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New grand jury may meet Jan. 30 on sheriff's deputy

A 15-member Lincoln County grand jury was impaneled Friday in Carrizozo.

"It took about three hours," said court supervisor Sally Finarelli. The 12 primary jury members and three alternates tentatively are set to hear evidence Jan. 30, she said.

Judge Robert Doughty, chief judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, presided over the selection. The judge will not be present while the grand jury is led through a case involving a Lincoln County deputy.

The deputy's identity and the exact accusations have not been released. However, two women leveled accusations against the Sheriff's Office that they were coerced into becoming confidential informants and were kept in jail under false pretenses.

A representative of the New Mexico Attorney General's office will present the evidence gathered by a special state police investigator, who was appointed by District Attorney Bert Atkins.

Solid waste group gets \$200,000 grant

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority has been awarded \$200,000 to modify the garbage transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Former authority manager Joe Lewandowski, who handled the application for a grant from the state Environment Department, said the modification is necessary to process debris when the authority closes its landfill in Capitan next summer.

The authority applied for \$310,000, but Lewandowski said he's pleased with the award since the department received \$40 million in requests and only had \$10 million to distribute.

The authority also will be allowed to amend a previously-approved closing plan for the landfill north of Capitan. The first plan was put together by the village when it owned the land.

"That will save a lot of money," Lewandowski said of the approved amendment versus rewrite.

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Ballet for fitness

Ballet New Mexico Director Victor Moreno guides Victoria Mitchell, Laury Reed, Nancy Griffin and Joyce Cox through stretching exercises during his new Adult Ballet Fitness Class.

Four bid to lease fort

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The second time around, four companies have submitted proposals to lease the historic Fort Stanton north of Ruidoso.

The proposals include everything from retirement housing to housing for homeless veterans to a treatment center for adolescents with emotional disorders.

In the state government's first attempt to lease out the fort, only one company submitted a bid, so the state sent out another request for proposals. Responses to those

RFPs were due Monday in the state property control division.

The proposals were opened Tuesday, said Carolyn Jackson, public information officer for the state General Services Department (GSD). The top bidder — if there is one — will be chosen Friday, Feb. 2. In the last go-round, the lone bidder was rejected for alleged lack of financial resources.

Jackson listed the four proposers as:
 — Delbert D. Lewis and Associates of Santa Fe;

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Former Capitan police chief charged with embezzlement

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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Former Capitan Police Chief Tony Cano was charged Monday with embezzling village property.

Cano, 52, already was serving one year of probation for forging a vehicle title in 1995. He pleaded no contest to that charge. Adjudication of guilt was withheld and he resigned from his job with the village.

This time, Cano was arrested in Arrey, a small town near Truth or Consequences, said Chris Rutten, the New Mexico State Police officer who handled the investigation. The county sheriff there said Cano has been a security guard at an Arrey dairy operation.

The former chief was arraigned in Carrizozo Monday in front of Magistrate Judge Gerald

Dean Jr. He posted a \$5,000 bond and was released from jail the same day, according to a spokesman for Dean's office.

Cano is accused of trading Capitan Police Department ammunition to then-Carrizozo Police Chief Charlie White for a police car light bar. The trade took place in 1993, shortly after Cano was hired, Rutten said.

But when he resigned, Cano told village officials the light bar belonged to him. Village officials offered to buy the light bar, which was mounted on the animal control pickup truck, but Cano took it with him after the officials said a receipt would be needed, Rutten said.

When Carrol Durbin was hired as Capitan's new police chief, he requested a state police investigation after discovering items were missing from a village inventory.

Ruidoso economy thrives with casino for neighbor

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

While national restaurant and lodging groups say casino gambling has hurt their industries, Ruidoso's economy is thriving next to a casino.

Casino Apache has arguably become the biggest single year-round tourist draw for this region. While it currently offers no direct revenues to governments outside the reservation, Ruidoso's tax revenues have still risen since the casino began operating.

Tax revenues are one of the few tracked indicators of Ruidoso's economy. Lodgers tax collections increased from \$190,793 in fiscal year 1990-91 to \$382,625 in 1994-95, about the same years gambling has been offered on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Ruidoso's gross receipts tax revenues have also seen a steady increase, from \$4.1 million in 1990 to \$5.7 million in 1994. Real estate sales have skyrocketed, too.

The Ruidoso area is missing out on tourist dollars, but not because the track and casino are taking it away — it's actually because of insufficient lodging facilities, Ruidoso Valley Chamber Director Joan Bailey said.

"Our problem is that we have had to actually turn people away because we didn't have the lodging facilities," Bailey said.

Some Ruidoso visitors end up having to stay in Roswell and Alamogordo, she said.

"We have folks who come up to gamble and they are having a hard time finding lodging," she said. "We need to keep them in this immediate area so we need more rooms here."

Some businesspeople are rising to the occasion. A 50-room Days Inn recently opened in Ruidoso Downs, and a new 104-room Holiday Inn Express is under construction in Ruidoso. Currently, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have 2,200 rooms available.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard had planned



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to build a 150-room, three-story luxury hotel near the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, but until the issue of expanded gaming at the racetrack to compete with Casino Apache is settled, the project is on hold.

Unlike some businesses near casinos, Ruidoso lodgers and eateries seem to thrive on the additional tourism generated by Casino Apache and the track, Bailey said.

Many casinos use low food and lodging prices as a way to keep players from leaving the premises, said Richard Buratti, executive vice president of the New Mexico Restaurant Association.

"With the high profit margins of casinos, there is a tendency to give food away or sell it below cost," Buratti said. "In other states where casino gaming has been authorized, the restaurant industry has been severely hurt."

Frank Chavez, co-chairman of the New Mexico Indian Gaming Association said the restaurant industry is overreacting.

"Those kind of statements are largely unconfirmed," Chavez said. "They've implied a lot of the negatives, but most Indian gaming is located on the reservation, away from metropolitan areas."

"I don't think it's fair to compare it with gaming that takes place in the center of a city, especially since there have not actually been any economic studies conducted dealing

specifically with the impact of Indian gaming on the local retail trade."

The restaurant and hotel associations have used the Indians as a way to promote tourism for years, Chavez said.

"I don't think saying, 'We can use your people and your culture as a commodity to attract tourism,' and then turning around and saying, 'You can't develop economically on the reservations,' sits very well with my people," he said. "That's a real problem with us."

Nestled amidst the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Casino Apache, Ski Apache and the cool pines of the Lincoln National Forest, the Ruidoso area has a unique draw for visitors.

Tourists spent an estimated \$2.7 billion in New Mexico in 1994. While tourists visit the state for a variety of reasons, the Department of Tourism has found that some visit expressly to enjoy amenities found in the Ruidoso region.

Bailey and others are confident that the region will continue to attract tourists.

"When you consider what we have going on in Lincoln County, and then what is going on with our neighbors on the reservation, I don't know that many communities could compete if we join forces," she said.

Gambling brings big money to local communities, states

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Gambling means big money, any way you roll the dice.

In the United States, 48 states allow some kind of gambling and 24 allow casino-style games like roulette and blackjack.

Overall wagering has increased in the U.S. from \$125 billion in 1982 to \$482 billion in 1994, according to figures from the American Gaming Association in Washington D.C.

Gambling's huge impact on national, state and local economies can also be reflected through employment figures.

Nationwide, the gambling industry provides work for more than 1 million people. Closer to home,

Casino Apache employs approximately 600 people and Ruidoso Downs Race Track employs about 500 during its 3.5-month-long racing season.

According to a study called "The Economic Impact of Horseracing on the New Mexico State Economy," during 1994, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Santa Fe Racing alone accounted for:

- \$5.2 million spent with New Mexico vendors;
- \$5.6 million in combined payrolls;
- \$7 million in purses paid to horsemen;
- \$1.3 million to the New Mexico Horsemen/Breeders Association;
- \$381,000 in state pari-mutuel taxes;

- \$367,000 in state gross receipts taxes;
- \$147,000 in local property taxes;
- \$3 million in entry fees for purses;
- and an estimated \$24.5 million in direct expenditures to the New Mexico economy.

With the growth of casinos as a form of gambling, Indian gaming's impact has also become substantial. Data supplied by the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) indicates that in eight years, from 1985 to 1993, revenue from Indian gaming rose from \$110 million to \$2.6 billion nationally.

In New Mexico, 10 Indian tribes, Please see Gambling, page 2A

Gambling and the law

□ Pivotal dates starting with 1902

Legal gambling has swept across the United States three times. The second wave ended shortly after the turn of the century. We are now in the middle of the third wave of legal gambling.

Here are pivotal dates in gambling law as compiled by Professor I. Nelson Rose of Whittier Law School, Los Angeles.

1909 - Nevada outlaws casino gambling. By the end of 1910, virtually all gambling is outlawed in the United States.

1917 - The 18th Amendment, Prohibition, is submitted by Congress to the states. Prohibition becomes law in 1919 when it is ratified by the 36th state, Nevada.

1931 - Nevada re-legalizes casinos, becoming the only state with legal casino gambling. In the 1930s, 21 states bring back racetracks; low-stakes charity bingo spreads throughout the nation. Prohibition is repealed in 1933.

1940s & '50s - Almost all states change their laws to allow parimutuel betting on horses and low-stakes charity gambling.



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1963 - New Hampshire rediscovered the state lottery. First drawing is held in 1964; the first legal lottery in this century. Players fill out long forms for drawings held only twice a year.

1978 - First casino opens in Atlantic City, making New Jersey the second state with casinos. Total pre-opening cost of the first casino, Resorts International, is \$45.2 million. First year's gross revenue: \$224.6 million.

1985 - First interstate lottery, linking the state lotteries of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

1987 - Cabazon case decided by U.S. Supreme Court, affirming the right of Indian tribes to self-regulate high-stakes versions of all games not prohibited by state law.

1988 - February: State lotteries create first national lottery, "Lotto

America." **October:** President Reagan signs the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. **November:** South Dakota voters amend their constitution to allow low-stakes casinos in Deadwood.

1990 - New York amends its pari-mutuel wagering law to allow off-track betting operators to accept phone-in bets from residents of other states.

April 1, 1991 - Picturesque, low-limit riverboat casinos open in Iowa to nationwide television coverage. **Six months later** - High-limit riverboat casinos open in Illinois.

January 1996 - 25 states and three territories, by Professor Rose's count, have legalized true casinos through statutes and tribal-state compacts; many of these are not yet open. At least 12 state lotteries are in the quasi-casino business with VLTs and keno.



The Mescalero have continued to make improvements at Casino Apache, including new signs last year. While the casino has been in operation as the top year-around singular draw in the area, Ruidoso's lodging and sales tax revenues have seen a steady increase.

State-by-state breakdown of gambling laws in America

Professor I. Nelson Rose of Whittier Law School in Los Angeles has been tracking gambling issues for 19 years.

Rose created this list of states showing recent legal activity concerning casino gambling. States allowing gaming devices under the law are marked with an asterisk (*).

