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**Legislature OK's  
money for county  
groups' projects**

If Gov. Gary Johnson signs off on bills pushed through in the last few hours of the state Legislature's 1996 session, Ruidoso will receive \$150,000 to plan and design a youth recreation center.

The money will come from legislation introduced by State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Santa Rosa) and passed through the House and Senate.

Another \$100,000 will be used to renovate Camp Sierra Blanca, converting it from a minimum security adult prison into an environmental work camp.

Ruidoso Downs also will receive some of the \$150,000 designated for improvements to water and sewer systems.

Three Lincoln County items were included for funding with state severance tax funds: \$75,000 for expansion of Ruidoso's Gavilan Canyon alternative school, \$50,000 for the Ruidoso schools' Parents as Teachers program, and \$50,000 for the Corona school gym.

**Exotic deer  
surprise Alto  
motel housekeeper**

When a housekeeper entered a guest's room at the Swiss Chalet in Alto Saturday, she was more than surprised to find two caged deer.

Investigating fish and game department officers found the deer were baby fawns, not yet two weeks old, and not of this country.

The jackrabbit-sized Asian Axis and African Muntjac deer were brought along by an exotic game ranch owner during his ski trip so he could bottle feed them.

The tourist showed the officers the deer were pets and not mistreated. "He let them out in the room and they were bouncing all over like puppies," game warden Ron Moore said.

The tourist was informed that permits are necessary to bring any exotic animal into New Mexico, Moore said.

**Landfill closed for  
president's holiday**

The debris landfill near Capitan and the recycling center of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority in Ruidoso Downs will be closed Monday for George Washington's birthday.

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## Gambling bills never make it

□ Legislature  
ends without  
help for tracks

by DICK BEHNKE  
 Roundhouse correspondent

Gaming legislation "is dead," said New Mexico House Speaker Raymond Sanchez.

"Some legislators, huh?" asked a depressed Mike Weatherly, president of the New Mexico Horsemen's Association. His group and horse racetracks were unsuccessful for the second year in seeking the addition of video gambling machines at the state's fledgling tracks.

Those two comments just about sum up the legislative session as seen through the eyes of people who spent many days fighting for some sort of legislation.

A last futile attempt to pass some kind of gaming legislation came late Wednesday night when a bill to set up a committee of New Mexico House and Senate members to study and ratify Indian gaming compacts was kept in committee, unable to get to the House floor for a vote. The bill had already passed the Senate.

Most legislators involved now say the Indian compacts will now be in the hands of the courts. But what the U.S. District Court decides will have little or no effect on racetracks this year.

The suit brought by pueblos against U.S. Attorney John Kelly only affects Indian gaming, and no matter how it comes out, it leaves the racing industry up in the air.

Wednesday night, the Senate went into overtime to pass backed-up legislation. The first floor of the capitol where the entrances to the floor of the House and Senate are located were closed to everyone who is not a legislator or an aide.

"They don't want any more lobbyists down there," said an aide to Senate Minority Leader Billy McKibben (R-Hobbs). "They don't want any press, either."

## Racetracks may change schedules

Ruidoso Downs Race Track officials are regrouping during the coming week, trying to decide what to do in the wake of failed expanded gambling bills.

They're obviously unhappy that the state Legislature failed to pass a bill to give them video gambling machines, for the second year in a row. Track officials say the machines are needed so they can compete with Indian casinos and increase purses.

"I think it was pretty crummy they did not do what the people asked them to — and that's deal with the issue," Hubbard Enterprises Vice President Jon Sherry said of the Legislature this morning.

"From what I saw, it was mass confusion and they passed the buck on to the feds," said Rick Baugh, Ruidoso Downs Race Track director of operations. "We walked into this thing feeling real good about it."

Several sources close to senators and representatives said many of the legislators were "fed up" with lobbyists, and the intense push for gaming legislation by the lobbyists may have worked against gaming.

For whatever reason, gaming died Thursday at noon as the one-month legislative session came to a close for this year.

It came to a close because Gov. Gary Johnson has said he will not call a special session to deal with gaming.

"It will be left up to the courts," confirmed McKibben, a stout gambling foe. "That's where it should have been all along."

Others supported expanded gaming at the tracks but couldn't make it happen.

"We didn't have the ability to get video gaming at the tracks," said Senator Pete Campos, whose district includes Ruidoso.

But those involved in the business of gaming, particularly horse racing, were pretty disillusioned with the outcome.

"We are going to lose jobs," Weatherly said. "A lot of people involved (in the horse racing industry) are going to move out of New Mexico to Arizona or California."

And if the federal court rules in favor of the Indian tribes and legitimizes video gaming on the reservations, horsemen feel they may be even worse off.

Trainers, breeders and even jockeys feel that could mean an end to racing as they have known it in New Mexico for years.

"The purses have gotten smaller and we just can't compete" with Indian gaming, one trainer said.

Most legislators feel that if the federal court legitimizes Indian gaming, some expanded form of gambling will be needed elsewhere to make it legal. Many are pro-video gaming at racetracks and in fraternal and veterans clubs.

But not this year. It will be left up to the 1997 Legislature to settle the matter, and a year is a long way away for many horsemen.



Bill Riggles/Special to The News

## Exercising their feminine sides?

Wednesday's Cross Your Heart Cup race at Ski Apache drew 26 competitors, including these Tootsie hopefuls, Christian Breittling (left) and Mike Luna. Nearly \$900 was raised from the event. The money will benefit the Humane Society of Lincoln County. See page 1B of ¡Vamonos! for complete story and a list of the special award and age class winners.

## Churches try to fill void of burial plots with columbariums

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As Ruidoso's sole public cemetery runs out of burial plots, two village churches are offering columbariums as alternatives.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount installed the vault-like "niches" for ashes inside its church late last year. And the First Christian Church has drafted preliminary plans to install an outdoor columbarium and chapel in the next five years.

Providing the niches for sepulchers is a cost and space-saving alternative that offers an acceptable resting place for cremains, agreed Father John Penn, pastor of the Episcopal church, and Rev. Bill Kennedy, of the First Christian Church.

The columbariums also offer a legal repository; most people aren't aware it's illegal in New Mexico to spread cremains, the two pastors said.

"Few people place the urns in their homes — most spread the ashes, although it's illegal," Rev. Kennedy said. "I think the columbarium would be a service to the community."

The average funeral involving casket burial costs around \$4,800. Funerals involving cremation cost about \$2,200, said Danny Sisson, director of La Grone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

"Economically and environmentally, cremation seems to be the coming trend, and much cheaper for the family," Rev. Kennedy said.

Columbariums can also solve one small problem associated with today's mobile society. Family members often live a long ways apart, and ashes can be taken somewhere else without a huge cost, Rev. Kennedy said.

About 20% of the funerals handled by the La Grone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso — the only funeral home in the county — involve cremains, Sisson said. About 10% (13) are buried in the village's Forest Lawn Cemetery, said Sisson, who's also the chairman of the village's cemetery board.

The village cemetery is expected to be filled within the next five years. There's no other public cemetery in town, although private

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Rev. John Penn says columbarium "niches" at the Ruidoso Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount provides a place within the church for members to be buried. It's a comforting notion to many, especially since the shortage and high cost of cemetery land forces new grave plots to be placed far from church yards.

## Potter jumps into new job as county manager

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As Frank Potter started his new job as Lincoln County manager Thursday, he was hoping his years with the village of Ruidoso will lead to a smoother relationship between the town and the county.

"I'm not a confrontational person," Potter said. "I try to carry a lot of diplomacy."

He was looking over his new territory in Carrizozo in preparation for an introduction today to elected officials, department heads and their staffs.

Potter is stepping in quickly, because the former county manager has been gone for a month.

"The county is into a lot of things and they need attention," the 51-year-old Potter said.

The background he brings to the \$36,000-a-year job includes 26 years with the Village of Ruidoso government. That period includes 10 years as airport manager, 13 years as assistant village manager and three years as village manager ending in 1990. In addition, he has served three years on the village council, but will resign from that elected office because of his new job.

The last six years, he has worked with The Museum of the Horse and Ruidoso Downs Race Track, most recently as operations manager at the track.

"I learned a lot, but that's not where my training lies," Potter said. "I woke up this morning and felt refreshed because I'm reentering a field I feel confident in and trained for after an absence of six years."

"I have to admit that it wasn't as challenging being a councilor as it



Frank Potter is resigning his job as Ruidoso councilor to take on the position of Lincoln County manager.

was in administration. It will be especially challenging now with all of the rapid changes in the laws.

"I told the commissioners I applied for the county manager's position because I thought I could do the best job."

Commissioners clearly expressed their vision of a good county manager as a person who is a hands-on manager working closely with department heads, but not involved in the political aspects of county government, he said.

"I said that's wonderful, because the county is growing at such a rapid rate, I will have plenty to do and I believe in a direct separation of duties," Potter said.

**"I woke up this morning and felt refreshed because I'm reentering a field I feel confident in and trained for after an absence of six years."**

FRANK POTTER  
NEW COUNTY MANAGER

## Spencer won't run again for Lincoln County Commissioner

After six years serving District One on the Lincoln County Commission, Stirling Spencer, 47, will step down after the November election.

"I won't be running again," he said Wednesday. "For the past 10 years I have been very publicly involved, not just as a commissioner and politically, but in many other community affiliations."

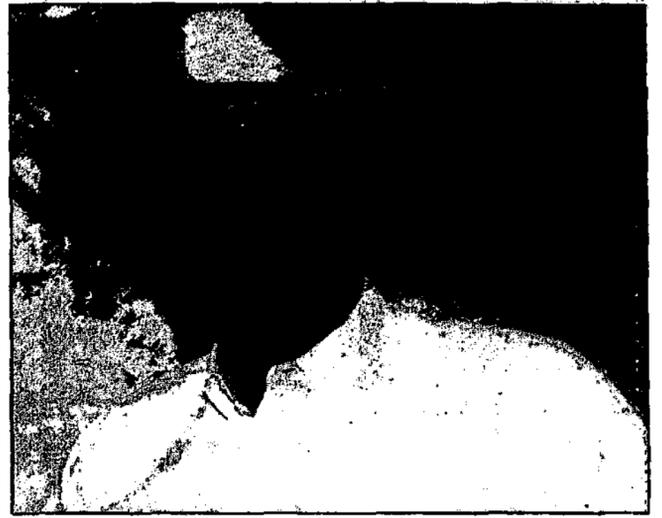
"It's worn on me a little. I feel I am not able to be as effective and have the energy to be as good as possibly someone else who has my same ideals."

"I think I've done most of what I can in that position and sometimes it's time to move on to something else."

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rancher also intends to concentrate on putting his ranch near Carrizozo into a better financial position, Spencer said.

"I sit on three or four boards now, plus with things on the commission, I'm gone very much," he said. "That combined with the race I had for state public lands commissioner (in 1994), it took a toll. I need to gather up and regroup. But I'm not going anywhere and I still will be supporting the issues I believe in and trying to help where I

can." During his time on the commission, the board was expanded from three to five members. Spencer, a Republican, served a two-year term while it was a three-member board and is now completing a four-year term.

He served as commission chairman for three years before handing the gavel to Monroy Montes, who just started his fourth year as chairman.

## Wilson announces candidacy for Lincoln County Commission seat

Rex Wilson, chairman of Lincoln County's Public Lands Use Advisory Council, is running for the District One seat on the county commission.

The Ancho rancher will seek the Republican nomination in the June primaries. He decided to run only after incumbent Commissioner Stirling Spencer said he would not try for another term in office.

"I've become involved in Lincoln County government because of my belief that local government should be the strongest form of government because it is the most accessible to the people," Wilson said. "For too long, we have been content to let our representatives govern us without the input of the citizenry. But our country was founded with the idea that each American be participatory in our own government."

"God intended us to be responsible stewards of what He gave us. Part of that responsibility lies in the public arena."

Wilson said he wants to make it



Rex Wilson

easier for citizens to offer input about local government. The input should lead to a sensitivity to local customs and culture, and help safeguard the economic stability of this county, he said.

Wilson graduated from Carrizozo High School and received a degree in agriculture economics from New Mexico State University.

Before returning to Ancho to manage the family ranch, he was employed by Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque and American Livestock Publishers.

Wilson served on the county road review committee and currently is a member of the county planning and zoning commission. He is on the board of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and was appointed to the State Land Office Advisory Board.

His background in government, business, banking and publishing will give him a balanced approach toward county government, Wilson said. Since moving back to the county, he has been involved in several ranching and related issues.

Wilson and his wife, Carol, and their three sons are members of the First Baptist Church.

## County Solid Waste Authority needs manager now, chairman says

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A new manager is needed immediately for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to guide it through a rocky period of financial and personnel trouble, authority chairman Frank Cummins says.

The authority board may have to declare an emergency to hire someone quickly instead of advertising and dragging out the procedure, he said.

Still, after a budget review workshop Wednesday, Cummins is optimistic that the authority will emerge in solid financial condition at the end of its current run of woes.

"The cash flow seems adequate based on the figures (acting manager Beverly Foot) gave us today," Cummins said. "We're not going under, but I feel it's necessary to figure out some way to finance a five-year plan to upgrade the equipment."

"We came up with some ideas to be proposed at the next regular meeting of the full board," Cum-

mins said of the budget session with Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson and a few other members of the authority.

One of the main thrusts is to reduce cash outflow through restructuring of a long-term debt owed to three authority members that sold equipment to the agency when it began collecting garbage.

"By restructuring, we could cut the annual payment (of more than \$100,000) in half," Cummins said.

The group also will suggest lease-purchasing equipment, which reduces the initial investment by the authority.

"Repair and maintenance is the big problem area in the budget," Cummins said. "If spending in that category keeps up at the same pace, by the end of the year (June 30), we will have spent \$148,000, instead of the \$58,000 we budgeted."

Some of the more recent expenditures in that category, which occurred while no full-time manager was supervising the operation, may not have been necessary, he said.

The authority also will try to work with the 10 employees who staged a sick-out from work last week, he said. They complained about substandard equipment, not being paid overtime, unequal pay for similar jobs and lack of pay raises.

"We have sent them a letter saying we must have specific grievances in writing with details of when they occurred," Cummins said. "Employees cannot submit grievances about wages and we cannot negotiate on wages, because that would fall under collective bargaining."

However, if the next manager puts together a salary pay scale and job descriptions, merit raises could be given based on evaluations of employees' job performances, he said.

A \$20,000 line item for merit raises still is in the budget, Cummins said.

The employees who stayed away from work one day represent less than half of the total of 22, he added.

Those filing grievances can ask for the hearings to be open to the public, he said.

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## Ranch census change may hurt state

The number of farms counted in New Mexico would drop by nearly 60% under a cost-saving Census Bureau proposal to survey fewer farms in 1997, said a New Mexico State University agricultural economist.

The plan would redefine farms for census purposes, from operations with at least \$1,000 in annual sales of crops or livestock to operations with at least \$10,000 in sales. The new definition would mean

the number of farms in New Mexico would drop from 14,279 (as counted in the 1992 census) to an estimated 5,830, said Rhonda Skaggs, an NMSU professor of agricultural economics and agricultural business.

The redefinition would also result in an 80% decrease in minority-owned farms in New Mexico, according to information from Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service.

Under a second redefinition plan being discussed, New Mexico could lose even more farms for a total of only about 2,750. This definition requires that an operation have at least \$10,000 in net cash return an-

nually to be considered a farm. The census information is used to decide how much research and Cooperative Extension Service money is given to each state, Skaggs said, so a change in the formula could hurt New Mexico's funding.

Some studies conclude an operation requires \$40,000-\$50,000 in annual gross sales to be financially viable, Skaggs said.

The criteria for defining a farm for census purposes has changed nine times since 1950. The current definition has been in effect since 1974. It defines a farm as an operation with at least \$1,000 of agricultural products sold.

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## Working up an equine sweat

Trent Smith and his favorite pony take a momentary break in their late afternoon gallop through shin-deep, Bonito Basin snow.

# Tree cutting law changes hammered out

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

An acceptable tree cutting ordinance has nearly been hammered out between Ruidoso officials and state foresters.

The Ruidoso existing code requires a \$5 per tree permit to cut any tree, and requires cutting department approval to cut trees larger than 19.1 inches in diameter. The state and federal proposal eliminates the \$5 fee for trees smaller than 19.1 inches in diameter, encouraging thinning of trees which are crowded or near homes.

"Quite candidly, what we've had is a pretty restrictive forest protection code that basically says, 'Don't touch it,'" Village Manager Gary Jackson said of the existing code. "We want workable regulations as soon as we can get them."

Still, before the proposed code changes go before the Planning and Zoning Commission for input later this month, village officials said they'll change portions of the state foresters' proposals.

The proposed ordinance focuses on forest health and proper management of the area's natural resources.

Some type of sliding fee for large-scale tree cuttings, needed to cover code enforcement costs, will likely be added to the proposal, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley said.

