until Friday, Feb. 9.
No tickets will be available at the door.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

New poll shows support for racetrack machines

A new poll commissioned by the New Mexico Horsemen's Association has some interesting findings. The results show New Mexicans think horse racetracks should get video gambling in order to better compete with Indian casinos, and residents want the tracks to survive.

In the random sample of 500 New Mexican adults conducted this month by a reputable company (4.4% margin of error), 46% said they support slot machines at tracks. Support was strongest among younger adults, males, Hispanics and people in the eastern part of the state.

The surveyors then asked some interesting questions to get a better feel of how well-versed the negative (36%) or undecided (18%) respondents were in their views. When those groups were asked if they would support video gambling at tracks if the state government legalizes Indian casinos, 60% said yes, 31% said no, and 9% remained undecided. These answers support the notion that people think the tracks should be allowed to compete with Indian operations.

Those who still remained opposed to video gambling at racetracks were then asked to rate the current financial condition of the state's racetracks. The majority, 57%, were unable to do it, showing how few people realize how much money the tracks are losing.

The pollsters then told the respondents the tracks are losing money, and according to the horse racing industry, Indian gaming and the upcoming state lottery will threaten the wellbeing of the horse racing industry.

Then again, the remaining opponents were asked if they support or oppose allowing slot machines at horse tracks. After getting briefed on the tracks' financial problems, 65% now said they support it, while 28% didn't. This supports the opinion that a solid majority don't want the tracks to die.

Polls may not be perfect, but they're a lot better than freewheeling guessing. As they review at least three gambling bills in upcoming days, state legislators should take heed of this poll's results.

POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed, however the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be 500 words or less, be of public interest and should avoid name-calling and libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to edit letters, as long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

Letters may be hand delivered to The News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The News has the right to reject any letter.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't vote in primary if you're "independent"

TO THE EDITOR:

Did you know that if you "decline-to-state" (DTS) a party affiliation in New Mexico when you register as a voter with the Lincoln County Clerk, then you CANNOT vote in any New Mexico Primary Election? (However, you can still vote anywhere you choose in the November General Election as in any state).

There seems to be more and more Lincoln County citizens who hail from other states (especially Texas) that recognize an "Independent" (no party affiliation) voter registration. In other states this progressive feature allows them to vote in whichever Primary election they choose — for the best candidate in their view, so-to-speak. Further, these same people seem to think that when registering to vote in New Mexico, "declining-to-state" a party affiliation gives them the SAME flexibility as registering as an Independent in another state allowing them to vote in whichever

Primary suits them. NOT SO! Stating "no party affiliation" in Texas (or another state) is not the same as "declining-to-state" a party affiliation in New Mexico.

Presently, the following three political parties in New Mexico (one of which likes to spend money we don't have) will have Primaries this year: the Republican, Democrat and Green parties. You must state one of these parties on your voter registration in order to participate in their Primary Election.

Why let everyone select the sole party candidate for you to consider in the November General Election? You may think he or she is a jerk.

Or the greatest candidate in the world. Or you may think he/she should not be elected if you had a choice. The three New Mexico Primary Elections are where you have that choice.

So get on down to the NM Motor Vehicles Ruidoso office (across Cliff Drive from Burger King); or the County Clerk's office in Carrizozo; or call the Clerk's office (648-2394) and they'll mail you a registration form or tell you where other sources are in town. Then register with a party, or change your DTS registration to a party, so you can VOTE in

a Primary Election on June 4th, 1998.

Marshall Conover
Ruidoso

Non-Indian ethnics sold down river

TO THE EDITOR:

Past presidents and congresses have sold all non-Indian ethnic groups down the river, by allowing statutes of limitations on treaties prolong more than stated.

When New Mexico became statehood in 1912, and Indians became citizens in 1924, each family was to have 160 acres and record it in the land book. If this had been done, they would have been under one nation, under God, individually and justice for all. Be represented, taxed and treated like all citizens of U.S.A.

According to page 7, article 3 in the Navajo Treaty (authority over reservations), Congress recognized the authority of the Navajos in the Treaty of 1868, and has done so ever since, and if this power is to be taken away, it can be done by Act of Congress. William V. Lee (S. CT. of

U.S. 1959) 358 U.S. 217, 79 S. CT. 269, 3 LEO 251.

If there is to be an empowerment change, the federal, state and county governments should do it. The cities and chapter houses should incorporate under the states they reside in, then they could lease their lands and would have the benefits of bond issues, loans and etc. without any delays.

The Indians are accumulating more and more land, which is in trust to the tribe, and taken off the tax role; consequently there are less landowners paying more taxes to finance everyone.

At the present time, Indians are living off the reservations being represented and receiving all benefits, and they have a census number with representation and benefits on reservations. No taxation.

This is not justice for all and there is an election coming up, so Indians and non-Indians alike should notify their congresspeople and give your opinion on this. Give to the government what is theirs and to God what is His.

Joble McPherson
Aztec

THE DREAMER

February hosts several important days

"The Birthday Month"

This is being sent to you right at high noon, with a gentle west wind singing down the vale while just a few light cloud streamers stretch across the blue sky in the east.

The temperature is 60 degrees here in this mild and sunny interlude in the final days of midwinter. These mild spells are rather common this time of year, and will bear watching because they might be "weather breeders" — that is "the calm before the storm" — a sudden spell of cold and snow, out of nowhere.

This message will reach you on Jan. 31, the eve of February, often called "The Birthday Month" because of the important birthdays and other special days: first comes Groundhog Day on the second, Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th, Valentine's Day on the 14th and Washington's Birthday on the 22nd.

Ground Hog's Day

It has been handed down to us from early times in our history that Ground Hog's Day has news for us about the weather. On his special day he awakens from his winter sleep and comes out of his home deep in the ground to see how the world above ground looks.

If it is a sunny day, he sees his shadow and becomes frightened and makes a dive back into his winter home. This way he gives us notice that we will have six more weeks of winter weather.

If, on the other hand, the day is cloudy and overcast, he stays above ground, confident



The Dreamer

DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

that winter is about over and an early spring is on the way.

The belief that Feb. 2 is a turning point in the year's weather goes back to our forefathers across the waters. In Scotland there is an old saying: "If Candlemas be fair and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." There is also another old saying throughout the British Isles: "February second day keep half your corn and half your hay."

We will soon know what the ground hog has to tell us.

Happy Anniversary to George and Ruth Fredin

George and Ruth Fredin, two of Ruidoso's favorite people, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Jan. 20.

They were married on this date in 1945 in Roswell. They have lived in Ruidoso since 1970.

George was born in St. Paul, Minn. on April 23, 1903. He spent many years as a concert violinist and music teacher. He still plays his violin.

We wish George and Ruth many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

Benjamin Coe Sanchez Becomes Church Acolyte

At the services at Saint Anne's Chapel Jan. 28, Benjamin Coe Sanchez, age 9, began his career as an acolyte in the Episcopal Church.

Ben, as he is affectionately known, follows a long family tradition. His mother Debbie is organist for the church; his grandmother Nellie Ruth Jones is a lay reader; and his great-grandmother Helena Coe Lamay played the organ in Saint Anne's Chapel. Ben is a direct descendant of the founders of the church, and we all congratulate this fine young man for this happy turning point in his life of service to the church.

Jim Paul Whipple Receives Scholastic Honors

While watching the Super Bowl at the home of Paul and Nellie Ruth Jones, they showed me a certificate presented by Cochise Junior College of Douglas, Ariz. to their grandson Jim Paul Whipple titled, "Certificate of Academic High Honors."

Jim Paul completed his first semester this January. Besides being an honor student, he is an outstanding member of the school rodeo team, excelling as a team roper.

We offer all congratulations to Jim Paul, and we want him to know we are all proud of him.

The Ruidoso News

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345

Phone: (505) 257-4001 Fax: (505) 257-7053

Keith Green

Joanna Dodder

Publisher

Editor

Dianne StallingsReporter
Don HixonReporter
Laura ClymerReporter
Kathleen McDonaldReporter
Karen PaytonOffice Manager
Anjanette ChavezBookkeeper

Christine VolquardsenAdvertising Manager
Crystal DaltonDisplay Advertising
Tony RasconDisplay Advertising
Thomas TeosleClassified Advertising
Tamara HofferProduction Manager
Johnny HughesCirculation Manager

STAFF

Gina Booty, Mail Room Supervisor; Evelyn Hazel, Clerical Assistant; Tamara Bryant, Route Driver; Jackie Bryant, Route Driver; Raymond Hardin, Route Driver; Walt Jones, Route Driver; Pat Connel, Insertor; Audra Allison, Insertor; Janis McWilliams, Insertor; Jan Hazel, Insertor; Sherrie Cox, Insertor; Robert Goddard, Insertor; Bernadette Joleant, Insertor; Burns Calloway, Insertor; Betty Jones, Insertor; George Gates, Maintenance; Drew Gombor, Production; Cathy Smith, Production; Joe Martin, Head Pressman; Steve Lopez, Assistant Head Pressman; Kelly Jackson, Assistant Pressman

Subscription rates in advance—Single copy, 50¢. Mail delivery: single copy, \$2.50; one year, \$34; six months, \$30. Home delivery: three months, \$20; six months, \$36; one year, \$68. Call (505) 257-4001 for home delivery.

The Ruidoso News (USPS 472-500) is published each Wednesday and Friday at 104 Park Avenue, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Second class postage paid at the Post Office at Ruidoso, NM 88345. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject advertising and edit copy that it considers objectionable. Liability for any error in advertising shall not exceed the value of the actual space in which the error occurs and shall be satisfied by correction in the next issue. No portion of The Ruidoso News may be used in any manner without the expressed, written consent of the publisher. The Ruidoso News is published by WorldWest Limited Liability Company.