ALABAMA - No casino gambling is allowed, so the governor refused to negotiate with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The tribe appealed and won the right to go directly to the Secretary of the Interior for casino regulations. The case has been consolidated with a case pitting the Seminole against Florida and is on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

ALASKA - Casinos are prohibited by state law; yet, the governor has been negotiating to allow the Klawock Band of Tlingit Indians to open a full casino on remote Prince of Wales Island.

ARIZONA - In 1994 the law was changed to allow charities to once again have occasional casino nights with slot machines; Indian tribes can, and do, operate slots year-round.

ARKANSAS - The state Supreme Court pulled from the ballot proposed constitutional amendments to legalize casinos. Proponents undoubtedly will try again, and will fail at the ballot box, due in part to the state's active religious organizations.

CALIFORNIA - Indian casinos offer video pull-tabs, including true slot machines, under a stand-still arrangement; the U.S. Attorney agreed not to raid, so long as tribes don't acquire any more gambling devices. The federal case that will decide the fate of tribal slots awaits the California Supreme Court's decision on the legality of the State Lottery's keno game. A three-year moratorium on new card clubs begins Jan. 1, 1996, but signatures will be gathered soon to legalize true casinos.

COLORADO - Five-dollar-maximum blackjack, poker and slot machines are in casinos in three mountain towns and on two Indian reservations. Widespread gray market video gaming devices pay off, when police aren't around. On Nov. 8, 1994, voters overwhelmingly turned down proposals to expand casino gambling, including a proposal to have slot machines in every airport.

CONNECTICUT - Outgoing Governor Weicker signed compact giving a monopoly on slots to two Indian tribes, for a guaranteed minimum payment of \$160 million. Foxwoods now has more gaming devices than any other casino in the world — 3,875 slot machines. A political battle is raging over Steve Wynn's proposal to build a commercial casino in Bridgeport, which would automatically cut off the state's share of the Indians' slot winnings.

DELAWARE - A bill became law in 1994, without the governor's signature, allowing each racetrack to have up to 1,000 video lottery machines. Dover Downs opened with 500 and Delaware Park with 715 over the 1996 New Year's Eve weekend.

FLORIDA - A federal judge ruled the Seminole cannot open casinos, yet the Court of Appeals said they can go directly to the Secretary of the Interior for casino regulations. The U.S. Supreme Court will rule on the appeal in the fall of 1995. Separately, an initiative to open casinos on a November 1994 ballot lost.

GEORGIA - Nothing beyond a lottery and charity bingo and raffles.

HAWAII - All gambling outlawed; but, more than 30 bills have been introduced in the state Legislature to legalize gambling.

IDAHO - The state constitution was amended in 1992 to specifically prohibit casinos, with one target in mind: Indian casinos.

ILLINOIS - Slots are legal and in use on riverboat casinos, pursuant to the constitutional amendment of 1990.

INDIANA - In November, the state Supreme Court reversed a trial court and held the riverboat casino law constitutional. There will soon be 11 riverboat casinos.

IOWA - Slots are legal on riverboat casinos, pursuant to the constitutional amendment of 1990.

KANSAS - Governor Bill Graves signed compact with three tribes, allowing them to operate full casinos, but specifically excluded electronic gaming devices.

KENTUCKY - Lots of discussion, but there is no chance of casinos clearing legislative hurdles until 1996.

LOUISIANA - Gaming machines are everywhere. Track stops used to be able to have hundreds of video poker machines. Now they are limited to 50 max, and they have to self-generate. Any liquor licensee can have machines. Casinos galore: 15 on riverboats, two on Indian land and one authorized for New Orleans (presently closed).

MAINE - Nothing yet, but if the federal court rules the Maine Land Settlement Act has been pre-empted by Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the state will be forced to negotiate for Indian casinos. State would still fight to keep out slots. Charities can offer blackjack.

MARYLAND - Charities are allowed to run casinos, including slot machines. The state has not recognized Indian tribes. Bills to allow riverboat and land-based casinos have been introduced. Governor Parris Glendening said in February 1995 he would veto any expansion of gambling, but in June he appointed a task force to report in December on the feasibility of legalizing casinos, saying he will "keep an open mind" until then. The task force voted unanimously against casinos for Maryland.

MASSACHUSETTS - Governor Weld and Wampanoag Indians entered into a compact for a casino, not on their remote reservation, but probably in Holyoke. The political deal required allowing each horse and dog track to have slot machines.

MICHIGAN - Slots are legal and operating in 11 Indian casinos, all but 2 in the Upper Peninsula. The U.S. Department of Interior had approved another for Greentown, but Governor John Engler came out strongly against any new off-reservation casinos, specifically mentioning Detroit, in his long-awaited decision announced in June 1995.

MINNESOTA - Slots are legal and operating in 17 Indian casinos (more than Atlantic City) throughout the state.

MISSOURI - Due to a state Supreme Court decision, riverboat casinos could only have games with some skill. The November election amended the state constitution to allow slot machines, keno, bingo and other games of pure chance.

MONTANA - Video poker machines are everywhere. Indian tribes operate casinos.

NEBRASKA - Tribes are negotiating for full casinos. They are suing on the argument that Nebraska allows keno, and keno is a casino game. The outcome will turn on whether the federal court applies the Cabazon standard that looks to the state's public policy, or the new 9th Circuit standard, that limits tribes to the exact same games allowed by state law. Slot machine bills are under consideration in the state Legislature.

NEVADA - Slots are in casinos and in many retail establishments throughout the state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - A movement to open a casino at a race track near the Massachusetts border has gotten nowhere.

NEW JERSEY - Slots are in 12 casinos in Atlantic City. Although the Legislature is holding hearings on video lottery terminals, New Jersey will not have gaming devices statewide.

NEW MEXICO - In July 1995, the state Supreme Court held the governor had no power to sign the compact he had for tribal casinos. The court later ruled all gambling is illegal. Indian casinos remain open, with blackjack and slots. Bills are being introduced to give the racetracks the same rights as the tribes, and make charity pull-tab machines legal. Video games of chance were approved by voters in November 1994, but declared unconstitutional in January 1995. A state lottery is planned for 1996.

NEW YORK - One Indian casino is open; the Oneida tribe is fighting with gaming devices designed to circumvent the restriction against slot machines. In July 1995, the state Legislature passed a resolution to amend the state constitution to allow privately-owned casinos. To take effect, the resolution has to be approved again next year by both houses and then by the voters, which won't happen.

NORTH CAROLINA - In August 1994 the governor signed a compact allowing the Cherokee to offer video gaming at one bingo hall. A subsequent decision of the state Court of Appeals raises questions about the legality of video poker; but, the tribe is continuing to operate the machines.

NORTH DAKOTA - State law allows charity blackjack; four Indian tribes have full casinos, with slots.

OHIO - Casino bills and initiative failed, again.

OKLAHOMA - The federal Court of Appeals has ruled the state must negotiate for tribal Class III gambling, but not slot machines.

OREGON - The State Lottery runs video poker machines, maximum of five per location; Indian tribes have full casinos.

PENNSYLVANIA - Nothing yet, but riverboat casinos are a very hot issue. The

Gambling

Continued from page 1A including the Mescalero Apache, operate gaming enterprises.

Located less than 10 miles from Ruidoso, Casino Apache is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The casino offers video slot machines and live blackjack, poker and craps.

While the Mescalero tribe does not release financial figures, the increase in Ruidoso's gross receipts taxes since the casino opened about four years ago indicate the casino has had a substantial impact on the local economy.

And representatives of New Mexico Indian tribes last week told the state Legislature the 10 Indian casinos in this state earned \$46 million in profits in 1995.

"The wage and salary income of employees at all reservation gaming enterprises creates a positive effect in the state and local economy and revenue system, since a large portion (70%) of the wage and salary income of gaming operation employees is expended in the economy off of the reservation," says a 1995 study of New Mexico Indian gaming conducted by The Center for Applied Research, an independent economic research corporation.

Indian gambling affects this state's economy in various ways, according to the study:

— it provides direct employment for 1,880 people and an annual

payroll of \$18.8 million;

— 70% of the casino employees' income is spent in the state economy;

— tribal expenditures for gaming operations supplies, goods and services creates 2,080 jobs statewide and \$27.8 million in wage and salary income;

— the economic effect of tribal gaming on tourism accounts for 2,061 jobs and \$47.3 million in wage and salary income statewide;

— and gaming operations are the source of \$5.7 million per year in New Mexico tax revenues.

On the New Mexico reservations themselves, casinos support government operations, social services and economic development, NIGA economic information says. Casino profits have helped tribes reduce public assistance expenditures, induced spending and employment, increased tourism and increased sales and payroll tax revenues.

Additional analysis indicates that on average, New Mexico Indian casino proceeds are divided as follows:

— 2% for healthcare;

— 3% payments and cost sharing to government;

— 13% for education and social services;

— 13% for non-gaming capital construction;

— 1% for charitable contributions;

— 4% for direct payments;

— 53% for investments;

— 8% for other uses;

— and 5% for land acquisitions.

With the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in 1988, tribes hoped that the acquisition of off-reservation land would allow them to establish even more profitable casinos, said Whittier Law School Professor I. Nelson Rose, author of "Gambling and the Law: Endless Fields of Dreams."

Nelson contends land purchased off of the reservation cannot be used for gambling unless the state governor approves it.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe recently the former Carrizo Lodge property in Ruidoso, and the tribe is seeking to make the property part of its trust. It has changed the Carrizo's name to the Mescalero Inn and Cafe Mescalero. However, tribal leaders deny they want to put a casino at the site.

Instead, tribal leaders say Casino Apache is experiencing growing pains, and they need the extra restaurant and parking facilities just a few miles down the road at the Mescalero Inn.

The tribe also recently added a large new parking lot near the casino.

"There is an indication that traffic increases with gambling facilities," Village of Ruidoso planning director Cleatus Richards said. "But no official traffic counts relating to racetrack or casino traffic has been conducted."

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Bonito River plans discussed

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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Creation of a management plan with the help of local residents is the next step for new federal lands along the Rio Bonito, officials with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management said Saturday.

The BLM met in Lincoln with about 50 residents Saturday to gather local input about how to manage more than 1,000 nearby acres acquired by the BLM over the last three years.

"We have a common goal," said Leslie Cone, Roswell district manager for the agency (BLM). "We want to keep it (the land) as it has been."

Huddled around a potbellied stove for warmth in the historic settlement's San Juan Church, Cone greeted visitors but let BLM specialists present the program.

Tim Kreager, manager for the BLM's Roswell resource area that includes the Rio Bonito land, said it will take two months to put together a management plan with local input and signatures. A meeting to review the agreement is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Until a firm plan is assembled, the land has been closed to public access. Kreager asked help from residents to prevent and report trespassing.

Local residents who volunteered to serve on a management strategy team are Cecilia Apodaca, Joe and Frances Gallegos, Jeremy Jordan, David and Chralotte Lee, Jack Rigney, James and Lynda Sanchez, Beverly Ann Wilson and Lazaro Zamora.