Other clarifications or changes to the draft protection code will center on definitions of a forested area; enforcement of cutting provisions; removal of exemptions; and tightening of allowable exceptions to the required tree cutting approvals, Jackson said.

The latter allows dead, diseased or hazardous trees to be cut without village approval. That may be too permissive, Briley said.

Healthy trees could be cut if the diseased conditions (like root rot) are left to the interpretation of homeowners, he said.

That's why foresters strongly recommend the village or county hire an urban forester to survey landowners' lots and identify condi-

tions, said state forester Bill Duemling.

Slash removal is of great concern to village officials, who noted the new ordinance could result in massive clearing of overstocked, unhealthy lots.

Many of the Ponderosa Pines in the area suffer from dwarf mist-

letoe infestation, a parasite that denies the host tree nutrients.

The revised code encourages homeowners to create defensible space around their homes, said Duemling, who wrote the bulk of the proposal. Long-term thinning and pruning of stressed and hazardous trees should follow, he said.

## Proposed changes in tree code

State foresters have proposed changes to Ruidoso's forest protection code to improve forest health and reduce the risk of wildfire. Key to the proposals are:

— elimination of the \$5 per tree cutting fee, but approval of certain tree cuttings would still be required;

— reconsideration of what is a mature tree. The present code considers five-inch-diameter trees to be mature and permits are required for cutting. Foresters say trees aren't really mature until reaching at least 19.1-inch diameters where 4.5 feet off the ground. Regulatory conditions regarding smaller trees

aren't addressed in their proposal.

— reconfiguring tree replacement requirements. Presently, the village requires tree replacement if more than 20% on a lot will be cut. Foresters propose tree replacement wouldn't be determined on the number of trees cut, but on the number of existing trees in a given space and health of the trees on the lot.

— axing a required site development plan/sketch for removal of trees five inches in diameter or greater. Instead, trees would be marked with a flag or paint for inspection, and a description of the condition of trees on a lot would be required.

## Survey finds top long-term health care concerns in state

by DIANNE STALLING  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Understaffing and lack of employee training are two of the top concerns listed in a report about long-term health care compiled by the state Agency on Aging.

The survey shows great discontent by nursing home consumers, according to agency director Michelle Lujan Grisham. More than 26% of the respondents were dissatisfied on almost every question.

The greatest dissatisfaction was registered on questions dealing with staffing levels. Only 41% of those responding thought staff numbers were adequate to meet the need of residents.

In 1994, Fort Stanton State Hospital, a center for the developmentally disabled in Lincoln County, was scheduled to be converted into a long-term care facility. But shortly after taking office in 1995, Gov. Gary Johnson said he intended instead to close the fort, an action completed last March. At the time, he cited the high cost of operation and the lack of need for more long-term care beds in the state.

A 1995 Senate Memorial called for the statewide consumer survey, the first of its kind in New Mexico. Sponsored by State Sen. Michael Sanchez, the memorial was pushed by a

group of citizens worried about neglect and inadequate care, who formed New Mexicans for Quality Long Term Care.

**"A substantial number of the complaints which arise in long-term care facilities could be solved by providing more and better-trained staff."**

TIM COVELL  
STATE CARE OMBUDSMAN

The agency on aging conducted eight forums around the state attended by about 680 people, and surveyed residents and their families in long-term care facilities.

"A substantial number of the complaints which arise in long-term care facilities could be solved by providing more and better-trained staff," said Tim Covell, state long-term care ombudsman.

The report details 10 major areas of concern: loving care, staffing, licensing and certification surveys, the need for alternatives to institutional care, unresponsiveness to residents and their families, retaliation and the fear of retaliation, food, cultural sensitivity, dominance of the Roswell nursing home market by Horizon Health Care

Corporation and the elderly to support and respect the elderly.

While some consumers had nothing but praise for long-term care facilities, the study pointed out the need for advocates, providers, facility operators, agencies, legislators and citizens to find solutions to the problems identified, Grisham said.

Other items noted by people surveyed were:

— 32% said staffing levels are adequate at night and on weekends;

— 31% said call lights are answered promptly;

— more than half knew of the theft of a resident's property;

— 47% reported either their property or that of a family member had been stolen or misused;

— 33% said they knew of abuse and neglect incidents;

— and 28% said they or a family member had been abused or neglected while in a long-term care facility.

Ruth Wade, administrator of the Ruidoso Care Center, part of the Horizon Health Care Corporation, said she had not read the study and could not comment on any of the specific findings.

Hired less than one month ago, Wade said, "I've worked in long-term care for about 20 years and the changes I've seen, and there have been a lot, have been for the better."

## Churches plan hundreds of niches

The idea behind the First Christian Church columbarium complex took shape after several church members whose relatives chose cremation asked Rev. Bill Kennedy, "Now, what do we do with the ashes?"

"It's prompted us to do something about it," he said. "There is a need for a (public) columbarium."

Because theirs is to be a public complex, the First Christian Church niches never considered putting the columbarium inside, he said.

"We want to build a complex with an outdoor chapel, meditation center and garden," Rev. Kennedy said.

Preliminary five-year expansion plans call for 90 niches, but the complex will have the capability of

handling 850 niches, he said.

"It will be open to anyone — not just church members," Rev. Kennedy said.

Sale of the niches should provide a permanent fund for the perpetual care of the columbarium, the chapel and garden, he said.

Installing a columbarium inside the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso was partially prompted by the shortage of plots at the village cemetery, Father John Penn said.

But that issue is really a "sidebar" to his church's action, Penn said.

"The main impetus is to provide a way for the ancient custom of burying people near (or inside) the church to continue," Penn said.

Penn's church installed its 44-

"niche" columbarium about two months ago, and already has three of the niches filled.

The niches are offered to church members and their families, but not the general public.

Plaques and bronze urns are provided with the niches, Penn said.

Revenues from the niche sales should cover the cost of the columbarium, he added.

His church's ceiling-high columbarium stands in an enclosed, stone foyer next to the sanctuary. Bronze plaques engraved with the names of the deceased adorn the occupied niches.

When these units are filled, Penn said another columbarium may be installed in the room's north side.

## Cremains

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cemeteries are in the area. Village and county officials are considering setting aside a piece of county land for a new cemetery.

### Changing perspectives

"Most mainline churches' prohibitions against cremation have been lifted," Father Penn noted. "Consequently, people are looking for a repository for cremains."

His church never had a prohibition against cremation, nor did the First Christian Church take a position on the issue, the pastors said.

In recent years, Roman Catholics have lifted their prohibition against cremation, and for more

and more people the idea of "everlasting life" no longer centers on the body, Father Penn said.

"Part of the past reservations had to do with the issue of physical resurrection," Rev. Kennedy said. "At one time it was thought you can't cremate because there's no body to resurrect. But, as with the Greek (theological) dualism of body and spirit, more and more believe the spirit lives on but the body decays."

Father Tom Herbst of the Saint Joseph Mission explained the former Catholic prohibition was primarily due to the "distinction" of Christians in classical times: Christians buried their dead as did the Jews; Romans and Greeks practiced cremation.

Burial was practiced because of the "tremendous respect for the body," and because of the doctrine of resurrection — the physical body reuniting with the soul, Father Herbst said.

But his church's stance changed after 1965, following the Second Vatican Council in 1965, he said.

"It was realized resurrection doesn't depend on certain bones resting in a certain place," Father Herbst said. "It's okay to cremate as long as it's done with respect — we'd be against scattering ashes from a plane, for instance, or keeping them under someone's bed."

"We still have the same philosophy: treat the body with utmost respect because it's holy."



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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Legislature has failed miserably to solve issue

Thursday was a black day for the New Mexico Legislature and for the New Mexico racing industry, but for different reasons.

The racing industry has nothing to be ashamed about. The Legislature does.

For the second year in a row, the Legislature seems to have made resolution of the gambling issue its last priority — no, beyond its last priority. Apparently it wasn't a priority at all.

Worst of all, by not getting the job done, the Legislature has abrogated its responsibility onto the federal courts now — let the court solve the state's problem. Amazingly, this attitude comes at a time when we hear legislators and others in local government saying more power needs to be returned to state and local government.

A few days before this year's legislative session began, the state Press Association held a breakfast gathering for legislators. Many of those legislators told us that, at town meetings held just before the session, they were surprised to hear so many citizens saying they viewed gambling as the top legislative issue this year.

The Legislature spent much time on the gambling issue, but in the end it let us down. Let's hope even more harm wasn't done, like the loss of a major livelihood in this state — racetracks and all the industries associated with them.

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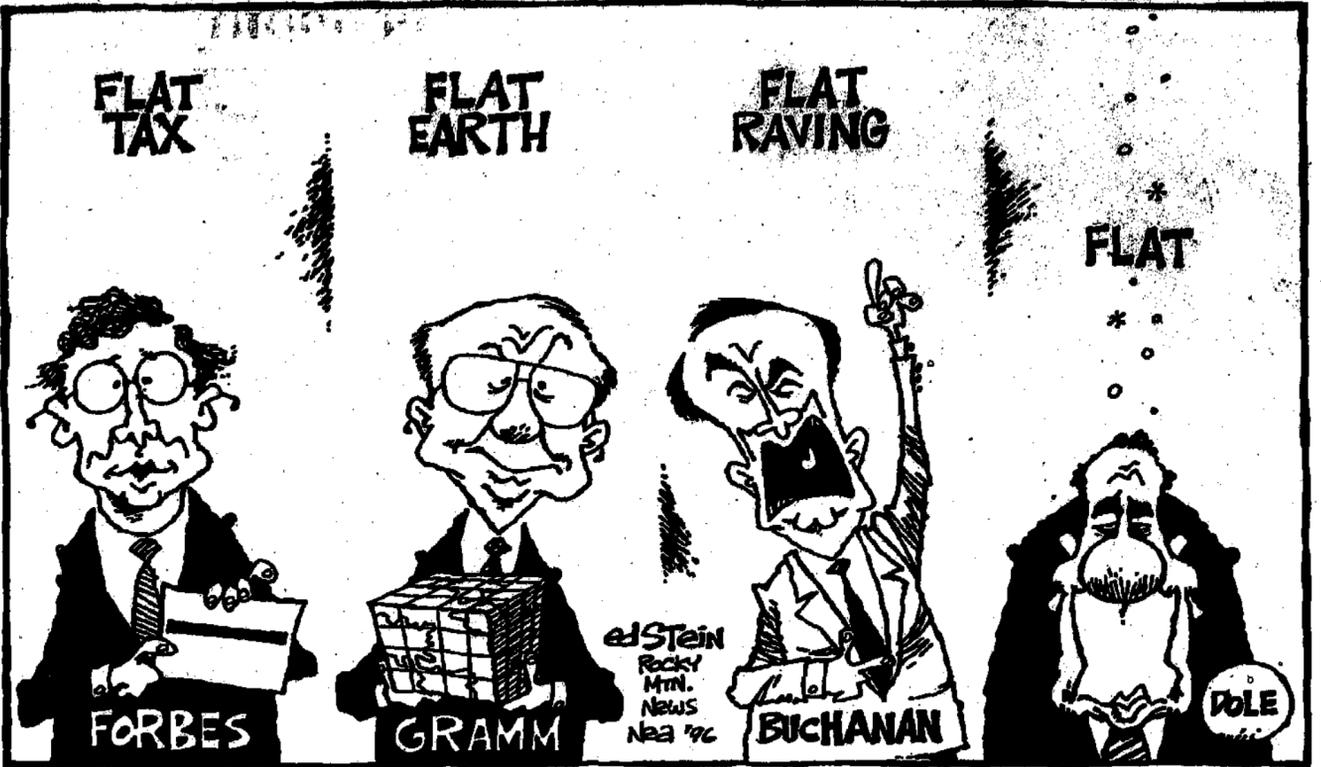
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Protect and love innocent pets

TO THE EDITOR:

Last weekend we were stopped with our seatbelts not fastened. This major offense to society cost us \$42. We didn't argue with the nice officer, as we knew that we should have buckled up. It's the law. But we also have the human intelligence to decide exactly how much we feel we should protect ourselves.

My getting stopped made me start to think of the unprotected creatures on this earth that don't have the intelligence to get away from danger. I am speaking about the many animals I see running around this town that are left out in the cold night and day. Animals wandering around the streets looking very hungry and ragged. And most particularly, I am speaking about the dogs that are tossed, flipped and frightened to death riding around in the back of pickup trucks. My heart stops every time I see one of these dogs spinning around.

I have even seen dogs tied in the back with ropes long enough for

them to jump over the side and hang themselves. There are laws for child abuse and spouse abuse, but not for the poor defenseless creatures that can't speak for themselves.

To the citizens of this town, I ask that you love and protect your pets. Report wandering animals, or be sure you know where they belong.

To the legislators, I would like to see a new law in this state protecting man's best friend. As long as there is violence in this world, you know that animals are getting the brunt of it.

They just want to be loved. Is that a lot to ask?

Lynn Panchuk  
Ruidoso

### Police officers rude to us, too

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a follow-up to the "rude policeman" in letter printed in your Jan. 24 — adding coals to the fire.

Soon after moving into our home on White Mountain Drive in Ruidoso, a man started a kennel of

wolves next door. These wolves continued to plague us with howling and having free run of the neighborhood, especially my yard. Since we had a toddler in our home we decided we didn't need these wolves this close, so we called the police department. Now we find out from the police department that wolves and dogs have priority over children in Ruidoso.

Three times we were visited by the police department.

The first visit was by an animal control officer accompanied by a police person who came back later and gave the wolf person permits to raise wolves in a residential neighborhood.

The second visit was by two police department persons who assured me I had no right to complain about these wolves or anything else for that matter.

The third time we were visited by two police department persons and a dog catcher. Here they come banging on my door with their authority well displayed telling me what little rights I had to complain about the welfare of me or my loved ones. Needless to say many ugly words were exchanged.

Rudeness seems to be the order of the day at the Ruidoso Police De-

partment.

Ned Echols  
Ruidoso

### Playing field not leveled yet

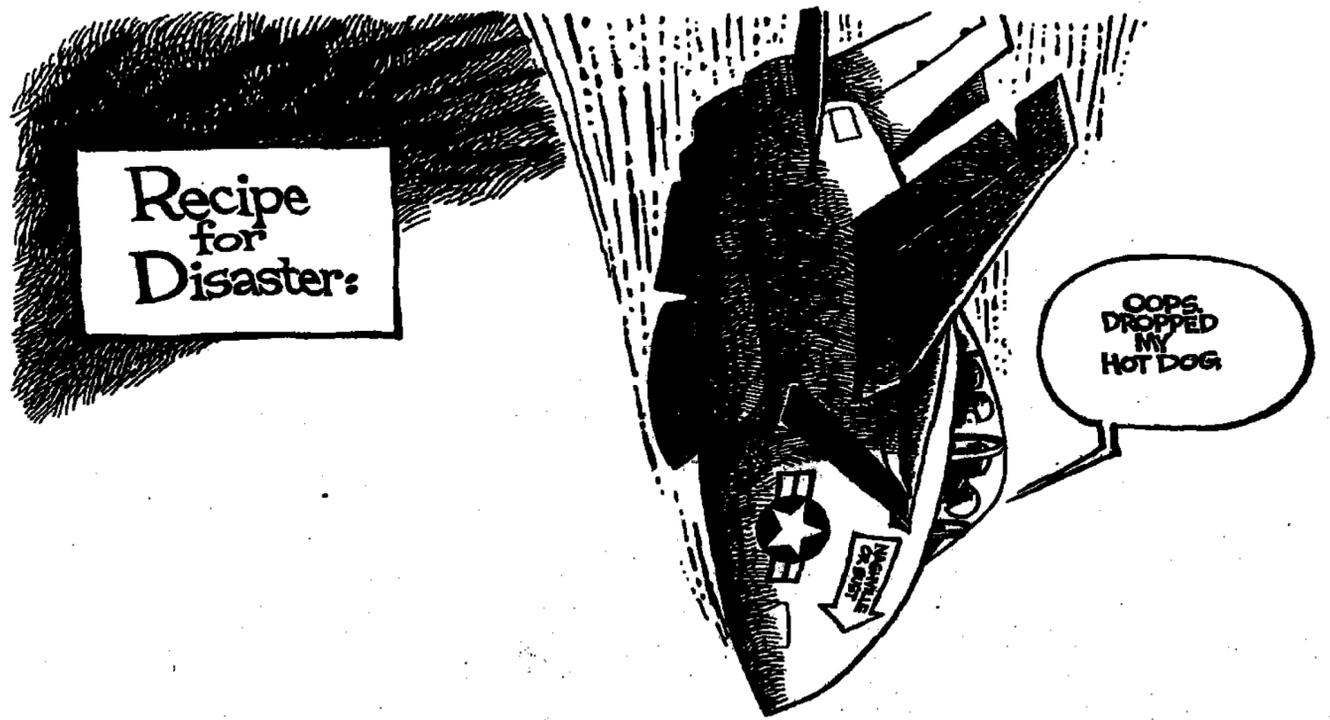
TO THE EDITOR:

I have a question for President Chino. Why is it he believes gambling to be untouched by corruption on the reservations, but believes we will "see corruption like never before" as soon as anyone else is allowed to have gambling. Sounds like someone wants a monopoly to me. (I think this is illegal in the U.S.)