Member of the New Mexico Press Association
Copyright 1998

OFFICIAL RECORDS

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

MONDAY, JAN. 22
Total calls by type:
6 Accidents
4 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
1 Fire call
1 Non-criminal activity
1 Other criminal
2 Personal violence
5 Traffic
1 Traffic
2:13 a.m. Alarm malfunction at 1200 Mechem Drive.
7:34 a.m. Alarm at 201 U.S. 70. Canceled.
7:52 a.m. Alarm at 401 Suddeth Drive. Operator error.
8:08 a.m. Cedar Plaza caller requests ambulance for elderly man with chest pain.
8:09 a.m. Alarm at Hart Drive residence. Canceled.
8:13 a.m. Alarm at North Loop residence. All clear, residence secure.
9:37 a.m. 344 Suddeth Drive caller reports items taken from room by occupants. Report taken on inquiry.
10:16 a.m. Lea Drive caller reports house has been broken into. Report taken on burglary.
10:28 a.m. 1096 Mechem Drive caller reports office has been broken into. Negative report, no burglary.
10:44 a.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller reports high school received a bomb threat and he thinks it's one of the students. Report.
10:49 a.m. Ambulance transferring patient to Albuquerque.
11:25 a.m. Los Padres Drive caller re-

quests ambulance for father who fell off roof. Cash on the head.
11:27 a.m. 2716 Suddeth Drive caller reports woman ran over her with a vehicle. Report taken on negligent battery.
1:46 p.m. Hart Drive caller reports full grown muscular rottweiler running loose in area. Negative contact with dog.
4:10 p.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports her backpack was stolen. Report taken.
4:13 p.m. 2920 Suddeth Drive caller reports kids are crawling into an abandoned building through the window. Negative report.
6:49 p.m. Alarm at 401 Suddeth Drive. All clear. Unknown reason.
6:51 p.m. Walnut Drive caller reports shed blew over from wind and now items are missing. Report taken.
6:56 p.m. Cavilan Canyon Drive caller reports tree limb down in roadway. Negative contact with any emergency.
8:05 p.m. Visitor Road caller reports workstop in playing music very loud. Subject left area.
10:07 p.m. Camelia Drive caller thinks he may be having a stroke. Ambulance requested.
11:03 p.m. Grindstone Dam caller reports coal smoldering in parking lot of dam. Extinguished.
11:26 p.m. 2535 Suddeth Drive caller reports he was beaten up at the bar. Negative report at this time.

12:56 a.m. Junction Road caller reports loud music from passing car. Two kids near church. All clear, unable to locate.
2:49 a.m. Chaparral Drive caller reports barking dog. Owner notified, dog taken indoors.
8:40 a.m. Horton Circle caller reports dog coming in the middle school. Animal impounded.
9:17 a.m. 126 U.S. 70 caller reports accident, unknown injuries. Report taken.
9:42 a.m. Brady Canyon Road caller reports medium-sized black and white shaggy dog won't let her carry trash out. Verbal warning to owner.
10:27 a.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports two street signs and one stop sign stolen. Report taken.
10:36 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports hit and run at Wal-Mart parking lot last Wednesday. Report taken.
12:51 p.m. State police enroute to station with two adults and one juvenile prisoner.
4:34 p.m. 2919 Suddeth Drive caller needs information regarding car from earlier date. Info provided.
5:44 p.m. Rowan Road caller requests ambulance. Her husband's having a stroke.
8:05 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from Lincoln County Medical Center to Albuquerque.
8:50 p.m. 911 hang-up call from Pikes Peak Drive. Officers advise no such address. All secure in area.
10:21 p.m. 411 Mechem Drive caller requests ambulance for man who slit his throat. All clear. He did not cut his throat.
11:16 p.m. 2516 Suddeth Drive caller reports two men fighting in bar. Two men arrested.

12:31 a.m. Toss Trail Drive caller reports vehicle in ditch. People yelling. Gone on arrival.
2:14 a.m. Del Norte Drive caller reports drunk pedestrian threatening suicide. Taken to LCMC for evaluation. All clear.
6:08 a.m. Possible truck fire at trash compactor. All clear.
6:21 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports car weaving on highway. Officer enroute. All clear, just sighting.
6:30 a.m. Alarm at 2812 Suddeth Drive. All clear.
8:56 a.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports fourth grader ran away from him. Officer located kid. Out at White Mountain School.
9:16 a.m. Ambulance enroute to Mesalero, then Indian Health Services.
11:20 a.m. Rainbow Drive caller reports larceny. Report taken.
1:50 p.m. Johnson Street caller faxed a list of stolen items to officer. Will be entered into national crime computer.
2:30 p.m. Ridge Drive caller requests ambulance for her seven-month-old sister with pain.
3:42 p.m. Chavez Drive subject arrested by warrant.
4:01 p.m. 1031 Mechem Drive caller reports an accident occurred near her store. No report.
4:04 p.m. Yellow Pine Drive caller reports residential burglary. Woman had sewing machine stolen.
4:05 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from Indian Health Services to LCMC.
4:31 p.m. Patient transferred from IHS to LCMC.
6:00 p.m. Mechem Drive caller requests officer to take report on embezzlement. Canceled by manager.
6:46 p.m. Butler Drive caller reports shots fired. Negative contact. All clear.
6:53 p.m. D Street caller requests ambulance for woman who fell. Possible broken hip.
8:33 p.m. Timberline Court caller reports burglary of residence. Report taken.
9:15 p.m. Subject tumbled himself in to RPD. She was entered in national runaway file.
Please see Police, page 9A

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

Total calls by type:
1 Accident
1 Add info/followup
1 Alarm
5 Ambulances
1 Fire call
2 Fireworks
1 Missing person
1 Suspicious activity
4 Traffic
1 Warrant service

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following information was taken from reports filed by citizens with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

MONDAY, JAN. 22
10:37 a.m. A man reports a cow shot eight miles northeast of Ancho. The district livestock inspector is notified.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24
11:59 a.m. A Captain man reports someone stole a gas barbecue from his carport during the night. A deputy responds.
2:04 p.m. A caller reports a fire that appears to be out of control at mileage marker 9 on State Road 244. The Mesalero Apache police department is notified.
3:18 p.m. An accident without injuries is reported by a deputy on U.S. 380 at the turnoff to the Boca Campground in Salazar Canyon. A wrecker is dispatched.
3:53 p.m. A caller asks for a deputy to take a report about a semi-truck that ran him off the road on U.S. 70 between Glenospe and

Ruidoso Downs. The case would have been referred to the New Mexico State Police, but no one is going to be available until 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25
9:45 a.m. A fire is reported on U.S. 380. The Carrizozo Fire Department is notified.
1:54 p.m. An ambulance is requested by the niece of a elderly man who fell. The Carrizozo ambulance responds.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26
2:04 a.m. An ambulance is requested at an apartment behind a local business for a man having trouble breathing. He is taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.
8:15 a.m. A woman reports two possible illegal Mexican nationals in blue box car on a train in Carrizozo. The Border Patrol is notified.
10:43 a.m. A Carrizozo man is receiving threats over the telephone. A Carrizozo officer responds.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25
2:04 p.m. Person walked into station to report stolen wallet.
FRIDAY, JAN. 26
6:35 p.m. Routine traffic stop resulted in one warrant arrest.
SATURDAY, JAN. 27
6:16 p.m. Gas meter at Willow Trailer

Park hit by vehicle and leaking.
SUNDAY, JAN. 28
10:12 a.m. Report of shoplifting at Circle K store.
11:33 a.m. Report of kids with BB guns shooting near Inspiration Heights.
6:02 p.m. 911 call that person is looking into cars in field by Pappy's Diner. Cars are for sale.
11:39 p.m. One DWI arrest.
MONDAY, JAN. 29
2:44 a.m. One DWI arrest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. "Ken" will be playing.

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs 378-4067 — James Boren Band Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - JJR Band (local band performs country western and rock 'n roll), no cover.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2616 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9882 — 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.

etc!

DWI BLITZ — now through Sunday, Feb. 4 throughout New Mexico and Lincoln County.

LOCAL MUSICIANS SHOWCASE — 9 p.m. every Thursday night on KBUY radio. Turner and Silverman will interview a different local musician or group each week. For eight weeks culminating with a free concert at Marie LaVeaux on March 17. For further information call KBUY at 257-7333 and ask for Jay.

BEGINNING WATER MEDIA CLASSES — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Thursday at Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. every Tuesday at Redrose Studio, and beginning in February, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Stetson Art Center (demo in the morning.) For more information call (505) 663-4203. Paula White, instructor.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE — Jan. 29 through Feb. 19. Cookies will be delivered March 7. Cookies can be purchased by calling your local Girl Scout Council program center or by calling 800-374-8846. Cost is \$2.50 per box.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FORUM — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

1 at the Senior Citizens Center in Corona. 6:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 5 at the Senior Citizens Center in San Patricio. Hondo residents are also invited. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 6 at the Catholic Church, Capitán. Nogal residents are also invited. The forums are to help assess the medical needs and concerns of all Lincoln County residents.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — Sponsored by the Community Action Program. The program is for the 1995 tax season Jan. 30 through April 15. The assistance is for income-eligible people who need help with State and Federal Income Tax short forms. They will see clients by appointment only at 615 Suddeth, Suite 1 #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-6843 for further information.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS — 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays starting Wednesday, Jan. 31 through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes.

ENMU DEDICATION — 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 at Eastern New Mexico University, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso.

ARTIST RECEPTION — 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery near Alamogordo. Artist Mary Saxton's work will be on display Feb. 1 through Feb. 29 at the gallery. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

PARENTING COURSE — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Ruidoso High School in the Public Meeting Room. Appropriate discipline methods will be the subject of the second meeting of the free parenting course sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. It is led by Dr. Elgit LaMothe and is part of a series entitled "Raising Responsible Children." No registration is needed. For further information call 257-8149 or 354-2761.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation 257-5141 — Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours a day Thursday through Saturday.

D LAZY 2 CHUCKWAGON CAMP — Seven days a week year round. Reservations only. Authentic chuckwagon supper and chuckwagon entertainment (cowboy poetry, guitar, etc.). Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Call 257-7836 for information.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times.

Clubs & Meetings

RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL — 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at Ruidoso Senior Center.

ALPINE VILLAGE SANITATION DISTRICT — 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Swiss Chalet Inn. Members are invited to attend.

DONA ANA DOWSERS — Noon-4 p.m. at the Social Center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. The presentation will be on "using dowsing to improve your physical health" by Sandy Burns and Susan Bryant of Earth Elements in Flagstaff, Ariz. The presentation will be followed by mini workshops on learning to dowsing, personal dowsing and map dowsing. A donation of \$5 per person is requested to defray meeting costs. For information call Jeanne-Marie Gehring at 522-4667.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY — 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5 in the Conference Room at Lincoln County Medical Center, 211 Suddeth Drive, Ruidoso.

LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY — 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at Marie LaVeaux Restaurant, 1214 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso. John H. Dendahl, chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico, will speak. For reservations, please call Pat Hume at 354-2382, Bev Nye at 258-4372 or Jinny Vigil at 653-4609 by noon Saturday, Feb. 3.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

ART & FILM BOARD — 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-8444: "Sabrina," "Waiting to Exhale." Call

theater for show times and ratings.