Kreager met earlier in the day with members of the Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Committee. He said committee members felt the proposed river rehabilitation and low-impact uses were sound. Kreager also is coordinating the plan with the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, he said.

Uses that fall under low impact include bird watching, hiking and fishing.

BIA wildlife specialist Dan Baggao showed before-and-after slides of streamside improvement projects near Fort Stanton, Solado Creek and Government Springs. Those areas have been rehabilitated by restricting public access and removing exotic plant invaders such as



Standing in front of a pot-bellied stove for a bit of warmth on a chilly afternoon in Lincoln, resident J. Robert Beauvais, a Ruidoso attorney, discusses future uses of Bureau of Land Management property near the historic settlement with Leslie Cone, the BLM's Roswell District manager.

salt cedar. Those actions have helped the land recover natural vegetation like willows and cottonwood, stabilizing riverbanks and deepening channels to better handle flooding, he said. Wildlife also is returning to the project areas.

We anticipate a lot of repairs to irrigation ditches, replacing rotted and clogged lines. We will participate in partnership anywhere ditch problems need to be solved.

TIM KREAGER
ROSWELL BLM MANAGER

"Just one year can show significant recovery," Baggao said. In some areas, the recovery has been significant enough to allow limited grazing of livestock, he said. In one area near the Fort Stanton Bridge, pools of water were

created to improve fishing possibilities, he said.

The BLM has identified spots where the water table is dropping, evidenced by the intrusion of junipers, he said. The agency also has repaired and improved one irrigation ditch.

"When we complete our inventory, we should know where all the water problems are," Kreager said. "We anticipate a lot of repairs to irrigation ditches, replacing rotted and clogged lines. We will participate in partnership anywhere ditch problems need to be solved."

BLM fields around Fort Stanton may be used to grow crops and feed wildlife, Baggao said.

Aerial maps and on-ground surveys performed by the BLM before the land exchanges were completed resolved several boundary issues, Cone said.

"Some dated back 100 years," she said. "Every time we build a fence, we verify by our surveyor from the original corner. We found lots of bogus corners where private surveyors previously thought they were."

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— La Luz De Esperanza (The Light of Hope) of Las Cruces;
— Palomar Health Management of Covington, La.;
— and New Mexico Outreach Inc. of Albuquerque.

Retirement housing

Contacted at his home in Santa Fe, Delbert Lewis said he has formed a group interested in establishing a retirement housing operation as one of several activities at the fort. One of his partners is John Shrecengost, who lived in Lincoln for 25 years growing cattle and apples. Shrecengost also served as a state representative in the 1960s.

Lewis thinks his group can attract middle-income people interested in rural retirement living, possibly from the military. Lewis served as administrator of the Ruidoso Care Center for eight months in 1985 when the business was changing hands. He is also a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel.

"We see the necessity for three or four divisions, not limited to health care," Lewis said. "We're looking at possibly a fly-in type resort with the airport so near. It will take a lot of study. The fort cannot be taken over as is."

Shrecengost said last year isn't the first time the state tried to close the fort's doors, although it's the first time it really happened. He was here when it almost closed 30 years ago.

"I was a state representative when they tried to close the fort in 1966 and helped push the transition from a tuberculosis hospital to a training center for the developmentally disabled," Shrecengost said. "I felt then the hospital was needed, and still feel the same way today. I think we could change the fort from being an expense to the state to being a major contributor to the county while maintaining the historic aspect, which retired military would especially appreciate."

"Once here, retirees would bring a stable monthly income, they would play golf at local courses, buy their food from local stores."

The Lewis group would need a year's option on the fort to complete its planning, he said.

Adolescent treatment

The La Luz operation is connected to River's Bend residential treatment program in Las Cruces for adolescents with serious emotional disorders.

Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell said he was excited to see a company with five or six

years' track record and financial history proposing a lease.

"We serve the age group of seven to 22 years, mostly in the 12-18 range," said Ed Snyder, associate executive director of the Las Cruces operation. "We're proposing several

Brannan also hopes to establish a multiple-use approach for the fort to include housing for homeless veterans and juvenile rehabilitation.

Meeting with governor

If the GSD's selection committee declines all four of the latest lease proposals, Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he's optimistic the state Department of Health can use the fort again.

He met with Gov. Gary Johnson last week, along with State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Santa Rosa) and State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Ruidoso Downs).

"We talked that if the second RFP (Request for Proposals) was not successful, he's amenable to turning it back to the health department," Nunley said of Johnson. Nunley said he also met with Health Secretary Alex Valdez, who said his department could occupy the fort right away.

But County Commissioner Howell said he's not so sure the commission would be thrilled with another state tenant at the fort that could withdraw its jobs suddenly, as Johnson did last March when he closed the fort as a state hospital. The fort was the second-largest employer in the county while it was operating, and had a history of health care covering 100 years.

"I don't like the idea of being held hostage for jobs that can be yanked away at any time," Howell said.

Camp Sierra Blanca also discussed

State officials indicated the fort's neighbor, Camp Sierra Blanca, due to be closed as a minimum security prison this year, will stay in the Corrections Department, Nunley said.

"There was some mention of turning it into a forestry camp for firefighters and involving inmates at some level," Nunley said.

Children, Youth and Families Secretary Heather Wilson has also directed her staff to look at the camp, said CYF public relations official Eddie Binder.

CYF oversees juvenile detention facilities, and the camp was originally established for incarcerated juveniles.

The camp could be used as a boot camp or leadership camp, Binder related. The latter would build leadership skills.

"For whatever reason, (the Legislature) is looking closely at juvenile justice" during its current one-month session, Binder observed.

I was a state representative when they tried to close the fort in 1966 and helped push the transition from a tuberculosis hospital to a training center for the developmentally disabled. I felt then the hospital was needed, and still feel the same way today.

JOHN SHRECENGOST
FORT BIDDER

phases of development over the period of several months to two years."

About 45 employees would be needed at the beginning to handle a 15 to 30-bed residential treatment center.

"The number would grow as we moved in different components such as a nursing home," Snyder said. "As we grow, maintenance and food services would grow with us."

"We had considered in the third or fourth stages to do a tree farm and a trout farm, possibly to open and expand the museum. We would eventually get to the point where we could fill up most of the facility."

Palomar was not listed in the telephone directory in Covington, La. A chamber of commerce representative and two officials from hospitals in that town did not recognize the company name.

Howell said Palomar is headed by a former employee of Magnolia Health Care, which sent representatives to two open houses at the fort but did not submit a lease offer.

A second proposal from New Mexico Outreach didn't surprise GSD officials. Outreach executive director Tracy Brannan, who was the only submitter the first time around, said he would try again. He circulated petitions to support his bid.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

February 1, 1996
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County will conduct a public hearing on February 1, 1996, at 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the 1996 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) program and to advise the communities of the program goals, range of eligible activities and other pertinent information. Eligible program funding categories include Community Infrastructure; Housing Rehabilitation; Public Service; Capital Outlay; Planning; Economic Development; Emergency and Colonias. All interested parties are invited to attend and submit project ideas and provide supporting data and testimony. For information, contact Marth Guevara at 648-2385.

NOTICIA DE AUDENCIA PUBLICA

Febrero 1, 1996
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

El condado de Lincoln, tendra una junta publica el dia 1 de febrero, 1996, a las 10:00 de la mañana, en el casa del condado, situado en la sala de Comisionados, en la Calle Central numero 300, Carrizozo. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las comunidades del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infraestructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion; Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos que apoyan a su testimonio. Para mas informacion, favor de hablar a Marth Guevara en 648-2385.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Police who steal public property shouldn't be police

Public officials, especially police officers, hold a special trust. The public has entrusted them to take care of the public's business with honesty. For police officers, obviously, that trust includes upholding the law.

Tony Cano pleaded no contest last year to the charge of forging a vehicle title. He left his job as Capitan police chief, but since he agreed to plea 'no contest' instead of 'guilty,' he was allowed to keep a clean record — i.e., he could still be hired by another police force.

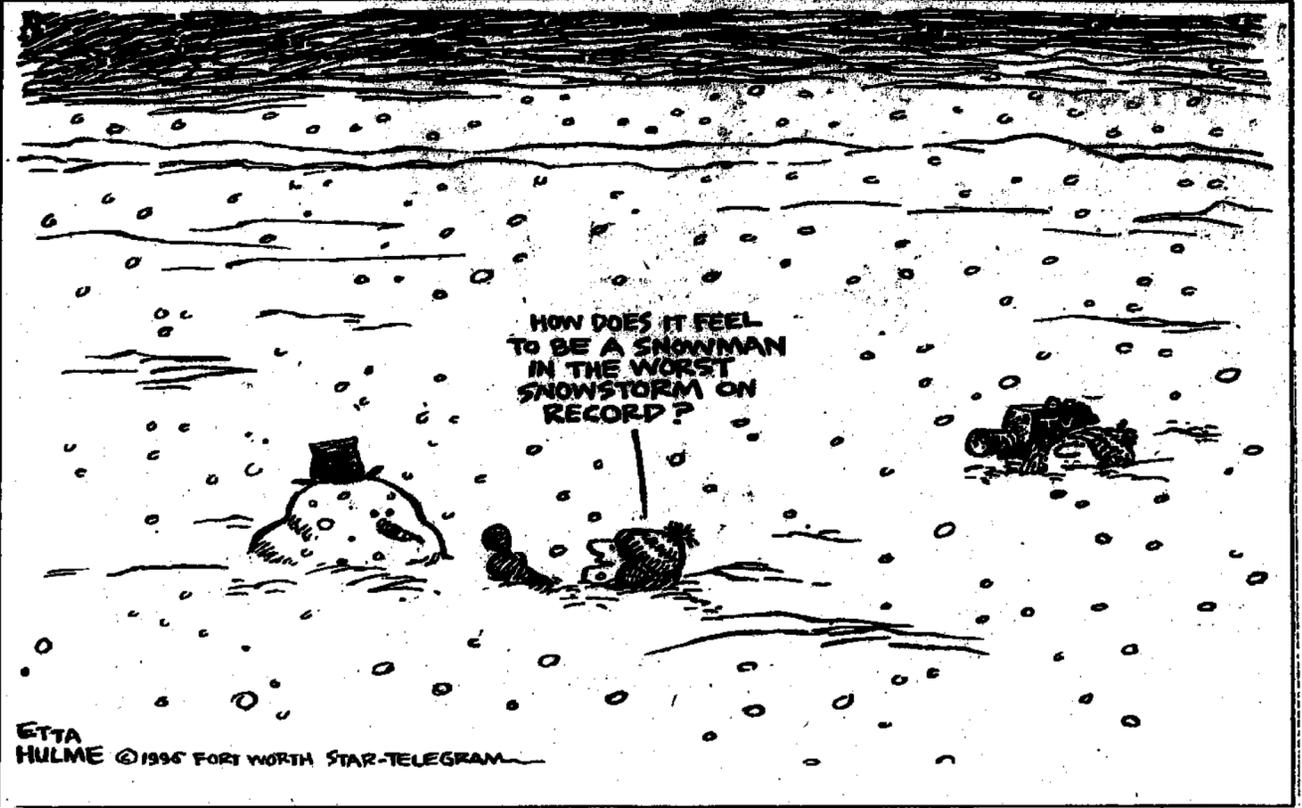
It may have been a small crime, but it shows Cano was willing to break the law for a friend: If there's one thing that needs to be enforced fairly and equally amongst all people, it's the law.