Also President Chino seems to find the term "level playing field" disturbing. If you go back and add up all the benefits given to the reservations over the years as compared to all other American citizens, I think you will find the scales tipped to the benefit of the reservations.

The "playing field" only became unlevel when one group and one group only was allowed gambling.

Judy VanWinkle  
Ruidoso Downs



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# BUSINESS

## BUSINESS BRIEFS



Joe Hayhurst

### Hayhurst elected vice president of economic group

Joe Hayhurst, Mayor of the Village of Ruidoso Downs, has been elected vice president of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.

The Southeastern New Mexico Development District is the largest planning district in New Mexico covering over 28,000 square miles

in the five southeastern counties of Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero. The District is the second largest in population serving over 250,000 people.

### Ruidoso Sonic wins franchise awards

Jim and Tyana Lashway, managers of the Ruidoso Sonic Drive-In, received Merritt Group Sonic Franchise awards at the company's recent convention in Albuquerque.

The Ruidoso Sonic received awards for Best Labor Cost and Highest Flow Thru Profit for fiscal year 1995.

### New Ruidoso chamber members

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has added the following new members to its membership rolls:

— White Mountain Express, Teepee Cabins, Ruidoso Computer Systems, Stampede Leathers, Beth Sundre, O'Look Creations, Preslar and Associates, White Mountain Physical Therapy, Inc., Presbyterian Health Plan and Sierra Bank.

## Strong economy spurs opening of Sierra Bank

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

More than 20 years ago, Sierra Bank opened in Truth and Consequences. Next Tuesday, the bank will open a Ruidoso branch at the Lincoln Tower building on Mechem Drive.

Several factors contributed to the decision to open Sierra Bank in Ruidoso, said branch president Carl Bartley.

"The overall strong economic conditions, growth factors and the retirement community moving in all contributed to the decision," he explained. "It's becoming a real strong retirement community, and the service industry will grow along with that."

Part of the bank's mission statement is to make customers comfortable by providing localized personal service, Bartley said.

"Decisionmaking is on the local level and very quick," he added. "And I will tailor my schedule to fit the customer's needs."

Sierra Bank may be new to Lincoln County, but Bartley will be familiar to many residents. Before moving to Sierra, he was vice president/branch manager at Norwest Bank in Ruidoso.

Bartley has been in the banking industry for 13 years, 2.5 of those years in the Ruidoso region. He is active in the community, serving on the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors where he is also the vice president of the chamber's economic development committee.

He is also on the board of directors for the Lincoln County Homebuilder's Association, the Lincoln County Fair and a board that supervises a school for abused children near Las Vegas.



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Sierra Bank computer networking consultant Jeff Huckabee (left) gives Ruidoso branch president Carl Bartley a lesson on the bank's newly installed computer system. The new full service financial institution, the latest Sierra Bank branch to open in New Mexico, is located at Lincoln Tower on Mechem Drive and will be open for business Tuesday.

Initially, Ruidoso's Sierra Bank will have a staff of six, all local residents before the bank opened. Felicia Baldonado is the banking assistant, Kathy Richardson is a customer service representative and operations manager, Tonya Silva is a customer service representative and Evonne Fink and Amy Galloway are tellers.

Besides the new Ruidoso branch, Sierra Bank currently serves Truth or Consequences, Elephant Butte, Socorro and Las Cruces.

Crews have been working long

hours to get the new bank finished.

"It's been quite a job with remodeling, carpeting and wallpapering everything," he said.

Sierra Bank is full service, with checking and savings accounts for both businesses and individuals, consumer loans and certificates of deposit. The bank is a member of the FDIC, insuring accounts up to \$100,000, and is an equal housing lender.

Sierra Bank plans to have an ATM card available for customers within the next 60 to 90 days.

Hours at the bank lobby are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We've extended the lobby hours to better serve the customer," Bartley said.

The drive-through should be operational in about a week, with hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Sierra Bank is located in the Lincoln Tower at 1052 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. The phone number is 258-3566.



### Award winners

Century 21/Aspen Real Estate agents were recently honored at the Century 21 Southwest Regional rally in El Paso. Pictured (not in order) are million and multi-million dollars producers Jorise Henry, Charles Imke, Bill Newman, Joyce Cox, Kathy Craig, Scott Miller, Larry Tillman, Harvey Foster, Ovella Estes, Doug Siddens, James Paxton, Peggy Jordan, Joe Zagone and Susan Miller. Martin Rose and Warren Rouse are not pictured.



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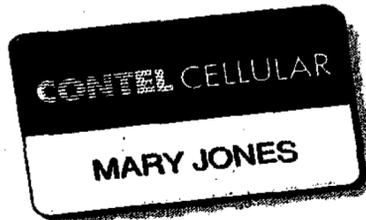
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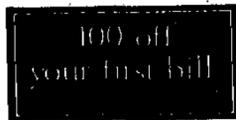
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# CAPITAN

## Capitan teachers ask for raises

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Capitan teachers want a raise, but they don't want to harm students or school programs, Dottie MacVeigh told the school board Monday.

It's been three years since they received an increase beyond the basic average 1% "step" up the pay scale for each year of experience.

As president of the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers, MacVeigh was speaking for the 42 instructors in the district.

"I have told the teachers we (the association) will do everything possible to negotiate to get a raise without taking the school down in the process," she said during an interview Tuesday. No specific percentage increase has been proposed, MacVeigh said.

Many teachers hope to avoid asking the National Education Association (NEA) to step in as a union representative in collective bargaining over wages, she said. They fear the action could polarize the staff and administration and destroy the spirit of cooperation that has long been a school district trademark, she added.

"We are very committed (to giving a raise) and believe the stu-

dents and teachers come first," said Beverly Payne, Capitan School Board president. "But our hands are tied until we see what happens in the state Legislature" with education funding. This year's legislative session ended Thursday.

District Superintendent Diana Billingsley, who met with teachers Tuesday to review the financial situation, said teachers will be involved in decisions about where and how state money will be spent. Once the district knows how much money it will receive, she and the principals will meet with teacher representatives from each school in the district.

"We'll look at all requests that come into the district for use of the money," she said. They will include salary increases for the entire staff of 67 in the form of a one-time bonus for the current school year, requests from music boosters for additional band uniforms, money for more student activities other than sports, and teacher requests for more cash for supplies.

The board also must pay the salaries of two aides hired because the enrollment was higher than initially anticipated, she said.

The step increases teachers receive for an additional year of ex-

perience averaged about 1% of their salaries for each of the last two completed school years, Billingsley said. For the current 1996-97 school year, teachers want more than a step raise, she said. No specific percentage has been proposed.

A starting teacher now receives \$22,000 a year. That amount has not been increased since it was mandated as a minimum by the state about six years ago, Billingsley said.

The highest-paid teacher in the district earns \$35,000, has a master's degree plus 45 hours of graduate work, and 27 years of experience.

In 1994, Capitan teachers earned an average of \$27,666 compared to a state average of \$28,298 and the average of \$32,000 in neighboring Ruidoso. The same year, Capitan ranked 41st out of 88 school districts in the state for average teacher salary.

The district has been under the gun financially for several years, with education cuts by Gov. Gary Johnson and his decision to close Fort Stanton last March. While it operated as a state hospital, the fort employed 200 people, many from the Capitan area who were transferred.



## Jumping for bucks

Capitan Elementary students jumped until they dropped last week during a Jump for Heart money-raising event to benefit the American Heart Association. The 115 students who participated raised \$3,000 for jumping rope in rotation, a high in the association district. They even out-earned Las Cruces, where the top dollar was \$800 collected by an elementary school.

## Science fun

Lee Scott (photo at bottom) reads a botany report by Annalisse Haussler, a seventh grader who won in the Capitan Middle School science fair for a project on pumpkins. In photo at right, Laura Hasenbuhler lets seventh-month-old Samantha try out a bicycle that powers a light bulb, a winning science fair project by sixth grader Sam Boese. About 150 students participated in the annual competition.



## Park trees to be cut down

It may sound like a contradiction, but 17 trees are going to be removed from Capitan's Veterans Park to improve the appearance of the small park.

The money to remove the 17 dead or dying trees will come from a U.S. Forest Service grant through the South Central Mountain Recreation, Development and Conservation District, Village Clerk Deborah Cummins said Monday. The village will pay for the removal of two more trees from behind village hall.

"We need to tell the public that most of the trees are dead and are a liability to the new fire station addition, the ambulance shed, the old co-op building or any car that might be nearby," Cummins told the Board of Trustees.

"We'll replace them with newer and small trees. The fifth grade class already has planted some flower seed and there will be new picnic tables," Cummins said.

Out of four companies submitting bids on the tree removal job, Tree Master, the one with the lowest bid and insurance coverage, was given the contract for \$3,178.

The Alto company will cut the tree trunks into firewood lengths and leave them stacked for needier families in the village to pick up, Trustee Gordon Ross noted.



## The history of the flag

Students from Becky Schultz' fourth grade class at Capitan Elementary created their own state flag in the building hallway, showing the meaning for the Zia symbol and why certain colors were chosen. The lesson was part of their history assignment. Posing with the flag are, from left, students Matthew Cline, Jessica Freeman and Stephen Silva.

## Capitan bans riding in truck bed

by DIANNE STALLINGS  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Riding in the open bed of a pickup truck was outlawed Monday by the Capitan Board of Trustees.

As originally presented, the ordinance would have limited enforcement to children 18 years old and younger, but resident Molly Mason said the situation is dangerous for people any age.

"I agree. Ruidoso Downs' ordinance prohibits anybody from riding," in the back of a truck, said Trustee Connie Hopper.

Groups of school students pile into pickups at lunch time and head to the local convenience store, said Capitan Police Chief Carrol Durbin.

"I see eight or nine in the back of

a pickup at lunch time and it's dangerous," Durbin said.

As approved, the ordinance permits passengers in the truck bed only if it is covered by a rigid top or vehicle body.

If cited and convicted in municipal court, a driver and his passengers in the back of the truck could be fined \$15 each and have to pay \$14 in court costs.

Riding is not permitted even if a seat with seatbelt is provided in the back.

The only exception is for parade participants.

In other action, the trustees: — approved a new fair housing ordinance in line with requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; — tabled consideration of a salary for trustees until after the March 5 election (trustees now get \$25/meeting);

— approved an agreement between the village volunteer fire department and the Capitan county emergency medical service to store an ambulance in a heated bay at the fire station during the winter;

— accepted the resignation of David Strickland from the village water advisory board because he moved out of the village;

— approved applying for a \$35,000 planning grant under the CDBG program to create Mylar maps of water and sewer lines, fire hydrants and street signs in the village. The signs will be used by the planning and zoning board as well as village departments and people researching available services when buying property;

— and approved negotiating with the Alamogordo engineering firm of Livingston Associates for an addendum to its contract for a five-year village water needs assessment plan, and authorizing an expansion to a 40-year plan.

Village Attorney J. Robert Beauvais explained that the State Engineer has said the village can't buy any more water rights piecemeal. It must have a 40-year water plan in place, he said.

As a result of recent litigation, villages can't acquire water rights unless they can show an immediate need within the 40-year plan's timeframe, Beauvais said.

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**TUESDAY, FEB. 6**  
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— 6:05 p.m. 205 U.S. 70 caller reports two males harassing store customers. Subjects left on foot.

— 6:31 p.m. Subject turned himself in to RPD on warrant.

— 6:35 p.m. 157 U.S. 70 caller reports subject drunk in restaurant. Arrested. Detox.

— 6:41 p.m. Subject arrested at 209 U.S. 70 for detox.

— 9:52 p.m. Willow Road caller reports vehicle hit support beam at apartment complex. Report taken.

— 10:52 p.m. Service Road caller reports man assaulted him. Man was caller's brother. No charges pressed.

— 10:39 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from IHS to LCMC.

— 11:23 p.m. Service Road caller reports subject broke a window in his home.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7**

Total calls by type:

- 2 Accidents
- 1 Alarm
- 3 Ambulances
- 1 Fireworks
- 4 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Other criminal
- 1 Personal violence
- 3 Theft
- 1 Traffic

— 12:00 a.m. Del Norte Drive caller reports domestic situation. Requests officer to escort. Caller left house, but husband calls RPD.

— 2:19 a.m. 2621 Sudderth Drive caller reports water leak at store. Coming up from sidewalk. Water unit notified.

— 3:45 a.m. Lookout Drive caller reports wife is suicidal, ill, on the balcony. All clear. She'll see the doctor in the morning.

— 7:18 a.m. Officer requests another at RPD to give ride to detox subject. Taken to Ruidoso Detox.

— 10:04 a.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller reports female made bomb threat.

— 12:56 p.m. 125 Warrior Drive caller requests to see officer about hit & run that happened before Christmas.

— 2:56 p.m. 304 Mechem Drive caller requests officer for adult shoplifter. Officer has one female arrest.

— 4:14 p.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reports he has a shoplifter in his office. One juvenile arrest. Report taken.

— 4:20 p.m. Fort Drive caller reports battery. Report taken. Daughter was beat up by a friend.

— 4:39 p.m. Fifth Street caller reports shots in area. Negative contact with anything out of the ordinary. All clear.

— 6:34 p.m. McBride Drive caller reports alarm at residence. All clear, home secure.

— 6:49 p.m. 1901 Sudderth Drive caller reports subject in green van with white stripe didn't pay for gas. Negative contact.

— 6:59 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from Indian Health Services to Alamogordo.

— 7:29 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports hit and run.

— 7:29 p.m. Reese Drive caller requests ambulance for subject with hip injury.

— 8:56 p.m. Gavilan Canyon Drive caller requests ambulance for subject having seizure. Taken to IHS.

— 10:05 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports drunk driver. Negative contact with subject on vehicle.

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— 6:00 p.m. Father at RPD brought son in on warrant. Transferred to Alamogordo detention.

— 7:06 p.m. Woman on Mechem Drive requests help on 911 and then hung up. Officer brought female to department. Statement.

— 7:31 p.m. George McCarty Drive caller reports strange vehicle next door. All clear. Owner at home.

— 8:39 p.m. Klamath Road caller requests ambulance for wife having a seizure. Taken to LCMC.

— 10:07 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports someone knocking on her door. Negative contact with anyone. All clear.

— 1:47 a.m. Officer enroute to RPD to give prisoner breath test.

— 2:44 a.m. Central Street caller reports men on porch with rifles. On arrival, men left area.

— 2:40 a.m. Sutton Drive caller reports water leak in front of subway. Water unit advised.

— 5:05 a.m. Sutton Drive caller requests officer to watch open manhole.

— 8:37 a.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller reports adult probation officer has one prisoner to be transported. Subject booked.

— 10:33 a.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller reports probation officer has one prisoner to be picked up. Subject booked.

— 10:58 a.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer to take report on stolen U-Haul. Report taken.

— 12:04 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports accident with injuries. Ambulance with one to LCMC. Report taken.

— 1:19 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to rehab center in El Paso.

— 3:12 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports one arrest for probation violation.

— 2:54 p.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller reports female arrest for probation violation.

— 3:10 p.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller requests ambulance for patient with fractured femur.

— 3:26 p.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer because his car is not fixed and repairman won't give him the receipt. All clear.

— 4:12 p.m. Eastview Drive caller reports smoke in area. Located. Extinguished.

— 4:18 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller requests officer to pick up juvenile per court order. Child located.

— 4:41 p.m. Fort Drive caller reports accident. Stop sign was knocked down.

— 5:20 p.m. 148 Sudderth Drive caller reports criminal damage to property. Vehicle gone on arrival.

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— 12:04 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports accident with injuries. Ambulance with one to LCMC. Report taken.

— 1:19 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to rehab center in El Paso.

— 3:12 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports one arrest for probation violation.

— 2:54 p.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller reports female arrest for probation violation.

— 3:10 p.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller requests ambulance for patient with fractured femur.

— 3:26 p.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer because his car is not fixed and repairman won't give him the receipt. All clear.

— 4:12 p.m. Eastview Drive caller reports smoke in area. Located. Extinguished.

— 4:18 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller requests officer to pick up juvenile per court order. Child located.

possible accident in front of restaurant. Report taken.

— 3:34 p.m. Officer at White Mountain Drive is starting report on battery that occurred at school. Report taken on battery.

— 4:15 p.m. 1st Street caller requests officer to meet with him at cabin about earlier B&B.

— 5:03 p.m. Reese Drive caller reports someone hit her dumpster. Dumpster is blocking driveway. Dumpster moved.

— 5:09 p.m. Warren Tucker Drive caller reports dog next door is barking. Owners will try to keep dog quiet.

— 6:42 p.m. Robin Road caller reports several low riders driving fast on road. Negative contact with vehicles.