Museums

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4809. Open daily Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now showing: Anne's Attic - Selections from the permanent collection.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT — Highway 380, Lincoln, 663-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saltillo Mesalero, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mesalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mesalero.

Parks & Recreation

SKI APACHE — Call 257-9001 for ski report.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4800 - Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

To have your information listed here free, call **The Ruidoso News** at 257-4001. **Deadlines:** 3 p.m. Monday for Wednesday; 3 p.m. Thursday for Friday.

Movies

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-8444: "Sabrina," "Waiting to Exhale." Call

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled by Polly E. Chavez.
The Captain Progress
Jan. 25, 1901
Dr. N.T. Moore has been busy lately attending to the wants of an unusually large number of people, and he reports them all improving.
Manchester will be the name of the first station on the E.P. & N.E. north of Carrizozo. This will also be the nearest station to White Oaks, a distance of about six miles.
Frank Lumley, clerk in E.B. Welch's store at this place, is visiting with his parents at Picacho this week.
Dr. J.O. Cobb will remain an assistant to Dr. P.M. Carrington at the Fort Stanton U.S. Marine Hospital.
The carnival visitors all arrived home Saturday and Monday. Some poor in pocket but wiser in experience.
James Cree, and A.H. Hudspeth were in from the VV Ranch today.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

THURSDAY High...35 Low...25



Snow showers

WEDNESDAY High...47 Low...28



Mostly cloudy

FRIDAY High...39 Low...18



Morning snow

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Friday	43	22	.00"
Saturday	48	14	.00"
Sunday	52	18	.00"
Monday	57	20	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	53	33	Cloudy
El Paso, TX	56	41	Cloudy
Lubbock, TX	60	30	Rainy
Midland, TX	58	39	Cloudy



Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

STARDATE

StarDate is courtesy of the McDonald Observatory at the Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate.

Canis Major, the Big Dog, is one constellation that looks like what it's supposed to, at least if you have a chart showing faint enough stars and a connect-the-dots scheme that illustrates the dog's profile. Sirius marks his chest, other bright stars form his foreleg and hindquarters. His head is a very dim triangle. Canis Major is traditionally Orion's hunting dog, forever following him across the sky.

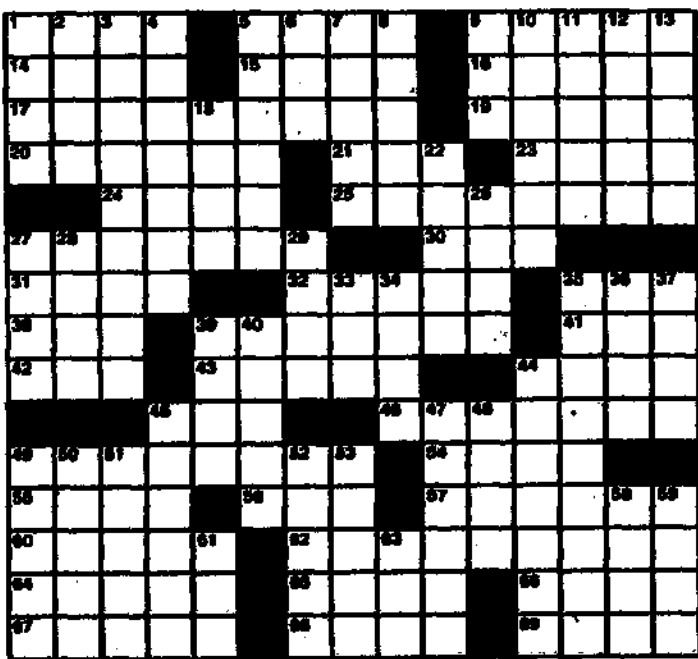
NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0815

ACROSS

- The "D" of C.D.
- Fog
- Heavenly instruments
- Worldwide: Abbr.
- Not at port
- Be a bad winner
- Analysis of components
- Arizona State University site
- Like pant legs
- Swilled head
- Hitchcock's "Window"
- Cooked to perfection
- 1965 Petula Clark hit
- Slight
- Turndowns
- Levin and Gershwin
- Actor Warren
- Part of the Dept. of Transportation
- Misérables
- Gary Larson cartoon, with "The"
- Scuba tank supply
- 6-1, 5-7 or 6-4, e.g.
- Perfection
- Noncom: Abbr.
- Bat wood
- Pizza divisions
- Row house



Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

DOWN

- Claim, informally
- Memo words
- Firm
- Hubbards
- Sportscaster John
- Equal: Prefix
- 7 Hemmed
- Argentina
- Elev.
- Silence
- Juliet's beau
- Clustard apple
- Radio star Howard
- Vegas game
- Possessed
- On the — (precisely)
- Aches
- Complimentary
- Double-timed
- Crazy — loon
- Hacienda
- Bookbinding material
- Baseball offense
- Temperature extreme
- and
- and
- Base, for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SLAG BIA NATIVE
POLO RTS IRONIC
ACERDITY CARONG
ROCKABYEABY
TZE RLS TVE
VOP ASSAIL PHEW
ALOMA ECHO RANI
PAPERBACKWRITER
ETLE ALICE EXCEL
ENID SEYLOS HRE
DEN ORR QIE
OCICORSHOLD
TITIAN ANTONIA
BLONDE ENS ACED
BLVEST DOO LASS

Get answers to any three clues by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5555 (75¢ each minute)

SPORTS

SPORTS SHORTS

SKI REPORT

Ski Apache is open with lifts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and the gondola operating. The lower mountain and most upper mountain trails are open, except Apache Bowl and The Trench.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 35 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed powder.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from *The Ruidoso News*.

10 years ago — Sierra Blanca Ski Racing team dominates the third annual Open Class Trophy Race. Ruidoso's Neely Schwab wins the women's overall slalom competition. Vince Tognaci takes the men's slalom race in a time of 1:20.51.

20 years ago — Kirk Eubank scores 26 in Ruidoso's 76-55 homecoming victory over Hatch Valley. Jorge Plata adds 21 and Frankie Montoya pitches in 12.

30 years ago — Hondo's Eagles improve to 13-3 with a 77-61 victory over Capitan. Bobby Richardson leads the Eagles with 30 points and Eddie Gomez adds 21. For the Tigers, William Herrera scores 21 and Jake Griego has 18.

40 years ago — Mescalero nips Weed, 29-25, in boys cage action. Mike Fairbanks, whose Indian name is Charging Black Buffalo Bull, scores two buckets near the end of the game to seal the win.

Cross Your Heart Cup takes off February 14

The annual Cross Your Heart Cup ski race is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Ski Apache. Proceeds will benefit the Lincoln County Humane Society.

Those interested in participating can preregister at the Ski School Desk, or call the Ski School for more information. Cost is \$10.

Once again, prizes will be given away for such unique categories as "Biggest Flirt," "Best Buns," "Best Costume," and "Tootsie" (where men must wear women's clothes) among others. Historically, the Cross Your Heart Cup is the silliest race of the year. The post-race party starts at 6 p.m. the day of the race at Casa Blanca restaurant in Ruidoso.

Women's city bowling championship tourney set for this weekend

The 15th annual Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association City Championship Tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday at the Ruidoso Bowling Center.

Doubles and singles bowl on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Team competition starts on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

State select soccer team tryouts Feb. 17

The New Mexico Soccer Association is holding its second men's and women's state select team tryouts Saturday, Feb. 17, at the New Mexico Youth Soccer Complex. For more information call 296-6118 or 915-775-1943.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Wrestling 6 p.m. Ruidoso at Belen

Thursday, Feb. 1

Prep Girls Basketball

5 p.m. Mountainair at Carrizozo

Prep Boys Basketball

7 p.m. Mountainair at Zozo

Friday, Feb. 2

Prep Girls Basketball

6 p.m. Dexter at Capitan

7:30 p.m. Ruidoso at Cobre

Prep Boys Basketball

7:30 p.m. Silver at Ruidoso

Wrestling

T.B.A. Ruidoso at District quad

Saturday, Feb. 3

Bowling

11 a.m. Ruidoso Women's

Bowling Association

singles tournament

Prep Girls Basketball

4:30 p.m. Carrizozo at Vaughn

7:30 p.m. Ruidoso at Silver

Prep Boys Basketball

6:30 p.m. Carrizozo at Vaughn

7:30 p.m. Cobre at Ruidoso

Referee and wrestler both lose their senses

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

In addition to some great competition, Ruidoso's last home wrestling invitational featured a fearless and nearly earless Belen wrestler, and a referee who really couldn't see the action during one match despite two good eyes.

The Ruidoso invitational took a Vincent Van Gogh turn to the macabre when Belen Eagle wrestler Jeremy Trujieque had his ear partially torn during a match. The wound bled profusely, delaying the match for 10 minutes while trainers and coaches attended to the injury.

"We used up most of the gauze we had in the school trying to stop the bleeding," Ruidoso coach Gerald Ames said.

Despite the lacerated lobe (actually, a pared pinna), Trujieque continued to wrestle, proving that some wrestlers really do possess a high tolerance for pain. That, or they are just plain crazy.

The latter might apply more to Trujieque, who couldn't wait to return to the action.

"He was real concerned about losing the match," Ames said of the Belen wrestler, who went on to win the 189-pound division.

Then, wrestling referee Simon Chavez started seeing stars, not the match he was officiating. He complained of shortness of breath and nearly blacked out. This was one ref who was blind — for the moment at least.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Ruidoso's Shaun Cobb attempts to escape from the grasp of his Belen opponent at the Warriors' invitational Saturday.

Unfortunately for Ruidoso's Luis Phillips, Chavez's fainting spell occurred when Phillips had Goddard opponent Dave Martinez on his back.

"He (Chavez) was down counting for the pin when he had to stop the match (because of how he felt)," Ames said. Phillips ended up losing to Martinez when the match recon-

vened.

After all the drama had settled, Las Vegas Robertson ended up winning the team title. Belen's Eagles came in second. Host Ruidoso was eighth of 11 teams.

Senior Jose Prieto was the lone Warrior to claim an individual title. He won the 119-pound weight class. Prieto, who improved to 26-8 overall, pinned his first two opponents from Cobre and St. Michael's. He then defeated the invitational's No. 1 seed Eric McGillizay from Moriarty, 8-7. McGillizay came into Saturday's competition with a stellar 23-2 record.