This time, Cano is being charged with embezzling village property during his days as Capitan police chief.

Officials say Cano traded Capitan Police Department ammunition for a vehicle light bar, then claimed the light bar (by then mounted on a Capitan Police Department animal control vehicle) was his, and he took it with him when he quit. This story needs no editorial comment.

Kudos to Capitan's new police chief, Carrol Durbin, for bringing the missing ammo to light. He understandably conducted an inventory when he took office and found the ammo missing.

If Cano really did commit embezzlement, it should be on his record this time, so he can't steal from other police departments in the future.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Review of early legislative action

TO THE EDITOR:

After the first week of our 30-day session, many state legislators have submitted their bill to the floor. Committee hearings begin this on those bills. Some of the bills I will carry will be heard this week, too.

During the past week, there was a transfer of \$74 million from some state accounts to make up part of the shortfall. There is a possibility this will be reconsidered this week.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, Sen. Pete Campos, Correction Secretary Karl Sannicks and I met with Governor Johnson to discuss Ft. Stanton. The governor assured us that Ft. Stanton is a high priority for him. We all anxiously await the proposals for Ft. Stanton on Jan. 23.

I look forward to an exciting next three or four weeks.

Rep. Dub Williams
Ruidoso

Police officer rude when car was stuck

TO THE EDITOR:

During the recent snowstorm, my car got bogged down in snow/ice. I could not make it to my home in Camelot Place Apartments.

On Thursday, Jan. 4, as my sister and I approached the car to try and get it unstuck, there sat a Ruidoso policeman. He accused me of blocking a driveway, which I was not. (Children were sledding down the drive, not coming anywhere near my vehicle).

He also stated I was on "his" city street. The streets here are named: Warwick and Camelot. I was nowhere near either of these streets. And I certainly did not get stuck in the snow on purpose.

This policeman made the remark to my sister, "I could push her out but I'm not going to." Needless to say, I've never met such a rude public official.

I am a widow, law abiding, and cannot imagine what I did to incur such rudeness.

Lanelle King
Ruidoso Downs

Consider tracks and animal welfare

TO THE EDITOR:

Tracks Draw Up Video Gaming Bill (Ruidoso News, Jan. 10) talks about the economic value of legalized video machine gambling. But what about animal welfare considerations?

The New Mexico horse racing industry accounts for over 90% of equine abuse in the state. Video gambling will nurture that cruelty.

The spokesman for the Ruidoso Race Track stated that video gam-

bling "would make New Mexico one of the premier horse race states in the nation." We are already one of the premier horse race cruelty states in the nation.

Bob Young
Las Cruces

Horse racing helps our rural economy

TO THE EDITOR:

Ever think about how much money a rural economy creates? Probably not, because we have all been so busy trying to be progressive, sophisticated and academically competent that we have pretty well shed any thoughts of rural America.

I understand the urbanization of our state. In a way, it's natural. But I am glad it is reinforced by a rural economy.

I believe the farm and ranch receipts for New Mexico, all \$1.5 billion of them totaled up for the last time after the 1994 harvests, are pretty dang impressive.

We had a bunch of livestock and milk money coming in. We had \$428 million worth of crops and \$57 million worth of greenhouse and forestry products.

These were not raised in downtown Albuquerque or outside the Roundhouse.

Race horses aren't either. They are part of the ag economy and part of rural New Mexico's jobs. Raising race horses is mostly done in the dirt, around the barn or in fenced areas littered with hay.

But New Mexico's race horses split their time between town and country. They purchase goods in the country, employ both country and town folks and get all dressed up to entertain country, town and visitor folks.

Race horses end up providing money to an ag economy, an urban economy and a state economy. The purses they win roll along from rural areas to urban. As the ag economists would say, their dollars turn over a lot.

Michael Weatherly
Mesquite

"Television is an invention whereby you can be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your house."

DAVID FROST

BRITISH COLUMNIST, TELEVISION PRODUCER • 1995

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LINCOLN COUNTY SCRABOOK

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

The Captain Progress January 18, 1901

Dr. P.M. Carrington of Washington, D.C. will arrive here next week and February first will succeed Dr. J.O. Cobb at the Fort Stanton U.S. Marine hospital.

Walter Fawcett and family visited in White Oaks the past week.

E.H. Rutledge is now looking after the wants of the customers of the Magado Dairy.

J.V. Ormond, one of Captain's popular young merchants, went to El Paso Wednesday to take in the carnival.

Don T. Analla and family, John Bombach, Pablo Prezquez and family, of Picacho, were in El Paso this week attending the carnival.

The US post office inspector was in Capitan looking after the efficiency of the mail service in this section.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High...48 Low...12 Sunny

THURSDAY High...49 Low...19 Partly cloudy

FRIDAY High...46 Low...20 Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Table with columns: Ruidoso readings, High, Low, Precipitation. Rows for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

Table with columns: Regional-Wednesday, High, Low, Forecast. Rows for Albuquerque, El Paso, TX, Lubbock, TX, Midland, TX.

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Edited by Will Shortz

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following reports were made by citizens to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

11:12 p.m. A Carizozo police officer reports a bull on the highway. The state police are notified, but do not locate the animal. The owner could not be located.

MONDAY, JAN. 15 10:47 a.m. A wrecker is requested for an impounded car at mileage marker 127 on U.S. 70.

11:08 a.m. A woman in Hondo asks for animal control for a stray dog who has been staying around the dumpster for the past few days. A deputy will check Tuesday morning.

1:16 p.m. A caller reports someone tried to break into the water machine at King's Food Mart in Carizozo.

1:43 p.m. A wrecker is requested for a 1994 White Lincoln that is out of service on U.S. 380 east of Carizozo.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16 12:17 a.m. A dispatcher from the Ruidoso Downs Police Department conveys an alarm location. A deputy and a Downs police officer check the building and everything is secure.

11:52 a.m. A Capitan man on Landfill

Road asks for an ambulance for a person who fell off a roof.

11:54 p.m. A woman 15 miles south of Ruidoso reports shots fired through her bedroom window. She saw a brown truck drive away in an unknown direction of travel. The information is passed to the state police.

3:39 p.m. An ambulance is requested at the Carizozo Health Clinic. A patient is taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. The patient has a knee injury that already has been splinted.

8:46 p.m. An alarm goes off at the Sun Country Food Mart in Hondo. Two deputies meet the manager there to check out the building.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17 11:54 a.m. A caller reports an accident without injuries a quarter mile from the Aho Store on Gavilan Canyon. His car was hit from behind by a white Buick. A deputy is requested.

12 noon. An accident with injuries is reported at mileage marker 275 on U.S. 70. A vehicle has rolled over and is leaking gasoline. The van is badly crushed. A deputy and ambulance are dispatched.

3:22 p.m. An accident without injuries is reported on State Road 48 near the bull barn. Three vehicles are involved.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18 6:38 a.m. An ambulance is requested for occupants of an overturned vehicle at mileage marker 256 on U.S. 70.

6:21 a.m. An accident with possible injuries is reported 1.5 miles south of Corona. Two people are involved, one may be injured.

8:54 a.m. An ambulance is requested at the Carizozo Health Clinic. A patient is taken to the hospital in Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 18 2:25 a.m. Assist motorist with flat tire on Highway 70.

2:49 p.m. Report taken on cut fence. 7:03 p.m. Report of a possible drunk driver.

9:56 p.m. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office notified department to be on lookout for missing 13-year-old boy.

10:20 p.m. Courtesy ride to inspiration Heights. 10:34 p.m. Lookout for boy canceled. Boy found safe.

FRIDAY, Jan. 19 9:57 a.m. Prisoner in custody for warrant violation. 12:21 p.m. Report of a person passed out

on ground. Turned out to be kids playing. 2:34 p.m. Prisoner in custody for detox. 8:30 p.m. Fight in progress at Hollywood Bar.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20 2:00 p.m. Peacekeeping at The (motorcycle) Show. 6:49 p.m. Woman reported being assaulted by another woman.

SUNDAY, Jan. 21 10:05 a.m. Man reported that his wallet was missing. Wallet was found on road. 3:15 p.m. Woman arrested for assaulting woman on previous day.

MONDAY, Jan. 22 1:10 a.m. Three arrests. One for DWI and two parties to a crime. 11:38 a.m. Putting escaped llama back into fence on Wood Lane.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

Total calls by type: 4 Accidents, 2 Alarms, 4 Ambulances, 2 Assist other agencies, 1 Disturbance, 3 Non-criminal activities, 2 Personal violence, 2 Suspicious activities, 1 Theft, 1 Traffic, 1 Unsecured building, 1 Vandalism.

1:07 a.m. Wingfield Street woman requests a ride from officer. Her car broke down at Allages. All clear.

3:27 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports a suspicious car behind the magistrate court building. All clear. People resting in parking lot.

3:50 a.m. La Luz Lane caller reports alarm sounding at a house. All clear.

7:26 a.m. Ambulance requested at White Mountain Meadows Drive to pick up patient for Lincoln County Medical Center.

8:56 a.m. Brady Canyon Road caller reports he hit a car this morning, and left name.

9:09 a.m. Ambulance at emergency room loading patient for transport. 9:54 a.m. Center Street caller requests a report for a hit and run. Report taken.

9:59 a.m. Someone broke into the water tank building in Alto. Caller needs a report for village. Report taken.

10:16 a.m. 2535 Suddeth Drive caller reports that she wants to file charges on subject who assaulted her. Supplied report.

10:43 a.m. La Luz Lane caller reports house alarm. All clear. 11:27 a.m. State police enroute with a female prisoner stopped in Ruidoso Downs.

12:58 p.m. 1201 Mechem Drive caller reports leg fell off truck and hit car. Needs report.

1:19 p.m. 310 Suddeth Drive caller reports suspicious male in business. Wants him to leave. Gone on arrival.

1:39 p.m. 616 Suddeth Drive caller reports transient brought in money box and left it at pet shop. Info report only.

3:20 p.m. Cedar Creek caller reports about 30 teenage boys - looks like a fight's about to happen. Negative. Unable to locate.

4:34 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports possible accident at corner. Vehicle in roadway. Accident report taken.

5:19 p.m. Ridgecrest Drive caller reports his eight-year-old son was assaulted by an older boy. Report taken.

5:34 p.m. Officer reports second accident on Mechem Drive. Need a separate report.

6:19 p.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports subject followed him to work. Report taken on harassment.

7:11 p.m. La Luz Lane caller reports his wife's having a reaction to medication she's taking for a broken leg.