— 8:41 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller heard noises outside her house. All clear. Negative contact with anything.

— 8:56 p.m. 304 U.S. 70 caller requests check at Sierra Blanca Motors to see if his old truck is there. Still there.

— 10:41 p.m. 304 U.S. 70 caller reports male removing base sticker and license plate from truck. All clear.

— 10:53 p.m. 1201 Mechem Drive caller reports accident in parking lot. Mini report taken.

**RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**SATURDAY** High...60  
Low...20



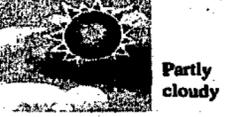
**SUNDAY** High...62  
Low...26



**MONDAY** High...63  
Low...30



**TUESDAY** High...58  
Low...28



**WEATHER ALMANAC**

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	63	27	.00"
Wednesday	63	31	.00"
Thursday	61	22	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	51	26	Sunny
El Paso, TX	62	35	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	50	27	Sunny
Midland, TX	52	30	Sunny



Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

**STARDATE**

If you are fortunate enough to have a truly dark sky, the G actually loses some of its impact; there's too much else going on around and inside it. The winter Milky Way runs right through it, for one thing, entering the top just west of Capelin and exiting broadly between Praecipon and Sirius, equally dividing it in half.

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# Man arrested for breaking into house

**by KATHLEEN McDONALD**  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

When Ranas Haq left the Hollywood Bar Tuesday night, he was out of money and lacked a place to sleep, he allegedly told police.

So, the 22-year-old Chaparral resident walked several miles to Midtown Ruidoso and allegedly broke into a Texas man's Willow Road cabin, police said.

Haq was arrested and charged with burglary, a third-degree felony, and a misdemeanor charge of criminal damage to property.

He was arraigned the next morning at Ruidoso Magistrate Court and is being held at the county jail on a \$15,000 bond.

Haq was only inside the cabin for a short time, thanks to a neighbor's suspicions that prompted his 10:30 p.m. call to police, Detective Biggs said.

Officers surrounded the

house, checked the doors and found a broken window, Biggs said. They then heard movement inside the house and stayed put.

After a few minutes, it became apparent to police the suspect knew they were outside, because he attempted to exit a side door twice — only to go right back in and close it, Biggs said.

Finally, Haq came out on his own. Officers ordered him to put up his hands and get on his knees before handcuffing him. They then checked the house and found all the rooms and liquor cabinet rummaged through. Nothing appeared missing, Biggs said.

"He said he laid near the woodpile, and when he heard a car pull up he was afraid it was the homeowners. So he jumped up and went in the house," Biggs said.

# Some Carrizo land may not be annexed

**by KATHLEEN McDONALD**  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Providing water to future developments on 325 acres in Carrizo Canyon may be so costly that annexation is impractical, Ruidoso village officials say.

But half the properties with frontage along Carrizo Canyon Road are already hooked to village water or sewage systems, so annexing that 50-acre stretch of land may serve the village's interests, annexation committee members said Tuesday.

"This is one situation where there are other values beyond cash," committee chairman Robert Donaldson said. "Whether or not there is gaming at the racetrack or the reservation, this is going to turn into a major thoroughfare in

terms of development."

Donaldson suggested staff research the cost of annexing only those properties with frontage on the road, and then the committee can compare the costs of annexing the different areas, at their next meeting in March.

About 240 acres of Carrizo Canyon land are undeveloped and 65 acres are subdivided. Of the subdivided land, 14 properties are presently hooked to the village sewage system; 11 are served with village water; and four receive both, Planning Director Cleatus Richards said.

The utility lines were extended three years ago after the village annexed Carrizo Canyon Lodge. Extensions to non-village properties are still being honored by the vil-

lage, but councilors this summer prohibited any future extensions to county land.

Annexing just the approximately 60 lots with Carrizo Canyon Road frontage may "give us the type of protection for the canyon we want," Donaldson said.

It would also give the village more time to determine the value of annexing the undeveloped backside of the canyon, he said.

If the owners of that vacant land later wish to be annexed by the village, they can petition while also taking on the burden of supplying required water rights to serve the development, Richards related. Otherwise, it could cost the village up to \$1.16 million to provide water to future homes, Richards reported.

Considering the village would only gain \$15,000 in annual property taxes from the area, it wouldn't be a good trade, he suggested.

Additionally, the village street department has estimated it would cost \$9,000 to bring the area's streets to minimum village standards. Those unpaved streets include Spear, Black Hawk and some parts of High Rocky Road. They were graded years ago but are impassable now, Richards said.

The roads are now public county roads, and county officials have indicated they would like the village to annex the area. So far there hasn't been any development pressure to force the county to upgrade the roads, Richards said.

# Telephone Friends check on homebound

**by DON HIXON**  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Local homebound, disabled and elderly residents will soon have a lifeline because of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Telephone Friends, a program already in place at many RSVP sites nationwide, is starting up in Ruidoso.

"We're trying to get it started by the end of the month, so we're ac-

tively seeking volunteers," said Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center/RSVP manager Sandee Jordan.

Telephone Friends are senior volunteers who call from their homes to check on homebound people on a daily basis, RSVP director Charlotte Seitz said.

"People being called can be either seniors or the disabled," Seitz said. "It's a way of making sure they are alright and seeing if they

need anything."

Volunteers for the program will never be asked or expected to check on their telephone friend in person, Seitz said.

"They just call their assigned friend," Jordan said. "It could be someone who lives out in the country or all alone, and they would be called once a day and talked to for about five minutes to just make sure they are OK."

If the telephone friend being called doesn't respond or has a problem, volunteers will call an emergency contact, she explained.

Workshops for Telephone Friends volunteers are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center at 501-A Sudderth Drive behind the Ruidoso Public Library.

For more information call the center at 257-4565.

## OBITUARIES

### Helen Bennett

Visitation for Helen E. Bennett, 90, of Ruidoso will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Baptist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Bennett died Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Home in Alamogordo. She was born July 7, 1905 at Markle, Ind.

She was a member of Ruidoso Baptist Church and was retired co-owner and operator of Bennett's Indian shop with her husband Clayton, who died Aug. 11, 1995. She married Clayton in 1930 in Warren, Ind., and that is when she moved to Ruidoso.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty Bennett of Ruidoso; and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be sent to the Ruidoso Little Theatre or your favorite charity.

Security Administration until being transferred to Oroville six years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Claude Rice of Oroville; two daughters, Sue Vargas of Napa and Sharon Koniczny of Portland, Ore.; a son, Michael A. Rice of Napa; her mother, Loyce A. Marshall of Ruidoso; two brothers, Jerry B. Marshall of Tucson, Ariz. and Jimmy L. Marshall of Staten Island, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, Napa County Unit, 1732 Jefferson St #1, Napa, CA 94559-1732.

### Robert Chamberlin

Robert Scott Chamberlin, 84, longtime New Mexico resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Getz Funeral Home in Las Cruces.

He was born on March 26, 1911 in Bloomington, Ind. Robert retired from Mechanical Engineering then continued with his first love, aviation, until the time of his death.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Chamberlin McCarthy and husband William of Las Cruces; a brother, William Bines Chamberlin of Evergreen, Colo.; a sister, Isabel Weyerhauser of Oakland, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Seth Patrick McCarthy, Paul Christopher Chamberlin and John Scott Chamberlin.

### Barbara Rice

Graveside services for Barbara A. Rice, 60, of Oroville, Calif., will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at South Park Cemetery in Roswell, with the Rev. Wayne Joyce of Ruidoso Baptist Church officiating.

Mrs. Rice died Sunday, Feb. 11 in Fairfield, Calif. She was born July 16, 1935 in Roswell, where she was reared and educated. Mrs. Rice was a resident of Napa, Calif. from 1973 to 1989, working for the Social

### Valentine's Day Brings Cheerful And Happy Mood Into The Mountain Land

This is being sent to you exactly at high noon on Valentine's Day, and sure enough all the vale is rejoicing in the spirit of fond affection and cheerful goodwill.

This morning the sun appeared over Sunrise Mountain setting the pinon trees on top all aglow with gold and silvery fire. The sky above quickly turned pure purple-blue and the hills on the sunny side were covered with orange and light crimson.

Now at mid-day the temperature is 68 degrees and the sun is shining down from a pure blue sky upon the mountain meadows, which are showing a shade of green among the gold.

The west wind is singing down the vale, strumming wind-hard chords among the branches of the walnut, oak, wild cherry and box elder, down at the riverside.

All trace of snow is gone from under the evergreens on the shady side of the valley. There is the fragrance of new herbs and the earliest leaf birds floating in the warm sunny air.

The mountain world is rejoicing today on Valentine's Day, a happy turning point in February, the Birthday Month. And in my heart is a prayer that you and your loved ones have had a happy Valentine's Day.

### Happy Birthday to Della Bonnell

Feb. 20 is the birthday of two great ladies, Della Bonnell and Eudocia Burk.

### The Silver Lining

**DANIEL AGNEW**  
STORM  
COLUMNIST



Let us have a few words first about Della. She was born Feb. 20, 1937 in Roswell, to Lea and Louise Joiner. In 1955 she was graduated from Hondo High School as salutatorian. During her school years she was majorette of the band.

Della attended Eastern New Mexico University, where she studied art. She paints in oil and watercolor, and her favorite work is in portraits. As a child she was a model in some of the paintings of Peter Hurd, who encouraged her to study art.

On Dec. 14, 1957 Della was married to David Bonnell. They have three children, Ruth, Joel, and Paul; and three grandchildren, April Janine Bonnell, Cerena Bonnell, and Krystyn Bradley.

On her birthday in 1982, Della was appointed postmaster of Glencoe. We are all proud of Della and wish her many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

### Happy Birthday to Eudocia Burk

Eudocia Ambriz Burk was born Feb. 20, 1917 in the village of Coeneo, in the state of

Michoacan, Mexico to Flacido Cervantes Ambriz and the former Esther Ruiz.

In November 1920 at the age of three, she and her father and mother and elder sister, Mary, walked across the bridge at El Paso. Her younger sister Camerina, a babe in arms, was carried by her mother.

They first were taken to Hagerman and then later to the ranch of Frank Coe in Glencoe, where they stayed seven years.

Eudocia remembers the kind treatment she received from Frank and Helen Coe. She recalls Frank coming to their house through the snow with his pack horse, loaded with Christmas gifts for the children and the whole family.

Later they moved to the ranch of Phoebe and George Coe, and later worked for Elzy and Mayme Perry on the same ranch.

Her parents also worked for Bert and Sidney Bonnell at Glencoe.

Eudocia says, "I will always thank God for the kindness to me and my family extended by the Glencoe families."

In 1937 Eudocia graduated from Hondo High School as valedictorian.

In 1932 her parents bought a small farm near Glencoe where her parents lived until 1970.

In 1940, Eudocia was married to Otho Burk. She still lives in their home in Ruidoso Downs, with the orchard next door.

Eudocia and Otho were long-time friends of the Storm family. Eudocia is a charter member of the Ruidoso Baptist Church. We are proud of Eudocia and wish her many happy returns of the day, and all God's blessings.

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### 49 Personals

**\*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\***

Seeking information on birth parents - Father, George Franklin Miller, Jr. of Greentree (Ruidoso Downs), Mother, UNKOWN. I was born December 1, 1952. Please send information to: George Franklin Baker P.O. Box 19223 Fort Worth, Texas 78119

**I SANDRA JOY YOUNG WILL NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBTS INCURRED BY JERRY D. YOUNG.**

# LEGALS

### Legal Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Article 20 as 3-20-1 et seq. and Article 21 as 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso in conjunction with their regular meeting will hold a Public Hearing on March 4, 1996 at 2:00 P.M. to consider Amendments to Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ruidoso relating to Home Occupations. Article 7 Sections 10-7-4 and 10-7-5, which 10-7-4 states the examples of uses that frequently qualify as home occupations and 10-7-5, uses that are prohibited will be deleted from the current code.

Copies of all proposed Amendments are on file in the office of the Planning Administrator of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing will be held at the

Ruidoso Administration Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

By Order of the Planning & Zoning Commission

/s/ Cleatus R. Richards  
Planning Administrator

0239 17(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on March 4, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PZ96-004 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 11, Block 1, Cherokee Addition Sd., Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/ Cleatus R. Richards  
Planning Administrator

0237 17(2)16

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Public Sale

To Whom It May Concern,

Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 1996 at 12:00 P.M. a public sale will be held at The Feed Lot East Highway 70 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico to sell for cash the contents of storage unit 458 including:

Washer, Dyer, Refrigerator, Chairs (8), Stools (3), Beds (3), Microwave, V.C.R., Espresso, Television, Television Cart, Bar-B-Que, Stereo, Cw Luggage Rack, Guitar, Vacuum Cleaners (2), Wine Rack, Coffee Table, Dressers, Bases, Patio Furniture, Tool Box, Ski Equipment, Boxes (est. 30), Baskets, Yard Tools, Hair Tools.

Said storage is being held to secure an obligation arising under a warehouseman's lien by All American Moving, Inc. DBA Ruidoso Transfer and Storage at 2200 Sudderth Street, John E. Epley of 1700 Boulder Suite 101, Albuquerque, Texas, Ruidoso Transfer and Storage, Inc. on the 12th day of Feb. at the sale. The storage is presently stored and may be seen March 1, 1996 between 9a hours of 2:00 and 4:00

P.M. at The Feed Lot, East Highway, 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

All American Moving, Inc.

0239 17(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees did discuss at a public hearing on February 12, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Ordinance 96-1 amending the Uniform Traffic Code relating to unlawful riding, thus providing for an ordinance making it illegal for certain person to ride in an unlicensed portion of a truck. Ordinance 96-1 was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 12, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg.

/s/ Deborah Cummins  
City-Treasurer, CMC  
Village of Capitan

0238 17(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT

**COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROGER A. BEECHIE, ELIZABETH C. BEECHIE, MICHAEL DAVID NOLTEMEYERS, MARY S. NOLTEMEYERS, CHANG M. PAWLING, LORENA MAE RAWLINGS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND DINIA M. SPARK.

Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 94-1026 JPD/JS

**SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Under and by virtue of a Judged and Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale issued by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico on December 13, 1995, in the above-entitled action, wherein the plaintiff obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure against defendants, Roger A. Beechie, Elizabeth C. Beechie, Michael David Noltemeyers, Mary S. Noltemeyer and Lorena Mae Rawlings, in the amount of \$120,476.67, together with interest thereon, and the plaintiff, as set forth in said judgment, I am commanded to sell all that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situated in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the plaintiff upon a promissory note loan delinquent, Roger A. Beechie, Elizabeth C. Beechie, Michael David Noltemeyer, Mary S. Noltemeyer, and Lorena Mae Rawlings and for foreclosure of the mortgage given to secure said note.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 23, 1996, at 1:00 P.M. on that day, at the front door of the Lincoln County Courthouse at 200 Sudderth Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, I will, by authority of the Court, sell to the highest and best bidder all the following described real property located at 2008 Pgr Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, as so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's judgment.

Lot 12B, Block 4 of YOUNG HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Section 23,23,23, County of New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Lot 12, Block 4 of said subdivision, situated and in the office of the County Clerk and Es-Clerk Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on September 23, 1993, in Case No. 93-1026 JPD/JS.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the plaintiff's judgment in the total amount of \$122,000.77 as of the date of the sale, together with interest accruing thereon and all costs of said sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest and best bidder, payment to be in the form of U.S. Currency, a cashier's check, or money order made payable to the U.S. Marshal's Service, provided, however, that the plaintiff shall be entitled to credit bid all or any part of its judgment. Bids for submission of payment will be announced at the time of the sale.

DATED this 31st day of January, 1996.

/s/ John S. Sanchez  
United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico

0228 47(2)18,23(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

ORDINANCE 96-2

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees did hold a public hearing on February 12, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. for the purpose of discussing and adopting Ordinance 96-2 Fair Housing and establishing Ordinance 96-2 Fair Housing. The related matter of the Ordinance is to provide with constitutional limitations for fair housing throughout the Village and to secure a fair range of housing choices available to them regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry or physical or mental handicap. Ordinance 96-2 was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 12, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall Bldg.

/s/ Deborah Cummins  
City-Treasurer, CMC  
Village of Capitan

0238 17(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, AND PRE-COUNT BOARD MEMBERS**

Village of Capitan

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 5, 1996 and pursuant to 2-5-50 NMSA 1978.

A Notice is hereby given that the following qualified candidates are candidates for the Village of Capitan:

The candidates names are listed in the order that they appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

1. For the office of Trustee for a four year term:

Name: Alex Dino Trufflo  
Name: Bernhard E.F. Reimann  
Name: Alfred Leroy Morales  
Name: John D. Whitaker  
Name: Debra L. Inglo  
Name: Michael A. Romero  
Name: Gordon S. Ross

2. For the office of Trustee for a two year term:

Name: L.C. Cozzano  
Name: Byron Lazoynoy Carpenter

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places will be used for the Village of Capitan regular municipal election to be held on March 5, 1996.