"This is a real big win for Jose," Ames said.

Tyson LaCour was Ruidoso's second-highest finisher. LaCour posted a 2-2 record for the day to take fourth place in the 140-pound weight class. Ed Misquez, who was wrestling for the Ruidoso junior varsity team, also took fourth place in his division, 130 pounds.

Fifth-place finishers were Eric Russell at 135 pounds, and Shaun Cobb at 152 pounds.

Despite some recent losses, Ames said Cobb in particular has been wrestling better of late.

"He's more under control. I'm real pleased with him," Ames said.

Sophomore Jason Lopez reinjured his left elbow after winning his first match. Lopez

will rest the elbow for a couple weeks with hopes he can return in time for the district and state wrestling meets.

Ruidoso's 189-pound Lalo Espinosa wrestled well despite going 1-3, Ames said. Espinosa took sixth place, as did junior varsity wrestler Alex Eckert in the 140-pound division.

The invitational was the Warriors' last large meet before the District 3AAA and state meets. Ruidoso wrestles Silver at the district quad meet in Alamogordo Saturday. The results of that match will help determine seeding for the District 3AAA tournament hosted by New Mexico Military Institute Feb. 17.

Ruidoso and Silver match up well, although the Colts have a definite advantage in depth.

"They're tough in the same places that we're tough," Ames said.

The schedule lightens up as the Warriors prepare for districts and state. Holding Ruidoso's best chances to place at state are Prieto, Lopez and Cobb. Russell and Espinosa have an outside shot, but lack of experience will make it tough for either of them, Ames said.

"I think we're going to be as ready as we can be. Our kids are young, and it's not a one-year process (to get to state)," Ames said.

Bears sweep past both Tiger squads

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Cloudcroft's Bears cleaned house at Capitan's home Saturday, sweeping both the boys and girls varsity basketball contests.

The Bears dusted off the Tigers, 63-59, while the Cloudcroft girls waxed Capitan, 45-34.

It was a frustrating evening for both Capitan squads. Neither could get over the proverbial hump and pull in front of the hustling Bears.

CHS boys 'flat'

Tiger coach Gerald Montes' boys team was outscored 6-0 at the end of the second quarter, giving the Bears a 33-28 halftime advantage and a lead they would never surrender.

The late first-half surge by Cloudcroft capped the end of a lackluster half of basketball by the Tigers.

"Hey, we didn't play well," Montes said. "We came out flat and played flat the whole first half."

The five-point lead was all the Bears would need to hang for their first District 6AA win. Cloudcroft improved to 7-11 overall and 1-2 in the district. The Tigers are 9-8 overall and 0-1 in 6AA play.

The Tigers had an opportunity late in the game to tie or go ahead of the Bears. Trailing 61-59 with less than 25 seconds to go, Capitan stole the ball. The Tigers, who had become proficient in close ballgames, uncharacteristically turned the ball over and gave away a chance at tying the game.

Cloudcroft made two of four free throws and the Tigers missed two 3-pointers in the waning seconds.

The Tigers haven't played as poorly as they did Saturday in

nearly a month, Montes said.

"I thought they (Cloudcroft) came out with a lot of intensity and desire," he said. "We were just standing around watching them. The district is too intense for that."

The two aspects of the game Capitan had been doing well — free-throw shooting and offensive rebounding — failed it Saturday. The Tigers were a meager 10-for-25 from the charity stripe.

"We didn't go to the offensive boards well, either," Montes said.

The bottom line, however, was that the Bears won the game from the line, Montes added. Cloudcroft hit 15 of 28 free throws for the game.

The Tigers had five players in double figures. Cody Turnbow paced Capitan with 13 points. Keith Cox added a dozen, while Josh Peralta scored 11. Ernie Trujillo and Jon Ugalano pitched in 10 apiece.

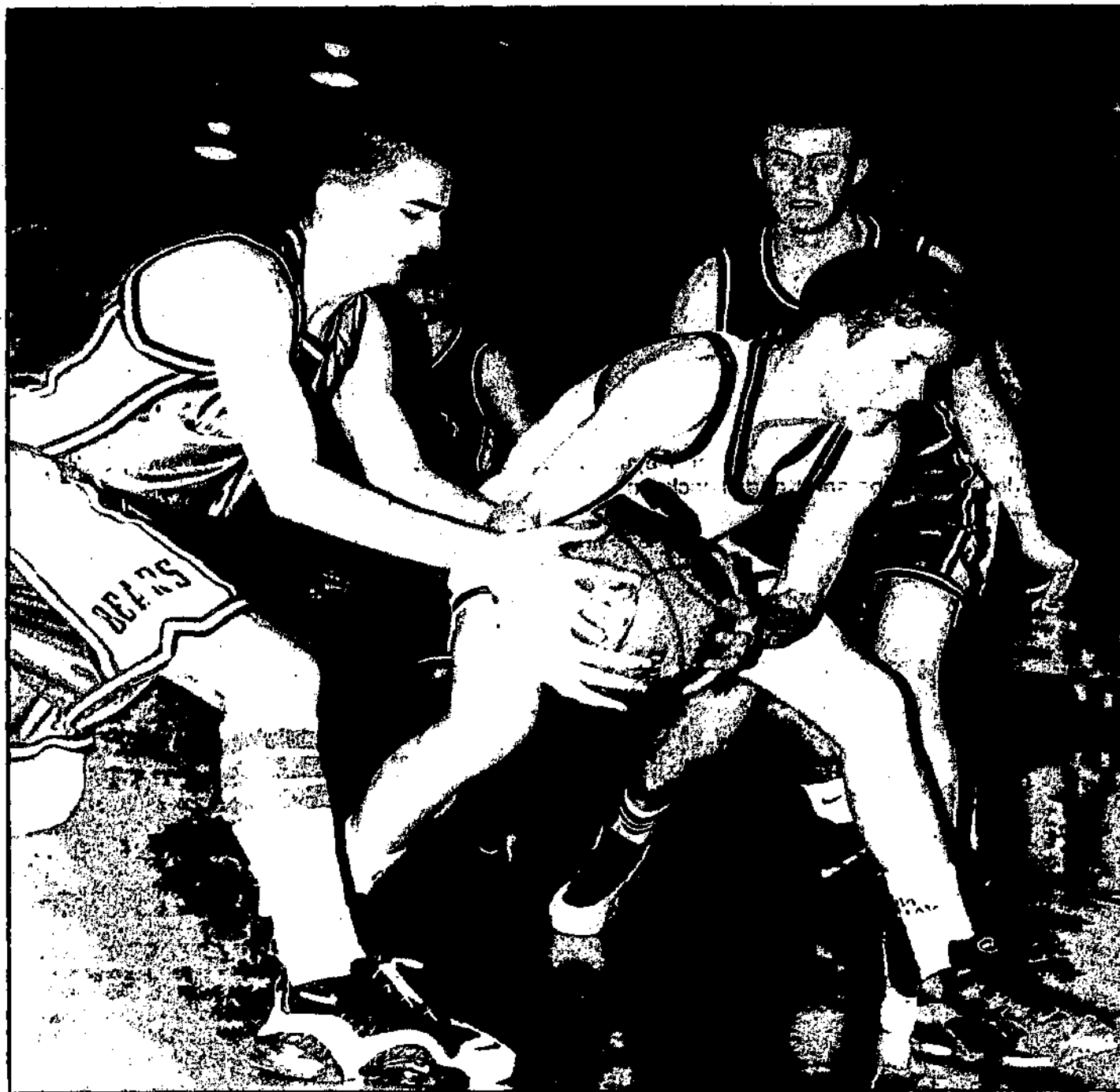
Joey Winkles led Cloudcroft with 16 points. Jared Burnett added 14 and John Henry had 11 for the Bears.

Capitan didn't start Neil Montes played but didn't guard the game because of strained ankle ligaments. The senior guard was at 70% speed. The ankle was sore the day after the game, but coach Montes said his son should be about 90% by Friday when the Tigers host the Dexter Blue Demons.

The focus this week for the Tigers will be regrouping for the Blue Demons. Dexter beat Capitan earlier in the season, 60-45, at the Roadrunner Invitational.

"If we don't break their press, it's going to be a long night," Montes said.

The Blue Demons present several obstacles to opponents, es-



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Capitan's Cody Turnbow battles with Cloudcroft's Jared Burnett for possession of the basketball in the Tigers' game with the Bears Saturday. The Bears eventually gained control of the game and held on for a District 6AA victory. Capitan tries to rebound Friday when it hosts Dexter in another district clash.

pecially in the paint where senior post player Will Bramblett roams. Dexter's remaining starters are returnees Woody Lawrence, Martin Quiroz, Paul Martinez and Phillip Miller.

Prior to the district-opener, Capitan's Montes thought since his team plays all its first-round district games at home, his team had an scheduling advantage. But Cloudcroft's win spoiled that no-

tion. Now, the Tigers need to beat Dexter and Tularosa at home and avenge their loss to the Bears on the road.

Please see Clean, page 10A

Formula for a Warrior win simple: get back to basics

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

No secret formula or the wave of a magic wand will snap the Ruidoso boys basketball team out of its winter doldrums.

The answer is simple for the Warriors: get back to basics, said Ruidoso coach Ben Sanchez.

Controlling the boards, playing sound defense, shooting well and taking care of the basketball helped the team fashion a 7-3 start through Jan. 12. But the Warriors haven't performed consistently in those four areas since then, and the result has been a six-game losing streak.

Ruidoso's skid started just before it began the District 3AAA campaign — not a good time to have a losing streak, if there ever is a good time.

With a 7-9 overall mark and 0-3 in District 3AAA, the Warriors

need to find a way to win a district game, Sanchez said.

"We need to have a little more sense of urgency; certainly for the district games but definitely for the season," the Ruidoso coach said.

An 82-73 loss to the district-leading Hot Springs Tigers Saturday put the Warriors in their urgent position.

Hot Springs jumped out to a 26-17 first quarter lead, thanks to its transition game. Ruidoso spent the rest of the game playing catch-up. To their credit, the Warriors eventually tied the game at 70 with less than three minutes to go, but Hot Springs went on a 12-3 blitz at the end of the game.

"We expended so much energy getting back in it that down the stretch, fatigue set in a little bit," Sanchez said.

The Tigers, who were coming off an upset over then No. 2-rated Sil-

ver, made a believer out of Sanchez.