8:02 p.m. State police enroute to RPD with one arrest.

8:13 p.m. 712 Mechem Drive caller reports two open doors at small building secured.

8:30 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient to hospital. 9:34 p.m. Officer at 2516 Suddeth Drive giving subject ride home from bar.

10:31 p.m. Terra Wood Condo caller reports money taken from wallet in car. 10:56 p.m. Officer arresting female subject on Hill Road for DWI.

11:03 p.m. State officer enroute to RPD with one prisoner. 11:45 p.m. Tank Road caller reports people at water tank. Officers enroute. Negative contact.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18 Total calls by type: 3 Accidents, 1 Alarm, 6 Ambulances, 2 Checks, 3 Non-criminal activities, 1 Other criminal, 2 Thefts.

12:08 a.m. 725 Mechem Drive caller reports \$5 gas skip. Doesn't want report. 12:44 a.m. Deborn Road caller requests ambulance for male subject, possible stroke. Patient refused.

2:54 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests officer check on a guest. Guest ok. 3:12 a.m. Sunny Slope Drive caller requests ambulance. Wants to go to hospital.

8:16 a.m. 1451 Mechem Drive caller requests report for forgery and fraudulent use of credit card. 8:17 a.m. 1200 Mechem Drive caller needs report referring forgery and fraudulent use of credit card. Report taken.

10:51 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests an officer referring vehicle was broken into last night. Report taken. 10:55 a.m. Ambulance at emergency room loading patient for transfer to Roswell.

11:54 a.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller reports CDs stolen out of his daughter's car. Report taken. 12:10 p.m. Yellow Pine caller requests officer to check back door to the house.

12:55 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Roswell. 3:09 p.m. Pine Street caller reports hit and run with damage done to chain link fence. Report taken.

3:19 p.m. Bureau of Indian Affairs officer reports one male prisoner to hold at RPD. 4:36 p.m. State police officer enroute with one female prisoner from McDonald's.

5:04 p.m. Ambulance enroute to Wil-low Road for home health care pickup. 5:23 p.m. Perk Canyon caller reports black dog laying beside road, appears hurt. All clear, he ran off.

5:28 p.m. Officer on Chavez Road out on "knock & talk." Have prisoner. Vehicle seized and report taken. 5:31 p.m. Starlite Drive caller requests officer referring damage to his car after hitting open manhole. Report taken.

Please see Police, page 9A

WHAT'S HAPPENING



ROSWELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at New Mexico Military Institute Pearson Auditorium, Roswell. The concert will feature Vadim Brodsky, violin soloist. Tickets may be purchased on a first-come-first served basis by calling the symphony office at (505)823-5882.

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

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs 378-4051 - James & Ile Boren Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Suddeth Dr., Ruidoso 257-8535 - 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, 2516 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.

BIRDING TOURS - 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. Three-hour birding sessions limited to 10 participants. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge naturalists will lead the tour. Call (505) 835-1828 for information and reservations.

PARENTING COURSE - 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Ruidoso High School in the Public Meeting Room. Effective ways to develop responsibility will be the subject of the first meeting of the free parenting course sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. It is led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe and is part of a series entitled "Raising Responsible Children." No registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND CONCERT - May 5. Sponsored by El Hispano Club and the Magicians Car Club. Representatives for different car clubs, truck clubs and bike clubs are invited to attend. Any local bands, DJ's and sponsors are also invited to attend. Call Johnny at 392-3748, Rudy at 392-8283, Johnny at 393-8858 or Felix at 397-2820 for information.

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 616 Suddeth, Suite #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-6643 for further information.

ALPINE VILLAGE SANITATION DISTRICT ELECTION - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at 104 Squaw Valley Road. Property owners are asked to elect board members. Call 257-7388 for more information.

ROSWELL SYMPHONY GUILD PRE-CONCERT LUNCHEON - 12:00 Noon Friday, Jan. 26 at Sally Port Inn, Roswell. The cost is \$7. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, Jan. 24 to Billie Michaus at (505) 622-9236. John Farrer, maestro for the Roswell Symphony Orchestra will provide information regarding the composers and the music to be presented in concert Jan. 27.

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AARP TAX AID 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.

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

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RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK - Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times.

CLUBS & MEETINGS COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RC&D COUNCIL, INC. - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 at the Church of Christ in Capitan.

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444: "Heat," "Father of the Bride II." Call theater for show times and ratings.

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. "AND THE HORSE HE RODE IN ON" - 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Museum of the Horse, in Ruidoso Downs. Humor and music highlight this fun performance of short dramatic interpretations. Scott Wells is in costume and on the firing line for this evening of "horseback literacy." Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Admission is free to members of the Museum of the Horse. For more information call (505) 257-378-4142 or 600-283-5929.

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT - 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, take a ranger-guided trip to Lake Lucero. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling monument headquarters at (505) 479-6124.

ROSWELL MUSEUM - Through Sunday, Feb. 25, "Working Relationships" exhibition. Artist Matt Barinholtz is the facilitator of a community artwork-in-progress. For more information call the Roswell Museum and Art Center at (505) 624-6744.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT - Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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DEADLINES: 3 p.m. Monday for Wednesday; 3 p.m. Thursday for Friday.

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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 37 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed powder. New snow Tuesday was one inch.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

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

10 years ago - A fourth-quarter rally falls short for the RHS girls basketball team. Lovington holds on for a 40-37 win. Berdine Smith scores 13, Katherine Sanchez adds nine. The girls are 2-8 overall.

20 years ago - Coaching the Ruidoso girls basketball team is first-year coach Jim Sanchez. His assistant is Dub Williams. The A team has a 5-4 record and the B team sports a 6-3 record.

30 years ago - Carrizozo beats Ruidoso, 63-58, in boys cage action. Zozo's Lucero leads all scorers with 28 points. Payne adds 17 for the Grizzlies. For Ruidoso, Baker scores 19.

40 years ago - The senior Mescalero basketball team defeats Mayhill, 58-33. Cajé paces Mescalero with 24 points. Hubbard scores 13 for the winners.

League softball coaches and umpires meeting scheduled for Jan. 29

Those interested in umpiring this summer's adult and youth softball leagues should attend an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at village hall, 313 Cree Meadows, Ruidoso.

Coaches for men's and women's league teams should also attend the Jan. 29 meeting.

Additionally, those interested in attending the New Mexico United States Slo-pitch Softball Association (USSSA) state meeting at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Feb. 16 and 17 should contact Debbie Jo or Claudia at 257-5030 for more information. Cost to attend the state meeting will be \$35.

Women's city bowling championship tournament slated for Feb. 3 and 4

The 15th annual Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association City Championship Tournament is set for Feb. 3 and 4 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. Entry forms can be picked up at the bowling center. Entries close Sunday, Jan. 28.

CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 27	
Wrestling	Ruidoso hosts Ruidoso Invitational
Prep Girls Basketball	Cloudcroft at Capitan
4 p.m.	Carrizozo at Fort Sumner
6 p.m.	
Prep Boys Basketball	Ruidoso at Hot Springs
7:30 p.m.	Carrizozo at Fort Sumner
8 p.m.	Cloudcroft at Capitan
Tuesday, Jan. 30	
Prep Girls Basketball	Santa Teresa at Ruidoso
7:30 p.m.	
Wrestling	Ruidoso at Belen
6 p.m.	

SCOREBOARD

Girls basketball
Socorro 54, Ruidoso 23
Santa Teresa 65, Ruidoso 37
Hot Springs 68, Ruidoso 23
Carrizozo 74, Vaughn 31
Carrizozo 58, Mountainair 37
Dexter 41, Capitan 31
Capitan 40, Tularosa 39
Loving 49, Capitan 46

Boys basketball
NMMI 69, Ruidoso 53
Loving 99, Capitan 73
Capitan 57, Hatch Valley 46

Ruidoso reeling after disappointing setback

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ever since their impressive showing against No. 4-ranked Lovington Jan. 13 in the finals of the High Country Shootout, the Warriors have been on a roll — in a downhill direction, however.

Ruidoso hasn't been able to build momentum from its outcome with Lovington, a one-point loss that can be considered a moral victory.

The slide continued Monday when New Mexico Military Institute gathered just its second win of the season by downing Ruidoso, 69-63. The Colts now stand 2-11 overall. Ruidoso owns a 7-8 overall record, marking the first time its fallen below the .500 mark this season.

In Monday's contest, the Colts outscored Ruidoso 20-8 in the second quarter to take a 28-17 halftime lead. The Warriors rallied in the fourth quarter but fell short.

Cory Hood's 15 points led the Warriors, who also got 10 points from Rex Comanche.

Ryan Trout hit three 3-pointers for nine points.

When it comes to district play it seems there's only one team in the 3AAA that can get away with an "average" performance on any given night. Over the weekend, Warriors discovered they're not that team.

Socorro sent the Ruidoso boys team packing Friday with a 58-47 decision, in the district-opener for both teams. The loss was the Warriors' third straight and sapped some of the team's confidence as well.

Worse yet, the disappointing defeat allowed Santa Teresa to steal a district win from the Warriors the next night in Ruidoso, 70-67.

"We just played a poor game against Santa Teresa. I think part of the Santa Teresa game was the disappointment from the Socorro game," Ruidoso coach Ben Sanchez said. "We're still a good basketball team. We're just not playing like one."

Sanchez blamed defensive breakdowns and turnovers for the Warriors' fall in Socorro.

"We turned the ball over too much early (in the game). That's something we hadn't been doing against pressing teams," Sanchez said.

Despite lukewarm shooting from both the field (32%) and the free-throw line (48%), the Warriors did have a one-point lead with 1:30 left in the game before losing to Socorro.

A bright spot was Ruidoso's defensive play against Socorro, Sanchez said. If the Warriors only had that defensive effort versus Santa Teresa, they might be 1-1 in districts instead of 0-2. But such was not the case. The Desert Warriors took advantage of an apathetic Ruidoso team.

The Warriors need to "play with some emotion, with some fire," Sanchez said. The first-year coach also contends it's not too late for Ruidoso to make a run at the district runner-up position.

"You're always going to have an opportunity to climb back out," Sanchez said.