1. Voters in Precinct three (3) within the municipal boundary shall vote at Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West 7th Street, Capitan, New Mexico.

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

1. For Judge in Precinct Three (3): Bertie Beavers

2. For clerks in Precinct Three (3): A Absentee Clerks, Carol Reamy, Darlene Stewart, Lena White

3. For Judge in Absent Voter Precinct: Doris Plumb

E. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board of Election School will be held on the 12 day of February, 1996 at the County Commissioners' Room in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 8 day of February, 1996.

/s/ Deborah Cummins  
Municipal Clerk

0234 27 (2)18,18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to 2-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on March 4, 1996 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendments to the Subdivision map for the Village of Ruidoso.

Lot 4 & Tract P, Block 16, Palmer Gateway Bldg, 132 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM

the above described Lot is now zoned C-4 Heavy Commercial New District and will be considered for zoning to C-2 Community Business.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

/s/ Cleatus R. Richards  
Planning Administrator

0236 17(2)16

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance No. 95-02, Penalty Assessments was adopted by the Board of Trustees in their regular Council Meeting on February 12, 1996. Copies of the ordinance will be available for review at the Office of the Village Clerk, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 86348 during normal business hours.

/s/ Leann Wehrbach, CMC  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

0234 17(2)18

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE PARK PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids and construction of Schoolhouse Park public restroom facilities.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the plans and specifications from the Purchasing Officer at the Village of Ruidoso - Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Village Dr. in Ruidoso, or by phoning (505)257-2721.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. March 4, 1996, at which time the bids will be opened at the Village of Ruidoso - Water Department, 419 W. High Road, Ruidoso, NM.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to make all knowledges as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of Governing Body

/s/ Artur Wehrbach  
Procurement Officer

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# PEOPLE

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Graham, Balkema

Ellen Lee Graham of Ruidoso will be married to Martin Jon Balkema of Englewood, Colo. on March 2 at Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Ellen Graham was born and raised in Ruidoso and graduated in 1988 from Ruidoso High School. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 1994, with specialization in Nuclear Pharmacy. Ellen practiced Nuclear Pharmacy for over 3 years, while spending the last year in Kansas City, Mo., working for Synacor International.

Ellen relocated to Denver, Colo. in August of last year and accepted a pharmacist position with

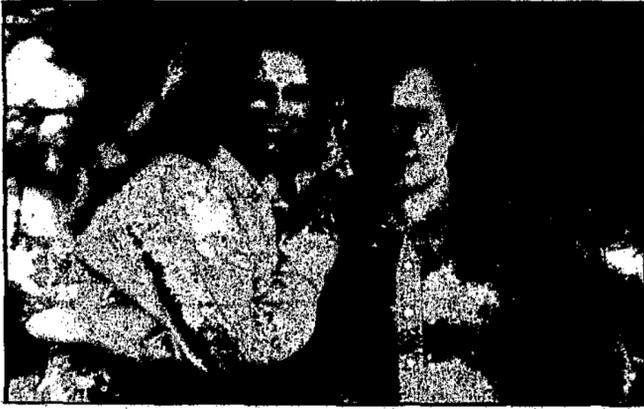
Pharmacy Corporation of America. Pharmacy Corporation of America is a nationwide company specializing in long-term care facilities and home health care products.

Ellen Graham is the daughter of James Graham and Delma Hartnett, both of Ruidoso Downs, and the granddaughter of Martha Graham of Ruidoso.

Martin Balkema is a native of

Colorado and is an owner of United Supply Company in Denver, specializing in contractor tools and supplies. Martin attended McPherson Christian College in McPherson, Kansas, earning a degree in business and computers.

Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Balkema of Englewood, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Balkema of Denver.



Ellen Lee Graham and Martin Jon Balkema

### Miller, Jones



Mr. and Mrs. Merte Miller of Albuquerque announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lyn, to Lawrence Michael Jones. A June wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

### Payne, Calloway

Cupid aimed his arrow at the Lincoln County Courthouse Wednesday for a Valentine's Day wedding of Beverly Payne, president of the Capitan School Board.

It was supposed to be a quiet ceremony in front of the magistrate judge in Carrizozo. But the event drew school officials and wellwishers from the county treasurer's office, where Payne is employed.

Her daughter-in-law Jean Payne acted as matron of honor. Her son, Lee Payne, was best man to new husband James Calloway of Farwell, Texas.

That role was appropriate since Lee and his brother, sons from Payne's previous marriage, introduced their mother to her future spouse.

"He used to rope with my boys and they kept introducing us over and over," Payne said. Although they first met in 1993, they didn't start dating until last June.

Calloway fell first.

"He looked at me and said, 'You're going to fall in love with me,'" Payne said.



Mr. and Mrs. James Calloway

Judge Gerald Dean Jr. handled the nuptials, and the reception with cake was staged back at the

treasurer's office. The couple planned to leave right away for a honeymoon in Laughlin, Nev.

### Conway, Smith

Jennifer Annette Conway and Timothy Todd Smith were married Feb. 3 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso. A reception followed the morning ceremony at the Museum of the Horse.

Parents of the bride are James Joseph and K. Belle Conway of Albuquerque.

The groom is the son of Tim Smith of Midland, Texas, and Peggy Petri of The Colony, Texas.

The Maid of Honor, the bride's cousin, was Kathleen Dunigan of Houston, Texas. Julie Duke of Dallas, Texas and Jennifer Smith of Midland were Bridesmaids.

Kristyn Smith of Lubbock was the flower girl. The best man was Robert Anderson of Bastrop, Texas. The other groomsmen were Greg Hatcher of Washington, D.C. and Sam Cessna of Lewisville, Texas. Kevin Smith of Midland, Texas, Casey Conway of Beaumont, Texas and Sean Conway of Albuquerque were ushers. Mathew Smith of Lubbock was the ring bearer.

The couple graduated from Texas Tech University and are currently employed at Charter Plains Behavioral Systems.

They honeymooned in Vail, Colo., and now reside in Lubbock, Texas.



Jennifer Conway

## PEOPLE BRIEFS



Chris Sanchez

### Sanchez graduates and joins Army

Chris Sanchez, son of local resident Bonnie Coe and grandson of Jeanne Moore, graduated from New Mexico State University in December with a nursing degree.

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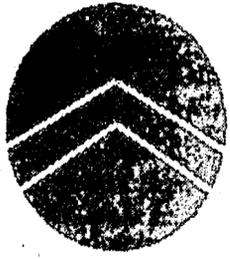
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A "racy" group of participants gather for the parade of entrants to the 1996 Cross Your Heart Cup.

## Revealing racers raise bucks for shelter

In contrast to last year's blizzard-like conditions, warm sunshine and a cloudless sky greeted the 26 contestants participating in the ninth annual Cross Your Heart Cup at Ski Apache Wednesday.

Those unaware of the event must have thought they were suffering from sun stroke or dehydration when they witnessed the parade of contestants down East Easy Street. Race organizer and contestant Carla Grover led the group as it schussed down the slope dressed in costumes based on this year's theme, "All We Need is Love."

It wasn't unusual to see participants dressed in lace teddies and revealing undergarments worn over skin-tight ski outfits zooming between the gates on the Smokey Bear-NASTAR run, where the race was run.

The competitors raced for top honors in several award categories. The race generated nearly \$900 for the Lincoln County Humane Society, beneficiary of the event. After the day's festivities, race participants enjoyed a post-race party at Casa Blanca restaurant.

Award winners included: Best Costume, Lynn Hudson; Best Boobs, Jeannie Secor; Best Buns, Carla Zarndt; Biggest Flirt, Krista Steen; Golden Thigh, Jhana Lively; and Best Form in the Gates, Carla Grover.

This year's coveted Tootsie Award winner was Raymond Sago. Second place went to Jack Nelson, while Pat Spurlin captured third place.

First place in the Sweetheart Couples category were Denny and Carla Grover, followed by Gary Runnels and Lynn Hudson and Rick and Carla Zarndt.

Age group winners were: Foxy Fifties - Cecilia Runnels; Fabulous Forties — (1) Carla Grover, (2) Jan Calahan, (3) Dee Webb; Flirty Thirties — (1) Lynn Hudson, (2) Jhana Lively, (3) Carla Zarndt; Teasing Twenties — (1) Krista Steen; Under 20 — (1) Shannon Conley, (2) Cheyenne Fraizier, (3) Selina Steed.



Bill Riggles/Special to The News

Shannon Conley was one of 26 racers competing in the ninth annual Cross Your Heart Cup on Wednesday. Conley won the 20-and-under age group classification.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Live Music

**□ DALLAS HOLM IN CONCERT** — 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Christ's Church, 220 N. Sycamore Ave., Roswell. The concert is \$3 at the door. Those attending are asked to bring an item of canned food as part of the Holm food drive to feed the needy. Call (505) 623-4110 for more information.

**□ JAY BUSCH & VIVA JAZZ** — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Alamogordo's Flickinger Center. Jay Busch is a jazz drummer and will be joined by Jim Henry on trumpet. The Viva Jazz band has played at Europe's North Sea Jazz Festival, toured Mexico and performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1992.

**□ ROSWELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** — 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, 11th and North Main, Roswell. The concert will feature classical guitarist Susan Grisanti. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and students. Tickets may be purchased by calling Lari at the symphony office at (505) 623-5882 or at the door the day of the concert.

**□ INNCREIBLE, N. Hwy 48, Alto 338-4312** — 7-9 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 17 & 18, classical guitarist Tomas Vigil will perform.

**□ TNT CONCERT/DANCE SERIES** — opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Ruidoso Convention Events Center with the rock/blues/Latin band Emilio. Tickets for each concert are \$7 per person and will be sold at the door. For more information call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

**□ LOCAL MUSICIANS SHOWCASE** — 3 p.m. every Thursday night on KBUY radio. Turner and Silverman will interview a different local musician or group each week. For eight weeks culminating with a free concert at Marie LaVeaux's on March 17.

**□ 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** — 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, Xplicit will perform. James Boren Band Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

**□ MARIE LA VEAUX, 1214 Mechem Drive 258-3784** — 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays, rock 'n roll bands. Friday & Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, Def Tones will perform.

**□ THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535**

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

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**etc!**

**□ GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE** — through Feb. 19. Cookies will be delivered March 7. Cookies can be purchased by calling your local Girl Scout Council program center or by calling 800-374-9846. Cost is \$2.50 per box.

**□ THE CHIHUAHUA DESERT** — presentation by Otero Chapter of the Native Plant Society at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped Media Center, Alamogordo. Dr. Richard Spellenberg will make the presentation.

**□ SMOKEY BEAR AT SKI APACHE** — Friday & Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, Smokay Bear and the staff from the U.S. Forest District will visit Ski Apache. They will talk to the public about the prevention of forest fires and about recreational opportunities in the Lincoln National Forest.

**□ ST. VALENTINE'S DAY POW WOW** — Starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 & starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Mescalero Community Center. All times are approximate. For more information call Bruce or Helen Klinekole at (505) 671-4204 or (505) 671-4688. Public welcome.

**□ LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP** — 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, north of the Capitan Mountains along Highway 246. A car pool will leave from the Shell Station in Capitan. Please bring lunch. For more information call 257-5352.

**□ GED TEST** — 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at the Ruidoso Instructional Center of ENMU. Cost of the exam is \$20 payable at the office prior to the testing time. The GED test is offered to Lincoln County and Otero County residents each month at the new ENMU location, 709 Mechem Drive, in the Sierra Mall. No GED pre-test is necessary. For more information, contact the ENMU office at 257-2120 (local) or 1-800-934-3668 outside of the Ruidoso/Capitan area.

**□ TELEPHONE FRIENDS WORKSHOP** — 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501-A Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The workshops train volunteers who call from their homes to check on homebound people on a daily basis. For more information call the center at

257-4585.

**□ PARENTING COURSE** — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Ruidoso High School in the Public Meeting Room. Open communication, mutual respect, and family meetings will be the subject of the third 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.

**□ BREAST CANCER SEMINAR** — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Babysitting will be provided. Call 338-7763 after 6 p.m. for more information.

**□ RUIDOSO LITTLE LEAGUE** — 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at White Mountain Elementary School. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity should plan to attend. For more information, call Darlene Hart at 258-5858 during the day or 258-5545 in the evenings.

**□ SKI APACHE HANDICAPPED SKIERS' ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION** — 6-9 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. The Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the first in the TNT Concert and Dance Series. The band "Emilio" from Denver, Colorado will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets for the concert are \$7 and will be available at the door. There is no charge for the Silent Auction.

**□ CASINO APACHE, Carrizo 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.

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

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

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

**□ AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS** — 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Capitan Senior Center; 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. A person does not have to be a member of AARP to receive

this help.



## Clubs & Meetings

**□ RUIDOSO MASONIC LODGE #73** — 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. each Saturday morning, starting Saturday, Feb. 17, coffee and visiting time. All Masons from any Lodge, their families, widows, and visitors are welcome. The Lodge is located at the corner of Mescalero Trail and Knob Hill Drive.

**□ SPACEPORT MODEL ROCKET ASSOCIATION LAUNCH** — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Alamogordo's Hobby Park on Florida Avenue. The launch is open to the public.

**□ PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** — 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

**□ LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD** — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Dr. Wood's Annex in Lincoln. The public is welcome.

**□ PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Ruidoso Village Hall.



## Library

**□ RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 501 Junction Rd. 257-4335.**



## Movies

**□ AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444:** "Mr. Holland's Opus," "Broken Arrow." Call theater for show times and ratings.



## Museums

**□ "SOUP 'N BOWL BENEFIT"** — 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. The benefit is to raise funds for The Patricia Lubben Bassett Art Education Center. For more information, call (505)824-6744.

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

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

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Wildlife Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.



## Theater

**□ "QUILTERS" MUSICAL** — 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, Feb. 16-17 and 23 - 24; matinees at 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 18 & 25. The musical will be performed at the Rihovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-Alamogordo campus. Tickets, available at the door are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

**□ "A TYPICAL ATYPICAL DAY"** — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Castle Mountain Music. The Ruidoso High School Drama department will present this comedy by Richard Norquist. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information call RHA at 258-4910.

**□ RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL TALENT SHOW TRYOUTS** — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Ruidoso High School. Dress rehearsal will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at RHS and the talent show will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the RHS Gym. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. The talent show is sponsored by the junior class.

**□ "CAROUSEL"** — 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 22-24 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. Tickets are \$4. For more information call (505) 437-2202.



## Parks & Recreation

**□ SKI APACHE** — Call 257-9001 for ski report.

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

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

# SPORTS

## Recovered RHS wrestlers ready for district tourney

by LAURA CLYMER  
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Warrior wrestling team is right where coach Gerald Ames wants it to be, as the team heads into the District 3AAA meet.

"Everybody's up. Teams have been wrestling for three months. They're tired, they're sore, and we're not like that," Ames said.

Ruidoso has spent the last couple of weeks recovering from any ills and injuries incurred from its tough schedule, to prepare for tomorrow's District 3AAA wrestling tournament at Cobre High School.

"We've wrestled a lot of tough teams. I think this is the time when that experience with the tough opponents will come out and help us," Ames said.

Ames' young Warriors are led by senior Jose Prieto, who has a lot riding on his district showing. If Prieto can win his 119-pound weight division, then he could receive a No. 2 or No. 3 seeding at the state meet Feb. 24. That kind of seeding means Prieto wouldn't meet the No. 1 seeded wrestler until the finals — if Prieto advances through the bracket like he should.

Prieto takes a 27-10 record into the district tournament. His only district blemish came from Silver's entry. Prieto will need to beat the Colts' wrestler to position himself for a top seeding at the state tournament.

Just two weeks ago, the Warriors were a banged-up group fighting injuries and contagious skin rash that sidelined six wrestlers. The rash has since been rubbed out, and sophomore Jason Lopez's elbow and junior Brad Beavers' shoulder have both healed enough for them to wrestle.

A rest of 10 days since their last right to represent Ruidoso by competition gave the Warriors time defeating teammate Alex Eckert in to heal. a wrestle-off.

Ruidoso won't be the strongest — Kody Sparks, senior, 145 team at the district tournament, pounds, 4-8. The lanky, long-armed but it will be one of the youngest. Sparks wrestled some junior var- Besides Prieto, Ames has only four sity matches this season to build other senior wrestlers. his confidence. It worked. "He's

Cobre has depth and experience. starting to hide his arms better. Silver returns two state champs, He's starting to do the things he but doesn't have the number of needs to do. I think he's going to wrestlers Cobre has. Instead, the surprise some people."

Colts rely on their attitude. — Shaun Cobb, senior, 152 pounds, 17-15. Cobb has been working on being less impulsive with his moves, which were resulting in points for his foes. "He's been a real mainstay for us."

Santa Teresa and Ruidoso will battle to finish in the middle of the pack. New Mexico Military Institute and the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped bring solid wrestlers to the district tournament, but don't have the numbers to vie for team honors.