"They are in first place in the district and they deserve it," he said. The Warriors won't face another team this season that runs its offense or screens as well as Hot Springs does, Sanchez added.

The Tigers shot a balmy 54% from the field compared to Ruidoso's 38%. Hot Springs also finished 17-for-24 from the free-throw line.

Ruidoso's Rex Comanche has a career night for the Warriors. As ESPN sports anchor Dan Patrick would say, Comanche was "en fuego" from beyond the 3-point arc, going 7-for-10. Comanche also hit eight of eight from the free-throw line.

The only other Warrior in double figures was freshman Cory Sanchez with 12 points. The Tigers shut down Ruidoso's usual scoring trio of Cory Hood, Joshua Hodges and

Ryan Trout. Hood finished with eight points.

Pacing the Tigers were David Carlile with 25 and Randy Walker with 21. Justin Ruiz added 13 and O.J. Hechler had 12 for the Tigers, who improved to 10-4 overall and 3-0 in the district.

This weekend when Silver and Cobre come to visit, the Warriors can't afford lethargic starts like the one they had at Hot Springs. Ruidoso needs to be more proactive rather than reactive, and take it to its opponents.

Sanchez has tried tinkering with the Ruidoso lineup and player combinations. He's also made adjustments offensively and defensively. But what it comes down to is performing the four basics: rebounding, shooting, defending and taking care of the ball. Sanchez reiterated, "Nothing Silver would put us at 1-3 in the district, but we would

still have to beat Cobre the next night," Sanchez said.

DRUMHEATS: Despite a 7-9 record, the Warriors are averaging more points than their opponents. Ruidoso is scoring 61 points per game and giving up 59.5 points per contest....Cory Hood leads the team in two statistical categories, scoring and assists. The senior point guard averages 13.1 points, 6.5 assists and 6.8 rebounds a contest....Other stat leaders include: Rex Comanche, 10.5 ppg; Joshua Hodges, 9.8 ppg and 8.6 rpg; Ryan Trout, 9.1 ppg; and Jackie Roe, 5 rpg....Hood, who reinjured a vertebra just above the tailbone in the Jan. 22 New Mexico Military Institute game, landed on the tender spot in the Hot Springs game. It didn't stop him from playing, as painful as the injury is. "He's never going to tell you that he can't play," Sanchez said of his Warrior.

EDUCATION

SCHOOL MENU

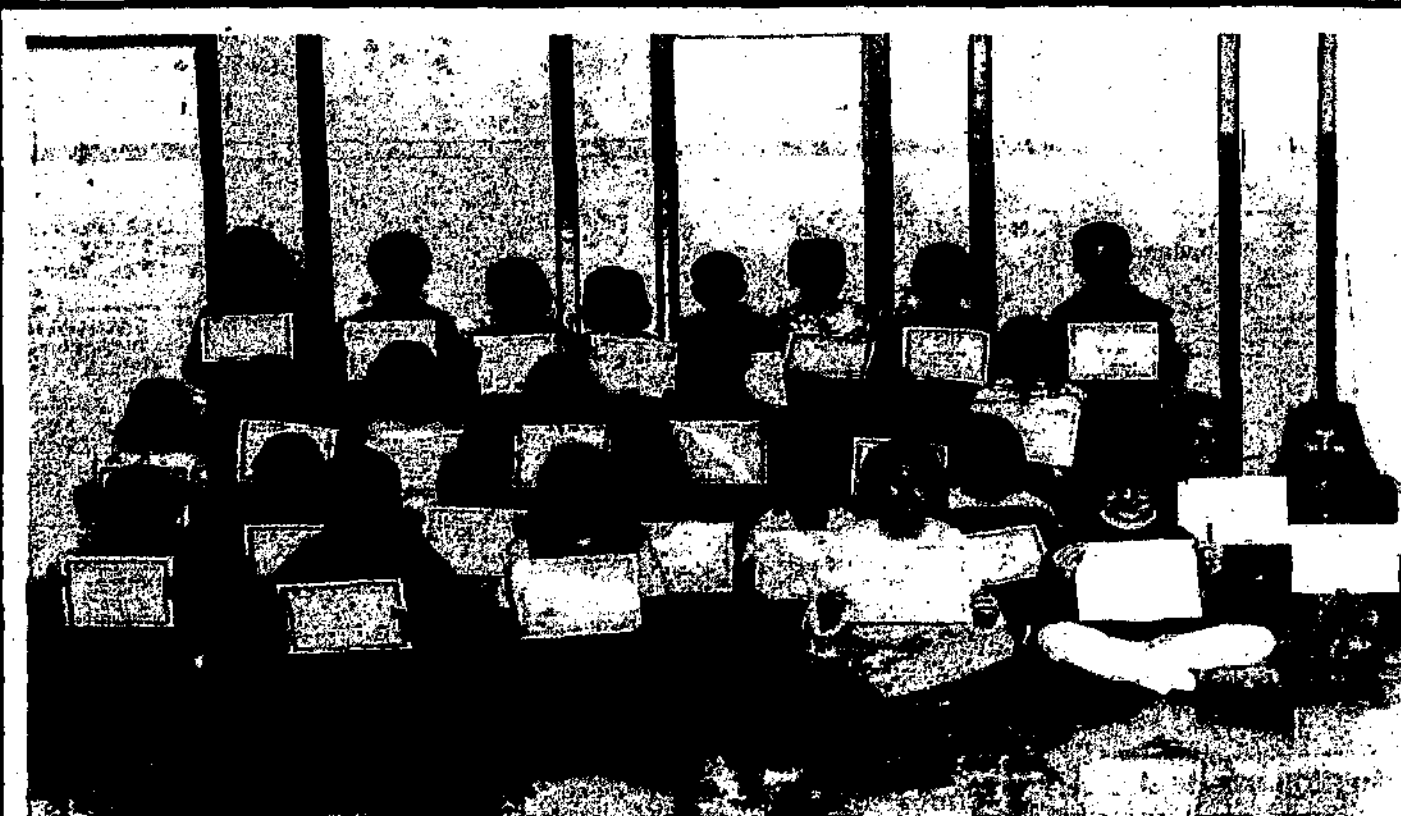
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MENU (GRADES K-6)
Monday, Feb. 5
 Breakfast: Cereal or waffle with syrup, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Pizza or chili mac, toasted wheat, whole kernel corn, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
 Breakfast: Cereal or donut, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Baked chicken or Chicken Teriyaki, green beans, potatoes au gratin, sliced brown banana pudding.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Breakfast: Cereal or biscuit and sausage, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Soft tacos or Sloppy Joe on a bun, apple pinto, tossed salad, cookie, milk.
Thursday, Feb. 8
 Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Salisbury steak with brown gravy or Italian meatball sub, dinner roll.

mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, chilled fruit.
Friday, Feb. 9
 Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, chilled fruit, milk.
 Lunch: **NO LUNCH SERVED BECAUSE OF 1/2 DAY EARLY DISMISSAL.**
SECONDARY SCHOOLS MENU (Grades 7-12)
Monday, Feb. 5
 Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, fruit, garlic bread.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
 Breakfast: Cereal or French toast sticks, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Footlong chili cheese dog, tater tots, baked beans, fruit.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Breakfast: Cereal or biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit, milk.
 Lunch: Cheese nachos, spicy pinto, tossed salad, fruit, cake.
Thursday, Feb. 8
 Breakfast: Cereal or waffle with syrup, banana, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken Teriyaki bowl with rice, oriental vegetables, fruit, tossed salad.
Friday, Feb. 9
 Breakfast: Cereal or breakfast burrito with egg and sausage, milk.
 Lunch: Corn dogs, tater tots, pork and beans, fruit, cookie.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL AND RUIDOSO MIDDLE SCHOOL:
Item: Pizza: Cheese, pepperoni or sausage pizza, choice of fries and salad cup plus a free 16 oz. drink.
Grill Works: Choose from hamburger or cheeseburger, fries or tater tots, fruit plus a free 16 oz. drink.

Public invited to ENMU-Ruidoso building dedication Friday

Dedication ceremonies for the new Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Center will be Friday, Feb. 2 at Sierra Mall, 709 Mechem Drive.
 An open house is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the dedication ceremony at 6 p.m.
 The university center's new building was a gift from Juanita E. Walthall and her late husband Dale Walthall of Littlefield, Texas, in 1994.
 Offices and classrooms moved into the new building earlier this month from the former site at 1400 Sudderth Drive, where it had been located since being established in 1991. The new building offers much more room than the old building.
 ENMU-Ruidoso will now be able to provide more upper division and graduate programs and services, through the main campus of ENMU in Portales.
 "The university center is a new model of higher education for rural communities of New Mexico, combining local and state resources, and public and private support," ENMU President, Everett Frost said.
 The dedication program will include remarks by Frost, ENMU Board of Regents President Ms. Frances Richardson and Ruidoso Board of Education President Ronnie Hemphill.



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Principal's Awards

White Mountain Elementary School third grade students were recently recognized with Principal's Awards. The awards are presented to students who have shown academic excellence or progress and have demonstrated excellent school spirit. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Beth Robinson, Mike Weise, Leticia Flores, Christina Montes, Tobias Roddy, Jake Phil Smith, Justin Estrada and Josh Lynch. Second row — Robyn Ruiz, Sam McMillan, Tia Lucas, Alice Pena, Josh Pior, Yvonne Caudillo and Katie Coronado. Third row — Traci Estrada, Sarah Brown, Amber Sears, Elisa Vigil, Cody Huffman, Joshua Morgan, Jo Ann Reyes and Amber Yates. Front row — Chris Beck, Stacie Cadena, Jessica Gibson and Kendall Jackson.



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

More Principal's Awards

Fourth grade students at White Mountain Elementary School were honored recently for academic excellence and exemplary school spirit. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Garrett Born, Ashlee Powers, Clarissa Silva, William Stuart, Matthew Alexander, Briann Dollar, Hannah Hagstrom and Vishal Bhakta. Second row — Matt Ingram, Rebekah LeBlanc, Cody Small, Jacob Allen, Ashley Brilante, Sonja London, Ricardo Soto, Brandon LaCounte and Rachel Smith. Third row — Nici Graham, Patrick Valliant, Ernestine Gonzales, Maria Amaya, Laura Houghton, Adrian Olvera, Kourtney Beck and Katy Bowman. Front row — Christina Contreras, Sarah Gaston, Trumen Bob, Dusti Franklin, Tristan Bates, Kelly Riggsby and Aaron Romero.