Many have conceded the district title to Silver, the state's No. 2-ranked Class AAA school. The Colts are the only team that can

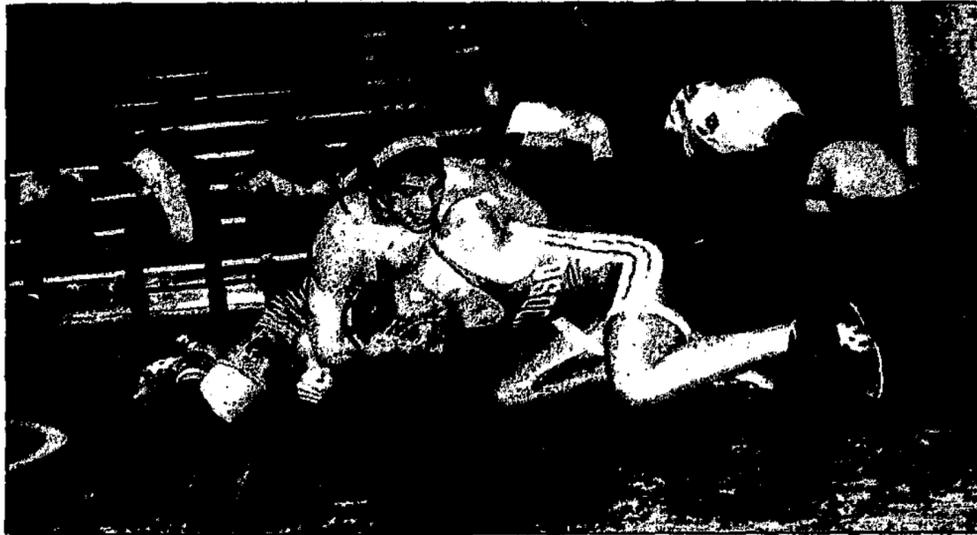
get away with an average performance and still win.

But after Silver, the scramble for the district's No. 2 spot is wide open.

"Number two through six could finish in any order," Sanchez said.

The Warriors return to district play Friday on the road at Hot Springs.

DRUMBEATS: It took four stitches to close a gash on Cory Hood's chin Friday. An errant elbow caught Hood, but it didn't stop him from playing the rest of the game and leading the Warriors in scoring with 13 points....Joshua Hodges scored 10 points and Rex Comanche added nine points at Socorro....Versus the Desert Warriors, Hodges paced Ruidoso with 16 points. Comanche pitched in 15 and Hood scored 14 points....In the NMMI game, the two teams hauled away at each other, committing 64 fouls. Ruidoso fouled out four players. The Colts were 25-for-49 from the free-throw line, while the Warriors made just 16-of-36 charity shots.



Warrior Tyson LaCour fights for position against his Carlsbad opponent Saturday at Ruidoso's wrestling team tournament. LaCour finished the day with a 2-3 record. The Warriors won two of five dual matches at the event. They host the Ruidoso Invitational this Saturday.

'Pep talk' motivates Warriors

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

All the Ruidoso Warrior wrestlers needed was a little wake-up call Saturday. Well, coach Gerald Ames sounded the alarm in the way of "a little pep talk," and the Warriors took notice.

Ruidoso responded to Ames and rebounded from its slow start to win two of its last three dual matches at the Warriors' team tournament Saturday.

For the day, Ruidoso finished with a 2-3 dual meet mark. The Warriors defeated Roswell, 42-38, and New Mexico Military Institute, 48-28, and lost to Santa Teresa, 47-25, Goddard, 31-25, and defending Class AAAA state champion, Carlsbad, 66-12.

"We spent a lot of time on the mat. Our attitudes changed in the middle. We were down at first, but we came back," Ames said.

Senior Lalo Espinosa inspired the Warriors. The 189-pounder gave Carlsbad's defending state champ all he could handle. Espinosa wound up getting pinned, but not until the last period of his match.

The moral victory boosted not only Espinosa's confidence, but his teammates' as well. It was the turning point of the day for the Warriors, Ames said.

On the season, Espinosa lost his first 12 matches before finally recording a win — a pin of Roswell's Jeff Irish last Thursday in a dual meet with the Coyotes.

The difference between Thursday's and Saturday's match of Espinosa vs. Irish was night and day. Espinosa wasted no time with Irish Saturday and pinned the Roswell wrestler quickly and mercilessly.

"The kids saw it (the match) and it really made a difference," Ames said.

Espinosa finished with a 3-2 mark for the day, improving his season record to 4-14 overall.

Other Warriors with winning records on Saturday were senior Jose Prieto (4-1), Jason Lopez (4-1), Shaun Cobb (3-2), and Brian Moore (3-2). Prieto's performances upped his overall record to a team-leading 23-8.

Brad Davidson at 100 pounds,

Richard Gray at 125 pounds, Eric Russell at 135 pounds, Tyson LaCour at 140 pounds, Matt Ward at 145 pounds and heavyweight Brad Beavers all finished with 2-3 records.

Ruidoso's scheduled match with NMMI for today was canceled because the Colts only have six wrestlers on varsity. That means the Warriors have a week of practice to ready for the Ruidoso invitational meet Saturday. This meet will focus on individual vs. team performance. Ames expects 12 teams to participate in Saturday's event. Wrestling should begin at 9 a.m.

With the luxury of extra practice time, Ames said he'll videotape the Warriors in practice to help them see what they're doing right and what they're doing wrong.

"I think we're on a pretty good path right now," said Ames, noting his team's steady improvement.

DRUMBEATS: At the Carlsbad junior varsity tournament, four of seven Warriors placed....Varsity heavyweight Brad Beavers avenged a loss to Roswell's Jeremy Rottman by pinning Rottman Saturday.

Tigers hobble into District 6AA action

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Unless senior point guard Neil Montes recovers from an ankle injury, he and his teammates will hobble into District 6AA play Saturday when the 9-7 Tigers host rival Cloudcroft.

The CHS boys team earned a weekend split with Loving and Hatch Valley Friday and Saturday respectively — the final non-district contests of the 1995-96 season.

Loving nearly broke the century mark by pounding the Tigers, 99-73, Friday.

Not only did Capitan lose the game, but it also lost point guard Montes to an ankle injury. Montes is out indefinitely while physicians determine if he broke or sprained his ankle.

Capitan coach Gerald Montes will have to adjust his lineup if Neil is out for awhile. Senior Ernie Trujillo took over the point guard duties after Montes was injured. Trujillo will continue to direct the Tiger offense. He'll get backup support by committee.

Junior Cody Turnbow, senior Nathan Longbotham and freshman Garydon Silva, who would move up from junior varsity, make up Trujillo's supporting cast.

"Our big problem is getting those guys rest time because we don't have the depth," Montes said.

If X-rays of Montes' ankle prove negative, mentor Montes won't have to worry about a long-term solution. But until then, he's preparing for the Tiger guard to be out of action.

Loving outscored the Tigers decisively in the first and third periods on its way to the 26-point win. Still, Capitan played better than the final score indicated, Montes said.

Senior post player Keith Cox led the Tigers in scoring with 18 points. Turnbow added a dozen points and Montes contributed

11 before he left the game with the injured ankle.

Capitan faced a familiar foe Saturday when it played Hatch Valley. The Tigers won two previous times the clubs met by a total of five points.

The game in Hatch was just as close until Capitan pulled away at the end. After a 28-28 halftime tie, the Bears took a one-point lead into the fourth quarter. Capitan's defense, combined with Hatch's cold shooting, limited the Bears to just two free throws in the final eight minutes and Capitan won 57-46.

"We stepped up and did a good job defensively. We did a better job running some offense and getting easy shots," Montes said.

The Tigers also continued their hot shooting from the free-throw line. Capitan was a nifty 14-for-16 from the line against Hatch. The night before they were 19-for-23 against Loving.

Jonathon Ugalano paced Capitan with 14 points. Cox added 10 points. Jeremy McGarvey scored nine, while Turnbow and Trujillo had eight each.

"Both nights we did a better job going to the offensive boards," Montes noted.

While they wait to hear the status of Montes' ankle, the Tigers prepare for Cloudcroft. The Bears have a solid inside-out combination and decent size, Montes said.

CAT TRACKS: Capitan's junior varsity team slipped to 4-6 overall after setbacks to Loving, 59-56, and Hatch, 40-27....Versus Loving, four Tigers scored in double figures. Jason Montes had 12 and Jayson McSwane, Chris Davis, and Silva each scored 10 points....Montes paced Capitan against Hatch with seven, followed by Davis' five....The elder Montes, Neil, was averaging nine points and 5.8 assists per game before the ankle injury.

No mercy for RHS girls

Ruidoso's girls basketball team still seeks its first win of the season. The Warriors fell thrice more in district contests. Ruidoso is 0-15 overall and 0-6 in the 3AAA.

Socorro downed the Warriors handily, 54-23, Thursday in Ruidoso. Angelica Figueroa led Ruidoso with 12 points.

Santa Teresa did the same Saturday in Gadsden, 65-37. Myra Romero paced the Warriors with eight points.

And Tuesday evening, the Tigers from Hot Springs pummeled Ruidoso, 68-23. Hot Springs took a 11-2 first quarter lead and cruised easily. Ruidoso scored its first basket with less than three minutes in the first half when Angela Simms hit a jumper from the wing.

Seniors Figueroa, Sheryl Dock-

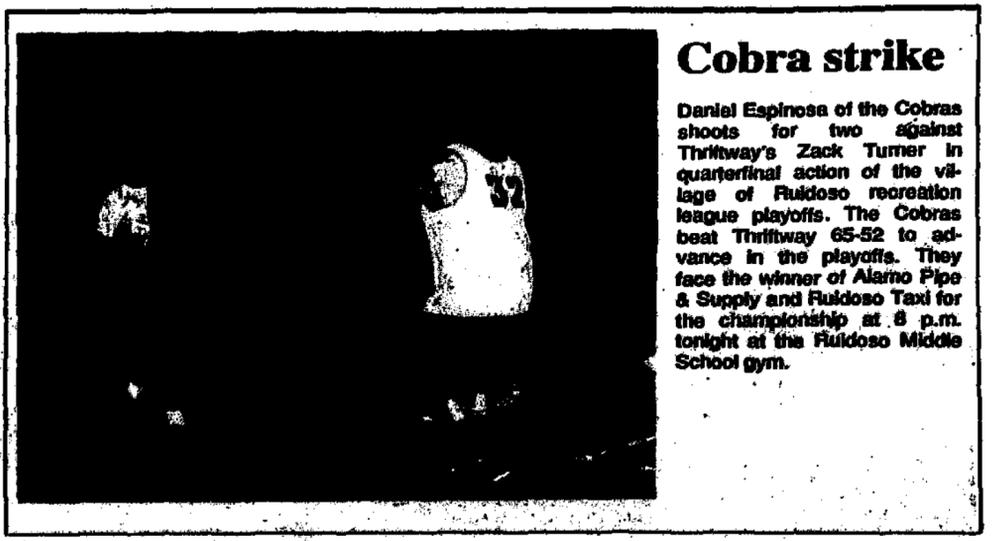
ery and Simms played well for the Warriors, first-year coach Dwayne Rogers said.

The Warriors' inexperience and lack of court experience has hurt the team all season, Rogers added.

Even though he has four seniors and two juniors on the varsity team, Rogers noted that only two of those six played basketball as freshmen at Ruidoso.

"The transition is just not there. We just need to play a lot more basketball," Rogers said.

DRUMBEATS: Ruidoso, in the midst of a 32-game losing streak, hasn't won since last season's 43-42 victory over El Paso Yelata at the Carlsbad Tournament Dec. 9, 1994....