Ruidoso's wrestlers for the district and state tournaments include (name, class, weight division, record, coach Ames' comments):

— Jose Prieto, senior, 119 pounds, 27-10. "If Jose can beat him (Silver's wrestler) in district, he hopefully will be seeded fairly well at the state meet."

— Richard Gray, freshman, 125 pounds, 4-15. "He was doing real well at the junior varsity level, that's why he was moved up."

— Jason Lopez, sophomore, 130 pounds, 17-6. Ames thinks Lopez can surprise some people at district and state. "We need a guy who is steady like Jason."

— Eric Russell, sophomore, 135 pounds, 12-19. Russell is much closer to a .500 record because he has lost a number of close matches.

— Tyson LaCour, senior, 140 pounds, 3-6. LaCour earned the

**DRUMBEATS:** The Ruidoso JV team came in second at its regional meet Feb. 10. The Warriors bested Deming, Las Cruces Mayfield, Las Cruces High School and Silver. Cobre won the team event. Individual winners for Ruidoso were Moore (189-pound division), Leadingham (152-160-pound division) and Eckert (145-pound division).



Ruidoso freshman Cory Saenz has some big shoes to fill when he takes over starting point guard duties for injured senior Cory Hood. Saenz and his Warrior teammates host Hot Springs in their last regularly scheduled District 3AAA home game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Boys play Saturday

Coach Ben Sanchez's boys cage team faces yet another important district tilt Saturday when it plays Hot Springs.

The Warriors (10-10 overall, 3-4 in 3AAA) host the Tigers (11-7 and 4-3) in their final regular season home game.

Ruidoso is coming off a 66-64 victory over Socorro, while Hot Springs was upended by Socorro, 64-56, on Tuesday.

Spectators can get into the game for half price if they're dressed in the Warriors' team colors of blue and gold.

In addition to being "Blue and Gold" night, it's also "Senior Night"

Boys District 3AAA		
Silver	5-1	16-3
Hot Springs	4-3	11-7
Socorro	4-3	10-9
Ruidoso	3-4	10-10
Santa Teresa	3-4	8-11
Cobre	1-5	7-11

and "Parent Night."

The freshman game is set to go at 4 p.m., followed by the junior varsity contest. Tipoff for the key Ruidoso/Hot Springs varsity game should be around 7:30 p.m.

Just a reminder, the benefit spaghetti supper slated for 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria has been canceled.

## SAHSA fundraisers scheduled

Two of the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers' Association's biggest fundraisers will take place as February draws to a close.

SAHSA's annual silent auction is set for 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center.

Items from area businesses are up for bid at the silent auction. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served to stave off any hunger or thirst bidders may incur while perusing the goods.

In conjunction with the silent auction, the first in the TNT Concert and Dance Series will

feature the band "Emilio" from Denver, Colo. The band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the civic center. Tickets cost \$7 and are available at the door. Entrance to the silent auction is free.

SAHSA's Businessperson's Race is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Ski Apache. Unlike in years past, businesspeople will ski on two skis rather than one ski and outriggers. Those businesspersons participating will be matched with a SAHSA skier to make a team, and the

best time from two runs will count toward the team score.

Traveling trophies will be awarded in Ski Shop, Realtor, Merchant and Open categories.

The race will be held on East Easy Street and will begin at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$25 (which goes to SAHSA), plus \$18 for a half-price lift ticket for those without passes. Teams sponsorships will be on sale the night of the silent auction.

For more information about any of these events, call Lisa Maue at 336-4416 or 354-3191.

## SPORTS

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## SKI REPORT



Ski Apache is open with all lifts and the gondola operating. The lower mountain and upper mountain trails are open, except The Trench and Ringtail. Skiing conditions are fair to good on the upper mountain and excellent on the lower mountain.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 41 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and groomed.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

## REPLAY



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

**10 years ago** - The Ruidoso boys basketball team upsets top-ranked Hot Springs in Truth or Consequences, 52-48. The Warriors improve to 8-8 overall and 1-1 in 3AAA play. Trent Tolbert leads RHS with 15 points.

**20 years ago** - The Warriors wrestling team wins its last match of the season, a 32-30 decision over the Golden Bears of the School for the Visually Handicapped. Scooter Driver and Joe Yates pin their opponents.

**30 years ago** - Carrizozo defeats cross-county foe Corona, 63-60, in boys basketball. Dusty Voss tops the Grizzlies' scorers with 16 points. R. Tenorio leads the Cardinals with 20.

**40 years ago** - The Hondo Valley Athletic Club collects \$33.23 from gate admissions to the Hondo/Tularosa game. The proceeds benefit the polio fund. Hondo's cheerleaders add another \$48.49 in donations to the March of Dimes fundraiser.

## CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 16

Prep Boys Basketball

7:30 p.m. Capitan at Dexter

Saturday, Feb. 17

Wrestling

10 a.m. Ruidoso at District 3AAA tourney in Cobre

Prep Boys Basketball

7:30 p.m. Hot Springs at Ruidoso

Capitan at Tularosa

Monday, Feb. 19

Prep Girls Basketball

T.B.A. First round Region G and D playoffs

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Girls Basketball

T.B.A. Second round of Region D and G playoffs

## Warrior girls' season ends without a win

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Believe it or not, the Ruidoso girls basketball team can't wait until next season.

"They're excited about next year. They wish they could start it up again tomorrow," said coach Dwayne Rogers, after his team's season came to an end in the first round of the district playoffs at Santa Teresa Wednesday.

Maybe the Warriors want next year to start because they would rather put this year's 0-21 record behind them.

Or, maybe Ruidoso is eager to start building on the foundation Rogers said he and the team established.

If anything, the foundation the Warriors laid was more mental — they learned they could compete with other teams, Rogers said.

"We've been in every game. Socorro had to scratch to beat us. Hot Springs had to scratch to beat us. Cobre had to scratch. We've been right there," he added.

Never was that more evident than in the Warriors' final two games.

In the last regular season game, Hot Springs downed Ruidoso by

only 10 points, 43-33. The Tigers were without junior star Sara Sue Olney, but Hot Springs has other weapons and the Warriors kept within striking distance.

"We were there all the time. We were just one 3-pointer away from making it a seriously close game," Rogers said.

The Warriors pressured Hot Springs' guards and did an excellent job defending them, Ruidoso's coach noted.

Hot Springs won the game from the free-throw line, where it attempted 30 FTs to Ruidoso's six.

Senior Angelica Figueroa and sophomore Mandi Lewallen led Ruidoso with 11 and 10 points respectively. Bailey Bishop added nine points.

While Silver and Hot Springs battled in a playoff game Wednesday to determine the district's No. 1 seed, the other 3AAA teams fought for the opportunity to extend the season.

Third-place Santa Teresa hosted the sixth-place Warriors. Fifth-seeded Cobre travelled to fourth-place Socorro.

Ruidoso stayed with Santa Teresa's Desert Warriors in the first half of their game. The

Ruidoso Warriors faced only a five-point deficit heading into the locker room at the half, 30-25.

After halftime, Ruidoso's stamina gave out, and the Desert Warriors poured it on. (Wednesday's game was Ruidoso's third in five days and fifth away game in a row.)

"It was like a train that just kept coming," Rogers said of Santa Teresa's 39-19 outburst in the second half.

Figueroa led the Warriors in scoring again, this time with eight points.

The absence of a summer basketball program was the difference between the Warriors and the other teams, said Rogers, who is the Warriors' third different coach in three years. It's an absence Rogers plans to fill this year.

Rogers wants his team to play in a spring basketball league, if possible, to keep the game fresh. He also plans to have the girls compete in Roswell Goddard's summer league and attend some team camps in the summer.

Ideally, the Warriors could play close to 50 games in the off season, which would go a long way to closing the game between the Warriors

and others.

"The lack of playing basketball in the off season just really showed up," he said.

Despite this season's record and a current 38-game losing streak that dates back to Dec. 9, 1994, Rogers found room to praise his team.

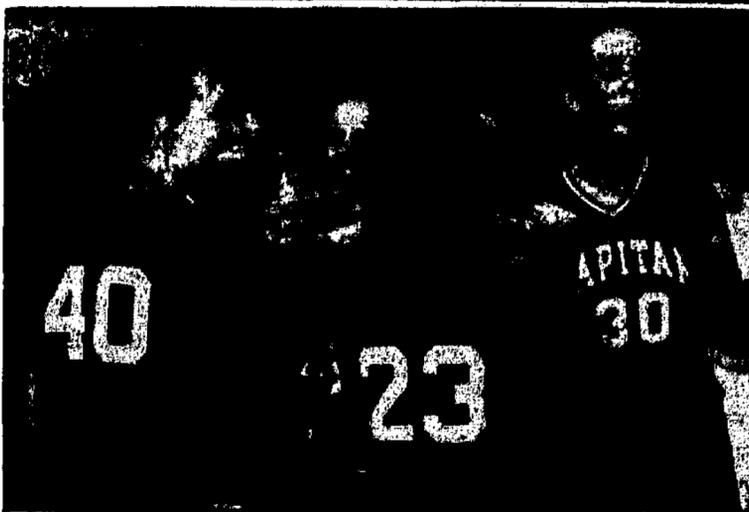
"These girls never quit. They went through a lot of adversity. They never got down on each other. They stuck together as a team," Rogers said proudly of his squad.

**DRUMBEATS:** Silver downed Hot Springs, 51-45, in the playoff game played in Deming Wednesday. Olney, who reportedly is suffering from an injured knee, didn't dress for the game....Ruidoso's junior varsity team plays in the district JV tournament this weekend in Silver City....For the 1996-97 season, the Warriors will lose most of their post players to graduation, including Jazmin Fleharty, Sherry Dockery and Angelica Figueroa. Guard Angela Simms also closed out her career at Ruidoso. Rogers returns a solid core of seven varsity players, six of whom are sophomores.



## Anticipation

There were plenty of exciting moments in the Capitan/Cloudcroft district semifinal game Tuesday. Above, the Tiger bench watches the flight of teammate Cris Gonzales' free throw. Her two FTs provided the winning margin, 39-38, sending the Tigers in celebration, at right. Dexter downed CHS in the District 6AA finals, 30-24, Thursday night. CHS plays Hatch at Hatch in the Region G semifinals at 5:30 p.m. Monday.



## USSSA meeting in town

More than 120 softball umpires and directors will be in town to attend the state meeting of the New Mexico United States Slo Pitch Association (USSSA). It's the first time Ruidoso has hosted the annual event.

The festivities begin with a hospitality party tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Enchantment Inn, the host hotel.

The conventioners will attend sessions about rule changes, the 1995 season, tournament dates, and procedural changes for the 1996 season Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. The meeting ends with an awards banquet that evening.

Among those attending the event are New Mexico State Director Kevin Naegle, State Umpire-in-chief Jeff Greene, Greater Southwest Division Executive Vice President Robert Boudreaux and Southern Region Umpire-in-chief Rick Robertson.

# PERSONALITIES

## Highway of life leads Biggs to make a difference

by KATHLEEN McDONALD  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

In two-days time this week, Ruidoso police Detective Jim Biggs disarmed a heavily-armed man in police headquarters' hallway, booked a burglar, investigated an obscene phone caller, and returned some recovered stolen property.

"It's in my blood," he says of his work, a vocation which the father of four loves.

But Biggs — a fourth generation Deming native blessed with a blitheful manner and jovial wit — traveled down many a dusty road before strapping on a gun nearly six years ago.

"My old friends can't believe it," Biggs admits. "But I say, 'Remember all the ideals we had? All the moralistic values back in the '60s and '70s? What are you doing about it?'"

Individually and as a cop, Biggs is helping to better the world, he says, one person and circumstance at a time.

About 25 years ago, Biggs

sought to do the same. He hit the road with his thumb as a guide and carried a pack full of dreams.

Together with his buddy Mike Smith, Biggs hitched through the western half of the United States and Canada, covering every state west of the Missouri River.

It was the "Age of Aquarius," he explains. It was 1972. Psychedelic images of the film "Easy Rider" inflated their young minds, and tunes of the Eagles, Deep Purple, and ZZ Top filled the airwaves. So did the Watergate hearings.

"We were going to change the world," Biggs, now 46, relates. "We were young enough and naive enough to believe young people could make those sort of sweeping changes and save the world — and I wanted to see how."

The long-time Deming friends had just hooked back up in Silver City, not long after Biggs returned from the south China Sea where he served as a Navy hospital corpsman. His duty took him near Lon Bien.

"I stitched up a lot of marines," he recalls. They were battered fighting a war that was far, far from home.

"The decisionmakers put us right smack in the middle of a war we shouldn't have been part of," he says. "It would have been winnable if they'd allowed us to win, but I don't think that was ever the plan."

Away from ocean cruisers and out on the road, Biggs and Smith looked to the future, he says.

The idealistic ramblers took off from the Gila Wilderness, and relied on the warmth of strangers to move their journey along. They passed through major cities and rustic towns, showered at college dormitories and stayed at places like Ken Kesey's Oregon retreat.

They also stayed in a about a dozen communes — two for several weeks. The experiences loosened Biggs' idealistic grip on the beauty of socialism.

"It doesn't work," he says. "Communes don't work, socialism doesn't work, communism doesn't work. It's only as good as the weakest link, and always, there's someone to take advantage."

When their old Chevy truck died in San Diego and they only had one Canadian dollar in their pockets, they finally decided to hitch back to the yucca flats of Deming.

Biggs was 22. He wasn't sure what to do with himself, but he thought about returning to college. He had several college credits for pharmaceutical studies he earned before beating the draft and joining the Navy. Smith almost had a degree from the Silver City branch of New Mexico State University.

It was a year-long road trip, and Biggs' family hadn't heard from him once.

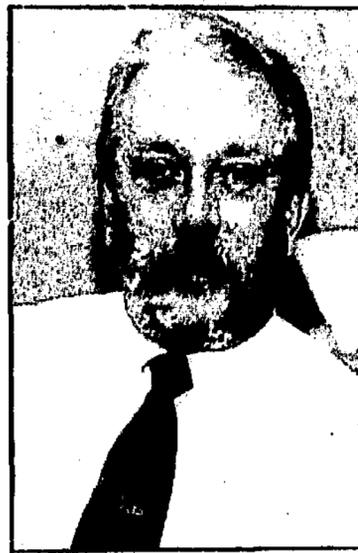
"It had mellowed my dad to the point that once when he was downtown, he saw two scrungy looking kids and asked them how long it had been since they'd eaten. He then gave them \$10, saying, 'I have a son on the road living much like you are, and I don't know how well he's eating.'"

At the time, his dad had higher hopes for him, Biggs relates. He wanted him to go to school and acquire a degree like his brother and sister had.

"They always did what they were supposed to do," he says. "I, on the other hand, was just me."

That's not to say Biggs was at all rebellious towards his father's aspirations.

"I always had an immense amount of respect for my parents," he says. "I got into trouble, but never too much. My dad always



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treated me with equal respect."

His dad, C.M. "Tough" Biggs — a columnist for the Deming Headlight for 20 years — had a life that his middle son mirrored in many ways. He was an athlete and perpetual student, moving around and taking on a myriad of jobs that always enabled his independent spirit to grow.

During the depression, Tough was a semi-pro boxer and ballplayer in California, and also acted and danced. But having such strong roots in New Mexico — his great-grandfather O'Biggs homesteaded the X7 ranch in the 1840s just east of what later became Deming — he returned to his home territory. He eventually married Oma Faye (a descendent of John Wesley Hardin), and fathered Bob, Jim and Geri.

But Tough didn't necessarily settle down. Biggs recalls his father constantly moving the family to different houses around Deming. It gave him the necessary change of scenery, as did the jobs of ranching, running a grocery, writing poems

for greeting cards, and being a radio announcer and real estate agent.

"It's kind of like what I did," Biggs says. "We have Gypsy blood, if there's such a thing as an Irish gypsy."

When Biggs strolled through the door after his year on walkabout, his parents sighed relief — especially when they heard he planned to finish his studies in Silver City.

Back into the Gilas he went, studying at the state university while also caretaking a ranch near some Mimbres River hot springs. It was at this time that Biggs got into radio announcing, after filling in for a person one afternoon.

He acquired his radio license, and through the urgings of a geology professor, transferred back to the state branch in Las Cruces where he dappled in studies after the war. His radio career took hold.

Apart from his studies, Biggs tended bar during the day and DJ'd for KASK radio at night. It was the only underground, progressive rock

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Ruidoso police Detective Jim Biggs inspects a Chinese assault rifle he seized from a man at police headquarters Wednesday.



Looking full of spit and vinegar, Biggs unwinds after a year-long road trip tracking his dreams.

# PERSONALITIES

## Biggs

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station around, Biggs says.

He flipped discs and gave sunset reports so astute, inmates at the Latuna Federal Penitentiary gave



Jim and Jolene Biggs found love at first sight, marrying after a mere three months of dating. Their 12th wedding anniversary is approaching.

him an award as the most listened to DJ in the region.