SALUTE TO WORKING WOMEN '96

Lunch & Style Show:

Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center

Wednesday, February 14

Tickets are on sale for \$15 at The Ruidoso News until Friday, Feb. 9.

No tickets will be available at the door.

Chileo's
 378-4033
 Biggest Burrito in Town
 Made with Real Meat Not Hamburger
 Tamales
 Rotisserie Chicken
 Daily Specials
 Place your order for Holiday Tamales
 To go Orders & Drive Up Window
 May 70 or 48 - At the "T"
 Bring this ad in for a FREE soft drink
 Not for a party?
 We cook it, you eat it up

30
\$11.99
 1-10x13 (New Price)
 1- 8x10
 2- 5x7
 2- 3x5
 18-King Size Wallets
 8-Regular Size Wallets
 89¢ Deposit
 11⁰⁰ Due at Pick up (plus tax)
 Present this ad to photographer at time of sitting & receive 4 extra 3x5's with purchase of your package.

ABC Kid's Outlet
 2909 Sudderth
 Friday & Saturday
 February 2 & 3
 Photo Hours:
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Group charge
 99¢ per person

Shugart's inc.
 Kodak
 FOR CREATIVE COLOR PORTRAITS

O Look Creations Gift Shop
 *Opening February 1st
 Homemade Crafts • Wood Crafts
 Handcrafted Gifts • Assorted Fruit Magnets
 2809 Sudderth • 257-4156
 Free Gift with Coupon

Southern Accent
 Sunday Lunch 12-7
 Roast Beef • Mashed Potatoes
 Veggies • Hot Biscuit • Gravy
 Includes Drink \$6.50
 Regular Menu thru the week
 11-7 Tuesday - Thursday • 11-8 Friday & Saturday • Closed Monday
 1028 Mechem • 258-3855

• Verticals on Sale 50% off
 PLUS FREE installation
 • Pleated Shades 60% off
 • 60% off Santa Fe 2 inch
 Wooden Horizontal Blinds
 New Arrivals - Cascade Shades
Decorator's Studio
 700 Mechem • 257-2350 • Jira Plaza

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS • \$25,000 For You!
 If you own or you are buying your home, the U.S. Congress has made it possible for you to borrow up to \$25,000 for you to improve your home through the F.H.S. Title I program. It is designed for such home improvements as Reynolds Vinyl Siding, Roofing, Insulation, Windows, Restucco and Painting. If your home is in need of any of these types of improvements, call today and find out what you may be eligible for under this program.
 800-798-9002
 or locally in Ruidoso
 257-4337
NICOLES Home Remodeling

Last Year's Power Disturbances Didn't Disturb Anyone More Than Us.

Nobody was more concerned about power irregularities during September and October than Texas-New Mexico Power Company. We'd like to apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced and thank everyone for their patience. We reimbursed customers for approximately \$300,000 in equipment which was damaged by low or high voltage. But that's just the beginning of steps we're taking to ensure the best energy service possible.

TNP is working diligently with El Paso Electric Company, the operator of our southwestern New Mexico transmission system, to determine the cause of last year's three major power disturbances in the area. While El Paso Electric is working to correct the problem, we have asked them to implement special operating procedures. These precautions include limiting power exports to the state of New Mexico until all causes for the outages have been found and corrected.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company is an investor-owned electric utility, the principal, wholly-owned subsidiary of Fort Worth based TNP Enterprises, Inc. (NYSE: TNP). We're also the friends, neighbors and relatives of people living in each of the 84 towns we serve. So you can always count on us to do what's right for our communities.



THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Classified Ads

Call
257-4001Fax No.
257-7053

Classified Reader

5 p.m. Monday — Midweek issue
5 p.m. Wednesday — Weekend issue

Display Ad Deadlines

5 p.m. Monday — Midweek issue
5 p.m. Wednesday — Weekend issue

Legal Notice Deadlines

3 p.m. Monday — Midweek issue
3 p.m. Wednesday — Weekend issueAs Always... Please check your advertisement for errors. Claims for errors must be received by *The Ruidoso News* within 24 hours of the first publication date.

Publisher assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements except to publish a correction in the next issue.

Classified Rates

(One time rate only)

32¢ a Word

16 words or less • minimum charge \$5.47, tax included.

You may charge to Visa or MasterCard by phone; otherwise cash with copy.

Classifications Index

1. Real Estate
2. Real Estate Trades
3. Land for Sale
4. Houses for Sale
5. Cabins for Sale
6. Mobile Homes for Sale
7. Houses for Rent
8. Apartments for Rent
9. Mobiles for Rent
10. Condos for Rent
11. Cabins for Rent
12. Mobile Spaces for Rent
13. Rent to Share
14. Want to Rent
15. Storage Space for Rent
16. Pasture for Rent
17. Business Rentals
18. Business Opportunities
19. Autos for Sale
20. Pick-ups - Trucks
21. Vans for Sale
22. Motorcycles for Sale
23. Auto Parts
24. R.V.s & Travel Trailers
25. Livestock & Horses
26. Farm Equipment
27. Feed & Grains
28. Produce & Plants
29. Pets & Supplies
30. Yard Sales
31. Household Goods
32. Musical Instruments
33. Antiques
34. Arts
35. Sporting Goods
36. Miscellaneous
37. Wanted to Buy
38. Help Wanted
39. Work Wanted
40. Services
41. House Sitting
42. Child Care
43. Child Care Wanted
44. Firewood for Sale
45. Auctions
46. Lost & Found
47. Thank You
48. Announcements
49. Personals

1 Real Estate

55 ACRES—Large tract near town, beautiful views, privacy plus. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

DOUBLEWIDE - LANCER BY OWNER Home and shop on 8 acres, Capitan, shop 30x40, great views. \$79,000, after 4 p.m. (505)354-9131.

FOR SALE Lot in Ponderosa Heights, Block 34, Lot 35. For info. call 1-915-394-4700.

PRIVATE 4.66 ACRES. Lots of trees, owner financing available. \$28,750. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE, 257-4228.

WANTED/WATER RIGHTS. I have buyers for water rights with senior priority dates. Call Bill at BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE, 257-4228.

ALTO LOT, Full membership a little less than half an acre. \$23,000. Call 713-355-5250. leave message.

SUPER MOBILE w/add-on reduced to \$49,800. Owner will carry down payment. Wood, RE/MAX of Ruidoso 258-5833 RES. 258-4681

LAND WANTED Serious private investor looking for 500-10,000 acres suitable for large lot subdivision in Ruidoso/Lincoln county area. Can pay cash or terms to suit. Call Renee at (505)624-5457.

UNOBSTRUCTED View of Sierra Blanca. Just listed, good building lot, city utilities \$9,500. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

10 ACRES, Good view of Capitan Mountains. Nice building site or mobile allowed. \$21,000. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE, 257-4228.

LICENSED OWNER Agent anxious to sell home 220 Rainbow Dr., will look at offers. Marge Woodul, RE/MAX 258-5833 RES. 258-4681 Reduced to \$110,000.

REDUCED TO \$129,000 Owner wants offer. Spacious, 2,400' home on 7+ scenic acres off Hwy. 70, Glencoe. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, front & rear decks, attached garage, Digital Satellite system, barn and horse corral. Outstanding property bordered on two sides by National Forest. Bob Turner 585-4775, RE/MAX 258-5833.

SONTERRA WINTER WONDERLAND Enjoy breathtaking views of snow-capped Sierra Blanca peak. Small the crisp scent of pines in the air. Feel the warm southern NM sun. 5 beautiful country acres close to town. Only \$32,900 w/terms. Don't delay! Call Properties of the SW. 1-800-RUIDOSO, ext. 2291.

DON'T WORRY... Be happy!! Many fine homes FOR RENT

Nightly, Weekly Monthly

Call Cindy at Gary Lynch Realty. 257-4011 Lic #273525

REAL ESTATE CLASSES IN ROSWELL.

Career/Information Evening: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1995 - 6:00 PM AT THE SALLY PORT INN, 2000 N. MAIN, ROSWELL, NM.

Short Intensive Salesperson's Program

• Top Success Rates
• Quality Instruction and Materials
• Over 40,000 satisfied students

For more information and/or registration Call: 1-800-777-1171

"ASK ANYONE IN REAL ESTATE ABOUT US"

New Mexico Real Estate Institute

SELL OR TRADE 1 3/4 acre mountain site, terrific views, \$17,900. Trade \$7,900 equity for Vette, Harley, Rod or vehicle of equal value or finance with \$1500 down. John 257-3548.

LINCOLN Reduced to \$95,000. Outstanding property on Bonito River, two miles NW of Lincoln. 4.5 acres including 1.5 acres water rights. Numerous large walnut trees, meadow and spring fed pond provides picturesque building site. Bob Turner 585-4775. RE/MAX 258-5833.

FOR SALE By owner 9 acres North of Alto. Heated 25,000 sq. ft. workshop and much more. \$135,000 505-336-8129.

MUST SELL. One acre with trees, buildable, accessible, worth the money. \$21,500. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

COUNTRY LIVING minutes from Elephant Butte Lake (T or C NM). 3 bdrms., 2 ba house on 1.33 acre. 3 car garage, workshop, picture perfect building. Hot tub and much more. \$129,900. 336-4136.

3 Land for Sale

12 ACRES IN RUIDOSO Surrounded by subdivisions, level building sites, trees, easy access, horses allowed. \$110,000. Terms or trades. Jennie Dorgan @ ReMax of Ruidoso. 1-800-857-8570, 336-4978, 258-5833.

BY OWNER Commercial lot on Mechem Street to street, Ruidoso. 258-3779.

SONTERRA 5 ACRES W/VIEW

Perfect place for your dream or retirement home. 100% usable, carpeted w/brick grass and studded w/ail plns. Paved access, electricity, phone & 25 gpm drilled well. Awesome Sierra Blanca view. Call Properties of the SW @ 257-9045, ext. 2278.

4 Houses for Sale

CHAMPIONS RUN units for rent. Two bedroom, two bath, \$550/Mo. Three bedroom, three bath, \$650/Mo. Preslar & Assoc. 378-7108

HOUSE FOR SALE or rent. Ask for Pete. 505-378-4705.

BY OWNER Three bedroom, one bath, near schools and hospital in Ruidoso. Excellent condition. 354-2963.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL CUSTOM HOME with fantastic Sierra Blanca view. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3500 square feet and three car heated garage. Call GERDA at RE/MAX 258-5833 or home 258-5831

CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath, fireplace, loft, lots of storage, 2 car garage. Beautiful view of the Sierra Blanca. 258-4991 or 1-800-846-3129.