Cobra strike

Daniel Espinosa of the Cobras shoots for two against Thriftway's Zack Turner in quarterfinal action of the village of Ruidoso recreation league playoffs. The Cobras beat Thriftway 65-52 to advance in the playoffs. They face the winner of Alamo Pipe & Supply and Ruidoso Taxi for the championship at 8 p.m. tonight at the Ruidoso Middle School gym.



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Giddy up!

Rural Capitan residents (left to right) Misty Williams, Jamie Riegler and Jason White took their horses out for a stretch Sunday afternoon. Pet dog Sugar also kept pace.

County solid waste authority falls behind on landfill bills

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, Lincoln County was two months late and more than \$24,000 behind in its monthly payments for garbage dumped at the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

By Friday, enough payments had been received to put the county Solid Waste Authority back in good graces with the city of Alamogordo, which operates the landfill for the solid waste groups in Otero and Lincoln counties.

"We tried to work with them, because they are one of the member-owners of the landfill, but if they were a commercial customer with

that type of outstanding balance, we would have turned them away at the gate," said Maurice Gutierrez, Alamogordo financial manager.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 17, the \$12,601 balance was paid for October, Gutierrez said. On Friday, Jan. 19, the \$12,126 payment for November was received. Alamogordo sent those bills to the authority on Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, and they were due by Nov. 29 and Dec. 29.

The Lincoln authority now only owes \$10,771 for the month of December, due by next Monday, Gutierrez said.

"This is the first time we've had any problem," Gutierrez said. "Hopefully, the problem has been

addressed and they will pay on time. We're in this together."

Corlis Dobson, who became the new manager of the Lincoln authority in November, said like any business, there are times during the year when money is tight. The authority played catch-up this month, but now is current on its payments, he said.

The Lincoln County authority is current on its bills to pay off the landfill's construction, Gutierrez said. But since the landfill is generating enough money to cover its operation and construction debt, 100% of the tax receipts are being sent back to the members of the two authorities, he said.

States

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governor has called for a statewide referendum, which could kill the bill, because no state has ever voted in favor of high-stakes casinos in the face of active opposition.

RHODE ISLAND - State runs video lottery terminals at racetracks. The governor signed a compact for an Indian casino with slots, but a referendum for casino gambling failed to pass in November. Local voters disapproved of casinos in their cities by margins as high as 84% against. The tribe now has to fight the state Attorney General in court over what games it can offer and is stuck with a fairly inaccessible piece of land.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Video poker machines are everywhere, with low limits, under strange law. In November, 1994, local voters decided to let their local slots give cash payouts in 30 of 46 counties.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Casinos (\$5 maximum bet) in one city, Deadwood, and on 10 Indian reservations have true slots. State lottery's 7,959 VLTs were declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court on June 22, 1994, but voters reinstated the gaming devices by amending the state constitution in the November election.

TENNESSEE - Lots of talk, but no chance of casinos until 1998 at earliest.

TEXAS - A federal trial court had ruled the Yeliza del Sur Pueblo near El Paso could have a full casino, with slots; but, the Fifth Circuit reversed in October. Now, no one knows what games are allowed. Elsewhere, the Texas Attorney General ruled casinos would require amending the constitution; Texas can't vote to amend until 1997, at the earliest.

VERMONT - A bill to allow casinos on railroads didn't leave the station. A racetrack in the southern part of the state is campaigning hard for slot machines and a bill to allow full casinos is pending.

VIRGINIA - In 1994 a riverboat casino bill sank under the weight of excess baggage: Disney's proposed historic theme park got tacked on. The bills were reintroduced in 1995, for the third time, and have already been defeated.

WASHINGTON - Some Indian casinos have slots. The federal courts ruled the slots illegal, yet the state has been ordered to negotiate. The legislature is debating the issue. In November 1995, voters turned down a proposal for full Indian casinos, with part of the profits going to the state's voters.

WEST VIRGINIA - State law allows VLTs only at Mountaineer Park Raceway and three other tracks. Riverboat casino legislation

was defeated, but has been reintroduced. **WISCONSIN** - Slots are legal and opening in 15 Indian casinos throughout the state. The Legislature voted in 1993 to prohibit further casino expansion.

WYOMING - An initiative to allow full casinos was defeated by a two-to-one margin on Nov. 8. The electoral defeat means fewer jobs for lawyers; the initiative was so poorly written that it was legally unclear whether bets would have been limited to \$25 maximum or whether there would have been no limits.

AMERICAN POSSESSIONS:

***COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS** - Casinos with slots are allowed.

***DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** - Riverboat casino initiative failed to get enough legitimate signatures: of 45,000 signatures gathered, fewer than 15,000 were from voters.

***GUAM** - Gaming devices are legal.

***PUERTO RICO** - Full casinos with a strange twist: the government owns the slot machines.

VIRGIN ISLANDS - Local voters approved the concept of legalized casinos in a non-binding referendum in November 1994. But casinos, limited to St. Croix, will probably not be opened before June 1997.

OBITUARY

Bob Watkins

A funeral for Bob Watkins, 74, of Capitan will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Christ Community Fellowship in Capitan. Officiating will be the Rev. Ed Vinson. Burial will follow at Capitan Cemetery.

Mr. Watkins died Saturday, Jan.

20 at his home. He was born Nov. 10, 1921 at Tamaqua, Penn. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He moved to Capitan in July 1976 from Duncan, Ariz. He worked for Phelps-Dodge from 1946 until 1977, then worked for Lincoln County and the village of Ruidoso as a welder in their equipment shops.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Watkins and his wife Laurie of Billings, Mont., Tom Watkins of Duncan, Ariz. and Kenny Watkins of Ajo, Ariz.; a daughter, Debbie Trotter of Oracle, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to your favorite charity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 6, 1996
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County will conduct a public hearing on February 6, 1996, at 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the 1996 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) program and to advise the communities of the program goals, range of eligible activities and other pertinent information. Eligible program funding categories include Community Infrastructure; Housing Rehabilitation; Public Service; Capital Outlay; Planning; Economic Development; Emergency and Colonias. All interested parties are invited to attend and submit project ideas and provide supporting data and testimony. For information, contact Marth Guevara at 648-2385.

NOTICIA DE AUDENCIA PUBLICA
Febrero 6, 1996
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

El condado de Lincoln, tendra una junta publica el dia 6 de febrero, 1996, a las 10:00 de la mañana, en el casa del condado, situado en la sala de Commissionados, en la Calle Central numero 300, Carrizozo. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las comunidades del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infrastrura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion; Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos que apoya a su testimonio. Para mas informacion, favor de hablar a Martha Guevar en 648-2385.

Ruidoso student allegedly steals councilor's vehicle and wrecks it

A 16-year-old Ruidoso High School student allegedly stole a Ruidoso Village Council member's car Thursday and then wrecked it near Corona.

The 1992 Geo is used by Councilor Robert Donaldson's 17-year-old daughter.

The student was arrested in the Corona area Thursday about five hours after allegedly stealing her classmate's car, police said.

The female student was found around 4:45 p.m. by Lincoln County and Torrance County sheriff's deputies after they learned of a car

wreck on State Highway 42.

The girl was unhurt in the accident, police said. Estimates of damage to the 1992 Geo were not final, but exceeded \$1,000. Donaldson said the car was beyond repair.

The girl was transported to the Ruidoso Police Department, where her parents were also contacted. She was charged with unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and criminal damage to property over \$1,000, both fourth-degree felonies, police said.

Detective Robert Layher said the girl borrowed a can of shoe polish

from the 17-year-old Donaldson girl Wednesday of last week. At school on Thursday, she asked if she could put it back in her friend's backpack. When she did, she saw the car keys and took them, Layher said.

She then allegedly left the school, grabbed some clothes at home and took off, apparently attempting to run away, Layher said. "She said she was going to Cuba (New Mexico) to be with friends," Layher said.

Donaldson reported her car missing from the school parking lot around 11 a.m., Layher said.

Lottery dealers sought statewide

The New Mexico Lottery has started to recruit retailers to sell lottery tickets.

In the Jan. 24 issue of *The Ruidoso News* and more than 45 other New Mexico publications this week, the state is running a one-page advertisement asking interested retailers to request a lottery retailer application packet.

The invitation is open to all businesses that currently provide a service or product in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Lottery will contract with approximately 1,500 retailers statewide.

Retailers can request a lottery application by completing the form included in the advertisement or by calling 1-800-642-6689 statewide.

Lottery retailers will be provided with free initial and ongoing training, equipment, point-of-sale material, marketing and sales help. There are no application or renewal fees. Additionally, lottery retailers

will receive sales commissions, incentives, promotional materials and statewide advertising support.

Lottery retail application packages will be sent out by Feb. 26, and retailer selection will begin as applications are returned. Those retailers on board by the April lottery launch will help establish the customer buying patterns and will benefit from the excitement generated during the launch of the New Mexico Lottery.

Announcing New Mexico Lottery's Retailer Sign-Up!

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or call 505-242-6733 within the greater Albuquerque area or 1-800-642-6689 statewide.

EDUCATION

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Hasenbuhler on A&M dean's list

Michelle L. Hasenbuhler of Ruidoso has been named to the West Texas A&M University dean's list for the 1995 fall semester.

Students on the dean's list achieved GPAs of at least 3.250 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Hasenbuhler is a freshman majoring in accounting.

NMSU dean's honor roll

The following students from Ruidoso and Alto attending New Mexico State University have been named to the dean's honor roll for the 1995 fall semester:

College of Agriculture and Home Economics:

- Amy Catalin Olvera;
- Richard Lee Frost
- Amy Lynn Palko;
- Stacy Shannon Wall;
- College of Arts and Sciences:
- Jill Bailey;
- Shelby Ran Bradley;
- College of Business Administration and Economics:
- Angie Maria Olvera;
- College of Engineering:
- Earl Ross Holstein.

To be named to the dean's honor roll, a student's grade point average must rank within the top 15% of the college enrollment.

Jacobs pledges Delta Upsilon

Chad Curtis Jacobs of Ruidoso, who is attending Kansas State University, has pledged to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Since the summer of 1995, 557 men have joined Kansas State University fraternities.

Pfeffer on dean's list

Brandy Michelle Pfeffer of Ruidoso, a sophomore majoring in accounting, has been named to the fall 1995 semester dean's list of McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

RHS grads on ENMU dean's honor roll

Five graduates of Ruidoso High School are among the 336 Eastern New Mexico University students named to the 1995 fall semester dean's honor roll.

- The students are:
- Jennifer Brack, a senior in elementary education;
 - Carol Logsdon, a freshman in communications;
 - Cindy Richardson, a freshman;
 - Melissa Richardson, a senior in elementary education;
 - and Mandelyn Sodd, a freshman in accounting.

Ruidoso School Board members remind Gov. Johnson about education promises

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Ruidoso School Board sent a message to Gov. Gary Johnson and the New Mexico Legislature about education last week.

The unanimous resolution, voted on at the monthly board meeting, reminds the governor that he committed to making public education the number one priority for the 1996 legislative session.