Little did the convicts know that in a dozen years time, the merry making DJ would become a cop.

Biggs ended up in Ruidoso after an incredibly hot Las Cruces day where, as always, he was juggling his classes and two jobs.

"It was 109 degrees and I wanted a day off," he says. "I drove right up to Ruidoso where it had just rained. It was nice — I'd been out of the mountains so long."

He went right over to Ruidoso's old KRRR radio, met the owner Ed Hyman, and was offered a job, he says.

"It took me about a day to think about it," he says.

In 1981, Biggs became the station manager at KRRR, where he changed the AM format to country music and the FM to rock and roll. During this time — through first hand experience helping a woman at the Alto Crest Cabins he managed — Biggs learned the area's volunteer ambulance service was grossly understaffed. Together with the service's manager Bill Adams (who asked Biggs if he was going to "bitch or get involved,") they started a basic emergency medical training course.

Two years later, in the month of May, Biggs met Jolene Laubhen (now a Ruidoso Magistrate Court clerk) when she walked into the radio station looking for a job. They married that same August.

"It's like we were star-crossed," he says. "So much in common — we liked the same food, music. We were both from small towns."

Each already had two children from former, "crummy" marriages — unions the usually-loquacious Biggs keeps mum about.

This round has been different — full of love — Biggs relates.

"In 12 years of marriage we've not had one argument," he says. "It's so amazing, it's scary sometimes."

Biggs eventually became the president of the Lincoln County EMT Association. He also helped start the youth soccer association which he coached for six straight undefeated seasons. And, together with a Rotary Club friend, Biggs started the Lincoln County Crimestoppers.

"Since its inception, crimestoppers has recovered \$1.7 million in stolen property and narcotics," he says. The local organization has also scored nine international awards, Biggs boasts.

He was the president of the association until becoming a cop, he says.

When KRRR had financial trouble in 1988, Biggs opted to quit. He then decided to apply for a police dispatch officer job.

"I thought maybe I had the communication tools to tackle the job slightly differently," he says.

Two years later, at the ripe age of 41, Biggs entered the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy with a bunch of other rookies. They were all 18 and 19 years old, he says, but the elder Biggs graduated ninth in his class.

"I was proud of that," he says.

About 18 months after hitting the streets — this time with a badge and a gun — Biggs was made a corporal, and about a year after that he became a detective.

Now, he's become the house fingerprint expert, having taken more than 100 hours of advanced training in identifying latent prints. A good bit of his time is spent investigating burglaries.

But what he really loves is exercising his interpersonal communication skills and community relations — the heart of police work, he says.

"When I digress back to all the

thoughts I had in the '60's and '70's, I think of how much I wanted to make a difference," he says. "Well, I finally found it (the way), I'm finally doing it."

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Biggs dons a bowtie for his third-grade portrait.

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# Vallejos named Woman of Year

by DON HIXON  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Loree Vallejos surely felt loved on Valentine's Day, as the local community voted her to be 1996 Woman of the Year at the annual Salute to Working Women Luncheon.

Vallejos is the chief deputy county clerk with the Lincoln County Clerk's office.

"I'd just like to say thank you," Vallejos said when she accepted her award Wednesday. "In my book we are all winners."

Presented each year by *The Ruidoso News* and other area businesses, the Salute to Working Women recognizes the achievements and contributions of women in Lincoln County.

Other nominees for the award were Trink Edmonds (who was just a few votes behind Vallejos), Gina Tordella, Jessie Parks, Regina Murphy, Darlene Hart, Sandra Davis and Cindi Clayton.

The event, held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, featured four keynote speakers. The first to address the gathering of more than 150 people was Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw, who spoke on women in government.

"I've been in retail, taught school, worked in newspapers, worked for a large corporation and owned my own business," Shaw said. "There were always other women alongside me until I became involved in politics."

Maybe if more women would get involved in government, things would not get so bogged down, she said.

"Look at Santa Fe," Shaw said. "There's nothing happening in Santa Fe or Washington D.C., and when you go to those places just look at the ratio of women to men."

"Maybe if we had more women up there, we wouldn't be in this mess and maybe there would be some decisions."

After the thunderous applause cleared, the mayor continued her speech.

"Encourage one another to be involved in politics," she said. "It's hard work, you don't get much pay and sometimes you get called in the middle of the night, but you can make a difference and that will be your reward."

Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau Special Events Coordinator Ann Reveley was the second speaker.

"Success is not measured in the amount of money you can acquire, in how many people you know, in what you've accomplished or even in the number of awards you've received," Reveley said. "Success is measured in the lives you touch."

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso student affairs professional Regina Murphy was the next



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Photo above — Loree Vallejos (left) with her Woman of the Year plaque and Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw. Below, a fashion show was part of the Wednesday luncheon's activities.



speaker. Murphy spoke on the topic of women in education.

"This is a very important event, where people gather together to acknowledge the accomplishments of women," she said. "Events like today are so important for us to take the opportunity to be women in education and to learn from and teach one another."

Women should always continue their education in order to be able to teach younger women, she said.

"If we don't continue to learn, how will we be able to continue to teach?" she asked.

Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce Director Joan Bailey was the fourth luncheon speaker. Bailey spoke about what women have to offer in today's world.

"Because we are women, we are naturally great communicators," Bailey said. "It's our nature as women to nurture and support, but as we get more involved in business, let's not lose that sense of what it means to be a woman: that sense of softness, honesty and vulnerability."

The final speaker of the day was chiropractor Dr. Sandra Davis, who

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REGINA MURPHY  
SALUTE NOMINEE

talked about how parents can help their children succeed.

"Education has always been near and dear to my heart," Davis said. "When I was 40 years old and graduated from chiropractic school, my mother was still sending for my grades."

Following the keynote speakers, a style show from local merchants featured the latest fashions.

"It's always a privilege to sponsor the Working Women Luncheon," said *Ruidoso News* advertising manager Christine Volquardsen. "And we look forward to another great year of women making a difference throughout Lincoln County."

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

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Feb. 19, 1892  
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The post has assumed a more than usual martial appearance of late. Gallant Co. "E" may be seen daily executing evolutions

of the new drill manual on the parade ground, while the gray horse troop is having lots of fun among the prairie dog holes on the hillside below the cemetery.

Barney Coffey, Serg't Haney, two enthusiastic hunters, went out duck hunting last Saturday. They returned with fourteen ducks and a little glassware.

Colonel Lincoln, Lieut. Wilhelm and a party of soldiers explored the cave near the post last Sunday.

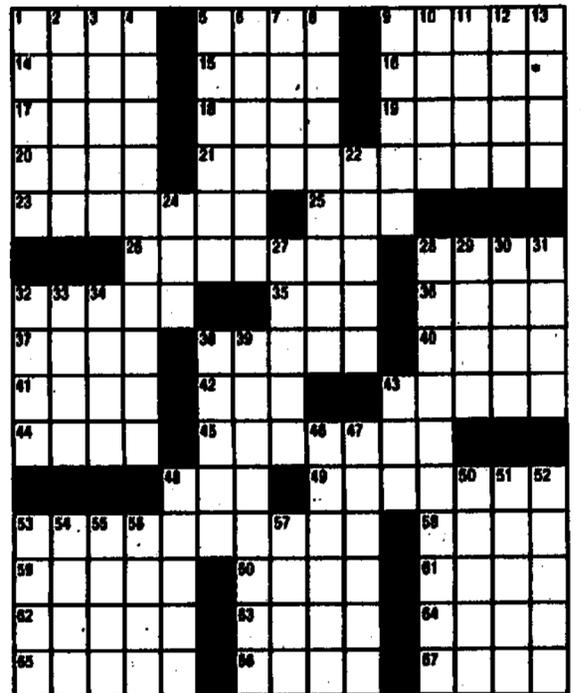
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# "Soup 'n Bowl Benefit" funds museum expansion

The Pecos Valley Potter's Guild will present its "Soup 'n Bowl Benefit" at the Roswell Museum and Art Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The museum will also host a "Pre-Soup 'n Bowl Decorating Party" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Community members of all ages are invited to join in decorating 200 bowls that will be sold at the benefit.

The inaugural Soup 'n Bowl fundraising event launches a campaign to build the Patricia Lubben Bassett Art Education Center,

which is dedicated to the memory of one of Roswell's most outstanding women.

In her association with the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Patricia Bassett promoted the ideals of visual literacy and cultural sensitivity, viewing the museum's educational offerings as "priceless gifts to the community."

"The Feb. 24 Soup 'n Bowl Benefit provides a unique way for people to be involved in building this community art education center," said museum director Bill Ebie.

Tickets cost \$20. In return, people will receive a unique, one-of-a-kind pottery soup bowl, designed and decorated by Potter's Guild members, museum staff, artists of local and national reputation, and members of the Roswell community.

Patrons can select the bowl of their choice, then enjoy a savory lunch of gourmet soup with all the trimmings.

During the event, the Pecos Valley Potter's Guild will hold a Silent Auction of soup tureens, bowls, and platters that have been created by

artists and potters. Bidding runs for a week before the Feb. 24 event.

Tax-deductible tickets are available at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Tinnie Mercantile, and Finishing Touches in Roswell.

The Soup 'n Bowl Benefit marks the beginning of an on-going campaign mounted by the Roswell Museum and Art Center Foundation to raise funds for The Patricia Lubben Bassett Art Education Center. For more information, contact Laurie Rufe, assistant director, at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, 505-624-6744.

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**BILL EBIE**

**MUSEUM DIRECTOR**

## PAST TENSE

### Tom O'Folliard was the Kid's constant companion

The story of Tom O'Folliard is a strange one. A somewhat rotund youth from Texas, it appears that he came to Lincoln County for the sole purpose of riding with Billy the Kid, about whom he had heard. He arrived just in time for the bloody climax of the Lincoln County War, and was one of the men trapped inside the burning McSween house, along with the Kid, on the night of July 19, 1878.

He escaped with Billy that night and became his constant companion. He was, in fact, the equivalent of a "gofer," content to stand in the night, holding Billy's horse while the Kid was off romancing one of his many señoritas.

He was present the night of the "peace talks" that were initiated by the Kid on 18 February, 1879, and designed to finally bring the war to a close. The negotiations were not entirely successful.

He was also present a few hours later, along with such stellar names from the Lincoln County War as Jimmy Dolan, Jesse Evans and the Kid, when Billy Campbell shot Susan McSween's one-armed, unarmed lawyer dead on Lincoln's only street.

After the war, he was a full-fledged member of the Kid's gang, along with Billy Wilson, Tom Pickett, Dave Rudabaugh and Charlie Bowdre. This merry little group (actually, it's difficult to describe the brutish Rudabaugh as "merry" even in jest) was responsible for much of the rustling that went on in Lincoln County, and may have been involved in doing some counterfeiting, not a crime normally associated with the badmen of the old west.

Mostly however, they stole stock in New Mexico and sold it down on the Texas panhandle, and vice versa.

When Billy the Kid made his deal with Governor Lew Wallace, wherein the Kid would testify against Dolan in return for a pardon, he was placed in nominal house arrest in the home of Juan Patron. With him was the by now ever-present Tom O'Folliard, happy to run any kind of errand the Kid might ask of him.

When things did not pan out as the Kid had hoped, he and Tom simply walked out of their "prison," got their horses, and rode out through the Capitan Gap and then northeast toward Fort Sumner.

In the summer of 1879, the railroad reached Las Vegas, N.M., and turned it, overnight, into a boomtown. It provided an easy market for the stock that the Kid and the others had been stealing. By an "easy market," I mean that they could dispose of the stock without anyone asking too many questions.

Another boomtown, White Oaks, had sprung up when gold was discovered in the Jicarilla Mountains. Here, the Kid met the Dedrick brothers, who ran a stable and were not above dealing in a little stolen stock on the side.

When Pat Garrett began the manhunt that would

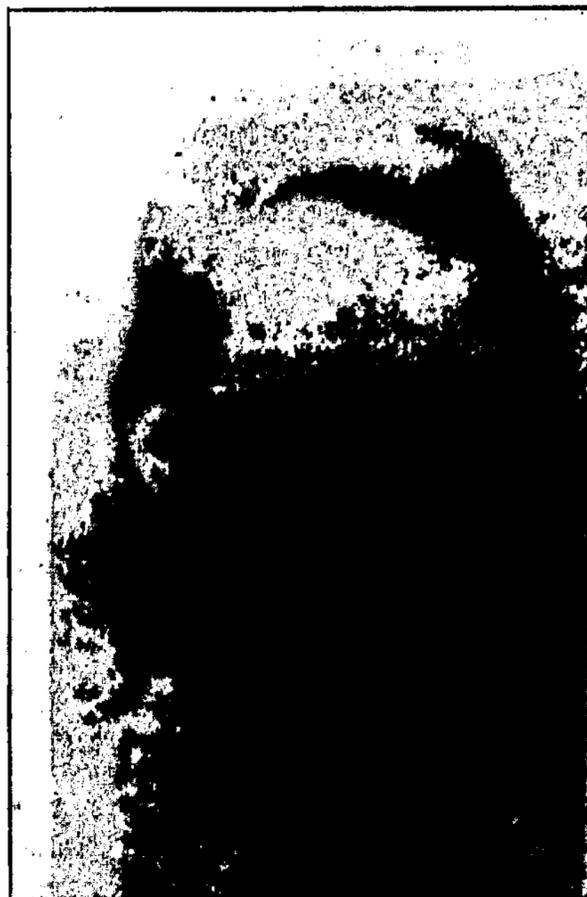


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THE RUIDOSO NEWS**

eventually lead to the capture of the Kid, he received a tip that Billy and his cohorts were hiding out at the ranch of Thomas Yerby at Las Canaditas. On their way there, the posse flushed Tom O'Folliard, who, upon recognizing them, took flight.

Gunshots were exchanged, but no one was hit, and O'Folliard, who was well-mounted, easily outran the fagged horses of Garrett's posse. Tom arrived in time to join Billy and the others, and by the time the posse arrived, the outlaws had made good their escape — this time.



Tom O'Folliard remains the Kid's companion even in death, since their graves lay side by side.

On the night of 19 December, 1880, Tom O'Folliard paid the ultimate price for having the wrong hero to worship. He and his hero, Billy, along with Rudabaugh, Pickett, Bowdre and Wilson were riding into Fort Sumner in the middle of a snowstorm.

They were also riding into an ambush that had been set by Pat Garrett and his posse.

Just as the buildings of Fort Sumner began to become visible through the snow, the Kid, who had been in the lead, rode to the back of the group to get some tobacco from Billy Wilson. He later stated that he sensed there was something awry. This left Tom O'Folliard in the lead, and it was he on whom the possemen drew a bead.

When the riders were barely a few yards away, Garrett gave the command to fire and rifles cracked in the night air, their sound slightly muffled by the falling snow.

As one might expect, the effect on the riders was chaotic. They wheeled their frantic horses around and thundered into the night. Rudabaugh's horse was hit, and a few miles away, it collapsed. Dave jumped up behind Billy Wilson and the gang disappeared into the swirling snow and darkness.

The only casualty besides Rudabaugh's horse was poor Tom O'Folliard, barely 21 years old. After taking a bullet in the chest, he managed to stay in the saddle, but could no longer control his horse. The animal walked in circles a few times and then wandered over to the only humans it could see: Garrett's posse.

Jim East, a posse member and future full-time lawyer told what happened next.

"Tom O'Folliard was shot near the heart, and lost control of his horse. O'Folliard's horse came up near us, and Tom said, 'Don't shoot anymore, I am dying.' We helped him off his horse and took him in and laid him down on my blanket," East wrote in a letter.

To East's horror, "Pat and the other boys went back to playing poker. I got Tom some water. He then cursed Garrett and died, about 30 minutes after being shot."

After this, East was always wary of Garrett.