BY OWNER - three bedrooms 3/4 bath, 1800 sq. ft. 104 La Luz Lane. \$109,000. 257-5699

THE CUTEST LITTLE CABIN YOU'VE EVER SEEN! Two bedroom, one bath, fireplace and completely furnished. Recently remodeled and great Upper Canyon location. \$36,900. Call Chris at ReMax 258-5833 or 336-8431.

All American Moving Local & Worldwide Moving 378-8218

5 Cabins for Sale

SALE BY OWNER. High Sierra Time Sharing, Ruidoso, NM. \$3,000. Week #16 APR. Two bedroom, sleeps 6 two bath. Airport, Lake, Skiing, Racetrack and more. Call 804-239-0895.

6 Mobiles for Sale

26 X 62 doublewides, 16 X 60 singlewides. We got what you want! Call Rhonda at 271-8090, #554.

LOW DOWN, low payments on this custom 16 X 60, 3 large bedrooms, custom kitchen with nice island. Free delivery statewide. 1-800-658-6288, #564 Call Crazy Al.

YES, I DO Land-Home Pkgs. at 7.29¢. For best results, Call DL at 292-6053, 1-800-657-8356 or see at 11300 Central in Albuquerque, #564.

BUY FACTORY - Direct Palm Harbor - Save thousands on singles and doubles, with 3 or 5 bedroom, including delivery, set-up and evaporative cooler. Call for free colored brochures and floor plans. 1-800-237-3701 or in Las Cruces call 523-4300, DL638

STILL OVERSTOCKED!! 3 Huge Palm Harbor Doublewides. Over 2,000 sq. ft., 4 and 5 bedrooms, 2 living areas. Parents retreat, fireplace, delivery and set and evap cooler. Fully loaded. Low down! Low monthly! Call for free brochures. 1-800-237-3701 or 505-523-4300, DL638

NOTHING IS FREE! But it is free to see if you can qualify for that dream mobile home. Call me now, Peter at 293-0337 or 1-800-658-6721 #564.

FREE WOODSTOVE Buy mobile home and get \$1,500 of wood included. Try me. Call Mike 292-5551 or 1-800-687-3684, #554.

MOBILE HOMES are cheaper in Albuquerque, and I'll prove it to you with names of satisfied customer in your area. Call me now, Peter 293-0337 or 1-800-658-6721, #564.

OVERSTOCKED 1996 Doublewides and Singlewides. MUST SELL!! Any offer Considered! Please call for details... 1-800-237-0701, in Las Cruces call 523-4300, DL628

LAND AND HOME! I can help you get qualified, bankruptcy, repo's, let's get financed. Call Crazy Al 1-800-658-6288, #564.

NO PAYMENTS till June 1996 on any single or doublewide in our '95 inventory and a FREE washer/dryer, air conditioner. Call Steve. 293-7125 DL #554.

GET GREAT LIVING Come in or call me to get pre-approved for a purchase of a new mobile home. Just 293-0232, 1-800-658-2762 #554.

16X80 FLEETWOODS - Only two left in Stock! Beautiful 3bdrm/2 bath, upgrade insulation, storm windows, del set, evap cooler. Only \$1,476.75 dn, \$211.11/mo, 8.25% apr, 1st yr., 360 mos. 1-800-237-3701 or 505-523-4300, DL638

1993 10 X 56 Mobile home, newly remodeled. Set up in park near The Links. Make offer. 258-5432.

TAX RETURN Use it as a Down Payment now. Call Neal 1-800-658-6208, #554.

YOUR DREAM HOME cost only \$35,800, 4 bd, 2 ba, you only need to have \$1,300 for a down payment. More information call Justa 293-0232 or 1-800-658-2762, #554.

EASY PAYMENTS, low down. Call for info at 271-8090. Ask for Rhonda.

28x80 Doublewide Five bedroom, 3 bath, large utility room, fireplace and just priced at \$49,900.00. Must see. Call Joe at 294-1186 or 1-800-687-0811.

If you have a LOT, then we have a HOME FOR YOU. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 14'x80' mobile home. Excellent condition, partly furnished. Large covered deck in front and large uncovered deck in rear. All for \$21,000.00. Call for appt. 258-3985

NEW 16 X 80 three bedrooms, two baths, side by side refrigerator, w/c & water in door, built in stereo. \$1,500 down. \$255/Mo. Call Neal 1-800-658-6206, #554.

HANDYMAN SPECIAL I have a few used homes that need a little work and will save you a lot of money give Joe a call at 294-1186 or 1-800-657-9356, #564.

FREE AIRSTREAMER with purchase of a doublewide. Call to find out. Call Mike 292-5551 or 1-800-687-3684, #554.

7 Houses for Rent

THREE BEDROOM Two bath, unfurnished mobile on approx. ten acres with barn and out building. Horses allowed \$600+ bills. Other permanent rentals available. Call Pat at The Prudential, Lela Easter Realtors, 257-7313.

FOUR BEDROOMS, TWO BATHS Central heating, skylights, two fireplaces. New carpets. Year lease on Cree Meadows Golf Course. \$825/Mo. plus utilities. 257-7911 or 257-5218.

CARRIZOZO! 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath & family room. All newly remodeled. \$475/Mo. plus deposit. Call Chris at RE/MAX, 1-800-657-8570 or 336-8431.

NICE FOUR BEDROOM three bath home in Alto. Call Carrie, Ruidoso Properties. References required. 257-4075.

FIVE BEDROOM double wide, \$49,900 and NO payments till June 1996. 3 and 4 bedroom, doublewides also available. Call Steve 293-7125, #554.

THREE BEDROOM Two bath, garage. Alto Village, unfurnished, hot water heat, wood floors. \$995/Mo. 336-4017.

FIRE YOUR LANDLORD! Three bedroom, two bath home for less than rent. Easy terms and low interest rates. Call DL at 292-6053, 1-800-657-9356, #564.

THREE BEDROOM two bath, executive style home, furnished. Great view! No pets. Call CONDOTEL, 258-5200.

2 BEDROOM FURNISHED HOUSE, with fireplace. \$400 a month. (Two people). Centrally located. Paved road and driveway. Water furnished. No pets. 257-2004

CREE MEADOWS Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, W/D, microwave dishwasher. NO PETS. \$650/Mo. lease, deposit. 257-5526.

VACATION RENTAL Spillout cabin in White Mtn. Estates. Call full time rental, three bedroom, two bath. \$900/Mo. Furnished or unfurnished. Call 258-3674.

RENTAL HOUSE Nice furnished/unfurnished three bedroom, two bath \$900/Mo. References required. Call Joseph A. Zagone, 257-9057.

INNSBROOK furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, W/D, microwave, dishwasher. NO PETS. \$650. lease, deposit. 257-9528.

GREAT HOME in Upper Canyon, 917 Main, 4/2, 2000 sq. ft., by Rio Ruidoso, \$1000/Mo. 1-800-762-1665.

8 Apts. for Rent

STUDIO APT. with fireplace. Horse stall and pipe pen. Horse, cat and small dog okay. All bills paid, cable included. \$450/Mo., \$200 security/cleaning deposit. 378-4997.

FURNISHED TWO BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath apartment for lease, view, fireplace, dishwasher, microwave, W/D. Bills & cable paid. \$600/Mo. 257-3961.

Nice clean two bedroom in Capitan \$350 per month. Water paid. Call 364-2006.

NICE FURNISHED APARTMENT Good for one person. No pets. \$320/Mo. 258-5751

EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS for rent. \$265/Mo. plus electric. \$150. deposit. Call 378-4375.

1500 SQ. FT. Office space with 1500 sq. ft. apartment. Newly remodeled. Realty Services. 258-4574 References required.

TWO - TWO BEDROOM two bath apartments available. References required, Call Kertie, 257-4075.

LARGE TWO BEDROOM Apartment all bills paid. Washer/Dryer, cable. \$395/Mo. 257-3553.

EFFICIENCY APTS. \$250/Mo. utilities paid. 257-9059.

\$250 and \$285 Efficiency cabins Midtown. Utilities paid. Clean and cozy. 258-5877.

APARTMENT/DUPLEX one bedroom, utilities paid. \$450/Mo. 257-7199, 257-8140. Available March 1st.

9 Mobiles for Rent

SMALL ONE BEDROOM mobile for rent. \$200, \$230 monthly. Off Carrizo Canyon Rd. 257-2719. RV Spaces for rent. \$115/Mo.

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER All bills paid. No children or pets. \$330/Mo. Call 257-2831.

10 Condos for Rent

CONDO two bedroom, two bath, furnished. \$600/Mo. plus deposit. 258-4977.

TWO BEDROOM One bath furnished. \$400/Mo. & utilities. Call Jeff, Realty Services. 258-4574.

COMPLETELY FURNISHED Three bedroom condo. Deposit and references required. Call for details. 258-5825.

TWO BEDROOM two bath, Condo. Champions Run \$550/Mo. Preslar & Assoc. 378-7108.

INNSBROOK CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, \$650/Mo. plus utilities. Call Jeff Realty Services. 258-4574.

11 Cabins for Rent

TWO BEDROOM one bath, unfurnished cabin, \$375/Mo. plus deposit. 258-4977.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy. 48 Space available. 258-5940 or 257-9463.

STOW-A-WAY STORAGE All new units, variable sizes, competitive prices. Easy access. 257-7444/ nights 258-4060.

FOR RENT OR LEASE Castle Mountain Music, 7000 sq. ft. Now music theater, will remodel for other uses. Contact Don. 378-4415.

SHOPPING DISTRICT Timbers Mall high traffic, parking, tourist exposure. All bills paid. Space 4, \$350/Mo. 257-3553.

1600 SUDDERTH Approx. 3000 sq. ft. \$750/Mo. Owner/broker, Barbara Willard 257-2576.

RETAIL OR OFFICE space available. One unit downstairs. 1400 Suddert. 257-5736.

1260 SQUARE FEET Retail space available in The Attic & Friends Complex. Also have 725 square feet of retail space. Call 258-5336, ask for Sally.

OFFICE FOR LEASE 300 sq. ft. +/- \$300. Pinetree Square. Call 257-5155, 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30.

18 Bus. Opp.

FOR SALE Thriving business, wood craft and gift shop. Busy Midtown area. Very reasonable. Call 257-8873.