"The governor and the New Mexico Legislature have the opportunity to improve the quality of public education for all public education students in New Mexico," the resolution says in part. "Now therefore be it resolved, that the New Mexico Legislature is encouraged to appropriate funds and the Governor is encouraged to sign legislation allocating the funds necessary to properly educate the public education students in the state of New Mexico."

Please raise your hand

Public comments at meetings of the Ruidoso Municipal School Board haven't been allowed since September 1994, but that may soon change.

"I want to ask the board to consider allowing public comment on agenda items," board member Susan Lutterman said. "I still think that we represent the people and if they have a comment, they should be heard."

Board members James Paxton and James Varnadore agreed with Lutterman that the issue of public comment deserves consideration.

"I'm still frustrated that we have no public comments at the meetings and I think the situation needs to be looked at," Paxton said.

Superintendent of schools Mike Gladden seemed hesitant to give his endorsement to the idea. "If people are professional in their comments, it's one thing," Gladden said. "We don't want to become a show in town where people come to school board meetings just so they can sling mud."

Paxton agreed with Gladden that the public would need to understand the rules pertaining to confidential and personnel matters.

"Public comments in a professional manner is what I'm looking for," Paxton said.

The board will research how other school boards handle public comments and discuss their find-

ings at the next meeting.

We can work it out

Several students from White Mountain Elementary School gave the school board a demonstration of their mediation program.

The program started last year and it trains students in mediation techniques and provides alternatives to violence, WME counselor Ubaldo Skinner told the board.

Presently, there are 30 fourth grade mediators in the program and two mediators are stationed on the playground at all times.

Rotary bookworms

Ruidoso Rotary Club President Bert Brunell presented a check for \$500 to help with the Sierra Vista Primary School Library.

"Trink Edmonds, who is very active in the schools, brought the need to our attention," Brunell said. The Rotary Club carefully screens all requests for assistance and the library qualified, he said.

Hirings

The following people were ap-

proved for employment by the board:

- Jennifer Hobbs as language arts teacher at the middle school;
- Dan McCann as special education instructor at the middle school;
- Rodney Webb as high school baseball coach;
- Mike Morris as assistant baseball coach;
- and Beverly Silva as high school special education instructional assistant.

Other board business

Other school board business included:

- the quarterly summary of the student health center;
- a suggestion by board member Karen Anderson to research ways to offer more vocational training;
- and a reminder from Gladden that Feb. 6 is the date of the Public School Capital Improvements Two-Mill Levy renewal election;
- The next meeting of the Ruidoso School Board is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the District Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle. For more information call 257-4051.

SCHOOL MENU

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MENU (GRADES K-6)
Monday, Jan. 29
Breakfast: Cereal or breakfast burrito, apple half, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak or beef stew with crackers, tater tots, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Breakfast: Cereal or breakfast pizza, juice, milk.
Lunch: Lasagna or chef salad with chopped ham and cheese, crackers, Italian green beans, milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Breakfast: Cereal or biscuit and sausage, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Steakfingers or All American Sub, carrot sticks with ranch dressing, Texas toast, sliced pears, milk.
Thursday, Feb. 1
Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, chilled fruit, milk.
Lunch: Hot roast beef sandwich with brown gravy or beef stew with crackers, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots, fruit, milk.
Friday, Feb. 2
Breakfast: Cereal or French toast sticks with syrup, chilled fruit, milk.
Lunch: Warrior burger with trimmings, fries, chilled fruit, chocolate pudding.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS MENU (Grades 7-12)
Express Way Menu: choice of entree, fruit, vegetables, and any other items offered plus a free 16 oz. drink.
Monday, Jan. 29
Breakfast: Cereal or breakfast-on-a-bun, banana, milk.
Lunch: Beef stroganoff, noodles, buttered broccoli, corn, dinner roll, fruit.
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Breakfast: Cereal or breakfast burrito with egg and sausage, milk.
Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, cobbler.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Breakfast: Cereal or pancakes with syrup, milk.
Lunch: Meatloaf, potatoes au gratin, fruit, green beans, dinner roll.
Thursday, Feb. 1
Breakfast: Cereal or waffles with syrup, banana, milk.
Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, tossed salad, fruit, dinner roll.
Friday, Feb. 2
Breakfast: Cereal or donuts, juice, milk.
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit, cookie.

THE WHY

Self honesty can help when making life decisions

One of the main goals most high school students set is to figure out what they are going to do with their lives. Deciding what the future holds for us is almost an everyday thing. We hope that by the time we are ready to make the leap from the nest, we have enough knowledge and experience to fly in the real world.

Everyone has their own beliefs on destiny, real or not. Some of us think that we are just feathers floating on the breezes of life; others believe that every moment in our lives is part of a detailed plan to carry us through. No matter what each of us thinks, we are beginning to prepare earlier for our futures.

Many of us save money each month to buy a car or help finance college, strive for the A that will raise our grade point average up to a level we are personally proud of, and experiment to find new interests that might one day become our careers. On the other hand, many of us try to put the thought out of our minds until the last minute that we'll be leaving home (even though every senior I have talked



The why

MEREDITH KEETON
STUDENT COLUMNIST

to feels they are ready to make the jump). Those in the latter group suddenly realize that their future holds night classes and minimum wage jobs until they get on track.

The point is not that one is better than the other. There are advantages and disadvantages to both, and everyone has to make those decisions on their own. As long as we make the choices about our future in truth to ourselves, we can excel at whatever we choose to do. The art of living should not be to get the highest paying, most prestigious job, but to love whatever you choose.

There are different things that are important to different people. You can put your efforts and energy into getting perfect grades and going to an ivy league school, or play every day as it comes and concentrate on enjoying each one. As long as you are a master at the things you do, you are a success.

I have gotten some of the most valuable information about life from people who have jobs others would look down on; people whom others pity and laugh at for their careers. The thing that sets them apart is the fact that they are truly professionals.

The key to happiness is not to get everything we wish for, but to still want the things we get after we wish for and receive them. On the subject of careers, self reliance is the one variable that can determine your level of contentment. Making your own decisions concerning the right things to do in your life makes everything, from tiny problems to crises, easier to deal with. If we are only honest with ourselves, we'll have more pride and responsibility in the decisions we make.



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Nob Hill good citizens

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center morning kindergarten students were recently honored as December good citizens for their positive school spirit and ability to follow school rules. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Kelsey Johnson, Mary Helen Roman, Ericka Villalba, Jordan Alexander and Andrew Adams. Front row — Joseph Hiera, Aldrin Cuevas, Beau Hirsch, Neal Clawson and Jessica Montoya.



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More good citizens

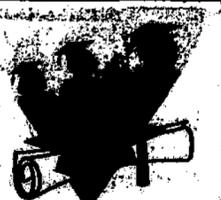
Afternoon kindergarten students at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center were recently honored as December good citizens. The students demonstrated a knowledge of school rules and a positive school spirit. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Andrea Montes, Loren Loftis, Julie Morytko, Katie Gomez, Kambrey Scott and Nikkee Johnson. Front row — Adam Manske, Austin Kane, Jorge Ramirez and Travis Gomez.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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— 5:43 p.m. Suddeth Drive caller reports alarm. Upon arrival, found burglary had happened. Report taken on burglary.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Total calls by type: 5 Accidents, 1 Alarm, 6 Ambulances, 1 Assist other agency, 1 Disturbance, 3 Domestic, 2 Non-criminal activities, 1 Other criminal, 2 Thefts, 3 Traffic, 10 Evergreen Drive caller reports...

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

Total calls by type: 3 Accidents, 1 Alarm, 5 Ambulances, 1 Disturbance, 2 Fire calls, 4 Non-criminal activities, 1 Traffic, 1254 a.m. Gila Road caller reports...

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

Total calls by type: 1 Accident, 3 Alarms, 6 Ambulances, 5 Assist other agencies, 1 Fire call, 2 Non-criminal activities, 1 Other criminal, 3 Thefts, 1 Vandalism, 106 a.m. State police need assistance...

patient for transfer to Albuquerque. — 10:15 a.m. Ambulance at Ruidoso Care Center transferring patient to LCMC.

— 6:02 p.m. Received 911 call on possible drunk driver. Not drunk driver, just elderly. — 6:16 p.m. 1800 Suddeth Drive caller reports someone may have left without returning keys...

MONDAY, JAN. 15 Total calls by type: 2 Accidents, 1 Alarm, 7 Ambulances, 1 Assist other agency, 2 Fire calls, 1 Non-criminal activity, 4 Other criminal, 1 Vandalism, 12:05 a.m. 1901 Suddeth Drive caller reports...

— 10:05 a.m. Country Club caller requests officer for report on telephone harassment. — 10:52 a.m. Gavilan Canyon Road caller reports accident with injuries behind Y.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16 Total calls by type: 2 Ambulances, 1 Domestic, 1 Fire call, 3 Non-criminal activities, 2 Other criminals, 1 Theft, 1 Traffic, 12:01 p.m. Upper Terrace Drive caller reports domestic at home...

— 10:33 a.m. Cherokee Mobile Park caller reports she's receiving obscene phone calls. Report taken. — 11:32 a.m. Paradise Canyon Drive caller broken-down vehicle. Wrecker called.

Man arrested for holiday credit card tab

by KATHLEEN McDONALD Ruidoso News Staff Writer A big-tipping former Ruidoso resident was arrested Thursday for running up a \$600 tab on stolen credit card numbers, police report.

— two bills totalling \$428 at the Swiss Chalet Jan. 29 and Jan. 30. The first night's tab was \$124, with a \$60 tip; the second-night totaled \$244, including a \$100 tip.

later. Apparently, Gonzalez told wait staff at both restaurants he forgot to bring his credit card, but his mother had given him her credit card number to use.

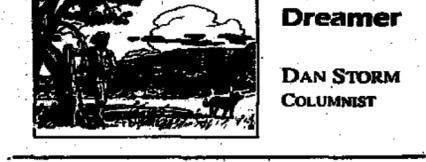
Texas home, Biggs said. He was charged with felony forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card, both third-degree felonies punishable by a maximum four years in jail and \$5,000 fine.

THE DREAMER

Annual Meeting of Episcopal Church in Lincoln County

Members of the Episcopal Church from all over Lincoln County gathered Jan. 21 at Church of the Holy Mount for services followed by their annual meeting.

The Dreamer



are concerned with helping the poor, healing the sick, lifting up the downtrodden, and comforting those in sorrow.

The Reverend Mr. Tripp will be in charge of the Clergy Training School for the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

The Winds of January

Here in the deep of winter, the west wind has been roaring down the draw now for several days in a row, blowing away most all the snow.

— 9:03 a.m. Officer at 2605 Suddeth Drive doing report on credit card fraud. Report taken.

Church Officers Elected at Annual Meeting Elected to three-year terms on the Vestry were Janice Herd, J. Wright, and Tim Rich.

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3 day Water Color Workshop Feb. 5, 6, 7 - 9 am - 4 pm Beginners welcome 1st Baptist Church, 420 Mechem Drive Contact Sharon Ramey at Sharon's Hairstyles • 257-9278

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1 Real Estate

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

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