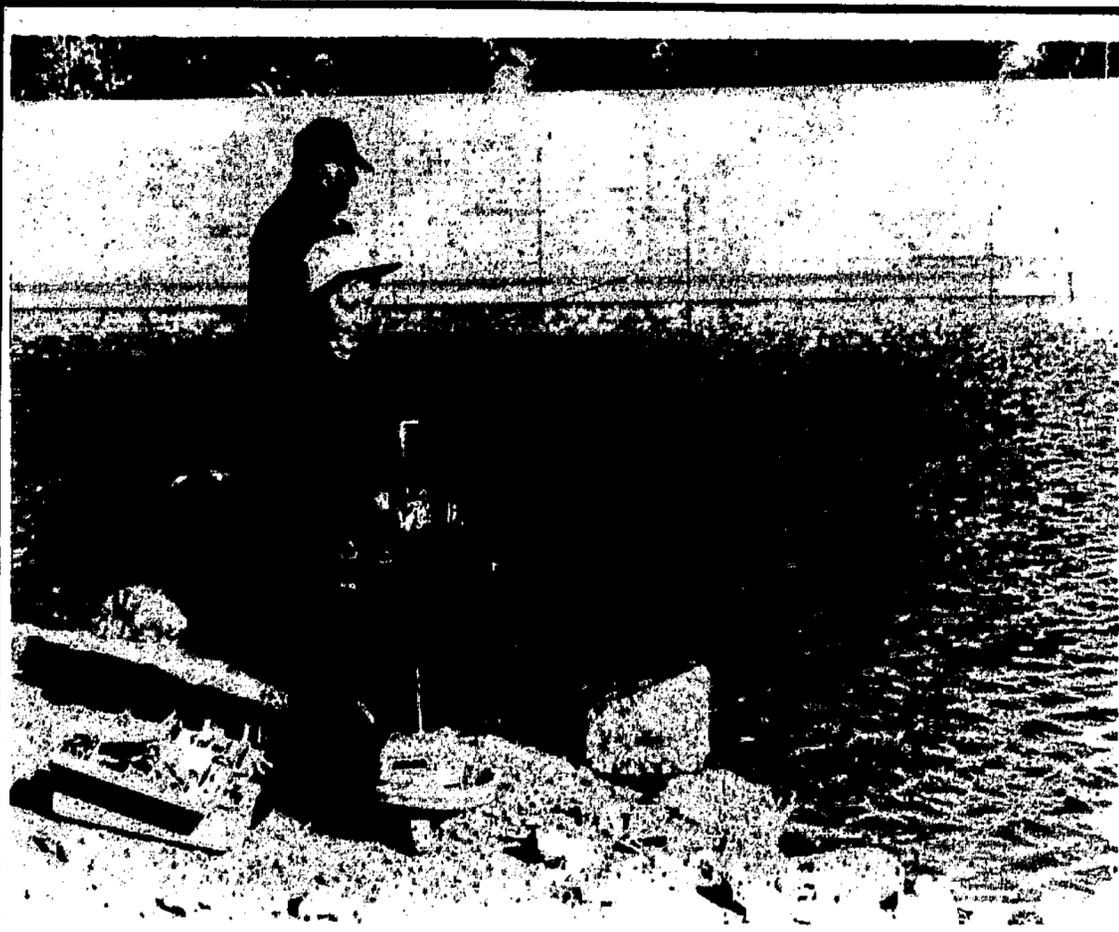
"I camped with him and slept with him alone and always watched him," East wrote. In East's opinion, Garrett was "a cold and dangerous man."

Two days later, Garrett's posse caught up with the gang at Stinking Springs, where they killed Charlie Bowdre and captured the others.

Tom and Charlie were buried next to each other in the Fort Sumner cemetery, where they were joined less than eight months later by Billy himself.

So, in the end, hero-worshipping Tom would spend eternity next to his friend under the same headstone with the inscription "Pals." About that, at least, Tom would have been pleased.

# ENTERTAINMENT



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

## Better than good day at work

Nadean and Lonnie Leach of La Luz enjoy a sunny day of fishing at Grindstone Lake. The lake lies on the southwestern edge of Ruidoso and is owned by the village government. It is open all year to fishing and is stocked with trout by the state Game and Fish Department.

## Music series kicks off in one week

by **DON HIXON**

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Get ready for an explosion of music when the TNT Concert/Dance series hits Ruidoso.

The village will soon be shakin' to the sounds of rhythm and blues, rock n' roll, Tex-Mex, and pop music with the Tunes and Tap (TNT) Break into Spring Concert/Dance series.

Proceeds from the six events will help the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers program, a non-profit organization dedicated to giving people with disabilities the opportunity to ski.

The series kicks off at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center with the rock/blues/Latin band Emilio.

Organizers of the concert series are hoping to bring the music to locals and visitors alike.

"We are heavily promoting the events outside of the area," Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau Special Events Coordinator Anne Revely said. "Once they are here, we hope they will spend money at

other businesses."

The lineup for the TNT concert/dance series follows:

— 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 — "Emilio" is a power trio from Denver that combines blues, rock, jazz, and rock.

— 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2 — "The Doug Roysden Band" from Abilene, Texas, features a hot rhythm and blues mix.

— 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9 — "The Jim Talbot Band" from Austin, Texas performs rock, oldies, and rhythm and blues.

— 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23 — "Catch 22" from Lubbock, Texas features a modern pop sound.

— 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30 — "Siempre" from Las Cruces serves up a helping of hot salsa Tex/Mex music.

— 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6 — "Easy Street Blues Band" will get you movin' with a hefty dose of down home boogie and blues.

Tickets for each concert are \$7 per person and will be sold at the door. For more information call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

## Theater announces '96 lineup

The Ruidoso Little Theater has announced its 1996 season performance line-up.

Season tickets are now available for the five plays, which will include a children's play for the first time.

"Cheating Cheaters," directed by Steve Smith, is the first show of the year. It opens next Thursday.

This play is a warm-hearted comedy by John Patrick and involves the adventures of two lovable sisters, Theresa and Angelica, who impersonate begging nuns in order to support their niece in art school. Their hilarious escapades will keep you laughing when they join forces with a young cat burglar and a crooked policeman for some inspired larceny.

Show dates for "Cheating Cheaters" are Thursday, Feb. 29; Saturday, March 2; and the following two Fridays and Saturdays, March 8, 9, 15 and 16.

Next up is "Crimes of the Heart," a comedy drama by Beth Henley.

This play takes an irreverent, zany look at the troubled lives of the Magrath sisters. Lenny, the oldest, is almost an old maid. Meg hasn't made it as a Hollywood singing star and Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after shooting her husband.

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Ultimately, the women attempt to escape the past in order to seize the future. The story is so true, touching and funny that it will linger long after the play is over.

Show dates for "Crimes of the Heart" are May 9-11 and Friday and Saturdays, May 17 through June 1.

For the first time, the Ruidoso Little Theater will also present a children's play as part of the season.

"Goodbye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy is a comedy about Peggy, a nine year old who blames her behavior on an imaginary playmate. The play will involve

children in all phases of production.

Show dates for "Goodbye to the Clown" are June 20-22.

The RLT summer show for 1996 will be Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl."

When two earnest young men who publish a leftist magazine meet their neighbor, the All-American girl, the fun gets wild. Convinced that their paper is dangerously subversive, she soon discovers that her real source of annoyance is that the wrong man has fallen for her.

"Star Spangled Girl" will run Aug. 8-31.

The last play of the season will be the powerful drama, "The Lion in Winter."

King Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine have three sons vying for the Kingdom of England, and one must be chosen to keep the country united.

Dates for "The Lion in Winter" are Oct 31, Nov. 1-2, Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 14-16.

Admission prices for Ruidoso Little Theater performances are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Season tickets are available for \$35 for all six shows by sending check or money order to: RLT, Inc. P.O. Box 851, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

## Roswell Orchestra's 3rd in Chamber Series

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra presents the third concert in its Chamber Series at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

The concert will feature classical guitarist Susan Grisanti direct from her European tour through the former East Germany.

Her Roswell performance will include works found on her recently-released compact disc entitled "Music Along the Romanesque Road." Featured compositions include the haunting Recuerdos de la Alhambra by Tarrega, Caroso's Chiaranzana, Danny Boy (Trad.), and Dr. James Bogle's Souvenir, Jazz Vignette, and Toccata in Blue.

Tickets for the Roswell performance are limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please call Lari at the symphony office at (505) 623-5882 to charge your order. Tickets will available at the door the day of the performance.

Grisanti has performed concerts throughout the United States since the 1970s, and is included on the U.S. Embassy Touring Roster and the Texas Commission on the Arts concerts. She has been the feature artist in dozens of television, radio and print media, and has performed for many prominent individuals including Tipper Gore, Texas governors George Bush and Ann Richards, Lieutenant Governor of Texas Bob Bullock and Tanya Tucker.

Her most recent performances include the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany, the "Strasse der Romanik" tour through the former East Germany, and the Capital Renovation Celebration in Austin, Texas. Her numerous endorsements are quickly establishing her as a first lady of the classical guitar in the southwest. In 1995, her music was syndicated on WFMT-FM, Chicago.

Grisanti is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and currently resides in Lubbock, Texas.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Dallas Holm sings in Roswell Friday

For 30 years, Dallas Holm has been sharing his musical ministry with thousands of listeners. He is bringing his folk/rock message to Roswell at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Christ's Church, 2200 N. Sycamore Ave.

The concert is \$3 at the door. Those attending are asked to bring an item of canned food as part of the Holm food drive to feed the needy.

A love offering will be taken during the concert. Limited seating is available for the concert. Additional information is available by call Christ's Church at 623-4110.

Holm began his career in 1969 with the album "I Saw the Light." His career has included a Grammy nomination for Best Male Vocal Performance, Contemporary Gospel; Male Vocalist of the Year in 1979 and 1980 by the Gospel Music Association (GMA); Song of the Year in 1979 for "Rise Again" and Songwriter of the Year in 1979, both by GMA.

Holm's 1993 release, "Completely Taken In," was a conscious attempt to put a simple and straight message to very strong, singable melodies, he said.

"This is far-and-away my favor-

ite album ever," Holm said. "There aren't enough songs that give you goose bumps anymore — songs that just thrill your heart lyrically and musically," Holm said. "We've addressed so many issues and said so much in Christian music that it can get frustrating trying to find new things to say and new ways to say them. We can become kind of clever and cute and not spend enough time on our knees asking the Lord for guidance."

The music Holm plays reveals his love for the music of the '60 legends — the Byrds, George Harrison and Eric Clapton. Much of his music is in the form of ballads, as in "If All I Ever Knew," which first appeared on his "All That Matters" album in 1980.

His music also reveals a bold message — bold, blatant and centered on Christ.

"Even on some of my worst nights of singing, just as many people were touched and saved," he said. "It showed me that the Lord does not need my talent. As if He were saying, 'Take note. I can accomplish my purposes no matter what range you sing in. It's not about your voice. It's not about your talent. It's about My Spirit.'"

## 'Quilters' play depicts frontier life

New Mexico State University at Alamogordo Theatre will present the musical "Quilters" during the next two weekends.

Written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, the musical will be performed at 8 p.m. Feb. 16, 17, 23, and 24, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 25. All performances will be in the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU campus.

"Quilters" depicts frontier life through a "patchwork" of interrelated scenes which capture the sweep and beauty, the terror and joy, and the challenges and triumphs of settling the land. Told through the eyes of matriarch Sarah McKendree Bonham and her six daughters, "Quilters" is a moving portrayal of early life in America, and each of the dramatic segments corresponds to a particular quilting design.

According to director Connie Breeding, "Quilters" has particular significance for audiences in our

area because the musical is based on the book, "The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art," which features the art and lives of Texas and New Mexico quilters.

The Enchanted Quilters of Alamogordo will display their handiwork in the theatre lobby, and the scenery for the production consists of handmade quilts rented from the Arizona Theatre Company.

The action is played out against the scenic backdrop of a 16-foot-square quilt made by quilting guilds in Tucson. More than 40 women labored more than 2,400 hours in its preparation. The quilt has the tree of life motif in the middle, with the border blocks corresponding to the patterns of the play's dramatic segments.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

For more information, call (505) 439-3619.



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

## Gift to furry friends

Roberta Cox of the Lincoln County Humane Society accepts a \$6,000 check from Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc., represented by John Amezcua and Gabriel Tam.

## Expert describes intricacies of local Chihuahuan Desert Friday

The Otero Chapter of the Native and wildlife of the desert must adapt to the vagaries of the rainfall and the sometimes extreme difference in temperature from day to night.

Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo. If you look at the map of deserts of the West, you will see that a great deal of this desert is in Mexico. It covers 175,000 square miles — nearly three times the size of New England — and stretches north from Mexico to southeastern Arizona, south and west to Texas, and New Mexico as far north as Socorro.

The major characteristic of this desert climate is low and irregularly distributed annual precipitation. It may not rain for weeks or months, but a 3" deluge is possible in one thunderstorm. The plants

and wildlife of the desert must adapt to the vagaries of the rainfall and the sometimes extreme difference in temperature from day to night.

As a biologist, Dr. Spellenberg will tell the audience more about the desert, its plants and wildlife. He has been studying the Chihuahuan Desert for years, taking some of his students and teaming up with biologists from Mexico to study the plants there. As curator of the New Mexico State University Herbarium, he brings back samples of the desert plants for the herbarium, and the students get experience keying out the collected specimens to enter them in the herbarium collection.

Dr. Spellenberg is also head of the NMSU Biology Department, author of the "Audobon Society Field

Guide to North American Wildflowers — Western Region," and part of the Vascular Plant Editorial Committee for the "Flora of North America."

He has a talent for speaking to people with all different levels of interest in nature, from those just discovering it's complexities to those who have been observing them for quite a while.

The seminar will be held in the visually handicapped school's media center. A sign for the entrance to the media center parking lot is easy to see on White Sands Boulevard in Alamogordo. The building has a bank of solar collectors on the south side with a dish on top. The entrance to the building is on the north side.

## Viva Jazz in Alamogordo Saturday

Jay Busch & Viva Jazz appear at Alamogordo's Flickinger Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Viva Jazz has won the "Best of Phoenix" award three times and was the Arizona Entertainment

Awards Jazz Artist of the Year.

Viva Jazz has several recordings. Its most recent release is called "Originals." The band has played at Europe's North Sea Jazz Festival, toured Mexico and performed at the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in 1992.

Jay Busch is a jazz drummer,

leads two bands, heads a production company, and teaches music and performance at Arizona State University. He will be joined by Jim Henry on trumpet. Henry has recorded with organist Joey De Francisco as a Columbia Artist. Vince Schifano on bass has performed on cruise ships throughout the Caribbean. Paul Darrow plays piano for the band.

# Local breast cancer awareness seminar Thursday

by DON HIXON  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in America; one in nine women will develop the disease during their lifetime.

One in 30 American women will die of breast cancer, and although

breast cancer is mainly thought of as a woman's disease, about 300 men die from it each year, too.

A new organization is determined to educate Lincoln County residents about preventive health care.

Caring Citizens of Lincoln

County (CCLC) is dedicated to promoting family and personal health care. The group has chosen early breast cancer detection as its first mission.

Caring Citizens of Lincoln County will sponsor "Breast Cancer — Everything You Ever Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask," an awareness seminar and workshop, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive.

"Our first priority is getting a new mammogram machine for Lincoln County Medical Center," CCLC chairperson Lydia Newman said.

The hospital is currently using a 1988 model mammogram machine, Newman said.

The new \$75,000 mammogram machine would make it easier for technicians to perform tests and reduce the patient's radiation exposure, she said.

Another service organization, Altrusa of Ruidoso, has helped pay for low-cost mammograms for more than 1,400 Lincoln County women during the last eight years.

"Altrusa Foundation is a charitable contribution entity where contributions can be made," Newman said. "Money designated for CCLC will be run through the

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CCLC CHAIRPERSON

Altrusa account and will be tax deductible."

Statistics provided by Lincoln County Medical Center radiologist Donald A. Wolfel, M.D. say 183,000 breast cancer cases were detected in the United States in 1994, and of those cases, 46,000 people died.

Since 1992, 1,449 Lincoln County residents have taken advantage of mammogram screenings offered through Altrusa, Wolfel said. During those screenings, 37 cases of breast cancer were detected.

Several factors increase the chance that a woman will develop breast cancer.

- older than age 40, and especially older than age 50;
- already had cancer in one breast;
- family history of breast cancer;
- and not having children, or having children after age 30.

"With breast cancer on the rise in our country today, and the growing number of people affected in our county alone, it's time to make sure that the education and medical technology are all they can be," Newman said.

For more information about Caring Citizens of Lincoln County, call 336-7763 after 6 p.m.



Lincoln County Medical Center radiology department employee Shirley Harper stands with the hospital's current mammogram machine. A group of concerned citizens hopes to raise enough money to buy the department a better machine.

## Free newsletter for new parents

A free monthly newsletter for parents of newborns in New Mexico is enjoying a healthy growth spurt.

"Baby's First Wish," developed by specialists with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, provides information about the first two years of a child's life.

Each month, parents receive articles about their child's develop-

ment and care through "Baby's First Wish." It is available in both English and Spanish.

Diana DelCampo, an Extension family life specialist, and Wendy Hamilton, an Extension 4-H youth specialist, started the newsletter.

"We began with 150 families just three years ago and now we're reaching more than 5,600," Hamilton said.

Hamilton and DelCampo's eventual goal is for the newsletter to reach all parents of newborns in New Mexico. They are currently seeking funding to print and distribute a third year of "Baby's First Wish."

For subscription information, call the Lincoln County Extension Office or the state coordination center in Las Cruces at (505) 646-5426.

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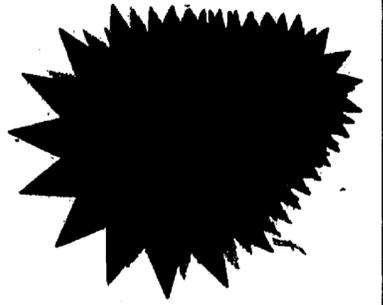
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