19 Autos for Sale

1988 FORD ESCORT \$2195. We finance. No interest. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

FOR SALE 1987 3/4 ton, 4x4, Ford F-250, 1988 1/2 ton, 4x4, Ford F-100. Sealed bids accepted until 12:00 noon on 2/21/95. Terms: CASH. Information 336-4833.

1983 BLACK LINCOLN Mark VI, Signature series. Excellent condition. New tires. Must see \$2,500, 378-6345.

1983 GRAND CHEROKEE Laredo. Below bank loan. 257-7199 or 257-9140.

1983 FORD T-BIRD 5-spd, 2.3 turbo, \$2495. We finance. No interest. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1983 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4x4, LOADED, 30,000 miles, still under warranty. Below book! 257-2571.

1992 CHEVY S-10 with camper, \$4,500 (in Furr's parking lot). 257-7852.

20 Pickups/Trucks

1979 FORD F-150 4x4, \$2,300 OBO. 1988 Ford Ranger Super Cab with camper. \$5,200 OBO. 354-3002.

1977 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

RANGER XLT 1991. Automatic, cruise, Excellent condition. \$6,800. 258-3824.

1973 FORD F-100 3-spd., 8 cyl., \$1795. We finance. No interest. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

1984 DODGE 4x4, \$1795. J & S Wholesale, 180 Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4314.

pipe runs. Smooth wire and pipe around perimeter 48 x 24. Hay storage. Call 257-9236

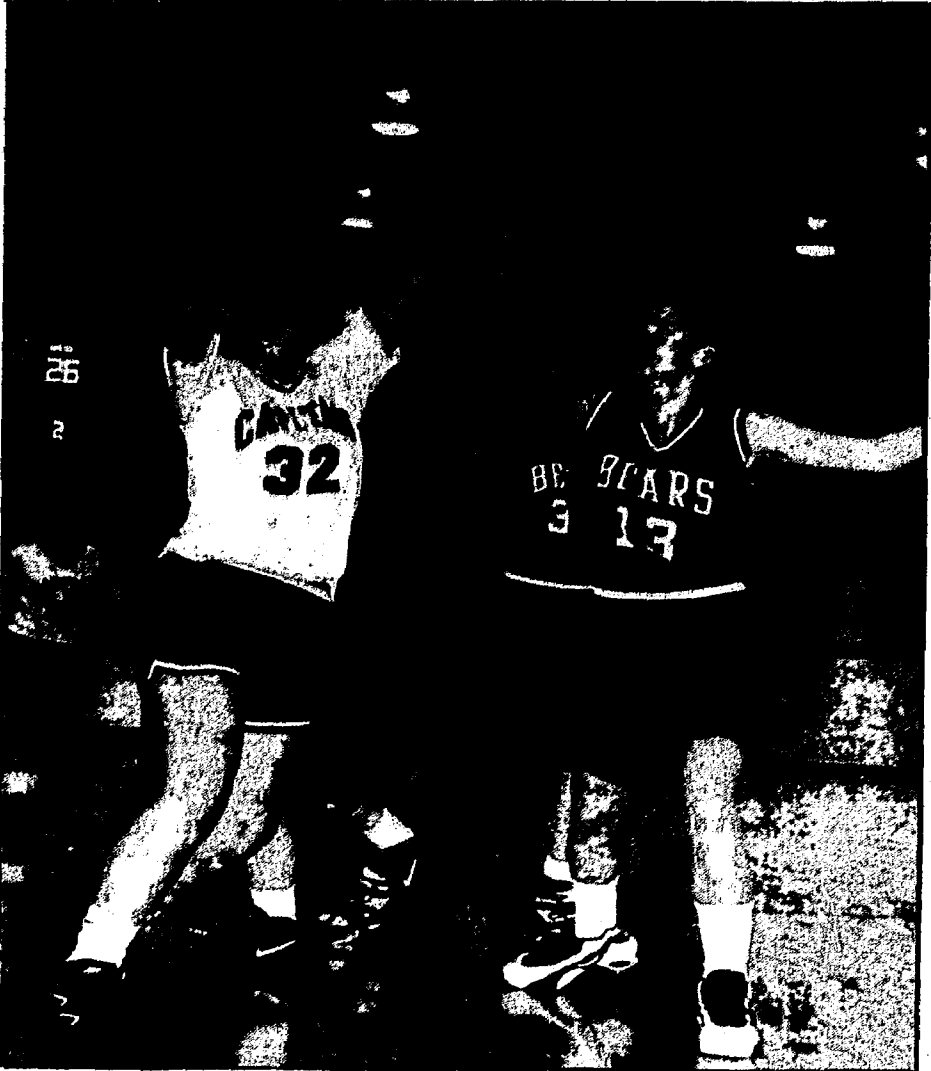
29 Pets & Supplies

FULL BLOODED German shepherd pups for sale. \$50 each. 258-3676 or 378-8288 leave message.

31 Household

FRIGIDAIRE WASHER like new \$195. Couch, 8 foot Southwest pasteur colors, hardily used. \$350. 336-4250.

MILLER'S FURNITURE, ETC. 1000 Suddert. 257-3109. Buy, sell, trade.



Capitan Tiger Casey Cunningham attempts shot with Cloudcroft's Beth Anderson defending. Cloudcroft's Bears downed the Tigers Saturday in District 6AA girls basketball action.

Clean

Continued from page 6A

Tiger girls repelled

Cloudcroft's girls forged an 11-point lead at the break and refused to let Capitan get closer than four points — try as the Tigers might.

The Bears pulled ahead early in the second quarter, scoring 12 unanswered points for a 23-8 advantage. Capitan cut the lead slightly, 24-13, by halftime.

In the second half, Capitan's aggressive full-court, man-to-man defense flustered the Bears. Cloudcroft coach Jim Swope called two timeouts midway through the third period in an effort to stop the Capitan momentum. The play of junior guard Andra Fish (who hit a 3-pointer) and sophomore guard Michelle Wilson on defense sparked the Tigers.


Capitan could have caught a cold before it caught a break Saturday. Whenever it seemed like the Tigers were on the verge of a surge to take the lead, the basketball rolled off the rim and the possible victory with it.

The Tigers' last run at the Bears came with 5:29 left in the game. Shelby Gowen found Joni Autrey open. Autrey scored the basket and drew a foul, cutting the Cloudcroft advantage to 34-30 and prompting Swope to signal for another

timeout. Swope's Bears regrouped after the timeout and rattled off eight straight points, ending Capitan's threat. Cloudcroft made 10 of 18 free throws in the last eight minutes to keep the Tigers at bay.

Capitan achieved one goal it had when going into the district fray with Cloudcroft — hold the Bears' Rustie Waldon to 15 points or less. Waldon, who went wild with 27 points the first time the teams met, scored 15 to lead all scorers.

The Tigers, 7-13 overall and 1-3 in district, face a must-win Friday when they host district-leading Dexter.



257-9444
Now Showing

TWELVE MONKEYS (m)
4:00, 7:00, *9:15

THE JUROR (m)
4:15, 7:15, 9:30*


*Friday & Saturday only
5:30 before 5 pm

Foxes down 'Zozo girls

Carrizozo coach Kim Gremillion saved her secret strategy for another day. The Grizzlies played No. 2-ranked Fort Sumner Foxes straight up Saturday instead of stalling.

'Zozo trailed 17-12 at the half and ended up losing, 46-31. Naomi Vallejos led the Grizzlies with 11 points.

Carrizozo slipped to 9-7 overall and 3-1 in District 3A. 'Zozo hosts Mountainair Thursday.



5 REGULAR ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES FOR \$5

Arbys


Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) — A new drug has been approved that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain. This material has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis..." and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis... relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis... is an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream and is available immediately without a prescription and is guaranteed to work. Use only as directed.

AVAILABLE AT:
LONG'S UNITED DRUG
721 Mechem • 257-3882
This is a paid advertisement

It pays to advertise in The Ruidoso News.

JANUARY SUPER SAVERS



Offices in Roswell & Ruidoso, NM

Located in The Paddock
1009 Mechem
Ruidoso, NM 88345

(505) 258-3838
(800) 687-2086
Fax (505) 258-9099

Jeanne Taylor • Valerie Hippard • Rue Dean

Now Open Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm

J&L SHOES

WINTER SHOE & BOOT SALE

Reduced Again!

\$17⁹⁷ TO \$64⁹⁷

VALUES TO \$92.00

CLOTHES RACK
30% TO 75% OFF
Reduced to Move

Select Group
BROOMSTICK SKIRTS
\$19⁹⁷

J&L SHOES & GIFTS

Historic Downtown, Alamogordo • 437-5509

Make a BLIND DATE with us!



Barnett Carpets


50% - 70% off selected items

Whether you want mini blinds, verticals or custom draperies, we guarantee you'll love the results!

- Mini Blinds/Micro Blinds/Venetians
- Vertical Blinds • Pleated Shades • Balloon Shades • Custom Draperies

1019 Mechem 258-4440



"We've got the right training and the right tools to fix it right the first time."



QUALITY CARE SERVICE
Quality Care Technician

Fixing your Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle right the first time is one of the most important Quality Care Standards we have. And it takes more than good intentions to achieve it. Our technicians spend hundreds of hours in training each year just to stay on top of the latest technology. And they use the most sophisticated equipment in the industry like the Service Bay Diagnostic System. So if you want your car fixed right the first time, don't think twice about where to go. Make Quality Care your first choice.

Ruidoso Ford, Lincoln, Mercury
100 Easy Hwy. 70
378-4400

QUALITY CARE

Michelena's Italian Restaurant

"Casual Family Dining"

2703 Sudderth • 257-5753

Year-Round Luncheon Specials
Served from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

\$2⁹⁵

Your Choice Of:
**Rigatoni • Spaghetti
Mostaccioli • Lasagna**

Featuring a variety of sampler plates and nightly specials.

Hours 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.




ACE

OUR BEST BUYS ARE ONLY \$1 EACH! WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

See your Helpful Hardware Folks at:

Subscribe To



for ALL the Local News!

Mail:

6 months \$30.00

1 year \$34.00

Home Delivery: (Paved Roads)

3 months \$20.00

6 months \$38.00

1 year \$68.00

Mail to: The Ruidoso News

P.O. Box 128 • Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Number _____

Exp. Date _____



Village

HARDWARE and PAINT COMPANY

2715 Sudderth Mon. - Fri. 7:30 - 7:00 • Sat. 8-6 • Sun. 9-4:30 257-5410